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Time spent

music to which I knew the One night last week, some 65 peo-ple or so crowded the place on the corner of Wood and Linder

nle or so crowded the place on the corner of Wood and Linden avenues in Linden to drink a little, eat the food cooked on the pre-mises, and hopefully do something that has been in short supply this year —laugh and have'a good time. Peter Delia, a manager for the place, spoke to me in a voice just getting over the music and crowd noise. He acknowledged the tragedy of Sept. II, and the slowing conomy. He quipped, "Money economy. He quipped, "Money may be tight, but I am still getting gifts."

Left Out

By Frank Capece

The crowd is a mix of ages, but includes a lot of guys with goatees. Some 12 televisions are counted, so no football action is missed on Sunday, and there is a bunch who obviously have earned the status of

regulars.

What strikes me about the crowd is that maybe, just maybe, som normalcy is returning to our lives. The music of the 60s and '70s is fun. While the noise level in the room continues to rise, patrons are still polite and, while sitting on the stool, I am in a word comfortable there that night spending some

there that night spending some time.

On the next night, I spent some time at a holiday parry at a private home, with another gwest, Rahway City Councilwoman Nancy Saliga. I like Saliga — she smiles, is soft spoken, and knows what she's talking alvour. She speaks to me about her "close-lnit family," her faith, and her intention "to maintain the holiday tradition." The terum visit of her adult children from homes outside the state for the holiday seems to be her best gift.

gift.

On Christmas Eve morning, the talk at Eloyd's Luncheonette in Garwood, located on the Cranford border, centers on change. A patron tells the manager that he can see things are changing because, while making a left surn onto South Avenue at the Kings shopping center, the other drivers were courteous and actually allowed him to proceed. The statement gets the attention of all the patrons.

The changing moods were also

the attention of all the patrons.

The changing moods were also brought out in an interview with an executive for Disney. He says the crowds are up at the theme parks, though there is an "unpredictable" to the moods of the consumer.

Closer to home, I found out that Salena Carroll, active in county political circles, had spent a large chunk of her spare time getting toys and gifts for some 200 underprivileged kids.

Calling it a "rewarding experi-ence," it's pretty clear this young lady wasn't looking for notoriety or, as pop psychologists call t, wil-idation. Rather the inner satisfac-tion with doing the nice task seems to have been both the goal and the result?

result.' Mayor Sal Bonaccorso-said he was using the year end to "count blessings and spend a lot more time with my family." He added, "I think that post-Sept. 11, I have become more aware of how my time is spent." The mayor also reflected on the loss at the World Trade Center of a Clark resident and friend, Jim Nel-son. "I haven't forgottet that ther-

son. "I haven't forgotten that there will be an empty seat at that family's dinner table."

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Linden City Council President
Robert Bunk also talked about
spending time with his family.

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"We may never understand why
tragedies like Sept. 11 happeined.
We also know we can arever really
be the same. But our efforts with
our families should be to make
sure that some things stay the same
at this time of year.

That summarizes pretty well.

A resident of Cranford, Frank

Bumps in the road during 2001

Layoffs, transfer station bring spotlight on freeholders

By Mark Hrywna Regional Editor After several relatively quiet years for the all-Democratic Board of Cho-sen Freeholders, 2001

for the all-Democratic Board of Chesen. Freeholders, '2001 might be remembered as the year the county was faced with some turnoil. Even before the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, it was a rough year for the county. Following years of record budget surplases and creating new programs, the county was faced with an \$8-million deficit in the 2001 budget, a gap that was closed with the layoff of corrections officers. But not everything was was closed with the layoff of correc-tions officers. But not everything was money related. Residents again packed meeting rooms when the board approved a proposed trash transfer station in Linden's Tremley

Point. Union County, along with many local municipalities, did there part in helping New York City after the attacks, sending police, fire and emergency personnel to help in rescue and cleanup efforts in Munitatian and Staten Island. Union County's mobile command unit served as a base of operations in Manhattan.

Budget increase, layoffs
Freeholder Alexander Mirabella of
Roselle Park succeded Daniel Sultivan of Elizabeth as chairman of the
board in January while Mirabella was
swom in to a second term along with
Deboraly Scandion of Union and Chester Holmes of Rahway.

During the board's annual reorganization meeting, Mirabella, as the
ewe chairing for 2001, announced
new programs such as Access 2001,
the Office of Volentere Services and
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was reached just weeks after the tecoganization meeting when County
Manager Michael Lapolla introduced
the new county budget and with it the
proposed layoffs of corrections officers to meet a budget gap.

As a result of the state no lower

ers to meet a budget gap. As a result of the state As a result of the state no longer housing its prisoners at Union County Jail, the county would not see revenues of \$12 million over the 2000 and 2001 budget years. Lapolla first announced 144 positions to be laid off, but that figure eventually dwindled to less than 100. A vast majority of those laid off ultimately

found employment with other counties, the state, or were rehired by Union County.

The budget for 2001 included the first increase in the tax levy since 1995, \$10 million, blamed primarily on the loss of revenue from holding state prisoners. The \$307.5-million but for 2001 included a tax levy of \$159.9 million, up from \$150.1 million last year. Only two towns, Hillion last year. Only two two two softendors of the county portion of floring the winter and spring as union members packed freeholder meetings virtually every week, culminating in a lally outside the iail in Elizabeth in

virtually every week, culminating in a rally outside the jail in Elizabeth in March. Members of Policemen's Benevolent Association 199 also staged an alleged "sick out" March 16 which went to court. Finally, the old jail finally closed April 1 and the jail population was consolidated into the new jail across the street. Linden transfer station Although freeholders approved the



Opening the year as usual was the freeholders' annual reorganization meeting where Alexander Mirabella of Roselle Park was sworn in as the board's chairman for 2001.

Corrections officers rallied outside the county jall in March, protesting the planned closure of the old jall and March, protesting the planned closu the layoffs of corrections officers.

application of the trash transfer station into the county's solid waste management plan in November 2000 the proposal reared its liead again this summer after the state Department of Environmental Protection sent it back

Environmental Protection sent it back to the country for more details to the country for more details. The Aug. 13 public hearing values and the density as a the original public hearing was on Nov. 30. 2000. The outcome was the same too as freeholders approved the plan again. But Republicans wouldn't let it die, as they made it a part of their platform in the freeholder election, criticizing Democrats for allowing New York City's trash to be brought to Union Country.

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Republicans also criticized the board for its use of the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Trust Fund when in June the board announced the expansion of the Trailside Nature and Sciences/Center in Mountainside. The S25-million project would be funded entirely through the trust rund. By the end of the mouth, the county end of the month, the county announced its first purchase of land through with trust fund dollars — 63 in Summit from New Jersey-American Water Co. for \$9 million

tember the Field of Dreams program, a matching grant for municipalities to

address open space and recreation initiatives with trust fund dollars.

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Polities

As has been the case the last several years. Democrats beat Republicans handily on Election Day, renaining all nine seats on the freeholder board. Democratic incumbents Daniel Sulfisan of Elizabeth, Mary Rototol of Westfield and Lewis Mingo of Plainfield defeated Roselle Park Councilman Ricky Badillo, Andrew MacDonald of Fanwood and Robert Jeffrey Schundler of Westfield. In the sheriff's race, eight-term incumbent Ralph Froehlich of Union easily defeated Republican Nicholas Berkey of Union.

Democrats not only were success ful at the county level this year. With legislative redistricting at the state level, the party's chances at gaining seats in the Assembly and state Senate

seats in the Assembly and state Senae were good.

The makenp of the county's legi-stative districts changed dramatically, going from two safe Republican dis-tricts and one safe Democratic district to two safe Democratic and one safe Republican. Redistricting, coupled with the resignations of state Sen. C. Louis Bassano of Union and the late

See TRASH, Page B8

Transportation groups blast NJ Transit fare hike proposal

By Nate Enton Associate Editor At a press conference at Newark Penn Station Dec. 19 a group of transportation reform advocates spoke against NJ Transit's proposed 10 peragainst NJ Transit's proposed 10 per-cent fare hikes. Representatives of four groups — the Tri-State Transpor-tation Campaign, the New Jersey Association of Rail Passengers, New Jersey Public Interest Reseator Group — spoke at the conference. The hikes, they said, will place the burden of the agency's budget prob-lems on transit riders, who are already suffering from overcrowding and some loss of services in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

some loss of services in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks. The proposal would affect bus lines as well as three train lines NJ Transit operates that 'run through Union County, the Morris-Bases line, Rari-tan Valley line and the Northeast Corridor.

Corridor.

"We, think the transportation system in New Jersey needs to be looked at with a broad-based, regional approach so that it's not just transit riders who are paying for it," said Jennifer Jaroski of the Tri-State Transportation Campaign.

Jaroski believes that if'NJ Transit is going to raise its train and bus fares, then the gas tax needs to be increased at the same time in order for there to be a statewist balance in transportation revenue.

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"Right now, by increasing NJ Transit fares for train riders, there's a

Transit fares for tain riders, there's a whole section of money being left but," the said, "Instead, we need to look at a long-term solution — the only way to do that its tog er more state funding and, have a transit fare increase with a gas-tax increase." A statement released by NJ Transit on the day of the 'press conference claims the organization is "in the midst of a financial crisis" and that were it allowed by the state, an emergency fare increase would already have been acted upon. The statement further reads. "Following

11 years of stable fares NJ Transit's proposed 10 percent average fare increase is a responsible and sound management decision by an organization committed to operating an efficient and reliable transit system today, as well as far future generations. The proposed fare increase will allow us to make up one-third of the impact of inflation. While our fares have remained unchanged in 11 years, nearly everything else has increased like bread and milk prices which have risen by 33 percent and 42 percent respectively. 11 years of stable fares NJ Transit's

roski said NJ Transit is planning on raising about \$44 million annually from the increases and that the mone is going to be used solely for operat-ing costs "There will be no capital improve-ments at all," she said. "In fact, there's actually going to be more service

cuts."

NJ Transit is estimating that 20 to 30 bus and rail lines will have service cuts and this will affect about 2 million riders. Jaroski said.

"Right now, NJ Transit is basically just putting a Band-aid on the problem. NJ Transit fares are already higher than Long Island Railroad and Metro North," she said, Some NJ Transit lines will see an increase in excess of lines will see an increase in excess of 10 percent; the fare from New York to Newark Penn Station, for instance, has gone from \$2.50 to \$3.30.

"It's bad enough that they have such a big increase," she said, "but it's specifically worse because a lot of

people coming in from Newark to New York don't have another option — the downtown PATH stations are closed because of Sept. 11. Jaroski said the next step is to try to get people to public hearings on the proposed raises Wednesday to oppose any increases unless there are service improvements and the fare-like is coupled with a gas tax. She hopes to get enough public sapport to prompt NJ Transit and the governor to re-examine the policy.

examine the policy.
c. "It's just unfortunate that Gov. McGreevey is not looking at this and it will be done by a lame-duck governor," she said. "It's probably going to be signed-off on before McGreevey

omes governor." When asked whether she had spo-

ten to McGreevey, Jaroski said she had not. However, she believes he would rather defer to Acting Gov. Donald DiFrancesco, who is to leave office Jan. 7. "He wants the acting governor to take care of dis before he gets into office. It could be a back room deal, it could be coincidence. Neither DiFrancesco nor McGreevey are admitting that they talked to each other about it."

Public hearings on the proposed fare hikes will take place Wednesday at six locations, including NJ Trans-it's board room, 1 Penn Plaza, Newark, at 8 p.m. Len Resto of the New Jersey Asso-

ciation of Rail Passengers said part of the blame lies with the Legislature. See FARE, Page B8

Commuters: We'll pay more for improved service

By Joan M., Devlin and David Dankwa

Commuters generally have two trains of thought on New Jersey Transit's proposed fare hikes: they'll live with it, or they wouldn't mind paying as long as service is improved. Many complained about overcrowded trains and unreliable service, particularly during rush hour.

Lon Tweeten, a resident of Berkeley Heights, uses the Morris-Bssex line at the Summit Train Station on a regular basis. "I have only lived here a year, and they haven't changed the fares in a decade. I will definitely still pay the increase."

Alyzon Jennacowa who lived here year.

icrease." Alyson lannacone, who lives in Millington, will be using the train station to a to Fashion Design Institute in New York City soon, and she was not aware of the proposed increases. She was disconcerted about it. "I am only a student, but I aye no choice." I will have to afford it." Jennifer Wallace lives in Scotch Plains and commutes occasionally from the

Jenuifer Wallace lives in Scotch Plains and commutes occasionally from the Summit sutton. "I did know about it, and I strongly feel they should not be doing this," he said.

Clareace Kehoe is a regular commuter who lives in Summit, and he said he has been a commuter for the past 10 years. "I guess I would say that I don't mind the increase...sepecially if we are going to have improved service. The trains are packed, when I usually go very carry in a the morning," said Kehoe. Then he added, "If the increased fares went to either increased trains or increased fare in service, then I think it would be money well spent."

Robert Bürke also lives in Summit and is a regular commuter. He said, "I think as long as it improves service, I am all from the Morning of the proposed fare hike would be finaincially devastating to many Garden State residents working in New York City.

City.
""Unless! I get a raise. I won't be able to afford it." he said. "Like most people
today. I'm on a 'very dight budget."

Lathi said he spends more than SSO a month on his commute, which includes connecting to a PATH train at Newark Peth Station.

"I'd be very happy if NI Trinsit would use some of that money to improve service during rush hour," says Lathi, who works in the Löwer East Side in Manhattan. The agency "needs to buy some more trains, because its very crowded during rush hour."

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Janet Britton works at Goldman Sachs on Wall Street and has been commuting to NYC for 16 years. She is not in favor of the fare hike especially a 1a time when many workers are hurting financially. Aready, she said, many people lave been laid off from sheir jobs and many others, like herself, are not getting a raise this year. "A lo of people are struggling to make ends meet." Britton said she was very upset when the PATH trains/increased fares from \$1 to \$1.50 last year because mobody was informed about the changes. But that was just about all she could do — get upset. "We just have to accept it. There's very little we can do to stop them," said Britton, adding that this time she would be in favor of an organized boycott of NJ Transit.

Patrick Ahorlu, a former Rahway resident, who currently commutes to work daily from New Branswick to Manhattan, said he would like to see NJ Transit improve its service before it implements any fare increase.

"The service is terrible. The trains are always alte and sometimed it crawls," said Ahorlu, who added that the fare increase would have a heavy impact on his monthly budget. "It dake a pay out just to work in New Jessey," he staid. "Ten percein its just too much," said Ahorlu, who spends \$215 a month on rall fates to New York City.

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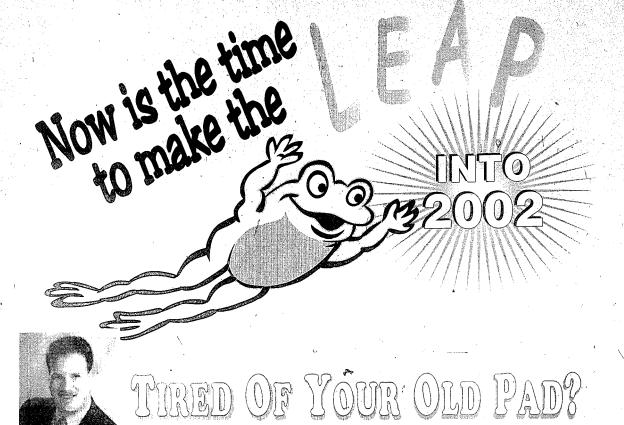
New York City.

At the Rahway Train Station last week, commuters had mixed opinions about.

New Jersey Transit's proposal. Some think the increase is due after so many years of the same rates, while others believe service should be improved before they raise the price of dickets.

Virginia Riffel said there are too many people are crowded on the trains now

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Students' artwork fills pages of statewide calendar

Staff Writer
The New Jersey Teen Arts Calendar for 2002 has been provided by
Friends of Teen Arts Inc., and is
unique and proyocative — and
available.
The artwork Teproduced in the
calendar was selected from hundreds
of works exhibited at County Teen

Arts Festivals throughout New Jersey during 2001. It "reflects the quality and diversity of artwork created by New Jersey's middle and high school

mdents."

The Friends of Teen Arts has mounced its mission and goals, which are to provide New Jersey eenagers, from middle schools and which are to provide. New Tessey teenagers, from middle, schools and high schools, with innovative educational and performance opportunities in the creative, fine and performing arts. "These opportunities should encourage exploration of the arts in a supportive environment, inspire and nurture the expression of creative eabilities, encouraging originality and reflection, demonstrate and advance a standard of excellence in the arts and arts, education and promote acceptance of diversity as expressed through the arts."

The Teen Arts programs are funded by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, National Endowment for the Arts. New Jersey State Community Affairs, Frank and Lydin Bergen Doundation. New York Tribuse

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Commission."
Shirley Sasor is executive director of Priends of Teen Arts Inc., and Sallie Graziano is program administrator of the New Jersey State Teen Arts. "The Friends of Teen Arts Inc. runs the New Jersey State Teen Arts prog-

ram," said Sasor during a recent chat.
The New Jersey State Teen Arts calendar was first published in 1973 and has remained popular ever since. "The Fidneds of the Arts Inc. is a non-profit organization has instituted and developed the calendar.
"The State Teen Arts program started in 1969, and the calendar has been kind of an off-shoot of the Teen Arts program stace 1973," said Sasor. "The organization was looking for a way to give the students more experience in the community. The program used to be a two- or three-day event, when all the students throughout New Jersey came again to celebrate their accomplishments in the arts. And by producing a calendar gives us more of an outreach into the community." Sasor mentioned that "the board of trustees of the organization is always looking for ways to give an incentive to the student-artists, and the calendar really meets that goal. I became executive director in 1994, "he said, "and since then, I've put the calendar goether." Sasor chuckled. "We only have a staff of myself and a part-time assistant. I have to be the jeach of all trades. We try to be representative of

as many counties as possible. We try
to include as many counties as possible with a diversity in the 'middle'
school and high school students' ages
and different media — pencil, collage, oil. We're trying to show students' talents in their diversity."

Sasor sald that she publishes photographs in black-and-white 'at least
four times as many pieces as chosen
— at least two pieces for each county.
They try to pull the consensus
together — try to lay it out — as being
representative of other counties, A lot
of the art comes in color print, but we
can only afford to photograph them in
black-and-white — what we know
will reproduce in black-and-white,
And we try to model it up with the
seasons, if possible."

In the current 2001 calendar, Sasor
explained that "this is the first year we
used two pages. A lot of art work lent
self to this two of layoux and it did

used two pages. A lot of art work lent itself to this type of layout, and it did isser to this type or layout, and it this give us an opportunity to showcase more students' works. The one thing about the calendar this year is kind of sad. Last year, I had some grants that See FUNDS, Page B4



'This Way to Church' by Deodato Pangandoyon of Union graces the page for July in the 2002 New Jersey State Teen Arts calendar.

Teen artist is inspired by different themes

By Bea Smith Staff Writer

Deodato Pangandoyon, 18-year-old artist from Union, whose oil painting, "The Way to Church," was reprinted recently in the 2002 New Jersey State Teen Arts Calendar, is proud but nonchalant about the honor. Pangandoyon created the painting in his senior year at Union High School. He was graduated in June and is currently a freshman at Kean University in Union, where he is taking "unicide courses. I might take a couple of art classes next semester," he said during a recent visit to this office. "And next year, I might go to the school of Visual Arts in Manhattan. Right now, I would like to consider another profession besides a career in art."

career in art."
The idea for the painting in the calendar, "an in-class project in school, started with a trip to upstate New York. I saw this big tree in upstate New York." Pangandoyon said. "I liked what it looked like and I wanted to paint it. It took me about two months, but we had a deadline in school, and even though it wasn't done, I had to submit it." He smiled, "It would

probably take another week to complete it. But when deadline dame, I had to flishs whatever I could. And they picked it for the calendar."
Was he surprised?
"Actually, no," he said modessly, "I had previously had a painting submitted to the Teen Arts. It was to be displayed in the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. This one was a portrait of my friend. Kelly."
Thelyoung man, who is uncertain of what his future profession will be, explayhed that "I like art as a hobby, but I think I will go into another profession." He and his family came from to Brooklyn from the Philippines eight years ago, and he has tived in Union for the past five years. "That's when I started to paint. I have all kinds of paintings at home, frostenery to surrealism to portraits. I try to play around with different themes.— whatever inspires me.
"The environment has inspired me," he admitted. "One day, hopefully, I will open a gallery.— if I do enough paintings. I've afready signed up for onelat Kean. And I'm sure, whatever less I'll be doing in the future, in some way. I'll be doing something important in the field of art."

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Deodato Pangandoyon



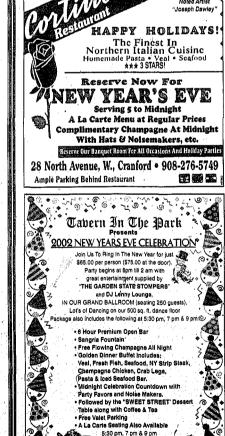
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(Continued from Page B3) allowed me to reproduce the calendar in greater quantity. This year, we didn't have any money to put into the calendar. There were no funds to reproduce it. We needed someone to

reproduce it. We needed someone to come forward to sponsor it. In past years," she said, "the New Jersey Education Association would provide a minimal quantity of about 2,000. We're grateful to them. We would like to distribute the calendar to teachers and schools in all 21 counties, to administrators, politicians, legislators in Trenton."

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Each year, she said, New Jersey has a county teenage festival. "About 400 to 1,200 pieces of art would be on exhibit. This year, there are only about 30 pieces of artwork for the state festival, and from those pieces, art is selected for the calendar. This 2002 calendar will be displayed in May at the festival.

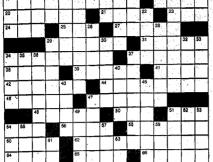
"And for the year 2003, we're hopeful that by the time summer rolls around, we will be able to find funds to do the calendar. We may charge for the calendar. They had been distributed state-will be able to find funds to do the calendar. We may charge for the calendar. We we really pride ourselves that we don't have to be wealthy to participate. We keep all our registration fees very minimal. We only charge \$25 for each school for registration."

Saor sighed. "We've always been very proud that we wanted to be inclusive in the school district/path this state. I'd love to get a calendar out to businesses or to have them printed in color and black-and-white. We would be so happy to be able to do this for our 2003 calendar — and all the others following."

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GREAT GOLFERS



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Tchaikovaky's beloved 'Nutcracker' is being staged in all its glorg at
the Paper Mill Phylyouse in Millburg,
and Carolya Clark, artistic executive
director of the New Jersey Ballet Co.
and Angelo Del Rossi, executive producer of the Paper Mill Phylyouse, are
undoubtedly swelling, with pride at
the reception albitted it by responsive
sudjences. With additional pride, the
New Jersey Ballet Co. is celebrating
its 31st anniversary presentation, and
cast and crew and audiences alike are
joining in the celebration of one of the
movie extraordinarily beautiful holidary
were so entranced. most extraordinarily beautiful holiday productions ever staged in the Metro-

re are more than 100 members of the cast, and each had to be assigned a matinee or evening perfor-mance. On Saturday afternoon, Dec. 22, the amount of well-dressed, wellbehaved youngsters filling the theater, from age 2 and upward, equalled the

Recipes are now sought

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amount of adults in the audience. And from the very beginning of the interpretive story of E.T.A. Hoffman's 'The Nutracker and the Mouse King,' to the culmination, the children were so entranced and measured by what was taking place onstage that one could hear a pin drop. Under the magic bation of Gary S. Fagin conducting the Paper Mill Orchestra will its exquisite musical scone, creative scender design by the fabulous Michael Anatia and marvelous lighting by Paul Miller, Act I, Scenes I and 2, choreographed by

Joseph Carow, the familiar story unfolded it is a Christmas Eve party unfolded it is a Christmas Eve party unfolded it is a Christmas Eve party at the hotme of the Mayor, his wife and children, Clara and Fritz, and the excitence is begins when Herr Drosselinoyer arrives with gifts for every child, and a nuteracker doll for Clara, which her brother injures out of jealousy. And what follows is a magical to the of the Nuteracker doll furning into a handsome prince who takes Clara on a fascinating the to a fascinating make-believe world.

And so, the exceptional fairy tale is unfolded, and particularly on the Paper Mill stage, with an exceptional ballet dancers.

Clara was played Saturday afternoon by Katle Canavan, a lovely, versatile dancer, who enacted the role

last year. Andrew Notarile, who plays Fritz, is a fine young dancer. Paul McRae, a famillar figure as the Mayor, right-hand man to Clark, is charming. And where would the Pap-er Mill be without the striking applica-ance of the very familiar George Tomal as Herr Drosselmayer? Tomal romal as Herr Drosselmayer? Tomal also choreographed Act 1, Scene 3, and Act II.

and Act II.

David Tamaki, as the Soldier DollNutcracker Prince, is an outstanding dancer and extremely versatile performer. He had a dual role in this producmer. He mad a dual role in this produc-tion — in the second act, as that of the Russian Dancer/Trepak in Act. II — "Kingdom of the Sweets." And his acrobatic abilities and splits had the audience applauding wildly. The second scene, "The Magic Spell," was exciting as the soldiers

, and making the characters ar to be moving in slow motion,

the Snow Queen was played by fragile looking Saule Rachmedova, but who is indeed a very strong dancer. She is looking Saule Rachmedova, but who is indeed a very strong dancer. She is well-partnered by Tuvshin Bold, as the Snow King. The lovely young girls, as SnowMakes, decorated the stage with their beautiful dancing. In "Waltz of the Flowers," Christina Theryoung was excellent in the role of Dew Drop, and she danced along with the many Flowers.

One of the finest ballet performers ever to grace any ballet stage is

ever to grace any ballet stage is Rosemary Sabovick-Bleich, and on

extraordinary dancer continues to be extremely strong and versatile, with her multiple turns and twists and her enlightening perental smile. She is absolutely superb—and the sudience told her so with its reaction. Her dancing partner, Konstantin Dourney, as the Cavaller, showed strength and talent. They are perfect together.

This rare and wonderful cultural event backones every one in the New

event beckons every one in the New Jersey and Metropolitan areas. One can't afford to miss it. It's an absolute

"The Nutcracker" will be per-formed through Sunday at Paper Mill: The State Theater of New Jersey, For information, see the "Dance" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B9.

Calendar offers highlights of state theaters

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

There is something for everyone to enjoy as the state's finest theartical companies feature world premieres such as "Mary Todd: A Woman Apart," at Centenary Stage Company in Hackettsown, and "Waiting for Tadashi," at George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick, alongside favored classies like "The Fantasticks" at New Jersey Shakespeare Festival in Madisson, "The King and t" at Paper Mill. The State Theater of New Jersey in Millburn, and "Don Juan" at McCarter Theater in Princeton.,

Dreamcatcher Repetrory in Bloomfield will present the on-the-edge comedy "The Mystery of Irma Vep."

Two River Theater Company in Manasquan delights with "The House of Blue Leaves," while in Moristown, the Bickford Theatre's "Sylvia" will ickle your funty bone and make you wonder just how smart your beloved pet really is!

A free calendar of the statewide theater season detailing these events and many more is available now from the New Jersey Theater Alliance. This calendar features the season at a glance with contact information for each theater, along with information about the Theater Sampler series and other programs and publications of the Alliance.

Gift certificates are available now for the ever-popular Theater Sampler Series. This discount ticket package consisting of three plays at three different theaters for the unbeatable price

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at Paper Mill.
"We would like to invite everyone
to join us at the theater this winter."
says John McBwen, executive director of the Alliance. "An evening spent
enjoying a wonderful play or musical
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healing and magical experience."

To receive a free schedule of events, for more information on the Theater Sampler Series, or to subscribe to the Theater E-news, call 973-593-0189 or e-mail njtg@nj.com.

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The Garwood Cookbook

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

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

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



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tanment Editor Bill VanSant at Wor-rall Community Newspapers, 1291 Suyvesant Ave., Union, 07083.

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• The Cannoiball House, 126
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In the tragic wake of the recent terrorist attacks, it is extremely devastating to hear that America has lost thousands more innocent victims to yet another battle; the war against drunk driving. New statistics released today by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) show that last year the nation experienced the largest percentage increase in alcohol-related traffic deaths on record. MADD is alarmed by this reversal of 20 years of progress.

In the year 2000, an overwhelming 16,653 people were killed in crashes involving alcohol, representing 40 percent of the 41,821 people killed in all traffic crashes. Each of these deaths - the deaths of our precious loved ones - was 100 percent preventable

Drunk driving is the nation's most frequently committed violent crime. The safety of our roadways falls to everyone, from our government to our communities to individual citizens. We must all do our part. We must support public awareness and law enforcement efforts to keep our roadways safe and also promote lifesaving legislation such as lowering every state's illegal drunk driving limit to .08 percent blood alcohol concentration (BAC) and laws to address the higher-risk" drivers on our roadways who often drive at very high BAC levels and do so repeatedly.

During the last few weeks, America has suffered terribly from the senseless deaths of thousands of people, and this news about an increase in drunk driving deaths makes our hearts even heavier. We must do all we can to prevent these senseless tragedies. As road travel increases during the next weeks and months, we call on the nation to do everything possible to prevent drunk driving. MADD knows firsthand the pain of a broken heart. We also know the strength that can come from Americans who want to make a positive difference in our society and on our roadways

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· Eat food or "munchies" while you drink. It helps slow the absorption of alcohol into your body.

• Drink a glass of water or other non-alcohol beverage for every alcohol drink you consume.

• Avoid "drinking games." Drinking

games encourage the excessive consumption of alcohol in a short period of time. Participation in drinking games is associated with intoxication and numerous problems.

· Limit drinks to no more than one per hour.

· To avoid drinking, or to avoid drinking more at a gathering, you can choose of a number of beverages that look like alcoholic drinks. They include tomato juice, lemonade, iced tea, water and ice cubes, club soda with orange juice, tonic water with a

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Clarify your uses compare notes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A child or pet project may be more demanding of your time and energy than you

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SCORYO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Serive to make an objective decision based on the information provided by a sibling or peer. Take steps to reconnect with a long-lost friend.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Love or romance is a motivating factor. Remain balanced and don't dive in

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of forming plans for a 50th reunion in 2001. For information, call Jim Powers at 908-272-8049.

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The centerplece of the Red Bank antique market is aptly named. The Antique Center of Red Bank. Housed in what seems to be an enormous two story red bean, this continues to be the focal point of much attention for day-trippers visiting the area, in business now for over 36 years, this is the place to be if you want that certain something theirs not to be found in any strip malls. In fact, you would have to go to garage sales from sun up to sun down for the next twenty years before you could begin to have the same sort of selection that they have here.

Can't find what you're looking for? The long time owner, Guy Johnson, can usually be found behind the counter and he is happy to assist any and all people in need. His ability and knowledge of the current antique market is amazing. It is obvious that he really snijoys his job. In fact, his success has also given him two more antique market that are both just right across the street.

While many people, have gone through a phase of antique hunting in online auction, sites, nothing will ever replace the joy and satisfaction of holding a treasured artique or collectible in your hands: The thiving antique markets of Red Bank are proof of this. We highly recommend spending an attembon here, but remember.



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Holiday season can bring stress, 'blues'

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

ing the Christmas tree and preparing for get-togethers with family and friends 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," said John Pike, administrator of Cornell Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Union, one of eight northern New Jersey affiliates of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in the Saint Barnabas Health Care System Nursing and Rehabilitation Cen

the Saint Barnabas Heatin Care sys-tem Nursing and Rehabilitation Cen-ters 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 Maass Continuing Care Cen-

ter at Kearny, Clara Maass Continuing Care Centers at Belleville and Kearny, Greenbrook Manor Nursing and Relabilitation Center in Green Brook, Llanfair House Nursing and West Hudson Extended Care Facility in Nurse and West Hudson Extended Care Facility in Kearny

in Keamy.

The recent loss of an important person or the memory of a traumatic event, such as a serious illness, can dampen holiday spirits. The inability to perform everyday tasks and holiday meal, can make the upcoming events 400 cm. to handle a med may be a may be a may be a memorated to the control of the control to handle and may be a may be a may be a memorated to the control to handle and may be a memorated to the control to handle and may be a memorated to the control to handle and may be a memorated to the control to the handle and may be a memorated to the serious to the serious to the control to the serious to the ser 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. For others, just getting together with family members can be stressful or depressing.

Whatever the reason, there are events difficult to handle and may

strategies that older adults can employ to fight holiday depression. Health-care professionals of the Saint Barna-bas Health Care System's Nursing and Rehabilitation Centers and stem's Nursing Centers and dences offer the Assisted Living Reside

Assisted Living auggestions to help ease the stress of the holiday season:

• Keep your expectations reasonable. The holidays do not have 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

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

• Take some time for yourself.

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

• Don't overdo it. Avoid overeating

and excessive alcohol consumption when feeling depressed. Drinking too much alcohol will make you more depressed.

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• Make plans. If you expect to be depressed.

• Make plans. If you expect to be home alone during the holidays, consider doing volunteer work at if local hospital or sheller, or make plans with a friend who will also be spending the time alone. Helping others will make you feel better about yourself.

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 or visit the website at www.saintbarnabas.com.

Cornell Hall Nursing and Rehabili-

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Cornell Hall Nursing and Rehabili-tation Center, a 177-bed long-term care facility at 234 Chestant St., Union, is an affiliate of the Saint Bar-nabas Health Care System.

Learning the trade



Aaron Hoffer, vice president of Comfort Medical Equipment at 240 Morris Ave, in Springfield, attends the international Meditrade seminar to learn about new products available to anyone requiring home health care products. Comfort Medical's retail store has a wide selection of wheelchairs, walkers, canes, support socks, stethescopes and anything needed for a patient convalescing at home. For information, call 973-379-7888.

Tests should rule out STDs prior to pregnancy

If you think?you may want chidlren If you thinklyou may want children in the future, it's never-too early to think about your health. Health professionals advise getting tested for two of the most common sexually transmitted diseases: gonor-thea and chlamydia. They occur in both men and women, and are passed from person to person through sex. Unreated, both gonorthea and chlamydia can cause serious health Untreated, both gonorrhea and chlamydia can cause serious health problems for a woman, including pelvic infection.

problems for a woman, including pelvic infection. A woman with a severe infection may not be able to become pregnant or may have an etopic pregnancy. She may have prob-

lems during pregnancy, or after that, pose risks to her and her baby.

Both these diseases increase the risks of preterm birth — before 37 weeks — and premature rupture of

nembranes during pregnancy. A new-orn can also become seriously ill if

born can also become seriously ill if he or she gets gonorthea from the mother, which can be passed to the feets before birth. Gonorthea can also result in a miscarriage.

Chlamydia can also be passed to a feets before birth and can cause eye infections in a newborn. Additionally, about 10 to 20 percent of babies of infected mothers develop pneumonia.

COUNTY NEWS

Trash, layoffs focus in 2001

(Continued from Page B1)
Alan Augustine of Scotch Pfains, new
legislators in Union County were on
the way. Augustine died June 11, less
than three months after resigning his

Assembly seat, Augustine's seat was filled by Tho-Augusithe's seat was filled by Thomas Kean Ir, of Westifath, choosing
him over Cranford Township Committeeman Tom Denny, formier
Scotch Plains Mayor Gabe Spera and
Green Brook Mayor Patricia Walsh,
Bassano's retirement to take a position with the New Jersey Sports &
Exposition Audority opened the door
for Assemblyman Kevin O'Toole of
Cedar Grove to take Bassano's seat.
Republicans then appointed Summit
Councilman Dr. Eric Munoz to
O'Toole's Assembly seat.

Councilman Dr. Bis ...
O'Toole's Assembly seat.
In addition to the new appointment of the opening. November's elec-In addition to the new appointments in the spring, November's elections brought new legislators and changes for Union County, In the 20th Legislative District, Joseph CP\$40C for Democratic chairman in the Township of Union, joined incumbents Neil Cohen of Roselle in the Assembly and Raymond Lesniak of Elizabeth in the Senate.

ate. Republicans held their ground in Republicans held their ground in the 21st District as Munoz and Kean secured their Assembly seats and Assemblyman Richard Bagger of Westfield moved up to the state Senate. In the 22nd District, Assemb-Senate. In the 22nd District, Assembly hyman Joseph Sulga of Linden also moved up to the Senate while Free-holder Linda Stender of Panwood was elected to the Assembly with incumbent Gerald Green of Plainfield. Stender's election eventually will create a vacancy on the freeholder board, as she plans to resign to focus on her Assembly duties.

Fare hikes proposed

(Continued from Page B1)
"The Legislature really hasn't put
New Jersey Transit on any kind estable financial footing." he said.
"Bach year, New Jersey Transit has to
depend on whatever the whim of the
Legislature is. What we're recommending is that the Legislature
increase the fleel's tax so that a portion
of it is dedicated solely to rail and bus
transit in the state." of it is dedicated sum, transit in the state."

If they were to plan long term,

Resto said, the upshot would be a pot of money from which NJ Transit can support projects.

Resto explained that with the cur-

Resto explained that with the cur-rent system, NJ Transit's operating budget falls short. "They raise the capital budget in order to plug the hole in the operational budget. What you wind up getting is projects that should be moving along getting stalled because the money's being n out of one pot to go into anoth

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Mothers & More meet

The Union County chapter of Mothers & More will meet to brain-Mothers & More will meet to brain-storm new diess for activities in 2002 on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Hanson House, 38 Springfield Ave.. Cranford. Evening discussion topics, guest speakers, special events and outings for moms and their children will be discussed and debated. All current and potential new members are encouraged to bring their ideas, local mid-books and enthusism for local guidebooks and enthusiasm for planning a great year of activities for themselves and their children.

themselves and their children.

The meeting will be an opportunity for local mothers to find out about Mothers & More, a support group for moms who have altered their career paths in order to care for their children at home. Founded in 1987 in Illinois the international not-for-profit-organization has now grown to 8,000 members in over 180 local chapters in the

bers in over 180 local chapters in the United States and Canada. The Union County chapter holds meetings on the first and third Wed-nesday of each month at the Hanson House. The Union County chapter provides many social opportunities for mothers and their children includ-ing weekly interprets. ing weekly playgroups, morn and tot outings, mom's night out and a varie-ty of special interest clubs. New mem-

bers are always welcome.

For more information, call Jan at 732-381-3199 or Heidi at 908-810-7165.

NCJW Shabbat Service

National Council of Jewish Women. Union County Section, will spotsor its annual NCJW Shabbat Service Jan. 4 at 8:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Or/Beth Torah. 111 Valley Road, Clark.

Services will feature NCJW members leading all parts of the service.

Guests include Marsha Atkind, national vice president, who will speak about advocacy and the new National Bench Mark Program and Michelle Bobrow, state public affairs chairwoman who will welcome with "Shalom Aleichem."

"Shalom Aleichem."
Atkind, an active NCJW member of more than 20 years, is currently chairperson of both the NCJW Journal Editorial Board and the Investment Subcommittee of the national organization. She chaired the Washington Institute 2001, NCJW's premier triennial public policy con-vention. A past president of Essex County Section, she serves as a trainer and supervisor of her section's Teen Dating Violence Program.

Atkind has just been selected by the National Nominating Copimitee to fulfill the slated position of National President of NCJW at the upcoming convention in March. Atkind is also president of the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Jewish News. Union County Section welcomes its mem-

bers, friends and guests of the com-munity to this event.

NCJW is a volunteer organization inspired by Jewish values, that works to improve the quality of life for women, children and families and to ensure individual rights and freedoms through advocacy, education and community service programs initiated by its network of 90,000 volunteers, supporters and members nationwide.



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Linda Bernot graduated Cum Laude from New York University in 1981. She is one of four physical therapists nationwide, who developed a risk management and safety program for Aquatic Physical Therapy Professionals in 1994. This program in endorsed by the American Physical Therapy Association and Linda continues to lecture nationwide on topics of aquatic risk management and treatment to other professionals.

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Stepping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our reader, is the many arts and entertainment events in the Union County area. The calendar is open to all groups and organizations is the Union County area. To place your free listing, send-information to Arts and Entertainment Editor Bill VanSant, Worrall Community Newspapers, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

ART Shows

OUR VIEW: A UNIQUE PERSPEC-TIVE on Life in Union County, a travel-ing exhibit sponsored by Community Access Unlimited; features the work of 10 adults with developmental disabili-ties. The exhibit will four the county, For information, call 908-954-9040, Ext. 304.

ARTIST RON HEDRICK will have his

Annet HUN HEDRICK will have his work on exhibit at Evalyn Dunn's Gallery, 549 South Ave., Westfield.
Gallery hours are Tuesdays through if Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. For information, call 908-232-0412.

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CHRISTMAS MINNATURES, a multi-media showcase of small-scale art, will be on exhibit at the Swain Galleries in Plainfield through Saturday. Gallery hours are Tuesdays 10-Fri-

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fri-days from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. Swain Galleries is located at 703 Watchung Ava., Plainfield. For infor-mation, call 908-758-1707.

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

Saurrary,

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

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SUMMIT FRAME AND ART will exhibit fine art photography by John and Frank Brueske through Sunday.
Gallery hours are Mondays to Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursdays until 7 pm. Summit Frame and Art is located at 465 Springfield Ave, Summit For information, call 908-273-8665.

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

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: The

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: The Morck 2001 Union County Juried Art Show will be on exhibit in the Freeholders Gatlery on the eight floor of the Union County Administration Building, Elizabeth, through Jan. 4.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 pm. The Administration Building is located at Elizabeth-lown Flaza, Rahway Avenue, Elizabeth. For information, call 906-558-2550.

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 exhibit through Jan: 6 at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in

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

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL, an exhibit of black-and-white and color photo-

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL, an exhibition of the probability of backard white and obley hard probability of backard so, is on display in the Les Malamut Gallery in the Union Public Ulbrary, through Jan. 10.

Gallery hours are Wonday through Thursday. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Frday and Saturday, 9 a.m., to 5 p.m.; and Frday and Saturday, 9 a.m., to 9 p.m.; and Frday and Saturday, 9 a.m., to 5 m. Union Public Ulbrary is located at 1980 Moris Ave. Union. For Information, call 908-851-5450.

JOURNEYS: "Black and White Photo graphs by Howard Nathenson" will be phis by Howard Nathenson was exhibit at the New Jersey Center for through Jan. 1: Visual Arts in Summit through Ja

Visual Arts in Summit through Jan. 13.
Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., and Satur,
days and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m.,
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FLOWER COMFORT, the works of Martha Suir Rolland, will be on exhibit in the Wisner House Gallary at the Reeves-Read Abroerium in Summit through Jain. 14.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reeves-Read Abroerium is located at 185 Hobart Ave. Summit. For Information, call 908-273-8787.

tion, call 90e-279-8787. CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPI-TAL in Mountainside will exhibit the New Jersey Photography, Forum seventh annual Juried Show and the watercolors of Vi Shipley during her months of December and January, CHS is located at 163 New Providence Road, Mountainside, For Information, call 908-789-2075.

call spa-759-2075.

EIGHT ARTISTS from the Exhibitors
Co-Op will have their work on exhibit at
the Act Opid of Rahway Jan. 9
through Feb. 8. A reception will lake
place Jan. 13 from 1 to 4 p.m.
Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m.
and by appointment. The Arts Guild of
Rahway is located at 1670 frying St.,
Rahway. For information, call
732-381-7511 or visit
www.rahwayertsguild.org.

PRINT AS PARABLE — monoprints, etchings, collographs and glolee prints by Jessica Lanard — will be on exhibit in the Members' Gallery at the New Jersey Conter for Visual Arts in Summit Jan. 14 through Feb. 15. A reception for the artist will take place Jan. 27. from 2 to 5 p.m.

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AUDITIONS
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SUMMIT CHORALE will conduct auditions in all voice parts for the second half of the 2001-02 season Jan. 8 and 15, following the regular rehearsal on the Drew University campus in Madison, For information, call 908.665-9788 or visit 908-665-9788 www.summilchorale.org.

NEW JERSEY THEATER ALLIANCE will sponsor combined auditions for more than 20 of the state's professional theaters Feb. 18 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. by appointment only. Equity anon-Equity clorar will be seen. To enter the selection lottery:

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9 METRO RHYTHM CHORUS of Sweet Adelines: International is: seeking female singer. The group reheaves every Wednesdey from 8 to 10-p.m. in the Chanford area. For information, call Janet Manfectonia at 908-88-9841 or send: e-mail to manfredonia@posibox.cel.cumy.dut; or call Judy McCord at 973-895-6983.

at 973-896-8983.
WESTPIELD GLEE CLUB is seeking male and female adult singers to participate in the club's 77th, season. Rehearsals are held Monday evenings, 8 to 10 p.m., in the Westfield Presbyterian Church choir room. For Information, call Dale Juntilla at 908-232-0873.

BOOKS

'A ROOM OF ONE'S OWN by Virginia
Woolt will be the tiple of a book discussion approsined by the Women's
Resource Center in Summit Jan. 7 at noon. Participants may bring a brownabag tunch. The Women's Resource
Center is located at 31 Woodland Ave,
Summit. For information and to register, call 908-278-7283.

UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY Book Disunion Poblic Elements The Hand-maid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. Union Public Library is located in Friberger Park on Morris Avenue, For Information, call Avenue, Fo 908-851-5450.

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of womEN meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Spring-field. For information, call 973-378-8544.

THE 'LORD OF THE RINGS' READ-ING GROUP will meet the first Wed-nesday of the mother 17:30 p.m. at Bames and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble in Clark is located at 1180 Rari-tian Road. For information, call 732-574-1818.

EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITER'S CIRCLE, led by Cheryl Racanelli, meets at Barnes and Noble in Clark the second and fourth Monday of each month. Barnes and Noble in Clark is located at 1180 Rantan Road. For information, call 732-574-1818.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN INTERESTS meets the second Thursday of the meets the second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Spring-field. For information, call 973-378-8544.

MYSTERY READING GROUP WIN meet at Barnes and Noble in Clark to second Thursday of each month 7:30 p.m. Barnes and Noble is locate at 1180 Raritan Road. For information at 1180 Rantan no. call 732-574-1818.

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JEWISH BOOK LOVERS meets at 7.15 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, the third Monday of each month. For information, call 973-976-8544.

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WOMEN'S READING GROUP WILL

last Wednesday of each month, Bar-nes and Noble in Clark is located at 1180 Rantan Road. For information, call 732-574-1818.

CLASSES

WESTFIELD ART ASSOCIATION WI offer an artist demonstration titled "Pastel Figure Painting," taught by Annotte Hanna, Jan. 13 from 2 to 4 p.m., In the Westfield Community Annette Hanna, van. 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. In the Westfield Community Room, 425 E. Broad St. Westfield Admission is free. For information, call 908-687-2845.

MUSIC FOR CHILDREN in Westfield offers various music classes to children between the ages of 10 months and 8 years old. For information on class offerings or to reserve a space at either open house, call 908-232-4881.

either clopen notass, call sub-vasz-usch; NEW JERSEY WORKSHOP FOR THE ARTS is currently accepting registration for all Music Studio, Lessons include instruments, voice and music theory, with beginner through advanced classes, Additional ocurses include and classes for buildern and colleges, the Westfield Epinolip Club and the Drawing Workshop. Classes take place at 150-152 E. Broad St., Westfield. place at 150-152 E. Broad St., Westlield. For information, call 908-789-9896.

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work, voice, and musical theater
movement and dance. Private lespons
to voice and or calling are available.
Westfield High School is located at
728 Westfield Ave. For information,
cell 908-233-3200.

CONCERTS
SOPRANO FRANCESCA ANGIUOLI will present her one-woman concert, "Frangelika's Muse," at Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Ave., Union, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. Admission is free, For information, call 908-851-5450.

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NEW JERSEY YOUTH SYMPHONY.

will appear in concert Jan. 13 at 3 p.m.
at Jonathan Dayton High School, 139

Mountain Ave., Springfield. Admission
is by donation; students are admitted free. For information, caf 908-771-5544 or visit www.njys.org. BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 performances throughout the autumn. All concerts are from 8 to 10 p.m. in the

cafe section.
For information, opil 973-478-8544.
BARNES AND NOBLE, 1180 Raritan
Road, Clark, will present musical per-formances throughout the autumn. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the cafe section.

For information, including a schedule, call 732-574-1818.

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DISCUSSION

JOURNAL WRITING GROUP, led by professional life 'coach' Jami' Novak, meets the fourth Thursday of oach month at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Ratitan Road. Fit information, call 732-574-1818.

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

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Winter may be time to consider selling home

The season's first frost affects both buyers and home sellers alike — they tend to hibernate until spring. Sellers mistakenly believe that there will be fewer buyers; their home will look less attractive and will command a lower selling

price than in the spring.

Contrary to popular belief that a house looks its best in the spring when flow, ers are blooming and trees have their leaves, the holidays can be one of the best times of the year to sell a home. Holiday decorations, roaring fires and the wonderful aroma of food and scented candles are very attractive to buyers.

The facts speak for themselves. While spring generally generates the high The facts speak for themselves. While spring generally generates the nignest number of home sales, sellers have the best exposure ratio, percentage of sales to new listings, in the winter. At this time of year, there is less inventory, which means less competition among listings, and buyers are generally more serious and in need of a home quickly. Corporate transferees, for example, need to move and begin their jobs immediately.

"During the spring, you may get more foot traffic through your home, but many people are just browsing," according to Lydia Flagg, broker/owner of ERA Queen City Realty. "Buyers who come out when the weather is bad are

really scrious about finding a house. With that said, though, economic climate is significantly more important than the weather when it comes to selling a home."

Buyers carefully follow interest rates, and will move sooner than planned if rates go down and they can save on their monthly moregage payment of buy more house. "Serious and quisified buyers are our now because interest rates are currently still low, and this is what motivates most buyers," added Flagg. "Ir commend to sollers that if they want to stell their home, that they not wait until the spring, hoping to get a higher selling price. Economic markets are unpredictable and, at best, we expect housing prices to remain stable over the short term," said Flage.

unpredictable and, at best, we expect novame as the short term," said Flagg. For more information about selling a home, consumers can contact their local ERA office, which can be found using the telephone directory or via the Internet at www.ERA.com. ERA is a global leader in the residential real eatate industry with nearly 30 years of experience in developing consumer-oriented products.

d services.
The ERA Real Estate network includes more than 2,500 independently ownt and operated brokerage offices with more than 28,000 brokers and sales
sociates throughout the United State and 24 other countries and territories.

Holiday season is a ripe time for home sales

Contrary to what most sellers believe, the holiday season presents exciting opportunities for home sales. And now Burgdorff ERA is again offering a holiday home marketing program sure to bring happiness to every home seller. "There are tremendous advantages for consumers who list their homes during the holiday season." said Judy Reeves, president of Burgdorff ERA. "Holiday buyers are particularly serious, motivated and focused. In fact, relocation information shows that corporate executive transferees have more free time to shop for a home during the holiday season than at any other time of the year. Additionally, there are fever homes available during the holiday Self-likely to self-lik

tionally, there are fever homes available during the holidays. Therefore, homes are likely to self laster and for a higher price."

"Homes project an ambiance of seasonal radiance during the holidays," added Reeves. "Houses are generally more appealing when decorated for the holidays the holiday suches make it easier for buyers to make an emotional connection to a home and see themselves celebrating the holidays there next

year."

Reeves also noted that mortgage rates are the lowest in years.

This holiday season, Burgdorff ERA makes it easy to list your home through
the exclusive Burgdorff ERA Homes for the Holidays program. The program

provides a variety of select service options — with no hassle. Showings can be arranged by advance appointment or through the listing agent, allowing for extra convenience during the busy holiday season. Home sellers can even reduce holiday stress and obtain peace of mind by having their property covered by the ERA Home Protection Plan.

Through the unique Homes for the Holidays program, sellers benefit from innovative marketing features. Decorative Burgdoff ERA signs featuring holiday bows offer eye-catching curb appeal to the home. Seasonal home feature sheets and in-house mortgage displays, complement holiday decorations and distinguish the home from others on the market. Home sellers also receive the added advantage of a special feature presentation on Burgdoff's award winning website, burgdorff com. Additional homes may be featured in a holiday open house for the public, which is especially effective when coupled with seasonal refreshments, and the scenes of holiday preparations.

For more information about the Burgdorff ERA Homes for the Holidays program, contact a local Burgdorff sales associate of stop by a local Burgdorff ERA office.

Weichert Relocation acquires Mobility Management

Michael T. Robinson, president of Weichert Affiliated Companies, announced dut Weichert Relocation Co. acquired Mobility Management Inc., and MML Relocation Management.

"The putchase of MML was made for several strategic rpasons," said Aram Minuelian, president of Weichert Relocation Co. "The diversity and quality of our client base will improve significantly with the addition or new ignificantly with the addition of new clients that have been loyal MML cus-tomers and our knowledge base and global assignment management capa-bilities will be strengthened by com-bifing talented relocation profession-als from both companies.

bifiling talented relocation professionals from both companies:

"In addition, the acquisition provides Weichert Relocation Co, with a base of operations for servicing clients in the South Based in Sugar Land, Texas, just outside of Houston, the new Weichert Relocation site also gives our company access to many gives our company access to many new markets and new industries."

Minnesian continued "MMI, has a Minnetian continued, "MML has a distinctive reputation for providing outstanding costumer service and value-added relocation and assignment management programs. In addition, the company provides contract services through entities located in Calgary, Alberta, Canada and Loudon."

This aquisition is Weichert Relocation Company's second this year. Weichert Relocation Co. purchased Commonwealth Relocation Services in October for an undisclosed amount The two acquisitions, combined with several new client signings, establish Weichert Relocation Co. as one of the

Weichert Relocation Co. as one of the leading relocation management, com-panies in North America. MML is a full-service relocation management company. Mark and Joanne Roussy established MML in 1993 to service the relocation geeds of clients doing business in the Houston area. Since that time, MML has emerged as formidable supplier of

relocation services to multi-national clients throughout North America and

Mark Roussy, former president of MML, stated, 'This acquisition is a win-win proposition. The combined company will increase the value proposition. company will increase the value proposition for clients and customers, offers colleagues new and better opportunities and positions us as a stronger business partner to our supplier community."

Rowssy added, "There are numer-ous synergies between the two com-panies that compelled both sides to complete this transaction including private ownership, stellar service reputations, unparalleled customer loyalty and complementary products and services. The reputation of both companies will be enhanced by virtue of this acquisition." Roussy added. "There are numer-

MML's office in Sugar Land, which employes 50 relocation profes-sionals, will serve as the site of

Weichert Relocation's South Region office. This office will function as the office. Ins office with underton as the base for servicing ellents located in the Southeast and Southwest. The office will be led by Craig Selders, vice president of the South Region, and Roussy, vice president of client development and relationship management.

management.
Weichert Relocation Co. is a clientoriented, global relocation management firm offering comprehensive
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RE/MAX International soars among Top 500

For the third consecutive year, global real estate franchisor RE/MAX International ranks highest among real estate franchise organizations — at number 19 — in the Entrepreneur 22nd annual Franchise 500

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The survey is available on the Internet at www.Entrepreneur.com and within the pages of the January edition of Entrepreneur magazine. In the "Fastest Growing" rankings. RP. MAX came in at number 13. Among the "Top 200 Global Franchises." RP. MAX is number 20 and was the only real estate organization named "Best of the Best" in service industries. The, initial Entrepreneur; Franchise 500 in 1980 was the first ranking of franchises in the industry and is still the best and most comprehensive rating of franchises in the world.

Throughout the years, Entrepreneur,

Throughout the years, Entrepreneur has poighed and perfected the ranking procedure, developing a formula that accurately identifies today's top franchise opportunities for Entrepreneur readers.

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The preface to the list states in part,
"In our ranking, we consider numerous factors, some of which are
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"An independent CPA firm audited financial data and every, company with verifiable data receive a cumulative score. The franchises with the highest cumes become the Franchise 500. These factors are objective, quantifiable measures of a franchise operation. We do not measure subjective elements such as franchises eatistication or management sixtle, because comments such as franchises satisfaction or management style, because these are indigments only, you can make based on your own needs and experiences. All companies, regardless of size, are judged by the same criteria."

The 22nd annual Franchise 500 marks the niuth time REMMAX has been tecognized by the publication as a leading franchise network. "We have always believed that these types of honors and recognition belong to our outstanding regional operators, franchisees and sales associates," said Daryl Jesperson. RE/MAX president. "The growth and success of the RE/MAX organization is totally owing to the individual efforts of many thousands of RE/MAX members around the world. It is

our pleasure to accept these accolades on their behalf."
Maria Anton Conley, Lee Houston and Liza Dembiec compiled research for the annual project, Their work allows Entrepreneur to further state. "Now we've gone a step further. From our 2001 Franchise 500, we've From our 2001 Fratchises 2000, we've calculated not just the top franchises overall, but the top franchises in each of 124 specific categories. The list is intended not to endorse any particular franchise, but to serve as a starting point for your independent research. Only after doing your due diligence can you make the best decision about a successful career in franchising."

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AUTOMOTIVE

A new and sleek redesign puts Altima in the fast lane

German automotive engineer describ-ing how he, as an enthusiast, drives the Autobahn. It's not about settling in with a cup of coffee and cranking up the music; it is about sensing the speed and hearing the wind rush by

I thought of his words as I switched off the radio on a drive in the 2002 Altima 3.5 SE. This is the topline model with the 240 horsepower

engine.

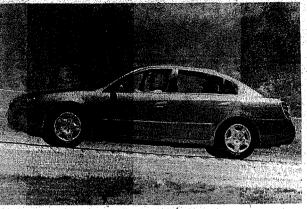
I wanted to hear the quiet/in the cabin as I drove through town, and then I went fast to hear the wind and the engine and to feel the suspension compress and release with the undulacompress and release with the undula-tions of a good, rolling back-country road.

road.

Nissan is pushing into the compact sport-sedan lane with an aggressively styled and aggressively powered car whether 4-cylinder or V-6.

No more middle of the road for Altima. This third-generation sedan has been completely redesigned for maintenance. American concepture.

mainstream American acceptance, right down to the dual chrome-tipped exhaust. It is 6 inches longer, 2 inches taller and a little more/than an inch wider with a larger trunk. It is 70 pounds heavier than last year's model, but there's 10 percent more cabin space with generous head and leg room and even the back seat has comform and even the back seat has com-fortable seat angle and foot room. The front sents are 1% inches higher for a better view of the road.



The Nissan Altima is being offered with a V-6 engine that, with 240 horsepower, has no trouble moving the nearly 3,300-pound curb weight of the topline 3.5 SE model.

There is no shortage of choices or prices. With six versions of the 4-cy-linder model in three trim levels hade a hode; we have united the base, S and SL — prices range from \$16,889 to \$23,239, each with a choice of 5-speed manual or 4-speed automatic transmission.

Two V-6 models start at \$22,889 or

Two V-6 models start at \$22,89 or \$23,689 with the automatic 1 just spent a week in a topline 3.5 SE V-6 with automatic that stickered at \$27,462, which came with several options, including Xenon headlights,

\$499, and a rear spoiler, \$399, both of

which I could have lived without.

One option I wouldn't pass on is
the traction control for \$299, but it the traction control for \$259, but it also requires the ABS and air/ bag package — includes front side air bags and front and rear head curtain bags — for \$749.

bags and front and rear head curtain bags — fon \$749. You'll want traction control to pre-serve the hefty footprint of the Bridgestone Turanza touring tres. The 3.5-liter V-6 is rated at 240 horse-power, which in this 3,200-pound

even inside

sedan is enough to keep the tires spin-

sedan is enough to keep the thres spinning with heavy foot action.

Floor it, but hold on. The steering wheel will pull as the double-overhead-can engine—the same one used in the Maxima sedan — jams horsepower down the throat of the transake. But it's the traction control that prevents any wild response and brakes unnecessary wheel spin.

There is a lot of power coursing through the driveline, but fled mileage is rated 19 mpg city and 26 highway.

the car

It was a little difficult to tell how rapidly I was consuming fuel because the car comes with a 20-gallon tank. Nisan recommends premium fuel but says it will perform well on regular. If you'd prefer less fuel consump-tion and an ultra-low-emissions whit-

If you'd prefer less fuel consump-tion and an ultra-low-emissions vehi-cle, the Altima 2.5-liter 4-cylinder with automatic gets 22/28 miles pergallon — without much of a power loss. This new 4-cylinder is rated at 175 horsepower. Match the 4-cylinder with the 5-speed manual and you've gôt a good and fun performer, even if it's not an overly sporty gear box.

The gated automatic transmission is functional and sporty to use — and my preference over the manual.

Now, shihl it's time to go fast.

Mark Maynard is driving in cyberspace at uniontrib.com.

2002 Nissan Altima 3.5 SE

front-wheel-drive 5-passenger sedan HC V-6

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Red still means stop,

By Jon Woods and Gary Nugent I don't know for sure how mankind originally decided that the color red should signify stop.
When it comes to cars, red also means stop. Stop signs are red, stop-plights are red, even police lights are ted — when they flash at you, they also mean stop. And one more — your car's soil pressure warning light is also ted. And it means stop, too. But a for people don't believe it and this of people don't believe it and this keeps engine re-builders and repair shops in business.

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You see, inside an engine are all sorts of moving parts that move

extremely fast and close to each other. The oil acts as a barrier between these parts and keeps them from rubbing against each other and wearing out. The engine has an oil pump that consantly pumps oil in between these parts. The pump sucks up oil from the oil pan and pumps it under pressure to where it's acceded. The oil then returns back to the all ren and the process. back to the oil pan and the process

starts over again.

The oil light is the monitoring system to let the driver know that the system is working or not. So long as system is pumping oil like it's supposed to, the light will stay off. But if the light comes on while you're

driving, it means that the oil system hatever reason quit pumping has, for whatever reason quu pumpung oil to all of those parts and if the engine isn't turned off soon, those moving parts inside the engine will destroy each other and you will end up with a very hefty repair bill.

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But here's where people get con-fused. What does "soon" mean?
"Soon" means as quickly as you safe-ly can. Put it this way: If your car's oil light comes on while you're in the fast lane of the freeway, you should immediately start pulling over tot the shoulder, as quickly as you can safely, and stop the car and quickly turn off the engine. This means that if there is

a gas station a quarter mile away, don't try to make it. That last quarter mile will most likely make the differ-ence between just having to add oil to your engine rather than rebuilding it.

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A mechanic's error? Well, guess again

By Jon Woods and Gary Nugent Mistakes can happea ... From that, we'll bet that you're hinking it's about auto mechanics akidag mistakes by trying to go ast. Au contraire! We're talking about mistakes that happen when a customer is in such a nurry that ther wear, tasks the interpret.

ry that they can't take the time to bus do our job. Such is often the case involving those mysterious noises that a car will make from time

noises that a car will make from time to time. You know the kind, they come and go and either just annoy you or down right frighten you into thinking that something is going to fall off!
But you may not realize that sometimes the source of noises can be very hard—and time-consuming—to plocate, and the more time it costs to pinpoint the source of a noise, the more money it costs to find. Remember, when it comes to diagnosing noises, our time is your money, and sometimes, even the most experienced mechanic will find himself or therself in the position of having to herself in the position of having to make an "educated guess" ... even after examining the car for several

after examining the car for several hours.

Well, believe it for not, most mechanics don't like to guess, even if a customer is so desperate to get rid of the noise that he or she is willing to sign a stack of waivers acknowledge to the control of the noise that he waivers acknowledge to the control of the noise that he or she is willing to sign a stack of waivers acknowledge. sign a stack of waivers acknowledging that they understand that the particular part that we are "guessing" at many not fix the noise. That's because when the noise is inevitably still there after that \$100 "guessed" part is replaced, the customer is not a happy camper. And we don't like unhappy customers. And, believe it or not most of us take pride in our "expertise."

When we make an "educated guess" and it turns out to be wrong, we feel "uncludeated," another world for stupid. So it behooves us to try to minimize the chances of having to guess.

guess.

So here are my suggestions as to how to avoid making your mechanic feel "stupid" garnered from, over the years, a few "wrong guesses."

You have a role! Believe it or not, you, the customer, have a role in diagnosing the noise. You must make yourself available to go on a test drive with your mechanic.

to point out the noise! Unless you can, get the car to make the noise while you're in you'r mechanic's parking lot, (the noise is obvious), don't be in such an awful hurry when you drop off the car that you can't go for a ride with your mechanic. If your "ride home" friend that followed you to the shop can't wait while you go for a test drive, don't leave the car. Make another appointment.

Personally, there have been times where we fixed the wyong noise, because the customer couldn't take the time to drive with me and point out the noise about which they were concerned.

concerned.

Of course, after the fact, the noise we fixed was one that they were accustomed to, and the one we didn't

accustomed to, and the one we didn't hear was the one they wanted fixed. Oops! Who's at fault for fixing the wrong noise under these circumstances?

Your next responsibility: If the car seldom makes the noise, know under what circumstances you can get the car to make the noise — and tell that to your mechanic. For instance, if the noise only happens on bumpy roads and only after driving for 30 minutes to go on a 30-minute

and only after driving for 30 minutes, be prepared to go on a 30 minute drive with your mechanic, and be prepared to be clarged for your mechanic its time, because the test drive is part of the diagnostic sequence. Another "customer responsibility." If you are going to have to my describe the noise because, even after a long test drive, the dam car wouldn't make the noise for your mechanic, my to pick words that best describe the noise. Words like click, clark, clunk, tounn, rattle, tick, rumble, drumthomp, rattle, tick, ramble, drum-ming clanking grouning — to name a few — are all words with distinct and

ming, clarking, groaning—to name a few — are all words with distinct and different meanings to a mechanic and picking the wrong one can start your mechanic on a wild goose chase—on your dime! Your last participation in the pro-cess is to be patient. Sometimes, in the interest of saving you money, your mechanic may suggest "trying" cer-tain things that you will have to report back to him as to the success or father of the "trial". of the "trial."

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