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FREEHOLDER Nidia Davila-Colon, left, is led into a Hudson County Democratic Organization strategy meeting yesterday in Jersey City by the organization's chairman, Bernard Kenny, also a state senator. De

Plant closing will cost jobs

■ Bestfoods surprises Bayonne work force

By Ronald Leir
Journal staff writer

The future remains uncertain for the 115 employees of Unilever Bestfoods North America, which will soon be closing its Bayonne manufacturing plant.

The plant, located at Avenue A between Third and Fifth streets, will shut its doors "in the first quarter of 2003," President/Chief Executive Officer

sulted from the Unilever Bestfoods merger, which occurred two years ago, and the related sale of the Mazola business this summer," Beckerman said. Mazola products were manufactured in Bayonne.

Beckerman said the company is "committed to making sure our employees are treated professionally and we will do all we can to make the transition as smooth as possible in the months ahead."

The company said it was providing benefits and severance