

## Mr. Daley Named Director Of Policy and Planning

Union County Manager Michael J. Lapolla has announced that the county has chosen James Daley as its Director of Policy and Planning.

Since 1995, Mr. Daley had been Director of Project Development for the Elizabeth Development Corporation, where he was responsible for project management of the city's \$100 million Midtown Redevelopment Area project. He also worked on several other planning projects within the city.

Mauro Checchio, who currently serves as Director of Policy and Planning, will continue to work for the county as special assistant to the county manager for economic development, Mr. Lapolla said.

Mr. Checchio, a Scotch Plains resident, will work half-time for the county and half-time as special assistant to Dr. Ronald L. Applbaum, the President of Kean University in Union.

Mr. Daley brings extensive project management experience to the position, particularly with large public entities, according to the County Manager.

He has worked with the Newark Economic Development Corporation, NJ Transit and the City of Clifton, as well

as for several private organizations, including Continental Airlines.

He was a project manager on development of One Penn Plaza in Newark and on the Newark-Elizabeth Rail Link, which will ultimately connect the business districts of Newark and Elizabeth with Newark Airport and Port Elizabeth.

"As our economic development projects move from concept to actual blueprints and development plans, we need someone with Mr. Daley's experience and background at the helm," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan.

Mr. Sullivan noted that the new Director of Policy and Planning has managed projects which required coordination with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, private businesses, and county, state and local governments.

"Mauro Checchio is a conscientious and effective public servant. In addition to serving as my special assistant, he will also serve as the county's lobbyist in Trenton," Mr. Lapolla said.

"As Union County increases its focus on economic development, we will need a stronger presence in the State House," he added.



**ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED...** The Visiting Health Services of Union County, Inc., headquartered in Westfield, was recently recognized for having provided four million hours of home health aide services over the course of 45 years to area residents. A proclamation honoring the organization was signed by Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, who is pictured with Vicky Banach, Trustee, at left, and Dr. Anita Weinberg, Executive Director of VHS.



**TEEN ARTS...** Union County Freeholder Mary Ruotolo of Westfield, left, admires the work of Cali Smith, center, a student at Linden High School during the recent exhibit of the Union County Teen Arts show at the Elizabeth Public Library. Joining them is Susan Coen, Director of the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

## Teen Arts Festival Entries Showcased During Tour

Union County Freeholder Mary Ruotolo of Westfield recently visited the touring Teen Arts Festival in the Elizabeth Public Library to encourage student artists to continue participating in art programs.

"The County Freeholders join in praising these talented young people from all over the county for their interest in support of the arts," Freeholder Ruotolo said.

"We are pleased and delighted at the talent we have here in Union County schools," she added.

The Union County Teen Arts Touring Exhibit consists of art works selected from the 500 pieces exhibited at the 1998 Union County Teen Arts Festival.

The festival is a two-day celebration of the arts held annually at Union County College in Cranford, and is sponsored by the Board of Freeholders. It is open to all students from public, private and par-

ochial middle and high schools in the county.

At the festival, 3000 students and a staff of 50 professional artists participate in performances, critiquing seminars, master classes and workshops in every discipline — visual art, music, creative writing, theater and dance.

For more information on where the Teen Arts Touring Exhibit can be seen or about the Teen Arts Program, please call the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at (908) 558-2550.

## Health Care Training Creates Career Options

Union County College will offer a four-week program this summer in Home Health Care Aide training. The non-credit program will cover personal care for home health patients, food and nutrition, physical therapy, anatomy and physiology, occupational therapy and mental health and illness. Applicants must be sponsored by a member agency of the Union County Home Health Aide Training Consortium.

By passing both a written examination and clinical practicum, participants will be eligible for certification as a home health aide. The course is approved by the New Jersey State Board of Nursing.

Classes will be from 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 20 through August 13, at the college's Plainfield campus.

For further information call the College's Division of Continuing Education and Community Service at (908) 709-7600.

## Literacy Volunteers

### Moving to New Location

Literacy Volunteers of Union County has announced it is moving to a new location. After many years in Linden, the office will be relocating to 373 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. Its new phone number is (908) 490-0333.

Literacy Volunteers provides free tutoring to adults who wish to learn to read better or speak English. Office hours will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday to Friday.

Please call the office for further information on how to sign up to become a tutor.

## Nearly 3,000 Amateur Radio Operators Expected to Attend Field Day Event Next Weekend

Members of the Tri-County Radio Association (TCRA) of Scotch Plains will host Amateur Radio Field Day in the Watchung Reservation in Mountainside on Saturday and Sunday, June 27 and 28.

The event will be held from 2 p.m. on Saturday and continue through the night and up until 2 p.m. on Sunday. The general public is invited to visit the event activities which will include displays of Amateur Radio equipment and operating techniques.

Free information about amateur radio will be available.

Field Day tests ham radio operators' abilities to set up and operate portable stations under emergency conditions such as the loss of elec-

tricity, spokesman John Carno noted. During the two-day event, the radio operators will try to contact as many other Field Day stations throughout the United States as possible.

More than 36,000 Amateur Radio operators across the country are anticipated to participate.

There are over 18,000 Amateur Radio operators in New Jersey, more than 650,000 in the United States, and more than 2.5 million worldwide, according to the association.

For more information about the event, please contact John Carno at (732) 968-2014. Computer users can visit the Tri-County Radio Association's Web site at <http://www.qsl.net/w21i>.



**TRADE SUMMIT...** Participating in the recent Saudi trade mission in Summit, left to right, are: Richard Lyster, Delegation Director; Sal Antonelli, of Westfield, Economic Development Representative for Union County; Freeholder Donald Goncalves, of Elizabeth; Freeholder Linda d. Stender, of Fanwood; William Baroody, Director of the United States-Saudi Arabian Business Council; Gualberto Medina, Commissioner New Jersey Department of Commerce and Economic Development; Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan; Freeholder Chester Holmes; William Ingelfield, Economic Development Representative for the county, and Freeholder Lewis Mingo, Jr.

## Saudi Arabian Delegation Meets With Freeholders

Union County Freeholders participated in the recent Saudi Arabian Trade Delegation Conference held in Summit.

Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan called the event, "another example of the county's growing role in the economics of the global economy."

The Saudi Trade mission was one of four in the United States but the only one held on the east coast. The purpose was to provide access to United States manufacturers and supplies to the delegation.

"This mission stands along with Luxemburg and Wenzhou, China, as examples of foreign countries that recognize the economic and geographical importance of Union County," said Freeholder Linda d. Stender. "Our work force and our commercial base have the opportunity to benefit significantly from the expansion of foreign trade."

Freeholders Donald Goncalves of Elizabeth, Chester Holmes of Rahway

and Lewis Mingo, Jr., of Plainfield also participated in the conference. Additionally, Congressman Robert Menendez and Commerce Commissioner Gualberto Medina, Maureen Tiner of the Union County Economic Development Corporation and Port Authority of New Jersey and New York officials met with the Saudi Delegation.

## UCVTS Offers Course

### On Citizen Preparation

Union County Vocational-Technical Schools (UCVTS) in Scotch Plains is offering a Citizen Preparation course.

This course is open to resident aliens seeking citizenship in the United States. Offered free of charge, it covers written and verbal language skills and exam preparation.

For more information about this course, please call the Adult Education office at UCVTS at (908) 889-2922.