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Regional District's '91-92 budget reduced by \$900G

By Suzette Stalker
Managing Editor

The six governing bodies of Union County Regional High School District 1 agreed Tuesday to reduce the tax levy created by the Regional Board of Education's \$36 million budget for 1991-92 by \$900,000. The budget was defeated by voters in four of those communities during school elections April 30.

Leaders from Springfield, Mountainside, Kenilworth, Clark, Garwood and Berkeley Heights had met May 15 with the Regional Board at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield in an unsuccessful attempt to reach a unanimous decision on whether to increase, decrease or leave the budget alone.

Each of the governing bodies had to be in full agreement before any action could be taken on the budget, which was passed by Springfield and Berkeley Heights during school elections but was rejected by Mountainside, Kenilworth, Clark and Garwood. This voting pattern was an exact repetition of the one which defeated the 1990-91 Regional budget.

Mayor Marc Marshall of Springfield, whose constituents approved the Regional budget by 237 votes,

expressed support for the original budget during last week's meeting. He said the Springfield Township Committee would be willing to discuss a maximum \$100,000 decrease, but wanted to know first how such a reduction would impact upon education programs in the district.

"We recognize the sincere and honest effort you made in dealing with some tough and unpleasant budget issues, and coming in \$1.7 million under the state cap is to be commended," but we were willing to come to this table with an open mind," Marshall told Regional Board President Burton Zitomer.

Marshall was referring to the frustration experienced by New Jersey school boards several months ago as they attempted to complete their budgets while awaiting state aid figures and facing the financial uncertainty of the Quality Education Act, which calls for a 25 percent reduction in state aid to school districts during the next four years.

The Regional District, although it will be receiving \$1.2 million in transitional aid from the state for the 1992-93 school year, will lose \$300,000 of that aid annually until 1995-96. Beginning with the 1993-94

school year, the district will also be obligated to pick up teacher pension and Social Security costs, as well as health benefits.

Of all six communities, Mountainside had presented the most drastic proposal for decreasing the budget, calling for a \$4 million reduction by closing one of the four Regional high schools. Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigilanti called the board's decision to allow all four schools to remain open a "waste" of the district's financial resources.

"We have seen such a reduction of our students that today our Regional system serves less than half the students it served 10 years ago. And yet our costs continue to rise dramatically," he said. "Perhaps the board should face reality and recognize that the taxpayers are not saying they don't wish to pay for quality education but just want a fair return for a fair tax."

Marshall strongly criticized Vigilanti's proposal to close one of the high schools, stating that "it would be devastating to our tax base to even be considered in this position." He also accused the Mountainside Borough Council of being unwilling to negoti-



UNIQUE IMAGES — Students at Florence M. Gaudineer School in Springfield recently participated in the Union County Teen Arts Festival at Union County College in Cranford. Eighth-grader Brian Luper, center, displays his black and white photograph titled 'Parade Day', one of 32 pieces which have been selected to represent Union County at the 1991 New Jersey State Teen Arts Festival, to be held at Rutgers University at the end of May. Seventh-grader Samantha Holmes, right, was selected to exhibit her photograph 'Peaceful Victory' in the United Jersey Bank Exhibit running through June 6. Joining the students is their art teacher, Barbara Dellkaris.



Photo By Jerry Greenwald

A covering shields the damage caused to this Springfield house after lightning struck the roof during a storm last week and set fire to the attic area. Family members were alerted to the blaze by a smoke detector in the house and were able to escape unharmed. Fire officials said the blaze was confined to the upper areas of the residence.

Lightning starts blaze

By Suzette Stalker
Managing Editor

A Springfield couple and their children escaped unharmed last week after lightning apparently struck the roof of their residence, setting off a fire within the roof and attic area, the Springfield Fire Department confirmed on Monday. Two firefighters, however, were slightly injured.

Captain Kenneth Rau reported that his department received a call May 14 at 11:40 p.m. concerning a house fire at 223 Lelak Ave. which occurred during a thunder storm that evening. The fire was confined to the roof and attic area, Rau said, and was extinguished with minimal damage to the home.

A smoke detector located in the bedroom area of the residence gave a warning to homeowner Randall Hering and his family, who quickly exited their home, according to the fire captain. Springfield firefighters David Maas and Adam Wuest suffered "very minor injuries," Rau said.

Two Springfield engine companies and one ladder truck from Springfield responded to the scene, accompanied by one engine company from the Summit Fire Department. An engine company from the Mountainside Fire Department manned the Springfield fire headquarters while Springfield units fought the blaze.

Parade to salute Persian Gulf veterans

By Suzette Stalker
Managing Editor

Springfield residents and others will honor American veterans who gave their lives for freedom and democracy, as well as those who participated in Operation Desert Storm, when the township holds its annual Memorial Day parade on Monday, preceded by several other commemorative events.

The Rev. Jeffrey Curtis of the First Presbyterian Church, the parade coordinator, said Monday that he believes this year's parade will have a special significance as Americans celebrate the recent Persian Gulf victory and continue to welcome home United States military personnel.

The township previously honored its veterans with a victory rally held at Jonathan Dayton Regional High

School in Springfield March 10, followed by an Earth Day ceremony at Veterans Park in Springfield April 21 which included the dedication of an American beech tree to Springfield Gulf veterans and their families.

"There's an excellent spirit in town as recognized by our celebration at the high school, and that spirit is continuing to recognize and applaud the American military's efforts on our behalf," Curtis said. "It should be a very good parade and a good opportunity to give thanks to those who served for us."

Several Gulf veterans from Springfield and their families will serve as the grand marshals of this year's parade. The veterans include Maj. John W. Battagliola, United States Air Force Reserve; Capt. Kevin Russo, United States Air Force; Sammy M.

Leody, United States Navy; Alan Talarsky, United States Naval Reserve, and Pvt. Greg Wioland.

"I think it will really help bring more people out," remarked Harry Heady of Springfield, an Army veteran of World War II, regarding the Persian Gulf veterans' involvement in this year's parade. Heady, who is serving as parade co-coordinator with Curtis, remarked that America's most recent military victory has helped bring its citizens together.

The day's events will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a Springfield Fire Department memorial service conducted by Curtis at the Fire House on Mountain Avenue. The ceremony will pay tribute to all American veterans, from the American Revolution to the present, who gave their lives for their country.

Members of the Fire Department and local veterans groups will then travel to the Presbyterian Cemetery on Taft Lane, the Methodist Cemetery on Academy Green and the Daughters of the American Revolution Cemetery on Mountain Avenue. A firearms salute and the playing of taps will take place at each site.

Curtis explained that the Presbyterian Cemetery contains the graves of 22 veterans of the American Revolution, as well as many who served during the Civil War. He noted that two of the latter graves belong to two brothers — one of whom fought for the Union Army and the other for the Confederacy.

The parade will kick off at 10 a.m. from Edward V. Walton School on Mountain Avenue and is expected to

Renovated pool to be open for holiday

By Dennis Schaaf
Staff Writer

When the Springfield Municipal Pool opens Memorial Day weekend, the earliest dive into the season in its history, it will do so with a splash.

In early May contractors completed a \$60,000 renovation which, in effect, gave the C-shaped pool, which is 50 meters long by 25 meters wide, a facelift.

"Basically, it was an aesthetic move," pool manager Bill Shaw explained this week. "The pool is 27 years old and it had never been renovated. The time was right; the hand-writing was on the wall."

Landsite Construction Co. sand-blasted the surface, removing some 15 layers of paint, and repainted and retiled the walls. The Springfield Summer Swim Team, which stroked its way to an undefeated season last year, will be able to utilize tiled lane lines and tiled target markers, handy for maneuvering flip turns, for the first time.

The baby pool also got a new coat. Meanwhile, Todd Harris Co. replaced the piping and modernized a filter room at the Morrison Road site.

This year's renovation work, which took about two months to complete, followed another \$40,000 in work which was performed in 1990. Last year, new public address, lighting and alarm systems were installed.

The two renovation projects were financed through a \$100,000 bond ordinance. The Springfield Municipal Pool, established by the township in 1963, is basically a self-financing utility which foots its operations through membership fees. This is unusual since most area pools are at least partially subsidized by the local municipality.

The pool has traditionally kicked off the season around the third weekend in June. Shaw, who is beginning his second summer as pool manager, said the Memorial Day weekend opening this year was the result of

sentiments expressed by members in a survey conducted last year.

Following the May 25-27 opening, the area recreational facility, which also has racketball, volleyball and bocci courts, a baseball field, a playground, and horseshoe and shuffleboard areas, will also open its gates the successive three weekends in June.

The full-time schedule will begin June 22. The pool is generally open Monday through Friday from noon to 8 p.m. and on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. During Memorial Day weekend, however, the pool will be open from noon to 8 p.m.

When the township established the utility, committee members mandated a maximum membership of 4,800 residents. In 1990, the membership categories included 650 township families, 225 non-Springfield families, about 600 Springfield seniors, and some 600 individuals from within the municipality.

The Recreation Department, located at 30 Church Mall, is accepting membership applications. For Springfield residents, a family membership costs \$170, an individual membership goes for \$105 and seniors pay \$40. The regulations permit 225 out-of-town family memberships and there is a waiting list. These memberships cost \$350.

In another innovation at the swimming facility, the staff will be putting into place a new photo badge system which will feature detailed identification and emergency information. Shaw said the new IDs will help to "prevent theft of services too."

While some of the details remain to be worked out, a full schedule of events is planned for the summer. They include a games carnival, a sports tournament, a teen dance, a Broadway Melodifest event, and the traditional July 4 celebration and Labor Day weekend dance.



Summer school offers diverse programs

The Springfield Board of Education has announced that it will be offering a diverse Summer School 1991 program composed of refresher, enrichment and recreational courses to all Springfield students who have completed kindergarten through seventh grade.

Summer School 1991 will run from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, beginning June 24 and ending July 31. The entire program will be housed in Florence M. Gaudineer School, South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, using classrooms, computers and facilities at this location.

The refresher area is designed to help students learn new skills and/or strengthen their knowledge of areas

considered difficult during the regular school year. Specific objectives, materials and activities will be indicated.

Students will utilize the facilities of the tutorial lab, traditional class work, textbooks and related supplemental materials in programs which are prepared to meet each student's individual needs as designated through the use of instructional guides, according to the Board of Education.

The enrichment areas will provide the students with opportunities to grow and explore in new and/or creative environments. These courses provide educational and cultural activities which extend the development of the students in the arts and sciences.

The recreational aspect of the summer school program will provide students with opportunities in lifetime/leisure activities. This area will consist of field trips, excursions to museums and local businesses, sporting activities and social and cultural events.

Many courses will conclude with special presentations, performances and "happenings."

All courses will be offered on a first-come, first-served co-educational basis. They will run for one- or two-hour sessions affording students the opportunity to register for several courses during the summer program. Several new and innovative courses are listed this year.

During the five-week program, some of these courses will be offered for five weeks, four weeks and two weeks; providing an even greater opportunity to explore several areas during the summer school session.

Refresher courses are offered free of charge to all Springfield students. Enrichment and recreational courses will be offered to Springfield students at the rate of \$50 per course hour. Out-of-district students will be charged \$60 per course hour for all courses, including refresher, enrichment and recreational.

Summer School 1991 booklets may be obtained from Springfield schools, the Springfield Department of Recreation and the Springfield Public Library.

District budget cut

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 the amount to be reduced from the budget.

During the course of the evening, representatives from Kenilworth, Clark, Garwood and Berkeley Heights offered proposed budget reductions ranging from \$100,000 to \$750,000, with Clark eventually dropping its recommended cut to \$350,000 in an effort to reach a compromise.

None of these proposals, however, was deemed acceptable either by Springfield or Mountainside. A half-hour caucus session midway through the meeting also failed to resolve dollar differences among the six communities.

Under the agreement reached on Tuesday, \$150,000 will be taken from surplus to help reduce the tax levy, while the remaining \$750,000 will be cut from current expenses. The latter amount, school officials said, was trimmed from administrative costs and other areas and is not expected to impact upon the quality of education in the Regional District.

The Regional Board has commissioned the Eagleton Institute of Public Interest Polling, headquartered at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, to poll all Regional District residents June through August regarding "Preferred Procedures to Reduce School Costs," including possibly closing one or two high schools.

According to the original schedule, the board was expected to receive and

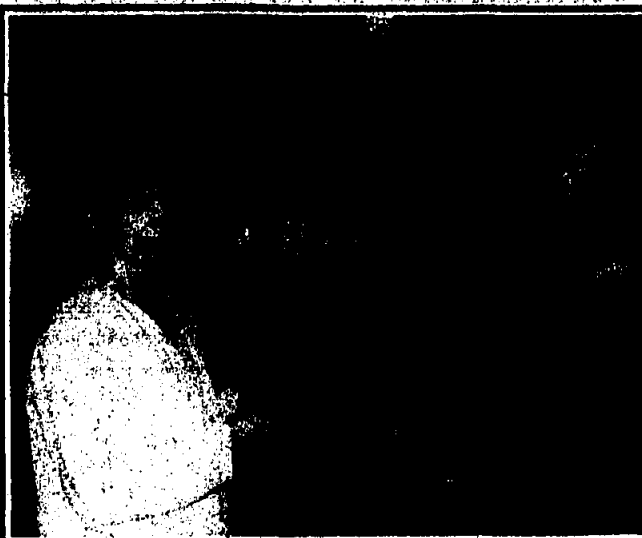
review the survey results in the fall. An ad hoc advisory committee comprising Regional District residents would then be appointed to review these results with the board's Long-Range Planning Committee in the winter.

The board, after receiving recommendations for reducing school costs from its committee in the spring of 1992, would make a final determination on procedures to be implemented to reduce school costs and publicize them.

The board would implement those procedures which could be done immediately by September 1992 and implement those requiring a year's notice by September 1993. All procedures for reducing school costs would be implemented by the start of the 1993-94 school year, according to the plan.

Each of the municipalities, with the exception of Garwood, last week approved two related resolutions proposed by Berkeley Heights Mayor John P. Elward Jr. Garwood did not vote on these resolutions because the borough did not have a quorum at the meeting.

The resolutions called for the time allotted for the study and implementation of cost containment procedures to be condensed, and also for each Regional District municipality to send one representative to the ad hoc advisory committee which will be reviewing the Eagleton survey results.



MEDICALLY SPEAKING — Ronald Citron, Millburn-Springfield Kiwanis chairman, presents a guest speaker certificate to Dr. Roberta Feehan, who spoke to the club on holistic health interventions. Millburn-Springfield Kiwanis is a group of business and professional people who live and work in the area and are dedicated to community service. The group meets every Thursday at the Tower Steak House, Mountainside, at 12:15 p.m.

Gaudineer students to present opera

Seventh-grade students from Florence M. Gaudineer School in Springfield recently wrote their own opera. Working with teachers Susan Bergey and Mark Majeski and artists from the

Metropolitan Opera Guild, students wrote, designed and will perform their original opera called "Ticket Trouble."

Performances of the opera will be

held in the school auditorium on May 30 and May 31 at 7:30 p.m. each night.

The student production company, called "Off The Wall Opera Co.," is comprised of one production manager, one stage manager and his assistant, five writers, four set designers, four carpenters, electricians, two make-up artists, three costume designers, three public relations people and actors.

The theme of the original opera company is prejudice and decision making.

The in-school project is made possible by the Metropolitan Opera Guild, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and the Springfield public school system.

aspects of nutrition, "The Mount Sinai School of Medicine Complete Book of Nutrition" is an excellent resource.

It covers such areas as the nutritional contents of foods, nutrition in pregnancy, childhood, adolescence, adulthood and the elderly as well as special nutritional needs and problems. It even contains practical suggestions for eating out and shopping in a nutritionally responsible manner.

"The New York Public Library Book of Chronologies" offers a timeline approach to world history. It covers such diverse areas as the arts, technology and the elderly as well as religion, sports and military history.

Other reference titles include a new one-volume "Encyclopedia of Judaism," "A Dictionary of First Names," the brand new edition of "Contemporary Poets," "New Jersey Arts," a guide to visual and performing arts in the state and "New York Theater Sourcebook," which contains the history and descriptions of more than 250 theaters.

The new reference titles are being featured in a display next to the library's reference desk.

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Becky Seal lunch menu

The Becky Seal Nutrition Program for the elderly is being held at the Chisholm Community Center, South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, Monday through Friday. The lunch menu for May 24-31 is as follows:

Tomorrow — Cheese lasagna, tossed salad with Italian dressing, wax beans, tapioca pudding, cream of celery soup, bread, margarine and milk.
Monday — Holiday.

Tuesday — Chicken chow mein with fried noodles, sliced carrots with pineapples, rice, ice cream, chicken gumbo soup, bread, margarine and milk.

Wednesday — Veal cutlet parmi-

giana, green beans, spaghetti with sauce, fruit cocktail, pineapple juice, Italian bread, margarine and milk.

Thursday — Salisbury steak with mushroom gravy, sweet peas, egg noodles, sliced peaches, vegetable soup, bread, margarine and milk.

Friday — Baked fish with lemon butter, broccoli stalks, scalloped potatoes, lemon pudding, clam chowder soup, bread, margarine and milk.

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Parade will salute veterans

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 include the Springfield and Mountainside police, the Springfield Township Committee, Fire and Rescue units; the Elks, the Red Cross, Scouts and Springfield Recreation teams. The Classic Car Club is also expected to participate this year with its automobiles.

In addition, the Emerald Society of the State of New Jersey, which comprises law enforcement officers and firefighters from Essex County Chapter 1, will present its pipe band during the parade. National guard troops and their vehicles are also expected to make an appearance, according to Curtis.

Parade marchers will proceed north

on Mountain Avenue, turn left onto Caldwell Place to Morris Avenue, turn right onto Morris Avenue, then again south on Mountain Avenue to the Springfield Municipal Building, where Springfield Fire Chief Gerald Richelo will serve as master of ceremonies for a salute to the flag, the playing of the national anthem and taps, and introduction of the parade grand marshals.

Sodas will be available for all participants at the conclusion of the parade. Anyone who wishes to drive his or her antique or classic car in the parade should call 379-4320 to reserve a spot. Mike Doria of the Classic Car Club is coordinating the vehicles for that organization.

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at the library

The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield, recently added several new volumes to its reference collection, including the four-volume "Encyclopedia of the Holocaust," which contains articles on the individual death camps, SS members, resistance leaders, government officials and many other related topics.

The authors are experts on the Holocaust and many of the articles contain photographs, charts, maps and bibliographies. These volumes are recommended as resource material for both students and the general public.

A new book on American political history titled "The People Speak: American Elections in Focus," discusses the 1988 presidential election in depth and gives a brief history and chronology of previous elections. It contains a detailed description of the process of candidate selection through primary elections, delegate selection and party conventions.

For a thorough discussion of all

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graduates

National College of Chiropractic

Dr. Michael Pine, son of Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Pine of Mountain Avenue, Springfield, received his Doctor of Chiropractic degree from the National College of Chiropractic, Lombard, Ill. at its April 20 commencement.

To qualify for the Doctor of Chiropractic degree, Dr. Pine completed the requirements for NCC's five-academic-year program in the basic and clinical sciences.

He also earned a bachelor of science degree in human biology during his professional studies at the National College of Chiropractic. Dr. Pine graduated from Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield in 1980 and attended Bloomfield College prior to NCC.

Union County College

Ten Springfield residents and eight Mountainside residents are among 535 students of Union County College's campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth, Plainfield and Scotch Plains who are candidates for certificates at today's commencement.

Arts and Associate in Applied Science degrees at the college's 57th commencement to be held today at 6 p.m. at the Cranford campus.

Springfield residents include: Dana Shipitsky, majoring in business management; Ronald Bromberg, Dena M. Calabrese, Giovanna Circolli, Rachel Czepurko, Carol G. Hiles and Tara M. Marcantonio, all majoring in business; David E. Koeningberg, majoring in criminal justice; Judy L. Flower, majoring in liberal arts and Eugenia Cacciatore, majoring in office systems technology.

Mountainside residents include Kimberly Ann Hansen, majoring in biology; Alexandra Ocampo and Russell J. Schon, both majoring in business; Linda J. Ferricola and Tricia D. Salvaio, both majoring in dental hygiene; Nancy J. Schon, majoring in liberal arts/early childhood education and Virginia Perez-Santalla, majoring in liberal arts.

Inge E. Boland, Zofia Gruszecki and Janusz Pelesz of Springfield and Lorgia M. Castillo and Maya R. Patel of Mountainside, all majoring in Intensive English for Speakers of Other Languages, are among 182 Union County College students who are candidates for certificates at today's commencement.



PARROT PAINTING — Jessica Lau, second from right, a third grader at Thelma L. Sandmeyer School in Springfield, was recently named a finalist in Channel Thirteen's Student Arts Festival. Her painting, "Parrot Jungle," was one of 50 chosen from more than 4,000 entries to be displayed at the South Street Seaport, New York City. She attended a reception there with her parents, Peter and Lisa Lau, left and second from left, along with her art teacher, Marilyn Schneider, right. The paintings will travel in a tri-state exhibition this year.

school lunches

JONATHAN DAYTON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

FRIDAY, pizza parlor, plain, sausage, pepperoni, peppers and onions, manager's choice luncheon, chicken salad sandwich, tossed salad, vegetable, fruit, large salad platter with bread and butter, homemade soup, desserts, milk; **MONDAY**, lunch will not be served; **TUESDAY**, chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, soft roll, sloppy Joe on bun, tuna salad sandwich, potatoes, vegetable, fruit, large salad platter, homemade soup, desserts, milk; **WEDNESDAY**, iscole (Mexican pizza), hamburger on bun, bologna sandwich, tossed salad, vegetable, fruit, large salad platter, homemade soup, desserts, milk; **THURSDAY**, all beef hot dog on bun, batter dipped fish sub on bun, tartar sauce, egg salad sandwich, potatoes, vegetable, fruit punch, large salad platter, homemade soup, desserts, milk.

Golf event is planned

The Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, which serves Springfield and several other area communities, will be one of three local chapters sponsoring their second annual Golf Classic on June 3 at Shackamaxon Country Club, Scotch Plains.

All proceeds will benefit the Westfield/Mountainside, Plainfield and Summit Area chapters of the American Red Cross.

Participants will have an opportunity to meet and play golf with a number of celebrity golfers and to have their photograph taken with a celebrity golfer.

Celebrity golfers include Green Bay Packers guard Billy Ard; New York Giants Bart Oakes and Jumbo Elliot; New Jersey Devils goalie Chris Terreri; Kelly Tripuka of Charlotte Hornets; Rony Seikaly of the Miami Heat and basketball's Ernie Hobbie, "The Shot Doctor."

Donation per golfer is \$275 includes green fees, cart, brunch, refreshments, awards dinner, Polo golf shirt and free gifts. Tickets for the cocktail hour and dinner are available for \$100. For more information and reservations, one can call the Summit Area Chapter of the Red Cross at 273-2076.

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Governor presents county with tax relief check

By Mark Faris
Managing Editor

Presenting a \$20.6 million check to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders on May 16, Gov. James Florio said that the funds were the "benefit of decisions made last year."

The funds represented Union County's share of \$300 million set aside for property tax relief by the governor and the state Legislature following the approval of modifications to the Quality Education Act in March.

The symbolic presentation of the funds is the result of the state assuming the costs of providing welfare, mental health and other social services to Union County residents.

Florio told the assembled Union County and municipal officials that the state took over the burden of social services costs because of opposition over the state's policy of "telling counties what they had to do, without giving them any money to do it."

The governor said that the funds that Union County has received from the state have turned that policy "upside down."

"We are assuming the responsibility of paying for social services," Florio said.

Provisions within the amended version of the QEA require that the money provided by the state must be

used to lower the county property tax levy.

With the influx of \$20,674,579.44 in state funds, the 1991 county budget is expected to reflect a 4 percent reduction in the tax levy, for a total projected tax levy of \$131.4 million. The total amount of county taxes collected in 1990 was approximately \$137.8 million.

The 1991 county budget is projected to equal \$216.4 million, which is an approximate 6 percent increase over the \$203.6 million 1990 county budget.

The governor said that the drop in property tax rates in municipalities across the state was the result of the difficult decisions that he had to make last year.

He said the difficult situations facing governors of states throughout the northeast portion of the country show that it does not pay to hide from problems.

"If last year was about investment, this year is about dividends," the governor said. "If last year was about promises, this year is about fulfilling those promises."

Freeholder Chairman James Connelly Welsh said that he has had a

"front-row seat" while watching all that has occurred with the county's property tax rates. He said that the large rise in taxes and governmental expenses over the last decade was the "legacy" of the previous governor.

"I publicly thank Governor Florio for being the first governor in memory to stop the upward-spiraling property tax rate," Welsh said. "To say no is not easy, and takes great political courage."

According to the freeholder chairman, the methods that Florio has used to bring "fiscal restraint" back to state government — specifically, the state's early retirement program, layoffs of employees, and a reorganization and downsizing of the state government — are things that the Union County government "has already done."

Welsh said that the state's adoption of actions already taken by the county shows that the freeholders are on the "frontline" in terms of property tax relief.

Florio also used the meeting to announce the Supreme Court's ruling last week that upheld the constitutionality of the governor's reforms of the insurance industry, and the abolishment of the Joint Underwriters Association, or the JUA.

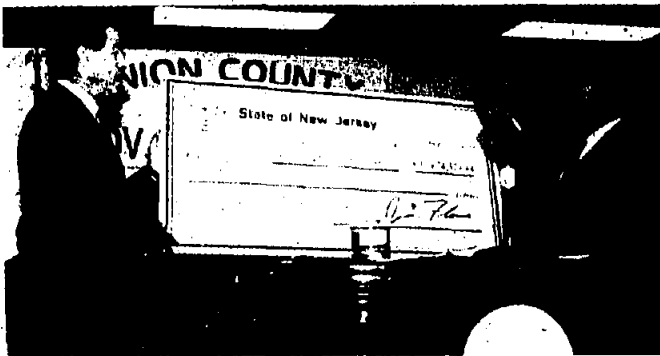


Photo By Jerry Greenwald

Governor James Florio, left, presents a symbolic \$20.7 million check to Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders Chairman James Connelly Welsh.

ment of the Joint Underwriters Association, or the JUA.

The governor said the ruling rejects insurance company arguments that they have the right to pass through to customers their share of the costs lev-


ied on them with the abolishment of the JUA.

"After being out of control for so many years, car insurance is back under control and in the hands of drivers," Florio said.

Correction policy

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Ian Robert Scheinmann, son of Frank and Merle Scheinmann of Springfield and a graduate of Solomon Schechter High School, recently made the dean's list for academic achievement for the fall 1990 semester at Washington University, St. Louis.

Christopher D. Hannauer of Springfield, a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences at Northwestern University, Ill., has been named to the dean's list for the winter quarter of the 1990-91 academic year. He is a 1987 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield. Students on the dean's list have attained a grade point average of at least 3.75.

Elena Rosenthal of Lenape Road, Springfield, has been named to the dean's list for the winter quarter 1991 at Northeastern University, Boston. Rosenthal is enrolled in the College of Business Administration.

To make the dean's list, one must carry a full program, have a quality point average of 3.25 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and no grade lower than a C minus.

Janis A. Netschert, 18, daughter of Carol and Ray Netschert of Rose Avenue, Springfield, recently made the dean's list at Marist College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. A 1990 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield, Netschert is majoring in psychology.

Mark Winarsky, son of Bernice and Louis Winarsky of Springfield, has been awarded an internship in the Office of Student Activities at the University of Hartford, West Hartford, Conn., for 1991-93.

As part of the university's administrative internship program, Winarsky will gain administrative and practical experience along with financial support toward obtaining a master's degree in any of the university's graduate programs.

Caldwell carnival slated

James Caldwell School, Caldwell Place, Springfield, will hold its annual carnival sponsored by the James Caldwell PTA on June 1 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. rain or shine. Area residents are invited to participate in games and activities, win prizes and

enjoy refreshments and a bake sale. There will be no admission fee. Representatives from Jay's Cycle Center, North Avenue, Westfield, will be there from noon to 2 p.m. to take orders for \$50 bike helmets at a cost of \$30.

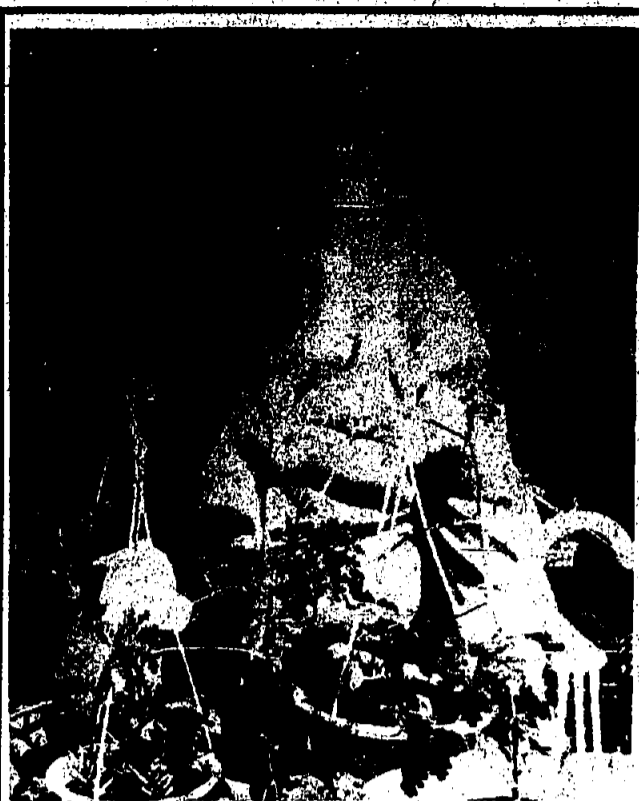


Photo By Suzette Stalker

FLOWERS OF SPRING — Conrad Poetsche, formerly of Springfield, admires a display of geraniums Sunday during a spring garden fair and plant sale at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountaintop. The event featured gardening lectures, plant exhibits and other informative programs. Poetsche, an avid gardener for many years, will celebrate his 90th birthday tomorrow.

Scout director chosen

Washington Rock Girl Scout Council, which includes Girl Scout troops in Springfield and Mountaintop, has announced that Cindy J. Williams has been appointed as its executive director by the council's board of directors.

Williams, who was previously at Nation's Capital Girl Scout Council in Washington, D.C., brings expertise in the areas of membership and program to her new position. Her career has also included positions with Girl Scout councils in Boston, Oklahoma City and Austin, Texas.

As executive director, Williams will be responsible for overseeing administrative operations of Washington Rock Girl Scout Council, which serves more than 7,000 girls, ages 5-17, in most of Union County

and parts of Middlesex and Somerset counties.

Commenting on the 1991 theme of Girl Scouting, "The Girl Comes First in Girl Scouting," Williams explained emphasized that "the girl is the focus of the Girl Scout organization."

"That is why," Washington Rock Girl Scout Council is providing girls with challenging, diverse and innovative opportunities that help them develop to their full potential, make friends and become a vital part of their community. I am happy to be part of Washington Rock Girl Scout Council, which has been serving area girls for almost 55 years.

"We will continue to look to our Girl Scouts as the leaders of tomorrow," she concluded.

Trailside volunteers sought

Trailside Nature and Science Center, Coles Avenue and New Providence Road, Mountaintop, is looking for several volunteers to assist staff naturalists with summer programs at the facility. Volunteers are needed to work with four and five year olds and children in grades 1-5.

Anyone wishing to volunteer should be reliable and have some experience working with children and enjoy working outdoors. Participants

will have an opportunity to meet new people and to gain valuable skills and experience while working at a Union County facility located in the Watchung Reservation.

To volunteer one's time or for more information, one can call Betty Ann Kelly, Tuesday through Friday, at 789-3670. Trailside is a facility of Union County Department of Parks and Recreation.

Postmaster offers tips to prevent dog bites

Springfield Postmaster William G. Daniels has asked area dog owners to help protect letter carriers, utility workers and other citizens from the dangers of dog bites now that the warm weather has arrived and pets are spending more time outdoors.

The postmaster said that nationally, more than 2,000 letter carriers were bitten by dogs last year.

"In recent years, the public has responded to our plea to keep their pets restrained, and we have seen a decline in bites nationally," Daniels said. "Nevertheless, much is still to be done to eliminate the hazard to our

employees and other citizens who might be bitten."

Daniels explained that all dogs are territorial by nature, and even the most gentle pet will bite if it feels its domain is threatened by the presence of a carrier or other person. "With a little care, a pet owner can not only protect our carriers, but his or her pet and pocketbook, too," he said.

Postmaster Daniels stressed that the Postal Service protects its carriers from dog bite hazards. Among remedies in situations when a pet owner fails to restrain a dog is interruption of home delivery to the residence or, in

some cases, to entire neighborhoods.

The Postal Service will also seek to recover worker's compensation damages and provides counseling to carriers who have been bitten and who wishes to seek legal action against the dog owners.

Postmaster Daniels said these policies underscore the Postal Service's commitment to protect its employees and added that pet owners can easily meet their responsibilities to control their pets.

"We suggest that pets be kept away from the mailbox and areas the letter carrier uses for access to the property," Daniels said.

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County slated to introduce budget

By Alec Schwartz
Managing Editor

Responding to the need for property tax relief, the Union County freeholders are scheduled to introduce a budget tonight which will amount to a 4 percent decrease in the county portion of the property tax levy.

The latest figures from the county are for a \$216.4 million budget with a corresponding \$131.4 million tax levy, according to Margaret Woliansky, Union County ombudsman. In 1990, \$137.9 million was raised through taxes for a \$203.6 million budget.

Freeholder Chairman James Connolly Welsh said Monday that the proposed budget and tax levy decrease is the result of combining departments and divisions at the county level. He said that the number of departments would be decreased from 11 to six and the number of divisions would be reduced to 27 from 38.

He added that money would also be saved by moving toward privatization of some services, and an aggressive early retirement program.

Gov. James Florio also presented a symbolic check for \$20.6 million May

16, which represents property tax relief that is being applied to the county budget.

"This represents the first county tax decrease in at least 15 years," Welsh said. "It represents a stabilization in terms of the spiraling rise of property taxes."

Welsh added that in order to effect the reduction, the freeholders did have to reduce funding of some services like the county colleges, but said that he thought the demand for lower taxes from residents was important enough to make sacrifices.

Finance Chairman Freeholder Gerald B. Green said that the budget crisis in the county was "very real," and that the decreases arrived at were the result of maintaining lower salaries and other expenses "despite the pleas of the various department heads."

"We have brought about savings through a variety of cost-cutting methods, including the elimination of vacancies, the refinancing of debt, a hiring freeze, the restructuring of the method by which some services are delivered, the successful voluntary enhanced retirement package, and layoffs," Green said.

Welsh said that he is expecting

appeals from the Office of the Sheriff, Office of the Court Administrator and the probation boards. Welsh said that the budgets proposed from those departments were "too far away from the goals" which the freeholders set. He added that many other departments came close to reducing budgets to the 1990 level.

The reduction in the tax levy will result in significant savings for all of the county municipalities. Rahway will need to raise \$725,689 less in taxes than last year to support the county budget. Other towns will reap similar savings including \$527,000 for Union, \$414,361 for Springfield, \$383,755 for Mountainside, \$67,300 for Hillside, \$276,993 for Clark, \$427,290 for Linden, \$209,000 for Roselle, \$94,500 for Roselle Park and \$54,500 for Kenilworth.

The savings translate to significant dollar savings by individual taxpayers. In Union, where a tax point is around \$105,000, the tax rate will decrease by 5 points because of the county. As the other components — municipal and school board — stand, Union residents will see taxes drop by 26 points, or \$130 for the average home.

In Hillside the tax rate from the county portion will drop by 2 points.



DANCING FOR JOY — Members of the Phyllis Rose Dance Company recently performed for students at Deerfield School in Mountainside during a workshop sponsored by the Mountainside PTA and the Mountainside Music Association. During the program, students learned new skills and also participated in the performance. Here, Deerfield student Elizabeth Klabaur, right, performs with a member of the Phyllis Rose Dance Company.

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JUKE BOX JIVE — Students in grades 1 through 8 at St. James School in Springfield recently presented their spring concert, 'Juke Box Jive,' for which they performed songs from the 1950s through the 90s. Pictured are the Bart Simpson Dancers, top to bottom and left to right, Piper Smith, Jessca Pflug, Kimberly Williams, Bunni Aknmow, Kristin DeAngelo, Erin Wagner, Latoya Rogers, Nicole Bierzycycki and Brielle Grey.

Eleven to receive degrees

Eleven Kenilworth residents are among 535 students of Union County College who are candidates for associate in arts and associate in applied science degrees at the College's 57th commencement tonight at 6 at the Cranford campus.

The candidates for the associate in arts and associate in applied science degrees are among 925 Union County College students who are candidates for degrees, certificates or diplomas at the commencement.

me, Frank Chappetta and Debra S. Churavage, all majoring in business; Glen J. Karlovich, majoring in criminal justice; Vipul R. Patel, majoring in electromechanical technology/robotics; Jinnis Kim, majoring in liberal arts/honors program; Maureen Riley, majoring in liberal arts; Kimberly A. Tarullo, majoring in office systems technology, and Arthur F. Wright, majoring in criminal justice.

Resident among lottery finalists

Roselle Park resident Marie Gregory is among the 310 finalists who will have a chance at \$1 million Wednesday when the New Jersey Lottery holds a Pick-6 Lotto Bonus Million Grand Prize drawing.

award 14 additional prizes, all in cash, totaling \$220,000. There will be a second prize of \$50,000, a third prize of \$30,000, a fourth prize of \$30,000, a fifth prize of \$25,000, a sixth prize of \$20,000, a seventh prize of \$15,000,

an eighth prize of \$10,000, a ninth prize of \$7,500, 10th through 12th prizes of \$5,000 each and 13th through 15th prizes of \$2,500 each. All other finalists will receive consolation prizes of \$500.

Early deadlines announced

The offices of this newspaper will be closed Memorial Day, May 27. Deadlines for the May 30 edition have been amended as follows: The deadline for display advertising in the A and B sections of the newspaper is May 24 at noon. The deadline to advertise in our classified section is May 28 at noon. To advertise in our 'What's Happening' column, all copy must be in by 5 p.m. on May 24.

Recycling program to be introduced

By Chris Smith Staff Writer According to borough Councilman Al Testa, guidelines for a grass clipping recycling program will be unveiled during the next Borough Council meeting.

sub-contractor to remove the waste to a separate disposal location. The borough hopes to save \$67 per ton on tipping fees as a result of the new measure.

"We're 95 percent certain that all the data will be in on this plan by the time the governing body meets again," Testa said.

Health department slates distribution

The Kenilworth Board of Health will conduct surplus food distribution on Wednesday between 1 and 4 p.m. at the Board of Health Office on the Boulevard.

Program participants who registered during the board's sign-up process on Tuesday and Wednesday will be presented with commodities such as apple sauce, flour, beans, raisins, beef and fruit.

Only those who took part in the pre-registration are eligible for the give-away.

However, Dr. R.M. Moscaritolo reminds local residents that anyone who meets the federally-ordained criteria can sign up during next week's distribution for the next event, which is scheduled for July.

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County 200 Club presents medals of valor

By Mark Paris Staff Writer

While the nation prepares to celebrate the return of the men and women who fought courageously in the Persian Gulf, the 200 Club of Union County honored individuals who demonstrated acts of bravery of their own here in Union County.

citizens and businessmen who joined together in 1968 to recognize the "valiant" efforts of police officers, firefighters and state troopers who put their lives on the line to protect the citizens of the county.

The organization also offers financial assistance to the dependents and families of the men and women slain in the line of duty, as well as several different scholarship programs.

The individuals honored at the ceremony were Firefighter Frank Genova of Cranford; Fire Captain Sylvester Madurski and Firefighter Joseph Moran of Hillside; Fire Cap-

tain Donald Lawler and Firefighters Thomas Della Ventura and Thomas Scelera of Plainfield; Police Detective Ashley Conrad of Elizabeth; Police

Officer Daniel Stanicki of Linden; and Police Officers Frank DePaola, Harry Leonard and Matthew Glackin of Elizabeth.

Blood pressure screenings set

The Kenilworth Board of Health will hold a free blood pressure screening on June 5, from 3 to 7 p.m., in the recreation building, 575 Boulevard, for Kenilworth residents only.

of stroke, heart attack, heart failure and kidney failure than those with normal blood pressure levels. In almost every case, the disease can be controlled if it is detected and treated.

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French pupils visit school

Twelve students from Lycee Saint-Cyr in Nevers, France, recently took part in an exchange program at the Vail-Deane School in Mountainside. The French students were the guests of those Vail-Deane students who had visited their school in March, and enjoyed many educational field trips during their stay in the United States.



Students who participated in the Vail-Deane/St. Cyr exchange program get together on the grounds of the Mountainside school. In front row, from left, are Barbara Hill, Carla Parker, Martha Jimenez, Laure Lantonnnet, Christelle Dervault, Kimanthi Choma, William Gonin, Agnes Gauthier and Elisabeth Goby. In back row, from left, are Tahira Scarborough, Domitille Regnard de Lagny, Seth Goodwin, Caroline Ygout, Marci Richburg, Aurelie Le Voir, Stephane Aubergy, Maria San Pedro, Dominique Lange, Claire Boyer, Vadim Darocourt, David Roth, Michael Gershen and Philippe Emeriau. Standing at far right are Jane Butcher, Vail-Deane French teacher and Mademoiselle Brigitte Gauthier, Saint-Cyr English teacher.

These field trips included visiting the United Nations, Ellis Island, Washington D.C. and the Flemington area. They also visited academic classes, extra-curricular programs and social events at Vail-Deane.

Accompanied by Mademoiselle Brigitte Gauthier, an English teacher at Saint-Cyr, the French students found studying and living in the United States to be a fun and rewarding experience, the young visitors agreed.

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and whether it is of a long-or-short-haired variety; also the name, street and post office address of the owner, and the person who shall keep or harbor such cat. The information on said application and the registration number issued for the cat shall be preserved for a period of ten (10) years by the local official designated to license cats in the municipality.
e) License Forms and Tags, license forms and official tags or sleeves shall be furnished by the licensing authority and shall be numbered serially, and shall bear the year of issuance and the name of the municipality.
f) Evidence of Inoculation with Rabies Vaccine or Certification of Exemption; Requirement for License.
No licensing authority shall grant such license and official registration tag or sleeve for any cat unless the owner thereof provides evidence that the cat to be licensed and registered has been inoculated with a rabies vaccine of a type approved by and administered in accordance with the recommendations of the United States Dept. of Agriculture and the United States Department of Human Services, or has been certified exempt as provided by this ordinance. The rabies inoculation shall be administered by a duly licensed veterinarian permitted by law to do so.
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Only one person shall be responsible for performing any duty under this ordinance.
j) Disposition of Fees Collected.
License fees and other monies collected or received under the provisions of this ordinance, shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Borough of Mountainside, and shall be placed in a special account separate from any of the other accounts of the Borough of Mountainside and shall be used for the following purpose only: collecting, keeping and disposing of cats liable to seizure, for local prevention and control of rabies, providing anti-rabies treatment under the direction of the Board of Health for any person known, or suspected to have been exposed to rabies, and for administering the provisions of this ordinance. Any unexpected balance remaining in such special account shall be retained until the end of the third fiscal year, and may be used for any of the purposes set forth in this section. At the end of the said third fiscal year thereafter, there shall be transferred from such special account to the general funds of the municipality any amount then in such account which is in excess of the total amount paid into the special account during the last two fiscal years next preceding.
PENALTY:
Any person who violates, or who fails, or refuses to comply with this ordinance, shall be liable to a penalty of \$100 - \$500. U01537 Mountainside Echo, May 23, 1991 (Fee: \$93.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE
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TAKE NOTICE, that the regular meeting of the Rent Levying Board scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 1991 has been cancelled.
KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI
Secretary
Rent Levying Board
U01543 The Springfield Leader, May 23, 1991 (Fee: \$4.80)

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CHANCERY DIVISION
DOCKET NO. F-6789-91
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Board of Health of the Borough of Mountainside, in the County of Union, New Jersey, held on the 15th day of May, 1991, and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Board of Health to be held at the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1985 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ 07092, on the 10th day of June at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

Bill targets public employees for early retirement program

Public employees at the county and municipal government levels would become eligible for an early retirement program, under terms of legislation approved by the Assembly State Operations and Personnel Committee.

The legislation, a committee substitute for A-4732/A-4772, is sponsored by Assembly members Anthony J. Cimino (D-Mercer/Middlesex/Somerset), Marlene Lynch Ford (D-Ocean) and Neil Cohen (D-Union).

"Early retirement has proven to be a prudent, cost-saving step in budgeting," Cimino said. "It is used widely in the private sector and we are moving to make it a state policy."

Ford added, "The next most logical step is to make early retirement incentives an option to local government, where municipalities and counties are also feeling the effects of the recession and are faced with difficult budgetary decisions."

Cohen added that the legislation, which makes the early retirement program an option, not a requirement, would also be extended to county college employees.

"In light of the fact that hundreds of different governmental entities could offer this option to potentially thou-

sands of employees, early retirement programs could result in millions of dollars in savings. These savings in turn could be applied to budgets for stabilizing or lowering property taxes," Cohen said.

Under terms of the substitute bill, employees in the Public Employees' Retirement System, the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund and the Alternate Benefits Program would be eligible for early retirement.

PERS and TPAF members who are at least age 50 with 25 or more years of service would receive an additional five years of service credit.

Other eligibility criteria include: PERS and TPAF members who are at least age 50 with 25 or more years of service who are also eligible for special veteran's retirement benefits would receive an additional pension of 5/60 of their final year compensation;

ABP members who are at least age 50 with 25 or more years of service would receive one year's salary based upon their base salary at the time of retirement;

The additional benefits contained in the legislation would be offered to qualifying employees who retire

between Dec. 1, 1991 and April 1, 1992.

"This legislation would affect a broad scope of employees," Cohen said. "However, it was crafted in a way to avoid the pitfalls associated with losing too many workers over a short period of time."

Under another provision of the bill, when the needs of a county, a county college or municipal employer require the services of an employee who elects to receive a benefit under the act, the employee's effective retirement date could be delayed for up to one year, but not later than April 1, 1993.

The cost of the enhanced pension benefits for PERS and TPAF members would be funded through increased contributions to the retirement system by counties and municipalities which adopt the program. The amount of contributions would vary and be calculated separately for each county and municipality. The cost of the cash payment for ABP members would be paid by the members' county college employer.

The bill now advances to the Assembly Appropriations Committee for further consideration.



WELCOME HOME — United States Navy Hospital Corpsman Alan Talarzky of Springfield, center, recently visited Thelma L. Sandmeier School in Springfield at the invitation of Harriet Ginsberg's second-grade class. During his visit, he recounted his experiences in the Persian Gulf. Seated are, from left, Samantha Lewent, Christy Delloiacono, Danielle Guida, Scott Kessel, Jared Becker and Aaron Rhodes. In back row with Talarzky are, from left, Thayer Jennings, Linda Gady, Nicole Naggar, Ginsberg and Ottawana Anderson.



STUDENTS RECEIVE AWARDS — These students at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield, from left, Dana Magee, Russ Nesevich and Melissa Barrios were recently presented with Magna Cum Laude awards for their outstanding performances on the 1991 National Latin Examination. Jonathan Dayton student Jina Lee, not pictured, also received a Cum Laude award based on the results of this test. The National Latin Examination, sponsored by the Mount Vernon, Virginia-based American Classical League, is an annual exam which tests high school students on their knowledge of the Latin language.

Registration deadline set for May 31

With camp only six weeks away, applications are returning from more than 20 surrounding towns for a camping experience at the "Y."

Transportation is available and included in the camp fee. All registrations must be to the "Y" by May 31.

For more information on the full-day program for Kindercamp, Y-Ho-Ca and Kehila, from June 26 to Aug. 20, contact Jani Kovacs, director of camping services, at 289-8112.

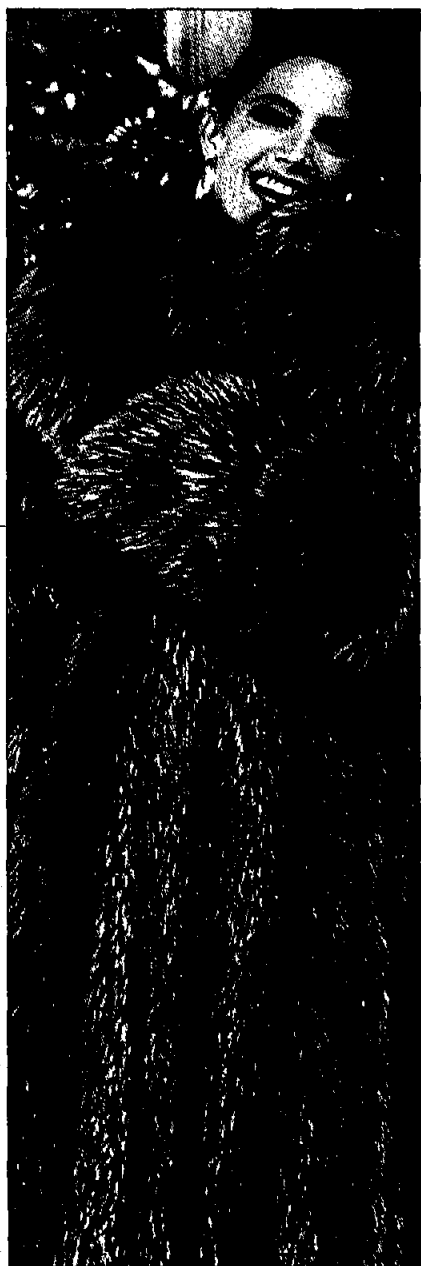
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Art program results in three shows

Three art shows highlighting artistic creations by teen-agers in Union County schools throughout the state and country is the result of the work which was on display during the Union County Teen Arts Festival.

Freeholder Walter E. Boright, liaison to the Union County Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board, said, "The 1991 Union County Teen Arts Festival was our most successful ever. More than 1,500 students, teachers, parents and members of the public were treated to two exciting days of workshops, exhibits and performances. I am pleased that some of the more than 425 pieces exhibited at Union County College during the festival in March will now be displayed in other parts of the state and our country."

Thirty-two pieces of art from the Union County Festival will be part of an exhibit at the New Jersey State Teen Arts Festival at the Douglass Campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick on May 28, 29 and 30. "This artwork and the many performers from our county festival selected to perform at the state event demonstrate the excellent level of the art education in Union County's schools," Boright said.

Joining Boright was Marcia Cohen, chairman of the advisory board, who said, "Another 15 pieces from the county festival have been on exhibit since May 9 in the freeholders meeting room in the Union County Administration Building. The public is invited to view the work weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. until June 7."

Cohen also announced the exhibit of 10 additional Union County Teen Arts pieces at United Jersey Bank, 36 Park Ave., Scotch Plains. "We are pleased to have United Jersey Bank host this fine display. It is gratifying to know Union County has businesses which appreciate what the arts can do for our young people. This exhibit may be viewed by the public during regular business hours until May 31."

The 1991 Union County Teen Arts Festival is sponsored by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Department of Parks and Recreation; Union County College; Union County Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board; Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders; and supported by the New Jersey School of the Arts, Department of Education; New Jersey Center for the Visual Arts; and the Cranford Board

of Education. Support also comes from the New Jersey State Teen Arts Program through a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State.

Corporate supporters of the festival include Panasonic Foundation of America; PSE&G; United Jersey Bank; Summit Trust Company; CIBA-ORIGY; All-State Legal Supply Co. Inc.; Friends of Teen Arts Inc.; Harmonia Savings Bank; Kings Super Markets Inc., New Jersey Bell; Leisure Arts Center, Joy-O-Looms; Peter Sklar; Scotch Plains-Fanwood Art Association; and other private sources.

The New Jersey State Teen Arts Program is made possible by support from Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University; New Jersey Department of Education, New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State; Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission; Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation; and other private sources.

Tennis slated

Plans have been announced for the second Tennis Tournament for the Disabled, June 22 in Cedar Brook Park, Plainfield.

The tournament, coordinated by the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, and run in conjunction with the Union County Association for Retarded Citizens, is open to all disabled individuals, ages 6 and up.

Further information is available by calling 754-5350 or 527-4930.

Membership plans begin at \$199

An inaccurate price structure appeared in an article about Gold's Gym in Kenilworth in the Health and Fitness Community Magazine of May 16.

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PREPARATION PROGRAM — Alan B. Siegel, center, a Springfield lawyer with offices in Hillside, recently participated in an orientation program conducted by the New Jersey State Bar Association. The program was designed to prepare lawyers to be part of a panel to be conducted in Union County which will help lawyers, real estate brokers and sales persons deal with the process of preparing and reviewing residential real estate contracts. Joining Siegel are Lois A. Winnberg, executive director of the New Jersey State Bar Association and James T. Dattoli, division officer for Legal Affairs of the New Jersey Association of Realtors.

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Quinn-Kaplan betrothed

Mr. Alan H. Quinn of Deland, Fla., and Ruth and Robert Ney of Hillsborough, formerly of Union, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Robin Ann Quinn of Tenafly, formerly of Union, to Kevin J. Kaplan, son of Mrs. Vivian Schneider of Tenafly.

The bride-elect, who was graduated from Union High School and Syracuse University, is employed as director of operations at Ultimair Creations Inc., New York City.

Her fiance, who was graduated from Syracuse University, is owner of N.J. Trade Corp., Tenafly. A 1992 wedding is planned.

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Mr. and Mrs. Adam J. Adelkopf

Weinberg-Adelkopf wed

Bonnie Sue Weinberg, daughter of Mrs. Marion Weinberg of Mountainside and Mr. Robert E. Weinberg of Springfield, was married March 23 to Adam Joel Adelkopf of Hoboken, son of Mrs. Ellen Adelkopf of Stamford, Conn., and the late Mr. Stuart Adelkopf.

Rabbi Charles Kroloff officiated at the ceremony at the Manor, West Orange, where a reception followed.

The bride was escorted by her parents. Both Weinberg of Mountainside served as maid of honor for her sister. Bridesmaids were Tracy Adelkopf of Stamford, sister of the groom; Lauren Layton of Mountainside, Amy Horn Lebowitz of Springfield and Marie Smith Byrd of Crownsville, Md.

Gary Adelkopf of Monroe, Conn., served as best man for his brother. Ushers were Wayne Adelkopf of

Stamford, brother of the groom; Chris Sinatra of Burlington, Vt.; Barry Musco of Vernon, Conn.; Bill Wivell of Madison, Conn., and Mark Gambajella of Glastonbury, Conn.

Mrs. Adelkopf, originally of Mountainside, who was graduated from Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Springfield, and Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., where she received bachelor of arts degrees in economics and business, is employed by Andersen Consulting, New York City.

Her husband, who was graduated from the University of Connecticut in Storrs, where he received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering, is employed by Andersen Consulting, Florham Park.

The newlyweds, who took a honeymoon trip to the Hawaiian Islands, reside in Hoboken.



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Fordney

Clarkson-Fordney troth

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Clarkson of Stockholm have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Lynn of Toms River to Kenneth Anthony Fordney of Toms River, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Fordney of Chester, formerly of Union.

The bride-elect, who was graduated from Dover Business College, is employed by Refco Inc., New York City.

Her fiance, who was graduated from Union High School, is employed by Lusitalia Construction Corp., Newark.

An October wedding is planned in St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Union.

Bordonaro-Venezia wed

Janine M. Bordonaro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bordonaro of North Tonawanda, N.Y., was married May 3 to Anthony W. Venezia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Venezia of Union.

The wedding ceremony took place in Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Buffalo, N.Y.

The newlyweds reside in Baltimore, Md.



Patricia K. Adams
Henrich Koehler

Adams-Koehler betrothal

Mrs. Angelina Adams of Union has announced the engagement of her daughter, Patricia Kathleen, to Henrich Koehler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich Koehler of Stanhope. Miss Adams also is the daughter of the late Mr. Leroy Adams.

The bride-elect, who was graduated from Union High School, is employed by Consolidated Simon Distributors,

Union. Her fiance, who was graduated from Hopatcong High School and Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, where he received a bachelor of science degree in marketing, is employed by State Farm Insurance Co., Maplewood.

A July 1992 wedding is planned at the Breakers in Spring Lake.

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Sarah Helen Drew

A daughter, Sarah Helen, was born April 9 in Overlook Hospital, Summit, to Dr. and Mrs. Howard Drew of Short Hills. She joins a brother, Alexander.

Mrs. Drew, the former Ina R. Schechter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wadys Schechter of Springfield. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Drew of Springfield.

Kathryn Elizabeth Lee

An 8-pound daughter, Kathryn (Katie) Elizabeth, was born Feb. 1 in Medical Center of Ocean County, Point Pleasant, to Capt. and Mrs. Michael Lee of Lakewood.

Mrs. Lee, the former Linda Gerweck, is the daughter of Mr. William Gerweck of Union and the late Mrs. Peggy Gerweck. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith of Union and the late Mr. Robert Lee.

Alllysa Patrice O'Donnell

A daughter, Alllysa Patrice, was born April 8 in Overlook Hospital, Summit, to Mr. and Mrs. William O'Donnell of Springfield. She is the couple's first child.

Mrs. O'Donnell, the former Patrice Paraventi, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Paraventi of Sterling Heights, Mich. Her husband is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Martin O'Donnell.

Jennifer Elizabeth Byrne

A daughter, Jennifer Elizabeth, was born March 29 in Overlook Hospital, Summit, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Byrne of Union.

Mrs. Byrne, the former Lisa A. Jahn, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Jahn of Union. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Byrne.

Colleen Mary Caffrey

A daughter, Colleen Mary, was born March 28 in Overlook Hospital, Summit, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Caffrey of Mountainside. She joins a sister, Joanna, 9, and a brother, Alexander, 5.

Mrs. Caffrey, the former Nancy De Cristoforo, is the daughter of Mr. Eugene De Cristoforo of Mountainside. Her husband is the son of Mrs. Dorothy Caffrey.

happy birthday



John L. Lodato

John Lawrence, son of John and Priscilla Lodato of Union, observed his first birthday March 2. Joining in the celebration at a catered party at a Union restaurant were his grandparents, Charles and Priscilla Lawrence of Roselle Park and Al and Mimi Lodato of Union, great-grandmothers, Emma Lied of Roselle Park and Susan Lockmyer of Newark, and many relatives and friends.



Catherine Lombardo

Catherine Marie, daughter of Frank and Valerie Lombardo of Kenilworth, celebrated her second birthday on May 8. Joining in the celebration are her brothers, Patrick, Kevin and Keith; her grandparents, Walter and Emily Pilot of Kenilworth; her aunt and godmother, Jeanette Azain of North Brunswick, and uncle and godfather, Greg Pilot of Kenilworth, and friends.



Jennifer Ringler

Jennifer, daughter of Mike and Judy Ringler of Roselle Park, celebrated her sixth birthday April 14. Joining in the celebration were her brother, Luke; grandparents, Marvin and Bobby Ringler of Livingston and Carmela Stavole Russo of Garwood, and aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.



Kristin Pescatore

Kristin, daughter of Doris and Keith Pescatore of Warren, celebrated her ninth birthday on May 20. Joining in the celebration were cousins, Jennifer and Glenn Smith, both of Edison; Erika Pescatore of Long Valley, Ryan Priest of Berkeley Heights, and grandparents, Pat Smith and Ginny and Pat Pescatore, all of Warren, formerly of Union.

clubs in the news

Rose L. Schwartz Business & Professional Group of Hadassah will meet Sunday at 11:30 a.m. at the Union Y on Green Lane. Rose Ottenstein, president, will preside.

A musical program is planned. It was suggested by Dolores Bromberg, hostess, that members bring sandwiches.

A luncheon is planned after the

summer. Chairmen will speak. They are Ottenstein, scrip, and tributes and cards, Esther Klein and Bertha Kosky; also, Israel Bonds, Mae Barker; Jewish National Fund, trees certificates, Kosky, and blue boxes, Sylvia Hecht.

A trip to Alaska is planned by hostess, that members bring sandwiches. Additional information can be obtained by calling the president.

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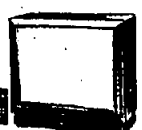
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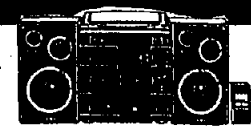
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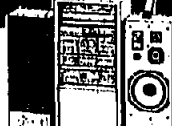
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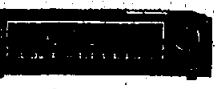


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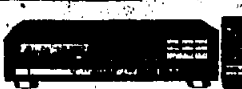
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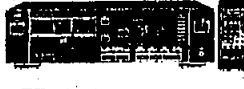
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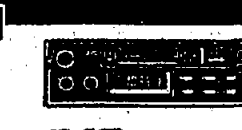
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Individualized treatment occurs at Gold's Gym

By David Brown and Tom Canavan
 With summer approaching, gyms and health clubs are becoming a haven for men and women interested in shaping and toning their bodies for hot days when less clothing is more appropriate and comfortable. As the peak season escalates, so does the number of people who fill the weight rooms, leaving workout equipment hard to come by.

Not very comforting for a newcomer to the gym who feels he's lost in the crowd. To some, it may even be intimidating.

Well, at Gold's Gym in Kenilworth, the treatment given to beginning weightlifters makes them feel as if they have the entire gym all to themselves.

"Have you ever worked out before?"

That's the first question Gold's Gym manager Jane Dudics asks all beginning clients. The client's response, which in our case was "not properly," determines the course of the workout program.

At Gold's, each client receives the personal touch during the first few weeks with a personalized training program overseen by Dudics or owner Mark Szczygiel. Following a medical profile similar to one taken by a doctor, and a few moments at each of the machines which will become all too familiar to beginners, a training program is custom designed to the needs and abilities of each new member.

Aerobics, an often neglected aspect of physical fitness, is not only Gold's introduction to newcomers, but, according to Dudics, a critical part of any successful fitness program.

Aerobics? We thought we'd be dancing in a

room filled with weightlifters. "Many people don't realize that aerobics is more than exercising to music. Aerobics gets the heart going and plays an important role in the overall success of a workout program," said Dudics, as we mounted the Life Cycle for a five-minute, eight-mile ride to a healthy heart.

Another aerobics workout, the Stair Master, strengthens the heart as the user simulates climbing a flight of stairs.

The workout continued on a series of alphabetically-identified pin-loaded, circuit training machines which exercise different parts of the body. Unlike free-weights, each machine controls the motion of the user and the action of the weight.

After the aerobics, our circuit-training program began with crunch sit-ups, designed to develop the upper abdomen. An average of three sets consisting of an appropriate number of repetitions is recommended for machines both with and without weights. While this machine does not include weights, they can be added to the routine to increase the difficulty of the sets.

The remainder of the work out consisted of incline press for the upper chest, the military press for the shoulders, the preacher curl for the biceps, and an exercise that develops the triceps.

Each of these exercises has a corresponding program with free-weights, which are also available at Gold's. According to Dudics, members typically progress to the use of free weight after they have gained confidence and experience in their Universal training program.

Gold's also offers the Reebok Step Aerobics program, a new and challenging workout that uses a platform to supplement the standard dance aerobics. Dudics said many members have joined the gym for this program alone.

Gold's is located at 363 Market St. in Kenilworth, and is open seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends. For more information call Jane or Mark at the gym at 241-7744.

Lady Bears fall

By Kim Egan
 Sports Editor

Led by senior Chrissy Davenport and junior Stacy Bober, both of whom collected two RBI, the Brearley Regional High softball team beat Manville, 13-3, last Tuesday in Kenilworth.

On Thursday, Brearley lost to Middlesex, 10-2. Brearley kept the game close until the fourth inning, when Middlesex scored three times to put the game away.

Bober led Brearley by going 3-for-4 with an RBI against Dayton, but Dayton prevailed, 11-7. Wendy Saladino's two-run homer in the sixth inning enabled the Lady Bulldogs to ice the win.

The Lady Bears, after facing Roselle Park Tuesday, are scheduled to conclude their season today with a game against Arthur L. Johnson Regional of Clark.

GSG Tryouts

Regional tryouts for the Garden State Games Northeast baseball team, which will encompass Union, Essex and Hudson counties, have been rescheduled for June 9 at 10 a.m. at Columbia High School's Underhill Field in South Orange. Residents of Union, Essex and Hudson counties who are eligible to play high school baseball in 1992 are eligible to participate. The finalists will compete for medals on July 4-7 on the campuses of Rutgers University and a number of surrounding facilities.

More information is available from 225-0303.

Follow the rest of the spring sports season with Worrall Community Newspapers.



PLAYER OF THE WEEK — Umberto Iannone of the Arthur L. Johnson Regional lacrosse team was recently selected as the TV-3 Athlete of the Week after scoring game-winning goals against Summit and Columbia. The Crusaders finished at 4-12.



WHO'S ON FIRST?

This week's question: Since we've just about exhausted the topic of trades, here's a different sort of question to tease your brain. There have been seven sports figures to grace, at least once, the covers of Time Magazine, Life Magazine and Sports Illustrated (though not simultaneously). Who are they? A hint: not all seven are individual people. Last week's answer: Seven years after the Yankees had acquired him, Roger Maris, nearing the end of a productive career, was traded from the Yanks to the St. Louis Cardinals in exchange for infielder Charlie Smith after the 1966 season.

Maris, while nowhere near the offensive threat he once was, was useful to the pennant-winning Cardinals in 1967 and 1968, while Smith did little for the Yankees.

This week, Henry Hascup of Lodi and Kurt Michael Wolf of Linden submitted correct answers.

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Springfield Taxi serves town

With the recent emphasis on development and the upcropping of strip malls, local businesses more than ever have to be supported. Jean Pessitore of Springfield Taxi, located at 243 Morris Ave., takes being a local business very seriously and prides herself and her company in supporting businesses around town and the people in the community.

"Businesses have to remember their townspeople," said Pessitore, who has owned and operated Springfield Taxi for 18 years. "We are here for the town."

Pessitore and her drivers are dedicated to helping people. One driver was late to a pickup one day because along the way he stopped to lend assistance at an accident scene.

"There was a big accident at South Orange Avenue and Old Short," Pessitore said. "My driver was a medic for many years and stopped to help out. But then he went on to pick up his passenger."

Another time a driver helped rush a passenger, who was suffering from a heart attack, to the hospital. Pessitore said that drivers have also helped pregnant women in labor get to the hospital, and have voluntarily helped children without money get home.

In addition, Pessitore helps people in need when they show up at her front door. People come in out of the snow or rain and are welcome to a cup of coffee she said, even if they aren't in need of a cab.

Cab service is provided primarily in Springfield, but Pessitore said that business also comes from surrounding towns including Mountainside, Summit, Union, Short Hills and Milburn. Springfield Taxi also provides an economical alternative to expensive limousine service to the airports, according to Pessitore.

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Entertainment

Journalist inks up a best-selling crime story

By Bea Smith
Lifestyle Editor

Award-winning Richard T. Pienciak of Clifton, formerly of Linden, who could write a book about his own hair-raising experiences, has written a hair-raising, true best-selling book about high living and murder. The book, "Deadly Masquerade," was published last October by Dutton, an imprint of New American Library, a division of Penguin Books USA Inc., New York City, simultaneously with the Penguin publishing houses in England, Australia, Canada and New Zealand. It will be published in paperback this July.

"Deadly Masquerade," the true crime account of Joseph Pikul who was convicted of the murder of his

wife, Diane. The best seller also is a Literary Guild Selection.

Pienciak, who served as a national correspondent for the Associated Press for many years and more recently as an investigative reporter for the New York Daily News, is currently at work on another true murder mystery. He has covered such top stories for the AP and the Daily News as the invasion of Grenada, the South and Central American cocaine trail, America's deadly white supremacy movement and the Jonestown massacre in Guyana.

Pienciak has a winning personality but is deadly serious about everything he does, and perhaps that's why he excels in everything. During a recent chat, the 40-year-old writer, who speaks nonchalantly about important

factors in his life, discussed the trials and tribulations of writing such a book.

"When I first started writing the book," he said, "I was working for the Daily News. I had taken a leave of absence, but it had taken me a good year and a half to write the book. After that, I went back to work, but I worked nights and weekends on the book."

"I did a great deal of research on the Pikuls before I even attempted to write 'Deadly Masquerade,'" he admitted, "and it was ready to come out in October of 1989. But I added more material in June of last year. It seems the Pikul custodial file was under court seal. I went down to see the court clerk because I had heard that Raoul Folder, the matrimonial

attorney, had said that the judge released some of the sealed custodial files. When I went down there, I found that one of the stipulations in the court order was that all material subsequent to a certain date could be released. But someone in the office didn't know what subsequent meant and released all the material."

Pienciak grinned. "There were literally thousands of pages to go through. So, I read them and I added about 30 pages to my book. After all," he said, "it's not my job to worry about where the material came from. And it obviously made a better story. It was another chapter in the chain of events. And it got more color. And being able to read the files, I found I had a basic outline of the city's role in the case. It helped fill in the background a little better."

How did the idea for the book come about?

"Well," he recalled, "I had been covering the Tawana Brawley case, a pretty sensational case, as an investigative reporter for the Daily News."

"When the Rev. Al Sharpton had hidden Tawana's mother in a church in Queens, I sneaked into the church. But they threw me out. And the AP ran a picture of me being tossed out of the Queens church, and they ran the picture all over the country," Pienciak laughed. "Anyway, I made peace with them, and I rode on a bus with Tawana and Sharpton. We went from a church in Brooklyn to Atlanta to a convention and then to Augusta. There were three or four other reporters along. As you know, the Rev. Al Sharpton had a desire to make this case a national issue."

"At the end of the Brawley story, a literary agent approached me to do a book on the Brawley case. I did a lengthy proposal, but no one was interested in the way I wanted to do the book."

The agent then asked Pienciak if he had any other ideas for a book.

"I thought about it, and I mentioned, 'I thought about it, and I mentioned, the Pikul story. I did some research, then sat down and wrote a 90-page proposal and a chapter-by-chapter



He's working on a new book. Richard Pienciak, author and former investigative reporter for the Daily News and the Associated Press; celebrates the success of his first book, 'Deadly Masquerade,' by writing a new book. Pienciak is formerly of Linden.

Murder is transcribed in riveting book

By Bea Smith
Lifestyle Editor

If anyone can write a gripping, sensational, factual book on a murder mystery that shook the criminal system in New York, it is Richard T. Pienciak. The Linden-born investigative reporter, who covered many of the top stories in the country for the Associated Press and the New York Daily News, has compiled a 420-page book, "Deadly Masquerade," which was published by Dutton in New York City, and which will be published in paperback in July.

The tragic step-by-step drama unfolds as Pienciak unravels the story which led to the murder of Diane Pikul by her husband, a wealthy Wall Street international financier, Joe Pikul. The book reads like a murder mystery novel, with Pienciak narrating the events of the lavish life of the Pikuls — the home in the Hamptons, another in Greenwich Village, the private school for their children, her important job at Harper's magazine.

But suddenly, when the stock market crashed in 1987, it seemed everything fell apart for the Pikuls. They fought violently and there were

on the shelf

threats of divorce and revelations of sexual perversion and alcoholism. A bitter custody fight ensued for their two children, Claudia and Blake. Ultimately, Joe, on the pretense of coming to terms with their problems, planned a rendezvous with Diane, and subsequently strangled her, carried her around an entire weekend in a burlap bag in the back of his station wagon, and as a last resort, buried her on the northbound side of the New York Thruway.

After she was discovered, the minute details leading up to his capture and conviction are painstakingly revealed to the rather perverse fascination of the reader.

Further fascination to Pienciak's readers is offered in story-telling photographs, which begin with the youthful Diane and Joe; his previous wife, and his future wife. There are pictures of a rather effeminate-looking young Joe, with his parents, and young Diane, with her parents,

their wedding day in the garden of the Dreamworld Inn in Carmel, N.Y., in 1978, their young, beautiful children, looking happy in what appears to be a normal background. There are photographs of the Pikul homes, their Buick station wagon, a strange photo of Diane's murdered body, still wrapped in burlap, which the state police found, and pictures of Raoul Lionel Felder, Diane's divorce attorney, the district attorney, defense attorneys and the judge conferring and witnesses.

This remarkable book, which incidentally, is a Literary Guild Selection, would make a remarkable movie. And one wonders why Hollywood has not yet approached the author about flashing it on the big screen.

"Deadly Masquerade" should appeal to the general public and particularly to mystery fans.

And with author Pienciak working on another book about a murder crime, the talented investigative reporter should make a name for himself in the area of books on crime and murder.

As far as this reviewer is concerned, he already has!

outline. We were successful when we sent it to Dutton. I had covered the murder trial for the Daily News in Goshen, N.Y. That was where they found the body of Diane Pikul. And I went through this process thoroughly in the newspaper articles and of course in the book."

In addition to the text, Pienciak had "a good assemblage of photography that was of interest to the book. Some of the shots are very telling, you know," he said grimly.

"The original title I had chosen was 'Ever Last in Love,' which I thought was a wonderful title. But the marketing people in the publishing house had some questions about the title. And the publisher herself, and the executive editor got together and decided on 'Deadly Masquerade,' which I thought was much better than my original title. After all," he mused,

"you have to capture the essence of the underlying theme of the book."

"Now, I find that the book is selling very well. And the hard cover is a Literary Guild selection. In July, the paperback will be coming out published by the New American Library with a Signet label. The NAL is a leader in true crime books."

Pienciak, who was born in Linden, lived in Linden all of his childhood and youth. His parents, William and Loretta Pienciak, still live in Linden as does his brother, Edward, who works for Exxon, and his sister, Claire Meade, who is a legal secretary. "I began writing when I was in the second or third grade at St. Theresa's School in Linden," he said. "I remember writing an essay on the Boston Tea Party, and I wrote it in the first person, as a crate of the tea leaves," Pienciak laughed. "I always had to See JOURNALIST Page B4

Lisa Batitto, Editor
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WHERE TO DINE

A Guide to Find the Finest Dining in New Jersey

The Lido Diner

By Bea Smith

When one dines at the Lido Diner on Route 22, Springfield, there is an irrefutable urge to wave to the waitress and exclaim, "Give my compliments to the chef!"

For example, last Friday evening, my companion and I had dinner at the Lido Diner, and a most delicious dinner it was. We were greeted at the door by Anissa Andreola, the manager, who apologized that the owner, John Priovolos, wasn't due to arrive until later in the evening.

She took us to our newly decorated booths, where we were met by the warm and cordial hostess, Irene Priovolos, who, incidentally, happens to be the owner's wife. She introduced us to a lovely young waitress, Lisa, who explained that this was her first

day. She took our order very competently, though, and handled everything with only a small bit of assistance by the veteran waitresses.

In the meantime, Irene Priovolos explained that John had bought the business five years ago, but the Lido Diner had been in existence for the past 40 years. "And that was even before they put the divider into Route 22."

She mentioned that the diner is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. "We get a very good lunch crowd," she said, "a nice dinner crowd, and we're busy all day Saturdays and Sundays."

"We have good specials on the blackboard and in the menu. Chicken Francaise is very popular, and of course, so are our hamburgers and our desserts."

Our waitress brought our first course, which consisted of an excellent clam chowder — one of the best I'd ever tasted, it comes highly

recommended — and a large tomato juice for my companion. Then there was a huge salad, which neither of us could finish.

Our eyes widened considerably when the main course arrived. My companion had veal and peppers over rice with string beans, and as she dug in, she beamed, "Just like my mother used to make at home." The cost for the veal and peppers special was \$6.95.

And I ordered the chef-recommended special, the fried seafood combination with french fries, coleslaw and tartar sauce. It was extremely delicious and featured fillet of sole, giant shrimps, stuffed clams and scallops.

People who come for dinner have a wide choice of entrees and roasts, \$6.95 to \$7.95; from the broiler, New York Sirloin steak with onion rings, \$11.95, and a variety of other steaks and chops, with prices that run from \$6.95 to \$13.95; veal, chicken or sea-

food sauces, \$6.60 to \$9.45; Italian specials, \$6.75 to \$8.50; and seafood priced from \$16.95 for broiled twin lobster tails to fish from \$7.25.

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In order to make room for dessert and coffee, we asked Lisa if we could have "doggie bags," and she smiled knowingly and took off with the scrumptious remains of our meal.

Both my companion and I ordered chocolate pudding with whipped cream and coffee. And when Lisa ultimately came bearing the luscious-looking desserts topped with real whipped cream, we noticed how the eyes of other dinner customers lighted up.

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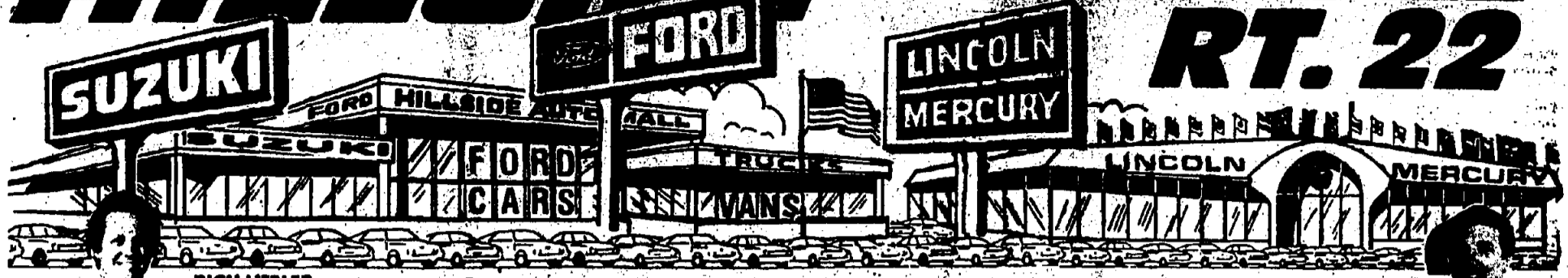
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