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**Baran's budget**  
County Manager Ann Baran introduced her 1996 Executive Budget, calling for a 1 percent tax levy. Page B1.

**Renaissance man**  
When he's not painting oils or sculpting in metal, Joe Weiss sings from the heart. Page B4.

**Survey says no**  
In a poll taken by the Dayton paper, students vote against deregionalization. Page 3.

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## Community Update

**Seats available**  
The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run for positions on the Board of Education is 2 p.m., Feb. 26. The election is scheduled for April 16. Prospective school board candidates can obtain a School Board Candidate Kit at the local school district office. Published by the New Jersey School Board Association, the kit includes information about legal qualifications for school board candidacy, campaign procedures, and the role of the school board member.

Information about the New Jersey School Ethics Act, important dates in the school election process, and helpful sessions for school board candidates is also included in the kit.

"You don't have to be an educator or have a college degree to serve on your local school board. What you need is a sincere interest in children and their education," said Mike J. Prigolnik, NJSEA president.

**Child health clinics**  
The Springfield Board of Health will sponsor child health clinics on a monthly basis in conjunction with the Westfield Board of Health and the Visiting Nurse Association. Infants and children who are residents of Springfield are eligible to receive free immunizations and well baby check-ups at the Westfield Municipal Building on 425 East Broad St. on the second and third Wednesday of the month.

Appointments are mandatory and can be made by calling the Westfield nurse at the Visiting Nurse Association at 330-5694. For general questions about the clinics, residents can call the Westfield Board of Health at 769-4070.

**Hearing dates**  
The Board of Adjustment will convene Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of Jeanette Dayton Regional High School on Mountain Avenue to discuss Stop & Shop's application. The supermarket company plans to build a 73,000 square foot store on the former site of Saks Fifth Avenue.

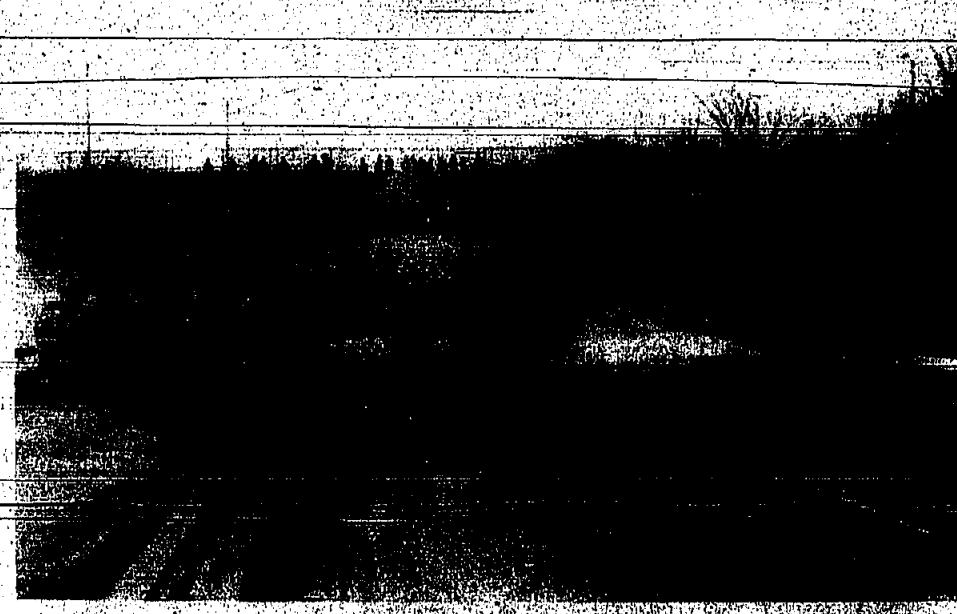
**Inviting Rumors**  
The Department of Parks & Recreation is sponsoring a Feb. 24 trip to the Garden State Art Center for dinner and Neil Simon's "Rumors" at the Robert Meyer Reception Center, located at the Art Center grounds. The trip will leave at 5 p.m. and return at approximately 11 p.m. and costs \$58.50 per person, including roundtrip bus transportation, dinner, theater, and gratuity.

For reservations or more information, call the Department at 912-2227 or 912-2228.

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## Oil truck crashes, burns; fuel flows into brook



Springfield Fire Department members douse the flames of Friday's fire on Route 24 as firefighters pour over the wreckage. These firefighters were joined by firefighters from 12 Union County municipalities as well as Millburn firefighters and members.



## Regional board approves new 'equity plan' for high schools

By Kathryn Fitzgerald  
Managing Editor

High school students will continue to receive fairness and equality in their education, according to a new plan introduced by the Regional Board of Education last month.

Brought before the board by Tom Long, superintendent and assistant superintendent and public relations, and Kenneth Mansfield, supervisor of instructional media and curriculum, the Multi-Year Equity Plan for the 1996-97 through 1998-99 school years was designed to reaffirm the district's "ongoing commitment to equality in educational programs, as indicated in its existing policies dealing with Affirmative Action, equal education opportunity and related issues" as well as provide a foundation "to identify and remediate or assess and prevent all bias, discrimination and impermissible isolation found in district programs, practices and facilities."

The board also appointed Mansfield as Affirmative Action officer for the district effective Jan. 17, noting he would serve as the chief equity officer for the regional district.

The plan outlines many measures that will be implemented by the board pertaining to the fair and equitable treatment of district students, as well as staff:

- Discrimination based on race, color, creed, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, social or economic status or handicapping condition is prohibited in an educational program or activity unless it is necessary to accomplish a "specific purpose that does not impinge upon essential equality or fundamental fairness in the treatment of pupils or employees."
- When selection for an athletic team is based upon competitive skill, separate teams will be provided or, in the event that no such team is or will be created, members of the excluded sex must be allowed to try out for the existing team. Comparable equipment, supplies, coaching, facilities, services and publicity will be provided along with comparable athletic opportunities, shall be provided to members of both sexes.
- Courses and instructional materials will promote "understanding and mutual respect between students of different races, colors, creeds, religions, sexes, ancestries, national origins, social or economic status or handicapping conditions." Should material and courses not be designed as such, they will be supplemented.
- Employment opportunities will be provided to students regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, social or economic status or handicapping condition. Employees who practice such discrimination will not be permitted to participate in the district's student employment program.
- Separate housing provided for students on field trips or other school-related activities must be comparable in quality and availability. Separate toilet, locker and shower facilities provided on the basis of sex must be comparable to the facilities provided for students of the other sex. No rule on marital, family or parental status that treats one sex differently from the other shall be applied or enforced.
- District employment opportunities, including testing, recruitment, compensation, advertising, job classification, process of application for employment, fringe benefits, promotion, granting of tenure, termination, layoffs, wages, job assignment, all leaves of absence, training programs, employer-sponsored programs and any other term, condition, or privilege of employment shall not show preference unless sex is a bona fide occupational qualification for the job in question.
- Under this policy, the superintendent has the responsibility to coordinate district efforts to comply with the policy, develop a record-keeping system for all records required, serve as a referral for all violations, develop an appropriate grievance procedure, develop affirmative action programs as appropriate. The superintendent also is responsible for providing the publication of this policy to all "ongoing basis to students, parents/guardians, employees, prospective employees and district employee unions or organizations" including the board.

See EQUITY, Page 2

By Kathryn Fitzgerald  
Managing Editor

When was supposed to occur east of the Millburn and Summit area, a tanker holding approximately 7,000 gallons of home heating oil overturned and slid down the westbound side of Route 24 in the township.

According to Springfield Fire Chief William Cras, the driver failed to negotiate a turn at the site of many accidents.

The truck, hitting on its left side with the cab in the right lane and its rear in the middle lane, then burst into flames. The blast and the heat of the resulting fire obliterated the name of the oil company painted on the truck's side.

The 8-wheeled tanker exploded and burst into flames. The truck's fuel tank was seriously damaged and the fire was so intense that firefighters were shooting over a bridge crossing the highway. Pieces of metal debris showered the area, some so hot they fused to the pavement.

"I've been waiting a half-hour to cross the bridge. They said the smoke was too thick and I have to wait until the fire's out," said Irvington resident Phyllis Teteranti of her efforts to cross the Shurtleff Road overpass to reach the bus stop.

The State Police arrived before any fire departments and took the driver, who had escaped the accident early on, to Overlook Hospital in Summit to be treated. The Springfield Fire Department was delayed from arriving at the scene due to a back-up of traffic. According to Cras, people were slowing down to view the scene and driving the wrong way on Route 78 to escape the smoke and flames.

The westbound portion of the four-lane highway was closed to traffic, as emergency vehicles from Springfield, Union, Millburn and Summit were positioned on each side of the accident.

Twelve fire departments from around the county, plus the Millburn Fire Department and First Aid Squad, arrived. Springfield's Fire Department and First Aid Squad.

When the blaze was extinguished, the fire department's work was not done.

Run-off had carried several thousand gallons of oil into a culvert, near by storm sewers, and into a brook near Meisel Field, which would then deposit it into Rahway's supply of drinking water.

This week, workers on the left side of the highway were working to clean up the spill. The spill was contained in a rock-lined ditch and the brook was cleaned up.

Crash investigators are still working to determine the cause of the accident. Cras said the driver had no idea where it was because there isn't sufficient marking on the highway, he added.

The Township Committee recently passed a resolution, petitioning the state Department of Transportation to post-mile-markers and street signs on overpasses.

Cras called the accident a learning experience for his department, saying not only the fire posed a challenge, but also the oil spill into the water supply.

He also said he expects the Fire Department will upgrade standard operating procedures, coordinate future efforts made by Summit, Millburn, Union and Hillsdale rescue workers.

Springfield's new rescue truck got the chance to show its mettle during See OIL, Page 2

**Pretty kitty**

Courtesy of Chandler School

Eighth-grader Marci Schultz shows off her cat, which she made in home economics class at Chandler School.



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### Pow-Wow



Above: As part of the Sandmeier School fourth-grade social studies unit on American Indians, teacher Mrs. DiCarlo applies face-paint to Ashley Steiner for the ceremony with students from Caldwell School. Below: Students prepare for the ceremony. Front row, from left: Marc Cicchino, Leo Famine, Larry Fish, David Zabulovskiy, Jeremy Marx, Thomas Koller, David Stiller, Drew Krumholz, Lyndsey Brahni, Abby Nadol. Second row from left: Yana Grishina, Kristy Neumeister, Ashley Belser and Malcolm Gordon.



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### Oil truck crashes, burns, then melts

(Continued from Page 1)  
This crisis for 1,000-foot light tower illuminated the accident scene, and later the Meigs area, for the 12 hours it took to restore order.  
Replacing the previous rescue truck, a 1957 model, this vehicle was purchased by the Fire Department in December with money donated by the Township Committee and other funds raised by the Volunteer Fire Department, which operates from the Memorial Building on North Trivet Avenue.

### 'Equity plan' presented to Regional Board of Ed

(Continued from Page 1)  
No student, married or unmarried, who is otherwise eligible to attend the district's schools shall be denied an educational program solely because of pregnancy, childbirth, pregnancy-related disability or parent or pregnant status. Pregnant students will be required, as a prerequisite to attendance in regular classes of the school and co-curricular programs, to submit to periodic medical examination by a physician at intervals prescribed by that physician.  
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### Civic Calendar

The Civic Calendar is prepared each week by the Springfield Leader and MountainLife Echo. It is a listing of government meetings that are open to the public.

**Monday**  
- The Springfield Township Committee will hold a workshop meeting at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building Planning Board Room.  
- The Union County Regional High School Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the library of Governor Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights.  
- The Springfield Planning Board will hold its monthly meeting at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. An executive session will precede this meeting at 7 p.m.  
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### Dayton students oppose deregionalization

By Blaine Dillipori  
With Staff Writers  
The date for a vote on the deregionalization of the Regional High School Districts is fast approaching. Dayton students have spoken: "They don't want the district dissolved."  
Jonathan Dayton Regional High School's student newspaper, *The Dawg Print*, polled students, soliciting their opinions on the proposed dissolution of the district. In an article written by Managing Editor Andrea Zawerczak, the poll shows the majority of students are against the deregionalization of the district.  
The survey was administered to all high school students through their English classes. In addition to the year-over-survey, students were asked to list reasons explaining their vote.  
Reasons for supporting the dissolution included the expected savings in property taxes, continuity of curricula in new K-12 local districts, the continued school bonds will build over education, shorter commutes to and from school, smaller class sizes, opening Brearley High School in Kenilworth, real estate values, parental and peer pressure.  
Reasons for opposing deregionalization included friendships, the sports programs at Dayton, variety of elective and extra-curricular activities, the ability to commute to Governor Livingston or Arthur L. Flemmer Regional High School for classes not offered at Dayton, numerous extra-curricular activities, athletic and academic competition, class size, parental and peer pressure.  
Students were instructed to list four of the above mentioned choices for the answer chosen.  
A majority of the students at Dayton, 59 percent, voted against deregionalization; 21 percent of students voted for the break-up of the district; 20 percent were undecided on the issue.  
Of the reasons cited for keeping the district intact, maintaining friendships was most cited most important. The second most often chosen reason was the students' desire to keep the regional sports programs intact. The elective and extra-curricular activities were third and fourth, according to the survey. The poll also asked the parents if they were supporting the district right now, so they should take into consideration what their sons and daughters have to say.  
"I felt that this was a topic that directly affects the students and they had not been a part of the decision-making process at all," said faculty advisor March Kendrick. "I think it is the role of the newspaper to be the mirror of the student community. *The Dawg Print* does try to reflect and express the student opinion - which is something we are trying to establish our students."  
A copy of the article and the survey were sent to the other high schools, and will be run in their newspapers.

### STUDENT UPDATE

**Seton Hall announces honored students**  
Seton Hall Preparatory School is proud to announce the students who have attained scholastic honors for the first trimester of the academic year:  
- First Honors (4.0 average or higher) - Joseph Penning and Michael Quick of Springfield, Thomas Lyons of Mountaineer.  
- Second Honors (3.5 average or higher) - Scott Cooper of Springfield, Kevin Barakoff of Mountaineer.  
John Mansaray and Jeffrey Miller of Springfield were commended for their average of 3.0 or higher.

**Walton plans kindergarten registration**  
Registration for the Springfield public schools pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs will continue through February.  
Registration for pre-kindergarten classes and children eligible for kindergarten in September, who are not enrolled in the Walton School Early Childhood Center pre-kindergarten program, may be registered today from 10-11 a.m. to 1-2 p.m. for students whose last names begin with letters L-Q and tomorrow from 10-11 a.m. to 1-2 p.m. for students whose last names begin with letters R-Z.  
Registration will be held at Walton. Parents are requested to call the school at 576-1504 to confirm a date and time. If necessary, to schedule an alternative registration session.  
To be eligible, a child must be a resident of Springfield and be four years old on or before Dec. 1, 1996. Children entering kindergarten must reach their fifth birthday by this date.  
Parents are requested to bring the following materials to the registration: the child's birth certificate, current immunization records and proof of residency.

### STUDENT UPDATE

**Deerfield schedules 1996-97 registration**  
Deerfield School announced its registration for 1996-97 kindergarten classes. Registration and screening will be held by appointment Feb. 12, Feb. 13 and Feb. 15. Appointments for registration and screening will begin at 9:45 a.m. Parents are requested to call Susan Nugent to make an appointment for the screening that will be conducted by kindergarten teachers, a speech therapist and an occupational therapist. Barbara Komoroski, Deerfield's guidance counselor, will assist with screening.  
Parents should call Deerfield School at 232-8828 to receive forms that should be completed and returned at registration. Children being registered should be five years of age by Oct. 1, 1996. A birth certificate and proof of residency need to be presented. In August at the time of the appointment.  
Springfield collegiate earns top honors  
Andrea Brounstein, daughter of Rita and Allan Brounstein of Springfield, has been awarded the honor of dean's list from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. A recent graduate of Joseph P. Day Regional High School, Brounstein is a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

### STUDENT UPDATE

**Dayton alumnus earns seat on college dean's list**  
Larry Cohn, a Take Five student majoring in English at the University of Rochester in New York, has been named to the Fall 1995 dean's list for academic achievement.  
Cohn, a graduate of Johnathan Daron Regional High School, is a resident of Springfield.  
A Take Five student is one who is completing a fifth year of study without a break in the student's degree. To do this, students must develop a convincing proposal detailing how they would use additional studies to enrich their intellectual growth and how they would use additional studies to enrich their professional development.  
The University of Rochester is one of the most distinguished universities in the northeast. Approximately 4,900 undergraduates are enrolled in its humanities, sciences, engineering, music and nursing programs.  
**Dinner/dance benefits Delbarton financial aid**  
The 42nd annual Delbarton dinner dance, sponsored by the Fathers and Friends of Delbarton, will be held Saturday at the Malvern Hotel in Concord, N.J. The event will benefit the Delbarton Financial Aid Fund, which benefits Delbarton School financial aid programs, will receive all proceeds from the black-tie affair.  
The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception in the conservatory to be followed at 8 p.m. by dinner and dancing. There will be a full evening of table games such as blackjack, roulette, poker and Big Wheel, with all play winnings being contributed to the Delbarton Financial Aid Fund. Auction prizes will be given away at 11:30 p.m.

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### Jersey girl



### With haggis and bagpipes, dancers mark poet's birth

By Sheila Patnode  
Staff Writer

If three hours of dancing sounds like a fun way to spend a Friday night, the Summit Folk Dancers are just the ticket.

Twice a month, the group gets together at the YWCA to learn folk dances from around the world. Approximately 21 dances are performed at each meeting. Some are taught during the evening and regular attendees quickly pick up on the other tunes.

Summit resident Bill Levadow, an organizer and spokesperson for the group, said the folk dancers have been meeting for 25 years. All age groups and nationalities are welcome to join. Between 25 and 35 people come to dance at each meeting.

"We don't like to use the word lesson," Levadow said. "It implies that you can hit a point where you know all the dances and there's no such thing. People come just to dance."

### Mountainside PTA plans annual pancake breakfast

The Mountainside PTA's sixth annual pancake breakfast will be held Saturday in Deerfield School's cafeteria. Breakfast will be served from 8:30-11 a.m. The snow date has been scheduled for Feb. 10.

The cost is \$5 per person with smaller portions available for \$3.50 per person. A special bar will be available, featuring fruit and other snacks. Tickets may be obtained by sending a check to the Mountainside PTA, care of Deerfield School, School Drive, Mountainside, NJ 07092.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the students of Deerfield School. For further information, call 232-9251.

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Miss New Jersey USA, Springfield's Christina Augustin, will compete in the Miss USA 1998 pageant tomorrow night. The pageant will be broadcast live on CBS television network at 9 p.m.

### Interviews slated

The Union County Rape Crisis Center is interviewing for the following groups:

- a group for teenage female survivors of rape age 13 to 17.
- a group for adult female survivors of rape.
- a group for young adult survivors age 19 to 30 addressing different kinds of sexual assault.

The Union County Rape Crisis Center is located at 300 North Avenue East, Westfield, 07090. Those interested should call (908) 233-RAPE for information or an interview. These groups will meet weekly when filled.

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OPINION

A township divided

What made for good news copy in November will only make for trouble in 1995. The members of the Springfield Township Committee must learn to get along for the sake of the community or the community will suffer.



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The holidays are a time when distant members of the family manage to get together and recent events are discussed, and old memories are dragged to the surface from where they have been buried in the minds of the older generations.

The Way It Was

It was in the 1920s that I was decided by Grandmother that the automobile was to be in my life. The family might as well purchase the own means of transportation.

A county united

What would Union County do without the mutual aid program? Lately, townships, boroughs and municipalities have been lucky enough not to have to find the answer to this question.

Public square must stay neutral

According to Keffery T. Karl, the chairman of the Union County Christian Coalition, the United States is a Christian nation because it was founded on Christian principles.

Letters to the Editor

Yugoslavia after World War II
After World War II Marshall J. Tito kept all ethnic groups together again. People of different religions were free to worship in their respective synagogues. Children from different ethnic groups went to the same schools and played together in the same neighborhood.

Bias, hate of local police must stop

The Jewish activist in this state and in a Union County resident, I must state my belief that recent events in Springfield are cause for serious concern.

Workers have a real tax cut now

As part of my tax-cutting policies, 380,000 of the state's citizens were taken off the tax rolls, by eliminating the tax on spouse making less than \$7,500.

OPINION

Clinton's State of the Union speech is only more empty promises

President Clinton spoke Jan. 23, giving his State of the Union message and outlining the possibilities that could be. The message was most one of promises than the state of the nation.

Frankly Speaking

By Howard Freund
The balanced budget is essential for the economy and the state of the nation. The president spoke of the deficit, what was said by his administration, and the 8 million jobs created.

Workers have a real tax cut now

Two of the most dedicated workers on the Union County Board of Education will be retiring shortly, when Howard Freund is a writer and former television interviewer for the "Elizabethtown News-Maker."

Be Our Guest

By Gov. Christine Whitman
Now the vast majority of workers in the state have a real tax cut. One that equals a full 20 percent compared to 1993 rates, on taxable income up to \$80,000, while individuals will see a 30 percent tax cut on taxable income up to \$40,000.

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### Red Cross blood drive on Monday

The Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross is sponsoring a blood drive on Monday from 2:30 to 8 p.m. The drive will be held at the Red Cross, 605 Springfield Ave., Summit, and will be conducted by New Jersey Blood Services.

The need for blood is ongoing but particularly now when the weather and illness has prevented many from giving," said Maria Babcock, Blood Services coordinator for the chapter.

For healthy adults, donating blood is the ultimate gift — the gift of life. The donor's reward is the good feelings that spring from giving so selflessly.

Donors must be between the ages of 17 and 75, 17 with parent's written permission, weigh at least 110 pounds and must not have donated within the past 56 days.

The entire process, from registration to refreshments afterward, takes no longer than an hour. The donating procedure itself is no longer than five to 10 minutes.

Donors are requested to eat within two to three hours before donating, to bring identification with a picture, and to know their Social Security number.

For more information, call the Red Cross at 273-0776. Save your newspaper for recycling.

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### Library use increases during 1995

It was a busy year at the Summit Free Public Library. In 1995, library patrons borrowed 276,221 library items, a 5 percent increase over the previous year.

"We get all kinds," said reference librarian Cathy Prince. "Kids doing homework, investors looking for stock information, senior citizens who want to know about a drug they're taking — every imaginable kind of question."

Nowadays, the answers to reference questions are as likely to come from a computer screen as from the pages of a book. A local area network makes a variety of CD-ROM databases available to the librarians and to the public, including tele-

phone directories, corporate directories, and periodical indexes. More databases will be added in the future and the number of public terminals will be increased when the library building is renovated.

The library has been loaning more and more non-book materials. "We have a growing demand for compact discs, books on tape, and videos," Devitt said. "Our newest collection, CD-ROM software, has been incredibly popular. We have 142 CD-ROMs so far and we just can't keep them on the shelf. We've added compact discs and books on tape to the children's room, and they've been doing very well."

Books will always be an important part of our collection, but today the public wants information and entertainment in all kinds of formats. The year ended on a slightly sad note, with the resignation of children's librarian Jane Folger.

### Summit High School names Corbett as its top student

Lindsay Corbett, a senior at Summit High School, was recently honored by being named Student of the Month for her service to the school. As senior class president, Corbett has dedicated many volunteer hours to class fund-raising projects such as coffee and bake sales, Saturday baby-sitting, and polioasta sales.



Lindsay Corbett

### Student news

Your children should be getting the publicity they deserve and we would like to help. We have a publicity handbook which explains how to tell your story.

Senior Class Advisor Paula Rosen commended Corbett for "her tireless efforts toward fundraising activities which contributed to a very successful year."

In addition to her service efforts on behalf of the school, Corbett also has been recognized for academic achievement. She was one of the 17 Summit High School seniors recognized by the National Merit Scholarship program as a Commended student. The honor is bestowed on the top 5 percent of American high school students taking the exam.

# Senior Citizens

### Retirees make a difference

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Union County Catholic Community Services urges older members of the community to take the time to help the needy.

"People need to volunteer during the holiday season, but there is a great need for services throughout the year. Maybe this year, one of your resolutions might be to encourage your family and friends to volunteer throughout the year."

RSVP's services include a NJ library card and a snack cart at the "nursing" home — escorting children to therapy, infant day care, after school programs, a food bank, visiting the home-bound, acting as a "buddy" to a senior, assisting the blind, senior adult day care, performing minor home repairs, performing as nursing home advocate, guardianship services, volunteering at the library, taking the responsibilities of a 4-H master teacher, providing support services for the terminally ill, providing support for sufferers of domestic

### Borough groups plan trips and activities

The March 21 meeting will show the Mental Health Program, which will address issues within the senior community.

For Feb. 27, the group has planned a trip to a taping of a live television show, "America's Talking." The topic of the show is "Aging and Wellness," with Carol Martin, a registered nurse from the Center for Hope Hospice March 12. On March 26, the club will try to break the bank with its annual fundraising bus trip to Atlantic City. Also scheduled for this spring is a trip to the Woodcliff Ridge Inn in the Poconos.

The Senior Citizens Club of Mount Pleasant, which meets at the Community Presbyterian Church on the second and fourth Fridays of each month will be visited by Kenny Steinbrecher, a certified public accountant. Feb. 9, Steinbrecher will speak on personal finance for the senior community. On Feb. 23, the club will hear from Lawrence Kowalski, a registered nurse from the Visiting Nurses Association of Union County. She will be speaking on the effects of temperature on prescription medication.

The Senior Citizens Club also has trips scheduled for the near future. On Feb. 14, the group will be taking a trip to Times Restaurant in Hudson for lunch and a show.

### Police offer safety tips for cemetery visitors

Police are urging residents to take safety precautions when visiting local cemeteries to prevent pocketbook snatching and car thefts.

For safe cemetery visits, the police suggest the following precautions be taken:

- Do not visit the cemetery alone.
- Do away with your surroundings at all times. Chief and the rural routes of most cemeteries can fall victim to a false sense of security.
- If uneasy, go to a part of the cemetery where there are more people.
- When arriving at the cemetery, let caretakers know and tell them what grave site you plan to visit. If the caretaker is not there, call the cemetery office.

### Reverse mortgage plan available to seniors

Seniors who own their homes now can request a free workbook titled "HouseMoney" that describes a reverse mortgage plan that provides cash advances based on equity held in the home.

The workbook answers questions about reverse mortgages and shows how seniors can use "HouseMoney" to meet financial and lifestyle needs. "HouseMoney" plans are designed for people age 65 and over who have a home valued at \$75,000 or more. These plans are offered by Transamerica HomeFirst in New Jersey.

Seniors interested in obtaining a free copy of the workbook should call Transamerica HomeFirst toll-free at (800) 338-5569, or write the company at 505 Sansome St., San Francisco, Calif. 94111.

### Blood pressure clinics planned for Fridays

Due to continuation at Borough Hall, the blood pressure clinics will be held on Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Public Library.

The clinics have been scheduled for tomorrow, March 1, April 12, May 3 and June 7.

For more information, call Helen Rosenbauer at 232-4406.

### Seniors get answers to common health questions

The following questions and answers were provided by George Deaneaux, Social Security manager in Elizabeth, and Robert Wallace, tax accountant in Springfield.

Q: I've just been diagnosed with HIV infection. Am I eligible for Social Security benefits?

A: If your medical condition keeps you from working, you may be eligible for Social Security disability benefits. For more information, the booklet Social Security and SSI Benefits for People with HIV Infection (Publication No. 05-10020) will answer most of your questions and tell you how to file for benefits. Call Social Security at (800) 772-1213 to request a copy of the booklet or if you have additional questions.

Q: When I enrolled in Medicare hospital insurance, I didn't sign up for Medicare medical insurance. Can I still sign up?

A: Yes, you may still enroll in Medicare medical insurance — Part B. Actually, this is a good time to inquire because you can only sign up during the first three months of the year. Contact Social Security between Jan. 1 and March 31 and tell them your age will be effective July 1, 1996. However, you will have to pay a 10 percent surcharge for each year you could have had Part B that did not sign up.

Q: I'm 25 years old and I was seriously hurt in a car accident. I've only worked for four years. Have I worked long enough to earn Social Security disability protection?

A: To qualify for Social Security disability benefits, you must have worked long enough and recently enough under Social Security. Since you are 25 years old, you'd qualify if you have credits for having worked

half the time between age 21 and the time you became disabled — two years of work out of the past four years. Call Social Security at (800) 772-1213 to apply for benefits and for more information about your individual case.

Q: I'll be 62 years old next year and I don't know if I should retire at 62 or wait until I'm 65 years old. How do I know what retirement age would be better for me?

A: Choosing when to retire is not an easy decision. To make the decision that is best for you, there are several facts you should consider. For example, the amount of your monthly benefit checks may be the deciding factor. If you retire at age 62, your monthly benefit will be 20 percent less than if you waited until you reach age 65.

Q: Once you choose the reduced benefit, can you be able to change to the full benefit when you reach age 65?

A: Yes, you may still enroll in Medicare medical insurance — Part B. Actually, this is a good time to inquire because you can only sign up during the first three months of the year. Contact Social Security between Jan. 1 and March 31 and tell them your age will be effective July 1, 1996. However, you will have to pay a 10 percent surcharge for each year you could have had Part B that did not sign up.

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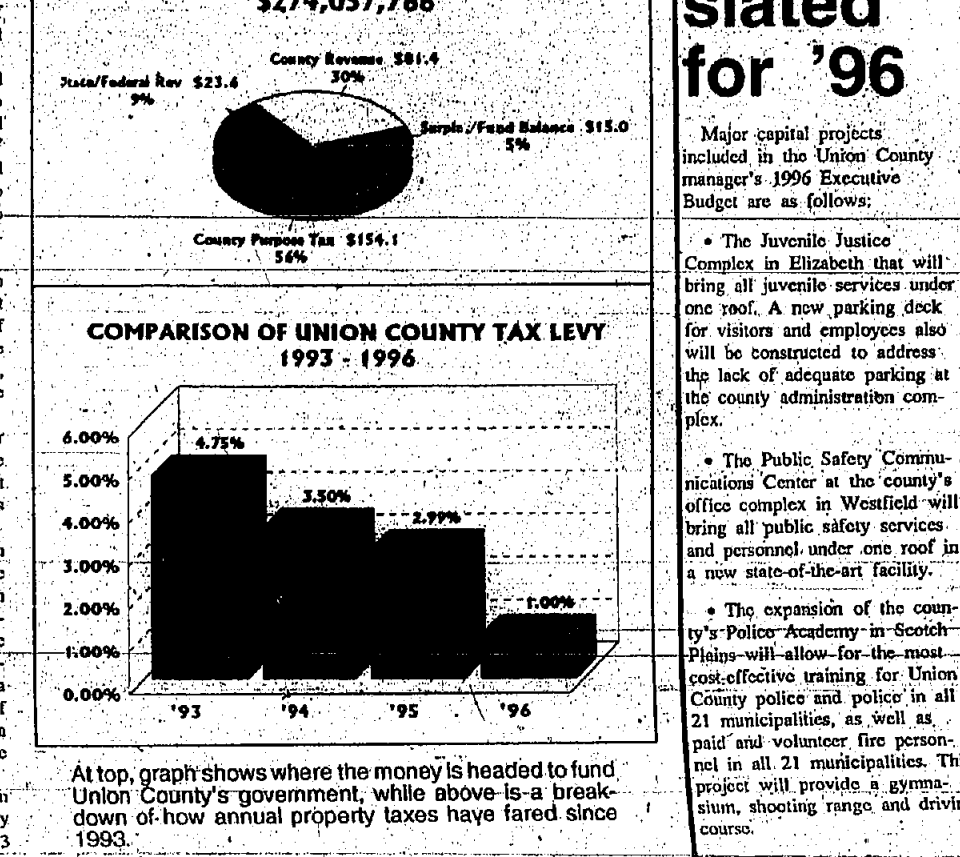
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County superintendent calls it quits

By Jay Hochberg... I've completed years of service in education. It's been most satisfying working with students, parents, superintendents and legislators...

Alliance develops plan to deal with county ills

The Union County Alliance, relying upon information gathered during a series of roundtables, has developed an eight-pronged Strategic Plan designed to promote economic development in the county.

County superintendent calls it quits

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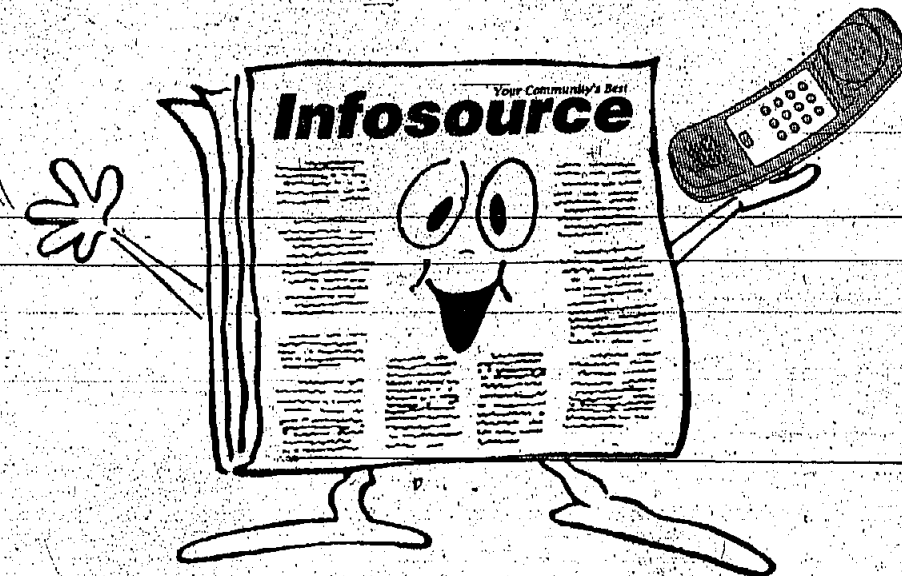
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### COUNTY NEWS

#### County manager's budget calls for 1 percent hike

(Continued from Page B1) Alliance, a coalition of government, education, business, labor, civic and social services agencies in Union County dedicated to the county's economic revitalization, were expected to present a Long Range Strategic Plan on Jan. 30 identifying key initiatives the county must take to become competitive in the global economy of the 21st century.

"In my 1995 Executive Budget, I am recommending that the Board of Chosen Freeholders support all initiatives related to economic development," said the county manager. "The Long Range Strategic Plan, with its initiatives for business retention and growth, transportation, infrastructure, and quality-of-life issues, is the foundation for our future."

The Executive Budget reflects many of the initiatives of the Long Range Strategic Plan, for example, quality-of-life issues. Concerning the quality of the county's natural environment, recommendations were made to support and continue the county's Conservancy approach to protect and preserve its natural assets. These assets include waterways and river systems as well as forestry. Specific projects are the Hunter Estuary Plan, the Watershed Plan, and the Reclamation Management Plan, including Watchdog Reservation.

Sustainable development is identified as the need for Union County to develop a plan that will integrate and balance environmental, health and safety with business development and expansion.

The county manager's budget also recommends the application of new Geographic Information Systems technology to help manage by computer all of the county's natural assets. GIS applications include the county's Conservancy efforts to protect and preserve parklands, wetlands, estuaries and waterways. It can also be utilized for the development of transportation models; land assessment and management; tax assessment management; the development of a zoning and land use inventory, and can assist business in site selection and Union County in marketing itself as an employment location for business.

Internal organizational initiatives called for in the Executive Budget include Union County government's investment in its workforce by providing Total Quality Management training. The goal of this is to change the culture of the workplace, by reducing bureaucracy and cutting through red tape to achieve results. The TQM training has created teams of employees from various departments to work together to solve a problem, become more productive and better serve the public.

To improve organizational efficiency and better serve the public, the county manager noted that the county has computerized many systems, including the tax assessor system, voter registration, Romelle's Specialized Hospital information system, park registration, and a number of internal administrative and financial systems.

### Fitts calls it quits after 35 years in education

(Continued from Page B1) Education Commissioner Leo Klugholz's "Comprehensive Plan for Educational Improvement and Financing."

"We have to bring equity — the equal distribution of resources — when 'bringing activities,' he said of the state's efforts to provide "thorough and efficient" education mandated by the state Constitution. "Some school districts have a greater number of services so offer the artistic, gifted and talented and academically inclined students."

"It was of those students Fitts said he hopes the state will benefit. "We have not pushed our kids in the sciences and mathematics and the performing arts," he added. "We need to enrich the curricula and to challenge students in the arts and sciences."

When asked if he thought "thorough and efficient" might be too vague a phrase to offer school boards guidance, Fitts said it is a "nice term," but one that "needs criteria to define it and evaluate its success."

It has been the search for that criteria that had kept Fitts busy during his final months in Union County. The superintendent has traveled among the local school districts, soliciting opinions from parents and educators about Klugholz's plan.

"I'm delighted we have a plan that engages us in dialogue. It's a step that's critical for the end product to occur," he said, referring to stages he described as inherent in the adoption of the plan. "The public has a mixed reaction to it, but the bugs will be worked out."

Specifically, Fitts said the state must ensure there will be uniformity among the school districts' budgets for supplies and equipment.

"I'm optimistic we can achieve that," he added. "We're blessed with a lot of talent in the private and public sector, through partnerships and coalitions, we can pull it off." In addition to this area of spending, Fitts said the state should work toward making transportation services, guidance counseling and substance abuse counseling equally available in all school districts.

In general, Fitts said both the state and the education establishment as large are meeting the challenge of teaching New Jersey's children.

"During my 25 years in New Jersey, there's been a continuous flow — every year the standards get higher, there's been responsible accounting in the expenditure of funds and there's been less regulation," he added. "Overall, I've seen an improvement in efficiency and effectiveness."

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

After a slow start, a life of learning leads to the arts



Urban Joseph Weiss of Linden, retired Rahway High School teacher, self-taught sculptor and artist, works in his studio on an oil painting. He has exhibited his works throughout the metropolitan area. Weiss also is the Millan of the Rahway Valley Jerseyans Chorus, for which he sings baritone.

It's hard to believe that a high school dropout would earn a master's degree and become a teacher, but one Linden man has done so, while pursuing artistic endeavors in the process. Urban Joseph Weiss, a self-taught sculptor, painter and singer, didn't develop his desire to learn until age 17, but he resumed his education, eventually earning a bachelor of arts from Rutgers University and the master's from Montclair State. He continued in education, switching from the role of student, and began his teaching career at Rahway High School, where he'd instructed teens in the industrial arts for 22 years.

"I was a 'reformed' youngster," said Weiss, now 63. "At the age of 17, I was thrown out of St. Michael's School in Newark. And I was a high school dropout at Burlington High School in Newark. I was troubled, mixed up, and I went to work in a restaurant in Newark as a coffee boy and short-order cook. It was a menial job. It was extremely hot in the kitchen, and I don't like too much heat."

"Suddenly, I began to take an interest in everything. What straightened me out was that I started to have a love for learning," he added. "It was then I decided to be smart, and I started exploring things and asking questions and it became an almost insatiable desire to learn. There was a deep, burning desire inside of me. I started to read anything I could get my hands on."

"It was during the Korean War, when Weiss was serving in the Navy, when he realized his artistic abilities. 'I loved the sea and the waves that crashed over to and how the cold water hit my face. The rougher the better. It was music and art come together for those four years. At night, everybody came to sing in the machine shop."

"I became obsessed with reading and learning. After I came out of the Navy, I went to evening classes at Central High School in Newark for two years. I got my high school diploma and entered Rutgers while I worked full-time for three years and in 1960, I had an interview for a teaching job in industrial arts at Rahway High School," he added. "As I worked there for 22 years as a teacher in wood, metals, technology, mechanical drawing, physics, and became a supervisor of home economics, art, music, industrial arts technology in both junior and senior high schools. And I retired three years ago."

For 30 years, Weiss worked toward perfecting his sculpting skills and experimented in "mixed" paintings, which were interesting and different.

"I had no training in art. I took only one course in art appreciation in college. There were different kinds of approaches I tried. Every one has been a different experience," he also said. "After visiting museums and reading books, 50 or 60 books on the masters and studying their works, I went home and experimented. There were countless hours of studying trees, animals, cloud formations, and anything that grows upon anything that decays."

"I had been through a change in my life, and I was in a deep, burning desire to learn. I was a judge and supervisor for the Washington Square Outdoor Art Exhibit."

Weiss' early works, mostly sculptures, was based on his visits to outdoor art exhibits in Washington Square Park.

"I did all steel sculptures, and my early work and displays had the main theme, 'Growth and Decay.' I used high-tilt aluminum, welded steel, copper, wire, stainless steel, bronze. I did ships all in welded steel," he said of these early works. "I loved the World War I airplanes, and I loved birds and I did birds, eagles, robins, red breast, and my life loves: owls and sea gulls."

"I believe that I was the first one who made metal flowers," Weiss said. "I made them out of junk pieces from the scrap yard. Then I started to develop their kinetic move-

ment — they move with the breeze. I used a brass stem for the flower which gave it that spring or kinetic movement. I decided not to rely on wind alone. I decided to create a vibrating motor to create kinetic movement in flowers and explored that."

"Then I started to do all kinds of trees. Every piece is handmade — all metal sculpture, or steel, brass, copper, willow oak trees. I have three pieces left," he said. "One is in Potomac Gallery in Westfield. I have a steel ship, a welded tree and a chest set made from spark plugs and welded parts depicting the historical period around the time of the knights of the round table."

Weiss also created kinetic fish figures a foot-and-a-half tall, and a shot putler.

"I experienced all kinds of stuff, and I had a lot of fun, too," he said. "Abstract is difficult to do in terms of feeling. My main thought in an abstract sculpture is emotional balance. I made a fish balance on the center of gravity, and the wind moves it — like it was mobile, kinetic. It is made of springs of an automobile."

After Weiss retired from teaching three years ago, he returned to his "first love" — oil painting. He started to paint with oils, and gave himself three years to prepare for a professional career. He won first prize in the Union County Seniors Professional Art Competition in 1995 for "The Mill on the Cranford."

"I also do a lot of landscape painting in Lancaster, Pa., my favorite place in this wide world," he added. "I love to explore the reflections of water. And oak trees have such great character. The more bizarre the shape the more I'm enamored with it."

"My favorite time of the year is the fall, and my second favorite is spring because of the myriad of color. I'm a bird watcher. I talk to a mocking bird that perches on my chimney at home. I talk to him, and he talks right back to me."

Weiss described this phase of his creativity as a period of being serious about oils, saying that he'd been appreciative of the great masters, and now wants to employ them in his own renderings.

Weiss has exhibited his works in galleries in New York City, Plainfield; the Evelyn Dunn Art Gallery, also library, and the Art Exhibit in Linden; the Elizabeth WWC at the Hillside Outdoor Art Exhibit; Loyola's Art Gallery in Rahway and the Garden State Arts Center.

He also has his creations in many private collections, including the Washington Square Outdoor Art Exhibit.

After he retired three years ago, his interests branched into music and singing.

"I joined the Intergalactic. I was looking for a group to sing with at the end of the day," he said, recalling his beginnings as a baritone. "I'd heard about the Intergalactic Barbershop Chorus, and I launched my career in singing. Now, I'm a member of the Rahway Valley Jerseyans Chorus and we've been singing throughout Union County."

"Now that I've retired, I have my music in my heart; my artistic career; a wonderful wife; a fantastically talented daughter — and a great dog named Pippin."

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NEWS CLIPS

Pastels on display

On Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Westfield Community Room, 425 East Broad St., Westfield, master painter S. Ailyn Schaeffer will present a demonstration of his pastel technique for the Westfield Art Association. Schaeffer, a Panwood resident, teaches at the New Jersey Center for the Visual Arts in Summit and the Somerset Art Association in Freeville. His work has been exhibited in museums, galleries and corporate collections, including the Schering Corporation, Monmouth and Meadowlands Racetracks, New Jersey Bell and Montclair Hospital. He has received the Grumbacher Gold Medal as well as numerous other awards. He has been commissioned to do a painting depicting the history of the Harborside and is the author of five books on painting.

Memory bricks

"Remembrance Loss Warning," an exhibit about Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, will be on view in the Members Gallery of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts through Feb. 15. The exhibit will feature an installation piece of "memory bricks" and other mixed media works by GK Duff and Chuck Miley. Admission is free and open to the public. An opening reception will take place Sunday, from 1-4 p.m. NJCCA is located at 68 Blvd St. Members' Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. For more information call 273-9121.

'Potato' play planned

"Potato People in School Daze" will be performed at Kean College's Wilkins Theatre Feb. 18. The production is part of Kean's Children's Hour, a series of children's programming suitable for ages 4-10. "Potato People" by Theatre Beyond Words, the Potato People present Nancy Potatoes' first play of school.

'Suicide' to be staged

"For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuff," will be performed throughout February at Kean College's Wilkins Theatre. The production is directed by Professor Ernest Wright of the college's Communications and Theatre Department. "For Colored Girls" features many new residents in its cast.

'Harlem' comes to Kean

"Stages of Harlem" will be performed at Kean College on Feb. 15. The program, which is part of the college's Cultural Arts series, will be held in Wilkins Theatre at 8 p.m.

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Dining Review February 1, 1996. The Gate House. The courteous, attentive, professional and knowledgeable Gate House staff is one of the establishment's greatest attributes. Led by manager Patty Negroni and waiter John Rocchi, whose own sunny bruschetta — Italian bread brushed in a cold tomato vinaigrette dressing — is a worthwhile experience as a complimentary appetizer, the courteous, attentive, professional and knowledgeable Gate House staff is one of the establishment's greatest attributes. But fortunately for its patrons, the service is equaled by the Gate House's informal, rustic charm, and perhaps surpassed by the epicurean mastery of chef Silvano Hernandez. With appetites whetted by the complimentary bruschetta, diners then are faced with the daunting task of selecting the first course of their meal from among a wide variety of hot and cold appetizers, soups, and salads. The hot antipasto provides some of this dilemma by providing a sampling of the chef's oregano, clams-cashio, shrimp-eggplant rollatini, and mushrooms stuffed with crabmeat, which is a regularly offered house special, all in one dish. Diners can also start their meal with such irresistible choices as garlic cheese bread, mozzarella on Carozza; tortellini in chicken broth soup, or pasta fagioli. The Italian menu offers more than 20 chicken, beef and seafood entrees, such as Chicken Orzillo, a succulent creation of grilled chicken topped with roasted peppers and mushrooms. Chicken or Pork Giambola, which tops twin



NEWS CLIPS

Free seminar on eating
Are you obsessed with food, dieting, or exercising?
If so, you may be suffering from an eating disorder which can result in serious medical problems.

Effective treatments are available.
Call 810 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., a free seminar on anorexia nervosa, bulimia and compulsive eating will be held at Millburn Public Library, located at 220 Glen Road, in Millburn.

Parsons with eating disorders and their families are invited.
To register or obtain free information, call NJ Eating Disorders Helpline (800) 604-2268.

Squash anyone?
The country's top-ranked squash player will play in public exhibitions in Chatham tonight.

Mark Talbot, who has won more than 120 championships, will play the Chatham Club's squash professional, Scott Mitchell and Nigel Thain.

The games will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Chatham Club, 464 Southern Blvd. in Chatham.

Mitchell was a finalist in the North American Teaching Professionals Tournament in 1990. Thain, a past assistant pro from Canada, is active this year in the Professional Squash Association Tour.

On Saturday, Talbot will lead squash clinics at the Chatham Club. Clinics for adults will begin at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Clinics for children aged 8 and up will begin at 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.

No experience is needed, but registration is required. Call 493-2141.

Blood wanted
Due to a severe blood shortage in New Jersey, the Blood Bank at JFK Medical Center in Edison is seeking healthy blood donors aged 18 to 70 to help boost its winter blood supply.

The JFK Blood Bank is fully accredited by the American Association of Blood Banks. Every donor appointment includes a free mini-physical examination, which consists of blood pressure, pulse and temperature screenings, and an iron count to check for anemia.

Appointments are required for donations. For available workdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursdays until 8 p.m., 70 schedule an appointment, call the JFK Blood Bank at 321-7683.

Ortani seeds for sale
Home gardeners may purchase seed for ornamental pepper from Rutgers.

Developed in 1976 by G.D. Lewis of Rutgers University's Cook College, ornamental has become an old favorite with gardeners in many states because of its flavor and thick flesh. It is also resistant to the tobacco mosaic virus.

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The seed should be planted indoors in mid-March to mid-April in a warm

location with plenty of light. The plants should be placed in the garden in late May or early June. It is important to plant them in a very sunny location.

Rutgers is the only source for ornamental seeds. To obtain a packet with planting instructions, send \$1 and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: G. D. Lewis, Department of Plant Pathology, Foran Hall, P.O. Box 231, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

Cancer therapy studied
Women with advanced breast cancer can find hope in a new therapy being studied at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey.

Researchers are examining if Tamoxifen, a hormonal agent, when used with interferon, an immune stimulant, can treat women with metastatic breast cancer - cancer that has spread beyond the breast to other parts of the body.

"Breast cancer can be resistant to many types of chemotherapy," said Robert S. DiPaola, a medical oncologist at CNJ leading the study. "But breast cancer can also be sensitive to hormonal therapies, such as Tamoxifen."

DiPaola said researchers are trying to capitalize on breast cancer's hormone sensitivity by adding the immune stimulating abilities of interferon to treatment.

"There is reason to believe that this combination may be more effective than either agent used alone," DiPaola said.

Women with metastatic breast

cancer may participate in the trial and receive the experimental therapy through their physicians. Women are asked to call CNJ at 235-6777 for more information on joining the study.

Established in 1990, CNJ is a partnership of Hackensack University Medical Center, New Brunswick Affiliated Hospital, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, St. Peter's Medical Center, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

The clinical research affiliate includes:

CPR course offered
JFK Medical Center in Edison has scheduled a course teaching safety tips for heart attack/stroke emergencies.

In addition to the CPR and advanced airway instruction, the HeartSaver/Pediatric HeartSaver course also covers heart disease and its risk factors, prudent heart-healthy living, environmental safety and steps for entering the emergency medical system.

The two-session course will be taught Tuesday and Feb. 13 from 5:45-7 p.m. at JFK, located at 65 James St. in Edison.

The fee is \$40 for individuals and \$70 for couples. For more information or to register, call 321-7588.

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Upon reaching of its 90th year, St. Elizabeth plans for the future

As celebrations of its 90th anniversary draw to an end, St. Elizabeth Hospital announced its plans for the future.
Throughout the century, St. Elizabeth Hospital has "lived" charity, fostering a caring attitude toward all people, especially those in greatest need.

The hospital developed a Chest Pain Center through its Emergency Department in late 1989. Handling the quick diagnosis and treatment of chest pain and preventing or reducing the effect of a heart attack remain the center's goals.

Now, less than five years later, the hospital's Chest Pain Center beats the national and state average for timely and appropriate administration of the drug thrombolytic for those patients whose emergency diagnosis shows a myocardial infarction - heart attack - is in progress.

Some cardiac patients who have suffered a heart attack may require a day in the intensive care unit before being transferred to St. Elizabeth's Telemetry Unit. In the ICU, their condition is further stabilized and more intense monitoring is provided.

Patients can continue Cardiac Rehab once discharged from the hospital, and when their primary physician determines they are well enough to participate.

St. Elizabeth's Outpatient Cardiac Rehab program is offered at the hospital's Health and Rehabilitation Center, a facility that offers a full range of fitness, therapeutic and wellness programs.

St. Elizabeth Hospital recently completed a major renovation project in its private, medical office center. All of the services of the center are operated by physicians who see patients by appointment and physicians are on call 24 hours.

HEALTH/FITNESS & MEDICINE

Health Care Center is a full-service private, family practice physician's office offering personalized medical services for people who do not have a primary care physician.

The Family Health Center provides a full range of women's health services to the community. Here, gynecological and obstetrical services are provided to pre- and post-menopausal women who do not have an obstetrician or gynecologist.

Among the issues covered are nutritional counseling, social services, depression, pre and post menopause problems, and genetic counseling.

The Pediatric Health Care Center operates under the medical direction of St. Elizabeth's Acting Chairman of Pediatrics, Stang-Shan Chen, MD, and is staffed by Xianis Lanzetta and Kwame Aana-Nyana. The pediatric services are supported by team of billing, registered nurses and clerical staff.

The Pediatric Health Care Center provides immunizations, preventive, well child, sick child and follow-up care. It is also an approved Pediatric Health Provider. The center works with the hospital's maternity program, the Women's Health Center, the maternity clinic, and the WIC program.

Prior to discharge from St. Elizabeth Hospital, all newborns who don't already have a pediatrician are scheduled for an appointment at the Pediatric Health Center within the first few weeks following birth.

St. Elizabeth's Health Care Center is a full-service private, family practice physician's office offering personalized medical services for people who do not have a primary care physician.

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'Phantom' to open at Arts Center
The Phantom of the Opera, the musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber, will open at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway tomorrow and run through Feb. 17.
Based on Gaston Leroux's novel 'The Phantom of the Opera,' the musical is the story of Christine, a young opera singer who has a strange relationship with the mysterious Phantom, who haunts the Paris Opera House.

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TAURUS April 21-May 21
Things get away from you in a surprising way. Try to concentrate on your long-term goals in this week. If you're in a position to pull off a real feat, find your courage if someone doubts in you.
GEMINI May 22-June 21
This is a good week to make a fresh start, particularly if you want to improve your health. A change in diet revolves you. Take a look at your financial picture to see if you can reduce a crippling debt.

Flea Market

FRIDAY
EVENT: Flea Market (show days Feb. 20 and Feb. 21, from noon to 5 p.m., and Feb. 22, from noon and to 5 p.m.)
PLACE: Redstone Lutheran Church, 125 Prospect Ave., Irvington, N.J.
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Flower and Garden Show to open

A Festival of Flowers will invade the Garden State Exhibit Center when the New Jersey Flower and Garden Show opens its doors March 1.
Officials of the show said the event will be dramatic, featuring 17 large garden life-gardens by the area's foremost landscape designers. A new requirement for garden exhibitors mandates a high percentage of flowering plant material in the garden design—ensuring fragrant and fantastic displays.
In addition, the Market Fair area, featuring a variety of horticultural accessory vendors, will include only exhibitors that relate to horticulture. The show will feature its scenic schedule, including presentations by WJCR radio's Ralph Steinhardt and the popular Floral Design School presented by the New Jersey State Florist's Association.

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Church to hold annual antiques show and sale

This month marks the 40th time the United Methodist Church of Chatham will hold its annual antiques show and sale.
The event has been scheduled for Feb. 20 and Feb. 21, from noon to 5 p.m., and Feb. 22, from noon and to 5 p.m.
The women of the church will prepare and serve a luncheon, tea and dinner.
Organized by the church, the event will feature a wide variety of antiques and collectibles.
The church is located at 1100 E. Jersey St. For more information, call 355-0077.

Arts Calendar

The Arts Calendar, prepared by Worrall Community Newspapers, is a list of upcoming theatrical and musical performances, art exhibitions and other cultural events in the area. To contribute to the calendar, forward all relevant information to: Arts and Entertainment section, 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, NJ 07083, or fax to (609) 686-6169.
Continuing Events
Through Feb. 11: The Elizabeth Playhouse is Elizabeth presents F. Scott Fitzgerald's 'The Young and the Beautiful.' Performances are scheduled for Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$6, with a \$2 discount for seniors and students.
The playhouse is located at 1100 E. Jersey St. For more information, call 355-0077.

Church supports self-help groups

The Sunday 10 a.m. worship service of the First Congregational Church of Westfield will pay tribute to God's gift of recovery through the Anonymous Twelve Step Program.
The Rev. John G. Wightman, pastor, said the service is an effort to endorse, celebrate, and educate the public about the spiritual and lifesaving 12-step self-help groups.
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Docket No. 02-15593-01
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County Police Chiefs' Association taps Elizabeth's Gene Mirabella as its president, Page B1.

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**Community Update**

**Seats available**  
The deadline for filing nomination petitions to run for positions on the Board of Education is 4 p.m. Feb. 26. The election is scheduled for April 16. Prospective school board candidates can obtain a School Board Candidate Kit at the local school district office. Published by the New Jersey School Boards Association, the kit includes information about legal qualifications for school board candidacy, campaign procedures, and the role of the school board member. Information about the New Jersey School Board Act, important dates in the school election process, and briefing sessions for school board candidates is also included in the kit.

**Child health clinics**  
The Springfield Board of Health will sponsor child health clinics in conjunction with the Westfield Board of Health and the Visiting Nurse Association on the second and third Wednesdays of the month. Appointments are mandatory and can be made by calling the Visiting Nurse Association at 352-5004.

**Animal friends**

**Lyndsey Parman holds the stuffed animal she created in sewing lab while Zachary Goldberg shows his finely crafted eagle, both are eighth-grade students in the home economics program at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School.**

**Stop & Shop hearings start with architect's testimony**

By Kathryn Fitzgerald  
Managing Editor

The Zoning Board of Adjustment Chairman Ralph Devito refused himself Tuesday night during the first hearing concerning Stop & Shop's plan to build a supermarket on the Millburn Avenue site formerly occupied by Saks Fifth Avenue.

Devito's withdrawal was in response to a request by Brian Filbey, an attorney representing the Township of Millburn that Devito step down due to a conflict of interest. Filbey had recently represented several members of Devito's family in legal actions.

Stephen Beckin, an attorney from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., representing Village Supermarket, agreed with this proposal, citing a case where "proof of dishonesty may not be shown, actual conflict is not the question, potential and appearance is real by the question."

James Segreto, one of the attorneys representing Stop & Shop, indicated at a prior meeting as well as at this one that he felt the responsibility of recusal fell on Filbey, citing an "appearance of conflict."

Having reviewed all the submissions and considering the facts, Zoning Board Attorney Neil Dworkin reminded Devito that it was not necessary for him to step away from hearing this issue, but to avoid any suspicion of partiality, Devito withdrew from these hearings.

Board member Stuart Applebaum took on the responsibilities of chairing these hearings.

Stop & Shop presented two witnesses at Tuesday's hearing. The super-

**With Fitts gone, plan for vote on high schools is unsettled**

By Kathryn Fitzgerald  
Managing Editor

Members of local district school boards and the Union County Board of Education are still in the process of deciding when to hold the referendum on the proposed high school year-round program.

During a meeting Friday with local representatives and board presidents, Leonard Fitts, the former Union County Superintendent of Schools, asked the representatives for questions in writing concerning the referendum.

The local school board representatives were expecting to be informed of the date of the referendum, but were asked by Fitts to submit the questions which will be forwarded to the state education board and the Commission of Education Leo Klagoth for review and response.

Fitts also introduced his temporary replacement, David Livingston of Readington, who would take on the responsibility of handing down the date for the public vote on the referendum. The state Board of Education was scheduled to vote on his appointment Wednesday.

Livingston indicated he would need time to review the material concern-

ing the discussion of Union County Regional High School District.

"I finished the earliest date for the vote could be late May or June, but it could possibly have to be held over to the next school year — which is entirely possible," Livingston said.

According to Mountainside Superintendent of Schools Leonard Racero, the borough's Board of Education is "very upset" at this development.

"They wanted to vote on this issue in the April 16 school board elections," Racero added. "The deadline for ballot questions to be included in that election is in March. Duccaro added that he and the Board of Education will continue to keep the public informed about the issue.

Clark Superintendent Paul Ortenzio said the sentiments of all the municipalities pushing for deregionalization were "very strong."

Donald Mercuriale, superintendent of schools for the Regional District, was also pleased with the proceedings, stating that Fitts seemed to indicate that there are still a lot of questions because this type of thing has never been done before. If we rush into it, it may be legally overturned in the future."

**Project Graduation Art Auction**

Johnathan Dayton Regional High School announces a Feb. 23 art auction to benefit Project Graduation, an alcohol and drug-free party for graduating seniors. A preview will be held from 7-8 p.m., after which the auction will be held. Admission is \$10 per person, \$15 per couple. Coffee and cake will be served and a door prize will be offered.

For tickets and more information, call 379-9577.

**Committee makes plans for Chisholm restoration**

By Kathryn Fitzgerald  
Managing Editor

The Chisholm School, home of many recreation activities, was one of the topics addressed Monday during the Township Committee's first workshop session of 1996.

As Mayor Gregory Clarke indicated, the fate of this building has been in question since its purchase by the township from the Board of Education in 1984.

"We are trying to find a way to begin to do something about a building that has been sitting there," Clarke added.

Recreation Director George Rague appeared before the committee to express his department's need for a center. "I don't think anyone will disagree that there is a need for a building for the Recreation Department," Rague said, stating that the department was already utilizing all the available space in the local public schools. "Once Rague noted, the Recreation Department finds itself out of luck if the school needs the building space for its own programs."

Rague insisted that "at this time, we need a place to consolidate all the different activities throughout the town." The number of participants in Recreation Department programs has risen sharply in recent years and shows no sign of decline.

Rague stated that the "time is right" to renovate the building as an indoor, outdoor recreation facility; he noted that partial funding for improvements, possibly 50 percent, could be obtained from Green Acres money as a grant or a 2 percent interest loan. In previous years, the Township Committee allocated \$1.25 million for the renovation of the center.

Deputy Mayor Herbert Sloie has been working with architects to assess the structure and function of the building, said Roy Hirschfeld, the Township Committee's representative on the Recreation Committee.

"The main concern we have is what type of building do we have here to begin with," he added. "After that, we can talk about specific uses."


Sloie stated that "from an architectural point of view, nothing really can be done until we get a set of plans that

**Hearing dates**  
The Board of Adjustment will next convene Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School on Mountain Avenue to continue the discussion concerning Stop & Shop's application. The superintendent company plans to build a 73,000 square foot store on the former site of Saks Fifth Avenue.

**Inviting 'Rumors'**  
The Department of Parks & Recreation is sponsoring a Feb. 24 trip to the Garden State Art Center for dinner and Neil Simon's "Rumors" at the Robert Meiner Reception Center, located at the Art Center grounds. The trip will leave Sarah Bailey Civic Center at 5 p.m. and return at approximately 11 p.m. and costs \$38.50 per person, including roundtrip bus transportation, dinner, theater and gratuity.

For reservations or more information, call the Department at 912-2227 or 912-2228.

**Distinguished scholars**



Dayton students Julia Keller, front row left, Christine Stracey, Lesley Beth Harris, Johnathan Gordon, back row left, Robert Fasman, Gregory Marx, Yeogeny Kolovyanov and Christopher Philipps have been named Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars by the New Jersey State Office of Student Assistance. Stephen Erdahl and Jamie Friedman, not pictured, also received this honor. These students are now eligible to receive \$1,000 annual scholarships for up to four years of undergraduate study at a New Jersey college or university.