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Greetings, ungreetings

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Greetings to Louise Squillace of
Linden. This 21st Legislative Distime in Elitrict aide spends her time i zabeth fighting to help citizen a range of governmental problems like no rebates and Medicaid and pharmacentical needs. Sometimes she even presses the private compa-nies to help the weaker in our socie ty. She is intense and effective.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

Ungreetings to the unknown thief. Nelson Bilger, spouse of Cranford's newly-elected official Barbara, was decorating the public tree for Christmas on the corner of South and Centennial avenues

tee for Christmas on the corner of South and Centennial avenues. While on the ladder, some clown stole Bilger's drill.

Greetings to Linda Petkov and Marghy Allen of Union, who administer the community's food panty efforts. Over the year they have inherited the job, their efforts have been outstanding. It is scary to think of affiltent Union needing his program. It is comforting Petkov and Allen meet the challenge. Greeting to Al Mirabella of Roselle Park, the outgoing chairman of the freeholder board. Call it unlucky, he inherited a worsening economy, endured cheap shots over the trash train and along with Ben Laganga of Emergency Management, heroically involved our county in the post-Sept. It rescue efforts in New York with little farme. He deserved a better year.

Ungreetings to the state Department of Transportation for a louw

Ungreetings to the state Depart ment of Transportation for a lousy patch job on Westfield Avenue in Roselle Park. It is a far too bumpy

road.

Greetings to Joe Shatkey, government affairs head of Schering Plough in Renilworth. The word is that his efforts to forge a relationship between the community and his company have been excellent.

Ungreetings to Cranford engineer Jeff Sia. His confrontations with citizens have been nasty and inappropriate. As a non-elected employee, his advocacy for a flood project and his "only my way" approach is unsetting.

Greetings to Richard Johes of Cranford. A quality high school teacher and great neighbor. His lawn is a work of beauty. Even though I pay big bucks to a gardener, in an effort to be respeciable. It still work on the lawn on weckends, Every once in a white lones praises my efforts and I strive for that praise.

Greetings to Pannela Gray; supervisor of education in Springfield, who was acknowledged for the efforts in the professional development of the faculty.

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Ungreetings to local Congress. In Accord has new year and sticks it to president away from 'Congress. It

dent away from Congress. It passed by one vote and sticks it to organized labor.

organized labor.

Greetings to Sgt. Robert Heimall of the Sheriff's Office. His post is the courtmoun of the assignment judge. He does his job with courtesy, kindness and just enough discipline.

discipline.

Greetings to Susan DeRiso of
Union This lovely senior will
charm you with tales of the Brooklyn Dodgers. This year her travels
took her to Seattle to watch the

took her to Scattle to watch the Yankees and she was present on opening day for the new Brooklyn minor league team.
Greetings to Jõe Sharp, director of Runnells Hospital. Rather than just talking, he saw the shortage of See THIS. Page. B2

Model railroad club

celebrates expansion

By Abracd Soliman Staff Writer Wholesome family fan is alive and well in Union County thanks in part to the Union County Model Railroad Club in Union. The 52-year-old club has an even larger convenients for hobby fin new

The 52-year-old club has an even larger opportunity for hobby fun now that it has quadrupled the size of its building, which houses one of the largest and most detailed scale-model railroads in the state. The new \$250,000 addition, which expands a facility the club has had since 1972, was entirely funded by membership dues and train show revenue raised by the members.

Although the club funded the new building on Jefferson Avenue in Union, it was constructed on Union County parkland and the club

by in return for every attowed to use the land.

"This way we don't have to pay any vares. We maintain the building and supply the heat, electric, etc. The cost to the county is nothing," said Bill Franklin, promotions director of the model railroad club.

Last week the club presented a symbolic key of the club's new facility to Freeholder Deborah Seanlon of Union, who was impressed with the model railroad: 'It's fabulous. When I was a little girl I had a friend who had a model railroad: this is like being a little kid again. Everyone can enjoy: Because the club's membership includes various architects, engineers

and construction tradesmen, the club was able to save money and do their own labor for the building just as they

The former area of the Model Railroad Club was about 2,500 square feet. The recent expansion quadrupled the facility and will house a continuation of of the club's rail line, a gift shop, refreshment stand and other exhibits.



Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, center, is presented with a symbolic key of the Union County Model Railroad Club's expanded 15,000-square-foot facility from club representatives, from left, Linda Russell, Dick Kunig, Ray Russell, Robert Nalbone and Claude Keisoe, with 1-year-old Amanda.

miniature and fictional world of trains, buildings, bridges and even

"This is not an actual portrayal of an actual railroad, this is a fictitious railroad we developed using other railroads as a guide." said Ray Rus-sell, president of the club. "All the tracks are hund laid, each

rail, each tie has a spike in it just like a real raildroad,", said Claude Kelsoe, membership chairman.

The facility is not the only thing that has grown in recent years, The membership has as well. According to Russell, the membership as of a few years ago was about 30 people. Today the club has more than 100 members wide range of diverse representing a wi people and skill.

"You can walk into this building, become a member, not know anything about the hobby and gain basic skills. You don't have to have background

You don't have to have background knowledge of art or electricty." Said Robert Nablone, vice president.

Club members get together every Tuesday to run the trains for play. The model and the play is so detailed that members have passenger schedules for commuter trains that pass miniature factories complete with working smokestacks.

Membership dues for anyone inter-ested in joining are \$25 per month.

Training center to open

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By Mark Hrywna Regional Editor More than \$3 million in federal funds will help establish a job training center in Union County that will focus on airline-related employment in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist

The Union County STAR Oppor-The Union County STAR Oppor-tunity Center, a statewish airport-related employment and training program, will be based at the RexPlex recreational facility in Elizabeth across from Newark International Airport, and is specifically designed for people who have lost their jobs primarily due to the events of Sept. 11.

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"The location is an Excellent one that is near New Jersey's largest airport and is accessible through a regional transportation hub," Freeholder Angel Estrada said.

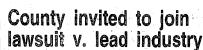
The program, the first of its kind in New Jersey, is targeted for citizens who worked in the airlines, airline support or related industries. The center will be a central location for access to services from various government and related agencies asspecif as a sacessment, counseling and workshops, job search aid, training and retraining filing unemployment insurance claims and other support services.

The S3.2-million National Emergency Grant was made available through the U.S. Department of Labor for states experiencing unanticipated emergencies that result in the dislocation of workers.

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According to state figures, between 2,500 and 7,500 workers have lost their jobs in the airline indigstry and other related fields since Sept. 11 throughout the state's 49 airports. Wille state unemployment claims rose more than 60 percent in October, state Labor Commissioner Mark Boyd said there are more than 30,000 See STAR, Page B2



By Mark Hrywna Regional Editor The Board of Chosen Freeholders has been invited to join a lawsuit against the lead paint industry and it appears the board will accept the offer. Freelolder Chairman Alexander Mirabella expects the board will join the litigation by pussing a resolution fat its meeting tonight. "It's a no-lose proposition for the county. If it's successful, we'll be compen-

The shockes proposition for the confiny. It is successful, we have compensated for it.

"The premise is in the best interests of Union County, We'll see what can come of the lawsuit. There's no risk, no cost to taxpayers, no contract to enter into. We'll see how plays out."

Attorneys John Gelman and Michael Burakoff presented the idea to the free-holders during their work session meeting last week. The two attorneys plan to file a public nuisance lawsuit against he lead industry and hope to have governments at various levels join the legal flight. A suit must be filed by the end of the year because the statute on nuisance claims is set to expire at end of this year. Presholder Daniel Sullivan is interested to see the extent of damage lead paint has caused in children as well as in urban areas like his hometown of Elizabeth, where lead contamination has been a concern for many years. He discounts the idea that saing the industry might be seen as a frivolous lawsuit. The tobacco lawsuit wan't frivolous at all considering all the damage done over the years. over the years.

If manufacturers knew it was harmful and held it for their benefit, we have

to be aware of that."

In a liability lawsuit, it would be necessary to identify specific manufacturers, Burakoff said, however, this lidgation seeks to show a conspiracy and cover-up by the industry since 1904, and its conduct since 1928 when the effects of lead paint were discovered. It was banned in Europe during the 1903, but not in the U.S. until the 1960s or '70s, he said. There are seven major com-

effects of lead paint were discovered. It was banned in Europe during the 1920s, but not in the U.S. until the 1960s or "70s, he said. There are seven major companies that produce paint.

The lead industry nuisance lawsuit gained some notoriety recently when the City or Newark, joined the effort and Gebrian expects other counties, including Essex and Monmouth and 20 other towns, to follow.

Pederal, state and local government, as well as insurance companies are addressing the issue of lead paint but "the empty chair at the table is the lead industry." Galman said.

"The industry's conduct since 1904 is well-documented." Through advertisements and media, the industry argeted the use of lead paint because it was said to be safe. Gelman said. "It was used for profit, not safety."

It is the obligation of government to solve problems. Government is in a unique standing to help the public, through its ability to recover expenditures. Gelman said.

There are no up-front costs to the county, and the county only will pay on a contingency bagis. If the lawsuit were to fail, the plaintiffs would not seek reimbursement from the county.

A similar lawsuit in Rhode Island has been successful and upheld so far. The attorneys said they have retained the same lawyer who presented New Jersey and 37 other states in lightation against the tobacco industry, resulting in significant recovery. "This is what this case is focusing on," Gelman said. "It's the only way the widespread problem of lead contamination can be solved." In the tobacco settlement, the feed case, "we could rart howing columns and for there was no spend the money. It will cost billions of dollars just to remove lead paint." "The court rany mold how to spend the money. It will cost billions of dollars just to remove lead paint." "The court rany mold how to spend the money. It will cost billions of dollars just to remove lead paint." "The court rany mold how to spend the money. It will cost billions of dollars just to remove lead paint."



THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN — Union County had its annual tree lighting festivities Friday at the Watchung Stables in Mountainside. The Watchung Mounted Driff Team performed and included, above, from left, Ali Kolski of Mountainside with 9-year-old Easy Pass and Capt. Rosemary Garofalo of Springfield with 15-year-old Napoleon. The Celebration Singers of Union County, including from left, Molly Collier of Cranford, Kimberly Brown of Cranford and Christopher Morrissey of Westfield belted out the holiday caroles.



COUNTY NEWS

Galloping Hill Golf Course closes for winter

Golfers are known to take to the fairways whenever they can. Rain, heat and even snow do not deter the most dedicated duffers. However, the change in seasons does bring schedule adjustments to Union County's three

adjustments to Union County's three public goff courses.

"We seasonally alter our course hours according to the change in day-light hours, but this year we have also decided to close Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth for the winter season," said Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella.

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"Over the past several years, Union County has been working to improve the Galloping Hill Golf Centres," Minabella added. The course will be closed from Sunday until approximately March 4, weather permitting. "This trest period" will allow the turf and other course improvements to mature and provide a more pleasurable golfing season in the spring." Eighteen regulation holes will continue, to be available throughout the winter at the Ash Brook Golf Course in Scotch Plains and the Oak Ridge Golf Course in Clark, weather permitting. "Over the past several years, Union

permitting

Determination of slavability will be made by the supervising greens-keeper of each course. Winter hours of operations at both courses through

of operations at both courses through March will be 8 am. to 4 pm. Golfers are reminded that even if they are not playing a touad of golf during this time period, all the courses are open for identification card purch-ases and renewals. Beginning Jan. 1, golfers should renew their ID cards at the control of the course. one of the courses Early renewal will help avoid delays in the spring when everyone wants to take to the

everyone wants to take to the links, AHID cards purchased in 2001 will be deordisated by the 20ff course-computerized photo 1D system on Dec. 31. It is important for jodiers to keep those cards and bring them when renewing for 2002.

When purchasing a new card or renewing last years card, golfers must show proof of Union County residency throughfuso forms of identification a driver. The card either the card of the card of

residency through two forms of iden-tification a divice a becase and either a current annual lease, tax, utility, or credit card billips or a bank statement. Non-residents who own property in Union County, may also parchase ID Cards prop providing a current tay foll showing the address, lot and block number of the property All ID card renewals fit purchases must be done in-presson.

For more information on Union County's winter golf course schedule or identification card purchase, call the Department of Parks and Recrea-908-527-4900

Four magnet students go to Governor's School

Four Union County Magnet High School students spent part of their summer/attending the New Jersey Governor's School, a prestigious and competitive educational initiative for high school juniors throughout the state.

The Governor's School is an intensive, four-week program held on col-lege campuses throughout New

lege campuses throughout New Jersey. Each year, approximately 2,400 students apply for the 350 seats funded through the Governor's School program. Students are nominated by their high schools and must submit an application. Nominees are judged on a number of criteria, including school, transcripts, letters of recommenda-tion, essays, extracturicular activities, community service, special honors community service, special honors and PSAT scores.

Alana Davis of Union was selected for the Governor's School for Inc for the Governor's School for Interna-tional Studios at Ramapo College of New Jersey. This program focuses on contemporary international issues such as negotiations and diplomacy, social issues, public health, trade and economics, global environment and resources, and universal human richus

ins. Ik Ekunwe of Hillside was selected for the Governor's School of Public Issues at Monmouth University. This program provides students with

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opportunities to study how state and local governments identify and respond to public, issues.

Carolyn Lathrop of Scotch Plains attended the Governor's School on the Environment at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. The school concentrates on automal and urban ecosystems, pollution, geopolities of space, and the intenational food and water crisis.

The Governor's School in the Sciences at Drew University selected Di Wu, a Hillside resident, for its summer program. The program focuses on subjects such as chemistry, physics, mathmetics, quantum mechanics, combinatorics and molecular orbital mathmetics, quantum mechanics, combinatorics and molecular orbital

All four students are members of the Union County Magnet High School Class of 2002, the second graduating class at the school, which spe cializes in engineering and design technology, as well as computer

cializes in engineeringl and design technology, as well as computer-aided drafting and design. Information sessions regarding the high school and its admissions poli-cies are scheduled for Jan. 5 at 10 a.m. at the high school, 1776 Rarian Road, Scotch Plains. To register, or formore information, call the high school admissions office at 908-889-8288. Ext. 201

Skate with Santa set

A very special guest will be making an appearance in Union County this weekend. Skate with Santa will take place on Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. at Warinanco Skating Center. located off either St. Georges Avenue or Thompson Avenue, on the Elizabeth/Roselle border. Regular admission fees will apply. Skate rent-als are available.

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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. in the multipurpose room of the facility, 40 Watchung Way, Berkeley Heights.

DARE/Devils night

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

Tickets are specially priced for this Trickets 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 Detec-ive Keith Dunn of the Clark Police Department at 732-388-3434, Ext.

Blood drives scheduled

The Blood Center of New Jersey vill conduct the following blood

- Monday, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital. 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union.
- Tuesday, 4 to 7 p.m., Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Park Avenue and Randolph Road, Plainfield.
- Dec. 28, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road,

STAR Center to train people for jobs

economy," from finance and real estate insurance to construction, where jobs will be available as a result of the state school construction boom and the loss of 30 million square feet of office space at the World Trade Center. He also cited an increase in employment. "A lot of oppor-exists in this state." etail e

"We see what kind of driver of the economy Newark Airport is," Boyd said. "It's not just travel, but ancillary

Officials stressed the importance of training people for positions that are or will be available. "Too often, we trained people in the past for employ ment that didn't exist," Congressman ment that didn't exist," Congressman Robert Menedez, D-13, said. "The center may well determine whether an unemployed baggage handler will get a chance at the new skills needed to compete in today's tightening job market, or whether a displaced ticket-ing agent will get the training needed

Union County Director of Hu Services Frank Guzzo said pe-will be "trained for what the l market will bear." The center's will come from various existing loca tions, including the One-Stop Career Center in Midtown Elizabeth, the state and other areas that will be servsuch as Essex and Hudson coun-he added

The program, operated by the Union County Department of Human Services, is in partnership with the

College, Union County One-Sto Career Center, the Retail Skills Cente and other airport- and employment-related agencies. The center will be up retated agencies; the center will be up and running within a month and then operate for at least one year with the grant and officials will seek more funds at that time if necessary.

For more information about the Union County STAR Opportunity Center, call 1-866-UCSTAR-6, or Center, call 1-1-866-827-8276.

Entertainment books on sale as fund-raiser

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

The discount coupon books are available for all areas of New Jersey and can be ordered for all areas of the raise funds for their annual awards

county. Each book provides discounts of as much as 50 percent on fine and casual dining, movie admissions, conof as much as 50 percent on fine and casual dining, movie admissions, con-certs, sports events, family activities, airfares, hotels, rental cars, merchan-diared local services. To purchase a book or to obtain more information on the 2002 Enter-

inment Book, call Ricken, the 908-889-8288, Ext. 311,

This year's greetings and ungreetings

(Continued from Page B1)
daytime first aid squad workers as a responsibility. On Wednesdays, he comes to work with overalls ready for action as a member of the Berkeley Heights. Somethers Heights Squad

Greetings to Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi who was cited for her statewide efforts on behalf of constitutional officers

Greetings to the Summit Chamber

man of the freeholder board, Lew Mingo. He will need patience and strength in the upcoming tough year.

Greetings to the incoming chair-an of the freeholder board, Lew

The good news is that state S Joe Suliga is on their tail.

wouldn't be considered because of past political activities on behalf of Republican candidates was troubling. Here's betting he does a fine job.

Greetings to former Mountainside resident Jeff Torberg for coming back to manage the Montreal Expos and hiring the best coach in baseball, Ozzie Guillen. For all others, here's wishing a joy-ous and wonderful holiday season.

productivity as a source of revenue, she even drives around in a police cruiser to give tickets. Ungreetings to Cablevision Systems of Union, who has hit us with econd rate increase in as many years.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Pizzarelli is pure entertainment

It may have been unseasonably warm outside on the evening of Dec. 7, but inside the Paper Mill Playhouse it was so hot it was cookin', thanks to Jersey's own John Pizzarelli. The John Pizzarelli Trio was joined

by the New York All-Star Big Band at the Millburn theater, serving up a the Millburn theater, serving up a night of jazz and banter that set the

Joking that "half the audience is related to me," Pizzarelli, son of the legendary Bucky Pizzarelli, brough his inimitable style to an appreciativ sold-out crowd. While the conce sold-out crowd. While the concert was billed as a "Big Band Chistmas Celebration," the evening featured only two holiday tunes — "Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow and a dynamite instrumental version of "Sleigh Ride." However, the show shiftered not a bit for this, as the two

And All That Jazz

By Bill VanSant Associate Editor

sets were filled with galvantzed improvisation, sizzlin' riffs, cool and easy vocals, and red-hot scatting. Pizzatelli's vocals are perfectly suited to the material he chooses, suited to the material he chooses, mostly selections from the American songbook, but it's his guier work that dazzles. As his fingeres fly over the strings, he makes the instrument sing as if it were a vocalist in his trio, most justibly on "My Baby Just Cares for Me" and "Sleigh Ride." which fea-

tured some hot can anomalism Ray
improvisation, with planist Ray
Kennedy, who plays with the fines
se and plansing of Oscar Peterson,
held his own alongside Pizzarelli,
with the two enjoying a very comfortable and exciting musical chemistry.
His work on "Just a Skosh" and the
Beatles" I Love Her" particularly
stood out in terms of style and
interpretation.

stood out in terms of style and interpretation.

Rounding out the trio was Pizzarell's brother. Martin, on bass.

From the hot to the cool, Pizzarelli delivered mellow, easy renditions of "Cur Love is Here to Stay," with strains of "Little Darlin" "woven in, and "My Baby Just Cares for Me." He revved things up with "Route 66." featuring his George Benson-esque. seat style, and "I Got a Gal in Kalamazoo." on which he was joined by the audience.

Turning to a more humorous approach, he brought the house down with a new arrangement of "I Like Jersey Best," into which he interpo-lated a Bob Dylan drone, a Lou Reed

Jersey Best," into which he interpo-lated a Bob Dylan drone, a Lon Reed rlff, and tips of the hat to Billie Holi-day, Paul Simon, former Gov. Tom Kean, the Beach Boys and the Eagles. However, one of the biggest hits of the night was "The Wonder of It All." the commercial jingle for the Pox-woods Cashio which Pizzarelli per-forms in the TV spot. Pizzarelli's outstanding musician-ship was only rivaled by his hid-back demeanor on stage. His comitortable repartee was often belarious, such as his editorial on the renaming of the Garden State Arts Center —"I'm the Chase Manhattan Pizzarelli"— his nickname for composer Michel Legrand, "whol call Mickey the Big." and the war between Al Joison and Pucchii over authorship oi," Avalon."

Puccini over authorship of "Avalon."
Pizzarelli made the Millburn stage
his own and delivered an evening of entertainment. One can only pure entertainment.



Composer Carlos Franzetti welcomes his 2001 Grammy Award to its new home, atop his plano in his home in Cranford. Franzetti was honored for his composition, 'Tango

Composer pursues musical ideals

By Bea Smith Staff Writer

When Carlos Franzetti of Cranford was a newborn hab

When Carlos Franzetti of Cranford was a newborn buby in Buenos Aires, Argentina, he may have been waving his arms and hands in unison to the music of his own sounds.

Bécause, it wasn't long afterward, when he took such an intense interest in all phases of music — and "at a very early age" had decided on his fate.

Franzetti has since composed, arranged and conducted symphonies, big band jazz, classical chamber works. Latin-American music and film scores, jingles — and his latest, a tango ballet, consisting of original music he composed, which is based on a story by Lorenz Russo — and or which he won the 2001 Latin Grammy Award for Best Tango Album, "Tango Faul."

He won another Grammy Award, "Portraits of Culst," which he arranged, conducted and co-produced, and had two Grammy nominations for "Remembrances" and "Obsession."

"I feel very good about the awards," the modest Franzetti admitted during a recent visit at this office, "especially Tango Fatal." I didn't expect this, it was very difficult to te because the other nominees were very famous. It

compete because the other nominees were very famous. It was quite a surprise."

"Tungo Paula" is Franzetti's flist ballet, and he was very excited when he was commissioned to write it more than four years ago. "Actually." he smiled. "It was proud to write my first ballet, but the inspiration came from the landlord — or in this case, the mortgage. But really, I liked the iden of writing the music. You know, we are in a lustiness of writing music that I love, and the other thing is, I im working on something I like that they pay me for. The ballet opened four years ago in San Francisco. I was commissioned by San Prancisco's impressario, Lorenz Russo. He asked me to expell it to a full hour. We recorded the music ast year in Buenos Aires and New York City. And we're going to perform the ballet in Orange County in California."

California."

When Franzetti was a little boy, his father, who was a medical doctor in the Army, and later, a retired colonel, would have liked his son to follow in his medical footsteps:

would have liked his son to follow in his medical footsteps? "My music calling was too strong," he said. "And my mother liked music, and she was happy with my career ustings off. I pursued my ideals, and finally, they said I could make a living in music."

He graduated from college in Argentina with a bachelor and the said of th

can plus ingies in the nunareos.

"I wanted to compose my own music, my own works.

Soon, I found myself writing about 60 classical works from symphonies to concerts to operas," said Franzetti. He collaborated with such major orchestras as the Boston

Pops, the Brooklyn Philharmonic, the Buffalo Philharmonic, the National Symphony of Argentina, the Bueros Aires Philharmonic, the National Symphony of Argentina, the Bueros Aires Philharmonic, the National Symphony, the Modus Chamber Orchestra, the Janacek Philharmonic and the Bruislava Radio Orchestra and orchestras in Mexico. Venezuela, Spain, Sweden, Norway and France.

Frutzetti was commissioned by Jorge de la Vega, to perform and recorded with thany of the world's greatest jazz, pop and rock artists, and collaborated with major thin producers and directors including Sidney Lumet, Alan Pakhla, Jerry Schatzberg and Harry Relafone. He conducted, arranged and co-produced the 1997 Grammy Award-winning CD. "Portraits of Cuba." Although there to too many compositions and CDs and records to mention, one of his most outstanding work wass his "Piano Concern No. 2," commissioned by the Bueross Aires Philarmonic, as part of its 50th anniversary season and received its world premiere in September 1996 at the Teatron Colon with his wife, Allisonal Brewster Franzestil, as solosis. The work received its European première with the swede Soloist. He oist. The work received its European premiere with the Janecek Philharmonie, again with his wife as soloist. He received many outstanding grants and awards and two gold records, here and abroad

records, here and abroad.

"My wife is duing very well." he said. "She teaches at Kean University and does a lot of concert solor and width her clambler trio. She also takes care of the home and the family.

Franzetti has a son, "also Carlos, who is 27 and lives in Hoboken. He is a computer expert. Allison and my daughter, Mariana, is 7 years old, and she attends Brockside exchain francing She wants to study the violin eventually, and as long as the family is happy, it's OK with me."

by, and as long as the family is happy, it's OK with me." Franzetti started a record company in 1998 called Ama-pola Records, and it is based in Westfield. "Amapola is a very nice title for a company; it's not pretentions," he said. "We produce basically desisted music—releases by other people. I love good music, but I prefer to write and com-pose my own music. That's what I love — teally — to be able to write music and to hear it played and performed, so I can listen. It's a wonderful feeling; the same feeling a playwright would experience. It comes alive. It's wonderful." Four-petit explained that he plants to follow up this cur-

wonderful.

Financetic explained that he plans to follow up this current award-winning ballet with another 'loosely based on Dante's 'The Diobne Comedy.' A producer is very interested in pursuing this Dante story. 'You know,' he said pensively, 'tie's a little like 'West Sid's Story.' 'And, I have just been commissioned to write a piece for the harp. The arise is Gloria Agostini, a very famous harpest.

"Betteen the and the Datte proports: UPI better these house."

"Between that and the Dante property, I'll be kept busy for a while. Doing what I like — it's the best thing in the

For Franzetti, music is truly "the food of love."

'Franklin' is a 'big adventure' Franklin and Snail did inside the

Traveling from the TV screen to the stage of the Paper Mill Playhouse, Franklin the Turtle gave families a break from the heliday hustle and bustle Saturday, serving up an after-noon of absolute delight.

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As is my custom when reviewing such offerings. I brought my two favorite co-crities — my daughter, Tori, almost-b, had my son, Reid, 7.

After having joined me already this season for the ballet, classical concerts and musical 'theater — all of which they enjoyed — they had nothing but praise for "Franklin's Big Adventure," presented at Paper Mill by Tang le wo od Family Entertainment.

The last in Paper Mill's fall family

Entertainment.
The last in Paper Mill's fall family series, "Franklin" was produced and performed with a [polish and sayle worthy of adult presentations. The colorful sets and costumes were perfectly appropriate to the piece and resembled the artwork on the cartoon, the sones were housey and entertainthe songs were bouncy and entert ing, and the choreography was child-

friendly without being trite.
Relying a great deal on audience
participation, the simple story of
Franklin's trip to the museum with his

Famili Fare

By Bill VanSant Associate Editor

friends, Beaver, Bear, Fox and Snail. also delivered a moral — knowledge conquers fear. In the story, Franklin and Snail's shared fear of the dinosaur exhibit leads to some amusing

But what did the real critics think? Both Tori and Reid said the stage version was "a little" like the carroon which they both watch on TV. "They which they both watch on TV. "They move a lot more," was Tori's observation, while Reid scommented, "They don't have outlines." When asked if they enjoyed the audience participation, it was one thumbs up and one thumbs down Tori exclaimed, "Yes, yes, yes, yes!," while Reid said he preferred to simply watch the goings on.

Where Reid thought the lesson of ne story was to "never get lost," as

museum, Tori easily grasped the mor-al: "I think the story's lesson is about learning about your fears." I though the script was perhaps too subtle for little ones to understand the message, but apparently I was wrong.

Also not lost on her was an inaccu-

racy: "T-Rex isn't a leaf-eater, he's a meat-eater."

meat-cater." I asked if they'd recommend such a show to their friends, and both said yes, with Tori offering a qualification: "I'd tell Kaderine becames she's crazy like me, but not Joanna — she likes fashionable things." She continued that her summation to her friends would be, "I'le shu because you get to do staft." while Reid's school-yard critique would be. "Ii was good because I liked it. I liked the whole show."

Perhaps Tori gave the best rave.

whole show."

Perhaps Tori gave the best rave.

Afterward, she excitedly exclaimed,
"I want to go to another one!"

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B.B. King brings his blues to UCAC

Throughout the 1980s and '70s, there has been only one King of the Blues — Riley B. King, affectionately known as B.B. King.

King will appear at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway Friday might at 8.

King will appear at the Chuon Country Arts Center in Rahway Friday night at 8 p.m. Since King started recording in the late 1940s, he has released more than 50 albums, many of them considered blues classics, like 1965's definitive lives blues album "live at the blues album Regal," and 4976's collaboration with Bobby "Blue ABland, "Together for the First Time."

the First Time."

Over the years, King has had two number one R&B hits, 1951's "Three O'Clock Blues," and 1952's "Three Don't Know Me," and four number two R&B hits, 1953's "Please Love Me," 1954's "You Upset Me, Bby."
1969's "Sweet Sixteen, Part I." and 1966's "Don't Answer the Door, Part I." Kin's "smost ownlat crossover bit.

Tim's "most ownlat crossover bit. I." King's most popular crossover hit, 1970's "The Thrill is Gone," went to No. 15 pop.

But B.B. King, as well as the entire

blues genre, is not radio-oriented. His classic songs, such as "Payin' the Cost to Be the Boss," "Caldonia," "How Blue Can You Get," "Everyday I Have the Blues" and "Why I Sing the Blues," are concert — and fan

the strues," are concert—and fan— staples.

Riley B. King was born Sept. 16.
1925 on a cotton plantation in Ita
Bene, Miss., just outside the Missis-sippi Delta town of Indianola. He used to play on the comer of Church and Second Street for dimes and and Second Street lay dines and would sometimes that his pair as many a four towns on a Saurday night. With his guitar and \$2.50, he hitchhiked north to Memphis. Tenn. in 1947 to pursue his musical career. Memphis was the city where every unportant musician of the south gravitated and which supported a large, competitive musical community where virtually every black musical style was heard. King stayed with his cousin, Bukka White, one of the most reknown rural blues performer of his time, who schooled King further in the art of the blues.

King's first big break came in 1948 King's first big break came in Q48 when he performed on Sonny Boy Williamson's radio program on KWEM out of West Memphis. This led to steady performance engagements at the Sixteenth Avenue Grill in West Memphis and later to a 10-ninute spot on the black-staffed and managed radio station. WDIA. "King's Sport," sponsored by Pepticon, a health tonic, became so popular that it was increased in length and that it was increased in length and became the "Sepia Swing Club." Soon, King needed a catchy radio name. What started out as Beale name. What started out as Beale Street Blues Boy was shortened to Blues Boy King, and eventually 8.B. King. Incidentally, King's middle initial "B" is just that. It is not an abbreviation. In the mid 1950s, while King was performing at a dance in Twist, Ark. a few fan's became unruly. Two men got into a fight and knocked over a

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kerosene stove, setting fire to the hall-King raced outdoors to safety with everyone else, but then realized that he left his \$30 guitar inside, so he rushed back inside to retrieve it, nar-rowly essaping death. When he later found out that the fight had been over a woman named Lucille, he decided to give that name to his guitar. Each one of King's guitars since that time have been called Lucille.

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Soon after his 1951 hit, "Three O'Clock Blues," King began touring autionally, and he has never stopped, nationally, and he has never stopped, performing an average of 275 concerts a year. In 1956, King and his band played an astonishing 342 one-night stands. From the childri circuit with its small towa cafes, ghetto theaters, country dance halls and roadside joints to jazz clubs, rock palaces, symphony concert halls, college concerts, resort hotels and prestigious concert halts nationally and internationally, King has become the most reknowned blues musician of the past 40 years, In 1967. King performed at the prestigious Montreux, Jazz Pestival, a portion of which was later aired over

portion of which was later aired över PBS TV. In 1968, King-played at the Newport Folk Festival and at Bill Graham's Fillmore West on bill. the hottest contemporary rock artists of the day who idolized King and helped cross him over to a young, white audience.

white audience.
King has influenced Eric Clapton,
Mike Bloomfield, Albert Collins,
Buddy Guy, Freddie King, Jimi Hendrix. Otis Rush, Johnny Winter, Albert King and many others while being influenced by Charles Brown, Lowell Fulsom, Elmore James, Blind Lemon Jefferson, Jimmy Rushing, T-Bone Walker, Bukka White and

others.

In 1969. King was chosen by the Rolling Stones to open 18 American concerts for them; like and Tina Turrer also played on 18 shows. King also made the first of his numerous appearances on Johany Carson's "The Tonight Show." In 1970. King premiered in Las Vegas at Caesar's Palace and at the Royal Box in the Americana Hotel in New York City as well as on the "Ed Sullivas Show."

Americana Hotel in New York City as well as on the "Ed Sullivan Show. In the early 1970s, King toured Ghana, Lagos, Chad and Liberia under the auspices of the United States State Department. Besides playing the major jazz festivals around the world, in 1989, King toured Australia, New Zealand, Japan, France. West Germany, Holland and Ireland for three months as a special guest of Uz. King is featured in "When Love Comes to Town" on US's album "Rattle and Hum." Over the years, King has been bes-

US's albam "Rattle and Hum."
Over the years, King has been bestowed five Grammy Awards by his peers: Best Rhythm & Blues Vocal, Performance, Male in 1970 for "The Thrill Is Gone," Best Ethnic or Traditional Recording in 1981 for "There Must, Be A Better World Somewhere," and Best Traditional Blues 'N Recording in 1983 for "Blues 'N Jazz." and in 1985 for "My Guitat

Sings the Blues" from "Six Silver Strings." In 1970. King's "Indianola Mississippi Seeds" won for Best Album Cover, an art director's award. In 1989. King received two more nominations: Best Contemporary Blues Recording for "King of the Blues 1989" and Best Rock Performance by a duo or group with vocal "When Love Comes to Town" with U2 from "Rattle and Hum." In 1990.

King received another Grammy for the album, 'Live at San Quentin,' B.B. King was inducted into the Blues Foundation Hall of Fame in Blues Foundation Hall of Fame in 1984 and into the Rock and ROII Hall of Fame in 1987, where Sting of The Police inade the induction speech. King was the recipient of the 1986 National Association for Campus Activities Hall of Fame Award, and was Blues Act of the Year in 1985, 1987 and 1988 Performance Award Polls. He is a founding member of the long It. Kengely Deformation Arts. John F. Kennedy Performing Arts Center. B.B. King received the Gram-my "Lifetime Achievement Award" in December of 1987 at the first telein December of 1987 at the first televised awards in May 1990. King has received four honorary doctorates: Tougaloo (Mississippi) College of L.H.D. in 1973; Yale University in 1977; Berklee College of Mussic in 1982, and Rhodes College of Memphis in 1990. In 1992, he received the National Award of Distinction from the University of Mississiphi.

King's 'technique is nonetheless complex, featuring delicate filigrees of single-string runs punctuated by

complex, featuring delicate filiptees of single-string runs puncuated by loud chords, subtle vibratos and "bent" notes. The technique of row guitar playing is to a large degree derived from, King's playing. In the Army, King was introduced to the music of such guitaritist as Charie Christian and T-Bone Walker. "I heard an electric guitar that wasn't playing spiritual." recalls King "It was T-Bone Walker doing 'Stormy Monday." and that was the pretites sound I think I ever heard in my life. That's what really started me to play the blues."

Over the years, King has developed Over the years, King has developed one of the world's most readily identified guitar styles. He borrowed from Lonnie Johnson, Blind Lemon Jeffenson, T-Bone Walker and others, integrating his precise vocal-like string bends and his left-hand vibrato, both of which have become indispensable components of rock guitar guitarists' vocabulary. His economy, his everynote-counts phrasing has been a model for thousands of players including el for thousands of players including Eric Clapton, George Harrison and

King has mixed traditional blues jazz swing, mainstream pop and jump into a unique sound. His singing is richly melodic, both vocally and in

play in my mind; the minute I story, play in grantly, I start to sing by playing Lucille.

'm trying to get people to see that e are our brother's keeper. I still ork on it. Red, white, black, brown, ellow, rich, poor, we all have these

"From my own experience, I would say to all people, but maybe to young people especially — black and white or whatever color — follow your own or whatever color — follow your own feelings and trust them, find out what you want to do and do it and then practice it every day of your life and keep becoming what you are despite any hardships and obstacles you "rest."

"I'm me," King told Time Maga-zine in 1969. "Blues is what I do best. If Frank Sinatra can be best in his field, Nat King Cole in his, Bach and Beethoven in theirs, why can't I be great and known for it in blues?"

And for an update, Sidney A. Seldenberg, King's longtime manager, likens King to Louis Armstrong and Frank Sinatra. "B.B.'s goals alve always been to be like an American always been to be like an American ambassador of blues music to the world. like Louis Amstrong and Frank Shaatra are to the jazz world. B.B. is still the King of the Blues." King made a theatrical appearance on "The Cosby Shabw" in 1990 power traying musician Riley Jackson, who was an old friend of Cliff, Bill Cosby, line also area, tow of his sorges in a

King also sang a few of his songs in a blues club setting. The next night, King was a guest on the "You Don't Look 40, Charlie

Brown' special when he sang "Joe Cool" from the "Happy Anniversary, Charlie Brown' album, an all-star affair that celebrated the 40th anniver-

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sary of the "Peanuts" comic strip. On Feb. 23 of that year, PBS started televising "All Day and All Night: Memories From Beale Street Musivicins," which featured B.B. King and captured the lifestyles of musicians who performed on Beale Street in Memphis from the 1920s to the 1950s who performed on Beate, Street in Memphis from the 1920s to the 1950s when being on Beate Street was like "living in paradise." King recalled on the half-hour special that Beale Street was "a place to learn, to make friends. It was a little world all of your own. There were always musicians who were willing to help you if you wanted to learn." And King and Ruffus Thomas recalled Amateur Night at the Paluce Theater where "anyone who could carry a tune got a dollar for going on stage."

In 1990, King and Ray Charles coheadlined the Philip Morris Super-See KING, Page B8

presents.

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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 igh Dec. 29 at Swain Galleries in

Plainfield.

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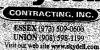
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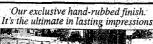


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Broadway diva disappoints in Paper Mill concert

ausaway sensation Linda Eder delivered a holiday concert Dec. 5 at the Paper Mill Playhouse that was, to borrow from "Hamlet," "full of sound and fary, signlying nothing," or, at least, very little.

Bee's dynamic voice, her trademank on New York and regional stages, filled the Millburn showplace with ringing tones, but her nester-with ringing tones, but her nester-

ringing tones, but her perfor-e suffered on the selections nce suffered on the selections erein the lyrics required a solid acting foundation, leaving this reviewer emotionally unsatisfied.

Concert Scene

By Bill VanSant Associate Editor

However, this opinion was not widely shared, as her performance brought down the house, receiving three standing ovations throughout the course of the evening.

Merchants and Drovers will welcome visitors

Candlelight, seasonal greens and holiday decorations, a blazing hearth fire, musicians, costumed staff and a light repdst will await visitors to the Merchants and Drovers. Tavem in Rahway on Saturday evening.

The atmosphere of the 200-year-old aware mull evoke an early 19th-century evening at the four-story inn, now a museum of early tavern life and stagecoach transnoration.

transportation.

On Saturday, the music of Nancy Shill and Company will set the festive mood. Guests will be invited to visit the 15 furnished rooms, enjoy the period music and partake of a light buffet.

The Merchatts and Drovers Tavem is a 'hands-on' museum where guests can sit on the chairs in the parfors and tuproom and even try out a roope bed if they so desire, 'said Ted Nevins, president of the Merchants and Drovers Tavem Museum Association. Nevins often assumes the role of the tavernkeeper for evening events.

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"The Merchants and Drovers Tavern was built in 1795 as a two-story house and store," said Linda McTeague, executive director. "It was enlarged to its present four-story, 25-room size about 1820. It operated continuously as a hotel from 1798 through the mid-1930s."

"style over substance," which works fine on holiday standards served up with a swing beat, played by the by pianist/director Jeremy erts. "Here Comes Santa Claus." Roberts, "Here Comes Santa Claus,"
"Santa Claus is Comin' to Town" and
"Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It
Snow" worked quite well, as did her
very entertaining medley from the
"Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer"

special. However, the further she ventured into lyric-driven material, the less impressed this reviewer was. Her

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an endless final note and drove the crowd wild, but it was all about the sound, not the wonderful words

ten by Bob Merrill.

This dramatic limitation was most This dramatic limitation was most glaring on two songs written by her husband. Frank Wildhom: "Gold," from the upcoming Broadway musical "Camille Claudel," and "if I Had My Way," the lyrics of which Jack Murphy wrote in response to the events of Sept. 11. The former, the show's projected finale, featured her usual vocal acrobatics, but it lacked

any real emotional punch. The latter, which featured words that should have ripped the heart out, didn't even inspire misty eyes.

Beter was perhaps at her best when backed up by the incredible Dave Clemens Choir. Awe inspiring arrangements of "Silent Night," "Ave Maria" and "O Come, O Come Emanuel?" What Child Is This?" were perfectly performed, as were the rockin' "Son of a Preacher Man" and the choir's featured moment on a gosnel choir's featured moment on a gospel arrangment of Handel's "Hallelujah."

arrangment of Handel's "Hallelujah."
Pity Mr. Clemens and company didn't grace the stage until Act II.
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This reviewer, however, will not be

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Annual 'Messiah' Sing Friday at First Baptist The Choral Art Society of New Parsey Inc. announces its annual "Messiah" Community Sing, which will take place Friday at 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Westfield. James S. Little, musical director for Little directs an adult choir, two New Society will conduct the behaved.

James S. Little, musical director of the Society, will conduct the beloved Handel oratorio. Audience members are invited to bring scores and join in the singing of both chorus and solo sections or simply come to listen in the atmosphere of a beautifully decorated sanctuary. The Continuative Sing has become a Westfield tradition and is an ideal way to kick off the holiday season.

ason. Admission to the Messiah Community Sing is \$10 at the door where scores may be borrowed for the

scores may be bondered to the Messiah Little is no stranger to the Messiah Community event having previously-both accompanied and directed the performance. In addition to his duties as the director of the Choral Art Society, he has been the organist and

cholmaste of Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit since 1993, having previously held similar position at Mountainside's Community Pre-sbyterian Church. At Calvary Church, Little directs an adult choir, two youth choirs and the Calvary Concert Series. He also directs MadJazz, a local a cannella singing troup.

choirs and the Calvary Concert Series. He also directs Madlazz, a local a cappella singing group. The Messiah Sing will also feature the talents of Sandor Szabo at the organ. Szabo currently is organist-choir director at the Presbyerian Church in New Proyidence. Other Choral Arts Society performances for the 2001-02 season will be a performance of the Ruter "Gloria." Suravinsky's, "Symphony of Psalma" and Pinkham s "Sinfonia Sacra" Jan. 19 at 8 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, Mountain Avenue and East Broad Street The chorus will be accompanied by a brias ensemble, organ and Gout-hand plano. Also performing will be the Cranford High School Women's Ensemble



The alto section of the Chor Community Sing. This year ty prepares for the group's annual take place Friday in Westfield.

under the direction of Gary Seighman.
The Society's Spring Concert will be Poulenc's "Gloria" and Beethoven's "Mass in C" May 18 at 8 p.m., also at The Presbyterian Church in Wartfald.

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This year, the lovely farmhouse will feature "A Holiday Gathering at Elizabethtown." Visitors to the candlelight home will be greeted by elegantly dressed volunteers who will chat as one proceeds from room to room.

In 1740, Elizabethtown, the capital of New Jersey, was a very active a social seaport city.

Por information on future activities For information on future activities of volunteer, opportunities, call 908-232-1776. Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students and children younger than 6 years old, are admitted, free. The museum will be closed for the holdiday season and will reopen Jan. 13 at 2 p.m.







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Holiday season can bring stress

The holidays should be a time of joy, good cheer and high hopes for the new year. Shopping for gifts, decorating the Christmas tree and preparing for gel-togethers with family and flends are usually anticipated events that accompany the season. But many people, especially older adults, experience the holiday "blues" during this special time of the year. "Older adults can have an especially difficult time with the holidays for many reasons, "add floah Pillek, dministrator of Comell Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Union, one of

just spend time alone.

Tips for the caregiver Preparing for the normal demands of the holiday season can be even ore stressful when the care of an elderly family member or friend is volved. Here are some useful "tips" for caregivers during the holidays

involved. Here are some used ""tips" for caregivers during the holidays and every day of the year.

Recognize your own importance. Before you can properly care for someone else, you need to take care of your own physical and emotional needs. Bat a nutritious diet and get an adequate amoint of sleep. Most importantly, do not neglect your own health as you get wrapped up in the holiday season.

Ask others for help. Don't be afraid to ask family members or friends to lend a hand, especially during the holidays. Ask them to come spend time at home with your loved one or take himfor out for the day. This break will give you a chance to go shopping, attend a holiday party, or just spend dime alone.

just spend time alone.

Seek professional guidance. Caregiver support groups provide an opportunity to discuss your concerns and frustrations with others experiencing the same emotions. Community calendars or health sections of the local newspaper may list when and where caregiver support groups

the local newspaper may list when and where caregiver support groups meet.

• Recognize that daily routines change, especially during the holidays. During the holidays, when things become more hectic, allow yourself more time to accomplish daily tasks. Worrying about getting everything done can be as stressful as scutally doing it. And remember, the holidays will end, and a normal routine will resume.

If caring for an elderly family member or friend becomes too difficult during the holidays or al any time of year, seek guidance from experts. Healthcare professionals of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System's Nursing and Rehabilitation Centers and Assisted Living Residences are available to discuss alternative care plans, including respite care, that may be more suitable for you and your loved one.

For more information about alternative care plans and respite care offered by the Saint Barnabas Nursing and Rehabilitation Centers and Assisted Living Residences, write to: Public Relations: Saint Barnabas Nursing and Rehabilitation Centers, 695 Chestnut St., Union, 07083.

eight northern New Jersey affiliates of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System Nursing and Rehabilitation Centers and Assisted Living Residences. Other affiliates in Northern New Jersey are Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Scotch Plains, the Assisted Living Residence at Clara Mass Continuing Care Center at Kearny, Clara Masass Continuing Care Centers at Relieville and Kearny, Greenbrook Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Green Brook, Llanfair House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Wayae and

West Hudson Extended Care Facility in Kearny.

The recent loss of an important period or the memory of a traumatic event, such as a serious illness, can dampen holiday spirits. The inability to perform everyday tasks and holiday raditions, such as preparing a large holiday meal, can make the upcoming events difficult to handle and may cause the people to focus on what they used to do. Others may feel isolated or forgotten as the season reminds them of more enjoyable past celebrations. of more enjoyable past celebrations. For others, just getting together with family members can be stressful or

depressing. Whatever the reason, there are Whatever the reason, there are strategies that older adults can employ to fight holiday depression. Health-care professionals of the Saint Barnash Health Care System's Nursing and Rehabilitation Centers and Assisted Living Residences offer the following suggestions to help ease the stress of the holiday season:

Keep your expectations reasonable. The holiday season hole the power to magically turn sadness into joy. Do not be disappointed if the holidays are not like they used to be. Life brings changes. Each holiday season is different and can be enjoyed in its own way.

season is different and can be enjoyed in its own way.

• Take some time for yourself. Allow yourself some time during the holidays to do things that you enjoy, such as taking a walk or listening to music. Give others the same space as well. Having time alone allows you to think about your feetings.

The Saint Barnabas Health Care System has nine nursing and rehabilitation centers and three assisted living residences located throughout New Jersey. To learn more about any of these facilities, call 1-800-222-9147 website www.saintharnabas.com.

Sell it with a classified ad, 1-800-564-8911.

Rededication in Cranford



Seniors Alice Bitz and Mary Molvor enjoy the festivities at the rededication of the Life Guidance Neighborhood at Artia Retirement and Assisted Living in Cranford in October. The neighborhood, which was designed by specialists and modeled after the National Alzheimer's Association Guidelines, has been open for four years. Notable speakers at the rededication included Cranford Mayor George Jorn and Bob Hoeffler, representing the Cranford Chamber of Commerce, as well as family members of the residents. The focus of the rededication was to thank the residents and their families for allowing Atria to fulfill their dream and continue to tend to the whole person — in mind, body and spirit.

Diabetics must be on alert for foot problems

If you are-diabetic, you should be particularly alert to any problems you may be having with your feet. Most foot problems can be treated successfully if you act in time.

"As a disease, diabetes tends to cause circulatory problems that affect the feet and legs," says Dr. Daniel S. Brandwein, a podiatrist located in Kenilworth. "It can also cause a loss of feeting in the feet. Infections can start more castly than in the non-diabetic person, and it will probably take longer to cure an infection once it starts." Diabetics often do not have the ability to feel pain as quickly or intensely as other people, and for that reason

injuries to the foot may not be noticed until the condition becomes serious. If you notice even a slight injury to your foot, you should not continue to walk on it unless it has been examined and treated.

Probably the best advice for someone who is diabetic is to have his foot examined routinely by a foot specialist. Even minor problems can become serious if they are lett untreated.

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EXT. 304. ARTIST RON HEDRICK will have his work on exhibit at Evelyn Dunn's Gallery, 549 South Ave., Westfield. Gallery hours are Tuesdays frough Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. For information, call 903-232-0412.

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STILL LIFES: "Black and White Photo-graphs by Howard Nathenson" will be on skibit in the Consid B. Palmer Museum in the Springfield Public Library through today. Gallery hours are regular library hours. The Springfield Public Library is located at 68 Mountain Ave., Spring-

field. For information, call 973-376-4930.

INTERPRETATIONS: "Recent Artworks Inspired by People, Places and Things in Union County by the New Art Group* will be on exhibit at The Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway through

Galley hours are Wednesdays, Fri-days and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 pm. and by appointment. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 inv-ing St. Rahway. For information, call 732-381-7511

THE ELIZABETH ARTS COUNCIL will present its third annual Members Exhibit through Saturday at RexPlex. IKEA Road, Elizabeth For Information, call 908-259-3584

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

Gallery hours are Mondays to Findays, 9 am. to 4 p m, or by appointment. The Kent Place School is located at 42 Norwood Ave., Summil For information, call 908-273-0500 Ext. 332.

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PORTALS OF TIME, photography by Karon R. Kaplowitz, will be on switcht at Gatena West in Westfield through Dec. 29.
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THE TOWN BOOK STORE in West-field 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. Bread St., Westfield. For Information, call 908-233-9535.

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MAKING A MARK -- the work of New Jersey artists Gary Briechle, Caroline Burton, Eric McLendon, Gloria Rodri-guez and Barbara Stork — will be on exhibit through Jan. 6 at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in

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AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL, an exhibit of black-and-whille and color photographs by Helen Leucke extolling the beauty of America, is on display in the Les Malamut Gallery in the Union Public Ubrary, through Jan. 10.

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JOURNEYS: "Black and White Photo-graphs by Howard Nathenson" will be on exhibit at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through Jan. 13. A reception will take place Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. Gallery hours are Mondays to Fri-

days from noon to 4 p.m., and Satur-days and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Sum-mit. For information, call MII. FOI 908-273-9121

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

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Information, call 908-273-0441.

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Elm St., Westfield. Admission is \$10.
For information, call 908-654-3260.

For information, call 908-654-3280. CONCORD SINGERS will appear in concert with the Newark Boys School Apprentice Chorus Saturday at 7 p.m. at Calways pisscopal Church, Woodland Avenue, Summit. Donation is \$10 at the door, \$8 in advance, children younger than 14 years old are admitted free. For information, call 908-288-0799.

908-286-0798. RICKY SKAGGS and Kentucky Thun-der will appear in concert at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway Satur-day at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25, \$30 and \$35. UCAC is located at 1601 Inving \$1, Rahway. For Information, call 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucac.org. THE PIPES OF CHRISTMAS will be presented the Clan Currie Society
Sunday at 3 and 7:30 p.m. at the Cenrial Presbyterian Church, 70 Maple St.
Summit. Tickets — advance sale only
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THE SAMMY KAYE ORCHESTRA will appear in concert at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway Tuesday at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$15. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucac.org.

SUMMIT CHORALE will present it annual "Messiah" Sing Tuesday at p.m. at Contral Presbyterian Church 70 Maple St., Summit. Admission i 70 Maple St., Summit. Admission is free. Scores can be borrowed with a \$2 deposit. For information, cal 973-762-8466.

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HOLIDAYS

LIBERTY HALL MUSEUM in Union will sponsor, avening candelight tours during the holiday season Friday and saturday from 5 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for sentor citizens, and \$4 for children 6 to 17 years old. Hall is located at 1003 Morris 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 POLISH CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS be demonstrated at the Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave, Westheld, 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 908-232-1776.

908-232-1776.
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 Player Alli-Stars Saturday at the Community Congregational Church, 200 Hartshom Hoad, Short Hillis, 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 Militourn-Short Hillis 9-11 Victims' Fund fun Er or information, call 973-376-4343.

KIDS

KEAN UNIVERSITY'S CHILDREN'S HOUR will present the "Seasons Greetings Holiday Magic Show" Sunday at 2 pm. in Wilkins Theatr. Tickets are \$8. Kean is located at 1000 Moris Ave., Union. For information, call 908-527-2337.

KEAN UNIVERSITY'S ON SCHOOL TIME will present "Peter Pan" Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Wilkins Theater, Tickets are \$8. Kean is located at 10\phi0 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call 908-527-2337.

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

• After-School Exploration:
Nature exploration and science experiments for 1st-1 and 2nd-graders; Thursdays, 3;30 to 4:45 p.m., \$8 per class.

• Trailstde Explorers: An exploration of plants, animals and their habitasts for 3rd, 4th- and 5th-graders;
Wednesdays, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m., \$8 per
class.

Wednesdays, 3.50 Call Section (Cass.)
For information, call 908-789-3670. BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield will sponsor Tales for Tots Preschool Storytime, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m., and Kids Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m.

a.m. For information, call 973-376-8544. UNION / RECREATION DEPARTwill sponsor weekly ceramics 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 908:984-4828.

MUSEUMS LIBERTY HALL MUSEUM

ERTY HALL MUSEUM in Union is several events throughout the

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

rty Hall is located at 1003 Morris "Liberty Hall is tocated at 10xx moning. Ave, Juhion. Tours are offered Wed-nesdays to Suridays 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 from.

free.,
For Information, call 908-527-0400
or visit the Wab site at
www.libertyhalinj.org.

POETRY

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

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OPEN MIKE POETRY NIGHT takes place the second Sunday of every month at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Flantar Road, Clark, at 7 p.m. for information, call 732-574-1818.

TRICOUNT THI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at the Willow Grove Presbyteman Church on Old Raman Road in Scotch Plains. The group meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of every meet.

SINGLES
INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 am, for discussion and continental treakfast at the First Bapilst Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, Donation is \$2. For information, call 908-889-5265 or 908-889-4751.

or 908-988-4751.

THEATER

ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE will present "Sylvia" by A.R. Gumey through
Sunday. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Frjidays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays.
Tickets are S5 for general admission,
S for senior cilizens and students.
The Elizabeth Flayhouse is located at
1100 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. For
Information, call 908-955-0077.
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Information, calf 908-955-077.

NEW JERSEV SHAKEEPEARE FEB-TIVAL will present "The Fantagitois" by Tom Jones and Harvey Sommid through Dec. 30 at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theater on the campus of Drew University, 36 Madison Ave., Madison. Tickets range from \$31 kd, opening right tickets are \$50 and \$55. For information, including show times, call \$73-408-560 or visit www.rjehakespeare.org.

day at 9 m. and karacke every Inure-day night.

The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St. in Rahway. For information, oil 732-381-3455.

CASUAL TIMES in Clark will present entertainment in the coming weeks. Thursdays are Ladles Nights, and Sundays feature NFL games and \$2 rights.

RADIO

every month. For information, call 908-241-5758.

VARIETY PORCH IN BU

ans. Friday: Dinner-theater, "The Honey

moaners;" \$45, includes four-course dinner; cash bar available Dec. 22: The Bobby Byrnes Christ-mas Show; \$40, includes four-course;

cash bar available
Casual Times is located at 1085
Central Ave., Clark, For information,
call 732-388-6511.

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

Every Sunday: Sunday Football,

og Dec. 31: New Year's Eve with Grant Green Jr. For information, call 908-232-5689.

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mike Night every Tues-day at 9 p.m. and karaoke every Thurs-

For Information, call 908-232-5093. EAT TO THE BEAT Coffeehouse in Rahway, will feature appearances by musical artists. Eat to the Beat Coffeehouse is located at 1465 Irving St. in Rahway at the corner of East Cherry Street. For Information, or to sign up for Open Mike Night, call 732-381-0505.

Mike Night, call 722-391,0005.
FLYNN'S IRISH PUB and Steakhouse in Rahway will present entertainment at various times. Flynn's Irish Pub is located at 1482 Main St. in Rahway. For Information, call 732-381-4700.

HILLTOP CAFE AND GRILL in Sum HILLTOP CAFE AND GRILL In Sum-mit presents "From Broadway to the Silver Soreen" every Sunday at 6 p.m., preceded by an all-you-oua-neat dinner from 5 to 6 p.m. Coat is \$29.85 and reservations are required. The Hilliop Cate and Grill is located at 447 Spring-field Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-277-0220

Call 905-277-0220.

TAVERN IN THE PARK In Roselle Park will present Teddy Halek in "An Evening of Frank Sinatra" Saturdays at 9 p.m. Tavern in the Park is located at 147 W. Westfield Ave., Roselle Park. For information, call 908-241-7400.

VAN GOGH'S EAR CAFE, 1017 Stuy-vesant Ave., Union, will present a series of musical events. Tuesday, nights are "Acoustic Tuesday," with open mike from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk sinnights are "Acoustio Tuesday," with open mike from 8 to 9 pm. for folk singers, posts and comedans, followed by a featured folk performer. Open mike participants sign up at 7:30 p.m., and get 10 minutes at the microphone. Jazz and blues are featured Sundays at 8 pm. Cover charge is \$3 for all Sunday concerts.

For information, call 908-810-1844.

THE WAITING ROOM, 1431 Irving St., Rahway, at the corner of Lewis Street, presents Open Mike Night every Wed

esday night. For information, call 732-815-1042.

THE WASHINGTON AVENUE PUB. THE WASHINGTON AVENUE PUB, 704 Washington Ave, Linden, will pre-sent karaoke and the 100-Proof Duo Band every Saturday night. In addition, Thursday, is Ladies Night. For information call 908-925-3707.

King earns further acclaim, honors for his work in '90s

(Continued from Page B4) band five-continent world tour. The final concert was recorded and "Live final concert was recorded at the Apollo" became King's first big

Inal concert was recorded and "Live at the Apollo' became King's first big band album. In 1991, King headlined the Philip Morris Superband International Tour again with Dianne Reeves featured. And in 1991, King participated in the all-star Guisar Legends concert in Seville, Spain, where practically every guitar hero performed. In 1990, King received the Songwriter's Hall of Fame. Lifetime Achievement Award from Gibson Cultar Co. In 1999, King's imprint was added to the Amsterdam, Holland Walk of Pame, between Mitton Berle and Vivien Leigh. In 1973, King received the B'nail B'rith Humanitana Award from the Music and Performance Lodge of New York.

rian Award from the Music and Performance Lodge of New York.
In 1990, B.B. King received the prestigious Presidential Media of the Arts in Washington, D.C., with President Bush presiding. In 1991, King received the National Heritage Fedowship 'from the 'National Endowment of the Arts.

In recent years, B.B. King's presence has been felt more on television. In addition to appearances on "The Tonight Show," with both John-

ny Carson and Jay Leno, "Late Night With David Letterman," "Arsenio Hall" and "Later" with Bob Costas, King has appeared in dramatic roles on "Married With Children" and

king has appeared in dramatic roles on "Married With Childrean" and "Teech" King also sang the theme song on "Teech" as well as on "The Associates" in 1979-1980.

King joined an all-star cast for the recycling video, "Yakety Yak, Take It Back." He sang a duet with Bonnie Raitt, Dr. John's "Right Place, Wrong Time," for the "Air America" sound-rack' album, and sang a duet with Randy Travis, "Waitin' on the Light to Change," for Travis' "Herees and Friends" album. King also played lead guitar and sang vorafis on the classic "Born Under a Bad Sign" that appeared on the Top 5 novelty album, The Simpsons Sing the Blues." And B.B. King's most recent album. The simpsons Sing the Blues." And B.B. King's most recent album. There is Always One More Time." was dedicated to the late songwriter. was dedicated to the late songwriter Doc Pomus, the writer of the title

There are three video volumes in

There are three video-volumes in the B.B. King instructional guitar series, "B.B. King Blues Master I, II and III," King's first such videos.

On May 3, 1991, "B.B. King's Blues Club" opened in Memphis, and although King resides in Las Vegas, be also to law to high the Lesser. he plans to play at his club at least four times a year.

Religious poems sought for contest

Two organizations are currently sponsoring contests to honor poems with a religious nature and the poets who create them.

Good news for sinceré poets. The Bards of Burbank is offering a \$1,000 grand prize in its Religious Competition 2002, free to everyone. The deadline for antering is Ian. 2.

grand prize in its Religious Compedition 2002, free to everyone. The deadline for entering is Jan. 2.

To enter, sand one poem, 21 lines or less, to: Free Poetry Contest, PMB250, 2219 W. Olive Ave., Burbank, CA 91506. Entries may also be made online www. freecondests.com.

"We dhink religious poems can invite achievement," says John Scribner, the organization's contest director. "We're especially keen on inspiring amateur poets and we think this competition will achieve that New Jersey, has finded many wonderful poets over the years and I'd like to discover new ones from among the Union County-area grasstoots poets."

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by the New Feesy Rainbow Poets, free to anytone who has see wertien a poem. There are 50 prizes in all totalling more than \$3,000.

To enter, send one poem only of 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, 103 N. Wood Ave. PMB 70, Linden, 30736. Chiline entries may be made, by visiting www.rainbowpoets.com.

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Dec. 28: Led Zeppelin with Black

NATIONALISM

What's Going On?

SUNDAY
December 18th, 2001
EYENT: Flea Market & Gift Show,
Indoors & Ouldoors
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Broad St. (corner of Belleville Avenue),
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ORGANIZATION: Bloomfield H
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tion. Beginning in early December, the magnificent home has been gaily decorated to reflect the beauty and history of Christmas' past.

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candlelight and visitors can experience its special beauty. Beginning
with the stories of St. Nicholas and his
nighttime journeys, five unique styles
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the "St. Nicholas to Santa Claus"
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ORGANIZATION: Home & School

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A gally decorated Christmas tree is surrounded with antique toys at the Liberty Hall Museum in Union. Holiday candlelight tours will be conducted this Saturday and Sunday.

and Sunday.

a trip down memory lane.

Take a little time away from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season to relax, reflect and enjoy Liberty Hall Museum's tales of the origins of the rich traditions of the holiday season.

Reservations are required for the evening candlelight tours, which take place from S to 8 pm. this Priday and Saturday evenings. Admission for

evening, tours.

English Twelth Night of 1800, the season of merriment and relaxation as the old year ended and the New Year began, will be brought to life with stories and games. The dining room and Victorian partor will be the settings for "The Night Before Christmas" of 1848 and Christmas 1899, as we reminisce about the holiday traditions of the mind to later 19th century, which more closely resemble the traditions

adults is \$6; for senior citizens, \$5, and for children, 6 to 17, \$4. Call 908-527-0400 for details.

08-527-0400 tor detaus. Regular museum hours for public ours are Wednesday to Sunday, April through December, 10 a.m. through April through December, 10 a.m. through 4 p.m., with the last tour at 3 p.m. Liberty Hall is located at 1003 Morris Ave. in Union, directly account of the second of University

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REUNIONS

 Rahway High School Class of 1977 is searching for classmates in preparation for the 25th reunion. Members of this class are asked to contact Charlene Rankins-Jackson at 908-490-1543 oi Bob Brandner at 73-29-1573. 732-821-5774

732-821-5774.

Saint Mary's High School, Elizabeth, Class of 1951 is in the process of forming plans for a 50th reunion in 2001. For information, call Jim Powers at 908-272-8049.

St. Mary High School, Jersey

City, Classes of 1960, '61, '62 and '63 care planning a reunion. For informa-tion. call Ken Giordano at 732-549-6600 or 732-946-7075. Union High School classes will conduct their annual Florida Reunion

conduct their annual Florida Remison Lunchcon Feb. 2 in Kissimmee, Fla. For informatioh, call Tom Ryan at 561-483-7494 or send e-mail to UHSFL2002@aol com. • Summit High School Class of 1982 will conduct its 20th reunion in 2002. For information, call Reunions

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• Union High School Class of 1982 will conduct its 20dr reunion in 2002. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at 732-617-1000.

• Union High School Class of 1992 will conduct its 10th reunion in 2002; For information, call Reunions Unlimited buc, at 732-617-1000.

Dec. 17-23

ARIES (March 21-April 19): This is an ideal period for conducting busi-ness or meeting with the public. Put your best foot forward and make great strides.

more closely resemble the traditions of today. For those who might be old enough to remember the World War II era, a visit to the morning room, gaily decorated for Christmas 1942, will be

strides.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It takes a convincing testimony to win a debate. Get your point across to doubting siblings or peers with confidence and conviction.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Take advantage of an opportunity to expand financially. Pool your resources with a partner or mate and the sky is the Umit.

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CANCER (June 22-July 22). You can count on a loved one to come through for you with flying colors. Don't let doubt or fear undermine the relationship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Organization is the key to your success this week. Start from scratch and put together a plan that is designed to take you to the

top. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A creative project turns out tangible with immediate results. Don't hesitate to jump right in and get your feet wet

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Experience an inner renewal that will take you to the depths of your soul and back again. Go within and uncover your deepest feelings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Stay mentally alert and be ready to make quick decisions whenever you are called upon. Study too long and it turns out to be wrong.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Avoid impulsive or emotional spending. No matter how much money you LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Experi-ence an inner renewal that will take

HOROSCOPE have or how hard you try, you cannot

buy happiness.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A
good plan and a tight schedule will good plan and a tight seneutie was help to keep you on track and out of trouble. Stop, look, listen and follow

instructions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Subconscious influences are very strong.

Pay attention to your dreams or intuition and gain valuable insights into

what motivates you. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look to

connect with people you can trust and relate to. Make new friends through club or group members who share common goals.

If your birthday is this week, many wonderful and amazing opportunities will be laid at your feet during the coming year. Be especially weary of projects or proposals in your personal and financial arenas where love and money is suspect. Relationships promise to add extra excitement or lawor to your life. Examine your emotional needs and be sure not to get them confused with self-worth or values.

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Murphy is honored

Julie Murphy, a consistent top achiever in the Burgdorff ERA, West-field office, has been honored with Salesperson of the Month for October with seven-units sold and a dollar vol-ume amounting to more than \$1.8 million.

Murphy has received many distinguished awards and has been a mem-ber in the New Jersey Association of Realtors' Million Dollar Sales Club Realtors' Million Dollar Sales Club
from 1993-2000. She has been a New
Jersey real estate professional for 11
years and resides in Cranford. She is a
member of the Cranford Junior
Woman's Club, the Garden Club of
Cranford, the Junior League of
Blizabeth-Plaintfeld and a trustee of

Cranford, the Junior League of the Cranford Historical Society. She also was a co-chairpreson of the 1997 and 1998 "Home for the Holidays" House Tour in Cranford. She recently completed the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Historic Real Estate Program.

Judy Sagan, vice president/manager of the Westfield office, said, "Julie is an extremely knowledgeable agent in our office and has taken advantage of our cutting edge maining and focus secsions to help her clients and expand her own production. Ms. Murphy has a vast knowledge of the Cranford-Westfield vicinity along routing has a vast knowledge of the Cranford-Westfield vicinity along with a comprehensive understanding of the area." She can be contacted at her direct line at 908-233-2488 or e-m ail her at Julie Murphy@burgdorff.com

Steck appointed

Larry Mueller, regional vice president of Weichern Reafors, announced that Danna Steck has been appointed manager of Weichert's Summit office 5he previously was a sales associate and field trainer at Weichert's Short Hills office.

ert's Short Hills office.

Steck has been a licensed real estate professional for 17 years and recently earned a broker's license. She began her association with Weichert Real-tors in 1998 as a sales associate at the Short Hills office. During that time, she earned numerous awards at the state level. In addition, she is a meter of Weichert Realtors' Ambaissaor's and President's clubs.

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Steck holds the professional designations of Graduate Realibor Institute.
Certified Residential Specialist, and Accredited Buyer Bruker. Furthermore, in 1989, she was named Realtor Associate of the Year by the Oranges and Maplewood Board of Realtors and in 1999, was the top listing associate in a region comprised of 13 offices throughout Essex. Morris and Union counties.

omon counties.

"I am looking forward to working with Danna as a member of our region's management team," said Mueller, "She bringsan excellent record of achievement and has the ability to build a team environment."

Steck was a resident of County of the county of the

Steck was a resident of South Orange for 23 years and recently became a resident of West Orange.

To speak to Steek about career opportunities in real estate, call her at Weichert's Summit office. 908-277-1200, located at 474 Mortis

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Three are honored

Three sales associates at the Union office of Weichert Realtors have been honored for their achievements in October.

October.
Kathy Gwaldis led the office in list-ings, revenue units and dollar volume throughout October. Gwaldis is a member of the 2000 New Jersey Mil-lion Dollar Club at the Gold Level. In addition, she is a member of Weich-ert's 2000 Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs and Weichert's 2000 President's Clob

President's Club.
Eleanor Dyjeczynski led the office
in listings sold during October and is a
member of the 2000 New Jersey Milhop Dollar Club at the Bronze Level.
In addition, she earned a place in
Weichert's 2000 Million Dollar Sales
and Marketed Clubs.
Adrienne Reddick-Brown led the
office, in page 4 during October 1

Adrenne Reduck-frown led the office in sales during October To contact these award-winning sales associates, call Weichert's Union office, 908-687-4800, located at 1307 Stuyvesant Ave

Sequeira joins RE/MAX

Sequeira Jons HE/MAX
RE/MAX United in Union
announced that Ana Maria Sequeira
has recently affiliated with its network of real estate professionals.
Serving as a sales associate. Sequeira
will be specializing in the listing and
asles of residential properties in various locations throughout Union
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Teame to RE/MAX because of its positive reputation in the real estate business RE/MAX has given me the recommend to use the most advanced. opportunity to use the most advanced technology to market properties and work with buyers in ways never before seen from other agents, bringing a whole new level of service and professionalism to my career," said Seoneira.

ing a store and contained by carreer," said Sequeira. Sequeira has seen a great deal of success during her 12-year tentre in the real estate industry. She has been awarded membership in the New Jersey Association of Realtors' Miljon Dollar Club. Bronze Level, from 1990 to 1998. Sequeira speaks English, Portuguese and Spanish floundly, which allows her to service an extremely large segment of the consumer population.

Previously affiliated with Coldwell Banker, Sequeira spent a portion of her professional career as a teacher and y currently a resident of Union. Sequeira can be contacted by cultimated in this page.

Sequeira can be contacted by call-ing RE/MAX United in Union at



908-851-2323, or by way of e-mail at annamaria@prodigy.net.

Romero joins RE/MAX

RE/MAX Properties Unlimited elcomed Mariel Romero as a sales welcomed Mariel Romero as a sales associate. Romero specializes in the listing and sale of residential proper-ties in Essex and Union counties. Romero has been helping families who speak English. Portuguese and Spanish, since beginning her career in 1995.

1995.
Romero has received numerous awards including ERA Sunday Realty Group Rookie of the Year. She is also a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors' Million Dollar Club. Bronze Level for 2000.

Bronze Level for 2000.
"Working with the most experienced professionals in the real estate industry and having complete control over the marketing of my listings brought me to RE/MAX," said Romero. "I look forward to utilizing the benefits of the internationally known RE/MAX network to's service my clients and customers."

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By Jon Woods and Gary Nugent I think most people nowadays are aware that late model cars have a computer or computers on board, and that one of the tasks on these computers is to monitor and regulate vehicle emissions.

ters is to monitor and regulate vehicle emissions.

And I'll bet that most people think these systems pretty much take care of themselves — that there is nothing you, as the driver, can do to help them or to hurt them, short of driving off a cliff. Oh, contraire.

Do not try this one. Next time you fill up, purposely don't put the gas cap back on or purposely don't put the gas cap back on or purposely don't tut the gas cap back on or purposely don't tut the gas cap back on or purposely don't fut the gas cap back on or purposely din't fut it will be properly. Within 15 minutes or so of driving with a loose gas cap, your car's "check engine" light will come on. Your car's onboard computer knows something's wrong because its gas tank pressure sensor signaled that there was no positive pressure in the fuel evaporative system. Nothing's hurt, but you'll have to pay your mechanic a least \$50 to hook up his \$5,000 computer scanner to rum off mechanic at least \$50 to hook up his \$5,000 computer scanner to turn off the light

By the way, you'll get the same result if you substitute the word "acci-dentally" for the word "purposely" in the above scenario. Moral? Don't

forget to tighten that gas cap.

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In both of the above scenarios, the car's computer has no way of knowing that the car owner was the culprit. It just saw something wrong and turned on the light. And we thought these cars were sophisticated. Dumb cars.

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