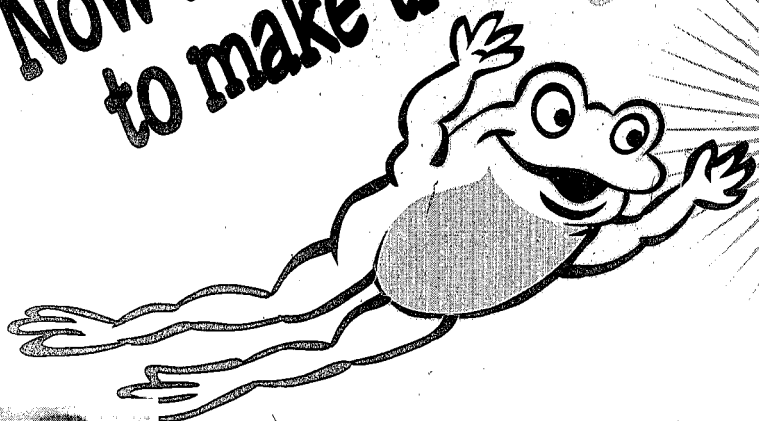




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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Students' artwork fills pages of statewide calendar

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

The New Jersey Teen Arts Calendar for 2002 has been provided by Friends of Teen Arts Inc. and is unique and provocative — and available.

The artwork reproduced 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 students."

The Friends of Teen Arts has announced its mission and goals, which are to provide New Jersey 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 abilities, encourage 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 Department of Community Affairs, Frank and Lydia Bergen Foundation, New York Tribune Foundation, Prudential Foundation, Curtis W. McGraw Foundation, E.J. Grossmann Trust, Johnson and Johnson, and Lucent Technologies, with "generous in-kind goods and services provided by the New Jersey Education Association and the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission."

Shirley Sasor is executive director of Friends of Teen Arts Inc., and Salie Graziano is program administrator of the New Jersey State Teen Arts. "The Friends of Teen Arts Inc. runs the New Jersey State Teen Arts program," 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 Friends of the Arts Inc. is a non-profit organization that 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 since 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," she said, "and since then, I've put the calendar together." Sasor chuckled. "We only have a staff of myself and a part-time assistant. I have to be the jack 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 said that she publishes photographs in black-and-white "at least four times as many pieces as chosen — at least two pieces for each county. I pretty much have a group of teachers and students who offer their opinion. 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 prints, 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 itself to this type of layout, and it did 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

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'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 "united 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."

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 came, I had to finish whatever I could. And they picked it for the calendar."

Was he surprised? "Actually, no," he said modestly. "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."

The young man, who is uncertain of what his future profession will be, explained that "I like art as a hobby, but I think I will go into another profession." He and his family came from Brooklyn from the Philippines eight years ago, and he has lived in Union for the past five years. "That's when I started to paint. I have all kinds of paintings at home, from scenery 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 already signed up for one at Kean. And I'm sure, whatever else 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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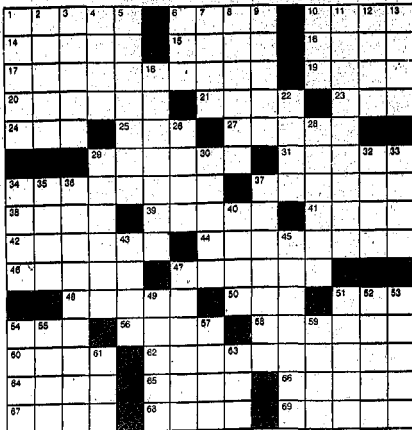
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By Charles Preston

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**Funds could mean changes in the future**

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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 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."

Each year, she said, New Jersey has a county teenage festival. "About 400 to 1,200 pieces of art would be on an 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-wide free of charge. We like that. 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."

Sasor sighed. "We've always been very proud that we wanted to be inclusive in the school district and the 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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# 'Nutcracker' should beckon all to the Paper Mill Playhouse

Tchaikovsky's beloved "Nutcracker" is being staged in all its glory at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, and Carolyn Clark, artistic executive director of the New Jersey Ballet Co., and Angelo Del Rossi, executive producer of the Paper Mill Playhouse, are undoubtedly swelling with pride at the reception allotted it by respective audiences. 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 most extraordinarily beautiful holiday productions ever staged in the Metropolitan area.

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

## Dance Notes

By Bob Smith  
Staff Writer

amount of adults in the audience. And from the very beginning of the interpretive story of E.T.A. Hoffman's "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King," to the culmination, the children were so entranced and mesmerized by what was taking place onstage that one could hear a pin drop.

Under the magic baton of Gary S. Fagin conducting the Paper Mill Orchestra with its exquisite musical score, creative scenic design by the fabulous Michael Anania and marvelous lighting by Paul Miller, Act 1, Scenes 1 and 2, choreographed by

Joseph Carow, the familiar story unfolded. It is a Christmas Eve party at the home of the Mayor, his wife and children, Clara and Fritz, and the excitement begins when Herr Drosselmeyer arrives with gifts for every child, and a nutcracker doll for Clara, which her brother injures out of jealousy. And what follows is a magical tale of the Nutcracker doll turning into a handsome prince who takes Clara on a fascinating trip to a fascinating make-believe world.

And so, this exceptional fairy tale is unfolded, and particularly on the Paper Mill stage, with an exceptionally talented cast of youngsters and professional ballet dancers.

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

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

David Tamaki, as the Soldier-Doll-Nutcracker Prince, is an outstanding dancer and extremely versatile performer. He had a dual role in this production—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

battle the mice. The lighting, blinking away, and making the characters appear to be moving in slow motion, was extremely effective.

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

One of the finest ballet performers ever to grace any ballet stage is Rosemary Sabovick-Bleich, and on this afternoon, she portrayed Sugar Plum in "Grand Pas De Deux." This

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

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

"The Nutcracker" will be performed 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 theater season kicks into high gear across the state.

There is something for everyone to enjoy as the state's finest theatrical companies feature world premieres such as "Mary Todd: A Woman Apart," at Century Stage Company in Hackettstown, and "Waiting for Tadashi," at George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick, alongside favored classics like "The Fantasticks" at New Jersey Shakespeare Festival in Madison, "The King and I" at Paper Mill: The State Theater of New Jersey in Millburn, and "Don Juan" at McCarter Theater in Princeton. Dreamcatcher Repertory 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 Morrisville, the Bickford Theatre's "Sylvia" will tickle your funny 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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Subscribers connected to the Web can receive the Theater E-News on their own computers. The E-News features a weekly listing of what's "Playing" at theaters across the state and incredible last-minute offers only available to subscribers. A recent discount featured 50 percent off tickets

to Cole Porter's "Red, Hot and Blue" at Paper Mill.

"We would like to invite everyone to join us at the theater this winter," says John McEwen, executive director of the Alliance. "An evening spent enjoying a wonderful play or musical is a way to bring us all together in a 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.

Funding for the New Jersey Theater Alliance, a not-for-profit organization, is provided in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

## Recipes are now sought for 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.

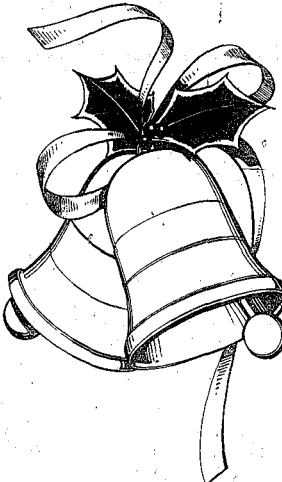
A total of five printed or typed recipes may be submitted. Along with the recipe, a recipe comment may be included. It is important to include the recipe title, category selection, name and phone number in case of questions. The eight cookbook categories will be: Appetizers and Beverages, Soups and Salads,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

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

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• Crane-Phillips House Museum, 124 Union Ave. North, Cranford. Open 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays from September through June, or by appointment. Call 908-276-0082.

• Belcher-Ogden Mansion, 1046 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. By appointment only. Call 908-351-2500.

• Borwood Hall, 1073 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 908-648-4540.

• Woodruff House/Easton Store Museum, 111 Conant St., Hillside. Open 2 to 4 p.m. the third Sunday of each month or by appointment. Call 908-352-9270.

• Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road,

Mountainside. Open 1 to 5 p.m. daily. Call 908-789-3670.

• The Saltbox Museum, 1350 Springfield Ave., New Providence. Open 1 to 3 p.m. the first and third Sundays of the month, and 10 a.m. to noon on each Thursday of the month.

• Merchants and Drovers Tavern, 1632 St. Georges Ave., Rahway. Open Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the first and third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the second and fourth

Sunday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m., and Tuesdays by appointment. Call 732-381-0441 or visit [www.merchantsanddrovers.org](http://www.merchantsanddrovers.org).

• Abraham Clark House, 101 W. Ninth Ave. at Chestnut Street, Roselle. By appointment only. Call 908-486-1783.

• Roselle Park Museum, 9 W. Grant Ave. at Chestnut Street, Roselle Park. Open Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 908-245-1776.

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

• Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. Open 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. Call 973-376-4930.

• Benjamin Carter House, 90 Butler Parkway, Summit. Open 9:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays; 1:30 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays; 2 to 4 p.m. the first Sun-

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• Liberty Hall Museum, 1033 Morris Ave., Union. Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays to Sundays. Call 908-527-0400.

• Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield. Open 2 to 5 p.m. Sundays from September through June — closed during the summer — and 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays in January and February, or by appointment. Call 908-232-1776.

# DRINKING & DRIVING MATTERS DREAMS

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

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# What's Going On?

**FRIDAY**  
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**PLACE:** Redeemer Lutheran Church, 154 Prospect Avenue, Irvington  
**TIME:** 9am-12pm (Show days: Jan. 11th)  
**PRICE:** New and used items.  
**ORGANIZATION:** Redeemer Lutheran Church

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**SUNDAY**  
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## Dec. 31-Jan. 6

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Career or business activities are your main focus. Apply yourself and you will reap the rewards of hard work and dedication.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Consult with a teacher or counselor concerning philosophical or political issues. A positive attitude pays off in a negative situation.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21):** Financial opportunities abound. Practice a sense of caution or discretion in your endeavors and stop for the best offer.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22):** A partner or mate is in position to influence your life's direction and choices. Clarify your ideas or feelings and compare notes.

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

thought possible. Strive to establish a compatible relationship, using personal or emotional issues as the quickest way to heal or cure inner conflict. Look your partner in the eye and speak up.

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

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You stand to benefit from the actions or resources of others. Play it smart and offer your moral or physical support to aid the cause.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Expansion is the key to your ultimate success. Don't hesitate to make necessary or suggested changes in your workplace or routine.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Guard  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Love or romance is a motivating factor. Remain balanced and don't dive in

too deep with amorous feelings or high expectations.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23):** Confront against the tendency to rest on your laurels. You still have a lot to accomplish, explore and conquer; stopping now would be a big mistake.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Impress your friends with your knowledge of art, religion, philosophy or foreign nations. Keep an open mind and learn something new.

If your birthday is this week, as a result of an over-inflated ego or acts

of self-aggrandizement, partnership issues are forced to take center stage during the coming year. Make an effort to complement or blend your energies with another instead of foolishly quarreling and pulling apart. Practice moderation in the affairs of your life; choose to grow at a slow-and-steady pace.

Also born this week: Barbara Carrera, Betsy Ross, Tia Carrero, Victoria Principal, Dyan Cannon, Diane Keaton and Bonnie Franklin.

## REUNIONS

• Railway 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 or Bob Brandner at 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 are planning a reunion. For information, call Ken Giordano at 732-549-6600 or 732-946-7075.

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

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

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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 enjoys his job. In fact, his success has also given him two more antique markets 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 antique or collectible in your hands. The thriving antique markets of Red Bank are proof of this. We highly recommend spending an afternoon here, but remember, to bring some extra money because you will surely find something that you can't live without, even if you plan on "just looking".

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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 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 Fife, 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 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 Maass Continuing Care Cen-

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

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 traditions, 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 need 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

strategies that older adults can employ to fight holiday depression. Healthcare professionals of the Saint Barnabas 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 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 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 downtime 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.

- Make plans. If you expect to be home alone during the holidays, consider doing volunteer work at a local hospital or shelter, 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 1-800-232-9147 or visit the website at [www.sainbarnabas.com](http://www.sainbarnabas.com).

Cornell Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, a 177-bed long-term care facility at 234 Chestnut St., Union, is an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System.

## Tests should rule out STDs prior to pregnancy

If you think you 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: gonorrhea and chlamydia. They occur in both men and women and are passed from person to person through sex.

Untreated, both gonorrhea and chlamydia can cause serious health

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problems for a woman, including pelvic infection. A woman with a severe infection may not be able to become pregnant or may have an ectopic 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

membranes during pregnancy. A newborn can also become seriously ill if he or she gets gonorrhea from the mother, which can be passed to the fetus before birth. Gonorrhea can also result in a miscarriage.

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

## Learning the trade



Aaron Hoffer, vice president of Comfort Medical Equipment at 240 Morris Ave. in Springfield, attends the International Medtrade 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, first aid supplies, respiratory equipment, oxygen, support socks, stethoscopes and anything needed for a patient convalescing at home. For information, call 973-378-7888.

## Trash, layoffs focus in 2001

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Alan Augustine of Scotch Plains, 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 Thomas Kean Jr. of Westfield, choosing him over Cranford Township Committee member Tom Denny. Former Scotch Plains Mayor Gabe Spera and Green Brook Mayor Patricia Walsh, Bassano's retirement to take a position with the New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority 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.

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 C'Flair, Democratic chairman in the Township of Union, joined incumbents Neil Cohen of Roselle in the Assembly and Raymond Lesniak of Elizabeth in the Senate.

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, Assemblyman Joseph Suliga of Linden also moved up to the Senate while Freeholder Linda Stender 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

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"The Legislature really hasn't put New Jersey Transit on any kind of stable financial footing," he said. "Each 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 fuel tax so that a portion of it is dedicated solely to rail and bus 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 current 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 taken out of one pot to go into another pot."

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## Mothers & More meet

The Union County chapter of Mothers & More will meet to brainstorm new ideas for activities in 2002 on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Hanson House, 33 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 guidebooks and enthusiasm for planning a great year of activities for 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 United States and Canada.

The Union County chapter holds meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Hanson House. The Union County chapter provides many social opportunities for mothers and their children including weekly playgroups, mom and tot outings, mom's night out and a variety 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 sponsor 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."

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 convention. 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 Committee to fulfill the stated 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 members, friends and guests of the community 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, PT, has been recognized throughout the state and nation as a leader in Aquatic Physical Therapy. She currently is the Aquatic Coordinator at ADVANCED Physical Therapy Associates located at 210 North Avenue East in Cranford, NJ.

Linda worked with founders, David and Nancy Van Brunt, to establish an innovative Aquatic Physical Therapy and Wellness program ten years ago. This program has evolved into our current state-of-the-art warm water therapeutic pool and spa rehabilitation. Many area residents have experienced less pain and improved function with this program, greatly assisting those with arthritis, joint replacement, spinal stenosis, disc herniation and recovery from spinal surgery.

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 is 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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### PREVENTING FROSTBITE

Frostbite is a serious condition in which body tissue, most often the skin, becomes frozen. To prevent long-term damage to the skin, frostbite requires immediate medical attention. Frostbite is a warning sign that frostbite could occur. Children are particularly susceptible to frostbite because they tend to spend more time playing outdoors in the winter, and their young bodies release heat from their skin rapidly. Frostbite leaves skin white and numb. It is typically noticed first on the cheeks, nose, ears, fingers, and toes. Caregivers should bring the child indoors and remove all wet clothing. Heat up the affected body parts with warm water (104-108°F) until the child regains sensation. Frostbite looks like white, waxy skin that feels numb and hard.

Remember, frostbite can also occur on unexposed skin. Fingers and toes, though covered with mittens and shoes, can be affected by the cold, especially when coverings become damp or wet. If you are concerned about possible symptoms of frostbite or injury, call NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE SERVICES, located at 2780 Morris Avenue, Suite 2A in Union, NJ 07087-3500 to schedule a consultation.

PS: These children in winter, encourage them to come inside at regular intervals and with the help of a caregiver.



Stepping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events in the Union County area.

Stepping Out

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL... an exhibit of black-and-white and color photography by Helen Leukow...

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

FLOWER COMPACT, the works of Martha Suhr Rolland, will be on exhibit in the Wiser House Gallery at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum...

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL in Mountainside will exhibit the New Jersey Photography Forum seventh annual Juried Show...

EIGHT ARTISTS from the Exhibitors Co-Op will have their work on exhibit at the Arts Guild of Rahway...

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

GALLERY hours are Mondays to Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

SUMMIT FRAME AND ART will exhibit oil paintings by New Jersey artist John Chiechring through Sunday.

GALLERY hours are Mondays to Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: The Merck 2001 Union County Juried Art Show will be on exhibit in the Fritchford Gallery...

GALLERY hours are Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MAKING A MARK - the work of New Jersey artists Gary Briedle, Caroline Burton, Eric McLendon, Gloria Rodriguez and Barbara Stork...

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

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WESTFIELD ART ASSOCIATION will offer an artist demonstration titled 'Pastel Figure Painting'...

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

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

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

TRIO-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains.

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

WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS will present Agatha Christie's 'The Unexpected Guest' Jan. 5 to 18.

ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE will present 'An Enemy of the People' by Henrik Ibsen Jan. 18 to Feb. 17.

CROSSROADS, 78 North Ave., Garwood presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts.

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# AUTOMOTIVE

## A new and sleek redesign puts Altima in the fast lane

By Mark Maynard  
Copley News Service  
Shhh. No talking. Roll up the windows and turn off the radio. We will go fast now.

I remember those words from a German automotive engineer describing 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 undulations of a good, rolling back-country 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 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 comfortable seat angle and foot room. The front seats are 1½ 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-cylinder model in three trim levels — base, S and SL — prices range from \$16,839 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 \$23,689 with the topline. I 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 also requires the ABS and air bag package — includes front side air bags and front and rear head curtain bags — for \$749.

You'll want traction control to preserve the hefty footprint of the Bridgestone Turanza touring tires. The 3.5-liter V-6 is rated at 240 horsepower, which in this 3,200-pound

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

Floor it, but hold on. The steering wheel will pull as the double-overhead-cam engine — the same one used in the Maxima sedan — jams horsepower down the throat of the transaxle. 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 fuel mileage is rated 19 mpg city and 26 highway.

It was a little difficult to tell how rapidly I was consuming fuel because the car comes with a 20-gallon tank. Nissan recommends premium fuel but says it will perform well on regular.

If you'd prefer less fuel consumption and an ultra-low-emissions vehicle, the Altima 2.5-liter 4-cylinder with automatic gets 22/28 miles per gallon — 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 got 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, shhh. It's time to go fast.

Mark Maynard is driving in cyberspace at mark.maynard@uniontrib.com.

### 2002 Nissan Altima 3.5 SE

Body style: Midsize, front-wheel-drive 5-passenger sedan  
 Engine: 3.5-liter DOHC V-6  
 Horsepower: 240 at 5,800 rpm  
 Torque: 246 foot-pounds at 4,400 rpm  
 Transmission: 4-speed automatic  
 Acceleration: 0 to 60 mph, 6.3 seconds, estimated  
 EPA estimated fuel mileage: 19 mpg city, 26 highway  
 Fuel tank: 20 gallons; 91 octane recommended

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Safety: Dual front air bags, immobilizer anti-theft system, side door beams, 3-point belts at all seats and front pretensioners and force limiters, emergency inside trunk release

#### Dimensions

Wheelbase: 110.2 inches  
 Length: 191.5 inches  
 Curb weight: 3,273 pounds  
 Trunk capacity: 15.6 cubic feet

#### Chassis

Suspension: 4-wheel independent with front and rear stabilizer bars, with performance tuning  
 Brakes: Power-assisted 4-wheel discs, vented front, solid rear  
 Tires and wheels: P1215 55R 17-inch Bridgestone Turanza on alloy wheels  
 Pricing  
 Base: \$23,689; price as tested, \$27,462

## Red still means stop, even inside the car

By Jon Woods  
and Gary Nugent  
I don't know for sure how mawkish originally did that the color red should signify stop.

When it comes to cars, red also means stop. Stop signs are red, stoplights are red, even police lights are red — when they flash at you, they also mean stop. And one more — your car's oil pressure warning light is also red. And it means stop, too. But a lot of people don't believe it and this keeps engine re-builders and repair shops in business.

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 constantly pumps oil in between these parts. The pump sucks up oil from the oil pan and pumps it under pressure to where it's needed. The oil then returns 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 oil system is working or not. So long as the oil pump 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 has, for whatever reason quit pumping 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.

But here's where people get confused. What does "soon" mean? "Soon" means as quickly as you safely 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 to 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 difference between just having to add oil to your engine rather than rebuilding it. For you parents that are financing first-time drivers, you might prevent severe damage to your wallets if you have your young driver read this article.



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