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SECTION B

Progress alters the 'skyline'

If you're the sort of person who misses familiar local sights after they're demolished and replaced, you might consider bringing a camera whenever you leave home. That construction boom you hear is the sound of millions of square footage being developed around the county.

Common Sense

By Jay Hochberg
Regional Editor

The next Major Commercial and Public Development Projects of Union County report will be released in less than two months, and in it will be an accounting of construction enterprises, each valued at more than \$1 million. Published by the Union County Economic Development Corp., the survey shows current expanding commerce and the potential for further growth. While the public sector lavishly will outspend the private, the private sector still grows stronger despite the oppressive taxes and regulations known to the state.

Among the most visible projects are those involving transportation.

- One that affects thousands who live and work in the county is the just completed widening of the New Jersey Turnpike between exits 11 and 14 in Elizabeth. The project added an outer lane for 14 miles in each direction reserved for high occupancy vehicles during rush hours.

Despite the five-year timetable and \$359 million price tag, Turnpike Authority Chairman Frank McDermott has found a way to prevent it — and other Turnpike projects — from causing a toll hike for 1997. Either that or McDermott, who also is the county Republican Party chairman, didn't want to antagonize voters in this year of gubernatorial, state Senate and General Assembly elections.

- Also in Elizabeth, the Tower Hill redevelopment project began at the close of 1996. The 20-acre tract in midtown, where the Elizabeth River and NJ Transit lines meet, will receive a \$100 million facelift involving 200,000 square feet of office and commercial space, 250 residential units and a 575-space garage.

- Nearby in Rahway, work continues on the New Jersey Transit train station, where more than 200 laborers have been constructing new platforms, pedestrian tunnels, ADA-friendly elevators, a waiting room, taxi stop and other amenities costing \$20 million.

- Also in Rahway, the state Department of Transportation intends to spend almost \$74 million building a six-lane bridge behind the Union County Utilities Authority's incinerator. The acquisition of the needed real estate is to begin this year; construction is slated to start in 1999.

The existing four-lane bridge will be converted to a single lane ramp giving southbound trucks access to the rear of the Union County Utilities Authority's incinerator.

If the UCUA lands a deal to burn trash trucked from Staten Island, that access ramp will be very useful in helping the authority make money to repay its bonded debt — especially if the federal court's ruling on New Jersey's waste flow laws stands on appeal.

Among private concerns, real estate development is devoted mostly to office and retail space and parking.

- In Elizabeth, plans to build 800,000 square feet of office space and a 2,525-space garage on the Wakefern site on Sullivan Road has been approved by the city's Planning Board. Few details are known, especially of a construction starting date, but it was estimated the project will cost \$100 million to \$200 million and result in almost 2,600 permanent jobs.

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Freeholder balance shifts; Stender takes over

Newcomers Scutari, Goncalves take seats, deliver majority

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer



Freeholder Linda Stender takes the oath of office as her husband Richard and son Tyler hold the Bible during the Board of Chosen Freeholders' re-organization meeting Sunday. Stender will serve as chairman for 1997.

Photos By Teddy Matthews

The Republicans turned over control of the county government to their opposition on Sunday.

This reorganization meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders saw the swearing in of two new Democrats, Donald Goncalves of Elizabeth and Nicholas Scutari of Linden. They replace defeated Republicans Linda-Lee Kelly and Linda Di Giovanni of Elizabeth and Union, respectively.

It also gives the Democrats a 6-3 majority on the board. This is the first time that the Democrats have had a majority in county government since 1991. Last year, the Republicans held a 5-4 majority on the board.

According to Goncalves, who is serving in his first public office on the board this year, the Democrats were elected to the majority because "the people believed that we had an energy and that we were heading in the right direction. Incumbent Democrat Linda Stender of Fanwood also was elected unanimously as chair of the board for 1997. She replaces Freeholder Edwin Force as the board's chairman.

Stender said she was "very honored to have been elected by my peers and to serve Union County in this role."

About 300 attended the ceremony at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth, a crowd that included a number of state and federal officials. These included Democrats such as Assemblyman Joseph Suliga, a former freeholder himself; Rep. Donald Payne, D-10, Rep. Robert Menendez, D-13, state Sen. Ray Lesniak and Assemblyman Neil Cohen, both Democrats of the 20th Legislative District.

Some Republicans also showed at the ceremony, including Assemblyman Alan Augustine, R-Union, another former freeholder.

Stender said one of the main goals of the Democratic Party this year would be the economic development of the county.

To this end, she plans to merge two of the four standing committees on the board, creating one to deal with economic development. She wants Goncalves, who works for the Elizabeth Development Co., to chair the committee.

Regarding economic development, Goncalves said he wants to "use the benefits of Union County as a benefit, such as international markets."

Goncalves suggested a "permanent presence" at Newark International Airport, nearly half of which is in Elizabeth. This would advertise Union County to the travellers at the airport — many of whom, he said, use it only as a connection and not a destination.

Stender also suggested a financial summit to determine how the county can finance economic initiatives, including a light-rail trolley between Plainfield and Elizabeth, the dredging of Newark Bay and the re-activation of a rail line between Elizabeth and Staten Island.

Stender said she also wants to cut the county budget and will direct County Manager Ann Baran to focus on seeking funding from public and private foundations.

The freeholders also will re-examine several capital projects. These include the proposed juvenile detention center and expansions at the Police Academy.

But Goncalves said that the juvenile detention center, estimated to cost between \$20-50 million, needs to be "scaled back." Reportedly, Stender agreed and will be looking into whether the center can be constructed without a planned parking deck and a co-generation plant to supply electricity to the county complex in Elizabeth.

The Democrats also plan to pare down a \$5 million ordinance for air conditioning on the eighth floor of the old jail, an ordinance that was voted for last year. It had the support of GOP freeholders who said the guards — not just the inmates — would benefit from the air conditioning.

Goncalves also said the county has to pare down a number of projects, including the police academy expansion and numerous purchases of equipment. This would, he said, cut an additional \$70 million in bonded debt.

Many of these projects were voted down because of concerns about the economic viability of the UCUA and its incinerator, based in Rahway. These concerns stemmed out of a ruling by Federal Court Judge Joseph Irenas who said New Jersey's waste flow laws are unconstitutional.

These laws guaranteed the UCUA a monopoly on garbage disposal in the county. But if customers go elsewhere, as its biggest customer the City of Elizabeth has vowed already, it could lose enough business that it will not be able to pay \$285 million in bonds.



Linden Board of Education member Nick Scutari, center, takes the oath of office from Linden Mayor John Gregorio, as Scutari's mother Patricia Davis looks on.

County college receives grant for ITV network

Union County College has received a \$192,000 grant from the State Equipment Leasing Fund Project, which was administered through New Jersey Intercampus Network, Inc. to offset the cost of a recently established, interactive television classroom at the Cranford campus.

The ITV classroom has been integrated into the Union County ITV Network, and has been designed to enhance the college in its continued quest to expand its distance learning opportunities.

The Equipment Leasing Fund award actually was for \$7.5 million and was distributed in allocations to 39 NJIN member institutions that are acquiring state-of-the-art video and data systems to enhance teaching and learning on and between college campuses. UCC's allocation was for \$192,000.

The Cranford campus ITV classroom is an adaptation to the Union County ITV Network, which consists

of receiver sites also at UCC's Elizabeth and Plainfield campuses, the Union County Administration Building in Elizabeth, and the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains.

All sites are interconnected via a Bell Atlantic Tariffed Service designated as IDLS. This service has been deployed in New Jersey on a county-by-county basis, and provides for connectivity among four simultaneous interactive classrooms with a variety of other options, including point to multi-point transmission.

By using classrooms featuring interactive television, a single instructor can conduct sessions for students at multiple sites, with opportunities available for dialogue between remote sites.

Through use of such an interactive television network, several possibilities exist:

- Two-way, full motion, color video and audio for each site is available.

- All receiver sites can join in a single interactive videoconference.

- One site may broadcast to all others non-interactively.

Numerous separate two-way videoconferences may operate on the system simultaneously.

At the Cranford campus ITV classroom, the college has added integrated services digital network connectivity, making it equipped to conduct high quality video interactive sessions with similarly equipped facilities worldwide.

Earlier this year, the Plainfield and Elizabeth campuses established identical ITV installations, with each room consisting of two Sony 53-inch rear screen color video projection systems — one at the front of the room for students and the other at the rear for the instructor.

Two VHS videocassette recorders are included to provide a means to play videotapes while recording the signals emanating from all four sites.

State to award \$597K in Clean Communities money

State grants totaling \$565,970 will be awarded to 21 Union County municipalities for local litter control projects under the state Department of Environmental Protection's "Clean Communities" program.

In addition, Union County will receive \$31,155 in Clean Communities Funds, bringing the countywide grant total to \$597,125.

"Following Gov. Whitman's directive for greater efficiency in government, we've streamlined the administration of the program, reducing

reporting requirements and related paperwork, improving access to these funds," said DEP Commissioner Bob Shinn in announcing the grant awards.

The funds are used for litter clean-ups, enforcement of local anti-litter laws, the purchase of trash and recycling receptacles for public areas, environmental education programs focusing on litter control, and sponsorship of community clean-up days and "Adopt a Highway Park or School" programs.

DEP will award a total of \$11.5 million in Clean Communities grants in fiscal year 1997. Since its inception in 1986, the program has distributed over \$77 million for local litter control efforts. The grants program is funded by taxes levied on the sale of litter-generating products. Notices of the anticipated funding were sent to local officials this week. The grants will be distributed this spring.

Union: \$31,155
Berkeley Heights: \$15,424
Clark: \$19,127

Cranford: \$27,875
Elizabeth: \$104,853
Fanwood: \$8,319
Garwood: \$5,181
Hillside: \$21,408
Kenilworth: \$9,618
Linden: \$44,959
Mountainside: \$9,816
Rahway: \$29,630
Roselle: \$21,962
Roselle Park: \$14,192
Scotch Plains: \$27,306
Springfield: \$18,483
Summit: \$26,769
Union: \$57,581

State offers grants for historians

The New Jersey Historical Commission is offering grants to assist Union County projects dealing with state history.

New initiatives

Eligible activities include research, writing, publication, exhibitions, oral history, teacher training, curriculum development, classroom projects, public events, the conservation of historical collections, and the production of film, video, and radio and television programs. New initiatives the commission encourages are the development of electronic educational tools about state history and projects about the Underground Railroad.

Deadline: Feb. 1

Eligible applicants include historians, teachers, local and county historical organizations, museums, libraries, social service organizations, and agencies of county and local government. The application deadline is Feb. 1.

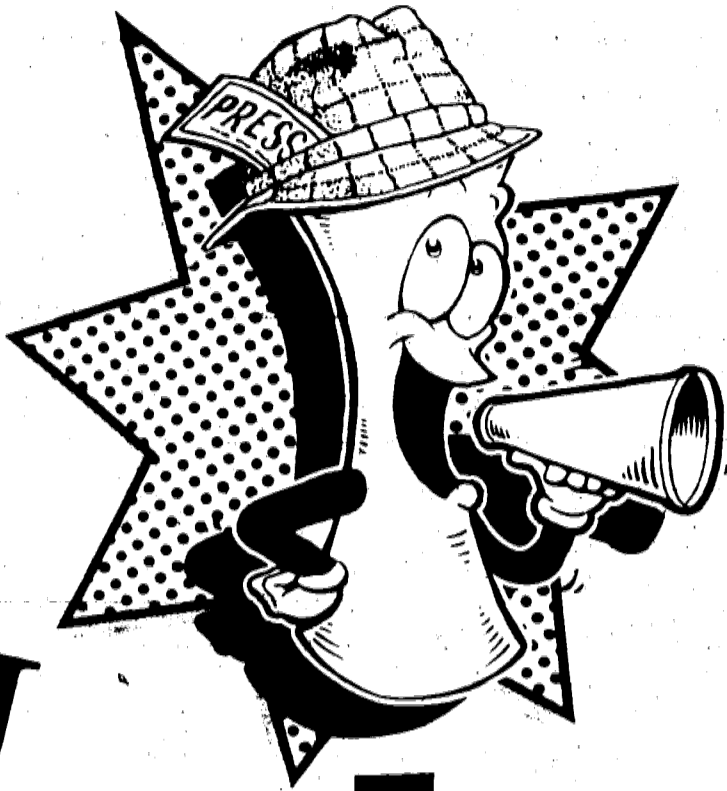
Migrants available

The commission also offers migrants of up to \$1,000 to assist smaller-scale projects. Application for migrants to assist public events must be submitted at least 60 days before the event. There is no application deadline for migrants.

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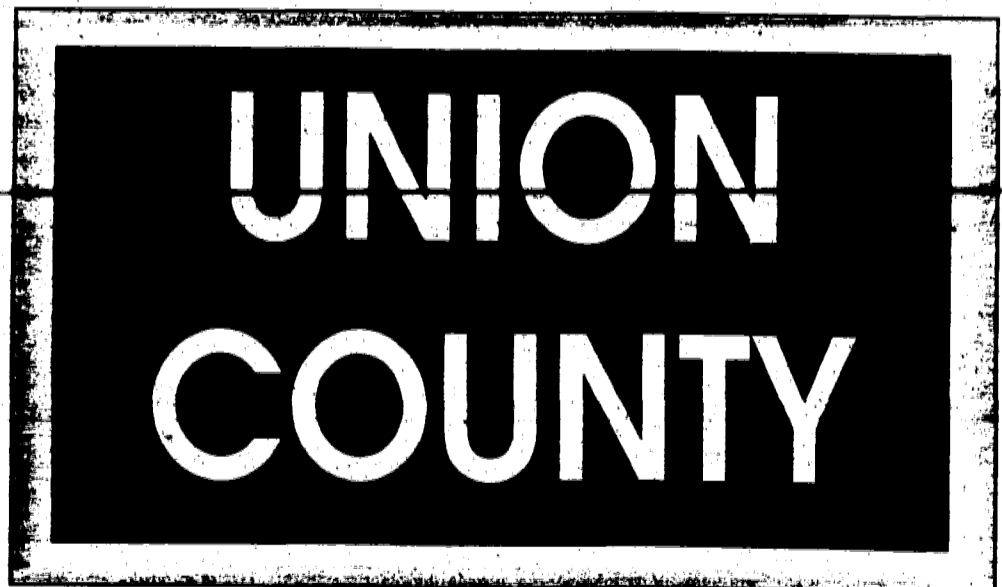
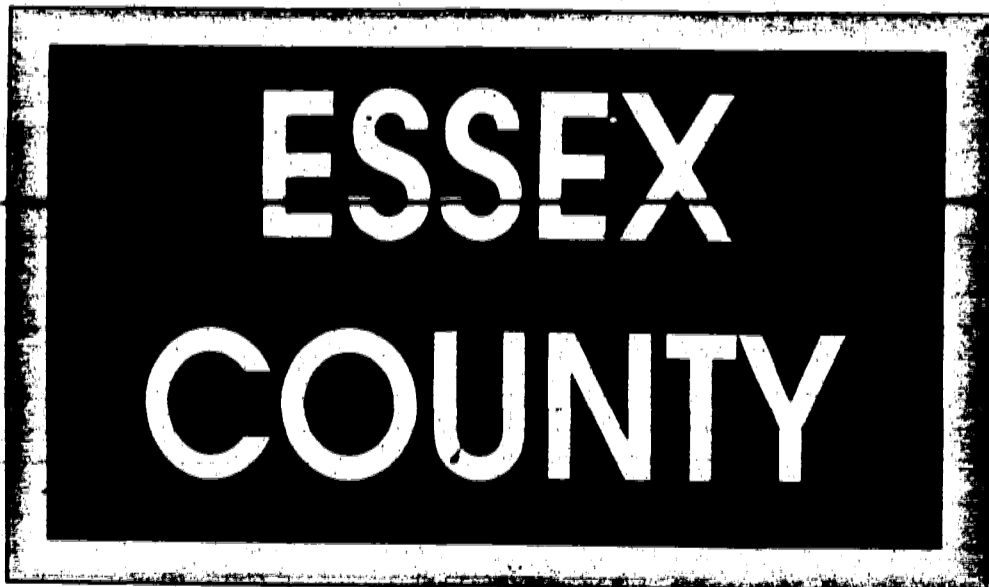
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Do you know the Malletman?

Hillside resident has a shot at the Grammys

By Jacquie McCarthy
Associate Editor

Residents of Hillside certainly may know the "Malletman" — that is, Jason "Malletman" Taylor, a musician who has his mallet on the pulse of contemporary jazz and has beaten a path into the heart of the community with commitment and enthusiasm. What the public needs to know is that his hard work and dedication to his art has paid off — in a ballot nomination to this year's Grammy Awards for his latest CD, "Color By Mallets," for Best Jazz Instrumental Solo and Best New Artist.

Taylor became a resident of Hillside in 1990, when he moved here from his native Brooklyn. This newspaper first wrote about Taylor and his percussion style, which he calls "Vibrafunk," that year. The "Malletman" has been on the road to success ever since, growing and evolving from an ingenue to an established performer who wants to give something back to the arts, fellow struggling performers, and the world at large.

Taylor and his vibraphone, his instrument of choice, have come a long way since he made Union County his new home. The move coincided with the release of his third EP, "Love Attack," on Mallet Records, his own label. Although established in the music field, Taylor found himself faced with the task of forming a new band, and said he felt at loose ends.

While in the process of organizing his life, the "Malletman" had a chance to reflect on the events and people who have helped bring him to where he is today. He shared the story of meeting a famous jazz musician who not only inspired him musically, but became a part of his life as a teacher and mentor.

"The story begins in Brooklyn, NY," Taylor chuckled softly with a faraway look in his eye, stating that he started out as an appreciator of "good R&B" music. "Then I ran across an old, famous jazz musician who inspired me a lot. His name was Lionel Hampton. And here I was only maybe about 13- or 14-years-old. I heard him on a jazz station. I'd seen

him on T.V., and he inspired me. And that became my goal, to play that instrument. I play the "vibes," because that's what he played.

"But at that time I was only singing and playing a little drums. From that time on I prayed that I would have the opportunity to meet this man, and to actually play that instrument." One of Taylor's prayers was answered — his mother bought him a xylophone.

Taylor surprised his mother with his commitment to the instrument, playing through high school and taking the xylophone to college. It was there that Taylor's second prayer was answered, when it was revealed that a fellow student was related to Lionel Hampton's manager, and arranged for the "Malletman" to meet Hampton backstage at Avery Fischer Hall in New York.

"I met him, and I was flabbergasted," Taylor remembered.

Taylor and Hampton were destined to meet again. While in California visiting a cousin, Taylor read a newspaper advertising Hampton's appearance there.

"There was a big jazz festival at the Hollywood Bowl, and I didn't know how I was going to get backstage. But then, I found that the name on the bill was Wynton and Branford Marsalis. I went to college with Branford," who arranged for the young musician to go backstage. To his surprise, Taylor found that Hampton had not forgotten the "Malletman."

"He said, 'Why don't you come on the road with me for a little bit?'" Taylor toured with Hampton on and off for a while, until Hampton invited Taylor to become his protege. "Malletman" began growing as a musician, networking and submitting demo recordings to radio stations.

"But it was only me, I was a one-man show. I did all the footwork — representative, booking agent, everything. I needed some more support."

With the help of friends and fellow entertainers, Taylor formed Mallet Records in 1983 and continued to record and perform. By the time he moved to Hillside, Taylor's musical



Jason "Malletman" Taylor of Hillside's latest CD, "Color By Mallets" has been selected to the ballot of this year's Grammy Award nominations.

style had evolved into his signature "Vibrafunk."

"I call my music "Vibrafunk" because it's a combination of jazz, rhythm and blues and a touch of gospel — just a touch — from me being inspired about these areas of music."

The loose ends Taylor encountered upon his move to Hillside started to come together as he continued to play and promote his music. No longer a solo artist and now well-connected, Taylor never forgot what it was like to struggle on his own. He wanted to give something back to the industry which had given him a chance to succeed, and to other artists with a desire to be heard.

He found opportunity for the former by joining the National Association of Recording Artists, out of a great love for the arts and a desire to

do whatever he could to keep the arts alive.

"My goal is basically just to get the proper message out, that I started the label and sticking with what I believe in, because I believe that true instrumentation is dying. You know it, I know it and the public knows it. Today, you walk down the street and you don't hear people playing drums in the basement, you don't hear too many bands, period. I cover that as a whole universal package. You've got a lot of schools, 80 percent, 85 percent of the schools now that don't have complete instrumentation. I'm pretty much trying to keep that alive, so the kids today have a choice." Taylor shook his head sadly. "You know, the kids today don't have much choices."

Taylor's commitment to teaching music to the youth of today led to a

position as percussion director for the Hillside recreation department, a position he enjoyed for nearly a year. Taylor gave up the job to promote "Color By Mallets."

"The arts are dying — that's another reason why I joined the NARAS organization, because of the fact that, the Grammys are the Grammys, everybody says, 'Oh, the Grammys, yeah.' But there's a certain section everytime the Grammys come on television where you hear Michael Green, who is the CEO of NARAS, make the announcement of how he asked for everybody to support the arts, because the arts are dying. I feel I'm one of the main arteries towards keeping true instrumentation alive."

Taylor has also taken advantage of an opportunity to contribute to the arts by helping another struggling solo performer get a start. He crossed paths with Calvin Rock, who impressed the "Malletman," and became the band's keyboard player. Now, "Swing," Taylor's newest CD scheduled for release in May, will feature Rock as lead vocalist.

"And that's what impressed me, too, it's that he was doing one-man shows, programming everything into a keyboard and singing, just to get his point across about his talent. I mean, it's cool how he did it, no disrespect to the concept, but like I said, I still believe in true instrumentation. I thought, it's a shame that a real solid band can't back this guy up, because he's got the voice and has the perseverance, the knack, the talent, that the world needs to know about also."

Taylor explained that vocalists had come and go, and some had been featured, "but never to this degree. I feel that Calvin Rock is an extraordinary artist. And I feel, between the sweat that he's put on the table, between the hard labor, the talent, the respect, I think he's earned the right to a debut."

Rock was very succinct about his gratitude to the "Malletman," and his respect for the "Vibrafunk" style.

"You need to see him," Rock said in a calm, clear and decisive voice. "If you've never seen him, there's just this whole presence, the whole idea, the whole concept that you're missing. Jason is one of the most electrifying performers that you will ever see. You will never see another person perform the way he does. It's reminiscent of the way musicians used to perform, with, of course, today's sounds and today's technology."

Rock chuckled. "The funny thing about it is that, no matter what show we do, whether it's club settings, small cafe situations, he performs that same way everytime. And we do large concerts, we did the Trenton Jazz Festival, you know, and there were thousands out there! And he performed the same. So he's not a pretentious type of person. It's coming from his soul."

"Hillside is very fortunate to have him in the town. He's making a mark. Jason has always spoken well whenever we do shows, he makes it clear that he's from Hillside. He's not like some artists who will be from Tupelo, Mississippi and they'll say 'Oh, I'm from New York.' He makes no bones about it, and I think it's to the town's credit."

Rock's insistence that people "have to see" the "Malletman" may soon be an easy feat. Taylor is negotiating to perform at this year's Grammy Awards ceremony, to be telecast on the CBS television network on Feb. 26.

"I always wanted to do bigger and better things, that's the dream of an artist, but I think that now it's happening right before my eyes. And what I want to do is make sure that my hands aren't slippery and I can hold it."

As long as he keeps his hands on his mallets, the "Malletman" is sure to hang onto his well-earned success.

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'Out of Order' works well at the Paper Mill Playhouse

There's a laugh a minute at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn these days. In fact, audiences are roaring with laughter at Ray Cooney's hilarious British farce, "Out of Order," and during Sunday's matinee, the members of the audience laughed so hard, they did everything but roll in the aisles. No wonder it won the Oliver Award, Britain's highest theatrical honor, in 1994.

British farce takes a special priority in the American comedic entertainment world, and it seems every other year, the Paper Mill has presented appreciative theatergoers with a Cooney farce, beginning with "Run For Your Wife," "Two Into One," "It Runs in the Family," and now "Out of Order," which continues the story of "Two Into One."

The timing of such nonsensical entertainment has to be letter perfect, and in "Out of Order," it is. What with

Theater View

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

doors opening and shutting, a window — one of the features in the play — slamming shut at the right time — usually on someone's head — the telephone ringing and people running in and out of a hotel suite without running into each other, it is an art in itself, particularly under the meticulously careful direction of David Warwick. And the marvelous performers, in their "veddy" British voices, never step on each other's lines. That, too, is an art in itself.

The slapstick story with sexual innuendoes, of Richard Willey, a

minister in the British Parliament, and his very proper aide, George Pigden, continues, and the setting this time is a hotel suite at the Westminster Hotel in London. It seems that Willey has planned a tryst with a young secretary when he is supposed to be at an all night meeting of Parliament. The confusion begins when he discovers a "dead" body killed by the "window" and calls for his aide to help him hide the body in a closet. Pretty soon the young woman's jealous husband appears, and in between visits by the bewildered hotel manager and a waiter, who seems to be making a fortune in tips, and the ultimate appearance by Willey's wife and other assorted characters, the situation becomes more conflicting and utterly outrageous.

At the end, when nothing is straightened out, of course, there is a surprising, brief bit of nudity, which (See British, Page B4)



The body comes alive in scene from Ray Cooney's British farce, 'Out of Order,' which will run at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, through Feb. 9. From left are John Seidman, Paxton Whitehead, Reno Roof, Kay Walby and Vince O'Brien.

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(See Answers on Page B9)

FLEA MARKET

FRIDAY
JANUARY 10, 1997
EVENT: Flea Market
PLACE: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 134 Prospect Avenue, Irvington
TIME: 10AM TO 1PM (Snow date January 18th)
PRICE: Great buys, clothes, jewelry, books, housewares.
ORGANIZATION: Redeemer Lutheran Church.

SUNDAY
JANUARY 12, 1997
EVENT: Indoor and Outdoor Flea Market
PLACE: Belleville High School, 100 Passaic Avenue, Belleville, NJ (off Joramoleon Street)
TIME: 9am-5pm
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ORGANIZATION: Sponsored by Belleville High School Cheerleaders.

SATURDAY
JANUARY 18, 1997
EVENT: Flea Market
PLACE: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 134 Prospect Avenue, Irvington
TIME: 9AM TO 3PM (Snow date January 25th). New and Used clothes, jewelry, housewares, records, gowns, etc. Hot and cold lunch available.
PRICE: Tables available to Dealers for \$15.00, call 201-372-0084 or 201-763-3281.
ORGANIZATION: Redeemer Lutheran Church.

WORKSHOPS EDUCATIONAL

JANUARY 18, 1997
EVENT: Building Self-Esteem in The Working Professional: How Psychoanalytic Training Helps.
PLACE: The Psychoanalytic Center of Northern New Jersey, 769 Northfield Avenue, #LL2, West Orange, NJ 07052
TIME: 2:30pm to 4:00pm
PRICE: Free.
ORGANIZATION: The Psychoanalytic Center of Northern New Jersey, 201-736-7600.

OTHER
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY
JANUARY 9, 10, 11
EVENT: Furniture Sale.
PLACE: Community United Methodist Church, Chestnut Street and Grant Avenue, Roselle Park.
TIME: Thursday and Friday, 3pm-8pm; Saturday, 9am-2pm.
PRICE: For Sale Lowry organ, dining room set, dinette set, bedroom suite, two electric beds, couch. Items in good condition. Net from sale will benefit Mission and Ministry of Community Church.
ORGANIZATION: Community United Methodist Church.

What's Going On is a paid directory of events for non-profit organizations. It is prepaid and costs just \$20.00 (for 2 weeks) for Essex County or Union County and just \$30.00 for both. Your notice must be in our Maplewood office (463 Valley Street) by 4:30 P.M. on Monday for publication the following Thursday. Advertisement may also be placed at 170 Scotland Road, Orange, 266 Liberty St., Bloomfield or 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union. For more information call 763-9411.

British actors merit repeat performance at Paper Mill

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shocks and amuses audiences all at the same time.
The British actors in "Out of Order" are exceptional, particularly Paxton Whitehead, who recreates his role as Richard Willey — he first appeared in the Paper Mill's version of "Two Into One" — and he has the most marvelous voice and face for farce. He is absolutely wonderful as he tries to direct people into improper situations. And the people who become involved and engulfed in Whitehead's methods of madness include his aide, a typically proper George Pigden, marvelously played by Reno Roop; Kay Walbye as Jane Worthington, the sexy secretary; Burt Edwards as the exceptionally funny hotel manager, who always seems to appear in the suite at the wrong time; Vince O'Brien as the waiter, who collects tips for furtive favors — he is even funnier — Delphi Harrington, as Pamela, Willey's wife, who decides, to stay at the same hotel suite as her befuddled husband; also, Christine McMurdo-Wallis, who plays Gladys the Nurse with a wry sense of humor; Timothy Wheeler as Ronnie Worthington, Jane's ferociously jealous husband, who has hired a private detective to follow his wife, and who, himself, becomes embroiled in the ridiculous potpourri, and John Seidman, who is seen as a body — and is as funny as the rest of the cast.
Because British farces are so popular, and "Out of Order" especially so — as presented on the Paper Mill stage — the management has extended the run of the play for another week. It will run through Feb. 9, and appropriately, audiences will clamor for more — more of Cooney's expertise, more of Cooney's special brand of comedy. Every two years is too long. Let's have another one next year, because laughter is the best medicine for whatever ails a person.

PUBLIC NOTICE
RESOLUTION NO. 10
DATE: 1/5/97
UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union desires to comply with the letter and spirit of Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975, otherwise designated as "The Open Public Meetings Act" and cited as N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.; and
WHEREAS, "The Open Public Meetings Act," and more particularly N.J.S.A. 10:4-18 requires that, at least once a year with seven (7) days following the annual reorganization meeting of this Board, a schedule of the regular meetings of this Board must be posted in at least one public place reserved for such or similar announcements, delivered by mail to the newspapers designated by this Board to be most likely to reach residents of this County, and filed with the Office of the County Clerk, and notice of meetings to also designate the place and time of such meetings;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union that it hereby adopts the schedule of regular meetings attached hereto in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-18; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of said schedule of meetings be posted by the Clerk of the Board in the place or places usually reserved for such public notices, mailed by the Clerk of the Board to the newspapers officially designated;
UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
MEETING SCHEDULE
1997
MOST MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THURSDAY EVENINGS, AGENDA SESSIONS BEGIN AT 6:30 P.M., AND REGULAR PUBLIC MEETINGS ARE HELD AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE FREEHOLDERS MEETING ROOM, 6TH FLOOR, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.
PERSONS REQUIRING A SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER SHOULD CONTACT THE CLERK OF THE BOARD AT (908) 527-4140, OR TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE FOR THE DEAF RELAY SERVICE (800) 527-1232.

PUBLIC NOTICE
RESOLUTION NO. 11
DATE: 1/5/97
UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union is desirous of complying with the letter and spirit of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, commonly known as the "Open Public Meetings Act"; and
WHEREAS, Section 3(d), subsection (2), also cited as N.J.S.A. 10:4-8, requires that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union designate at least two newspapers to be the recipients of notices by this Board of its meetings; and
WHEREAS, the act requires that the newspapers to be designated have the greatest likelihood of informing the public of information concerning meetings by this Board within the confines of Union County, and further requires that one of the newspapers to be so designated by this Board shall be the official newspaper for publications by the Board;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union that the Star Ledger, having its offices in Newark, New Jersey; the Westfield Leader, having its offices in Westfield, New Jersey; the Voice, 948 Elizabeth Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey; Worrall News, Courier News, Home News, City News, and the "Worrall" News, Courier News, Home News, City News, Plainfield and LusoAmericano, are hereby designated as the newspapers to receive all notices by this Board of its meetings, since they are all of general circulation within the County of Union and have the greatest likelihood of informing the public concerning meetings by this Board; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the newspapers to be so designated by this Board shall be the recipients of notices by this Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:41A-142; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Star Ledger, the Westfield Leader, the "La Voiz," the Worrall News, Courier News, Home News, City News, Plainfield and LusoAmericano.

Applications are available for achievement awards
Applications are available for the 1997 Very Special Arts New Jersey Arts Achievement Awards. These include the Student Arts Excellence Awards, presented to classified students, mainstreamed, inclusive, self-contained classes or activities, 14 - 21 years old, who show outstanding achievement in and commitment to one or more of the art forms; and the Education in the Arts Awards presented to outstanding educators and administrators for establishing high quality arts programs for classified students. The award also recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to arts education for classified students. The competition is a feeder program for the distinguished New Jersey Governor's Awards in Arts Education.
The VSA/NJ Arts Achievement Awards '97 will be presented in a ceremony in the spring. VSA/NJ is a statewide organization which is part of an international network dedicated to providing arts programs to people with disabilities.
For further information or application materials, contact Very Special Arts New Jersey, 841 Georges Road, North Brunswick, NJ 08902; (908) 745-3885, 745-5935, or 745-3913 for T/TT users. Application deadline is Feb. 6.

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EDUCATION & CAREER

Vo-Tech still has openings for eager students

There is still room for more students in the wide variety of full- and part-time day and evening courses being offered by the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools.

The Spring Semester will get underway with the opening of the Evening Session on Jan. 27. The two exceptions are Manicuring and Cosmetology which begin on Jan. 20.

Patrick Mauro, director of admissions, notes the Spring Day Session provides skills-training in many diversified occupations. The Auto Technology Program with its Automotive Service Excellence certification, has been highly received as has the Building Trades Cluster.

The Culinary Arts and Baking Programs have won numerous honors and garnered praise from many quarters throughout the years. Other popular courses are Computer-Aided Drafting and Design, Horticulture, Machine Technology, Masonry, Office Systems Technology and Welding Technology.

Cosmetology will now be offered

as a full-time daytime program commencing in January and running until October.

Two novel offerings running again this spring are Law Enforcement Technology and Twilight Culinary Arts. The former will help prepare students for a career in Criminal Justice.

Daytime classes are available to tuition participants as well as high school students who wish to attend UCVTs on a shared-time basis. This method affords these young men and women the opportunity of learning a valuable trade in addition to earning a secondary school diploma.

According to Thomas A. Highsmith, director of Adult Education, among the many evening session offerings will be courses not usually listed on a regular basis. Some are being provided due to popular interest and others because of the needs of individuals to upgrade their skills to maintain certification requirements.

Barbering is one of these courses geared for beauticians who wish to recertify and obtain licenses as co-

metologists. The National Electric Code Book for 1996 is for electricians who require familiarization with changes in the Code and rationale for the changes.

Courses offered in response to community interest include Auto Body Workshop, Cabinet Making, a daytime Manicuring Class, Desk-Top Publishing - Page Maker and Quark Xpress, Computer-Aided Design, and Preparation for the Automechanics A.S.E. exams.

Day Session registrations are being held daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Baxel Hall on the Scotch Plains Campus, 1776 Raritan Road. This is also the site of the Evening Session registrations. They are being held Mondays through Thursdays from 1 to 7 p.m. and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

The Day Session can be reached by phone at (908) 889-2999 and the Evening Session at (908) 889-2922 or 2914.

County's private sector grows as office, retail space is built

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Also in Elizabeth, work continues on the MetroMall development. Located at Turnpike exit 13A, the 166-acre tract recently has been the cause of environmental concerns, especially regarding the seepage of pollutants into Newark Bay and allegations of contaminated soil being used as landfill.

The \$400 million effort is scheduled to be completed next year, resulting in 5,000 permanent jobs.

Springfield-based Village Supermarkets wants to build a supermarket on the Garwood-Westfield border. The company plans to demolish its recently purchased strip mall to build a 58,000 square foot market with 205 parking spaces.

In Linden, a subsidiary of a Manhattan-based real estate development firm is paying the city \$20 million for 188 acres at the Linden Airport. In addition to upgrading the airport, Philips Linden intends to build 465,000 square feet of retail space, to be dominated by Home Depot and WalMart; a three-

Union County is poised to lead the state in private sector growth and the jobs creation and accompanying tax revenue.

star hotel; a 4,000-seat movie theater; an indoor ice skating rink and a golf driving range.

One of the few industrial prospects is General Motors' application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to build a power plant for its truck assembly factory in Linden. If approved, GM would build a 6,000 foot pipeline, tied into an existing natural gas pipeline, beneath Routes 1 and 9.

The UCEDC's report lists only the largest of developments in Union County. As even a cursory peek at the agendas of any municipal planning or zoning board will

show, there are scores of smaller enterprises in the works today.

Developing land looks like the easy part when contrasted to the prospect of holding tenants and remaining viable. Many elected officials appreciate the potential for rateable commercial properties, but too many are content to leave residents providing a disproportionate share of government revenue.

On Sunday, the Board of Chosen Freeholders was reconfigured as the Democrats regained the majority, which they'll hold at least until the end of 1998. They offered a lot of talk last year about government spending, taxes and the county's place in the global economy. I hope they'll spend the next 24 months doing their part to ease the burden on local businesses.

With the progress seen in the area, Union County is poised to lead the state in private sector growth and the jobs creation and accompanying tax revenue. I hope circumstances will allow such projections when the UCEDC study is released in March.



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HEALTH/FITNESS & MEDICINE

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Most other whitening methods require customized bleaching trays to

be worn up to eight hours a day for as long as six weeks. Soft tissues exposed to the bleaching solutions are often irritated and occasionally damaged. End results are unpredictable, inconsistent and limited.

"Tooth sensitivity, which can be a problem with other bleaching methods, is minimized with laser whitening," said Dr. Ames. "The whitening agent employed by BriteSmile is natural, safe hydrogen peroxide."

The nation's 78 million Baby Boomers care deeply about good health and youthful appearance, and have the discretionary income to back those concerns. In fact, U.S. consumers spend well over \$1 billion annually on tooth-whitening products.

"BriteSmile holds the potential to make one of the biggest impacts ever in the field of dentistry," said Dr. Ames. "My colleagues and I have been amazed — but even most importantly, my patients are ecstatic with the superior results."

The cost of BriteSmile Laser Tooth Whitening varies nationally, as does the cost of dental treatment. The average cost ranges from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Consumers interested in receiving more information or a brochure about BriteSmile should call Dr. Ames at (201) 763-0808.

Dental emergencies should always be handled with care

Tommy was riding his skateboard down the driveway. He lost his balance and fell to the pavement. He wiped the blood from his mouth and found his upper tooth in his hand. What do you do? Luckily, your dentist can deal effectively with this kind of dental emergency. But he'll need your help.

Collect the tooth and replace it in the socket at the site of the injury. Have your child, or you, hold it there until you reach the dentist. This will keep the tooth in its natural environment and extend the opportunity for a successful replantation. If this is not possible, wrap the tooth in a wet cloth or place it in a glass of water. Don't linger. The chances for a successful replantation are best if done within 30 minutes to an hour after this mishap.

Some parents rush their child to the dentist, but in their haste forget to bring the tooth. Don't forget the tooth! And don't try to clean it yourself — even if it looks messy. What you think is dirt may actually



Dr. Gerard Stratthouse, D.M.D.

be soft tissues that will help the healing process.

Dr. Gerard Stratthouse, D.M.D. has a dental office at 1187 Clinton Ave., Irvington. The office telephone number is (201) 375-0400.

It's still the season to give the gift of life

The Blood Center of New Jersey is announcing blood drive locations and asking healthy adults to call and sign up to donate. "Donations are critical during the month of January," said Judy Knecht Daniels, BCNJ spokesperson. "The nation's blood supply often hits critical levels." For that reason, President Clinton has declared January as National Blood Donor Month. In the proclamation, President Clinton urged Americans to consider donating blood. "Our participation in this compassionate crusade can help to prolong and save lives, giving hope to thousands of individuals and their families," President Clinton said. "For millions of people across the country, the generosity of a volunteer blood donor means the difference between life and death," he continued.

Donors must be 18 years of age. Seventeen-year-olds may donate with

parental permission. There is no upper age limit for donors provided they have donated within the last 2 years, or have a doctor's note. Donors should know their Social Security number and bring a signed form of identification. People with cold or flu symptoms should wait until they are feeling better before donating, and there is a 72-hour deferral for dental work, including routine teeth cleaning. For those who have traveled outside of the United States recently, call the blood center of eligibility criteria. For more information or to sign up for a blood drive, call the blood center at (800) BLOOD-NJ.

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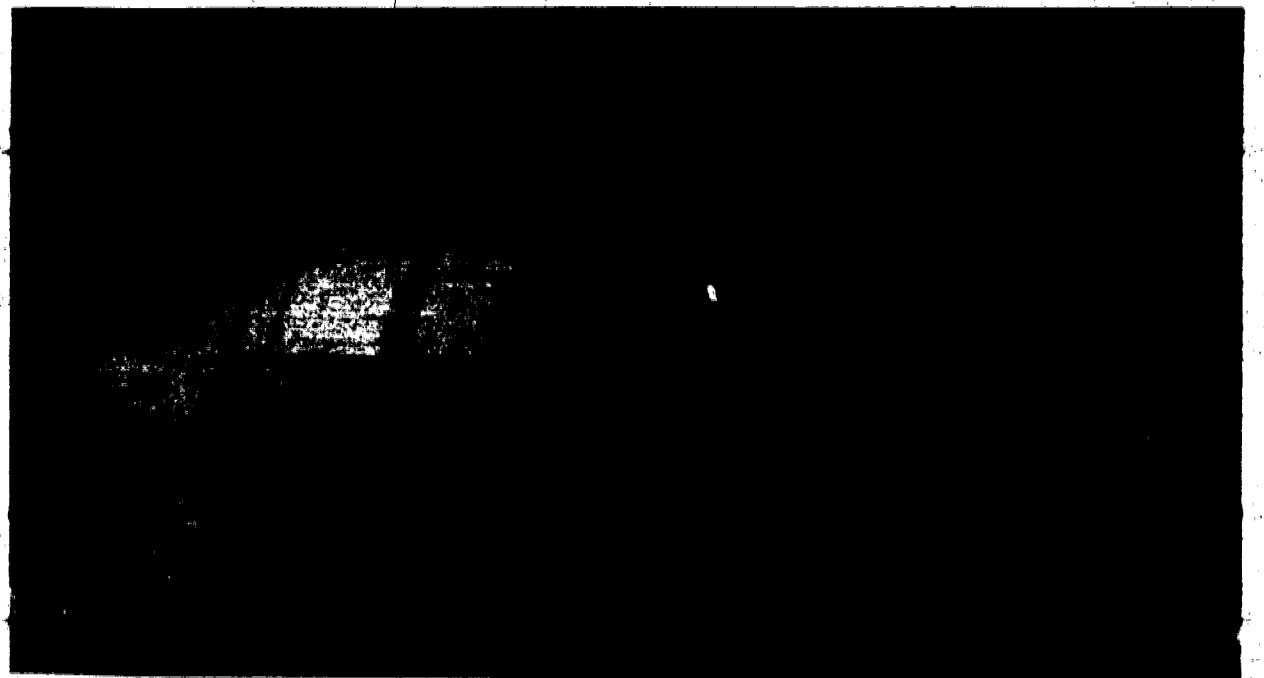
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Vice President and Executive Publisher Lee Kelley, second from right, presents the 1997 Motor Trend Car of the Year trophy for the Chevrolet Malibu to John G. Middlebrook, Chevy General Manager, second from left. James H. Heckert, far right, Malibu brand manager and Gene W. Stefanyshyn, far left, vehicle line executive look on.

When Chevy began developing the 1997 Chevy Malibu, the goal was to create a four-door sedan that would appeal to both domestic and import buyers alike. The result is a surprisingly roomy, energetic sedan with the quality look and feel often associated with more expensive automobiles. Malibu's long list of standard features includes air-conditioning, tilt steering wheel, ABS, a four-speed automatic transmission, AM/FM stereoradio, dual air bags and a Passlock theft-deterrent system.

Chevy's small-block was successful

The small-block wasn't Chevrolet's first production V8 engine, but it was surely the most successful.

Chevrolet introduced its first V8, the 288ci/55hp Series D in 1917. It was a state-of-the-art design in its day, with overhead valves and cross-flow cylinder heads. But buyers weren't willing to pay a premium price for the advantages of a V8. The Series D was discontinued in 1919 after only 2781 examples were produced.

A V8 engine didn't return to the Chevrolet lineup until the debut of the 1955 Chevrolet on October 28, 1954. This time around Chevy got it right: More than 63 million small-blocks have been produced in the last 40 years — and millions are still on the road.

The small-block's impact on automotive culture is incalculable. The

vestpocket Chevy V8 has powered more winning race cars and won more championships than any other automotive engine. It is the foundation of the speed equipment industry and the mainstay of American motorsports.

The small block Chevy has been produced in ten different displacements ranging from 262 to 400 cubic inches, with seven different more diameters 3.5 to 4.125 inches and five different stroke lengths 3.00 to 3.75 inches. Its output has ranged from a tepid 110 horsepower to a red-hot 375 horsepower. And although the Chevy V8 has been continuously refined and improved over four decades, every small-block shares its basic architecture with the original 265ci V8.

The first Chevrolet small-block V8 incorporated radical for its time engine technology. Among its advances were lightweight thin-wall castings, stamped steel rocker arms on

spherical pivots, hydraulic lifters that metered oil to the cylinder heads through hollow pushrods, slipper skirt aluminum pistons, interchangeable cylinder heads with efficient wedge-type chambers and an intake manifold that sealed the lifter valley. These technical features seem commonplace today, but they were cutting edge in the Fifties.

The genius of the small-block's enduring design is its versatility. The small-block has been repeatedly adapted to new situations. When Americans demanded more performance in the Fifties, the small-block quickly grew from 265 to 283 cubic inches. The Chevy V8's growth accelerated in the Sixties as it expanded to 327 cubic inches, and then to 350. The Seventies saw the small-block reach its displacement zenith with the arrival of a 400-cubic-

inch version, the biggest small-block ever produced.

With the advent of the Energy Crises and the attendant quest for maximum fuel economy the small-block shrank to 262 cubic inches in 1975 — and its performance envelop contracted accordingly. The Eighties were a period of relative stability for the small-block, as Chevrolet produced millions of 305ci and 350ci versions. The venerable V8 took a great leap forward in the nineties with the introduction of the LTI, a second-generation small-block blessed with a host of technical refinements.

The small-block V8 is currently produced in three sizes: 4.3 liters, 265ci, 5.0 liters, 305ci and 5.7 liters, 350ci. Even as enthusiasts celebrate the small-block's 40th birthday, the amazing "mouse motor" continues to display its trademark versatility.

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