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Expectations

Expectations can put you in a rough spot. Dori Llagami spent his Saturday supervising the activities at Amalfe Brothers Tire in Elizabeth. Ford Company honchos Jacques Nasser and William Clay Ford Jr. have flooded the airways with a counter offensive over the public relations disaster caused by the recall of the Firestone ATX ATX II tires.

Emphasizing that he was only giving a "personal view," Llagami spoke about the world of tires in between supervising cars in and out of the bays, over the noise of tire changing, and the music of Martha Reeves and the Vandellas thrown into the mix.

Left Out

By Frank Capace

"The Firestone tire is not a bad tire, but I understand there had to be a reason for the recall," said the Kenilworth resident. "With a Firestone store just down the street most of our business is in other brands." But Llagami couldn't resist the story of one customer with 50,000 miles plus on his tires, who took a shot on getting a new set.

Most of the customers of Amalfe Brothers are generational. Llagami's favorite is the woman who faithfully comes from Lakewood. After all, both her father and grandfather had always purchased their tires from this dealer and she was instructed to do the same.

Maybe the trust and history is what engenders the expectations. Last weekend Freeholder Al Mirabella, and Board Clerk Liz Genevich thought a good deal about meeting expectations. For the third year the county sponsored Jersey Jazz by the Lake at Nomahegan Park in Cranford.

Last year the event took place in the middle of Tropical Storm Floyd which ravaged the center of the county. This year the 7,000 people who showed up on Saturday with a like number on Sunday were interested in the music of Sonny Rollins and John Fitzgerald. Good weather blocked out memories of rain.

The crowds in their lawn chairs have made this event into a post-summer tradition. But Mirabella along with Genevich and a host of county workers continued to work the details necessary so others could sit and enjoy.

One of the crowd members who liked the anonymity was County Corrections Chief James Coleman. This is another guy who knows about balancing rising expectations against limited funds. But, it turns out that Coleman really is a jama buff who sees the festival "as a wonderful opportunity to just enjoy a break."

A new celebrity was county legal assistant Deborah Capasso from Cranford. She was in demand because of her friendship with the weekend's star, Frazzelli. She dutifully shuffled in the line of people for an autograph and in some cases a picture with the friends.

County Police Capt. Bill White supervised crowd control and added, "We anticipated the crowd; we were ready and the event was a success."

The growing popularity of the event did not escape County Manager Michael Legola. He split his time between observing on county employees and watching the crowd. He did take time to commit the county to the event next year.

That's the thing with expectations, they have a way of taking on a life of their own.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capace is an attorney.

Freeholders adopt deer hunt plan

Hunt will continue until other methods are available

By Steve Grbic
Staff Writer

The Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted the recommendation of the Watching Reservation Deer Management Subcommittee on Sept. 14 to continue hunting deer using specially selected sharp shooters and guns.

The Board of Freeholders appointed the subcommittee in 1994 to study the potential solutions for thinning the deer population and in 1995 adopted a five-year plan to reduce the herd from 180 per square mile to 20 per square mile by means of a controlled hunt.

The adoption of the most recent report will formulate a plan to continue the maintenance of the deer herd in the Watching Reservation through hunting for an indefinite time, until other methods become available.

The subcommittee specifically recommends the program be limited by a maximum of three days or a pre-set number of deer, whichever comes first; the program may be re-evaluated every year to maintain the 20 deer per square mile density; the program be conducted the same time each year to assist park users; provisions be made to enable other hunters to enter the program; and the goal for 2001 would be to remove 25 deer and the upper limit would be set at 50.

The subcommittee agreed at its December meeting that 18 deer would need to be removed over the course of three days to maintain a stable population, but no limit was placed on the number of deer to be killed.

In actuality, 30 deer were killed on the first morning shift. By the end of the second day, 52 deer had been killed, far exceeding the program's expectations.

Charles Sigmund, director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, and Daniel Bernier, program administrator, decided to end the proposed three-day deer maintenance program one day early.

The overkill in the program this year is one reason Linda Niedweske of Westfield, a former member of the Union County Deer Management Subcommittee, resigned in June. She believes the county is not looking into alternative methods to manage the deer population, and instead is opting to kill only for the sake of killing.

Niedweske, once the representative of the New Jersey Animal Rights Alliance to the subcommittee, said, "This is just another example of them not looking into other options. They are literally getting away with murder. I just think that whole thing is a sham."

According to the report, Larry Katz, head of the Department of Animal Science at Rutgers University's Cook College, said there was no significant progress toward the development of a usable immunocontraception, which is a system aimed at temporarily blocking fertilization by darting females with two shots of a vaccine.

The subcommittee maintains the problem with this method of deer management is that the dart must be accurately placed into the deer using an air rifle, which is easily deflected by small twigs, unlike a shotgun. In addition the vaccine must be administered to the deer twice within a month making it hard for officials to determine which deer received the vaccine and which did not.

Niedweske disagrees because she believes the subcommittee has not even discussed any of these options, but merely puts them aside by stating that killing the deer is the best method.

Kids Kingdom fun



Jay Sheviris examines the face-painting job Jackie Bartman did on him with Lela Shevins, left, and Eolide Shevins, right, during activities at the county-sponsored Kids Kingdom in Nomahegan Park in Cranford on Sunday.

EDC seminar targets women

Does your business need a "shot in the arm"? Do you want your business to get on the fast track to increased growth and profitability? If so, come join other small business owners at a three-day training program jointly sponsored by NJAWBO's Women's Business Center and the Union County Economic Development Corporation.

The "Grow Smart" seminar is designed primarily for women business owners who have been in business for at least three years. The goal of the course is to help the small business owners gain an understanding and the practical skills of how to take their business to the next level. Each participant will create a comprehensive, goal-directed strategic business plan. Sales and marketing needs of the business along with organizational infrastructure issues such as hiring and retaining good employees will be addressed.

"Most entrepreneurs are creative and good at what they do. Grow Smart helps business owners tap into — or develop — the business acumen to succeed," said Harriet Diamond, president of Diamond Associates of Westfield and Grow Smart instructor.

"Often entrepreneurs think of growth strictly from a revenue perspective. Revenue must be aligned with an infrastructure to manage costs and maintain quality in order to keep moving forward," Diamond said.

The Grow Smart seminar runs over a course of three days, Sept. 28, Oct. 3 and 11, beginning at 9 a.m. and concluding at 4 p.m. The classes will be at the offices of UCEDC at Liberty Hall Center, 1083 Morris Ave., Union.

Union County Economic Development Corporation and NJAWBO's Women's Business Center are both committed to providing training and support to women business owners. "Partnering with the Women's Business Center in order to offer a seminar such as 'Grow Smart' to the women business owners of Union County made a great deal of sense," said Marjorie Tison, president of UCEDC.

"The success of women-owned businesses will further ensure the economic vitality that Union County is currently experiencing."

NJAWBO's Women's Business Center specializes in entrepreneurial training for women business owners. The center offers several courses addressing the needs of both the neophyte as well as the seasoned business owner.

If you would like to register for the "Grow Smart" seminar, or if you would like general information about NJAWBO's programs, call NJAWBO at (732) 560-9752 or email at wcbj@jlawbo.org. If you would like to learn more about the programs and services of the UCEDC, call 527-1166 or check their web site at www.ucedc.com.

History comes to life



Colonial and native American crafts and history will come to life at the 10th annual Union County Harvest Festival at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainview on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Colonial crafts will be demonstrated and there will be storytelling, games, singing, dancing and a special planetarium show. Admission is \$3 per person. Children younger than 7 years old will be admitted free. Frederick Ross, a fur trader and trapper, appeared during last year's festival.

Gun safety groups endorse both candidates in congressional race

By Mark Hryman
Regional Editor

Ceasefire New Jersey, one of the largest gun safety groups in the state, has come out in support of both candidates in the 7th District Congressional race: Democrat Maryanne Connelly of Fanwood and Republican Michael Ferguson of Warren.

"It is clear that when the voters of New Jersey go to the polls in November, an issue that will be important to them is ensuring the safety of their children," said Bryan Miller, executive director of Ceasefire New Jersey. "New Jersey residents are overwhelmingly supportive of enacting common-sense gun safety laws, laws that will help keep guns out of the hands of those who should not have them."

"Ceasefire gave much consideration to the 7th District, especially given the identically positive responses to our questionnaire we received from both candidates." Both Ferguson and Connelly received perfect scores on the group's questionnaire.

"Our view is that both Mike Ferguson and Maryanne Connelly exhibit the sort of heartfelt concern for public safety that we look for in candidates."

Ceasefire's endorsements in New Jersey Congressional races were primarily Democrat, a point touted by the Ferguson campaign. No Democrat in any Congressional race failed to be endorsed while dual endorsements were issued in the 4th and 5th Congressional districts, the first year Ceasefire has done so.

Democrats were endorsed in nine of the state's 13 Congressional races in addition to presidential candidate Al Gore and Senate candidate Jon Corzine. No endorsement was made in the 11th District, a staunchly Republican, primarily Morris County district represented by Rodney Frelinghuysen.

The organization's endorsements are based on the candidates' stated positions, voting records, and "history or likelihood of taking a leadership role on guns in Washington."

Both 7th District congressional candidates support man-

datory trigger locks for all guns sold in the U.S.; eliminating the gun show loophole; development of smart gun technology and licensing and registration of all handguns.

Ceasefire was not the only gun safety group to endorse both candidates. The Union County chapter of the Million Mom March, a grassroots advocacy organization of mothers and others working to prevent gun trauma, offered its endorsement of Connelly and Ferguson.

Both candidates were very sincere in their support of the group's primary policy goal of licensing and registration, said Julia DeSanis, founder of the Union County chapter of the Million Mom March. "Initially our thinking was it did not make sense to endorse both, but if they're both strong it does an injustice not to say that in some measure."

"Double endorsements are rarely done," said DeSanis, "but we felt both were deserving of it."

Connelly also received the endorsement of Handgun Control Inc., the largest citizen's gun control lobbying organization in the country.

"While I believe that legislators alone cannot solve the cultural problems we face today," Ferguson said, "they can at least enact reasonable legislation to make sure that those who should not have guns are not able to get them."

Ferguson co-chaired a peace conference Monday at Jonathan Dayton High School with State Senate President Donald DiFrancesco of Scotch Plains to announce the endorsement after he spoke to a social studies class. Both Republicans stressed the need for technology to catch up with the need for safer guns.

"Technology tells us we can have safer guns," said DiFrancesco, who avoided making an endorsement in the crowded Republican primary field earlier this year.

"People are demanding a safer atmosphere. It is a cutting issue in any campaign."

The Connelly campaign took the opportunity to highlight an opinion piece authored by Ferguson and published in the *Asbury Park Press* in 1999 which criticized Democrats for voting against a bill written by the National Rifle Association.

State helps fund new road signs

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the state Division of Highway and Traffic Safety will work with 12 municipalities in the county to place new, high visibility pedestrian and school crossing signs at about 75 of the county's most dangerous crosswalks.

The bright yellow-green signs use a highly reflective coating developed by 3M that makes them more visible at all hours. In all, the county will oversee the installation of 500 of the signs.

Signs will be placed in Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Linden, Mountainview, New Providence, Rahway, Roselle, Scotch Plains, Summit, Union and Westfield.

The signs will show the familiar pedestrian crossing and school crossing symbols. In addition, signs located at the most crucial crosswalks will have the long "bright side" reflectors placed on the sign pole for added visibility.

"This program let's us take advantage of the great improvements in the way signs are printed, making them much more visible from much further away," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan.

Union County's Traffic Safety Bureau, part of the county's Division of Engineering, will work closely with local police and the Union County Traffic Officers Association to identify the most important intersections. The county received a \$37,200 grant from the Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the new signs. The county and local police determined where the signs will be placed and county workers will install the signs. Municipalities that take part in the program have agreed to provide at least two hours of active presence and enforcement at the locations.

Many of the signs have already been installed and county officials expect all of the signs to be in place by the end of the month.

According to figures collected by the county's Traffic Safety Bureau, 52 pedestrians lost their lives in accidents with motor vehicles between 1993 and 1997, and many more were injured.

Sullivan noted that the county recently installed another pedestrian safety system: lights embedded in the roadway that flash when activated by a pedestrian. The lights have been installed at a pedestrian crossing on East Broad Street in Westfield, where there have been pedestrian fatalities. Union County is currently studying the effectiveness of the system.

The county also is conducting a pedestrian safety study in the Route 22 corridor, determining the number of pedestrians who cross or walk along the highway and the best way to ensure their safety. The study is funded through a state grant.

Leisure Lifestyles

The Hobby Shop
The Place for Crafters, Collectors & Hobbyists

Expo planner says, record collectors 'always go back to music'

By Bill Van Sant
Associate Editor

The Holiday Inn in Springfield was transformed into a veritable rock and roll hall of fame Sunday when the Record and CD Expo once again drew crowds from far and wide.

Sponsored by Greater New Jersey Record Shows, the event, a regular feature at the Holiday Inn, was a treasure trove for the music collector. From vintage vinyl to today's hot sounds, from autographed memorabilia to books, books and more books — table upon table was strewn with exactly the type of merchandise to entice music lovers of any age or era.

However, those expecting to find only recorded music should think again before making room for some "new" LPs. Among the vast selection of collectibles were tickets to concerts performed by the Beatles and Jimi Hendrix, a framed photo and autograph from Janis Joplin priced at \$995, and performance contracts issued to the Birds and the Yardbirds,

the latter for a student union concert. Further autographed memorabilia included countless albums, drink coasters and even guitars, two of which signed by members of U2 and the Rolling Stones.

And it isn't just music per se: several vendors featured collections of novelty albums, many inspired by television shows. In one such bin were three unlikely albums by a row: "Archie and Edith Side in the Sides," "Dark Shadows" featuring "Queen's Theme," and "Trek Bloopers," claiming to contain "rare third-season bloopers never heard before."

The selections are as varied as the merchandise for sale. As are the customers.

Weaving among the Baby Boomers and Gen-Xers was a decent number of senior citizens, one of whom was thrilled to find an Oscar Righter album marked "Free." Right next to him was a young woman flipping through a box of solo albums by the Beatles. And boxes of 45s lined table

after table, with everything from Chuck Berry to Debbie Boone the Beastie Boys.

"You get every kind of personality," said organizer Dave Lenz of the customers who flock to his shows. He affectionately describes the die-hard collectors — many of whom he knows by name — as being "intense, off-kilter personalities."

"They tend to be very serious about what they do, to the exclusion of everything else."

Lenz — who with his wife, Molly, runs Lzzy's Records on St. Georges Avenue in Linden — has been organizing record and CD expos for 11 years, devoting quite a bit of time to each event. "For each show, we put in probably three months' lead time," which is spent recruiting vendors, making phone calls, mailing flyers and miscellaneous information, and attending other expos.

This last is important because it enables Lenz to be seen and develop a reputation among his target customer base as well as prospective vendors.

Lenz's vendor list is as fiercely protected as any Pentagon secret, but he does divulge that he works with dealers from across the nation. "We get people from as far away as New Hampshire and Maine, as far south as the Carolinas, and as far west as the Chicago area," he allowed.

Lenz points out that the revenue generated does help make ends meet at the record store, but he won't be getting rich anytime soon. "I do it because I like it," he said. "It's not anything I'll ever get rich from, but I like it."

And what's not to like when the older gentleman with the Oscar Peterson album makes his way past two

school-age children — a boy and a girl — thrilled to get not one, but two N Sync books?

And Lenz points out that such youngsters don't always come in looking for the Backstreet Boys or the Spice Girls. Oftentimes in this age of compact discs, it's good, old-fashioned vinyl they're after.

"Really, vinyl is just as hot as ever," Lenz said. "Maybe more so, as people in their 20s are 'discovering' the old record player stuck in a corner of the closet and realizing that instead of paying \$15 to \$20 for a new CD, they can pick up maybe a dozen LPs for the same money."

Lenz points to people's nostalgia

and the music to which they reminisce as a big reason for his shows' success. "Even if you can't remember the exact date, you know, 'That song was playing when that girl broke my heart in high school.'"

"Records were your friends when you had no friends," he continued. "I've always felt that. You always go back to music."

For information on future expos — which have been scheduled at the same location for March 18, June 10 and Sept. 9 in 2001 — contact the Greater New Jersey Record Shows at (908) 486-3303 or send e-mail to GNJRecordShows@aol.com.

Shrewd eye separates trash from treasure

How many times, when cleaning out the attic or garage, have you come across an old lamp or clock that was handed down from Grandma's Great Aunt Wilma, and wondered, "Hmmm, could this be worth a lot of money or is it just an ugly old lamp?"

Richard Rushton-Clem of Lewisburg, Pa., spotted an old pickle jar and thought that item might be worth something. He hoped that he could sell it for around \$300. Rushton-Clem placed the pickle jar for sale on the Internet's most popular online trading site, and the pickle jar sold for \$44,000.

These are the kind of stories that have Americans sifting through garages, attics, estate sales and local thrift stores trying to figure out what is trash or treasure.

With some quick tips, there is less need to wonder about what to do with the stuff that's accumulated in your basement, garage or attic. You can stop worrying about whether you're going to throw out or give away something that could be worth a fortune.

brand name or manufacturer, artist or designer, country of origin, condition, dates, size and colors.

• Sign up and get registered on eBay. It's easy. Just go to www.ebay.com and fill out the registration form. Provide an e-mail and credit card number, then choose an online user name and password.

• You can have your item listed in a few minutes. Simply by filling out the "sell" form, select the most appropriate category for the item, provide a descriptive title and a detailed description. It's optional, but recommended, to include a photograph of the item. Be sure to include shipping and handling terms. Finally, choose the length of time to run your auction — either three, five, seven or 10 days.

• Close up and leave feedback. You should contact the winning bidder by e-mail once the auction ends and arrange any closing details. Pay attention to your feedback on eBay. Your feedback is your online reputation. The more positive feedback you build with each transaction, the more respected you can become.

With these key points, you may be on your way to holding your own "virtual" garage sale and joining the excitement of making your unwanted items someone else's cherished treasure.

• Don't throw or give away anything casually. Some of the strangest or ugliest items can be worth something.

• A little research can go a long way. Reference books, dealers or price guides can help. Or look for similar items for sale or recently sold on the Internet under the right category to help identify the item.

• Check the condition. Is it worn or flawed? Or is the piece in perfect condition with no chips, cracks, breaks or tears? Look the item over carefully and take note of every flaw or minor damage.

• Write a clear and detailed description of the item, including

New collectible stamp honors rain forests

For the newest issues in a continuing American nature series, the United States Postal Service has put its stamp on the Pacific Coast Rain Forest.

The rain forest's beauty and complexity are commemorated with 10 stamps that together make up a detailed pane featuring native plant and animal life. The stamps were dedicated at the Woodland Park Zoo in Seattle, Wash.

"The Pacific Coast Rain Forest stamp pane is an amazing depiction of the animal and plant species in the temperate rain forest, and a great educational component," said Seattle Postmaster Katherine Nash.

Painted by John D. Dawson of Hilo, Hawaii, the stamp art includes 26 animal and plant species common to the temperate rain forest of the Pacific Northwest. Because

streams, rivers and the life they support are critical parts of the ecosystem, the scene includes an aquatic component.

Many of the trees in the rain forest grow to more than 200 feet high, with bases as large as seven feet wide. The trees may live as long as 700 years, and require between 80 and 160 inches of rain per year to survive.

The Pacific Coast Rain Forest stamp pane is the second in an educational series titled "Nature of America," designed to promote appreciation of North America's major plant and animal communities. The first in the series, the Sonoran Desert pane, was issued in 1999.

For more information, or to order stamp products directly, call (800) STAMP24 or visit the web site at www.stampsonline.com.

Les Malamut Gallery is 'going digital'

The next exhibit at the Les Malamut Gallery will be "Digital Compositions" of Hans Waldur of Tinton Falls. The show will run at the gallery in the Union Public Library, 1930 Morris Ave., through Nov. 1.

Waldur has used his vast expertise as a graphic artist, professional photographer and art educator to produce his digital compositions. He says, "Technology is the tool — the artist is the creator. As in any other medium, the artist's imagination, creativity, sensitivity and expertise determine the quality of the work."

Like many artists and photographers, Waldur was initially prejudiced against the computer. However,

with the arrival of desktop publishing, digital imaging and sophisticated software packages — the digital dark room became a creative challenge. He has used his computer skills to create a wide range of digital paintings, collages and studies which will be on view in the gallery.

Waldur received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Frankfurt, Germany; his master's of arts degree from the University of Chicago, and a diploma from the New York Institute of Photography. He is currently a computer graphics consultant and artist after having retired as a professor of the Marketing Art and Design Department at Middlesex County College.

He is a member of the Printmaking Council of New Jersey, The Art Directors Club of New Jersey and the New Jersey Electronics Publishing Society.

He has exhibited in numerous solo and group shows. He is most proud of the awards of excellence that he received in the 1994 Vector and Pixel Competition by the New Jersey Electronic Publishing Society.

The exhibit is open during library hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Roselle Park Department of Public Works (WEST WEBSTER AVENUE): Take Route 28 (Westfield Ave.) into Roselle Park. Turn onto Locust Avenue (there is a Diner and gas station on the corner); from Elizabeth area make a right, from Cranford area make a left. Travel about 1/2 mile and turn left onto West Webster Avenue (A 7-11 on the corner). The Public Works Yard is about 1/4 mile on the left of the Roselle Park High School.

Rahway River Park, Union County Parks & Recreation (ST. GEORGES AVENUE): From Roselle/Linden area, take St. Georges Avenue (Route 27) into Rahway. Entrance to the Park is on the right between Scott Ave. and W. Grand Ave. Follow signs once in the park. From Parkway South: Exit 136, bearing left off exit ramp onto traffic circle. Go under Parkway and take left exit ramp off of circle onto Valley Road. Follow through one light and continue straight. Turn right onto Rahway Park. Follow signs.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'Y' launches its cabaret series

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Not too long ago, Naomi Miller, international performer and singer, entertained with song and dance Yitshak Shamir, then the prime minister of Israel, when he came to the United States.

Sunday afternoon, Miller entertained with song and dance an audience mostly made up of senior citizens at the YMHA-YWHA of Union County on Green Lane in Union.

The audience reaction to the lovely and talented Miller, whose golden voice captures the very heart of every audience she ever had, was probably the same — a joyful, musical, mostly Yiddish, but other languages, too — whether performing for dignitaries or important ordinary citizens.

Prior to the hour-long show — and what a show it was! — program director Myrna Friedman, production specialist Jacqueline Sherin, and the staff at the "Y" prepared refreshments in the lobby.

At the tables, made up in a night club atmosphere, there were goodies and sodas for everyone. And while everyone waited for the ninth season of "A Cabaret Series" to begin, suddenly, Miller appeared in a beautiful black outfit with a fancy black hat, walking down the aisles and singing Yiddish and Hasidic songs, and swinging a tamborine. "Shalom, everyone," she exclaimed, and was rewarded with a "Shalom" and applause. The German-born entertainer, who spent her childhood in a displaced camp during the war, revived the songs of her childhood Sunday at the "Y."

Miller explained that "Yiddish was my first language, my second, Russian; my third, Pig Latin, and today, I'm singing in a very different language."

She introduced her fine pianist and accompanist, Michael Tomnick, and offered lively Hebrew songs with audience participation — "Oseh Shalom," "Hefei Yehou Shalom Aleichem," "My father," Miller said, "was a plumber and he thought he'd be rich when he came to America because the streets were paved with gold. No such thing," she laughed, and sang a few more songs.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was when Miller called up



Naomi Miller

'I love to sing in many different languages. It's like taking a vitamin pill. The songs give me energy.' — Naomi Miller

three men and three women, and there was more lively dancing to her Yiddish songs. All six received a record album as a gift. She sang "That's My Boy" in English, and it was a history of one of her sons and her grandson. Miller then sang of her second son, who is deaf. "What does it feel like to have a deaf child?" she asked. And she sang adding her own sign language. "We Can't Hear Your World of Silence," Miller later explained that she teaches music to deaf children.

"I love to sing in many different languages," she said, and her repertoire on and off Broadway in the last three years, which she presented to Sunday's audience, included "Lullaby of Broadway" in Yiddish and French; "Hello, Dolly!" in Italian; "Manana" — "Tomorrow" — and the music from

"Evita," including "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina" in Spanish, and "A Chorus Line" in Japanese. There were tender renditions of music from "Fiddler on the Roof" — "Sunrise, Sunset" and "To Life." She invited the audience to sing along in a medley of nostalgic Jewish songs.

The funniest moment was when she sang "Won't You Come Home, Bill Bailey" in Yiddish. "Singing in any language is exalting to me," said Miller. "It's like taking a vitamin pill. The songs give me energy."

The audience couldn't get enough of Naomi Miller, who, incidentally, stayed to talk to anyone who approached her. "You're a fabulous audience," she cooed. Well, Naomi Miller is a fabulous performer!

Singer revisits Manor in style

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

The very thought of Marlene VerPlanck offering warm, heartfelt love songs in a voice dripping with emotion can attract numerous audiences — at least anyone who ever had a moment — or a lifetime — of the rigors of love.

So, when the petite, pretty songstress shared an hour with her love-struck audience on the evening of Sept. 14 in the cabaret room of Le Dome at the Manor in West Orange — where she presented her program, "My Impetuous Heart," accompanied by three fine musicians, a pianist, a bassist and a drummer — it was an evening to remember.

What could have been more perfect than beginning the evening with the Cabaret Soiree dinner down in the Manor's elegant dining room, where the smiling maître d', Sammy Odeh, came by several times to assure the dining crowd that it was getting top-quality attention and excellent food? Our waiter, also named Sam, came by with the chef's speciality, a mere taste of tomato mousse with zucchini salad and pesto sauce, which was delicate, yet nice and crisp and refreshing.

For the first course, I savored the outrageously delicious cream of wild mushroom soup, while my companion raved about the Prosciutto-wrapped fig, heirloom tomato and mozzarella Napoleon with artichoke hearts and pesto sauce.

By the time the tangy mixed baby greens salad with Italian vinaigrette arrived, Bobby Richards, the imaginatively wonderful pianist, did too — and melted the diners with his very special renditions of "Bewitched,



Marlene VerPlanck

Bothered and Bewitched" and "As Time Goes By."

My crispy breast of duck was served with acorn squash risotto and grenadine port wine sauce, its tender juices marvelous to the palate. My companion exclaimed that her choice of sliced tenderloin of beef, rolled and filled with prosciutto and basil and served on a bed of braised cabbage with cabernet thyme reduction, was excellent. Imagine — dining to the tender, musical atmosphere of "Always," a song that has always been a favorite of millions. And when the fantastic, most unusual tasting dessert came along with its plum ragout served with soft curd mousse, topped with a caramelized strudel leaf, Richards was offering "September Song," "Autumn Leaves" and "Misty." That, and the coffee and the excellent petits fours, were so relaxing that one had to make an effort to

climb the winding steps up to Le Dome for the main attraction.

It seems everyone loves Marlene VerPlanck because she filled — really overfilled — the little cabaret with fans. Extra tables and chairs had to be squeezed in so that everyone could appreciate her "impetuous heart." With the versatile, talented Tex Arnold at the piano, the equally talented musicians, Joe Cocozzo at the drums and Gary Mazarzoppi on bass, VerPlanck brought her audience memories of love with her vast selection of music offered with feeling, beginning with those written in the 1920s. Her "Nice and Cozy" softened her audience, and she went on to coax everyone with Larry Hart's "My Heart Stood Still," written in 1927, and his "Lover," written in 1933.

Her soft and tender voice brought forth "This Heart of Mine," "Put Your Money on Me," and "Irresponsible." There were more love songs of the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s, and VerPlanck offered more love with "Come Dance With Me," "Forever Me With Love," and "Not a Moment Too Soon," which was simply great.

When the incomparable singer introduced her parents, who were in the audience celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary, she offered to sing a love song — their love song — as a tribute. The song turned out to be everyone's love song through the ages, and right from the beginning of "The Very Thought of You," this reviewer gasped an "Oh," for no one could sing it as beautifully, as emotionally, as tenderly as Marlene VerPlanck. No one.

Oh!

Westfield Community Players kick off drive

The Westfield Community Players membership drive for the 2000-01 season is now under way.

Membership Director Letty Hudak noted that this year, a \$35 membership gives you tickets to all four of the new season's shows as well as a new letter and notification of special events. The cost of membership, she added, is almost a 40-percent savings over buying tickets to all four shows individually.

Individual season subscriptions can be obtained for \$35 each, with checks payable to Westfield Community Players, sent to Letty Hudak at 409 Harrison Ave., Westfield, NJ 07090. Current subscribers are urged to watch the mail for their renewal information, while others can call the theater at (908) 232-9568 and leave a message. All shows open on a Saturday night and run Friday and Saturday evenings for three or four weekends, making it easy to have a local night out to experience live theater.

The first show of the upcoming season is the Tony Award-winning hit comedy by Alfred Uhry, "The Last Night of Ballyhoo," opening Oct. 14 and continuing until Nov. 4. With the Atlanta premier of "Gone With the Wind" as a backdrop, laughs, pathos and romance abound as a southern Jewish family gets ready for Ballyhoo, the social event of the season.

"A Shot in the Dark" by Marcel Achard and adapted by Harry Karmitz follows Jan. 6 and concludes Jan. 20. This mystery presents an inquisitive

prosecutor digging for the truth about a naive young woman, accused of murdering her lover. Show three is the gripping drama, "The Heiress" by Ruth and Augustus Goetz, opening March 19 and concluding March 24. The season finale is Samuel Taylor's romantic comedy of manners and misdirected love, "Sabrina Fair," opening May 12 and concluding June 9.

Westfield Community Players, founded in 1934, is one of the oldest

continuously operating community theaters in the state of New Jersey and has brought to life more than 190 comedies, dramas and musicals in the 150-seat theater in Westfield. With four productions for the upcoming season, WCP continues to be a vibrant part of the cultural scene in Union County.

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Trio jazes up Bernstein at Rahway Guild

The Arts Guild of Rahway continues its "Millennium Music" series with The Vince di Mura Trio playing a jazz tribute to Leonard Bernstein, from the maestro's great musicals, Friday at 8 p.m.

All seats are \$10; senior citizens and students will be charged \$8. Call (732) 381-7511 for reservations. The Arts Guild is located at 1670 Irving St. in Rahway.

This program gives honor to one of the most prominent musical personalities of the 20th century. Leonard Bernstein was more than a great conductor; he was a teacher, pianist and perhaps the finest composer for the American stage.

He revolutionized musical theater in the 1950s with amazing scores for "Wonderful Town," "Candide," "West Side Story" and other bits.

Vince di Mura has put together a wonderful program of jazz arrangements which pay tribute to this powerful artist and man. "Wrong Note Rag," "I Can Cook Too," and

"Lucky to Be Me" are a few of the songs in this tribute.

This is a program that will not only delight those who remember the wonderful gift that Bernstein was to the world of music, but also those who love theater and jazz which both inspired and challenged this outstanding artist. This concert coincides with the release of di Mura's new CD, "Imperfect Balance" featuring original jazz compositions, some of which will be included in the second half of this concert.

Vince di Mura has received a 2000 Fellowship in Jazz Composition from the Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation and The New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

Funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Additional funding for this concert has come from a contribution from Tosco Bayway Refinery of Linden.

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Photographers offer 'glances' in Rahway exhibit

The Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway begins its third season with "Stolen Glances," an exhibit of photographs featuring works by Sam D'Amico, Glenn Podel, Patricia D. Richards, David Kaplan and Ronnie Sacco.

The exhibit runs through Oct. 6. How many times have you seen something and knew it would make a terrific picture. "If Only I Had A Camera," is the common exclamation at these times. The five photographers at the Arts Guild this September have found a solution to this dilemma. They bring their cameras with them. These artists are keen observers of the passing scene. They have, each of them, developed a deep intuition that

guides them to the precise moment to snap the shutter — to record with wit and humor, with compassion and style, the events unfolding before them. For some of these photographers, such as Ronnie Sacco and Patricia Richards, their children and their friends have become the focus of their art — capturing, documenting, recording, responding to the unusual postures, the unique expressions that they find.

For Sam D'Amico of Milltown, the process is to observe and wait until things come together in the viewfinder and make an interesting form and then instinctively making an exposure, not only showing the viewer what the photographer saw, but also

showing the viewer the photographer. David Kaplan contributes photographs to a small feature in the *New York Times*. On breaks, he walks a five-block area around the CBS Broadcast Center, where he works as an associate director in Broadcast Operations. He finds that limitations focus him. Recently, he has begun to photograph people and how they physically relate to the presence of art — their body language, their apparent attitudes.

Glenn Podel of Union had an early interest in candid portraiture, which remains to this day very important to his style of photography. Podel's spontaneously taken photographs border on voyeurism. They are at once

intimate, yet distant, and often recall the contradictions ignored in the daily routines of life.

This exhibit has been curated by Nancy J. On of the New Jersey Media Center and co-founder of the N.J. Photographers Forum with which some of these exhibitors are affiliated.

The Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St. in Rahway. Call (732) 381-7511 for information and directions. Gallery Hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., or by appointment.

This exhibit has been made possible by generous funding from Merck and Co. Inc. of Rahway.

Hayride tickets are now on sale at Trailside Center

Although our thoughts currently center on enjoying swimming pools and beaches, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is looking forward to the change of seasons by placing tickets on sale for Fall Hayrides and Campfires in the Watchung Reservation.

Tickets are available at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

"This annual series of fall fun activities is one of the most popular offerings of the county's Department of Parks and Recreation," said Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. "The public is invited to participate in one or all of these family-oriented evenings of entertainment, refreshments and camaraderie."

Hayrides will take place on six Fridays: Sept. 29, Oct. 13, 20 and 27; and

Nov. 3. The rides begin at 6:30 p.m. In case of rain, participants will be rescheduled into one of the remaining rides that evening, as space allows, or an alternate night, as space permits.

A \$3 ticket for Union County residents — \$5 for out-of-county participants — entitles the ticket holder to a hayride through the beautiful Watchung Reservation, plus singing and storytelling, hot chocolate and marshmallows by a roaring campfire.

In addition to selling tickets in advance at Trailside, tickets will also be available for purchase at the Union County Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth. For additional information, contact the Department of Recreation at (908) 527-4900. This program is a service of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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Souffle est tres magnifique

By Bill Van Sant
Associate Editor

One complaint I've often had with haute cuisine is that despite the beautiful presentation and the succulent flavors, there's actually very little food on the plate. A work of art? Maybe. A full meal? Not quite.

However, this is far from the case at Souffle in Summit. To coin a phrase, you get all the "haute" with twice the "cuisine," feasting on sumptuous offerings in hearty portions that lack none of the aesthetic showmanship.

The ambience of the restaurant is quietly elegant as befits the experience awaiting gourmets. New age music drifts through the attractively lit dining room while impressionistic paintings grace the walls.

But it's the food that is beyond belief. My dinner companion and I started off with the foie gras and the escargot. The foie gras, served over parsnip puree and caramelized pears, surprises the palate with its delicious and unexpected combination of flavors, while the escargots in their puff pastries swimming in a sauce of garlic, white wine and lemon were succulent.

Moving on to the main course, we chose the tenderloin of beef in a Madeira wine sauce, and medallions of veal and shrimp sauteed in a light cream sauce. The tenderloin all but melts in one's mouth as the tang of the Madeira sauce counterpoints the natural richness of the beef. The accompanying roasted pearl onions are an experience unto themselves. The veal and shrimp, generously covered with mushrooms, were cooked to perfection — the veal as tender as the shrimp were firm, and all of it delicious.

Topping off the meal was the house specialty — soufflé. While I had the chocolate with raspberry sauce, my companion sampled the banana with a like-flavored topping. The chocolate soufflé was superior to that served at the Four Seasons, which this reviewer has sampled, and the banana featured small flecks of the fruit's flesh. Both soufflés were light enough to float out of their soufflé dishes and served at the peak of their perfection. Diners are asked to make their soufflé selections when ordering their meals to ensure this perfect timing.

The French have a unique talent for serving rich foods in combinations that leave the diner feeling satisfied and full, but never lethargic and over-stuffed, and the chef at Souffle is no exception. Although our meals were the richest we had eaten in some time, we had enough energy to stroll through Summit following our meal.

Souffle is located at 7 Union Place in Summit. Hours for lunch are noon to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Dinner is served from 5 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, 5 to 11 p.m. Saturdays, and 5 to 9 p.m. Sundays. Reservations are recommended. The restaurant does not have a liquor license, but a sommelier is awaiting you as you bring the vintage of choice. For reservations or more information, call (908) 589-0717 or visit the website at www.soufflerestaurant.homepage.com.

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Lionized bad behavior has become endemic

Just before the 2000 Summer Olympics opened in Sydney, Australia, George Vescey wrote sports commentary in the *New York Times*, advising us to judge the event on the basis of the athletic contests and performances, not the corruption and hubris of the organizers or sponsors, not to mention the athletes.

On the Arts

By Jon Plaut
Guest Columnist

Good advice, I think. These days the conduct of some of those in and around big-time sports is enough to turn your stomach.

For every genial or public-spirited Derek Jeter or Tiger Woods performing at peak level yet maintaining a modest bearing, there is a repulsive and galling Bobby Knight or Richard Williams with their destructiveness and sour demeanors. The teenage tantrum or at least pout has been in style, at least since John MacEnroe. Money is thrown at athletes, who never grow up and behave badly, at least as often as rock stars. The sweet respectfulness of Derek Jeter or Jackie Robinson's enormous accomplishment tell

us that this need not be the case or the norm.

Indeed, it doesn't appear that we expect our sports idols to behave better. As a culture, we treat them in our public idolatry in a grouping with rock and movie stars. Madonna not only has made a career of public bad taste, when she clearly demonstrates from her theater work that she knows better, she makes a fashion out of willful contrariness to attract her fans. The movie and television industry is not much better. The lowest common denominator in the world of dance these days are all night dance parties, called "traves," where the drug Ecstasy is often distributed like candy to teenagers. Young adults and little more than mere children are attracted to these extremes. The condemnation of violence in films, now so popular by politicians, is not without its base.

Dumb and dumber movies multiply, with little vision and even less to say to the teenagers who flock to them. Violence is endemic. This past summer it was hard to find an Ameri-

can movie for a thinking adult, which stunningly beautiful foreign films about misplaced idealism, "East-West," a family caught in Franco's fascism, "Butterfly," and young people in a lonely world, "Alice and Martin," wither from lack of promotion and audience.

Even when original independent American director Neil LaBute tackles a story in "Nurse Betty" about conventional, romantic escapist delusion, he borrows a cruelty and know-nothingness of attitude toward his characters from the Coen brothers which lessens his film. This error in script undercuts LaBute's usual edge, as we had become accustomed to it in the sharp and perceptive "Your Friends and Neighbors" and in "Happiness." Morgan Freeman is so good in "Nurse Betty" as the retiring killer, but his low-keyed, highly moral commentary seems as misplaced as the movie's pitch black night scene hiding the splendid Grand Canyon from the viewer.

Jon Plaut is a resident of Summit.

Website offers 'connection'

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced the August edition of the Union County Calendar of Events, "Cultural Connections," is available on the county's website.

"The Cultural Connections Calendar is an instant link to Union County's broad range of artistic, musical, educational and historical programs," said Freeholder Mary P. Ruotolo, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "The website not only highlights our talented county organizations and individuals, but also makes it easy to plan ahead so you don't miss any special events."

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Fall Fashion Bridal



National referral service can save brides wedding-day woes

Most women dream of their wedding day — often long before they even have someone to marry.

But without some real planning, the fantasy of a perfect wedding can, unfortunately, turn into a nightmare.

Consider these real-life scenarios: She wakes up on her big day to find that the bridal store never completed her dress alterations. The hair stylist makes her look more like Cenerentola De Vil than a blushing bride. The cake sinks. The band doesn't show. The photographer loses the negatives. The reception site is double-booked, and the program is full of misspellings.

How can the bride-to-be ensure that she hires trust-worthy wedding vendors?

"Search for wedding vendors as though you are searching for a job or a good doctor," says Linda Stansbury, editor of *Elegant Bride* magazine. "Check all available resources. Find out how long they've been in

'Search for wedding vendors as though you are searching for a job or a good doctor.'

— Linda Stansbury, editor
Elegant Bride magazine

business, how many weddings they've successfully completed and whether or not they have recommendations from at least five recent brides."

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• Call to see if your vendor is a member of 1-800-WEDDING.

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A sense of drama



High fashion and true love meet to create a dramatic and romantic impression for a fall wedding. Using everything from the internet to old-fashioned legwork, today's weddings can be anything the bride and groom wish to create.

Bill Van Sant, Editor

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Survey says, grooms are helping with wedding plans

Breaking the centuries-old tradition of just being expected to "show up" for the big day, men today are much more involved in their wedding plans. In fact, according to the Millennium Bride and Groom survey of newlyweds by Lenox, the Gift Company, men today are playing a bigger role not only in the wedding itself but beyond.

Ninety-two percent admitted to taking part in planning their weddings. This was common among men in all geographic regions of the country.

The survey also showed that men are rolling up their sleeves in the kitchen, with 20 percent preparing meals at home. These tell-tale signs indicate that couples are increasingly sharing responsibilities and breaking traditional barriers that dictate specific gender roles in the household.

In addition, of the more than 14,000 people who responded to the survey, 91 percent agreed that it is important to make entertaining personal by cooking yourself and having the soiree at home.

However, when it comes to entertaining, the less full the better. Nowadays, couples live casual lifestyles simply because they don't have a lot of extra time. To help these couples create their own style of living and entertaining, Lenox introduced the Millennium Bride and Groom Contest in 1999. All couples who

got engaged in 1999 and will be married in 2000 were eligible for the contest that awarded a prize of \$100,000 worth of gifts for life. Recently, Lenox announced that Keni Cullivan and David Alpers of California were the lucky grand prize winners.

Each prize represents traditional gifts given for every year of married life. For example, since tradition dictates that couples receive a paper gift for their first year of marriage, the winners will receive a mutual fund worth \$5,000 on the date of their first anniversary. And every year after, they will receive other exciting gifts like leather furniture, a hot tub, jet ski, piano, cruise and season tickets to celebrate the enduring union of the winning couple.

Those who missed out on the Millennium Bride and Groom Contest have another chance to win by entering the "Say I Do 2000" contest. Engaged couples who plan to be married on or before Dec. 31, 2001, are eligible to win a grand prize of one anniversary gift per year through the couple's 50th anniversary. Lenox will also award 2000 alternate prizes. The drawing will be held on or about Jan. 30, 2001.

For more information or to enter the "Say I Do 2000" sweepstakes, visit Lenox on the web at www.Lenox.com or call (800) 635-3669.

Engraving can put a personal touch on a wedding

Getting personal — that's what many brides are doing this year to stand apart from the crowd.

The growing trend of personalizing weddings comes straight from Hollywood where a number of stars have

put personal touches on everything from the dance floor to the wedding cake. But you don't have to go that far to find items and ideas that will make your wedding special and personal.

Engraving is the trend for 2000. Consider having gifts engraved for an elegant, sophisticated look. The wedding specialists at Things Remembered offer creative stylish solutions for adding a personal flair to your wedding day.

• Personalize the gifts for your wedding party. What could be more intimate than a photograph of you and each of your bridesmaids in a sleek silver frame? Or why not give each bridesmaid matching heart-shaped pendants with their engraved initials?

• A creative touch may be to surprise the groomsmen with engraved

pocket watches or money clips. Or offer flasks or handsome desk vases engraved with their initials.

• Create your married monogram, the symbol of your new life together as husband and wife. Have it appear as a recurrent theme throughout the reception — it worked for Cheryl Tiegs and Jenny McCarthy.

• Have your new initials engraved on the knife to cut the cake or on guests' champagne flutes.

• Don't forget out-of-town guests traveling for the occasion. Have a silver champagne bucket engraved with a special message and filled with water crackers delivered to their hotel.

For more personal gift ideas, visit Things Remembered at www.thingsremembered.com or call (800) 274-7367 for the store nearest you.

Tips can avoid bridal mishaps

You can spend an entire year planning your wedding day down to the letter, but unless you have a fairy godmother, there's no way to guarantee that the day will be perfect.

According to *Bride's* magazine, a little preparation goes a long way toward ensuring that wedding-day mishaps don't get out of hand. If you organize an "emergency kit," and keep it stashed nearby at the ceremony and the reception, coping with certain last-minute dilemmas will be a breeze. *Bride's* suggests you start with a pretty basket, decorated to match your wedding theme, then include the following:

- Needle, thread, buttons and safety pins
- Spot remover

• Extra lipstick, powder, blush, eyeshadow, fragrance

• Comb, brush, and hairspray or gel

• Tissues and cotton balls

• Personal care items

• Pen and note paper

• Telephone numbers for your caterer, clergy member, organist, photographer, florist, bandleader, car service and each member of the wedding party

• Extra stockings for you and your wedding party

• Nail polish — color, to match your fingernails, and clear, to keep stockings runs from spreading

• Extra pairs of glasses or contact lenses

• Extra copies of all passages that are being read during the ceremony

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You can visit NJWedding.com - The Internet Wedding Directory of New Jersey directly at <http://www.njwedding.com> to use the search engine and start planning your New Jersey wedding. For more information, contact Erik and Beth Kent at (908) 874-0417 or e-mail them at info@njwedding.com.

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Bride and groom's checklist continues after the wedding

After you say "I do," there are certain things you should do. While weddings often involve months of preparation and attention to detail, the legal decisions a couple makes after they tie the knot can also have a big impact on their future together. FreeAdvice.com gives free and professional legal information to consumers on the internet. The web site offers this legal checklist for couples:

- Change bank accounts, identification and credit cards if you have taken a new name. Notify Social Security, get your driver's license issued, contact your bank and credit card companies

and have the passport office issue a new passport with your new name.

- Fill out new beneficiary forms. If you have life insurance, call your insurance company or agent to request a new beneficiary designation form, complete it promptly and send it to the insurance company. Also file new beneficiary designation forms if you participate in a life insurance or 401(k) program at work or have an IRA. You should do this even if you intend to maintain the same beneficiaries. You will need separate forms for each policy or plan. Then follow up to be sure the new beneficiary forms have all been recorded.

- Adjust your health insurance. If one or both of you have health insurance, decide now if you want to put all coverage under one plan. In many cases, you may get better coverage and/or save money. Most employer-sponsored health insurance plans allow only a short time to add a new spouse.
- Write a will. Make a decision now about who you would want to inherit your estate. You may want to protect your children from a prior marriage, or your parents or siblings as well as your spouse. In the event of a tragedy, without a will your estate would go to those your state's legisla-

ture has chosen for you. Your wishes would not be honored, and your survivors would be tied up for years in probate court. And if you already have a will, make sure you quickly prepare and execute a new one. In most states, your old will is no longer fully enforceable.

- Designate "community property." If you already own a home or condo together, you may want to file a new deed and hold it as "tenants by the entirety" or, if you live in Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Washington or Wisconsin, as "community property."
- If you have a lot of assets, shared

or otherwise, consider a post-nuptial agreement. It may be an unpleasant thought right now, but it is practical, provides peace of mind and can protect you and your assets. FreeAdvice.com offers easy-to-understand answers to thousands of common legal questions, prepared by attorneys from more than 20 leading American law firms, on more than

100 legal topics including accidents, business law, divorce, real estate, and suing and being sued. The web site also describes each state's own unique laws for getting married or divorced. If you should need a lawyer, the site can also link you to qualified lawyers at the web site at www.AttorneyPages.com.

Bridal gifts can come in many shapes, sizes

When you decide to get married, friends and family go out of their way to make the experience special for you. To reward them, it's customary to buy special gifts for your attendants and to send presents to the many friends and family who threw showers and parties during your engagement. However, in the midst of all this giving, it hits you, "Should I plan to purchase a gift for my future spouse as well?" While wedding tradition suggests that the bridal couple exchange sentimental gifts to commemorate the occasion, it is not necessary. Rather, it's a matter of personal choice and budget. Some couples prefer to wait for their first anniversary, Christmas, Hanukkah or other special day. There's no rule of thumb when it comes to what to give or spend, just so it is thoughtful and expresses your love and commitment to each other, suggests the Silver Information Center. "Think of the gift you're giving your beloved on your wedding day as a token of affection, a keepsake that can be treasured always," says Maria McBride-Mellinger, bridal expert and author of "The Perfect Wedding." "Anything that can be engraved makes a delightful memento, like a pair of sterling travel pic-

ture frames. Or why not personalize a pair of silver chopsticks for cozy nights at home with Chinese "takeout." The groom might consider giving his fiancée jewelry to wear on her wedding day. An elegant choker, elegant pendant or hair ornament of traditional white or pastel-colored pearls set in sterling silver are fashionable and affordable. The bride will also enjoy wearing it after the wedding is over. For other important gift occasions like Valentine's Day or a birthday, the groom might also want to add earrings, a bracelet or ring to complement a necklace. Men also enjoy receiving jewelry. Consider giving the groom a classic, crocodile-strapped silver watch, themed cuff links that express his personality or interest, or an elegant tuxedo set to wear to the wedding and for formal affairs. Reminder: Put as much thought into when to exchange gifts as the gifts themselves. Consider an intimate dinner a few weeks before the wedding at a favorite restaurant or the site of your proposal for yet another sentimental moment.

Gifts for the couple need not break the bank

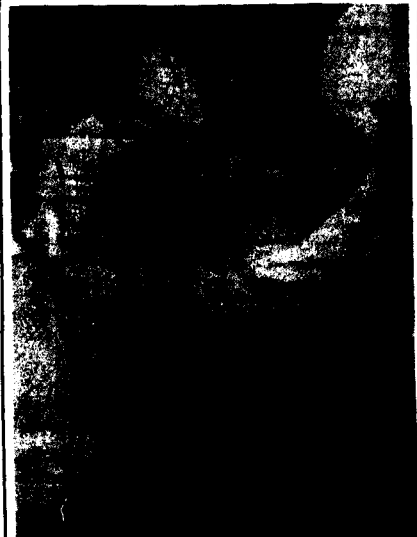
It's the season for fall weddings, or more accurately, wedding gifts. Have no fear — you don't have to break the bank in order to send your best wishes. There's a range of tasteful gifts that are traditional enough for giving, but practical enough to guarantee the bride and groom will use your gift often. What is more patriotic than giving the happy couple a gift that's made in the United States? And what's more American than a barbecue? Show our red, white and blue by bestowing a set of four steak knives by Towel Silversmith that are manufactured in Chris-

field, Md. Blades are constructed of a high-quality surgical stainless steel, and a variety of patriotic patterns are available from the sleek "Boston Antique" to the graceful "George Washington" style. Other American-made cutlery sets available by Towel include two-piece meat carving sets and bread carving sets in wood boxes that convert into serving trays; all are tastefully boxed for gift-giving. For gourmets, elegant serving trays perform double-duty, whether they're used on the table for holidays or

brunch in bed for two. Stainless trays range in size from a 12-inch bread tray and a rectangular tray, to a perfectly square 15-inch tray. These trays come with gold or frosted-silver handles. There's a new twist in crystal. Choose fun items like full lead crystal cookie jar or wine coolers. Hip couples will appreciate the set of four cobalt blue double old-fashioned glasses. The 24-percent lead crystal glasses display contemporary designs, such as waves and dots. Frame traditionalists will appreciate a silver-plated frame in any size. The popular "Old Master" design by

Towel comes in several sizes and price ranges. "Old Master" is a nice choice because couples can coordinate it with their home decor later on by acquiring "Old Master" candlesticks and serve ware. Modernists enjoy contemporary stainless steel frames that are curved or rectangular. Towel products are available at major department stores and specialty stores nationwide. To see the full range of Towel Silversmiths, visit the Towel web site at www.towel.com, visit your local retailer, or call (617) 568-1300 for a list of stores near you that carry these products.

A sense of romance




Romance abounds in planning a fall wedding. From the invitations to the honeymoon, brides and grooms find easy ways to plan the perfect day.

Organization is the key

Each year, millions of excited brides make plans to say "I do." For many, the easy part is accepting the proposal, then the work begins — and the stress. Between finding a venue, developing a guest list and choosing a wedding party, life can become very hectic, not to mention disorganized. So how can today's busy brides-to-be stay organized? Planning a wedding is hard work, but with simple communications tools like Post-It Flags and supportive friends and family, brides-to-be can successfully plan a great wedding. For

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Asthma runs among athletes

By Alison Ashton
Copley News Service
Heavy Breathing

At the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, dozens of swimmers, runners and other endurance athletes used inhalers to breathe easier. Respiratory specialists expect to see even more Olympians reaching for their inhalers in Sydney this month.

In August, European researchers at the World Congress of Lung Diseases in Florence, Italy, offered compelling evidence that intense physical training may actually harm the lungs.

A survey of 1,600 elite athletes by the Norwegian University of Sport and Physical Education found that 10 percent of all athletes — regardless of their sport — suffered from asthma. This concurs with a U.S. Olympic Committee survey that found 16 percent of athletes in Atlanta were asthmatic. The hardest hit were cyclists, of whom half suffered from asthma symptoms. Long-distance runners and swimmers also wheeze. A Finnish study of 58 marathoners found that more than one-quarter suffered from seasonal bronchial contraction, either triggered by pollen in the spring or by dry, cold weather in winter. A separate study found that long-distance runners were three times more likely to have asthma than ordinary folk.

Inhaled chlorine causes asthma among swimmers.

"In swimming pools, swimmers can be exposed to doses close to industrial ceilings," says Kai-Hakon Carlsen, a professor at the Vaksentoppen Children's Asthma and Allergy Center in Oslo, Norway. He cites a survey of 29 top swimmers in which nearly half had asthma-related symptoms.

Cold-weather athletes, especially cross-country skiers, also are likely to wheeze. A survey of athletes in the 1998 Winter Games in Nagano, Japan, conducted by researchers from the Olympic Committee of Colorado, found that more than 25 percent on the American team suffered from broncho-spasms, and every other cross-country skier on the team was affected.

Cold, dry air is the biggest culprit. A study comparing cross-country skiers in Sweden and Norway found that Swedes, who train in a cold, dry climate, are more likely to be asthmatic than Norwegians, who train in comparatively humid, coastal regions.

Although intense training can weaken the lungs over time, there are ways to keep athletes breathing comfortably. Experts at the World Congress suggests using a steroid-based, anti-inflammatory inhaler 15 minutes before training to block bronchial constriction. Athletes training in cold weather should wear a mask covering the nose and mouth. This helps warm the air before it hits the lungs and prevents constriction.

Never Too Late

Elderly smokers usually don't bother to quit, but a new study shows it's never too late to kick the habit. "As individuals in our society live longer, a larger number of smokers who are older than 60 years old will seek medical care and will benefit from cessation efforts," says David M. Burns M.D. of the University of California at San Diego's School of Medicine. "This is a population where preventive services should not be ignored."

His study found that 70 percent of the 400,000 people who die annually from smoking-related causes are older than 60 years old, and the risk of death increases every year. Lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and coronary artery disease are the ailments that kill smokers. Both lung cancer and COPD are the result of years of damage caused by cigarette smoke.

Although the younger you quit, the better, Burns still found that older smokers who quit fare better than those who keep puffing. The risk of lung cancer and heart disease declines in smokers who kick the habit after 60. Unfortunately, the lung damage caused by COPD can't be reversed, but quitting does prevent more smoking-induced damage.

Exercise Pressure Away

People diagnosed with moderately high blood pressure can avoid taking medication with regular exercise and weight loss. According to a new study in the journal *Hypertension*, lowering blood pressure with exercise and weight loss may help people drop from the hypertension into the so-called normal range. Others with high blood pressure can exer-

cise their way down to normal.

The six-month study, conducted at Duke University Medical Center, also demonstrated the importance of reducing blood pressure during times of increased stress.

"Our results show that exercise and weight loss helped keep blood pressure lower even when individuals were under mental stress," says Anastasia Georgiadis. "Like high blood pressure itself, an exaggerated cardiovascular response to mental stress is an additional risk factor for heart disease."

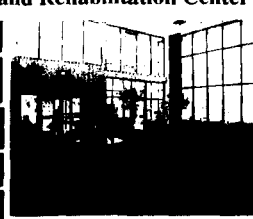
"By lowering stress-induced blood pressure levels and altering other physiological responses to stress,

exercise and weight loss may prevent future damage to blood vessels and the heart."

Researchers divided 99 moderately overweight study subjects into three groups. One group exercised — fast walking for 45 minutes three to four times a week — and followed a weight-loss diet, 1,200 calories a day for women and 1,500 for men. Another group exercised only, and the rest formed a control group which did neither. Although the exercise-only people did show some improvement, the effect was most dramatic for the exercise/weight-loss group. Their blood pressure dropped the most, and they lost an average of 15 pounds.

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Feast of St. Michael's starts this weekend

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Every year since we started back in 1995 has surpassed the previous year," Marano said, "and this year will be no different."

The annual Italian feast in the streets of the Township of Union's downtown business district, Union Center, will start Sept. 22 from 6 p.m. to midnight, Sept. 23 from noon to midnight, and continue through Sept. 24 from noon to 9 p.m.

Once again, the feast will feature a weekend of live entertainment, games of chance, rides for all ages, Italian and international foods and a lot of fun.

The sweet aroma of sausage and peppers and zeppola wafting through the air, and the wines imported from Italy by Mionetto Wines will give the streets of Union Center the feeling of the streets of Naples or Rome.

Columbia Club treasurer and member of the Feast Committee Anthony Magliacano stated that the feast has exceeded expectations and continues to grow in popularity and scope. "In

just six years," Magliacano said, "this year's expected increase in patrons. If it's Italian," Magliacano said, "you will find it at the feast."

In addition to an increased number of food vendors, this year's feast will include more rides and boardwalk-style games. Marano said that the rides would again be suitable for children and adults. "We'll have something for everyone," he said.

Feast Committee member Dominic Fargoli has lined up more entertainment than in previous years. "Entertainment is very important to the feast," Fargoli said, "and because of the generous sponsorship of Union Center National Bank, we have a great line-up again this year."

Friday night, beginning at 6 p.m., the opening ceremonies will feature a procession down Stuyvesant Avenue with the John Duke Band leading the way.

On stage will be Tony Cardelli and his "Tribute to Frank Sinatra" from 6

to 8 p.m. Closing out the night will be the Marty DeRose Revue, featuring the best of Italian music.

Saturday afternoon will start with the "Sounds of Music" by John Gee, from noon to 3 p.m. Doe Jay Big Joe Henry from NJ 101.5 FM will take center stage with three solid hours of entertainment and trivia contests from 4 to 7 p.m. At the same time, the Passaic County Sheriff's Department "Strolling Band" will entertain throughout the feast until 8 p.m.

Starting at 8 p.m., and rocking and rolling until closing, will be one of New Jersey's most popular oldies groups, and longtime feast favorites, the fabulous Goodfellas.

Sunday's entertainment begins at 1 p.m., with another oldies band called Tuesdays at Eight. At 4 p.m., the Perfect Combination will take stage and close out the night. "DJ Joey T," also a member of the Columbia Italian-American Club, will be performing through the weekend.

As with the previous three years, proceeds from the feast will be donated to various local charities and youth groups, including St. Michael's and Holy Spirit churches and many of

the township's youth organizations. "The feast is a lot of hard work, but the members of the Columbia Italian-American Club take a lot of pride in their Italian heritage," said Mayor Joseph Florio.

Deputy Mayor Peter Capodice, also a club member, agreed with the mayor. "We always pull together to make the event the extraordinary success it has become."

Township Committeeman Anthony Terrezza, another Columbia Club member, added, "This event is great for building community pride and showing off our town."

The feast also benefits Union Center, the township's central business district. Michael Minietti, a member of the Feast Committee and the executive director of the Union Center Special Improvement District, stated that the feast would bring thousands of first-time visitors and potential new customers into the district.

"This is an opportunity for our store owners to take advantage of the more foot traffic than at any other event in the township," said Minietti, adding that the feast "is great for building community pride."

Kean University plans month-long exhibit of Chinese art

In recent months, Kean University and the People's Republic of China have shared numerous academic, cultural and governmental contacts.

This exchange program continues in October when internationally acclaimed Chinese artist Wei Jingxian visits the Kean campus and displays his collection of traditional artwork in "Exhibition of Embroideries and Watercolor Paintings: A Unique View of Chinese Art and Culture."

The exhibit, which runs from Oct. 2 through 22, will be held in several locations on the Kean University campus including the Nancy Thompson Library, located at 1000 Morris Ave., Union.

Jingxian's work combines the timeless artistic Chinese traditions of watercolor and hair embroidery, whereby actual human hair is incorporated into the piece for the purpose of providing shading, contrast and texture. Through these

technique, he has created numerous images of spectacular detail and innovative design, including breathtaking landscapes, and portraits of such renowned personalities as Albert Einstein, Ludwig von Beethoven, Michael Jordan and all 41 United States presidents.

In addition to the art exhibit, Jingxian will interact with the Kean community through a series of forums, lectures, class observations and demonstrations. One such session will feature Jingxian unveiling an embroidered portrait of Kean University President Ronald L. Appibbaum. The portrait will then be displayed as part of the exhibit.

The Jingxian visit and exhibition is part of Appibbaum's ongoing cultural exchange program with China. For more information regarding Wei Jingxian's visit and exhibition, call Kean University at (908) 527-2222.

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ETI targets women, minority business owners

The Entrepreneurial Training Institute is still accepting registration for its fall session of classes designed to guide new and aspiring small business owners, especially women and minorities, toward successful entrepreneurship. A class in Plainfield will begin Wednesday at Union County College, Room 127, Building 27, 232 E. Second St.

The eight-week training program, sponsored by the New Jersey Development Authority for Small Businesses, Minorities' and Women's Enterprises, is starting this month at 10 locations throughout the state. Classes also are being offered in Atlantic City, Flemington, Hackensack, Lakewood, Mount Laurel, Neptune, Newark, Trenton and Vineland. All classes, except those offered in Atlantic City, are from 6 to 9 p.m. The Atlantic City class is running from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The innovative program, established in 1992, covers such practical topics as preparing a focused business plan, understanding the financial aspects of running a small business and developing marketing strategies. Once ETI classroom sessions are completed, program participants submit their business plans to a panel of banking, accounting, law, marketing and economic development professionals for a thorough review. A sound business plan will be necessary when they seek financing.

There were 77 graduates of fall and spring sessions this past year who learned how to transform their business ideas into successful enterprises. Some of those

individuals have already received financing and others are now arranging financing details.

A class size limit of 20 students per location allows for intense interaction between students and teachers. Instructors and facilitators are representatives of local banks, community development organizations and the NJDA.

Students who complete the program with a solid business plan are eligible to apply for financing from a revolving loan fund established by the NJDA. Loans are available for real estate, fixed assets such as machinery and equipment and working capital to keep the business operating.

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The cost of the program is \$225, which includes textbooks. To request registration materials, call ETI at (609) 292-9279 or send an e-mail to eti@njoda.com. Applicants also may access the ETI registration form online at www.njoda.com. Payment must be received for an applicant to be fully registered and eligible to attend classes.

Applicants must possess a high school diploma or GED certificate. To graduate, students must attend at least six or eight classroom sessions and complete all written assignments.

COUNTY NEWS

Rape Crisis Center in search of volunteers

The annual volunteer training for the Union County Rape Crisis Center will begin Tuesday. The center is looking for caring and supportive individuals who can assist rape survivors during daytime, evening and weekend shifts.

"The number of survivors coming forward has increased tremendously," said Freeholder Linda Stender, liaison to the Commission on the Status of Women. "In addition to the need to respond with support and information to survivors on the 24-hour hotline, there is also a need to provide emotional support and accompaniment at the hospital, police department, Prosecutor's Office and at court."

Specialized training to become a rape crisis advocate, which is mandated throughout the state, will be from Tuesday through Nov. 16. Training addresses the different types of sexual assault, the trauma experienced by sexual assault survivors and family members and related issues.

In addition to serving as a rape crisis advocate, volunteers may also become involved in making educational presentations to schools or to groups in the community on sexual assault topics.

The Union County Rape Crisis Center, at 300 North Ave. East in Westfield, a program in the Department of Human Services, Division of Planning is a comprehensive center working with survivors of all areas of sexual assault.

"Adult males, females, teen-agers or children and their families are offered services whether the sexual assault/abuse took place recently or years ago," said Freeholder Deborah Scanlon.

Along with the hotline, crisis intervention, individual and group therapy are provided free by qualified professionals.

Dates for the volunteer training are as follows: Tuesday, Sept. 28, Oct. 3,

5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 24, 31; Nov. 2, 9, 14, 16.

Training is from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Attendance is required at all training sessions.

Interested individuals should call as soon as possible for an appointment, as it takes time to interview potential volunteers.

For more information call (908) 233-RAPE (7273) between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Walk for Girls Saturday

Washington Rock Girl Scout Council will sponsor a walk-a-thon called Walk for Girls on Saturday at Nomahegan Park in Cranford from 9 a.m. to noon.

Unlike most walk-a-thons, Walk for Girls is unique because it will feature entertainment provided by Washington Rock Girl Scouts along the walking path. A \$7 registration fee will entitle walkers to the following goodies: free refreshments, a Walk For Girls Patch for all walkers, T-shirts for anyone who raises pledges of \$50 or more and a grand prize for the walker who raises the most money.

By participating in the Walk for Girls, people help Washington Rock Girl Scout Council better serve almost 7,700 Girl Scouts from Union, Middlesex and Somerset counties. With the pledges one receives for walking, the council will be able to offer programs that introduce girls to the arts, science, careers, the environment, anti-drug awareness and health concerns. Girl Scout programs help girls to increase their self-esteem, improve decision making ability, appreciate diversity and individuality and set reach goals.

If you would like to help support Washington Rock Girl Scout Council, join the council at Nomahegan Park on Saturday for the Walk for Girls. For more information and a sponsor sheet call Kathleen Gaughran, Fund Development/Public Relations Director at (908) 232-3236, Ext. 1209.

Washington Rock Girl Scout Council is committed to the education, acceptance and appreciation of its diverse membership and assures that all have equal opportunities in the Girl Scout program.

Senior outreach program

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

Union County representatives will be on hand to provide assistance in completing the necessary applications for Gas and Electric Support, Pharmaceutical Assistance, Home Energy Assistance, Supplementary Security Income, Counseling on Health Insurance for Medical Enrollees, and the Share Food Program.

The dates, times and locations for applications are:

- Today, Roselle Borough Hall, 210 Chestnut St., second floor, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
- Sept. 28: Elizabeth Center Apartments, 809 Pearl St., 10:30 a.m. to noon.

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

Blood drives scheduled

The Blood Center of New Jersey will conduct the following blood drives:

- Friday, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Gallop Hill Road, Union.
- Tuesday, 6 to 9 p.m., Masonic Atlas Pythagoras Lodge, 1011 Central Ave., Westfield.
- Sept. 28, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Linden Fire House No. 4, 2400 S. Wood Ave.
- Sept. 30, noon to 5 p.m., Rahway Elks Lodge 1075, 122 W. Milton Ave.

For more information call (800) BLOOD-NJ. The American Red Cross/Trib County Chapter will conduct the following blood drives:

- Sept. 28, 3 to 8:30 p.m., Clark

Emergency Squad, 875 Raritan Road, Clark.

- Sept. 29, 4:30 to 10 p.m., American Red Cross party for singles, 203 W. Jersey St., Elizabeth.

Donors should know their Social Security number and bring a signed or picture form of identification. People with a fever or sore throat should wait 72 hours after symptoms disappear before donating, and there is a 24-hour deferral for tooth cleanings and fillings. For those who have traveled outside the United States recently, call the blood center for eligibility criteria.

For more information call (908) 353-2500, ext. 22.

'Freeholders Forum'

Two cultural programs sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders — Union County Community Day at the Newark Museum and Four Centuries in a Weekend — are the subjects of the latest "Freeholders Forum" television show sponsored by the freeholder board.

The Newark Museum connection is a program in which Union County collaborates with the Newark Museum to open its world-class galleries, collections and state-of-the-art facilities to families, senior citizens and students in Union County. The first major event will be Union County Community Day, to be Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. This free event will include hands-on science and art workshops, planetarium shows, guided tours, prizes, a performance by a dance troupe and more.

With Four Centuries in a Weekend, the county celebrates its heritage with weekend-long exhibitions at historic sites throughout the 21 municipalities. Twenty-two house museums and historic sites will participate. All sites will have exhibits and most will have costumed interpreters.

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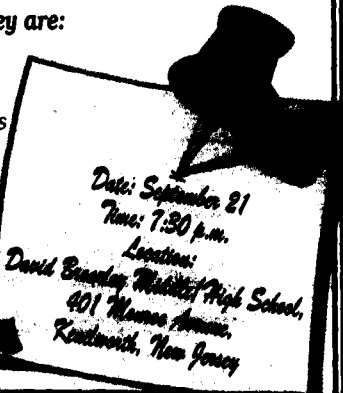
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County's Harvest Festival is this weekend at Trailside Center

On Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will host its 10th annual Harvest Festival at Trailside Nature and Science Center. The whole family will enjoy this event which brings colonial and Native American history to life!

The Harvest Festival is a true commuopia with something for everyone. Featured attractions include demonstrations of colonial and Native American crafts and work skills such as butter churning, canoe building, tin piercing, basket weaving, beehiving, cabinetry, and jewelry making. There will also be crafters specializing in gunsmithing, lace and soap making, carpentry, quilting, weaving and even log sawing and shingle splitting!

"Our popular Harvest Festival is both entertaining and educational," said Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory

Board. "It's an opportunity for children to learn while having fun, and for adults to enjoy autumn in Union County."

Children can visit the craft tent and make their own wildflower garlands, beeswax candles, whirlybirds, or bear claw necklaces. They can have their faces painted Lenape style, play colonial games, take a pony ride, visit the petting zoo, walk through a hay maze, or build a scarecrow.

Along with many ongoing events, there are several scheduled performances that you won't want to miss. Enjoy Ray Solimene as he juggles and mimes a unicyclist. Listen to Native American stories told by Kenneth Little Hawk and African American storytelling by Debra Kirkland. Native American social dancing will be performed by the Red Hawk Dancers, and an old-time sing-along will be conducted by Kurt Gallagher. There will also be a special planetarium show, "Native American Skylore."

Just as expansive as the performances and exhibits at this year's Harvest Festival is the food available for purchase. Baked potatoes, corn on the cob, fresh squeezed lemonade, coffee, apple cider, sausage and peppers, barbecued beef, and shish kebabs are just a few of the selections. And if you're in the mood for dessert, you'll be able to choose from funnel cakes, candy apples, and ice cream. Pumpkins and mums will also be on sale.

Admission to the Harvest Festival is \$3 per person, children seven years old and younger are admitted free of charge. The festival will be held rain or shine. Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside. Parking is free and shuttle bus transportation will be provided to and from Trailside to overflow parking at the Watchung Stables at 1160 Summit Lanes in Mountainside. For directions, to receive a brochure, or to volunteer your time at the Harvest Fair call (908) 789-3670 or (908) 527-4900.

Pushcart Players prepare touring kids shows for new school year

Pushcart Players, the Verona-based touring company for young audiences, has announced plans for the 2000-01 season.

"Wow! What a Century!," a musical overview of the 20th century, will be extended, by popular demand, from September 2000 through January 2001. "A More Perfect Union," selected because of its timely connection to America in an election year, will be available from February to June 2001.

Pushcart's permanent repertoire will be offered at various intervals throughout the year. These include "The Last... Butterfly," a gentle introduction to Holocaust education; "Peter and the Wolf," an enchanting presentation of the classic tale; "Red Riding Hood and Other Stories," familiar tales with a moral twist; and the perennial favorite collection of folk tales, "Stone Soup and Other Stories."

The Verona-based professional the-

ater ensemble for young and family audiences is now accepting reservations from schools and performing arts centers for performances being planned during the 2000-01 season.

"Wow! What a Century!" offers a whirlwind tour of people and events that shaped the 20th century. "A More Perfect Union" provides a logical sequel to "Century" in that it reaches back to a time that set the stage for the remarkable challenges met in the last 100 years. "Union" serves as a win-


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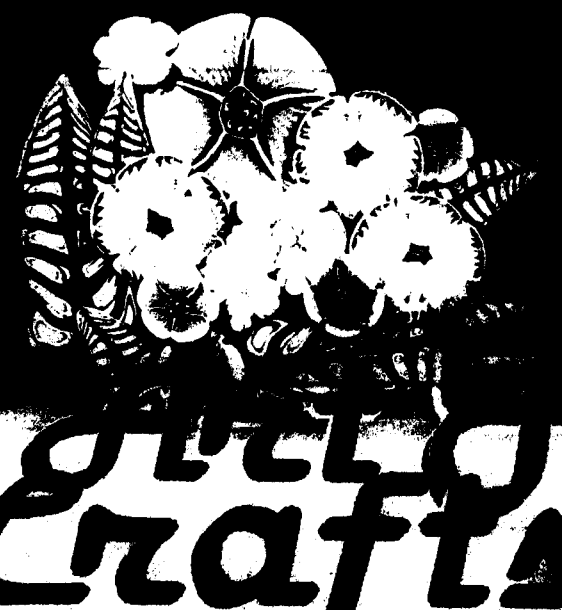
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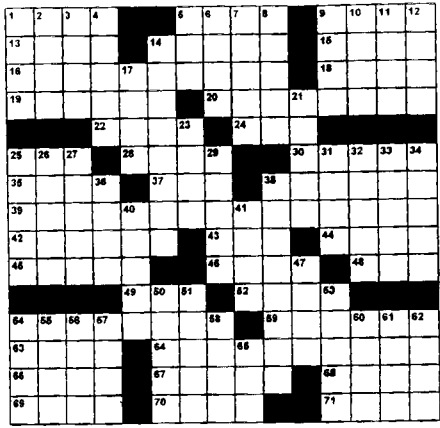
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5 Intensity
9 Wannabe prince
13 N.C. college
14 Tend
15 Nimbus
16 "Papa" biographer
18 Lose it
19 What Polonius said not to be
20 Two-time NFL MVP
22 Lamb in hiding?
24 Crew
25 Jazzy wheel
28 Fa follower
30 "You Bet Your Life" groo
35 -- about
37 Approximately
38 Auction action
39 Show off
39 This puzzle's theme
42 Singer Sheena
43 Incipient chicks
44 Cleo's barge carrier
45 Be a sport
46 Dispatched
48 Bottom line
49 PA power
52 Ornamental knob
54 "U Can't Touch This" rapper
59 Rugged peaks
63 Mississippi tributary
64 "Broken Blossoms" director
66 U of J follower
67 Friend
68 Forum opener
69 Painted arch
70 Wastical
71 Bay in the stable

- DOWN
1 Authentic
2 Harbor position
3 Doe or Bull
4 "Dejection" rapper
5 Say what?
6 Woe
7 Mr. T's group
8 Sacher creation
9 At warp speed
10 Little 'n
11 Outspoken
12 Express shock

- 14 "Prometheus" composer
17 Snitch
21 Quechuan
23 Settled down
25 Chorus offering
26 Sadat
27 Simp
29 So long, Cisco
31 Pakistan neighbor
32 Urchin
33 Ginger's predecessor
34 Button for Petriella
36 Pop singer
38 Banana's kin
40 Pilot's alert
41 Furn furawells
47 Half a meal
50 V x DXI
51 Phoebe's cousin
53 Put off
54 Lorre film persona
55 Engine sound
56 Take on
57 The best
58 Mill units
60 Bandleader Puente
61 Ms. Katt
62 Cold-shoulder
65 Hogwash

COPY NEWS SERVICE

See ANSWERS on Page B15

What's Going On?

FAIR, FLEA MARKET, RUMMAGE SALE, GARAGE SALE, REUNIONS. Includes dates, times, and locations for various community events.

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT (U.S. STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: GENERAL, HENRY G. CENTER...)

HOROSCOPE
For Sept. 25 to Oct. 1
ARIES (March 21-April 19): A positive mental outlook plays an important role in negotiations.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Proceed with a sense of caution in relationships this week.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Don't let your impatience show through when dealing with a child or immature individual.
CANCER (June 22-July 22): It's important to have something to fall back on. Establish a solid foundation before starting out on what promises to be a shaky adventure.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): With luck and creativity working together this week, you're guaranteed a winning role.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be prepared for delays or mix-ups surrounding financial matters.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): The new moon this week is a signal for initiating personal projects or seeking out to explore special interests.

REUNIONS
Abraham Clark High School, Roselle, Class of 1945 will conduct its 52nd reunion Friday to Sunday, Oct. 7.
St. Mary's High School, Elizabeth, Class of 1950 will conduct its 50th reunion Oct. 14 at the Kenilworth Inn, Kenilworth.
Members of Alpha Phi Delta of Upsala College interested in an early October 2000 reunion luncheon are asked to contact Irene DiBisceglia at (732) 892-3569 or Bess Meyer Terp at (609) 296-9335.
Summit High School Class of 1980 will conduct its 20th reunion Oct. 7.
Cranford High School Class of 1975 will conduct its 25th reunion Oct. 7.
Rahway High School Class of 1975 will conduct its 25th reunion Oct. 7 at the Shetanon in Woodbridge.
Linden High School Class of 1950 will conduct its 50th reunion Oct. 7 at the Pines in Edison.
Union Catholic High School Class of 1950 will conduct its 35th reunion Nov. 4.
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TEST DATE: OCT. 14 - 8 A.M.
OPEN HOUSE OCT. 26 - 7 P.M.
TEST DATE: NOV. 11 - 8 A.M.
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For further information contact the Admissions Office @ 973-290-5225
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Display Rates.....\$25.50 per column inch
Contract Rates Available
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Nutley Journal • Belleville Post
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The Independent Press of Bloomfield

DEADLINES

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

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Adjustments: We make every effort to avoid mistakes in your classified advertisement. Please check your ad the first day it runs! We should be responsible beyond the first insertion. Should an error occur please notify the classified department. Worral Community Newspapers, Inc., shall not be liable for errors or omissions in cost of actual space occupied by item in which error or omissions occurred. We can not be held liable for failure, for any cause, to insert an ad. Worral Community Newspapers, Inc. reserves the right to reject, revise or reclassify any advertisement at any time.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY/ Deputy
Township Clerk - Cranford Township seeking
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nication, organizational and computer skills.
Able to handle multiple projects, deal with
the public and oversee other employees. Municipal
experience preferred. Competitive salary, full
benefits. Resumes and cover letter with salary
history to Township Clerk, Township of Cran-
ford, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016
or fax 908-276-8548.

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\$10,000 student loan repayment, prior service
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MIS experience. Full time position. Call
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Hillside seeks responsible goal oriented person
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and drill press required. Call for interview,
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benefits. 10:00am-2:00pm. Please call
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HELP WANTED

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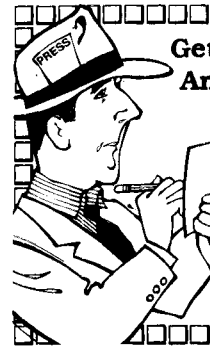
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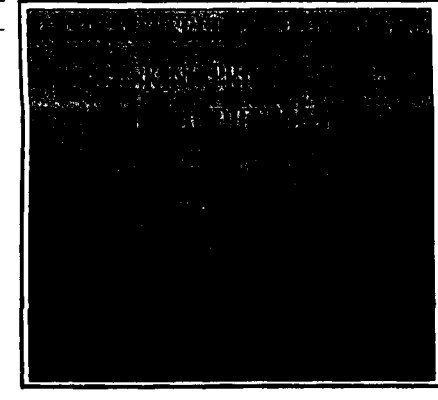
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Frederick and Dolores Rocklyn sold property at 249 Valley Road to William and Carol Dugan for \$231,000 on April 14.
Manuel H. Eira sold property at 103 Hart St., to Douglas and Carolyn Krok for \$170,000 on April 26.
Anthony and Waltra Altobelli Jr. sold property at 105 Maebelle Drive to Paul and Cathi Tajkowski for \$305,000 on April 26.
Frances A. Pierce sold property at 104 Lexington Blvd., to Stella Balcazar for \$165,000 on April 27.
Salvatore A. and Patri Dellasala sold property at 53 Lincoln Blvd., to Robert J. and Joanne R. Bothe for \$185,000 on April 27.

Cranford

Mary R. Burkowski sold property at 19 Waverly Place to Burkowski John S and Anna for \$77,500 on April 19.
Richard O. and Patricia Mattoon sold property at 485 South Avenue East to Gary Jones for \$135,485 on April 20.
Thomas Aagaard sold property at 2505 Verona Ave., to Domenico P. Letini for \$190,000 on April 20.

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 Jeffrey H. Farenback-Brateman sold property at 48 Blake Ave., to John and Leslie Roberts for \$290,000 on April 22.
 Gloria E. Kley sold property at 6 Doering Way, to Edward J. and Jennifer Kelly for \$300,000 on April 24.
 Michael N. and Suzanne C. Gallina sold property at 7 Wade Ave., to Daniel G. and Jill Defina for \$230,000 on April 25.
 William E. and Coecela R. Peters sold property at 48 Manston Terrace to David and Owendolyn Damico for \$229,000 on April 26.
 Nicholas Fannell and J. Fannell sold property at 115 S. Union Ave., to Regina E. Conlon for \$182,000 on April 27.
 Arthur G. and Patricia Werschulz sold property at 1 Marsh St., to Richard and Maria E. Gonzalez for \$185,000 on April 28.
 Rein E. Salun sold property at 3 Pine St., to Tamatha A. Hamill for \$215,000 on April 28.
 William K. and Marjorie Vorhaben sold property at 96 Burnside Ave., to Alfred E. Mancini for \$270,000 on April 27.
 Alberto M. and Angela L. Jose sold property at 2 Pine St., to Craig and Rachel Schwartz for \$289,000 on April 27.
 Donald and Loreta Widdows sold property at 106 Park Drive to James J. and Linda J. Matthews for \$289,000 on April 28.
 Leonard and Lillian Storch sold property at 44 Wadsworth Terrace to Edward and Teresa Davenport for \$285,000 on April 28.
 Juan J. and Ana M. Martinez sold property at 247 Hillside Ave., to Alan J. and Stephanie Gerlitz for \$253,000 on April 28.
 Patrick B. and Patricia B. Cook sold property at 222 Columbia Ave.,

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 Troy D. and Susan Conover sold property at 102 Centennial Ave., to John N. and Michele Quinones for \$240,000 on April 28.
 William W. and Erika A. Young sold property at 24 Doering Way, to Russell K. and Hope K. Holt for \$750,000 on April 28.
 Charles E. and Susan E. Heck sold property at 15 Hemlock Circle to Raul and Patricia Pinto for \$340,000 on April 28.

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Mary T. Smetz sold property at 12 Geneva St., to Zofia Korab for \$60,000 on April 6.
 Joaquin and Irene Tosar sold property at 417 Maple Ave., to Jose V. Fandino for \$151,500 on April 7.
 Helda Bastidas sold property at 763 Eaton St., to Joaquin and Irene Tosar for \$266,000 on April 7.
 Molly Sheinblatt sold property at 1108 Coolidge Road to Edgar and Emily C. Ruiz for \$190,000 on April 10.
 Mary Doros sold property at 429 1st Ave., to Jose F. and Dionicia Flores for \$80,000 on April 11.
 Sonia and Dieguez G. Salermo sold property at 633 Marshall St., to Hector L. and Maria L. Laboy for \$122,000 on April 11.
 Ruh Newell sold property at 538 Linden Ave., to Ruben D. and Sarmir M. Munoz for \$190,000 on April 13.
 Eddie Salone sold property at 584 Jackson Ave., to Juan and Romero M. Montero for \$154,000 on April 14.
 Nelson and Sara M. Grajales sold property at 700 Cleveland Ave., to Michael Gamache for \$160,000 on April 14.
 Antonio and Rosa Coelho sold property at 59 Sayre St., to Luis and Alzate V. Gonzalez for \$163,000 on April 14.
 Jose Cardoso sold property at 160

Broadway to Marcelo Cordeiro for \$203,000 on April 14.
 Luis and Manuela Corp sold property at 518 Jackson Ave., to Oscar Hernandez for \$212,300 on April 14.
 Salvador and Rosa M. Oliveira sold property at 209 High St., to Maria C. Domingues for \$273,000 on April 14.
 Ibrahim and Rosa Lopez sold property at 818 Salem Ave., to Milton Pileri for \$58,000 on April 14.
 Preston Welford sold property at 1027 William St., to Leonard and Angeline Elliott for \$84,900 on April 14.
 David and Tavares T. Cobianchi sold property at 67 E. Jersey St., to Yohana Trinidad for \$129,000 on April 14.
 Kevin S. Pettit sold property at 946 Salem Ave., to Clark Place Associates for \$65,000 on April 17.
 Vincent J. and Carmela K. Lappino sold property at 409 Redcliffe St., to Miguel A. and Edith C. Quijada for \$128,000 on April 17.
 Yolanda Zeik sold property at 648 1st Ave., to Silvia Rios for \$195,000 on April 17.
 Antonio and Preciosa Clemente sold property at 730 Jackson Ave., to Edgar and Ana Bernice for \$250,000 on April 17.
 Fred and Stella Lewentowicz sold property at 851 Pennington St., to Victor Mercado for \$270,000 on April 17.
 Raul J. Sena sold property at 165 Port Ave., to Maria R. Agosinho for \$197,000 on April 18.
 Minnie Coletti sold property at 624 4th Ave., to Gregory V. and Dina M. Andujar for \$130,000 on April 18.
 Ivan and Marisol Perez sold property at 214 Elm Court to Ana Teran for \$133,000 on April 19.
 Antonio and Alice Cunha sold property at 624 Myrtle St., to Thomas and Stella Sola for \$169,000 on April 19.
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Marleen J. Foni sold property at 20 2nd St., to Lisa A. Foni for \$125,000 on April 20.
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 Wilfredo and Migdalia Figueroa sold property at 55 Delaware St., to Jose and Gloria Lopez for \$190,000 on April 24.
 Jose L. and Ana M. Menendez sold property at 1112 Virginia St., to Manuel M. and Maria A. Fernandes for \$200,000 on April 24.
 Marie Ritchie sold property at 145 Broadway to Louis McDougald for \$80,000 on April 25.
 Carmen Diaz sold property at 549 Bond St., to Francisco Diaz for \$127,000 on April 25.
 Frederick A. and Dor Beieget Jr. sold property at 645 Montgomery St., to Raymond and Cecilia Valihard for \$138,000 on April 25.
 Juan R. and Elba Martinez sold property at 158 Sayre St., to Flavio Damasceno for \$135,000 on April 25.
 Vincent F. and Rose M. Leo sold property at 1021 Galloping Hill Road to Mitchell E. and Rosa M. Joseph for \$174,500 on April 25.
 Selective Realty Inc. sold property at 555 S. Park St., to Zakayah S Islam for \$160,000 on April 25.
 Manuel Vena sold property at 213 Erie St., to Mario and Ligia Alvarez for \$120,000 on April 27.
 Rafael R. Pagan sold property at 339 Boxwood Court to Flor Gonzalez for \$164,500 on April 27.
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Best-selling LeSabre features upgrades for 2001 model

Buick's LeSabre, the best-selling full-size car in the U.S. market for eight straight years, offers a variety of new features for 2001.

LeSabre was completely redesigned for 2000 and was named the AAA "Top Car" in the \$20,000-\$25,000 price range and a Consumers Digest "Best Buy." LeSabre's reputation was further enhanced when it received a five-star safety rating — the best possible score — for both driver and right-front passenger in frontal crash testing conducted in 2000 by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

For 2001, LeSabre is improved with features including dual-stage deployment air bags for increased safety, a recommended oil change interval that is increased from 7,500 to 10,000 miles for improved economy and new 15-inch aluminum wheels.

OnStar, General Motors' 24-hour on-demand navigation and assistance service, is now a factory-installed standard feature on Limited models and is available on Custom. OnStar comes with one year of free safety and security service.

StabiliTrak, an advanced integrated vehicle stability control system that helps the driver maintain control in a skid or slide, was introduced in LeSabre in mid-model year 2000. For 2001, StabiliTrak is part of a Driver Confidence Package available on



The best-selling Buick LeSabre features many new features for the 2001 model year.

Limited that includes self-sealing tires and a head-up driver information display.

LeSabre's many safety features also include Catcher's Mitt high-retention front seats with self-aligning head restraints for improved protection in rear impact collisions. A power driver seat, previously standard on Limited, is now standard on Custom models as well.

"LeSabre provides the most complete package of safety equipment of any full-size sedan on the road today," said Christine Mazglad, LeSabre brand manager.

LeSabre Custom and Limited are equipped with Buick's Convenience

Plus package of features including delayed entry and exit lighting, interior dimming, flash-to-pass control, battery rundown protection, lockout protection, delayed locking, auxiliary power outlet, retained accessory power, theft-deterrent system and daytime running lamps. Cruise control and power windows and door locks are also standard.

Limited models feature Buick's Driver Information Center, which provides a wide range of information including tire inflation monitor, trip computer and reminder lights for low fuel, low oil, low washer fluid and trunk and door ajar.

Personal Choice features standard

on all LeSabre models include two key fobs with individually programmable memory settings that control security feedback, perimeter lighting, delayed locking and radio presets. On Limited models, memory climate control is added to Personal Choice features and memory settings for seat and outside mirror adjustments also are available.

An available Gran Touring package adds specially tuned suspension, 16-inch all-season touring tires, aluminum wheels, a rear stabilizer bar and a leather-wrapped steering wheel. LeSabre is again powered by the widely acclaimed 3.8-liter 3800 Series II V-6 engine, offering smooth

power combined with excellent fuel economy — 19 mpg city, 30 mpg highway. The engine provides 205 hp at 5200 rpm and 230 lb.-ft. of torque at 4000 rpm.

For 2001, the engine's recommended oil change interval is increased by 2,500 miles id 10,000 miles, under normal use. This adds to other long-life LeSabre engine features such as self-cleaning, silicon-coated, platinum-tipped spark plugs that operate at higher temperatures, decreasing the potential for plug fouling and increasing plug life to 100,000 miles, extended-life transmission fluid that provides as much as 100,000 miles of service under normal operating conditions, and long-life engine coolant that provides as much as 150,000 miles of service under normal operating conditions.

New exterior colors include White, Dark Chestnut and Dark Pigeon Metallic. Special Monarch interior cloth is now standard on Limited models.

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Eyesight, vehicle response figure into reaction time

An issue that's been with us almost as long as the automobile is whether or not older drivers should be tested more frequently for re-issuance of their licenses. If a person's vision, reaction time and dexterity continue to be up to standard, then that driver should be safe, right?

Not necessarily, says the Car Care Council, which contends that any driver, regardless of age, is at risk if the vehicle is not sufficiently responsive. The theory that the vehicle is an extension of the driver is a valid one, says the Council. The brakes function only when the driver causes them to.

A driver with good vision can see surrounding danger and respond only if lights, windshield wipers, brakes and steering all are up to par.

If a driver's reactions are a little slower, eyesight is not quite as sharp

and hearing not quite as acute, he subconsciously may hope for his faithful vehicle to get him through a driving crisis. This can mean steering out of a dangerous traffic situation or maintaining stability when one wheel gets onto the shoulder. It also can mean quick, steady response to emergency braking.

Average reaction time, according to the National Safety Council, is 3/4 of a second. At 60 miles an hour, for example, you'll travel 66 feet in that period of time. At that speed, you'll need 162 to 202 feet to bring your car to a complete stop.

Use the "two second-plus" rule to determine if you're giving yourself enough space between yourself and the vehicle ahead. Count "one thousand and one, one thousand and two" as the vehicle in front of you reaches

an overpass or other stationary mark. If you arrive at that point in two seconds or less, you're too close. Back off.

So, under ideal conditions, adding an extra second of lag time behind the vehicle ahead of you could make the big difference in avoiding a collision. This is assuming the vehicle's tires and braking system are in optimum condition and the driver's reaction time is normal.

The Council suggests that, in addition to paying special attention to

safe functions of the vehicle and observing the two-second rule, older drivers or those with impaired vision or reaction time should pay special attention to their vehicles' safe operating condition.

For a free brochure on brake safety, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Car Care Council, Department SREO-B, 42 Park Drive, Port Clinton, OH 43452. Additional information is available on the Council's website at www.carcarecouncil.org.

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