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From The Editor's Notebook

By Tom Casavan
Editor in Chief



It's been less than two months since guidelines were created under Megan's Law to protect the identities of convicted sex offenders who move into neighborhoods, and already those guidelines may be tested.

Last week, the *Home News Tribune* published a story about a convicted sex offender who makes his home in Rahway and included information from a filer that was distributed to homes in his neighborhood alerting residents that there was a convicted sex offender living among them.

The filers are part of the notification process under Megan's Law, but people who receive the filers are not permitted to reveal any information about it to anyone outside their home.

Several weeks ago, I wrote that these guidelines have the potential to punish innocent people and protect the criminal. I called them unfair. I feel that while sponsors of the law want to help convicted sex offenders return to society and give them a second chance at life, they ignore the emotion that exists in every human being when it comes to the protection of their children or their neighbors' children. And with existing guidelines, the criminal is protected and the innocent people are not.

With the threat of a lawsuit against the *Home News Tribune* by Ronald Terpak, the convicted sex offender, and the statement that the Union County Prosecutor's Office will prosecute the person responsible for leaking the information to the media, the guidelines may be tested.

I support the *Home News Tribune* for publishing the information it received. We in the newspaper business have a responsibility to inform and protect the public. When I was reading the story and learned that the man was from Rahway, my first reaction was to find out where he lived to determine if it was anywhere near my nephew. I'm sure my reaction was no different from other Rahway residents, and the feeling that grew in me was concern for a family member. How can anyone be prosecuted for that?

If Terpak suits the *Home News Tribune*, I hope this newspaper company fights the lawsuit instead of settling out of court. I have confidence the newspaper company would win, but a precedent needs to be set and newspapers need to know that we still possess our freedom of the press.

As far as the Prosecutor's Office prosecuting the person responsible for leaking the information, that also needs to be tested in court. In a follow-up article in the *Home News Tribune*, Sen. Gerald Cardinale said, "You're supposed to keep your eyes open but not notify anyone. It's the dumbest thing I ever heard." He's right, but it wouldn't hurt if a judge said the same thing.

Two Democrats to join freeholder board Ruotolo, Mingo to be sworn in tonight

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

Union County will be swearing in two new freeholders tonight.

Mary Ruotolo and Lewis Mingo Jr. were selected unanimously by the Union County Democratic Committee on Saturday and will be sworn in in time to join the seven-member board's meeting tonight.

Ruotolo, widow of the late Union County Prosecutor Andrew Ruotolo, and Mingo will replace former Democratic Freeholders Carol Cohen and Walter McNeil Jr. Both resigned earlier this month to take on different government jobs — Cohen as county controller, McNeil as Plainfield's business administrator.

"I'm thrilled that our party has Lou and Mary on board," said Committee Chairman Charlotte DeFillippo. "Union County Democrats are proud of the quality candidates we have and

these two outstanding individuals are no exceptions. Both stress teamwork and have exceptional sensitivity to taxpayers. I'm sure they will make outstanding freeholders and serve the residents of Union County very well."

"We are proud that these two outstanding individuals will be joining our team," said Freeholder Chairman Dan Sullivan. "I know that Lou and Mary share our commitment to providing Union County with the best possible government. I'm excited about them coming on board and look forward to welcoming them."

Ruotolo and Mingo will be joining a completely Democratic freeholder board this year. They will finish the terms of McNeil and Cohen, which will end Dec. 31, and will be up for election in November if they choose to run.

Ruotolo lives in Westfield with her three children and has been an execu-

tive board member of the Westfield Parent Teacher Organization. She is also an assistant kindergarten teacher in the Westfield public school system and is a troop leader for the Girl Scouts and is a den leader for the Boy Scouts of America.

"My family has been in public service for decades, and I am excited that now it's my turn," said Ruotolo. "I've been watching the freeholder board closely for the past year and I am very impressed with its tremendous work. I look forward to being a contributor."

Mingo is a Plainfield resident and a data processing manager with NYNEX in New York City. He is a former aide to Assemblyman Jerry Green and has served on the Plainfield Area Youth Development Tennis Association board, the Plainfield Economic Development Council, the Planning Board and the Adult Education School Board.

"It is an honor to have this opportunity to serve the people of Union County. We have an extraordinary team in place and I can't wait to get involved. This freeholder board has done a great deal of important work and I hope to contribute to this growing tradition of excellence," he said.

Ruotolo and Mingo were the only two candidates for the positions. But DeFillippo added, "There were several people who were interested and I'm sure we'll see them in years to come." Those who did not put their names up do so "for professional reasons."

Both Ruotolo and Mingo were unanimously selected by more than 250 committee members representing the Democratic Party in all 21 Union County towns.

"The people were very enthusiastic and the two candidates are extraordinary people and well-respected, not so much in politics, because they are newcomers, but in people issues," said DeFillippo.

"I think they'll bring a lot to the board," said Sullivan.

He pointed out that Mingo was formerly an executive for Bell Atlantic and is involved in his church and in youth programs and sports. Ruotolo, he has been involved in politics, especially with her husband when she ran for Assembly and when he was a prosecutor, and is a cousin of Roselle Mayor Joseph Picaro.

When asked to comment about Cohen and McNeil resigning from the freeholder board early in January, DeFillippo said, "Both were for professional reasons."

She added that the Republicans had put Cohen up for the county council post in the past and that McNeil's job offer was "a very rare and opportune thing."

"Very candidly, I think it would have been very silly not to take this professional promotion," said DeFillippo.

Honoring them for 50 years



Union County Freeholder Nicholas Scutari, right, presents a resolution to Walter and Eleanor Samsel of Linden honoring them on their 50th wedding anniversary. The Samsels have four children — Richard of Linden, who works at the court administrator; Jane Marie of Linden, a fiscal analyst with the Union County Department of Finance; Walter of Linden, and Frances Kisty of Bethlehem, Pa.

Test of Megan's Law set with media story Newspaper article raises ire

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

Rahway and New Jersey are in the national, and possibly international, news. The reason — one of Union County's daily newspapers published a story revealing the whereabouts of a convicted sex offender.

The story was published last Wednesday in the *Home News Tribune* and was about convicted sex offender Ronald Terpak, 43, who is living near the area of Russell Avenue in Rahway near the Rahway-Colonia border.

The problem with the story, according to Gov. Christine Whiteman, state Attorney General Peter Verniero and Union County Prosecutor Thomas Manahan, is that it contained information from a community notification filer about Terpak. The filer, which was distributed to Terpak's neighbors, was part of the community notification process spelled out in "Megan's Law"; it is a crime to distribute the filer beyond the neighborhood in which it was distributed or to give it to the press.

According to the Associated Press, which picked up the fallout of the story, it could also be the first time that a sex offender's name has appeared in the press as a direct result of community stipulation.

Assistant Prosecutor Robert O'Leary would not furnish a copy of the filer and would not comment on the incident. Terpak's number is unlisted and he could not be reached for comment.

Terpak, according to follow-up stories, was convicted in 1981 of sexually assaulting three 11-year-old girls in Middlesex County in 1979, for which he was sentenced to 15 years. Two were in South Plainfield and the other was in Metuchen.

He also admitted molesting a 6-year-old Westfield girl in 1979, for which he was sentenced to 10 years to run concurrently with the Middlesex County convictions. In all but one of the incidents, he molested the girls, the reports stated. In the Metuchen incident, he pulled off the girl's clothes and then masturbated, the reports added.

Megan's Law has three "users" for classifying sex offenders. All sex offenders must register with police under Megan's Law. These users only determine who, if anyone, will be notified of where the offender is living. Megan's Law is named after 7-year-old Megan Kanka, who was sexually assaulted and killed by neighbor Jesse Timmendequas, a released sex offender, in 1994. The law was passed in 1995.

Terpak is classified as a Tier-Three sex offender. According to published reports, this means that he is a high-risk sex offender and is likely to commit a sex offense again. Police are only required to notify the immediate neighborhood of Tier-Three sex offenders.

The story includes two photos of Terpak, taken from the filer, but does not give Terpak's address, information that would be on the filer.

It does include a map of the area in which he lives: John Place, Richmond Terrace, Russell Avenue, Princeton Avenue and Comell Avenue, apparently bounded by Branchal Road and Grove Street in Rahway.

"The law is intended to aid members of a community in the location of certain sexual predators," Verniero said in a press release. "Anyone who improperly disseminates this information risks losing the protection of the law itself. Improper dissemination may be considered contempt of court."

Verniero quoted from the decision of a New Jersey Supreme Court challenge to Megan's Law, *Doc v. Portage*, which said:

"We assume that the media will exercise responsibility in this matter in recognition of the crucial societal interest involved. In particular, we assume that the media will not knowingly frustrate the explicit legislative goal of confining notification to those likely to encounter the offender. In other settings, all sectors of the media have voluntarily and on their own initiative, where they thought the public interest was served, consistently restrained their articles, covering and

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Deer hunt nets more than 50 shot

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

Hunters this year have killed 51 deer in the Watchung Reservation, as of last Friday.

The hunters — 30 of them, all volunteers — are part of a five-year program begun three years ago to reduce the reservation's deer population.

The herd numbered about 500 before this year's hunt began two weeks ago. The goal is to kill at least 120 and no more than 189 animals by the time the hunt ends, sometime before the end of March.

A total of 30 non-consecutive days have been set aside for the deer hunt, according to Dan Bernier, chief of the county Bureau of Park Operations. Bernier said five days of hunting have taken place so far this year. Rain and snow put a stop to hunting on Friday.

The goal of the hunt is to eventually reduce the number of deer wintering in the park to about 60 — a concentration of 20 deer to each square mile. The hunt last year killed 175 deer; 167 were killed in 1996, the hunt's initial year.

The purpose of the hunt is to decrease the deer population by killing female deer or does, some of which are pregnant. Two weeks ago Bernier said about half of the deer killed were does; the other half were unaltered males mistaken for females.

The park has remained open during the hunt, with the hunters stationed near "baiting stations" stocked with food to attract deer. The hunters use shotguns loaded with ammunition called slugs — large bullets that have a better chance of killing with one shot. Slugs are considered safer

than normal shotgun shells, which fire a cluster of pellets in a widening pattern.

The hunt is a controversial method for controlling the reservation's deer herd, which has been blamed for damage to property, car accidents and overgrazing vegetation in the reservation.

Critics of the hunt have complained that non-lethal methods of controlling the deer population have not been fully explored.

Morris County's Frelinghuysen Arboretum has started such a program. The deer that roam the arboretum are injected with a contraceptive. But, according to a July 15, 1997 report by Dr. Allen Ruberg of the Humane Society, the vaccine requires two doses to be effective. Ruberg said multiple injections are impractical for free-ranging deer in rough and wooded terrain like that of the Watchung Reservation. He said there is no one-shot immunocontraceptive vaccine for deer available at this time.

Bernier said this year's hunt would cost about the same as last year's. A July 25, 1997 report by the Watchung Reservation Deer Management Subcommittee estimated that last year's hunt cost \$10,476.75.

According to Bernier, the meat from the slain deer will be sent to a USDA-approved butcher for dressing, and then to the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. The 175 deer slain last year yielded 5,349 pounds of meat, the equivalent of more than 21,000 meals, said Bernier.

Bernier predicted about the same amount of meat as last year will result from this year's hunt.

Officers want to expand drug zones to new areas

Law enforcement officers in Union County are expanding their drug enforcement efforts beyond protected school zones to several new areas now protected by law: public parks, housing projects, libraries and museums.

Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan said he has implemented a series of policy changes to comply with a new statute signed into law earlier this month.

"It's quite dramatic actually, and I found when I checked around that a lot of people were unaware of its implications," the prosecutor said.

The statute, signed into law by the governor and dated effective Jan. 9, makes it a second degree offense to sell cocaine, heroin or certain other drugs within 500 feet of any park, recreation area or playground and it also covers housing projects.

"It's revolutionary in that the offense, which had been a third degree crime carrying a possibility of probation and only five years in prison, has now been elevated to a second degree offense where incarceration is the presumed sentence and that the maximum penalty is 10 years," Manahan said.

The law is akin to the 1,000 foot school zone already on the books, but it will also require new maps delineating the protected 500-foot areas as well. Most schools in Union County have placed "Drug-Free School Zone" signs placed at the protected zones as a warning to dealers, Manahan said.

"It's another good tool to use in our crime fighting arsenal," said Plainfield Police Chief John Driscoll. "We have playgrounds such as the Rustomore Avenue playground where our

officers are very active and will continue their good work."

Manahan said the statute is expected to come into play heavily as Plainfield narcotics officers, assisted by the Union County Narcotic Strike Force, concentrated some of their efforts on a 28-block target area in the city's West End. Known as SALT, which stands for Save a Life Today, the anti-crime effort works to take drug dealers off the streets and steer young people away from a life of crime.

Last Friday, 52 fifth-grade students from Plainfield watched in awe as drug dealers and repeat offenders were sentenced to county jail and state prison terms by Superior Court Judge Walter R. Barioneck. The students were brought to the courthouse in Elizabeth by their teachers and by Plainfield Police Officer James Schukles, the local DARE officer.

According to Lt. James Duffin, commander

of the strike force, the word is getting out about the new statute especially since one of the housing complex areas is in the target zone.

During the last three weekends, a total of 30 arrests have been made by local and county narcotics officers in and around the SALT target area.

Driscoll said the officers are expecting court-authorized search warrants and arresting drug buyers and prostitutes in a continuing effort to boost public safety efforts.

Elsewhere around the county, Manahan said, officers are stepping up efforts to attack the narcotics problems and will move in on certain areas at the request of local authorities without any prior notice.

Such cooperative efforts have worked in Union, Hillsdale, along the Linden/Roselle border and in Elizabeth, he added.

Outreach services set

The Division on Aging in the Department of Human Services has announced its Outreach Services Program schedule for February.

The dates, times and locations for applications include:

Feb. 9 — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., O'Donnell-Dempsey Center, 622 Salem Ave., Elizabeth; Feb. 19 — 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Roselle Borough Hall, 210 Chestnut St., 2nd floor, Roselle; Feb. 25 — 1 to 3 p.m., PRO-CED, 815 Elizabeth Ave., Elizabeth.

For further information on the Outreach Program, call the Division on Aging at (908) 527-8272 or 4868.

Aircraft group adopts measure against plan

A resolution opposing an attempt by the Federal Aviation Administration to test new flight paths that will bring more jet noise to Union and Middlesex counties has been unanimously passed by the Board of Directors of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Coalition Against Aircraft Noise.

The FAA initially intended to implement the new flight paths — which would route hundreds of planes over residential areas including Scotch Plains and Fanwood at lower altitudes — on Jan. 1. But following pressure from members of New Jersey's Congressional delegation, including Senator Robert Torricelli and Congressman Bob Franks, the FAA postponed implementation of the new route to satisfy concerns raised by elected officials.

The resolution passed by SPFCAN calls on federal and state elected officials to make sure the FAA's proposed flight paths are never implemented. The volunteer citizens' group, formed in 1996, also strongly urged the legislators to continue to pressure the FAA for a regional solution to the air noise problem.

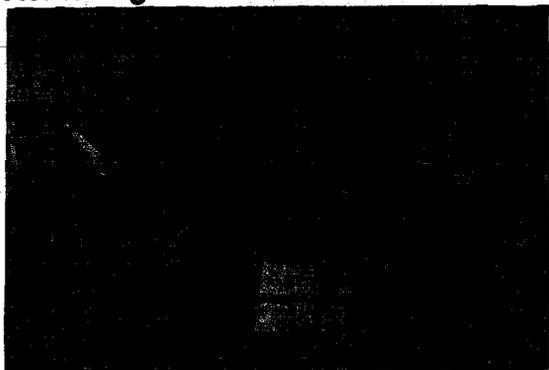
In addition, SPFCAN seeks to have other municipal and county officials from Union and Middlesex counties adopt similar resolutions opposing the FAA's proposed new flight paths.

"The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Citizens Against Aircraft Noise will continue to fight for the rights of its citizens and those throughout the state to live in a peaceful and quiet environment, free of the noise pollution provided by incessant air traffic," said President Rick Obrock. "This group's policy has been, and will continue to be, that if air traffic should be routed over uninhabited areas and not people's homes."

SPFCAN was recently instrumental in getting the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education to pass a resolution opposing the proposed new FAA flight paths.

SPFCAN has strongly supported a statewide solution to the problem developed by a consultant for the New Jersey Coalition for Environmental Research and the New Jersey Coalition Against Aircraft Noise. It would route planes over the Atlantic Ocean to gain altitude before having them turn west over populated residential areas.

Achieving academic excellence



Kean University student Kathleen Frees of Linden recently received a renewed Academic Excellence Scholarship at the annual Outstanding Alumni Awards and Scholarship Recognition ceremony. Kean President Ronald L. Applbaum, left, and Alumni Association Vice President Anthony Brennan awarded the honors. Frees, a senior at Kean, is studying to become a teacher of the deaf.

Freeholders pull insurance resolution

Pending an investigation into why the First Option Health Plan canceled scheduled surgeries for plan participants, Union County Freeholder Vice Chairman Nicholas Scutari has pulled a resolution that would have switched the health insurance of county employees to the company.

"We want company representatives to come in and explain to us why they forced the cancellations," said Scutari, who planned to sponsor a resolution that would switch the coverage of employees enrolled in PruCare to the First Option Health Plan because the county would have saved about \$700,000 — or 19.4 percent — in insurance premiums over two years while employees would have received comprehensive care.

According to the Jan. 22 edition of *The Star-Ledger*, the managed care company's attempt to cut the pay of anesthesiologists by 20 percent resulted in canceled surgery for patients in North Jersey, and angered physicians and state health officials.

"It is very important that county employees receive optimum coverage. We will not sacrifice quality health care in order to save money. We want representatives of First Option to explain themselves."

After an extensive review of many health insurance and property insurance plans, the county's Citizens Insurance Review Committee — to which Scutari is the freeholder liaison — determined that the First Option Health Plan met the budgetary requirements of the county and the coverage needs of workers.

"However, given these reports, we must be skeptical to protect our residents. The dollars we could save would be insignificant if our hard-working employees did not receive the best coverage for themselves and their families," Scutari said, adding that CIRC is already re-evaluating its decision. "The question as to who will win best insure Union County employee is back on the table."

County to ensure jobs to residents

Union County is spearheading multi-level efforts to ensure that county residents have the first job opportunities when the Jersey Gardens mall opens in Elizabeth next year and at the same time is addressing several social concerns.

Since July, the Workforce Consortium — comprising the Union County Department of Economic Development, state officials, the Elizabeth Development Company, city officials and the mall's developer — has been meeting to put together a comprehensive plan that will deal with job training, day care, transportation and internships.

"This unique alliance is working to give local residents priority for jobs, so to it that they will be well-trained, will be able to get to and from work via a sound transportation system and that any day-care needs will be taken care of," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan. "This endeavor is an example of public-private partnership at its best and requires the resources of all levels of government, as well as members of the private sector."

One of the Workforce Consortium's results is the establishment by developer Olincher Corporation of an on-site, 3,000-square foot Retail Skills Center to identify local job seekers, assess their skills and match them with the approximately 5,000 jobs and 200 tenants at the mall through specific training and internship programs.

The center will be the first such facility in the country to open in conjunction with a mall when the 1.5 million-square-foot Jersey Gardens opens in November 1999. It will operate for two years.

Based on the King of Prussia Retail Skills Center in Pennsylvania, the Retail Skills Center at Jersey Gardens is designed to prepare the next generation

of workers with career opportunities through skills assessment; counseling and support programs; workshops; academic instruction; remedial support; and other programs that will enable them to be viable employees.

Freeholder Donald Goncalves, who toured the King of Prussia facility with other officials, said the Retail Skills Center and Jersey Gardens would benefit employees, employers, the county and the region.

"These ambitious programs and projects unite business, government and education in ways that will have wonderful impacts on the quality of life in Union County," said Freeholder Goncalves, liaison to the Union County Economic Development Department.

Union County Manager Michael Lapolla said the Retail Skills Center and Jersey Gardens "exemplify our commitment to provide economic development in this county."

"In addition to providing employment opportunities and training to those who reside in the county, we are promoting the success of Jersey Gardens by giving its establishments a highly skilled and trained workforce," he said.

Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage lauded the consortium's efforts and said the mall and training center marked "a new way of doing business in the 21st century."

"We have developed a model," the mayor said. "Officials around the country will look to what the Workforce Consortium has done to address employment and business concerns of the new millennium."

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Megan's Law to be tested after article reveals sex offender

(Continued from Page B1) reporting, e.g. withholding the name of rape victims.

Manahan added, "The reason the statute has withstood constitutional challenge is due to its very limited notification process. A news account, by nature, extends any notification zone to its entire readership area."

When asked if he was surprised by the negative reaction that Russell's story attracted, Dick Hughes, editor of

the *Honolulu News Tribune*, said, "Yes, as a matter of fact, I was. We expected a response, but our intention was to report a significant happening in the community."

Hughes said he published the story, which he called "perfectly appropriate," because "we're a local daily newspaper. We cover significant events in the community and circulating two or three sex offender photos

in the community is a significant event."

"We would have been derelict in our responsibility as a newspaper not to run this story," he added.

According to Hughes, there has been no legal action against his newspaper.

"I don't think it's a crime to publish a story. There's no law against publishing this type of story." Hughes found an ally in state Sena-

tor Gerald Cardinale, R-39.

Cardinale pointed out that court matters can be closed, but once they are adjudicated, they are "a matter of public record" and can be investigated by the press.

"There was no intent that Megan's Law would put restrictions on matters of public record," he said.

He added that newspapers are "not a public entity in the sense of a policeman or a school teacher" and that hav-

ing these controls extended to newspapers was an "obscenity." Indeed, the Rahway police and Union County Prosecutor's Office were not allowed to discuss this incident because of state statutes.

As to the Doe decision, which he called "wrongheaded," Cardinale said, "I think publishing the names of rape victims is different than the publishing of the names of convicted sexual predators."

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Union dance company plays a 'principal' role in NJPAC arts education program

By Ben Smith
Staff Writer

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center Arts Education Program in Newark has formed special, multi-year relationships with prominent individuals and organizations known as Principal Affiliates, made possible through assistance from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. There are now commissions, master classes, open rehearsals, lectures and the development of community-wide projects.

The Carolyn Dorfman Dance Company in Union is among the organizations collaborating with the NJPAC Arts Education Program.

Dorfman's dance technique "has been said to reflect the human condition while revealing truths and teaching understanding." She founded the dance company in 1982. Dorfman has since received the Choreography Fellowship awarded by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State three times. Her "artistry and craft has led the company to the forefront of dance in New Jersey." Dorfman has been a dance Artist-in-Residence for the state's Artist-in-Education Program and the Arts/Teacher Institute, and she serves on the New Jersey Education Commissioner's Advisory Council on Arts Education.

"We have a couple of relationships with the NJPAC," explained Allison Jaffe, executive director of the dance company. Jaffe, who has been with the group for the past two years, said, "I'm an arts administrator. My job is to make sure the artists have everything they need to make their art. Carolyn is the artistic executive director. She and I are partners that way."

Jaffe said that "Carolyn herself has been given the honor of being a principal affiliate, and it means a great deal to us. The other relationship is that we're presenting, next January, 1999 School Time Performances for families and schools, followed by NJPAC Family Time Service. You see, Carolyn was to have been the principal affiliate for this initial season, but it was postponed, and now we'll be presenting performances in the second season.

"We'll be performing for school audiences during the week in Newark at the Victoria Theater for public audiences, and on Sunday matinees for the family series," she said. "Carolyn will work under the auspices of NJPAC Education Department for a total of 35 days. And during those 35 days, we'll conduct master classes within the community on a college level. She'll also do a series of workshops for children of many ages. So, she'll be working with adults, college age people and children. She'll also

do some lectures and public speaking in some NJPAC functions."

Jaffe mentioned that "The company will conduct open rehearsals for the community which will be in conjunction with the scheduled performances, and then there also will be some teacher training workshops, so that there will be some continuity of what Carolyn might teach the kids, and the community will be cared for by the teachers. A panel of teachers will provide some continuity and extension."

The company's acclaimed Educational Touring Program was a natural outgrowth of Dorfman's "passion for allowing audiences into the process of contemporary dance. Recognition for its artistry" and outreach has promoted the company's Multi-Day Community Impact Residency programs throughout the state, region and on tour.

"Our administrative office is at 2780 Morris Ave.," said Jaffe. "We hold auditions once a year. This season we'll be holding auditions from late May for the 1998-99 season. As a professional touring company, we tour New Jersey and outside of the state."

"The NJPAC is very active," she continued. "This is a superb program. One of the most wonderful things about it is that the NJPAC has identified dance of all kinds as the art form that gets the least recognition, exposure in the community. And having acknowledged that, NJPAC has identified the gap in the presentation of dance as a gap they can fill, as a precedent in the arts education institution. Certainly other venues present dance, especially in terms of educational programming. They use dance as the foundation of dance education."

The executive director acknowledged that "The dance is arguably the most accessible dance form. We all move. Whether we let ourselves think of it as dance or not, movement is universal. We all understand what movement is — the root of dance is just movement — and while it is the most accessible art form, it also is the most neglected. The NJPAC is making a real effort to change that. And so, of course, is New Jersey."

"We're 15-years-old," Jaffe admitted. "That makes us a senior member of the dance community in New Jersey. From that point of view, we are very interested and appreciative of being part of what NJPAC is doing."



Carolyn Dorfman Dance Company in a scene from 'Love Suite Love', choreographed by Carolyn Dorfman.

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TIME: 9am-4pm
PRICE: Free admission
ORGANIZATION: Roselle Catholic High School

FRIDAY

February 5, 1998
EVENT: Flea Market
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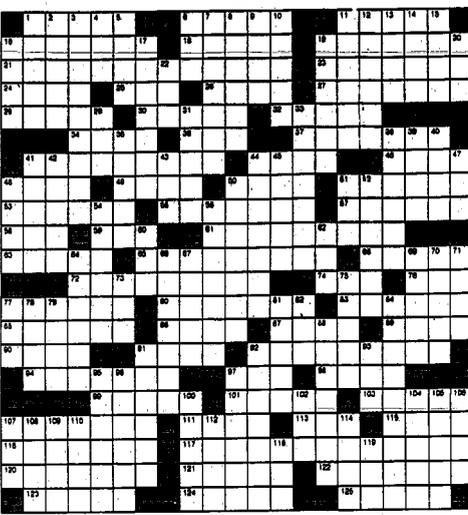
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For the week of Feb. 1 to 7

Aries March 21-April 20

If you're looking at how you can achieve more in life, start with how you've labeled yourself. Are you packaging your abilities in the most profitable way? Watch your spending habits closely this week — you can easily lose control of your budget.

Taurus April 21-May 21

It's not in your nature to be naturally forgiving, but this week is going to offer you a chance to show a little mercy. Take it. Don't mistake interest on the part of a co-worker in what you do as interest in you. The results could embarrass you both.

Gemini May 22-June 21

Don't give in too easily this week. You could have something you really want if you'll just stand firm long enough to get it. Spend your spare time trouble-shooting your personal relationships. Don't forget your checkbook if you go out this weekend.

Cancer June 22-July 22

A business luncheon could become more personal than you expected. Think ahead before pursuing some-

thing you believe you want, then go after it full speed. Avoid long trips this weekend. They may spell trouble. Seek some quiet time for yourself and return refreshed.

Leo July 23-Aug. 23

You'll find yourself falling short this week when it comes to communicating what you need to get the job done. Your creative approach could be the answer to a problem that's been a thorn in your side for way too long.

Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Even though you may be ahead on a project that could make or break your future, avoid wasting time in idle conversation. You might miss something small that could cost you the entire project. This is the time to stay focused.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Listen to a wise friend for advice on a personal problem. Don't trust your first reaction to advice you don't want to hear. How you view the future may depend on how you treat the present. This is a good week to work on self-improvement.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Take the high road when dealing with someone you traditionally find

difficult. Your best bet is to minimize your involvement — there could be more going on than first meets your eye.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

You may feel like you have enough energy to conquer the world this week, but don't be fooled. A job that looks easy on Monday may become the straw that breaks your back by Thursday. Approach a new project with enthusiasm — just don't take your ability to handle it for granted.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Take aim at a long-term goal and you'll most likely hit your target head on. You have some important allies in place and don't even know it. Take a risk you normally wouldn't take in order to make a plan you are implementing come together.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Only you can prevent a major breakdown at home. Take a little extra time to look around and see what needs attention. Your natural ability to make friends out of enemies is going to be important this week.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Something you've been looking for will turn up at home in an unexpected

place. Use your intuition this week to play an important role in a friend's life. You have an unusually high level of stress at work, but expect it to subside by week's end. Spend some money on someone you love.

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From left, Freeholders Edwin H. Force, Henry W. Kurz, Frank H. Lehr and Donald Goncalves joined Freeholder Vice Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan, rear, as Freeholder Chairman Linda Stender presented a resolution to Marete Wester of Fanwood, executive director of the Alliance for Arts Education/New Jersey, at a reception hosted by Elizabethtown Gas Company in Union.

County resident receives a new year's 'resolution'

The arts are an important part of our lives, enriching us daily through a variety of mediums and contributing more than \$640 million every year to New Jersey's economy.

During difficult economic times, however, the arts are often one of the first areas to be considered expendable, especially in education.

"Through good times and bad, Marete Wester of Fanwood, executive director of the Alliance for Arts Education/New Jersey, has been a strong advocate for the arts and arts education," stated Union County Freeholder Chairman Linda Stender. "It is for this reason and for her efforts as co-chair of the 1997 nonpartisan 'National Arts Advocacy Days' that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders commends Marete by presenting her with a resolution from the Board."

The laudatory resolution was presented at the recent Arts and Humanities Month reception, sponsored by Union County Government's Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs held at the Elizabethtown Gas Company's headquarters in Union.

During the annual 'Arts Advocacy Day,' sponsored by the Americans for the Arts, individuals from throughout the nation met with their elected representatives in Washington, D.C. to emphasize the importance of continuing support for the arts.

In her position as Executive Director of the Alliance for Arts Education/New Jersey, Wester supports instruction in

the arts for all grades from Kindergarten through 12th, exposing students to living artists and cultural resources. Her accomplishments include launching a Statewide advocacy campaign in 1993 entitled "Arts for Everyday — A Campaign For Change," sponsored by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and New Jersey Network, and her current effort to lead NJ participation in the national "Creative Ticket to Student Success Campaign" sponsored by the Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network and the National PTA.

"The arts have a positive effect on young students," said Freeholder Vice Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan, who served on the City of Elizabethtown's Board of Education until last year. "So I was pleased when, in May of last year, Marete's efforts resulted in the New Jersey State Board of Education's adopting state core curriculum content standards that include the arts. These standards will hopefully bring the arts into the educational lives of all of New Jersey's students and continue to touch their lives in some way long after they have graduated."

The County's major arts-in-education initiative was honored this year by the National Association of Counties, which annually presents awards to member counties that have established "innovative" and "cost-efficient" programs and services. Cited was the County's Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, in the Department of Economic Development.

Birthday parties are 'natural' at Trailside Nature Center

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- Snakes & Turtles: Fun facts about these popular animals; meet a turtle and touch a snake from Trailside's collection.

- Dinosaurs: Become a paleontologist and put together a dinosaur skeleton, then create your own prehistoric creature on paper.

- Seasonal Sensory Walk: Explore the woods and fields using your senses.

- Mini-Beasts: Uncover smaller animal neighbors such as earthworms, millipedes and slugs. April-October only.

- Animal Detectives: Investigate the diversity of animal calls, coverings, taxidermed members of the bird and mammal groups. Tour Trailside's Museum to get a close-up look at some sizes and shapes.

- Busy Bees: Explore the world of honey bees using games and stories. Observe a live hive in action.

- Snowflakes: Discover fun facts about snow! Go on a snowflake hunt and draw your own snow scene. December-February.

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First Grade and Up.

- Seasonal Field Walk: Explore forest and fields to find out how plants and animals adapt to the changing seasons.

- Animal Neighbors: Find out about the mammals, birds and insects that share our suburban neighborhoods. We'll look for clues that tell us about animals living in the Reservation and play "Who Am I?"

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Third Grade and Up.

- Insects: Learn about these 6-legged critters and search for them in the woods and fields.

- Lenape Lore: How did the first Americans live? Find out about their customs, food and games.

- Dinosaurs and Space Dust: Planetarium Show: Learn about light waves, the speed of light and general astronomy through music, slides, lasers and planetarium special effects. Journey into another dimension with laser reflections.

Following the 45-minute program, parties may be held outside at the picnic tables behind the museum. This area is covered by a canopy and is an ideal site in the spring, summer and fall months. During the winter or in case of inclement weather, the party room in the lower level of the museum, the auditorium in the Visitor Center, or the upper level of the Museum can be rented for 30 minutes. Advance registration is required and rentals are subject to availability.

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SWAIN GALLERIES will present "Christmas Miniatures" through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday to 4 p.m. Swain is located at 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For information, call (908) 756-1707.

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS will display "Watercolors by the Water Bridge." The collection of Geraldine Dodge's Dog Portraits through Sunday.

The display is located in the Members' Gallery. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

THE ANIMAL KINGDOM, an exhibit exploring the relationship between man and animals, will be on display at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts through Sunday.

The display is located in the Fred L. Palmer Gallery. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

SKULSKI ART GALLERY of the Polish Cultural Foundation of Clark presents paintings by Andre Galdki through Feb. 6.

Gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday from 5-9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gallery is located at 177 Broadway, Clark. For information, call (732) 882-7197.

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE INVITATIONAL exhibition will be on display through Feb. 15 at Renee Poeschner Art Gallery.

The gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday, from one hour before performances through intermission and on Fridays from noon to 3 p.m. Parking and admission for the gallery is free, and visitors do not need a ticket to a production to gain entry to the gallery. The Paper Mill is located on Broadway Drive in Summit. For more information, call (908) 379-3656.

DEAD LIFE TALKING, still life paintings by the regional artists, will be on display through Feb. 19 at Tommaso Art Gallery.

Gallery hours are 1-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday and 6-9 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. The gallery is located in the Mackay Building at Princeton College-Cranford campus. For information, call (908) 790-7155.

FANTASY LANDSCAPE SERIES by abstract artist Pasquale Cunniff will be on display through Feb. 22 at Eugene Gallery in Scotch Plains.

The gallery is located at 501 Park Ave., Scotch Plains. For information, call (908) 322-6333.

STREET SCENES AND OTHER by Lon L. Tackick will be on display at the Madam Gallery in Union through Feb. 26.

The gallery is located in Union Public Library at Fribarger Park. Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call (908) 686-0657.

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS will feature sculpture by Peter Registo in the outdoor art park through Feb. 28.

NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

SWAIN GALLERIES will exhibit "Twentieth Century Posters" through Feb. 29.

Gallery hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and until 4 p.m. on Saturday. The gallery is located at 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For information, call (908) 756-1707.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL will exhibit artwork by Westfield public school students grades K-12, and 4th to 8th graders at the 200 a.m. Barnes & Noble is located at 940 Route 22 West in Springfield. For information, call (201) 976-8244.

MINSTREL COFFEEHOUSE is a folk/country/concert series run by the Folk Project, a non-profit folk music and arts organization. The Project is located at the Somerset County Fair-

Stepping Out

GAUDIN STATIONS

GARDEN STATE BALLET will hold spring scholarship tryouts for boys and girls aged 7-12 years. Tryouts will be held on Saturday and Feb. 7.

For complete information, contact the Newark School of the Garden State Ballet at 45 Academy St., Newark or call (973) 623-1033.

FORUM THEATRE will hold non-quey auditions for "Enter Laughing" on Sunday between 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Show dates are Feb. 20 through March 22. The theater is located in Metuchen. For information, call (732) 548-4670.

CELEBRATION SINGERS will hold auditions for Children's Choir on Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Auditions will take place at Cranford United Methodist Church, corner of Lincoln and Walnut avenues, Cranford. For information, call (908) 241-8200.

GEMINI GROUP is seeking cameramen and technicians for filming original works for broadcast on local cable stations.

For information, call Scott Coffey at (908) 654-1054 or write to: Gemini Group, 569 Tinney Place, Westfield, 07070.

ommental Center, 190 Lord String Road, Basking Ridge. Shows are held every Friday year-round, presenting folk music in its broadest sense. Coffee, tea and baked goods are served, no alcohol or tobacco are allowed. Admission is \$5. For information, call (908) 766-2459.

MUSIC BOX CAFE of the Donald P. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Free Public Library. Musical and other entertainment is presented on scheduled days.

Those interested in performing at the Music Box Cafe should submit a resume or letter of introduction to Susan Parnahos, Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield, 07081.

CLASSES

STONY HILL PLAYERS will sponsor a Stagecraft workshop presented by David Armstrong of Paper Mill Playhouse on Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

The workshop will take place at Oakes Memorial Outreach Center, located on Morris Avenue in Summit. For information, write Stony Hill Players, P. O. Box 621, New Providence, NJ 07974.

SHOESTRING PLAYERS Saturday classes in creative dramatics are being

Technicolor Dreamcoat," grades 3-7, Grades 8-12 are to be determined. Musical productions, art exhibits and dance, music and drama performances will be held at Union High School. For a brochure, write to Union High School, P.O. Box 3566, Union, NJ 07083-1895, or phone (908) 851-6476.

UNION HARMONICA BAND lessons free of charge. For those who play, but do not read music, lessons will also be given. The only expense will be purchasing a harmonica. Practice sessions are held at the Senior Citizen Building, Caldwell and Morris avenues, Union, every Friday from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

CLUB BENE Dinner Theater showcases popular entertainers on weekends.

Dinner-and-show, as well as show-only tickets are available. Club Bene is located on Route 35 in South Amboy. For information, call (908) 727-3000.

CHEMILLE'S Seafood and Steak House presents jazz entertainment every weekend.

The restaurant is located 1114 Liberty Ln. in Hillsdale. For information, call (908) 352-5254.

NEW JERSEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER will host speaker Dr. Johnnie B. Cole on Monday and Feb. 6. Cole will address an audience of North Jersey high school students.

NJPAC is located at One Center St., Newark. For information, call (888) GO-NJPAC.

THE CROWN OF DESTINY will be presented by Theatrical Sun Fellowship on Wednesday and Feb. 8 at 1 p.m. at New Jersey Performing Arts Center.

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UNION TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

For further information, call (908) 964-1676.

WESTFIELD ART ASSOCIATION holds general meetings on the second Thursday of the month at the Westfield Community Room, 425 East Broad St., Westfield at 8 p.m. For further information about membership, call (908) 232-8971 or (908) 232-7056.

MILLER-CORY HOUSE MUSEUM will feature net-making on Sunday from 2-4 p.m.

Built in 1740, the Miller-Cory House Museum stands on the "road to the mountains" in Westfield. The Miller-Cory House was named in honor of its two pre-Revolutionary owners, both descended from the earliest settlers in this area. Today, the Miller-Cory House Museum is a nationally recognized living museum. It has been certified as an historic site and is listed on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Visitors are introduced to a variety of colonial skills as trained artisans and costumed docents recreate the everyday life, the crafts and tasks of the 18th century.

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BALLANTINE HOUSE, in Newark Museum, the House & Home exhibition examines the Victorian origins of today's concept of interior design through the related rooms and new thematic galleries of this National Historic Landmark that showcases the museum's Decorative Arts Collection. Visitors are guided through a fictionalized day in the life of the Ballantine family as a storybook of illustrated past parties and an interactive computer game, which allows players to choose items for their own fantasy house.

The Newark Museum is located at 49 Washington St. in Newark. For information, call (201) 596-6650.

JAMES AND HANNAH CALDWELL PARSONAGE in Union was originally built in 1730 and rebuilt in 1783. It was established as an historical site in 1960.

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PHYL'S PLACE presents live musical entertainment on weekends.

The tavern is located at 836 Elizabeth Ave., Linden. For information, call (908) 925-6900.

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Corie Branch is located at 408 Palmer St., Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 354-5000.

KIDS OH-SCHOOL TIME EVENTS at Union County Arts Center will present "A Midsummer Night's Dream" tonight at 10 a.m.

Tickets are \$10. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call (908) 479-6226.

OWLS IN WINTER, a family program featuring owl facts and a walk, will take place at Traditions Nature and Science Center on Sunday at 2 p.m.

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zSet With Brenford Marsalis" will present "Cotrano Remembered at the Village Vanguard" at 10 p.m. "Jazz From The Archives." Monday, 7-8 p.m., "Jazz From Lincoln Center." Tuesday, 7-8 p.m., "Jazz Profiles."

WGN, 8:30 PM features Leone and Singers. "Vanguard at Four Live" every Sunday from 10:30 pm to 12:30 AM.

The soundtrack you hear in your head as you hold the hot collector in your last dollar bill and drive tentatively into that lonely tunnel toward the Arms of Morgan. But like, who's playing that crazy organ? RFD 10.30. WFMU 91.1 FM, Tuesdays at 11 p.m.

TELEVISION COVER TO COVER, the new cable show produced by Kean University, will explore the world of pottery in its next program.

The program will be broadcast at 5 p.m. tomorrow on CTN. It also airs at 8:30 p.m. on Fridays on TKR Channel 10 in Elizabeth.

EDTV, a diverse comedy show based in South Jersey, will air their newest show on Comcast Channel 57 on Saturday at 10:05 p.m.

STATES OF THE ARTS programming is aired Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 1 p.m. on New Jersey Network.

THE ARTS is a half-hour cable television program about the visual and performing arts. Each week, the viewer is introduced to the creative people and nonprofit organizations directly involved in upcoming cultural events.

An additional feature is the monthly calendar. Each program is closed captioned for people who are deaf or have hearing impairments, as well as for those who may need assistance with the English language.

The program is carried in regular intervals five central New Jersey cable systems throughout the state. For more information about "The Arts" and/or for a broadcast schedule, call (908) 745-4489/3888.

OUT OF SIGHT — OUT OF MURDER will run through Saturday at Westfield Community Players.

WCP is located at 1000 North Ave. West, Westfield. For information, call (908) 232-1221.

THE MASK OF MORIARTY will be presented at Paper Mill Playhouse through Feb. 15.

The playhouse is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information, call (973) 373-0443.

THE SECRET GARDEN will be presented at Union County Arts Center on Sunday at 3 p.m.

UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call (908) 479-6226.

A BOTTLE IN TIME will be presented on Feb. 5 at 8 p.m. at Kean University.

The production will take place in Wilkins Theatre. Tickets are \$8 for students; \$10 for faculty, staff, alumni and senior citizens; and \$14 for the general public. For information, call (908) 745-4489/3888.

YLV-NYMA of Union County will present "The Seasoned Citizens Theater Company" at noon on Feb. 10.

The Y is located at 501 Green Lane, Union. For information, call (908) 289-9112.

RUFGERS GEOLOGY OPEN HOUSE will be held on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the New Brunswick campus.

Presentations and mineral sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 135, 433 College Ave., New Brunswick. The Geology Museum is located at Hamilton Street and College Avenue.

Admission is free. For more information, call (732) 962-7443.

NORTHERN NJ CAMP FAIR will be held on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Saddle Brook Marriott Hotel.

Admission is free. For information, call (908) 552-3124.

NJ DOLL SHOW AND SALE will take place on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Travelodge in Livingston.

Adult admission is \$4.50, \$1 for children under age 12. Travelodge is located on Route 10 West, 550 W. Mt. Pleasant Ave., Livingston. For information, call (908) 756-2385, (908) 232-7949 or (973) 994-3500.

COUNTRY LINE DANCING lessons will be held weekly on Saturdays open to all ages at Paul's Church in Rahway.

UNION TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY will conduct its next meeting on Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. in the historic James and Hannah Caldwell Parsonage located at 609 Caldwell Ave., Union.

LINDEN LINES features Lazar Light Bowling to the music of the 70s every Saturday night after 10 p.m.



Works by photographer Willian Wegman and his dogs are on display at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit.

RAHWAY VALLEY VERSEYAIRES barbershop quartet rehearses in the First Baptist Church Hall, 170 Elm St., Westfield, every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. Men of all ages are invited to stop by. For information, call (908) 232-7188 or (908) 382-2870.

SANGERCHOIR men's chorus rehearses Friday evenings at 8:30 p.m. Schwabacher Sangbund mixed chorus rehearses Thursday evenings at 8:30 p.m. at the Deutscher Club in Clark. New members are welcome. For information, call Manfred Schneider at (908) 382-4900.

UNION HARMONICA BAND holds practice sessions at the Senior Citizen Building, Caldwell and Morris avenues, Union, every Friday from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

WESTFIELD GLEE CLUB invites male singers to come and sing at rehearsals on Mondays at 8 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church Parish Building Assembly Hall, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield.

Interested male singers are invited to call Dale Juntilla at (908) 232-0673.

CAFES

VAN GOGH'S EAR CAFE presents an artsy coffeehouse atmosphere. Jazz entertainment is presented on Sunday evenings. Feb. 1, Steve Mirzner Trio, Feb. 8, Pulse, Feb. 15, John Carlini Trio, Feb. 22, Ginny Johnson.

Open Mic Night is presented every Tuesday from 7:30 to 10 p.m., with sign-up at 7 p.m.

Van Gogh's Ear is located at 1017 Suisunway Ave. in Union. For further information, call (908) 810-1844.

AMORE DI CAFFEE is located at 485 Springfield Ave., Berkeley Heights. For information, call (908) 566-6396.

BARNES & NOBLE CAFE in Springfield emulates a coffeehouse atmosphere with a literary spin, appealing to young and old alike.

The Cafe hosts a wide variety of family-oriented entertainment, ranging from folk singers to jazz ensembles. In addition to other programs, the Cafe holds Open Mike Poetry Night on the first Sunday of the month at 7:30 a.m.

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MINSTREL COFFEEHOUSE is a folk/country/concert series run by the Folk Project, a non-profit folk music and arts organization. The Project is located at the Somerset County Fair-

offered to children age 8 to 12. Classes run from Feb. 7 through March 28.

Two classes are offered. Advanced level begins at 11 a.m.; beginner level begins at 11:15 a.m. Both classes take place on the Douglas Campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick. Cost is \$85 per child. Registration deadline is Saturday. For information, call (732) 922-9772.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS for teachers are being offered at New Jersey Performing Arts Center:

"Latin Music and Culture," grades K-8;

"The Play's the Thing," grades 5-12; "Teaching World Cultures Through Music," grades 3-12;

"Peach Flower Landscape," grades K-8;

"Poetry & Prose," grades 3-12; "Ballet Hispanico," grades K-8;

"Capa Music and More," grades 3-8;

"Dear America," grades K-8. Winter/Spring Session will begin Feb. 10. Classes are held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. NJPAC is located at One Center Drive, Newark. For information, call (201) 642-2002.

LINDEN ART ASSOCIATION is offering visual arts classes on Wednesdays in five-week segments. The schedule is as follows:

Feb. 15, 22, March 4, 11, 18, March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27. Classes will be held at Sunnyside Recreation Center, on Metross Terrace, Orchard Terrace, Linden. For information call (908) 486-1408.

AMERICAN REPERTORY BALLET is offering two new classes: Dance Violins, for children who are blind or severely visually impaired, and Movement Class for adults with mobility impairment.

Dance Violins is open to children ages 7-11, beginning Feb. 28, and will be held at the Cranbury studio. Fee is \$60. Movement class begins March 10 and will be held at 301 North Harrison St., Princeton. Fee is \$50. For information, call (732) 249-1254.

UNION MUSIC SCHOOL is holding mail-in registration for courses in music theory, piano, guitar, and voice. For information, call (908) 766-2459.

COVE LOUNGE presents live music by alternative bands every weekend.

The tavern is located at 114 Chestnut St., Roselle. For information, call (908) 241-1226.

CROSSROADS in Garwood presents a weekly lineup of musical rotation: Tuesdays — Acoustic Open-Mic Night; Blues guitar string and vocal; it Rihet Tyler opens the show, and then opens the stage to any aspiring player who enters. The show opens at 9:30 p.m.

Wednesdays — B.B. of B.B. and the Singers hosts Open Jam with all musicians welcome.

Thursdays — Psychedelic Thursdays presents the greatest sound of classic rock, performed by local bands. Weekend performances include blues, roots and rock music. An upscale and traditional blues brunch is presented every Sunday.

The Crossroads is located at 78 North Ave., Garwood. For information, call (908) 232-5666.

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Stone takes filmmaker from rags to riches

Oliver Stone is one of the most loved and hated figures in Hollywood. There are many critics who put Stone in the "Top Ten Living Directors" and feel his films are as important as Alfred Hitchcock's or Stanley Kubrick's. There are other critics who think he's a pompous windbag and his movies are self-indulgent, narcissistic wastings of celluloid. Many actors, including James Woods, have stated that Oliver Stone is a genius. Others have commented that he should go back to film school and has the demeanor of Aulita The Hun.

Whatever your opinion of Oliver Stone is, one thing is certain: Stone has become a very powerful figure in Hollywood. His list of credits is unimpeachable, as director of "Salvador," "Platoon," "Wall Street," "Talk Radio," "Born on the Fourth of July" and "JFK" and producer of "Reversal of Fortune." Whether you love Stone or hate him — I like him although I think "Natural Born Killers" is one of the worst films ever made — Oliver Stone is a Hollywood "mover-and-shaker."

This may not mean much to you but it has changed Sal Stabile's life. In 1998, 19-year-old Stabile had to make a choice. He could take the \$5,000 he inherited from his grandmother and go to film school or he could skip all the classes and just use the money to make a movie. Stabile wrote an outline for a story and got a group of aspiring actors together. With the outline and action for each scene set, the actors improvised the dialogue. Stabile kept the camera rolling.

The story revolves around four friends, Ray, Mikey, Chicky and Zane, who have made a terrible mistake. Zane has accidentally shot Ray's brother. Fearing prison, Zane convinces the other three that the only thing they can do is get rid of the body and

The Video Detective

By Jim Riffel

keep their mouths shut.

Stabile's camera style makes the film play like a documentary or an episode from the "COOP" TV show. The camera is mostly hand-held and a little shaky, following the characters around. This adds a large dose of realism and makes the story more believable.

The boys go to a man in the neighborhood who's thought of as a weirdo. They themselves also think he's insane but, more importantly, his brother owns a funeral home, and for \$500 and a thumb the "weirdo" can get rid of the body. Now all the boys have to do is come up with the cash. This is a problem, since their pooled financial resources couldn't cover a pack of cigarettes.

Zane decides to visit his occasional girlfriend to see if she'll cover their tab. She laughs at him. In a desperate attempt to get out of this mess they decide to rob a convenience store. This scene is one of the high points of the film as the thieves come across as a mix between Bonnie and Clyde and The Three Stooges.

As the night drags on the friends begin to argue about whether or not they should just to the police, and the plan begins to unravel in a very unpleasant way. So what does all this have to do with Oliver Stone? Well, "Gazebo," which was made for about the price of a used car, was having trouble landing a distributor. Then Oliver Stone saw it. The picture quickly secured a wide release and Stabile was signed to a two-picture deal by Steven Spielberg.



Harry Devlin of Mountaineers was recognized by the Westfield Art Association for his oil painting, "Gazebo."

Artists are honored in association exhibition

Top honors in the Westfield Art Association Exhibition were awarded to S. Allyn Schaeffer of Scotch Plains, who received the Kathryn and Denzil Bush Award for his oil pastel titled "Paddock, Monmouth Park." Winners from Westfield were Linda Kolar for her oil "Peeling Potatoes," Shirley Ostlso for her sculpture "Touched by Midas," Eileen Willoughby for her oil "Morristown Aboretum" and George Fritz for his acrylic "Serenity."

Other winners were Harry Devlin of Mountaineers for his oil "Gazebo," Martha Vennuro of Roselle Park for her oil "Tuscany, View from the Boboli Gardens" and Burton Longebach of Clark for his oil "Silo in Afternoon Light."

The member show for oil, pastel, acrylic, sculpture and mixed media garnered 58 entries. The Town Book Store in Westfield has works of the members of the Westfield Art Association for sale.

The Westfield Art Association Inc. is dedicated to promoting the fine arts by providing exhibits and a program of lectures, demonstrations and workshops. For further information, contact President Barbara Schwinn at (908) 232-7058.

Audiences more than interested in NJPAC's 'Having Our Say'

With a wonderful unit set designed by Terry Zimmerman and "The Heidi Chronicles" — Thomas Lynch, "Having Our Say," deftly written by Emily Mann, the artistic director of McCarter Theatre, played four performances at the Victoria Theater at NJPAC in Newark.

If you haven't yet experienced the NJPAC in Newark, it's understandable since it only opened in October. But you should get there soon. Hailed by some as the crowning glory of Newark's beginning renaissance, the center has managed to open as a free, state-of-the-art center within easy reach of most residents of New Jersey.

My first experience there was great. Having gone to professional theater for more years than I admit to in print — OK, so I saw Robert Redford when tickets were less than \$10 and his name caused no stir — I can assure you that the "theater experience" involves much more than the performance for most of the audience. Theater is a lot less entertaining after I've waited 30 minutes just to get into the Lincoln Tunnel, let alone find a place to park when I can rely on a short commute with minimum fuss. Also, people can talk about "saving" the grand, old theaters of yesteryear, but it's much more pleasant to know when you buy your ticket that every seat in the house has a good, unobstructed view of the stage.

The Victoria Theater, the smaller one of the two theaters at NJPAC, is an intimate 550-seat theater without great adornment but perfect for live theater. The seat seems "far" from the stage. Perfectly suited for "Having Our Say," the Victoria made the audience believe it was being invited to sit a while with the Delany sisters in their Mount Vernon living room and just chat. Both Amemtha Dymally's Sarah

Theater View

By Anthony Giordano

Delany, the more "reserved" of the two feisty 100-year-old sisters, and Sharon Hope's Bessie Delany, the openly outspoken of the two, came across as complex people that while we may not have known them, we wish we had.

It's not easy to maintain a real life portrayal when dealing with personalities that were larger than life. Born to a mixed-race mother, Nancy Logan, and a father, Henry Board Delany, who was born a slave, the Delany sisters, two of 10 children born to Nancy and Henry, managed to span family memories of the Civil War, the Industrial Revolution and the Computer Age.

More than once I heard people who my right and left age with the two sisters as if we really were in their living room. Emily Mann's well-crafted script combined with the skillful performances to make the vast array of information necessary to explain these two women seem just like casual conversation over tea.

Addressing the problems of facial blemish, early in life the Jim Crow laws made it a crime for them to drink out of the same fountains as whites; self-reliance, their father had advised them not to accept any scholarships to colleges because then they would always be indebted to the giver, and how to live to be 100, basically, don't marry because men could drive you crazy, the sisters' messages on life come casually yet emphatically through the words of Mann.

HEALTHY LIVING

Don't go against the 'grain' when it comes to dieting

Diets have taken many forms over the years, but gone are the days of the "quick fix" when the object was to lose as much weight as possible in the shortest amount of time. In recent years a much more sensible approach to weight loss has meant thinking differently about what we eat, changing the way we feel about food and re-evaluating our lifestyle. As a result, most diets today focus on the long term and are altogether healthier than their predecessors.

But the majority of us still need help when it comes to "dieting" in any form, whether it be moral support, from friends and family, or help in controlling appetite. A weight-loss product, The Soyist Diet Program, offers both. Developed in Europe, the new diet program consists of a dietary supplement made up of ground mung bean sprouts and oat bran, which acts as an appetite suppressant, and a "support package" consisting of a well-thought-out, easy-to-follow meal plan, recipes and helpful, morale-boosting advice.

Key to the success of this diet plan — and to losing fat rather than lean body mass — is the mung bean and oat bran caplet, taken three times a day between meals. Why the mung bean? Says Dr. Kovacs of the Swiss pharmaceutical company, Archopharm, which developed the new diet plan, "The mung bean is an amazing plant. (It) uses energy from the sun 40 times more efficiently than the average plant to produce nutritive substances in a very short space of time. These nutritive substances then become concentrated in the bean, making it a storehouse of energy and bio substances. Many of these sub-

stances, like vitamins, minerals and free amino acids, also happen to be very useful for human beings." That may explain why the Chinese, who have been living on rice, vegetables, cereals, beans and sprouts for thousands of years, call the mung bean the "Golden Grain."

The mung bean sprouts are dehydrated by a special process and ground into a powder before being combined with oat bran. Oat bran, of course, has been the subject of much scientific study in recent years and is thought to lower cholesterol levels. It is also in the caplet to help regulate digestion and provide necessary bulk.

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Clark

Marie Kaiser sold property at 42 Georgia St., to Steven Kraus for \$164,800 on Sept. 30.

Elizabeth

Luis A. and Luz M. Garcia sold property at 539 Jefferson Ave., to Juan C. Guzman for \$117,000 on Sept. 19.

Eleanor S. Reid sold property at 1848 North Ave., to Joseph Tabone for \$132,000 on Sept. 19.

Anthony J. and Karen P. Parenti sold property at 1128 Applegate Ave., to Jose Nieves for \$140,000 on Sept. 24.

Adriell and Luz H. Roman sold property at 1037 Richford Terrace to Susan Andrade for \$93,000 on Sept. 24.

Michael Oslif sold property at 134 Berwick St., to Rene E. Aguilera for \$163,000 on Sept. 25.

Leonel S. and M. Elvira Cardoso sold property at 245 Clark Place to Jose Figueroa for \$130,000 on Sept. 25.

Marlin C. and Maureen Rothfelder sold property at 25 Williams Terrace to Peter R. Lonahan for \$165,000 on Sept. 25.

Robert L. Easton sold property at 421 Russell Place to Bishai Boodoo for \$110,000 on Sept. 26.

Beatrice Puelles sold property at 4981 William St., to Benjamin D. Avasos for \$75,000 on Sept. 26.

Manuel and Elcon Andrad sold property at 1133 Fanny St., to Luis Garcia for \$167,000 on Sept. 26.

Jose A. and Brigidita Santiago sold property at 909 Cross Ave., to Jerome S. Moonsammy for \$120,000 on Oct. 3.

Linden

Robert and Mildred T. Cortes sold property at 146 E. 12th St., to Monica Ruiz for \$135,000 on Sept. 12.

Charlotte Hodges sold property at 127 Swarthmore Road to Carlos G. Gomez for \$135,000 on Sept. 15.

Emily M. Conley sold property at 595 Rosewood Terrace to Christopher Sharkey for \$85,000 on Sept. 15.

Michael B. and Rosemary Villano sold property at 72 Riverbend Road to Carol Lickack-Chamitnik for \$179,000 on Sept. 16.

Josef and Sophie Smalera sold property at 823 Davitt St., to David Haversock for \$161,000 on Sept. 17.

Mildred G. Rollis sold property at 800 W. Elizabeth Ave., to Kathleen G. Zornilia for \$84,000 on Sept. 18.

Sophie Jastrzebski sold property at 245 E. Linden Ave., to William Perez for \$100,000 on Sept. 18.

Walter Les Jr. sold property at 701 Keep St., to Joann C. Turbut for \$99,000 on Sept. 19.

Lisa E. Trautman sold property at 310 Academy Terrace to Jozef Danko for \$140,000 on Sept. 22.

Elizabeth R. Pado sold property at 511 Ervud St., to James C. Ziawrak for \$118,000 on Sept. 23.

Mary Palentino sold property at 437 Laurita St., to Justo Rivera for \$120,000 on Sept. 25.

Jose and Maria Ondenes sold property at 824 Smith St., to Daniel L. Scaldino for \$118,000 on Sept. 25.

John J. Witold sold property at 133 E. 12th St., to Martin Williamson for \$125,000 on Sept. 26.

Julia F. Maruch sold property at 411 W. Blanche St., to Roberto Gonzalez for \$124,000 on Sept. 29.

Maria Washnock et al sold property at 1007 Eddy Ave., to David Dos Santos for \$129,900 on Sept. 29.

John R. Harrington et al sold property at 718 Harrison Place to Jenine L. Barnes for \$104,000 on Sept. 29.

Robert S. and Karen A. Evans sold property at 1874 Orchard Terrace to

Contino A. Negri for \$157,500 on Sept. 29.

Mary A. Mirik sold property at 1409 Eddy Ave., to Robert A. Westbury for \$127,500 on Sept. 30.

Donna M. Pietrucha sold property at 132 Walter St., to Francisco Perez for \$131,000 on Sept. 30.

Margaret P. Valvano sold property at 801 Birchwood Road to William G. Vella for \$175,000 on Sept. 30.

Arthur G. and Joan H. Nadler sold property at 1810 W. Elizabeth Ave., to Jeffrey Aniello for \$55,000 on Sept. 30.

Zygmund Wlebskiowski sold property at 2209 Old Grove Road to Richard Bornstad for \$140,000 on Oct. 1.

Ulyses and Mary Morse sold property at 1820 Paterson St., to Ulysses Morse for \$120,000 on Sept. 26.

Norman and Winnie White sold property at 1721 Lawrence St., to Mabel L. Kofi for \$113,100 on Sept. 26.

Richard M. Redding sold property at 1368 Bryant St., to Richard E. Sinter for \$85,000 on Sept. 29.

Eleanor M. Karaffa sold property at 141 Jensen Ave., to James Nelson for \$135,000 on Sept. 30.

Margaret Krepms sold property at 1075 Jefferson Ave., to Robert DeMicheal for \$115,000 on Sept. 30.

John and Lorraine Bolan sold property at 2362 Elizabeth Ave., to Allen Burnett for \$85,000 on Sept. 30.

Roselle Carolyn E. Balash sold property at 710 Chestnut St., to Joseph Nelson

for \$130,000 on Sept. 19.

Ethel C. Bertram sold property at 620 Chestnut St., to Edgardo N. Valdes for \$91,000 on Sept. 22.

Harold Swigon et al sold property at 102 Grace St., to Joseph M. Baker III for \$106,400 on Sept. 22.

Sandra McKellop sold property at 742 Sheridan Ave., to Owen S. McKellop for \$93,000 on Sept. 23.

Allice L. Jabury sold property at 210 Sterling Place to Polio R. Lord for \$92,600 on Sept. 24.

John C. and Paula A. Velloro sold property at 534 Pine St., to Winifred Djuric for \$152,000 on Sept. 30.

Adolf S. and Elizabeth C. Knott sold property at 406 Robins St., to

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Bozidar Lakicewic sold property at 365 E. 4th Ave., to Richard A. Neelley Sr. for \$90,000 on Sept. 30.

Rosalee Park

Alexander and Barbara Daly sold property at 517 Pinewood Ave., to George Afonso for \$194,000 on Sept. 29.

Mark and Collins C. Yamakakis sold property at 144 W. Lincoln Ave., to Scott Augustine for \$103,000 on Sept. 30.

Ciro and Marjorie DiFratino sold property at 137 E. Clay Ave., to Vicki R. Keenan for \$132,000 on Sept. 30.

Barbara Dent sold property at 274 W. Clay Ave., to Pasquale Costa for \$125,000 on Oct. 1.

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David M. and Karen L. Brush sold property at 61 Gloucester Court to Mark B. Powell for \$625,000 on Sept. 25.

Beverly Stern sold property at 26 Huntley Road to David A. Wellman for \$179,900 on Sept. 26.

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Joseph W. and Wendy A. McDonough sold property at 775 Pinewood Road to Stanley J. Mazur for \$155,000 on Sept. 11.

Linda Bauman sold property at 863 Ray Ave., to Henry T. Adamkowski for \$186,500 on Sept. 11.

Douglas G. and Lois A. Lang sold property at 1240 Sheldahl Drive to Jessie W. Jones for \$175,000 on Sept. 11.

Associates Relocation Management Co. sold property at 870 Pennsylvania Ave., to Scholastica P. Linos for \$160,000 on Sept. 12.

Michael and Yvonne M.M. Pucio sold property at 1464 Mayfair Road to Thomas Nowicki for \$175,000 on Sept. 12.

Patrice D. Murcha sold property at 169 Walton Ave., to Prosper Alexandre for \$145,000 on Sept. 12.

Heleen F. Behnam sold property at 4 Jensen Lane to Jose Simoes for \$127,500 on Sept. 12.

Ralph and Kathryn Mezza sold property at 947 Twimoy Ave., to Richard C. Moulton for \$170,000 on Sept. 12.

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The capacity increase will represent an additional investment of approximately \$40 million and will bring some 75 new jobs to the \$300 million plant. Still in its start-up stage of production, the Tuscaloosa County, AL, plant currently employs about 1,300 people and has a capacity of approximately 65,000 vehicles.

"The response to the M-Class has exceeded our expectations, so much so that we have been challenged to meet with the tremendous demand from throughout the world," said Andreas Renschler, president and CEO of Mercedes-Benz U.S. International. "Our overriding goal is to satisfy our customers, and what better way than to increase our investment and production capabilities for the M-Class." The production increase will be achieved through greater efficiency and productivity, including an approximately 10-15 percent reduction in the time it takes for a vehicle to move from one production station to the next.

The new investment from MBUSI will include the purchase of additional equipment and machinery and an increase of about 100,000 square feet in the body and assembly shops to accommodate the added equipment, inventory, and materials.

The 3.2 liter, V6ML320 vehicles went on sale in North America in September. Since its market introduction, the M-Class has won numerous awards, including "Motor Trend" 1998 Truck of the Year, "Robb Report" Top Cars for 1998, "Consumers Digest" Best Buy, and the very prestigious Canadian Car of the Year Award. As of the end of November more than 10,500 ML320s were sold in the U.S. and Canada, and the company has already increased its U.S. sales forecast for 1998 to 40,000 units, up from the 33,000 originally planned.

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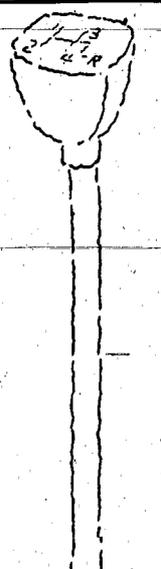
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PROGRESS 1998

Key to the Future

Airport hotel to boost city and county

By Michelle Runge
Staff Writer

One of Elizabeth's biggest sources of tax revenues is planning to get even bigger — and that spells good news for taxpayers who may see some tax points shaved off their bills.

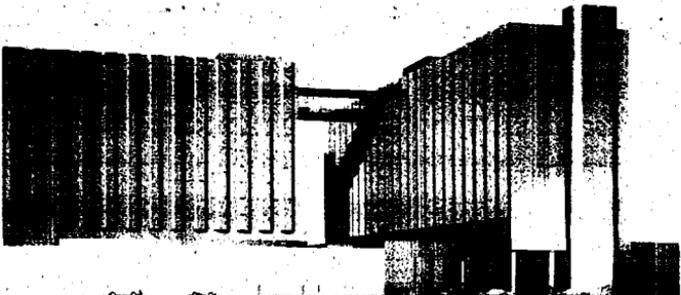
The Hilton Hotel recently received site plan approval from the Elizabeth Planning Board enabling the facility to begin a \$25 million expansion.

"The Hilton expansion works in concert with the region as a whole, which is developing in leaps and bounds," said Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage.

The hotel is next to Newark Airport, and business is booming for both. The 1170 Spring St. address currently enjoys a 70 percent occupancy rate, but the slated improvements will certainly increase business that will benefit Elizabeth residents.

"A portion of our popularity stems from the number of frequent flier miles that can tie us to our frequent guest miles program," said Newark Hilton General Manager John T. Sweeney.

Sweeney said the hotel is also hoping to lure more conventioners and expos by expanding its convention rooms. However,



Architects Paul Stockes and David Finel of the Hillier Group have been hired to design plans depicting what the new Hilton Hotel will look like when completed.

business travellers make up a major portion of its clientele and the expansion will take them into account.

Once the expansion is completed, the hotel will be a marvel of technology and a high-speed data and information transfer. There will be data ports in each guestroom for laptops as well as 24-hour copier, fax and computer-printer usage capabilities.

"If we're not leading the charge in technology, we're lagging behind," Sweeney said.

Not too long ago, the Routes 1&9 South site was occupied by the old Vista Hotel, which filed for bankruptcy. Hilton Hotel International took over in 1993 and has been

booking businessmen and family trade ever since.

"The city of Elizabeth, in conjunction with Newark Airport, is getting ready to grapple with the global traffic of the world," said Bollwage, whose slogan touts the city's new energy. "Elizabeth is in a position to facilitate all the services necessary to handle that traffic."

The new energy in the city of Elizabeth that is fueling the Hilton's \$25 million expansion and other projects such as the 250-outlet Jersey Gardens mall and the \$100 million Midtown Redevelopment can be attributed to the Urban Enterprise Zone program. The Midtown area already boasts a

new \$8.8 million parking garage with 583 spaces, and the mall is scheduled to be built next year at a site just off Kapkowski Road.

Elizabeth is one of the 28 UEZs in the state that can charge a 3 percent sales tax instead of the usual 6 percent with the additional 3 percent funneled back into a zone fund that can then be utilized for a variety of purposes. The money generated by the zone is applied through the Elizabeth Development Company, which runs programs designed for infrastructure, streetscape, beautification and security improvements.

The UEZ's programs are unmatched in the state and have been recognized at the national level.

Business growth in Union not limited to the Center

By Maddy Vitale
Staff Writer

When Michael Minitielli began his job as the Union Township director of Economic Development a few years ago, he had his work cut out for him. Not only was he to contend with the burden of defining a new position by trial and error, there were several vacancies in Union Center, and the large industrial sites that once brought in revenue were long gone.

Walking through Union Center today and much different experience with those same vacancies filled in the retail and professional buildings

and industrial sites that have been replaced by lighter industrial businesses.

But there is no question — it took a lot of work.

"The department of Economic Development is responsible for assisting and providing growth in the township," Minitielli said. "We are the second largest municipality in Union County and had a big responsibility to fill those vacancies."

For a nine-square-mile community of 50,000, he said the main asset is the location. Union is in proximity to New York City, and both Morris and Turnpike avenues lead to

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With the opening of Home Depot in the Township of Union, officials are hoping to continue a resurgence of the local economy.

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Business leaders see 'new enthusiasm' in Rahway

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

Rahway's future is brightening. That, at least, is what the city's officials and business leaders are saying.

Officials from the Rahway Chamber of Commerce and the Rahway Center Partnership — which deals with the downtown area — praised Mayor James Kennedy's record in 1997 and what he plans for 1998.

Bill Fontana, executive director of the Partnership, said the business climate in Rahway is improving.

"I think there's a new enthusiasm here. I think the city has taken a very pro-business attitude," said Fontana.

He pointed out the planned redevelopment of the downtown area championed by Kennedy. The council has already approved \$2 million in bonds to purchase several downtown properties for improvement or demolition.

"Kennedy has taken on some very tough issues that have been around for a long time and the business owners can see that."

"I think more attention is being paid to Rahway as a shopping alternative," said Bill Brenner, president of the Rahway Chamber of Commerce.

The NJ Transit train station on Milton Avenue is expected to open fully this year. This is to be one of the three "anchors" in Kennedy's planned renovation of the downtown business area.

Two other anchors include a new recreation center that is to be built behind City Hall and an arts district that will include a

renovated Claude Reed Center and the Union County Arts Center.

According to city Treasurer Frank Ruggiero, the recreation building is to be built for \$5.4 million; construction is to start "very soon, weather permitting." Some of the \$300,000 of federal Community Development Block Grants and \$500,000 more is to come from the Rahway Senior Housing Corporation.

The city-owned recreation center is supposed to join a number of other privately built and operated recreation facilities — possibly including a driving range, indoor soccer, in-line skating and even a day-care center — that will be built on 11 acres of land behind City Hall.

The Claude Reed Center on the other side of the downtown area is undergoing renovations. It houses the Recreation Center but, later in the year, should be opened to a new Rahway Arts Guild. The guild has already applied for non-profit status, said Ruggiero; becoming a non-profit organization will open the Arts Guild to a number of different sources of funding.

According to Ruggiero, the municipal tax levy from fiscal year 1996 to fiscal year 1997 decreased by \$400,000. He could not say whether the tax levy would decrease or increase in next year's municipal budget, though.

"It's always difficult at this point because we don't have state revenue figures," he said.

Fontana said the tax burden on the city's

businesses has "not increased dramatically."

According to Ruggiero, the city spent \$2.5 million on its infrastructure — sidewalk repairs, road repairs and resurfacing and sewers — in 1997.

Rahway's tax rolls have decreased from 1996 to 1997, he said.

The city's net taxable valuation for 1997 was \$1,347,951,303, about \$6.4 million less than 1996. Ruggiero said these decreases were mostly "business personal property tax" — taxes on telephone lines and "big business infrastructure" that are controlled by the state and not by Rahway.

Fontana added that the occupancy rate of first-floor storefronts was down to 89 percent in 1997. In 1996, it had hit a high of 95 percent.

But Fontana said this could be caused by a more stringent survey, done quarterly, of the downtown's storefronts. The survey now counts 195 stores, up from 170 stores in previous surveys.

"Business districts evolve over time," he added. "You'll have this ebb and flow of occupancy rates."

Ruggiero did not know how much the city would be worth in 1998. Merck is planning a \$250 million expansion in its research facilities, but he did not know when this would show up in the tax rolls.

Someone might think, with the spotlight that has been shown on the downtown area, that the rest of the city's businesses are being neglected. Not so, said Brenner.

"I think those projects are in the fore-

front," he said, adding that there have been no projects that have been "specific" for the downtown area. For instance, the city's new recreation center only happens to be in downtown area, he said.

Fontana said the Partnership has plans for the upcoming year.

The Partnership, he said, wants to develop a five-year business strategy to create a "more defined and distinct arts district" with more arts academies and artists and a program of facade reconstruction.

They also want to develop a "master plan" to improve the downtown area's appearance "and we want to change the downtown. We want to change the perception people have of downtown."

Brenner, when asked what he wanted to happen in the upcoming year, said he wants the city to finish the projects it has started, such as the new Division of Sanitation and Recycling and the train station, with supporting parking.

Merck's investment in Rahway seems to be part of a general trend in Union County, according to the Union County Chamber of Commerce.

"We are seeing tremendous growth in the health care industry, that the mainstay industries like Merck, Schering-Plough, General Motors, Novartis are not only staying but growing, so they have confidence in the county and so that our business base is growing," said Union County Chamber President Jim Coyle.

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Summit in sweep of a major economic renaissance

By Matthew Korade
Staff Writer

Summit is in the sweep of a major economic renaissance, echoing the performance around the state and nation during the last several months.

Nationally, the economy is in the upswing. During the last year, the New York stock markets have taken a roller coaster ride, recording unprecedented gains, then losses, and rebounding to greater heights. And recent statistics from the State Department of Labor show that, for New Jersey, 1997 was the best year in a decade.

According to department statistics, more jobs were created in the state last year than in any since 1988, finally regaining the last of the quarter-of-a-million jobs the state lost during the recession of the early 1990s. December was the big month; however, the job ranks increased by 13,400 — the biggest growth in three years — to bring the total jobs created in 1997 to 78,100.

In addition, unemployment is down. Manufacturing jobs, considered a leading indicator of the economy's health, have held steady this year, with a minimal loss of only 300 jobs. This is in stark contrast to the steady losses of previous years, amounting to a total of 400,000 jobs in the last three decades.

In Summit, too, the last few years brought changes that bode well for the economy. An upper middle-class community, Summit had a median household income in 1996 of more than \$73,000, and a per capita income of more than \$53,000 — far greater than the

state or national average. Such an affluent community has made Summit a highly sought after place to live, and the average price of a home runs around \$345,000, some reaching into the millions.

The introduction of New Jersey Transit's Midtown Direct service has also increased the desirability of a Summit address, making the commute to New York City that much simpler. "The rail is a great thing for us, there's no question about it," Mayor Walter Long said. "It will have a major impact on real estate values."

Even with the rail line's opening, however, parking has remained a problem in the city. In a recent survey by Summit Downtown Inc., the city and the Parking Advisory Committee, a majority of business owners and residents rated parking as the biggest problem in the downtown. The downtown's 2,290 parking spaces add up to a shortage, according to the survey, which is compounded by commuters and downtown employees who arrive first in the morning, leaving no space for shoppers. To remedy the parking situation, the city has approved plans to build a 504-car commuter parking garage on the corner of Broad Street and Summit Avenue, at a cost of \$5.5 million. According to Long, the garage will eventually pay for itself.

"In hoping we're going to start construction in April," Long said. The garage will charge \$3 per day for resident commuters, who will get 315 parking spots, and a slightly higher rate for out-of-town commuters. "Initially it's going to cost the city some

money, but what the residents really have to look at in five or six years is that this is going to be a major revenue source for the city. Right now, interest rates are so low, we really want to bond it, as soon as possible to take advantage of it," the mayor said. "The design of the building is attractive and fits in with what the bank and other buildings in the area did. It's going to enhance that area."

Other major building plans for the coming year were outlined by the mayor in his State of the City address Jan. 6. The Summit Free Public Library is undergoing a major expansion, improving reading areas, handicapped access, and enlarging the children's section. Its next door neighbor, the YMCA, is doing the same, putting in a new swimming pool and exercise-room facilities, as well as the requisite handicapped access at the building's front.

School additions have also been high on the agenda, with enrollment increases looming on the immediate horizon. Expansion was completed at Franklin School, library improvements have begun at Brayton School, and groundbreaking was begun for a \$1 million project at Washington School.

Several other construction projects also have been completed in the city last year. Renovations were completed on the firehouse this fall to bring the building's interior and dispatch area to code. The Johnson Youth Services Center at 2 Walnut Street finally opened this fall to area students after it was donated to the city by Glenn Johnson, and the Beacon Hill Theater opened on the

lower level of the Kress building on Springfield Avenue.

So far, city officials are pleased with these accomplishments, most of which have been at least partially funded by private organizations.

Councilman at Large Eric Munoz had similar thoughts. "The bottom line is this: As long as we increase revenue and make the town more attractive, we're in good shape," he said. "For example, the garage has been cost-neutral. But you don't want one of these projects that are a drain on tax dollars."

Despite all these improvements, the council is concerned about the state of the downtown-business district. In a recent survey, 51 percent of business owners said business downtown is declining, and nearly 40 percent of store owners said they have considered relocating in the last three years. In addition, there are several vacancies in downtown buildings, much as the size of the former Roots Department Store.

In an effort to change the perception of a lagging business district, the council commissioned a comprehensive study of the downtown area to find where improvements could be made. The result was a vision of what the "Summit of fulfilled potential" would be.

"The downtown improvement project will really turn Summit into a premier town," Munoz said. "Summit has always been a classic small town in America, and now it will appear the classic small town it is."



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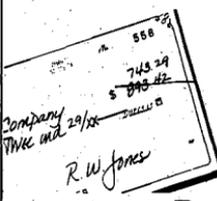
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Home Depot, Target eyed for boost in local economy

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major highways such as Routes 78 and 22. In 1994, there was 1.23 million square feet of vacancies at the industrial sites throughout the township. That number has decreased to 122,000 square feet. In addition, the vacancies in the center have decreased from 11 percent to 7 percent.

Minitelli attributes some of Union's success in redevelopment to the current and past administrations.

He continued by saying township officials worked together to make this transformation possible and that they share the common desire to have a strong economic presence in the township.

"It is obvious as you drive through the town, you see businesses that are willing to invest in the community," Minitelli said. "Buildings that were once deteriorating now have new facades and are being renovated.

There is no longer that decay that existed in Union in the early 1990s."

Some of the new stores in Union — such as Home Depot, located at the former Union Market on Springfield Avenue — will bring in an estimated \$300,000 in additional revenue for the 1998 municipal budget. Target, located on Route 22, was built and opened last year, and brings in an increase of \$567,000.

Currently, a CVS Pharmacy is being constructed at Morris and Commerce avenues, and there is a proposed Rite Aid at the site occupied by Jim's Restaurant and Bauer Bus Company, both located on Stuyvesant Avenue.

Last year, 32 garden-home units were approved for the Connecticut Farms area, and 210 units — 90 designated for seniors — were approved for the former site of Harvard Industries.

The Voorhees Senior Housing project is also under way, which will increase the number of senior complexes in the community to three.

A Costco is slated for the area of Route 22 and Hudson Street and will be up for approval by the Zoning Board of Adjustment later this year. "We feel it is a good fit in that area," Minitelli contended. "The building on that site, a bowling alley, has been vacant for more than 10 years."

A new Italian restaurant is moving into

the old Schwartz building located in the center. Also, residents can expect to see a major renovation — in the amount of \$500,000 — at the Union Theater, located on Stuyvesant Avenue, which, upon board approval, will be transformed from a small hometown movie house to a five-auditorium cineplex.

The proposed Towley Train Station for the Green Lane section is the largest of all anticipated projects. Last year, the state gave \$1 million to the Department of Transportation for feasibility studies of a train station at the site.

According to a conceptual plan, if the project comes to fruition, it will provide an estimated \$80 million more in ratables. "It is only a concept plan," Minitelli stressed.

"But if constructed, the train station will provide a significant amount of tax ratables, job creations and economic development in the township," he added.

Mayor Anthony Terrera said in his inaugural speech that the Department of Economic Development will have to work harder to create growth in the township. But he added although development is important for the township, there has to be a "fine balance" in order to maintain the suburban character of the town.

Chamber of Commerce President Steven Hehl, of Hehl and Hehl, Union, said the chamber is strong with 500 members throughout the township.

"The role of the chamber is to be the voice of the business community in Union Township," Hehl said. "Through our concerted efforts with the government, business owners, the Special Improvement District and Department of Economic Development, we have become a more active — rather than reactive — community."

He agreed with Minitelli that the economic state in the township has greatly improved from a few years ago. "The chamber has experienced the same growth as is reflected by the increase in business in Union Township," Hehl said.

The chamber recently held a Business Expo at the Galloping Hill Inn located at Five Points as a way for business members to meet and network.

They also co-sponsor many events in the township, such as the Annual Italian Feast and the Festival on the Green.



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Officials optimistic in Roselle Park

By Tomiann Antonelli
Staff Writer

Borough officials are optimistic about the economic status for Roselle Park in the upcoming year.

In 1997, borough residents saw a 24-point tax increase that council members attributed to a number of factors, including a loss in density aid. This year, Mayor Joseph DeLorito said, officials are hoping to have a zero-point increase in taxes. However, Finance Director James Decker said it is still too early to make any concrete predictions as to how the budget will turn out in the coming year, since officials are still working on their annual financial statement from last year.

"They expect to have the statement ready within the next couple of weeks."

"We have lost the last of our density aid in 1997, and we don't expect another loss in 1998, so that will help keep taxes stable," said Decker. "We're hoping that we can keep taxes at no increase."

Decker said officials are in the process of conducting budget hearings for each of the departments in the municipality.

"The budget requests have been reasonable, and the department heads have been trying to make out wherever they can," said the finance director.

Decker said she has concerns about the tax collection rate for 1997.

"I'm seeing a lot of non-payment of taxes," she said.

She said the department is trying to get residents with delinquent accounts to pay before the end of the year.

Borough Engineer Donald Guarriello said

the borough does not have any major construction projects before the Planning Board.

"The Planning Board doesn't have anything of consequence pending," said Guarriello.

He said the borough does have several improvement projects that have already been accepted by the board.

"Some of these projects, many of which are funded by state aid, include street resurfacing and storm sewer replacement."

Guarriello said one of the negative results of having limited room for development within the borough is that there is little potential for revenue in this area.

"One thing that happens is that you don't see an influx in new construction, which would generate new revenue, because the town is so developed," said Guarriello.

He also said the borough is looking into developing senior citizen housing sometime in the future. Officials have indicated, however, that this may not occur for a couple years.

DeLorito said that although there is no room for new projects, the borough is always looking to developers to upgrade or modify existing property. He added that the borough's Master Plan deals directly with improvements and redevelopment.

During the annual reorganization meeting of the mayor and council on Jan. 1, DeLorito announced a recent sewer rights agreement that has been made with the Schering-Plough Corp. Part of the agreement promises to increase revenue to the borough that can be used to offset property tax increases.

Airport redevelopment project to reach fruition in Linden

By Liane Stone Ingalls
Staff Writer

The year 1997 marked a banner year for improvement projects throughout the city of Linden. While the Airport Redevelopment project encountered setback after setback, it appears that it may come to fruition in the coming year.

Mayor John Gregorio highlighted some of the major projects in his address during the 1998 council reorganization meeting in January. Gregorio commended Linden's Finest for the lower crime rate within the city over the past year.

"At a time when many of the surrounding communities are instituting curfews for their young people, and the crime rate is rising, Linden's crime rate has declined and we have not instituted a curfew. The credit goes, in full, to our outstanding police department."

Gregorio also spoke about some of the new projects on the agenda for the coming year.

"The New Jersey Legislature has passed a bill aimed at speeding the cleanup of vacant and polluted industrial sites...Because of the real possibility of this legislation being passed, I directed our city engineer to identify the industrial sites in Linden with acreage that has any type of environmental problem. His report clearly showed that there are approximately 600 acres of vacant land in and around some of our large corporations in Linden...if this acreage could be developed, it would increase the rates in our city, create new jobs and, most of all, resolve any environmental problems that might exist."

The Airport Redevelopment Project, a priority for Gregorio, has encountered setbacks throughout 1997. The proposed development project that would include such commercial giants as Walmart, Home Depot, a 36-theater cineplex, an indoor sports facility, a golf range, and a miniature golf course has come under intense fire in recent months.

The biggest setback involved the Department of Environmental Protection and the wetlands issue. City officials had to wait for the go ahead from the DEP to apply for a permit to fill in the wetlands. The DEP also required that the city furnish another location, whether inside or outside of city lines, to create new wetlands.

According to City Engineer John Ziemian, the wetlands project is in the last stages and the development committee should have a proposed location for 7 acres of the newly created wetlands.

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Growth of chamber assisting Springfield

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The birth and rapid growth of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce may well be the single largest business story of the township's past year.

The group came from a nucleus of three people last March to more than 50 businesses by December. The chamber has been responsible for enhancing the township's Independence Day celebration and installing "Shop Springfield" banners along its business routes in October.

Perhaps the greatest asset of the chamber is found among its membership network. Breakfasts are held every fourth Thursday of the month, allowing merchants and industrialists to discuss how to improve the commercial environment within Springfield. Guests from other areas of the township are invited to speak and the contacts produce ideas and contributions of various scales.

"The executives of 5th Avenue Electronics attended one meeting and asked how they can help out," said Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld. "We got them in touch with the Springfield First Aid Squad, which was looking for a television for their training videotape player. The squad now has a wide screen monitor."

Hirschfeld, early in his term as mayor, brought businessmen Ron Kravitz and Wayne Banks to the Municipal Building on March 25. From there, they contacted Susan Jacobson of the Union County Chamber of Commerce about forming a chamber chapter.

"There was a chamber in town about 10 years ago but it disappeared from a lack of interest," said Kravitz, of Kay's Hardware. "Wayne and I volunteered to lead the chamber because we want to serve the community."

"We proposed the chapter concept to Springfield," said Jacobson. "By forming a chapter with us, the group can save on rent and other overhead costs while taking advantage of our directories and county newsletter. Clark was the first chapter, formed nine years ago, and Roselle Park followed."

Kravitz and Banks, of Stone Financial Services, and 23 other business persons formed the chapter Springfield Chapter of the Union County Chamber of Commerce on May 22. The chapter swiftly asked members to become vendors and ride organizers for the annual July 4 fireworks display in Meisel Field.

"Autoland brought the pickup truck raffle to the field," said dealership spokesperson Andrea Karlian. "Later, we bought some of the 'Shop Springfield' banners. Joining an organization like the chamber makes us feel like a part of the community and not just a business out on the highway."

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Roselle officials have hope for 1998 filled with growth

By Liane Stone Ingalls
Staff Writer

Following a year of municipal waste and inefficiency in 1996, borough officials expressed pride in the progress demonstrated during 1997 and hope for the progress planned for 1998.

In his address to the council during the annual reorganization meeting in Roselle, Mayor Joseph Picaro highlighted the changes borough officials have made, as well as some of the plans for the borough's future. He also assured borough residents that taxes are still a primary concern of borough officials.

"Our borough still faces some familiar problems. Municipal real estate taxes will still hold center stage this year. Because of the financial inefficiencies uncovered this past year, we have found that some unmet bills have caused us to have budget gaps that are now being addressed.

"Today, as we look back at 1997, we have seen a year of progress. Various new department heads are bringing new energy to our borough. Redevelopment is continuing. The opening of Sears and other new businesses in the shopping center has occurred."

"This year, our plans include further redevelopment on St. Georges Avenue and Chestnut Street business areas and the rehabilitation of the apartment house on Second Avenue and Sheridan Avenue. The return of rail service for the residents of Roselle is in the beginning stages."

The Sears Hardware store opened just in time for the holiday shopping season. Many residents looked forward to the opening because it would bring much needed business and jobs to the borough.

Council member Richard Buska said at the time of the opening that the store would prosper very well as would the borough. He stated that it a "quality place to shop and it will help the borough's tax base."

According to 2nd Ward Councilwoman Hazel Walker, her ward has come a long way during 1997.

"We established a 2nd and 3rd Ward meeting which meets on the first Saturday of each month that helps to involve the residents. We get residents who may be unable to attend regular municipal meetings due to time constraints, to come out and discuss the borough," said Walker.

"Many people feel quite comfortable coming out on Saturdays and we've been very successful because we invite borough department heads to come out and talk to the residents about issues affecting them," said Walker.

Walker noted the borough's commercial success of 1997 by pointing out the opening of a Rite Aid drug store, an Aldi Supermarket located on St. Georges Avenue, and the Sears store mentioned by the mayor and Buska.

According to Borough Engineer Frank Kozcar, the Westbrook project is entering its final stages.



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Calmon Industries expanding as result of Hillside UEZ

By Chris Sykes
Staff Writer

Calmon Industries, located at 100 Central Avenue in Hillside, provides its customers with the ultimate signature for their products.

"We specialize in providing our customers with the packaging and trademarks that are recognized by around the world," said Eilyn Dally, the company's director of Administration and Marketing. "We represent design innovation for the packaging and identification of products."

Calmon manufactures and distributes packaging products for the garment industry. Their inventory includes any type of packages and consists of labels, tags, boxes, promotional items, patches, bar code systems, and any accessory associated with a garment and its packaging.

Calmon makes labels for some of the premier garment makers in the fashion world including Perry Ellis, Tommy Hilfeger, Nautica, Polo, Ralph Lauren, J. Crew and others.

"We come up with very innovative and very different ways to package different garments and other products," Dally said. "Our clientele are always looking into different packaging ideas and marketing schemes in an attempt to make their product look better, and we have to meet their demands."

Toward that end, Calmon employs its own design teams in various design centers across the globe.

"They are the people who come up with these really great ideas and because of them

we're starting to really stand out in this industry," Dally said.

The company is a network of offices throughout the world that perform manufacturing and distribution services on-site.

Calmon operates offices in the Dominican Republic, England, Portugal, India, Hong Kong and a factory distribution operation in Ireland. Its U.S. operation is composed of a sales office in New York and the new offices in Hillside that are not currently equipped to handle manufacturing yet.

The offices are located on Central Avenue in the building formerly occupied by Allied Oil.

"They are looking at expanding their base of operations in Hillside and that's all being driven by the Urban Enterprise Zone and the policies and programs going on here," said Hillside Urban Enterprise Zone Coordinator Bob Jones.

Because of its participation in the UEZ, Calmon enjoys a host of privileges designed to promote business in town. One of these perks is the ability to purchase any materials needed to improve its business facilities or upgrade its service capability virtually tax free.

This is due to a reduction in the amount of taxes the state usually charges to do those things and the company is taking advantage of it. There are plans in place to begin a manufacturing operation out of the Hillside location similar to those in the company's other locations.

"The reason we have manufacturing and distribution services in all our facilities is for

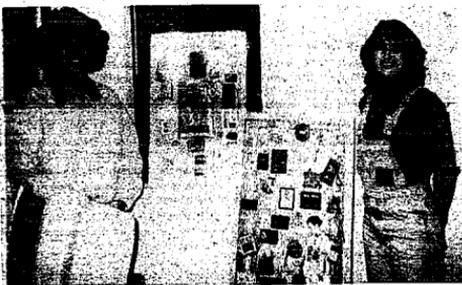


Photo by Chris Sykes

Calmon Industries employees Patti Toosangjan, left, and Eilyn Dally displaying their trademark handiwork. Toosangjan is the Managing Director of the company's Hong Kong branch and Dally is the director of Administration and Marketing.

practical purposes," said Patti Toosangjan, the managing director of the company's Hong Kong office, which only opened three years ago, but already is turning a profit.

Calmon owns and operates all its facilities whereas many of its competitors do not. Doing so gives them an edge on the competition who often are forced to travel great distances between the manufacturing and distribution facilities.

"Other companies just put their name on someone else's door and call it one of their divisions," Dally said. "We're very different

in the fact that we're owned by two guys: Robert Kallner and Anthony Lee. They own and operate each one of the factories in the countries we operate in."

Kallner started Calmon 10 years ago from his kitchen table, but since then it has grown from six employees into a million dollar company that employs more than 500 people worldwide.

"We're very accommodating to our customers," Dally said. "We want to get them what they want and make sure they're satisfied having done business with us."

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Projects are boosting Mountainside's economy

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

During the past year or so, the borough of Mountainside has seen much economic growth. The three major projects that should bring change to the borough include the renovation of Borough Hall, the arrival of Brighton Gardens and the construction of Loew's, which was formerly called Sony Theaters on Route 22 East.

Loew's has brought an influx of jobs and a place for people, mostly young adults and teens, to gather socially. The theater opened in late 1996 and has brought approximately 35 to 40 jobs to the borough, according to Loew's Manager Brandon Thoms. The theaters are commonly sold out, and bring in a substantial revenue to the borough, a significant portion of which Mountainside uses for tax compensation. In 1997, Loew's paid the borough \$182,230 in taxes.

The new Borough Hall, which finished construction in June 1997, was part of a \$409,500 operation which brought more convenience and a broader range of service to borough residents, said Zoning Board Chairperson Valerie Saunders.

The new Borough Hall includes a community room, which is available for senior citizens, youth organizations, and other groups to use for various functions.

For example, in the past, senior citizens complained they did not have anywhere to gather socially. But with the new community room, they now hold square and line

dancing events regularly on weekends, said Saunders.

The renovations also included a new police department, which was completed in October 1997, and constructed at a total cost of \$1,755,186. Expanded parking was also part of the renovations, since according to Saunders, the borough hall lot is usually overcrowded due to bus commuters who work in New York City.

Another new establishment which has brought jobs and revenue to Mountainside is Brighton Gardens, an assisted living community for senior citizens located on Route 22 West. The Marriott-based company has brought 75 new jobs to the borough and in 1997 Brighton Gardens paid \$55,978 in taxes to the borough.

In addition, Mountainside receives a yearly stipend from a 100 foot cellular phone tower which is rented by Sprint. A new tower is being constructed that will reach 130 feet high and will bring in close to \$100,000 yearly in taxes to the borough, predicted Mayor Bob Vigilanti at the Jan. 6 rezoning meeting.

With major renovation projects, borough taxpayers still received a tax decrease in 1997.

Mountainside, during the past few years, has shown to have one of the lowest effective tax rates in Union County and in central New Jersey, said Vigilanti. This is one major sign that the borough is prospering economically.

Tosco and Bayway Refinery are major economic forces in NJ

The Bayway Refinery in Linden is operated by Tosco Refining Company (TRC), a Tosco Corporation division headquartered right at the refinery. The name - T-O-S-C-O - is an acronym for The Oil State Company, honoring the company's origins in the 1960s as a research and development firm focusing on developing a method to extract a type of oil from shale found all over the country. That was then.

Today, with \$18 billion in annualized sales, Tosco Corporation ranks in the Fortune "150" list of top American companies. Although the company is not a familiar household name, Tosco is now the largest independent refiner and marketer of petroleum products in the United States. Tosco is also a proud sponsor of NASCAR racing, providing fuel and motor oil lubricants to the country's most popular spectator sport.

The numbers are staggering. The company's refineries make about 40 million gallons of products every day. The marketing division sells almost 10 million gallons of fuel in 2,500 outlets under the well-known 70 Products, Circle K, and BP brands in a total of 28 states, making Tosco the nation's largest operator of convenience stores. The stores sell more than \$2 billion worth of non-fuel products every year.

Tosco is also active in communities where it is located, winning the "Points of Light" award in 1995 for its "Education for the Future" program, in which company volunteers work with students in local schools. In 1997, Linden Mayor John Gragnano nominated Bayway Refinery for the prestigious "New Good Neighbor Award," which the Company went on to win for investing in the refinery and its community activities. Recently, the refinery completed a major program in modernizing the public library's computer system.

In 1998, Tosco is celebrating the fifth anniversary of purchasing Bayway, a facility with a proud 90 year heritage dating back to 1908. Bayway has come a long way - the refinery is now the largest on the East Coast, producing more than 10 million gallons of petroleum products every day, producing low sulfur gasoline, heating oil and other diesel fuel, jet fuel, kerosene, petroleum gas (LPG), petroleums, and other products.

In fact, if Bayway's gasoline production was sold exclusively in New Jersey, the refinery would supply more than 50% of daily demand in the state. Tosco is also recognized as an industry leader in advocating the production of cleaner-burning fuels that will power our country into the next millennium.

Operations
Bayway's world-class refining plant is on the job 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year-round, operating and monitoring thousands of items, tanks and products in a manner that complies with stringent product, engineering, operating, and environmental standards. The team's goal is to operate the refinery in a safe, efficient, reliable and environmentally responsible manner. If these conditions are met and the fuel markets are favorable, the plant should be a success in this incredibly competitive, commodity industry.

Crude oil and partially refined "feedstocks" are shipped to Bayway by oil tankers, mostly from countries in the Atlantic Basin. In 1996, Tosco chartered four new tankers that were built and designed specifically to bring crude oil into Bayway, given the height, width, and depth restrictions in the harbor. The ships are double-hulled and double-bottomed, meeting or exceeding all US Coast Guard design standards. The Company also employs a person to oversee all product transfers from the ships calling at Bayway.

Refinery operations are based on seasonal consumer demand. We typically meet more gasoline than heating oil in the summer, because vacation driving increases demand. During the winter, we usually increase heating oil production and lower gasoline output. Gasoline sales are important to Bayway, which features the world's largest Catalytic Cracking unit, as noted in the Guinness Book of World Records. The refinery produces enough gasoline to supply more than one out of every two gallons sold in New Jersey every day. To meet regional demand for clean fuels, Tosco has invested almost \$200 million in Bayway since 1992, including a new \$48 million processing unit.

Good Neighbor
Tosco is a proud corporate resident of Linden and Union County, providing high-paying manufacturing jobs with good benefits to our highly-skilled workforce. In addition to being a major taxpayer in Linden, we contribute to the local economy by purchasing goods and services from local companies. Tosco also has an active outreach program that primarily focuses on the neighboring communities of Linden, Elizabeth, Rahway, and Staten Island.

With a proud manufacturing tradition to uphold, Tosco is bringing a new spirit and a new energy to New Jersey and the petroleum industry, working towards our goal of having Tosco recognized as a respected corporate citizen and the premier supplier of clean fuels to the state, region and country.



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By Renee Illan



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