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Land buy will add 10 cents to tax rate

Total local levy could escalate by 30 cents

By Christine Menapace

MATAWAN — Now that the Borough Council has authorized Mayor Robert Shuey to sign the contract for the purchase of the Broad Street School property, residents can expect to see a 10.6-cent increase per $100 of assessed valuation in the municipal tax rate.

For example, an owner of a house assessed at $150,000 will pay approximately $159 in municipal taxes this year for the purchase of the school.

According to Borough Auditor Stephen Gabey, the municipal budget was designed this year so that without the purchase of the property, there would have been no tax increase.

Had the borough been able to bond for the property, the tax rate would have increased roughly 1 cent per $100 of assessed valuation, Gabey said. The bond would have been at a 5% interest rate over 20 years, which meant that residents would have experienced a little more increase in taxes over the next 20 years, totaling 14 cents.

Since the borough did not achieve the three-fourths majority needed in order to bond for the property, $500,000 was appropriated in the current budget to pay for the school. What this will mean to residents will be a roughly 10.6-cent tax increase per $100 of assessed valuation, Gabey said. However, the increase will only be for one year.

He added that since the amount will be paid all at once, it will save approximately $300,000 in interest over the next 20 years.

Shuey said that with approximations from the school tax rate coming in at an 18-cent increase and the county's projected tax rate increase of 1 or 2 cents, residents could face a total tax-rate increase of 30 cents per $100 of assessed valuation. Gabey concurred with the figures.

At the council's meeting Feb. 18, Councilman James Sheehan criticized the current budget and the organizational structure of the board. He said that money is being taken away from water and sewer surplus to decrease the tax rate.

Gabey added, "That's not a balanced budget; that's thefty." He said George Hinklein, chairman of the borough's capital improvement committee, was not a critic of people opposed to the school purchase. He also said that as long as it is intact, there is no reason it would have to be removed.

When asked what would be expected of volunteers, Hourihan said it would be "ge-

neral housecleaning" such as cleaning rugs, windows, woodwork and washing the floors. In order to volunteer, Hourihan said residents should contact either himself or Borough Hall. He added that the borough is "not into spending people's money if we can do it ourselves."

He said the borough is also trying to make contact now with various state and county agencies to see what funding is available that could be applied to the Broad Street School.

Hourihan and Shuey have both said they intend to hold an open house at some point, but Shuey said he wants to wait until the weather is nicer.

Regarding the amount of space at the grammar school, Hourihan said it has 39,705 total square feet. According to Hourihan, the space includes 12 25-by-30-foot classrooms with a 180-square-foot kitchen area and a 2,207-square-foot library.

"I see the potential there that's so great for us," he said.

FIXUP PLANS IN FAVOR OF BROAD STREET SCHOOL SITE

By Christine Menapace

MATAWAN — Once Mayor Robert Shuey signs the contract for the purchase of the Broad Street School property, Gerald Hourihan, Jackson Street, and Councilman Kevin Mandeville will begin forming a committee to oversee matters related to the school purchase.

According to Hourihan, several residents will serve on the committee to oversee matters related to the school property, such as securing leases and organizing volunteer cleanup efforts.

Shuey said he hopes to have representatives from the fire department, first aid squad and other organizations, as well as several residents, to serve on the committee. Hourihan said he and Mandeville will begin selecting members as soon as Shuey signs the contract, and will present them before the council for approval.
Project requires effort

The recent Borough Council meeting in Matawan once again had residents debating the pros and cons of purchasing the Broad Street School property. This time, however, the situation was a bit more complex. Due to failed efforts to bond for the purchase of the property, residents expressed concern over how the school’s purchase would affect the tax rate in the borough.

Well, the figures are in, and officials are saying that the purchase of the school, without bonding, will cost residents an increase of 10.6 cents per $100 of assessed valuation. Add that to expected increases in the county tax rate and the Board of Education tax rate, and one can understand why residents are worried.

However, if one works out the figures, a homeowner of a house assessed at $150,000 will pay $159 in municipal taxes for the purchase of the school. One resident at the council meeting speaking in favor of the property half-joked that many people could easily spend this much money on one evening out. It may be a point well-taken.

Although spending an extra $159 in a tight economy may seem outrageous, it is a small price to pay for an investment that will benefit the borough of Matawan for years into the future. Despite problems, the area is still 6.5 acres of land sitting in the middle of the borough that includes ball fields and a building that can be used as a recreation center for the borough’s youths and senior citizens.

Many people are worried that the purchase price of $475,000 will just be the tip of the iceberg and that the purchase of the land will lead to more and more expenses for the borough. It is unfortunate that Mayor Robert Shuey and his team have not provided residents with more clear-cut plans and cost figures as to what will be needed to transform the former grammar school into a usable community center.

Shuey insists that volunteers can do most of the work necessary for such a transformation. Now that the Borough Council has authorized the purchase, residents would do well to stop this at his word and get behind the project.

Matawan is home to many skilled architects, engineers, carpenters and roofers, not to mention the number of residents who can simply dust, sweep and clean. Volunteer efforts can produce extraordinary results.

It is now up to the residents of Matawan to decide what it is the property will become – a financial burden in the years ahead, or a shining example of what can be accomplished when residents work together to help their community.

Peter McIntyre
Matawan

LETTERS

Integrity questioned

It’s the same old story in Matawan, which means it’s politics as usual concerning the Broad Street School site. Last November, for all intents and purposes, the election for mayor and the council seats was a question of whether or not to buy the Broad Street School. The answer was yes.

Now a group called ACTSM (Ad hoc Committee of Taxpayers for Sanity in Matawan), led by Sam Mezzacappa, is trying to stop this sale. Why? The cost of the site will be $475,000. The value of the property is between $3 million and $4 million. It appears to be a very good buy for Matawan. Where else in the borough is a piece of property this large that would be available to the town for such a low price?

Maybe the reason ACTSM is so against the purchase of this property by the borough is that Mr. Mezzacappa, who is part of ACTSM, wants to buy the property himself. If Mr. Mezzacappa is so concerned about what this will cost the taxpayers and do to the tax rate, why not let him put his money where his mouth is? Matawan should buy this property and then sell it to Mr. Mezzacappa for $4 million. An influx of this amount of cash would lower the tax rate of a home assessed at $100,000 by more than 6.5 cents.

From what I have read and heard, ACTSM is a self-serving group that does not have the good of Matawan at heart. This issue was decided by the voters last November. The voters of Matawan want the Broad Street School property to be bought by the town. The council should move at once to do this. It’s the will of the voters, and their will is more important than the self-serving intentions of and ACTSM.

PETER McINTYRE
Matawan

ACTSM remark wrong

This is an open letter to Mayor Robert Shuey and Councilmen Kevin Mandeville.

I was at the Feb. 18 Matawan Borough Council meeting and was quite disturbed that both of you gentlemen kept insisting that the ACTSM (Ad hoc Committee of Taxpayers for Sanity in Matawan) was a strictly Democratic action.

I am a registered Democrat and a Democratic Committee woman of my district, but I am also a taxpayer and resident of Matawan Borough for more than 30 years. I personally joined the ad hoc committee not because of politics, but because I truly care about my town and I wish and hope, even though I am retired, to remain a paying resident of Matawan Borough, if it is humbly possible. I truly feel in my heart that buying the Broad Street School property is not in the best interest of Matawan; however, if it is a done deal, then I will certainly try to accept that fact with good grace.

But I strongly resent – and I mean strongly – the implications that both Mayor Shuey and Councilman Mandeville keep pounding to the public: that ACTSM was only a Democratic action. We received approximately 300 signed forms against the purchase of the school property from residents of all different political parties. Mayor Shuey also kept referring to the November election as being a mandate of the people to purchase said school. That election was a mandate of the people against the Democratic Party and Gov. Jim Florio, as all over the state. Democrats were defeated by overwhelming votes, not just in Matawan Borough. This was the voting public saying no more taxes, please – not a mandate for Matawan Borough to purchase the school.

PETER McINTYRE
Matawan

Always remembered

Let us not forget Jan. 9, 1981, one of the coldest days of the year, when a devastating fire occurred and destroyed the Beachview Rest Home, Keansburg, that resulted in the deaths of approximately 30 residents.

Whereas Thomas Conway, owner of the Marina Bar & Restaurant, located on the opposite side of the Beachview Rest Home, responded to the emergency call as a private and concerned citizen. Upon his arrival, he promptly proceeded to open his place of business to residents of the burning structure and thereafter offered his aid as needed to the fire departments, first aid and police officers from the surrounding towns.

Therefore, I take pride in commending Thomas Conway, the State Police, the first aid squads, the Keansburg Police, Civil Defense, the heavy rescue squads and all who participated in this emergency operation.

We as law enforcement officers all benefited from the professional, effective and efficient way they performed their duties.

They are to be commended for a job well done.

I personally handled traffic that morning, and I had frozen tears in my eyes for all those precious people who lost their lives. I lost my cousin – a decorated World War II veteran – in this fire.

As chief of police and a former resident of Keansburg, I cannot compliment those who assisted that day enough. I will always remember them.

HOLMES J. GORMERLEY
Hazlet Chief of Police

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Murray house tells story of patriot’s life

By Marilyn Duff

The Joseph Murray house, a central attraction at Middletown Township's 250-acre Poricy Park — in addition to being a significant house of the 18th century — tells a remarkable 20th-century story.

It's the story of a group of Middletown residents who, in fighting to protect an expansive tract of threatened land, uncovered another treasure. Not only was the Poricy Park Citizens Committee successful in preserving the Poricy Park area bordering Poricy Brook and Poricy Pond, it was also successful in restoring the Joseph Murray farmhouse and barn, an extensive and costly project, and making them accessible to the public.

The exploits of Joseph Murray during the American Revolution and his untimely death in 1780 are well-recorded in county archives and 19th-century histories, but the fact that his farmhouse and barn survived all those years apparently escaped notice.

Murray immigrated from Londonerry, Ireland, and settled in the Middle­town area sometime before 1767, according to Marcia Rissland, a member of the FPCC who researched and helped restore the Murray property.

Rissland believes Murray, who had been a Mason by trade, built the small house in the style of a Londonerry “townhouse,” with the kitchen in the basement, an unusual feature, she said. The kitchen also contains an unusual basement oven, in excellent condition, and a large fireplace.

Altogether, approximately $40,000 was spent on restoration of the house and an­other $2,500 on the three-bay, English-style barn, where Murray's 1700s mason work is well-preserved in an underground root cellar.

Before restoration began, the house was described as looking “like an abandoned Pentecostal church in backwoods Mississippi.”

Murray's exploits are probably better known than the house. He was said to be one of the most active patriots and to have caused the arrest of two leading Middletown Tories. Historians record that in retaliation, leading loyalists plotted Murray's killing, which occurred at his farm while he was on a brief leave and plowing a field.

Murray's regiment was headed by Col. Asher Holmes and Lt. Garret Hendrickson.

Murray left a wife and four young chil­dren. The name of one, William Murray, is associated with another historic house on Kings Highway and New Monmouth Road, and the two houses were confused in a 1920s local history.

Murray's Revolutionary War exploits are recounted in the “History of the New Jersey Coast, Volume II,” which includes sketches of both his farmhouse and barn. One even marks the spot (with an X) where, during a fierce struggle, he was supposedly bayoneted and shot by three men.

The Joseph Murray property — which, by 1973, had shrunk to 90 acres — re­mained in the Murray family until 1861, when it was purchased by Charles Gordon. Gordon sold it in 1874 to John Headdon, and it remained in the Headdon family until 1899, when it went to Lydia Maps and was lost through foreclo­sure. In this century, according to Ris­sland, Harry Robinson owned the prop­erty until 1930, when it was acquired by William Mears and again lost to foreclo­sure.

Apparently, the house was vacant until Albert Gebhardt bought the property in 1939. Although he did not live there, he estab­lished a dairy farm called Whistling Hill Farm and the farm manager, Walter Willey, and his family lived in the old farmhouse.

Gebhardt, a diamond broker, retired in 1955 and built a retirement home on the property, but died shortly thereafter. Mrs. Gebhardt left the property in 1971 to a nephew who sold it to the township in 1973. The purchase was funded in part by state Green Acres money.

Rissland called it a privilege to have been able to restore the farmhouse, even though it was such an enormous task.

The Revolutionary War patriot's house and land today are part of a re­gional resource which includes a Nature Center and trail system, and attracts about 12,000 people annually to some 500 programs. While the property is owned by the township, the park is oper­ated by the PPCC with two full-time and eight part-time employees, including teachers.

The 1992 Murray Farmhouse Tavern Parry, an annual fund-raiser in which the farmhouse is made to resemble a coloni­al tavern, is scheduled for March 1 and 2. Two sessions, afternoon and evening, will take place each day. Reservations are required and the cost is $40, of which $25 is tax-deductible.

This project got started in 1983 and "gets better each year," said Ris­sland.

For information, call 842-5966.

IRISH KITCHEN

Marcia Rissland explains the extensive renovation work done in the Irish-style 18th century basement kitchen of the Joseph Murray Farmhouse in Poricy Park, Middletown. An unusual beehive oven is located in the corner.

OLD HOUSE AT PORICY PARK

Before restoration on the Joseph Murray house began, it was described as looking "like an abandoned Pentecostal church in backwoods Mississippi."
I'm a bachelor this week. The Love of My Life is enjoying a four-day stay at a Connecticut spa with a friend—a gift from the husbands to the wives, who are close by. The Love of My Life and I have been fortunate in that we rarely have been separated for more than a day.

Although this separation is scheduled for less than a week, the Love of My Life took every step required to assure that I could survive for at least a month. She stocked the house with more food than both of us could or should consume for the balance of the year and cooked enough of it to last more than a week. Then, she wrangled dinner invitations for me from friends and relatives.

She ran up a bill at the dry cleaning store large enough to bring a smile to the owner's face and made certain that every piece of dirty clothing was laundered.

"You're all set," she said. "Everything you own is clean."

"Are you sure you're coming back Thursday?" I asked. "You went to a lot of trouble for a four-day vacation."

The question seemed even more valid when I carried her clothes to the car.

"Are you planning on changing clothes every hour?" I asked.

"Of course, not," she replied. "I just don't know what kind of weather to expect, so I had to pack for every contingency."

After she departed Sunday afternoon, I realized that there were going to be some advantages to the separation.

I watched college basketball all afternoon, never once being questioned about how much sports one person could watch in a day. At the same time, I read the Sunday New York Times without having to negotiate for the Arts & Leisure section.

I flipped channels at every commercial.

"No one accused me of threatening my wife's sanity," I smoked in the living room. Normally, I'm banished to the breezeway when I feel the need to light up. I ate when I was hungry, not when dinner was ready.

In the evening, I did not have to watch "Murder, She Wrote." Instead, I watched the Rangers defeat the Flyers in overtime.

No sooner had the puck entered the net, however, than reality began to creep in. The kitchen appeared to have been ransacked—empty cans on the counter, dirty dishes on the sink, encrusted pots on the stove. A burner on the stove was still on. I had neglected to turn it off several hours earlier.

The living room was not much better, littered with newspapers, a bag of pretzels, a box of raisins, a bowl of fruit, a sweatshirt I had peeled off earlier in the day, shoes and a pair of sneakers.

"What happened?" I wondered. "The house never looks like this when I'm ready to go to bed."

The answer was obvious, of course. It was the same reason that the house suddenly seemed empty. I promised myself I would clean up everything the next day, then realized that between work and dinner with Motor Mouth and the Football Fanatic, I would find myself in the same position the next night.

"If you leave this mess tonight," my conscience told me, "you promised your wife when she left she would not have to clean up after you."

I stayed up past midnight, cleaning the kitchen and living room and wondering how much the right to flip channels and watch sports non-stop for eight hours was really worth.
Smile! A day in the life of a newspaper photographer

By Marilyn Duff

The life of a weekly newspaper photographer leads to some strange places and situations, but it is anything but dull (aside from the time it takes to travel from location to location.)

Take, for example, our staff photographer, Rich Schultz, and his 2 p.m. Thursday assignment. It was at a medical building in Red Bank, and that's where I met up with him to capture a slice of his life.

The reporter who had given Rich the assignment was doing a story on — of all things — infant massage, to illustrate the facts. She wanted a photograph of a licensed therapist, but also a hypnotist and an acupuncturist.

The acupuncturist had brought her 3-week-old baby to be in the picture and, to illustrate it, she wanted a photograph of a licensed therapist massaging a baby. Infant massage, it turns out, is an ancient tradition in some countries.

Anyway, the picture was set up for 2 p.m. and I arrived at the medical office promptly at that time to meet Rich and observe his craft. The office houses not just a massage therapist, but also a hypnotist and an acupuncturist.

The acupuncturist had brought her 3-week-old baby to be in the picture and everything was going smoothly, until the baby got hungry. While we waited for the baby to be fed, Rich considered using a life-like doll which was there instead. But baby feeding goes quickly and before we knew it, the baby was back cooing and pleased by all the attention.

Rich is good with babies.

It was then about 2:20 p.m. and we had about 10 minutes to get to Aberdeen for a 2:30 p.m. shot at Strathmore School. Actually, we could get there a little later, since the event, a fourth-grade Heritage Day program, was scheduled for 2 to 3 p.m.

The ride from Red Bank took about a halfhour. When we got to the school, the parking lot was jammed, apparently for the Heritage Day program. Also, school would not allow him in the building, because he did not have his press card with him.

Once inside, the noise level peaked, with parents and children, the latter dressed as immigrants with long skirts and scarves, mingling in the hallway. Rich said he was used to such chaos and calmly went about his business.

He quickly found his contact, a teacher, and headed for a classroom to take the shot.

He picked out a girl who was wearing an elaborate native Russian costume, believing that would enhance the photograph, and proceeded to set up the shot, using a backdrop of folk dolls and other memorabilia that students had brought to school for the heritage program.

All the while, other students pressured him to be in the picture, too. "Take a picture of me," pleaded one, and, as if an extra incentive, added, "I'm from Russia, too."

Rich is good with school children.

By 3 p.m., that shot was over and already a crossing guard was directing traffic along the busy thoroughfare.

"Theoretically speaking, I'm already behind schedule," said Rich, as we headed for a 3 p.m. assignment in Keyport. His final picture of the day was at 4 p.m. at the Matawan Library.

The Keyport shot was an easy one, since it was for an Old House feature, and the photograph would be given to a staff artist, so she could make a sketch of the house.

At that point, I had to leave for another appointment, so I quickly asked Rich about his typical day. He said he loves photography and most of all, shooting sports pictures. That's because of the action, and the fact that he never knows how they'll come out until he develops them.

Rich is good with photography.

News photography occupies about 80 percent of his week. The remainder he devotes to shooting concerts and other free-lance jobs, he explained. In fact, he's getting married this year to a girl he met at a rock concert shoot.

I always like to ask people about extremes, so I couldn't resist asking Rich: What was the worst thing that has happened to you on the job? His response was that once, not too long ago, he lost an entire roll of pictures when the film turned out to be defective and he had to go re-shoot all the pictures – the ones that could be re-shot, that is. Oh, and there was another time a local school would not allow him in the building, because he did not have his press card with him.

Lastly, Rich described how his job carries over to the weekend: on Saturday nights, he develops his film and on Sundays, he spends eight to nine hours printing the pictures.

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Chairman named by panel

by Gabrielle Illano

UNION BEACH — At Monday night’s reorganization meeting of the Bayshore Regional Sewerage Authority, former BRSA chairman James McGrogan announced that Commissioner David Cohen would serve a one-year term as new chairman.

Commissioner Martin Mariano of Hazlet Township was appointed vice chairman and Commissioner Robert Brunelli of Union Beach was named secretary.

John Jones was appointed to a five-year term as the new commissioner representing Holmdel.

Jones, who will serve as the commission’s vice secretary, said his appointment to the commission will be a challenge, but that he feels that his past experiences as well as his professional expertise as an engineer for the Brooklyn Union Gas Company will be of great help in his new position here.

William Forsyth has replaced Herbert Killam as the new Holmdel commissioner. Forsyth said he is “very interested in his job” at the BRSA and has taken office as the commission’s treasurer. Commissioner James McGrogan will act as the BRSA’s vice treasurer.

Killam Associates, Piscataway, was reappointed as the authority’s engineers, and Louis E. Granata of Matawan was reappointed as the authority’s engineers. Commissioner Martin Marino of Hazlet Township was appointed vice chairman and Robert Kukas as the new Holmdel commissioner.

James McGrogan will act as the BRSA’s chairman and treasurer. Commissioner Louis Forsyth said he is “very interested in his job” at the BRSA and has taken office as the commission’s treasurer. Commissioner James McGrogan will act as the BRSA’s vice treasurer.

According to Cohen, extreme care must be taken not to infringe upon the wetlands during the construction period. The new construction, which is planned for completion in mid-1995, will prove difficult because contractors will have to work around current operations, Cohen said.

Cohen said the new rating will allow for an additional 2 million gallon capacity. Approximately 1.5 million gallons will be allotted to Aberdeen, leaving excess capacity available for other customers. Cohen said that as a result, the BRSA may be able to lift the moratorium it has been operating under for approximately 2 years.

BRSA Director Gary Marshall said he looks forward to working with and for the board, adding that he and the board “have a lot to do.” Referring to the expansion, Marshall said it is fully approved and fully funded.

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Concerned students join forces to fight the QEA

High school seniors planning to send petition to Florio

By Lauren Jaeger

ABERDEEN — Rachel Smith is graduating high school in June and heading for college, but she worries about her little brother’s education.

Michael Saffran, also a senior, is concerned about the next generation of students.

So Rachel and Michael, along with 26 other students from Matawan-Aberdeen Regional High School, have joined with the school administration, state politicians and lawyers in the fight for the lost money called for in the Quality Education Act.

The students have been seen around Matawan and Aberdeen armed with petitions, and together have collected 714 signatures.

The petitions - which ask all state-elected officials and the state commissioner of education “to provide equity, fairness and commitment to any increase and/or redistribution of state aid to middle-income/foundation-aid school districts” - will be sent to Gov. Jim Florio’s office, the state Legislature and the commissioner.

If all goes according to plan, the petitioners will be hounded with hundreds of more signatures.

“The student leadership will also contact student representatives from 10 other school districts that are also in a similar situation,” said Michael Klavon, deputy superintendent. “For instance, there is Mount Holly in Burlington County, Highland Park, East Windsor, Piscataway ... schools all being taxed higher than the average rate.”

Students from these schools will be asked by their peers to pass the petition in their own neighborhoods, Klavon said.

Meghan Horl, student liaison to the Board of Education, said that collecting signatures was not as easy as it seemed. In fact, many - or most - residents weren’t even aware that the QEA funding would affect them directly.

"...or they received false information from their neighbors,” said Meghan.

From the informed students, the residents learned that in three years, the Matawan-Regional School District went from being funded 42 percent in state aid to a proposed 16 percent for the 1992-93 school year.

If the $3 million projected to be lost in state aid is not recovered for the 1992-93 school year, it will result in a school property tax rate of $2.23 per $100 of assessed valuation, or a 29.2-cent increase for Aberdeen Township residents, while Matawan Borough residents would have to pay $2.35 per $100 of assessed valuation, or a 33-cent increase. This would be approximately 60 percent higher than the average state school tax.

“It’s a complicated issue and to explain it to everyone, it’s confusing,” said Michael.

At first, when the residents discovered a student at the door, they did not take the petition as serious.

“Once we explained the situation to them, we were impressed that students were involved,” said Meghan.

Rachel said that once the residents heard the possibility of a tax increase, the petitions were quickly signed.

Yet others - cautious about signing their name with their address - chose not to sign at all.

“One door slammed in my face,” said Ellen Lufman, a junior.

Even with receptive people, just the walk itself, going from door to door during the chilly week after school and on weekends, also took an effort. The students had to take time out from homework and extra curricular activities. But Michael said that the effort was a way to “help sway Florio into overhauling the QEA.”

“We don’t want to see our school fall apart,” he said.

“From our perspective, we will not only affect us, it will also affect everyone else,” added Rachel. “Everyone’s taxes will go up as a result.”

Dana Jacobs, also a senior, is concerned about cuts in programs due to the lack of school funding, most importantly the honors classes, which are not populated by the majority of the school and may be the most in jeopardy.

Attending honors classes is an important factor in qualifying for the right college. If the college’s administration does not see them on the application, it might just assume that the student did not qualify for them.

“I could end up being on the bottom of the competition,” said Ellen, who currently attends honors classes. “I don’t only hope they will be available in her senior year. Ellen hopes to go to Rutgers University.

“But they may also have to cut electives such as woodworking, and medium classes may be doubled in size,” added Michael.

The students hope that their petitions will help sway Florio into overhauling the QEA.

“We’re keeping our fingers crossed,” said Meghan. “There has been so much contention between the community and the board. We don’t want to work against each other. We’re all in this together.”

“I think we are currently operating with a bare-bones budget,” said Michael. “But for our next school situation, there’s another school that doesn’t want to give up their money. We have to stick together.”

“There’s so much hostility between Democrats and Republicans - ‘It’s the Democrats’ fault, it’s the Republicans’ fault,” said Rachel. “Let’s stop arguing over politics and do something about this.”

“The public must be involved. The public must be aware of what’s going on,” added Ellen.

Rabbi to present lecture series

ABERDEEN — Rabbi Jonathan Porath, an 18th-generation rabbi currently residing in Israel, will be the guest scholar-in-residence this weekend at Temple Beth Ahm, 550 Lloyd Road.

Porath’s lecture at 8:30 p.m. Friday will be “Our Challenge for the ’90s: Being Jewish Without Being Religious.”

He will continue his lecture program at 1:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon, following a free lunch served after morning services, titled, “Ancient Answers to Eternal Questions: What Judaism Says About Human Problems.”

Finally, the rabbi will conclude with “All of Jewish History, From Abraham to the Present in One Hour” at 10:45 a.m. Sunday morning. Breakfast will be served before the speech, also free of charge.

Porath is a dynamic and captivating speaker on a wide variety of subjects. Formerly from New Jersey, he is director of the Israeli branch of Rockland Community College and is founder and co-chairman of the Committee for Absorption of Soviet Immigrants.

For meal reservations or more information, call 583-1700. The lecture series is open to the entire community.

CALENDAR

All week
Volunteers needed for child care and driving by Manna House, 640 Cliffwood Ave., Cliffwood Beach. For more information, call Nancy at 566-8774.

Today
Aberdeen Democratic Club meeting; first in five years at the Elks Club on Monastery Lane, Freneau section, off Route 70, 8 p.m. For more information, call 566-1339.

Rummage sale by the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Ahm, 505 Lloyd Road, 9 a.m. to noon and 6 to 9 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate clothing, household items, toys or books can bring them to the temple between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday and between 2 to 6 p.m. Monday.

Thursday
Aerobics-Body Toning class at Congregation Bet Tefilah, 470 Lloyd Road, Aberdeen, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Cost: $3. Free baby-sitting. For information, call 583-2463 or 566-2053.

Friday
A ’50s and ’60s dance to benefit Matawan Elks Lodge transitional home for homeless mothers and their children, at VFW Post 4745 at 899 Cliffwood Avenue. The dance will feature live entertainment by “Flashback,” a hot buffet and a cash bar. For more information, call Georgette Frank at 566-5894 or Julie Murphy, 566-4678.

Saturday
Volunteers needed for child care and driving by Manna House, 640 Cliffwood Ave., Cliffwood Beach. For more information, call Nancy at 566-8774.

Sunday
Breakfast at Matawan Elks Lodge $2417, 332 Monastery Lane. 8 a.m. to noon. $3.50 donation for adults, $2.50 for children under 12. For more information, call 566-5226.

Survivors of Incest Anonymous, 12-step, self-help program for people over 18 who have suffered sexual abuse, Matawan United Methodist Church, 478 Atlantic Ave. 7 to 9 p.m. Friday and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday. For more information, call 566-8152 or 566-2996.

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In Brief

The Aberdeen Township Fire Elections took place Feb. 15. In Fire District #1, the 1992 budget of $411,112.20 was approved, 37-5. A total of $352,168 will be raised by taxation. Last year’s budget was $476,745.

In Fire District #2, the 1992 budget of $255,419 passed, 47-4. The amount to be raised by taxes will be $239,000. Last year’s budget was $312,801.

Rich Derechailo of 1006 Sunset Way, Clifton, ran uncontested for one, three-year term on the five-member board. He received 31 votes.
Winning dental-health poster has Aberdeen girl all smiles

By Lauren Jaeger

ABERDEEN — She's smiling ear to ear. Theresa Doyle, a fifth-grader at the Strathmore School, just won first place in the school's poster contest for good dental health, sponsored by the New Jersey Academy of General Dentistry.

Betty Ann Honig, the school nurse, encouraged her students to participate in the contest, which was voluntary.

"A large part of nursing is teaching," Honig explained. "We're always teaching prevention on a daily basis."

Theresa's poster illustrates the attractiveness of good dental hygiene. Pasted onto construction paper are about 30 photos of people with shiny white, toothy smiles. It took her two nights to finish.

"I'm very excited," Theresa said Thursday morning after learning she placed first among 14 entries. "I just didn't expect this at all."

Fifth-graders Susan Leveene and Kimberly Bernath won honorable mention. Honig, a nurse for the Matawan-Aberdeen district for 20 years, apparently is a popular and caring school nurse.

During the interview, six students came in and out of the room for one type of help or another. And in celebration of "School Nurse Week," nurses were illustrated on bulletin boards throughout the building.

Overlooking the nurse's room is a large papier-mache nurse.

"I just love children, and I love working with them," Honig said. "I feel for their struggles. There is such value in children, and we have the opportunity to attempt to guide them as long as they don't get stuck with the attitude that they 'must' do what we say."

Sometimes, the school nurse answers some unusual callings. For instance, a stressed-out youngster is welcome to lie down on the sofa bed for a few minutes before facing the classroom again. Other children who may have recently lost a grandparent or a pet, may come to the nurse's room to mourn in private.

"I've fixed heels on shoes, put screws in eyeglasses, helped ear-lobe problems, hangnails, sewed seams and buttons on," Honig laughed. She also keeps extra underwear in a closet for the occasional embarrassing accident.

In the meantime, all of the 14 dental poster entries make a colorful arrangement in the nurse's room.

Theresa's entry will soon be sent off to compete with all of the state entries. Grand prize will be $500. The winning state poster will be sent off to the national finals, where the national winner will receive a $5,000 college scholarship.

Spelling's a cinch for 5th-grader

ABERDEEN — No need for dictionaries here—Loyd Road School has its own champion to turn to when a word's too tough to spell.

She's a fifth-grader and her name is Aarti Khanolkar. Aarti just won first place in the New Jersey Junior Woman's Club Annual District Spelling Bee.

Aarti competed with 24 other fifth-graders for the honor. Five school districts each sent five contestants to the competition, where one by one they were eliminated after misspelling a word.

"I was so nervous when I first had to spell the word," she said. "But then, I was so happy when I got the word right."

The final word that landed Aarti in first place was "abstract."

"For the most part, the words were pretty easy," she admitted, clutching her tall brass trophy topped with a jovial-looking bee.

Practicing for the competition, which was held in Manasquan, meant studying lists of words each day. But at the same time, word was a large part of her life since she is a voracious reader of "mostly fiction."

"She's a wonderful student, a wonderful artist and a great dancer," said her teacher, Judy Wandres.

Aarti, who is of Indian heritage, is not shy about competition. In addition, she has been taking art lessons from the Leene School of Art, Middletown.

"I paint scenes, mainly cats and other animals, using paints and pastels," she said. "I also painted a unicorn."

Aarti plans to be a physician when she grows up.

Volunteer center honors students

More than 1,200 elementary and high school students in Monmouth County were awarded Certificates of Commendation recently for volunteer service through the Student Volunteer Recognition Program.

The purpose of the program is to promote awareness of students' contributions to the community, to acknowledge their efforts and to encourage greater student involvement in all aspects of community service.

In recognition of volunteer service during 1990-91, awards have been presented to students at the following schools: Bayshore Middle School; Christian Brothers Academy; Eatontown Memorial; Holmdel High School; Keansburg High School; Knollwood School; Marlboro High School; Matawan Regional High School; Middletown High Schools North and South; Monmouth Regional High School; Rumson Country Day School; Rumson-Fair Haven; St. Leo the Great; St. James, St. John Vianney High School; St. Mary's High School; and St. Rose High School.

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HAZLET

Middle Road complex gets spruced up at nominal cost

Results generate positive feedback

By Marilyn Duff

HAZLET — The Middle Road Municipal Complex is sporting a new look these days, thanks to some innovative routine maintenance and inexpensive labor provided by Public Works Department employees and local residents who receive public assistance.

Municipal Administrator Jerome Cevetello said so far the cost has been under $4,000. The building needed a lot of renovation, he said, and the improvements had been under discussion last year. The work started about a month ago after several departments, including the Board of Health and Construction Office, were moved to the Executive Plaza building on Route 35.

Cevetello said there had been a “very positive response” on the part of employees. The walls are being painted a pale gray and the floors covered with new, coordinating maroon carpeting of an industrial grade. Doors and trim are also being brightened with a coat of high-gloss gray enamel paint.

There is also new signage to help residents locate various municipal offices, and plans include installation of better seating in the public meeting room. Hazlet’s court room, which in many towns serves as a combination court room and public meeting room, is in another building with the township Police Department.

“It’s like I’m doing an interior design,” said Cevetello, who selected the new color scheme. His intention, he said, is to make it look like a “1990s office.”

One of the most significant improvements resulted from changing the ceiling light shields from solid to open grate-type covers. As a result, Cevetello said, they have “dramatically increased the amount of light in the offices and hallway, making for a better working environment.”

Also, old ceiling tiles have been replaced, and to save money, rather than replace the metal tile grids, they were painted a contrasting black.

Not only is the extra lighting expected to help reduce eye strain of employees, said Cevetello, but during the winter months, it should help lessen the melancholy associated with working indoors during that period.

While much of the work is routine maintenance and cosmetic in nature, the east section of the building has also been renovated to include an employee lounge, freeing up the conference room, where employees used to take their breaks, an enlarged Finance-Tax Collection Department and several new offices.

The new finance area layout will enhance a new policy of cross-training and cross-utilizing workers.

Cevetello said the township is able to put the saved money directly into the capital fund and may be able to use it to finance the installation of a new conference room.

Today

Tickets available for the New Jersey Mets vs. the Golden State Warriors game March 28. Cost, $17 each. To order, call 739-0653 or go to the Hazlet Recreation Office, Veterans Memorial Park, 1776 Union Ave.

Fridays

Recreation Commission trip to the Meadowlands for the New Jersey Devils vs. the Islanders hockey game. $20 cost includes bus ride, which leaves at 4:45 p.m. from the library overflow parking lot on Middle Road. For information, call 739-0653.

LEADING OFF

Professional baseball players John Valentini of the Pawtucket Red Sox and Sam Ferretti of the Rochester Red Wings show Randy Ronchetti, 9, of Hazlet how to take a lead off of first during a recent baseball camp at Raritan Valley School, sponsored by the Hazlet Recreation Commission.
Outstanding educators named

By Marilyn Duff

HAZLET — Seven district teachers, one from each school, have been selected as Outstanding Teacher of the Year at their respective schools.

The winners will be recognized on the occasion May 7 at Princeton University, where Gov. Florio will award a certificate of commendation.

Previously, under the Governor's Annual Award for Outstanding Teaching program, teachers received monetary rewards which they could use in whatever way they wished for their classrooms.

The Hazlet Board of Education will recognize the recipients at its March 16 regular meeting, where they will receive a plaque.

The winners and their respective grades levels or areas of responsibility are:

- Cove Road School — Janis Lebreton, kindergarten.
- Lillian Drive School — Elaine George, third grade.
- Syacome Drive School — Elizabeth LaForge, first grade.
- Beers Street Middle School — Catherine Baldini, science.
- Middle Road School — Kathleen Gross, fifth grade.
- Raritan Valley School — June Cahill, second grade.
- Union Avenue Middle School — Marlene Superti, librarian.
- Raritan High School — Raymond Conrad, industrial arts.

The selections are made by a nine-member panel made up of teachers, administrators, parents and other residents. The board and Hazlet Teachers Association each select three panel members and the six panel members select the other three.

This year's panel included: Robert Murphy, JoAnn Fortino and Joan Cella, all teachers selected by the HTA; Maria Vignola, Teri Morosco, Dorothy O'Connor, all teachers selected by the board; and Michael Gadick, a high school administrator; Kay Mahan, a resident; and Pat O'Neil, a school parent.

Nominations for teacher of the year at the various schools are submitted to the panel by parents, teachers and administrators. The number varies from year to year.

IN BRIEF

Two new kindermusik programs are being offered by the Hazlet Recreation Commission. "Music and My World" will be held Tuesdays from 1 to 1:35 p.m. beginning March 3. and "Music for Me," beginning March 5. The programs will last eight weeks and the cost is $25 plus a $27 materials fee for two books and a tape which will be distributed at the first class. Class size will be limited to 10. For information, call 739-0653.

Michael DeAngelo, Barbara Ronchetti, Maureen Sweeny, James Weber, Judith Cerney, Joseph Lamb, Robert Sulpy, Michael Rizzo and Municipal Administrator Jerome A. Cevetollo Jr. were appointed to the township Safety Committee Jan. 1. when the Hazlet Township Committee reorganized. Robert G. Wegand was appointed alternate commissioner.

Township and school officials were scheduled to meet today with representatives of the Garden State Parkway Authority concerning the safety of the Bethany Road Bridge, which connects the Raritan Valley and Beers Street school neighborhoods. In recent months, residents have been organizing to pressure for expansion of the bridge sidewalks and also improvement of fencing. The Board of Education, at a recent meeting, agreed to support those efforts. Board President Richard Martinelli said he would ask the municipal administrator for copies of recent letters sent to parkway officials, and the board would draft its own letters of support.
Residents could see hike of 9 to 11 cents in tax rate

By Christine Menapace

KEYPORT — The borough has been busy at work on the 1992 budget for several weeks. According to Mayor John J. Merla, the Borough Council is still making preliminary adjustments and cuts, but is moving forward in trying to achieve the smallest tax increase possible.

Merla said that it looks like the municipal tax rate is shaping up at roughly a 9- to 11-cent increase. He said that since 1986, the borough has averaged a 16 percent increase every year. Last year, the increase was brought down to 7.1 percent, and if this trend continues, it could reduce a 16 percent increase.

The current Borough Hall has been assessed at $400,000 and Merla said this amount could also be put toward cutting expenses. Relating many problems with the current building, such as the police jail cells and general lack of space for the police department, Merla said the building, at one point, was cited with 80 violations, which they have since been able to cut down to 17.

Two sites, Merla said, are currently being considered for the new Borough Hall. One is a site along West Front Street.

At the council’s Feb. 11 meeting, Merla asked Councilmen Robert Bergen, Frank Currier and Wilbur Hansen to meet and come up with projects, such as the new Borough Hall, that the borough could be working on in case state funding becomes available.

Council advises tough stand on overdue water accounts

By Christine Menapace

KEYPORT — Water was shut off at 10 borough residences last week, Tax Collector Pauline Redmond said, but eight of them now have had their service restored. The remaining two appear to be vacant homes, she said. At the Borough Council’s Feb. 11 meeting, representatives from the Water and Sewer Department sought the Borough Council’s advice as to whether to go ahead with the shut-offs.

Superintendent of Public Works Art Rooke said, “It’s being done in other towns, but I want guidance from council.”

After discussion, council members unanimously agreed the water should be shut off since the people had ignored delinquent notices and red tags.

“I think right now we have to enforce the ordinances,” said Councilman David Ham mond. Councilwoman Jane Atkins agreed, noting, “If they haven’t made any attempt to set up a payment schedule and had outrageous balances.

When an article ran in the newspaper recently telling of the impending shut-offs, Redmond said she “received an awful lot of phone calls” from residents worried that they were on the list. Although she had no figures on money collected, Redmond said the shut-offs definitely acted as an incentive for people to come in and make payment arrangements.

Borough employees do knock and attempt to get payment before they shut the water off, she said. They also come back several days later to ask for payment again and to check that the water is still shut off, she added, since sometimes residents are able to turn the water back on themselves.

Redmond said water is billed quarterly in the borough and that according to the ordinance, if a bill remains unpaid for 21 days, a resident is considered delinquent and a delinquent notice is sent out.

Delinquent notices for the Jan. 1 billing were sent out, homes are re-tagged and then residents have 10 days in which to make payment or payment arrangements until they are in danger of being shut-off. Interest charged after 10 days is 8 percent for the first $1,500 worth of unpaid bills and 15 percent on any amount after that. Residents must also pay a $40 turn-on fee if their water has been shut off.

Delinquent notices for the Jan. 1 billing were just sent out recently, Redmond said, although the borough has been mainly going after people who have been delinquent prior to the latest billing.

IN BRIEF

Candidates in the Board of Education elections have been announced and all seats are uncontested. Incumbents Joanne Staecher and Jane Jones are each running for three-year terms, and incumbent M. Elaine Aymack is running for an unexpired one-year term. Patsy Allen of 75 Main St. is running for a three-year term. According to Board of Education officials, the elections are scheduled for April 7, although the date has not yet been officially confirmed.

Christopher Traficante, vice principal of Keyport High School, is currently serving as the acting principal, since former Principal John S. Dumford left the position to become superintendent of schools. According to Dumford, the Board of Education is looking both inside and outside of the school system to fill the principal’s position. Closing date for receipt of letters and resumes was Feb. 10, and although Dumford did not know exactly how many applicants there are, he said the board received “quite a few.” He added that he hopes a decision on the position can be made soon.

CALENDAR

Tuesday

Pancake supper at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, 10 E. Front St. 5 to 7 p.m. Cost, $3.50 for adults, seniors; $2.50 for children under 12.

WORLD UNITY

Seventh-graders at St. Joseph’s Catholic School, Maple Place, Keyport, (l-r) Angel Everhard, Lauren Fierro and Steven Sinch will be participating in the production, “It’s a Small World,” 7:30 p.m. today in the school auditorium. Tickets in advance are $3 for adults and $2 for children. Tickets at the door are $4 for adults and $3 for children. Call 264-2114 for advance tickets.
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MATAWAN — After nearly six years of debating the fate of the Broad Street School property, the Borough Council authorized Mayor Robert Shuey at its meeting Feb. 18 to sign the contract for the purchase of the property.

The meeting, which was held at the Raritan Drive School to accommodate the standing-room-only crowd of almost 300 people — lasting for more than three hours and included speakers both for and against purchasing the land, debating issues from political motivations to costs to environmental hazards.

One of the upmost concerns for people opposed to the purchase was the effect that buying the property would have on the tax rate. Don Sanchez, Ryers Laie, expressed the concerns of many residents, asking, "What is it going to cost me?" He added, "My taxes tripled in 13 years, but my income has not tripled in 13 years... that feeling is shared by many of the people who are here tonight.

Eugene McDonald, Broad Street, speaking in favor of the purchase, said he doesn't particularly like the tax situation either, but "...the question is really, do we investing our future?" Gerald Hourihan, Jackson Street, responded, "Let's look ahead; there are four factors of ground. Matawan Borough should be looking to invest their money now and in the future."

Sam Mezzacappa of 8 Edgemere Drive — who was interested in buying the property and is a member of the newly formed Ad Hoc Committee of Taxpayers for Sanity in MATAWAN (ACTSM), which opposes borough acquisition of the school — told the audience that his offer to buy the property and donate a section of it for use by the borough would "save you a half a million dollars in one year."

He added, "This town has to decide if they're going to be in the real estate business." Mezzacappa also felt that his proposal had not been given serious consideration, explaining, "No one has even asked me what I would do with it... I'd just like to see people paid and used.

Other speakers criticized Mezzacappa's offer, saying he would use the property for storage of heavy equipment such as tractors and cars. Later in the meeting, Shuey produced photos of Mezzacappa's property in Staten Island and passed them around to the audience.

Shuey was the first of the council members to speak on the issue. He began by giving a brief history of the controversy over the property, saying that originally, council members Michael Kidzus and James Shea favored the purchase of the school and he opposed it, due to an engineer's opinion that it would cost $3 to $5 million to upgrade the structures. He said the issue was raised again last summer, when most residents seemed to favor the purchase.

Shuey said his plans are not to touch the old high school on the property, and that as far as he's concerned, it can sit there for another 10 years. He said he hopes that someday the government may come in and restore it for senior citizen housing. He added that the grammar school is in great shape and called on volunteer efforts to help fix up the building to turn it into a community center.

He said his immediate plans do not include using the property for Borough Hall, and that he intends to hold an open house for people to walk through the property. He added that the Young Men's Christian Association is interested in leasing space as well as possibly a local nursing service.

Bringing up the political situation, Shuey said the founders of the ACTSM are nearly all Democrats. "They haven't gotten the message that the election is over," he said. "They're all losers and they're all mad."

Kidzus argued that he felt the borough should buy the property from the Board of Education for $1 and added, "I would like to see this put on a referendum once and for all."

Councilman Kevin Mandeville attacked Councilman Shea for his changing positions in regard to the property. Previously, Shea had agreed to vote in favor of bonding for the property if November's elections indicated that this was the will of the people. He voted to introduce the bond, then changed his mind and voted against it, creating a split vote on the council and killing the measure. Shuey then devised a plan to purchase the school through a $100,000 surplus in the budget and an unanticipated $375,000 check from the state for additional gross receipts and franchise taxes, which would not require a two-thirds majority like the bonding ordinance.

Shea said he objected to the political references and said he could not support the purchase of the school because of its deteriorating condition and the amount of money it will cost to fix it up. Speaking on the issue of volunteerism and citing the asbestos and lead paint known to exist on the property, he said, "Volunteerism to remove hazardous waste is something else."

Addressing the audience on his role in the ACTSM letter that urged residents to attend the council meeting, he said, "I think you had an obligation to be informed of the whole situation."

After all speeches were made, the council again voted on the bond issue, which died when they failed to achieve a two-thirds majority. Kidzus and Shea again voted no; however, the resolution did not require a two-thirds majority.

Pupils study '92 Olympics

MATAWAN — Students at the Crighton School, Morganville Road, studied the '92 Olympics this year, both inside and outside of the classroom. Carole Kurtz, director of the school, said that last week, while the Olympics were on television, students at the school were holding their own Olympic festival. The week began with an Olympic parade, complete with a torch-lighting ceremony. Kurtz pointed out, however, that the "torch" was a bit scaled down, and was actually a candle.

In the parade, Kurtz said, each student carried the flag of a country competing in the Olympics he or she had chosen to study. Not only did the children make the flags, each child designed a special project for his/her country. Other activities at the school.

Kurtz added, emphasized the Olympic week. In gym class, the children did broad jumps and in math, they worked on problems involving boating and the angles in a basketball throw.

Kurtz said a reason for the Olympic emphasis is "to stress cooperative learning," and that it "opens up the world to them." She added, "The important thing is to see this worldwide effort."

Andrea Praet, 10th, said she chose Germany as her country, "because I think Germans are very talented." Although she did not sit glued to the television every day, she said that especially liked watching figure skating. "I like to dance, and it's like dancing on ice," she said.

Michael Defusco, 9, chose Italy as his country, saying that he likes the pizza. His grandmother comes from Italy, and because they're good at long jumping and the luge, Michael said he is an avid fan of the Olympics, and generally spent two or three hours a night watching events. He said he rooted for Italy in the events, and as his personal favorite, "I think Russia should have a new flag, and be proud of it."

By Christine Menapace
GLUING STARS
Erison Hurtault, 7, of Aberdeen makes a poster celebrating famous black leaders at the Matawan/Aberdeen Public Library's Black History Craft Program.

Library helps youngsters be part of Black History Month

Craft project mixes fun with insights
By Christine Menapace

MATAWAN - Nine youngsters from the area recently got a taste of Black History Month by taking part in the Matawan/Aberdeen Public Library's Black History Craft Program.

Children's Librarian Daina Lucas said she based the craft on a book by Jeanette Winter called "Follow the Drinking Gourd."

"I just thought it was beautiful... I looked at his book and said 'Wow, this is something children can relate to,'" she said.

The book, based on actual events, tells the story of Peg Leg Joe, a man who would travel from plantation to plantation, working on the farms while teaching the slaves a song called, "Follow the Drinking Gourd."

Although the song sounded like a simple folk song, it was actually a map to freedom "when the sun comes back and the first quail calls."

In other words, in the spring, follow the North Star.

Although Lucas did not have enough time to read the entire story to the children, she explained the story to them. As the craft project, she had the children paste gold stars on blue posterboard in the shape of the Big Dipper. Underneath the Big Dipper, the children pasted pictures of prominent black leaders also in the shape of the Big Dipper.

The leaders included Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr. and Jesse Jackson.

Many of the children were too young to have heard of these people before, so Lucas also had them put together a booklet telling little stories about each of the people and what they did. The booklet also included poetry by Langston Hughes.

Of all the black leaders, the children were most familiar with Martin Luther King Jr. "Martin Luther King - everyone knows him," said Erison Hurtault, 7, "and Parker Rose." Erison became slightly embarrassed when the librarian pointed out he meant Rosa Parks.

Matthew Lewandowski, 5, decided to make his poster by putting the stars on one side and the leaders on the other. He noted, "When I get home, I'm going to hang my poster up."
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A new partnership between government and business has been formed to help protect and improve the Jersey Shore.

The Jersey Shore Partnership - a consortium of 21 local business entities and representatives of the four coastal New Jersey counties - has begun exploring possibilities to improve economic and environmental conditions in the area.

Established in December, the partnership has already scheduled a meeting with Gov. Jim Florio next month and is in the process of gathering information for a meeting with state legislators.

The relationship with the state Legislature may be a cordial one, since former state Sen. S. Thomas Gagliano, who was a strong advocate of shore funding while in Trenton, will serve as the partnership's president.

In that role, Gagliano will manage the day-to-day affairs of the partnership and will act as legislative liaison. Gagliano will also maintain contact with the partnership's various committees and lobby in Trenton for the rights of Shore residents.

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Gagliano attended the governor's "Shore Summit" Feb. 18 in Long Branch as a representative of the partnership and reported that progress was made. A common cry at the meeting was a call for stable funding sources for the Shore. Talking about the issues, was a good first step, Gagliano commented, but action is necessary.
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Memo: Your office may be hazardous to your health

Industrial hygienist offers safety tips and dispels myths

By Lauren Jaeger

The chairs are comfortable; the bulletin boards are brimming with announcements. Even the walls are freshly painted. It all looks good... but is your office safe?

Photocopier: Can you go blind from the shining light, if you don't put down the flap over the picture? No.

Computer: It is so user friendly. But have you heard about the dangers of radiation? According to OTEP literature, noise from printers can cause a "headache, stress, and possible hearing loss."

However, quieter printers are now available.

Air: "Air quality is an interesting subject..." states the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety. "With air conditioning systems, germs can multiply in the water used for cooling and be distributed into the building's atmosphere." The OTEP advises "adjustable lighting..." and "non-glare desk tops and wall paint."

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What you should take care of, however, is your posture when you work.

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There's nothing to worry about," said Quinlan. "Most indoor problems are related to comfort or bad odor problems."

"There is also the possibility of exposure to low levels of pollutants," he added.

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Some problems can be caused if an air filter is not changed or cleaned.

"With air conditioning systems, germs can multiply in the water used for cooling and be distributed into the building's atmosphere," states the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety.

But it can be reduced by "good engineering practices in the operation and maintenance of air and water handling systems..." Air filters should be examined, cleaned and/or replaced periodically. Hot water tanks should be cleaned regularly.

Lighting: Problems. OTEP literature states, can originate from lights that are "too bright or too dark... glare from lights and highly reflective equipment and surfaces." Results can range from "short-term eye-strain, discomfort and difficulty focusing to "headache, fatigue, stress and muscle strain."

The OTEP advises "adjustable lighting... non-glare desk tops and wall paint" and "furniture arranged to avoid glare from windows and bright lights."

So, as you see, working in an office may be safer than working in a coal mine, but there still are environmental hazards to look out for.

The N.J. State Department of Health will be happy to answer any other questions you may have by calling 1-609-984-1863 or by writing N.J. State Department of Health, PEOSH Project 7th Floor, CN 360, Trenton, 08625.
ON CAMPUS

James Dews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dews of Matawan, has been named to the dean’s list for the fall semester at Franklin Pierce College, Rindge, N.H.

Amy Van Ornum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Van Ornum of Hazlet, has been named to the president’s list for the 1991 fall semester at Green Mountain College, Poultney, Vt.

The following students have been named to the dean’s list during the fall semester at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.; John Blumberger and Jennifer Schaefer, both of Middletown; Scott Hergenhan of Holmdel; Christine McCallum of Lincroft; and Peter Blumberger and Jennifer Scharer, both of Seton Hall University, South Orange.

James D. Fettig and Paraskevas Neofotistos, both of Hazlet, were named to the fall dean’s list at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va.

Lisa B. Inghielerti of Middletown and Joseph E. Whyte of Matawan have been named to the dean’s list for the fall semester at the University of Scranton, Scranton, Pa.

Allison Cohen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Cohen of Cliffwood Beach, has been listed in the 1992 edition of “Who’s Who Among Students in Universities and Colleges.” She is a student at Quinnipiac College, Hamden, Conn.

ADD conference set

“Reaching and Teaching the ADD Student,” a conference for parents and professionals, will be held March 7 by LADDER/CHADD, a support group for parents of children with Attention Deficit Disorder.

The conference will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Holmdel High School. It will provide parents with a crash course in recognizing and coping with the disorder, which is estimated to affect from 3 to 4 percent of all school-age children. Affected children often experience learning, behavioral and social-emotional difficulties.

Registration fees for the public are $17.50 in advance and $22.50 at the door. Additional adults from the same family can pay $10 in advance or $15 at the door. Members of LADDER/CHADD and the New Jersey Education Association can pay $15 in advance or $20 at the door.

For more information, call 477-8957.
REGION ROUNDUP

PARK EVENTS

Thursday through March 26
Estate Planning Workshop, 7-30 p.m., Red Bank Regional High School, Ridge Road, Little Silver. Topics include estate and gift taxes, wills, inheritance, trusts and life insurance. Cost $15. For more information, call 842-4000.

Thursday through April 30
Sculpture Workshop, 7-30-9:30 p.m., Red Bank Regional High School, Ridge Road, Little Silver. Instruction in sculpting techniques from start to finish. Fee $42, does not include materials. For more information, call 842-4000.

Friday
Rain Forest Party, 7-30 p.m., Poricy Park, Oak Hill Road, Middletown. Learn about howler monkeys, coatis, iguanas, kinkajous, sloths and facts about the rain forests. Also, stories, games, songs, crafts and more. Fee: $4 member children, $5 non-member children; adults free. For more information, call 842-5986.

Saturday
Smocking demonstration by needlework artist Karin Savothe, 1-3 p.m., Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel. Program is free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 872-0115.

March 2 through March 16
Tax Workshop, 7-30-9:30 p.m., Red Bank Regional High School, Ridge Road, Little Silver. Topics include a general overview of taxes, common tax problems, tax planning and tax shelters. Fee $12. For more information, call 842-4000.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Today
Freehold Township Republican Club, dessert meeting 7:30 p.m., Van's Freehold Inn, Rt. 35, Freehold. Admission $5 per person. Presentation on "How to Make Taxes Less Taxing," Operahile Tiger, meeting to discuss Lyme Light Ball to benefit central New Jersey hospitals which treat Lyme disease, 7:30-10 p.m., Monmouth County Library, Headquarters, 125 Symmes Drive, Manahawkin. For more information, call 536-2884.

Today through March 1
New Jersey Flower and Garden Show, Garden State Exhibit Center, Atrium Drive, Somerset. Elaborate garden displays, lectures, floral design school and more. Hours: 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays. Admission: $9, senior citizens receive a $2 discount. For more information, call 560-9020.

Today through April 27
"The Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change," Douglass College Colloquium, lectures held 7:30 p.m., Room 200, Art History Hall, Douglass Campus, New Brunswick. Free of charge and open to the public. For lecture times and more information, call 932-9326.

Thursday
"Critical Thinking in Secondary Science," presented by B. Nelson, past president, N.J. Science Teachers Association, for science teachers in Monmouth County, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Advanced Technology Center, Brookdale Community College, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft. For more information, call 787-7607.

"Oklahoma," film featuring the choreography of Agnes DeMille, 2 p.m., Monmouth County Library, 125 Symmes Drive, Manahawkin. Film is free. For more information, call 308-3761.

Akyene Baako, African Folk Music Ensemble, 8:30 p.m., Livingston Student Center, College Hall, New Brunswick. For ticket information, call 932-3561.

Queen Latifah with a Tribe Called Quest in concert, 7 p.m., College Avenue Gym, Rutgers University, New Brunswick. Admission: $12 dance floor, $10 reserved seats, $10 unreserved seats. For more information, call 932-7084.

"Miracle Power," seven-week course, 8 p.m., St. Veronica School Library, 4218 Route 9 north, Howell. St. Veronica School, 4218 Route 9, Howell. Fee: $10. For more information or to register, call 431-3077.

"The Golden Ages of Spain: Art and Architecture from El Greco to Zurbaran," with Mr. V. Longmore, 8 p.m., Monmouth County Historical Association's museum, 70 Court St., Freehold. For more information, call 482-1466.

"Annual Rauh Annual" Arian, 8:30 p.m., Center for Holocaust Studies, Brookdale Community College, Forum 103, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft. Admission: $5 public, $5 free to Brookdale students and staff. For more information, call 787-8559.

Educators Reception for the exhibit, "Sculpture in Silver," 7:30 p.m., Courtyard Inn, 125 Symmes Drive, Lincroft. Fee: $25. For more information, call 125 Symmes Drive, Lincroft. Fee: $25. For more information, call 482-1466.

"The Cane and the Parch", 7 p.m., Howell First Aid Building, Kent Road, Howell. Donation $5. Refreshments served. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Howell First Aid Station.

"Dead of Night," horror film starring Michael Redgrave and Mervyn Jones, 7 p.m., Freehold Library, 260 Broad St., Freehold. Fee: $2. For more information, call 482-1466.
Thursday through Sunday

Garden Show, Woodbridge Center, lower level, Routes 1 and 9. Featuring garden and lawn care equipment, landscaping plans, decks, spas and outdoor furniture. Hours: 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 386-4600.

Friday

"Strike," film (1925), directed by Sergei Eisenstein, 7 p.m., Room 100 of Milledoler on Rutgers’ College Avenue campus, New Brunswick. Tickets $3 general admission; $2 Rutgers Film Club members. For more information, call Al Nigrin 932-8482.

Community Fund-Raiser Luncheon for the Hope Community Counseling Center, which provides counseling to couples, families and individuals in the community, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Freehold First Presbyterian Church Auditorium, West Main Street, Freehold. Admission is free but donations are greatly appreciated. For more information, call 642-5995.

Community YMCA’s Arrowhead Children’s Center, open house for the nursery school and child care programs for children ages 2½-5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Camp Arrowhead, Route 35, Freehold. For more information, call 741-2504.

Friday and Saturday

Ninth Annual Dance Marathon, sponsored by the Monmouth County 4-H/Hi Kids for Club, 8 p.m. Friday through 8 a.m. Saturday, Keport High School, Broad Street. Money raised will be used to provide this year’s prom for Monmouth County’s mentally retarded citizens. Minimum donation of $24 to register. For more information, call 291-7581.

"Making the Bible Come Alive," theme of this year’s Morris Goldfeder Scholar in residence weekend, Temple Shalom, Aymont Lane and Mission Street, Aberdeen. Program begins 6:30 p.m., Friday with a Shabbat dinner. Lectures are free to temple members; $10 registration fee for non-members. Dinner: $26 adults, $12 children. For more information, call 586-2821.

Spring Home Show, Freehold Raceway Mall, Route 9, Freehold Township. Featuring information and displays from professionals regarding home products, construction and remodeling, methods of energy conservation and the latest cost-effective materials on the market today. Free and open to the general public. For more information, call 577-1300.

Saturday

Reception for Pete Dunne, author of "The Feather Quest, A North American Birder’s Year," 1-4 p.m., Jersey Audubon’s Scherman-Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary, Hardscrabble Road, Bernardsville. For more information and directions, call 756-5787.

S.A.T. seminar for high school students and their parents, 9:30 a.m. to noon, Hazlet Branch of the Monmouth County Library, 251 Middle Road, Speaker, Joel E. Rubin, director of the Princeton Review. Program is free. For more information, call 264-7164.


Children’s Book Event and Fair, 1-4 p.m., Monmouth County Library Headquarters, 125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan. Readers compete in a reading of a famous book character contest and a Dewey decimal jump. Admission is free. For more information, call 792-2777.

"Book discussion on ‘The Autobiography of Malcolm X,’" 3 p.m., Monmouth County Library, 125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan, preceded by 15-minute documentary film. For more information, call 363-7971.

Saturday and Sunday

1992 Stamp Exhibition of the Association of Bergen County Philatelists, Clarion Suites, Brook Hotel, 50 Kenney Place, saddle Brook. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission: $2 adults, children free. Free parking.

Sunday

10th Annual Georgian Court College Irish American Festival, 2-9 p.m., Clarion Inn Route 35, Hazlet. Admission $7. For more information, call 1-800-123-4567.

Fashion Show, sponsored by St. Ambrose Home School Association, 11-30 a.m., Garden Manor, 35, Aberdeen. Tickets $30. For more information, call 290-0237 or 679-8729.

Baseball Card and Comic Book Show, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Ramada Inn Route 35, Hazlet. Admission $2. Free parking. For more information and directions, call 291-1632.

"Music Inspired by Children," free family concert, 3 p.m., Eastern Branch of the Monmouth County Library, Route 35, Shorewood, Piano, Clarinet, Alstadder, and narrator/pianist, Robert Sherman, performing works by Mozart, Schubert and Debussy and more. For adults and children ages 5 and up. For more information, call 428-5995.

Tuesday

1992 Paddy Noonan Irish Variety Show, sponsored by St. Thomas the Apostle Home School Association, 8 p.m., church auditorium, Route 17 south, Old Bridge. Doors open 6:30 p.m. Admission: $15, $25 reserved seats. For tickets, call 708-1234.

"Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown," Spanish film with English subtitles, 7:15 p.m., Court Cafe, Georgian Court College, Casino Building. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, call 384-2005, ext. 622.

Safe Boating Course, 8 p.m., Freehold High School, 281 Adelphia Road. Weekly classes of 10 or more each Tuesday. Fee for registration and textbook, Presented by the United States Coast Guard. For more information, call 536-5740.

Next Wednesday

Baseball Card and Memorabilia Show, 5-9:30 p.m., Hannah’s, Route 35, Eatontown. Admission $1. For more information, call 583-7915 or 972-8244.

Support Today

International Adoption League licensed adoption agency and adoption parent support group, 133 Monmouth Road, Suite A-1, Freehold. Provides ongoing support for couples facing fertility problems and those seeking information about adoption. Weekdays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call 780-1860.

Christian Foundation Support Group, meeting 7-8:30 p.m., Bayshore Community Hospital. For more information, call 772-7777.

Hyacinth Foundation Support Group, meeting 7-8:30 p.m., Bayshore Community Hospital, A and B. For more information, call 772-4782.

Patient and Family Support Group, for cancer patients, meeting 7 p.m., 3 East Solarium, Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank. For more information, call 350-2417.

GOAL (Get Out And Live) group for people suffering from panic attacks, anxieties and phobias, 7 p.m., Manalapan Library, Symmes Drive, Manalapan. For more information, call 972-0552 or 780-8904.

Support group for people chronically ill, weekly meeting, 5 p.m., Kimball Medical Center, Lakewood. For more information, call 370-7436.

Support group for parents of critically ill, weekly meeting, 5 p.m., Kimball Medical Center, Lakewood. For more information, call 370-7436.

Thursday

Open Bereavement Support Group, Hospice/Oncology Department of Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank. 2:30 p.m., Oncology Support office, East Wing. For more information, call 530-2382.

Overcomers Outreach, a biblical Christian, 12-step recovery program, weekly meeting 8:30 p.m., Jackson Baptist Church, 40 Bennett’s Mills Road, Jackson. Open to those recovering from a wide variety of dependencies and dysfunctional family upbringing. For more information, call 917-4567.

Nicotine Anonymous, weekly self-help group for anyone who wants to stop smoking, 6 p.m., Red Bank Center, Route 35 south and Deal Road, Ocean Township. Free and open to the public. Call 989-8255.

Support the Balance, family caregivers’ support group, weekly meeting 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Hospice/Oncology Department, CentralState Medical Center, West Main Street, Freehold Township. Admission is free. Call 780-6144.

Living with a Serious Illness, weekly meeting, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Hospice/Oncology Department, CentralState Medical Center, West Main Street, Freehold Township. Admission is free. Call 780-6144 or 577-1076.

Friday

Parents Anonymous of New Jersey, weekly meeting, 9-11 a.m. Red Bank Primary School Parent Resource Room, River Road, near Broad Street and East Bergen Place, Red Bank. Trained facilitators offer support and information. Membership is free and confidential. For more information, call 1-800-843-5437.

Living With Loss, bereavement group, weekly meeting 10:30 a.m. to noon, Hospice/Oncology Department, CentralState Medical Center, West Main Street, Freehold Township. Admission is free. Call 780-6144 or 577-1076.

Saturday

Single, Widowed, Divorced or Separated, support group of St. Veronica’s Church, Howell, sponsoring a social dance, 8 p.m.-midnight. For more information, call 367-1761.

Monday

Monmouth Easy Breathers Group, meeting 1:30 p.m., Senior Citizen Activity Center, Eatontown. Support for adults with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema, chronic asthma, or bronchitis. For more information, call 670-5118.

Third Love, weekly meeting, 8 p.m., First Unitarian Church, West Front Street, Lincroft. For parents dealing with teen-age behavior problems. For more information, call 586-9425.

Tuesday

Gam-an, support group for spouses, relatives and friends of the compulsive gambler, weekly meeting, 8 p.m., St. Mary’s Church, Route 34 and Phalanx Road, Colts Neck. For more information, call 536-8852.

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Brian Williams is a math wiz. The fourth-grader performs at a seventh-grade level in the subject.

Math wiz knows no bounds

By Garry Wasko

MIDDLETOWN — Brian Williams is having some trouble with fractions.

"Fractions are definitely my weak spot; I have to spend a lot of time on them," Brian said.

Such problems would be normal for most sixth- or seventh-graders, but Brian is not in sixth or seventh grade. He’s a fourth-grader at Bayview Elementary whose skills in math have been singled out by his teachers and his principal.

His skills with numbers earned him an award at last month’s Oak Hill Math Contest, where he placed second in his region.

"Didn’t miss by much," said Brian. "I only missed two questions out of 25, and they were the hardest ones."

Brian is such a math wizard, even his principal didn’t know what to do with him. Brian performs at a seventh-grade level in mathematics, which is great news for Brian and his family, but has been a bit of a problem for school officials, who, this year, ran out of classerooms to send Brian.

"We had been sending him to the honors grade level, two levels above his, for math, but now that grade level is up at the junior high (school)," said Bayview Principal Steven Andle.

So, to accommodate Brian, Andle got together with Debra Donovan, Brian’s teacher, to hash out a plan. The two first thought of sending Brian up the street to Bayshore Middle School for math classes, but the transportation problems made that impractical.

"We really wanted to do as much as we could to help Brian along at a high level," said Donovan, who meets with Brian three times a week to assign him workbook problems and lessons, and to help him along in his studies.

Still in search of more for Brian, Andle contacted Middletown High School South teacher Helen Jones, whom Andle had worked with when he was the football coach at North, to ask her for suggestions.

Jones told him of two seniors at South who had tutored younger high-schoolers in math, and who might be able to help out with Brian.

Shon Lo, who is currently mulling over a scholarship offer from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Ken Hwang, who is likewise considering MIT along with Ivy League schools, now tutor Brian for an hour and a half after school once a week, driving to Bayview School to meet with Brian in the school’s library.

Although both Lo and Hwang are interested in engineering, not education, they make excellent tutors, according to Brian.

"They’ll go over things I covered with my teacher, but had some questions about," Brian said. The two seniors also get along well with the student who is eight years their junior.

The innovative approach to helping gifted and talented students has also helped the tutors, according to Hwang.

"It’s interesting to see Brian’s thought processes, to get back to the basics," said Hwang, who studies calculus, not fractions, in his classes at North.

Brian, who likes to play Nintendo when he’s not doing schoolwork, said that he eventually would like to attend Princeton and study engineering or science. He said that besides math at Bayview, he likes science classes the best.
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Magic will return to Henderson Theatre this week

By Cheryl Makin

Broadway revue to include hits from stage, screen

Once again, the talented performers from past Premier Theatre Company shows will give their regards to Broadway in an original musical revue.

Come 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, the curtain will go up and open a toe-tapping, show-stopping evening of entertainment which Executive Producer Mark Fleming calls "Broadway Magic."

More than 70 cast members are expected to light up the Henderson Theatre stage for an updated version of "Broadway Magic," which originally premiered three years ago. For his latest production, Fleming has chosen a repertoire of 40 Broadway and movie classics, all of which reflect a Hollywood theme.

"I thought adding the movie songs would open up a little bit," said Fleming. "None of these numbers were done in the past."

Fleming noted these performances will benefit the Premier Company, enabling the company to produce its three summer musicals. This year's productions will be "Pippin," "Man of La Mancha" and "Gypsy."

Typically, Premier devotes one night of its performances to a charity. This is the only production of the year that will not serve in that capacity.

"This time, we're our own charity. We have to be in order to meet the costs for the show," said Fleming. "We definitely got a good response from this show. Despite the economy, I'm hoping we do just as well this year."

Among the familiar faces reappearing on the Henderson stage, local graduates of the campuses of Christian Brothers Academy, Lincroft, is Premier regular Judy Malik, who played Mabelle in "The Music Man" during the 1990 season and had a host role in last year's revue. The talented actress/singer will sing "I Gotta Grown" from "Peter Pan."

Another vocal standout is Christina Mar-...

By popular demand, the Miller estate in 1956 allowed the reformation of the orchestra, which was conceived during the movie production of "The Glenn Miller Story," starring Jimmy Stewart and June Allyson. The orchestra has been going non-stop ever since.

Under the direction of Larry O'Brien, the 19-member orchestra will undoubtedly perform favorites such as "Danny Boy," " Chattanooga Choo-Choo," "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree," "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" and, of course, the classics "In the Mood" and theme song "Moonlight Serenade."

The musicians also play more-modern sections in the big-band style, carefully selecting those newer tunes that lend themselves naturally to the Miller style.

"What we're trying to do is run this band the way we feel Glenn would have if he were here," O'Brien said. "It seems that good things just don't die. Rather, they age gracefully and mellow with the years. If anything, I honestly think the authentic Glenn Miller band and orchestra includes fine saxophone players, four trumpeters, five trombonists, three rhythm musicians and two vocalists, whose average age is 23, as it was in Miller's day. The male and female singers perform individually and as part of the Moonlight Serenaders vocal group.

A trombone player himself, O'Brien has been conducting the orchestra since 1988. This is his second stint as leader of the band, as he led them from 1981 to 1983. He first played with the band in the early '60s, under Ray McKinley's direction.

"I am only somewhat amazed about the Miller mystique," O'Brien said. "It's many-faceted. There's more than one reason for the continuing popularity of the band. For one thing, Glenn gave up a lucrative band business when he was at his zenith to join the service - when he didn't have to. He was immensely popular when he entered the service. The band had sold more records in a year than, I think, Elvis or the Beatles ever did in a year."

Then he went on to form a monster band, play all over Europe for the GIs, sell a lot of war bonds, improve morale and generally contribute greatly to the war effort," he continued. "Finally he disappeared mysteriously in a plane that took off from England on Dec. 15, 1944. No trace of the plane has ever been found."

"So, I think it's a combination of all these factors," O'Brien added. "In addition to the great Miller sound itself that keeps his music and name alive," O'Brien added.

Working a 50-weeks a year, the Glenn Miller Orchestra plays the original arrangements to enthusiastic audiences of more than a half million in the United States as well as Europe, South America, Australia, Iceland, New Zealand and Japan.

"Most of our shows are sellouts, I think we've got staying power, and I don't see our popularity waning," O'Brien said. "In fact, we've continued to increase in swing and the big-band sounds. I think our appeal will keep growing - especially with the kids."

The Big Band Weekend at The Ocean Place Hilton begins at 8 p.m. Friday. Guests can enjoy a special package complete with dinner and dancing and overnight stay. For reservations, contact the hotel at 571-4000, Ext. 204.
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**The Arts**

Today

Auditions for Teyte in "Fiddler on the Roof" production by the Men’s Club and Sisterhood of Temple Sha’ana, 5 Ayrmont Lane, Matawan. For appointment, call 1-201-889-9863, Ext. 102, during the day or 679-0624 evenings.

Paintings by Donna Rice on display at the Monmouth County Library, 4 Crawfords Corner Road, Holmdel. For more information, call 308-3761.

Solo and Ensemble Concert by the 38th Army band at 7 p.m. in Watters Hall Auditorium, Fort Monmouth. For more information, call Glen Pukah at 532-1510.

Today through Friday

Mericantile artifacts exhibition at the Red Bank Public Library, 84 W. Front St. Presented by Glenn Vogel of Eatontown. Exhibition represents a collection of photographs and memorabilia that document late 19th- and early 20th-century Red Bank businesses. Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. Call 842-0560.

"Indian Art," work of children from The New School of Monmouth Country, at the Poricy Park Nature Center, Oak Hill Road, Middletown. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays; closed Saturdays; and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Sundays. Call 842-5966.

Winter Showcase, featuring an exhibition of original oil paintings by international artists, with emphasis on Persian artists, the Chetkin Gallery, 9 Wharf Ave., Red Bank. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 12-30-4-30 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 741-1380.

GUILD of Creative Art, 620 Broad St., Shrewsbury, features Roger Jasaitis’ landscape series. February mini-showcase will feature watercolor paintings by Dominick Maulucci. Regular guild hours are Tuesday through Saturday noon-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. Call 741-1441.

Art exhibit by students of Gregory Brewington of the Asbury Park Middle School, at the Atrium Gallery, Brookdale Community College Advanced Technology Center, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft. Brewington is past president of Art Educators of New Jersey. Artist reception is Saturday from 2:30 to 5 p.m. For further information, call 842-1900, Ext. 600.

Today through Saturday

“New Abstraction,” exhibition presented at Rabbet Gallery, 120 Georges Road, New Brunswick. Selected works of eight abstract artists whose works strongly consider color, structure and symbolism. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and by appointment. Call 828-5150.

Art Alliance of Monmouth County juried members--only art exhibit titled, “Me and My Frida.” All works are portraits or self-portraits. Hours, noon to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 101 Monmouth St. Red Bank. For information, call 532-8360.

Today through Sunday

Painted wood panels by Barbara Tanaenaga at the Mabel Smith Douglass Library, Douglass College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick. May be seen 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday to Thursday; 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday. For information, call 932-9407.

Barbara Brummer Martinich exhibit of calligraphy at the Colts Neck Library, 15 Heyers Mill Road, Colts Neck. For library hours and information, call 431-5666.

“Lights and Shadows: Paintings in a Representational Manner” by Donald W. Robinson. At the Monmouth County Library Headquarters, 125 Symmes Drive, Manahawkin. For more information, call 308-3781.

Today through Monday

Paintings by Linda Chiou and her students from the Monmouth Chinese School, Marlboro, exhibited at the Eastern Branch of the Monmouth County Library, Route 38, Shrewsbury. Classic Chinese brush art. For more information, call 842-5995.

Experimental photography exhibit by students at Gallery 10. Applied Humanities building, Brookdale Community College, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 842-1900, Ext. 505.

Today through March 7

“Barbet: The Family,” exhibition at the Scherer Gallery, 93 School Road West, Marlboro. Collection of paintings by Will Barbet and Gisella and daughter. Gallery hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. For information, call 538-9446.

Today through March 12


Today through March 15

Art/photography two-person exhibit at the Monmouth County Park System Visitors Center, Thompson Park, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft. Artist reception is 2-4 p.m. Thursday. Gallery hours and information, call 1-908-995-1678.

Today through March 20

“Paintings - Views of Windows and Doors” exhibit by Lois Dodd, at the Student Art Gallery, Rider College, 2083 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville. Artist reception is 2-4 p.m. Thursday. For gallery hours and information, call 1-908-995-1678.

Today through March 21

“Great Expectations” at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Brookside Drive, Milburn, Wednesdays through Sundays.
Today through March 28
Artwork of James Savage of Oakhurst, exhibited at Porti Park, Oak Hill Road, Middletown. Seascapes and landscapes in acrylic and acrylic-wash. Nature Center is open weekdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed Saturdays; 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sundays. For more information, call 642-6599.

Thursday through April
Freehold Art Society group exhibit at the Freehold Borough Public Library, 28th Main St., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday; and 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. For more information, call 919-0416.

Today through April
Englistown Art Gallery, exhibit of recent works of Pat Roy in mixed media, Main and Hamilton streets, Englistown. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call 446-5775.

Today through July 12
Donald De Lue sculptures at the Monmouth Museum, Brookdale College, Lincroft. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays; 1-5 p.m. Sundays. Closed Mondays. Non-member admission for adults, $2; children/seniors, $1.50. For information, call 747-2265.

Thursday
Joan Lipton, Ph.D. lecture on "The Golden Ages of Spain: Art and Architecture from El Greco to Zurburan to Velasquez," 1 p.m. at the Eastern Branch of the Monmouth County Library, Route 35, Shrewsbury. For more information, call 577-8559.

Thursday through March 29
Nozake Shange, writer and performer of "The Love Space Demands" opens for preview at the Crossroads Theatre Company, 7 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick. 8 p.m. Opening night tickets are $38.17 Tuesdays through Thursdays; $20 Friday nights and Sunday afternoons; $22 on Saturday nights until March 7. After that $30 on Tuesday through Thursdays; $28 on Friday nights, Saturday and Sunday afternoons, $30 Saturday nights. For more information, call 249-5560.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday
"Lend Me a Tenor," First Avenue Playhouse, Atlantic Highlands, 8:30 p.m. Call 291-7552.

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays through March 7
Moliere's "Tartuffe" at the Rider College Fine Arts Theatre, 2083 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville. 8 p.m. Tickets are $5 and may be reserved by calling 1-800-886-5303.

"A Hatful of Rain" at the Monmouth College Guggenheim Theatre, West Long Branch. 8:30 p.m. Tickets are $7 and $5. For reservations call 571-3483.

Friday
Flutist James Scott in concert in the Nicholas Music Center of Rutgers Arts Center, George Street at Route 18. 8 p.m. $8 general admission; $7 for seniors over 63/Rutgers faculty/staff; $3 Rutgers students. For more information call 932-7511.

Dance Classes/auditions by the newly formed Dance Theatre of Monmouth at the Count Basie Theatre, Monmouth Street, Red Bank. 11 a.m. class for ages 3 to 8; 12:15-1:15 p.m. for 8 to 12; 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for pre-professional and advanced classes. Auditions at 4 to 5 p.m. for roles in "Peter and the Wolf," "Deadfast Tin Soldier," and an original work to be choreographed by Paradise. For more information call 530-5980.

Sunday and Saturday
"Broadway Magic," a Mark Fleming musical revue at the Henderson Theatre on the campus of Christian Brothers Academy, 650 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft. By the Premier Theatre Company. 8 p.m. $20 for adults and $15 for seniors/students. For more information, call 747-0008.

Fridays and Saturdays through March 17
"Burn This," a play by Lanford Wilson, to be staged by Brookdale Community College drama students, 8 p.m. at the Performing Arts, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft. Tickets, $10 general public; $8 Brookdale faculty/staff; $5 Brookdale students. For tickets and information, call 642-3335.

"Othello," a production by Lyle Kessler at the Amandal Theatre, 321 W. Farms Road, Howell. $15 general admission; seniors/students, $12. Dress at 8 p.m. Show at 8:30 p.m. For reservations, call 938-1133.

Friday and Saturday and March 13-14
"Weilt Until Dark," a drama at the First Presbyterian Church, Route 34 and Franklin Street, Middletown. Presented by Aberdeen-Matawan Repertory Theatre. Tickets $9 adults; $7 members and students. For reservations, call 747-2273.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday
"Broadway Bound," Neil Simon play, at Playhouse 22, 210 Dunhams Corners Road, East Brunswick. Friday and Saturday at 8:30 p.m.; Sunday at 3 p.m. $11 general admission; $8 seniors/students on Friday and Sunday. For information and tickets, call 530-5980.

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays through March 21
"Manlies," a Jeff Heffner comedy produced by the Simy Theatre Company. Kobe Japanese Restaurant, Route 9, Howell. Times: 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Show is $15; dinner and show is $25. For information and reservations, call 364-9369 or 364-4298.

Saturday
"Mama Mia A'T Murder!" at the Magnolia Inn, 227 Frenenau Ave., Magnolia. 8 p.m. $38 per person includes hors d'oeuvres, Italian buffet and show. For reservations call 583-9200 or 957-0726.

Music of the Spheres V concert at the Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium at 7:30 p.m. 2002 Central Avenue, Shrewsbury. $4. For more information call 1-800-494-8515.

Saturday through March 22
"Other People's Money," at the George Street Playhouse, Lincroft, Route 35, Lincroft. 8 p.m. $20 Saturday and Sunday matinees March 12 and 19 at 11 a.m. and Saturday, March 21 at 2 p.m. $18 to $29. For information, call 246-7711.

Saturdays and Sundays through March 8
The Meadow Theatre presents "The Who in the Willows" at the Riverfront Plaza School, Hubbard Avenue, Middletown, 2 p.m. Tickets, $6 at door; $5 advance sale, $4.50 advance sale for groups of 10 or more. For reservations, call 758-0999.

Sunday
Vocal/Ensemble Concert by the Howell High School Marching Rebels at 3 p.m. in the high school, Squirrel- Kennedy-Yellowbrook Road, Freehold. For information, call 431-8496.

"Music Inspired by Children," a family night at the Eastern Branch of the Monmouth County Library, Route 35, Shrewsbury, at 3 p.m. Selections include "Babar the Elephant" and Ravel's "Mother Goose Suite." For more information, call 842-3985.

"Peter and the Wolf" at the Fine Arts Center Theatre, Ocean County College, Hooper Avenue, Toms River. 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. $5. For more information, call 255-0500.

Sunday through March 27
Artists' reception on Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. Six teachers, all members of the Guild of Creative Art, are exhibiting. 620 Broad St., Shrewsbury. For more information, call 741-1441.

Sunday through March 26
Opening reception on Sunday for juried exhibit at the Manalapan Senior Citizens Center, 211 Freehold Road, Manalapan. 2 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 919-0416.

Monday through March 7
Spotlight of Stars auditions for teenagers 13 to 18 years old. Vocal, dance and instrumental talents wanted. Auditions by appointment only. At Cedar Ridge High School, Route 516, Old Bridge. For applications and information, call 290-7652.

Monday through April 24
Angelika Kolo, Middletown artist is exhibiting works in watercolor, acrylic, oil and pastel at the Red Bank Public Library, 84 W. Front St., Red Bank. Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 842-0360.

Monday and Tuesday
Auditions for the musical "Chicago," at 7 p.m. by the East Brunswick Community Players, 210 Dunhams Corner Road, East Brunswick. Men and women from 20s to 60s. For further information, call 254-3939.

Tuesday through March 8
"Zastrozzi: The Master of Discipline," morality play at Rutgers Livingston Theater, Avenue D, Kimmel Campus, Piscataway. Tuesday through Saturdays at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. $10 general admission, $9 seniors over 65/Rutgers faculty/staff; $6 for Rutgers students. For information, call 932-7511.

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Benefit day at Macy's to feature lots of shopping, fun

For the fifth year, the Monmouth Park Charity Ball Committee is sponsoring a benefit shopping day, “The Magic of Giving,” hosted by Macy’s, Eatontown, on Wednesday, March 18 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Monmouth Mall.

The benefit shopping day will contribute to the Monmouth Park Charity Fund which, since its inception in 1947, has raised more than $6 million for service agencies in Monmouth and Ocean counties.

More than 100 prizes will be given away to lucky ticket-holders. Top prizes will be a $2,500 shopping spree at Macy's and a trip for two to Barbados. "Goody" bags will be given to 1,000 people who enter in the opening hours.

Tickets are $5 and are being sold by the Charity Ball Committee and 40 participating recipient agencies, who will keep all the money raised from ticket sales generated through the efforts of their own volunteers.

Tickets also will be available at the door on Macy's benefit shopping day, with proceeds donated to the charity fund. The three organizations that bring the most ticket-holders to the door that day will receive $5,000 for first place; $3,000 for second place; and $2,000 for third place.

Macy’s has promised to "pull out all the stops" to make this fund-raising benefit event an exceptional one for every member of the family. Refreshments will be served throughout the event. Children under 1 year of age, when accompanied by an adult ticket-holder, will be admitted free of charge. The six-part ticket has a provision for readmittance by the holder during the 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. period of the benefit.

Ticket-holders will have the opportunity to shop while being entertained on all levels of the store. In addition, each guest will have two discount coupons: one for 20 percent off an apparel item or fashion accessory, and the other for 10 percent off any single item, with a few exceptions. A drawing for special prizes also will occur.

Special features will include the celebrity appearance of football personalities A Toon, #85 of the New York Jets, from 7 to 1 p.m. in the Men’s Department, and Stephen Baker, #85 of the New York Giants, from 7 to 7 p.m. Soap star Tom Egan, known as Jake McKinnon from NBC’s "Another World," will be a guest during the day.

Demonstrations by local chefs in Macy’s "Cellar" will include Chris Mumford of Mumford’s, Long Branch; Joe Ranowski of Joe & Maggie’s Bistro, Long Branch and Freehold; Chef Zhao of Peking Pavilion Red Bank and Freehold; Herman David of Spike’s, Point Pleasant Beach; Paul Catlett of Casa Comida, Long Branch; Carmen Marisetta of Regina Pizzeria, Atlantic Highlands; and Annette David of After Five Gourmet, West Long Branch.

Flowers arranging by Gene Van Brunt of Van Brunt of Long Branch also will be featured. Fitness exercises will be demonstrated by Lisa Christman and Amy Sargeant of Kick, Fair Haven. WJLK’s disc jockey program will broadcast all day from the Junior Men’s Department, and from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Men’s Department, WFAN will broadcast talk show hosts.

In the Macy’s Annex, children’s events will include: Bob Browne’s Puppet Show at noon, 2 and 4 p.m.; Clown Revue/Funny Factory Productions at 10 a.m., 3 and 5 p.m.; Gordon from Sesame Street at 11 a.m., 1 and 6 p.m.; Kids’ Easter Parade Fashion Show at 7 p.m.; and all day, the National Arts Council clown Zappo and his friends will entertain. There also will be face painting, walk-around characters Babar and Paddington Bear, and balloons.

Fashion shows will be presented during the day by Macy’s Woman, Liz Claiborne Sport off an apparel item or fashion accessory, and choreographed shows by Junior Esprit and Whittle & Shone designer hats.

General chairwoman of the event is Mrs. Marianne Hesse of Leonardo, assisted by some 500 volunteers from the participating organizations, in addition to Macy’s personnel. For information, call the Monmouth Park Charity Ball Committee at 291-1733, or participating organizations.

Chairwomen of the Monmouth Park Charity Ball Committee are Mrs. Roberta Fox, Rumson; Mrs. Betty Iselin, Long Branch; and, Mrs. Marianne Hesse, Leonardo, President of the Monmouth Park Charity Fund is Mrs. Joan Litwin, Little Silver.

The Monmouth Park Charity Fund and the community have embraced this important event. Macy’s benefit days in the past have raised more than $300,000 for the Monmouth Park Charity Fund and its recipient agencies, which include Deborah Hospital; Jersey Shore Medical Center Foundation; Marlboro Hospital Auxiliary; American Red Cross; Association for Retarded Citizens; Collier Services; National Multiple Sclerosis; CPC Mental Health Services; Monmouth Medical Center; Bayshore Community Hospital; CentraState Health Care Foundation; Freehold Mental Health Association; and the Women’s Center of Monmouth County. All of these agencies have tickets available.
Thursday


**Freehold Township Women's Club**, meeting 8 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, Park Avenue and Main Street. Members are welcome to join the group, which is made up of both residents and business people of the community. The Optimist Club is a non-profit organization raising funds for a youth area.

**Manalapan Optimist Organization**, meeting 7:30 p.m., Monmouth County Library Headquarters, 125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan. New members are welcome to join the group, which is made up of both residents and business people of the community. The Optimist Club is a non-profit organization raising funds for a youth area.

**The Monmouth County Chapter of the Older Women's League**, meeting 7:30 p.m., Eastern Branch of the Monmouth County Library, Broad Street, Shrewsbury. Discussion on the quality of life for Monmouth County residents is on the agenda. For more information, call 741-9446.

**Red Bank Area Barbershop Chorus**, weekly meeting 7:30 p.m., Tower Hill First Presbyterian Church, 255 Harding Blvd., Red Bank. Ability to read music required. Voice testing will be available upon request and vocal demonstrations will be given. For more information, call 787-1382 after 6 p.m.

**Field**

**Monmouth Camera Club**, meeting 8 p.m., Colts Neck Reformed Church, Route 537, Colts Neck. Program will be a slide and print contest. Contests are open to paid-up members only but, guests are welcome to observe. Members include both beginner and advanced photographers. For more information, call 946-9593.

**Northern Monmouth Chapter of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners**, monthly dinner meeting, 6 p.m., Freehold Gardens, Route 537 and Gibson Place, Freehold Township. The topic will be "Fine Tuning: Growing Your Business in Tough Times." Women interested in the meeting should call 842-0163. Women interested in learning more about NAWBO should call 617-6779.

Friday

**Battleground Historical Association**, monthly meeting 6 p.m., Nef Chapel, Old Tennent Church, Manalapan. Program will be "The Face of Lincoln," a documentary film showing Lincoln as he aged. The public is invited to attend.

**Sunday**

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Rabies precautions issued

The Monmouth County Rabies Task Force has provided a list of precautions in view of increased rabies cases in the county. According to the RTF, 35 cases have been confirmed in the county as of Jan. 31, including Holmdel, Marlboro, Freehold, Matawan, Millstone and Old Bridge townships. Cases have also been reported in Middlesex County.

Symptoms of rabies in animals vary, according to the RTF. Some infected animals appear aggressive, exhibiting attack-like behavior. Other rabid animals may appear tame, but even when unprompted, they may attack humans or pets. Rabies can infect all warm-blooded animals, including humans, but it has been found most often in raccoons, skunks, groundhogs, wild/feral cats and foxes.

Recommended precautions are:

- Vaccinate all dogs and cats.
- Do not keep animals that cannot be vaccinated as pets: for example, hybrid wolf dogs, raccoons and other wild animals.
- Do not feed wild animals.
- Do not try to help sick or injured animals. Instead, call your local health department/animal control official.
- Contact your veterinarian immediately if your pet is bitten, scratched or has a wound of unknown origin. Contact your local health department after you talk with the veterinarian.
- Consult a doctor and then your health department immediately if you have been bitten or scratched by any animal.
- Make sure that your garbage cans are secured and animal-proof.

If you have any questions regarding rabies, call your local health department.
Napoleon's wise choice

In 1814, when the Treaty of Fontainebleau sent Napoleon into exile, he was given his choice of Mediterranean islands. He chose Elba, off the coast of Tuscany, because of "the gentleness of its climate and its inhabitants." Of course, it can be said that he was one of the most well-traveled figures of his day.

Who would know better than he where the best was to be found? Except for a few weeks between the end of July and the 20th of August, when mainland Italians swarmed across in droves, Elba is an uncrowded refuge from all that ails the major resorts of Europe.

Its inland hills are dotted with villages that manage to be picturesque without being self-conscious.

Its shoreline is punctuated with dozens of beaches - some sandy, some pebbly with a fragrant scrub of lavender, rosemary, heather and thyme, known locally as "macchia."

Thrusting up through its shapely protection are vast patches of brilliant yellow broom, pink iris, wild roses, jasmine and anemones. No cultivated garden was ever so brilliantly landscaped.

The island's only town is Portoferraio.

In summer, the horseshoe curve of its waterfront is a "Who's Who" of yachts. The small but prosperous shops that ring the harbor cater to the tastes of their pampered skippers.

But the simpler needs of the islanders are reflected inside the medieval walls of the town. There, around the tree-shaded Piazza Cavour, merchants hawk their wares from open stalls while locals and tourists alike take their ease on the terraces of tiny cafes.

Above the piazza, Napoleon's house lures the constant stream of tourists. Walking its generous terraces, admiring its fantastic views, the inevitable reaction is, "Why in the world did he ever leave?"

Glitteratii stay aboard their private yachts when calling at Elba. The rest of them make do, very nicely at any of the island's 150 hotels - few of them super-posh, all of them pleasant, comfortable and well-run.

At the Hotel Hermitage, six miles from Portoferraio on Biodola Beach, guests are housed in small cottages scattered among the pines.

The setting is tranquil, the beach is uncrowded, the pool is inviting, and the tennis court is well-maintained. The Villa Ottone is a 19th-century villa, right on the beach. The setting is tranquil, the beach is uncrowded, the pool is inviting, and the tennis court is well-maintained. The Villa Ottone is a 19th-century villa, right on the beach.

Both the tennis court and the lovingly tended garden make this a year-round favorite.

Within a very short time of departing Elba, Napoleon found himself on the island of St. Helena. It's more than probable that from that bleak Atlantic outpost, he thought often and fondly of the sunny, friendly isle of Elba. Disabled was he, once he left Elba.

IF YOU GO: There is daily hydrofoil and car-ferry service to Elba from Viareggio and Livorno. The rest of the island's 150 hotels - few of them super-posh, all of them pleasant, comfortable and well-run.

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Nice atmosphere cannot save meal at Shore eatery

P.J. Ruggles, located on Route 71 in Spring Lake Heights has a little tale about the founding of its restaurant. It goes something along the order that an impish fellow named P.J. Ruggles, of questionable background, rose above it all, came to New Jersey and founded the restaurant given his namesake.

Dinner didn’t start out too bad. The coat check girl insisted we must check our coats, we saw the tomatoes, but the rest of the ingredients must have been left in the kitchen. It was a shame, because it looked and smelled like it was going to be a meritorious dish.

The scampi Romano was a generous portion of large shrimp, properly cooked, in a sauce of garlic, tomatoes and white wine. We saw the tomatoes, but the rest of the ingredients must have been left in the kitchen. It was a shame, because it looked and smelled like it was going to be a meritorious dish.

The boulabaisse was, like the Romano, well in thought, but put together in presentation. This classic Mediterranean soup of assorted fishes served in a broth of fish stock, tomatoes and garlic, over crusty bread slices, was not there. The dish was served atop linguini.

Two of the three clams were not steamed open, and although the fish was well prepared, the sauce was completely unrecognizable. It lacked flavor and had the delicacy of poorly prepared cream of tomato soup. If the aforementioned marinara sauce was thinned down and the fish served in a tureen, the dish probably would have been acceptable.

Our waitress, who was quite pleasant, was altogether disappointed at my comments when she asked me how I liked the dish, but made no attempt at rectifying the situation, other then reaming my unopened clams (at my request).

Dessert of chocolate mousse pie and coffees not timely enough to save the day.

The restaurant tab of $58.15, plus gratuity, almost finished the day. The finale was our cigarette-smoke-impregnated coats from the coat-check room.

P.J. Ruggles accepts most major credit cards, offers a full cocktail and wine menu and dancing after dinner.

Marc Schlossberg has been associated with the food field for more than 20 years.

Beware of inflated prices

Prices of wine in most restaurants have gotten totally out of hand.

The idea is clearly to sell little wine as possible and to soak any diner foolish enough to make the mistake of ordering a bottle of wine to have with a meal.

One only a accountant could be slavishly wedded to a formula that relates selling price to a set multiple of the wholesale price.

Lately, that multiple has crept up to over 3.

If the object is to sell less and less wine, or to discourage diners from patronizing the restaurants that follow this policy, then I’m sure that the policy is a success.

What price does this policy lead to in a restaurant? Consider a wine that has a suggested retail price of $15. Ignoring tax, that bottle wholesales for $10. If a restaurant sells the wine for three times wholesale, the wine will cost a diner $30. A $20 profit on a $10 bottle of wine isn’t bad, is it?

That depends on whether you are a diner or a restaurateur. My example also ignores the fact that restaurants get discounts, for case purchases or for wines that go on special offers for a month or two. Invariably, the discount is not reflected in the price. Of course, things get worse the higher the wholesale price.

People outside the trade aren’t the only ones that are fed up. Louis M. Foppiano Jr., owner of a well known winery in Sonoma that bears his family name, recently sent out a memo describing his dissatisfaction with restaurant wine pricing.

He mentioned the fact that his own 1988 Petit Sirah had a markup well over 300 percent on a wine list in a restaurant known for its fine Mediterranean cuisine. The other wines on the list had a similar markup. He said, “I am aware that running a restaurant is no easy business. But resisting an establishment’s profitability on inflated wine prices does a disservice to the customer, the wine industry and ultimately, I believe, to the restaurant itself.

Foppiano went on to say that wine drinkers are much more sophisticated today. “They know what wines on the wine list cost in the retail store. They know when they are being ripped off.” Of course, restaurateurs deserve a reasonable profit for the wines they serve. As Foppiano put it, “If diners want good wine service, experienced servers and a good wine, there can be no reason to complain about the wine being more expensive in the restaurant than it is in the retail shop.”

But what if a restaurant continues to overcharge for its wine by adhering to a two-and-a-half-to-three-times wholesale pricing policy? Foppiano offers good advice. “All that I, or anyone else, can do about overpriced restaurant wines is to avoid those restaurants which practice gouging. Spend your time and money in establishments which offer decent wines, a good value and experienced service. You will be better for it.” To that I can only add — Right on!

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BARTHOLOMEW'S, 74 Main St., Matawan, 586-0267.

Northern Italian and American cuisine in a casual atmosphere. Lunch and dinner served, weekly specials, thin-crust pizza, and cocktail lounge. Hours: Monday-Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m. and Saturday, 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m., Sunday, noon-10 p.m.

CASA NORO, 100 Route 36, Keport, 888-8173.

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CHARLIE BROWN'S RESTAURANT, 27 Freneau Ave., Route 79, Matawan, 583-7666.

Argus beef and fresh seafood. Casual attire, reservations not required. Open daily from 11:30-1:30 a.m. for lunch and dinner.

THE ORIGINAL CHOWDER POT FAMILY, 41 Route 36, Keport, 739-2002 or 739-4334.

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COSTA'S LUNCHENNETTE, 7 W. Front St., Keport, 294-8778 or 264-8762.

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Breakfast, lunch, ice cream, burgers, sandwiches, salads, kids' menu, homemade soups and 14 kinds of cheesecake. Hours: Monday through Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

JEAN'S PLACE, 522 Amboy Road, Clifton, 583-7699.

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JERRY BEYER'S, 113 Main St., Matawan, 583-2044.

Victorian setting. Proper attire, jackets recommended. Reservations requested. Hours: lunch and dinner, weekdays, noon-
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5:30 p.m.; Saturdays, dinner, 5:30 p.m.

**MAMMA MIA RESTAURANT, 963 Holmdel Road, Holmdel, 946-4611.**

Southern Italian cooking; specialties are pasta and pizza. Catering available. Hours: Monday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. American Express; Visa and MasterCard accepted.

**MARLBORO CHINESE RESTAURANT, Willow Point Shopping Center, Route 9 north, Marlboro, 972-3327.**

Chinese cuisine, daily luncheon specials. Casual attire, no reservations. Hours: Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, 1-9 p.m. BYOB.

**MARTELL'S SEA BREEZE RESTAURANT, Point Pleasant Boardwalk, Ocean and Central avenues, Point Pleasant Beach, 892-0131.**

Oceanfront dining. Seafood and special barbecue items in addition to continental menu. Casual attire, no reservations. Hours: Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-midnight.

**MARTY'S FAMOUS, 169 E. Newman Springs Road, Red Bank, 747-8181.**

Gourmet barbecue cuisine, takeout and delivery. Open Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday, 1-9 p.m. BYOB.

**McATEERS, Route 527 off Route 287, Somerset, 469-2522.**

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**MEMPHIS PIG OUT, 67 First Ave., Atlantic Highlands, 291-5533.**

Specialty items: pork, ribs, steak, fish. Casual attire; reservations accepted for parties of 10 or more. Hours: Wednesday-Thursday, 4-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 4-10 p.m.; Sunday, 1-9 p.m.

**MIKE'S FISHERY, 499 Ernston Road, Parlin, 525-1814.**

Family restaurant; casual attire. Reservations not required. Open for lunch and dinner, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., seven days a week.

**MY FAVORITE MUFFIN, Union Square Mall, 500 Route 35 south, Middletown, 747-5856.**

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**POET'S INN, 89 Route 79, Matawan, 290-0212.**

Continental cuisine. Casual attire. Reservations accepted. Hours: Lunch, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. dinner 4-10 p.m.; Saturday-1-11 p.m.; Sunday 2:30-9 p.m.

**PONDEROSA, 1872 Route 35 south, Middletown, 671-7600.**

Hours: Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

**SAFARI V.I.P., Aberdeen Pavilion, 300 Route 34, 566-1144.**

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**SAND BAR UNION, Union Avenue, Union Beach, 264-3730.**

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SNUG HARBOR RESTAURANT, 5 Route 35, Leonardo, 281-2727.
Seafood and steak; casual attire. No reservations. Open 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-midnight, Friday and Saturday.

YE COTTAGE INN, 149 W. Front St., Keyport, 264-1263.
Tuesday-Friday, 3-5 p.m. Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, noon-11 p.m.; Sunday, noon-10 p.m.

YESTERDAY'S, Route 35, Hazlet, 264-3777.
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YOYTHI OF COLTS NECK, Route 34, Colts Neck, 1 mile north of Delicious Orchards, 780-1618.
Japanese cuisine. Lunch: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Dinner: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, 5:30-10 p.m.; Friday 5:30-10 p.m.; Saturday, 5-10 p.m. American Express, Diners Club. Master Card/Visa accepted. Reservations accepted. Casual attire.

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The ups, downs of being

Middletown resident celebrates unique birthday Saturday

By Marilyn Duff

Being born on “Leap Year Day,” Feb. 29, is pretty special, according to one of that unique breed.

“I think it’s kind of special,” said Donna Boehner of Middletown, who officially celebrates her seventh leap-year birthday this Saturday.

“I’m glad I got the 29th,” she continued, saying “It makes me a unique person.”

Of course, there have been 21 other, non-leap-year birthdays sandwiched in between. So the way she views it, she’ll actually be 28 and 7, both on the same day.

Since her leap-year birthday only comes every four years, she said, “I think of (my) leap-year birthday as a special day. I think I’m really a year older.”

In other years, which she calls the “off years,” she explained that sometimes, “I don’t feel like I have a birthday. Sometimes I feel gypped.”

But wait a minute. Because she has no “real” birthday during non-leap years, she celebrates two birthdays, Feb. 28, because she was born in February, and March 1, because, after all, if it were a leap year, that’s when her birthday would be.

One thing about being born on Feb. 29 is that people tend to remember you and your birthday. “Nobody usually forgets,” said Boehner. Sometimes, when she tells someone her date of birth, she said, that person won’t realize at first that there isn’t a Feb 29 every year. Then a little while later,

Custom: Marry me, or pay the price

Interest in the peculiarities of leap year apparently has been surfacing every four years for centuries.

For example, in February of 1892, The Red Bank Register printed the following explanation of the custom of “Proposing in Leap Year.”

The custom of women being allowed to propose in leap year, the article states, is supposed to have had its origin in a statute published by the Scotch Parliament in the year 1288.

It continues, “This queer ordinance reads as follows: ‘It is ordaint that during the reign of her most blest Majestie Margaret, like maiden, ladies of baith high and low estate shall hae libertie to speake to the man she loves.

‘If he refuses to take her to be his wyf, he shall be mulct in the sum of one hundreth pounds or less, as his estait may bee, except and always if he can make it appear that he is betrothit to another woman, then he shall be free.’”

The article continues that in 1606, “Margaret having passed away, and the ladies still clamorous for their privilege, another act of Parliament, it is said, allowed them the privilege every fourth year.”
born on Leap Year Day

they'll turn to her and ask, "You mean you're a leap-year baby?"

Most people, she said, don't believe her when she says she was born on Feb. 29, in which case, she said, "I've got to whip out my license."

The odds of being born on Feb. 29 are considerably less than being born any other day, so there don't seem to be too many leap-year babies around. Boehner said she has never met another person who was born on Feb. 29.

She did meet a woman whose son was born the same day she was, though, and learned that the woman was given a choice of registering her son's birth date as either Feb. 28 or March 1.

"I thought that was weird," said Boehner.

A check with a spokesperson at the Red Bank Bureau of Vital Statistics - where all Riverview Medical Center births are registered - revealed that this is a no-no, however. Persons born on Feb. 29 do not have a choice of birthdays, the spokesperson said.

Boehner said she never really knew why leap year exists. "My mom always told me I was special," she said. Her older sister was born the same day she was, though, and her family later moved to Middletown.

She attended Middletown North and later obtained an associate's degree from Brookdale Community College. She plans to continue her education and become a teacher for the hearing impaired.

Her family later moved to Middletown, and her mother later obtained an associate's degree from Brookdale Community College. She plans to continue her education and become a teacher for the hearing impaired.

One of the special things she does every Feb. 29 is play the lottery. "I always play the lottery on my birthday," she said - her "real" birthday, that is - and that's the only time she ever plays.

Leap year has been around since 46 B.C., according to a card company which took the time to gather information on the event in the hopes of promoting another holiday: Forgetters' Day. The idea is that if you forgot some birthday in the intervening years since the last leap year, you can make it up by sending them a "Forgive the Forgetter" card.

With all the other special card days, they must have decided Leap Year Day, even though it's only every four years, must be worth a card.

Feb. 29 was added to the Julian calendar, according to researchers at the Hallmark card company, when Julius Caesar's astronomers measured the solar year as 365 days and six hours. The odd six hours were combined every four years to comprise Feb. 29, making the calendar year 366 days every four years.

The odd year came to be known as leap year when English courts refused to recognize Feb. 29 legally, and "leapt" over it, so to speak, according to Hallmark.

The best known custom associated with leap year is that a woman may ask a man to marry her.

Hallmark said that custom comes from an old Irish legend that St. Bridget pushed the right of women to propose to men every fourth year. When St. Patrick agreed, she proposed to him, but he declined.

To console her, he gave her a silken gown, which resulted in an unwritten British law that men who refused leap-year proposals give the women silk dresses.

Scottish law in the 13th century, according to Hallmark, required men who turned down women's proposals to pay them cash, unless they were already engaged.
OBITUARIES

Elizabeth L. Sommers

Services were held Feb. 22 at St. Ann’s Roman Catholic Church, Keansburg, for Elizabeth L. Owens Sommers, 85, of Hazlet who died Feb. 18 at Bayshore Community Hospital, Holmdel.

Mrs. Sommers had been an assembler for Rowan Electronics, Red Bank, for five years, retiring in 1968.

She was born in New York City and lived in Hoboken before moving to Hazlet 35 years ago.

She was a communicant of St. Ann’s Church, Keansburg.

Mrs. Sommers was predeceased by her husband, Albert Sommers, who died in 1984, and two daughters, Barbara Ann Sommers, who died in 1951, and Dorothy Lanzo, who died in 1985.

Surviving are her daughter, Regina (Jeanne) Gatto of Hazlet; her sister, Alice Owens of Hoboken; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Interment was at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Middletown.

Day Funeral Home, Keport, was in charge of arrangements.

John W. Gregerson

Services were held Feb. 24 at St. Ann’s Roman Catholic Church, Keansburg, for John W. Gregerson, 64, of Hazlet, who died Feb. 20 at home.

He had owned and operated J.W. Gregerson Landscape and Excavating, West Keansburg, for 35 years, retiring two years ago.

Mr. Gregerson was a member of the National Rifleman’s Association.

He was a communicant of St. Ann’s Church, Keansburg. Surviving are his wife, Myrna Chamberlain Gregerson; two sons, Warren Thompson of Lakewood and Harold “Hesh” Donnerstag of West Keansburg; three daughters, Deborah Whitmore of Bolton Landing, N.Y., Catherine Toft of Middletown and Barbara White of Naples, Fla.; and six grandchildren.

Interment was at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Middletown.

Laurel Funeral Home, West Keansburg, is in charge of arrangements.

June M. DeMarest

Services were held today at Grace United Methodist Church, Union Beach, for June M. DeMarest, 58, of Keport who died Feb. 22 at Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank.

She had been an assistant cashier at Peoples National Bank, Keport, for many years, retiring in 1963.

Mrs. DeMarest was born in Newark and lived in Union Beach before moving to Keport in 1960.

She was a member of the Keport Historical Society, The Keport PTA and Grace United Methodist Church, Union Beach, and its women’s club.

Surviving are her husband, Jay; a son, Jay Christopher of Boston; two daughters, Carolyn Colleen, of Appleroll, Keport; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment was at Shoreland Memorial Gardens, Hazlet.

John E. Day Funeral Home, Keyport, was in charge of arrangements.

Nils Bergrud

Nils Bergrud, 76, of Farmingdale died Feb. 14 at home.

Mr. Bergrud was born in Norway and came to the United States in 1952 living in Oakhurst, Ocean Township, and Delaware before moving to Farmingdale two years ago.

He was a self-employed plumber for many years.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Karin, in 1972.

Surviving are two sons, Nic Bergrud of Farmingdale and Lars Bergrud of Ocean Township, and six grandchildren.

C.H.T. Clayton and Son Funeral Home, Adelphia, was in charge of the arrangements.

Battista J. Lanza

Services were held Feb. 24 at St. Benedict’s Roman Catholic Church, Holmdel, for Battista J. “Buddy” Lanza, 67, of Hazlet and Stuart, Fla., who died Feb. 20 at Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank.

Mr. Lanza was general manager for Mechanics Uniform Rental/Aretaex, Newark, for 30 years, retiring in 1989.

He was born in Newark and lived in Kearny before moving to Hazlet 29 years ago.

Mr. Lanza was an Army veteran of World War II and was a member of VFW Post 2179 of Port Monmouth.

He was a communicant of St. Benedict’s Church, Holmdel.

Surviving are his wife, Irene Merola Lanza; two daughters, Paula Buldo of Bloomfield and Carol Caccavale of Midlothian, Va.; a brother, Gerardo (Jerry) of Lake Ariel, Pa.; three sisters, Sadie Matarazzo of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Fannie Codurso of Bloomfield and Sandy D’Angiollio of Roosevelt; and four grandchildren.

Interment was at St. Joseph’s Cemetery, Keport.

Day Funeral Home, Keport, was in charge of arrangements.

David Roger Hilliard

Services were held for David Roger Hilliard, 75, of Kingwood, Texas who died Feb. 14.

Mr. Hilliard, a former resident of Middletown and Long Branch, was retired from the Pennsylvania Railroad. He had also worked at the Monmouth Park Jockey Club.

He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the National Association of Retired and Veterans Railway Employees #137.

He was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks #137, Long Branch, and the Kingwood United Methodist Church, Texas.

Surviving are his wife, Helen M. Hilliard; his daughter and son-in-law, Linda and James Hartman of Kingwood; two sisters, Audrey O’Gorman of Oakhurst and Dorothy Bridge of West Long Branch; two grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Brookside Funeral Home, Houston, Texas, was in charge of arrangements.

Glen A. Butler

Services were held Feb. 23 for Glen A. Butler, 81, of Matawan who died Feb. 21 at Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank.

Mr. Butler was an assistant and accounts manager for General Cable Corp., Greenwich, Conn., for 25 years, retiring 16 years ago.

He was born in Marion, Ind., and lived in Maplewood before moving to Matawan 10 years ago.

He was a member of the Elks Club in Keyport and Metuchen.

Surviving are his wife, Blanche Guimond Butler; two sons, James of Madison and George of Maplewood; a daughter, Beverly Butler Mulvey of Seattle, Wash.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, send donations to: Sister Mary Waters, St. Clement’s Roman Catholic Church, 172 Frenou Ave., Matawan 07747.

Day Funeral Home, Keyport, was in charge of arrangements.

Henry Brown Clelland

Henry Brown Clelland, 64, of Port Charlotte, Fla., died Feb. 9 at home.

Mr. Clelland was a purchasing agent for the BOC Group, New Providence, for 22 years. He retired in 1990.

He was born in Scotland and had lived in Hazlet for 15 years before moving to Port Charlotte.

He was a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Ocean County.

Surviving are his wife, Jean Clelland; a daughter, Christine Culp of Jackson Township; a son, David of Barnegat; and two grandchildren.
POLICE BEAT
All information in the following reports was taken from local police department records.

ABEDEEN
Patrolman Frank Sigismondi responded to a Feb. 19 domestic violence complaint at an Elwood Drive residence. The complainant said her boyfriend was verbal in nature, according to police.

A car parked on Cypress Lane was found with scratches on the rear driver’s door. It had been stolen about 12:15 a.m. Feb. 19.

A $400 stereo was missing Feb. 19 from a Matawan Regional High School locker.

Patrolman John Monson investigated.

Approximately $1,520 worth of goods, including jewelry and a videocassette recorder, were stolen Feb. 18 from a Wellington Place home. Size 10 footprints were found embedded in the carpet. Entry was gained through the front door. Patrolman John Monson investigated.

An 18-year-old girl accused her 16-year-old boyfriend of making terrorist threats Feb. 17 on Harrison Avenue.

A $400 stereo was stolen Feb. 17 from a car parked on Cypress Parkway.

Ken Schenck, 26, of Roosevelt Avenue, Morganville, was charged Feb. 16 with driving while intoxicated, refusing to take a breath test and possession of drug paraphernalia after being stopped on Cliffwood Avenue.

Richard Prevost after responding at about 5 a.m. to a silent alarm at Radio Shack, Route 35 and Bethany Road. The subject was being arranged.

Bruce Leonard Thompson, 30, Newark, was charged Feb. 7 with disorderly conduct, issuing bad checks and wrongful impersonation. He was remanded to Monmouth County Jail in lieu of $2,500 bail. Patrolman Kevin Cassidy responded.

Patrolman Bill Cowan responded at about 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12 to a barn fire on Vermont Avenue. The fire was contained to the first and second floors. There were no injuries.

A Rottweiler puppy worth $400 was stolen Feb. 12 between 2:30 and 4 p.m. Feb. 12 from a car at the Bar H. Laurel Avenue. The driver’s side window was broken to gain entry. Police were wearing a Keansburg dog license and answers to the name “Tylee.” Patrolman Mark Upptegrove responded.

An attempted theft occurred between 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Hazelz Train Station. The ignition was broken off and damaged. It is unknown how entry was gained. The owner said the car had been locked, but the driver’s door was found unlocked. Patrolman Charles McBride responded.

Richard Patrick Grasso, 34, 2507 Greenview Road, Barnegat, was charged Feb. 15 with possession of a car stolen the same day, and with eluding police and resisting arrest. He was remanded to Monmouth County Jail in lieu of $5,000 bail, with no 10 percent option. Patrolman Robert Cirrito filed the charge.

Some time between 4 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Feb. 18, a two-thousand-dollar stereo was stolen from a Keansburg resident.

Mike Allen Chertner, 45, 387 Lloyd Avenue, fitzgerald, was charged Feb. 15 with driving while intoxicated, refusing to take a breath test and reckless driving. He was released on $1,300 bail.

Jaeger filed the charges at about 2:45 a.m. Feb. 15 that the driver’s side window and the rear window of a 1980 Chevrolet on Somerset Place had been smashed.

MATAWAN
A 30-year-old resident was charged Feb. 15 with possession of a firework device.

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UNION BEACH
A Park Avenue resident called headquarters Feb. 20 to report damage done to his Cadillac, Chevvy wagon and Lincoln. The resident said it appeared as though someone had used a sharp object to put long scratches in the side of each vehicle. He said this is the third time in a couple of weeks that the vehicles sustained such damage.

The state Department of Environmental Protection and Energy and an International Flavors and Fragrances employee phoned headquarters Feb. 19 to report the leak of a chlorine canister from the company’s headquarters. According to Bill Dalton, vice president of public affairs at IFF, a relief valve malfunction on one of the storage tanks. The substance was transferred to another tank while repairs were performed.

A Burglar gained entry into a home on Sixth Street. Bedford, between Feb. 17 and 19. The owners returned on Feb. 19 from a short vacation and found their upstairs bedrooms ransacked and their clothes drawers thrown around.

Patrolman Mark Lyon responded.

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Someone from Straub Lincoln Mercury, Route 35, reported at 2:23 p.m. Feb. 18 that someone had damaged the dashboard of a vehicle, a car phone had been damaged, but not taken, and a citizens band radio had been taken. Cpl. James Hammond responded and took the report.

KEYPORT
Someone from Straub Lincoln Mercury, Route 35, reported at 2:13 p.m. Feb. 18 that someones look had damaged an off-white vehicle and scratched paint off the vehicles, causing $600 worth of damage. Patrolman David Sorber responded.

Someone from 7-Eleven, Broad Street, reported at 9 a.m. Feb. 18 that someone threw an object at the building, but there was no damage. Patrolman Kevin Cassidy responded.

Someone from Straub Lincoln Mercury, Route 35, reported at 12:58 p.m. Feb. 17 that nine hood ornaments were snapped off cars, causing $199 in damage. Patrolman Kevin Cassidy responded.

A Waverly Street resident reported at 1:38 p.m. Feb. 16 that the two right-side tires on her vehicle were slashed. Patrolman David Sorber responded.

MIDDLETOWN
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Terence Philip Dunnor, 48 New Brunswick Ave., Aberdeen, was charged with shoplifting at 8:32 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Matador Shell, Route 34 and Middletown Road. Patrolman William Toomer and Michael Meany responded.

A $100 coat
Swimmers gain Nationals spot

Two more swimmers and a relay team qualified for the YMCA national meet and another team record fell as the Red Bank YMCA swim team scored another victory, this time against a strong team from Lakeland Hills. The girls’ “Red” team posted a 195-103 win and the boys’ team bested Lakeland, 108-100.

Jennifer Maloney, Fair Haven, qualified for YMCA Nationals in the 100-yard backstroke. Earlier this season, Maloney qualified in the 200 backstroke.

Juliet Chin, Middletown, is headed for Nationals relay. Red Bank’s top finishing relay included: 8-and-under – Allison Kopp, Katie Muldoon, Sara Schwartz and Bhern Block; 10-and-under – Liza Perrotta, Jamie Gillespie, Jennifer Van Assen and Lesley Muldoon.

In the boys’ winning effort, Chris Curcia, 13-14, 200 IM and 100 butterfly; Robert Kelly, 15-18, 200 freestyle and 200 butterfly; and Tom Walkens, 15-18, 100 breaststroke and 100 backstroke, were double winners.

In the girls’ “Black” team loss to Shore Area YMCA, several swimmers were victorious.

Winning their events were: Carey Huff, 200 IM; Nina Manley, 200 IM and 100 breaststroke; Robin Coggins, 50 freestyle and 25 breaststroke; Eileen McCarthy, 100 freestyle; Katie Sullivan, 200 freestyle; Susan Locascio, 100 breaststroke; Grace Chin, 25 butterfly; Pamela Kacen, 100 butterfly; and Holly Noonan, 100 butterfly.

At the Conference Tournament selection meeting it would be unrealistic for the committee to choose four teams (for the 16-team field) from the C Division North, Colyer said the players were upset at the snub.

“Maybe if we hadn’t lost a couple of those games that we should have won they would have looked at us a little differently,” she said. “But we had a better record than a couple of teams that were in there, we play in a very tough division, and the results of some those games (in the tournament) should be considered to be in.

“We were all looking forward to playing in the tournament, even it meant getting the 16th seed and getting beat by St. John Vianney. At least we would have been there. But we’ve made the state tournament and we’re looking to play well and give our best.”

For his part, Stark said he’s happy with the success the squad has achieved but says he’d like to see the girls show as much confidence in themselves as he has in them.

The Titans have made great strides under coach Tom Stark, who said he is happy with the success the squad has achieved but says he’d like to see the girls show as much confidence in themselves as he has in them.

“In the whole, I’m happy with the season,” Stark said, “but there were a couple of games I think we could have played much better in and done a much better job. Our intensity level, well, like I said to the girls, we’re not as good as St. John Vianney where we can play a bad game and still win. We need to play well and up to our capabilities all the time.

“One of the girls really have that ‘eye of the tiger’ mentality. I marvel at a kid like (St. John Vianney senior) Colleen Demaer, she’s aggressive and she comes to play. I think sometimes we lack that and I really think that’s just a part of self-confidence. The girls sometimes lack that self-confidence and I try to tell them they could be as good as they want to be. Just because those girls put on St. John Vianney uniforms doesn’t make them good. They work to get that good. And that’s what I’m trying to instill in our girls – that they could be that good with some hard work.”

“Stark has been working to prepare his team for Middlesex and another possible matchup with Rumson in the second round.

“I’ve been having some of the male alumni come in to scrimmage against the girls to get them used to running harder up and down the floor,” said Stark. “But I’ve seen our Middlesex play and basically we’re just going over their offensive play and what they do defensively and what they do defensively.”

While Stark appears to have Keansburg’s girls’ basketball program moving in the right direction, qualifying for the state tournament for the second year in a row, he said he doesn’t believe the program has reached the next plateau yet.

“I think we’re still climbing but I don’t think we’re there yet,” he said. “I do think the top teams in our division – Mater Dei, Rumson and Keyport – are really solid. I think now if you play us, you have to prepare for us. You can’t just walk right over us. Teams are scouting us now, which makes me feel really good. But I still think there is room for improvement and for people to work hard and step up their game.”

In another Central Jersey Group I first round matchup, defending sectional champion; 16-6) will host No. 5 Middletown South (18-4) is the No. 3 seed and will host No. 6 Freehold Central at 4 p.m. March 6, while No. 10 Middletown North (12-1) will visit No. 7 Edison (12-9) at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

In the South Jersey Parochial A bracket, top-seeded St. John Vianney (23-2) will host the winner of the Notre Dame vs. Camden Catholic game at 7 p.m. March 5.

In South Jersey Parochial B, No. 7 Mater Dei (20-5) will visit New Jersey’s all-time leading scorer Kevin Somogyi and No. 2 ranked St. Peter’s of New Brunswick (24-0) at 4 p.m. March 6.

**ROAD RACING**

**Sunday**

March 7

Swing into Spring 5K, Hamilton (Mercer County), Starting Time: 10 a.m.; Race Information: 609-880-3789.

**Tuesday**

March 15


**Wednesday**

March 16

St. Paddy’s 5K Run, Easton, Starting Time: 9 a.m.; Race Information: 609-722-7370.

**March 22**

Indian Trail 15K Run, Middletown, Starting Time: 9 a.m.; Race Information: 842-8017.
State tourney gives hoopers chance to shine

The 74th annual New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Boys' Basketball Tournament will tip off Monday and seven of the Independent's 10 area high schools will be represented in the state tournament. Right now, Middletown South, Matawan, Manasquan, Raritan, Holmdel, Keyport, Christian Brothers Academy and Mater Dei all hold dreams of winning it all.

Last week, we previewed CBA and Mater Dei. This is the second part of the two-part preview.

CENTRAL JERSEY GROUP I — Keyport High School began the 1991-92 basketball season by shocking the field and winning the Bayshore Christmas Tournament. Since that time, the Red Raiders' road has had its bumps.

The Red Raiders (10-11) are the No. 7 seed in the eight-team Central Jersey Group I bracket.

As the playoffs loom, Mike Lewandowski has had the hot scoring hand as he has picked his average up to over 12 points per game. The 5-7 senior point guard is among the conference's best in assists (7 per game). Brad Bell's scoring is down slightly from his torrid start, but the 6-1 forward is still averaging around 15 ppg.

Keyport will travel to No. 2 seed Dunellen in its playoff opener March 4. The Devils (19-3) have five starters scoring in double figures (leading scorer — forward Ted Schattie, 18.7 ppg.).

CENTRAL JERSEY GROUP II — The Shore Conference is well represented in this state sectional field, with four of the eight qualifiers coming out of the conference from Monmouth County.

Holmdel is the local representative with a 15-8 record. The Hornets will open up at Princeton (13-6), at 7 p.m., March 5. The Hornets may give the Little Tigers fits with their patient, ball control offense combined with a tight, pressing defense. The Hornets have one of the best defenses in the Shore Conference, sparked by Darren DeRosa. No. 6, Manasquan (14-9) at No. 7 and Shore Regional (14-8) at No. 2.

In the rest of the bracket, No. 3 South Brunswick (18-4) and No. 4 Wall (14-6) will be in the thick of the hunt, but Red Bank appears to have too many weapons against tougher teams. The Red Raiders have the right people for an upset.

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Central Jersey Group II — The third largest playoff bracket with 13 teams, Raritan High School is in the mix as the No. 1 seed with a knack for playing well in big games.

The Rockets (14-9) gained the state's attention two years ago when they upset this group's top seed before finishing 12-12. This season, Raritan owns a win over the group's top seeded team from Red Bank Regional (21-3).

Second-year coach Dick McCallum has stressed pressure defense as the key for this team, but the Rockets have to expect scoring production from leading scorer John Drennan, the odds and ends from Frank Patalano (the school's all-time leader in rebounds and assists) and help from Mike Drake, Brian Grayson and Jason Smith.

Neptune (14-10), the No. 7 seed, will be the Rockets' opening round opponent at 8 p.m. Monday in Neptune. The Scarlet Fliers call on Gerald Citson and Lawrence Justice (both over 15 ppg.).

The winner of this matchup will take to the road to play No. 2 Ewing (19-3).

The Matawan Huskies (10-8) have had their ups and downs this season and earned the No. 9 seed in the Central Jersey Group III bracket. The Huskies will host Monmouth Regional in the opening round at 4 p.m. Monday.

RESULTS: Raritan should turn to its defense as the deciding edge against Neptune. As for Ewing Township, this is not completely out of the Rockets' reach. Having defeated Red Bank and contending for success against tougher teams, the Rockets have the right people for an upset.

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The Final Four is set for the 1992 Shore Conference Boys' Basketball Tournament with Christian Brothers Academy still standing after a quarterfinals' scramble, and Holmdel just missing out on a semifinal berth after posting one of the biggest upsets in tournament history.

In Saturday's SCT opener in Linwood, the Colts (22-3) struggled early against the No. 6 Lancers, Toms River-East (13-9). With CBA trailing 19-15 after one quarter, Keith Kowalski scored 10 of his 26 points in the second quarter to give the top-seeded Colts a 12-point halftime lead. The Defenders became the story after that by scoring a game-high, season-high, and career-high 26 points en route to the team's 91-63 win.

In CBA's quarterfinal game with No. 9 Raritan on Monday, the Red Raiders could look back from a seven-point first half deficit to take a 47-42 lead after three quarters. Mike Drake, who scored a team-high 18 points in the team's opening round win at Wall (67-51), scored the bulk of his 16 points against CBA before the fourth quarter.

Kowalski took over again during a critical part of the game, this time scoring 11 points in the final frame to lift CBA to a 67-52 win.

CBA now finds itself in the SCT semifinals tonight at Brick Memorial High School against St. Rose of Belmar (19-5), the No. 4 seed. St. Rose has defeated Middletown South, 77-59, and St. Cathak, 55-49, to reach the semifinals.

Tonight's other semifinal pits No. 10 Toms River South (17-7) against No. 3 Red Bank Regional (21-3).

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Districts get grapplers going on road to states

Following the outbreak of an infectious skin disease that put the brakes on the 1991-92 Shore Conference high school wrestling season, area matmen are anxious to return to action. They’ll get that opportunity this weekend when the New Jersey State Inter-scholastic Athletic Association district tournaments are held.

First-, second- and third-place finishers in the district tournament will advance to the Region 6 tournament at Red Bank Regional High School next week.

The individual post-season tournaments ultimately lead to the state finals at Convention Hall in Atlantic City.

Locally, the wrestling teams from Holmdel, Matawan, St. John Vianney and Christian Brothers Academy high schools will wrestle in the District 21 tournament at Manalapan High School. Also in that field are Freehold Borough, Freehold Township, Howell, Manalapan, Marlboro and Jackson high schools.

Mater Dei, Middletown North, Middletown South, Raritan and Keansburg and Keyport high schools will wrestle in the District 22 tournament at Middletown North High School. Those teams will be joined by Ocean, Rumson, Monmouth Regional, Red Bank Regional and Red Bank Catholic high schools.

In the race for the District 22 team championship, Raritan (11-2) rates as the favorite based on the Rockets’ balance throughout the lineup and its performance on the mats to date.

One team that is happy just to be competing is Middletown South. The Eagles, who were hit hard by the herpes gladiatorum virus that swept through the conference, completed for the first time in over a month on Saturday against Toms River North, Point Pleasant Borough and Southern Regional.

Even though Middletown South lost all three matches, its grapplers were glad to be back in action. The Eagles are the defending District 22 team champions.

Middletown South coach Tom Erbig said Monday that he believes his Eagles are ready to compete.

There are six wrestlers who should fare well in the District 22 tournament, including Glenn Pritzlaff (130-0) at 160, Sam Delio (130), Ryan Duffy (119), Chris Gibson (140), Kevin Wilson (145) and Rob Sagurton (125).

Erbig said he doesn’t think the layoff will have too much of an effect on the Eagles.

“I think the layoff will affect us, but a lot of the other teams in the district had the same layoff so we’re all in the same boat. We got three matches in over the weekend so that helps us out a lot. We’re doing our best to stay prepared and hopefully we can make something happen.”

Even with the layoff, Erbig said Pritzlaff should coast into the state tournament.

“Pritzlaff is going to win the individual title.”

Glenwill be denied getting into the state tournament. Glenn’s going to win the districts and the regions and he’s going to go into the states. I don’t know what’s going to happen there but he has just as good a chance of winning the title as anybody else.

Sam will have a little tougher road. He hasn’t wrestled since Christmas because he suffered an injury at the Nightmare Classic. So if anything, the layoff will hurt him more than anyone else.

“Duffy and Sagurton wrestle each other all the time and they’re just tough wrestlers. Wilson is looking really, really good. The layoff actually did him some good because he had some nagging injuries and now he’s recovered and I think he’s going to do well. And Gibson has just improved a whole lot.”

Erbig reiterates that the layoff should not be an important factor for the individuals on the squad.

“They wrestled so many matches during the summer. We had a layoff, but that’s all it was — a layoff for those guys but most of these guys have a lot of mat experience.

They go into a lot of tournaments and they wrestle on the outside. We’re going to work our tails off to retain the district team title. It would only be fitting if the dilemma we went through this year.”

In District 21, Holmdel, CBA, Matawan and St. John Vianney may be hard pressed to handle top squads from Manalapan, Howell and Freehold Township. Manalapan won the Central Jersey Group IV state sectional team championship on Feb. 20 and the Eagles are expected to qualify for the state team.

Howell was hit hard by the herpes gladiatorum virus that swept through the conference, coming off the time the exact times were not available. The second two matches were to be seeded Tuesday night.

Following is a brief look at some of the grapplers who have a chance to move on to the regional tournament.

At 103 pounds, Raritan’s Mike Tomascutto looks to be the District 22 favorite for the second year in a row. The senior grappler will enter the districts with an 13-2 ledger. St. John Vianney’s Dominic Napolitano (11-4-0) could enter the medal picture in District 21.

In the 112-pound weight class, Raritan’s James Sabin (12-2), Matawan’s Don Carter (12-2) and St. John Vianney’s Erik Hulse (12-3) will mine for gold in their respective districts.

In District 22, one of the questions to be answered is just where Mater Dei’s Pat Smith will wrestle.

Smith is undefeated in 18 matches, wrestling at 119 and 125 pounds. The decision to wrestle at 125 might prove to be an easier road for Smith because the 119-pound race features Duffy (9-3) and Matt Woodard of Red Bank (13-4), who had to defeat last season to win the 119-pound title.

At 130 pounds, Holmdel’s Dave Jaroszewski has been near perfect (12-1), while St. John Vianney’s John Bodino is 10-3-1. Raritan’s Scott Murray may make some noise, but he’ll probably have to contend with Delio. Even with a lack of mat time, Delio is the wrestler everyone will be watching.

At 135 pounds, Raritan’s John Erven (14-0) will draw a lot of attention in District 22. CBA’s Mike Cudzil (10-1) and Holmdel’s Nick Barone (9-2) will face uphill battles in District 21.

At 140 pounds, St. John Vianney’s Jerry Cudzil (14-3-1) may enter the medal picture at Manalapan. Raritan’s Tim McGinn (10-1) has been down the district road before. Middletown North’s best hope for an individual title will come at this weight with Jim Guerrero (10-5).

The story at 145 pounds surrounds defending District 22 champion Chris Spagnuolo of Holmdel (13-0) who set a national record this season with a four-second pin and has not lost a match since 1990 (36 consecutive matches, 35-0-1). The senior pulled out of the Region 6 tournament last year with a twisted right knee. Now wrestling in District 21, Spagnuolo will be trying to take care of some unfinished business. Matawan’s Mark Oliver will carry a 10-5 record into the districts.

In District 22 at 145 pounds, Raritan’s Rocky Strazzella (10-1-1) and RBC’s Keith Malinowski (10-5) may wind up battling for the gold.

With Pritzlaff now at 160 pounds, the 152-pound title is up for grabs. Pritzlaff, a state qualifier last year, is the matman Peter Rego of Middletown North (13-5) to be gunning for.

St. John Vianney 171-pounder Tom Flynn (10-4-1) has a tough road to hoe in District 21.

The 189-pound division in District 22 looks to be up for grabs, while the top threat at heavyweight may be Keyport’s Mike Graham (9-3).
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"First, the points paid to obtain a mortgage for the purchase of a home are fully deductible. If you have a $100,000 mortgage and paid three points, you can deduct $3,000," he said. "Secondly, the interest on the mortgage and the real estate taxes are also deductible."

Consulting with an accountant during the homebuying process can help prospective homebuyers be more informed about this major investment. By reviewing their financial situation with an accountant, they will be provided with the necessary information to make their own, informed decisions.

If you’re interested in learning more about buying a home, be sure to attend a free homebuyers’ seminar sponsored by the Monmouth County Board of Realtors in March. Realtors, attorneys, accountants, and mortgage representatives will be on hand to discuss important information about buying a home. The seminar is on March 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Gardens in Freehold. On March 18, another will be held at the Holiday Inn, Tinton Falls. To reserve a seat, call 747-6002.

Next week: The home inspector.

O: We're afraid we might miss some mortgage payments. Should we be worried about foreclosure? A: Consequences arising from missed mortgage payments generally begin when payments are in arrears for about 90 to 120 days. However, there are possible ways to avoid foreclosure proceedings.

Contact your lender and explain that you want to make good on the loan. The lender may make a new arrangement, allowing you to pay, for example, interest-only payments or deferred payments with accrued interest added to the principal. Regardless of the agreement, you’ll have to start making some sort of payments again to prevent foreclosure.

If you feel you’ll be unable to make payments for an unspecified amount of time, you may want to consider selling your home. For a quick sale, enlist the services of a real estate professional in your area and set the price realistically.

Dot Schulze, president and owner of Dot Schulze Agency, West Long Branch, is president of the Monmouth County Board of Realtors.

Spring blooms at annual show

By Annette Mercurio

Offering a little something for everyone, the New Jersey Flower and Garden Show is sure to be the perfect escape from the winter cold. The show will include beautiful exhibits for the spectator and educational lectures for the more serious gardener.

In its 26th year, the show will take place through March 1 at the Garden State Exhibit Center, Somerset. It will feature more than 20 elaborate garden displays, beautiful floral and horticultural exhibits, garden and floral presentations, lectures, a floral design school, and more than 100 trading booths offering blooms, bulbs and gifts.

Last year’s show attracted approximately 50,000 people. Participants in the flower show plan their exhibits a year in advance, selecting a theme and growing or "forcing" plants in greenhouses. A week before the show begins, they begin setting up their displays.

Ralph L. Snodsmith, horticultural host for the NBC radio show, will make several appearances. His admirers might want to catch one of his lectures – "Fundamentals of Gardening", Monday, 9:30-10 a.m.; "Colorful Garden Design", Monday, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; "Growing New Jersey’s Finest Tomato.", Monday, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; and "Flowers for Your Garden", 4:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesday; and "The Vegetable Patch", 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday.

Dr. Bruce Hamilton of Cook College, Rutgers University, will present a one-hour lecture on "Landscaping for Environmental Sensitivity" at 12:30 p.m. Monday.

Plant enthusiasts might also want to experience "Cooking with Herbs," "Growing Orchids in Your Home" and "Growing New Jersey’s Finest Tomato."

The New Jersey Florists’ Association will host the 1992 Professional Floral Designers Competition. The competition includes four separate categories: large floral design, small floral design, table setting and bud vase competitions. Forty-six different exhibits will compete for prize money. This will be an excellent opportunity for flower fanatics to pick up some tips.

The Molzon Landscape Nursery, Lincroft, will create a Garden for People and Wildlife, an exhibit featuring a house and shed backdrop, flowering shrubs, ground covers, edible flowers, vines and trees specially selected to provide beauty and also to attract butterflies, hummingbirds and other wild creatures.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Additional general admission tickets are $9. Senior citizens receive a $2 discount on Monday through Friday. Tickets are $7 on weekdays for those in groups of 10 or more. Tickets are available at the door or through Ticket Master. For ticket information, call 560-9020.

The center is located on Davidson and Atrium avenues off Route 287, and parking is free.
Public Notice

A petiition has been filed with the Board of Regulatory Commissioners ("Board") to increase the testimony of the public in respect to the petition of Jersey Central Power & Light Company ("Company") and filed with the Board of Regulatory Commissioners ("Board") to increase its localized energy adjustment clause ("LEAC") charge for electric service.

The petition requests an increase in total charges for electric service in the annual amount of $57,208 million, effective for service rendered on and after March 1, 1992. The proposed increase would result in an average monthly charge for electric service for residential customers using 500 kwh per month being increased from $6.96 to $6.72, or 0.2% increase in their monthly bill for service. The final increases authorized by the Board for any class or group of customers may be greater or less than those increases requested, if determined by the Board of Regulatory Commissioners to be appropriate.

Further information regarding the request may be obtained by the Company’s general offices at Madison Avenue and Punch Bowl Road, Morristown, New Jersey 07960.

Jersey Central Power & Light Company
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
LEVELIZED ENERGY ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE CHARGE

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In today's climate of awareness and concern, some car owners worry that their vehicles are the No. 1 enemy of the environment.

Cars generate used motor oil, other fluids, batteries and tires that pollute our water and crowd our landfills. Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) leak from our automotive refrigeration equipment and may deplete the ozone layer. Gas-guzzling vehicles waste an important natural resource and car exhaust clouds the air we breathe.

But you can have your car and protect the earth, too. Here are a few things you can do to be an environmentally friendly driver:

- Properly dispose of automotive fluids and parts. Many recycling centers and some automotive-service centers will accept used motor oil, antifreeze, transmission fluid, batteries and tires. In particular, used motor oil has proven to be a problem, because of the amount generated by car owners. It is ecologically dangerous to spread used oil over the ground, pour it into sewer drains or place it in the trash— even in a sealed container.

Valvoline Instant Oil Change has more than 300 centers nationwide and since December 1989 has accepted almost 300,000 gallons of used motor oil. While it is the only national quick-lube chain that has actively solicited used oil, many independent service shops and retail stores collect used lubricants in their local areas.

For more information on used-oil collection centers, check with your municipal refuse department.

- Recycle automotive refrigerants. Refrigerants for auto air conditioners are the leading user of CFCs, which, when released into the atmosphere, have been linked to damage of the earth's protective ozone layer. Because of this danger, the United States and other nations have agreed to eliminate the use of CFCs by the year 2000.

Fortunately, an alternative is on the way: SWA Trans A/C was unveiled recently by Du Pont, its manufacturer, and IG-LO Inc., which is its exclusive marketer to the automotive aftermarket industry. The new refrigerant, which uses no CFCs and does not contribute to ozone depletion, can be used in a few 1992 cars with compatible air-conditioning equipment.

Car owners are now required by law to recycle CFC-based refrigerant. Many automotive-service centers now have equipment that removes refrigerant, cleans out any contamination and then recharges it into the air conditioning system. Industry groups have adopted a Refrigerant Recycling Center logo, displayed by certified service shops to help motorists identify properly equipped centers with knowledgeable personnel.

- Use gasoline with ethanol. Ethanol is an alcohol fuel produced by fermenting grain, primarily corn. As much as 10 percent ethanol in gasoline is permitted by car manufacturers to extend gasoline and to make the fuel burn cleaner, thereby reducing air pollution. Also be on the lookout for other alternative fuels and power sources—including methanol, natural gas, propane, electricity and solar energy—which are being tested.

- Develop fuel-conserving habits. There are a number of things you can do to help conserve fuel, including choosing a fuel-efficient vehicle, driving more conservatively and using motor oils that have earned the "Energy Conserver" designation, such as Valvoline All-Climate, Turbo Formula and High-Performance Synthetic motor oils. It also helps to combine trips when possible or take advantage of car pooling and public transportation.

Norm Hudecki is director of technical services for Valvoline Inc., a member of the industry's governing bodies and an advisor to top race teams.

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