

### Whitman to run race from county location

By Dennis Schaaf  
Staff Writer

Christine Todd Whitman, the all-but-announced Republican gubernatorial hopeful who gave U.S. Senator Bill Bradley a genuine election-night scare in 1990, garnering 48 percent of the vote, has opened her statewide headquarters in Clark.

Communications Director Dave Marzile said Tuesday that People for Whitman staff began moving furniture and equipment into the 77 Brent Ave. office just before the new year.

He said the People for Whitman will become the campaign committee when the Oldwick resident, a former Somerset County freholder and head of the Board of Public Utilities, tosses her hat into the campaign ring and announces her candidacy later this month. People for Whitman is co-chaired by U.S. Rep. Dick Zimmer, R-12, and Hazel Frank Gluck, former insurance and transportation commissioner.

Assembly Speaker Garabed (Chuck) Hayajian, R-Warren, announced Monday that he will not seek the gubernatorial nod this year. Cary Edwards, a former state attorney general and Bergen County assemblyman is expected to face off against Whitman in a Republican primary.

The winner gets the chance to challenge Democratic Gov. Jim Florio, who is expected to make the run for a second term.

Marzile indicated that Whitman is carrying out a classic strategy by hiring a campaign staff, opening a statewide headquarters and getting ready to announce. "She's going to announce her candidacy and hit the ground running," the communications director said.

The theme of her campaign, according to Marzile, will be to assess "the need for change" and Whitman's desire to "clean up the mess in Trenton."

The Clark location was tapped for her headquarters, he said, because of the town's central location and accessibility to the major highways.

Christine-Todd-Whitman is an experienced government official yet not part of the old crowd that's been running things in Trenton," Marzile said.

He contended that Whitman's independence from "the old crowd" sets her apart from both Florio and Edwards.

Political observers speculate that Florio, who has made a modest comeback from the plummeting popularity he experienced early in his term due to his tax and education policies, might get a boost from the presence of Bill Clinton in Washington, D.C.

"It doesn't hurt Governor Florio to have a Democratic president in the White House, but we feel sure that the race will be decided on state issues," the communications director said.

Whitman was immediately cited in 1990 as a potential challenger to Florio when she almost knocked off Bradley in a race where, according to observers, Bradley's stalling was "hurt" by anti-incumbency fever and Florio's unpopularity.

In that Senate contest, Bradley gathered 977,810 votes to 918,874 for Whitman.

### Kenilworth supporters spar with board over security costs

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move meetings to Berkeley Heights for security. He said the recommendation did not actually come from the board's "central office," Burdge's department. It was, he said, the layout of Governor Livingston, particularly its parking lot, was more conducive to security.

Robert Jans, a Kenilworth police officer, told the board during the meeting that the "execubank" \$2,400 the board spent for Dec. 15 police protection should instead have been funneled to Project Graduation events at the four high schools.

And Dennis Schmitz, a Kenilworth councilman and police commissioner, argued that the board should rotate the meetings among the four high schools to "test" police department could obtain funds.

The board is slated to reconsider its meeting-site policy at its Jan. 19 meeting.

Board members were constrained from offering detailed responses to some of the public comments due to fears of compromising its legal position.

In a related development, Superintendent Donald Moraschick stated after the meeting that, to his knowledge, the board had not yet been notified by the state Education commissioner of its need to respond to the petition by Berkeley supporters seeking to overturn the closure decision. The board, which was slated to discuss its stance in a closed session Wednesday night, would have 20 days to respond from the notification date.

### Educators give new pre-k highest marks

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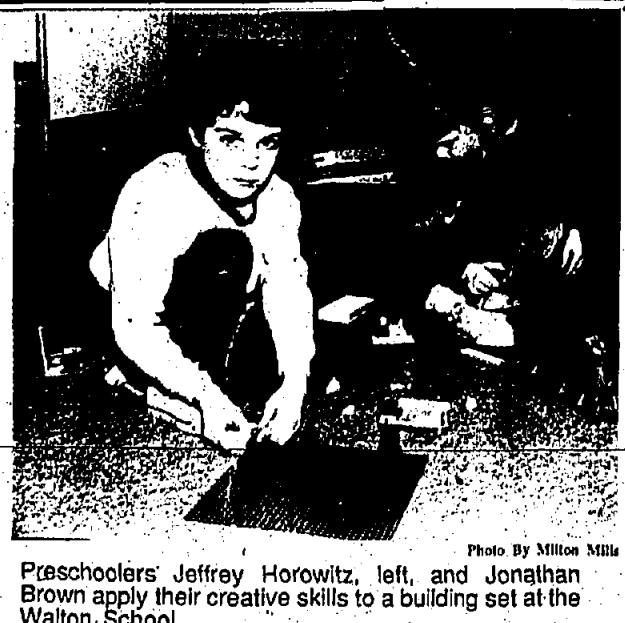
\$100,000 program, approved by the school board last spring, has "no tax impact." He said that the district garnered some \$40,000 in funding from state and federal grants and the balance comes from non-resident tuition in the district as a whole.

Friedland said one fiscal advantage of the program is that it "drives the district's average per-pupil costs down," a trend that may make the district eligible for new state grants. He pointed out that as a transition aid district, with state education funding falling 25 percent per year, the district's per pupil spending currently exceeds parameters that would qualify it for certain state monies.

The superintendent noted that one reason the pre-school program is advantageous is that it affords a "smoother assimilation into kindergarten."

The superintendent said that next year the district would like to "enhance" the equipment and materials — everything from audio-cassettes to socialization books — that are available in the pre-school classrooms.

Said Friedland: "It's like building a house. You have to furnish it in steps. In the second year we will be able to enhance it."



Preschoolers Jeffrey Horowitz, left, and Jonathan Brown apply their creative skills to a building set at the Walton School.

### Township inaugurates town government for 1993

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opposition to Kurmos, Pappas suggested the mayor resign his seat. "It is true that I have twice called upon Phil Kurmos to resign and he found that amusing. I will leave that choice to him again."

Both Pappas and Katz retained their support for an investigation "into Springfield affairs," and specific charges leveled against the mayor. Kurmos reaffirmed his willingness to take a lie-detector test, to which Katz has challenged him in the past. Further, Kurmos stated he would welcome an investigation by the Union County Prosecutor of everyone here, referring to the committee. "I'm going to call Union County Prosecutor Andrew Rucotolo myself," said Kurmos. "That's a promise."

The mayor also stated plans to directly address the people of Springfield via a township-wide mailing, explaining his position on debated issues.

Forman pointedly stated her position in the ruckus, making specific reference to the Leader's criticism that she appeared to be drifting from her campaign pledge to take the politics out of Township Committee work.

"I have no intention of lowering my principles now that I've been re-elected," Forman said, asserting she would continue efforts to work as a five-member committee. "For me," she said, "this is the year of the change."

Setting politics aside, Kurmos in his address stressed the necessity of providing the best service for the lowest tax dollars, characterizing the relationship as a "delicate balance."

Kurmos noted he would continue pursuing financial aid from the state, the status of which has been in question since the township passed its budget last year. "There is a silver lining to that black economic cloud," said Kurmos.



Harry Pappas, Year of the deal

### Netters win first

The Springfield Recreation Department's girls' basketball team won its first game of the year, Page B2.

### Curtain lights

"Don't Dress for Dinner" comes to the Paper Mill Playhouse, Page B5.

### GOP testing

GOP gubernatorial hopefuls Cary Edwards and Christine Whitman test the public waters, Page 9.

### Education budget emerging

By David Brown  
Managing Editor

Local educators have constructed a preliminary version of the 1993-94 school year budget, and are waiting for state aid figures to finalize the fiscal plan — estimated at \$11.3 million.

According to Springfield Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland, spending is expected to increase roughly 3.4 percent over last year. The superintendent said that figure is based on expenses presented by the various schools and departments in the district, but does not yet take into account annual revenue figures.

"This budget is based on expenditures for 1993-94, and the revenue we received last year," said Friedland, who predicted state aid to Springfield schools will be approximately the same amount as last year. "We won't know what the exact figure is until the state notifies us of the aid."

Friedland said the largest increases in the budget are related to employee medical insurance and salary adjustments.

### Best wishes, Mr. President



Students and staff at the James Caldwell School sent their greetings and best wishes to President-elect Bill Clinton via telegram, with a package of personal cards and letters. Pictured above is the student council and its advisers: Erica Horowitz, Chad Frounlich, Vicky Bruno, Linda Agostinelli, Nicole Sayki, Andrea Bellas, Lauren Sheperd, Christina Tomasino, Jennifer Cheung, Tara Listowski, Colby Tiss, Lauren Belliveau, Rena Steinbach and Stephanie Weiss. In the back row are advisers Marcia Bright, David Rennie and Maureen Miraglia.

### School board revising its accounting system

By David Brown  
Managing Editor

Just when you thought you had a handle on understanding the budget presented by the local Board of Education, look again.

In compliance with new state guidelines due to take effect in 1994, the Springfield Board of Education is tailoring its accounting procedures to fit the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles — or GAAP — system.

Under the new system, expenditures will be grouped in broader categories to provide a better overview of the district's expenditures.

Springfield Superintendent Gary Friedland said this week that the district has been preparing for the change for several years now, and that the transition should be a smooth one.

"We've been presenting a program-based budget for years," he said. "Right now we're cross-walking our budget into the new format."

The GAAP format apparently better reflects the costs of a school district's expenditures in each category of the budget. In the old line-item format used by many districts in the state, costs were broken down extensively. Maintenance expenditures, for example, would list maintenance salaries and other maintenance costs separately. Under the new system, all costs related to maintenance will be pooled to better reflect the school district's overall maintenance costs.

"The only real difference for us will be the accounting codes," said Friedland. "Those codes, he said, will be adjusted on the computer system. Springfield shares with other districts.

Friedland said that while he saw no "real problems" with the new system, the transition and fewer categories adopted will detract somewhat from the detailed accounting practices he had used.

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Gary Friedland

### Resident: Somalia needs a viable economic base

By David Brown  
Managing Editor

The massive relief effort staged by the American military in Somalia is only the first step in assisting the ravaged African nation's ability to take care of itself, according to one Springfield resident whose organization is focusing on the long-term necessities of the country.

"They need more than food in Somalia," said Joan Faber, whose international marketing firm, Faber Associates, has banded together with two similar companies to form Somalia Recovery Foundation.

The small, non-profit organization is convincing U.S. industry for monetary and material donations to help Somalia become the self-sufficient nation it once was.

"They have nothing over there," said Faber, who accompanied Somali Prime Minister Omar Arreh Ghalib on a recent visit to the area. "The Somalis were stripped bare of everything," she said this week. "All homes, factories, offices, every phone, scrap of wire — everything is gone. The foundation's mission is to start immediately with such things as water pumps, generators, telecommunications and other necessities necessary to get back on their feet."

Faber, teamed with CBS International of Las Vegas and Sparks International, said she and her partners are working with the other end of the line, making note of the relative calm in northern Somalia, versus the south, where the U.S. military have encountered sporadic resistance from armed, roaming bands of outlaws.

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### Uebelein spreading the word

By Jeff Jotz  
Staff Writer

Leo Uebelein is spreading the message to criminals: beware — we're watching you.

The former Springfield resident and graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School is the coordinator for the Union County Crime Stoppers program. He was recently honored as a "Detective for Distinguished Service" by his alma mater, Bethel College of McKenzie, Tenn. Uebelein graduated from the college in 1968.

"The program has been a tremendous success for law enforcement and for the communities of Union County," he said. The 22-year veteran of the Union County Prosecutor's Office has been in charge of the eight-year program since October of 1991.

Uebelein said Crime Stoppers begins upon a "major case" reaches the "Clears of County Prosecutor Andrew Rucotolo, or if local police departments have difficulty solving a case and seek assistance from the county. The Prosecutor's Office then works with local police on furthering the investigation, sending the data out to the local press outlets. All 10 of the Worrall Community Newspapers in Union County have been running the Crime Stoppers press releases since early 1992.

"Crime Stoppers is a perfect example of law enforcement, the public and the business community all working together, especially in today's era of community policing."

Uebelein said "Crime Stoppers has expanded to include radio spots on WJZM radio in Elizabethtown and posters on buses that traverse the county. He added that over 50 Crime Stoppers cases are open each year and since 1984, over \$7,000 in reward money has been given out to citizens whose

### To the basket...

goes Dayton Regional senior forward Ryan Huber during last Thursday's high school boys' basketball game at home against Newark Central. Huber scored 15 points in a 75-54 Dayton loss. High School roundup appears on Page B1.

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Football Club to meet

The next football meeting of the Football Club of Mountaintide will be held on Feb. 4, at 12 p.m. at the Towers Steak House on Route 22. The program is titled "Show and Tell." Reservations can be made with Evelyn DePalma at 232-0943.

Korean vet addresses local Legion Post 228

Continental Post 228 American Legion of Springfield was recently honored by a visit from Richard J. Bernard Sr., deputy director of the New Jersey Department of Military Affairs.

Seniors schedule quiz show on public safety

On Jan. 27, members of the Mountaintide Senior Citizens will test their knowledge about safety by participating in New Jersey Bell's quiz program "Ten Seconds for Safety."

Echo Lanes to hold bowl-a-thon fund-raiser

The Christopher Colangelo Home Care Fund is sponsoring a bowl-a-thon at Echo Lanes on Route 22 East in Mountaintide on Jan. 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cancer society to hold Superbowl fund-raiser

The American Cancer Society Young Professionals Committee will attempt to score points for the fight against cancer by holding a Superbowl party.

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Recreation commission sets meeting schedule

The Recreation Commission of Mountaintide will meet on the following dates at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall: Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17, July 22, Sept. 16, Oct. 28, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16. All meetings will be regularly scheduled meetings of the commission at which time action may be taken.

Library board releases 1993 meeting schedule

The annual meeting of the board of trustees of the Mountaintide Public Library and the January board meeting will be held in the Emma Weber Meeting Room at the library on Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Civic Calendar

The Civic Calendar is prepared by the Springfield Leader and Mountaintide Echo. To avoid conflicts in scheduling local events, please post dates, times and places as early as possible and send to P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083, or call (908) 686-7700.

Springfield Board of Education

The Springfield Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the board conference room at F.M. Gaudinier School.

Union County Utilities Authority

Recycling schedule The Union County Utilities Authority will pick up recyclables in Springfield, N.J.

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### County proposes \$247.2 million '93 budget; 25 layoffs possible

By Jeff Jozz Staff Writer

The \$247.2 million draft of the 1993 Union County Budget was released Thursday by County Manager Ann Baran, recommending the continuation of a majority of existing county programs while cutting the payroll of 25 employees at the Rummels Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights.



Ann Baran  
County Manager

Baran said "state law requires New Jersey counties to put a 1.5 percent spending cap on their budgets, resulting, she said, in a "very lean, austere budget."

The 1993 budget also includes a 4.35 percent tax levy to raise \$144.1 million in taxes needed to run county services, she noted. The increase is the lowest in the county in 15 years, added Baran, except for 1991 when the state assumed control of the county welfare system. The manager pointed out that the 1991 tax levy would have ranged between 5 and 6 percent if the state had not taken over the welfare program.

Baran said after the original \$231.5 million 1992 budget was released, calling for a 4.5 percent increase, the freeholders eventually settled on a 4.75 percent tax hike. Describing the county's priorities for 1993, Baran said Union County must adopt a policy of "entrepreneurial government" emphasizing efficiency and modernized after techniques used by business and homeowners.

"We must increase the effectiveness and efficiency of government in terms of delivering services to the community," she said. "We must balance the budget with less. We must balance the inherent inefficiencies of democratic government with the absolute need to get more work done with fewer resources. We must begin to

take a hard look at our government structure and change how we do business."

Some examples of new endeavors slated for the county this year include a fiber optics network to link the county courthouse and jail in Elizabeth, the dredging of Surprise Lake in Weehawken Reservation, construction of a new juvenile detention center, and increased use of natural gas to power county vehicles, said Baran. The manager also said the county is aiming to reduce the number of inmates in county jails and increase reimbursement for prisoners by holding a larger percentage of federal and state

The budget includes a recommendation to close the alcohol rehabilitation unit at Rummels Hospital and contract the service out to private treatment centers. The plan would result in a layoff of 25 management positions, professionals and nurses. Baran added that those let go by Rummels would be given "first priority" for any new job

### Illegal dumper fined \$225K

By Debbie Morton Staff Writer

After admitting it violated New Jersey waste flow regulations by bypassing use of Linden's trash transfer station for the last three years, an Elizabeth garbage hauling firm has been ordered to pay \$225,000 to the Union County Utilities Authority, according to Authority Chairman Angelo Bonanno.

The damage award — the largest to be paid to a utility authority in New Jersey — will be incurred by Peter Usa and Son, operators of Industrial Disposal Service of Elizabeth, under an out-of-court settlement reached with the authority earlier this month. The hauling firm was accused by the UCUA in 1991 of illegally transferring Union County residential and commercial waste to landfills in Pennsylvania since 1990.

Under state statutes, a hauler who operates a licensed transfer station must deliver waste collected in Union County to the Automated Modular Systems Transfer Station in Linden every 24 hours of collection. The authority's chairman said it is especially important now to maintain

Other savings noted by Baran were \$1 million in wages, salaries and benefits, and increased use of contract givebacks from county workers, \$250,000 in increased user fees for county parks, \$600,000 in new state reimbursement funds for the county's psychiatric program, and \$250,000 from improvement bonds with the help of the Union County Improvement Authority.

Baran also said \$600,000 in new revenues will be raised by the county, to be paid from the increased number of paid fees from real estate transfers.

The county manager said the only new hiring in the county was the addition of 50 new corrections officers to the county payroll. However, \$350,000 in savings will be gained by reducing the overtime budget for the Department of Corrections.

"This approach is pretty consistent with the approach we have already been using," said Baran, pointing out that most human services in the county are already contracted out.

"This settlement helps to ensure the integrity of the waste pickup and delivery system in Union County," Romanow said. "The vast majority of waste haulers in the county who are honest and comply with the statutes will also be pleased with the settlement."

### education

Students earn honors The Warburg-Harridge School in Edison announced that 10th-graders Kacy Lissenden and Benjamin Ginter of Springfield have achieved the Upper School honor roll for the second marking period of the 1992-93 school year.

Each of the students has achieved at least a 3.45 semester grade point average out of a possible 4.0.

Penria named to list The academic work of Kerri Penna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Penna Jr. of Springfield, has for the fifth consecutive semester earned her a place on the dean's list of the College of Arts and Sciences at Seton Hall University. Penna, a psychology major, will be entering her senior year at the university in the fall of 1993.

Weinberg makes dean's Michelle S. Weinberg of Springfield was among the 471 students at Lafayette College who have been named to the first semester dean's list.

Yee joins inauguration parade as USMA cadet Cadet Jason A. Yee, son of Joseph and Feng Yee of Springfield, will march in the Presidential Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 20, 1993.

This will mark the 20th time the Corps of Cadets has marched in the parade, honoring presidents from Grant to Bush.

By tradition and protocol, the U.S. Military Academy is the lead military marching element in the parade. West Point is followed by the other participating service academies and services.

The gray uniforms the cadets will wear are an Academy tradition dating back to the early 1800s, honoring those gray-clad soldiers who fought and won the Battle of Chippewa. This distinctive uniform is universally recognized and has earned the Corps of Cadets the famous name "The Long Gray Line."

### Gaudineer honors

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### Borough slates ski trip

The Mountaintide Recreation Commission is sponsoring a ski trip to Jack Frost Mountain in the Poconos on Feb. 7, and skiers of all abilities are invited to join in the fun. Jack Frost features 30 trails, 14 chairlifts, and complete food service. In addition, there's a 510-foot half-pipe for snowboarders.

The bus will depart from Deerfield School at 7 a.m. and return at 6:30 p.m. The registration fee is: Bus and lift \$35; rental \$16; beginner package \$39 — bus, rental, lift, lesson; lift ticket all-area package \$54 — bus, rental, lesson, all-area lift ticket.

Children in the seventh grade or younger must be with an adult. Lessons are recommended for beginners, inexperienced skiers, and people who haven't skied recently. Registration are currently being accepted at the Recreation Office. Call 232-0015 for additional information.

### Union County nutrition program for the elderly

The following is a listing of the menu offered by the Union County Nutrition Program for the Elderly, July through Feb. 2.

Jan. 27: Beef soup with vegetables, hot apple pie, cinnamon, egg, noodles, ice cream, apricot juice, margarine, milk.

Jan. 28: Hatched pork rib, peas and carrots, one-half baked potato, applesauce, vegetable soup, bread, margarine, milk.

Jan. 29: Baked fish with lemon butter, chipped spinach, potatoes au gratin, pound cake, beef barley soup, bread, margarine, milk.

Feb. 1: Chicken Hawaii, oriental vegetables, rice, ice cream, cream of broccoli soup, bread, margarine, milk.

Feb. 2: Cheese lasagna, mixed string beans, tossed salad, cherry cobbler, cream of mushroom soup, Italian bread, margarine, milk.

### Concerned residents of county join environmentalist 'wrapping'

By Jeff Jozz Staff Writer

Members of the Concerned Citizens of Union County joined other New Jersey environmental groups Monday in unfurling a 60-foot-long "Environmental Ribbon for Environmental Justice" on the steps of the county administration building.

The county manager said the only new hiring in the county was the addition of 50 new corrections officers to the county payroll. However, \$350,000 in savings will be gained by reducing the overtime budget for the Department of Corrections.

Each said the environmental groups demanded that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy stop issuing permits for garbage, sludge and hazardous waste incineration in Newark, Camden and Weehawken.

Joanne Eash of the Concerned Citizens, a Rahway-based organization opposing the resource recovery facility, said the groups are planning a 50-mile march along Route 1, starting from the Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross Lifeguard Training course.

Another Lifeguard Training course will be offered by the Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross on Thursday evenings, Feb. 4 through Feb. 18, from 6 to 8:30, at the YWCA, 79 Maple St., Summit.

Enrollment is limited to 16 people who are at least 15 years old, in excellent physical condition, are strong swimmers and who hold current certification in Standard First Aid — 4 hours First Aid plus 4 hours CPR.

Standard First Aid courses are offered monthly at the Summit Area Chapter on the following dates from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.: Jan. 25 and 27; Mar. 8 and 10; Apr. 19 and 21; May 17 and 19; June 21 and 23. Successful completion of the Standard First Aid course and Lifeguard Training leads to American Red Cross Lifeguard certification.

REYNOLD C. GAZDANOFF is the instructor who will be teaching the Lifeguard Training. Registration is at the Summit YWCA. Call the Summit Red Cross at 273-2076 for a Standard First Aid course.

Another Lifeguard Training course designed specifically for adults who are at least 21 years of age will be taught by Denise Malachuk at the YWCA, on Tuesday evenings, Feb. 2 and 9, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Secretaries-to-meet The Union County Legal Secretaries Association will hold its meeting Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. at Sinclair's Restaurant, 240 North Ave., Westfield.

The speaker for the evening will be Investigators John C. Olin and Donna L. Ricca of the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

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### First step toward affordable housing taken

By Tom Canavan Editor

Officials at the county level understand that if the business and human services communities unite, efforts for the development of affordable housing in Union County will take a major step forward.

With this announcement this week of the Union County Housing Assistance Corporation, county officials are taking the first step in what they ultimately hope will result in a healthy economic climate throughout the county with an abundance of affordable housing.

The corporation is a partnership between the corporate, human services and governmental sectors and will capitalize on the resources of representatives from these areas to help expand the stock of affordable housing for Union County's workforce, according to Maurice Tress, president of the Union County Economic Development Corporation.

Plans to merge the human services and business sectors were discussed in early 1992 when the Union County Economic Development Corporation and the Union County Affordable Housing Task Force both identified affordable housing as a priority for the county, said Hank Ross, a founding board member and special assistant to the president for Economic Development at Kean College. While the EDC looked at affordable housing from the perspective of the workforce, and the task force worked with county government and looked at the issue from the perspective of the lower income population, "we were aware that we both had part of the puzzle," Ross said.

Ross was joined last week at the Economic Development Corpora-

tion's office in Elizabeth by County Manager Ann Baran, who they announced the appointment of Lawrence Bertram as the housing corporation's executive director and Neil Boyle as its president.

"By bringing together the various agencies of the county, we have begun to fulfill my vision of an economically healthy and united county," said Baran, who noted that affordable housing had been a major priority in the county and by forming the corporation, it would be kept a high priority.

Ross called Baran the catalyst that brought the two sectors together. Thirteen citizens comprise the board of directors of the new corporation and are a cross section of the housing and business communities throughout the county. "They have their finger on the needs of housing in the county," Ross said.

The goal of the new housing corporation, according to Boyle, is to develop affordable housing in the county through a variety of financing studies, conducted in early 1992 when the Union County Economic Development Corporation and the Union County Affordable Housing Task Force both identified affordable housing as a priority for the county, said Hank Ross, a founding board member and special assistant to the president for Economic Development at Kean College. While the EDC looked at affordable housing from the perspective of the workforce, and the task force worked with county government and looked at the issue from the perspective of the lower income population, "we were aware that we both had part of the puzzle," Ross said.

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need, he said, Boyle is the business agent for IBEW Local 675 in Elizabeth.

Affordable housing no longer comes in the guise of high density apartment complexes, the officials stressed. Their thrust for affordable housing will come in the form of townhouses and single-family dwellings, and would include rehabilitation of existing housing stock.

"We will talk to and educate our local officials," Bertram said. "People sometimes confuse affordable housing with a complexly different image of affordable housing."

Baran said the corporation will seek local officials that there are ways to meet their housing needs and a positive impact. "If enough people know it's positive for the county, there will be less fear," she said. "Our job is to meet the needs of citizens."

The county and the EDC have many agencies which they could tap for resources to help with housing development, Baran added, and would seek state and federal funds, in addition to working with the county's community development program and private sector institutions to "package" affordable housing projects.

"If we come together, we can do a lot more," Baran said. "We became incorporated because we want this to be a governmental role. We're conscious of the needs of all the municipalities."

And because it is incorporated, the partnership will not add any additional tax burden on the community, nor will it be another layer of bureaucracy, Ross added.

Bertram, who formerly directed planning and economic development

efforts for Hudson County, will provide expertise in project finance and management, real estate development and program design. Among the accomplishments are the creation of the \$100 million Hudson County Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which will fund 100 townhouse units, and the reorganization of the \$5 million per year Hudson County Community Development Block Grant program.

"We are in the process of putting the mechanism in place so that we will be ready to proceed with our mission to serve the citizens of Union County. I am excited to have the opportunity of being in on the ground floor of such a worthy endeavor," he said.

In addition to Ross, Boyle, Tinn and Baran, the board of directors consists of Robert Steffens, vice president of the Summit Trust Company in Clark; William Barry, a certified public accountant and partner in the law firm of Manning and Co. in Short Hills; Louanne Kennedy, vice president of academic affairs at Kean College; Tyrone Williams, vice president and corporate credit officer at First Fidelity Bank; Barbara Brandy Diamond, director of the Union County Catholic Community Services; Jewel Thompson-Clin, Plainfield's business administrator; Ruth Smith, administrator of Housing of the Westfield Senior Citizen Housing Corporation; Dan Kaukunas, director of the United Way of Eastern Union County; and Judy Prasser, chairperson of the Union County Human Services Advisory Council.

For more information about the housing corporation, call Bertram at (908) 527-1166.

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## Protesting evil

*"He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it."*

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
"Stride Toward Freedom," 1958

Teri years after he wrote these words, King was gunned down in Memphis, Tenn., and the death of the revolutionary civil rights leader ushered in an age of uncertainty. Today, though considerable progress has been made toward healing the chasm that separates some Americans from others, our nation has still failed to decisively "rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal.'"

The appalling incident early this month in Florida, where Christopher Wilson, a black tourist from New York, was kidnapped and set afire by white men who yelled racial epithets, illustrates just how far we still have to go. All Americans are responsible for guarding and cherishing the creed which King spoke of so eloquently; we must teach our children that the nation will not long prosper if we continue to fail to do so.

So we must speak out, loudly and repeatedly, against such heinous crimes. Our silence, as King reminded us, is tantamount to complicity.

As the nation celebrates the anniversary of King's birth this week, it was wonderful to read news reports of several Ku Klux Klan protests across the country being shouted down by numerous counter-protesters of all races, colors and creeds. The hate-mongers, such as the men who attacked Wilson, know that the nation is watching them. We must continue to ensure that their actions are not tolerated.

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## Florino, GOP practicing a new bipartisanship

### Screening New Jersey

By Steve Aduabato Jr.

What can you say about Jim Florio's State of the State address this past week? The more-consultative governor stressed economic revitalization, creating jobs and, of course, the latest craze to hit Trenton called "bipartisan cooperation."

Florino even took time to recognize recently deceased former Governor Richard Hughes and a young couple whose wedding day was almost ruined by last month's devastating storm — but was saved at the last minute by a local banquet hall owner. It was touching the blatant effort to make Florio look "more human."

Even the Republicans praised Florio's speech. As Assembly Speaker Chuck Hoytman put it: "How can you disagree when you're talking about sound bites and remote control 'zap-pers'?" This year, Florio's speech came in at a "trim" 46 minutes.

If it was supposed to be a campaign guru "Jim Caville's" maiden effort at "molding" Florio's television image the way he did for his last

mental prevention and cleanup. Beyond that, Florio called for a billion dollars of "capital improvement" to build roads, schools and sewer systems that would create 30,000 jobs.

All this and no new taxes. Sounds great, but isn't that a lot of "borrowing" (and future interest payments) in such an unpredictable economy? Says the usually straight-talking Mr. Hoytman, who called Florio "irrelevant" last year: "It seems like there's an awful lot of new spending on what he proposes. He seems like he wants to increase the debt."

Who is all this "seems like"? Either he is or isn't increasing the debt! The state currently has a deficit of about \$1 billion. Haven't we learned anything from Washington? Spending money you don't have can be dangerous.

And when Florio criticized the Republican-controlled Legislature for not going far in their campaign finance reform effort, Senate President Don DiFrancesco shot back: "I'm not sure you're doing anything better than what we're doing."

These guys are supposed to be the "loyal opposition" to a Democratic governor? They sound like they're

afraid to offend the emperor with the 30 percent approval rating. Florio gets to 40 and they might switch parties.

Florio has adeptly capitalized on the public's growing disgust toward politicians who do nothing but blame each other. Everyone in Trenton is worried about looking like an "obstructionist" or engaging in partisan "gridlock." Obviously, this spirit of cooperation in Trenton is a welcome change.

How long will this "bipartisan lovefest" last? How can Republican legislators continue to praise a Democratic governor once their party picks either Christie Whitman or Cary Edwards to head the GOP ticket and "kick Florio's block off?"

Then again, who thought Jim Florio would be this viable so late in the game? The governor gets major points for his tenacity and an ability to compromise with the GOP in a way I didn't think was possible. Imagine if he could get his speeches under 30 minutes? He'd win in a landslide!

Steve Aduabato Jr. is a political analyst for WWOR-TV, a former legislator from Essex County and an instructor of public administration and mass media at Rutgers University.

## Everyone seeking medical care will get it

### Focus On Trenton

By C. Louis Bassano

As the new year begins, health care issues and providers can breathe a collective sigh of relief. Under terms of landmark health care reform, approved by the Legislature and enacted by the governor Nov. 30, anyone who seeks medical care will be able to obtain it, regardless of ability to pay. And the health care providers won't be left holding the bag.

As chairman of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, I am acutely aware of the number of hours and diligent effort expended by the governor's office, legislative staff and health care providers in crafting a package that paves the way for health care reform, and already is being pointed to as a model for a national health care reform.

Our forging a consensus among the governor's office, the Legislature, the departments of Health and Labor, NJRIA, the New Jersey Hospital Association, the Medical Society and the New Jersey HMO Association.

The package enacted Nov. 30 is "consumer and provider" friendly. It is a no-tax plan that reimburses providers for hospital care and at the same time, provides a means for individuals to obtain health insurance coverage at a price they can afford while maintaining New Jersey's policy of guaranteeing that the indigent can obtain health care.

While it may not be perfect, this plan represents a good beginning and

accomplishes our primary objectives: it contains costs, assures continued access to quality health care for everyone, reimburses hospitals for patients who can't afford care, makes health insurance more affordable, provides consumers with choices, encourages quality, eliminates the unpopular and inefficient DRG system, and wipes out the unfair, and unconstitutional 19.1 percent tax on the sick.

While most of the debate on the new health care program focused on the funding mechanism, an integral part of the entire package, and a key component of the funding mechanism are the measures that will provide an opportunity for every man, woman and child in New Jersey to obtain health insurance.

By "preventing" an opportunity through our insurance measures, S-371 and S-1023 and the New Jersey Shield program, we have laid the groundwork for the weaving away of more people from the Uncompensated Care program.

Under terms of S-371, small businesses with between two and 49

employees will be able to "provide health insurance to their employees."

S-1023 requires insurance companies to sell affordable policies to individuals or pay subsidies. Both measures include community rating and a "rate-all-comers" clause.

The NJ Shield program will make supplemental insurance coverage available for working people and those temporarily unemployed. The governor has assured us that this program will focus on the provision of early preventive and primary care and will help reduce costs for families and individuals.

Taken together, we are confident that these measures will reduce the number of uninsured persons in the state and thus, the cost of paying the health bills of the indigent.

With the elimination of the current 19.1 percent tax on the sick, hospital costs will be reduced, leading to lower insurance premiums. Even the New Jersey Hospital Association estimates that a 16.2 percent average decrease in hospital care costs will be passed through to consumers.

Urban hospitals will continue to receive large state subsidies and certificate of need franchise protection, retaining their ability to be the virtual sole providers of certain medical technologies.

With more accessible and affordable health insurance policies, and the elimination of the 19.1 percent surcharge on patients' hospital bills, health care costs should go down. By

insisting on a one-year transition period, we have given ourselves time to assess the impact of deregulation and competition and make changes, if appropriate.

There were those who wanted, and still believe, that we should have imposed yet another tax on the people of New Jersey — a payroll tax, a sin tax of some kind, a higher sales tax or more income tax.

But we believed that every avenue and opportunity had to be explored before instituting a new tax — a course of action we considered from the start to be a solution of absolute last resort.

This reform package is a clear reflection of the mandate handed to us by the electorate in the past three elections: Unlike previous legislatures, we chose not to extend an inadequate system to place any further financial burden on the taxpayers.

We came to grips with health care reform, created a viable, no-tax solution before the deadline and catered to only one special interest — the people of New Jersey.

As a result, no one in New Jersey has to worry about being turned away from a hospital if he or she gets sick. In the current atmosphere in New Jersey and across the nation, that is no small feat.

Republican Sen. C. Louis Bassano represents the 21st Legislative District.

## Understanding tax terms makes filing easier

### Money Management

allowed for such items as medical expenses, state and local taxes, charitable contributions, unreimbursed employee business expenses, moving expenses, alimony payments, and casualty and theft losses. There are specific requirements and limitations on the deductibility of each of these items.

**Miscellaneous Deductions.** These include itemized expenses directly connected with the production of income, such as fees for investment advice and financial planning, as well as certain unreimbursed job and business expenses. Fees for tax preparation services are also considered miscellaneous deductions. These expenses are deductible only to the extent that they exceed 2 percent of your adjusted gross income.

**Earned Income Credit.** A special credit available to low income taxpayers with dependent children. The credit is subtracted from the tax you owe. In some instances you can get a refund of the credit even if you don't owe any tax.

**Gift Tax.** A graduated tax levied on the donor of a gift when assets are passed from one person to another. Taxpayers are allowed a \$10,000 annual gift tax exclusion per recipient.

**Casualty Loss.** A sudden, unexpected, or unusual event, such as a fire, storm, flood, theft, or other casualty, which destroys or damages your property. Casualty losses are deductible to the extent that they exceed 10 percent of your AGI after insurance reimbursement. However, you may not deduct the first \$100 of an otherwise deductible personal casualty loss.

**Kiddee Tax.** For 1992, the tax on unearned income in excess of \$1,200 for a dependent child under 14. The tax is based on the parent's marginal tax rate and is computed on Form 8615.

If you're still unclear about the meaning or relevancy of these and other tax terms, consult a CPA or another tax adviser.

Money Management is a weekly column on personal finance distributed by the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants.

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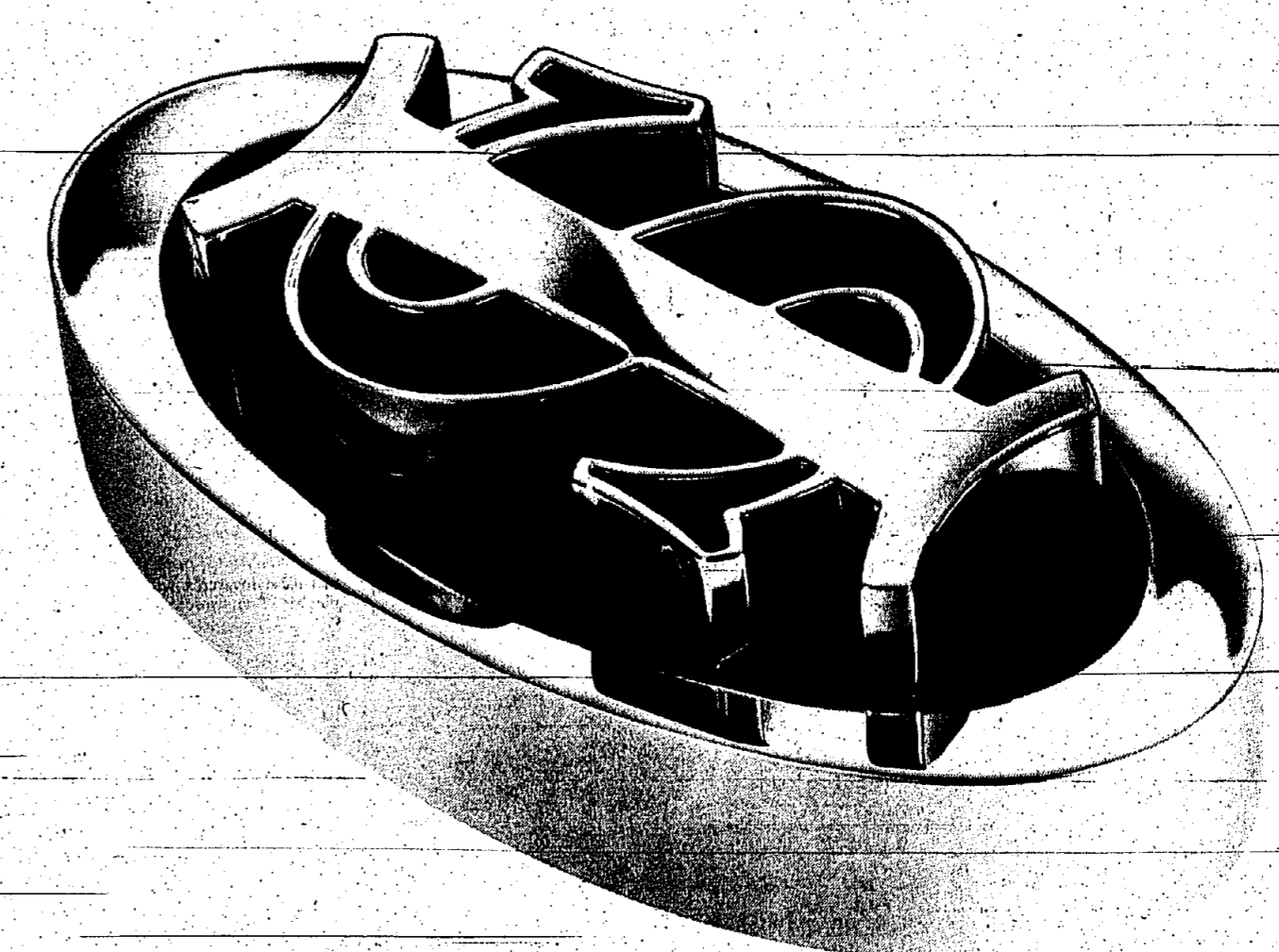
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U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS	100,320,398	59,991,545	REVERSE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS	414,995,000	186,108,000
MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES	1,191,694,629	903,091,590	ADVANCE PAYMENTS BY MORTGAGORS FOR TAXES AND INSURANCE	2,208,723	2,720,874
OTHER INVESTMENTS	74,337,662	82,444,836	OTHER LIABILITIES	8,230,639	5,678,650
MORTGAGE LOANS	599,995,548	647,985,638	ADVANCES FROM FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK	30,000,000	50,000,000
OTHER LOANS	19,490,109	24,950,232	RESERVES AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS	135,786,917	121,077,233
ASSOCIATION PREMISES & EQUIPMENT-NET	5,121,690	5,087,420			
ACCRUED INTEREST RECEIVABLE	15,134,630	15,346,598			
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Above, St. James fourth-graders indicate the location of their Springfield school as they learn about New Jersey. From left are Jason Pizzi, Claudia Petrillo, Karol Dolzyski, and Jackie Borowski. Right photo: Bobby Laurencelle, left, and John O'Reilly, second-graders at St. James School in Springfield, display their learning certificates for Catholic Schools Week.

## St. John's anticipating growth in enrollment after open house

Catholic Schools Week is expected to be a very busy time at St. John the Apostle School in Clark. Since last year's registration week generated an increase in enrollment from 370 to 419 students, last year the school became the second parochial grammar school in Union County to be honored by Middle States accreditation.

On Jan. 31, there will be an open house and registration for new students from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. On Feb. 1, there will be registration for all new students from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and an open house for kindergarten to eighth grade from 1 to 2 p.m. On Feb. 2, there will be registration for all new students and an open house for kindergarten to 8th grade from 9 to 10:30 a.m. There will be a nursery school open house from 1 to 1:30 p.m. and a pre-k open house from 1:30 to 2 p.m.

On Feb. 4, there will be a first registration from 1 to 2 p.m. St. John's offers a choice of all day or half day kindergarten, a two-day morning or afternoon 3-year-old nursery school and three-day morning or afternoon pre-k program. The school also offers before and after school care and an instrumental music program.

Students in kindergarten through fourth grade have weekly classes in computer science, music, art and gym, while fifth- through eighth-graders have four separate marking periods for health, computer science, art and music with weekly gym classes.

The sixth, seventh and eighth grade junior high program is taught in a separate building with specialized teachers for each subject area. There is a well-equipped science lab and algebra is offered in eighth grade.

As noted during a recent school visitation by the Archdiocese Assistant Superintendent for Union County, Sister Jane Annella Formigaglia, "The general atmosphere of the total campus is one of high academic achievement and respect for each individual, and the efforts to make the students aware of social problems indicate a daily emphasis on living Catholic values."

St. John's is a school that sets "high standards" that will "help it move into the 21st century," she said.

For further information or a free brochure, call 388-1360.

## Winter open house set for Sunday

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, 44 Blackburn Road, Summit, will hold its annual winter open house on Sunday at 2 p.m. Oak Knoll enrolls boys and girls in grades kindergarten to six and girls only in grades seven to 12.

Parents and prospective students from the area are invited to attend open houses to learn more about the academic and religion programs, sports and extracurricular activities. Guests will meet the faculty and have the opportunity to tour the campus. Oak Knoll School, an independent, Catholic day school, currently enrolls 451 students from Union, Essex, Mercer and Somerset counties. Operated by the Sisters of the Holy Child, Oak Knoll is part of a network of 20 Holy Child schools in the United States, Ireland, England and Africa. The schools offer scholarships, tuition grants and financial aid to many of its students.

Marilyn J. O'Shea, director of Admissions, said, "We hope that interested parents and their children will take this opportunity to learn more about the school at our open house planned for them. We will answer their questions as they explore our programs with our outstanding faculty who are committed to providing Christ-centered education dedicated to the whole child."

## St. James prepares for Catholic Schools Week

St. James School in Springfield will begin Catholic Schools Week with a Registration Mass Jan. 31 at noon for students, faculty and parents.

In the school auditorium following the Mass, Springfield Mayor Philip Karmen will present Principal Sister Marie Anna with a proclamation from the township announcing the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. Open house and registrations for pre-school through grade eight will be accepted at this time.

The Catholic Schools Week Committee, co-chaired by Anne Fanning and Linda Jorda, has planned several events for the week commencing with a Community Service Day on Feb. 1. A spelling bee will be held that day followed at noon with refreshments and entertainment for grandparents, sisters and guests.

On Feb. 2, there will be open house and registration for pre-school and kindergarten from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mickey Mouse will visit the kindergarten between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mrs. Laurencelle, the teacher, will be available to discuss the curriculum. Grades five to eight will have a science fair in the auditorium at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

St. James will have Teacher Recognition Day on Feb. 3. Lunch will be served to the faculty with the compliments of the Home School Association. There will also be open house with classroom visitation from 9 to 11 a.m.

The students and faculty will enjoy a special activities day on Feb. 4, and the Home School Association will treat the students to a free pizza lunch. St. James will conclude Catholic Schools Week with Mass at 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 5.

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## Supports rally to Whitman

By Steve Galvsky  
Staff Writer

The undecorated gubernatorial candidacy of Christine Whitman received a boost Saturday in Bloomfield, where more than 300 Republicans turned out to urge her to take on Gov. Jim Florio.

The rally, sponsored by a Glen Ridge-based group called Essex County People for Whitman, also served to demonstrate political support for the Hudson County resident in a county expected to be a stronghold for Cary Edwards, the only major declared Republican candidate for governor. Four years ago Edwards, a former state attorney general from Bergen County, carried Essex County despite losing the GOP gubernatorial primary to former Congressman Jim Courter.

The scene at the Essex Manor left no doubt what the party's central theme would be in this election year. A "Florio-Free in '93" banner dominated the backdrop behind the dais, and each mention of the Democratic incumbent's name elicited a chorus of boos.

To the GOP faithful in attendance, a declared Whitman candidacy was a foregone conclusion. Whitman, whose stock in the party soared following her narrow loss to U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley in 1990, told the crowd that she would be making an announcement before the end of January. Yet based on her remarks to her supporters, it appeared that she had already decided to plunge into the political waters once again.

"What this is all about is taking the government of the state of New Jersey back, bringing it back to the people," she said at the affair, one of a series of recent Whitman rallies in Edwards' backyard of northern New Jersey. "What we need to do is change the way government is run."

She said that then the government must decide whether a goal can be reached through the private sector or through the joint efforts of the public and private sectors.

"You've elected people who have been trying to do the 'kind of job' Whitman said to the Republicans gathered. "But they cannot do it without a commitment from the top. For all they have tried to do, it's the chief executive of this state who really shapes the way that government is run."

Without mentioning Florio by name, she blasted three years of what she called "indecisive" and "indecisive" that it is going to have command-and-control management from Trenton.

"That type of leadership, she said, "is not what you need. You need a type of leadership, suburban against urban against rural, parent against teacher against child. We can't have that in this state. We need everybody working together."

Whitman, who as the daughter of former state Chairman Webster Todd was raised on GOP politics, warned her fellow Republicans that they would face a tough fight to recapture the governor's mansion.

Whitman said that Florio is "very smart, politically," that the governor already has \$4 million in his campaign war chest, and that he would bring President Clinton into the state to stump for him.

"But we'll beat him anyway," she said, to wild applause.

Among those speaking in support of the would-be candidate were Congressman Dick Zimmer, R-12, whose district includes Whitman's hometown of Oldwick; Ralph Salerno, executive director of the Essex County Republican Committee; State Sen. John Scott, R-Essex, whose district includes Belleville and Nutley; Assemblywoman Marion Cecco, R-Essex, who is also Bloomfield's GOP municipal chair; Passaic County Freeholder Norman Robertson, and Belleville, GOP Municipal Chairman Richard Yamuzi.

"We had a rally in Belleville, and we fell in love with her," Yamuzi remarked. "We adopted her as an honorary Bellevillite, and she called us her 'fan club.' We've even wearing buttons that say 'Christie Whitman Fan Club, Belleville, N.J.'"

Scott said that when Whitman ran against Bradley, she "ruffled his nose and pulled his tail and made him want to do for us," and predicted that she would be Florio's "worst nightmare."



Christine Whitman

## Kenilworth board advised to leave regional system

By Susan Krawiwicki  
Staff Writer

The verdict is in: it's a go. Guidelines Inc., the consulting firm hired by the Kenilworth Board of Education to study the feasibility of the borough withdrawing from the Union County Regional High School District, delivered the results of that study to a standing-room-only audience at a special meeting of the board Jan. 14.

The residents of Kenilworth and Garwood who packed the Harding School auditorium heard what they wanted to hear.

"In our opinion, deregionalization is desirable for Kenilworth if the community is willing to take it on," said Robert Savitt, president of Guidelines. "It is desirable from an educational standpoint, and it's feasible financially, in one form or another, it is our recommendation that Kenilworth take further steps toward deregionalization."

The remaining local boards of sending districts, Springfield, Mountaineer, Berea Heights and Clark, are reportedly on the verge of commissioning their own study on deregionalization.

Savitt's report includes the proposal that Kenilworth move its seventh- and eighth-grade students from Harding into a middle school program at Berea. It also recommended that Garwood be invited to send its seventh- through 12th-grade students to Harding on a send-receive basis.

This scenario would increase the population at Berea, making it more cost-effective to operate. It would also allow for an increase in programs at Harding and help relieve the overcrowding problem in Garwood's elementary school district.

This report marks the culmination of more than two months of study by Guidelines. The firm was commissioned by the borough's Board of Education in November shortly after the regional board voted 7-2 to close David Brearley High School. The board stated that the closing of a school was a necessary cost containment measure in the face of declining enrollment throughout the district.

That decision unleashed a flood of anti-regional board sentiment among Kenilworth residents, who have argued that their school is the newest and most up-to-date facility among the four regional high schools. Kenilworth also has an appeal pending with the state Department of Education to overturn the board's decision and keep Brearley open.

Savitt's conclusion that operating Brearley independent of the regional district would cost Kenilworth taxpayers only slightly more than they are paying now was met by cheers and applause.

According to the Guidelines study, Kenilworth withdrew from the regional district and assumed control of Brearley, taxes would increase by about \$130 on a home valued at \$150,000. That was welcome news for borough residents, many of whom have maintained for months that they would pay what ever was necessary to keep Brearley open.

With Garwood involved on a send-receive basis, Kenilworth's tax rate would increase by a smaller amount. The borough would realize some million revenue from Garwood students, which would reduce some of Kenilworth's tax burden.

What is even better news, in terms of making deregionalization a reality, is Savitt's conclusion that the tax rates in the other five towns in the regional district would also decrease.

Kenilworth's bid to deregionalize must be approved through a referendum by a majority of voters in the six-member community.

The regional district, if any one of the towns could demonstrate that Kenilworth's withdrawal would present a hardship to the remaining towns, the proposal would fail.

But according to Savitt's report, the tax rates in the other communities would decrease slightly because the cost of operating Brearley is greater than Kenilworth's share of the regional budget.

"The way the regional budget is apportioned now, some of the other communities are responsible for supporting Brearley," Savitt said. "With the cost of running Brearley removed from the budget, the other towns would be saving money and their tax rate would drop slightly."

But not all of Savitt's statements were encouraging. While deregionalization would be a benefit to Kenilworth and should be pursued, Savitt warned that it wouldn't be easy. The state Commissioner of Education must approve any application to withdraw before it could be put to a vote in the six communities.

"The trend these days is toward deregionalization," Savitt said. "It won't be easy to go the other way. There are significant hurdles to overcome. There have been very few deregionalization projects even started in the state, and fewer still that have succeeded."

The next step in the deregionalization process is a more detailed formal study, which would then be presented to the Union County Superior Court. The study is expected to cost somewhere in the range of \$100,000.

## Edwards tours state

By Joseph M. Maguire  
Staff Writer

Former state Attorney General Cary Edwards launched a hectic campaign for the governorship last week, as the Republican candidate embarked on a three-day bus tour that stopped in every county in New Jersey.

Locally, Edwards, who reached his political peak during the governorship he achieved by the private sector and through the joint efforts of the public and private sectors.

"You've elected people who have been trying to do the 'kind of job' Whitman said to the Republicans gathered. "But they cannot do it without a commitment from the top. For all they have tried to do, it's the chief executive of this state who really shapes the way that government is run."

Edwards pointed to New Jersey's economy and unemployment and crime rates as manifestations of a need for change, and said he wanted to represent all 7.5 million people of the state.

Though Edwards did not mention Gov. Jim Florio by name, the 48-year-old former attorney general has called New Jersey's recent economic struggles the "Florio recession" and has said the state needs a governor who is less interested in raising taxes and more interested in creating jobs. He said the state needs "an economy that works to create real jobs for real people."

Edwards also said New Jersey's increasing crime rate is "an epidemic" like we've never had before.

Edwards also declined to mention Christine Whitman, who is expected to battle Edwards for the GOP nomination during the primary in June. The candidate, however, did tell his supporters he would not look past the primary, but would gear his campaign initially toward the June race and sequentially toward the fall election, should he win the Republican nomination.

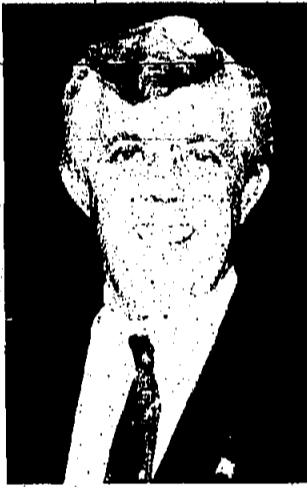
Whitman, who lost an unexpectedly close race for the U.S. Senate to Democrat Bill Bradley in 1990, has not yet officially declared her candidacy in the race for the governorship.

Edwards ran unsuccessfully for governor in 1989, when he finished second in the primary vote to Jim Courter. Edwards gained 22 percent of the vote that year, falling seven points behind Courter, who was then a congressman from Warren County.

Serving seven years in the Keen administration, four as chief counsel and three as attorney general — Edwards has gained support from a number of hard-line Republicans, some of whom have described the candidate as a "man's man" partial to lengthy speeches.

Edwards began his political climb in the mid-1970s, when he reportedly fought for road and sewer repairs in Oakland, where he won a seat on the Borough Council in 1975. From there, Edwards gained a post in the Assembly and, in 1982, became a top adviser to Keen.

The candidate has highlighted



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