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Rendering of a \$65 million expansion and restoration project at the Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown, designed to significantly expand arts access, elevate educational programming and preserve the historic Community Theatre at the heart of the complex. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY MAYO PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Sherrill tried to cut cost to host World Cup

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The bidding and planning for New Jersey to host eight matches of the 2026 FIFA World Cup at MetLife Stadium was in the works for eight years — and while Gov. Mikie Sherrill has been a part of that process for only the last five months, her fingerprints are now all over it.

In quick succession, her administration scrapped the logistically-challenged Liberty State Park fan fest in favor of dozens of grants to support

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Gov. Mikie Sherrill speaks to reporters from the Record in the Governor's Office at 1 Gateway Center, May 5, Newark.
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New act about to begin for historic arts center

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Since its rebirth in the early 1990s, Morristown's once-grand motion-picture palace has undergone many renovations and upgrades to become one of the premier performing-arts showcases in North Jersey. • The former Community Theatre, now known as the Mayo Performing Arts Center, is about to undergo its largest and most expensive transformation in its 89-year history. • MPAC staff, trustees, students and elected leaders gathered on May 6 under an event tent erected on a lot directly behind the theater to conduct a ceremonial groundbreaking for a \$65 million expansion and restoration project "that signals the dramatic next phase in the evolution of the non-profit arts organization," the event announcement stated. • "Since it began as a single-screen movie theater in 1937, to its current standing as one of the top 50 performing-arts centers worldwide, MPAC has been at the heart of arts and entertainment in the North Jersey region," its President and CEO Allison Larena said.

Primed with a \$7.5 million lead gift from Ilene and Bruce Jacobs, an initial "Build Our Future: The Campaign for MPAC" has raised more than \$19.8 million. MPAC also used the groundbreaking gathering to announce the launch of the public phase of a \$22.5 million campaign. Additional funds, including county grants and \$1.1 million from the state, will help MPAC reach its ambitious goal.

The project will also benefit from \$65 million in tax credits through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority under its Cultural Arts Facilities Expansion or CAFE Program. MPAC is just one of two organizations to receive CAFE benefits to date.

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The Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown.

Activist sees fruits of her labor — many primary rivals

Before seeking a seat in Congress in this year's 12th Congressional District in central New Jersey, Sue Altman helped lead the legal fight that ended the "county line," an archaic balloting system that discouraged outsiders and reformers from running in primaries.

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