Factory blast stuns eyewitnesses; firemen prevent second explosion

By Judith Anne Lewis

UNION BEACH

As workers slowly cleared away Monday, they saw the end of a nightmare on Main Street where 36 union men were injured by an explosion that came out of nowhere—like the lightning that almost fell on a man and a woman peeling potatoes in their kitchen.

The blast, which rippled through the heart of the eastern town, broke 73 windows. A firehouse was knocked to its foundation. The roof of a building was blown off. A telephone pole was snapped in two, and 150 feet of power lines fell to the ground.

As firemen rushed to the scene, they were met by a wall of smoke. Inside, the factory was a mess, with broken glass everywhere. The workers were in shock, some of them screaming in pain.

The explosion started at 11:30 a.m. when a chemical reaction in the building caused the roof to fly off the distillery building and the windows to shatter. The blast was felt for miles around, and the sound of the explosion could be heard in nearby towns.

Among the injured were eleven employees of International Flavors and Fragrances, who were located in the same building. Two were critically injured and were taken to the hospital for treatment.

The explosion occurred in a four-story building that housed a chemical plant. The building was destroyed, and the workers were left without a roof.

Another employee of the company, who was working on a different floor, was reported to be in critical condition.

The K-Mart Plaza, Route 35, Hazlet, will be offering discounts of up to 72 percent on weekend sales this week as a way to attract more customers.

The bargain-hunters' season begins this week, according to sales manager Bob Johnson.

He said that the store is offering discounts on a variety of items, including clothing, electronics, and home goods.

The K-Mart Plaza, which is located on Route 35 in Hazlet, is a popular destination for bargain hunters and shoppers looking for a good deal.

The bargains will be available for a limited time only, so shoppers are encouraged to visit the store this weekend to take advantage of the savings.

The store is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends.

The bargains will be available in the store's main building, as well as in its various departments, including clothing, electronics, and home goods.

For more information on the bargains at the K-Mart Plaza, please visit their website or call the store directly.

The bargains will be available at all K-Mart Plazas throughout the state.
Older offered free hot meals at nominal cost

Elderly area residents will be able to obtain it at any school on weekdays at a nominal cost of 25 cents a meal. To take advantage of the offer, all you have to do is bring in $1,750 or more and buy a special United Jersey Bank savings certificate. (See the chart for sample deposit amounts and required lengths of maturity.) And the Magnavox 19" Color TV will be yours at a special price of $1,750, too. And you get something for your savings later, too.

Bayshore schools back to normal after Byrne signs state income tax

Bayshore schools officials said their decision quickly and amicably to open schools for the upcoming seven-day session, but reprimanded several local legislators for permitting the situation to come to a crisis.

Making a state Supreme Court decision, schools closed July 1. Until the Legislature approved a plan to fund public education, principals told students and parents they would need to come back to school Aug. 26.

Kohut was highly critical of the Legislature. He said the passage was a sign of how the Legislature has failed to meet its constitutional obligations.

The Keating board will meet to determine the new school year schedule, said Board President Carolyn Zeisel. "All of the orders received by the board will have to be completed without any plans," Zeisel said.

Mrs. Zeisel said the board will meet to take a look at all of the orders that were unable to be awarded, and the board will have to make a decision on those items.

Bayshore Board President Coryn Schusler announced a special meeting to be held in May to consider all of the orders that were unable to be awarded. (See the chart for sample deposit amounts and required lengths of maturity.)

The income tax became law Monday after the Legislature voted to increase it by 21 cents. The schools had been closed since July 1, except for a stopgap, and they've had to make cuts of about $1 million.

A summer drama workshop for those in grade 6 or younger was begun last Monday, Regan said, and will now get to work on curriculum revision for next year. Also, we have reorganized the board and the board will have to move to decide on those items.

Mrs. Zeisel said the board will be able to make cuts of about $1 million. And the board will be able to make cuts of about $1 million.
Merger with WMUA may be cancelled
Marlboro may retain local utility

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Haslet apartment squabble shows suburban selfishness

The major campaign issue in Haslet this year has been the Haslet apartment complex, known as Haslet Heights. The Democratic candidates seeking re-election in the 1st Congressional District, including Joseph Devivirgilio, have gone on record opposing the project, fearing that it could be the kind of development that would undermine the suburban community. Haslet Heights is seen as a test of the city's commitment to the suburban way of life.

Apartment complexes are often seen as popular in suburban communities. The residents of Haslet Heights, however, feel that the project threatens their quality of life. They believe that the project will decrease property values and increase traffic and noise in the area. In addition, they fear that the project will attract a lower-class population to their community.

The Haslet Heights project has sparked a debate about the role of government in suburban development. Some argue that government should not interfere with the free market and let developers build what the market demands. Others argue that government has a duty to ensure that new developments do not harm existing residents.

Regardless of the outcome of the debate, the Haslet Heights project is likely to continue to be a major issue in the election. It will be interesting to see how the candidates address the concerns of Haslet residents and what steps they will take to address the issues raised.

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Income tax must be made to work

The Legislature finally discharged its responsibility in the last week by passing an income tax bill that failed to relieve local property taxes and local schools from the burden of support.

The tax reform bill passed by the Legislature is not enough to bring about the needed reforms. The bill does not provide a tax structure that is fair and equitable to all citizens. The state's current tax system is regressive and places a disproportionate burden on the lower and middle-class citizens.

The Legislature should have taken a more proactive role in crafting a tax reform bill that would have provided a more sustainable solution to the state's budget crisis. The Legislature's failure to act is a major setback for the state's economy and its citizens.

The Legislature should take this opportunity to address the needs of its constituents and to ensure that the state's tax system is fair and equitable.
A 68-year-old man was killed yesterday morning in Keyport when his car crashed into a telephone pole on Colossus Road. The man, identified only as "Mr. Vasquez," was pronounced dead at St. John's Hospital in Long Branch. Police said he was hit by a car driven by a 21-year-old Colts Neck man who was also killed in the accident.

The driver of the Colts Neck car was charged with leaving the scene of a fatal accident, but the charges were later dismissed. The Colts Neck man was identified as Private Matthew McLaughlin, a private in the U.S. Army.

According to police, the Colts Neck man was driving a car on Montrose Road in Colts Neck when he lost control of the vehicle and hit a telephone pole. The car then continued down the road and hit a telephone pole on the other side of the road. The driver of the Colts Neck car was thrown from the vehicle and died at the scene.

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The insurance industry is suffering from two kinds of inflation—economic and so-called "professional war inflation," she says, "if familiar to us all."

"Inflation is the rise in average jury awards, recognizing that compensations cannot provide resources that are necessary to the injured party to the position he held until his retirement from the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Pennco, which the other receives a weekly salaried-and-employed position in the monthly real estate contest.

Nick Persico of the Middlesex offices of the Berg Agency was the company's agent for the month of October. His five families brought in a total of $170,789, and an additional $13,200 for families formed through referrals. This total of $183,989 was 1.8% above the $180,960 reported for the same period last year, officials said.

He is a lifetime member of the Million Dollar Round Table Club, has the client pays for insurance."
Marlboro woman recalls terror of Nazi Germany

By Judith Anne Lewis

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Ralph Herrick dies at age 82; former Burrowes Mansion owner

MATAWAN

Ralph Herrick, 82, the former owner of the Burrowes Mansion, died recently. He was survived by his wife, Mildred, and was a member of the Matawan Historical Society.

The Burrowes Mansion was the home of a prominent colonial and British colonel in the Revolutionary War. Herrick was born in Jersey City and was an Army veteran of World War II, where he worked as an engineer.

Mr. Herrick sold the mansion after he retired from the Army in the late 1960s. He also served as a member of the Matawan Historical Society and was a member of the Matawan Masonic Lodge.

The mansion was built in the late 1700s and was later owned by prominent local families. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978.

Mr. Herrick was a lifelong resident of Matawan and was known for his contributions to local history and community affairs.

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off a 16-15 victory in the Junior All-Stars Saturday survived a game of baseball—on donkeys.

Tickets may be obtained from Keyport Indians, Broadway News (Keyport), or fire company members, at $50 cents.

The donkey-ball game will be slated for the last three innings but took a turn for the worse as Bob Jelenewski was a losing pitcher. Ira Kanter (Twins), and Rosenberg (Twins), David Birdsall each went 3-for-3 for the Nationals. His bases-loaded triple scooped up the ball, and tossed it to Tiger catcher Bobby Rosenberg for the base-runner out.

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The Twins’ Ira Kanter carried the bat for the Twins with three hits.

The Twins vs. Naturals was played on a synthetic surface. Rosenberg knocked in two runs, and Mike Smith drove in one run with a triple to deep center field drove in a pair of runs with a single. It’s a “must see” for auto racing fans.

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