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### Six Towns Get State Help on Downtown Revitalization By Scott Goldstein

Six towns were named members of the state's Main Street New Jersey program today, becoming eligible for technical support and training for restoring their main streets as both community centers hubs of economic development. The towns are Caldwell, Maple Shade, Montclair, Newton, Orange and Somerville, according to an announcement by the state Department of Community Affairs (DCA), which administers the program.

"I congratulate these six towns for their initiative to revitalize the heart of their communities and provide better lives for their residents and more commerce for their businesses," said DCA Acting Commissioner Joseph Doria. Every two years the DCA accepts applications and designates selected communities to join the program, which promotes the historic and economic redevelopment of traditional business districts. Towns apply for the designation and are judged on various factors including the need for downtown revitalization and the potential for positive change.

### QMed Ends its Special Needs Plan in NJ By Joao-Pierre Ruth

QMed Inc. (Nasdaq: QMED) in Eatontown, a provider of clinical information management systems for health plans, says it terminated its Special Needs Plan in New Jersey nearly one year after it commenced. Special needs health plans provide managed care for patients with severe or disabling chronic conditions who require specialized attention.

QMed launched its Special Needs Plan in the state last January. The company says it is working with the Department of Banking and Insurance and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to cease operations for the care plan. The company did not disclose how many patients are currently on the plan. QMed says it wants to focus its operations on disease management and government demonstrations of its system.

The announcement comes after the company said Monday it received notice it faced delisting from Nasdaq. QMed's common stock failed to meet the minimum \$1 per share requirement for the prior 30 days. QMed was given until June 16, 2008 to regain compliance.

Shares of QMed were up \$0.03 to \$0.16 in morning trading.

### Princeton Prof is New Member of Science Commission By Scott Goldstein

The state Senate approved Gov. Jon Corzine's nomination of Princeton professor and entrepreneur Alain Kornhauser to the New Jersey Commission on Science and Technology. Kornhauser is director of the Interdepartmental Transportation Research Program and co-director of the Center for Transportation Information and Decision Engineering at Princeton University. He is also founder of ALK Technologies, a transportation technology company based in Princeton.

Kornhauser, a professor of Operations Research and Financial Engineering, recently led a team of Princeton students who built an unmanned autonomous vehicle capable of city driving. He received his Ph.D. from Princeton University in 1971.

### Marz Beverage to Distribute Products for Reed's Inc. By Joao-Pierre Ruth

Reed's Inc. in Los Angeles says it entered into an agreement for the distribution of its products throughout New Jersey by Marz Beverage Distributing Co. in Paterson. Reed's is a maker of sodas aimed at the natural foods retail market. Its products include Virgil's Root Beer, China Cola, and Reed's Ginger Juice Brews.

Marz Beverage is a collaboration between beer distributor Peerless Beverage Company in Union and nonalcoholic beverage distributor Cott-Passaic Distribution. Peerless distributes such beer brands as Samuel Adams, Corona, and Guinness. Cott-Passaic carries such brands as Herbal Mist tea and Mad Croc energy drinks. Marz operates through warehouses in Paterson, Pennsauken, and Union.



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