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Township to receive \$146,546

By David Brown
Managing Editor

The state will restore the financial aid it denied Springfield last year under a needs-based funding formula that reduced aid to municipalities with lower relative tax rates.

The state Senate overwhelmingly confirmed the lower house's override of Governor Jim Florio's veto of the bill which restored \$146,546 in state aid to Springfield, and over \$4 million to 65 other municipalities in the state. Springfield was denied that sum last year due to a funding formula which reduced the amount of state aid to municipalities that were deemed in less need of the money.

"The formula was triggered by where the municipality's tax rate was in relation to the state average," said Department of Community Affairs spokesman Jay Johnson. "This legislation will hold municipalities harmless for having lower tax rates."

Local government officials have been pushing for the bill, which was passed last year but vetoed by Florio. The veto was overridden by the Assembly and Senate recently, providing a supplemental appropriation of \$4.9 million for those 66 municipalities that were negatively affected by the original funding formula.

"Municipalities, like Springfield, expected to at least receive the same level of funding as they had received in the last fiscal year," said Senator C. Louis Basano, R-Union, who joined the majority in the 36-1 override of the veto. "Unfortunately, a quirk in the Florio administration's funding system shortchanged 66 towns."

Supplemental appropriation corrects the administration's fiscal irresponsibility.

While Basano said the law guarantees municipalities will not receive less state aid for "the next fiscal year than they did for the present," Johnson noted the law does not change the funding mechanism.

"It is still needs-based," said Johnson. "It does not change the funding formula. I would assume the Legislature would change it to hold municipalities harmless for lower tax rates."

Mayor Philip Kurnos and other Township Committee members have closely followed the bill, and urged Springfield's representatives in the Legislature to approve it.

Local officials argued the formula, in effect, penalized municipalities by decreasing state aid for those that were able to keep taxes down.

"Closing delay possible"

By Dennis Schaal
Staff Writer

The Union County Regional High School Board of Education performed a tentative about-face Tuesday evening and voted 7-1 to consider a resolution at its Feb. 16 meeting to delay the closing of David Breairey Regional High School in Kenilworth until September 1994.

The move was a stunning reversal of momentum for the beleaguered board, although it is unclear if it will actually delay its November decision to cease operating the Kenilworth school next September.

The decision Tuesday night at its meeting in Springfield to mull over a delay in implementation followed pleas from the Garwood mayor, two former regional board members and a district teacher to slow the closing deadline.

When asked during the public comment portion of the meeting whether the district's budget preparations for next year were based on three high

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Madison School student Mary Jo Hammer accepts books on the U.S. Postal Service and stamp collecting from Glenn Platt, a mail carrier from Springfield, while her classmates look on.

Local carrier delivers cheer

By Jeff Jutz
Staff Writer

The Madison School special education classroom is known throughout its school as the "post office." The students have been running a successful mail delivery service for students, faculty and staff of the school for several months.

On Friday, they were paid a special visit by the real thing — Springfield mail carrier Glenn Platt. Besides the obvious personal connection between Platt and the students, the 23-year veteran also shares with the class some of her own unique — he wears two hearing aids.

Platt spoke to the Madison class last week about the average day of a mail carrier and what it takes to overcome a handicap to be your best. With the help of Springfield Postmaster William Daniels, Platt distributed coloring books and books on stamp collecting to the entire class.

"If I can," he told the students, "you certainly can."

Platt said he wore his first hearing aid in 1967 and added a second one several years later. He also said his two children, Mary and Jason, were special education students who are working to erase the barriers and limitations sometimes faced by handicapped people. The Coblen resident said Jason will be entering Middlesex County College in the fall to become a radiologist.

"There's a place for everybody in this beautiful country of ours," he said to the class, "and to succeed, you must believe in yourself and have a very positive attitude. Your school is your foundation for tomorrow."

Platt said he covers approximately 320 homes each month in Springfield,

walking about six miles over the course of his six-hour day. He also said he goes through several pairs of shoes each year. When not making the rounds, Platt said he has worked with special education students in Career, Post Reading and Sewaren in the past. He made the trip in Rahway at the invitation of longtime friend and Clark resident Linda Reimer Cohen, who has been teaching special education at Madison for years.

Cohen said each year, the school drafts an affirmative action plan that includes a certain number of students and faculty. This year, the topic was handicapped awareness, or what Cohen likes to call "handi-capable people."

"I thought this visit would be good for the kids to know a mailman and learn what it's like to overcome a handicap," she said.

5 of 6 local boards agree to study split

By Dennis Schaal
Staff Writer

School officials from five of the six local districts that feed the Union County Regional High School District tentatively agreed Jan. 27 to participate in a consultant's feasibility study regarding the dissolution of the region.

"I think it's good," noted Berkeley Heights local Board of Education President Helen Kirsch, who's been informally chairing the joint committee meetings, this week. "The fact that towns are interested in looking at what's in the best interest of their students and finding out some answers is a good thing."

The local Clark Board of Education informed the now five-town committee prior to its meeting last week in Kenilworth that it has decided not to participate in the joint probe. Board representatives and administrators from Berkeley Heights, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountaintop and Springfield agreed to seek the go-ahead from their boards and to report final decisions to the multi-town educational committee prior to a scheduled Feb. 24 session in Berkeley Heights.

Clark board President Philip Foster said in recent weeks that Clark gets a relatively advantageous fiscal deal from the region, paying proportionally less in regional taxes than the percentage of students it dispatches to the high school district. He has also argued that the local districts should give the regional district the chance to implement envisioned curriculum changes.

"I personally don't understand why Clark doesn't want to be pro-

Township to fight hepatitis B

By David Brown
Managing Editor

Springfield is taking steps to vaccinate certain township employees against hepatitis B, a potentially deadly disease that attacks the liver.

Dr. Henry Birme of the Summit Regional Board of Health said this week municipalities must vaccinate public employees that are considered at risk of contracting the virus, which is transmitted by blood, saliva or semen.

Employees considered "reasonably at risk," said Birme, are police, firefighters, emergency medical and Public Works personnel.

"We recommend the vaccine to all people who might be exposed," said Birme, noting the vaccine, developed only about 10 years ago, has been greatly refined since then.

"hepatitis B has been perceived to the point that it gives about 90 percent immunity," said Birme. "It's even being administered to infants."

The vaccine, which is administered by injection, is also virtually free from side effects. "It's very safe," he said. Birme explained the vaccination for hepatitis B is made through a gene-splicing process, in which a section of the virus itself is taken to create the vaccine.

Three injections, given in the first, second and seventh months of the program, are said to provide indefinite immunity, Birme said annual booster shots may be given for safe measure against the virus, which unlike the HIV virus can even be transmitted via dried fluid.

While the requirement was initiated several years ago by the state's Office of Public Employees, Birme said municipalities have been allowed leeway to institute the program. "Many towns haven't started yet," said Birme. "There's time yet."

The cost of vaccinating one employee has been estimated at \$100, covering a series of three shots. Birme estimated the immunization requirement could cost municipalities an average of \$15,000 to vaccinate their personnel.

The Springfield Township Committee brought the issue last week, discussing methods of funding the plan. While municipalities do not receive financial assistance from the state for the program, many have sought funding or vaccine donations from large pharmaceutical firms.

The Township Committee said it will investigate securing the vaccine in similar fashion.

Board restores meeting cycle

By Dennis Schaal
Staff Writer

Seven weeks after it abandoned its monthly meeting schedule in favor of the Governor Livingston venue in Berkeley Heights out of security concerns, the Union County Regional High School Board of Education picked up where it left off this week and resumed its four-school cycle.

At the recommendation of the school administration, the board voted 6-2 Jan. 19 to abandon its Berkeley Heights-only schedule and to resume the routing basis beginning this month. The board met Tuesday night at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield.

Board members Frederick Soos of Kenilworth and Jean Toth of Garwood voted against the resolution and one board member, Margaret Hough of Springfield, was absent. Soos and

Toth stated in the past that they were opposed to meeting solely in Berkeley Heights, but presumably did not favor resuming the schedule in Springfield, reporting that the police departments in the six communities that comprise the regional district had endorsed abandoning the routing schedule in favor of meeting in Berkeley Heights.

The board's February meetings will take place in Springfield; the March session will be conducted in Clark and the April meetings will convene in Kenilworth. In addition, Berkeley Heights will host the May meetings and Springfield will be the site for the June sessions.

The manner in which the board resumed its routing means it will only have to conduct April meetings in Kenilworth, the hotbed of opposition to the board.

Ex-Springfielder heads Columbia

By David Brown
Managing Editor

George Rupp, who this week was named the 18th president of Columbia University in New York, has some fond memories of his years at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School.

"I recall my wrestling coach, Herb Palmer, always used the saying, 'When the going gets tough, the tough get going,'" Rupp said in a recent interview from his new Manhattan office.

A resident of Springfield for nearly 15 years during his youth, Rupp has taken the adage to heart, and has been "going" full steam for most of his 50 years.

As of Monday, Rupp heads the fifth oldest institution of higher learning in the country, with a student body of 20,000 and 5,700 faculty members.

Rupp graduated from Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in 1940. He spent his undergraduate years at the University of Munich in Germany and at Princeton University, where he was awarded the A.B. degree with high honors. Yale university awarded him the bachelor of divinity degree magna cum laude in 1947. After studying Buddhist thought and practices at the University of Sri Lanka, he received his doctorate at Harvard in 1972.

After teaching humanistic studies in the Midwest, Rupp returned to teach at Harvard, and was later appointed dean of the Harvard Divinity School. In 1985 he was named the fifth president of Rice University in Texas. He resigned from that post in October last year, reportedly over a dispute involving fund-raising.

His selection as president followed a six-month, nationwide search by a six-member committee at Columbia, consisting of faculty, trustee and student body members.

His tenure with elite U.S. and international institutions of higher learning, however, has not dulled his memories of Springfield.

Rupp recalled his days stocking shelves at the Grand Union supermarket across from the First Presbyterian Church on Morris Avenue where the Super Foodtown now stands. He was also active during his junior and senior years at the church, where his father is buried.

Rupp said he "gets back to Springfield every couple of years. It'll be much more convenient now." He now lives on campus at the president's residence.

Rupp's community involvement also included holding homes for the needy in neighboring Mountaintop, where he resided for several years. "I still go by there and look at the homes," Rupp said.

Born in Sumner, Rupp is characterized as a "vigorous rags-to-riches player and occasional carpenter." While at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Rupp was on the wrestling team, student council, and active in the Varsity, Key, Chummary and Slide Rule clubs, as well as the Senior Class Executive Board.

His brother, Herbert, also attended the Springfield high school, both graduating in 1940.

In accepting the position this week, Rupp said, "I look forward with keen anticipation and enormous enthusiasm to working with all Columbians and all New Yorkers to enhance even further a great university in a great city."

In the 1940s Dayton yearbook, Rupp pledged to always look back: "I'll remember the friends I've had at Region," he wrote.

news notes

Newcomers fund-raiser hailed as a success

The Mountaineer Newcomers Club announced the success of its annual holiday luncheon and craft bazaar...



From left, Newcomers Club President Marie Scofield presents Lt. John Clock \$2,100 for the Mountaineer Police Department's use...

Jersey Indians featured

"Indians of New Jersey" will be the featured presentation for the February meeting of the Echo Lake Naturalists Club...

captain in the Army Reserve, who will speak on her experience, as a nurse during the Vietnam era...

Civic Calendar

The Civic Calendar is prepared by the Springfield Leader and Mountaineer Echo. To avoid conflicts in scheduling local events, please post dates, times and places as early as possible...

Monday
The Springfield Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. at F.M. Gaudin School.

Tuesday
The Union County Regional Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield.

Wednesday
The Springfield Township Committee meets at 8 p.m. at the municipal building.

Recycling schedule
The Springfield Utilities Authority will pick up recyclables in Springfield Feb. 12 and 26.

The regular meeting of Springfield Mayor's Committee on Aging, scheduled for Feb. 12, has been changed to Feb. 19 at 9:30 a.m. at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center.

The blood pressure screening for Springfield residents has been rescheduled from Feb. 10 to Feb. 17, from 1-3 p.m. at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center.

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UC names six locals to boards



James Elcekes Transportation Board

Linda Lee Kelly of Elizabeth, chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, has announced the appointment of six Springfield residents to advisory boards...

Recreation commission sets meeting schedule

The Recreation Commission of Mountaineer will meet on the following dates at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall: 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...

Newcomers slate coffee

The Mountaineer Newcomers Club will host a new members coffee club at 8 p.m. The coffee is scheduled to be held in the home of one of its members. Anyone who is new to Mountaineer — singles, single parents, couples or anyone who has recently experienced a change in lifestyle — is welcome to attend. For more information, call Liz Morgan at 232-6822.

Correction policy

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Brearley closing delay is under consideration

Emotions are running high and I think this time period is needed," Council wrote. Board Secretary Harold Burdge said "later" — Zimmer initially attempted to thwart the public reading — from Garwood Mayor Michael Crincoli on what more planning time was required and that the board should consider a delay.

Campaign launched to prevent burns

For the eighth consecutive year, National Burn Awareness Week will be observed throughout the United States and Canada from Feb. 7 to 13. The week has been designated to begin the year-long effort to reduce the staggering burn problem. The slogan adopted for the 1993 safety campaign is "The worst kind of burn is the one you could have prevented."

The Burn Awareness Coalition, which comprises many top burn doctors, nurses, burn foundation leaders, firefighter organizations and other concerned individuals, reports that education alone could reduce the number of burns by up to 75 percent. The following statistics on burn injuries highlight the dimensions of the burn injury problem: There are more than 2.5 million burn injuries in the United States and Canada each year, and thousands die of these injuries. About 7,000 people die from fire and burn injuries each year. Most succumb to smoke and flames in house fires, before rescue personnel can reach them. About 70,000 are hospitalized with burn injuries, and close to half of them require treatment in hospitals with specialized burn services. Fire and burn injuries are the second leading cause of accidental deaths in children 1 to 4 years of age, and the third leading cause of

"faming a brush fire into a major forest fire." Brearley math teacher Michael Lindone, a Kenilworth resident, echoed the call for a holding action. "A delay is the only educationally sound choice," he said. Kenilworth representative Frederick Soos initially made a motion calling for an immediate discussion on delaying the closure of Brearley. But board members voted 7-1 to accept a motion presented by Springfield representative Theresa LiCast to table Soos' motion and to conduct the discussion Feb. 16. Garwood representative Joan Toth provided the sole dissenting vote. She favored an immediate discussion. Donald Paris of Clark did not attend the meeting. Ziommer stated that the arguments raised by Crincoli, Vitale, Costin, Lindone and others were important and should be addressed at the board's next meeting in Springfield. The board's decision to even reopen an airing of the timing of the Brearley closing — a decision that was unthinkable even weeks ago — comes as the board appears to face mounting pressure to close the school. Representatives from five of the six local school boards in municipalities that comprise the regional district tentatively decided last week to conduct a joint feasibility study into dissolving the region. The Kenilworth local Board of Education has already received the results of its own de-regionalization study. The board's November decision to close operating Brearley was Sup- erintendent Donald Merschink to shut Brearley, the board voted 7-2 a month later to close the Kenilworth school and go to a three-school configuration for both educational and fiscal reasons. Residents at this week's session argued in effect that the board decision was "a rush to judgment." In a closely related development, the board voted 6-2 Tuesday evening to have bids prepared as a prerequisite to bringing Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark into compliance with the American With Disabilities Act "by September of 1993." The board plans to move the chronically impaired class from Brearley to Johnson next September. In a key point, Nicholas Celso of the legal firm Schwartz, Simon and Edelstein reported to the board and public that, under the ADA, the district must make at least one school facility fully accessible to disabled students, employees, parents and visitors. This one-school theory contrasted sharply with administration arguments rendered prior to the November vote to shut Brearley. District officials contended then that all four schools would have to undergo construction to comply with the law.

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County business leaders see local economy improving

By Chris Gatto
Staff Writer

The majority of Union County business leaders see the local economy either improving or remaining the same during the next year, according to a recent survey conducted by a private accounting firm.

A total of 77 percent of respondents to a recent survey of Union County businesses predict that the local economy is headed for an upswing. That same survey conducted in 1991 saw 67 percent of the businesses accurately forecast a declining economy.

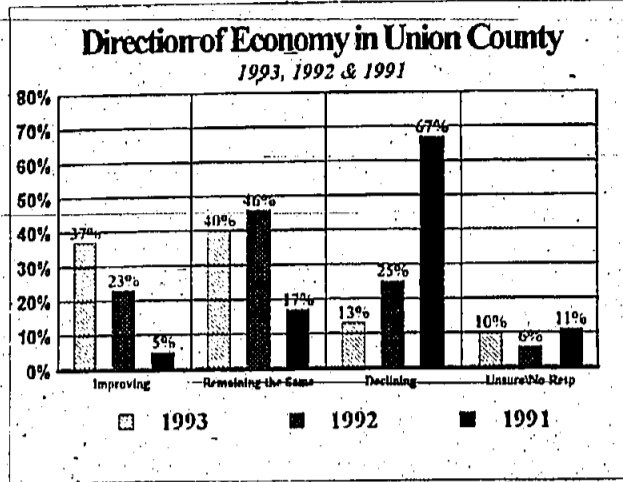
"We've come a long way," said Ken Goldmann, a principal in Marntenson and Associates, the Cranford-based accounting firm that conducted the survey. The nation is recovering from one of the lowest recessions in its history, he noted, prior to announcing the results of the county's business climate survey for 1993.

Findings of the study were released during a dinner at the Westwood in Garwood on Jan. 27. The Union County Chamber of Commerce cosponsored the survey along with several local chambers, including Union, Cranford and Westfield as well as the suburban chambers.

Goldmann, who is also a member of the Union County Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors, said economic changes are occurring at a "rapid" pace nationwide. Companies are restructuring, management positions are being eliminated, and corporate "giants" like General Motors are losing money, he said.

Although there have been many reports in newspapers indicating that the United States may be heading for the same economic woes as Russia, Goldmann said "there is an air of optimism. There are a lot of changes that are occurring in our economic system, and in our economy."

"We've faced up to some of the realities in this country. We've faced up to the reality that the budget deficit needs to be resolved. And it will be resolved," he said. Goldmann noted that there is "some hope" because productivity and exports are increasing.



The above graph shows that 77 percent of all survey respondents predict the local economy will improve or remain the same in 1993.

About 277 businesses in Union County employing 27,000 workers responded to the questions posed by the firm. Forty-six percent of the respondents comprised businesses with less than 10 employees, and 4 percent those in excess of 500. Retailers, manufacturers, those offering professional services, and others participated.

According to the survey, larger companies expressed a more positive outlook than did those with under 100 employees. Eighty-five percent of those expect the economy to improve or remain the same compared to 40 percent in 1992.

Also indicating that expectations are greater is the fact that 44 percent of the businesses surveyed anticipate an increase in revenue in the coming year. In 1991, only 19 percent of those surveyed anticipated a rise in revenue, while 55 percent expected a decrease.

A 7 percent rise was witnessed for those companies that expect revenues to either increase or remain the same for 1993 compared to 72 percent who predicted an increase in 1992.

Goldmann reported that profit expectations were up by 10 percent from last year and those businesses anticipating a decrease in 1993 are down 30 percent from those surveyed in 1991. Small companies show greater hope for a rise than ones larger in size.

Union County Chamber of Commerce President Charles Salas said that there was "no real surprise" in the survey and noted that the results show "things are getting better" on the economic front.

Associates, have consistently predicted employment levels remaining stable. Twenty-nine percent, however, anticipated worker decreases in 1991 compared to just 9 percent in this year's survey.

"Goldmann said national statistics released last week indicated that an upswing in unemployment is expected across the country, with California being the lone exception. Budget cutbacks could impact on employees of the federal, state and local governments, he said.

Contrary to press reports, only 7 percent of the survey respondents anticipated an increase in profits to cutbacks in personnel and a modification in marketing strategy was selected as the most important change companies believe will keep them in business.

"Most of the companies feel that profits are going to increase because of increased productivity," said Goldmann of news that profits were not rising as the result of a reduction in the workforce. "I think that's a little bit of a surprise and actually good news for Union County and good news for the job force."

For those businesses that have not experienced an upturn in profits, 27 percent predicted an upswing occurring in the second quarter of 1993. Twenty-six percent of the 117 respondents do not expect an upturn to occur until after 1993.

Goldmann, however, said only 40 percent of the respondents surveyed answered this question. "We're still watching what means that 60 percent are not expecting an upswing at all or 60 percent have already started to experience an upswing," he said.

The Statewide Loan Pool is one of those programs Zoffinger said his bank is "excited about." There are more than 30 banks involved in the program, he said, which is a joint lending program between the banking sector and the Union County Economic Development Authority.

Under this program, banks provide 75 percent of the funding at a market rate and the EDA funds the remaining portion at a subsidized low-interest rate, he said. This allows banks to protect themselves because exposure is limited, while small business benefits from a "blended" rate that is below the normal interest rate.

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Former state Commerce Commissioner George Zoffinger, who now serves as chief executive officer of Constellation Bancorp, in a keynote address during last week's dinner, said his institution has money to lend.

"One of the criteria I know a lot of business people have been speaking about is to try to articulate that within our customer base and within this region. I think that you'll also see a number of our fellow banks doing the same."

Zoffinger said banks have been hindered in their efforts to lend due to recent legislation enacted by Congress in response to the closure of numerous savings and loan institutions nationwide. He called for public-private ventures to spur new growth.

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Former state Commerce Commissioner George Zoffinger, who now serves as chief executive officer of Constellation Bancorp, in a keynote address during last week's dinner, said his institution has money to lend.

Leaders see improving economy

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with some of these state programs, and I know that they are very successful, then it might benefit both of us."

Mortenson and Associates also asked businesses what they believed would be of major concern to them in the coming year. Health benefits costs for employees was rated number one, with 74 percent of respondents indicating that they do offer health insurance for employees.

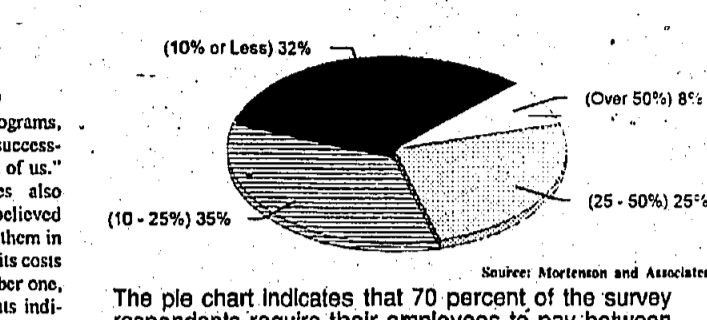
According to survey figures, the largest percentage of companies not offering health insurance were for businesses with under 10 employees.

All businesses with 500 or more employees indicated that they offered insurance. Of those companies offering health insurance, just over half provide paid coverage for dependents and 35 percent of all respondents indicated that company employees pay between 10 and 25 percent of their own premium costs. Eighty percent pay more than 50 percent and 32 percent pick up just 10

percent of the costs. Fifty percent of the respondents did not indicate whether employees paid health costs.

Only 5 percent of the businesses envisioned major expansion projects in 1993 and 3 percent noted that they were interested in relocating outside Union County. The companies contemplating relocation employ approximately 50 employees. Two companies are planning to stay within the

Percentage of Health Insurance Premium Paid by Employees



The pie chart indicates that 70 percent of the survey respondents require their employees to pay between 10 and 50 percent of their health insurance premiums. Fifty percent of those surveyed did not respond to this question.

Teen arts exhibit moves to bank

The Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs' Division of Parks and Recreation announced that the Summit Trust Co., 135 Jefferson Ave., Elizabeth, will host the Union County Teen Arts Exhibit during February.

The exhibit consists of 18 pieces of art selected from the 430 works shown at the Union County Teen Arts Festival in March.

Union County Freeholder Chairman Linda-Lee Kelly, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board, said, "The county is pleased to recognize these student artists and to give the community a wider opportunity to experience the excellence of the artwork being done in our schools. The tour will travel throughout the county until next March." The additional sites will be announced at a later date.

The students represented in the exhibit include: Clark: Michelle Galuso, Badolusso High School, and Dan House, Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School; Hillside: Tina Coricelli, Hillside High School; Linden: Joe Thompson, Linden High School; Springfield: Steve Della Sala, Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, and Josh D'Amico, F.M. Gaudinier Middle School; Union: Hayley Maged, Union High School.

Guests are welcome. Meetings of the Union County Chapter of the National Organization for Women will hold its monthly meeting Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at The First Congregational Church of Westfield, 125 Elmer St., Westfield. Members should use the nursery school entrance to the second floor.

Literacy Volunteers of Union County will sponsor a tutor training workshop at the Union Public Library, Friberg Park, Morris Avenue, Union. The workshop will be held on Saturday mornings, Feb. 20, 27, March 13, 20, 27 and April 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Catherine's School Hall, North Broad Street, Elizabeth.

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The Union County Irish-American Association will hold its annual "Project Children's" dance Feb. 13 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at St. Catherine's School Hall, North Broad Street, Elizabeth.

The \$15 donation includes music by the Willie Lynch Band, refreshments of beer, soda, coffee, Irish soda bread and cake.

The dance, held annually, gives children from war-torn Northern Ireland a summer vacation in the United States with volunteer families. The funds raised are used for the children's airfare, hospitalization and insurance costs. The Union County Irish-American Association has been able to increase the number of children it sponsors.

For more information, call (201) 926-5391 or (908) 251-7263.

Reception cites history

Union County will honor three noteworthy historic sites, two organizations and one individual for their outstanding contributions to historic preservation at the sixth annual Historic Preservation Commemoration and Reception, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

The awards ceremony will take place at the Elizabethtown Gas Company corporate headquarters in Union. According to Freeholder Chairman Linda-Lee Kelly, "Union County's historic resources represent a remarkably rich and diverse heritage. It is a privilege of the Board of Freeholders to recognize those who preserve them for the benefit of us all."

Parents United for Self-Help, a support group sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Union County, will hold a meeting Monday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Dennis De Cicco will discuss effective parenting skills for Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, and other children with special emotional needs.

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Trade committee meets

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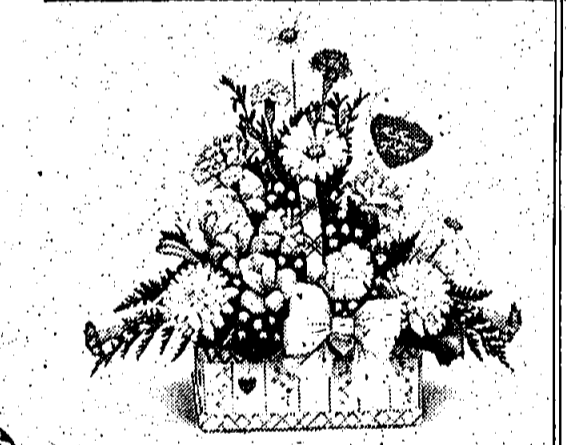
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 Presented by: Stan Malkin, Ph.D.

A bad marriage, depression, alcohol dependence, eating disorders, and the loss of a loved one are all problems that can contribute to low self-esteem. When times are rough, your self-esteem suffers and so do work and family relationships. We all have ups and downs, but your self-esteem may be too low when the smallest things discourage you; a small mistake makes you feel like a complete failure, or you're intimidated by the slightest amount of teasing.

Do you procrastinate or put off important tasks because you're feeling overwhelmed?
 Do you have trouble being assertive?
 Are you worried about something most of the time?
 Does a lack of self-esteem cause problems in your relationships?
 Are you unable to complete assignments because you don't feel they're perfect?

If you have answered yes to one or more of these questions, you may want to consult a professional for advice.

In his dynamic presentation, Dr. Stan Malkin will show you how to enhance self-esteem, increase creativity and productivity, become more assertive and improve your relationships at home and at work. Stan Malkin, Ph.D. is the Clinical Director of the Outpatient Recovery Centers of Fair Oaks Hospital and has presented workshops to a variety of groups, including the New York Times, the Ford Foundation, Schering Plough Pharmaceuticals, and the Mennon Community.

This program is free, but reservations are requested due to limited seating.

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In 1926, the great editor Carter G. Woodson led the effort to officially designate February as Black History Month. His idea was to establish a special time to highlight the enormous achievements and contributions African-Americans have made to our society. There are the well-known great leaders like Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. DuBois and Martin Luther King Jr. whose birthday will finally be recognized this year as an annual holiday in every state in this country. Then there are the millions of other men and women whose silent fight to realize a more just society is ongoing every day. We truly are a mosaic that continues to build a rich combination of colors and customs. To achieve racial harmony and move beyond the fear and the misunderstandings, we must be willing to accept that diversity is our strength. By the year 2000, only 57 percent of the people entering the workforce will be of African descent. We must have the courage to put yourself in

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—Norman Graebner

Learn not to burn

For the eighth year, National Burn Awareness Week will be observed Feb. 7-13, this year with the slogan "the worst kind of burn is the one you could have prevented."

There are more than 2.5 million burn injuries and more than 7,000 burn-related deaths in the United States and Canada each year. Fire and burn injuries are the second leading cause of accidental deaths in children ages 1 to 4 and the third leading cause of injury and death for kids 1 to 18.

These statistics do not have to be so devastating. The Burn Awareness Coalition reports that up to 75 percent of these painful, disfiguring injuries and deaths could be prevented by education alone.

Burns are not only fatal and physically injurious, they take a hefty financial toll on families and society. The direct cost of treating burn injuries is more than \$1 billion a year, but the indirect costs are far greater: pain and suffering, loss of earnings for patients and caretakers, transportation, litigation and disability.

The way a burn is treated during the first few minutes after it occurs can make a big difference in the severity of the injury.

If clothing has caught fire, drop to the ground and roll to smother the flames. All burned clothing should be removed. If clothing adheres to the skin, cut and tear the fabric away around the adherent area; do not rip it off.

Run cool water over the burned area for at least 5 minutes. If a chemical burn occurs, run water over the burn for 30 to 40 minutes. Do not pack the burned area in ice; this may increase the extent of the injury and result in hypothermia.

Cover burns with a soft, clean, dry dressing, bandage or sheet. Keep victim warm, and get emergency medical attention as soon as possible.

To prevent fires and the resultant burns, keep lighter and matches out of the reach of children, and keep them far from hot foods and liquids in the kitchen—the largest single source of burns to children.

Turn water heaters down to 120 degrees. Keep curtains, towels, and sleeves away from open flames when cooking. Store gasoline in tightly-sealed, approved containers, pour it outdoors, away from flames and pilot lights, and use only for fueling engines.

Most important of all—install a smoke detector in your home and make sure that it is operational. While 75 percent of American homes now have smoke detectors, only two-thirds of them are working. About 30 percent don't work because the batteries are dead or have been removed and 5 percent have bad electrical connections.

Schools, civic organizations, Scout troops and other community groups can help educate the public about burn prevention by sending \$10 to the National Burn Awareness Week Task Force at P.O. Box 17849, Encino, Calif. 91416 and asking for a burn awareness kit, which contains important statistics, camera ready art, burn-prevention posters, fundraising suggestions and other potentially life-saving information.

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Strict environmental laws don't hurt business

In my heart I've always known it, but now a Massachusetts Institute of Technology study has proved that strict state environmental laws do nothing to impair business or industry.

Results of the exhaustive research project by Stephen M. Meyer, professor of political science at MIT, surprised even him. He found a striking correlation between stringency of environmental laws and economic growth.

He used 1982 state environmental law comprehensiveness rankings from the Conservation Foundation, in Washington, D.C., which listed New Jersey as third behind Minnesota and California, and just ahead of Massachusetts, Oregon and Washington.

Economic records, including employment, construction and gross state products, were used from many sources and covered the 1970s and 1980s. Then he asked some questions—Did states with stronger environ-

State We're In

ment laws experience poorer economic growth than those with weaker policies in the 80's? The answer was an emphatic "No!" indeed, it proved to be quite the other way around.

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Money Management

To find a qualified tax preparer, ask for references from family, friends and business associates, especially individuals who work in your field. Be sure they have actually used the preparer. Ask them about the quality of the preparer's work, responsiveness to questions, and ability to complete the return in a timely manner. Then contact several preparers by phone and ask them to discuss their qualifications.

When interviewing a prospective tax preparer, be sure to ask about the fee structure. Most will charge on an hourly basis, others on the number of forms to be completed, and still others will give you a fixed price. Prices may range from a few hundred dollars to a few thousand depending on the nature of your return. You may also want to ask the preparer if he or she will reimburse you for the cost of the return.

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Qualified tax preparer can ease the stress

Don't wait until April 15 to find out that you need professional help to complete your tax return. The New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJCPA) offers you a review your tax forms now and decide whether or not you can complete them on your own. If you decide that you need professional help, you'll have time to locate a qualified tax preparer who can best meet your needs.

The complexity of your return generally requires your need for a tax preparer. If you have experienced a major life-style change, such as a divorce or a drastic change in your financial situation, you may want to hire a tax preparer to assist you in filling out the return. For professional help, include owning a home-based business, claiming substantial itemized deductions, or owning rental property.

Similarly, you should probably seek assistance from a CPA or tax attorney if you need to claim a major casualty loss, account for a change in child custody, or deduct investment-related expenses.

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Halper-Berliner wed

Susan Amy Halper, daughter of Mrs. Ann Halper of Armonk, N.Y., and the late Mr. Irwin Halper, was married Jan. 9 to Michael J. Berliner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Berliner of Springfield.

Rabbi Perry Rank and Cantor Richard Nefed officiated at the ceremony in Terrace in the Park, Flushing, N.Y.

Amy Berlino of Queens, N.Y., served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Lisa Mosio of Chesham, Conn.; Zeng of Darien, Conn.; Loraine Ruffo of Cedar Grove and Cathy Dalcorotto of Lakewood.

Alan K. Berlinger of West Orange served as best man for her brother. Alan K. Berlinger of West Orange served as best man for her brother. Alan K. Berlinger of West Orange served as best man for her brother.

Her husband, who is an associate attorney with the law firm of Ben-Zander of Springfield, was graduated from Seton Hall Law School, where she was a survey editor on Law Review.

Additional information can be obtained by calling Sandy Rahban at 201-994-1063.

clubs in the news

A meeting of the Ruth Estrin Goldberg Memorial for Cancer Research will be held Monday at Temple Sha'arey Shelom, 30 Springfield Avenue and Shipmire Road, Springfield at 7:45 p.m.

Co-President, Fernifer Weisenhalt and Susie Kravitz will preside. There will be a hypnosis for the program, and refreshments will be served. The meeting is invited to attend.

Information can be obtained by calling Sandy Rahban at 201-994-1063.

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obituaries

Maria A. Bibbo, 62, of Springfield died Jan. 26 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Italy, Mrs. Bibbo lived in Milford for 26 years before moving to Springfield three years ago. She was manager of the Dress Shop of New Providence before retiring 15 years ago. Mrs. Bibbo was a member of Hadassah of Essex County and Twigs of Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Surviving are two daughters, Dorothy Kleinert and Betty Ann, a sister, Edith Barnett, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Freda Gorbunoff, 88, of Springfield died Jan. 25 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Mrs. Gorbunoff was a member of the Melvior Benevolent Association, Newark, and Deborah, Browne Mills.

Surviving are a daughter, Mildred Vozni; a son, Herbert, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Anna Arbeitman

Anna Arbeitman, 90, of Springfield died Jan. 28 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Russia, Mrs. Arbeitman was a member of the Hadassah of Essex County and Twigs of Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Surviving are a daughter, Mildred Vozni; a son, Herbert, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Henry E. Evans Jr.

Henry Earl Evans Jr. of Mountain View died Jan. 28 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Mr. Evans worked with East Coast Technical Sales, which is based in Horsham, Pa., for 46 years. He was an Air Corps veteran of World War II. Mr. Evans was graduated from Pace University, New York. He was a member of the Mordecai Park and Sadler River Volunteer Fire Departments.

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death notices

HARRISON, Richard F., on Monday, Feb. 10, 1992, age 85, of Union, husband of Irene F. (nee Maglioli), daughter of Roman J. Harigan and Anna Maria, deceased, was born in Sacred Heart of Jesus, Irvington, Somerset Co., N.J.

Mr. Harrison was a member of the Roman Catholic Church and was a member of the Holy Name Society. He was a member of the Holy Name Society and was a member of the Holy Name Society.

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