



Union County News
Connecting with Career
Opportunities in Union County
Al Mirabella, Chairman
Union County Freeholder Board

Spring is traditionally the season when job hunting kicks into high gear, and with this in mind, I'd like to alert Union County residents to resources that can help connect you with local employers and career development opportunities in our area.

One useful resource is our Job Connection newsletter in partnership with Union County College. You can find it on our website, www.ucnj.org, and at www.ucc.edu. The Job Connection includes individual job postings, information on companies and organizations that are recruiting for multiple openings in our area, and alerts on job fairs and other special events.

Two other important resources are Union County's One-Stop Career Centers, located in Elizabeth and Plainfield. These provide a range of free job search services including resume preparation and interview coaching. The One-Stops can also connect you with classes in adult literacy, ESOL, computer training, information about professional certification and apprenticeship programs in our area, and many other services.

For military veterans or persons with disabilities, our Office of Veterans' Affairs and our Office for the Disabled can help you identify additional employment resources for which you may be eligible.

If you are considering starting a small business, I encourage you to participate in our Union County Means Business initiative. It consists of free networking workshops, a free newsletter and a

Transportation
Committee Is Not An
Arm of The DEMs

TRENTON — Assembly Republican Leader Jon Bramnick (R-Westfield) issued the following statement on last week's Assembly vote approving AR-61, a resolution giving the Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee subpoena power as part of a "special" committee investigation into the operations of the Port Authority.

"I believe this issue should be resolved through the bipartisan audit already being conducted by Governors Christie and Cuomo. A partisan, politically-motivated investigation led by the State Democratic Party Chairman sets a bad precedent. This resolution does not create the fair and objective review the public expects."

website that is the clearinghouse for many resources in Union County, at ucnj.org/ucmeansbusiness.

Taking the long view, over the past dozen or so years the freeholder board has worked alongside many public and private partners to help build new career opportunities in Union County.

One early hallmark was the reclaiming of an unused industrial site to build the Jersey Gardens Mall, which since its opening in 1999 has created hundreds of new jobs.

In the years since then, Newark Liberty Airport has been expanded and Elizabeth Seaport has been dredged, enabling this major shipping hub to keep creating new jobs in Union County.

More recently, we have repositioned Union County's renowned Galloping Hill Golf Course as a regional attraction that is creating new private sector jobs on site while bringing new visitors to our area.

Other recent projects include the new Wakefern supermarket cooperative warehouse, which will keep hundreds of jobs in Union County while adding many more new positions, and a new parking garage and other improvements to spark activity in our main economic hub, Elizabeth.

The past decade has also seen tremendous growth in Union County's education infrastructure as Kean University, Union County College and our Vo-Tech high schools have expanded their programs to meet high-demand fields including health care, science, and technology.

All in all, we have come a long way and the freeholder board will continue to aggressively pursue every opportunity to support those who seek to work or do business in Union County.

For all Union County programs and events visit ucnj.org or call the Public Info Line, 877-424-1234.

To contact individual programs in this article:

Union County One-Stop Career Center, Elizabeth, 921 Elizabeth Avenue, Elizabeth, N.J. 07201, Phone: (908) 558-8000; Union County One-Stop Career Center, Plainfield, 200 West Second Street, Plainfield, N.J. 07060, Phone: (908) 757-9090; Union County Office of Veterans Affairs, Phone: (908) 659-7407 or (908) 527-4717, toll-free hotline (866) 640-7115; Union County Office for the Disabled, Phone/TTY (908) 527-4807 (TTY please dial 711); Union County Means Business, visit www.ucnj.org/ucmeansbusiness or e-mail ucmeansbusiness@ucnj.org.

NYPD Gets Support for Counter-Terrorism

REGION — In a full-page ad in Monday's *New Jersey Journal*, "Secure America Now" pushes back against Gov. Chris Christie's criticism of the NYPD. Christie and U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder have attacked the NYPD. The ad reads: "New Jersey Governor Chris Christie has attacked the New York City Police Department's surveillance of potential terrorists across state lines."

And now Attorney General Eric Holder has joined Christie's criticism. Gov. Christie bashed the NYPD for behaving as if 'their jurisdiction is the world.'

Actually, considering the 9/11 attack, the first World Trade Center attack and subsequent terror plots against New York City, we think Commissioner Kelly and the NYPD are right.

We respectfully ask Governor Christie

and Attorney General Holder to retract the criticism and continue to encourage the NYPD in its counterterrorism policies.

As New York City Mayor Bloomberg pointed out, 'A lot of the World Trade Center terrorists that took 3,000 people went back and forth to New Jersey. To say that the NYPD should stop at the border is a bit ridiculous.'

Considering that the first WTC bombing was carried out by terrorists with ties to New Jersey and there have been reports of terror plots against the Holland Tunnel, PATH tubes, and the George Washington Bridge, we think the NYPD is doing their job.

Instead of getting upset at MTV's Jersey Shore and Snooki, Governor Christie needs to apologize and direct his attention with the NYPD against terrorism."

Home Video Studio's Weiniger is
Keynote Speaker at Video Conference

With constantly changing cell phone technology, and iPads and other tablet computers becoming mainstream, video is an essential aspect of our everyday lives. As the owner of Home Video Studio in Westfield, Dan Weiniger understands this better than most.

"Video Technology is constantly changing and it is crucial to learn all of the new techniques and software currently available," said Weiniger. To improve his expertise in video production, Weiniger just returned from an intense week of advanced training in Indianapolis, IN, through his affiliation with Home Video Studio (HVS). HVS was recently named Entrepreneur magazine's #1 franchise in the Photography and Video Services category. Weiniger and HVS work with the same technology used in making Hollywood movies and network television shows.

"With more consumers owning high tech video cameras, I want them to be able to trust me to add that

professional quality to their videos," says Weiniger. He specializes in producing photo video keepsakes, video to DVD transfers, home movie transfers, video duplication, video editing, sports or music scholarship videos and more.

Weiniger not only participated in the workshops, he gave the keynote speech to the other franchise owners (watch it here: <http://vimeo.com/37955613>) and led a workshop on building your video studio customer base using social media. Weiniger is active on social media sites including Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/homevideostudio>), Twitter (@VideoNowNJ) and many others.

To reach Weiniger at Home Video Studios in Westfield, call (908) 301-9033, email him at dan.w@homevideostudio.com, or visit his website, www.homevideostudio.com/dan.

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AWARD...Owner of Home Video Studio in Westfield, Dan Weiniger, receives award from Entrepreneur magazine. See story on this page.

Milton and Dickens...
On The Head of a Pin

The *Encyclopedia Britannica* has announced that it will after 244 years no longer publish a print edition. George Cauz its president commented, "We knew this was going to come."

An era has ended. Gone are the days of the door-to-door salesman selling this 32-volume behemoth. And all the jobs that went with this! Gone too is a generation of people who enjoyed the look of the physical encyclopedia with its beautiful cover and binding and the feel of its glossy paper.

How proud I was to have a physical copy of that other great encyclopedia, *The World Book!* How wonderful it looked in my bookshelf!

Mr. Cauz rationalized, "A printed encyclopedia is obsolete the minute that you print it. Whereas our online edition is updated continually."

Richard Reyes Gavilan of the Brooklyn Public Library told the BBC, "In many instances doing a keyword search in an online resource is simply a lot faster than standing up looking at the index of the Britannica and then finding the appropriate volume."

True but is the measure of knowledge the speed with which we may find it? Will the day come when a public library will consist only of "electronic readers?"

What will become of the publish-

ing industry and the remnants of the bookseller industry?

Will the pulp and paper industry, a major employer in the United States, have any future as more and more information becomes obtainable only "on-line?"

What will happen to the United States Postal Service as "on-line" communication takes an ever bigger toll of first class and other mail?

How will our society look without the rustle of the morning newspaper at the local coffee shop? Where each person will be cocooned in this or that electronic information retrieval device? With no newsboys hawking the newspaper? Will all the works of Shakespeare and Milton and Dickens and Melville and Faulkner and the others can simply be contained on the head of an electronic pin?

Will we be better off in that new age?

How amazing that human history proceeded with such great achievements as the Parthenon and the Pyramids and the Eiffel Tower and Verdi's Aida and Mozart's symphonies without computers — without software programming?

Maybe I am a dinosaur in our time of computer wonders but maybe too I want to remain a dinosaur.

Stephen Schoeman
Westfield

The Name Should Carry On:
USS Enterprise

The below letter describes the ending of a tradition and asks for help from our elected officials in Washington. Should any of your readers feel that a USS Enterprise should continue to sail the high seas, under the American flag and in defense of our country, please contact you elected officials and sign the petition mentioned below.

To Sen. Lautenberg, Sen. Menendez, Rep. Lance and Rep. Holt:

I learned that the USS Enterprise, the world's first nuclear aircraft carrier, departed on her final deployment. She is the second oldest warship on our Navy's roster, but is the only one in active service. I understand that when she returns she will be decommissioned, her nuclear power plants removed and then she will be scrapped. This in itself is disturbing, but perhaps understandable considering the damage to her hull in the reactors removal.

However what is not acceptable is that her name will no longer be car-

ried on one of our warships. She represents our history, where we came from, and honors those that have served, fought and died on her decks in defense of our freedom.

Please stop this from happening. We need to have her name, USS Enterprise, on a future carrier that will assure her and our history will exist for decades to come. In addition, we owe it to the future generations of Americans so they know of the sacrifices made by those that served on her and by all of other service men and woman who wore the uniform of our country since 1775.

There is an online petition calling for her replacement, CVN-80, be christened USS Enterprise. This is the website: ussenterp.e petitions.net.

Please do what ever you can, resolution, bill, pressure on the Navy Brass, etc. such that CVN-80 maintains the tradition of the name USS Enterprise.

Albert Muller
Scotch Plains

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