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Freeholders approve \$38.8M bond ordinance

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

Hey, bonds, can you spot me \$39 million?

The Board of Chosen Freeholders gave their initial approval to a \$38.8 million bond ordinance at their June 25 meeting. The ordinance is to come up for final approval and adoption on July 9.

The ordinance authorizes the issuance of \$35,349,302 in county bonds. A total of \$1,506,100 will come from cash on hand payments while another \$2,076,000 will come from state and federal grants.

The bonds are to pay for over two dozen separate projects. One of these is a new Juvenile Detention Center to be located in Elizabeth. The ordinance earmarks \$3 million for the project. \$2,847,000 will be paid in bonds.

According to Mike Myers, of the County Manager's office, the money is to be used strictly for buying land, specifically land at 200 Hwy. Way in Elizabeth.

The current detention center on Elizabeth Plaza in Elizabeth is overcrowded and outmoded. It is a secured facility housing juveniles who have been arrested on serious delinquency charges while they await disposition of their cases.

The county has been trying to build a new detention center for at least two years now. The last attempt was in 1996. The county had set aside money in its budget to build the center at a site on Rahway Avenue in Elizabeth.

But the Democrats, then a minority on freeholder board, were able to kill the project. The Democrats argued that the county had no business spending money on big-ticket

items while the Union County Utilities Authority was having financial difficulty. At that time, it was feared that the UCUA, which runs the county's trash incinerator in Rahway, would have to default on its bonds. In that case, the county would have had to pay a bond debt of \$35 million.

The structure under consideration for the detention center — formerly a bank, then housing courtrooms and county offices — currently is used solely for county offices.

According to Myers, architectural plans have yet to be drawn up for the new detention center. The county is still in negotiations with Elizabeth over the property.

"It's still in the embryonic stage," he said.

Other projects to be funded by the bond ordinance include:

- \$2 million for Project Rocket Park. This is a matching grant program that makes up to \$250,000 available for renovating existing parks. A total of \$1,904,700 is to come from bonds.
- \$1,250,000 for the county to purchase land along the Elizabeth River for parks and recreational use. A total of \$309,200 is to come from bonds.
- \$2,176,000 for the Elizabeth River Flood Control Project in Hillside. A total of \$577,000 of this will come from bonds while \$1,599,000 will come from an Army Corps of Engineers grant. Hillside is to contribute \$300,000.
- \$200,000 for intersection improvements along Route 22, all of which will come from a state Department of Transportation grant. The intersections are at New Providence and Bunnie Burns roads.

Torricelli has airplane noise abatement plan

By Michelle Runge
Staff Writer

Residents of Union County are all too familiar with the problem of aircraft noise emanating from jets and carriers as they wind their way to points east, west, north, and south from Newark International Airport.

Planes flying overhead have been a source of irritation to many Union County citizens since aircraft have been flying lower and more frequently over heavily populated areas. Cities like Linden and Elizabeth have been fighting the problem for years.

Now, a new proposal for ocean routing, as depicted on the graph at right, is being promoted by Sen. Robert G. Torricelli, D.N.J., a long-time supporter of airplane noise abatement. The senator said he doubts that the Federal Aviation Administration will immediately consider his idea because of its fierce resistance to changing the status quo.

Torricelli contends that the FAA is biased in favor of the airlines and should not have the sole authority in ocean flight routes.

"However, the senator said that Congress has an advantage over the FAA — it controls the FAA's purse strings and can push the agency to devise a remedy to aircraft noise," he said.

In a 1994 report, published in *Aviation Daily*, the FAA argued that ocean routing would pose "substantial safety" problems and would not be feasible because the county's aviation region is congested with 1,000 flights daily from the greater New York area's three major airports — Newark, LaGuardia and Kennedy.

However, it would appear that there

Ocean routing Recommended air routes by anti-noise groups



is cause for hope on the horizon. Congressman Bob Franks (D-N.J.) has cosponsored the Quiet Communities Act, which calls for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to reestablish the office of Noise and Abatement Control. This would give Union County residents a source where they can direct their complaints and send their message loud and clear that aircraft noise is becoming unbearable.

To further bolster the bill, the Union County Freeholders recommended three resolutions concerning the noise from Newark Airport. The first and most important one supports meaningful set number of flight per hour, known as "slotting" at Newark Airport, as is already done at Kennedy and LaGuardia.

The second resolution supports the Quiet Communities Act and involves the expansion of Continental Airlines. The prohibition, noted in the Quiet Communities Act, states that there will be a 36 percent increase in traffic for the New York Metropolitan area airports over the next 10 years.

The third resolution declares that the Solberg Mitigation Plan — the FAA's most recent policy for abating aircraft noise — has actually worsened the problem.

Flight routes have been a source of major concern to some New Jersey members of Congress who want Newark International Airport to operate more efficiently. The hub has been plagued with more delays than any other airport in the nation of the past ten years.

UCUA nears end of county control

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

The Union County Utilities Authority is getting all its ducks in a row.

"Most of the work is done," said Chairman James Kennedy. "We're coming to the end of this."

"Ogden Marine Systems, which is to lease the Rahway-based incinerator for 15 years, took over operations on June 15, shortly after the UCUA freed most of its workforce.

A lease agreement had not been signed between the two and Kennedy did not have a date as to when this agreement would be signed.

Other aspects of the lease, though, have been approved by both the state Department of Environmental Protec-

tion and the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

These include a re-issuance of the UCUA's \$294 million in bonds. The UCUA will sell \$175 million of re-issued bonds to Ogden Marine.

According to Kennedy, the timing of the sale is good because interest rates are low. That means the UCUA's interest payments will be smaller.

"It's coming out much, much stronger than anyone has anticipated," he said.

But other aspects of the lease are not so certain.

One of Union County's 21 towns, 13 have agreed to sign waste disposal contracts with the UCUA.

Seven of the remaining towns will

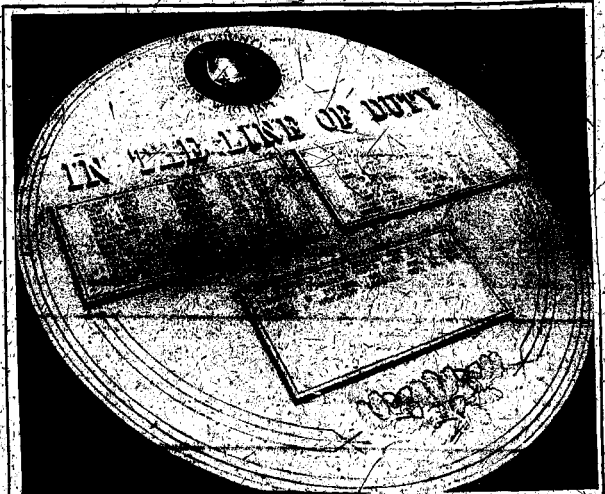
not be able to sign contracts with the UCUA. These towns do not have one contractor or one municipal department picking up their garbage, but rather several private haulers contracted by residents.

Kenilworth is the exception. Its Mayor, Michael Tippold, has called the "contract" "one-sided."

The contracts guarantee that Union County's towns will have a 50 percent garbage disposal fee or tipping fee during the first year of the agreement.

In return, Union County's towns must send the incinerator a total of 250,000 tons of garbage a year, a term of the UCUA-Ogden Marine lease. The county government will contribute 2,500 tons of trash.

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The Union County Police Chiefs' Memorial at the John H. Stanter Police Academy in Scotch Plains. Tours of the facility can be arranged by calling the academy at (502) 889-6312.

Memorial honors those who gave lives in line of duty

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

There is a quiet stop on tours of the Union County John H. Stanter Police Academy. It is in the rear of the academy grounds at 1776 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains, away from the sound of shots being fired on the target range and the shouts of recruits calling out to their superiors.

The memorial was located here so it can be a place of reflection, said Robert P. O'Leary, Acting Executive Assistant Union County Prosecutor in charge of public information. It has three flagpoles behind it, so it can be part of a recruit's day. People are also welcome to have a moment of reflection during their daily activities here.

O'Leary, along with Academy Superintendent Anthony Parenti and Robert Luce of the Prosecutors Office stood quietly before the monument during a recent tour of the academy. The Union County Police Chiefs' Memorial is dedicated to the county and municipal

officers who died in the line of duty. Twenty-eight names and dates — the oldest is 1918 up to the most recent, 1995 — are inscribed on the memorial's granite surface.

"This memorial was built in 1992, shortly after the academy building was opened," said Parenti. "It was felt that the memorial should be close to the building so the memory of the fallen officers would be near."

The memorial is in the shape of a granite disc engraved with a badge, crossed oak branches and the words "In the Line of Duty." The three flags behind the memorial are raised and lowered daily.

Luce said the memorial's design represents all who have come before, present and future. Emphasis is on the past, the flag around the outer edge; the smaller inner rings represent the solidarity of the officers serving in Union County.

Luce pointed out the name listed on the memorial along with the towns the officers served as if in a posthumous salute.

"You may see some names aren't in order with their expiration dates," he said. "Some departments didn't realize they had lost a member until the memorial prompted them to check their records."

The first name listed is that of Elizabeth officer Robert Patton, shot on Oct. 16, 1918, while trying to arrest seven auto thieves. The most recent name is that of Garwood officer, Thomas Haughton, who was killed in a car chase on Nov. 24, 1995.

In between are the names of officers from Clark, Cranford, Hillside, Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Union County, Union Township, and Westfield. Each name has a story in character, with that of Patton and Haughton.

"It was felt that this should be a memorial in the county," said Luce. "State police officers who dress while patrolling in Union County are thereby named on their own memorial."

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COUNTY NEWS

Here he grows!



Master Gardener Tom Sligitz of Springfield demonstrates the correct way to plant seeds recently at the ninth annual Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale at the Trailside Nature Center in Mountainside. The fair, presented by the Master Gardeners of Union County, attracted 1,379 visitors.

Authority's financial future seems brighter

(Continued from Page B1) The county talk below its agreed upon contribution must make up for the agreement in cash. In other words, the county as a whole will have to pay the tipping fee for 50,000 tons of garbage, even if it sends less trash to the UCLCA.

The lease is the UCLCA's way of dealing with the loss of waste flow control laws. These laws, overturned by the state Supreme Court in September, forced Union County to send its garbage to the UCLCA. The UCLCA didn't have to be concerned with expensive pricing, so it could charge a high tipping fee.

Editorial deadlines: Following are deadlines for news, March, club and social. Thursday: News. Saturday: End-of-year Sports. Monday: Editor's Letter. At the Editor's. Monday: Editor's Column. Monday: Sign-in.

County cleanup program begins

Young workers to earn summer cash

By Mark Goffker Staff Writer

Phase Two of Operation Clean & Green was unveiled today. It's a program to beautify Union County sponsored by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

"The issue of keeping the county clean is one I feel very strongly about," said Freeholder Linda Stender.

Operation Clean & Green was initiated this year to provide employment for young people from throughout Union County as members of cleanup crews. The cleanup program will join STAP, the sheriff's department program that assigns offenders to maintenance work, and Clean & Green Phase One which uses inmate labor to spruce up county roadways and buildings.

Operation Clean & Green Phase Two will employ high school students and will run only for the duration of the summer.

"I think it's a great opportunity to help out the community, to help clean

it up," said Nate Monee of Roselle Park, a Clean & Green worker. The student crews will target vacant lots and counts, especially which the individual municipal governments target for being in need of attention.

If the streets are picked up, Union County will be a nicer place to be, said Stender.

Already, she said, seven towns have requested the services of Clean & Green crews.

Phase Two of the cleanup operation, began on the morning of June 25 at the county Administration Building in Elizabeth. The student crews viewed films, listened to a talk about work zone safety by Angelo Papargiannis of the Bureau of Traffic Safety and Maintenance, and got advice on avoiding poison ivy and Lyme disease while working out of doors. Then it was off to work for the first day of what Stender hopes will be a successful program.

"We want people to take pride in their communities and want to work here," she said.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Paper Mill audience gets to 'Meet the Great Ziegfeld'

By Lisa Smith Staff Writer

Symposiums at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn are delightful events. They are informative, educational, especially entertaining, and through the magical journey narrated by Artistic Director Robert Johnson, truly entrancing.

For example, on June 23, during the Humanities Series event, "Meet the Great Ziegfeld," offered free of charge, the theater was packed as Johnson and resident composer Albert Evans took the audience through the biographical pieces of the adventures of the legendary Florenz Ziegfeld. They explored Ziegfeld and his Ziegfeld Follies, which had set the standards for style and elegance on Broadway in the first quarter of the 20th century.

Accompanied by rare and wonderful slides intricately depicting the unimaginable life of a man who brought so much to so many in the entertainment world, the story, according to the Johnson and Evans, unfolded with guest stars and musical numbers. Johnson explained that there were 50 girls in the "Follies of 1907" which grew to 100 members several years later. Sophie Tucker had been discovered by Ziegfeld, and she had the Dolly Sisters, to name a few.

Highlighting the program was the rare appearance of Eleanora D'Amico O'Connell, a Ziegfeld showgirl in several "Follies" and the 1922 "Midnight Prayers." O'Connell, blonde and slim and still beautiful, is the president of the Ziegfeld Club, which is international and a welcomed assistance to the former all-living showgirls. Her memory sharp, her wit, ism enchanting, O'Connell commented on everything Johnson had to say about the people and the incidents in the life of Ziegfeld. She even did a little two-step, to the delight of the audience.

Mark Waldron, director-writer, is scheduled to direct "Gypsy," next season for Paper Mill, performed the Eddie Caputo material and was especially entertaining during the "Whoopie" number.

Outstanding was Susan Speidel, the theater's member of education, who performed the Fanny Brice material in her own style. She brought the house down with "My Man." Then, of course, there was the beautiful Kelli Rapke — Dorothy in "Paper Mill's 'Wizard of Oz' and one of the stars of "Children of Eden" — portraying Ziegfeld's first love, Anna Held. Her lovely voice echoed through the theater with "Madam With the Dracary Eyes."

Other performers offering the music and dance of the Ziegfeld years included Betty Clegg, the intriguing Jim Hindman, who performed material from Ben Williams' "Dee-Bellie," a performer and New Jersey Theatre Group staff member, and members of the cast of "The Wall-Riggers Follies": Jennifer Clippinger, Mary-Lee DeWitt, Joseph Sark and Kevin Stigle.

The audience was enticed by such wonderful old-time favorites as "Shine On, Harvest Moon" and "By the Light of the Silvery Moon." Johnson, who did a little of his own wonderful singing, mentioned that next year the Humanities Series, which had lost its grant, will be sponsored by Mercedes-Benz. This way, the wonderful symposiums, which Johnson so enthusiastically moderates, and which the public finds so enthralling, will prove that these shows must certainly "go on!"

Westfield resident dedicates three decades to opera

By Lisa Smith Staff Writer

Opera is becoming more and more popular with the public and with the changing times. Ask Alfredo Silipigni of Westfield, principal conductor and artistic director of the New Jersey State Opera, who has been with the company for 33 years.

"The New Jersey State Opera is one of the most outstanding regional companies in the United States," he said during a recent interview. "Perhaps the reason it is becoming so popular is that the conductors get better as we get older. Also, we have had exceptional opera singer in the western hemisphere perform for us including Placido Domingo, Robert Merrill, Beverly Sills, Richard Tucker, Roberto Peters — so many of them."

Silipigni explained that, "We have extensive auditions every year. We will have our auditions here on June 15 and next year, we will have two more operas in the Performing Arts Center in Newark. "You know," he continued, "we staged 'Carmen' in late April and we sold out opening night. We had two very full houses. And we have extensive guild activities with approximately 380 members. In so many respects we are keeping opera alive, any we do indeed have to keep opera alive."

The NJ State Opera began as the Opera Theatre of Westfield in 1964. It was in 1965, Silipigni was engaged as conductor and the name was changed to Opera Theatre of New Jersey. With performances in the Westfield and Scotch Plains/Farmswood High Schools in November 1968, a production of "Faust," starring Jerome Hines and Lucia Albanese, was offered at the Newark Symphony Hall, the company's home, since that time. The organization was renamed the New Jersey State Opera in 1974.

For more than three decades, the New Jersey State Opera, under the direction of the maestro, as the premier opera company of the state, has staged and dramatized the libretto book of Ruth through European classical traditions, African-American jazz, rock and gospel. And in 1996, it presented "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Pagliacci" at the Garden Arts Center and "The Jewel Box," a new Mozart opera at the Community Theater of Morristown. In the 1996-1997 season, NJSOPE staged three productions: Verdi's "Don Carlo" at Newark Symphony Hall, Mozart's "Don Giovanni" at the State Theatre in New Brunswick, and the world premiere production of its recently commissioned "Many Moons" — a family opera based on the book by James Thurber.

The audience Silipigni mentioned in the New Jersey State Opera International Youth Competition, established in 1976, "to encourage the development of promising young singers with cash awards and performance opportunities. The State Opera has created an educational program that reaches hundreds of students each year in schools across the state, as well as dress rehearsals and performances, as part of its mission to play a leading role in arts education throughout New Jersey."

"Silipigni said that he recently came back from Denver, where he performed Puccini's "Pagliacci" last month before. I was in Baltimore conducting "Carmen." It was a success."

He talked about an innovative idea



Alfredo Silipigni

to have a translation of the opera on the stage. It's been a great audience builder. The audience gets the story — "I don't stay awake," Silipigni chuckled. "I really believe that American audiences has grown about 40 percent in the last 10 years and the largest has been in the 25 to 35 age

bracket, and that's because there's so much opera on TV, surrounding it. It's really becoming very popular." Silipigni said that "it's the one thing I had worried. You know, it's laughed when I first started out, but it's coming to the opera. Today, it's the thing to do."

Paper Mill concert recalls the heyday of Glenn Miller

By Lisa Smith Staff Writer

Just listening to an orchestra playing "Moonlight Serenade" is enough to conjure up dreamy memories of an era of big bands and a world of uncertainty and threatening war clouds. But when a band specifically composed of musicians who reintroduced the timeless Glenn Miller sound of yesterday, the thrill of reliving ancient legends in a forgotten lifetime is beyond comparison.

It all took place on the evening of June 22 at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, in a sold-out house, when the original members of the late Glenn Miller were arranged by a 19 member band, led by trombonist Larry Brown, whose rhythmic movements prove that he knows the Miller style better than just anyone else. By presenting "The World-Famous

Glenn Miller Orchestra," the Paper Mill has attracted not only middle-aged and senior citizens, but young people interested in a taste of what real music was like back in the 1940s. "Danny Shales of WVNJ radio introduced the band, and mentioned that 'Original group will be played by a group of guys who were right when Glenn Miller's time!'"

But this group of young musicians, including vocalists Julia Rich and Brian Anthony, who also are part of a five-member group called Moonlighters, are familiar with the music of Glenn Miller and they all know how to present his famous renditions as if only the Miller band was able to play them. And they know how to reach an energetic audience with such songs as "Pennsylvania 6-5000," "Little Brown Jug," "Jukebox Junction," "Bandwagon Choo Choo," "Jessey Boyes" — the reviewer had a Miller

far on both sides of her, who happily danced and jumped along with the band — one could hardly contain their

Sweet sounds emanated from the soft voice of Rich when she sang "Just Friends," "I Know Why," and "Almost Like Falling in Love," and exciting sounds echoed through the audience when Anthony offered "White Cliffs of Dover," "The Neighbors of No. 1," and Frank Sinatra's arrangement of "Night and Day." George Formby music was honored on its 100th anniversary when the band played its tribute, "Rhapsody in Blue." Miller's arrangement of the old Irish folk song "Danny Boy" was one of the highlights of the evening. And when the Moonlighters sang "I've Got a Gal in Kalamazoo," one could "close one's eyes" and picture the sweet faces of Tex Beneke and Marion Hutton

There were many solos among the musicians, each with his own interpretation of the music of Glenn Miller, and each bowing to thunderous applause. And there was a thrilling moment when G. Brian and the other trombonists, swang their instruments from side to side in accompaniment. Greg Penzell got carried away on the drums at one point, to the amusement of the audience.

The band also played "A String of Pearls," "A Wonderful Peace," and "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot." And when the concert was over, the mood had been set and the applause continued. No one even attempted to leave the theater; so the band had to do an encore. It was exciting an evening to remember, and a reason to look forward to next season of concerts — hoping that the Glenn Miller Band will return.

Patriotic children's musical will tour through July

By Lisa Smith Staff Writer

Pulsar Players, the Verona, NJ-based professional theater company, for young audiences, is pleased to announce the revival of the popular demand, of the critically acclaimed musical "Dear America," running through July, 1998.

Specifically designed for students from K-8, "Dear America" is the production to concepts concerning cultural diversity, tolerance and the precious legacy of freedom and democracy in America. A collection of fascinating stories about famous ethnic groups and the roles in creating the mosaic of our nation, this moving musical play places human values issues squarely on the agenda while celebrating multiculturalism and the triumph of the human spirit. "Dear America" brings a little bit of "Broadway" to schools in a production that is filled with color and music, served up in a highly entertaining format. Pulsar Players is a dynamic ensemble of theater artists; well known for

lacking difficult issues and bringing them to life in an interactive, lively and accessible way. In addition to "Dear America," Pulsar Players currently offering a variety of challenging productions and programs, include "The Last, Very Last Butterfly," A Holocaust education piece constructed with sensitivity, care and concern for young viewers' while offering a well-informed starting point for understanding, clarification and discussion of this difficult subject.

Pulsar's Story Theatre Series for very young audiences provides a gentle introduction to theater through animation and audiovisual entertainment. It includes "Once Upon a Time," a collection of timeless fairy tales; "Stone Soup and Other Stories," a compilation of well-known folktales from around the world; and "Chasing Rainbows," a richly illustrated musical about self-

Children's theater company salutes the United States

"Three Cheers for America" is a spirited salute to 20th century America in song, dance and story designed to celebrate the struggles and achievements of past generations in preserving the freedoms we enjoy in the US today. It takes a loving look at a small group of immigrants who came to this country in 1903 seeking freedom, opportunity and a better life for themselves, their children and their children's children. Prevailing themes throughout the play are the immigrant experience, ethnic diversity and affirmation of the promise of democracy — freedom and opportunity for all. Designed for young audiences from K-8, "Three Cheers" is filled with col-

or and motion and is served up in a highly entertaining format, bringing a little bit of Broadway into the school setting. Pulsar Players, a dynamic ensemble of theater artists, well known for tackling difficult issues and bringing them to life in an interactive, lively and accessible way. Recent credits include a highly successful performance tour of the former Soviet Union several performances at the White House, and both public and peer recognition through numerous awards for outstanding work in children's theater.

Pulsar is now in its 23rd season of producing theater for young viewers. All productions are accompanied by comprehensive study guides for classroom teachers and discussion/assessment sessions with the cast following performances. Representatives from schools in the area interested in this, or other performances should call Pulsar Players at 857-1115 or write to: Pulsar, 197 Bloomfield Ave., Verona, NJ 07044.

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For the week of July 5 to July 11

Aries March 21-April 20

Hold a friend or coworker by pulling those strings behind the scenes at work. Not only will it help build their self-confidence, it could work to your benefit. Be patient on the home front.

Taurus April 21-May 21

Even with stars in your eyes, keep your feet firmly planted on the ground. If something seems too good to be true, use your head - it probably is. Be cautious about investing any money this week.

Gemini May 22-June 21

Contemplating a major purchase? Consult an expert in that area before you buy; then weigh all the facts. When you decide to set a price limit, stick to it. At work, choose your words carefully.

Cancer June 22-July 22

This is the week to make a commitment to spend time with someone you've been neglecting. Don't go overboard; just be sure to spend some time with him/her. Things may get sticky at work this week.

Leo July 23-Aug. 23

You need a good sounding board. Look to a third party to give you a valuable, objective point of view. Explain the problem, then listen carefully to the advice you're given. Make time for someone close this week.

Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Even if you cannot change what someone says, you can control your reaction to it. Take the comments in stride, and you'll see that those around you will have more respect for you.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Your caustic demeanor may be misinterpreted this week. At home, your partner may think you're not taking a problem seriously. Concentrate on addressing the issue.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Tuesday will be a big day for you this week. Your dedication to community projects will come to the fore, and you'll work in your favor on the job. Don't be shy about taking credit for things you've done.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Fresh opportunities in personal and professional relationships will be the highlight of your week. Enjoy your new personal interactions to the fullest. Take advantage of the new opportunities at work.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

A difficult situation will rear its ugly head this week. Don't avoid it, plunged in and fight with you before it gets worse. You'll feel a whole lot better when things are resolved. Get out of the house this weekend.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Before the end of the week, you'll run into someone you haven't seen for quite a while. Enjoy the time together, even though it will be short. Continue to be positive about things going on at home.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Love and affection are in the stars for you this week. Even though the week starts off slowly, Friday will end up being a wonderful day. Your compassion and sensitivity will play well at home and at work. Call on them when things get rough.

Comedy troupe debut stands up to scrutiny

By Ed Fried

Staff Writer
Wit-rover Joey Buttafuoco, the Brady Bunch Jerry Seinfeld, Steve Martin, Kathy Lee Gifford, Richard Simmons, L.L. Cool J., the cast of the X-Files and The Grim Reaper have in common? They all provided New Jersey Comedy Head Cheese with plenty of witty material to work with during their New York debut performance. "And The Head Cheese Stands Alone" at Center Stage Theatre in Manhattan on Saturday.

Similar to the cast of "Seinfeld," Head Cheese chooses material from all aspects of the media to explain. Only instead of merely mocking the media, the members of Head Cheese imitate individual characters, twisting and contorting their idiosyncrasies to fit the troupe's own devious needs.

Another way the troupe is different from "Seinfeld" is that performing off-Broadway theaters allows them the opportunity to interact directly with the audience, getting immediate feedback.

After receiving no feedback from the audience when the troupe's Arnie-Dieter, Michael Ramm, asked them to stand to salute the film, the troupe centered by stepping out in full Village People garb to sing an undeniable parodic version of "YMCA."

Dot Hisslip, of Cranford, often stood before the audience, performing tongue-in-cheek, mock-airline safety lectures. While instructing the audience to go against virtually every safety

rule known to man, she maintained an air of professionalism that would fail when she was pleasantly attacked by a perpetually duck-shaped flotation device.

The troupe then featured Buttafuoco in an up-close interview of the Brads. As any Brady co-star would do, the interview began in a manner as fair-tale as the most sickening episode of the 1970s pie-in-the-slice sitcom. "The family's marital bliss and familial camaraderie fell again when Candy Brady played by Jackie McGarrity, of Rahway, cracked and Juddiebell's secret to unflappable is superceded all real-life Brady trivia.

Those who appreciate the off-Broadway production of "How I Learned to Drive" would definitely enjoy the sketch featuring Hisslip and Bruce Williams of West Orange, as a couple driving each other insane through their inability to communicate effectively while behind the wheel of more than just a vehicle.

Fans of "The Dating Game" and the Jerry Springer Show would love Head Cheese's out-of-control rendition of the late-'60s/early-'80s game show. Again, the show starts off seemingly out of phase when a fight breaks out between female contestants, a White House intern and a promiscuous meat packer.

Hisslip then played a promiscuous dentist's assistant in a skit which portrayed Larry Goldberg, of Berkeley Heights, as a jealous yachting-mad dentist similar to Steve Martin in "The Little Shop of Horrors."

The most original of the Troupe's skits followed with no hints of outside references. The first featured an incompetent and obnoxious job candidate who leaves his initial interview before he is called the position after a match of masculinity with his female boss.

The next skit portrayed a boss' anxiety toward a new employee at a clothing store who had been following The Grateful Dead around seeking help. He doesn't even have enough brain cells to determine what is laughful or not.

Hisslip then attempted to settle the anxiety-filled vibes with neo-hippie vibes. But the other players would not play along. They entered the stage with a grotesque culinary monstrosity similar to the "King Lear" cannibalistic cooking show from "The Complete Works of Willie Shkspir (Abridged)."

Randy Bayer-Spiel, of Elizabeth, made a solo performance as Madam Babushka, a rowdy-for-umore teller from Rumania. Biter at being forced into the show, Babushka insulted every one whose fortune she told, receiving quite a bit of laughter and applause from the half-surprised audience.

The troupe then attempted to shock the audience with a sexually explicit skit about an indifferent husband running off to work and leaving his wife to an extremely well-endowed sperm donor. However, the plot failed to receive any laughter from the crowd - probably because of the predictable bluntness of the donor's sales pitch. The skit was brief, though, and led to one of the troupe's most outrageous routines.

Ream and Bayer-Spiel appear with guns as Mulder and Scully from "The X-Files," investigating an alien abduction. As many "X-Files" episodes have been known to go, the abductor even attempts to brainwash Mulder.

Scott Coffey, of Westfield, made a dramatic entrance late into the show as The Grim Reaper. Dressed in black, with scythe in hand, he looked scary at first. However, when he turned around, he dropped his robe and displayed a yellow sequined turtleneck and hosted: "You Bet Your Afterlife," where a Southern gal, a surfer boy and a cab driver get to test their wits against each other for an eternity in Heaven.

Following was one more television spoof, consisting of Goldberg as L.L. Cool Jeev, half-African-American, half-Jew. With white skin and an afro that can grow itself, L.L. seemed to make enemies with whomever he spoke. Maybe it was all the Manichevitch and Thunderbird in-drink throughout the show. Either way, it was original and hilarious.

The show ended with the end of male/female gender explicitness, displayed throughout the driving scene, when all the males were punished for their wives for hanging around a local pub singing ballads to their favorite beverage.

Whereas the performance made certain that "Head Cheese" is a thoroughly competent group of writers, directors and performers, they added flavor to the performance through the use of appropriate set-change music.

Seasonal fairs and festivals listed in arts guide

Celebrate the summer and fall seasons by attending the many art and craft fairs and festivals being held across the eastern half of the U.S. The Arts Extension Service at the University of Massachusetts publishes the guide you need to help you prepare for this fulfilled time of year.

"Fairs and Festivals 1998" marks the 23rd year of publication for this annual directory. This popular and useful guide is larger than ever, listing locations and descriptions of more than 1,800 festivals in 30 states, as well as contact and application information. "Fairs and Festivals 1998" also features three indexes: one by state; one by festival title; and one by application deadline.

This craft-oriented publication lists the major artists, artists to find community fairs, as well as producers and sponsors of craft, trade and high-end craft

shows. It is an indispensable guide for the public, buyers and press, as well as marketing tool for thousands of crafts people, artists, performers and vendors.

The Arts Festival Work-Kit is an information handbook that provides practical guidance on every aspect of planning, organizing, funding, implementing and evaluating an art festival. This manual explains reasons and concepts for arts festivals, structuring staff and use of volunteers, creating a comprehensive plan, and the myriad of issues and details related to programming, logistics, marketing and administration.

To obtain a copy of one or more of these publications, contact The Arts Extension Service at (413) 545-2360.

SENIORS

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Residents have been kept busy recently with a full schedule of activities, including professional musical entertainment, along with regular activities such as music and exercise, floor games, volleyball, bocceball, sports, rhythm band, bible study, art and crafts, bingo, religious services, parties, movies, luncheons, discussions, and more.

Residents, staff, and visitors are enjoying the new water fountain/waterfall recently installed on the front lawn. Its soothing falling waters and surrounding new landscaping have a soothing effect on all who watch and listen - a great way to relax and reduce stress.

The home's Rehabilitation Department has recently completed its expansion, with a full staff of professionals providing physical, occupational and speech therapies.

In May, professional nursing staff were honored with a luncheon during National Nurses Week. On June 11, nursing assistants were honored with a festive meal as well as a gift from Administration. In keeping with the theme for the week, "Caring People, Touching Lives," service pins and certificates will be awarded in recognition of the compassion, commitment, skill, and comfort that nursing assistants bring into the lives of the residents for whom they care. Two nursing assistants will receive \$100 Bonds for twenty-five years of service to the facility.

NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT DECISION ADVERSELY AFFECTS SENIORS

RULING CATERERS TO NURSING HOMES OVER FAMILY MEMBERS

In a decision that will have long-term negative impact on senior citizens and their families, the New Jersey Supreme Court (unanimously) ruled that when calculating an institutionalized spouse's eligibility for Medicaid benefits to pay nursing home care, a healthy spouse's individual retirement account must be included.

The Court indicated that the Medicaid laws were designed to protect married couples when one spouse enters a nursing home. This is achieved by ensuring that the spouse living in the community has a substantial, yet not excessive, amount of resources to live with in the community and help pay for the nursing home costs in that country, requires that the spouse in the nursing home has not more than \$2000.00 in assets. In order to qualify, the community spouse, however, may keep up to approximately \$40,000.00 of total liquid assets.

The Court's holding that the husband's IRA was an available resource for the purpose of determining Medicaid eligibility for his wife proved the point. The ultimate result of the Justice's action was to place the institutionalized spouse on the public dole, but justice likely the community spouse may become a public charge by virtue of the fact that the husband was forced to spend his retirement pay as his wife's "Medicaid Asset."

As a result of this decision, it will now have more important than ever before for family members to consult with an Elder Law Attorney, experienced in Medicaid planning. There are a host of planning options, including trusts and annuities, that can be implemented to protect the community spouse and other family members.

Benjamin D. Eckman, Esq., will conduct free seminars regarding the New Jersey Court decision. These seminars will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 1998 at the Woodbury Community Center at 6:30 P.M.; July 15, 1998 at the Old Dutch Place Library at 10:30 A.M.; July 23, 1998 at the Springfield Library at 10:30 A.M.; and July 24, 1998 at the Cranford Library at 10:30 A.M. These seminars are free. For seating if limited Advanced Reservations are required. Please call (908) 289-0325 for additional information and location.

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Fun on the Fourth awaiting residents

With Fourth of July weekend upon us, we've listed some of the fun in Union County as well as surrounding areas that are celebrating Independence Day with fireworks displays or activities. Readers should keep in mind that some of the activities are for residents of those towns only.

Clark

The Clark Historical Society will open the Dr. William Robinson Plantation House and grounds to the public on July 5 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. for a program called "Celebrating Our American Flag." The Robinson House is located at 593 Madison Hill Road. For more information, call (973) 381-9100.

Elizabeth

The city is celebrating its 100th birthday with a series of events including Garden State Fireworks Inc. will begin at 8 p.m. on July 4 at Veterans Memorial Waterfront Park on Frim Street.

Maplewood

The Fourth of July Committee of the Maplewood Civic Association is sponsoring the town's celebration starting at 6 p.m. at Recreation Square when the VFW Scouts neighborhood associations and everyone else parades to Memorial Park for a day full of fun festivities.

Mike David, Fourth of July chairman and MCA vice president, said the events are sponsored by local organizations including AcaMaplewood, the Chamber of Commerce, Junior Women's League, Lions and Jersey Armed Coalition. Activities include races, relay, adult softball and volleyball, eating and baking contests, the Maze and a pet show. VFW's Oldie Tyme Circus returns with performances at 1, 3:30 and 6 p.m. rain or shine. The year date for outdoor events is Sunday.

Tickets are available in advance throughout the township for \$6 or may be purchased at the gate.

Roselle Park

Fireworks and patriotic recorded

music will be held at the Green Acres complex, West Webster Avenue, adjacent to the high school from 9:15 to 10 p.m. July 4.

Springfield

Music, food, games and fire works are on tap for July 4 at Meisel Field on Meisel Avenue. Gates open at 5 p.m. A small donation is requested. Food vendors, games and a moon walk will be available for the children, as well as a live band and fire works fireworks as 9 p.m.

Summit

Novartis Pharma outcasts Corp. will present the New Jersey Poppy Concert at 7:30 p.m. July 4 at 5062 Days Memorial Field, off Ashland Road. Fireworks will begin at 9:15 p.m. Activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a flag raising, followed by a children's decorated bicycle parade at 9:45 a.m. Games, rides, bike safety rodeo will be held at 10 a.m. The Summit Swing Big Band will perform in concert at 11 a.m. The Summit Chamber of Commerce Classic Softball Game will be played at noon. Food and beverages will be for sale from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

In case of rain, the New Jersey Poppy concert will be held indoors at Summit High School, 125 Kent Pike Boulevard. Fireworks displays will be held on the next clear night. For weather information, call (908) 522-0557.

Union Township

The Union Township Band will play a medley of patriotic favorites starting at 7:30 p.m. at Bierendinger Park at the corner of Winslow Avenue and Vauxhall Road. Fire works will begin at 9 p.m. in the park. The rain date is July 5.

Historic burial grounds offer a glimpse of past

By E. Lois Cully
Correspondent

Looking for something interesting to do that's also free and close to home? A place where there are no crowds — at least none visible — and no tickets to buy? Where there is no marketing hype and visitors may come along with their imaginations and backbones intact?

Except for those who are of an unenviable mind and dislike being reminded every few minutes of their own mortality, an old burying ground qualifies nicely.

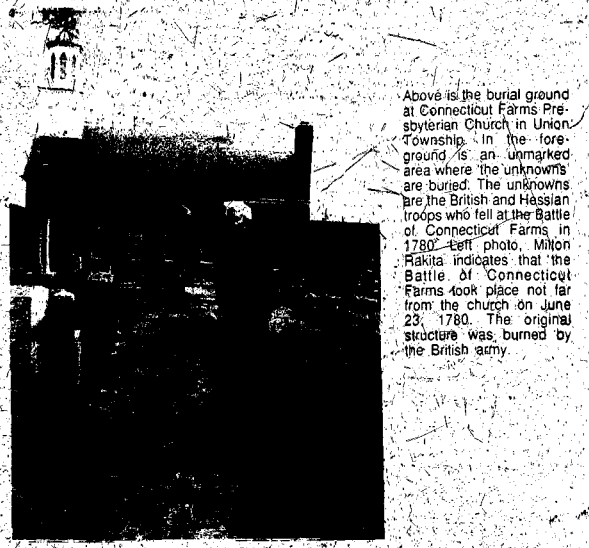
In the eastern United States, the opportunities are nearly limitless. Colonial-era cemeteries, their weathered gravemarkers leaning in every direction, can be found in cities, towns and villages, on quiet suburban streets, and in remote woodlands and fields.

And though epitaphs allegedly contain history that dates as far as the school as you are now old time was the — starker inscriptions have other things to say, too, about history, art, politics, humor, social mores, linguistics, patriotism and the annals of public health, to name only a few subjects.

Representative of graveyards dating from Revolutionary times are those adjacent to the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield and Connecticut Farms in Union, 160-acre, Colonial structures about 3 miles apart that were rebuilt after having been burned by British and Hessian troops in 1780.

Earlier this year, Union, on a blustery, gray February day, Milton Rakita, 84, a member of the congregation and the local historical society, reverently opened the gates to a territory he knows well. In a manner of speaking, he also knows the occupants well.

"The volunteer militiamen were mostly farmers," Rakita said, pointing out several graves of men who fought in skirmishes and battles between 1776 and 1781. Recalling the destruction of homes and churches and the loss of life among the citizenry during those years, Rakita sternly called attention to an unmarked area roughly 20 feet square in size where "the unknowns" — unidentified enemy. See HISTORY, Page B7



Above is the burial ground at Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church in Union Township. In the foreground is an unmarked area where 'unknowns' are buried. The unknowns are the British and Hessian troops who fell at the Battle of Connecticut Farms in 1780. Left photo, Milton Rakita indicates that the Battle of Connecticut Farms took place not far from the church on June 23, 1780. The original structure was burned by the British army.

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History, evolution of Union County marked vividly in burial grounds



This photo shows the burial ground at First Presbyterian Church in Springfield. The church is in the background. It is a Colonial structure about 5 miles from the Connecticut Farms burial ground and was rebuilt after having been burned by British and Hessian troops in 1780.

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 soldiers who fall at the Battle of Connecticut Farms — are buried.

Rakita's account lost none of its seriousness as he told of the death of James Caldwell and his wife, Hannah Caldwell, minister of the church during the war. It is described in a history of the congregation by a great orator, a fiery and rabid 'Rebel' (with a price on his head).

Hannah Caldwell was shot by a Redcoat in 1780 as she took refuge in her home; an event that "aroused the countryside, and (stiffened) the resistance of the people against the British," according to the history. Caldwell was killed a year later by an American soldier who, it was said, had accepted a bribe from the British to shoot the minister.

But in the 18th and 19th centuries it was not war that ended people's short lives so much as disease, injury and childbearing. Epidemics of smallpox, for example, "accounted for the deaths of thousands despite, and often because of, inoculations, as in the case of one David Massell, who died of the Small Pox by inoculation in 1763." In the 37th Year of his Age, it was not until 1796 that Edward Jenner developed a safe vaccine.

More poignant are the gravemarkers of infants and young children and the death of women during their childbearing years. Rakita pointed out several family markers that chronicle the birth and death of children who failed to survive their first months of life.

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If people perished quickly in those short-lived times, at least the art of stonecutters flourished. Though serried, deteriorating, limestone and red sandstone markers still display well designed lettering and the strong simple lines of a hand that — round faced, winged figures symbolizing the spirit of the departed — and death's

heads, images that yielded in time to cherubs, doves, angels, lambs and occupational symbols such as ships and crossed swords.

Many epitaphs go beyond the lugubrious to reveal tenderness, drama, patriotism and humor — even if the humor is unintentional. Several examples are cited in a 1994 work by Janice Kuhl Sarapin titled "Old Burial Grounds of New Jersey." They include the epitaph of a Revolutionary soldier named Nicholas Percell: "Behold Me here as you Pass By/Whif

and Dy'd for Liberty/From British Tyrants now am free." Another inscription on the marker of James Smith, who died in 1772 at the then advanced age of 72, reads, "Farewell With World's Eve had enough." And the epitaph of a man who lies in Princeton cemetery reads: "I told you I was sick."

Just in case prospective visitors to old graveyards feel anxious, they may find it useful to consider the words of Jean Quinlan, 72, a volunteer secretary at the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield and a lifelong member of the congregation. "These people never hurt me," said Quinlan, whose house overlooks the 18th century burial ground and with several churches "it's the people walking around I need to worry about."

E. Lois Cully is a resident of Chatham and the manager of the Livingston Symphony Orchestra.

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STATE OF THE ARTS programming on Thursday evenings, 7 p.m. and Sundays at 1 p.m. on New Jersey Network.

THIRTEENTHWNET will air "A Great Day in Harlem," about the evolution of jazz, on Wednesday from 8-9 p.m. from 9-10 p.m. "Great Performances" by Sam Shepard: Stalking Himself. From 10 p.m. to midnight, "Great Performances" by Sam Shepard: True Wicks. "Real New York," an eight-week summer festival of works about New York by local independent film and videomakers, will air consecutive Sundays at 11 p.m. through Aug. 2. Episodes will be repeated on Tuesdays at 12:30 a.m.

ART SHOWS

SKULSKI ART GALLERY of the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark will display paintings by Andre Galko through tomorrow.
Gallery hours are Tuesday, Friday from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10-5 p.m. The location is located at 177 Broadway, Clark. For information, call (732) 382-7197.
SWAIN GALLERIES in Plainfield will display Voyageur wages, paintings by Caballero Sifio of Roselle through tomorrow.
Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday to 4 p.m. Swain's location is at 703 Watching Ave., Plainfield. For information, call (908) 256-1707.
LES MALAMUT ART GALLERY in Union will present "Journey Into Personal Abstractions," an exhibition of paintings by Alfred T. Kaecher of Cranford through Tuesday.

FIRST BAPTIST Church Hall, 170 Elm St., Westfield, offers Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. Men of all ages are invited to sing. For information, call (908) 233-7188 or (908) 382-2870.
SANGERS CHOR meets every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. at the Deutscher Club in Clark. New members are welcome. For information, call Manfred Schneider, at (908) 382-4500.
UNION HARMONICA BAND holds practice sessions at the Senior Citizen Building, Caldwell and Morris avenues, Union, every Friday from 7 to 9:30 p.m.
WESTFIELD GLEE CLUB invites male singers to come and sing at rehearsals on Mondays at 8 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church Parish Building Assembly Hall, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield.
Interested male singers are invited to call Dale Junilla at (908) 232-0673.

Admission \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for children. The high school is located at Central Avenue, New Providence. For information, call (908) 232-2076.
NJ PQPS will perform on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Soldiers Memorial Field in Summit, followed by a fireworks display.
For information, call (973) 263-7376.
UNION MUNICIPAL BAND will perform on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Birminghampark in Union. A fireworks display will take place at 9 p.m.
Raindate is Sunday. The park is located at Winston Avenue and Vauxhall Road.
SIX FLAGS Great Adventure will present John Tesh and the Neo Symphony Orchestra on Saturday at 7 p.m.
Great Adventure is located in Jackson, N.J. For information, call (732) 928-2000.
AMADEUS FESTIVAL by NJ Symphony Orchestra will begin on Tuesday 8:00 p.m. through Aug. 8 at New Jersey Performing Arts Center.
NJ PAC is located at One Center St., Newark. For information, call (800) ALLEGRO or (800) GQ/NJ PAC.
MAGIC TOUCH, sounds of the 50s, will perform on Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. at

Ennis, 4000 Aug. 30 at 5 p.m.
Tournaments are open to county residents age 16 and older unless otherwise specified, who qualify as amateur golfers and are not members of private clubs. Applications can be obtained and turned in at any of the specified courses.
Ash Brook Golf Course, Raritan Road, Scotch Plains; (908) 756-0414.
Gallop Hill Golf Course, Gallop Hill Road, Kenilworth; (908) 666-1558.
Oak Ridge Golf Course, Oak Ridge Road, Clark; (732) 374-0329.
A Tee-Time Reservation Phone Number: (908) 351-0539.
CRESCENT GOLF RANGERS offers a driving range, baseball batting and a miniature golf course.
60 tees available. Open year-round. The range is located at 6235 Springfield Ave. in Union. For information, call 688-9752.

both decreased from the earliest statistics this year. Today, the Miller-Cory House Museum is a nationally recognized living museum. It has been entered on the historic site and National Registers of Historic Places. Visitors are introduced to a variety of colonial sites as trained artisans and costumed docents recreate the everyday life, the crafts and tasks of the 18th and 19th century farm family in Westfield.
For information about the museum and its schedule of programs, call the museum office at (908) 232-1776.

ON LINE

A WRINKLE IN TIME features more than 200 QuickTime VPI and 360 panoramic photos from six different continents, all taken on March 20 during the Equinox.
Milburn, NJ is featured as the only panoramic view from New Jersey, taken by local photographer David Onofrey.
The exhibit, celebrating "The World of Our Mother Earth," is viewable on Windows or Macintosh computers using QuickTime software and a web browser. The address is www.WrinkleInTime.com. For information, call (973) 564-8570.

KIDS

NU BALLET SCHOOL in Livingston will begin classes on Monday and run through Aug. 14.
A \$6 fee is required at registration. The schools are located at 15 Microlap Road, Livingston. For information, call (973) 367-6600.

THE GALLERY is located in Union. The gallery, Fiberglass Park, Union. For information, call 651-5450.
ANNUAL MEMBERS SHOW of New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit will be on display through July 12.
"Gallery" hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St. in Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.
SENIOR ARTS EXHIBIT will be on display through July 31 at Seneca Regional in Kenilworth.
Hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Schenck Plaza, located at 2000 Gallop Hill Road in Kenilworth. For information, call 558-2550.

CAFES

VAN GOGH'S EARCAFE presents an easy clubhouse atmosphere. Jazz and blues music is featured on Saturdays at 8 p.m. A \$3 cover is charged.
Open Mic Night is presented every Tuesday from 7:30 to 10 p.m., with sign-up at 7 p.m.
Van Gogh's Earcafe is located at 1017 Shuylert Ave. in Union. For information, call (908) 810-1842.
MINSTREL COFFEEHOUSE is a clubhouse-style coffee house run by the Folk Project, a non-profit folk music and arts organization. Tomorrow, Silk City, July 10. Open Stage, July 17. Minstrel's Birthday Show, July 24. Matt Weppa, July 31. Artist.
The Project is located at the Somerset County Environmental Center, 160 Lake Spring Road, Basking Ridge. Shows are held every Friday year-round, presenting folk music in its broadest sense. Coffee, tea and baked goods are served. No alcohol or tobacco is allowed. Showtimes are 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$5. For information, call (908) 766-2489.

CLUBS

CLUB BENE Dinner Theater shows cases popular entertainers on weekends.
Dinner and show, as well as show only tickets are available. Club Bene is located on Route 35 in South Amboy. For information, call (908) 327-3000.
GRAND TOWN presents live music by local bands on weekends.
The tavern is located at 114 Chestnut St., Roselle. For information, call (908) 241-1236.
CROSSROADS in Garwood presents a weekly lineup of musical rotation.
Tuesdays - Acoustic Open-Mic Night. Blues guitar, string and vocal. 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.
Wednesdays - B.B. of B.B. and the Singers hosts Open Blues Jam with all musicians welcome.
Thursdays - Psychopop. Thursday presents the greatest legends of classic rock, performed by local bands.
Weekend performances include blues, folk, and rock music. An upscale and traditional blues brunch is presented every Sunday, and Karaoke with Leo Hoy and Danston.
Cassidy's is located at 78 North Ave., Garwood. For information, call (908) 232-5656.
PHYL'S PLACE presents live musical entertainment on weekends.
The tavern is located at 836 Elizabeth Ave., Linden. For information, call (908) 928-8990.
PUB ONE in Union features DJ and live bands on weekends.
The tavern is located at 103 Worth Union Ave., Union.
PHOTO presents live musical entertainment on weekends.
The tavern is located at 116 Watching Ave., Plainfield. For information, call (908) 769-5860.

OPERA

IL BARBIERE DI SINGOLA will be performed at the Metropolitan Opera today at 8 p.m. at Brookdale Park in Montclair.
For information, call (212) 362-5000.
OPERA FESTIVAL OF NJ will run "The Marriage of Figaro" through July 19 at McCarter Theatre Center in Princeton. Arts Opening Saturday and running through July 18. Tickets.
The center is located at 91 University Place, Princeton. For information, call (609) 583-8000.

TRIPS

MONTREAL JAZZ FESTIVAL trip sponsored by WBGO 88.3 FM will take place July 3-9. For information, call (514) 523-3378, ext. 535.
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VARIETY
FIREWORKS DISPLAY will take place on Saturday at sundown, around 9 p.m., at Veterans Memorial Waterfront Park on Front Street in Elizabeth.
LINDEN LANES features Laser Light Bowling to the music of the 70s every Saturday night after 10 p.m.
Games cost \$3 per person. Linden Lanes is located at 741 N. Stiles Ave., Linden. For information, call (908) 929-3560.
MUSTANG CAR SHOW will take place tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Somerset, Manalapan.
The hotel is located at 110 Davidson, Ave., Somerset. For information, call (732) 489-4769, (908) 234-0535 or (201) 767-0762.
NU SANDCASTLE CONTEST will take place on Wednesday at Belmar Beach Fifth Avenue Pavilion.
Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and participants have from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. to build. The contest is free and open to all ages. Registration is July 9. For information, call (973) 299-8000.
SPORTSLAND, Union's oldest family fun center, offers bumper cars and assorted rides, video games, all-terrain vehicles, redemption games, basketball games, and more. The center also features a Laser Tag Arena available at \$100 for \$5 per person.
Sportsland is located at 244 N. Route 32 West, Union. For information, call (908) 867-0500.
US BOBBLES TEAM, Jersey Shore Tryouts will take place from Wednesday through July 12 on the boardwalk at Seaside Heights. For information, call (800) SEA-SHOR.

POETRY

POETSWEDNESDAY at Barron Arts Center will feature Bob Flinn and Sean Thomas Dougherty on July 8 at 8 p.m.
The arts center is located at 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. For information, call (732) 381-7591.
OPEN MIKE POETRY is featured at Barnes & Noble Cafe on the third Sunday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
Barnes & Noble bookstore is located at 240 Route 22 West in Springfield. For information, call (201) 378-8544.

POOLS

COUNTY POOLS are outdoor facilities with handicapped accessible features, and are now open.
The swimming pool is located at 188 Hobart Ave., Somerville. For information, call (908) 273-8787.
WONDROUS WOODS will take place on Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Reeves Road Arboretum in Summit. The arboretum is located at 188 Hobart Ave., Somerville. For information, call (908) 273-8787.
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UNION LIBRARY Children's department featuring an exhibit of memorabilia from US Space Camp.
The library is located at Finberg Park in Union.

RADIO

NEW JERSEY TIMES radio program will present "Religious Identities" from Sunday through July 11.
For information on stations, call Porters Office of Television and Radio at (732) 445-3710.
WJZZ, WJZZ 88.3 FM programming will present the following shows this week:
"Today" - "Archie," a weekly magazine show airing all local acts of the arts, will be offered at 6:30 p.m.
"Tomorrow" - "Portrait in Black" - "Today" - "Jazz Classics" - "B.B. King" - "Boris Caravan," a one-hour magazine show about the blues.
"Jazzet With Bradford Maccias," 8 p.m.
"Sunday" - "Jazz From the Archives" - "Today" - "Bobby Taylor's Jazz at the Kennedy Center," 7 p.m.
"Monday" - "Jazz Profiles," 7 p.m.
"WJZZ 88.3 FM" features "Open and Simona," "A God in Your Life" every Sunday from 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.
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MEETINGS

UNION TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
For further information, call (908) 964-1675.
WESTFIELD ART ASSOCIATION offers general meetings on the second Thursday of the month at the Westfield Community Room, 425 East Broad St., Westfield at 8 p.m. For further information about membership, call (908) 232-8971 or (908) 232-7058.

MUSEUMS

JAMES AND MARIAN CALDWELL PARSONAGE in Union was originally built in 1730 and rebuilt in 1783. It was established as a historical site in 1960.
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AUDITIONS

BAIRD THEATRE in South Orange is looking for a musical director for the 1988-89 season with opening performance in late October.
The Baird Theatre is located in the Baird Center, 51 Mead St., South Orange. For information, call (973) 763-2028.
BLOODFEST ORCHESTRA is looking for musicians for the string and woodwind sections.
There are no auditions. Resumes are every Wednesday evening at the Bloodfest Civic Center. For information, call (908) 686-1224 or (201) 230-3420.
THE PHILHARMONIANS OF FANWOOD needs technical help for ongoing season. For information, call Bob Paser, at (908) 690-0312.
GEMINI GROUP is seeking camera and videographers for filming commercial work for broadcast or local cable television.
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COMEDY

JOE'S BASEMENT in Tavern in the Park features popular comedians on Fridays July 10, Ronnie Gold, July 24, Dennis Ross.
Admission is \$8 for show only. \$25 cover package is available. Show begins at 9 p.m. Tavern in the Park is located at 147 West Westfield Ave., Roselle Park. For information, call (908) 242-7400.
CASUAL TIMES (restaurant, features comedians on weekends.
The restaurant is located at 1095 Central Ave., Clark. For information, call (908) 398-6311.

CONCERTS

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS in Union will feature 50th Anniversary David Rager today from 8 to 10 p.m. in Finberg Park.
Rain date is Summer Middle School Auditorium. Morris and Caldwell avenues, Union. The park is located at Morris Avenue, Union.
MORRIS JAZZ ORCHESTRON will perform at Cleveland Jazz tomorrow at 8 p.m. at New Providence High School Auditorium.

DANCE

SWINGIN' TERM DANCES will present the following lineup:
July 15, Sam Rotenberg and Paul Pozzo, Silver.
July 18, Peter Sax and Reckless Abandon.
Dances are held at Ogden Memorial Center on Main St. in Chatham, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$7 per person. Snacks and refreshments. For information, call (973) 539-6286 or (973) 228-9723.
MEADOWLANDS FAIR at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford will run through Sunday.
For information, call (201) 933-0199.
WILTON PARK in Linden.
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The golf course is located on Kentwood Boulevard in Kenilworth. For information, call (908) 357-0539.
GOLF TOURNAMENTS in Union County have announced the following schedule:
Annual Beer-Ball Tournament at Gallop Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth. Entry fee is \$20; per team. Entries close on July 19 at 5 p.m. Tournament begins on Aug. 1.
Annual Junior Boys and Girls Public Annual Tournaments at Ash Brook Golf Course in Scotch Plains and girls age 12-17. Entry fee is \$8. Entries close on Aug. 23 at 5 p.m. Tournament begins Aug. 24.
Annual Senior Men's and Women's Public Links Tournament at Oak Ridge Golf Course. Open to men and women age 50 and over. Entry fee is \$10.



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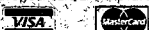
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Real Estate

Select a mortgage lender before entering real estate market

If you're in the market for a new home, there's something you should do before you even pick up the real estate section of your local newspaper - select a mortgage lender. Steven M. Adams, president of Participations RE/MAX, Imperial Home Loans, Inc., believes the right mortgage lender is the first and most important decision a consumer should make when shopping for a new home or property. Recent studies by the National Association of Realtors show that the biggest reason behind unsuccessful real estate transactions are failed mortgage commitments. Adams said, "Daily newspapers are filled with ads from lenders claiming to offer rock-bottom rates, but there's much more to a home loan. The lender's reputation for service, knowledge of the local market and variety of loan programs are all critical factors that can be considered. How can consumers avoid the disappointment of losing the home of their dreams because of a mortgage mix-up? Adams offered the following tips to the most frequently asked questions to guide consumers in their search for the perfect home loan:

• Should I seek loan approval before I go home shopping? Having a preapproved mortgage commitment before you begin shopping for a home will greatly enhance your bargaining position. "The home seller will know that you are serious and that the best deal belongs to the successful sale of a home already has been closed. • What's the difference between a pre-approved and pre-qualified loan? Look for a lender who will give you a pre-approved loan rather than one that is pre-qualified. A pre-qualification simply means that, based on your verbal representations, you meet all the criteria for a mortgage loan. More sophisticated sellers and their real estate agents are fully aware that a pre-qualification letter is not a legally binding loan commitment. Pre-approval, on the other hand, involves the lender actually issuing a commitment letter based on an anticipated purchase price and loan amount. This can be a powerful negotiating tool when bidding on a home, and helps the Imperial Home Loans offer pre-approval for most loan programs at no cost to the borrower. • What should I look for in choosing a mortgage lender? Look for a lender who offers a broad range of mortgage programs. Good lenders will take a very individual approach to each mortgage applicant. Imperial Home Loans has a tremendous range of programs and can match the best solution to the borrower's needs, be it from the first-time homebuyer and the self-employed, or "Borrowers with complex" credit profiles. Imperial Home Loans' solutions are based on "risk based" underwriting that provides great advantages to borrowers in every situation. • How do I determine which loan program is best for me? Several factors must be considered in selecting the best loan program for any individual borrower: credit history, amount of money available for down payment, and verifiable income. A borrower with a good credit history and a 20 percent down payment who can qualify based on verifiable income can get into virtually any program at a very competitive rate. On the

other hand, borrowers who have had credit problems, a low down payment, and/or the verifiable income sources have a more limited range of programs from which to choose. Only a few lenders will be able to meet the needs of Imperial Home Loans' borrowers. Lenders who are specifically designed to help borrowers with credit difficulties, jumbo loans, dual-income, or 10 to 15 percent down, and no documented income designed for both the self-employed and retired borrowers. • Is it important to consider the location of the lender? Many of today's lenders operate solely by phone and fax machine and never meet the borrower. The guidelines believe that personal service still is one of the most important factors in the mortgage lending business, and that the personal touch can make a world of difference in overall customer satisfaction. Look for a lender who has a local presence. A lender with the

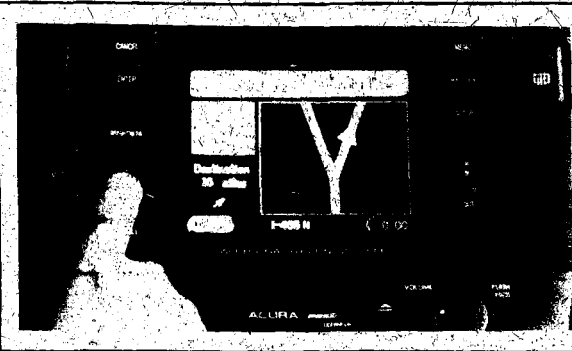
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Sienna minivan mimics Camry performance

The all-new Toyota Sienna immediately establishes a new benchmark in the minivan class. Designed to be the most sedan-like of any minivan on the market, Sienna mimics best-in-class handling, engine performance and occupancy safety in a first-in-class package priced to target the core of the minivan segment.

"Internally, we've been referring to Sienna as the Camry of minivans, and for very good reason," said David Illingworth, senior vice president and general manager of the Toyota Division for Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A., Inc. "Sienna was designed with the same emphasis on safety, comfort, exceptional performance and benchmark quality that went into the recently redesigned Camry. Today's minivan buyer has a clear and definite image of what a minivan is supposed to be, and we've continued Sienna into this target category."

Sienna rides on a stretched and modified Camry platform with a wheelbase of 114.2 inches, compared to the Camry's 108.2. Its front-wheel drive features Camry's powerful 3.0-liter V-6 engine and four-speed automatic transmission. It will be built exclusively at Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky in Georgetown, Ky., right alongside the Camry.

The Sienna's rigid, light-weight, reinforced front-body composition features a front crumple zone and side-impact beams. Designed to fold progressively, the crumple zone helps absorb impact energy and transfer it away from the cabin. As a result, the cabin integrity can be maintained to the maximum extent possible in collisions from many directions.

Toyota's True PreCrash Warning System makes its debut as a standard feature on Sienna. ABS wheel-speed sensors measure each wheel's rotational speed relative to the other wheels, allowing the system to detect low pneumatic pressure in tires. Once underinflation is detected, a visual warning light will alert the driver.

Additional standard safety equipment includes dual air bags, anti-lock brakes, five mph bumper and front seatbelts with pre-tensioners, and force limiters. Height-adjustable ELR three-point seatbelts are located in front and rear seats, with single-position ALR/ELR three-point seatbelts for all four outboard rear-seat positions. Available in mid-year 1998 is a built-in child restraint system that utilizes a five-point belt restraint and is fully detachable for easy cleaning.

The Sienna drivers' easy-rear-seat performance with its efficient twin-carburetor 24-valve all-aluminum V6 engine, producing 194 horsepower and 189 pounds of torque, the Sienna provides "quick" acceleration and "sturdy" handling for an extremely smooth, quiet and refined ride.

Sienna's silky engine performance is complemented by its independent front MacPherson strut suspension with an L-shaped lower arm in the front, and all-new torsion bar rear suspension. The chassis is controlled by power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering. CE and LE models are equipped with standard full-wheel covers on 205/70R15 all-season radial tires. XLE models are equipped with aluminum alloy wheels featuring 215/65R15 tires.

For safe, sure stopping, ventilated front-disc and rear-drum brakes are teamed with a standard anti-lock brake system.

Sienna was designed to offer optimum interior comfort in a compact, easy-to-manuever package. It's a versatile vehicle that drives like a sedan, and is as easy to park in town as it is willing to haul family and cargo on a weekend outing.

To accommodate the space requirements of a front-drive V6, the Sienna's overall height is 19.5 inches, more than six inches longer than the industry. Rear drive shafts which it replaces, its overall height is nearly three inches lower than seating areas when compared to the Previa, with significantly improved ingress/egress, and a convenient walk-through frame that effectively helps absorb and distribute the impact energy, the rein-

The Acura Navigation System is available as an option on the Acura 3.5RL flagship luxury sedan. The system uses the Global Positioning System, an on-board gyroscope sensor and sophisticated software to pinpoint the exact vehicle location on a digitized, color map display. The user-friendly system allows the driver six ways to enter a destination, and it can calculate the easiest, quickest route and will automatically recalculate the route if the driver misses a turn.

either a garage door opener or sunglasses.

Sienna meets virtually optional equipment standard, including water-linked intermittent front-wiper, auto-off headlamps and kerfite load-level release.

LE Model's add a host of additional standard features including power windows, door locks and mirror, cruise control, rear window defogger and auto-dimming interior rearview mirror with immediate cutoff following locking of the doors. XLE standard features include second-row captain's chairs, automatic headlight-control system, heated mirrors, leather-wrapped steering wheel, dual illuminated exterior vanity mirrors, and an anti-theft device with Keyless-Entry.

The interior lighting system on LE and XLE models features a full-tilt function that automatically turns off interior lights if they are left on for 30 minutes, thus preserving the life of the battery.

The optional driver side-sliding door offers greater flexibility to both driver and passengers. An in-latch full-loop stopper prevents both sliding doors from closing unintentionally by their own weight, such as in situations where the vehicle is parked on a slope. When the sliding door is locked by this system, the interior door handle releases the lock and enables the door to be closed. A half-door stopper also limits the driver-side sliding door from fully opening when the fuel lid is opened to prevent the floor from making contact with the fueling area. The doors also include child-protection locks for added safety.

Optionally available as a mid-year introduction on LE and XLE models is a power-operated passenger-side sliding door. Controlled manually from the passenger side. A button switch, an instrument panel switch or remote keypad, the power door's "smart" door automatically senses when an obstacle is in its path and retracts.

Sienna reduces noise, vibration and harshness through extensive use of noise-dampening technology. Additional energy and sound-absorbing materials have been strategically placed throughout the passenger compartment for superior cabin isolation. Utilizing a combination of asphalt matting, felt material and urethane sheeting, NVH is reduced and the result is an extraordinarily quiet cabin.

Sienna's sporty, sleek styling offers a high-level of aerodynamic performance in an attractive package. Exterior features include a high-mount stop lamp which is integrated into the minivan's roof, dual remote foldable outer mirrors and lower-body entrance-sliding. XLE models add a standard roof rack, paired cladding and heated mirrors.

Occupant safety is a priority for minivan buyers and the Sienna delivers. Toyota has developed a new passive safety body structure that absorbs energy and provides the strongest safety in the U.S. Europe and Asia, as well as Toyota's own stringent set of proprietary criteria. Toyota engineers are convinced that third-party crash test results will confirm that Sienna will deliver best-in-class crashworthiness.

Toyota's goal was to achieve an impact-absorbing body structure that absorbs as much collision energy as possible, while effectively distributing the energy to the main body frame, thus helping to reduce the force of the collision impact on the occupants. In addition to using under-body and upper-body frame construction that effectively helps absorb and distribute the impact energy, the rein-

forced in the front side member area are designed to provide a stronger body construction.

The Sienna's rigid, light-weight, reinforced front-body composition features a front crumple zone and side-impact beams. Designed to fold progressively, the crumple zone helps absorb impact energy and transfer it away from the cabin. As a result, the cabin integrity can be maintained to the maximum extent possible in collisions from many directions.

Toyota's True PreCrash Warning System makes its debut as a standard feature on Sienna. ABS wheel-speed sensors measure each wheel's rotational speed relative to the other wheels, allowing the system to detect low pneumatic pressure in tires. Once underinflation is detected, a visual warning light will alert the driver.

Additional standard safety equipment includes dual air bags, anti-lock brakes, five mph bumper and front seatbelts with pre-tensioners, and force limiters. Height-adjustable ELR three-point seatbelts are located in front and rear seats, with single-position ALR/ELR three-point seatbelts for all four outboard rear-seat positions. Available in mid-year 1998 is a built-in child restraint system that utilizes a five-point belt restraint and is fully detachable for easy cleaning.

The Sienna drivers' easy-rear-seat performance with its efficient twin-carburetor 24-valve all-aluminum V6 engine, producing 194 horsepower and 189 pounds of torque, the Sienna provides "quick" acceleration and "sturdy" handling for an extremely smooth, quiet and refined ride.

Sienna's silky engine performance is complemented by its independent front MacPherson strut suspension with an L-shaped lower arm in the front, and all-new torsion bar rear suspension. The chassis is controlled by power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering. CE and LE models are equipped with standard full-wheel covers on 205/70R15 all-season radial tires. XLE models are equipped with aluminum alloy wheels featuring 215/65R15 tires.

For safe, sure stopping, ventilated front-disc and rear-drum brakes are teamed with a standard anti-lock brake system.

Sienna was designed to offer optimum interior comfort in a compact, easy-to-manuever package. It's a versatile vehicle that drives like a sedan, and is as easy to park in town as it is willing to haul family and cargo on a weekend outing.

To accommodate the space requirements of a front-drive V6, the Sienna's overall height is 19.5 inches, more than six inches longer than the industry. Rear drive shafts which it replaces, its overall height is nearly three inches lower than seating areas when compared to the Previa, with significantly improved ingress/egress, and a convenient walk-through frame that effectively helps absorb and distribute the impact energy, the rein-

The Sienna features two different standard audio systems and six different optional systems for superior listening quality. A deluxe electronically tuned AM/FM radio and cassette with four-speaker is standard on CE and LE grades. Optional on CE and LE grades is a Deluxe ETRC and a Premium ETRC. XLE models offer a high-powered Premium ETRC or can be equipped with an optional 3+1 ETRC Cassette/CD player with six speakers.

Thoughtful storage features abound in the Sienna's cabin, including fabric survivors, covered vanity mirrors, center console compartment, door pockets and a pull-out storage drawer beneath the front passenger seat of all four-door models.

Located in the front overhead area of the cabin is a convenient storage area that can be customized to hold

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Coalition addresses kid's travel concerns

In 1995, parents of a newborn baby were shown a video on how to use the National Video before discharge from a maternity hospital. The video recommended transporting the infant in a stroller in the front seat, so the driver could monitor the infant. This was routine advice until a few years ago. No mention was made of the hazard of a passenger frontal air bag for an infant, because that had not been an issue when the video was made.

Within a month of birth, the infant died from injuries due to the impact of the air bag during a crash. The mother survived with minor injuries. The hospital was sued for showing a video that failed to warn about this new hazard. The parents did not notice the warning letter they received in their hospital packet.

Early last year, during a routine child safety seat check by a law enforcement officer, two expectant parents were shown how to properly install a child safety seat for their expected child. The officers explained the importance of installing a seat in the rear seat of the vehicle. Six months later, the "new" parents and their baby were involved in a traffic crash. The child was in a car, rear-seat installed child safety seat. The parents had followed the directions of the police officers and had read and remembered the important public service messages of putting children in the rear seat.

The difference between these two stories is injury, life and death. Accurate information was the critical difference. Reading the information that comes

with your vehicle seat safety restraint is extremely important.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for every age group from 28-year-old. Practicing safe driving habits, including wearing seatbelts, planning children correctly in appropriate child restraint and reading manufacturer instructions, can significantly reduce the number of injuries and fatalities suffered.

The National Safety Belt Coalition asks that you:

- Never allow children to ride in the cargo area of pickup trucks.
- Always use a good child seat. Make sure all front and rear seat-passengers are properly buckled up or secured in child safety seats.
- Always read child safety seat instructions. In addition to the owner's manual, make sure that child safety seats and safety belts are secured properly and that children are restrained correctly.

The National Safety Belt Coalition, an affiliate of the National Safety Council, is a national network of organizations and individuals supporting Car Seat Coalition that promotes the lifesaving benefits of safety belts and correct use of child safety seats.

For more information write to: National Safety Belt Coalition, 1125 Comfort Ave., NW, Suite 1100, Washington, D.C. 20036.

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