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Stranded

Seeing the forest through the trees means more than just buying your Christmas tree at the local nursery. Newspaper stories have already started about anyone who complains when a government employee gets a raise.

Forgetting that qualified employees are always a good bargain or that everybody has to pay bills, the real problem is what I call digestibility, if it is a word. A salary increase can be digested and plugged as a story. It is easy, quick and what we call not a heavy lift.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

The problem with the digested story is that it paints an unfair picture. In Trenton, the subject of stranded debt is being considered. It is a real forest in terms of taxpayer dollar impact and deserves more coverage than some employee getting a raise.

To refresh some recollections, in the late '80s we went through the garbage crisis in Union County and the rest of the state. Environmentalists and some clever state attorneys went on a rampage, forcing our county almost at a point of a gun to build a resource recovery facility for \$550 million. It turns out the U.S. Supreme Court in two cases made it clear garbage was a type of commerce and the bureaucrat's underpinnings for the new system could be placed in the trash heap.

The good news was the Union County freeholders had addressed the problem in good faith, built a facility and made the best deal for the taxpayers they could in ultimately selling the facility. But we still also have some stranded debt. A whole lot of other counties didn't do so well and are not even able to make the current payments for the facilities, hence the term stranded debt. That is existing debt where the so-called stream of payment has dried up.

The stranded debt has basically two types, those backed by the taxpayers, and those picked by investors who are none too eager to have to take the financial hit because the court changed the rules deep into the game.

Under legislation, the state would borrow some \$1.09 billion through the Economic Development Authority to bail out counties which are in such bad shape they cannot even pay the finance charges on their debt. One conservative estimate says the state will have to come up with \$45 million a year for the next 20 years just to stay even on the stranded debt.

A-3753, with the support of the acting governor, would authorize the state to refinance county-sold waste facility bonds. But the chairman of the Assembly committee which will hear the bill is crying foul. Assemblyman John Rooney of Bergen County was quoted last week as saying "the only fair way to do the job is on a statewide basis in order to make counties whole and not have them compete against another," which means counties like Union would not be penalized for playing by the rules and making the best deal we could. It sounds fairer to me.

But the problem is that even the best deal for paying for the fiasco will cost every taxpayer a lot of tax dollars both current and borrowed. Meanwhile, for my peeve, a check of the state directory and some public agency manuals reveals many bureaucrats, state attorneys and those who represented agencies that created the fiasco are still in the same or related job. If we do adopt the soft waste bailout, maybe we should shine some light on the bureaucrats who get us into the mess, take them from their jobs and, if you will, leave them stranded.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

Position	1997 salary	1998 salary	1999 salary	2000 salary	2001 salary	Increase
Freeholder clerk	\$57,782	\$69,782	\$72,573	\$77,853	\$87,853	\$10,000/12.9%
Deputy county manager	\$98,280	\$99,840	\$103,334	\$107,467	\$113,918	\$6,448/6.0%
County manager	\$119,800	\$123,882	\$127,392	\$132,496	\$139,123	\$6,625/5.0%
Director, finance	\$65,335	\$92,461	\$95,897	\$102,395	\$105,467	\$3,072/3.0%
Director, human services	\$83,569	\$90,254	\$93,413	\$98,083	\$101,025	\$2,942/3.0%
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Director, administrative services	\$84,378	\$87,331	\$91,281	\$93,771	\$96,584	\$2,813/3.0%
County counsel	\$109,233	\$113,056	\$118,448	\$119,650	\$123,240	\$3,590/3.0%
Administrator, Runnells	\$93,885	\$98,109	\$101,543	\$104,335	\$107,485	\$3,150/3.0%
Director, public safety	\$65,000	\$67,375	\$91,055	\$93,559	\$96,386	\$2,827/3.0%
Director, operational services	\$101,810	\$105,374	\$95,039	\$97,890	\$100,827	\$2,937/3.0%
Director, parks and recreation	n/a	n/a	\$63,095	\$64,015	\$96,835	\$2,820/3.0%
Freeholder chair	\$25,500	\$27,000	\$27,875	\$27,875	\$27,875	\$0/0.0%
Freeholder vice chair	\$24,500	\$26,000	\$26,875	\$26,875	\$26,875	\$0/0.0%
Freeholders						
	\$23,500	\$25,000	\$25,875	\$25,875	\$25,875	\$0/0.0%

"The director of the Department of Operational Services was promoted in 1999 from director of the Division of Public Works. The 1997 and 1998 salaries represent the previous director's salary. The Department of Parks and Recreation was a division within the Department of Operational Services until last year.

Directors slated for 3-percent hikes

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Most county departments heads are in line for salary increases of 3 percent, with the exception of the county manager, deputy county manager and clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, who will receive more substantial raises.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders last week introduced its annual ordinance setting the salaries for county officials and department heads. A public hearing and final adoption will take place at the Dec. 13 freeholder meeting. All the salary increases are retroactive to Jan. 1.

The average raise this year is approximately 4.35 percent, but the figure is skewed by the three department heads who will get larger raises. County Manager Michael Lapolla will receive a 5 percent pay raise and Deputy County Manager George Devanny will get 6 percent. The clerk of the freeholder board will get a nearly 13 percent increase but Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella

described it as more of a "salary adjustment" than a merit raise.

As a department head, Freeholder Clerk Elizabeth Genievich's salary is "out of step with the rest of the directors," Mirabella said. "We've been trying to get it more in line. We felt it was warranted. She regularly goes above and beyond."

The 3 percent increases, the chairman said, are in line with labor contracts the county settled in the past year. "Everyone deserves an increase," he said. While Devanny and Lapolla will be rewarded for their efforts relating to Sept. 11 and other "extraordinary circumstances" throughout the year, "The board felt they deserved additional compensation."

Seven of the 11 department heads will earn annual salaries of more than \$100,000 once the raises are approved, with two of them surpassing the mark this year.

The board did not change the annual salary for a freeholder, which is considered a part-time position. The salary will remain \$25,875, which has not changed since 1999.

Boy & Girls Club leader marks decades of service

By Steven Reilly
Staff Writer

For Russell Triolo, it's as if he never left the Boys & Girls Club. The chief executive officer for the Boys & Girls Club of Union County, Triolo was honored with the National Service to Youth Award for his 30 years of service to the clubs.

Triolo became involved with the clubs when he was 6 years old and signed up for swimming classes at what was then called the Boys Club of Clifton. "I went to the club just about every day until I turned 18," he said.

"It was almost like I never left."

"I love my job, it takes a lot of long hours but it is all worth it to see the joy in a child's face," Triolo said. "I plan to stay with the clubs for as long as I can."

Triolo attended William Paterson University in Wayne where he received a teaching degree in special and elementary education. He worked as a teacher for special needs students in Garfield until he became the assistant director of the Garfield Boys & Girls Clubs in 1971.

"I remembered how much of an impact the clubs had on me as a kid growing up, the staff made me feel special and helped guide my life in the right direction," Triolo said. "I want to do for children what others have done for me."

Triolo has initiated a core of programs at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County that focus on helping kids gain the skills and knowledge to be a strong force in the future marketplace with the addition of developing technology.

"Our computer learning programs are the most popular activities in our clubs. They have become a large part of preparing the kids for a future career," Triolo said. "We help kids develop the skills that will make them employable and in some cases help them look for jobs."

Of course, the Boys & Girls Clubs are about fun stuff too.

"The game room is the first thing the kids see when they enter the clubs," Triolo said. "But I have found that the children really enjoy participating in community projects such as



Russell Triolo, chief executive officer of the Boys & Girls Club of Union County, center, receives a 30-year service award from Ann Stiern, senior director of the Boys & Girls Club of America, Northeast Region, right, with Robert Poles of the Board of Directors for the Boys & Girls Club of Union County.

visiting local hospitals or holding clothing drives. They enjoy belonging to their communities."

Triolo said the staff he has at the clubs are a major reason for the suc-

cess of the programs and the development of the children.

"We have a tremendous staff and board members at the clubs that are supportive and involved in the direc-

tion of the programs. I believe in keeping everyone involved and allowing staff members to move up within the organization of the clubs," Triolo

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Spreading cheer with Tree of Hope



Brightening the holidays for a few children through the Tree of Hope in the Sheriff's Office are, from left, Officer Andrea Eilbacher, Sgt. Cindy Weber, Sgt. Martanne Hopko, center, retired Sgt. Nancy Zimmerman and Officer Pat Smith, right, with Santa Carlo Caparuvva. Donations can be sent to: Union County Sheriff's Officers Tree of Hope, P.O. Box 4, Kenilworth, 07033, checks payable to 'Tree of Hope.' Item donations can be dropped off at the county courthouse, Sheriff's Office, 2 Broad St., Elizabeth. Ask for a Tree of Hope committee member at a security machine or pick up of items can be arranged if needed.

Open space deal final for 63-acre property

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

A plan for Union County to acquire a 63-acre property in Summit has been finalized. The Board of Chosen Freeholders last week approved a resolution authorizing the administration to enter into an agreement with New Jersey American Water Company Inc. for the land on Glenside Avenue adjacent to the Sheriff's Complex.

The county will pay \$9 million for the property, with \$1.5 million coming from New Jersey's Garden State Preservation Trust. The remaining \$7.5 million will be raised through the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

The announcement that the freeholders would buy the largest remaining undeveloped piece of land in the county came early this summer, but approval from the board and the water company's Board of Directors still was needed.

The open space trust fund, which was approved by voters in 2000 and created this year by the freeholders, is a dedicated tax of 1.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value and is expected to generate nearly \$5 million annually for 20 years.

The wooded parcel adjacent to the Watchung Reservation had been owned by the water company since 1915. The land contains few facilities, only a few pumping stations the water company still retains easements for to allow it to operate. The property, which was zoned for one-family residential units, is assessed at \$5.3 million and pays approximately \$114,000 annually in taxes. The land could have accommodated 37 residential lots.

The freeholders hired two appraisal firms several months ago to determine a fair market value of the Esposito Farm, a 13-acre property in Clark which might be acquired. Local officials are interested in purchasing the land to preserve it as open space, either as a park or a working farm.

COUNTY NEWS

Annual holiday boutique

The Volunteer Guild of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County will have its annual holiday boutique from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 13 in the multipurpose room of the facility, 40 Watching Way, Berkeley Heights.

UCLSA holiday party

Get ready for the holiday season with the UCLSA, the association for legal professionals. On Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., UCLSA will be having its annual holiday party at Donum's Restaurant, 230 Westfield Ave., Roselle Park. There will be a pre-dinner gathering at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 p.m. The cost for dinner will be \$23.

The association offers educational opportunities to legal professionals and members are eligible to receive nationwide discounts on products and services from NALS — the national affiliate. For more information or meeting reservations, call Mary Lou Elmhorn at 908-527-4200 or Helena Goworek at 908-527-4506.

Tree lighting Friday

The Board of Chosen Freeholders will sponsor the county's 12th annual holiday tree lighting ceremony and charity drive on Friday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Watching Stable, 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside.

In addition to illuminating the lights on a beautiful 30-foot tall tree, there will be a holiday sing-along, a peeing zoo, demonstrations by the K-9 unit of the Union County Sheriff's Office, a mounted drill team presentation by the Watching Stable, a visit from Santa Claus, and refreshments. Those planning to attend this event are encouraged to bring cameras for taking pictures with Santa.

Members of the public who attend are asked to bring an item of dry or canned food, or a new, unopened toy.

in lieu of admission fee. All items collected will be distributed to Union County charities.

For more information on the Union County tree lighting ceremony, call the Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4900. In the event of rain, the program will be presented on Saturday at same time and place.

'Something Different'

The Runnells Specialized Hospital Volunteer Guild will sponsor "Something Different," a sale featuring products seen on TV, today from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the facility, 40 Watching Way, Berkeley Heights.

The sale will include umbrellas, tap lights, Orange Glow-Oxi Clean, the Wonder Mop, holiday appliances, and more. Checks, Visa and MasterCard will be accepted at the sale.

For information, call 908-771-5901.

DARE/Devils night

The Union County DARE Officers Association will be hosting its annual DARE/Devils Hockey Night Dec. 14 at the Continental Airlines Arena.

Tickets are specially priced for this evening at \$30 — box office price is \$52 — and are second level at the arena. Game time is 7:35 p.m. for the game against the Florida Panthers, and all fans receive a Devils souvenir.

Anyone interested can call Detective Keith Dunn of the Clark Police Department at 732-388-3434. Ext. 259.

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.

For those not familiar with the Entertainment book, it contains discounts for fine dining, family dining, sports events/activities, special attractions and hotels. The 2002 book also contains instant movie discount tickets, cruise discounts, florist discounts, USA Today discount, half-price dry cleaning and car wash discounts, Union County Arts Center discount, retail discounts, as well as airline tickets. Books are available for gift giving or for one's own use at \$20 and \$30.

Call Carmine at 732-396-1077 during the day or 908-233-1086 in the evening to purchase a book.

Veteran ID cards offered

The Union County Clerk's Office is offering free identification cards to all Union County veterans. The red-and-blue cards provide proof of military service, which is critical to receiving educational, license and death benefits as well as the property-tax rebate that went into effect last year.

To record military service with the County Clerk, veterans must bring their original certificate of honorable discharge and/or DD-214 form to the main office in Elizabeth. Documents will be recorded in the Union County Veterans Index and the originals will be returned to the veteran. Those who have already recorded their documents with the County Clerk can call the office and have the card mailed to them.

For more information, visit the Office of the County Clerk at the Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad St., Room 115, Elizabeth, or call 908-527-4787 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The clerk's web site also includes relevant information at www.unioncountynj.org and clicking on "Constitutional Offices" and clicking on "County Clerk."

Office of Volunteer Services created

Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella announced the creation of the Union County Office of Volunteer Services, which will serve to connect county residents with agencies, organizations and institutions that depend on volunteerism to respond to a variety of needs.

The development of an Office of Volunteer Services is one of the Board of Chosen Freeholder's 2001 initiatives.

"Volunteers are an important resource in Union County, providing public and private agencies with invaluable assistance and expertise in a number of areas," said Mirabella. "This office will help Union County's volunteers put their talent, generosity and energy to use and will help organizations, county government and community groups to find the volunteers they need."

Susan Pepper has been named to coordinate the office. She has worked for Union County as the director of the Access 2000 technology program, and has also been involved in a number of other projects related to free-

holder initiatives, including the Union County Newark Museum Connection, the Freeholder Scholars Program and Access 2001 Library Link Project.

Freeholder Nicholas Scutari noted that the creation of the office will provide a central outlet to residents seeking to focus their volunteer efforts. "In the wake of the tragic events of Sept. 11, this initiative has taken on even greater importance as citizens throughout the nation look for ways to make a difference by serving in their communities," Scutari said. "This program will recruit and train many new volunteers — from senior citizens to high school students — who are interested in serving their communities here in Union County."

The volunteer services program intends to "hit the ground running" by working closely with Union County's Department of Human Services. The department has recently undertaken a major needs assessment survey of countywide social service agencies and organizations. In addition, the program plans to collaborate with the United Way of Union County

to take full advantage of their leadership role with local organizations and agencies and their knowledge of community needs.

The program will begin by addressing the volunteer needs within Union County's departments, programs and services. The following is a partial list of volunteer opportunities:

- Runnell's Specialized Hospital — Through its Volunteer Guild and Jr. Volunteer Program, the hospital needs volunteers at its coffee and gift shop, help with patients in occupational and physical therapy, and assistance to patients with recreational and arts activities.
- Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs — volunteers are needed year-round for its major events, such as the Teen Arts Festival, and for help in the office with mailings.
- Bureau of Environmental Services — Volunteers are needed for environmental clean-up days.
- Rape Crisis Center — Volunteers are sought for victim advocate volunteers.

Triolo celebrates 30 years of service

(Continued from Page B1) said. "We instill into the children the right kind of values and develop a strong moral compass within them."

The staff at the clubs are trained to help children face the issues of growing up in today's society.

"The clubs are a second home for the kids, they give them a sense of involvement," Triolo said. "This is where someone is waiting to interact with the child on a one-on-one level, for many kids this is the only place

that this happens over the course of their day."

Triolo's present home life got its start at the Boys & Girls Clubs. He met his wife, Linda, at the Boys & Girls Clubs and the two have been married 29 years. They have two daughters, Robyn, 25, and Kristin, 22, both of whom were members of the clubs and are still involved volunteering their time. "I am very proud of my family,"

Triolo said. "I wouldn't have been able to achieve what I have without their love and support they have given over the years."

Besides his service award, Triolo has been honored with a 1998 Contribution to the Profession of Youth Service Award. He has been named a member of the Academy of the Boys & Girls Clubs and was named the Citizen of the Year by Temple B'Nai B'rith of Union.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Vincent diMura

DiMura to jazz things up in county college concert

On Friday, Union County College Adjunct Professor Vincent diMura, concert jazz pianist and composer, and his acclaimed ensemble, The George Street Project, will perform the first in a series of concerts dedicated to World Jazz.

This performance, funded by the Union County College Foundation, will take place in the Roy Smith Theater on the Cranford campus of the college, 1033 Springfield Ave. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m., and admission is free.

In addition to cuts from "Imperfect Balance," his newly released CD on the Back Garden Label, diMura will premiere a new set of compositions based on incidental music written for a recent production based on Grimm's Fairy Tales that was produced at the Children's Theater Co. in Minneapolis. diMura will be accompanied by guest artist Ralph Down, professor of jazz studies in the Music Department of Rutgers University, on tenor saxophone; and the members of the George Street Project: Chris Brown on percussion, Bob Hart on the bass, and Morshed Khan on the sitar. The performance will also include the ensemble's unique arrangement of John Coltrane's "Kulu Se Mama."

A veteran performer and composer, diMura has performed at concert halls throughout North America, Canada and Latin America. He was recently awarded a 2000 Fellowship in Jazz Composition from the Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation/New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

diMura formed The George Street Project in 1990 in order to establish an expert, ongoing ensemble that would help in the development and performance of his unusually eclectic music. Throughout his career, diMura has performed with and composed for a variety of modern dance and ballet companies. For the past five years, he has toured with jazz poet Gary Edson in Three Views, an evening dedicated to the poetry of Langston Hughes. He has directed seasons for the Barn Theater in Augusta, Mich.; Bucks County Playhouse in New Hope, Pa.; Artpark and Co. in Lewiston, N.Y.; Tennessee Repertory Co. in Nashville, and The Arden Theater Co. in Philadelphia, among others. Early next year, diMura will embark on his first Asian tour to include a collaborative performance with renowned Philippine visual artist Rene Robles at the National Cultural Center in Manila.

Union County College is a public comprehensive college and is a member of New Jersey's system of 19 county colleges. The college operates major campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth, Plainfield and Scotch Plains, and enrolls approximately 9,000 full- and part-time students. All four campuses are located in the New York metropolitan area and are easily accessible by car and public transportation.

Bill Van Sant, Editor

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Concert is marked by touching premiere

Seasonal cheer, patriotism and a poignant premiere defined the holiday concert presented Sunday by the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra at Cranford High School.

Under the able baton of orchestra founder and artistic director Lorraine Marks, the NJIO, comprised of volunteer musicians ranging in age from 5 to 90, served selections by the likes of Liszt, Beethoven, Irving Berlin, Mozart and resident composer Mario Lombardo of Cranford in its "Holiday Pops Extravaganza."

Featuring informative and amusing narration delivered by Cranford resident Bernie Wagenblast, the concert was a concise two hours, making the performance a comfortable length for the youngsters and senior citizens comprising a large portion of the audience. Dedicating the entire concert to the events of Sept. 11, Wagenblast said, "Mixed in with those sounds of the season are those tunes which express our patriotism."

With a color guard provided by members of the Cranford Fire Department — including firefighter Mike Vito, who worked at Ground Zero — the orchestra got things off to a stirring yet touching start with "The Star Spangled Banner."

The centerpiece of the concert was

Concert Scene

By Bill VanSant
Associate Editor

the world premiere of "Near Nostalgia," Lombardo's most recent composition which he dedicated to the victims of Sept. 11 and their families. With Lombardo at the piano and Joseph Gluck of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra performing the violin solo, the piece was at once heart-warming and heart-ringing, mixing an evocative blend of passionate beauty and longing sadness. The melodic line of the solo part, which was sometimes difficult to hear over the full orchestra, conveyed a tender sweetness, beautifully realized by Gluck's precision and expression. His performance was exquisite, with the final notes, as delicate as fine crystal, hanging breath-takingly in the air.

The composition itself, commissioned by the Union County HEART Grant, featured beautiful imagery, supported by the effective harmonies and intervals of the piece. It was

indeed an honor to be present at its first public performance.

Rounding out the program was a potpourri of selections ranging from Mozart's overture to his one-act comic opera, "The Impresario," to Leroy Anderson's "Bugler's Holiday," to Franz Liszt's "Hungarian Dance," to an exciting collision of Beethoven and KC and the Sunshine Band. "Ludwig's Celebration," arranged by Calvin Custer, juxtaposed Beethoven's Fifth Symphony with "Celebrate," perhaps one of the most regrettable songs ever written. The questionable disco hit, however, was wonderfully redeemed by Custer's treatment and the exceptional job done by the NJIO, resulting in a lively and beautifully played selection. "Hungarian Dance" was strikingly and expressively interpreted, while the "Impresario" Overture featured some excellent work from the Violin I section.

The fine job done by the orchestra on Kenneth Alford's "Colonel Bogey's March" — known to some as the theme from "The Bridge on the River Kwai" and to others as a 1970s Getty gas commercial — was upstaged by a parade of children, adults and seniors marching around the auditorium of Cranford High School, enthusiastically waving

American flags. With the audience clapping in time, the space was transformed into a rousing, patriotic rally. The theme and flags returned with the concert finale, Irving Berlin's "God Bless America."

The holiday selections were no less inspiring, most notably "Bugler's Holiday" by Leroy Anderson, featuring fine trumpet solo work by orchestra members Andrew Lyman, a student at Rutgers' Mason Gross School of the Arts, and Robert VanWyck, the band director from Rahway High School.

While the NJIO may not always convey the rapturous precision of its more professional counterparts, the orchestra never fails to deliver a warm, heart-warming performance, and Sunday was no exception. A hearty "Brava!" is due Marks for uniting young and old performers and audiences in a shared love of music. This outstanding orchestra is truly one of a kind!

The NJIO's Nouvea Orchestra will perform this afternoon at Barnes and Noble in Clark; see the "Concerts" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B5. For information on upcoming concerts, call 908-709-0084.

Paper Mill symposium is 'de-lovely,' informative

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

The free symposium of its shows, "Meet the Artist," staged by the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, several weeks after their openings, have become unique events.

The theater's followers generally follow through on their interests in the current production and flock to the playhouse to enjoy a talk of the history of the play, its playwright, and, as in "Red, Hot and Blue," its fabulous musical performances by its people.

Of course, the symposium presented the evening of Nov. 27 was a fabulous event, and the Paper Mill people involved enhanced its invaluable entertainment.

"Red, Hot and Blue — An Evening of Cole Porter" was wonderfully brought to a breathless audience by hosts Robert Johnson, artistic director, and Mark Waldrop, assistant director, and co-host Albert Evans, musical director, who played the piano and also discussed periods in the life of Porter.

Participating in the musical numbers were Debbie Gravitte, Jim Walton and Michael Gruber, stars of "Red, Hot and Blue," and an astounding Leslie Krizer, whose title role as Fanny Brice in Paper Mill's "Funny Girl" made her a star. Johnson and Susie Speidel, performer and director of education, introduced the program with "Wouldn't It Be Fun."

The opening medley, "Another Op'nin', Another Show," "Riding High" and "Friendship" was performed by Gravitte, Gruber, Krizer and Walton. And, despite the song books held by the performers, one would think they were all made to sing Cole Porter songs.

They sang together, solo, two and three at a time, occasionally Johnson, Waldrop, Speidel and Evans would join them, or do their own solos. And in between, the biography of Porter — who came from an excep-

tionally wealthy family and even as a homosexual, was married to an equally wealthy socialite, both of whom traveled in style around the world — was told and dramatized... and sung. In his lifetime, Porter had written more than 1,000 songs — from the time he was a young prodigy to his final years during which he wrote phenomenal hit songs for Broadway shows and their singers. For 10 straight years, he had written top songs.

Among his lovely, wonderful, beloved music, brought forth by the people who were born to sing his music, were "Bingo," "See America First" and the extremely funny "Miss Otis Regrets." There were 30 medleys including "Let's Do It," this writer's favorite "Begin the Beguine," "Night and Day" — the name of the musical film biography, starring Cary Grant — "I've Got You Under My Skin," "You Do Something to Me," "Easy to Love," "Just One of Those Things."

"It's De-Lovely," "You're the Top," "Anything Goes," "Blow, Gabriel, Blow," "I Get A Kick Out of You," "My Heart Belongs To Daddy" — "with a Jewish flavor" — the very funny "Tale of the Oyster," "Kate the Great," Spedel brought the house down with that one: "Cherry Pies No. 1 and 2," "Can Can," and "At Long Last Love."

One could hear a pin drop when the fabulous Krizer stood in the shadows of the stage to sing "Love for Sale," the audience actually held its emotional breath. And when Johnson sang "In the Still of the Night," Paper Mill patrons sighed with pleasure, remembering all the musical numbers and the musical plays in which this handsome, blond, versatile man thrilled them.

The truth about these symposia at the Paper Mill Playhouse is that they are all, as Cole Porter wrote, so "easy to love."

CDC to offer kids 'Sleeping Beauty' this weekend

This year's Children's Theater production at Cranford Dramatic Club, the classic "Sleeping Beauty" written by Charles Perrault is co-directed by Hope Weinstein of Springfield and F.J. DeRobertis of South Plainfield, with musical director Shayne Austin Miller of South Plainfield and choreographer Jennifer Sara Eisenberg of Cranford.

Co-producers are Liz Howard of Cranford and Arlene Wachstein of Mountaintop, with Stacy Groh of Garwood as stage manager, assisted by Janet Murphy of Kenilworth, set design and decoration: Terry Schultz of Roselle Park, set construction: Art Khvis of Cranford, set painting: Mary McGhee of Cranford, makeup: Howard and Wachstein, props: Cathy Colone of Cranford and Madge Witel of Westfield, costumes: Ed Witel of Westfield and John Merkel of Cranford, sound design: Alex Garten of Springfield, lighting design: and John Duryee and Kevin Kessler, both of Cranford, lighting.

The cast includes Matt Nizzaro of Cranford as The Blue Fairy, who is half mortal and half faun through much of the play; Carolyn Pender of Cranford as the graceful Princess Melisande, who becomes "Sleeping Beauty;" Kevin Glackin of Springfield as the elegant Royal Herald; Rick Brown of Verona as The King; Kassandra Casull of Westfield as The Queen; Ed Witel as The Royal Jester; Molly Frieri of Cranford as Pheobe, the leader of Good Fairies;

Becky Randazzo of Cranford as the ethereal, giddy Fairy Sybil; Mary Webb of Cranford as the comely Fairy Mimeria; Naomi Yablonsky of Springfield as villainous Trololiana, the Bad Fairy; and Samantha Dugo of Cranford as Lady-in-Waiting.

CDC has selected the Prince Street Players Ltd. version with 15 rich musical numbers in this enduring musical fantasy about life in a mythical kingdom. The adaptation, book and lyrics are by Jim Eiler, and music is by Jim and Jeanne Bary. "Sleeping Beauty" is just one in a long line of successes from the writings of Perrault, who also created "Cinderella," "Pass 'n Boots," "Little Red Riding Hood," and "Tales of Mother Goose," more than 300 years ago. This story was also adapted by Tchaikovsky in the 1700s into a beautiful ballet, and became Walt Disney's 16th animated feature film in 1959 for the highest — and unheard of — cost of \$6 million.

Performances of "Sleeping Beauty" Children's Theater will be Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 8 at 10:30 a.m., 1 and 3:30 p.m., and Dec. 9 at 1 and 3:30 p.m. The theater is located at 78 Winans Ave. in Cranford off Centennial Avenue and just minutes from Exit 136 of the Garden State Parkway. For information, call 908-276-7611.

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LaGreca warms up chilly night at The Manor

It was well worth the effort of inching one's way home last Thursday evening, Nov. 29, way up from The Manor in West Orange down to home in Union in fog so thick one couldn't see at all.

And what made it so well worth it were a combination of unique delights. In the first place, the dining in the Terrace Lounge was superb. Also, the exceptionally versatile attraction, Angela LaGreca, uncovered her warm and giving personality and embraced the cabaret audience up in Le Dome as no other performer ever had before. The people's response was phenomenal; they returned her embrace and gathered her up into their hearts — and eventually, audience and star all turned into one happy family!

All of this friendliness began with the polite warmth of the maître d', Sami Odde, as he led my companion and me to our regular table facing the piano and the musically talented Boby by Richkigs, who arrived at 7 p.m. adorned in piano-decorated hat, bow tie, vest and socks. Our equally polite and attentive waiter, Kevin, presented us with an appetizing delicacy, roasted red and yellow pepper mousse with thinly sliced cucumber and tomato salad with a little pesto. It was created by the whimsical executive chef, Joseph Voss, who prepared the salad to look like little flowers set

Life is a Cabaret

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

against a picket fence that seemed to be made of cookie dough. One had to hide behind a napkin in order not to be seen smacking one's lips — and actually wanting, oh, so much more.

On the Cabaret Soiree menu, both of us ordered an unusual, but delicious, thick, rich soup of sweet potatoes with smoked turkey wonton. It was devoured with special pleasure, as Christmas music flowed through the atmosphere. Richards played some variations on "The Christmas Song," "Jingle Bell Rock," "Silver Bells," "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," "Home for the Holidays," "I'll Be Home for Christmas" and "White Christmas." At the end of each song he played two lines of "Jingle Bells." His music was interspersed with the very beautiful "Clare de Lune," "Misty," "Autumn in New York" and the Rachmaninoff theme, which was used in the movie "Somewhere in Time."

With our delicately prepared mixed baby greens with pumpkin seed vinaigrette, we enjoyed "Bess, You Is My Woman Now" and "America, the Beautiful." The diners put their forks down and applauded that one.

For the main course, I selected a marvelous crisp Muscovy duck breast and legy ragout with Sicilian couscous and Marsala jus. And my companion relished a parsley/sesame seed-coated broiled salmon filet with wild mushroom crepes, rutabaga puree and white truffle sauce. Both courses actually called for a home doggy bag.

The very rich layered pumpkin and lime cheesecake with cinnamon ice cream and New Jersey cranberries, plus the tasty paper thin peanut brittle, the petit fours and the wonderful coffee and tea, could not be consumed in its entirety. It all was a feast for the gods.

LaGreca's resounding "hello," up in Le Dome and her verbal appreciation of performing in the famous Manor warmed up her audience as she was known to do on television shows. The beautiful performer with the beautiful voice and mannerisms touched everyone personally. The five-time MAC Award-winner introduced her fine piano accompanist, Lenny Bavieh, mimicked Barbara Walters, Julie Andrews, Cher, Joan Rivers, Judge Judy, did a marvelous takeoff on "I Could Have Danced All Night," praised Mayor Giuliani and was constantly yawning into the

audience. She chatted with some of the people, performed with others. She brought patrons right up to the stage, and they entertained along with LaGreca.

LaGreca imitated opera singers, saying that they "always look like they're going to sneeze," and gave a spectacular example. She brought the house down with her "I love you, French — French fries, French's mustard, French toast." She sang a French song, and her accompanist translated each line in comedic form. Another hilarious moment was when LaGreca said, "We're in the 'Phantom of the Opera' land" and selected a man named Michael in the audience to be the Phantom.

She kept wandering into the audience, greeting everyone, asking about each one's health, chatting with all. LaGreca went into "so many stages of love," and sang a love melody, "The Story of Love." "That's Amore," blended love song lines and did a great imitation of Marlene Dietrich with "I'll Never Fall in Love Again."

In an operatic voice, LaGreca made up her own comic lines to "Barber of Seville," and when she reached the really high notes, it was a wonder that the lights in the room didn't burst.

"I get emotionally attached to people," she said.

And by the end of the evening, the audience couldn't help but get emotionally attached to LaGreca!

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CDC prepares for auditions

Director Maurice J. Moran Jr. and the casting committee at Cranford Dramatic Club have announced auditions for the production of the Broadway hit comedy "I Hate Hamlet" by Paul Rudnick this winter. Peggy Seymour is assistant director. Auditions will be held Monday and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. "I Hate Hamlet" is a comedy about a young Hollywood actor stretching his acting abilities to play Hamlet for the Central Park production. Unfortunately, he hates "Hamlet." Fortunately, he moves into an apartment inhabited by the ghost of John Barrymore, one of the 20th century's greatest Hamlets.

The cast includes:

- Andrew Rally — the TV actor, late 20s or early 30s, handsome, charming.
- John Barrymore — the famous Shakespeare actor, "phenomenally sexual and dashing."
- Deirdre McDavies — Andrew's girlfriend, 29, but appears younger; the "breathless soul" in romantic clutches.
- Lillian Troy — Andrew's agent, a striking, silver-haired woman in her 70s, speaks with a regal German accent, a non-nonsense woman.
- Felicia Danine — the real estate agent with an almost carnal passion for Manhattan apartments. She needs to speak with a hoarse, vibrant voice, "a jubilant 'Noo Yawk' lark."
- Gary Peter Leitkowitz — a Hollywood agent in his 30s, "an extremely happy, overgrown child. Real life is of very little consequence to him."

Rehearsals will be held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through January and February, and the production dates are Feb. 8 through 24. The theater is located at 78 Womans Ave. in Cranford off Centennial Avenue and just minutes from Exit 136 off the Garden State Parkway. For further information, call 908-276-7611.

Gallery 'minimizes' Christmas

A multi-media showcase of "Christmas Miniatures," small-scale art by 20 New Jersey and two former New Jersey artists, along with five from New York, will be exhibited through Dec. 29 at Swain Galleries in Plainfield.

The annual show will include the debut at Swain's of three artists: Jerry Cable of Flemington, Lee Kirner of North Plainfield and Mildred Lubas of Cranford.

Participating well-known gallery artists are Alonzo Adams of Plainfield, Douglas Allen of Neshanic Station, Peter Ambush of Lafayette, Kat Block of Springfield, Nancy Brangaccio of Braking Ridge, Patricia Brentano of Westfield, Mark deMos of Morrisstown, former New Jersey resident Andrew Engel, Al Grafke of Duellen, Timothy Jahn

of Piscataway, Sal Kadoche of Monroe Township, Louis Lanzafama of Toms River, Nat Lewis of Caldwell, Paul McCormack and Karen McCormack of New York state, Michael McGinley of Flemington, Cheryl O'Halloran McLeod of New York state, former New Jersey resident Ken Mitchell, Richard Nagrodsky and Dean Ostrum of New York City, S. Allyn Schaeffer of Fairwood, J. Brian Townsend of Plainfield, Stephanos Sideris of Flemington and Frank Zuccarelli of Somerset.

The exhibit is on view at the gallery Tuesdays to Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sundays, 12 noon to 4 p.m. Swain Galleries is located at 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For information, call 908-756-1701.

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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 608-241-5758.

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 continental breakfast at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. Donation is \$2. For information, call 908-889-5268 or 908-889-4751.

THEATER

KEAN UNIVERSITY in Union will present the musical, "Me and My Girl," through Sunday in Wilkins Theater, 1000 Morris Ave., Union. Shows are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$8 for students and \$12 for staff, alumni and senior citizens, and \$12 for the general public. For information, call 908-527-2337.

ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE will present "Evelyn" by A.R. Gurney through Dec. 16. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$8 for general admission, \$6 for senior citizens and students. The Elizabeth Playhouse is located at 1100 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. For information, call 908-355-0077.
NEW JERSEY SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL will present "The Fantasticks" by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt through Dec. 20 at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theater on the campus of Drew University, 38 Madison Ave., Madison. Ticket prices range from \$31 to \$48, opening night tickets are \$50 and \$55. For information, including show times, call 973-498-5600 or visit www.njshakespeare.org

VARIETY

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present "The Back Porch" every Thursday at 9 p.m. and karaoke every Thursday night. The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St. in Rahway. For information, call 732-381-8455.
CASUAL TIMES in Clark will present entertainment in the coming weeks. Casual Times is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark. For information, call 732-388-6511.
CROSSROADS, 78 North Ave., Garwood presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts, as well as local-themed nights. Every Sunday. Sunday Football, noon to closing, see all the games with \$2 domestic pints and wine specials. Every Monday. Monday Night Football. Every Tuesday. Jazz Jam, all pints are \$2. Every Wednesday. Domestic draft beer for \$2. Today, mmmmm... and The Band Next Door. Friday. Watershed. Saturday. Banelli with Deep Banana Blackout. Wednesday. Do Budget. Dec. 13: Jill Cagney and Haze. Dec. 14: B.D. Lenz and Mindface. Dec. 15: Hot Sauce. Dec. 20: Duende and Bad Ass Quartet. Dec. 21: Sleepy Dan tribute with Royal Scam. Dec. 22: Swamp Galatics. Dec. 26: Shady Grooves. Dec. 27: Van Hellen tribute with Rome's Delight. Dec. 28: Led Zepplin with Black Dog. Dec. 31: New Year's Eve with Grant Green Jr. For information, call 908-232-8668.
EAT TO THE BEAT Coffeehouse in Rahway will feature appearances by musical artists. Eat to the Beat Coffeehouse is located at 1485 Irving St. in Rahway at various times. For information, or to sign up for Open, Mike Night, call 732-381-0505.
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ART SHOWS

OUR VIEW: A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE on Life in Union County, a traveling exhibit sponsored by Community Access Unlimited, features the work of 10 artists with developmental disabilities. The exhibit will tour the county. For information, call 908-354-3040, Ext. 304.

SUMMIT FRAME AND ART will exhibit fine art photography by John and Frank Brueske 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. For information, call 908-273-8665.

SUMMIT FRAME AND ART will exhibit oil paintings by New Jersey artist John Chikering 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. For information, call 908-273-8665.

ARTIST RON HEDRICK will have his work on exhibit at Evelyn Dumis' Gallery, 405 South Ave., Westfield. Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. For information, call 908-232-0412.

INTERPRETATIONS: "Recent Art-works 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 through Dec. 14. Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 to 4 p.m.; Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., and by appointment. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-7511.

STILL LIVES: "Black and White Photographs by Howard Nathanson" will be on exhibit in the Donald B. Palmer Museum in the Springfield Public Library through Dec. 23. Gallery hours are regular library hours. The Springfield Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, call 973-376-4830.

THE ELIZABETH ARTS COUNCIL will present its third annual Members' Exhibit through Dec. 15 at Rex/Plex, I-94/ROA, Elizabeth. For information, call 908-289-5554.

OBJECTS OF DEVOTION, works by James Greenfield, will be on exhibit at The Kent Place Gallery in the Kent Place School in Summit through Dec. 21. 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. For information, call 908-233-0900, Ext. 332.

THE SKULSKI ART GALLERY at Clark's Polish Cultural Foundation will exhibit tapestries by Polish artist Nina Kedzierska through Dec. 23. Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Fridays from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 177 Broadway, Clark. For information, call 732-382-7197.

CHRISTMAS MINIATURES, a multimedia showcase of small-scale art, will be on exhibit at the Elizabeth Galleries in Plainfield through Dec. 23. Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. Swain Galleries is located at 703 Watching Ave., Plainfield. For information, call 908-756-1707.

PORTALS OF TIME, photography by Karen R. Kaplowitz, will be on exhibit at Galeria West in Westfield through Dec. 23. Galeria West is located at 121 Central Ave., Westfield. For information, including gallery hours, call 908-301-8217 or send e-mail to galerawest@msn.com.

THE TOWN BOOK STORE in Westfield will exhibit the works of members of the Westfield Art Association through the end of December. The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: The Merck 2001 Union County Joint Art Show will be on exhibit in the Freehold Area 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-Town Plaza, Rahway Avenue, Elizabeth. For information, call 908-527-2337.

MAKING A MARK — the work of New Jersey artist Gail Bredford, Caroline Burton, Ed McLendon, Gloria Rodriguez, and Barbara Stork — will be on exhibit through Jan. 6, 2002 at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121.

JOURNEYS: "Black and White Photographs by Howard Nathanson" will be on exhibit at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through Jan. 13. A reception will take place Dec. 16 from 2 to 5 p.m.

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. For information, call 908-273-9121.

FLOWER COMPOT, the works of Martha Suh Roldan, will be on exhibit in the Wisner House Gallery at the Reeves-Feed Arboretum in Summit through Jan. 14. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reeves-Feed Arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-8777.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL in Mountaintop will exhibit the New Jersey Photography Forum seventh annual Juried Show and the watercolors of W. Shipley during the months of December and January. CHS is located at 153 New Providence Road, Mountaintop. For information, call 908-789-2075.

AUDITIONS

STONY HILL PLAYERS of Summit will conduct auditions for "The Dining Room" by A.R. Gurney today at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Congregational Church, 200 Harshorn Drive, Short Hills. Being sought are six men and six women. The show runs March 2 to 17 in Summit. For information, call 570-894-9148.

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE: The State Theater of New Jersey will conduct auditions for Asian children, 12 years old and younger, for "The King and I" Saturday at 9 a.m. and Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. Auditions will take place in the theater lobby, Brookside Drive, Millburn. The show runs April 3 to May 9. Headshots and resumes may be sent to Paper Mill, Attn: Casting Dept., Brookside Drive, Millburn, 07041, "The King and I." For information, call 973-379-3636, Ext. 2278.

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB will conduct auditions for "I Hate Hamlet" by Paul Rubinn Monday and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the CDC Theater, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford. Being sought are three men, 20s to 40s, and three women, late 20s to 70s. The show runs Nov. 8 to 24. For information, call 908-276-7611.

METRO RHYTHM CHORUS of Sweet Adelines International is seeking female singers. The group rehearses every Wednesday from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Cranford area. For information, call Janet Manfredonia at 908-654-8841 or send e-mail to manfredonia@post.ohio.edu, or call Judy McCord at 973-895-8993.

WESTFIELD GLEE CLUB is seeking male and female adult singers to participate in the club's 2001 season. Rehearsals are held Monday evenings, 8 to 10 p.m., in the Westfield Presbyterian Church choir room. For information, call Dale Juntila at 908-232-0673.

BOOKS

AUTHORS HOPE BLECHER-SASS and Mary Lu will appear at the Town Book Store of Westfield Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign copies of their book, "A Travel Guide Through Children's Literature." The Town Book Store is located at 265 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535.

AUTHOR AL SULLIVAN will appear at the Town Book Store of Westfield Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. to sign copies of his book, "Everyday People: Profiles From the Garden State." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535.

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

THE LORD OF THE RINGS READING GROUP will meet the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

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. Barnes and Noble in Clark is located at 1180 Raritan Road. For information, call 732-574-1818.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN INTERESTS MEET the second Thursday of the month at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

MYSTERY READING GROUP will meet at Barnes and Noble in Clark the second Thursday of each month at

7:30 p.m. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road. For information, call 732-574-1818.

JEWISH BOOK LOVERS meets at 7:15 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, the third Monday of each month. For information, call 973-376-8544.

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. The group is led by Kevin Muller. For information, call 973-376-8544.

WOMEN'S READING GROUP will meet at Barnes and Noble in Clark the last Wednesday of each month. Barnes and Noble in Clark is located at 1180 Raritan Road. For information, call 732-574-1818.

CLASSES

MUSIC FOR CHILDREN in Westfield offers various music classes to children between the ages of 10 months and 8 years old. For information on class offerings or to reserve a space at either open house, call 908-232-4861.

NEW JERSEY WORKSHOP FOR THE ARTS is currently accepting registration for its Music Studio. Lessons include instrumental, voice and music theory, with beginner through advanced classes. Additional courses include art classes for children and toddlers, the Westfield Fencing Club and the Drawing Workshop. Classes take place at 150-152 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-789-8098.

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. Also offered are four levels of tap and three levels of musical theater, which focus on song selection and interpretation, ensemble work, voice and music theater movement and dance. Private lessons in voice and/or acting are available. Westfield High School is located at 728 Westfield Ave. For information, call 908-233-3200.

THE CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FREE CONCERT SERIES will continue Fridays at 12:15 p.m. through Dec. 21. Audience members are encouraged to bring a brown-tape Friday. Tenor Kevin Mouton Dec. 21; Violinista Dale Davies Dec. 21; Organist Marie Merlier Dec. 21. The Central Presbyterian Church is located at 70 Maple St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-0441.

NEW JERSEY INTERGENERATIONAL ORCHESTRA Nouveau Orchestre will appear in concert at the cafe at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road in Clark, today at 4:30 p.m. For information, call 732-574-1818.

THE JOHN PIZZARELLI TRIO will appear in the concert, "A Big Band Christmas Celebration," Friday at 8 p.m. at the Paper Mill Playhouse. The State Theater of New Jersey, Brookside Drive, Millburn. Tickets are \$35, \$45 and \$80. For information, call 973-376-4343.

THE ORCHESTRA OF ST. PETER BY-THE-SEA will appear in concert Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway. Tickets are \$15, \$20 and \$25. UCAAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-499-8228 or visit www.ucaac.org

THE WESTFIELD GLEE CLUB will present its Winter Concert Saturday at 8 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, 106 Eastman St., Cranford, and Sunday at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 E. Broad St., Westfield. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and senior citizens. For information, call 908-232-0673.

THE MADRIGAL SINGERS will present the concert, "Tidings of Comfort and Joy," Sunday at 3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1 E. Broad St., Westfield. Admission is a donation at the door. For information, call 908-233-1570.

THE PRESERVATION HALL JAZZ BAND will appear in the concert, "A Creole Christmas," Monday at 8 p.m. at the Paper Mill Playhouse. The State Theater of New Jersey, Brookside Drive, Millburn. Tickets are \$30, \$38 and \$50. For information, call 973-376-4343.

THE MUSICAL CLUB OF WESTFIELD will present its December concert Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Westfield, 170 Elm St., Westfield. Admission is free.

B.R. KING will appear in concert Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway. Tickets are \$44, \$58, \$88 and \$100. For information, call 732-499-8228 or visit www.ucaac.org

CELEBRATION SINGERS will present their Holiday Concert Dec. 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. at the Cranford United Methodist Church, Walnut and Lincoln avenues. For information, call 908-241-8200.

THE CHORAL ART SOCIETY of New Jersey will present its annual Handel's "Messiah" Community Sing Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. Admission is \$10. For information, call 908-954-3260.

CONCORD SINGERS will appear in concert with the Newark Boys School Apprentice Chorus Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church, Woodland Avenue, Summit. Donation is \$10 at the door. \$5 for advance children younger than 14 years old are admitted free. For information, call 908-286-0798.

RICKY SKAGGS and Kentucky Thunder will appear in concert at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25, \$30 and \$35. UCAAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-499-8228 or visit www.ucaac.org

THE PIPES OF CHRISTMAS will be presented by the Glen Currie Society Dec. 16 at 8 and 7:30 p.m. at the Central Presbyterian Church, 70 Maple St., Summit. Tickets — advance sale only — are \$20. For information, call 908-273-3509, or send e-mail clancurie@mail.com.

THE SAMMY KAYE ORCHESTRA will appear in concert at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway Dec. 18 at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$15. UCAAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-499-8228 or visit www.ucaac.org

SUMMIT CHORALE will present its annual "Messiah" Sing Dec. 18 at 8 p.m. at the Central Presbyterian Church, 70 Maple St., Summit. Admission is free. Scores can be borrowed with a \$2 deposit. For information, call 973-762-8486.

BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will present musical performances throughout the autumn. All concerts are from 8 to 10 p.m. in the cafe space. For information, call 973-376-8544

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CRAFTS "THE HARVEST QUILTERS" of Central New Jersey meet the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Cozy Corner Creations Multi Shop, Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-755-7653.

DANCE **SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS** continues its 2001-02 season with Friday gatherings at 8 p.m. — beginners are asked to arrive at 7:30 p.m. — at The Connection, Morris Avenue and Maple Street, Summit. Gatherings are scheduled for Dec. 14 and 21. This is the holiday party. Admission is \$2. Special workshops are \$4. For information, call 973-487-8278.

DISCUSSION **JOURNAL WRITING GROUP**, led by professional life coach Jani Novak, meets the fourth Thursday of each month at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road. For information, call 732-574-1818.

WRITER'S WORKSHOP will meet Monday at Barnes and Noble in Springfield, 240 Route 22 West. The group meets every other Monday. For information, call 973-376-8544.

FILM **THE FILMMAKERS SYMPOSIUM** will be sponsored at the Coevo Mountain studio, Route 22, Mondays, through Dec. 10, the second session runs through Dec. 10. Subscriptions are \$121 for six weeks, \$229 for 12 weeks. For information, call 800-531-9416.

ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY will sponsor a series of free film classics at the Main Branch. All films begin at 10 a.m. The Main Branch of the Elizabeth Public Library is located at 11 S. Broad St. For information, call 908-354-8000.

HOBBIES **THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB** in Union will sponsor its annual open house and sound-and-light show this Friday to Sunday at the clubhouse, 295 Jefferson Ave., Union. For info: 70 to 22 eastbound. Hours are Fridays, 7 to 10 p.m.; Saturdays, noon to 8 p.m.; and Sundays, noon to 6 p.m. Advance-sale tickets are \$4 for adults, \$2.50 for senior citizens 60 years old and older, and \$1.50 for children 12 years old and younger; at the door, tickets are \$5, \$3 and \$2, respectively. For information, call 908-984-9724 or visit www.tnrcd.com

HOLIDAYS **LIBERTY HALL MUSEUM** in Union will sponsor evening candlelight tours during the holiday season Friday and Saturday, and Dec. 14 and 16 from 5 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens, and \$4 for children 6 to 17 years old. Liberty Hall is located at

1003 Morrie Ave., Union. For information, call 908-527-0400.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR will be sponsored by Trinity Episcopal Church, North and Forest avenues, Cranford, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

POLISH CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS will be demonstrated at the Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students; children younger than 6 are admitted free. For information, call 908-233-1776.

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL OF LIGHT AND HOPE, featuring film actress Anne Hathaway, will be presented by Paper Mill Playhouse's Education Department and the Junior Playwrights' Guild. The festival will be held at the Paper Mill Playhouse, 200 Harshorn Drive, Short Hills. Activities begin at 1 p.m., the performance begins at 2 p.m. Suggested donation is \$10 for children, \$20 for adults; all proceeds will benefit the Millburn-Short Hills 9-11 Victim Fund. For information, call 973-376-4343.

JAZZ **VINCE DIMUJA** and The George Street Project will appear in the Roy Smith Theater at Union County College Friday at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. UCC is located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call 908-709-7503.

KIDS **UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER** in Rahway will present the Paper Bag Players in "Knock Knock Knock, Anybody Home?" today at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., and Friday at 10:30 a.m. UCAAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, including ticket prices, call 732-499-8228, or visit www.ucaac.org

THE THEATER PROJECT at Union County College will present "Story Time" Friday at 7 p.m. in the Ely Stock Memorial Children's Library in the Kenneth Mackay Library, Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. Admission is free. For information, call 908-955-5189

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB will present "Sleeping Beauty" Friday to Sunday at the CDC Theater, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Friday, and 1 and 3:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For information, including ticket prices, call 908-276-7611.

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE The State Theater of New Jersey will present Tanglewood Family Entertainment in "Franklin's Big Adventure" starting Friday in the Turle Sunday and Saturdays at 2 and 5 p.m. Tickets are \$12, \$20 and \$30 for Golden Circle. Paper Mill is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information, call 973-376-4343.

KEAN UNIVERSITY'S CHILDREN'S HOUR will present the "Seasons Greetings Holiday Magic Show" Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. in Wilkins Theater. Tickets are \$8. Kean is located at 1000 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call 908-527-2337.

KEAN UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL TIME will present "Peter Pan" Dec. 17, 18 and 19 at 10 a.m. in Wilkins Theater. Tickets are \$6. Kean is located at 1000 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call 908-527-2337.

TRAILSIDE NATURE AND SCIENCE CENTER in Mountaintop 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.; \$8 per class. • *Trailside Explorer:* An exploration of plants, animals and their habitats for 3rd-, 4th- and 5th-graders; Wednesdays, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.; \$8 per class. For information, call 908-789-3870.

BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield will sponsor Talks for Kids Preschool Storylines on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m., and Kids Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m. For information, call 973-376-8544.

UNION RECREATION DEPARTMENT will sponsor weekly ceramics classes for children between the ages of 7 and 12 at the Recreation Building, 1120 Commerce Ave., from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. For information, call 908-964-4828.

MUSEUMS **LIBERTY HALL MUSEUM** in Union offers several events throughout the year. Wednesdays, 2 to 4 p.m.: "Tas 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 Morrie Ave., Union. Tickets are offered Wednesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the last tour beginning at 3 p.m. Tour admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens, \$3 for children; children younger than 6 are admitted free. For information, call 908-527-0400

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What's Going On?

FLEA MARKET	BAZAAR	THRIFT SHOPS
SUNDAY December 16th, 2001 EVENT: Flea Market & Gift Show, Indoors & Outdoors PLACE: Bloomfield High School, 160 Bloor St. (corner of Belleville Avenue), Bloomfield TIME: 9am-5pm PRICE: Over 100 Vendors selling clothing, jewelry, toys, sweets, kids, clothing, perfume, giftware and more! For information call 201-997-9535. ORGANIZATION: Bloomfield High School Key Club	SATURDAY December 8th, 2001 EVENT: Annual Holiday Bazaar PLACE: Trinity Church, North and Forest Avenues, Cranford TIME: 9am-3pm PRICE: Free Admission. Craft vendors with a wide variety of items, "classy junk", wreaths, food, raffles, baked goods. For information, call the church office at (908)276-4047. ORGANIZATION: Trinity Episcopal Church	SATURDAY December 6th, 2001 EVENT: Unity Group Inc. Thrift Shop Holiday Sale - 10% off PLACE: 964 Stuyvesant Avenue, Union TIME: 10am-5pm PRICE: Free - Refreshments, Glamorous Furs, Mink, Designer's Duds & Elegant Accessories. ORGANIZATION: The Unity Group, Inc. All proceeds go to support battered women and their children.
WORKSHOPS-EDUCATIONAL FRIDAY December 7th, 2001 EVENT: Clinical Presentation on Mothers and Grandmothers. TOPIC: Mothers and Grandmothers, Working Together PLACE: The Psychosocial Center of Northern NJ (PCNJ), 768 Northfield Avenue, Suite L2, West Orange TIME: 9:00am-2:30pm PRICE: \$15.00 N.B. CE credit available for mental health professionals and teachers. Call (973)736-1600 for reservations or further information. ORGANIZATION: The Psychosocial Center of Northern New Jersey	Blij Van Sant, Editor @Worral Community Newspapers Inc. 2001 All Rights Reserved Organizations submitting releases to the entertainment section can mail copy to 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., P.O. Box 3109, Union, New Jersey, 07083.	HOROSCOPE Dec. 10-16 ARIES (March 21-April 19): Something you desperately want is within your reach. Put up on your thinking cap and figure out a way to obtain or capture it safely. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Being too anxious in financial matters could create problems. Wait until promised money is in hand before spending it. GEMINI (May 21-June 21): It's important to get what is bothering you off your mind. Share your deepest thoughts and feelings with a trusted partner or mate. CANCER (June 22-July 22): Discipline and organization are your key words. Stay calm and perform your routine tasks and duties efficiently. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Roll up your sleeves and dive into an emotional sea of love. There's no problem so big that you and your mate cannot work it out.

Paper Mill unveils holiday programming

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For six weeks, from Thanksgiving to New Year's weekend, Paper Mill The State Theater of New Jersey is offering something for everyone — to share good times and remember with family and friends this holiday season. There's weekend children's theater favorites "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe" and "A Christmas Carol," everyone's favorite turtle, Franklin, makes his Paper Mill debut in "Franklin's Big Adventure," a Creole Christmas with the Preservation Hall Jazz Band. New Jersey's own John Pizzarelli and His Big Band, and the acclaimed New Jersey Ballet's spectacular "Nutcracker."

Paper Mill 2001 Holiday Season
 • The John Pizzarelli Trio In Concert
 • "Big Band Christmas Celebration"
 Friday, 8 p.m.
 A spectacular evening of some of the coolest jazz around! Join one of the jazz dynamos of the decade as he tears up the house. This exhilarating one-night event features Ray Kennedy at the piano, Martin Pizzarelli on bass and Tony Tedesco on drums and, of course, John and his sensational Big Band.
 Tickets: \$35, \$45, and \$60
 "Franklin's Big Adventure," performed by Tanglewood Family Entertainment
 Starring Franklin the Turtle
 Saturday and Sunday, 2 and 5 p.m.
 Based on the top-rated Nickelodeon animated children's series, "Franklin's Big Adventure" is now an hour-long action musical! Join Franklin, the world's favorite turtle, and his friends Beaver, Bear and Snail as they lead to the local museum where "real dinosaurs" are waiting for them.

Come and enjoy Franklin's adventure as he entertains and educates. Four performances only!
 Recommended ages: 3 to 8 years old
 Tickets: \$12, \$20, \$30 Golden Circle
 • Preservation Hall Jazz Band In Concert
 "A Creole Christmas"
 Monday, 8 p.m.
 Few traditions are more exciting than New Orleans jazz played by the originator — The Preservation Hall Jazz Band. Join us for "A Creole Christmas," a truly festive evening featuring the music that starts your feet stomping.
 Tickets: \$30, \$38, \$50 Golden Circle
 New Jersey Ballet's Production of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker"
 Dec. 21 to 30
 This premiere "Nutcracker" in New Jersey celebrates its gala 31st anniversary at the Paper Mill. This production with a cast of 100 by the state's leading dance company features the renowned Paper Mill orchestra, and lavish sets by Paper Mill's award-winning resident scenic designer, Michael Anania.
 Ticket prices: Box, \$44. Mezzanine: \$28 and \$20
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 Tickets/Information: Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express accepted. Box office phone: 973-376-4343, group sales of 20 or more, 973-379-3636. Ext. 2438

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There's a special excitement or lutz of energy in the air. Slow down and find a little extra patience for family members and loved ones.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): You must go beyond surface meanings to really understand an important message. Use your intuition to pick up certain key issues.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Focus on money or personal income and expect feedback on a raise or loan request. If you've done your homework, the results should be good.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): This high-cycle period puts you on center stage or right in the spotlight. Take this opportunity to show off your creative talents.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't begin any important projects this week that you know you can't finish. Find time to relax and recharge your battery.


AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Concentrate on blending your energy with friends and associates, instead of pulling apart. Do what is best for all and think compromise.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your chance at a new position or promotion is above average. Touch up your resume, get yourself a new outfit and then, go for it!
 If your birthday is this week, this promises to be a mentally stimulating and intellectually expansive period in your life. Put yourself in a position where you can learn new things as well as share a good deal of what is on your mind. Consider going back to school. Financial setbacks are overcome with the help or resources of a partner. Swallow your pride and request assistance.
 Also born this week: Emily Dickinson, Brenda Lee, Frank Sinatra, Dick Van Dyke, Nostradamus, Stan Kenton and Margaret Mead.

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Maplewood, NJ 07040

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170 Scotland Road, Orange
266 Liberty Street, Bloomfield

UNION COUNTY

1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union

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CLASSIFIED RATES
20 words or less.....\$16.00 per insertion
Additional 10 words.....\$4.00 per insertion
Display Rates.....\$25.50 per column inch
Contract Rates Available
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West Orange Chronicle • East Orange Record
Orange Transcript • The Glen Ridge Paper
Nutley Journal • Belleville Post
Irvington Herald • Vailsburg Leader
The Independent Press of Bloomfield

DEADLINES

Business Directory 4 PM Thursday
Display - Space reservation 5 PM Friday
Ad Copy 12 noon Monday
In-column 3 PM Tuesday

ADJUSTMENTS

Adjustments: We make every effort to avoid mistakes in your classified advertisement. Please check your ad the first day it runs! We cannot be responsible without the first insertion. Should an error occur please notify the classified department, Worrall Community Newspapers, Inc. shall not be liable for errors or omissions in cost of actual space occupied by item in which error or omissions occurred. We can not be held liable for failure, for any cause, to insert an ad. Worrall Community Newspapers, Inc. reserves the right to reject, revise or reclassify any advertisement at any time.

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Bed Bath & Beyond, is rapidly growing
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part time. Call Henry or Jackie, evenings
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ARE YOU earning what you're worth?
\$500-\$5000 per month potential part time/
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ASSISTANT to Eye doctor. Full/part time.
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come to the office every day. Earn an
extra \$500-\$1500/month part time. \$2,000-
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extra \$500-\$1500 a month Part Time. \$2,000-
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booklet. 800-982-6647
www.Freedom4UGuide.com

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\$7,000 full time. Training. Free
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CAREGIVERS NEEDED
Part time mornings/afternoons, or full time
for elderly. Flexible hours. Non-medical
companionship, home care, and elderly
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Free training provided.
Driver's license and car required.
Home Instead Senior Care
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CUSTOMER SERVICE AND Dispatch.
Local Taxi Company is looking for help in
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with good interpersonal skills. Friday
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several Ticket Services Representative
positions. Duties include: call center (inbound)
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lvogel@njpac.org. New Jersey Performing
Arts Center, One Center St., Newark, NJ
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DELI: Full and Part Time position available.
Apply in person; Fairchild Market, 171
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Part time. Good driving record required.
Will train. 973-618-1176.

DRIVER NEEDED to drive man in Union to
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8:30am and 3:30pm. 908-944-5882.

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As part of our in-house sales team, you will
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tant. Monday, Thursday and 1 Saturday a
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973-379-4471, 201-933-8550.

PART TIME Bookkeeper. Springfield Insur-
ance Agency. The right person needs to be
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computer skills. Fax resume to: 973-378-
4559 or call 973-467-8880.

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PART TIME Manager needed Saturday and
Sunday only. Leckland Self Storage, Mount-
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pleasant personality. Retirees welcome.
Call Monday thru Friday, 8am-6pm. 908-
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HELP WANTED

PERMANENT PART TIME clerical for Liv-
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work 40 hour week. Requirements include
computer knowledge, ability to handle
heavy phone and patient contact. Position
involves detailed correspondence and fil-
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required. Fax cover letter and resume to:
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Office. Tuesdays and Thursdays
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tant- Does the describe you? Very well
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flexible. Word and Excel competent. Pleas-
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Monday- Friday. Full or part time. Expe-
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SNOWPLOWERS WANTED for West
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'Strategic' alliance formed by Weichert

Aram Minnelan, president of Weichert Relocation Co., and Christopher Brunone, client partnering executive for the Ken Blanchard Companies, announced the formation of a strategic alliance.

Weichert Relocation Co. is implementing the Situational Leadership II and Situational Self-Leadership programs developed and taught by Ken Blanchard Companies.

Situational Leadership II provides a method of effectively managing people, time and resources. The workshop teaches managers how to identify the needs of their employees and then tailor their management style to each situation.

Situational Self-Leadership is a method of effectively managing one's own performance and career development. The course material teaches professionals to recognize the benefits of taking the initiative and assuming responsibility for their own development toward peak performance.

According to Minnelan, "It is critical that our leaders employ a consistent management style as we endeavor to establish ourselves as a world-class company. Situational Leadership II and Situational Self-Leadership are complementary training programs that will encourage better performance, focused career-planning, greater employee satisfaction and higher employee retention. Our colleagues and customers will benefit significantly from the commitment that the company has

made in Ken's management and human resource principles." Brunone added, "This alliance is a testament to Weichert Relocation Company's commitment to sound management practices. In working with Weichert Relocation over the past few months, I have found that their philosophy is one of 'added value' for their clients. They will not implement any program unless it ultimately benefits their clients. It's nice to work with a partner that has a clear vision and purpose."

Weichert Relocation Co. is a client-oriented, global relocation management firm offering comprehensive relocation management solutions to corporations and their transferring families. The service offerings include: outsourced relocation managers, domestic relocation services, destination services, real estate management and resale services, financial services, payroll and tax services, consulting services and group move management services. Visit Weichert Relocation Company's website on the Internet at www.weichertrelocation.com

Headquartered in California, The Ken Blanchard Companies has 21 offices throughout the United States and 21 affiliate offices throughout the world. The company has two wholly owned subsidiaries in London and Toronto. The Ken Blanchard Companies' focus is to energize organizations around the world with customized training and bottom-line business strategies that are based on the simple, yet powerful, principles inspired by Ken Blanchard's best-selling books, including "The One Minute Manager," "Raving Fans!" and "Gung Ho!"

Pins are symbols of Burgdorff

If you see someone wearing an American flag pin, he or she may be a Burgdorff sales associate or a friend, family member, neighbor, or client of one.

What started as a small idea to show support and patriotism after the Sept. 11 tragedy has grown to enormous proportions. Sara Fiore, a sales associate of the Burgdorff ERA New Providence office, embraced the idea of creating flag pins and selling them, with proceeds going to help the families of victims of the Sept. 11 tragedy.

Armed with safety pins and red white and blue beads, Fiore created baskets and baskets of flag pins. Then, all Burgdorff ERA sales associates in New Providence and Summit joined in and started wearing flag pins and selling them.

"It was so wonderful to see everyone pulling together," said Joanne Tedesco-Klout, vice president of Burgdorff ERA, "and doing something positive in the wake of such devastation."

The flag pin has started to be called the "Burgdorff pin" because all the associates are sporting the pins on their clothing and distributing and

selling them to others. In fact, often a sales associate leaves the office wearing an American flag pin and returns without it, having sold the pin right off his or her lapel. "Assisting a relief fund gives all of us such a good feeling," said Tedesco-Klout.

Fiore has created hundreds of flag pins and with the support and assistance of her fellow sales associates in New Providence and Summit, thousands of dollars have been donated to the New Providence PBA Disaster Relief Fund. A craft session on how to make flag pins was held in the Burgdorff ERA New Providence Office on Nov. 8.

Founded in 1958, Burgdorff ERA is the top producing ERA real estate company in New Jersey with more than 600 sales associates and 18 offices across New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania. Burgdorff ERA is a member of the NRT family of companies.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS AND TO ALL OF NEW JERSEY TO: SHELLY COOPER Plaintiff LANA

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to appear upon FEIN, SUSH, KANN & SHEPARD, planners bankruptcy, Chapter 11, 7 Century Drive, Suite 201, Parsippany, New Jersey 07654, telephone number 973-348-8300, to answer to the Complaint and Amended Complaint filed in the Court of Chancery in which MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEM, Inc. is Plaintiff and TIMOTHY L. SHIDDER, et al., are Defendants, pending in the Court of Chancery of New Jersey, County of Union County and bearing Case No. 01-01001, on or before 05 days after 12:00/01, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, a judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the County of Union County, Room 200, Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey 08646, and file a copy with the Rules of Civil Procedure. This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated June 28, 1991 made by TIMOTHY L. SHIDDER and KATHLEEN M. SHIDDER, co-mortgagors to COUNTY MORTGAGE CO., INC. (referred to as "CMCO") in Book 087 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 0089, and (2) the sale of the property described in Plaintiff names above, who is the present holder of said mortgage, and of the proceeds of, and of the principal sum, commonly known as 1447, \$HILNEY ST., NJ 07090, N.J. 07090.

If you cannot afford an attorney you may contact the Clerk of the County of Union County at the County of Union County by calling (609) 392-3300. If you are unable to contact the Clerk of the County of Union County by calling (609) 392-3300, you may call or communicate with the Lawyer for Plaintiff at the Law Office of Venable LLP, 300-475-1710, at the Lawyer's Office at the County of Union County by calling (609) 392-3300. If you are unable to contact the Lawyer for Plaintiff, contact the Lawyer for Plaintiff at the Law Office of Venable LLP, 300-475-1710, at the Lawyer's Office at the County of Union County by calling (609) 392-3300.

YOU, SHELLY COOPER, are made party defendant in this foreclosure proceeding by interest, lien or claim you may have in the property described in the Complaint, as closed upon herein by reason of a judgment entered against you in the Court of Chancery. Such lien is subordinate to the lien of the Superior Court of New Jersey, the Clerk of the Superior Court, No. J-22789-1900, Case No. C08002000, in which the mortgage plus interest and costs of suit, said lien is subordinate to the lien of the Plaintiff.

YOU, PAMELA LANG, are made party defendant in this foreclosure proceeding by interest, lien or claim you may have in the property described in the Complaint, as closed upon herein by reason of a judgment entered against you in the Court of Chancery. Such lien is subordinate to the lien of the Superior Court of New Jersey, the Clerk of the Superior Court, No. J-22789-1900, Case No. C08002000, in which the mortgage plus interest and costs of suit, said lien is subordinate to the lien of the Plaintiff.

YOU, DORIS R. PHELAN, are made party defendant in this foreclosure proceeding by interest, lien or claim you may have in the property described in the Complaint, as closed upon herein by reason of a judgment entered against you in the Court of Chancery. Such lien is subordinate to the lien of the Superior Court of New Jersey, the Clerk of the Superior Court, No. J-22789-1900, Case No. C08002000, in which the mortgage plus interest and costs of suit, said lien is subordinate to the lien of the Plaintiff.

YOU, DORIS R. PHELAN, are made party defendant in this foreclosure proceeding by interest, lien or claim you may have in the property described in the Complaint, as closed upon herein by reason of a judgment entered against you in the Court of Chancery. Such lien is subordinate to the lien of the Superior Court of New Jersey, the Clerk of the Superior Court, No. J-22789-1900, Case No. C08002000, in which the mortgage plus interest and costs of suit, said lien is subordinate to the lien of the Plaintiff.

YOU, DORIS R. PHELAN, are made party defendant in this foreclosure proceeding by interest, lien or claim you may have in the property described in the Complaint, as closed upon herein by reason of a judgment entered against you in the Court of Chancery. Such lien is subordinate to the lien of the Superior Court of New Jersey, the Clerk of the Superior Court, No. J-22789-1900, Case No. C08002000, in which the mortgage plus interest and costs of suit, said lien is subordinate to the lien of the Plaintiff.

YOU, DORIS R. PHELAN, are made party defendant in this foreclosure proceeding by interest, lien or claim you may have in the property described in the Complaint, as closed upon herein by reason of a judgment entered against you in the Court of Chancery. Such lien is subordinate to the lien of the Superior Court of New Jersey, the Clerk of the Superior Court, No. J-22789-1900, Case No. C08002000, in which the mortgage plus interest and costs of suit, said lien is subordinate to the lien of the Plaintiff.

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AUTOMOTIVE

Mazda's new MP3 looks and sounds like a winner

By Mark Maynard
Copley News Service
The Mazda Protege MP3 practicality screams Southern California with its electric blue paint, low-profile good looks and a 280-watt stereo. 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 player audio system, this is a project

car that evolved from Mazda R&D in Irvine, Calif. These people know what's cool in the import market and 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 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 CD-R disc, which is about nine hours more than the standard CD. The Kenwood Excelon Z919 system comes with four speakers and a 10-inch, 100-watt sub-woofer the size of a beer keg strapped down in the trunk.

The 140 hp, 2.0-liter 4-cylinder was clipped for more power, beating the Protege ES engine by 10 horses. A modified Powertrain Control Module — 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 holier computer 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 at low revs it takes a heavier throttle foot to get the car moving.

All the MP3 extras — speaker magnets, aerodynamic moldings and chassis reinforcements — add about 87 pounds to the curb weight.

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

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

Mazda says the MP3 has 30-percent better cornering ability than a stock Protege. A European-spec steering gear gives quicker response, more steering feedback and just 2 1/2 turns from lock to lock.

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

Special interior touches include white gauges and a three-spoke Nardi steering wheel, a MazdaSpeed light-weight performance pedal.

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

The gas and brake pedals are placed just right for heel-toe 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.

When braking for a freeway exit or stoplight from 55 mph, the driver

doesn't have to lose a precious second lifting his or her foot from the brake to flip the throttle and quickly get back on the brake pedal.

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.

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 to rev.

The basic Protege ES is a fun little sedan, but the MP3 is as hot on the slalom course as it is just cruising the beach streets.

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