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City sets tree lighting ceremony

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Beginning this year, a new event will be added to the holiday schedule. The all new "Merry Main Street Holiday Carnival" begins at 3 p.m. and will run until 8:30 p.m. It will be located in Municipal Parking Lot A. The carnival will offer pony rides, a free petting farm, the moon walk, race cars, and a host of other attractions. The festival will also offer merchandise and food vendors. There will be hot chocolate, pretzels and coffee as well as wonderful Christmas buys. The YMCA has also become involved with the holiday festivities. The Arts Center has decided to theoretically go back in time and show the Jimmy Stewart holiday classic, "It's a Wonderful Life." Along with the 8 p.m. showing of the film, they'll only charge 30 cents in an effort to repeat the prices offered in the 1940s era. The YMCA, located across the street from the Arts Center, has designed a child friendly sitting program that will run concurrently with the showing of the film. The program, which is open to children ages 4 to 14, is offered free. The activities will include swimming, games and snacks, just to name a few. And the program offers State Certified childcare workers. The available times for children will be from 7:30 to 11 p.m. All of this has been set up to give parents a breather while enjoying the film.

Roosevelt students to collect toys for kids

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Rodney Logan of the JROTC program, Toys for Tots collect in stores 50,000 toys statewide each year. This is not the first time that the JROTC program has collected toys for Toys for Tots. In November of last year, the JROTC students put on a demonstration of rifle drills in the school gymnasium. "They were so excited they came that they wanted to come back," said Hansen. Roosevelt School is the first high school this year to give presents to the JROTC Toys for Tots program. According to Logan, the other schools usually do not join in until after Thanksgiving. Railway International, the JROTC students put on a demonstration of rifle drills in the school gymnasium.

Police investigating various thefts

On Nov. 18, police investigated the theft of a pay phone from the inside of a building on Route 149 at 10:58 a.m. The phone, worth \$1,000, was moved from the inside of the building to the outside temporarily during construction. The phone is now missing. Also on Nov. 18, police investigated the theft of a PBA shield from the back window of a car at 2:57 p.m. The shield, a 1990 Lincoln, was taken from the back window of a car at 2:57 p.m. The victim, a Columbia resident, said he had been in the CVS on St. Georges Avenue shopping, leaving his car unattended. When he returned home, he noticed that his New Jersey PBA shield was missing from the back seat of his car. The shield is an older silver type. Also on Nov. 18, Railway police investigated an attempted burglary at a Richard Boulevard home. The burglary occurred between Nov. 17 and 4:30 p.m. of Nov. 18. No entry was gained, although the suspect was able to force an entry through a side window. Police say the suspect may have been frightened. Police are looking for a white, clean cut boy in his late teens with light-colored hair, 5 feet 5 inches tall and wearing blue jeans and a jacket. Also on Nov. 18, police investigated a theft at an Elizabeth Avenue business at 3:05 p.m. A total of \$310 was taken from a cash register. On Nov. 20, police investigated the theft of four truck tires from a Westfield Avenue home at 7:28 a.m. The victim said someone had stolen the tires, worth \$130 each, from his backyard between 7 a.m. on Nov. 18 and 7 a.m. on Nov. 20. There are no suspects. Also on Nov. 20, police investigated a burglary at a Brynast Street home at 6:30 p.m. The suspect or suspects got in through the front door and stole two gold rings with stones and a Fossil watchworth \$999.95. There are no known suspects.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the *Rayway Progress* to inform residents of various community activities and governmental meetings. To give our community events the publicity they deserve, insert your schedule in *Rayway Progress*, P.O. Box 3109, Union, N.J. 07083.

Thursday
• Thanksgiving Day. Municipal offices will be closed for the day, as well as schools and banks.
• Railway Division of Parks and Recreation announced that it is sponsoring a Railway Day at Disney on Ice—Hercules on Nov. 27 at the 7:30 p.m. show at the Continental Airlines Arena. In conjunction with Railway Day, the Division is providing a discount Special Courtesy Coupon that will allow the public to purchase and price tickets for a flat \$9.50. Tickets purchased with the Railway coupon and only good at the Nov. 27, 7:30 p.m. performance, call the Division office at City Hall. For more information on the Special Courtesy Coupon, call the Division at 827-2845.

Concert events
Dec. 7
• Covenant Players, an international repertory theater, will perform at the First Baptist Church on 177 Main Ave., in Rahway. All are invited to participate in the decorating of the church Christmas tree at 5 p.m., a potluck supper at 6 p.m. and then the performance of the Covenant Players at 7 p.m. For more information, call the church office at (732) 388-8636.
Dec. 10
• The Railway Hospital Foundation's 1997 Holiday Concert will be performed by The Orchestra of St. Peter's under the direction of its renowned conductor, Rev. Alphonse Stephenson. The fund-raising event will be held at Union County Arts Center, Rahway, at 8 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$25, \$20 and \$15. Tickets for the concert are on sale in Railway Hospital Foundation's Development Office (732) 499-6135, and can also be purchased at Union County Arts Center Box Office, 1601 Irving St., (732) 499-8226.

Dec. 17
• The Railway Senior Center, 1306 Esterbrook Ave., is sponsoring a bus trip for Railway senior citizens to the Newark Museum. The trip will include a guided walking tour of the Ballantine House followed by a self-guided tour of the museum. The tickets are \$5 per person with the bus leaving from the Railway Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. and returning at approximately 3 p.m. Tickets are limited. For information or reservations contact the Railway Senior Center, 1306 Esterbrook Ave., Rahway or call 827-2016. No reservations will be held without payment.

Dec. 17
• The Board of Trustees of the Railway Center Management Corporation 714 Railway Center Partnership will meet at 7 p.m. in the El Bodego Restaurant, 169 W. Main St., Rahway. For further information, call (908) 396-3545.
Dec. 31
• An exciting New Year's Eve festivity will take place at the Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, Clark, at 9 p.m. The theme is an "Evening of Elegance and Excitement." Entertainment will be provided by native New Yorker Gary Lovett and his "Hall of Fame" band.

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Activist group gets support in fight against incinerators

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer
A local activist group recently received support in its fight against a proposed hazardous waste incinerator.

The Arthur Kill Coalition, State Island Citizens for Clean Air, the Sierra Club and the Sierra Club Local Chapter, have all approved resolutions opposing the construction of the incinerator on the abandoned GAF/ISP site in Tremley Point in Linden.

"We believe the incinerator will be harmful for the GAF property, for the community surrounding Linden, including Linden, and will be a health hazard," said William Fikinski of Clark, a member of the Arthur Kill Coalition.

All four groups opposed the incinerator for different reasons. SICCA opposed the incinerator because Staten Island is half a mile downwind of the GAF/ISP site and is directly "unshielded with massive amounts of air pollution from New Jersey's petrochemical industry."

All four were opposed to the incinerator because it would be based in and move 50,000 tons of hazardous waste through "one of the most populated areas of the country," according to the Sierra Club resolution.

Fikinski said the site Hazardous Waste Facility Siting Commission, the Department of Environmental Protection and the federal Environmental Protection Agency, there is no need for further chemical waste incineration.

Fikinski said Union County already has three incinerators: the UCIA in the county, the "Prepping Students and Staff to Meet the Challenges of the 21st Century" will build on and refine the district's current technological accomplishments. It will continue to focus on the belief that technology is a tool to be used in all curriculum areas empowering students to meet the Core Curriculum Content Standards.

Following the meeting, a demonstration of the new ITV room will be presented. This interactive TV facility allows students and staff to avail themselves of learning opportunities offered by schools, colleges and industry across the state.

District to receive \$95,000 grant

The Railway School District has been informed by the state Department of Education that it has been selected as eligible to receive a \$95,000 Technology Library Challenge Fund Grant pending approval of the school's Technology Plan. The district applied for the grant to enable it to network all schools and provide high speed Internet access.

The Railway Public School's Plan for Technology 1997-2002 will be presented to the public by Barbara Martin, coordinator of Technology, at an Education Committee meeting on Monday at 7 p.m. in the high school Technology Center. The new technology plan, "Preparing Students and Staff to Meet the Challenges of the 21st Century," will build on and refine the district's current technological accomplishments. It will continue to focus on the belief that technology is a tool to be used in all curriculum areas empowering students to meet the Core Curriculum Content Standards.

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Registration set for winter programs
The Railway Division of Parks and Recreation will hold registration for winter programs today from 8 to 8:30 p.m. and Dec. 4 and Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at City Hall, corner of East Milton Avenue and Main Street. The Pre-School, Youth and Adult programs are open to Railway residents. Registration in person is required as well as proof of residency. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Pre-school children must have a birth certificate. Registration is on a first-come first-served basis.

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Frighteningly good time

The Railway Senior Center's Exercise Classes and Home and Garden Club recently celebrated Halloween with a party at the senior center. Pictures are the participants who dressed for the occasion. For information about Railway senior activities, call 827-2016 or stop at the Railway Senior Center, 1306 Esterbrook Ave., Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Waste Facility Siting Commission decided construction of a similar incinerator in Cumberland County because of a nearby population of bald eagles, "an application of reason here that is not uniform across the state."

According to Fikinski, similar facilities are not built in areas with economic or political clout, such as the Jersey shore or Somerset County, unlike eastern Union County. This "political and economic discrimination," as he called it, has been a common charge against the firms that want to build these facilities and the government facilities that give them the permits to do so.

He added that the GAF/ISP is right next door to "radioactive weapons" and a bird rookery as well: the Harbor Heron Complex on Plover and Shooter Islands, the Island of Meadow and the Chelsea Marsh. This refuge is maintained by the New Jersey Audubon Society for New Jersey.

All of the resolutions also said that, according to data from the state Hazardous Waste Facility Siting Commission, the Department of Environmental Protection and the federal Environmental Protection Agency, there is no need for further chemical waste incineration.

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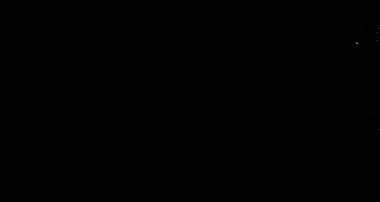
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Saint Agnes Church in Clark announces that the Entertainment Book '96 has arrived. Anyone who placed an order can pick them up after weekend Masses or from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the rectory. For those who are not familiar with the Entertainment Book, it contains coupons for such items as buy one dinner get one free at participating local restaurants, dry cleaning,

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The book for 1998 will also contain an A1&1 phone card for 30 minutes free long distance together with discounted New York Yankee tickets.

The purchase price is \$30 for each book and is available by calling either the St. Agnes rectory at (908) 383-7852 or Marie McCormack at (908) 382-0509.

Seniors sponsor trip

The Railway Senior Center, 1306 Esterbrook Ave., is sponsoring a bus trip for Railway senior citizens to the

Grace Wilday student and sixth-grader Shannon Walker serves Doris and Raymond Cole some pie while visiting the Pinewood Senior Citizen Home in Roselle as part of a Thanksgiving visit. Kindergarten students made Thanksgiving place mats that were laminated for the seniors to keep. Gift baskets made with donations from the faculty were distributed after playing Bingo. The Coles are all smiles. This June, they will have been married for 60 years.

will include a guided walking tour of the Ballantine House followed by a self-guided tour of the museum. The tickets are \$5 per person with the bus leaving from the Rahway Senior Center.

Newspaper group kicks off holiday drive

For information or reservations contact the Rahway Senior Center, 1306 Esterbrook Ave., Rahway or call 827-2016. No reservations will be held without payment.

By Gene Peran
Correspondent

The Office of Public Community Newspapers will turn into a drop-point for readers interested in donating to the program. It is less fortunate this holiday season.

The newspaper company, which publishes 18 weekly newspapers in Union County, is now working with the Salvation Army and its efforts to brighten the holidays for the less fortunate.

In doing with their longstanding tradition of brightening the holidays for the less fortunate, the Salvation Army is collecting and distributing unwrapped toys, food and clothing at their community centers in Essex and Union counties.

"We are working in families alone," said David Bishop, the organization's Essex County resource manager. Last year, the program distributed approximately 50,000 toys to Essex County.

"We are going to make their way into 'toy shops' the Salvation Army sets up for parents to come in and choose a gift that they would otherwise not be able to afford," Bishop said. "The program's age group goes up to 12 years old, and the most popular item among the youngest is the toys in the Barbie doll, Bishop said.

"The holidays are a period—where most people are fortunate enough to have a family, a home, friends and loved ones," said the Army's Essex County Coordinator, Capt. Raychel C. Jackson. "We are going to make sure that we provide assistance to thousands of

local residents each year, and we are dependent upon the good people of Union County to make that possible for us," he added.

Anyone interested in donating toys, clothing or food can drop them off at the following Salvation Army community centers in Union County: 100 East 2nd St., in Elizabeth; 611 Washington Ave., in Plainfield; 1000 N. 1st St., in Newark; 400 Martin Luther King Blvd., in East Orange; and 13 Trinity Place in Montclair. The Salvation Army will also accept unwrapped toys at the following Union Newspapers offices: 266 Liberty St., Bloomfield; 170 South Road, in Scotch Plains; 1000 N. 1st St., in Newark; and 2101 Sylvan Ave., Union

recognize people who had created Planned Gifts to perpetuate Scouting. John E. Kane, of Westfield, was inducted as a new member of the Heritage Society.

'Lost in Yonkers'

include: The Ed Riley Camping Award for service to the Council. The Camping Program was presented to Daniel Rothrock of Roselle Park, Vt. The Recognition was given to Maurice Moran of Rahway for 70 years and Richard Ivory of Union for 55 years. The William H. Spurgeon Award for Exploring was presented to the Linden Air Service Co. which has



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Smokers can't pay for it all

Again, legislators are at work trying to raise taxes and redistribute your money.
According to the speaker of the General Assembly, you wicked cigarette smokers should be forced to pay for construction of public schools.
Yes, that's right, Speaker Jack Collins, R-Salem, has proposed an amendment to the state Constitution that would raise \$4 billion for school construction through a 25-cent tax on each pack of cigarettes.
Traditionally, school funding has been handled locally. Yes, there is some aid to school districts, but that has not been the kind of money needed to build schools. There also is debt service aid, which helps keep property taxes down, but that's just a nice way of saying residents of Mountaineers should pay for schools in Hillside.

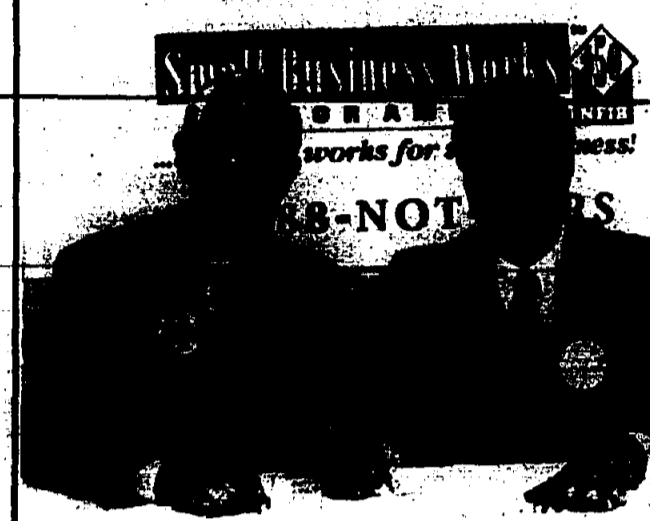
Common Sense

By Joy Hochberg
Regional Editor

Under Collins' amendment, your board of education would sell bonds to pay for construction, and the state would send the same cigarette tax revenue to cover part of the debt.
I guess it is pointless to argue. Cigarette smokers have expressed while, heterosexual, employed, and otherwise, as the biggest source of politically correct bigotry. They have come to be expected to pay for everyone's health-care; soon they will pay for our schools.
Then again, maybe I'm reading too much into this. Perhaps Collins sees how many kids smoke cigarettes and, knowing they also are students, wants them to pay for their own schools. They're the ones using them anyway, right?
The problem with sales and excise taxes is their ironic effect. By levying taxes of this sort, government seeks to change behavior. Legislators create and raise tobacco taxes, ostensibly, to encourage smokers to quit. In this case, the tax is intended, ostensibly, "to help the children." Of course, the real reason is to get their fat, filthy hands on more of your money.
But, at the price of a pack of cigarettes nears the \$4 mark, the number of people willing to pay will decrease. The irony is revealed. See BUCKLEUP, Page B2.

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Smaller budget may mean lower sewer bills in county

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Homeowners in 15 communities may see a reduction in their sewer bills next year, thanks to the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties, which approved a new budget of nearly \$1 million less than this year's.
The 1998 budget, according to Joint Meeting Executive Director Bryan Christiansen, totals \$17,645,740. The savings are personnel-related.
"Personnel who have retired or moved on resulted in a \$600,000 savings in the budget," said Christiansen before the seven directors assembled on Nov. 13. "This 10 percent reduction approaches \$800,000 when one factors in savings in Social Security, pension, health insurance and other costs."
"This is excellent news," said Joint Meeting Chairperson and Essex County delegate Beverly Williams. "You and the Budget Committee should be congratulated."
Although the Joint Meeting unanimously approved the budget at its monthly session at Maplewood Town Hall, how much savings to the average homeowner in the 15 communities is being saved is being determined.
"Now that the budget has passed, we're calculating the savings," Christiansen said. "Some of the member towns have a separate sewer bill, others include the charge in a general bill."
The differences in billing is indicative of the Joint Meeting's membership. The meeting is a 98-year-old organization formed by 11 members to pool their liquid wastewater resources. The four Union County member towns are Hillside, Roselle Park, Summit and Union. Founding members from Essex are East Orange, Irvington, Maplewood, South Orange and West Orange.
"The members pay a quarterly fee to the joint meeting in the manner of a utility," said Christiansen. "In exchange, they send their storm and sanitary sewage to our plant in Elizabeth for processing."
Yet Elizabeth isn't a full member, nor are New Providence, Livingston and Orange.
"Elizabeth has its own pumping station," said Albert Dill, of Summit. "New Providence has an agreement with Summit to hook up to Summit's mains. I guess you can say I represent both Summit and New Providence. There's also a portion of Orange which isn't part of its own water service."
Dill said Christiansen said the Joint Meeting's directors are appointed by their municipal governments. Some towns rotate members annually or leave their designates in place for several years. The result is a constantly changing board.
"This is my first year on the Joint Meeting," said Marie Holloway, of Hillside. "The Joint Meeting provides an important service to Hillside."
Union's member, Anthony Terrezza, is also in his first year. Terrezza's selection as that township's next mayor, however, throws some uncertainty on his tenure.
"I won't know if I'm staying here until January," said Terrezza. "It is up to who Union's department heads are."
Terrezza is the Joint Meeting's Treasurer and heads the Budget Committee. Other budget panelists are James Jenkins, of Irvington; Gerard Ryan, of Maplewood; and Melanie Selk, of Roselle Park.
A proposal to accept solid waste from IKEA's treatment plant is scheduled to be heard at the Joint Meeting's Dec. 11 meeting. The session will be held at Maplewood Town Hall at 5 p.m.

Flow of trash to the UCUA starts to dwindle

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

The U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to hear New Jersey's appeal of the reversal of waste flow laws already is having an effect on the UCUA.
According to Executive Director Joseph Spatola, garbage deliveries to the Bergen County landfill have dropped. Spatola did not have numbers, but said the amount of garbage being brought to the incinerator was "low, very low."
As a result, the UCUA has had to turn off two of its boilers because of the lack of garbage. One of these was shut for routine maintenance, but the other was shut down because of the lack of garbage.
According to Spatola, the UCUA is trying hard to keep the facility from shutting down, which will cost the UCUA more money than turning off some of its boilers.
"We don't want to be in a predicament where we have to shut down because there isn't any waste," he said.
Much of the garbage the UCUA has lost comes from Bergen County. The Bergen County Utilities Authority accounts for 40 percent of the annual garbage volume at the UCUA — 192,000 tons. The per-ton disposal fee or "tipping fee" for this trash is \$80.22, slightly lower than the \$83.05 tipping fee for Union County's towns. This accounts for an annual total of about \$15,402,240 — \$1.3 million for 16,530 tons in November and \$1.4 million for 17,850 tons in December.
UCUA Executive Director Mike O'Brien could not be reached for comment this week, but has said the UCUA will no longer send its garbage to the UCUA because of the Supreme Court's refusal to hear the state's appeal. The UCUA's contract with the UCUA was signed under these laws, which have been rendered null and void by the court. Because the laws have been repealed, the UCUA said, the contract should be abrogated.
These laws also required Union County towns to send their trash to the UCUA incinerator. Because these laws have been dropped, the towns may now send their trash to facilities that are cheaper than the UCUA.
According to Spatola, the trash may not be coming in, but, for the time being, the money still is.
This is because the UCUA has a "pay or pay" clause in its contract with the UCUA. In other words, the UCUA must pay for sending 192,000 tons of garbage to the UCUA, even if only part or none of this garbage gets to the UCUA incinerator.
The UCUA took the BCUA to Superior Court over these payments earlier this month. As a result, Judge John Boyle issued a temporary restraining order against the BCUA, forcing it to continue payment. The decision not to hear a state appeal of these rulings, have made the future of the UCUA precarious.
The repeal of these waste flow control laws means the UCUA has to compete in an open market with private and out-of-state trash disposal companies. If the UCUA lost enough business, it would have defaulted on its bonds.
Because of this, county utility authority bonds are being issued at the lowest credit rating.

Ogden Martin will buy UCUA bonds in refinance move

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

To help restructure the UCUA's \$293 million in debt, the utilities authority will re-issue bonds, most of which will be bought by the company that built and operates the UCUA incinerator, according to involved bond counsel.
According to Eric Whistler of Gluck, Flanagan and Gluck, the UCUA will raise \$293 million in bonds. Ogden Martin will pay \$180 million to the UCUA.
The new bonds could have a lower bond rating than the UCUA's old bonds, which were issued through the county in 1991. This could drive up the interest the UCUA will have to pay.
The UCUA's old bonds had the same rating as Union County government bonds. This rating, AAA, is the highest rating and carries the lowest interest. \$35 million of the UCUA bonds were guaranteed by the county government.
But, said Whistler, recent court decisions on New Jersey's waste flow laws, and the U.S. Supreme Court's

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UCUA cuts tip fee to preserve business

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"Once the court decision has been rendered, there is no incentive for the community to come here," said Spitz. "And if there is no incentive to come here, then they won't come here and you could lose it all. This is so we can retain that business that might have left the county."

According to Spitz, the tipping fee was reduced after the Supreme Court's action. Garbage had been "leaking out of the system" before the decision, he said, and those losses will increase because of the repeal of the waste flow control laws.

If the UCUA loses enough business, it won't be able to keep up with its bond payments and will default on its bonds.

\$35 million of these bonds are guaranteed by the county government, meaning it will have to pay \$35 million if the UCUA defaults. The county government may wind up paying more, or possibly all, of these bonds.

The UCUA and Oglethorpe are negotiating a 25-year lease agreement worth \$180 million. When signed, Oglethorpe will pay off \$175 million of the UCUA's bonds or bond payments, in return for operating the incinerator for 25 years.

This lease could be signed by Jan. 1. One of the lease's clauses states that the tipping fee will not exceed \$50 in the first year of the lease.

Kean VP is reassigned to teaching post

By Maddy Vitale
Staff Writer

Kean University Vice President of Academic Affairs Sandra Mark was reassigned to teaching effective Sept. 1, 1998, President Ronald Appibbaum said. Mark submitted a request to be assigned to the faculty and took administrative leave Monday. "She asked for a reassignment. She did not resign," the president said.

"This was a mutual agreement between us," Appibbaum said. He noted her achievements during Mark's short tenure as vice president. She was instrumental in developing a special sick leave program. Appibbaum said Mark also worked with community colleges to articulate academic programs which allow for community college graduates to transfer to Kean and oversee a Middle State Periodic Accreditation Review. She also helped to create new academic programs, including the creation of a separate graduate program structure. "Her efforts contributed to the successful transition of Kean from a college to a university," Appibbaum said.

Mark was one of three vice presidents to leave under Appibbaum. She was

hired by former college President Elia Gomez in December 1994. She holds a faculty rank in the Department of Instruction, Curriculum and Administration. In a statement from the university, Mark said she requested the leave to prepare for fall semester classes. Her duties until that time will be in personnel. The president said there are many changes to come in Kean's future. "We have made several positive contributions but now that we are a university we have to make some changes. She felt she could make more contributions in instruction."

"We are moving to do more outreach activities and develop more grants and a broader market program," Appibbaum said. "All of the senior directors have to work together."

The university will conduct a national search to fill Mark's position within the next few weeks through advertisements in the *New York Times* and other national publications. The salary for the position is more than \$100,000. "We need a new person selected and on board somewhere between July and September of 1998," Appibbaum added.

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There's more than meets the eye at Union County Arts Center

By Jacques McCarthy
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Fifteen years in the works, the restoration of the Union County Arts Center in Rahway is in its final stages. Originally a 1920s vaudeville house, the grand old theater is a testament to the people who have worked to turn the arts center into what it is today — a regional facility featuring theater, headline acts and community events.

Instrumental in the last phase of the transformation has been UCAC's Associate Public Relations Director, Michael Barret Jones. A resident of Bloomfield, Jones is a lover of the theater, particularly the beautiful historic building he is working so hard to promote.

A graduate of Drew University, Jones helped to plan special events and fundraisers for campus organizations, and upon graduation, with a Bachelor's degree in Theater Arts and English, spent a season as assistant to the artistic director of New Jersey Shakespeare Festival. Upon his employment with the arts center in August 1996, however, Jones had no idea he was getting in on the ground floor of a movement project — making the dream of a regional arts facility in downtown Rahway a reality.

Jones said his experience with NJSF helped to prepare him for the challenge joining the staff at UCAC.

"I got a chance to see it all and help a little bit on everything, because in professional theater and particularly with a company that size, the size of the center or the size of the Shakespeare Festival where the staff is less than 15 people, everyone really pitches in everywhere."

And pitch in Jones did, resulting in a promotion from his original position as box office manager to the newly created associate public relations director. A native of Wilmington, Delaware, and a resident of New Jersey for eight years, Jones, a well-spoken young man with a dry, quip wit, said that he comes by his love of theater naturally, and honestly.

"I suppose I should say that my parents met on stage for a community theater group called The Brandyvines in Wilmington, Delaware," Jones began, "and that five years after they met I was born on opening night of their production of 'Oklahoma!' I was born about three minutes before curtain."

"My birth announcement read like a theater review," Jones continued with a serious mien. "The doctor got a better review than I did and I've been trying to make up for it ever since."

"So, always because of my parents' interest in it, I was always around it." According to Jones, his choice of career followed the same sort-of-entourage-many-young-people-have-with-their-parents — in the reverse. "My background in theater comes from my parents and their love of it," he explained. "I didn't have an option. If I had said, 'I want to be an engineer,' they would have said, 'That's nice, and we'll support you, but wouldn't you rather do something that you love?' So, there was no option, it was theater."

But Jones does not appear to be suffering for his choice of art. "I was actually very lucky in that, up until I went away to boarding school, I got, if not the part I wanted, then a role in every show I auditioned for."

After a brief and less-than-satisfying stay at Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire — "I went to Exeter, and was not cast in nine productions in a row, so there was a bit of a humbling moment there," — Jones attended the LaVerneville School, where he was the first student to direct a mainstage production there, and had the opportunity to "play roles that high school students rarely do," such as the Marquis de Sade, "really messy, classical roles that aren't usually given to students."

True to form, Jones has made a place for himself at Union County Arts Center. Within the first six months of his employment, he became the first staff member to focus solely on promotion.

"So many people have never been here, do not know us, do not know where we are," said Jones seriously. "Have no idea that inside Rahway is a 1500-seat govt test and rest velvet performance palace."

Jones said that he feels part of the problem is "a less-than-positive opinion about the town" from out-of-county residents. "Bill Fontana and the Rahway Center Partnership, Mayor James Kennedy and the Chamber of Commerce — all working very hard to change that. A big renaissance/revitalization project is in the works right now that includes the arts district and other projects like that."

"But the biggest challenge," Jones continued, "is getting the word out to (other counties) that we're here. Last year, Peter Filichia (of *The Star Ledger*) called us 'one of NJ's most impressive theaters,' and he included the Paper Mill and the McCarter in that list." Jones said proudly.

Jones said Filichia specifically referred to the physical appearance of the Arts Center, and last season's opening sequence of VH1's *Movie Series* showed cameras coming up to the front of UCAC looking at the marquee, then inside and up to the stage.

"People outside Union County who have never been here know our building, and it's one of my goals to say, 'Hey — that's us,'" said Jones. "Here, you have a rare chance to see what the big hub-bub was about movie palaces in the 20s and 30s. We also want people to come just to see the building, and to realize that 15 years ago this building was in danger of being knocked down."

Jones calls the restoration of the arts center "a triumph to volunteer spirit. It was saved by volunteers who raised money, it was restored by volunteers who donated their time, their materials, their love, to saving it. And we still are entirely dependent on the love of the volunteers."

"It's a tribute to the grand style and dreams of the 1920s, and it's really a tribute to the performing arts. Artists who come in here, for as little as an audition, are amazed."

Visitor reaction is the end result of work begun in 1982. "The first production in here was 'Shenandoah' in 1986,

and before they could even do that, they had to clean, they had to paint," said Jones. "They sat here in the aisles and painted the back of every seat. And they had to fix a whole lot of things in the roof of the stage. It was snowing on stage one point during rehearsal."

The interior of the building was finished in 1990, and community and volunteer interest in the cause declined until mid-1996, when the rest of the restoration was begun in earnest. Efforts were renewed to finish the facade, which now boasts awnings of the period, new front doors, and new display cases that capture the style of 1928.

The building itself is considered historic, which has afforded some protection from demolition, but also requires more attention to detail when it comes to making any changes.

"Ninety-five percent of what we do is restoration, and that's because of the historic nature of the building," Jones explained. "To renovate something is to change it, and the only renovations that we do to the historic parts of the building are really efforts to upgrade it. Last year, we had to update the electrical system so that 1928 wires weren't still running through the building."

The stage is still, I believe, 28 feet, which makes it very shallow for a symphony orchestra, makes it very shallow for a musical theater production. From what you can see from here it looks a lot deeper than 28 feet, but it's not, and there's no wing space," Jones added. "It is our eventual hope to find a balance between the historic building and a state-of-the-art performance facility."

That effort is being done in cooperation with the NJ Historic Trust, which became interested in the arts center because of the original Wurritzer pipe organ housed there. "We want to make sure that the building maintains its historic character. And we'll absolutely hold to any guidelines and rules that are put down in the light," Jones said firmly. "If the Historic Trust says, 'No, you must live with 28 feet,' then we must live with 28 feet."

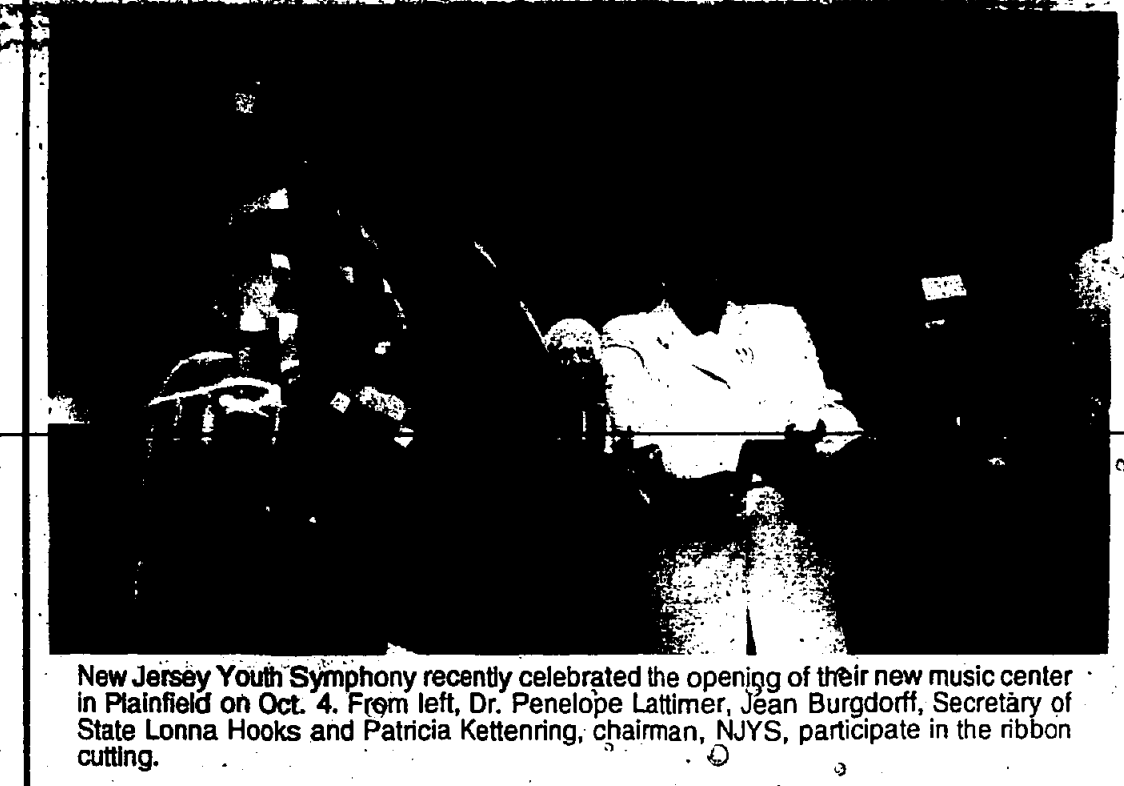
The most recent change to UCAC is the new box office, which Jones described as, previously, "a room with a concrete floor and vaulted ceiling filled with junk and dust." Now, he is proud of the space, as the first impression ticket holders have of the facility.

And of course, there's the programming.

"We don't want it to be a secret anymore!" Jones said animatedly. "We're here, we're open for business, we've got a full season of programming every weekend between now and Christmas, and people need to know it and come."

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Grand opening



New Jersey Youth Symphony recently celebrated the opening of their new music center in Plainfield on Oct. 4. From left, Dr. Penelope Lattimer, Jean Burdoff, Secretary of State Lonna Hooks and Patricia Kettering, chairman, NJYS, participate in the ribbon cutting.

Visit 'The Animal Kingdom' at NJ Center for Visual Arts

What is so tranquilizing about the alluring purr of cats, or the affectionate companionship of dogs? Why does the sight of horses galloping in a field make our hearts race with excitement, identifying with the quest for freedom? How often have we been frozen by fear and yet mesmerized by the thrilling ferocity of tigers and lions? Since early time, artists, poets and musicians have used their art to examine the intriguing nature of animals. The New Jersey Center for Visual Arts will explore the elusive magic of animal magnetism through its exhibit, "The Animal Kingdom." The show will run through Feb. 1, 1998.

"The Animal Kingdom" will explore the fascination and complex relationship man has developed with the animal world. The exhibit will feature artists whose works utilize animal imagery as a means of expressing the inspired, endearing and often tenuous relationship between man and beast. The exhibit evokes affection, allure, humor and perplexity while also relating concern for animal rights.

Charming images will be evoked by artists such as Tom Palmer and his beautiful photo-realistic painting, "Baby Billy With Roses," a playful tribute to "man's best friend." Renowned artist William Wegman has attracted the world's attention with his portraits featuring his famous Weimaraner dogs. A Wegman video, "The Hardy Boys," will give Wegman an opportunity to share comical stories behind his delightful portraits and insights into the motivation for his whimsical studies.

Other artists use animal imagery as self-portrait, or a statement on humanity. Ron Erich uses a roughly scratched out horse as a substitute for himself in an untitled painting. In Laurie Foggy's painting, "Apathy," a rabbit wears an expression of apathetic disdain. The rabbit stands as a spokesperson for the pessimism of the 1990s.

Contemporary issues addressing the questionable treatment of produce animals are also represented. Jean Love shares a painting, "Food for a Nation," depicting hundreds of cattle crowded into barren, box-like holding pens stretching into the horizon. In "Tiger," from Michael Lucero's Reclamation Series, new life is given to the remains of a broken marble statue — an act which sadly is not achievable in the real world of endangered species.

The animal theme will run through the Art Center. While patrons roam through "The Animal Kingdom" in the Palmer Gallery, they can also appreciate the whimsical and contemporary tastes of Geraldine Rockefeller Dodge. "Watercolors by Reuben and Bill Banks: A Selection of Geraldine Dodge's Dog Portraits" will currently be exhibited in The Members Gallery through Feb. 1.

The Palmer Gallery is open Monday to Friday, noon to 5 p.m. and weekday evenings 7 to 9 p.m. The gallery is open to the public on Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. and Sundays, 2 to 4 p.m. NCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit.

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1968 — 302ci V8 introduced; 228 Camaro wins Trans-Am championship.
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1971 — Switch to unleaded gas and new "jet" ratings cause dramatic drop in horsepower ratings.
1972 — Bill Jenkins dominates NHRA Pro Stock with innovative small-block Vega.
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1975 — 262ci V8 introduced.
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1978 — Silver anniversary L82 Corvette paces Indy 500.
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1980 — Dale Earnhardt wins first of seven NASCAR Winston Cup championships.
1982 — Cross-Fire electronic fuel injection introduced; third-generation Camaro paces Indy 500 with aluminum 350ci small-block V8.
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1984 — Tuned Port Injection introduced; Corvette dominates SCCA Showroom Stock, winning every race for three straight years.
1986 — Production aluminum cylinder heads introduced mid-year on Corvettes; Monte Carlo Aerocoupe debuts; Gen. Chuck Yeager drives Indy 500 Corvette convertible pace car; Dale Earnhardt and Richard Childress win first of six NASCAR titles together.
1987 — Hydraulic roller lifters introduced.
1988 — Corvette Challenge debuts.
1989 — Chevrolet RaceSport develops high-performance H.O. 350 crate motor; Darrell Waltrip scores first Luntun win in NASCAR Winston Cup.
1990 — L98 Corvettes sets six international speed records in Fort Stockton, Texas.
1991 — Scott Sharp scores Chevy's 100th Trans-Am victory and wins championship.
1992 — Second-generation LT1 introduced.
1993 — Chevrolet wins fourth straight Trans-Am manufacturers championship; fourth-generation 228 Camaro named Indy 500 pace car.
1994 — 4300 (4.3 liter) small-block introduced; Dale Earnhardt wins record-tying seventh NASCAR championship.
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