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## Doubting Franks

I have always liked Congressman Bob Franks; even though we are of different political parties. From his days in the General Assembly, State GOP chairman and now in the House of Representatives, his easy smile, accessibility and first rate staff operation left me not uncomfortable having him as my representative.

Lately, the trauma over impeachment has highlighted the key point. I don't like his new friends and it may be time for him to choose between them and folks back home.

## Left Out

By Frank Capece

In the past, I rationalized his closeness with Newt Gingrich. After all, on issues such as port dredging and transportation needs, it was good to have an advocate in the enemy camp. I really believed he was covering our flank.

Earlier this year, the flap over the census count sent out a warning signal. White mayors like Albert McWilliams in Plainfield and Chris Bollwage in Elizabeth fought for a statistical, random, sampling approach to ensure Union County got its fair share of funds. Franks was too quiet. Rather than offending the right wing leadership, he did not support statistical sampling. The battle lines were starting to be clear.

With the spectre of impeachment all the time on cable, I have come to see clearly the views and agenda of representatives such as Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, Henry Hyde of Illinois and Spencer Bachus of Alabama. They are extremists, and they cause me concern. Most disturbing is the majority whip Tom Delay whose intimidation tactics have not been seen since era of Sam Rayburn. They will only be an up or down vote on impeachment. The election results in November seemingly didn't matter.

When the question of what would be called Republican Moderates do on impeachment was raised, Bob Franks' vote was not in question. After some early posturing by him on President Clinton, he was in the parlance, a sure vote for the leadership.

I'd like to think I am a consistent person. The only time I ever wrote my elected senators was in support of the losing effort of naming Republican John Tower as chief arms

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# Even pilots are confused about runway plans

## Pilots file reports in response to plan

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

Union County residents apparently aren't the only people who don't like how departing planes are routed out of Newark International Airport.

According to several anonymous safety reports, the pilots flying those planes find the routing plans confusing.

More than 30 pilots have filed reports with the Aviation Safety and Reporting System, run by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, about the Solberg Mitigation Plan. The Solberg plan is an attempt to reduce airplane engine noise in Union County.

These ASRS reports focus on one recent change to the Solberg plan, the so-called "250-degree turn" and "260-degree turn" plans.

"Basically, the pilots didn't know what to do. They found it confusing," said Jerome Feder of the county government's Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board.

Jim Peters, spokesperson for the Federal Aviation Administration, said he had not seen the ASRS reports and therefore could not comment on them.

Under the Solberg plan, developed by the FAA, planes leaving Runway 22 of Newark International Airport are supposed to skirt around Union County and gain altitude before flying over heavily populated land.

They do this by turning right low and the highly populated Arthur Kill almost immediately before takeoff.

They then turn to a heading of 220 degrees — almost southwest — and follow the Arthur Kill until they hit the "100 radial" out from Solberg Airport in Freehold. The 100 radial is an imaginary line 100 degrees from magnetic north that stretches out from Solberg Airport until it intersects the plane's course.

The point where the 100 radial and the planes course intersects is about six or seven miles away from Newark International Airport. It's also where the planes turn back over land. By that time, the plane should have gained enough altitude to make it sound quieter on the ground.

The 250 turn and 260 turn plans were tested from March 15 to Sept. 15. Union County residents gave these two plans the raspberry because it, supposedly, made airplane noise worse on the ground.

These two plans only applied to planes leaving Runway 22 for points in the Deep South — about 25 percent of the traffic leaving the airport.

They had planes turn to headings of 250 or 260 degrees instead of 220 degrees. These changes were supposed to decrease aircraft noise in Rahway and Carteret, even though the planes would no longer be following the Arthur Kill.

However, according to Feder, air traffic controllers didn't trust pilots to make the turn over land when they got to the 100 radial.

The important thing to remember is that, under the 250 degree and 260-degree turn plans, at least, it was the pilots' responsibility to decide when their planes had reached the 100 radial. It is normally the air traffic controllers' jobs to watch for landmarks like the 100-degree radial; it was shifted to the pilots to reduce the controllers' workload.

In no case could they make it work, he said. "In most cases, pilots just flew right by it."

The controllers were therefore turning the pilots over land "way before the 100 radial, according to Feder.

"The controller just gave up on the procedure," he said. "I think they said we're going to let them turn manually like we've always done."

## Praising peak performances

Charles S. Maneuso, right, president of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools Board of Education, was on hand to congratulate three Union County Magnet High School students for exemplary achievements outside of the classroom. From left: Daniel Vissani of Union, honored by the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City for his efforts as a member of its Volunteer Services Department; Alyshia McGuire of Rahway, chosen as the outstanding junior member of the National Association of Fashion and Accessory Designers, and Brian Raiff of Westfield, who spent three weeks in China as a member of the People To People Student Ambassador Program.

# Two counties unite for arts conference

Cultural Tourism, a major part of New Jersey's economy, is the subject of a conference on Jan. 9. Sponsored by the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission, in association with the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, the conference will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the College Center of Middlesex County College, 155 Mill Road, Edison.

"The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is delighted that two major county cultural agencies are collaborating to bring this important message to the outstanding arts and historical groups in central New Jersey," said Freeholder Mary Ruotolo, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board.

"Union County is fast becoming a destination for day trippers and this information will help us spread the word about our cultural sites," Ruotolo added.

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Scheduled to speak at the conference are four seasoned professionals who are well versed in the concept of Cultural Tourism. Conference attendees will come away with the knowledge necessary to develop new ideas for promoting local arts and cultural events through collaborations, partnerships and innovative programming.

Paul Tyler, deputy director for the Virginia Commission for the Arts, will use successful campaigns done in his home state to illustrate the basic philosophy of Cultural Tourism and the benefits to local groups. Donna Bakelaar, deputy director for the New Jersey Division of Travel and Tourism, will discuss statewide tourism campaigns and how to become a part of them.

Janet Wolfe, director of the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail, will draw upon her experience with that project to highlight development of a campaign strategy, identifying resources, and the expected results of a Cultural Tourism Campaign.

Dr. Guy C. McCombs, president of Third Power Development Inc. will address marketing for small institutions with an emphasis on how to determine market feasibility, as well as strategies for marketing to a diverse audience.

Preregistration is required and must be accompanied by a $7.50 fee, made payable to Treasurer, Middlesex County. Coffee and refreshments are included. No refunds of registration fees will be given after Dec. 31.

Funding for the Cultural Tourism Conference has been provided in part through a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, and the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The conference site is fully accessible, and the conference brochure is printed in large type and available in Braille. A sign language interpreter is available if notification of need is made two weeks in advance. For registration, information or to receive a brochure on the conference, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202, (908) 558-2550. Relay users call (800) 852-7899.

# Volunteers sought to assist disabled

Partnerships for People is recruiting volunteers to serve as companions to individuals with developmental disabilities throughout Union County. Help an individual become an active member of the community and offer the gift of friendship eight hours a month.

"Simply by spending time with an individual, taking them shopping, attending church or temple services together, or enjoying a whole host of recreational or community activities, volunteers can make a tremendous difference in someone's life, said Michelle Barker, coordinator of Self Determination at Partnerships for People. "What better way to begin the New Year than with a commitment to making a positive difference in someone's life?"

Partnerships for People, a non-profit agency which has been providing residential, vocational and case management services for individuals with disabilities since 198[illegible], provides an in-depth training program prior to the volunteer-client match. Volunteers will be trained in the person-centered approach to working with individuals with developmental disabilities, as well as an overview of disabilities.

"Our mission at Partnerships for People is to provide person-centered services which enable individuals with disabilities to be active members of their communities," said Barker. "Our volunteer program aims to create those important connections that link an individual to the community in which he or she lives."

Matches are made based on personal interests, geographic location and unique skills.

For more information on Partnerships for People's Volunteer Program, call Barker at (973) 467-9808.


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# County employee recognized for department's new revenue

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and County Manager Michael H. Capella named Cheryl Hathaway *Employee of the Month for November* for raising the department's Individuals Drivers Resource Center (DIDRC) surplus generating revenue.

Operated by the Union County Department of Human Services Division of Planning, the center is a state-mandated program serving residents who have been convicted of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. It is the only program of its kind in the state.

When acknowledge Cheryl was her role in initiating a process to generate revenue from the "non-profit Driving While Intoxicated program. Freeholder Daniel Sullivan said, "Her efforts have generated $25,000 in just two years, enabled the center to close with a surplus of 12 percent and that figure is expected to be reached. Sullivan said.

Hathaway, an assistant director for the DIDRC, works for the Department of Human Services Division of Planning. She has been a county employee for 14 years.

The Employee of the Month Recognition Program is a way to recognize and reward employees for valuable contributions and accomplishments, professional growth and quality performance, Capella said.

Each employee honored receives a plaque from the county manager, a resolution from the freeholder board and a day off from work.

What Cheryl accomplished is quite impressive, Capella said, she carefully considered many options, decided on the best way to eliminate a deficit and then followed through. Her work has saved the county money and we are pleased to recognize her," he added.

Freeholder Chairman Dan Sullivan presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Cheryl Hathaway naming her Employee of the Month.

Since it was started in 1984, the DIDRC has served more than 10,000 people with a recidivism rate of only 2.25 percent — the lowest in the state. That means that only 225 of the 10,000 who went through the program had a subsequent charge of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Officers from the Union County DARE Officers Association prepare the turkeys they recently delivered to a social service center.

# DARE officers know spirit of giving

They did it as a labor of love, those Union County DARE officers.

A total of 30 turkeys, donated by BOC Air Systems of Berkeley Heights, were dropped off with no questions asked at the St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Division Street in Elizabeth for needy families at holiday time.

"Last year, we decided to do something involving the kids and we came up with the idea of turkeys with the trimmings," said Plainfield Detective James Schulkes, president of the Union County DARE Officers Association. "So, the kids donate stuffing, vegetables, and cranberry sauce to supplement the turkeys."

All the goods were delivered by DARE officers after their final meeting of 1998, and they all felt really good about the whole thing.

Set South Torre in New Providence was the project took off from bounging idea into a real program when Pat Rabbitt of the celebration in Berkeley Heights agreed to make a corporate donation and the turkeys.

DARE officers from Union Township made arrangements for the pick-up of the holiday birds and transported them, free of charge, to Elizabeth for delivery today, Schulkes said.

"We support the good work of the DARE officers who red 10th graders turned into a powerful anti-drug and anti-violence message," said Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan.

# Junior Achievement honors Exxon employee

Andrea B. Karsian, chairperson of Junior Achievement of Union County, Inc., serving Union, Middlesex and Somerset counties, announced that Armond H. Bosze, a long-time and retiring employee of Exxon in Linden, has been named "Top J.A." Hero honoree and was presented with a plaque at the Dec. 10 Junior Achievement Board of Directors meeting held at the Exxon site.

In presenting the award, Patricia J. Fedorkowicz, president of Junior Achievement, thanked Bosze for all of his activities in support of J.A. and noted he led her part in advancing the EXXON Junior Achievement partnership. Fedorkowicz remarked that under the guidance of her immediate supervisor and Junior Achievement board member Elizabeth Carey, Bosze successfully recruited EXXON employee volunteers and coordinated company participation in Junior Achievement activities.

Bosze is a 30-year veteran of Junior Achievement, serving as a volunteer teacher, board member, and chairman of the board. He has been instrumental in the growth of Junior Achievement in Union County, helping to reach over 350 additional J.A. Students during 1998 alone. "We couldn't have done it without Romy," Fedorkowicz told the gathering.

Junior Achievement is the world's oldest, largest, and fastest-growing nonprofit economic education organization. By bringing volunteers from the business community into the classroom to share their experience with young people, Junior Achievement programs teach students how to understand and appreciate free enterprise.

## Franks is showing true colors

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negotiator. Concern over his personal integrity sunk him. I believed he was qualified to stand up to the Russians and we Democrats were wrong to defeat him because of his personal life. If that really was the reason. It was the country's loss, in my opinion, not to name Tower.

My nagging suspicion is that my congressman's opposition on impeachment has less to do with morality and more to do with Franks' own leadership career goals.

If the reports on Bob Franks are accurate, any planned run for governor or senator will surely bring him back to the people of Union County. Even a run for re-election in the year 2000 should require an explanation about his new friends and their actions in 1998. Representative Graham said of his view on the President. "The trust level is low. I fear those words apply to other political relationships as well."

Frank Capece, an attorney, is a resident of Cranford.


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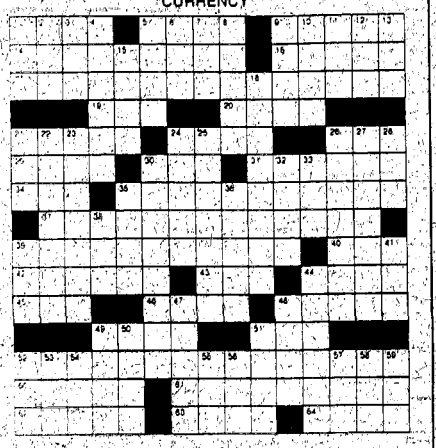

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The Nutcracker and the Mouse King marshall their forces in NJ Ballet's spectacular Nutcracker.

# 'Nutcracker' is a wonder for children of all ages

By Ilea Smith
Staff Writer

One of the most beautiful ballet productions of the Nutcracker is currently being staged at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn. The magnificent classic, which opened on Dec. 18 and will run through Dec. 27, as presented by Carolyn Clark, artistic executive director, and the New Jersey Ballet Co., has stunning sets, costumes and award-winning set designer Michael Anania could create, in addition to the most colorfully attractive costumes designed by A. Christina Giannini, Nancy Reed, Paul Hilbard McRae and Lori Christman. But most of all, it has an exceptionally talented cast of 75 dancers, led by the New Jersey Ballet's principal dancers, who are nothing less than great — Christmas Snow Princess Debra Sayles, Rosemary Salasnick Bleich, Andrei Jouravlev, Yue Qing Guo and Konstantin Dourmashkin. They are all alternating roles throughout the run of the ballet.

The New Jersey Ballet, which is celebrating its 40th year, has been a resident company at the Paper Mill Playhouse for the past 28 years. Each year it dazzles audiences, adults and children alike, with its marvelous interpretation of Tchaikovsky's most celebrated creation of Nutcracker.

During a matinee performance last Saturday, when the audience was filled with children of all ages, one could only marvel at the little ones who were so mesmerized by the goings-on onstage that one could hear a pin drop. This kind of culture brought into the lives of the young can have lasting effects on their taste in theater and the classics.

With the Paper Mill Orchestra, led by musical conductor Gary S. Fagin, playing the orange de la scene of the wondrous music of the Nutcracker and choreographed by Joseph Carman and George Tomasi, the well-known story unfolds, at a Christmas Eve party.

In Act I, Scene 1, Clara is played by Caitlin Lavin, who does some impressive dancing, and a very strong pas de deux with Sam W. Beckman, who plays the dual role of Drosselmeyer's nephew and the Nutcracker Prince. He is equally impressive. Andrew Noable portrays Fritz, the child who breaks Clara's soldier doll out of jealousy. He is an extremely good dancer, his technique is outstanding and he really performs his role very well. The father is played by tall and handsome Paul McRae, and the mother by lovely Era Kurlaev. Jouravlev Tomal, who has portrayed Drosselmayer for many years at the Paper Mill, is especially good during his pantomime scenes.

In Act I Scene 2, The Magic Spell, The Mouse King is aptly played by Andrei Jouravlev, and the frightening fight between the solo mice, the Mouse King, the solo soldiers and the Nutcracker Prince, had the mixed audience in a state of terror.

In Act II Scene 1, In the Forest, the Snow Queen was portrayed by Julia Mordyovys and the Snow King, Tdy shan Bold. And the wonderful music was a wonderment in itself.

Featured in Act 2, Kingdom of Sweets were some marvelous international dancers, including Alexandre Anichouine, who brought the house down everytime he danced a Russian number. The Arabian dancers, Jour and Jour Christman, who compliment each other during their dancing, are flexible and supple and have charmed audiences by dancing with each other in other ballets. The Chinese dancers, Andrea Spera, had some intricate moves especially with the fan and two women, which added a special touch to the Chinese dance. All of the children who portrayed angels were very cute, particularly the soloists, all of whom danced in unison and kept time to the music. And is particularly intriguing because some of these youngsters are very small.

Outstanding in Waltz of the Flowers was the fabulous Salasnick Bleich, as Dew Drop. She danced extremely well, but then, she is always good in everything she does.

In Grand Pas De Deux, Debra Sayles was the consummate Sugar Plum. She has very dramatic facial expressions and she and Guo, as the Cavalier, dance well together.

The "Nutcracker," as always, is so impressive, so beautifully danced, so magnificently staged, that every mother in the Metropolitan area should assemble at the box office.

## HOROSCOPE

### For Dec. 28 to Jan. 3

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — When given the opportunity, be sure to express your feelings to loved ones. Get some work done around the house. Take responsibility for the ups and downs of a personal project.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Direct your attention toward communication. There's a lot of important information coming your way. Find the best way to effectively and efficiently share it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Any notes on your budget will be revealed now. You can count on financial support and guidance from friends, elders or mentors. A social meeting or gathering turns out well.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — The new year ushers in a period of fade awakenings in the personal and relationship levels. Take a close look at your goals, dreams, and make some timely decisions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Some deep and profound soul-searching is long overdue. Slow your pace, resolve some issues and limit unrealistic projects. Be prepared to enter the new year with a clean slate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A special friend comes back into your life after a long absence to nourish your soul and give you some direction. Open your heart and be willing to act on the advice given.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Get together with an individual who encourages, inspires and supports you in your professional goals. Overall, this should be a very pleasant, uplifting and rewarding period.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Your presence is an inspiration to those around you. Let your light shine. Start making plans for a coming trip. Romance is charged, with an unexpected partner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Look similar opinions in the form of a gaining speaking opportunity. Stay informed a quickly developing financial situation. Keep the needs of your family in mind when making a decision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — As your ruler, Saturn turns over this week. Expect to get back on track in pursuit of your personal goals and ambitions. Partnerships are a major concern. Weigh your options.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You are happiest when you are working in control of your environment and taking care of details. Pay extra attention to news from or about a sibling or neighbor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Romance adds fun and excitement to your life and helps boost your self-confidence. Show off and let your creative juices flow in a project involving young children.

If your birthday is this week, your attention turns to family matters during the coming year. When in doubt, stop and listen to your intuition. There will be opportunities to expand on the personal level or to update your communication skills. Work to stabilize your finances. Travel is charted. If not physically possible, let your mind take flight.

Also born this week: Deping Washington, Martin Milner, Ben Johnson, Tiger Woods, Rex Allen, Sarah Miles, Bert Parks, Anthony Hopkins, Mel Gibson and Ted Danson.

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# Stepping Out

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## Art Shows

**L&M GALLERY** in Elizabeth will display works by painter Thomas Kinkade through tomorrow.

Gallery hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday to 7 p.m., Saturday to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. The gallery is located at 124 Elmora Ave., Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 351-2633.

**OUT-OF-BODY EXPERIENCE** will be on display through Wednesday at NJ Center for Visual Arts in Summit.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

**SKULSKI ART GALLERY** of the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark will exhibit the paintings of Polish artist Franciszek Kulon through Dec. 30.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The foundation is located at 177 Broadway, Clark. For information, call (732) 382-1919.

**NJ STATE TEEN ARTS** touring Exhibit will be on display through December at NJ State Aquarium in Camden.

The aquarium is located at 1 Riverside Drive in Camden. For information, call (800) 616-5297.

**JACOB TRAPP GALLERY** in Summit will display color photos by Carl Levin through Jan. 5.

Gallery hours are weekdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to noon. The gallery is located at 4 Waldron Ave., in Summit. For information, call (973) 467-8669.

**EDITIONS TEN: Specialtones** will be on display through Jan. 9 at NJ Center for Visual Arts in Summit.

NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

**IMAGES OF THE AMERICAN WEST** by photographer Hal Norman Krogstad will be on display through Jan. 7 at Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Library.

Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Friday and Saturday to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-4930.

**LES MALAMUT** Gallery at Union Library will exhibit "Images of the Imagination" through Jan. 9.

Library hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The library is located at Finberger Park, Union.

**EUGENIE GALLERY** in Scotch Plains will display "Art Visions from the Heart of Scotch Plains" fine art aerial photography by Owen Kanzler of Linden through Jan. 15.

Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gallery is located at 501 Park Ave., Scotch Plains. For information, call (908) 322-6333.

**ART AT OVERLOOK** Hospital in Summit will feature "Works in Pastel" by student members of Morris County Art Association through Jan. 16.

The hospital is located at 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit.

**THE ARTIST INTERPRETS** exhibit will be on display through Jan. 17 at NJ Center for Visual Arts in Summit.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 273-9121.

**CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL** in Mountainside will feature paintings by Dorothy Hamm and Margot Trott, and photography by Dana Benner, through January.

Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily. Exhibits are displayed in the East Wing, accessible by the Ambulance Entry. The hospital is located at 150 New Providence Road, in Mountainside.

**CLARK LIBRARY** will display the oil paintings of Rahway resident Ann Schaeffer through January.

The library is located at 303 Westfield Ave., Clark.

**VISUAL EXPLORATION** I, created by students grades 1-12, is on display through January at NJ Performing Arts Center.

NJPAC is located at One Center St., Newark. For information, call (888) GO-NJPAC.

**SUMMIT FRAME AND ART** is currently featuring Fuiper Pottery dating from 1909 to 1922.

Hours are Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. The store is located at 465 Springfield Ave., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-8665.

## Auditions

**FUNCTION 19** will have auditions for singers, dancers and actors age 18+ and over for a musical showcase on Monday and Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Roselle Park.

Performances are Feb. 13, 14 and 15, 1999. The church is located at 83 Galloping Hill Road in Roselle Park.

**STONY HILL PLAYERS** will have auditions for "The Odd Couple" on Sunday and Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Oakes Municipal Outreach Center, in Summit.

Needed are 6 men and 2 women age range 30 to 50s. The church is located on Russell Place in Summit. For information, call (973) 376-0901.

**THE ESSEX CHORALE OF SHORT HILLS** seeks singers in all voice ranges. It is a small group ensemble directed by Gail Parrish, with a wide repertoire of sacred and secular music. Rehearsals are at 7:45 p.m. Wednesdays at St. John's Episcopal Church in Summit. Community chamber performances are frequently scheduled throughout the year. Group activities are encouraged in the Berkeley Heights New Providence/Summit area. Come join the choir for the pleasure of singing songs in a relaxed informal atmosphere. Call Fran Voss at (908) 665-1683 for more information.

For information, call Betty Schmidt, publicity director, at (908) 522-8402 or (908) 464-5172.

**WESTFIELD GLEE CLUB** invites male singers to come and sing at rehearsals on Mondays at 8 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield. Interested male singers are invited to call Dale Johnson at (908) 232-0673.

**RAHWAY VALLEY JERSEYAIRES** barbershop chorus rehearses in the First Baptist Church Hall, 170 Elm St., Westfield every Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Men of all ages are invited to stop by. For information, call (908) 925-8305, (908) 754-7240 or (732) 494-3580.

**SUMMIT CHORALE** rehearsals are held Tuesday evenings from 7:45 to 10:15 p.m. at Brothers Chapel on Drew University Campus, in Madison. For information, call Ann Curtain at (973) 467-1454.

**THE PHILATHALIANS OF FANWOOD** need technical help for ongoing season. For information, call Bob Peiser, at (908) 668-0312.

**SANGERCHOIR** men's chorus rehearses Friday evenings at 8:30 p.m. Schwabischer Sangerbund mixed chorus rehearses Thursday evenings at 8:30 p.m. at the Deutscher Club in Clark. New members are welcome. For information, call Manfred Schmeid, at (908) 382-4900.

**UNION HARMONICA BAND** holds practice sessions at the Senior Citizen Building, Caldwell and Morris avenues, Union, every Friday from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

## Cafes

**VAN GOGH'S EAR CAFE** presents an artsy coffeehouse atmosphere. Jazz entertainment is presented on Sundays at 9 p.m. Dec. 27, Dan Chiso. A $3 cover is charged.

Acoustic Tuesday is followed by Open Mic Night from 7:30 to 10 p.m., with sign-up at 7 p.m.

Van Gogh's Ear is located at 1017 Stuyvesant Ave., in Union. For further information, call (908) 810-1644.

## Clubs

**CROSSROADS** in Garwood will present the following entertainment this week:

Today, Treece and The West Point Street Band.

Tomorrow, screenings of "South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut" and "Nightmare Before Christmas."

Friday, Joe Tarro and the Blue Flames.

Saturday, Grant Green Jr.

Tuesday, Jazz Jam, 9 p.m.

Wednesday, The Blues Monsters.

The club is located at 78 North Ave., Garwood. For information, call (908) 232-5666.

**THE COVE** in Roselle will feature the following bands:

Sunday, Catch 22, One Cool Guy, Foil, Professor Plum, Step Lively, Losing Ground. Shows are at noon and 7 p.m. Tickets are $8.

Tuesday, One-4-One, Me vs. Me, 7 p.m., $7 cover.

The club is alcohol-free. The Cove is located at 108 Chestnut St., Roselle. For information, call (908) 241-1226.

## Classes

**LINDEN ART ASSOCIATION** will hold classes at Sunnyside Recreation Center, Melrose Terrace at Orchard Terrace in Linden. Classes are held in five-week segments as follows:

Jan. 20 — Feb. 17.
Feb. 24 — March 24.
March 31 — April 28.
May 5 — June 2.

Workshops are held every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

For information, call (908) 486-1496.

## Comedy

**JOE'S BASEMENT** at Tavern in the Park in Roselle Park presents comedians featured on HBO and VH-1 on Fridays.

Admission is $8 for show only. $25 dinner package is available. Show begins at 9 p.m. Tavern in the Park is located at 147 West Westfield Ave., Roselle Park. For information, call (908) 241-7400.

**CASUAL TIMES** restaurant features comedians on Saturdays, at 8:30 p.m. and 11 p.m.

The restaurant is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark. For information, call (908) 388-6511.

## Concerts

**TAVERN IN THE PARK** in Roselle Park features jazz music every Wednesday evening.

Admission is free. Tavern in the Park is located at 147 West Westfield Ave., Roselle Park. For information, call (908) 241-7400.

## Dance

**FOLK DANCE PARTY** will be hosted by Maplewood International Folk Dance Group on Sunday at 2 p.m. at Congregation Bnai Ahavath Shalom in Union.

Admission is $10. The temple is located at Vauxhall Road and Plane Street in Union. For information, call (973) 762-6979 or (973) 627-4386.

**THE MERRY WIDOW** will be performed by American Ballet Theatre from Monday through Jan. 3 at NJ Performing Arts Center.

NJPAC is located at One Center St., Newark. For information, call (888) GO-NJPAC.

## Discussion

**BOOK VALUE** in Westfield will feature Karen Plunkett-Powell, author of "The Nancy Drew Scrapbook: 60 Years of America's Favorite Sleuth," today at 7 p.m.

The book store is located at 301D South Ave. West in Westfield. For information, call (908) 317-9793.

**GREAT EXPECTATIONS OF LITERATURE**, a group for people who share a love for classical literature from Shakespeare on. The group meets the first and third Fridays of every month at 7:30 p.m.

For information, write to Leslie Moones, 1760 Raheway Road, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

**CLARK LIBRARY** book discussion group will feature "One True Thing" on Jan. 25.

Advance registration is suggested. The library is located at 303 Westfield Ave., Clark. For information, call (732) 388-5999.

## Film

**ELIZABETH LIBRARY** will screen "Stairway to Heaven" today at 10 a.m.

The library is located at 11 S. Broad St., Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 354-6060.

## Golf

**WINTER HOURS** at Ash Brook and Oak Ridge golf courses are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Galloping Hill Golf Course is closed through April.

Ash Brook is located on Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. Oak Ridge is located on Oak Ridge Road in Clark. For information, call (908) 789-3670.

## Kids

**BOOK VALUE** in Westfield will host a Nancy Drew scavenger hunt today at 6:30 p.m.

The book store is located at 301D South Ave. West in Westfield. For (908) 317-9793.

**ZANY BRAINY** in Springfield will host "Madeline Winter Weekend" on Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.

For ages 4 and up. The store is located at 295 Route 22 East in Springfield. For information, call (973) 467-9444.

L&M Gallery in Elizabeth will display works by painter Thomas Kinkade through tomorrow.

**BOARD BOOK BUDDIES** will take place Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Zany Brainy in Springfield.

For ages 4 and under. The store is located at 295 Route 22 East in Springfield. For information, call (973) 467-9444.

**WINTER CRAFT DAY** will take place Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Elizabeth Library, La Corte Branch.

The branch is located at 408 Palmer St., Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 820-0200, ext. 4.

**ZANY BRAINY** in Springfield will present Little Learners Activity Time on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

For ages 3 to 5 with an adult. Zany Brainy is located at 295 Route 22 East in Springfield. For information, call (973) 467-9444.

## Meetings

**CHESS CLUB** at Elizabeth Library, Elmora Branch will meet Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

The branch is located at 740 W. Grand St., Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 353-4820.

**LINDEN ART ASSOCIATION** meets at Sunnyside Recreation Center on Melrose Terrace in Linden. Business meetings are four times a year.

**NJ MOONRAKERS CLUB**, serving the taller than average stature population, holds meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. at Meadowlands Hilton Hotel, in Secaucus.

For information, call (973) 267-3648.

**UNION TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY** meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

For further information, call (908) 964-1875.

**WESTFIELD ART ASSOCIATION** holds general meetings on the second Thursday of the month at the Westfield Community Room, 425 East Broad St., Westfield, at 8 p.m. For further information about membership, call (908) 232-0871 or (908) 232-0056.

## New Year's

**UNION LIBRARY** will host a New Year's party, featuring Super Magician Ed O'Neill, on Monday at 7 p.m.

For ages 6-12. Registration is required. The library is located at Finberger Park in Union.

**ELIZABETH LIBRARY**, La Corte Branch will host a Family New Year's party on Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The branch is located at 408 Palmer St., Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 820-0200, ext. 4.

**LINDEN** Knights of Columbus will host a New Year's Eve dinner dance from 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

The hall is located at 118 Park Ave., Linden. For information, call (908) 862-3806 or (908) 587-1351.

**ST. THOMAS** Parish in Rahway will host a New Year's Eve Party from 7:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Tickets are $55. The church is located at 1407 St. Georges Ave., Rahway. For information, call (732) 388-3532.

## Radio

**WCNJ**, 89.3 FM features Leonie and Simmons "Put God in Your Life" every Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The soundtrack you hear in your head as you hand the toll collector your last dollar bill and drive tentatively into that lonely tunnel toward the Arms of Morpheus. But like, who's playing that crazy organ? RIX, Bob Rixon, WFMU 91.1 FM, Sundays, midnight to 3 a.m.

**PIPEDREAMS**, a program featuring pipe organ music, is aired every Sunday at 9:30 p.m. on WNYE-FM 91.5.

**SOUL BEGINNINGS** is a weekly feature on KISS-FM 98.7, airing on Sundays from 10 to 11 p.m. It's a nostalgic look back at classic rhythm and blues, along with historic events that shaped the music.

**WBGO** 88.3 FM serves the metropolitan area with mainstream jazz, blues and public affairs programming. Licensed to Newark Public Radio, the award-winning, non-commercial station was founded in 1979. WBGO is supported by over 12,000 members and serves about 350,000 listeners each week. WBGO cybercasts on the Internet at www.WBGO.org. WBGO programming will present the following shows this week:

Marian McPartland's Piano Jazz, 7 p.m.

Tomorrow — Portraits in Blue, 7 p.m.

Saturday — Jazz Classics, 6 a.m.

Beale Street Caravan, a one-hour magazine show about the Blues, 1 p.m.

Jazzset with Branford Marsalis, 8 p.m.

Sunday — Jazz From the Archives, 10 p.m.

Monday — Billy Taylor's Jazz at the Kennedy Center, 7 p.m.

Tuesday — Jazz Profiles, 7 p.m.

Weekdays, Evening Jazz, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

## Singles

**INTERFAITH SINGLES**, for singles over age 45 will have continental breakfast meetings on Sundays in December from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Westfield.

Donation is $2. The church is located at 170 Elm St., Westfield. For information, call (908) 233-2278.

**CROSSROADS** Christian singles, ages 23 and up, meets on Fridays at 8 p.m. at Evangel Church, in Scotch Plains.

The church is located at 1251 Terrill Road, in Scotch Plains. For information, call (908) 322-9300.

**CONVERSATIONS BY CANDLELIGHT**, is a group of single professionals meeting every week for a traditional dinner party on select Fridays.

By invitation only, telephone interview and membership required. Fee is $75 a year. For information, call (201) 967-2082.

## Television

**NEWARK BOYS CHORUS**: Roots will air today at 8 p.m., Friday at 9 p.m. and Jan. 1 at 9 p.m. on New Jersey Network "State of the Arts" airs Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 1 p.m.

**EGGTV**, a diverse comedy show based in Scotch Plains, will air their newest shows on Comcast Channel 57 on Saturday at 9:30 p.m.

**THE ARTS** is a half-hour cable television program about the visual and performing arts in New Jersey. Each month the viewer is introduced to the creative people and nonprofit organizations directly involved in upcoming cultural events. An additional feature is the monthly calendar. Each program is closed captioned for people who are deaf or have hearing impairments, as well as for those who may need assistance with the English language.

The program is carried on Comcast Cablevision Channel 57 on Union on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 8:05 p.m. It will be carried on CTN/NJ on the second and fourth Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. beginning Fall 1997.

For more information about The Arts and or for a broadcast schedule, call (908) 745-4499/3886.

**TV 36**, serving Berkeley Heights, Millburn, New Providence, Springfield and Summit, will broadcast "Kean Forum" Mondays at 11:30 a.m. and Fridays at 12:30 p.m. "Storytellers," Mondays, 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays, 5 p.m., Fridays, 5:30 p.m. "Attic Treasures," Mondays, 6 p.m., Thursdays, 9 p.m. "Family Historian," Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m., Fridays, 7:30 p.m. "Vintage Views," Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m., Fridays, 11:30 a.m. "Gourmet Liaisons," Tuesdays, 6 p.m., Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. "Into the 90s," Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., Fridays, 9 p.m. "Art Self Presents," Thursdays, 5 p.m.

**OVATION** cable channel cultural programming includes "Bringing It All Back Home," "Literati," "Painting The World," "The Shock of the New," "Civilisation," "Leading Hollywood," "Cross Channel," "Absolutely Ballroom," "Bach Cantatas," "The Transatlantic Sessions," "Extreme Africa," "Black Artists Series," "ArtsZone."

**CTN** cable channel will broadcast "Art of The Western World" on Mondays at 11 a.m. On Tuesdays, "American Cinema" at 10 a.m., "Faces of Culture," 11 a.m. On Wednesdays, "Powerock," 12:30 p.m., "Total Entertainment," 5:30 p.m. On Saturdays, "Off Beat Cinema," 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. "In The Garden," 4:30 p.m., "Golden Age of TV," 5 p.m. On Sundays, "Music and You," 6 p.m., "Asian Variety Show," 10 a.m., "Sounds of Gospel," 6:30 p.m.

## Variety

**RAHWAY SENIOR CENTER** will host a sports memorabilia and Beanie Babies show on Sunday.

The center is located at 1306 Esterbrook Ave., Rahway. For information, call (732) 827-2094.

**LINDEN LANES** features Lazer Light Bowling to the music of the 70s every Saturday night, after 10 p.m.

Games cost $3 per person. Linden Lanes is located at 741 N. Stiles Ave., Linden. For information, call (908) 925-3550.

**SPORTLAND**, Union's indoor family fun center, offers bumper cars and assorted rides, video games, air hockey tables, redemption games, basketball games, and more. The center also features a Laser Tag Arena available at a cost of $5 per person.

Sportland is located at 2441 A Route 22 West, Union. For information, call (908) 687-0500.

**NOIR SUSPICIONS**, a comic tale of intrigue and mysterious romance set on the forgotten Caribbean island of Musiques, is a follow up to "Murder at Cafe Noir." The show is performed on Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. at Murder to Go Dinner Theater in Cedar Knolls.

Dinner and show cost $42 on Fridays, $45 on Saturdays. The theater is located at Il Giardino Restaurant in Cedar Knolls. For information, call (973) 301-0562.

## Yule Tide

**CHRISTMAS EVE** on Sesame Street will be shown today at 10:30 a.m. at Zany Brainy in Springfield.

For ages 3 and up. The store is located at 295 Route 22 East, Springfield. For information, call (973) 467-9444.

**ZANY BRAINY** in Springfield will show "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" today at 2 p.m.

For ages 5 and up. The store is located at 295 Route 22 East in Springfield. For information, call (973) 467-9444.

**SANTA** will fly into Princeton Airport tomorrow.

Estimated time of arrival is 11 a.m. The airport is located on Route 206 in Montgomery Township. For information, call (609) 921-3400.

**MENTOR THEATER** of Union County will present "The Christmas Visit 1967" on Saturday at 8 p.m. at Springfield Knights of Columbus.

Tickets are $12, $10 for senior citizens and students. For information, call (908) 687-3610.

**PRESCHOOL CRAFT TIME** at Zany Brainy in Springfield will feature a Kwanzaa craft on Monday at 10:30 a.m.

For ages 3 and up with an adult. The store is located at 295 Route 22 East in Springfield. For information, call (973) 467-9444.

**NJ SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL** will present "A Child's Christmas in Wales" through Sunday at Drew University, at 36 Madison Ave., Madison. Call (973) 408-5600.

**THE NUTCRACKER** will be presented by NJ Ballet through Sunday at Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn.

Paper Mill is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information, call (973) 376-4343.

**CHRISTMAS FOLLIES** dinner theater will be presented through Dec. 31 at Old Smith's Mill in Summit. Cost is $22.95. The mill is at 447 Springfield Ave., Summit. Call 910-7461.

**CHRISTMAS SENSATIONS** will be on display through Dec. 31 at Swain Galleries in Plainfield. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday to 4 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Swains is at 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. Call (908) 756-1707.

# Orchestra performance rivals the renowned

It wasn't the Metropolitan Opera House, but the melodic sounds that emanated from St. Theresa's Church in Kenilworth on Dec. 16 personified the peace and joy of the holiday season in a way that rivaled the cadence of even the most renowned symphonies.

The church was a fitting location for the Christmas concert of the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea. The ensemble's rousing overtures and subdued symphonies commanded a sound that filled the room with a spirit worthy of heavenly praise.

Photo by Jackie Riccardi

The Reverend Alphonse Stephenson sings out as he conducts The Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea in the recent holiday concert in Kenilworth.

## Joyful Noise

By Toniann Antonelli
Staff Writer

Under the direction of the Rev. Alphonse Stephenson, conductor, the orchestra of more than 50 musicians and 13 vocalists was a representation of some 750 collective years of study, 684 teachers and 57,000 concerts and recitals. The members are the products of 177 colleges and universities around the world and are all members of the American Federation of Musicians. They have recorded a number of albums that include Christmas and patriotic melodies as well as songs from popular Broadway musicals.

"This is not the Kenilworth community orchestra. These people are professional musicians, and I think that the concert went over really well, and put a lot of people in the Christmas spirit," said Rich Donovan, the youth minister at St. Theresa's who organized the event, which is part of the parish's Jensen Concert Series, named for the church's later pastor.

The Rev. Stephenson, who was as warm and witty as he was talented, is a veteran of Broadway, where he conducted nearly 3,000 performances of the record-breaking musical "A Chorus Line," under the direction of the late choreographer Michael Bennett, beginning in 1980. A student of the late George Schick of the Metropolitan Opera and Dr. Robert Abramson of the Juliard School, the Rev. Stephenson has also been a guest conductor for numerous orchestras throughout the country, and is the founder and conductor of the Festival of the Atlantic in Point Pleasant Beach, the state's largest outdoor music festival. In addition, he also serves as a chaplain and major in the Air National Guard for the 108th Air Refueling Wing at McGuire Air Force Base.

In keeping with an initial religious theme, the orchestra began their moving program with a secular repertoire of Christmas music. Some, of the pieces were traditional, while others contained popular lyrics with a more conventional twist, created by the Rev. Stephenson. Many of the songs were led vocally by the wonderfully talented baritone Raymond Martin, a member of the New York Grand Opera (he has performed in both the United States and Germany. Martin's deep, melodic voice was both rich and powerful as it reverberated through the church in perfect harmony with the rest of the choir, which itself boasted a cadenza that left audience members in awe. The four-part harmony of the choir lent itself to the orchestra not as an accompaniment but as another instrument in the choir as which was at times distinctive, and at other times united with the string, brass, wind and percussion sections that made up the impressive ensemble.

Following an intermission, Rev. Stephenson led the orchestra into a more traditional repertoire of holiday songs. The sounds of the ensemble called to mind holidays past, as the conductor leading the group in a quiet waltz, attempted to help audience members to recapture long-forgotten memories of a time when life was seemingly simpler.

This journey back in time gave way to a collage of nursery rhymes performed with a light hearted and animated touch. The orchestra's rendition of "The Itsy Bitsy Spider," "Pat-Pat Mary," "Hickory Dickory Dock," "Ba, Ba, Black Sheep," "Mary Had a Little Lamb," "Three Blind Mice," and other popular rhymes sounded as melodic and light as any classical composition.

The orchestra's music continued with a collection of instrumental renditions of songs from various classic Walt Disney movies such as "Mary Poppins" and "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." The youthful melodies lent an air of amusement and familiarity to the performance.

Straying from the usual fanfare of "Stars and Stripes Forever," by John Phillip Sousa, Rev. Stephenson in a fitting welcome to the Christmas season, ended the orchestra's program with an instrumental version of "Jingle Bells."


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Shopping online offers lots of benefits that you won't find shopping in a store or by mail. For example, the Internet is always open — seven days a week, 24 hours a day, and bargains can be numerous online. Shopping on the Internet also can be as safe as shopping in a store or by mail. Keep in mind the following tips to help ensure that your online shopping experience is a safe one.

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# Shopping index reports an increase in holiday spending

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The survey found that despite stock market volatility, only 5 percent of respondents said they would spend less this season than previously anticipated. When asked about the stock market's impact on planned holiday spending, 90 percent of consumers said they did not expect to adjust their holiday shopping budgets. In fact, the average holiday shopper expects to spend more this year than last.

According to the American Express Retail Index, shoppers plan to spend more this year on gifts and entertaining, while budgets for holiday travel and decorations remained level with last year's forecasts. Shoppers will spend a further $64 on other, unnamed holiday expenses.

"Consumers are telling us they are going to be spending more this year despite concerns over fluctuations in the stock market but retailers will still need to try their hardest to capture spending and loyalty at this time of year," said Emelie Smith, vice president, Retail Industries, American Express TRS.

Although projected spending on a special someone is down slightly, 46 percent of adults say they will splurge on a family member or friend this year, up 6 percentage points from 1997. Spending levels by those who splurge bodes well for retailers, with 29 percent saying they will purchase higher ticket items including jewelry, perfume, jackets and dress clothing, plane tickets and fancy gadgets.

The American Express Retail Index also found that while men tend to be the most generous gift-givers and will outspend women again this holiday season, the gap is closing. Women are budgeting 16 percent more in 1998 than they did in 1997. Anticipated spending by men, on the other hand, rose only 4 percent.

Other holiday shopping trends which differ between men and women include:

• Women begin shopping earlier than men and finish earlier, while many men shop at the last minute.

• Women are more likely to look for sales. Eighty-nine percent of women reported they would shop, versus 79 percent of men.

Twenty-six percent of men plan to take advantage of gift-wrapping services, versus only 8 percent of women.

According to the American Express Retail Index, clothing tops the list as the most popular gift to give among adults, followed by electronics, CDs and videos, toys, gift certificates/cash and perfume/cologne. Among those buying electronics, the number one item consumers will purchase this year are computers, followed by personal/household appliances, CD players and video games.

The holiday survey also revealed that 72 percent of consumers are buying gifts for children this year. Of those, 98 percent will give toys as gifts. Forty-one percent of toy buyers say they will likely buy a gift from among the many heroes on the chart at this year, including Teletubbies, Space Jam merchandise, Beanie dolls and toys, Beanie Babies, Tyco/Mattel Wrestlemania, and Star Wars Godzilla and Small Soldiers action figures. Other gift-giving findings from the American Express Retail Index include:

• Sixty percent of shoppers will give stocking stuffers or small gifts this year, spending an average of $16 per person.

• Forty seven percent of pet owners plan to buy a holiday gift for their pet.

• Twenty seven percent will buy a gift for their boss, spending an average of $54.

Department stores continue to rank all other types of stores as the most popular places to shop for holiday gifts, decorations and other necessities. Clothing stores ranked second, followed by discount department stores.

According to the American Express Retail Index, on holiday shopping and related engine shopping by consumers rose from 8 percent in 1997 to 10 percent in holiday season. Shopping at free standing stores also rose from 47 percent in 1997 to 61 percent in 1998. Catalog shopping remained virtually unchanged at 25 percent.

Altogether, respondents participating in the American Express Retail Index holiday shopping survey said they would take an average of 8 shopping trips visit about 12 different stores to get their shopping done. Added American Express's Smith, "Consumers are shopping more often and at more places than in the past and are clearly taking the time to find the best value by shopping this frequently and at this many locations."

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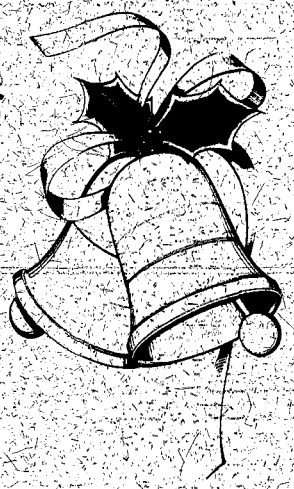
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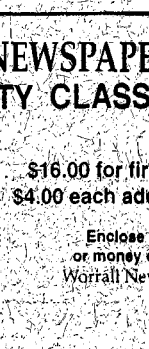


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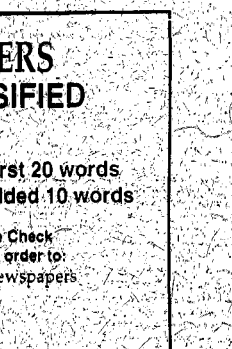

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# Real Estate

## Company using technology for fast service

With the addition of sophisticated new laptop computers, the more than 140 loan officers at Mortgage Access Corp have set a goal of prequalifying homebuyers for loans in as little as one hour.

"The laptops and upgraded software will allow our loan officers to quickly pre-approve homebuyers who want to take advantage of incredibly low interest rates," said Tim Good, president of Mortgage Access. "A new e-mail system keeps the officers in constant contact with their home offices for updates on loan statuses and other important data."

Mortgage Access Corp, an affiliate of Weichert Realtors, was one of the first mortgage bankers to outfit its loan officers with laptop technology more than nine years ago. The company even has a "hot spare" program so loan officers are never without a laptop computer.

With portable laptops, people who are making important home-buying decisions can have instant answers to questions such as:

- "What effect would it have on the total amount of interest paid if I added an extra $100 payment to the principal each month?"
- "What additional amount would I have to pay each month to reduce my mortgage term to 20 years?"
- "Can you show me the difference between a low-starting adjustable rate mortgage and a conventional mortgage?"

Mortgage Access' loan officers can quickly give homebuyers the answers — in writing — to these questions and more. New software will also allow them to use graphics to visually display various scenarios, such as the differences between two loans.

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Dennis Salvatore, director of Mortgage Access Corp's computer operations, demonstrates how quickly homebuyers can obtain a 'SNAP' mortgage approval with Mortgage Access' new laptop computers and software.

## Leases lead to full occupancy in Five Points

Three new tenants have leased space at Five Points Shopping Center in Union, it was announced by Paragano Associates, owner of the 38,000-square-foot strip center located on Chestnut Street. The multi-year transactions, totaling nearly 12,500 square feet, bring the property to 100 percent occupancy.

Bottle King has opened an 8,000-square-foot store at Five Points Shopping Center. The discount merchant sells fine wines and spirits as well as assorted entertainment items and is the leading beverage retailer in New Jersey.

"Five Points Shopping Center truly is the retail focal point for the area," said Ken Friedman, president of Allied Management, the management company for Bottle King. "Traffic has been excellent since our opening in late summer." Franchisee Larry LaSala owns the new store at Five Points Shopping Center.

In addition, Times Farm opened a 2,500-square-foot grocery store at the property, as well as General Nutrition Centers opening a 1,850 square foot store on site. "We welcome these three notable retailers to Five Points Shopping Center and are pleased that their presence has helped the property reach the 100 percent milestone," said Larry Paragano Jr., managing member of Paragano Associates. "Five Points Shopping Center has long been a landmark in the Union Township community, and the caliber of our new tenants complement greatly the property's outstanding reputation."

Additional stores located there include Blockbuster Video, Subway Sandwich Shop and Sovereign Bank, among others. The property also features 100 square feet of office space located in the center of Union County. Five Points Shopping Center is easily accessible from all major routes in the area.

## Estep joins Weichert's Summit office

Douglas Estep has joined the Summit office of Weichert Realtors as a sales associate.

Estep, a lifetime resident of Bloomfield, previously was employed as a chauffeur and emergency medical technician.

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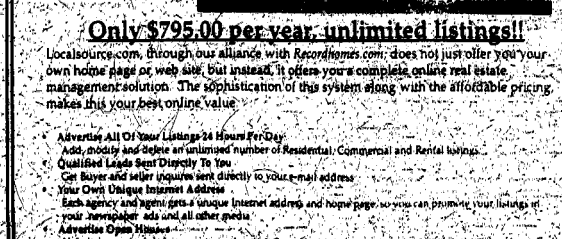

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# Automotive

## Vortec engines represent a range of truck needs

GMC's 96 years of being America's authentic truck producer is clearly evident in the configurations of the all-new 1999 Sierra's three new Vortec V8 engines.

The three new powerful V8s, a hefty V6 and an improved 6.5 liter turbo diesel give customers of the 1999 Sierra a full range of powertrains to cover a wide range of truck needs.

The GMC's family of small block Vortec V8 engines represent a new high pushrod engine technology. Powertrain engineers have extended power limits to nearly 50 horsepower per liter of displacement while crafting a long, flat torque curve for exceptional trailering and hauling abilities.

Gone from the next generation Sierra lineup are the 5000 V8, the 5700 light-duty and the 5700 heavy-duty V8 powerplants. The new definition of professional power is embodied in the new configurations of 4.8, 5.3 and 6.0 liter V8 engines.

The new Vortec 4800 V8 generates 255 horsepower at 5200 rpm and churns out 285 lb-ft of torque at 4000 rpm. In replacing the Vortec 5000, the 4800 provides 25 more horsepower and reaches peak performance higher in the rpm range. Engineers enlarged the bore to 96.01 millimeters for better cylinder breathing while reducing the stroke by more than 4 millimeters to 83.0.

The new displacement configuration yields peak torque high in the rpm cycle, which means a long, flat torque curve for improved pulling and hauling power. The GMC Sierra equipped with the 4800 V8, automatic transmission and a 4.10 rear axle carry a Gross Combined Weight Rating of up to 13,000 pounds.

*The Vortec 5300 is more powerful,* yet displaces less volume than the 5700 light duty truck engine it replaces. The Vortec 5300 V8 yields 270 horsepower at 5000 rpm and 315 lb-ft of torque at 4000 rpm. The 5300 has the same bore dimension — 96.01 millimeters — as the 4800, but the 92.0-millimeter stroke gives the 5300 more torque.

Like the 4800, the 5300 Vortec delivers a long, relatively flat torque curve for foreseen pulling and hauling power. The GMC Sierras equipped with the 5300 V8, automatic transmission and a 4.10 rear axle offer a GCWR of up to 14,000 pounds.

For heavier jobs, the Sierra 2500 Series offers a Vortec 6000 V8 that kicks out 300 horsepower at 4800 rpm and a 355 lb-ft of torque at 4000 rpm. Like its 4800 and 5300 cousins, the 6000 delivers high torque throughout the power curve for exceptional towing and hauling capabilities.

A 2500-series Sierra with the 6000 V8 engine and automatic transmission has a GCWR of 16,000 pounds. Additional, the 2500 Series truck with a 6000 engine provides Sierra with a best-in-segment trailer rating of 10,500 pounds.

Aluminum cylinder heads on the 4.8L and 5.3L engines will cast iron heads on the 6.0L engine have been redesigned for improved airflow. Where the previous generation Vortec V8 had paired exhaust and intake ports that were identical only to each other, the new Vortec engines have common dimensions for all ports. The result is balanced cylinder to cylinder air and fuel distribution.

The new cast iron block features a deep skirt design which means the block extends below the crankshaft centerline. This new design increases block rigidity and reduces torsional flex.

The Sierra Vortec V8 valvetrain has been modified for greater stability, efficiency and improved combustion. These modifications include the use of hydraulic roller lifters and roll *of rockers and changing the valve* angle from 23 to 15 degrees.

A better-balanced engine means less vibration, noise and harshness. A redesigned crankshaft with the thrust bearing in the center and a new cylinder firing order contribute to smoother operating engine.

Another goal of the new Vortec V8 was emissions reduction. To that end engineers placed the top ring of the piston closer to the top and eased tension on the ring to reduce friction.

New sealing system improvements include a coil near plug design that increases the amount of energy delivered to each spark plug by 50 percent. New ignition system sensors permit quick identification of individual cylinders and accurate location for precise spark and fuel delivery, resulting in more efficient burn and better performance.

The 6.5 liter turbo diesel generates more horsepower and torque than before. The 6.5L churns out 215 horsepower at 3400 rpm and 440 lb-ft of torque at 1800 rpm.

Other diesel engineer improvements include:

- Increased cooling system flow
- Upgraded fuel injection pump
- Double filtration fuel filter with water separator and fuel heater
- Five-year, 100,000 mile warranty

Numerous improvements make the 4L80 and 4L60-E automatic transmissions more efficient and durable.

One of the most significant improvements is the incorporation of the Tow/Haul mode, which gives the Sierra the world's premier trailer pulling package. When the vehicle is heavily loaded or pulling a trailer, the Tow/Haul mode lengthens the time between gear shifts and makes the shift quicker. For example, at part-throttle the first gear shift will be at 22 mph in Tow/Haul mode as opposed to 20 mph in regular operation. The driver can access Tow/Haul mode by pressing a button on the shift lever.

These 1999 revisions contribute to transmission heat management. Once is the largest sump plan that increases the amount of transmission fluid, and the other is a redesigned torque converter that produces 15-20 percent less heat than previously.

1999 Audi Avant

## Audi Avant advances beyond the obvious

Audi has always used advanced technology and engineering to go beyond the obvious needs of the driver and the passenger to deliver more — like fully galvanized body panels for long-term corrosion resistance, the legendary Quattro all-wheel drive system and five-valve engine technology. The new A6 Avant is built around these advanced technologies.

All A6 Avants in North America will come with both Quattro all-wheel drive and a five-speed automatic transmission with Tiptronic as standard equipment. The new A6 Avant derives more power than its predecessor from a 2.8 liter 20 valve V6 engine with twin dual overhead cams, variable intake valve timing and a variable geometry composite intake manifold. This combination of winning engine technologies delivers 200 horsepower at 6000 rpm and its full 207 lb-ft of power at a low 3200 rpm for better off the line acceleration.

The driver also gains more control than before from a five-speed automatic transmission with Tiptronic, the standard and only transmission available in the new A6 Avant. This transmission, a feature found on few cars and no SUVs, can be used like a normal automatic transmission or move into a special shift gate where the driver can upshift and downshift manually without a clutch. When mated to the Quattro system, this transmission delivers a very respectable fuel economy rating of 17 miles per gallon city and 26 mpg highway with a combined rating of 20 mpg.

Building on some of Audi's best technology engineering tools, the main link from suspension that has earned such acclaim for its driving feel and precision in the A4 and A8 and made it even better. By incorporating numerous cast and forged aluminum parts, such as the fixture brackets for the springs and all guide arms, along with a new hydro-formed tubular sub-frame made of high-weight steel, the weight of the front suspension assembly was reduced. A new double-wishbone rear suspension was developed for the A6 to provide outstanding comfort and greater dynamic stability while taking up less space to maximize available cargo capacity in the luggage area.

Based on the history of building Avants, it became clear that customers purchased these vehicles for the added versatility they offer. These owners wanted uncompromised comfort without losing the utility of added space or the surefoodness of all-wheel drive. That is why Audi incorporated the Quattro system as standard equipment in this vehicle, giving drivers the ultimate in traction, control and utility. This fourth generation all-wheel drive system automatically shifts up to 66 percent of the available torque to whichever wheel has the most traction. Quattro assures the driver maximum contact with, and power transfer to, the road in all driving condition.

As a pioneering force in automotive aluminum technology, Audi is now using aluminum for the door frames, bumper mounts, driver's area frame module, side impact beams, as well as the hood of the A6 and many other items. While gaining 20 percent in terms of torsional rigidity, it is 36 percent lighter than conventional hoods. Audi's increasing use of aluminum in its vehicles for added weight savings and improve fuel economy is a testament to the learning it has gained from its experience in designing and building its all aluminum flagship, the A8.

*On the interior,* Audi is using fiber optics to illuminate switch symbols and the door handles. For increased night visibility, the surfaces of other controls in the center console are illuminated by indirect lighting emanating from two diode lights integrated into the roof lining.

Even the key has been considered in this new car. It folds away and a fob which controls the remote locking system, and activates the interior lights and alarm system.


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# Lexus hints at the future of high performance sedans

A dramatic hint of what's in the future for luxury sedans, the Lexus high performance sedan concept vehicle combines advanced styling with innovative packaging efficiency and provides a showcase for a variety of new Lexus technologies expected in the near future.

HPS is a creation of Lexus' parent company's design studio in Japan. It is a high performance luxury sedan with attributes placed on compact and mid-size exterior sizes, very powerful yet efficient engine output, superior handling, ample interior comfort and balanced levels of stability and ride.

Lexus designers sought to redefine luxury performance chassis layout using mid-engine rear wheel drive. The arrangement is a step beyond so called front-wheel drive, front-engine layout and mid-engine rear wheel drive layout. It combines the performance and handling benefits associated with mid-engine cars for improved efficiency and commonly associated with rear wheel drive. As a result weight, aerodynamic and aerodynamic propulsion are enhanced to benefit acceleration and handling performance.

The approach to front end design follows the spirit of the ground-breaking Lexus Coupe in sport sedan form. Its dramatic headlights incorporate self-leveling high intensity discharge lamps with inboard high beam lights arrangement is continued in the taillight theme.

Extremely short front and rear decks and minimal body overhangs generate a taut muscular stance. Wide fender flares emphasize the much performance wheels and tires, especially considering the car's intent. Despite its long greenhouse and short deck lengths, trunk space is exceptionally deep, thanks to careful packaging of rear suspension, fuel tank and other components.

The HPS is powered by an all aluminum 32-valve V-8 engine using a newly developed intelligent variable timing system. As first for any V-8 engine, VVT provides continuously variable adjustment of intake valve timing in response to engine speed and load. This results in superb low end torque, high power, excellent fuel efficiency and very low emissions.

The Lexus HPS V-8 is coupled to an experimental 5-speed transmission which can operate in either of two modes providing fully automatic or sequential manual control. The transmission concept affords the best of both worlds for drivers who enjoy the control of manual shifting when driving for pleasure, but must contend with urban stop-and-go when driving for work.

The Lexus HPS is controlled in manual mode by finger-tip shifting buttons on both horizontal steering wheel spokes. Downshifts are triggered by touching a button in the front of the steering wheel, with either thumb. Upshifts are controlled by index finger contact with buttons on the back side of the steering wheel spoke. Computer software insures rapid shifts in response to driver commands and will prevent shifting in circumstances which may cause engine damage or loss of vehicle control. The transmission also may be shifted by means of a console mounted, gated shift lever, accessing each individual forward speed as well as conventional automatic operation.

As a driver oriented performance sedan the Lexus HPS design philosophy puts maximum active safety and control. In addition to the high level of driver control made possible by its transmission system, the HPS incorporates electronic traction control and anti-lock brakes and electronic vehicle stability control.

The VSC system harnesses the sensors, actuators and computer electronics of the anti-lock braking and traction control systems to help avoid and recover from vehicle skids and spins caused by understeer or oversteer conditions. Internal gyro sensors and yaw rate sensors detect when the car's direction of travel does not correlate with driver steering inputs. It then uses throttle and brake intervention to stabilize the vehicle and maintain the desired line of travel.

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