



Drawing of new office building planned for Roosevelt Field Shopping Center

9-Story Building Set For Roosevelt Field

The owners of Roosevelt Field Shopping Center, largest regional mall on Long Island, are planning the Island's tallest private office building there, a nine-story structure sheathed in reflecting glass and costing about \$4 million.

Corporate Property Investors, which also owns Walt Whitman Shopping Center in Huntington, said the building will have 119,000 square feet of rental space and will be located on the north side of the shopping center at Old Country Road, just west of an entrance to the Meadowbrook Parkway.

The building, which will be called 666 Old Country Road, will be 99 feet, 9 inches high, said architect Michael Spector of Great Neck. The height limit for the area, which is in a Hempstead Town industrial zone, is 100 feet.

A town official said that office buildings are a permitted use in an industrial zone. Spector said that he hopes construction will begin within a month and that the building should be finished within 15 months.

Randall Hack, a vice president of

CPI, a Manhattan-based real estate investment firm, said the company plans to lease the building at what he called competitive prices, though he refused to discuss rents.

Prestige office buildings in Nassau are now renting for about \$12 a square foot.

Hack said he doesn't expect to have trouble renting the building.

"We think Long Island is coming back strong and with a tight [office space] situation in the city we think there will be strong inducements for companies to either locate here or strengthen their operations here," he said.

While the building will be the tallest privately financed office building on Long Island, a distinction now held by the 84-foot high Montauk Improvement Co. Building in Montauk, built in the 1920s, it will not be the tallest building.

A number of public buildings are taller, including the 19-story Nassau County Medical Center in East Meadow and the 12-story H. Lee Dennison, Suffolk County office building in Hauppauge.

—Jerry Morgan

False Testimony The Issue at Trial

By Manny Topol

Westbury—A former East Meadow man went on trial in U.S. District Court yesterday on charges of lying to a federal grand jury investigating his claim that an IRS official pressured him to commit perjury.

The prosecution contends that Jerome Zimmerman, 45, now of California, lied to a federal grand jury when he said that Robert E. Murphy, an Internal Revenue Service inspector, offered to help free an underworld figure who is a friend of Zimmerman in return for Zimmerman's cooperation.

Zimmerman said Murphy wanted him to commit perjury before a state grand jury investigating alleged payoffs by defendants to then State Supreme Court Justice Dominic S. Rinaldi. The probe was conducted by Maurice Nadjari, then special state prosecutor. Rinaldi was tried on state charges of perjury and acquitted. He returned to the bench and later retired.

Zimmerman told the federal grand jury that Murphy had promised he would produce documents that could help free Long Island underworld figure John (Sonny) Franzese, serving a 50-year prison term for conspiring to rob banks. Zimmerman is a family friend of the Franzeses.

A Treasury Department investigation cleared Murphy of any wrongdoing. As an inspector, Murphy looks into charges of corruption against IRS employees.

At the start of the trial yesterday, Judge George C. Pratt dismissed three of the counts of giving false statements. The remaining four counts against Zimmerman are all felonies, each punishable by a maximum of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Zimmerman's lawyer, John J. Sutter, told Pratt that he intends to argue that the federal grand jury that returned the indictment against Zimmerman had no jurisdiction in the matter because the investigation of Rinaldi was conducted by the state. Sutter said that there was a question of whether Murphy was "an agent of the government's or of Mr. Nadjari."

Murphy, the leadoff witness, testified he had been investigating a report by an informant, Leon Ratner, formerly of Plainview, that Zimmerman had information about two corrupt IRS employees, Andrew Jackson, former chief of collections at the Mineola IRS office, and George Doliner, former group supervisor of the IRS

collection division in Mineola. Jackson and Doliner were convicted of corruption charges.

Zimmerman, an auto salesman, secretly had recorded his testimony before Nadjari's grand jury. He also used a hidden recorder to tape a conversation he had with Murphy at a meeting at the Holiday Inn in Westbury in which Murphy allegedly confirmed the deal to turn over documents concerning Franzese to Zimmerman.

Murphy has acknowledged that the conversation was taped, but denied the voice agreeing to the alleged deal is his or that he had ever offered documents to Zimmerman concerning Franzese. Sutter was to continue his cross-examination of Murphy today.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Neil J. Firetop, the prosecutor, said in his opening statement that he intends to show that the tape recorder used to record Murphy's conversation "was turned on and off and was recorded in different locations from where the conversations took place."



Newsday Photo by Walter del Toro

Murphy leaving court in Westbury

Glen Cove Studies 4-Tiered Diploma Plan

By Michael Unger

Glen Cove—The Board of Education is considering a novel plan to offer four types of diplomas at Glen Cove High School, instead of the present two. One result, school board officials said, would be to make it nearly impossible for students to graduate after three or 3½ years.

As outlined last night to the board by high school principal Florence Andresen, the plan, if adopted, would create two new categories of diplomas: one, "with distinction" for non-Regents students and requiring 21 credits for graduation, and the other, "with great distinction" for Regents students and requiring 23 credits. In both categories, students would be given class credits for such activities as outside paid jobs and volunteer community service,

ROTC training, mini-courses, tutoring other students, school beautification and leadership in student government, dramatics, school publications, and even varsity sports and cheerleading.

Presently, the high school awards a minimum 16-credit diploma for non-Regents students, and a minimum 18-credit Regents diploma. Under the new plan, an extra two credits would be required for all four types of diploma candidates with the inclusion of typing as a requirement, and for the first time, giving credits for physical education classes.

Although the plan was received favorably by the board last night, board president Henrietta B. Tuthill, superintendent Robert Finley and the other board members emphasized that the plan was only in the formative stages and could change dras-

tically after extensive consultation with students and parents. No action was taken on the proposal and the board refused to set a target date for implementation.

Andresen gave several reasons for proposing the change. Under present practice, she stated in her report, "Nearly three-eighths to one-half of the school day could be spent in unproductive activity" for both Regents and non-Regents students. Both present diplomas, she said, "demand a very minimum" from students.

Andresen reported that the change "probably" would not require hiring more teachers, but that "it will mean a total housecleaning of dead-wood courses." Andresen added, "It will probably eliminate three or 3½-year graduations."