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# Transition

There was a candidate for mayor in Union County who was so certain of his victory that before the election he notified the administration of the control of the administration of the control of the cont thing.

# Left Out

By Frank Capece

I had the privilege of seeing the transition process from both ends of the spectrum. In the outgoing Byrne administration I got to respond to the inquiries of the incoming Republicans regarding the operations of the Secretary of State. The involvement of Walter Halpin, then the Ution County Clerk, on behalf of the transition cam made the experience a lot better for me than anticipated.

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better for me than anticipated.
Bights years later, like a miniMcArthur's reaum, I was permitted
to write the transition report on the
same department for the incoming
Plorio administration. It was definitely more fun the second time
around.

The transition reports that are The transition reports that are generated are actually pretty important. They help to focus the new leadership on the key issues, the pitfalls and the policy directions entrenched. It also lessens to a fairer tool, the dependency on the bureaucracy which stays in place no matter which party is in control. But the real action is over the job selection for a relatively small number of nositions. The newspan-

job selection for a relatively small number of positions. The newspap-er accounts have already started to appear, speculating on the posi-tions and who will get what. The only thing missing is the odds makers. makers.

Some people actually lobby to have their name appear in specula tion stories. The smarter candidates know it can be the kiss of death in the eves of the small cadre of advisors who have any incoming gov-ernor's ear to have your name

publicized.

But for the real candidates for the top position, a gauntlet awaits them. The steps include the blessing of the country organization, the approval of the country state senators who have veto power via the use of senatorial courtesy and then there is the need to impress the advisors and the new governor himself. himself.

himself.

The so-called vetting process
includes a four-way check, i.e. four
independent reviews by the State
Police. The temptation to let the vorid know that you have been See THE, Page B2

# Rahway chairman expected to fill freeholder vacancy By Mark Hrywia Regional Editor Rick Proctor, the Democratic immicipal chairman in Rahway, is expected to fill the vacancy on the Board of Chosen Fresholder from many control is expected to fill Stender's seat when the time comes. Proctor also could not be reached for comment used to the second fresholder from Rahway on the Board of Chosen Fresholder some Links Stender stand down to be second term is to ware with Alexander with Carracter also could not be reached for comment. Many control in the Stender stand down to be scored fresholder from Rahway on the Board, Joining former Rahway Councilman Chester Holmes, who carred ro-election to a second term isst ware with Alexander with Carracter and the Character and the Charact

is expected to fill the vacancy on the Board of Chosen Freeholders once Linda Stender steps down to be sworn in to the Assembly early next year.

Stender was elected to the Assembly last week with incumbent Gerald Green of Plainfield, defeating Republicans Patricia Walsh, the mayor of Coren Brook, and Gobe Spera, a former mayor of Soch Plains. Stender said she will remain as calcifram of the Fanwood Democratic Committee but intends to vacate her

Members of the county Democratic Committee would vote to approve the appointment. At least one Democrat said the decision was made prior to Election Day that Proctor would fill the seat should Stender win the Assembly race.

Proctor, who also is the health officer for the City of Rahway, would be appointed to fill the remainder of Stender's term, which expires at the end of next year. Also up for re-election on the nine-member, all-Democratic board in 2002 will be Nicholas

Soutarl of Linden, who has served (wo terms, and Angel Estradia of Bilzabeth, who is completing his first term. Proctor would become the second fresholder from Rahway on the board, Joining former Rahway Councilman Chester Holmes, who earned re-election to a second term lisst year with Alexander Mirabella of Roselle Park and Deborah Seanlon of Union. Stender was first elected to the Board of Chosen Freeholders in 1993 and re-elected in 1996 and 1999, serving as chairman of the board in 1997. She also was a member of the Fanwood Borough Council from 1987 to 1990 before earning a four-year term as mayor in 1991.

Freeholders, considered part-time positions, earn \$25,875

# Park supervisors have new contract

By Mark Brywna Regional Editor

Supervisors in the Department of Parks and Recreation have a new labor contract, which follows the county's pattern in terms of contract length and wage increases this year.

The Union County Park Foreman's Association represents nearly two dozen's supervisors within the Department of Parks and Recreation. In its previous contract, the association received salary increases of 2.9 percent in each year of the deal. The last collective bargaining agreement expired at the end of 2000. The Latest settlement will cover 2001 through 2004.

The agreement mirrors virtually every contract the county has settled this year with other labor unions representing county employees. Employees at the, maximum on the salary guide will receive wage increases of 1.5 percent for the first half of this year and again for the second half of the year, followed by 4 percent in each of the remaining three years. Those not at the maximum will get the 1.5 percent in the final year.

Employees will begin contributing \$10 a month to their health plans and eventually that contribution will rise to \$25 per month in the third year of the contract.

contract.

All six agreements were four years in length for Policemen's Bettevolent Association Local 199A, representing 41 captains, lieutenants and sergeants in the Division of Corrections; United Bicetrical, Radio and Machine Workers Local 494, more than 100 rank-and-file employees in the Department of Parks and Recreation; Union Council No. 8, New Jersey Civil Service Association, IEFTE, APL-CIO, representing 850 white- and blue-collar employees; Detectives and Investigators Superior Association, PBA Local 250, representing 22 captains, sergeants and lieutenants in the Prosecutor's Office, and PBA Local (08, representing 118, sheriff's officers.

# Toasting marshmallows



Children young and old gather around a fire to toast marshmallows during The Great Pumpkin Sail Nov. 1 at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside,

# Interpersonal, communication skills needed in the workplace

By Abmed Soliman

Staff Writer

In an effort to address the growing problem of decreasing literacy among employees in the workforce, the Union County Board of Chosen Frecholders and the Workforce Investment Board Literacy Conference 2001 earlier this month.

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than \$60 billion in productivity each year due to employees' lack of basic skills. About 20 percent of America's workers have low basic skills. 75 percent of unemaloyed adults have read-

The panel guests' included Jose Acevede of Verizon, Levi Person of the Wakefern Food Corporation and Anthony Rodriguez of Infineurs USA LP.

LP.
The panalists were asked what spe-cific skills they see lacking among those entering the workforce, and some people who attended the confer-ence were suprised to learn that tech-nical skills are not always at the top of the list.

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"Communications skills that employees have are not strong enough for the 'demand, especially English,' Rodriguez said. "They also need interpersonal skills and the ability to negotiate. We look for individuals with communication and interpersonal skills in addition to the technical

skills, which can be obtained on the job more easily than the interpersonal skills can be; those are hard to develop."

Another conference attendee questioned the, examination process employers have in place, citing that a person may have the necessary skills in customer relations but fall a test because they may have a learning disorder that bar's them from passing the math portion of the exam. "We have five different uses that test for five different subjects, such as customer service. If we see them do well in one subject, and not in the other, we will tell them "You didn't do well as a technican, but we see you would be great in customer service," said Person.

Before the punel discussion con-cluded, the panelists were questioned about their recruiting process, includ-ing whether or not they have intern-ships available. Acceved o said most of the recruiting process is alone in the colleges for professionals such as mechanical engineers, however, they do make an effort to hire full-time support staff workers from among the temporary agencies they hire from. Beverty. Brakeford of "Abraham

Beverly agrated of 'Abraham Clark High School in Roselle asked if there were any programs in place for high school graduates similar to recruiting programs in place for the colleges

"We have been involved in school-to-work programs," Person said.

# Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi unveiled a land record search web site which, she predicts, will permit images of the documents on the web site. The web site contains information recorded into the official land records of Union County. The new web site, which is located as a link to - the - co in ny - clerk's site - waw.unioncountynj.org - Or gifter ULP A/Docinde x, is only the second property search site in the state and represents one aspect of a long-radge program by Rajoppi sor make property records more accessible to the public. The second phase web site

to users. This is the same software eBay, the online auction house, uses.

Aspiedient Technologies developed and designed the web site for the county clerk. "We are extremely fortunate to have the sarie people who helped daign our original recording program, which has been in operation since 1987, create the web site." Rajoppi said. "Their experience and knowledge was a boot to the project." The programs were written and designed utilizing state-of-the-art techniques such as java serviets.

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# **COUNTY NEWS**

# Joint dinner meeting

Are you interested in meeting a Superior Court judge face to face?
On Nov. 27 at 6 p.m., there will be a joint dinner meeting of the Union, Hunterdon and Somerset counties

a joint dinner meeting of the Union. Hunterdon and Somerset counties Legal Secretaries Associations at B.G. Fields Restaurant, 560 Springfield Ave., Westfield. The guest speaker will be the Carol Ferentz, judge of the Superior Court, Essex County, All are welcome. If interested in attending, call Mary Lou Binhorn at 908-241-0611 or 908-527-4200.

The association offers educational opportunities to legal professionals. Members are eligible to receive mationwide discounts on products and services. For more information about the association, call Susie Mack, president of the Union County chapter, at 908-709-3790 or 908-322-2333. Ext. 237. or Helena Goworek, vide prasident membership chairwoman at dent membership chairwoman 908-527-4506 or 908-289-7356

#### Resume workshops-

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Despite the spirit of uncertainty that pervades the economy and the country's security overall, you can still rise above layaffs and other negative employment trends by developing an effective resume and hosting your job interview skills. This sense, the control of the country college will offer three, single-acesion workshops during November in these areas. These include a newly-introduced seminary specifically geared toward people with technical backgrounds in comparison, the sciences medicine and other areas of high technology.

The workshops are designed for persons who recently experienced a layoff, those who believe they may face a job loss, as well as those who wish to appraise the status in a chosen field or change direction and start an entirely new career path. New graduates are also assisted through the workshops. The seminars are practically oriented and provide participants with significant opportunity to address their own personal concerns.

Considerable dallogue is encouraged to enable participants to learn from

# The rewards

Can be great

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But for applicants, the love of being part of a new state history and having the ability to actually get results is still strong. In these rough economic times, I fear cabinet officers will have to say "no" quite ability have to say "no" quite ability for those who get through the rewards are great, But even for most of those who fail and don't get selected, they are very honorable people. I am dankful for most, of those who reformed from the control of those who reformed of those who reformed of the order of those who reformed the profile of the order of those who reformed of the order of the order of those who reformed of the order of those who try

A resident of Cranford, Frank

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New this semester is "Resume-Writing for Techies," a seminar designed to help people with technical backgrounds to convey their skills and accomplishments in "plain English," while conveying a positive message of their technical expertise. Participants will learn to balance industry jargon with concrete language designed for a reading andience much broader than might be anticipated at first glance. The college will offer the workshop from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday at its Cranford campus.

Other related workshops that have been offered by the college in the past and will be presented again:

• "Developing Confidence for the job Interview" will enable participants to develop strategic sellting skills for the employment marketplace. They will learn techniques to prepare effectively for the job interview. This effort can thus help to ease the stress of the experience and equip participants with the ability to refine their presentation for optimal impact. Participants with the ability to refine their presentation for optimal impact. Participants with the ability to refine their presentation for optimal impact. Participants will learn to conduct preliminary research, the importance of networking types of questions the interviewe needs to ask, negotiating for the salary, and how to close the interview to one's advantage. Roly playing will be included as time permits. The college will conduct the seminar from 7 to 9 pm on Nov. 26 at its Cranford will conduct the seminar from 7 to 9 p.m. on Nov. 26 at its Cranford

Those interested in more informa tion should call the college's Division of Continuing Education and Community Services at 908-709-7600.

# Senior outreach services

Union County's Division on Aging in the Department of Human Services has announced its Outreach Services

Program for November. Union County representatives will be available to offer information and provide assistance in completing the necessary applications for a multitude necessary applications for a multitude of programs, including gas and electric suppport, pharmaceutical assistance, home energy assistance, Supplementary Security Income, counseling on health insurance for Medicare enrollees, and the SHARE Food Program. A bilingual staff person will be

The dates, times and locations for

applications are:

Today: Roselle, Roselle Senior
Housing, 250 W. 2nd Ave., 10 a.m. to

noon.

Nov. 27: Plainfield, Cedarbrook Park Apartments, 1272 Park Ave., starting at 11 a.m.

For more information on the Outreach Services Program and other programs offered by the Division on Aging, call the division's toll-free number at 888-280-8226.

# Blood drives scheduled

The Blood Center of New Jersey will conduct the following blood

drives:

Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Temple Sholom, 315 W. 7th St., Plainfield.

Monday, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hopsital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union.

Union.

Nov. 25, 11 a.m., to 4 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 1034 Jeanette Ave., Union,
Nov. 27, 6 to 9 p.m., Masonic Adas Pythagoras Lodge, 1011 Central Ave., Westfield; Columbia Middle School, 345 Plainfield Ave., Berkeley Heights

 Nov. 30, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hop-sital. 1000 Galloping Hill Road. more information, call

800-BLOOD-NI

#### VITA volunteers needed

VII A Volunteers needed to assist in an income tax preparation program for low-to-moderate income residents. disabled adults and older adult residents of Union County. Community Access Untimited and the Union County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program will sponsor Volunteer Income Tax Assistance training. During training, VITA volunteers will learn to prepare both federal and state forms. Upon completion, they will prepare the income tax of eligible

will prepare the income tax of eligible residents of sites throughout Union

more information, call Laurie at the RSVP office at Community Access Unlimited at 908-354-3040.



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# **ARTS & ENTERTAINME**

# Callaway sisters offer 'sweetest sounds' in Paper Mill concert

From the moment the voices of Ann Hampton Callaway and Liz Callaway sounded in the wings in per-fect harmony, "Anything You Can Do," the audience at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn on the evening

of Nov. 6 was in for a rare treat.

A unique concert called "Sibling Revelry" offered the sweetest sounds ever to soothe the hearts of music lov And the exhibitantion ers. And the exhibitation of two marvelous singers, at the height of their incredible successes, grasped the audience's heart and zoomed off with it into the heavens

attorance's neart and zoomeo on wan it into the heavens.
"I'm Jin," said the blonde singer;
"I'm Ann," said the branette. "And we're sisters," said the two beauties, whose God-given voices sound alike even though they do not look alike.
"Liz and I were so different growing up ... it was hard being me," said Ann. To the Paper Mill, they said, Ann. Said and said said and said and said and offstage for an unforgettable two hours — that seemed to fly by in seconds.

seconds.

It was easy to see why the sisters were Broadway sensations and Tony nominees. Their musical program was an absolute sensation, and their warmth and affection for each other — even though they pretended to be rivals — for the happy faces facing them, their mother — a voice teacher.

Concert Scene

By Bea Smith Staff Writer

who was in the audience - and their including Alex Rybeck, musical director and pianist; Mark Minkler, bass and electric guitar, and Ron Tier-no, drums, were evident in their perdrums, were evident and annoes. Liz has appeared in musicals, including no, drums, were evident in their per-formances. Liz has appeared in Broadway musicals. including "Baby," for which she was nominated for a Tony Award, and "Miss Sai-gon," and Anu also has appeared on Broadway in the hit, "Swing," for which she also was nominated for a Tony. She is a songeriter of pop and jazz, and was nominated in 1998 for art Academy Award for her song, "Journey to the Past," featured in the animated feature, "Anastusia." She also served as the voice for many movie and television characters. In between upstaging each other, sitting on stools, together and alone, and ressed in simple black gowns, Ann sang "Rhythyrn in My Nursery Rhymes." Her scatting and the trum-pet and sax sounds that emanated from her droat were triumphant. And she melted everyone's heart with a

mediey of two songs: "My Buddy," which contains the most beautiful words and music, so soft and emotional, with deep feeling, and "Old Friend," which reminded a listener that everyone has that kind of an old, friend to commisser as a beautiful with the contains a second with the contains and the commisser as a beautiful with the contains and the contains and the contains a second with the contains a second with the commisser and the contains a second with the contains a se friend — to commiserate at a bar about everything in life and love; the good and the bad and how "nothing lasts and people change."

There were sarcastic but friendly exchanges about their accomplishments: Ann's 26th CD, Liz's Tony nomination. Liz's fifth Broadway show. Ann's MAC Awards. And so show. Ann's MAC on. Truce? Truce.

Once more, in smooth harmony the sisters sang a duet, "Friendship," and it truly was "a perfect blendship." And Ann added, "My sister, and my best friend, Liz Callaway."

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And Liz proceeded to sing her favorite song, "Meadowlark," in so lovely a voice and in musical narrative, and while, she wathled, "Sing for me, my meadowlark," she gracefully offered to sing for her appreciative audience.

audience.
There were splendid renditions from Broadway masicalst including Liz's versions of "My Heart Is So Fell of You," a beautiful love song from "The Most Happy Fella," "The Story Goes On" from "Baby," and "Another Hundred Lyries." a parody of "Another Hundred People" from "Company." The two sang "Brother-

Ann's scatting and the trumpet and sax sounds that emanated from her throat were triumphant

hood of Man" from "How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," and when Ann sang "Blues in the Night," which she sang in "Swing," the audience went wild.

Then Ann tossed a hum-dinger to the audience in the little-known fact that she wrote the title song, "The Namy Named Fran." for the everpopular television series and sang it, as she and Liz do for the sitcom's credits, bringing back pleasant

Then came the incredible-sounding "Huge Medley," which included "Sis-ters." from the film "White Christ-mas;" "If Marna Was Married," from mas," "If Mama Was Married," from "Gypsy," the counterpoint "You're Just in Love." from "West Side Story," "A Boy Like That." Have a Love." plus "I Know Him So Well' from "Chess," among others. Ending the medley with an incredible arrangement of "Happy Days Are Here Again," and "Get Happy." Ann and Liz certainly chased all our cares



The audience was mesmerized with the smooth, comparable tones of "Our Time" and "There's a Boat Dat's Leaving Soon for New York." The lights went on and each of the

sisters walked up an aisle graciously greeting and shaking hands with the happy and stunned audience. Long

after they bid everyone adies and the after they but everyone after and the lights were turned on permanently, the fans stood alongside their seats and refused to move. Perhaps they were thinking of a line in the Cullar ways' song that said. "I will never leave you."

#### Westfield Symphony explores aspects of love in Saturday's concert Catherine, 908-654-4011; Elm Street

season — Saturday at 8 p.m. in The Presbyterian Church of Westfield. David Wroe, music director and conductor, selected three works that

# Cultural summit is Saturday

The Union County Board of Cho-sen Freeholders invites Union County residents to stare their ideas for the future of the arch, listory, and cultural programs and services at a connty-wide Cultural Summit Saurday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Kean Uni-versity Center, 1100 Morris Ave. Union.

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"The Cultural Summit. a component of the Union County Cultural Planning Project. seeks input from as many individuals and cultural organizations as possible." said Freeholder Chairman, Alexander Mirabella. "We encourage residents and community leaders in education, business, economic development and social and human services as well as the arts are to everyday life — to count to the Cultural Summit and express their ideas for the future of cultural activities in Union County."

"The arts, history and cultural activities in Union County."

"The arts, history and cultural concluse to the quality of life in Union County as well as to sustainable economic development." said Freeholder Mary Routolo, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory, Board. "Ideas expressed during the summit will lead to a county-wide Cultural Master. Plan."

The project definition of "cultural" relates to visial and performing arts, history, historic preservation, folk/ethnic arts, literature, media/sechnolory and the humanities.

history, historic preservation, folk/ ethnic arts, literature, media/ technology and the humanities.

The planning process will also reach the aris and cultural community and the non-arts sectors through formus, focus groups, surveys and interviews. The data gained from this assessment phase will lead to development of a county-wide aris and cultural strategic plan for Union County.

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The Union County Cultural Planning Project is collaboration of the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Department of Economic Development, Kean University, the Gateway Institute for Regional Development, the Union County Allfance, and the Union County Economic Development Corporation. The project is funded in part by the Union County Board of Chosen Frecholders and grants from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, and the New Jersey Historical Commission, Department of State.

For information about the free Cultural Summit or the Cultural Planning Project, contact the Union County, Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pend St. Elizabeth. O7202: call 908-558-2550, or send e-mail to secon@countyjl.org. NJ Relay users did 711.

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depict love in its most endearing and enchanting asspects. The concert begins with Jean Sibelius' passionate Symphony No. 7. New Jersey composer Louis Searmolin's "Whispers of Love" for violin and orchestra follows Love' for violin and orchestra follows in a new arrangement by John Sichel. This performance features violinist Vladimir Ssypin. Scarmolin taught music and was the band director at Union City High School for many years. His works always evoke pride

and passion. The concert concludes with Saint-Saens' Symptony No. 3, also known as "the organ symphony. The evening's performance honor

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on the bar located in the dilling front and ordered a frosty pina colada bursting with fresh coconut and pineapple juice.

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For the main course, I chose a perfectly seasoned grilled flank steak which was accompanied by white rige, french fries and salad. My dining companion chose the arroz con pollo - Spanish style chicken with rice - which was also accompanied by golden french fries. Londond also has a large menu, which he is presently adding to, that includes Colombian and Argentinian menus, as well as a full page of seafood dishes and a variety of pasta and Italian menu items. There are also a number of steak dishes to choose from prepared by Chef Juanita Velardo, who has been with the restaurant for 15 years.

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During the reception, members of the Arts Council will perform musical selections and poetry readings. Pollowing the opening, the exhibit will continue at the RexPlex through Dec. 15. There is no admission charge. "In the wake of the events of Sept. 11, the council has chosen the them Irmagine' from John Lennon's vision of a peaceful and harmonious world," said Paula Borenstein, president of the Elizabeth Arts Council. "In addition, the exhibit will be dedicated to all artisss and performers who lost their lives in the attacks, particulately artiss." lives in the attacks, particularly artists and employees of art agencies killed at the World Trade Center."

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will appear for the first time at an Arts Council showcase.

Gini Pagdon, who coordinated the artwork. is "very happy with the scope of artists and the works they will show. The artworks include paintings, assemblage art, and for the first time, small sculpture. And there is variety among the artists themselves; for example. Bernard Lichstein is a longtime Elizabeth resident and Irely Tejeda received the training in Puerto Rico."

The RevPlex was chosen as the site of the exhibit and showcase because of hs, location, ample parking and popularity. Borenstein explained. "The RevPlex is a busy place and is an

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ideal location to introduce the Elizabeth Arts Concil to the patrons, and the RexPlex to the arists. The RexPlex director of coporate sales stated that the facility owners want to continue our practice of being good corporate neighbors, and to give more people an idea of the recreational facilities we offer here. RexPlex is a state of the art, multi-purpose sports and recreational complex which offers affordable family hin in a safe, climate-controlled location. "The Elizabeth Arts Council was founded in October 1998 to support and promote the arts in the city of Eacht, although imembership is open to anyone directly involved in the arts, or who wishes to enjoy them in and around Elizabeth. For information, call Borenstein at 908-289-3584.



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This exhibit is made possible in part by a HEART grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Presholders.

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The New Art Group was formed of members of the Visual Arts Committee of the Watchung Arts Center, 20 artists have been members of the group at times during their eight-year association. Four original members still remain with the group. At each show, the group does has a central show, the group does has a central show, the group does has a central show artworks for each show. What makes the group unjue is that it is a group of artists unified by purpose rather than style. The current members are:

- Susan Ahlstrom of Stirling three-dimensional mixed-media work
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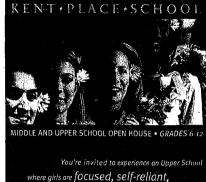
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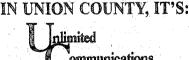
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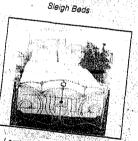
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man for soprano, violin, harp, thue and percussion, including Rutgers

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son Shea studied harp with the har-pists of the Chicago and Cleveland symptonies, and has performed with Gypsy' on Broadway, and most recently with 'The Fanusticks' at the Cranford Dramatic Club. She is an active chamber and church musician, and teaches piano.

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Guild of Organists, he directs the 20-oxice "South Mountain Chorale," which speckilzes in music of the Renaissance The director of music at the Far Hills School, Artz hus had the lonor of performing for Pope John Paul II and for President Clinton. All proceeds from this performance will go to the scholarship fund of the Musical Club. Tickers for the concern ex 510, and may be purchased from may be purchased from may be great the concern.

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N.J. Youth Symphony She played with the Central Regions Orchestra

with the Central Regions Orchestia for two years and is an officer of the funior Musical Club of Westfield. Also performing in the Albrechsber-ger will be Wayne Trager, a profes-sional trumper player from Edison. The viola played by Robert Paoli of North Platifield, will be the link to

of North Plantifield, will be the link to the Vaughan Williams Four Hymns for tenor viola, and organ. The head of the English Department at Wardlaw-Hartridge School, Paoli is the president of the Plainfield Musical Club, a professional singer at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church and the manneer of an ensemble for

Crescent Avenue Pressystram, church and the manager of an ensemble for weddings and other occasions, called Summit Strings. The tenor soloist in the Vaughan Williams will be Kerry Stubbs of Cranford

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independence.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It becomes obvious that a relationship has run its course. Be kind and break away slowly in order to lessen the shock of separating.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Nourish and feed your body with healthy foods and wholesome thoughts. Tackle the tasks you face with a one-at-a-time attitude.

power plays at work for some good, old-fashioned cooperation. You'll get a lot more accomplished with a unineu effort. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't view your chores or responsibilities to your family in a negative way. See them as an opportunity to contribute to your bousehold. fied effort

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make an extra effort to control your temper. Talking about your concerns and feelings will help you stay on an even keel.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Your financial situation is very much up in the air. You will not know where you stand until the dust clears. Be nationt and hang in there

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Change your focus and change your life. You are what you think about all day long. Keep your thoughts positive and upbeat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Volunteer time to charitable activities or organizations. You can also serve by reading to the blind or visiting with elders.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Go
Dutch on a lunch or dinner date with a
platonic friend. You do not want to
confuse the issues of romance or misrepresent your intentions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): This is an important decision-making time for you. Don't rush into anything until you have all the facts and can be sure it's what you want. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Addi-

tional education or getting special training is a great investment in your future. Go after your dreams with pre-paredness and perseverance. If your birthday is this week, welcome a positive cycle of growth and expansion during the coming year.

Enjoy traveling and exploring many Enjoy traveling and exploring many different foreign lands and cultures. Focus is required on the mensal level, as your thoughts tend to jump around from one brilliant idea to amother. Relationships take an unexpected run. Have patience with a boved one and avoid imposing your will. Also born this week: Billy the Kid. Robert F. Kennedy, John F. Kennedy Jr., Troy Aikman, Jodie Foster and the McCaughey sepunyless. McCaughey septuplets.

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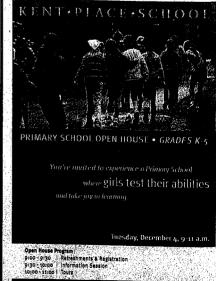
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ARTIST RON HEDRICK will have his work on exhibit at Evalyn Dunn's Gallery, 549 South Ave, Westfield.
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WESTFIELD ART ASSOCIATION member Shellia Lenga will have her work on exhibit at Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside, through today. Road, Mountainside, through today, A STUDENT'S JOURNEY, works by Janet L. Whitman, will be on exhibit in the Members' Gallery to the New Jarey Center for Visual Ars in Sumit through Nov. 28 Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays from noon to 4 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 pm, NuCVA is located at 68 Em St., Sum-NuCVA is located at 68 Em St., Sum-

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INTERPRETATIONS: "Recent Artworks Inspired by People, Places and Things in Union County by the New Art Group' will be on exhibit at The Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway Sunday through Dec. 14 A reception will take place Nov. 24 from 1 to 4 pm. Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Findays and Saturdays from 1 to 5 pm. and 5 to 7 pm. and by appointment. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1873 ing. St., Rahway, For Information, call 732-381-7811.

FAMILIAR PLACES, recent paintings by Patricia Brentano, will be on exhibit at Swain Galleries in Plainfield through

at Swain Gallerres in Plannerd Incount Nov. 28. Gellery hours are Tuesdays to Fri-days from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 pm. Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays from 0:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Swain Galleries is located at 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For Infor-mation, call 908-755-1707.

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Gallery hours are regular library hours. The Springlied Public Library is located at 68 Mountain Ave., Spring-field. For information, call 973-376-4830.

973-376-4930. DEVOTION, works by Janie Greenfield, will be on exhibit at the Kent Place Gailery in the Kent Place School in Summit Monday through Dec. 21. A reception will take place Nov. 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by appoinment. The Kent Place School is located at 42 Norwood Ave., Summit. For Information, call 908-273-0900, Ext. 332.

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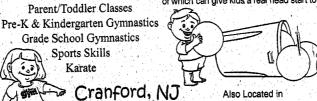


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# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Rappa

Janice Kodatt

American Heart Association and the American Cancer Foundation. She

enjoys gourmet cooking, the beach and spending time with both her black

labrador and her grandson, Thomas

AnderSonn nonoreal RE/MAX in Union announced that Martha Andersonn, broker/associate, has ranked on RE/MAX of New Sersey's Top 50 List for highest dollar volume in the month of September. This performance places Andersonn at the top of more than 1,670 real estate professionals in the state. "The success I have experienced as a RE/MAX associate is due to the number of families who have trusted me to guide them in one of the biggest.

me to guide them in one of the biggest investments in their lives," said Andersonn. "Selling real estate is an absolute pleasure for me, and it shows in my results."

Andersonn specializes in the listing and sales of residential and commer-

and sales of residential and commer-cial properties in various locations throughout Hodson, Essex and Union counties. She is fluent in English, Spanish and Portuguese, which allow-sher to serve a large segment of the consumer population. With nearly 10 years of experience in the real estate industry, Andersonn is consistently awarded membership in the New Jersey Association of Realtors NIAR-Million Dollar Club, and she is a member of the REMAX United in Union at 908-851-2323, Ext. 18, or 973-477-7480.

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# Two tie for awards

Grace Rappa and Janice Kodati, top producing sales associates with the Burgdorff ERA Westfield office, were recently honored with the companywide Monthly Sales Award. The two associates tied for the award,

companywide Monthly Sales Award.
The two associates tied for the award, which was based on unit production for the month of September.

"Grace and Janice set the pace for the company overall in September," Bright Sale Judy Reeves, president. "During a month of tagic events, the contributions of these dedicated real estate professionals helped pave the way for the additional companywide September Office Production awards won by the Westfield office."

A licensed Realtor since 1978, Rappa has attained membership in the New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Doltar Sales Club every year since 1983 and has achieved silver level status for the past three years. Kodatt has been a Realtor for six years and has qualified for the NJAR Million Doltar Club in 1999 and 2000.

2000.
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.

#### Ramos celebrates

Hamos Celebrates
Douglas Ramos, broker-owner of
REMAX Action Group Reality in
Roselle Park, celebrated four years
with REMAX last month. In October
1997, Ramos affiliated with the RE
MAX network and has had a throughly productive and successful
career since Ramos and the associates in his office specialize in the listing and sales of residential properties
in various locations throughout Union
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Thave experienced a tremends amount of success within the RIZ MAX system," said Ramos, "I have MAX system, and Ramos, "Trave always appreciated the strong support that comes from both REMAX of New Jersey and REMAX Interna-tional, and I am booking forward to utilizing these resources to serve my clients and customers for many more sears to come.

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Ramos is active in a number of RE/ MAX of New Jersey regional activi-ties, and fellow associates know they can count on him for the advice and support that only a seasoned broker can provide.

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"REMAX of New Jersey is proud to congratulate Douglas on reaching four years with us. It has been a pleasure working with him over the years, and we wish him the best of luck as he continues his career," said Jeff Snyder, REMAX of New Jersey regional owner.

RE/MAX Action Group is located at 134 Westfield Ave. in Roselle Park. The majority of the office staff speak English, Spanish and Portuguese fluently, which allows them to service a large segment of the consumer population in their market area. Rainos can be contacted by calling the office at 908-245-9300, Ext. 302, or e-mail at dramos@remax.net.

# Snyder ranks sixth

Mercyl Snyder, a sales associate with REMAX Properties Unifinited in-Summit, has ranked as number six for highest dollar volume in the most of September on REMAX of New Jersey's Top 50 List. This performance places her at the top of more than 1,700 real estate professionals in the state. the state.
"Since REMAX is strictly com-

"Since REMAX is strictly comprised of full-time top real estate pro-fessionals, ranking in the Top 50 with REMAX is quite an accomplish-ment," said Jelf Snyder, REJMAX of New Jersey regional owner.

Snydet specializes in the listing and sales of residential and commercial properties in various locations throughout Union, Morris and Essex counties. With more than 20 years of experience in the real estate industry, she has been a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors' Mij-lion Dollar Club, various levels, since 1987. Snyder also has earned her Cer-tified Marketing Specialist designation. designation.
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# **AUTOMOTIVE**

# The new MP3 from Mazda looks and sounds like a winner

ly screams Southern California with its electric blue paint, low-profile good looks and a 280-wait stereo.

2001 Mazda Protege MP3

Body style: Compact 5-passenger, front-wheel-drive sedan
Engine size and type: 2.0-life; DOHC 16-valve in-line 4, cast-iron
ock and aluminum alloy head
Horsepower: 140 at 6,000 rpm
Torque: 142 foot-pounds at 4,500 rpm
Transmission: 5-speed manual
Acceleration: 0 to 60 mph, 8.4
EPA fuel economy estimates: 25 mpg city, 31 highway
Peul capacity: 14.5 gallons
The competition: Honda Civic Si, Toyota Corolla S, Nissan Sentra
E-B, Ford Focus SVT, Subara WRX, Hyundai Elantra GT, Mitsubishi
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Where assembled: Jipan
Length: 175.3 inches
Wheelbase: 102.8 inches
Curb weight: 2,725 potuds
Standard cupiment includes: height-adjustable driver's seat and cushion tilt, 60/40 split folding rear seat back, air conditioning, hålogen headights, remote fael door and runk lid releases, internitient wipers
Safety features include: from air bags, 5-passenger 3-point belts with pretensioners, ISO-fix child seat anchors, 4-wheel disc brakes
MP3 equipment Interior Dark charcoal trium with silver access on the doors, console, center stack, steering wheel and shift lever; white-face gauges: 3-spoke Nardi steering wheel; MazdaSpeed lightweight perfornance pedals
Exterior: large front air dam with integrated driving light, full body kit.

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Exterior: large front air dam with integrated driving light; full body kit large rear spoiler; electric blue paint: Hart racing wheels

Audio system: Kenwood Excelon Z919 MP3 Player with 1-disc CD
player, AM-FM stereo, remote control unit, 280 wants tolal power, 2
6-by-9-inch three-way speakers on the rear deck, 5-by-7-inch two-way speakers for each of the front doors and a 100-watt, trunk-mounted, 10-inch powerd sub-woofer,

Brakes: 4-wheel discs, 10,2-inch front, 10,2-inch rear Steering: Engine-speed sensitive, variable rack-and-pinion & Suspension: 4-wheel independent. Front, MacPherson struts with a stabilizer bar; rear, twin-trappzoidal link with coil springs and subilizer bar Tires and wheels: Dutilop SP9000 205/45Z R17 17-inch and alloy wheels

Pricing

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Base, price: \$18,500; price as tested, \$18,500
Options on test car: None
Pluses: Pits in your driving hand like a roll of dimes, solid and empowering. Good upright architecture with open sightlines of the road for aggressive driving.

Minuses: Annoving squeak from loose face place of audio system. Aluminum pedals are slick by soles of street shoes. Road noise from the high-performance tires and wider wheels. Seat bottoms could use more support. In fact, the audio system has a lot more power than the engine, but the so-called performance-oriented Street package will be an easy sell to young drivers. At \$18,500, it's loaded with aftermarket add-ons, but there's no automatic transmission offered nor any other factory options.

Named for the Kenwood MP3 yer audio system, this is a project that evolved from Mazda R&D in ine, Calif. These people know at's cool in the import market and what's cool in u like to go fast.

Starting with a-top-line Protege ES, the MP3 gets grippy low-profile tires and aftermarket-looking wheels. a large front air dam with integrated driving lights, a rear spoiler and an aerodynamic body kit to make it look low and feet. and fast.

Mazda is the first manufacturer to put an in-dash CD/MP3 receiver in a car so drivers can punch up AM-FM radio stations, conventional CDs and MP3 encoded CD-Rs.

Audiophiles can download 10 hours of music from the Internet onto a Co-R disc, which is about nine hours more than the standard CD. The Kenwood Excelon 2519 system comes with four speakers and a 10-inch, 100-watt sub-woofer the size of a beer 100-watt sub-woofer the size of a beer keg strapped down in the trunk.

The 140 hp. 2.0-liter 4-cylinder was chipped for more power, beating the Protage ES engine by 10 horses. A modified Powerrain Control hodge in the computer chip ... tweaks ignition timing, throttle response and the air-to-fuel ratio for more performance on demand.

Then, a revised intake manifold increases top-end performance and a low-back pressure T-304 stainless steel Racing Beat cat-back exhaust system beefs up the sound and look of the car.

Despite the hatter compiler chip, the MP3 has a workable duplicity ... it's sporty not scary. Easy driving around town yields decent fuel mileage ... supposedly the same 25/31 as the 130 hp Protege ES ... but



The Mazda Protege MP3 has good upright architecture with open sightlines of the road for aggressive driving. It's named for the Kenwood MP3 player audio system inside.

at low revs it takes a heavier throttle foot to get the car moving. All the MP3 extras — speaker mag-nets, aerodynamic moldings and chas-sis reinforcements — add about 87

sis reinforcements — and about 87 pounds to the curb weight.

The 5-speed transmission is untouched, but the shifter has been shortened and the clutch peddadysted for firmer feedback. The 4-wheel independent suspension was modified by Racing Beat of Anaheim. Calif., with finely uned Tokico dampers, stiffer springs, larger stabilizer bars and chassis reinforcements.

Mazda says the MP3 has 30-perturbation of the control of

stock Protege. A European-spec steer ing gear gives quicker response, more steering feedback and just 2%, turns from lock to lock.

Tom lock to lock.

One-piece 17-inch Racing Hart alloy wheels are specific to the MP3 and Dandop provides the ultra-low-profile, 205/45ZR17 Danlop SP9000 Z-rated tires. Surprisingly, the 10.2-inch 4-wheel disc brakes are

Special interior touches include white gauges, a three-spoke Nardi steering wheel and MazdaSpeed fightweight performance pedals.

weight performance peraiss.

It's definitely a car for the young and not the young of heart and old of bones. The still suspension gives the seat bottoms a workout and left trime feeling a little namb after about an hour. And though the seats could use more bottom end, I prefer them to an over-holstered "Sport" seat that can hinder elbow room for shifting.

The suspension, however, is very lively in competitive driving. The car is nicely balanced and sticks to the road. It is responsive to throttle steering and savey drivers can push the mose out or roate the rear with just slight adjustments in pedal pressure.

The gas and brake pedals are placed just right for heel-oe shifts, which isn't just a racing trick. Heel-and-toe shifting is a safety technique that allows the driver to hold brake pressure with the left side of his right foot and roll the right side on the gas pedal

to boost the revs for a smooth downshift

downshift.

When braking for a freeway exit or stoplight from 55 mph, the driver doesn thave to lose a precious second lifting his or her foot from the brake to hip the flower and quickly get back on the brake nedal.

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And stepping on the MP3 gas pedal is enjoyable. The engine comes alive at 5,000 rpm and above, but there's a lot of room to play until you reach the redline at 6,500 rpm.

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Keep the engine revved and it continues to dig into the power band and just when you think there's nothing left, it pulls a little harder. And thank you, Mazda, for making that engine sound so inviting

The basic Protege ES is a fun little sedan, but the MP3 is as hot on the beach streets.

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Scotch Plains Taxi will have cars stationed in most towns or in a nearby neighboring town. It will accept all local and long-distance rans by phone only and will provide a toll-free 800 phone number — 800-787-3025. It will not pick up on the street like New York Yellow Cabs without a prior call to is dispatch center requesting a car for security purposes. It will provide 42-hour, 7-day service and dedicate 25 cars initially. Its fleet will be expanded as demand for taxis is needed. Pares will start at 575 and up for local services.

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\$25. Scotch Plains Taxi will provide child car seats in all of its cars as a free service to its passengers. Scotch Plains Taxi is owned and operated by the Airway Companies, which is a conglomerate thit owns several limousine, taxi and messenger services. It has 20 years experience in the transportation industry and is a member for each of its companies with the Better Business Bureau, the Union County Chamber of Commerce, Taxicab, Limousine and Partarnasti Association, and the Limousine Owners Group. The company operates with Lincoln Town Cars, Mercury Marquis and Ford Crown Victoria sedains plus station wagons. Its office is based in Elizabeth next to Newart International Airport. Its comers have a combined experience of 42 years in the transportation industry.

# Safely winterize the car

As the temperature begins to drop, it's a good time to get your vehicle ready for winter. The AAA New Jersey Automobile Club suggests the following steps to make sure your vehicle is outlitted from headlight to milliobi.

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Buttery, Cold weather can kill an ailing battery — the cause of many winter breakdowns. Avoid problems by asking your technician to rest your car's changing system output and the hattery's condition, and charge.

Fluids, Remember to change the old and check the antitreeze, brake, differential and transmission fluids. Old antifreeze in your car's cooling system may countibute to cooling system may countibute to cooling system that the cooling system is a second to be considered to the cooling system of the cooling system in the cooling system of the cooling system and its license plate, fog. parking side-marker, hazard, turn-signal, reverse, and brake fights.

Supplies, Keep a windshield ice scraper, spray lock defroster — also keep an extra defroster at home — and an extra pair of gloves in the car.

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and consider packing a folding shovel
and some rock salt, sand or kitty litter.

If you'll be driving in the mountains,
carry chains, blankets, foul-weather
gear, Ilares, and a tarp, just in case
you break down

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