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Impact of our actions

At the annual county Democratic holiday party in Union on Sunday, Assemblyman Neil Cohen sat with a group of friends enjoying the festivities. With an all too present cigarette in hand, he saw a pretty impressive group of visitors including our two U.S. senators and the governor-elect stop in to send greetings to the political hierarchy.

For Cohen, the new year may not be as festive as he takes on the important chairmanship of the Assembly Banking and Insurance Committee. With the Democrats taking control of the Assembly for the first time since 1991, it was a safe bet the Roselle legislator would get an important position.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

In good times, legislative committees regulating financial institutions are pretty low key. It is the equivalent of stepping aside and letting the economic engine move forward. But in times of recession, problems like auto insurance rates and banking fees become more prickly. They are issues which are fast coming to the front burner.

The assignment to Cohen seems intriguing. One of the more progressive members of the lower house, he will find himself dealing daily with the very conservative, even stodgy, types of the financial world. His past experience included vice chairman of both the Environmental and Consumer Affairs committees the last time Democrats were in charge. During the years of Republican control he served as deputy minority leader. A tough negotiator, he still maintained a friendly relationship with the Republican leadership.

Reflecting on his new chairmanship, Cohen quipped, "It will be interesting." With some prodding, Cohen gave the outline of a plan he has obviously been considering. He speaks about his desire to bring stability to auto rates and this serious problem of uninsured motorists as priorities.

Cohen has been meeting with the technical staff at the Office of Legislative Services to map out the nuts and bolts of existing proposals. "Before we act on legislation affecting regulated industries, we will study first and understand the impact of our actions." One interesting proposal he revealed is to set in operation in Texas which sets auto rates based on actual mileage as opposed to the complicated tiering system we have in New Jersey. If your driving is limited to local trips, it sounds enticing.

Cohen expresses some optimism on the economy. He points to the downward slide of oil prices and his hope for an economic rebound in the second quarter. But I suspect the responsibility of his committee to take some action will grow.

Cohen's past diversity of experience and ability to see the problem from different perspectives may be helpful. A philosophy of taking action only after first understanding their full impact if you will.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

Architects hired for Trailside expansion

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

DMR Architects of Maywood received a \$377,500 contract last month from the Board of Chosen Freeholders for design services to the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. When architects presented conceptual designs for the project last summer, they anticipated construction for the proposed expansion to take about 15 months.

In May, the freeholders entered into an agreement with DMR to provide additions and alterations to Trailside, funds for which will come from the county's Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund. At the time the county awarded \$25,000 to the architectural firm for the conceptual designs. The latest \$377,500 contract awarded last month includes the earlier \$25,000. County Manager Michael Lapolla said. The architects were scheduled to meet earlier this week with county park officials about specifications and architectural designs.

The \$2.5-million expansion project at Trailside is expected to add 17,000 square feet to the existing 7,700-square-foot facility. Classrooms will be added along with exhibit space and storage areas. The current facility eventually will be restored and connected to the new addition.

This is the first major expansion at the Trailside center since it opened in 1974. Officials estimate that 60,000 people registered for programs there last year.

Since a key component of the expansion is classroom space, Debra Judd, director of the Division of Recreation and Administrative Support, said DMR was selected because of its expertise in schools, classrooms and educational settings. The architectural firm has worked with various school boards including Alpine, Asbury Park, Bricktown and Butler, among others.

Currently, there are two areas used as classrooms at the center, Judd said, while offices are crowded into the balcony area. Another important aspect of the project is that the restrooms will finally become handicapped-accessible, she added.

Her little pony



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Seven-year-old Cranford resident Meghan Wright, a second-grader at Walnut Avenue School, says hello to a petting zoo pony during activities at Union County's annual tree lighting ceremony earlier this month at the Watchung Stables.



'I SAW MOMMY KISSING SANTA' — Mary Kate Grimes, 5, of Roselle Park and Elizabeth Meagher, 3, of Linden hit the ice with Santa Claus, left, during Skate with Santa at Warnanco Ice Skating Center in Roselle on Saturday while Mommy Susan Meagher, right, kisses St. Nick in hopes of getting a good gift this year. The center will be open with extra sessions Dec. 26-28 and Jan. 1. For information, call 908-298-7850.



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Salary hikes approved

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The county's three constitutional officers will receive retroactive 3-percent salary increases for 2001 along with most of the county's department heads after the Board of Chosen Freeholders unanimously approved a new salary ordinance last week.

County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, Sheriff Ralph Froehlich and Surrogate James LaCorte will earn \$111,647 in 2001, an increase of \$3,252 over last year. In addition to the constitutional officers, members of the Union County Board of Elections received raises of 3 percent. Board members Teresa Hale and Mary Ellen Harris will earn \$11,670, an increase of \$340 from \$11,330 in 2000 while Chairwoman June Fischer and Secretary John DeSimone each will earn \$17,505, \$510 more than the \$16,995 last year.

For the most part, county department heads received 3-percent raises with the exception of County Manager Michael Lapolla and Deputy County Manager and Director of Economic Development George Devaney who received 5 percent and 6 percent, respectively. Lapolla will earn \$139,123 in 2001 while Devaney will earn \$113,915.

Freeholder Clerk Elizabeth Genievich will receive an increase of nearly 13 percent, from \$77,863 to \$87,836. Officials described her increase, however, as a salary adjustment as the board has been trying to bring her salary in line with other department heads in recent years.

The average salary of the 11 department heads in 2001 is \$106,227, up 4.2 percent, from \$101,938 in 2000.

There was little comment from citizens during the public hearing on the salary ordinance at last week's meeting, although several Republicans were in attendance.

One of the few comments from the public came from Jacob Magiera, a former Roselle Park councilman, who asked that the board reconsider the raises in light of the declining economy following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and postpone them until a better time.

Tobacco settlement funds used for enforcement

By Steven Reilly
Staff Writer

Health officers throughout Union County are participating in the Union County Tobacco Control Grant Program. The program is designed to help individual municipalities enforce smoking laws and monitor the sale of tobacco products to minors.

The \$72,000 state grant is part of the monetary award. New Jersey received from the federal government through the settlement of lawsuits against the tobacco companies that included cases of wrongful death due to tobacco products and targeting the sale of tobacco to minors.

The state also plans to use the remaining funds received to help lower the costs incurred by the medical community in dealing with uninsured patients who have developed cancer or related illnesses due to tobacco use.

Another use is an advertising campaign to discourage minors from starting to use tobacco products.

The grant Union County received is administered by the Township of Union Health Department. All of the other 20 municipalities in the county

report to the township's office. Dennis San Filippo, the township's health officer, said Union was chosen for its available manpower and computer access.

The main goals of the program are to stop the sale of tobacco products to minors, improve the number of smoke-free workplaces, and encourage restaurants in the county to become smoke-free.

There are 956 restaurants in Union County, 421 are smoke-free in 2001, which is up from just 74 in 2000, San Filippo said. "The biggest health concern in the restaurants is the health of the workers who have to be around smoke in their workplace."

The tobacco control program also is pushing for more legislation to control the sale of products and to restrict the areas that allow smoking within workplaces.

"The cigarette vending machines have been almost completely removed and only are in bars in some towns," San Filippo said. "The problem with them is that they are hard to supervise the sale to minors. The program offers a hotline,

1-877-793-3177, that residents can call to report any violations to their health officials. A mother called and reported that her 14-year-old had purchased cigarettes in a local gas station. Health officials were able to monitor the station for violations that may result in fines.

Fines can start at \$250 and increase to \$1,000 for repeat offenders. In 2000, the county reported 48 violations of tobacco laws and collected \$13,000 in fines. The Township of Union had the highest number of violations with 12, collecting \$2,960.

Fines are issued for the violation of current laws. Any sale to a minor will lead to a fine after a third offense. Improper display of warning signs will call for written warnings followed eventually by fines.

Restaurants and workplaces that have volunteered to be smoke-free are not subject to fines for any violations. Current laws mandate that areas be designated as smoking or non-smoking, providing a zone of separation of the areas. Some restaurants that have volun-

teered to go smoke-free have reported a positive response from customers.

Tino Mendes, an owner of Costa del Sol in Union, said his restaurant sees more children and families enjoying their dinners in the smoke-free environment.

"Good food and cigarettes don't go together," Mendes said. "The restaurant is a healthy place to eat and work. Our employees are very happy with the change."

Mendes, who was a smoker for 20 years, said he understands how hard it is to give up the smoking habit. Having a place that is smoke-free can make the effort a bit easier, he said.

However, not all establishments believe having a smoke-free business is in their best interest.

"I wouldn't mind being smoke-free if every other restaurant did it to; I don't want to be the only one," said Jimmy Mikros, manager of the Mark Twain Diner in Union. "I have a lot of customers who smoke and I don't want to lose their business. Right now we accommodate both, smokers and non-smokers; we have dining rooms for both."

Winter Session at UCC offers students chance to get ahead

For the fourth consecutive year, in recognition of the fact that college students are often interested in accelerating the pace at which they can complete their college degree, Union County College is offering a wide array of popular courses during what has been the traditional winter holiday break. These intensive three-week courses will provide students who successfully complete them the same number of credits they would earn over a traditional 15-week semester.

Beginning Wednesday and ending Jan. 11, the college is offering 28 of

its most popular courses. During the session, in observation of the holiday, no classes are scheduled for New Year's Day Jan. 1.

Winter Session courses include Biology of People and the Environment, Introduction to Contemporary Business Organization and Management, Introduction to Chemistry, Principles of Economics I, English Composition I and II, Public Speaking, American Literature II, Music Appreciation, Physical Geography, Introduction to Western Civilization I, Introduction to Mathematical Ideas,

Algebra, Concepts of Adult Fitness, Decisions for Wellness, Beginning Golf, General Psychology, Principles of Sociology, and Beginning Spanish I. All sessions will be offered in the morning on the College's Cranford campus.

Students from UCC, as well as other colleges, may recognize that many of these are required for completion of their degree program. Area residents from local colleges as well as students at home for the holidays can get a head start on a future semester's work by enrolling in and com-

pleting them in the space for only 12 class days.

Last year, students from more than 30 colleges and universities joined UCC students for the Winter Session. Among these were students from NJIT, Rutgers, Drew, Fairleigh Dickinson, Montclair State, New Jersey City and Rowan universities and Bloomfield College, the College of New Jersey and the College of St. Elizabeth. Students attending college outside of New Jersey came from schools that included Johns Hopkins University, Bloomsburg University,

the universities of Delaware and Maryland, Quinnipiac and Marist colleges, Virginia Military Institute and Rochester Institute of Technology.

According to Wallace Smith, UCC's vice president for academic affairs, both traditional students who enter college directly after high school graduation and adult students who have delayed their education recognize the value in securing credits at convenient times and locations.

"With the pressures that both traditional and non-traditional students face with regard to balancing school,

families and careers, any opportunity to accelerate their education should be a welcome one," said Smith. "At Union County College we are committed to providing educational services which will help relieve today's students from the 'time poverty' with which they are faced," he said. "This three-week Winter Session has proven extremely popular and is one of our efforts to help them out."

For information on the Winter Session, call Union County College at 908-709-7518 or visit the admissions office on any UCC campus.



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Eclectic band focuses on fun in their music & performances

By Bill VanSant
Associate Editor

What do you get when you cross Eddie Van Halen, Fishbone, rap, ska, funk, hard rock, a questionably named superhero and a healthy dose of sick humor?

For fans of New Jersey rock clubs, the answer is easy: F.O. The Smack Magnet.

Wrapping up a rehearsal last week in Studio A at Network Music Studios in Union — where, the tempiece on the wall always reads 2 o'clock — the four members of F.O. The Smack Magnet are pumped up for their appearance this Friday night at Love Sexy in Hoboken.

Before calling it a wrap, the four turned their attention to "Screaming Profanities in a Jar." Singing the G-rated version, which was recorded this past Sunday, lead vocalist Mike Lanzafame and bassist Brian Ellingham had a great deal of trouble keeping straight faces.

Such is the nature of F.O. The Smack Magnet.

Classifying their music as "fun-core," Lanzafame said. "We say 'fun-core' because we have so many different needs, if you will, musically, we try and play all different styles, and we're a fun band live." Their musical styles range from rap to hard rock, from funk and punk to ska, with future endeavors venturing into country and the possible additions of horns.

Having all grown up in Maplewood and met in grammar school, the band members — Lanzafame, Ellingham, drummer Brian Lowe, and Ellingham's brother, Kevin, on guitar — spent their early years picking up a variety of instruments and jamming together.

"We used to jam when we were little," Kevin Ellingham said of himself and his brother. "Brian and I have been jamming ever since we were little, little kids." Kevin began study-

ing guitar at the age of 5, and Brian dabbled in a variety of instruments, including drums and bass.

Lanzafame and Lowe also studied music as children, leading to a wide range of abilities in each.

"Actually, we all can pretty much play everyone else's instrument," Lanzafame commented.

During their high school and college years, each found himself in assorted bands, sometimes together, sometimes separately.

"We had a band in high school that went nowhere," Lanzafame said, "and then I went to college, everyone else went their separate ways."

College wasn't that long ago, so all four are 20somethings with day jobs: Lowe, the youngest, is 24 and the marketing director for a family-owned business, Lowe Roofing; Lanzafame, a graphic designer with In Record Tune in New York City, and Brian Ellingham, who works at Alpha Graphics and now resides in Summit, are both 25; and Kevin Ellingham, the manager of Clatham Wine Shop, is the senior member at 26 and recently moved to Morris Plains.

F.O. The Smack Magnet was born during this transitional period.

"F.O. has been around for a while, basically just him and I making up songs," Lanzafame said with a nod toward Brian Ellingham. "And then finally, after college, we decided to just piece the band together. And we've been going ever since."

The band took its name from a superhero created in jest by Lowe's older brother, Terry.

It was their instrumental versatility that helped launch F.O. The Smack Magnet — as in its early days, the guys still switched off on instruments as they hammered out the specifics of a tune. During last week's rehearsal, Lowe and Lanzafame traded places, with Lowe playing a rockin' version of "Chain of Love" and Lanzafame



Photo by Barbara Kokkalis

The members of F.O. The Smack Magnet indulge in their unique brand of humor during a break in rehearsing. From left are Kevin Ellingham, Brian Lowe, Brian Ellingham and Mike Lanzafame.

editorializing on the condition of the drums, causing more laughs.

Humor is very important to the F.O. members. Not only is there a tongue-in-cheek quality to many of their lyrics, but their antics spread mirth among audiences as well as each other.

"I'll be playing guitar and then this jackass will do something," Kevin Ellingham said about his brother good-naturedly. "I'll be trying to play and I'll look at him and he's jumping around and I'll be like, 'I'll be hysterical laughing.'"

"We'll be up there having a great

time on stage," Brian Ellingham chimed in.

Brian Ellingham is the official class clown of the group — he's been known to wrestle, WWP-style, with a stuffed leprechaun on stage during a show.

Kevin Ellingham said, laughing, "We're literally on stage and he just pulls it out of nowhere and just starts wrestling during the break-down and the solo of the song."

"Basically, what we're about is inside jokes and movie quotes and all sorts of stuff like that just to make us laugh," added Lowe.

It was a movie quote that inspired the name of their first CD, "Mopary."

The album, of which they pressed approximately 100 copies, took its name from a laughable misdeed mentioned in "Revenge of the Nerds."

The group's current album, "Party at Bow Kraft," is available at certain area stores, and through F.O.'s Web site, www.foism.com, as well as at www.interpunk.com. Of course, the band always has a supply on hand when they play gigs. "That's where we sell most of them," Lanzafame said.

It hasn't all been fun and games,

however, as F.O. reached a highly contentious point recently. "It was probably the worst time ever," Brian Ellingham said. "So we just stopped, if we weren't going to have fun."

"We didn't play for about four months," Lanzafame added. In fact, Friday night's show in Hoboken will be the band's first public appearance since reforming earlier this year.

F.O. The Smack Magnet will go on at 11 p.m. Friday at Love Sexy, 104 Hudson St., Hoboken. Special guests The Supersores and Instant Reaction will appear at 9 and 10 p.m., respectively. Cover is \$5. For information, visit www.foism.com. The band will later appear Jan. 12 at the Stone Pony in Asbury Park with Vice, featuring Cory Clover from Living Colour.

Despite the ups and downs which plague any rock group, the four members of F.O. have enjoyed their share of success, as well as brushes with greatness.

Among the landmarks on the course thus far was the opportunity to open for Living Colour at the Burchfield in Old Bridge. Kevin Ellingham spoke of the thrill of watching members of Living Colour hepping along while F.O. was on stage playing. "It made my day," he said. "It made my year."

Such an eclectic approach comes naturally from eclectic influences. "Van Halen's a big part of my life," Kevin Ellingham said. "I don't try to play like Eddie Van Halen, I try and do whatever comes out, I don't try to imitate anybody."

Brian Ellingham lists Frank Zappa, Ween, Bela Flek and Stevie Nicks, while Lowe mentions The Descendents and Hot Rod Circuit. Lanzafame counts the Pink Generators and adds Fishbone, Funk, George Clinton and punk.

"I think it all really comes together with the humor," Lanzafame summed up. "I think that's the one thing we all have in common."

Shakespeare Fest's 'Fantasticks' is 'bright, polished'

Just as "The Fantasticks" is ending a 41-year run Off-Broadway, folks in the hinterlands have the chance to experience this little gem of a musical in a charming production at the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival on the campus of Drew University in nearby Madison.

And while the New York production appears, according to critics, to be a little frayed around the edges, this production is every bit as polished and bright as the original — almost a half a century ago and is a must-see for the holiday season.

Although "The Fantasticks" has nothing to do with Christmas, it provides an entrancing two hours of theater on stage at the intimate F.M. Kirby Theater. The little musical is "Pyramus and Thisbe" — the play-within-a-play of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" — meets "Romeo and Juliet" meets "Our Town," proving that there really are only seven plots in the world! Authors Harvey Schmidt and Tom Jones have utilized theatrical devices from every genre of classic theater from commedia dell'arte to Shakespearean conceits to everything in between to tell the funny, bittersweet tale of the frustrations and ulti-

On the Boards

By Ruth Ross
Theater Correspondent

mate joys of love — a theme bobby soxers to flower children in cyberkids can relate to.

Once again, Joe DiScher shows a deft directorial hand, placing the action on a bare stage hung with the paraphernalia of the theater and three musicians — a keyboard, a harp and drums — in full view. Using props from a trunk, including curtains hung between metal uprights, chairs, and stools, scene changes are effortless. Best of all, the audience enters the playwrights' imaginations and become partners in "masking" the play!

The cast DiScher has selected is uniformly superb. As El Gallo, the mysterious and exotic narrator, Perry Layton Ojeda has the looks of a multi-ethnic idol and a voice and stage manner to match. He's the center of attention whenever he's on stage, filling it with

his sense of style and great stage presence. Paul Benedict — Sherman Hehnsley's British neighbor in "The Jeffersons" — is superb as the worn and burning "Old Actor," as is Peter Parks Husevsky as his sidekick, an Indian who plays a mean death scene. The two of them bring down the house with their high jinks and snappy patter. Erica Piccininni is a lovely Luisa, the quintessential ingenue whose starry-eyed wonder at becoming a woman is palpable. As her callow counterpart Matt, Jared Zeus is wonderful. Zeus is the first person to complete all aspects of the festival's professional training program and then "turn pro" on the festival stage. Both young actors have beautiful voices and move around the stage with authority and confidence. Darin De Paul and Bruce Winant are the lovable, meddling parents Hucklebee and Bellony, whose expressive faces and body English leave the audience in stitches. Rounding out the cast is Greg Jackson as the ubiquitous Mate who communicates so much by merely raising an eyebrow; without even saying a word he manages to act!

Mary Kay Samouco has designed a set that reminds us we are in the fairy

tale world of the theater, while marvelously evoking the real world. Mathew Williams' lighting design was equally terrific, communicating the different times of the day and highlighting the action very well. Daryl Stone's costumes communicated theater, and Jana Zielonka's sprightly musical accompaniment never overpowered the actors.

"The Fantasticks" is the perfect conclusion to the Festival's 39th season, truly personifying its theme of "Words, Life and Art!" Take your kids and your grandkids, your spouse and your friends, for even if you've already seen "The Fantastick," the repeat experience is every bit as satisfying as the first time — and if it is your first time, this engaging and polished production will fill your heart with joy.

"The Fantasticks" will run through Dec. 30, Tuesdays through Sundays. A special Family Matinee performance offered at 2 p.m. Dec. 27 will include a post-show discussion with a "Fantastical Goodie Bag" for each child 12 years old and younger. For information, call 973-408-5600.



As El Gallo, Perry Layton Ojeda woos Erica Piccininni's Luisa in 'The Fantasticks,' on stage at the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival through Dec. 30.

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Preservation Hall Jazz Band brings 'joyful entertainment' to Paper Mill

There is nothing like a New Orleans jazz band to liven up an audience and bring it to exciting heights, and on the evening of Dec. 10, the Preservation Hall Jazz Band did just that — and more — at its concert at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn.

The completely filled theater — one would not think there were so many New Jerseyans who were such wildly avid jazz fans — was in a musical uproar from the moment seven extremely talented members of the group showed up — first, in an introductory film on a large screen, and then right there in person, right up on stage joyfully entertaining with all their hearts and souls.

The informative film, which opened with a young Louis Armstrong performing and talking about jazz in New Orleans, showed such jazz greats as David Grullier with Harold Dejan's the Olympia Band, Sweet Emma, and the originators of the Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Allan and Sandra Jaffee, who opened the Preservation Hall in New Orleans in 1961. It continued as an historical basis for what the audience was about to witness — a unique event — a rare musical experience — with the kind of audience participation that literally rocked the theater. "One can't help oneself," exclaimed a patron. "You have to move and bounce and hold yourself back from dancing in the aisles!"

One could hear every musical instrument distinctly — amazingly loud and clear — as seven great musi-

And All That Jazz

By Beo Smith
Staff Writer

cians made jazz history at the Paper Mill Dec. 10, with such outstanding numbers as "When the Saints Go Marching In," "Won't You Come Home, Bill Bailey?," "St. Louis Blues" and "St. Louis Woman." The seven all come from musical families, and some are second- and third-generation jazz musicians.

First, there was Wendell Brunious, leader of the band, who played the mumpet, which echoed such a rich sound, whenever he put it to his lips that it complemented the other musicians' entertainment. Benjamin Jaffe on the bass, the youngest member of the band, is the son of the founders. He plays a mean instrument. Grullier, a musical veteran, began playing the clarinet from the age of 10, and he received several standing ovations during this performance. Joseph Lastie Jr., a drummer and comic, is a member of one of the largest and highly regarded musical families — and brother, does it show! Rickie Monie on the piano, plays other musical instruments, but one can see and feel his great love for the piano. Frank Demond on the trombone, taught himself the banjo and the trombone, and can be heard on all the Preservation

Hall Jazz Band recordings. Don Vaspie can make the most unusual sounding music on the banjo. His great uncle, "Papa" John Joseph, was one of Preservation Hall's original members.

Together, alone, in trios — combinations — the seven musicians offered some fantastic jazz music in the first half of the program. Intermission left members of the audience in a state of rhythm and anticipation, tapping their feet, anxiously waiting for more — hardly able to contain themselves. The Creole Christmas music came in the second half of the program, "Winter Wonderland" was offered in jazz style, with the drummer waving and shaking bells to the music. Then came "Silent Night," "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," gospel music, "Lord, Let It Be," which was jazzed up just a little; a New Orleans Creole French tune, all with audience participation. Highlighting the program was band and audience alike doing "Mama Don't Allow No Music Playing Here." Great fun!

The best part of the entire program was the encore — when the brass musicians, followed by their fellow performers, and members of the audience, marched up and down the aisles to "When the Saints Go Marching In." Other members of the audience seemed to have lost themselves and began to literally dance in the aisles to the music. It was a great moment in the history of jazz at the Paper Mill Playhouse.

It was, as Brunious said, "As long as there are people who want to hear our music, the Preservation Hall Jazz Band will always be here."

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The Preservation Hall Jazz Band

Art exhibit 'Journeys' to Summit

"Journeys," a series of black-and-white photographs, will be on exhibit in the Members' Gallery at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, 68 Elm St. Summit, through Jan. 13.

Photographed over the last 12 years by artist Howard Nathenson, they represent outdoor images, wanderings and special projects. A reception for the artist will take place Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Nathenson is primarily known for his still-life images which are reminiscent of 18th-century European still-life paintings. Continuing in this mood, the landscape images on view are influenced by romantic 18th- and 19th-century European and American landscape paintings.

Several of the photographs are more conceptual in nature. The artist describes his attempt to imaginatively represent aspects of the life of one of his relatives who lived and worked on a small family property in the Berkshires. Objects placed in a brook running through the property are central to the theme and represent Nathenson's subjective musings on a country life.

Nathenson's art has been shown widely in galleries, corporations, museums and universities in the Metropolitan area including Fairleigh Dickinson University, the Paterson Museum, Palmer Museum, New Jersey Center for Visual Arts and Johnson and Johnson Corporation, New Brunswick. He is on the faculty at NJCVA and is represented in numerous national, international and private collections.

Founded in 1933 by a dedicated group of local artists, NJCVA has evolved into a major regional art center. It has a full-scale art school taught by award-winning faculty. There are two interior galleries and an outdoor exhibition space on a large garden. NJCVA, the largest visual art center in the state, is specifically devoted to contemporary art. Programs include Artists With Disabilities, docent tours, lectures, demonstrations, art trips, workshops and other activities. The nonprofit New Jersey Center for Visual Arts is wheelchair-accessible and is funded in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment of the Arts.

Bill Van Sant, Editor

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Blues legend changes opinion

By Nate Eaton
Associate Editor

In his concert Friday night at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway, blues legend B.B. King looked and sounded great — which is a different impression than what I had a while back.

About 20 years ago when I was 16 I attended a concert at Avery Fisher Music Hall, a double-bill featuring Ray Charles and B.B. King. A novice to the blues, I didn't know what to expect.

On that evening King and his band came out to play first and quite frankly, King looked tired. He seemed to miss beats, he sang as if he didn't want to be heard and, to make matters worse, the sound system was set up all wrong. The audience could barely hear his guitar; although pieces of some impressive guitar leads got through, his playing seemed disjointed. His song, "The Thrill Is Gone," took on new meaning. "Just a bad night for a blues legend," I thought at the time.

On the other hand, I was so impressed by the energy of Charles and his band, who played many of his hits, "Baby What I Say," "Georgia," others. For some reason, Charles had the advantage of a fully capable sound system.

Charles incited his old-time rhythm-and-blues fans to shout, "I can feel it!" and "Speak the truth!" Their enthusiasm for Charles was overwhelming, but the King apparently wasn't leading his people.

That night belonged to Ray Charles, but Friday night was different.

King of the blues rocks Rahway's UCAC

Concert Scene

By Nate Eaton
Associate Editor

Anyone expecting to see a tired old blues legend play a few hits and coast through a redundant instrumental set was pleasantly disappointed Friday night at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

The King of the Blues, B.B. King, surprised fans new and old by his energetic, nearly flawless "odd-style" Mississippi blues guitar playing and his big, deep raspy voice stayed strong through a rockin' blues-hits-filled two-hour set.

The 76-year-old King was backed by the seven-member B.B. King Blues Band that included two sax and two trumpet players, bass player, piano player and guitarist. The band started the evening by playing a round of leads to a blues beat; then King was introduced and with his amp cranked up extra loud he played a long guitar riff to get his set kick-started.

It was clear from the start that the blues master was in full control of his powers; his old fingers were quick and spritely on the fretboard of his beloved Gibson guitar, which he calls Lucille. He hammered out "crisp, deeply felt leads and never missed a beat. When he came out singing on "Let the Good Times Roll," the audience knew that this would be a rare performance by the King of the Blues.

As he sat on the stage surrounded by his band, the very big man looked out at the auditorium and commanded the kind of awe and respect that only comes with decades of hard-earned

experience. Since the late 1940s, King has released more than 50 albums. He began touring in 1956, a year he and his band played an astonishing 342 concerts. Since then, from small-time juke joints to symphony concert halls, King and his band have performed in 90 countries. Lately he has been averaging an amazing 250 concerts per year — and his current itinerary includes 35 concerts between now and Feb. 17.

His first holiday album, "A Christmas Celebration of Hope," appeared on shelves in September. The album's record label, MCA, is donating all profits from it to City of Hope, a biomedical treatment center for AIDS, cancer and diabetes patients.

Not bad for a 76-year-old man, who says his bad knees cause him to sit during his shows: "My band tells me I've earned the right to sit if I want to ... And I want to."

King and his band breezed through a non-stop set of blues hits that included, "I'll Survive," "Bad Case of Love," "The Thrill Is Gone," "Rock Me Baby," "Love Somebody," "In

My Lifetime," "Early in the Morning (and I Ain't Got Nothing to Do)," "I've Been Downhearted" and "I Don't Want to Be Hurt Anymore." King may sit in his chair onstage, but he dances all the same. He moves and shifts while seated in a kind of dance, leading those inclined to dance to get on their feet. And quite a few people were dancing. "I know some of you might be saying to yourselves, 'But, I ain't got that much to shake' ... That's alright," he said. "Shake what-cha got."

Ever the showman, King showed his sense of humor by playing "You Are My Sunshine." "This part of the show is just for the ladies," he said, and he began the song.

But King struck a serious chord when he said, "It's good for us to come together once in a while," then he waved his hand across the stage that was decorated with poinsettias and added, "Not just for this" — referring to the holiday celebration — "but in crisis." The feeling seemed to be shared by the audience, who on that night clearly understood that no one can rock the blues away quite like B.B. King.

The audience responded to King and his band with a few standing ovations, but when King was ready to end the night the crowd was polite and didn't attempt to force the issue with unending applause. King had displayed impressive stamina in a high-energy two-hour set and the audience



B.B. King

seemed fully satisfied when he announced he was leaving the stage.

Exiting the theater I overheard a number of people praise King for his stamina and exuberance during the show. "I haven't heard anything like that since I was about 22 years old," said one man who looked to be about 60. "His stamina is amazing," said a woman appearing to be her 70s.

And it was true. King's performance left no doubt that he has earned the right to be called King of the Blues. His guitar playing was truly

awesome for a man at any age and he sang the blues like only a man who has lived the blues can. Anyone thinking they were going to see a legend for the sake of seeing a legend were happy to know on that night King refused to rest on his laurels.

He came to Rock Rahway and he succeeded.

The B.B. King Blues Band's next New Jersey appearances will be Jan. 24 at the War Memorial Theater, Trenton, and Jan. 25 at the Count Basie Theater, Red Bank.

Recipes are sought

The Garwood Cookbook Committee, a nonprofit volunteer organization, is now soliciting recipes from anyone connected with Garwood, either resident, past resident, business or service. The committee will compile these into a Garwood memorial cookbook to be used as a fund-raiser for Garwood's 100-year anniversary celebration in 2003.

A total of five printed or typed recipes may be submitted. Along with the recipes, a recipe comment may be included. It is important to include the recipe title, category selection, name and phone number in case of questions. The eight cookbook categories will be: Appetizers and Beverages, Soups and Salads, Vegetables and Side Dishes, Main Dishes, Breads and Rolls, Desserts, Cookies, Candies, This and That. When the committee prints the recipes, it will especially include one's comment and name as a byline so one can be memorialized in the cookbook forever.

Recipes should be submitted by the end of February to the Garwood Library on Walnut Street. Cookbooks will be on sale in the summer of 2002.

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Authors' honesty comes under fire

V. S. Naipaul's "Half a Life" is his first real fiction in years. It was published this fall as his winning of the Nobel Prize for Literature was announced. In truth, although he has written that he disdains the modern novel, two of his greatest works, "Guerrillas" and "Bend Sin the River," are contemporary novels loosely based on historical fact in post-colonial Jamaica and East Africa. "Half a Life" too, brilliantly dissects the flight and rooting of a mixed-caste young man from India in contemporary London and bush Africa.

Naipaul has been criticized for some of the literary establishment by his post-colonial writing. To be specific, it is suggested by some activists that he is too sympathetic with the west and that he is anti-Islam. Frankly, he does write derogatorily about fundamentalism. Seeing the advantages of western thought and technology is an attitude increasingly shared by the Academy, but his writing is always in balance, and "Half a Life" is critical of an empty, modish London. Too, great writers frequently bewail the pitfalls of contemporary life — witness Charles Dickens and Phillip Roth.

John Edgar Wideman's "Hoop Roots" is an autobiographical exploration of the author's white, black Pittsburgh background. Focusing on his mother's family and his love of basketball as a street or court game as

On the Arts

By Jon Plout

he puts it, Wideman seeks to understand himself and the black male society stunted by prejudice. It is not quite the overpowering work of his earlier, autobiographical National Book Award nominee, "FATHERLONG," because the basketball analysis in "Hoop Roots" is best when it explores and draws out small subjects, such as Wideman's proposal to rename the Westinghouse basketball park in the black Homewood section of Pittsburgh for fallen legend and pro-basketball idol Maurice Stokes.

I believe John Wideman's body of work, including particularly "A Glimpse Away," "Brothers and Keepers," his collected short stories, and "FATHERLONG," are greater creative efforts reflecting contemporary black experience within our common American culture than the more abstract work of Nobel Prize-winning black writer Toni Morrison. Even in a somewhat more limited work like "Hoop Roots," John Wideman is our leading black writer, to which his two Faulkner awards attest.

Naguib Mahfouz's "Midnight Alley"

was written decades ago about the lives and aspirations of the struggling poor and middle class on a dead end street in Cairo during the last years of British presence. Mahfouz, an Egyptian Nobel Prize-winner for Literature, who later wrote the renowned "Cairo" trilogy, is credited by some with inventing the Arab form of the novel. However, in "Midnight Alley," he sees much further to the inescapable lure of technology and western freedom of choice on static, unformed Islamic life. The narrative, which goes from insightfully descriptive to driving melodrama, is prescient of our tragic conflict with fundamental, radical Islam today.

Mahfouz, like Naipaul and Rushdie, too, is criticized as post-colonial, because he has the temerity to condemn aspects of unformed Arab culture and society. "Midnight Alley" is in fact in the truth-telling mode of "A Tale of Two Cities." The observable technology and freedom of the west is the catalyst in opposition to the passage of days in the alley, with things remaining essentially the same, under a traditional vision of Allah's realm. Mahfouz's vision is undoubtedly disturbing for the traditional Arab, as Chekov's was for the Tsarist Russian, of 100 years ago.

Jon Plout is a resident of Summit.

Calendar offers highlights of state theaters

New Jersey's professional theaters continue to welcome audiences through their doors as the theater season kicks into high gear across the state.

There is something for everyone to enjoy as the state's finest theatrical companies feature world premieres such as "Mary Todd: A Woman Apart," at Century Stage Company in Hackettstown, and "Waiting for Tadashi," at George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick, alongside favored classics like "The Fantasticks" at New Jersey Shakespeare Festival in Madison, "The King and I" at Paper Mill: The State Theater of New Jersey in Millburn, and "Don Juan" at McCarter Theater in Princeton.

A free calendar of the statewide theater season detailing these events and many more is available now from the New Jersey Theater Alliance. To receive a free schedule of events, for more information on the Theater Sampler Series, or to subscribe to the Theater E-news, call 973-593-0189 or e-mail njtg@nj.com. Visit the New Jersey Theater Alliance Web site at www.njtheateralliance.com to find out more about New Jersey's professional theaters!

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McLynn's is a pot o' gold

By Bill VanSant
Associate Editor

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According to manager Stephen Keller, the returned popularity of martinis prompted them to create some of their own as house specials, eight in all. While I savored a smooth and delicate Chocolate Lovers Tini, made with Stolichnaya vodka and Godiva Chocolate Liqueur, my companion opted for the traditional variety made with Sapphire gin. Both were superb and created to perfection, Keller said the list will be updated every six months or so.

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The fresh mozzarella and tomato salad was crisp and refreshing. Made with field greens, the salad boasted firm tomatoes and fresh, moist mozzarella in a light balsamic vinaigrette which didn't overpower the cheese, but complemented it beautifully.

For our main courses, my companion raved over the New England style scrod, describing it as "flavorful, firm and flaky." The mashed potatoes accompanying the scrod were smooth, a nice change of pace from "smashed," which has been a culinary trend of late. "Lumpy" have become so popular," she commented. "I can't remember the last time I had potatoes that tasted like this."

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NJPAC opens three-day Kwanzaa Festival with reception today

The fifth annual Kwanzaa Festival and Marketplace, produced by the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, will begin today when NJPAC's critically acclaimed 120-voice Jubilation Choir opens the three-day celebration with "A Joyous Gospel Holiday," a rousing concert featuring gospel holiday classics and other spiritually uplifting favorites.

The Kwanzaa Festival and Marketplace is presented in association with Trinity-St. Philips Cathedral, St. James A.M.E. Church and the North Jersey Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Nationally renowned gospel artists Donald Malloy and Nancy Jackson-Johnson will join the NJPAC Jubilation Choir under the direction of Stefanie Minante. "A Joyous Gospel Holiday" will be performed today at 7 p.m. in Prudential Hall. Tickets are \$25 for adults; \$12 for children. Tickets for all Kwanzaa Festival events may be purchased by telephone, 888-GO-NJPAC, at the NJPAC Box Office at 1 Center St. in downtown Newark or online at www.njpac.org. "A Joyous Gospel Holiday" is pre-

sented as part of the Verizon Passport to Culture Series and the PSEG Holiday Celebration.

The festival continues Friday at 5 p.m. with "A Tribute to the Elders: Kwanzaa Celebration and Reception" in the Arts Center's Chase Room. The Rev. Edward Verner, senior associate minister of St. James A.M.E. Church in Newark, and Dorothy Gould, educator and assistant executive superintendent for the Newark public schools, will be honored as outstanding community elders. Honoring elders is an integral element of the annual celebration. During the celebration, the seven principles of Kwanzaa are presented: Umoja, unity; Kujichagulia, self-determination; Ujima, collective work and responsibility; Ujamaa, cooperative economics; Nia, purpose; Kumba, creativity; and Iniani, faith. Tickets to the Kwanzaa rears from previous NJPAC Kwanzaa Festivals will share their experiences Tribute to the Elders Reception are \$30.

Traditional African dance and music by the Dinuzulu African Dancers, Drummers and Singers, the oldest

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Throughout the three-day celebration, The Kwanzaa Marketplace will transform the Prudential Hall Lobby into an exciting shopping village, today and Friday, 5 to 10 p.m., and Saturday, noon to 10 p.m. Vendors will include: Top Shelf kids' wear, scarves and hand-crafted jewelry; According to Ahsana, original artwork, clothing and designs; Rhythm of Life 4U — The Soul of the Home, home furnishings; Lotus Garden, natural bath and body products; The Fashion Fields/Shanti Fields, hand-

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The Festival focus shifts from performance to family activities Saturday, from noon to 5 p.m., with the fun-filled "Kwanzaa Arts and Crafts Village" at the NJPAC Site Office across the street from The Arts Center at the corner of Park Avenue and Center Street. Special attractions in the Village feature face painting, mask crafting, Zulu friendship pins and more. All Village events are free and open to the public.

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Album responds to nation's emotional healing

Laurel Tree Record, a music label the entire focus of which is the production of instrumental music recordings designed for stress management and to enhance life quality, will share its prayer for America in a special release of Spirit, now available nationwide.

"America is trying to heal right now from its horrific losses of Sept. 11," says Dana McElwain, the president and CEO of Laurel Tree Records. "Many are turning to music in search of reassurance and renewal. 'Spirit' inspires listeners to give thanks, connect with others through acts of kindness, and renew our appreciation for the freedom we enjoy in the United States of America."

This new recording features "God Bless America," and a special medley of "America the Beautiful"/"Bridge Over Troubled Water," two tracks recorded live in New York City just days after the tragedy. Also included

are "Amazing Grace" and "You'll Never Walk Alone," tracks from "Hope," a prior Laurel Tree inspirational release.

The recording has a personal story surrounding the attacks. Production of the Laurel Tree Records release, "Vida Nueva" ("New Life"), was all set and ready to go for Sept. 12. On the morning of Sept. 11, while making last-minute preparations, Laurel Tree musicians and co-founders Kenny Werner and Dave Schroeder received an urgent phone call directing them to the breaking news on television. The session was rescheduled due to the attack on America. On Sept. 4, maneuvering around President Bush's visit to Ground Zero, National Guard troops, and territorial rancorism, Schroeder managed to ferry a carload of Brazilian musicians and their instruments across the George Washington Bridge to the New Jersey recording studio.

Although set to record an album of spirited Latin favorites, the musicians felt the energy of the wounded country and the rising up of the American spirit on what was literally "America's National Day of Prayer." Inspired by their overwhelming feelings, the musicians were moved to record "something patriotic."

"We had no intention of doing this recording," says "Spirit" co-producer and renowned jazz pianist Kenny Werner. The idea came from the drummer on the session, Duduka Da Fonseca, who suggested that "God Bless America" would make a beautiful bossa nova. Werner went on to say, "We played it. It felt so good, like to say to the soul: I think we did it in one take. We left the session feeling really, really good!"

Included in the special CD package is a Healing Activity, designed by Alicia Ann Clair, professor and director of Music Therapy at the University

of Kansas, Lawrence. Clair serves as Research Associate and Consultant to Laurel Tree Records throughout the production of all of its instrumental music for therapy recordings.

"Spirit" is available for a special price of \$6.99 at 1,000 "natural" pharmacies, hospitals, health food stores, long-term care facilities, spas and gift shops nationwide. The company is also making available a limited supply of colorful posters commemorating the release. Ten percent of the net proceeds will be donated to the Disaster Relief Fund to provide food, shelter, clothing, and counseling to victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist activities.

The music is sold locally at Overlook Hospital Gift Shop, 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit.

To learn more about the making of this recording, listen to samples and locate the nearest Laurel Tree branch, visit www.LaurelTreeRecords.com.

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Holiday Dining

NJ Ballet returns to Paper Mill with annual classic

The perennial tale of holiday enchantment, New Jersey Ballet's acclaimed production of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" returns to the Paper Mill stage for its 31st presentation Dec. 21 through 30.

Last year's 30th-anniversary production of "Nutcracker" at Paper Mill: The State Theater of New Jersey, attended by more than 17,500 patrons, broke all box office records.

To accommodate the increasing demand for tickets, an additional performance has been added this year. Ticket buyers and family audiences will also note that some performances this year are held the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. Tickets are on sale now by calling 973-376-4343 or visiting www.papermill.org.

Hailed as the premiere "Nutcracker" in New Jersey, this production by the state's leading dance company features a cast of 100, lavish sets by Paper Mill's award-winning resident scenic designer, Michael Anania, and the renowned Paper Mill orchestra.

The *Star-Ledger's* Robert Johnson proclaimed last year that "New Jersey Ballet's 'Nutcracker' is a feast, audiences can fill their hearts at a banquet of sumptuous dancing." Bea Smith of *Worral Newspapers* raved, "a marvelous celebration — this 'Nutcracker' continues to be the very best in the entire metropolitan area."

Naomi Siegel, in her review for *The Item of Millburn and Short Hills*, hailed "Nutcracker" as "a stunning accomplishment — at Paper Mill, we're reminded why it's become a universal favorite."

The "Nutcracker's" charming story, dazzling choreography and magnificent score have combined to make it one of the most popular and enduring ballets the world over. This acclaimed production tells the classic story of young Clara and her Christmas adventures in a magical world of thicc, clowns, snow flakes and sugar plum fairies, soldiers and angels, and a handsome prince. The renowned Paper Mill Orchestra, under the direction of Gary S. Fagin, brings Tchaikovsky's memorable score to life.

"The Nutcracker" will be presented according to the following schedule:
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Tickets for New Jersey Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker" at Paper Mill range in price from \$20 to \$36. A limited number of box seats are available for \$44. AMEX, Visa,

MasterCard and Discover are accepted. Groups rates are available for groups of 20 or more at 973-379-3636, Ext. 2438. For information and reservations, call 973-376-4343 or buy directly online at www.papermill.org.

Paper Mill is funded in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. Paper Mill is a member of the New Jersey Theater Alliance.

County will appear in the 2001 production of "The Nutcracker" at Paper Mill: The State Theater of New Jersey.

• Berkeley Heights: George Kavatsiuk, Maria Kavatsiuk, Courtney Nichols and Ryoko Sadohshima.

• Cranford: Corinne Chandler, Britany McMyer, Andrew Nourie, Erin Traynor and Lindsay Vanderhoff.

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• Springfield: Erin Hochantk.

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• Union: Ellie DeBevoise, Kristin Fiducia and Kimberly Heyl.

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A dancer with the New Jersey Ballet takes flight in during the party scene in "The Nutcracker," being presented at Paper Mill: The State Theater of New Jersey Friday through Dec. 30.



Snow falls on the dancers of the New Jersey Ballet during one of the many magical moments in "The Nutcracker," being presented at Paper Mill: The State Theater of New Jersey Friday through Dec. 30.

School announces new Springfield location

Since being founded in 1975, the Calderone School of Music has been operating in East Hanover and Millburn.

The Millburn location has recently moved to 256 Morris Ave. in Springfield, providing a larger and newer learning environment and more classrooms. The Calderone School of Music is a professional music school offering private lessons and ensembles on all instruments, voice and classes for young children called "KinderMusik." Students receive and enjoyable comprehensive music education. KinderMusik classes are fun-filled musical experience that provide a hands-on approach to exploring music and developing a child's potential, for ages 2 to 7 years old. The

school has more than 2,000 students from all over New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

Kathleen Calderone, the director of the school and a professor of music at Kean University, received her B.A. in music education from Kean College, Union. In addition, she holds a Kodaly Graduate Certification in general and vocal music education from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, obtained her master's of music at Rutgers University in New Brunswick and a New Jersey State Supervisors' Certification.

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White, in all its creamy variations, makes a stunning holiday statement. A table set with fine white china and off-white linens accented with silver, gold or greenery is visually appealing. And equally appealing are the white chocolate desserts: The American Dairy Association and Dairy Council Inc. have collected, including White Chocolate Macadamia Cheesecake, and a Cranberry-Pear Bread Pudding crowned with White Chocolate Shavings, courtesy of Sarah Beth Levine, owner of Sarah Beth's restaurants in New York City.

Adorn your own desserts in white chocolate by using purchased or homemade white chocolate "leaves" or ribbons of white chocolate shaved off a white baking bar. Pipe melted white chocolate across the top of a cake. Before it hardens, drag the tip of a small knife or wooden skewer vertically across the fine to make a design. White chocolate baking bars and morsels by Hershey, Baker's, Nestle and Ghinodelli brands are readily available in supermarkets.

White Chocolate Macadamia Nut Cheesecake
Yield: One 9-inch cake, 18 servings

Crust:
1 1/2 cups crushed brown-edge wafers
1/2 cup finely chopped macadamia nuts
1/2 cup (1/2 stick) butter, melted
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Filling:
4 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
4 eggs
1/2 cup (1/2 stick) butter, softened
1/2 pound white chocolate, melted
1 tablespoon Praline liqueur
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 cup coarsely chopped toasted macadamia nuts

Preheat oven to 350. For crust, combine all ingredients. Press onto bottom and part way up sides of a 9-inch springform pan. Bake 10 minutes. Cool on wire rack while preparing filling.

For filling, beat cream cheese in large mixing bowl until fluffy. Beat in brown sugar until well combined. Beat in eggs one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Stir in butter until well combined. Mix in melted white chocolate, liqueur and vanilla. Fold in nuts. Pour into cooled crust. Reduce oven temperature to 300. Bake 1 1/2 hours or until center of filling is just set. Cool completely on wire rack. Refrigerate, covered, several hours or overnight. To serve, place on serving plate. Carefully remove sides of pan. Drizzle with melted semi-sweet chocolate. Garnish with white chocolate leaves and macadamia nuts. Serve cut in thin wedges.

Cranberry-Pear Bread Pudding with White Chocolate Shavings
Yield: 12 servings

Butter to coat ramekins
1 1/2-lb. loaf of brioche, crust removed and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1 cup water
2 1/2 cups sugar, divided
4 pears, peeled, cored and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1 1/2 vanilla beans cut lengthwise, divided

4 cups heavy cream
2 cups milk
18 (1 1/2 dozen) egg yolks
zest of lemon
1 cup whole cranberry sauce
4 oz. white chocolate baking bar
Special equipment: 12 half-cup ramekins, parchment paper (foil may be substituted) and twine.

Preheat oven to 400. Butter the ramekins. Cut parchment paper twice the height of the ramekins; butter and wrap the paper around the sides of each ramekin. Secure with twine. Lightly toast the brioche cubes on a sheet tray in the oven. Set aside.

Combine water and 1 cup of sugar in a 2-quart saucepan and bring to a slow boil over medium-high heat. When sugar is dissolved, add the pears and simmer until al dente. Strain the pears and return to a bowl. Scrape the inside of half of a vanilla bean and add to the pears. Set aside.

Combine cream, milk, and remaining 1 1/2 cups of sugar in a 4-quart saucepan over medium-high heat. Bring to boil and remove from heat. In a large mixing bowl beat the eggs yolks with a whisk. Continue to whisk and slowly pour in the milk and cream

mixture until well-blended. Strain through a fine sieve into a bowl placed over ice to cool.

When mixture is cool, scrape the inside of one whole vanilla bean and add to the mixture, along with the lemon zest. Gently fold the brioche cubes into the custard mixture with a rubber spatula until bread is evenly soaked. Then, gently fold in the pears. Let sit for 30 minutes. Fill the prepared ramekins half way with brioche and pear mixture. Place 1 rounded tablespoon of cranberry sauce in the center. Add enough brioche mixture on top to fill the rim of the parchment paper. Pour a little of the remaining custard mixture over the top. Place the ramekins on a sheet tray and bake for 40 minutes, rotating the sheet after 20 minutes. Top with shaved curls of white chocolate. Serve warm.

Recipe courtesy of Chef Barbara Sheridan, *Look Who's Cooking*.

White Chocolate Trimming
Yield: 12 servings

4 jumbo egg yolks
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup milk
16 oz. ricotta cheese or mascarpone
2 oz. white chocolate, grated
2 cups whipping (heavy) cream
2 tablespoons vanilla cocoa
1 cup cold espresso or very strong coffee

1/2 cup light rum (optional)
22 ladyfingers, 4-by-1-by-1/2 inches
* ground white chocolate cocoa
Beat egg yolks and sugar in 2-quart saucepan on medium speed for about 30 seconds or until well blended. Beat in milk. Heat to boiling over medium heat, stirring constantly. Reduce heat to low, boil and stir for one minute.

Place plastic wrap or waxed paper directly onto milk mixture in saucepan. Refrigerate about two hours or until cool.

Mix milk mixture, cheese and chocolate with a blender. Set aside. In a medium-chilled bowl, beat whipping cream and 2 tablespoons of cocoa until stiff.

In a separate bowl, mix espresso and rum. Dip half of the ladyfingers in espresso mixture — do not soak. Arrange in a single layer in ungreased rectangular baking dish, 11 by 7 by 1 1/2 inches. Spread half of the cheese mixture over the ladyfingers. Spread one half of the whipped cream mixture over the cheese layer. Repeat with the remaining ladyfingers, cheese mixture and whipped cream mixture. Sprinkle with cocoa.

Cover and refrigerate at least 3 hours.

* Note: vanilla and white chocolate cocoas can be found in hot cocoa section of supermarket.

Creamy White Chocolate-Raspberry Fondue
Yield: 6 servings

1 cup (6-ounces) white chocolate chips
6 ounces (3/4 package) cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup milk
2 to 3 tablespoons raspberry liqueur or raspberry syrup
pinch of salt

For dipping:
Strawberries, sliced bananas, fresh pineapple cubes and angel food or pound cake; cut in bite-size pieces.
Combine all ingredients in a small-size heavy-bottomed saucepan. Cook over medium-low heat — stirring constantly — until the mixture is melted and smooth. Transfer fondue to a ceramic fondue pot and keep warm over a burner. Serve with fruit and bite-size cake pieces for dipping.

Let over fondue may be kept covered in the refrigerator for 2 to 3 days. Gently reheat to serve.

Chocolate Date Cake With White Chocolate Cream Cheese Frosting
Yield: One 9-inch 2-layer cake

Cake:
1 cup boiling water
1/2 cup cocoa
3 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
1 cup chopped pitted dates

Frosting:
2 bars (3 oz. each) white chocolate
1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
3 cups sifted confectioners sugar
Preheat oven to 350. For cake, combine boiling water and cocoa. Whisk until smooth. Cool to room temperature. Whisk in eggs and vanilla. Combine flour, sugar, baking powder and salt in large mixing bowl. Beat in butter and 1/2 of cocoa-egg mixture. Beat in remaining cocoa-egg mixture in two additions. Mix well after each addition. Fold in dates. Divide batter evenly between two 9-inch round cake pans that have been well buttered, lined with waxed paper,



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buttered again and floured. Bake 30 to 35 minutes, or until cake begins to pull away from sides of the pan and wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pans on wire rack 10 minutes. Remove from pans and cool completely on wire rack.

For frosting, break white chocolate into squares and melt over low heat in small heavy saucepan, stirring con-

stantly, until smooth. Cool completely. Beat cream cheese and butter in small mixing bowl until light and fluffy. Beat in lemon juice. Then beat in cooled chocolate. Gradually beat in sugar until frosting is of spreading consistency. Place one cake layer on serving plate. Spread top generously with frosting. Place second layer on top. Frost sides and top of cake.

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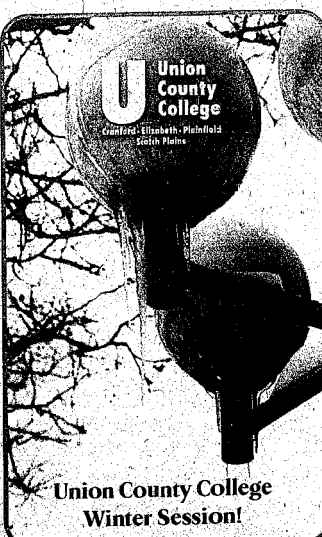
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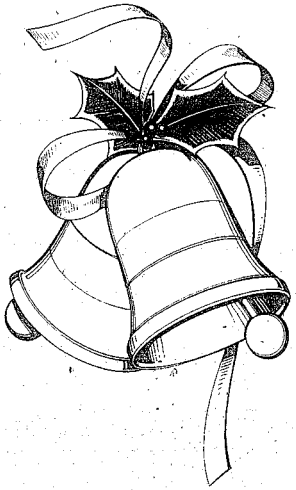
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For more than 30 years, Musica Sacra Chorus and Orchestra's performances of the "Messiah" at Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall have set the standard of excellence for Handel's choral masterpiece.

Following its sold-out engagement last season, conductor Richard Westenberg and the acclaimed Musica Sacra Chorus and Orchestra bring Handel's "Messiah" to the New Jersey Performing Arts Center Dec. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Prudential Hall. Special guest vocalists include soprano Eric Mills, mezzo-soprano Barbara Reardon, tenor Jon Garrison and baritone Clayton Brainerd. Tickets are \$12 to \$48, and may be purchased by telephone at 888-466-5722, at the NJPAC Box Office at 1 Center St. in downtown Newark, or online at www.njpac.org. This performance is part of the PSEG Holiday Celebration.

Founded by Richard Westenberg in 1968, Musica Sacra is America's longest-running all-professional choral ensemble performing regularly in concert halls across the country. In addition to their acknowledged affinity for Baroque music, Musica Sacra has gained a reputation for its wide range of repertoire, including music of the Renaissance and Romantic eras. The orchestra has performed commissioned works and premieres from leading contemporary composers, including Britten, Rorem, Holubness, Schickel and Rands. Musica Sacra has recorded on RCA, CBS, Vanguard, BMG and Deutsche Grammophon.

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- **St. Mary High School, Jersey City.** Classes of 1960, '61, '62 and '63 are planning a reunion. For information, call Ken Giordano at 732-549-6600 or 732-946-7075.

- **Union High School classes** will conduct their annual Florida Reunion Luncheon Feb. 2 in Kissimmee, Fla. For information, call Tom Ryan at 561-483-7494 or send e-mail to UHSFL2002@aol.com.

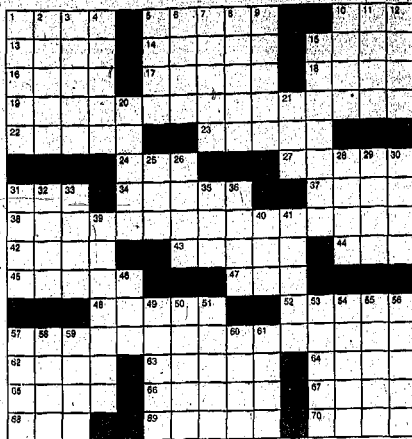
- **Summit High School Class of 1982** will conduct its 20th Reunion in 2002. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at 732-617-1000.

- **Union High School Class of 1977** will conduct its 25th reunion in 2002. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at 732-617-1000.
- **Union High School Class of 1982** will conduct its 20th reunion in 2002. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at 732-617-1000.
- **Union High School Class of 1992** will conduct its 10th reunion in 2002. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at 732-617-1000.
- **Union High School Class of 1983** will conduct its 20th reunion in 2003. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at 732-617-1000.
- **Union High School Class of 1993** will conduct its 10th reunion in 2003. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at 732-617-1000.

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HOROSCOPE

Dec. 24-30

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are entering a professional high cycle. Great things are expected of you. Rise up and take the challenge presented by superiors.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Act out the possible outcome of a problem and you'll realize it's not as hopeless as you thought. Stop worrying and reach for solutions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Financial

rewards are the result of hard work and smart investing. Step forward and claim the cash and monetary freedom you deserve.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Your first impression of a stranger is right on target. Trust your feelings to tell you if you should open up or turn and run.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Carefully laid plans are executed without a hitch. Ignore last-minute doubts or decisions

to make changes. If it's not broke, don't fix it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Surround yourself with friends and family in a timely or traditional holiday celebration. Put music, laughter and good food on the menu.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Domestic issues should take center stage. Put your outside activities on hold and give your full attention to your home and loved ones.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Make

an honest effort to secure or rescue what appears to be a sinking ship of love. Open up and talk without getting too emotional or upset.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It's OK to renegotiate a financial deal that no longer works for you. Just keep in mind, by opening up this can of worms, you could lose it all.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Turn a competitor into an ally. Find out what you have in common and

discover how you can both benefit from working together.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep a low profile and avoid getting caught up in the exchange of gossip or negative energy. If you must participate, accentuate the positive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You're feeling motivated and inspired to make drastic and wonderful changes in your life. Beware of others who may not share your joy.

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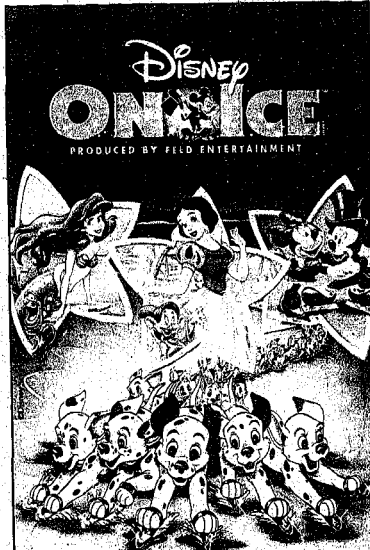
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- Little-Lord Farmhouse, Museum and Farmstead, 31 Horseshoe Road, Berkeley Heights. Open 2 to 4 p.m. the third Sunday of each month from April through December or by appointment. Call (908) 464-0961.

Mountainside Library, Mountainide. Open 1 to 3 p.m. the third Sunday of the month from March 16 May and September to October; closed June to August and November to February.

- Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainide. Open 1 to 5 p.m. daily. Call (908) 789-3670.

The Cannonball House, 126 Morris Ave., Springfield. By appointment only. Call (973) 379-2634.

- Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. Open 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays.

Freeholders 'celebrate excellence'

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders announced the work of 27 local artists is on display at the Union County Administration Building in Elizabethtown.

- Cranford: Allyson Block, Paul Casale, Rose Marie Gato, Paul Lachenauer and Alex Mambach.

COUNTY NEWS

'Operation Recognition' The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is working with the state Department of Veterans Affairs, and Education to award high school diplomas to World War II, Korean and Vietnam veterans who left school to serve before graduating.

Entertainment books on sale as fund-raiser The 2002 Entertainment Books, with hundreds of discount coupons for restaurants, travel and sports events in the Union County area, are being sold by Union County Vocational-Technical School students to raise funds for their annual awards night.

We Care fund-raiser The Union County School Counselors are selling Entertainment 2002 books as a fund-raiser for the We Care awards. The awards are given to deserving Union County high school students at the end of each school year in recognition of their good deeds, volunteerism, and assistance to others.

Bright Beginnings earns annual Arc award The Arc of Union County has been awarded the Mr. and Mrs. Alex Zifring Award for Distinguished Service from The Arc of New Jersey for The Arc's Bright Beginnings Child Development Center Program.

For those not familiar with the Entertainment book, call Rickien, the awards dinner chairman, at 908-889-8288, Ext. 311, or purchase one at the main office of Union County Vocational-Technical High School, West Hall, 1776 Raritan Road.

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Stepping Out

Jersey artists Gary Brieche, Caroline Burton, Eric McLenon, Gloria Rodriguez and Barbara Slonk will be on exhibit through Jan. 8 at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit.

Send a picture with resume attached indicating if you will be singing as part of your audition.

ART SHOWS

OUR LIFE: A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE on Life in Union County, a traveling exhibit sponsored by Community Access Unlimited, features the work of 10 adults with developmental disabilities.

ARTIST RON HEDRICK will have his work on exhibit at Evelyn Dunbar Gallery, 649 South Ave., Westfield.

OBJECTS OF DEVOTION, works by Jamie Greenfield, will be on exhibit at the Kent Place Gallery in the Kent Place School in Summit through Friday.

GALLERY hours are Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by appointment. The Kent Place School is located at 42 Norwood Ave., Summit.

THE SKULSKI ART GALLERY at Clark's Polish Cultural Foundation will exhibit tapestries by Polish artist Nina Kadzarka through Sunday.

GALLERY hours are Tuesdays through Fridays from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment.

CHRISTMAS MINIATURES, a multimedia showcase of small-scale art, will be on exhibit at the Swan Galleries in Plainfield through Dec. 23.

GALLERY hours are Tuesdays to Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

PORTALS OF TIME, photography by Karen R. Kaplowitz, will be on exhibit at Galeria West in Westfield through Dec. 29.

Galeria West is located at 121 Central Ave., Westfield. For information, including gallery hours, call 908-301-9217 or send e-mail to galena@msn.com

SUMMIT FRAME AND ART will exhibit line art photography by John and Frank Bruske through Dec. 30.

GALLERY hours are Mondays to Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursdays until 7 p.m. Summit Frame and Art is located at 465 Springfield Ave., Summit.

SUMMIT FRAME AND ART will exhibit oil paintings by New Jersey artist John Chickering through Dec. 30.

GALLERY hours are Mondays to Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday and until 7 p.m. Summit Frame and Art is located at 465 Springfield Ave., Summit.

THE TOWN BOOK STORE in Westfield will exhibit the works of members of the Westfield Art Association through the end of December.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: The Merck 2001 Union County Juried Art Show will be on exhibit in the Freshdiers Gallery on the sixth floor of the Union County Administration Building, Elizabeth, through Jan. 4.

GALLERY hours are Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Administration Building is located at Elizabeth-Towamoga Plaza, Rahway Avenue, Elizabeth. For information, call 908-568-2550.

MAKING A MARK — the work of New Jersey artists Gary Brieche, Caroline Burton, Eric McLenon, Gloria Rodriguez and Barbara Slonk will be on exhibit through Jan. 8 at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit.

GALLERY hours are Mondays to Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL, an exhibit of black-and-white and color photographs by Helen Leucke extolling the beauty of America, is on display in the Los Mamelucos Gallery in the Union Public Library, through Jan. 10.

GALLERY hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Union Public Library is located at 1800 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call 906-451-5450.

JOURNEYS: "Black and White Photographs by Howard Nathenson" will be on exhibit at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through Jan. 13.

GALLERY hours are Mondays to Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit.

FLOWER, COMFORT, the works of Martha Suhr Rohland, will be on exhibit in the Wisner House Gallery at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit through Jan. 14.

GALLERY hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reeves-Reed Arboretum is located at 185 Inland Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL in Mount Laurel will exhibit the New Jersey Photography Forum seventh annual Juried Show and the watercolors of V. Shipley during the months of December and January.

CHS is located at 153 New Providence Road, Mount Laurel. For information, call 908-789-2075.

EIGHT ARTISTS from the Exhibitors Co-Op will have their work on exhibit at The Arts Guild of Rahway Jan. 19 through Feb. 8. A reception will take place Jan. 13 from 1 to 4 p.m.

GALLERY hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. to 5:07 p.m., and by appointment.

PRINT AS PARABLE — monoprints, etchings, collagraphs and glass prints by Jessica Leander — will be on exhibit in the Members' Gallery at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit Jan. 14 through Feb. 15.

GALLERY hours are Mondays to Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit.

NEW JERSEY YOUTH SYMPHONY INC. will conduct auditions Dec. 28 and Jan. 4 at 570 Central Ave., New Providence. Requirements are a solo piece, scales and sight-reading.

There is a \$25 non-refundable audition fee. For information, call 908-771-5544.

SUMMIT CHORALE will conduct auditions in its vocal parts for the second half of the 2001-02 season Jan. 8 and 15, following the regular rehearsal on the Drew University campus in Madison.

For information, call 908-665-8788 or visit www.summitchorale.org.

NEW JERSEY THEATER ALLIANCE will sponsor combined auditions for more than 20 of the state's professional theaters Feb. 18 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. by appointment only.

Equity and non-Equity actors will be seen. To enter the selection lottery, call 908-273-9121.

Send a picture with resume attached indicating if you will be singing as part of your audition.

Indicate if you are a New Jersey resident. Send a self-addressed stamped No. 10 envelope.

Mail entries to New Jersey Theater Alliance, P.O. Box 21, Florham Park, 07932. Entries must be postmarked by Jan. 11.

WESTFIELD GLEE CLUB is seeking male and female adult singers to participate in the club's 77th season.

Rehearsals are held Monday evenings, 8 to 10 p.m., in the Westfield Presbyterian Church choir room.

For information, call Dale Juntilla at 908-232-0673.

BOOKS

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP at the Springfield Public Library will discuss "The Overcoat" by Gogol today at 10 a.m.

A ROOM OF ONE'S OWN by Virginia Woolf will be the topic of a book discussion sponsored by the Women's Resource Center in Summit Jan. 7.

UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY Book Discussion Group will discuss "The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood Jan. 10 at 7 p.m.

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble in Springfield.

THE LORD OF THE RINGS READING GROUP will meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITER'S CIRCLE, led by Cheryl Racanelli, meets at Barnes and Noble in Clark the second and fourth Monday of each month.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN INTERESTS meets the second Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield.

MYSTERY READING GROUP will meet at Barnes and Noble in Clark the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

JEWISH BOOK LOVERS meets at 7:15 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, the third Monday of each month.

SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Reading Group will meet at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, at 7:30 p.m. the third Friday of each month.

TRAILSIDE NATURE AND SCIENCE CENTER in Mount Laurel will sponsor fall after-school workshops in the coming weeks and months.

After-School Exploration: Nature exploration and science experiments for 1st- and 2nd-graders, Thursdays, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m., \$5 per class.

Trailside Explorers: An exploration of plants, animals and their habitats for 3rd-, 4th- and 5th-graders, Wednesdays, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m., \$5 per class.

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WOMEN'S READING GROUP will meet at Barnes and Noble in Clark the last Wednesday of each month.

MUSIC FOR CHILDREN in Westfield offers various music classes to children between the ages of 10 months and 8 years old.

NEW JERSEY WORKSHOP FOR THE ARTS is currently accepting registration for its Music Studio.

WESTFIELD GLEE CLUB is seeking male and female adult singers to participate in the club's 77th season.

WESTFIELD YOUNG ARTISTS' COOPERATIVE will offer professional classes in the performing arts.

Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced Acting classes will concentrate on improvisation, character development and scene study.

THE CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FREE CONCERT SERIES will conclude Friday at 12:15 p.m.

SOPRANO FRANCESCA ANGIUOLI will present her one-woman concert, "Frangiska's Muse," at Union Public Library, 1290 Morris Ave., Union, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m.

BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will present musical performances throughout the autumn.

CRAFTS THE HARVEST QUILTERS of Central New Jersey meet the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Cozy Corner Quilts and Sewing Shop.

DANCE SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS continue its 2001-02 season with Friday gatherings at 8 p.m.

DISCUSSION JOURNAL WRITING GROUP, led by professional life coach Jami Novak, meets the third Thursday of each month.

FILM ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY will sponsor a series of free film classics at the Main Branch.

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For information, call 908-789-3870.

BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will sponsor Tales for Tots Preschool Storytime, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m., and Kids Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m.

UNION RECREATION DEPARTMENT will sponsor weekly ceramics classes for children between the ages of 7 and 12 at the Recreation Building.

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CASUAL TIMES in Clark will present entertainment in the coming weeks. Thursdays are Ladies' Nights, and Saturdays feature NFL games and \$2 drafts.

Saturday: The Bobby Byrnes Christmas Show, \$40, includes four-course; cash bar available.

Casual Times is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark. For information, call 732-398-8511.

CROSSROADS, 78 North Ave., Garwood presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts, as well as football-themed nights.

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PHOTOGRAPHER KAREN R. KAPLOWITZ, who took this striking shot, will have her work on exhibit in 'Portals of Time' at Galeria West in Westfield through Dec. 29. For information, see the 'Art Shows' listing on this page.

MUSEUMS

LIBERTY HALL MUSEUM in Union offers several events throughout the year.

Wednesdays, 2 to 4 p.m.: "Tea Served" on the glass porch, \$20 per person.

Thursdays, 11 a.m., and 1 and 3 p.m.: "A Child's View of History" tours and activities for children 7 to 12 years old.

Liberty Hall is located at 1003 Morris Ave., Union. Tours are offered Wednesdays to Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For information, call 908-527-0400 or visit the Web site at www.libertyhallnj.org.

POETRY

POETRY OUT LOUD will take place at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

OPEN MIKE POETRY NIGHT takes place the second Sunday of every month at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, at 7 p.m.

For information, call 732-574-1818.

RADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. The group meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of every month.

For information, call 908-241-5759.

SINGLES

INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and fellowship.

For information, call 908-889-5255 or 908-889-4751.

THEATER

NEW JERSEY SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL will present "The Taming of the Shrew" by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt through Dec. 30 at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theater.

For information, call 908-889-5255 or 908-889-4751.

VARIETY

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mike Night every Tues-



'POTPOURRI', a 30-by-36-inch watercolor, is among the works by Martha Suhr Rohland on exhibit in "Flower Comfort" at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit through Jan. 14. For information, see the 'Art Shows' listing on this page.

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REAL ESTATE

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Cuccaro joins Burgdorff

Burgdorff/ERA recently announced that Ileen Cuccaro has joined the company as a sales associate in its Westfield office located at 600 North Avenue West.

As a top producing sales agent, Cuccaro has achieved membership in the New Jersey Association of Realtors' Million Dollar Sales Club on many occasions - 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, Silver. She has been a full-time Realtor since 1996 and belongs to the Garden State Multiple Listing Service, Greater Union County Association of Realtors and Middlesex County Board of Realtors.

Cuccaro serves on the Planning Board in Garwood and prides herself on being there for her customers saying, "I have been very fortunate to have the type of clients that refer other people to me over and over again, so I really believe I must be doing something right. To put the trust of their friends or family in my hands is an honor to me."

Cuccaro attended Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark and graduated from David Bradley High School in Kenilworth after moving to Garwood. She is working toward an advanced degree in urban studies at Union County College. Before entering the real estate profession, she was a successful hair stylist in Springfield for 15 years. She enjoys meeting people and helping them achieve their real estate goals.

Married to John Cuccaro, a lifelong Garwood resident, she has a grown son, Eric Meyer. Both in New Jersey, and who has lived in Garwood for more than 30 years. Cuccaro can offer firsthand information about the area to all her clients. She specializes in Union County properties, with knowledge that comes from neighborhoods, shopping, dining, transportation and more.

The Burgdorff ERA Westfield office is a full-service real estate center located at 600 North Ave. For real estate assistance, or to inquire about a career in real estate, call the office at 908-233-0065.

Selk is top Realtor

Melanie T. Selk, a Realtor with ERA Village Green Realtors of Clark, has been chosen as "Realtor of the Year" for 2001 by the Greater Union County Association of Realtors. Selk serves as president of GUCAR, and has served on its board of directors since 1997. Selk also has served on various committees both in the local association and in the New Jersey Association of Realtors.

Selk has strong political affiliations which include serving as NJAR's federal district coordinator for Congressman Michael Ferguson, chairing NJAR's Legislative Committee, serving a third term as councilwoman in Roselle Park, and previously serving



Ileen Cuccaro



Rosaleen Light-Newby

four years as fire commissioner in the borough.

She was instrumental in leading the drive for the purchase of a new town fire truck, getting an addition to the local library and assisting in the Roselle Park downtown redevelopment and landscaping project. Selk also spearheaded a drive for a commemorative park in memory of slain State Trooper Philip Lannacino, and Port Authority Police Officer William Ferry, who were born and educated in Roselle Park.

In addition to her busy political activities, Selk helps many clients with their real estate needs. She joins ERA Village Green Realtors in providing clients with quality real estate services. To learn more about ERA Village Green Realtors' services and products, consumers can visit their office located at 35 Brant Ave., Clark, or call 800-864-3681.

Johanson recognized

Prudential New Jersey Properties announced that Jane Johanson of the Summit office has attained the nationally recognized Accredited Buyer Representative designation.

"We're extremely proud of Jane," said Karen Hodges, manager of Prudential NJ Properties' Summit office, located at 428 Springfield Ave. "By completing the rigorous program and learning the fundamentals of excellence in buyer representation, she has demonstrated her commitment to her clients, whom she can now even better serve."

Johanson was awarded the ABR designation by completing a comprehensive two-day course in buyer representation. The real estate instruction included a written examination on the legal and practical aspects of client representation as well as practical experience in the buyer representation field. She joins more than 24,000 real estate professionals in North America who are certified and approved by the Real Estate Buyers' Agent Council of the National Association of Realtors.

Well-known for her commitment to client concerns, Johanson is celebrating the completion of her first full year in the business with more than \$6 million in sales.

For more information about the current real estate market, contact Johanson at the Prudential NJ Properties Summit office at 908-273-7794, Ext. 224.

Newby in Top 10

The Coldwell Banker Summit office announced that Rosaleen Light-Newby was ranked No. 9 in Coldwell Banker's Top 50 Associates in all of New Jersey and Rockland County, New York, for the month of September. As an agent of 23 years, with 13 years of experience at the Summit office, Newby's continued level of accomplishment places her in the top 1 percent of all Coldwell Banker associates nationwide.

According to Michael Burke, manager of the Summit office, "Rosaleen's achievement is no accident. She dedicates every day to providing outstanding service to each and every one of her customers through the use of cutting-edge technology and an unparalleled knowledge of the market. Rosaleen is a consummate professional and an exemplary member of

the Summit sales force.

Since earning her real estate license in 1978, Newby has specialized in residential sales in the greater Summit area. She has been a member of the Million Dollar Club since 1979 and a New Jersey Association of Realtors' Gold Award winner since 1986. Consistently recognized for achievements within the Coldwell Banker family, she is a member of the Coldwell Banker International President's Elite Club, has earned Associate of the Month for her office nine out of the past 10 months and is ranked No. 1 in listings and sales in her office.

Professional excellence and dedication to customer service is what makes Coldwell Banker sales associates so successful. Providing real estate expertise throughout Union, Somerset, Essex and Morris counties, the Summit Coldwell Banker sales office conducts extensive business in residential real estate, new construction sales, land, commercial and industrial sales. For a complete list of available services in any one area, call Light-Newby at 908-277-1770, Ext. 123.

Coldwell Banker New Jersey/Rockland County, New York, is part of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, the largest franchised brokerage of the Coldwell Banker system, which has 2,900 offices and more than 70,000 sales associates throughout North America. The NRT Inc., parent company of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, is a leading owner of residential real estate brokerages in the United States, with more than 700 offices and more than 29,000 sales associates.

Billboard campaign promotes school sponsorship program

During the fall of this year, a new billboard campaign was launched by the ERA Brokers of New Jersey to promote its successful real estate school sponsorship program.

Established six years ago, the objective of the program is to provide more convenient and affordable classes for individuals interested in pursuing a career in real estate. Last year, the ERA Hotline was added to help the public obtain information about the school sponsorship program. Individuals who call the hotline's toll-free telephone number are sent information about the nearest sponsored real estate school.

Real estate schools typically charge fees between \$250 and \$350 per student to attend a 75-hour pre-licensing course, which can be completed in two weeks full-time or 11 weeks part-time. The cost of attending the same class at an ERA-sponsored real estate school is \$99. The ERA-sponsored schools have been carefully selected from among those that have achieved high test results, hold frequent classes and receive positive feedback from students.

"To further promote both the real estate school sponsorship program at the hotline, we decided to launch a new billboard campaign throughout Northern and Central New Jersey that will feature the hotline's toll-free telephone number. The ad campaign began recently and will revolve

monthly to different billboards located throughout the 12 counties our brokers and agents serve," according to John Sharp, owner/partner, ERA Designs for Living, who is directing the ERA Hotline program.

To date, the hotline has received hundreds of calls from individuals looking for information on the real estate schools being sponsored, and is prepared for the influx of calls expected once the ad campaign begins. In terms of timing, New Jersey real estate brokers have been seeing an increased interest in real estate as a career that is likely due to the current economic environment which leads people to want more control over their career and life.

"Before beginning a new career in real estate or signing up for a real estate course, interested individuals should contact and meet with their local ERA broker in order to learn more about a career in real estate," said Sharp.

For more information about ERA's real estate school sponsorship program, individuals can call the hotline at 1-800-498-2309 or contact their local ERA office, which can be found using the local telephone directory or via the Internet at www.ERA.com.

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This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) determining if Plaintiff is entitled to the relief requested in the Complaint and an Award of Costs and Attorney's Fees. Plaintiff seeks judgment by summary judgment for the relief requested in the Complaint and an Award of Costs and Attorney's Fees. Plaintiff seeks judgment by summary judgment for the relief requested in the Complaint and an Award of Costs and Attorney's Fees.

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15 YR FIXED	6.38	0.00	6.46	FEE 15 YR FIXED	6.00	0.00	6.19
1 YR ADJ.	6.00	0.00	6.04	NIP 1 YR ADJ.	4.00	2.00	5.63
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Investors Savings Bk	6.00	2.00	6.88	Synergy Fed'l Savings	6.00	2.00	6.88
30 YR FIXED	7.00	0.00	7.08	APP 30 YR FIXED	6.88	0.00	6.93
15 YR FIXED	6.50	0.00	6.53	FEE 15 YR FIXED	6.38	0.00	6.48
5/1-30 YR	6.00	0.00	5.38	\$1,380 15 YR JUMBO	6.63	0.00	6.71
Loans to \$1 million dollars. Percentage down varies on jumbo.				Other products available please contact for more details & terms.			
Rates compiled on December 14, 2001.				Union Center Nat'l Bk			
NIP - Not provided by institution.				30 YR FIXED			
				15 YR FIXED			
				5/1-30 YR			
				Low/Mid Program Available			

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Holiday gifts that will make you go zoom-zoom

By Cathy Lubenski
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Still haven't found a gift that will make the heart of your favorite car buff go zoom-zoom-zoom?

Well, get ready to shift into holiday shopping gear with the suggestions that follow. From books to car-care products to such useful and safety-conscious items as infant car seats, there's something for everyone.

Take a look, and you'll give a sign of relief when you can say, "Present — accounted for!"

• **Automotive Electronic Deer Alert**
Price: \$34.95, online
Contact: www.gizmocity.com or 202-332-8862.

If you've ever hit a deer or even swerved to avoid a squirrel, then you know how dangerous and upsetting these accidents can be. GizmoCity offers an Automotive Electronic Deer Alert that will warn deer, pets and even moose of your approaching vehicle from as much as 1,500 feet away. Don't laugh, your uncle in upper Michigan wants one of these!

• **Waring Tailgater blender**
Price: \$140
Contact: 800-538-0775

For the serious party animal, the Waring Tailgater is the perfect gift. It's a blender with a shatter-resistant 45-ounce container that runs off any in-car power point or the cigarette lighter plug-in.

Just like the blender on your kitchen counter, it comes with a lid that has a removable center insert so that you can add ingredients while blending. It's tailgate great or for just making the kids smoothies at a picnic.

• **Hot-Cold Snack Box**
Price: \$99.95

Contact: www.sharperimage.com; 800-344-5555; or visit a Sharper Image store for more information.

Keep the salmonella away from your wienies and burgers on the way to the tailgate party with a Hot-Cold Car Chest by Sharper Image.

The dandy little item plugs into a car cigarette lighter and keeps hot foods hot and cold foods cold. An 11-foot cord should reach to the back of any car. It can be used like a chest when placed on its back, or stand it up and it's a mini-refrigerator.

• **Adapter plug** — for \$9.95 — allow you to use it anywhere in the world.

• **Mini Cuckoo Clock**
Price: \$85
Contact: www.minicuckoo.com or 866-467-6464

For the car buff who has everything, BMW's Mini division is preparing for the launch next spring of the re-created Mini Cooper with a line of teaser items, such as a Mini Cuckoo Clock.

No, it isn't a clock with a very small bird, it's a clock with a miniature Mini — isn't that redundant? — automobile popping out every hour on the hour.

And — bonus! — the Mini produces the revving sound of a real MINI Cooper's engine. The "speccometer" clock face is contained in a silver finish housing.

While you're perusing the Web site, also look for the remote control Mini — for \$110 — in red with white roof and rechargeable battery and the Mini watch, \$75, with a speedometer needle minute hand.

• **Auto Escape Hammer**
Price: \$17.95
Contact: www.radgad.com

If your paranoia is outpacing your joy in driving, here's the perfect gadget for you. This small tool could save your life if you ever get trapped in your car. Features include a chrome-plated tip that breaks windows, a stainless steel razor to cut through seat belts, a pointed metal tip that punctures the air bag and a flashlight.

It's also got a self-sticking grip strip and a glow-in-the-dark decal to help you find it when that emergency you've always been expecting strikes.

• **Electronic Map Measurer**
Price: \$22.95
Contact: www.kopes.com

For map fans, gadget fans and fans of not getting lost, the Electronic Map Measurer will calculate travel distances by tracing your route on a map; and calculate your estimated travel time. It comes with a built-in calculator, mini-compass and lithium batteries.

• **Original Cargo Gate**
Price: \$99.95
Contact: Bass Pro Shops, 4-Wheel Paris, Camping World, Western Big R; order online at www.loadingzone.com; or order from the Sears Automotive catalog.

Anyone who has ever owned a pickup truck knows how frustrating it is to keep the things you're taking from rolling around the truck bed. Gary Kopperud spilled paint stripper in his brand new pickup bed and, from that incident, invented the Pickup Divider to keep his stuff neat and tidy.

The Original Cargo Gate requires no assembly or mounting hardware. It can be used in pickups with or without bed liners, and it will fit some vans and SUVs. It comes in four sizes, full-size, Tundra, midsize and compact.

• **Porsche Laguna Jacket**
Price: \$229.99
Contact: 800-500-1-500;
www.madirect.com; e-mail: mail@weeks.com

Partial to Porsche? Show your automotive allegiance with a handsome unisex jacket with the well-recognized Porsche logo on the chest and with Porsche in script on the back. With heavy-weight neolon wool body and calf leather sleeves.

• **Beetle CD Stereo with FM Tuner**
Price: \$99.95
Contact: www.sharperimage.com online, or a Sharper Image store. Call 800-344-5555

Got a bad case of Beetlemania? You can listen to Beetle songs on the new Beetle CD Stereo with FM tuner. The front bumper slides out for your favorite CD with the controls under the hood.

There's a built-in FM digital tuner that includes a headphone jack. The speakers are hidden in the wheels. Comes in cyber green, yellow, silver or techno blue.

• **Power Retractable Side Step**
Price: \$595 plus installation costs
Contact: www.mopar.com or any Dodge dealer

Who says presents can't be practical? For anyone with a bad back, like I have, or other physical disabilities, getting in and out of those high truck cabs are murder. Dodge's Power Retractable Side Step automatically lowers 8 inches from the rocker panel to make the step-in height lower. When doors are closed, the step retracts. Installation is easy, the instructions say.

• **"Car Talk Car Tunes, Vol. 1"**
Price: CD, \$16.95 plus shipping, cassette, \$11.95 plus shipping
Contact: www.cars.com or 888-CAR-JUNK.

The bawling brothers, Tom and Ray Magliozzi, a.k.a. Click and Clack, have just released their "Car Talk Car Tunes, Vol. 1" — a compilation of some of America's most disrespectful car songs.

The roundup of 21 songs come from their weekly National Public Radio program, "Car Talk" — so don't expect to hear anything by the Beach Boys. Instead, you get such toe-tappers as "Under the Wrench" by Red Meat.

• **"According to mechanical diagnostics, my transmission's in critical condition."**

• **"Don't need a mechanic, I need a magician."**

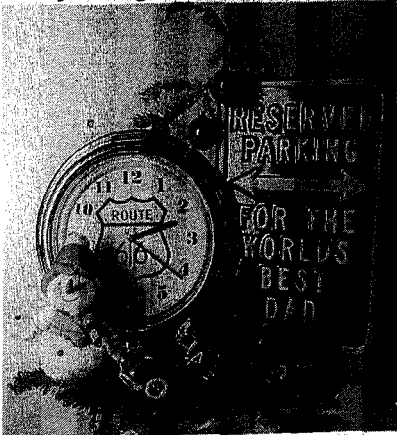
• **"Have I ever considered demolition?"**

• **"Push My Car"** by the Weatherheads:
"Borrowed some cables and I tried to jump it, borrowed a shotgun, now I'm going to pump it."

• **"American Drag Racing"** coffee-table book
Price: \$39.95
Contact: www.motorbooks.com; 800-826-6600; or www.amazon.com

Auto writer and photographer Robert Genat of Encinitas, Calif., has had 20 books published on a variety of vehicular subjects, including drag racing, low riders, submarines, heavy equipment and other topics.

"American Drag Racing" contains 125 color photos documenting the early years of drag racing.



From books to car-care products to safety-conscious items like infant car seats, there's a holiday gift out there for your special gear head.

• **VW Christmas ornament**
Price: \$12.99 for one; \$9.99 apiece for three or more
Contact: 800-500-1500;
www.madirect.com; e-mail: mail@800clubvbgg.com

A 1/36 scale, die-cast model of a Volkswagen called the Little Green Bug, complete with movable wheels. Santa and his favorite reindeer ride in style on your Christmas tree or as a holiday centerpiece.

• **Automotive Sun Visor**
Price: \$34.95 plus shipping and handling costs
Contact: 800-413-0679.

Forget your sunglasses? The Automotive Sun Visor is a thin polarizing film laminated between two pieces of acrylic that eliminates glare while keeping your vision sharp. The visor is 14 inches long by 4 inches wide and attaches to the visor, making it easy to flip out of the way after dark. It's supposed to fit all passenger-cars, SUVs, RVs, trucks and even boats.

• **Air Daddy**
Price: \$3.95
Contact: 866-247-3239

This lightweight high-pressure blower can be used for a multiplicity of purposes: It can clean a work bench or tools, blow clean the interior of a car, truck or boat, and inflates rafts, boats, ski and float tubes, air mattresses and swimming and beach toys. It fits in a glove compartment or tool box and comes with two adapters designed for small and large inflation holes.

• **Pioneered Rear Facing Infant Car Seat**
Price: \$198
Contact: 877-972-4543; e-mail: sales@safefinfant.com; or www.safefinfant.com

If there's a mother-to-be on your list, this infant car seat makes a thoughtful gift. The seat installs in the front of the car, with the baby facing the rear, allowing eye contact between mother and child.

And, it's compatible with air bags — meaning that if there's a situation in which the air bag inflates, it will inflate around the car seat, not baby. It's for babies weighing 5 pounds to 22 pounds, comes with 2-point-2 belt paths, an easy-to-remove lightweight cradle and other features.

• **Mobile ding repair**
Price: Varies
Contact: 619-520-8853 or www.dentpro.com

There's nothing like a fresh denting to tick off a car buff. The good news is that the damage probably isn't permanent and many dings and chips can be repaired without major body work by the mobile technicians of DentPro.

"We can work anywhere — inside, outside, parking lots, fields. It really doesn't make a difference," says company founder Mitch Buich. "All we need are the keys."

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SUBARU LEGACY Wagon LE, 1994, AWD, automatic, all power, cd, cassette, sunroof, 88,000 miles, Excellent condition, \$6,600, 973-763-1789.

VOLVO 850 TURBO Wagon, 1994, Automatic, loaded, 70K, leather, traction control, winter package, cd, 3rd seat, power sunroof, \$6,000, 973-668-0005.

VW JETTA, 1989, automatic, 4 door, 62,700 miles, \$1500 or best offer. 973-762-1392.

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Summit couple wins Maplecrest contest

The Maplecrest Auto Group has been conducting a contest in conjunction with the grand opening of the newest location, Maplecrest Lincoln Mercury in Summit.

Since July 2001, customers who visited any of the Maplecrest three locations, including Union and Mendham, or the Web site were invited to enter to win a free Mercury Mountaineer SUV. There was no purchase necessary.

The drawing was held Oct. 31 at the Summit dealership, and the presentation was made by Stephen Giordano, deal-

er principal. The lucky winners of the free 2002 Mercury Mountaineer were Bill and Jamie Jankowski of Summit.

"It's particularly exciting that the winners were current customers who live right here in Summit," Giordano said. "Mr. and Mrs. Jankowski were equally excited and thrilled to have won such a beautiful vehicle."

The Maplecrest Auto Group has three locations: Maplecrest Lincoln Mercury at 68 River Road in Summit and 2800 Springfield Ave. in Union; and Maplecrest Ford of Mendham, 102 E. Main St. in Mendham. For information, contact a sales consultant at 908-973-2828.