Planned parking garage in Newark draws fire from small businesses

Owners of several small businesses that could be dis-

downtown Newark are protesting to city officials.

"We have good, viable businesses and we do not want to move," said Philip Lindeman, attorney for the owners of The Famous Restaurant on Bank Street.

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The businessmen met with Harold Lucas, director of development and Alfred Faiella, director of the Newark Economic Development Corp., Tuesday to discuss plans by Time Equities Inc. of New York.

The firm, which is renovating the Gibraltar Building on Washington Street, wants to build the 1,100-car parking garage on a block bounded by Bank, Washington and Academy streets and University Avenue.

While 90 percent of the block is parking lots owned by Macy's, which will have an interest in the new parking deck, several businessmen are opposed to the move.

"We feel small-business people shouldn't have their property taken away just so a larger, private business can have parking," said Harold Krieger, an attorney for a coalition of businessmen.

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Tom Terreri, president of PowerPlay Records on Washington Street, said the four businesses—two restaurants, a bank and a bar—employ 55 people, 26 of them Newark residents and 16 percent members of minority

groups.

Karen Urbano, a waitress at The Famous, said, "Why can't you build the garage around us and save our busi-

nesses?

"We feel this is for people from out of Newark; Newark residents could take public transportation to work.

"Even if you give us another place, what guarantee is there our customers will follow us?" she asked.

Lucas said, "There will always be some winners and losers in the development process; we try our best to have

winners and winners.
"The question is what is best for the entire city. It goes "The question is what is best for the entire city. It goes without saying there is a lack of parking in downtown Newark. We feel it is in the best interest of the city these larger projects go forward. Macy's plans to bring in 700 to 1,000 additional administrative employees. The Time Equities project will mean 1,500 to 2,000 new jobs. So the city must decide if it is better to get all these jobs or to save four businesses," he said.

Representatives of Time Equities have said before that the garage is necessary to make their office space sal-

Faiella added, "The city looked at building the garage around the businesses. It would not be feasible.

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"As it is now, this seven-level garage (proposal) is not economical. If we had to build it higher to get the same number of spaces, it would not be possible," he said.

The city council had been scheduled to vote on a blight declaration, condemning the four properties, this week.

However, the councilmen decided the businessmen had not been given sufficient opportunity to comment, and so put off a vote until Wednesday.

Homicide figure rises in Irvington while overall crime rate drops 3%

By KEVIN DILWORTH

Newly released crime statistics in Irvington show that murders, assaults and motor vehicle thefts increased, while most other crimes—including rapes, robberies, break-ins and larcenies—dropped during the first six months of the

year.

There also was an increase in the number of people arrested, particularly for drug trafficking, according to the review released by Police Director Anthony Colacurto.

"Our new six-month crime statistics reflect a 3 percent decrease in overall crimes," Colacurto said. "And the statis-

tics show that our clearance (crime solving) rate is close to 40 percent, one of the highest in the state."

There was a 50 percent increase in the township homicide rate, with nine murders in the first half of the year

cide rate, with nine murders in the first half of the year compared to six during the same period last year, he noted. In addition, assaults increased by more than 22 percent the first half of the year. According to the comparative report, Irvington had 652 assaults between January and June 1987, compared to 800 the first six months of this year. During the first half of this year, there were 1,052 motor vehicle thefts compared to 960 that occurred between January and June of last year. Colacurto said that difference represents nearly a 10 percent jump.

There were 38 rapes during the first half of 1987, compared to 25 in the same time period this year.

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Robberies dropped 26 percent, with 230 reported the first half of this year compared to 312 during the same time

Break-ins and entries dropped 21 percent. During the first half of this year, 741 incidents were reported, compared to 942 such incidents the first half of last year.

The reason burglaries dropped, Colacurto reasoned, "largely is due to increased police surveillance and more neighbors looking out for their neighbors' homes and calling the police when they see anybody or anything that appears suspicious.

Larceny incidents in the township dropped 7 percent, with 972 such incidents taking place from January to June of this year compared to 1,050 reported during the same period in 1987.

Incidents of arson dropped 11 percent, with 24 taking place the first half of this year compared to 27 recorded during the same period last year.

Colacurto said 1,195 adults and 808 juveniles we prehended for various crimes in Irvington the first half of 1987. Those figures compare to 1,418 adults and 943 juveniles taken into custody between January and June of this year.

There were 367 people arrested for drug trafficking crimes during the first half of this year, Colacurto said. During the period a year ago only 213 drug arrests were made.

"The police department's concentration on illegal drug activity has consumed a large amount of police man hours," the police director added. "However, the continuation of this anti-drug program is paramount to the quality of life in Irvington."

Livingston councilman pulls out of campaign for family reasons

By MEG NUGENT

Councilman David Wildstein yesterday an-

nounced he is withdrawing from this year's council race in Livingston to join the family business.

"It was a tough decision," said the one-term Republican councilman and former mayor, who sat at table in Town Hall that was stacked with letters intable in 104m tall that was stacked with letters in-forming members of the local GOP committee that he was dropping out of the campaign.

"But I've got four months now of being more independent than I've ever been able to be in four

years. I don't have to worry about voter approval (anymore) and now I will be able to speak out on certain issues that have been bothering me and that I've been holding my tongue on," said Wildstein, adding he plans to stay in office until his term ends

Jan. 1.

Noting he made his decision last Tuesday, the 26-year-old politician said the move was prompted by the death two weeks ago of Louis Wildstein, his grandfather and co-founder of the family business,

"When he passed away, his death left a tremendous void in the company; I take my obligation to my family very seriously," said Wildstein, adding he will start next Tuesday to learn the ropes of the business, which he described as a manufacturer of entrance mats with offices based in Fairfield and in

The councilman's withdrawal means the local The councilman's withdrawal means the local GOP committee must come up with a new running mate for Cullie Willis, a political newcomer who, with Wildstein, headed up the Republican ticket to face off against Democrats Jeffrey Dollinger and Joseph Fiordaliso in the contest for two, four-year seats on the council.

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At stake is party control of the governing body, which Republicans have held with a 4-1 majority since the 1986 election.

Noting he informed some members of the GOP committee about his decision prior to his formal announcement, Wildstein said the organization will call a special meeting next week to begin the screening of some "six or seven" potential candidates he said had

Asked if his withdrawal will hurt the Republicans' chances of retaining control of the council, Wildstein said, "I assume it will hurt the (GOP) ticket a little bit; I've spent the past four years developing a base and building a coalition.

"But given the record we (the GOP council members) have assembled and our ability to get things done . . . there's no shortage" of candidates to replace him, he said, adding he intends "to play a major role" in the Republican campaign.

range woman killed in street fight

By KEVIN DILWORTH

A 20-year-old Orange woman died yesterday after being attacked in the street by six women who beat her be-fore they stabbed her, according to Police Director Charles

Authorities identified the victim as Aliha Reese of New Street. She was stabbed at New and Park streets about 1:30 a.m. Police said the fight was over a man.

Cobbertt said arrest warrants have been issued for the six women suspects. He declined to release their names. Reese and one of the suspects apparently fought over a man, Cobbertt noted. The dispute took place shortly before

midnight Tuesday.

After the two fought in the street, the suspect left Reese, drove into Newark, got five women friends and the

group returned to Orange in a van and a car, Cobbertt said.

According to the police director, they saw Reese "on the corner of Park and New streets, jumped her, beat her and stabbed her twice, once in the leg and once in the

heart."

The victim "started running west on New Street, towards West Orange, but collapsed in the street," he added.

Meanwhile, the suspects got back in their two vehicles "and fled the scene in an unknown direction"

Neighbors called the police. When several patrol cars responded to the intersection they found Reese "sprawled on the ground and bleeding," Cobbertt noted. An ambulance took Reese to Orange Memorial Hos-

pital, where she was pronounced dead at 2:15 a m., he

Orange seeks help in hunt for holdup pair

Orange police yesterday asked the public to help them identify and locate a man and woman who staged an armed holdup at a Central Avenue business Monday night. The BP gasoline service station at Central and Oak-

wood avenues was robbed about 6 p.m., according to Police Director Charles Cobbertt.

The pair, in a tan-colored Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera that had "123" as part of its license plate number, threatened the attendant and robbed him of \$303, Cobbertt said.

No shots were fired and the attendant was unharmed,

The gunman, about 5 feet 6, weighing about 195, had a moustache, a short Afro haircut and wore a gray pinstripped suit, Cobbertt said.

His accomplice was about 5 feet 6, weighed about 170

pounds and had red marks on her face and neck.

Woman killed, 4 kin injured by fire in their Newark home



A Newark fireman leaves a gutted house on Pine Grove Terrace

By FREDERICK W. BYRD

A woman was killed and four of her relatives injured when a fast-moving one-alarm fire damaged their Newark home yesterday.

Barbara Allen, 26, was pronounced dead at University Hospital in Newark at noon, about 90 minutes

versity Hospital in Newark at noon, about 90 minutes after being rescued by firemen from her smoke-filled bedroom in her house at 143 Pine Grove Terrace.

Andre Allen, 20, her brother, was in satisfactory condition at the burn unit of St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston yesterday.

Authorities said he jumped from a second-floor window to escape the flames.

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A sister, Betsy, and Betsy's two daughters, Gea, 5 and Cheona, 6 months old, were treated at Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark for smoke inhala-

According to Fire Director Stanley Kossup, the fire in the 2½-story frame house was reported at 10:22 a.m. and declared under control some 20 min-

"When we arrived fire was pushing out the front door and windows and spreading up the front wall to

"We used a deck pipe, a type of water cannon, to knock out the fire," he said.

The director said Capt. James Langenbach and firefighter Kevin Burkhardt went to the second-floor bedroom, "through a heavy smoke and heat condi-tion," and found Barbara Allen unconscious on her

bed.

"Men from the city's Emergency Medical Service gave her cardiopulmonary resuscitation," but she expired some time after arriving at the hospital, he added.

The director also praised Clinton White, 41. a civilian, for rescuing the 6-month-old child.

Betsy Allen came to the street and told whete

her baby was trapped in the basement, the director

said.

"White went through the side entrance, to the basement and got the child out," he added.

Kossup said nine family members lived in the building, though four were at work during the fire.

He said the fire "apparently began around a sofa

on the first floor.

"At this time it does not appear suspicious, though an investigation into the cause is continuing,"

S. Orange weighs funding for town hall upgrade

The South Orange Village Board of Trustees last night introduced a bond ordinance that would provide \$60,000 for the renovation of the municipal building.

The structure on South Orange Avenue houses the municipal courts, council chambers and administrative offices.

A bearing will be held Sant 28 If the ordinance is A hearing will be held Sept. 26. If the ordinance is adopted, work would start immediately and could be com-

pleted by year-end, officials said.

Electrical, heating and plumbing systems are targeted for repair. In addition, the ordinance would provide for weatherization work, painting, plastering and repairs to the public seating section in the trustee chambers.

Also to be financed are the installation of an audiovideo system and lifts at the front and rear entrances.



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