Compost site is fire hazard, Aumack says

BY LAUREN JAEGE

Filled with decaying Christmas trees and piles of other garbage, the large compost site on American Legion Drive, Keyport is not pretty.

It could be a fire hazard as well.

Harry Aumack, borough fire official, said that if the land were privately owned, the property owner would have been issued a citation because it's "a huge mound of combustibles."

"It's quite a sore spot in town," said Keyport Councilman Wade Pederson, who proposed an immediate cleanup at the Jan. 11 Borough Council meeting.

Mayor John J. Merla said that the land would not be cleaned until some Green Acres funding, promised by the state last year, comes through to help pay for it.

As announced in May, Keyport was allocated $180,000 in cleanup and park development costs for the plot of land.

"I'm afraid the money's there but isn't there," Merla said.

"I've never seen the terms and conditions of our loan."

Merla said that he just assumed that the 2 percent interest loan would come through in June, but it never arrived.

However, Martha Sullivan, principal planner for the Green Acres Division of the Department of Environmental Protection and Energy in Trenton, said that she sent a letter to Richard Maser, the borough engineer back in October.

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King of the road

BY MARILYN DUFF

The Adopt-a-Highway program has spread through the nation's roadways one section at a time.

Debbie Lynch learned about the program from roadside signs crediting participants who pledged to keep parts of the roads litter-free.

Signs on Route 35 in this area, for example, show that the American Legion Post No. 23, Keyport, and McDonald's Restaurant, Route 35, Middletown, regularly clean sections of that roadway.

Seeing such signs, Lynch, who is manager of the Burger King of Hazlet, Route 36, thought, "What a neat idea."

That was last summer.

In October, her restaurant had the distinction of becoming the 500th organization to join the New Jersey Adopt-a-Highway Program.

Once the weather warms up and after completing safety training, Burger King employees, including managers and others, will don gloves and reflective vests and begin their first litter pickup along both sides of a 1.1-mile stretch of Route 36 that runs in front of the restaurant.

The Hazlet fast-food restaurant also has another distinction.

"We started a trend," said Lynch, by being the first Burger King in the state to join the program.

Lynch, who lives in the Port Monmouth section of Middletown, said that every time she is out on the road and sees Burger King litter discarded by careless customers, she feels obligated to clean it up. So participating in the program has been a natural progression.

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Proposals for new homes keep Planning Board busy

Master document will be blueprint for town's future

BY LAUREN JAEGNER
Staff Writer

Already 97 percent developed, the Aberdeen Township is getting ready for more homes. The Planning Board, which is reviewing several current developers' proposals, also is working on a master plan for local land use. The master plan, last updated in 1983, provides the basis for local zoning laws. The updated master plan will probably not affect the major projects in the works now.

On 30 acres of open land off Lloyd Road, 74 single-family homes are being planned by AHIF of Colts Neck. The development will be called Santa Fe Junction. Near that site, another development, Heather Glen at Aberdeen, is in the works. Situated on 17.5 acres near Line and Blair Roads, 38 single-family homes are expected to be built by Matzel and Mumford.

Ed Loud, Planning Board chairman, revealed that the board is about to receive an application for 12 condominiums "styled like townhouses" on one-and-a half acres near Bundy Street and Cliffwood Avenue. "When you're dealing with Aberdeen, that's the type of land you're looking at now," Loud said, noting the small size of the parcels.

He refused to comment further on the last proposal.

And currently on hold is the development of about 140 acres bordering Lake Lefterts. That parcel is owned by Henry Reider, of Palma Construction, Highland Park, and the Fairello family and John Fornino, both of Aberdeen Township, McNamara said.

The developments proposed for the site, Aberdeen Forge and Applewood, received preliminary approval from the Planning Board in 1989 and 1990. Originally, these developments would have featured more than 1,000 units of low-income housing.

According to township attorney Patrick McNamara, however, the township's obligation under current court order is only 170 units of low-income housing.

"(Robert) Karnell, the developer, who filed bankruptcy, is now working with the property owners and is looking for ways to get the properties developed," McNamara said.

There are no plans to use other vast tracts of land, according to Loud, which includes about 15 acres near the Garden State Parkway, as well as the underdeveloped Freneau section.

Commercial enterprises are on the way, also. One commercial development, currently seeking preliminary approval from the board and proposed by 34 Partners, Flotham Park, would be for a 14,000-square-foot commercial building in the middle of the Strathmore Shopping Center parking lot. Next to that building would be another one, a 2,582-square-foot fast-food restaurant.

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More parks needed, consultant says

There's a space shortage in Aberdeen Township, and it's not a shortage of parking spaces. It's park space that the township lacks, at least according to standards set by the National Recreation and Park Association, based in Arlington, Va.

According to Joe Layton of Maser Sosinski and Associates, Matawan, who is a consultant to the Aberdeen Township Planning Board, the National Recreation and Park Association recommends six to 10 acres of open space for recreational use per 1,000 people.

With more than 17,000 residents, Aberdeen should ideally have at least 85 acres of open space for recreation, he noted.

Instead, the township has only 60 acres of parks, he said.

The township is already 97 percent developed, and there are no current plans to turn any of the open land into parks.

Aberdeen Township also has available up to an $800,000 Green Acres grant to purchase open land.

However, Patrick McNamara, township attorney, noted that some park land would be purchased in the Freneau section to complement the Applewood and Aberdeen Forge developments.

The problem is, he said, that plans for the developments are on hold and it is not known just how much land there should be earmarked for parks.

However, Planning Board Chairman Ed Loud praised the well-maintained parks that do exist.

"Look at the quality of those facilities," Loud said.

Aberdeen may be lacking according to the National Parks and Recreation standard, he said, but those standards are very high.

For instance, the association recommends one baseball field for every 5,000 people, one tennis court for every 2,000, one basketball court for every 500, a community center for every 25,000 people and one 18-hole golf course for every 25,000 people.

The association even recommends one shuffleboard per 2,000 residents.

Donna Viero, township director of parks and recreation, feels that these standards are "out of whack."

Planning Board member Dennis Devino said, "I don't know how many more ball fields we need, but we could definitely use more tennis courts and soccer fields. This town has no tennis courts."

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Background checks on firefighters mulled

HOLMDEL — An ordinance requiring criminal background checks on all Fire Department volunteers was introduced at last week’s Township Committee meeting.

According to Mayor Harry Ferris, the ordinance would apply to all new applicants as well as current members, who would be checked periodically. A member being checked out would receive 10 days’ written notice of the investigation and any findings would be kept confidential.

One reason for the checks would be to identify anyone who has had his driver’s license suspended, to preclude the potential for liability.

Ferris explained that the ordinance was drafted as a result of a recommendation by the office of the New Jersey Attorney General.

Committee member Joseph Adams expressed his concern that the ordinance pass legal muster with regard to the issue of invasion of privacy.

Township Attorney Duane O. Davison said he did not see any violation of due process in the ordinance. Furthermore, convictions are a matter of public record.

The Township Committee will hear comments from the public on the proposed ordinance on Monday, Jan. 24 at 7:30 at Town Hall.
Black history on center stage

BY MARILYN DUFF
Staff Writer

The Monmouth County Park System has prepared a sparkling array of activities as part of its 12th annual African American History Celebration. The eight-day spotlight on black history includes dance, musical and theatrical performances, plus special events for students. It will begin Saturday with an opening reception in the Heath Wing of the Tatum Park Activity Center, Red Hill Road, Middletown. All of the events of the eight-day celebration will be at the Tatum Park Activity Center. The keynote speaker at Saturday's 2 p.m. opening will be William Loren Katz, a noted teacher, lecturer and writer about African Americans and minorities. His topic will be "Black Indians: The Hidden Connection." A New York City resident, Katz was curator for "The Black West Exhibit" at the New York Public Library and has served as a lecturer and consultant for various organizations, including the Museum of Natural History, the Smithsonian Institute, the NAACP, and the U.S. Senate. He is the author of Black Indians: A Hidden Heritage and recently completed an 8-volume History of Multicultural America. The park system's African American History Celebration centers around an exhibit of local historical memorabilia, some dating to the early 1700s. The exhibit was initially financed by the New Jersey Committee for the Humanities. During the celebration, exhibit areas will be open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday. Because space is limited, advance registration is suggested for the various activities. Except for a Jan. 30 performance, all events and performances are free of charge. For information on any of the events or to pre-register, call 842-4000, ext. 235 or 245. For persons with hearing impairment, the TDD machine number is 219-9484. Other special events during the Jan. 22-30 celebration:

Sunday, Jan. 30, 3 p.m., Freedom's Journey, a one-hour play by Angela Blount that actively involves the audience and reveals how religious, social and cultural institutions shaped the African-American community in our region. The family performance is geared toward children in grades one through eight, but is open to everyone. The cost is $2 and pre-registration is required. The park system will also present these special programs for school students: "Anansi the Spider," performed by Midway Caravans for pupils in grades 2-4; "Fruits of Rhythm," by Grupo Iwa Dada, an African Caribbean Drum and Dance Ensemble, for students in grades 4-8; and "Soaring through New Heights: African-Americans throughout Our Nation's History," a look at African American aviators of yesteryear, for high school students. The park system will also present these special programs for school students: "Anansi the Spider," performed by Midway Caravans for pupils in grades 2-4; "Fruits of Rhythm," by Grupo Iwa Dada, an African Caribbean Drum and Dance Ensemble, for students in grades 4-8; and "Soaring through New Heights: African-Americans throughout Our Nation's History," a look at African American aviators of yesteryear, for high school students. The three children's programs, scheduled for Monday, Wednesday, and Tuesday respectively at 10 a.m., are sold out.

CELEBRATING AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY — Above, the Sabar Ak Ru Afrique Dance Theater will perform at 3 p.m. Saturday at Tatum Park Activity Center, Middletown, as part of the Monmouth County Park System's 1994 African-American History Celebration. Below, the United Mass Choir of Monmouth County will present "From Drums to Gospel," a free concert of gospel music at 3 p.m. Sunday at the park as part of the celebration.

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Talk on King scheduled

Gustav Henningburg, host of WNBC's long-running public affairs program, Positively Black, will speak at Brookdale Community College's ninth annual commemoration of the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The program will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 3 in the college gym, and is free and open to the public.

Brookdale is located in Lincroft.

Henningburg has worked in communication, public policy development, affirmative action, conflict mediation, public relations and lobbying. During his tenure as senior correspondent for New Jersey Nightly News, Henningburg won a journalism award from the National Urban Coalition for his commentaries on the problems of New Jersey's cities.

He was president and chief executive officer of the Greater Newark Urban Coalition for 12 years, and has been cited by three New Jersey governors as one of the state's most important citizens.

In 1987, he was awarded the Alice Paul Humanitarian Award, considered by some as the highest award the state can bestow upon a civilian.

The topic of Henningburg's talk at Brookdale will be "Martin's Dream: Building Successful Coalitions." The program also will feature an invocation, choral and solo offerings and a benediction. Schools, community groups and members of the public are all invited to attend.

For more information, call Elizabeth Lamurey at 224-2284.
Merla set to run, but not officially

He may make announcement next month

BY LAUREN JAEGER

Staff Writer

KEYPORT — Mayor John J. Merla is ready to run for re-election come November. He said last week that a campaign committee has been formed, and he is expected to officially announce his candidacy next month.

The mayor mentioned his candidacy last week as he met with a reporter to review his plans for 1994.

"We are deciding when and when, but I'm going to make the announcement," Merla said. "I haven't had a meeting yet, but... the bumper stickers are out."

He noted that Republican William Cerese's and Democrat Robert Bergen's terms will also expire this year.

"I've had three gentlemen approach me to run on my ticket and I'm proud of that," Merla said, not naming any names. "Besides planning a campaign, Merla has a lot of borough business to take care of this year.

For one thing, he wants to find the ideal location for a new borough hall. The current borough hall on Main Street has three levels of stairs and does not meet the federal Americans with Disabilities Act standards, he noted.

To help meet the standards, 12 of the council meetings will be held at Borough Hall and 12 of the meetings will be held at the Keyport First Aid building, off Atlantic Street, he said.

There has been a clamor to keep borough hall in the center of town, he said.

As a result, Merla said he was interested in the site of three burnt buildings on West Front Street.

Also, Merla said he has money-making plans for the waterfront.

He would not reveal the details, but the "revue conception plan I feel can... market Keyport better and will bring in revenue of about $40,000 to $100,000 per year."

"I've been working on it for six months," he revealed, saying that he plans to present his idea to the Keyport Chamber of Commerce and Keyport Partnership Inc. "For the first couple of months, I've been working on the budget for 1994," he said. "At this time, I can't foresee anything like (layoffs)."

Also, he said, this was a good year for tax and water collection. Merla noted, there were no surprises, or old and outstanding bills.

"We have to put a budget together," he noted, saying that the borough council was gearing for as little a tax increase as possible — possibly like last year's one percent increase. "It can be done," he said.

UP IN SMOKE? — Several discarded Christmas trees are visible at the compost site on American Legion Drive, Keyport, which the borough fire official calls "a huge mound of combustibles."

Compost site a fire hazard

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The letter, she said, asked the borough to take the first step and send details of its proposed project.

Sullivan said she is still waiting for an answer. Also, she noted, the money would have come after the project was approved and the contracts were drafted by the borough.

Maser, however, said he can't answer the letter until various details are worked out with the borough council.

He said that issues have to be worked out regarding the demolition of the old sewer digester tank — or if it will be demolished at all — and the removal of one underground storage tank.

"We have to work out the time frame and schedule," he said.

"There are some things that have to be worked out," Maser stressed. "It's not just a matter of writing a letter."

In the meantime, Sullivan said, the loan, which is already approved, would not be lost.

Merla added that he would like to see Gov. Christie Whitman visit the borough again and "know that we want as much money as we can to develop Keyport's waterfront and keep it a ratable."

Also, Merla noted, before any changes are made to the land, the biodegradable material should have another collection site in the borough.

The current, conspicuous site, which resembles a small landfill, has also become a place for illegal dumping, according to Art Rooke, superintendent of Keyport Public Works.

"We have a controlled area but there is illegal dumping," Rooke said. "People dump everything there."

"The old public works garage there was demolished six years ago," Rooke added. "I would say it (the compost site) has been there since 1910."

The public works garage has since been relocated to Beers Street and Francis Street. The superintendent of public works said that the compost site would be condensed shortly, and be less ugly.
Housing proposals keep board busy

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By working on the master plan, the board may help decide the fate of certain township areas that aren’t open spaces at the moment, but may be someday. An empty lot may be created where the former, half-burnt South River Metals Co. is on Church Street. Most likely, the old building will be demolished soon, according to McNamara.

The land, which was abandoned by its last owner, would be sold. "What it is now is nothing but an eyesore," Loud said. The site is zoned for manufacturing, but this use may be outdated, according to the planning board members, because so much manufacturing has gone to foreign countries. About seven to 14 acres of the site of the South River Metals company is developable.

One board member, Richard Leweicki, would like to see a high-rise residential apartment building erected on the site. "Leave it as manufacturing and no one will touch it," said Leweicki. "We must change the zoning to make it developable."

"I don’t know of any manufacturer who would want to be there," Loud agreed. Board member Dennis Devino, meanwhile, said a low to medium rise building may be more appropriate.

Board member Ed Fitzgerald, noted board member Ed Fitzgerald, "It puts us in a vulnerable position regarding developers … we’re cleaning up years of neglect. It’s a starting-from-scratch operation."

The Township Council, for years controlled by Democrats, has just become all-Republican with the election of Mayor Brian Murphy. "I can’t speak for Democrats but we don’t want to discourage development," said Loud, a Republican. "We want to encourage it. If developers have a sensible plan, we will look at it and try to accommodate them."

"We want to clean up and fine-tune it but do it in such a way that’s best for Aberdeen," Loud said. "We are trying to see what’s the best use for any particular piece of land."

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Cerase named to council

Fills spot vacated by Vecchio

KEYPORT — William Cerase, the new member of the Borough Council, said his main goal will be to maintain the borough's level of services without raising taxes.

Cerase was appointed last week to replace Councilman Joseph Vecchio, who resigned.

Vecchio, 28, said he left the council because he wants to devote more time to his business and family.

He served on the council for three years before resigning Jan. 11.

Cerase, 34, will complete the remaining of year of Vecchio's term.

A Keyport Partnership Inc. trustee and a Zoning Board member, Cerase said that serving on the council will be a new challenge.

Cerase made unsuccessful runs at winning a council seat in 1991 and 1992. Finally, happy to be on the council, Cerase said he also would like to attract more ratables to the borough.

Eventually, Cerase said, he hopes that the former Aeromarine Complex, currently a hodge-podge of broken-down buildings, could be developed someday.

"It's always a struggle to keep the town going. It's always a struggle to keep the ratables we have," Cerase noted. "We don't have luxuries like the Prudential company in Holmdel."

"I was surprised to hear that Joe resigned," Cerase said. "It came as a shock to a lot of people."

Cerase, who is married to Carole, has two step-daughters, Elisa, 20, and Susan, 22. He said that he enjoys volunteering on various committees because he has a lot of faith in the town, which has a lot of potential.

Vecchio, meanwhile, said he enjoyed his term on the council but wanted to spend more time with his wife, Colleen, and his insurance sales business.

His business responsibilities have grown since his father, Larry, left the firm recently. Vecchio said, he is now responsible for 25 years' worth of accumulated insurance clients.

"I want to thank my wife and the mayor," for their support, Vecchio said. "It was a key part of my success on the council. I'm sure I'll miss it. I miss it already."

Vecchio said that his replacement should do a good job.

Cerase said, "I'm here to work for the town. It's political, but I don't have feelings to run for higher office. I just want the town to be it's best."

"It's in a lot better shape than some other towns around it," Cerase added, not mentioning any names. "Keyport holds its own."

— Lauren Jaeger
Dem's angered by quick vote

BY LAUREN JAEGER
Staff Writer

KEYPORT — The Republicans on the Borough Council acted quickly last week to fill a vacancy on the council — too quickly, according to their Democratic counterparts.

The Democrats, councilmen Wade Pedersen and Kevin Graham, have complained that the council should have waited to act on the issue until the council's third Democrat, Councilman Robert Bergen, was present.

At its meeting Jan. 11, the council accepted the resignation of Republican Councilman Joseph Vecchio.

Immediately, Republican Municipal Chairman Harry Aumack, who was in the audience, gave the council a list of three candidates to take the seat.

The Republicans then voted to appoint Aumack's top choice, William Cerase.

Cerase was then sworn into office.

Pedersen and Graham, who voted against Cerase's appointment, felt it was an unfair move. Bergen, who would have formed a 3-2 majority against the Republicans, was absent that night for personal reasons.

With Republicans June Atkins and David Hammond voting to appoint Cerase, and Graham and Pedersen voting against his appointment, the tie was broken by Merla.

Graham was disturbed that the vote was taken without Bergen present, and that it was done so quickly.

"This is the first time I heard about (the resignation)," Graham said. "I feel very, very strongly (Bergen) should be here for the vote."

"He's been at every council meeting," Graham added.

However, Atkins added that she, too, didn't know about Vecchio's resignation until that moment.

Pedersen and Graham said it seemed to them that they were the only people in the room who had not been told to expect the resignation.

Cerase's wife was there to witness his swearing in, they noted.

"The Democrats have the majority on the council and in this instance I feel that (Bergen) should be here," Graham said.

Veccoli said he had notified Merla he would resign, and also notified Aumack, so that the municipal chairman would prepare a list of possible replacements.

When a council member resigns, the chairman of his political party is asked to recommend three people to replace him.

The council has a month to choose a replacement from his recommendations.

Aumack listed Frank Currier and Robert Burlew as his second and third choices to fill the vacancy.

Merla said that he was in a similar situation years before. He said in 1986 he was in the majority party when he supported the Democrats' choice of Ed Flynn as mayor to fill a vacancy.

"It was a Democrat recommendation that I didn't have to take," he said.

"There should be no discussion," Merla added, about the latest appointment to the council. "This is an expired term to fill."

"What's been done in the past is irrelevant to me," Graham said. "What I am saying makes perfect sense." Pedersen supported Graham's remarks.

"I don't think this should be done on five minutes' notice," Pedersen said. "We should have a full council. If it's a matter of urgency, it should be voted on right away."

The appointee said he was embarrassed by the whole proceedings.

"I think that the Democrats' (action) was uncalled for," said Cerase.

"I could work with them," he added. "I'm sure we have the same goals."
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Notification of session (a.m. or p.m.) will be mailed to parents before the end of August.

In order to have a child registered, he/she must be 5 years old on or before Oct. 1. No exceptions will be made.

Parents should bring their child’s birth certificate with them to registration. A hospital certificate will not be accepted.

The parent or guardian must provide proof of residency in Hazlet before the child starts school. Two of the following will be accepted: utility bill; tax statement or bill; notarized affidavit of certificate of domicile; or lease or rental agreement.

The New Jersey State Department of Health mandates the following immunizations for all students wishing to register:

1. Diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus — three basic series plus one booster on or after the fourth birthday.
2. Polio — two doses of oral polio trivalent plus one booster on or after the fourth birthday.
3. Measles — one dose live measles virus administered after the first birthday.
4. Rubella virus — one dose on or after the first birthday.
5. Mumps vaccine — one dose on or after the first birthday.

The district highly recommends the Mantoux test (test for tuberculosis) on or after the fourth birthday.

Proof of such immunization procedures must be presented unless the parent submits a certificate signed by a physician that the child is an unfit subject for immunization, or unless the parent or guardian objects in writing to the immunization procedure on the grounds that the proposed immunization interferes with the free exercise of his or her religious principles.

For more information, call any of the schools listed for registration or the office of the superintendent of schools at 264-8402.

Commission sets awards dinner

The Monmouth County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women has announced plans for its ninth annual celebration of “Women in Achievement” in Monmouth County.

Awards will be presented at a dinner to be held 6 p.m. March 3 in The Robert B. Meyner Reception Center of Garden State Arts Center, Holmdel.

Advance reservations, at a cost of $30, may be obtained by calling the commission’s Freehold office at 577-6681.

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- Recent research has questioned the need for painting tree wounds, and it is currently not recommended.

- After the wood has thawed, lift, straighten, and support trees, shrubs, or evergreen trees with wire encased in a hose wherever it touches the bark. Supports should remain a full season. Cover exposed roots with soil and mulch with leaves or soil.

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Volunteers needed

The following are some of the volunteer positions available at the Volunteer Center, 227 E. Bergen Place, Red Bank.

**HOSPICE VOLUNTEER**
Training will begin shortly for individuals who wish to become hospice volunteers. Workers are assigned to terminally ill patients who are at home, providing support and comfort to the patient and family.

**TAX ASSISTANCE**
Training will begin Jan. 10 for anyone interested in becoming a volunteer income tax assistant. Volunteers help persons with disabilities, the elderly and non-English speaking persons with basic tax returns.

**COMPUTER ASSISTANT**
A computer volunteer is sought who can devote a few hours a week to helping an agency that provides adult role models to needy kids. The volunteer would help set up programs to computerize the agency’s data base. Computer knowledge and familiarity with MS-DOS and D-Base are needed. Daytime in the Red Bank area.

**TELEPHONE RECEPTIONIST**
An office in Freehold dealing with civil issues is in need of a receptionist. Duties would include handling telephone inquiries and processing calls to the correct party. A pleasant and patient phone manner is required.

**MOTHER’S HELPER**
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Charity slates flavorful fund-raiser

BY CANDY TRUNZO
Staff Writer

About 20 of the area's finest restaurants and catering establishments will cook up something special on Thursday, Feb. 3, when the Central Jersey Chapter of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation presents the Garden State Food and Wine Tasting and Auction.

The event will take place at the Robert B. Meyner Reception Center at the Garden State Arts Center in Holmdel.

Among the establishments that will offer samplings of their specialties are Merri-Makers Caterers and Michael Norris Catering in Holmdel, Jerry Beyer's in Matawan, Joe & Maggie's Bistro in Long Branch and the Lusty Lobster in Highlands.

Andrew Bott, chairman of the event and owner of Merri-Makers, which is based at the Meyner Reception Center, and the Magnolia Inn in Matawan, hopes the event will raise as much as $20,000 for the March of Dimes.

Merri-Makers will be preparing a carved filet mignon with three sauces for the occasion. Raw clams and oysters will be provided compliments of The Lusty Lobster.

The Party Corner in Red Bank will donate the china and flatware for the evening.

Several renowned wineries will also be represented, including Chateau St. Jean, J. Lohr, Franciscan and Mastroberardino.

The event will feature a live auction of food-related packages, presided over by Timothy McCloone, owner of the Rum Runner in Sea Bright.

Some of the items McCloone will auction will be four tickets to a New Jersey Devils game, a dinner for two at the Frog and Peach in New Brunswick and a Valentine Big Band dinner for two at the Ocean Place Hilton in Long Branch.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the March of Dimes' Campaign for Healthier Babies, which funds programs of research, community services, education and advocacy.

Tickets for the tasting are $40 per person. For tickets and information contact Kristine Hall at the March of Dimes, (609) 655-7400.
King of the road

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gram near her restaurant is a natural.

Weichert Realtors was the first partici­
pant in this area; three of its offices adopt­
ed parts of Routes 34 and 35.

Altogether, there are about 10 partici­
pants here, serving Routes 34, 35 and 36.

“It’s been great, the enthusiasm of the
people,” said Clint Griggs, coordinator of
New Jersey’s program since it was started
in mid-1991 by the state Department of
Transportation (DOT.)

The state program also has filtered
down to the local level.

This year, for the first time, communi­
ties and counties which receive Clean
Communities grant money from the state
Department of Environmental Protection
and Energy must adopt a roadway,
according to Mary Herald, grant adminis­
trator.

In Burger King’s case, Griggs said, by
showing they care about clean highways,
the store “encourages customers to do the
same.”

John Poloski of the Georgetowne
Group in Freehold, owners of the Hazlet
Burger King, said, “We’re proud to be a
part of this community and we want to be
actively involved in keeping it clean and attractive."

The simple but successful idea of getting local organizations and businesses to clean litter along manageable lengths of state roadways was born in Texas in 1985.

From there, it spread rapidly through southern states mostly by word of mouth, Griggs said, and then to the northern states. Today, all 50 states have similar programs.

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owners, Burger King
Route 36

By mid-1991, DOT Commissioner Tom Downs decided to give the program a try after receiving many calls from New Jersey residents who became aware of adopt-a-highway programs while traveling in other parts of the country.

The signs, for example, are commonplace along North Carolina highways.

New Jersey's very first participant was a Trenton group called Colonial Valley Civitan Club, Griggs said.

Under the program, organizations sign up for two-year periods, pledging to remove litter from their adopted road section at least four times a year.

When the two years are up, they have 'first dibs' to renew, Griggs said.

Before they start, they complete a safety training program. The DOT provides gloves, reflective vests and trash bags. Participants let the DOT know what day they will be working and leave the filled bags at the roadside for the DOT to collect.

Organizations have to adopt a minimum of one mile, including both sides of the road. The standard is two miles.

Most groups adopt sections of local highways, but some go outside their communities.

The DOT also has launched a new landscaping program, enabling adopting organizations to plant roadside flowers and shrubs along their roadway's strip.

Since the New Jersey program started, 5,000 volunteers have donated 7,000 hours and collected 75 tons of garbage. There are roughly 2,200 miles of highway in the state system, Griggs said. To date, about 750 miles have been adopted.

For safety reasons, roads that are part of the interstate system are excluded from the program.

Each state adopts its own design for the sign which is displayed crediting participants. An effort to get federal participation failed, but Griggs noted that federal participation "is a double-edged sword. Right now, there are no federal regulations."

For information on participating in the state Adopt-a-Highway program, call 1-800-2-ADOPT-1.
Grill serves up much more than macaroni

By Marc Schlossberg

Dining critic

A pollo alla griglia ($9.95), interposed spaghetti with grilled chicken, tomatoes, mushrooms, broccoli, and black olives, was not quite as flavorful as the former.

Other interesting pasta dishes include open ravioli with shrimp, scallops, mussels and tomatoes; lasagna with veal and cheese; and farfalle with sun-dried tomatoes, feta cheese and olive oil.

Having succumbed to large amounts of pasta in large bowls, one entree would have been enough. But there are so many good ones to eliminate: mesquite grilled salmon, rotisserie chicken with rosemary, chicken breasts with artichokes, bisteck pork steaks, sweet sausage with roasted peppers and breaded veal with tomato sauce and asparagus cream.

Having loosened one notch on the belt, Scallopini di salmone al limone ($11.95) was the right choice. Two delicious salmon filllets with capers, tomatoes and lemon butter were delectable to the tongue and easy on the stomach.

Marc Schlossberg has been associated with the food industry for more than 20 years.
Sangiovese’s has lead in Tuscany revolution

You’ve come a long way baby,” might be an apt description for the ever changing role of sangiovese in Tuscany. From ruler of the roost in Chianti to its dominant part in Vino Nobile di Montepulciano and its solo performance in Brunello di Montalcino, sangiovese is the central character in all the D.O.C. and D.O.C.G. wines of Tuscany.

But it is far more than that. Sangiovese, along with cabernet sauvignon, are leaders of the revolution in Tuscany to produce wines of international character. Oftentimes these wines are aged and fermented in barriques, or small oak barrels.

Whether we really need more wines that have international character, which is a euphemism for having French grapes, or whether its best to have wines that are distinctly different because of their tradition and origin is a subject for endless debate.

Whatever the merits of that argument, it’s clear that there is a significant movement towards wines of international character in Tuscany.

The grape composition or vinification techniques invariably collide head-on with the prevailing tradition of the region and so the wines cannot be accorded D.O.C. status, at least not yet.

Both sangiovese and cabernet sauvignon appear singly, blended with others and paired together in the non-D.O.C. wines that carry the humble vino da tavola designation.

Notwithstanding that classification, the fact that the best of them are known as the Super Tuscans is clear recognition of their status among connaisseurs.

What started out as a movement towards world class wines brought with it the attendant high price tags that led many of them to be viewed as wines for special occasions.

How many people can afford what has become known as “drinking better” every night when it carries a hefty cost to match?

Happily, the category of new Tuscan reds that includes the Super Tuscans has been extended downward in price.

There are now non-D.O.C. sangiovese wines priced at under $10. A few in this price category were included in my panel tasting of 21 Tuscan (and 1 Umbrian) sangiovese and cabernet sauvignon blends and single varietal wines.

In commenting on the under $10 sangiovese wines, Jim Rossbach, an importer, pointed out that “The consumer who is buying an under $10 wine wants it to be approachable and not tannic.”

He cautioned, “Many of them taste enough 1990 Chianti Classicos to expect a lot from under $10 sangiovese.”

One wine in the under $10 category, Brolio 1991 Sangiovese ($7.80), was recommended by the panel.

Overall, the panel awarded a score of over 90 to only four wines. As expected, all are in the “Super” category, although one is from Umbria, not Tuscany.

A score of 94 went to a 100 percent sangiovese wine, Castello di Gabbiano 1987 Antica ($31).

Antinori 1988 Tignanello ($40), which is a blend of 80 percent sangiovese and 20 percent cabernet sauvignon garnered a 92.

An Umbrian wine, Lungarotti 1982 San Giorgio (Miralduolo) ($40.50), received a score of 91.

It’s made from sangiovese and canaiolo grapes used in Lungarotti’s well-known Roscino blended with cabernet sauvignon coming from plantings in the Miralduolo district outside the D.O.C. area.

A score of 92 was awarded to Fattoria Vincito 1990 Monile, which is made from a blend of cabernet sauvignon and nebbiolo, the grape of Piemonte. If your bank account can stand it, try the Brolio and one of the others to see what money can, or can’t, buy.

Charles B. Rubinstein of Cole Neck is secretary of the Wine Writers Circle of the Greater New York Area and treasurer of the Wine Media Guild.
Historical society event

BY MARILYN DUFF
Staff Writer

HOLMDEL — "The Evolution of the Village of Holmdel" will be the program topic of the Holmdel Historical Society's upcoming annual Covered Dish Supper.

The combination slide show and talk by Gerald Ceres, society president and official township historian, will cover the period of the original 17th-century land grants to the present.

The annual fund-raiser is scheduled for 7 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Holmdel Firehouse, Main Street.

Proceeds will be used for restoration of the historic Dr. Robert W. Cooke medical office.

The tiny, dollhouse-like building, which belongs to the society, is believed to have been the first medical building in the county.

Ceres will also discuss the Monmouth Patent, the first land grant in the area, and conflicting land grants.

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BABES helps kids avoid drugs, alcohol

BY JUDY O'GORMAN ALVAREZ
Staff Writer

When you think of alcohol and addiction awareness for kids, you may think of junior high and high school students. You might not think that children as young as 3-years-old can benefit from substance abuse awareness. BABES — Beginning Alcohol and Addictions Basic Education Studies — is a primary prevention program designed to give children lifetime protection from substance abuse.

“We accomplish that by assisting young people in developing positive living skills,” said Elsa Mottola, who heads the program for the National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence of Monmouth County. BABES reaches 2,000 children a year, from nursery school to fourth grade.

Reaching 3- to 10-year-olds through schools, youth organizations and communities, BABES uses colorful puppets and interesting, understandable and age-appropriate stories for each class. Activities and songs add to the learning process.

“We try to instill the concepts of self-image and feelings, decision-making skills and how to deal with peer pressure,” said Motolla, a teacher and substance awareness coordinator who has been with the program since it started four years ago.

“We also give alcohol, tobacco and drug information and tell them where to go to get help, whether it’s with homework or a chemically dependent home,” she said.

According to Motolla, 25 percent of all children grow up in a home with family members who are dependent on alcohol or drugs.

Although BABES might teach a group of young children that medicine is not candy, their slightly older schoolmates would learn that alcohol is a drug for grown-ups only.

An older group will learn about the serious physical and mental problems alcohol and drugs can cause.

Puppets present different types of problems in a weekly 45-minute series of seven stories targeted to specific age groups.

Buttons and Bows McKitty, brother and sister kittens, confront situations the youngsters may face in their everyday lives, reflecting the same feelings and emotions the children may have.

For example, in one scenario for second-graders, Buttons and Bows find a cupcake and a note from mom telling them they shouldn’t eat the cupcake. Their friend pressures them into eating the cupcake.

The kittens eat the cupcake, face the consequences — no cupcake for dessert and go to bed early — and learn they have to be responsible for their decisions.

Buttons and Bows appearing to a fourth grade class would face another type of problem: deciding whether to tell on a classmate they’ve seen hiding alcohol in the woods.

“We teach them it’s OK if you don’t know what to do,” said Lisa Brady, another BABES instructor, “and discuss who they could turn to for help.”

Motolla and Brady have discovered that even 3-year-olds in their sessions mention Jack Daniels and details about how crack is used. Some children relate to Recovering Reggie, a puppet who is a recovering alcoholic with dignity.

Joanne Connolly, drug and alcohol awareness teacher at St. Leo the Great School in Lincroft, said she thinks highly of the BABES program, which has addressed several grades at her school.

Connolly said many schools believe programs like BABES are important, even when there doesn’t seem to be an immediate drug problem.

“The thrust and main reason is preventive,” she said. “If you have a third grader who knows the meaning of AA, there’s probably a good reason.”

During follow-up sessions after BABES has been to the school, Connolly frequently has found children will come forward to talk about a problem at home.

According to Motolla, research on substance abuse shows many adolescents abusing drugs and alcohol have low self-esteem.

“They have no skills to deal with peer pressure and feeling lonely,” she said.

“The earlier we can teach them how to handle life skills, as they get older they can deal appropriately and positively when exposed to (alcohol and drug) situations. We teach about the three C’s: I didn’t cause it, I can’t cure it, but I can cope.”

The rewards of a program like BABES may not be as tangible as a test score, but the team feels future statistics will show their message has been conveyed.

In the meantime, the thank-you cards and love notes they get from BABES graduates make it all worth it.

“The program is about resiliency, life skills, how to feel good about yourself and how to make decisions,” Brady said, “and things they’ll apply later in life.”
Bayshore improving emergency facility

Administrator seeking opinion of community

BY CANDY TRUNZO
Staff Writer

Emergency services director Dr. L. Scott Larsen and his team at Bayshore Community Hospital in Holmdel, have gone to great lengths to make sure their department is, as he puts it, on the cutting edge of emergency medicine. But their efforts have been somewhat hampered by a 15-year-old facility that is beginning to show its age.

So, the board of directors of the hospital recently approved a facelift for the busy ER. The facility, designed to treat 12,000 patients a year, according to Joyce Wright, administrative director of emergency services, has actually been treating an average of 25,000 patients annually for the past five years.

The board has selected a Philadelphia-based architectural firm—Ewing Cole Cherry Brott—to help identify the scope of what promises to be a state-of-the-art emergency facility. A budget and timetable have not yet been determined.

Larsen is encouraging members of the community to contact him with their ideas about what they’d like to see in the new ER. He believes that the public might have a fresh perspective on the hospital and what needs to be changed or optimized, both in terms of the facility and the way care is provided.

One of the biggest benefits of the new facility, according to Larsen, will be the ability to streamline the admissions and care process and decrease the waiting time for patients to receive care.

Larsen said the average time for patients to be in the emergency room from the time they are admitted to the time they are discharged — is nearly two hours. Larsen would like to see that trimmed to 80 minutes.

He likens the current process for emergency room patients to the passing of a baton in an athletic competition. A patient is passed from registrar to triage nurse to laboratory technician to a doctor and so on.

"With too many people and too many steps, there is more of a chance that something will fall through the cracks or not move along," Larsen said. "I think about what I would like to experience if I came to the emergency department as a patient," he added.

Larsen said he would like to see a more streamlined system, where a patient would see only three staff members: a nurse, a doctor and a patient representative to make the patient comfortable, including getting him or family members a cup of coffee, if appropriate — and see him through the system.

"This is not Henry Ford's production line," he says. "These are real people."

Larsen and his staff of five physicians and up to five nurses treat an average of 80 patients a day in a 24-hour period. "Except in ice storms," he noted. In recent weeks his patient load has increased to 100 daily.

The busiest time of the day in the ER is from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. About a third of the cases are bruises, sprains and fractures, another third are associated with chest pains or breathing difficulties. The final third are children with ear infections or other similar ailments.

Larsen believes that anyone who thinks he needs emergency treatment probably does. And if that treatment is only reassurance that everything is all right, that's fine with him.

Unlike many other ER directors, Larsen treats patients in addition to his administrative duties. That gives him the ability to know what's going on and not lose touch with patients' needs.

He and his team of physicians are part of a group called Emergency Med-ical Associates, based in Livingston. Bayshore contracts with the group to provide the hospital with the emergency medical team. The nursing and support staff are hired directly by the hospital and report to Joyce Wright.

Larsen said he requires all his physicians to be either board certified or eligible specialists in emergency medicine. Few facilities can boast of such credentials, according to Stephen Kay, executive vice president of Bayshore Hospital.

In his two and a half years at Bayshore, Larsen has restructured the department to deliver what may be the most ambitious quality improvement project at the hospital. "We've been updating equipment and computerizing and there's more to come," he said.

Those interested in offering their opinions about the facility can contact Larsen at Bayshore Hospital, 888-7353.
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Rulli-Ritschel

Dr. Nancy Ritschel of Aberdeen was married Nov. 7 to Dr. Vincent Rullo of Aberdeen, son of Vincent Rullo Sr. of Dayton and Sarah Passaro of Brick.

The ceremony was performed at Fews and Presbyterian Church, West Orange.

Maid of honor was Christine Ritschel of Basking Ridge, sister of the bride; Jackie Ritschel of Montville, sister-in-law of the bride; Sarah Durkin of Morris Plains, sister of the groom; and Lori Marino of Brick.

Best man was Joseph Rullo of Brick, brother of the groom; Anthony Rullo of Montville, brother of the groom; David Rullo of West Caldwell, brother of the groom; Glen Ritschel of Morris Plains, brother of the bride; Andrew Ritschel of Montville, brother of the bride; and Christopher Gerbarov of Monroe, cousin of the groom.

Ring bearer was Daniel Diniavely of Basking Ridge, nephew of the bride.

A reception was held at the Atrium Country Club, West Orange.

The bride attended New York Chiropractic College and is a doctor of chiropractic at The Chiropractic Center, Nutley.

Her husband also attended New York Chiropractic College and is a doctor of chiropractic at Bethany Chiropractic Center, Hazlet.

The couple resides in Belleville.

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Stork Club

The following births were announced recently at Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch.

James and Michele Burns, Middletown, Dec. 5, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Squatriglia, Keansburg, Dec. 17, a boy.

Erica Aurinna and Robert Zelles, Hazlet, Dec. 3, a girl.

Richard and Christa Lippert, Middletown, Dec. 10, a boy.

Annette Townsend and Felix Soto, Keansburg, Dec. 11, a boy.

Jennifer Schmelzle and William Villio, Keyport, Dec. 11, a boy.

Nancy Marie Deluca and Daniel Camps, Keansburg, Dec. 11, a girl.

James and Anne Krasutsky Denger, Locust, Dec. 11, a boy.

Robert and Jacalyn Garvey, Port Monmouth, Dec. 12, a boy.

Pat and Carmela Natale, Middletown, Dec. 12, a boy.

Betsy Keyack and Ken Fong, Middletown, Dec. 13, a girl.

Mary Lou Moramarco and Tom Zoccolo, Union Beach, Dec. 13, a girl.

Magalie Rivera and Curtis Tyler, Keyport, Dec. 13, a girl.

Donna Caverly and Dave Rockafellow, North Middletown, Dec. 13, a boy.

Theresa Cheatum, Keyport, Dec. 13, a girl.

Tom and Sylvette Cedeo, Keansburg, Dec. 14, a boy.

Robert and Denise Klapko, Keansburg, Dec. 17, a boy.

Gregory and Frances Golden, Middletown, Dec. 17, a boy.

Douglas and Kimberly Wiatrak, Middletown, Dec. 18, a boy.

Aley and Sharon DeSanctis, Middletown, Dec. 19, a boy.

Christopher and Mary Fisher, Port Monmouth, Dec. 21, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Nolan, Middletown, Dec. 22, a girl.

Frank and Connie Pereira, North Middletown, Dec. 22, a boy.

Antonio and Kim Casola, Holmdel, Dec. 22, a boy.

John and Florence Rosenato, Keansburg, Dec. 24, a boy.

Thanh Truong and Catherine Ranin Lui, Hazlet, Dec. 24, a girl.
Council helps groups get grants

It's not too early for Monmouth County Arts Council members and other non-profit organizations to begin thinking about funding for their 1994-1995 events. Application deadline is March 1.

The matching grant guidelines and application forms for the fiscal year 1995 are now available at the offices of the Monmouth County Arts Council (MCAC), located on the second floor of the Count Basie Theatre, 99 Monmouth St., Red Bank.

In order to promote local arts development, the Monmouth County Arts Council, through the state-county partnership program of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, provides matching grants to county arts organizations and art projects through a block grant awarded to the Arts Council by the state Council on the Arts.

Each year, these grants are made available to promote local arts development. In the past, however, some council members and other non-profit organizations have missed the opportunity to receive matching grants.

To remedy the situation, this year the MCAC is offering more than money.

The MCAC is offering assistance for the preparation of what some consider a confusing form. Christine Fosburg, the MCAC's newly appointed grants coordinator, has scheduled workshops for all groups applying for grants.

These workshops will be led by Midge Guerrera.

A workshop will be held on Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Monmouth County Arts Council Red Bank offices.

All member organizations planning to apply for a grant for the fiscal year 1995 are strongly encouraged to send at least one representative to the workshop.

To further aid in the process, Fosburg will be available to lend assistance at any time.

For more information, call Fosburg at the Monmouth County Arts Council at (908) 224-8778.
Highway adoption: neat idea

It's such a simple idea, it's a wonder no one ever thought of it before: Get local organizations and businesses to adopt a highway and pledge to keep their part clean.

It all started in 1985 with a Texas state Adopt-a-Highway program. Since then, travellers who noticed roadside signs brought the idea home, spreading the concept to all 50 states.

People obviously want their highways to be clean and like the idea of pitching in. Plus, the roadside signs identifying participants give them well-deserved recognition.

Better yet, in New Jersey, the roadside adoption idea is now part of the state Clean Communities Program. To receive grant money, which is administered by the state Department of Environmental Protection and based on road mileage, municipalities and counties, too, must adopt a roadway.

If there was ever a win-win scenario, this is it. Participants show a pride in their community and get some free roadside advertising. Taxpayers and the general public benefit by having their roadways kept litter free by volunteers.

If your organization or business hasn't considered adopting a section of local roadway, why not consider it? All you have to do is clean up the litter in your section four times a year. The DOT provides training and materials, and even picks up the filled bags.

The idea is a definite winner.

Schools need help now

At a forum held for parents, teachers and other community members last week, Board President Karen Fenton, speaking amidst the depleted stacks at the library at High School South, asked, "It comes down to: Do you put a book in a kid's hand or do this?" pointing to the water-stained ceiling and the leaky roof.

It's a tough choice, indeed.

Without the books, computers and programs that introduce teachers and students to state-of-the-art ways of learning, the district is sure to fail its students.

But inadequate wiring, sagging rooftops and peeling paint also put our children at risk. According to a report by the American Association of School Administrators, "We can't talk about learning environments until we address basic safety for students."

It is a shame that the district has reached such a low point and hopelessly, administrators, parents and others in the community will have learned some lessons from past inaction.

Now the board and the superintendent seem to be going full steam ahead to get a plan before the public that will remedy the situation. It is incumbent on everyone in the district to get involved in such a plan so that it is one that administrators, faculty, taxpayers and students can live with.

Editorial erred

Your editorial of Dec. 22, "Matawan mayor made wrong choice," criticizing my selection of Fred Kalma as Matawan Borough's Citizen of the Year was incredibly poor taste and totally out of line.

Through your editorial, you denigrated this prestigious award and insulted Mr. Kalma, his family, friends and the citizens of Matawan.

Your editorial proposes guidelines to follow in my selection process of an award I created. According to your rules for my award, I am not to select as Citizen of the Year any person who derives a portion of their income as a result of employment with the Borough of Matawan. Obviously, your editorial staff needs an education about our community.

Matawan Borough is blessed with an outstanding community spirit and it runs in December when our volunteers plant the decorations, put Santa runs in December when our volunteers spend hour after hour out in the cold so our children can realize the joy of Santa coming to their homes. A large portion of these volunteers are also employees of the Borough of Matawan.

Fred Kalma is the epitome of this volunteer spirit. Born and raised in Matawan, Mr. Kalma has volunteered his time and his legal expertise to all the aforementioned groups for many years. Yes, Mr. Kalma was appointed borough attorney; and, yes, Mr. Kalma does receive a paycheck from the borough.

However, if Mr. Kalma submitted a bill every time he did his job, the legal bills of the Borough of Matawan would not have been reduced by 50 percent.

His commitment to volunteerism to his community throughout his lifetime is the sole reason for his saving the taxpayers money by reducing the legal portion of the budget.

How dare you tell me that someone who receives a paycheck from the borough is not deserving of recognition for their volunteer service to the community.

More than 250 people at the awards ceremony did not "err" in the spontaneous standing ovation for Mr. Kalma. Nor did I "err," as you state, in my selection of Fred Kalma as Matawan Borough Citizen of the Year.

The Independent's unwarranted commentary was the only faux pas committed here. Shame on you.

ROBERT W. SHUEY
Mayor of Matawan
Too much pain

I take exception to Freeholder Director Harry Larrison’s comment in your Jan. 5 issue referring to the waterfront project, “with progress comes pain.”

Does the freeholder live on Main Street, Belford? Has he been behind one of the dump trucks at 7 to 7:30 a.m., speeding down Main Street while dirt is flying out onto cars? Has he walked down Main Street during those times to be scared by the loud noises or have dirt fly in his eyes?

Has he been to a house that shakes when the trucks roll? Has he sat at Main Street and Leonardville Road on a Saturday trying to make a left turn onto Leonardville Road?

If not, I suggest he, and all others who feel that Main Street can or should be an access road, come and spend some quality time in Belford.

See how overcrowded our roads are. See how people walk and jog in the roads because the sidewalks are not wide enough.

See how it doesn’t take much sense to figure out that we need a new road for this project — not roads already overburdened and overused.

I only hope the “pain” the freeholder refers to is not the pain a family or our town will suffer from a needless tragedy because officials aren’t smart enough or brave enough to put in new roads for new projects.

MAXINE RESCORL
Belford

Thanks to staff

Last night, on the way to an 8 p.m. movie, I stopped for a quick bite at Romeo’s Pizza and Restaurant on Union Avenue, Hazlet.

Hurrying from the warm car to the restaurant, I dropped my purse and was apparently too cold to realize it. At the theater, again running in out of the wind, I realized I didn’t have the purse, but wasn’t sure where I had left it.

After the movie, we returned to the restaurant to check. Not only had they kept it for me, but they had called and left a message on my machine. I had recently been to the bank to cash my paycheck, but of course, all the money and credit cards were untouched.

I would like to publicly thank the Saturday night stuff of the restaurant for being so helpful, for their friendly service and especially for their delicious cheese steaks.

VIRGINIA MOSHEN
Matawan

Once is enough

I was surprised to read that most children committing vandalism in Keyport are second- and third-offenders. Obviously, the present laws do not deter animalistic behavior. If first offenders faced 100 hours of community service, and this increased an additional 100 hours for each offense thereafter, perhaps children would think before committing crimes. In a couple of weeks, will we be reading about second or third offenders of the curfew? I hope not.

HOWARD GOLDEN
Aberdeen

Firearm fix

I’d like to congratulate you on a very well-balanced and not shriekingly hysterical article about firearms in the state of New Jersey.

I’d like to see something done about illegal firearms — what you propose we can do to get firearms out of the hands of people who should not have them. Also, in Hazlet, it says they have confiscated X amount of weapons. I want to know how many were firearms and how many were baseball bats, knives and screwdrivers, etc.

FRANK POLING
Holmdel

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**CALENDAR**

- **AUDITIONS**

**Next Wednesday**
- Red Oak Music Theater will hold auditions for Nunsense, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Red Oak Studio, 472 Somerset Ave., Lakewood. An accompanist will be provided. Call 367-1515.

**This month**
- Auditions for the new Children’s Theater Acting and Performing Troupe. Needed are kids between the ages of 7 and 17; beginners also welcome. For information, call Phyllis at 446-0142 or Wendy at 972-1515.

- **CLUBS**

**Today**
- Middletown Newcomers Club open coffee meeting for those wishing to become acquainted with the area. 8 p.m. For information, call Maureen Dooley at 615-0356.
- SYNERGY (Single in Community Service), sponsored by Volunteer Center of Monmouth County, will meet at 7:30 p.m., Eatontown Public Library, 46 Broad St. For information, call 741-3330.
- Monmouth County Conservative Club will meet at 7 p.m., Town and Country Inn, Route 35 and Main Street, Matawan.
- SIHH, Self-help for Hard of Hearing, will meet at 6:30 p.m., Monmouth County Library Headquarters, Symmes Drive, Manalapan. Guest speaker will be Jane Becker, in charge of Services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped, Trenton.
- Western Monmouth County Newcomers Club will meet at 8 p.m., Freehold Elks Club, 73 Main St. All women welcome to attend.
- Quest for singles, 7:45 p.m., First Unitarian Church, 1475 W. Front St., Lincroft section of Middletown. Includes programs, music and dancing weekly. $5.

**Friday**
- Brookdale Community Users Group (BCUG) will meet at Brookdale Community College, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, 7:30 p.m. Beginners meet at 7 p.m. To receive a sample newsletter and membership application, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Membership, c/o Barry Kurtz, 51 Gerald Ave., Matawan. For information, call Frank Florentino at 495-6200.

**Saturday**
- Garden State Nu-Voice Club for le­rygeectomees will meet at 9 a.m., Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank. For information, call Ed Saville at 299-6935.
- Monmouth County Task Force on Drunk Driving will meet at 2 p.m., Monmouth County Police Academy, Kostloski Road, Freehold. Public invited; registration necessary. Call Jerry Hamlin, task force coordinator, at 577-791 or 8797.
- Sierra Club Shore Group will meet at 8 p.m., Eatontown Community Center, 68 Broad St. Includes guest speaker, program, discussion about environmental issues and planning of upcoming outings. Free; open to all. For information, call Marty Judd at 957-1493 or Faith Teitelbaum at 209-1588.

**Mondays and Wednesdays through January**
- Monmouth County Chapter of NICE ICE — This icy branch is one of the more beautiful results of the recent cold weather.

**FUNDRAISERS**

**Saturday**
- Annual Winter Party to benefit the Educational Foundation, 7 p.m. at the home of Ann Guzman, 62 The Enclosure, Colts Neck. Admission is $5, plus an hors d’oeuvres or dessert to share. The foun­dation operates a fully accredited university or college. Call Sue Norton at 780-9307.
- Benefit for New Jersey Hospital Foundation, Pine Brook chapter, presents bingo. Great American Flea Market, Route 9, Howell. Doors open at 6:15 p.m.; games start 7 p.m.; $1,000 in prize money. Proceeds benefit Deborah Heart and Lung Center. For information, call Jack Tesser at 352-8811.

**Sunday**
- Indoor Flea Market, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Middletown VFW Post 2179, Wilson Avenue, Port Monmouth section. Sponsored by VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Proceeds benefit needy veterans and community activities. Tables, $8; set-up at 7 a.m.

**HEALTH**

**Weekdays**
- Free, confidential, anonymous HIV testing and counseling, Monmouth Regional Screening Center, Jersey Shore Medical Center, Route 33. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday with an appointment. Walk-in hours are 2:30-4:30 p.m. Thursdays. Call 774-0151.

**Today**
- Breastfeeding class for new and expectant mothers, 7-9 p.m., Bliss Health Center in Health Resources, Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank.
- Heel pain lecture, 7-9 p.m., Monmouth Medical Center, 300 Second Ave., Long Branch. Presented by doctors of podiatric medicine. Free. To register, call 870-5205.
- Childbirth update, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Middletown VFW Post 2179, Wilson Avenue, Shrewsbury. $35 per couple. To register, call 870-5205.
- Free informational program for widowed persons, 7-9:15 p.m., Health Awareness Center, 65 Gibson Place, Freehold. Open to men and women widowed 18 months or longer. All ages welcome. To register, call 306-9570.

**Today and Jan. 26**
- Standard first aid, 8-9 p.m., American Red Cross, Jersey Shore Chapter, 836 Broad St., Shrewsbury.

**Thursday**
- Pediatric pre-admission tour, 10:30 a.m., Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank. Tour should be taken one week prior to your visit. For information, call Community and Corporate Resource Center at 530-1630.
- Plastic and Reconstructive Breast Surgery, presented at Schulman Conference Center A, Kimball Medical Center, 2110 West County Line Road, Jackson. Pre-registration required. To register, call 774-0151.
- Lyme disease lecture will be presented by Seniors First, CentralState Medical Center. The one-day membership program for adults ages 60 and over. 1-2:30 p.m. in the Health Awareness Center, 65 Gibson
Thursday and Jan. 27
• Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for the Professional Rescuer, 6-10 p.m., American Red Cross Jersey Shore Chapter, 830 Broad St., Shrewsbury.

Saturday
• Cholesterol screenings for those 18 and over, 9-11 a.m., Health Awareness Centre, 65 Gibson Place, Freehold. Cost is $5. Screenings done by registered nurse; results in three minutes; no appointments. For information, call 364-7701.
• Community First Aid & Safety, 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., American Red Cross Jersey Shore Chapter, 830 Broad St., Shrewsbury.

Sunday
• Obstetrics tour, 1:30 p.m., Monmouth Medical Center, 300 Second Ave., Long Branch. To register, call 670-5205.
• Community CPR, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., American Red Cross, Jersey Shore Chapter, 830 Broad St., Shrewsbury.

Monday
• Women's Health Clinic sponsored by Manalapan Township Board of Health, 9-11 a.m., Kuchenreid Pavilion, Manalapan Township Recreation Center, Route 522. Includes Pap smears, breast and pelvic assessments, blood pressure, weight and general health counseling. Free appointments required. Call 446-8345.
• Look Good, Feel Better for women cancer patients undergoing radiation, chemotherapy, 10-11:30 a.m. Feel comfortable with your appearance by receiving a makeover. Registration required. For information, location or to register, call 820-2322.

Monday and Jan. 26
• Pediatric CPR, 8-9 p.m., Monmouth Medical Center, 300 Second Ave., Long Branch. $35 a person; $60 a couple. To register, call 870-5205.

Mondays through Feb. 28
• Teen aerobics class (ages 9-13), 3:30-4:30 p.m., Health Awareness Centre, Freehold Raceway Mall. Taught by a certified aerobics instructor. $20 for a six-week program. To register, call 294-0011.

Tuesday and Feb. 1 and 8
• Three-session seminar for diabetics, 6-7 p.m., Health Awareness Centre, Freehold Raceway Mall. Taught by a certified diabetes educator. $20 for a six-week program. To register, call 294-0011.

Tuesday, Feb. 22
• Wood Days Demonstration, 10-11 a.m., Battleground Arts Center, 101 East Monmouth Street, Manalapan. Admittance is free for adults and children ages 4 and up. For information, call 731-9271.
• Norwegian language classes taught by Marit Sparrock, educated in Norway, will be presented at 1 and 3 p.m. at the Monmouth Civic Center, 424-5995.

Wednesday
• AIDS Awareness Night, sponsored by Jersey Shore Medical Center's AIDS Clinic, 7:30-9 p.m., Barnes and Noble Booksore, 2103 Route 35, Holmdel. HIV screening and counseling. Free, all invited. For information, call 615-3933.
• Pre-paid reservations due to space. For information, contact Antony Biondo, 501 Bay Avenue, Long Branch, at 731-9271.

Thursday
• Musician and folk singer David Bromberg will perform a children's concert from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters, 125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan. Admission is free for adults and children ages 4 and up. For information, call 431-7257.
• Sax man Maje will appear in concert with shows at 8:30 and 11:30 p.m. at Club Benè, Route 35, Sayreville. Optional dinner at 7 and 10 p.m. $30 dinner and show, $20 show only. Call 727-3000.
• The Newseum Brass, Monmouth County's new brass quintet, will perform in concert at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary of the United Methodist Church, 245 Broad St., Eatontown. Free admission. Call 742-3002.

Friday
• Frank Marino and Mahogany Rush will appear in concert at 9 p.m. at Club Benè, Route 35, Sayreville. Optional dinner at 7 p.m. $27.50 dinner and show, $17.50 show only. Call 727-3000.
• The Monmouth Civic Chorus opens its 1994 series with Beethoven's Missa Solemnis, 8 p.m. at the Court Basin Theater, Monmouth Beach, Red Bank. $15 for adults; $12 for seniors and students. Call 794-9262 or the box office at 842-9002.

Saturday
• One Generation Tells Another: an Evening of Jewish Stories and Songs," will feature Cantor Jules Rumbold and an audience. $3 at the door; music and song; 6 p.m. at Temple Shari Emeth, Brick, Monmouth. To reserve a seat, call 938-4133.

Sunday
• "Lectures"

Today
• "The Working of the Advisory Commission" will be the topic of a public meeting and discussion by Elaine Valenti, director of the Monmouth County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women, in the room at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters, 125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan.

Thursday
• The Monmouth Arts Gallery of the Monmouth Arts Foundation will present "Photography: The Kept Moment," a demonstration and lecture, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the East Branch of the Monmouth County Library, Route 35, Shrewsbury.
• Family Law: What to Expect After Your Divorce, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Brookdale Community College, Lincroft. Fee, $20. Call 224-2880.
• How to Start and Operate a Business in New Jersey will be presented by Larry Novick, professor of accounting and director of the Small Business Development Center at Brookdale Community College. 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Brookdale Community College, Lincroft. $70 fee includes textbook, workbook, and refreshments. Call 224-2880.
• Stress: Causes and Cures," a free lecture, will be presented by Dr. Gregory H. Locke, child psychiatrist, at the Eastern Branch of the Monmouth County Library, Route 35, Shrewsbury.

Saturday
• A Blood Days Demonstration, 1-2:30 p.m. Free; children must be accompanied by an adult. Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel. For more information, call Monmouth County Park System at 842-4000; the TDD for the hearing impaired is 842-6077. For information, call 742-5955.
• "Soaring To New Heights: African-American History Through Our Eyes." 10 a.m., Tatum Park Activity Center, Red Hill Road, Middletown. For high school students. Sponsored by Monmouth County Park System and American Telephone & Telegraph (AT&T). Pre-registration required. Call 842-4000 Ext. 235 or 245.

Next Wednesday
• "Fruits of Rhythm: African Folklore Through Music and Dance," 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Tatum Park Activity Center, Middletown. For children ages 4-7 and up. Sponsored by Monmouth County Park System and AT&T. Pre-registration required. Call 842-4000 Ext. 235 or 245.

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One who knows

I am writing this in response to comments made by Mr. Peter Koelsch in the Dec. 29 edition of the Independent. He made reference to the “Speak Out” column of the week before, regarding publication of names of delinquent taxpayers, and the responses to that column.

I cannot speak for Mr. Howard Golden, although I believe his comments were well-thought out and presented better than my own.

My reaction and response came more from a gut feeling to the nature of the circumstances that have led people to the point that they are finding it difficult to meet their financial obligations.

I would like to clarify some points made in my response, and I would also like to state what I feel is a telling comment regarding people in those difficult circumstances.

There is a house on Broad Street in Matawan, Mr. Koelsch, that has my husband’s and my name on the mortgage. Due to a number of events in the past year, we became unable to make our payments on the house and put it on the market. Unfortunately, it has not been sold yet. The reason you saw an Aberdeen address listed next to my name was because my family and I moved back in with my parents, who happen to live in Aberdeen. No one wanted to see this happen, but as we all know, things don’t always work out the way one plans.

We, however, are very fortunate that we had some place to move to. It is my understanding that there are many people who have lost or will lose their houses due to a number of circumstances that may have been unpreventable and therefore, have no place to go.

Although high taxes are one reason that has affected people’s finances, they are not the only thing. Illness, a poor economy, loss of jobs and income and a number of things can occur to cause difficult times.

Living in Aberdeen certainly does not exempt one from paying high taxes. I know people who, after having lived in Matawan for years, have had to move because they just cannot keep up with the increase in taxes.

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There was one who moved back in with their family, and their payments were made. Unfortunately, it has not been sold yet. The reason you saw an Aberdeen address listed next to my name was because my family and I moved back in with my parents, who happen to live in Aberdeen. No one wanted to see this happen, but as we all know, things don’t always work out the way one plans.

We, however, are very fortunate that we had some place to move to. It is my understanding that there are many people who have lost or will lose their houses due to a number of circumstances that may have been unpreventable and therefore, have no place to go.

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No one could possibly believe we would have moved in if we had foreseen that we would have to move out again after so short a time.

I am not asking for sympathy, pity or to be relieved of my responsibilities, nor do I think anyone named in the article was asking for that, either. However, I do hope that compassion and understanding are always in order. Standing in someone else’s shoes for a bit is always good for a different perspective.

I would also say this to the retired gentleman mentioned in the feature article of Dec. 29 as well. The man with no sympathy for those named in the previous week’s story, I think he is very fortunate to have the health needed to work a job to pay his bills. I am sorry that he cannot retire as planned. But again, life does not always unfold as planned.

What I really find sad is the “us vs. them” mentality. The solutions that work for some are not always the right ones for everyone.

Sometimes, the best that a person can do is all that that person (or family) can do. I don’t believe that one becomes a crimi-
Club adopts highway

The Holmdel Republican Club has recently adopted sections of Route 34 and Route 35 (Holmdel) as part of the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Adopt-a-Highway program. The program requires periodic litter clean up of specified sections of Routes 34 and 35 four times a year.

If anyone is interested in participating, call one of the officers listed above or write to the Holmdel Republican Club, Inc., P.O. Box 187, Holmdel 07733.

SARAH B. BISER
President
Holmdel Republican Club

Success to Oxley

On behalf of the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2179 and the Ladies Auxiliary, we wish to extend our congratulations to Joseph W. Oxley Jr., on being elected mayor of Middletown.

MARY REED
Legislation Chairwoman
Ladies Auxiliary
VFWP Post 2179

Letters

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more service-oriented as well as demonstrating our pride in our community.

By participating in the program, the Holmdel Republican Club has agreed to clean up specified sections of Routes 34 and 35 for four times a year. The club expects to have a "cleaning party" on Feb. 6, the first Sunday in February.

If anyone is interested in participating, call Sarah Biser at 946-3215, Bruce Donald at 957-0687, Debbie Pizzo at 264-0304, Peter Greco at 946-0472, Bob Apple at 264-0979, Doreen Iacocchi at 946-2586 or Frank Esposito at 264-6613.

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**Andy Indy gets in shape**

**Elaine Birnberg of June Place, Aberdeen,**

won a dinner for two for finding Andy Indy in the Jan. 12 issue of the Independent.

Birnberg's entry was the first one drawn from among those correctly identifying the cartoon character’s hiding place.

She spotted Andy in the advertisement for Fashions for Fitness, Holmdel, on page 6 of last week's paper.

Birnberg will receive a free dinner for two at Big Ed's BBQ, 174 Route 34, Old Bridge.

Each week, the Independent’s marquee, Andy Indy, is hidden in a different advertisement and readers are invited to find him.

An entry form for the contest can be found elsewhere in the paper. Entries must be received by Monday to be eligible for the weekly drawing.

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**Yesteryear**

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One of the minor winter industries of Belford is trapping. The animals usually sought for their hides are muskrats and minks. Both of these animals are far more scarce now than they were a few years ago. The reason given for their disappearance is the ardor with which they have been hunted and trapped for the past few years.

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Marian L. Wilson Mead, 71, of Cliffwood Beach died Jan. 7 at JFK Hospital, Edison. Born in Grand Rapids, Mich., she lived in Rockford, Mich., before moving to Cliffwood Beach five years ago. Mrs. Mead was a homemaker. She was preceded by her husband, Marion, who died in 1979. Surviving are a son, James of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a daughter, Sandra Lyca-Lasasso of Cliffwood Beach; a sister, Peggy Petersen of Elk Rapids, Mich.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Services were under the direction of Day Funeral Home, Keyport, with a Masonic service at St. Joseph's Church. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Keyport.

Rosa Friel, 88, of Hazlet died Jan. 6 at Saybreck Hospital, Holtekem. Born in Mila, Germany, she lived in Long Island City, N.Y., before moving to Hazlet 22 years ago. Mrs. Friel was a homemaker. She was a communicant of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Keyport. She was predeceased by her husband, Emil, who died in 1982. Surviving are two sons, Henry of Hazlet and Edward of N.Y.; two sisters, Helen Bees and Gustl Worner of Smithfield, N.Y.; two daughters, Günter and Anna Hascher, both of Frankfurt, Germany; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Services were under the direction of Day Funeral Home, Keyport. Interment was in Shoreland Memorial Gardens, Hazlet.

Dorthy L. Sniffen Riker of Keyport died Jan. 12 at Saybreck Hospital, Holtekem. Born in Newark, she lived in Irvington for 28 years and Union Beach for 30 years before moving to Keyport 19 years ago. Mrs. Riker was a homemaker. She was a past president of the Ladies Auxiliary and the Union Hose Fire Company, Union Beach. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Irvington. She was predeceased by her husband, John, in 1990. Her brother, Charles Sniffen, died in 1989. Surviving are five sons, Richard of Rahway, Raymond of Cressview, Fla., Wayne of Keyport, and Keith and Robert, both of Hazlet; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Services were under the direction of Day Funeral Home, Keyport, with a Masonic service at St. Joseph's Church. Interment was in Shoreland Memorial Gardens, Hazlet.

Richard H. Sobin, 64, of Cliffwood Beach died Jan. 7 at South Amboy Memorial Hospital. Born in Irvington, he lived in KENILWORTH before moving to Cliffwood Beach 36 years ago. Mr. Sobin was a maintenance helper for Mobil Research and Development, Edison, for eight years, and he was a chemical operator at National Lead, Saybreck, for 23 years. He was a member of the First Congregational Church, Irvington. Surviving are his wife, Maryann; two sons, Paul of Cliffwood Beach and Frank of Union Beach; two brothers, George Jr. of Little York and Alvin of Union; a sister, Vearina Knohl of Hamilton Square; and six grandchildren. Services were under the direction of Day Funeral Home, Keyport, with a Masonic service at St. Joseph's Church. Interment was in Shoreland Memorial Gardens, Hazlet.

Frederick T. Hurley, 84, of Freehold Township died Jan. 7 at home. Born in Spring Lake, he lived in Farmingdale before moving to Applewood Estates, Freehold Township, three years ago. Mr. Hurley was an engineer for Foster Canning Co., Farmingdale, for more than 50 years until retiring in 1987. He was a member of the First United Church of Farmingdale, the Olive Branch Masonic Lodge 16, Freehold, and was an exempt member of the Farmingdale Fire Co. Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth Much; seven children and daughter-in-law, Richard F. and Wendy M. of Highlands; two grandchildren and one great-grandson, C.H.T. Clayton and son Funeral Home, Adelphia section of Howell, was in charge of arrangements. Memorial services were held at the First United Methodist Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the MCOBIS Hospice, 141 Bodine Place, Red Bank 07701, or to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 8400 Roosevelt Blvd., Philadelphia, Pa., 19152.
All of the information in these items was reported by local police departments.

**ABERDEEN**

Ice fell off a streetlight and damaged the hood of a car parked at Colonial Plaza Jan. 11. Detective John Monson investigated.

Two juveniles are being investigated after allegedly firing a gun at a Brookview Lane home Jan. 10. Patrolman Jack Jurewicz is investigating.

One boy ran into another boy with his sled Jan. 8 on Lenox Road. Patrolman Alan Geyer settled the matter.

A suspicious person taking photographs of a West Prospect Avenue house was reported to police Jan. 6. Patrolman Mike Meany investigated.

Patrolman Mike Meany helped break up a fight between a mother and her teenage daughter on Raritan Street Jan. 5.

**HASTET**

Near Galway Drive and Limerick Place, three people were charged in reference to creating a disturbance at about 10:45 p.m. Jan. 8. Michael A. Valla, 22, of the Shore Point Inn, and Maureen P. Noonan, 28, of Laurence Harbor, also were charged with creating a disturbance and were released on recognizance. Patrolman Richard Jaeger made the arrests after responding to a report of a suspicious person.

A 28-year-old Palmer Avenue man was charged Jan. 9 with assaulting a male roommate. The assault occurred as the two men were traveling in a car on Route 36. Both men had visible injuries. The man charged was released on a $1,000 recognizance bond. Patrolman David Brett made the arrest.

Gregory Frederickks, 21, of 26A Hancock St., Keansburg, was charged Jan. 8 with driving while intoxicated following a motor vehicle stop on Route 35 and Miller Avenue by Patrolman Richard Jaeger. He was released on recognizance.

Robert A. Fresta, 25, of Bunns Lane, Woodbridge, and Richard Hyer, 23, of the Holy Hill Motel, were charged Aug. 10 with burglarizing the Power Test gasoline station at Route 35 and Laurel Avenue. Chased by several residents, they were apprehended by police while trying to flee. Fresta also was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance. Hyer also was charged with possession of a weapon and criminal mischief. Patrolmen Richard Jaeger and Patrolwoman Maryann Smith filed the charges. The men were taken to the Monmouth County Correctional Institute in lieu of $5,500 bail each.

**1992 Acura Legend was stolen sometime before 11 p.m. Jan. 3 on West Susan Street. Patrolman John Fitzsimmons responded.**

On Poole Avenue, an attempted burglary occurred between 9 and 11:45 a.m. Jan. 3. Someone tried to pry open the front door. Patrolman Jeff Miller responded.

Holmdel police spent last week concentrating on emergency management regarding icy roads. Residents fell and their cars stalled and slid in incidents throughout the town. There also were a large number of false burglary alarms set off as the storm downed electrical wires.

**KEYPORT**

After a visitor refused to leave a Broad Street resident’s apartment Jan. 9, Patrolman Ken Marr arrived on the scene and persuaded the visitor to leave.

A Church Street resident reported Jan. 10 that a neighbor’s doghouse was missing its roof. By the time Patrolman Mike Fresta responded, the roof was put back onto the doghouse.

A dog with a tangled leash was howling in the cold on Broad Street. It was reported Jan. 10. Detective Richard Ely responded.

After a small black dog was reported chasing children up and down Main Street Jan. 8, the Humane Society was notified.

**MATAWAN**

An ice-covered branch snapped off and damaged a boat parked on Atlantic Avenue. It was reported Jan. 10.

A three-speed, 25-inch blue-and-white bicycle was reported stolen Jan. 10 from the Matawan Train Station. Patrolman William Toomer responded.

An ice-covered branch fell onto a car parked on Clinton Street Jan. 8, damaging the roof and shattering the windshield.

An icy tree fell and smashed a shed and fence on Indian Trail. It was reported Jan. 8.

**MIDDLETOWN**

A Marsha Drive residence was burglarized Jan. 10 and approximately $1,000 worth of jewelry was stolen. Cpl. James Murphy took the call at about 7:15 p.m.

At Thompson Middle School, Middletown-Lincroft Road, a teachers’ room was broken into through an unlocked window between Jan. 7 and 10, and two vending machines were pried open and heavily damaged. Patrolman Daniel Murphy responded.

A Navesink Avenue residence was damaged between Jan. 7 and 10. The front storm door and a front storm window were shot with an unknown small-caliber bullet. Also, holes were shot in the siding on the front of the house. Patrolman David Best responded.

At All American Chevrolet, Route 35, a 1994 Chevrolet S10 Blazer valued at $22,250 was stolen between Jan. 4 and 10. Cpl. James Murphy responded.

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Chamber board elects officers

The board of directors of the Middletown Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce its election of officers to serve for the 1994 year. The election of the officers of the executive board was held Jan. 4 and the results are as follows:

President, Meg Kimble, owner and president of Advantage Travel, Belford.

First vice president, Thomas Sannelli, first vice president of Shrewsbury State Bank, Middletown.

Second vice president, Joan A. Smith, president of Attorneys Land Title Agency, Middletown, deputy mayor of Middletown.

Third vice president, Kim A. Somerville, vice president of CoreState Bank, Middletown.

Treasurer, Dr. William Anania, podiatrist, Middletown.

Members of the board of directors elected to serve three-year terms beginning this month are Dr. William C. Anania, podiatrist; Edward Acosta, First Fidelity Bank; Dorothy Albala, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance; Brian T. Compton, J. Crawford Compton Inc.; Dr. Irving Wallace, optometrist; and Stuart Moore, Executive Funding Associates.

Howard Johnson Franchise Systems Inc. has named the Middletown Howard Johnson lodge and restaurant a 1994 Five-Star Award winner. The award recognizes those properties that exemplify excellence of product quality, staff selection and training, guest service and community involvement. The Middletown property received the same award in 1991 and 1993, and will be one of seven Five Star Award winners that will be announced at the Howard Johnson National Conference in February.

The staff, patients and their families of Emory Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Matawan, are hosting a community open house to celebrate the expansion and renovation of the center, located at 4 Route 34. In addition to the festivities, the center will host hors d’oeuvres, entertainment and a special guest. The event will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at the center.
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Eagles face tough road in A North

BY ALAN KARMIN  
Staff Writer

The Middletown South High School boys' basketball team completed the 1992-93 campaign with an 18-6 mark and a second-place finish in the Shore Conference A North Division behind Christian Brothers Academy.

The Eagles were off and flying in 1993-94 until they were cut down by CBA, 82-58, on Thursday. Middletown South is now 7-2 on the year, 3-1 in A North play and it appears the Eagles may have to settle for another second-place league finish.

"I think we can compete with the rest of teams in the Shore Conference," said Eagles' coach Mark Kelly. "Right now second place is something we're striving for. Some of the other (division) teams are shooting for that too.

"The frustrating thing about playing CBA twice every season is that every time you get some momentum going, they stop you. They are obviously a very good team and right now appear to be unbeatable, but the big thing is whether you can get your team back up after playing them and I believe this team has the character to do that," he added.

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The Eagles are paced on the floor by 6-0 senior guard Eric Basser, who leads the team in scoring, averaging 21 points, as well as steals (4) and assists (5). Joining Basser in the backcourt is 6-0 junior Jeff Martin.

Off the bench Kelly calls on 6-2 senior forward Kevin McNamara, 6-1 junior forward Joe DeGennaro, 6-1 senior guard Neil Kubica, 5-9 senior guard Mike Alesio, 5-8 junior guard Scott Millivoi and 6-2 junior forward Kevin Dec.

"We've been a little inconsistent but overall our play has been pretty good," Kelly said. "We're a small but pretty scrappy team. Basser is playing very well. He's sparked us with some big games.

"Bennett has had some very strong games. He's had to make some adjustments but he's come around of late as well. We have a little more depth than we've had in the past," the coach added.

Kelly said this year's squad is a team that is working hard and fighting for every win.

"I don't think there's any one thing that makes us stand out," he said. "We can do a number of things well. I think our main attribute is that we have a scrappy bunch of guys who come to play all the time and never quit.

"Right now my hope is for us to just keep getting better. We need a little bit more consistency and there's still some guys on the team who have yet to reach their peak and once they do I feel it will make us a stronger team." The Eagles will play at Red Bank Catholic in another C North clash. Middletown South is now 7-2 on the year, 3-1 in C North action. Monmouth Regional on Jan. 10, grabbing a three-point win over Shore Regional on Jan. 11 and then posting a last-second one-point win at Rumson-Fair Haven in another C North clash.

"I'm never happy," said Glass. "We've been bailed out a couple of times by Mike Iasparro making big free throws at the end of a game.

"But, overall, our foul shooting has been awful, especially in the clutch and that's a real concern," he added. "We played our best game defensively Friday against Rumson but we just have to get better."

The Seraphs' roster features 6-1 senior forwards Tom Crawley and Eric Krueger, 5-10 senior guard Greg Reidy, 6-3 senior

KYAL slates registration

The Keyport Youth Athletic League has served the community of Keyport for well over 35 years. During the winter, the organization offers boys' and girls' basketball for children ages 7-14. In the spring, there is baseball for boys and softball for girls, ages 7-15.

Basketball is played at the Central School, while baseball and softball games are played at the Main Street football stadium, Cedar Street Park and Keyport High School.

David Sims began playing ball in the organization when he was 8. Now serving as the KYAL's president, Sims said he is excited about the increase in participation over the last couple of years.

"In the last two years, we've gotten 50 new coaches," said Sims. "Almost every team has two, three or even four coaches. In years past we struggled just to get anyone to take a team.

"We haven't done anything special. On the registration form for the children we ask for volunteers to help and we've had a good response. People just decided to get involved again and that's really helped."

Sims said the KYAL will hold registration for the 1994 baseball and softball programs on Jan. 28, Feb. 4 and Feb 11, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Central School gymnasium. A copy of the player's birth certificate is required.

Beginning this season, the KYAL will be opening registration for a special program for mentally and physically challenged children.

"We're trying to give every child the same opportunities," said Sims. "We're going to open up this season with baseball and softball and hopefully continue into next year for basketball as well."

BY ALAN KARMIN  
Staff Writer

Seraphs target C North basketball championship

"Winning ugly" is what Mater Dei High School boys' basketball coach Keith Glass calls it.

The Seraphs squeaked through last week with three wins by a total of five points, beating a tough Red Bank Catholic team by one point on Jan. 10, grabbing a three-point win over Shore Conference C North Division rival Shore Regional on Jan. 11 and then posting a last-second one-point win at Rumson-Fair Haven in another C North clash.

"I'm never happy," said Glass. "We're winning, but I don't think we're playing as well as we're capable of playing. Losing Rob Santiforti (out four more weeks with a broken wrist) is going to hurt us unless the other kids step up.

The Seraphs' roster features 6-1 senior forwards Tom Crawley and Eric Krueger, 5-10 senior guard Greg Reidy, 6-3 senior
Demarest's game: intensity on court

BY ALAN KARMIN
Staff Writer

Sometimes they go unnoticed, but certainly not unappreciated. There are players who always do the little things that are so important in the game that just don't show up in the box score.

The Rider College women's basketball team is currently 11-2 overall, 6-0 in the Northeast Conference. One key factor in the Broncos' success has been the intensity of 5-10 sophomore forward Colleen Demarest of Keyport, who takes on the court and the way she helps ignite the team.

Demarest is averaging 3.9 points, 3.2 rebounds, 2.1 steals and 15 minutes per game for the Lawrenceville school which is off to its best start ever.

"We call her 'instant enthusiasm,'" said Coach Eldon Price. "Colleen comes off the bench and the entire complexion of the game changes just because of her presence on defense. She creates all kinds of havoc because of her quickness and her aggressiveness and what that does is pick up the play of the other four players. We just change our entire persona when she goes out on the court."

"She's been invaluable," Price said of the elementary education major. "Colleen has been the major reason in at least two of our victories so far. We were playing just awful, with no life, and she came in and turned the game around - not because she scored a lot of points, but she created turnovers and got the other players excited."

Demarest entered Rider following a standout career at St. John Vianney High School, Holmdel. Her scholastic teams were 119-8 and she scored over 1,200 points for the Lancers.

"Colleen came in as a freshman and became a starter which, especially at that time, would have been very unusual for a freshman to start right away," St. John Vianney coach Bill Bulman recalled.

"There have been only two other players who started her freshman year - Audrey Gomez and Erica Gomez."

"But the reason Colleen did start was because of how hard she played and how she fit the idea of what we were trying to accomplish and that was to give everything we had all the time on the court," he added. "She played very hard and was a very intense player and her style of play became symbolic of what we stood for."

St. John Vianney assistant coach Nick Russo recalled Demarest as a player with raw talent who always had the intangibles that can't be taught.

"The thing that stands out most about Colleen is her aggressiveness," said Russo. "From her freshman year at St. John's until now, she was always an aggressive and physical kid but her skills weren't very polished. She was out of control and I think what you see now is someone who can play under control and has worked on her skills to get them to be good enough so that she can play at the Division I level. But Colleen has things you can't teach - her strong physical play, her quickness for someone her size, her intensity on the court."

Demarest said it took a lot of hard work to become a good basketball player, said Demarest: "You have to work on all your skills and work on the fundamentals every day. You just can't go out and think you can play."

"You have to be willing to do the little things day after day, like dribbling or shooting. It's not just the flashy things like guys trying to dunk or girls trying to put on all these fancy moves to the basket. You really have to work on the little things to make yourself a better player with skills and to be in condition."

While she was surprised some players who were hailed as stars because of their ability to score and to take over a game, Bulman said Demarest's efforts on the court usually paved the way for the others to gain their accomplishments.

"Colleen often did a lot of the dirty work," said Bulman, "rebinding, boxing out, diving for loose balls. When you read the feature stories in the papers you read about the scorers, you don't read about the stopper. Colleen was willing to battle with anyone to whatever length it took for us to succeed. She was a member of three state championship teams and one state Tournament of Champions title winner."

Demarest said intensity is the biggest part of her game.

"It doesn't bother me if someone else gets the headlines," said Demarest, who scored 10 points, grabbed four rebounds and made four steals in Rider's recent win over St. Peter's. "Everybody is part of the team. I'm not going to say I'm a 'role player' but that's my job, to spark the defensive end of the game."

"I could feel some days when I'm tired after I've played a number of games in a row and I'm feeling kind of out of it, I can tell my game won't be where it should be because I'm not focused and I can feel the intensity is not there. That's when I might not have a good game and have my quickness on the defensive end. If my intensity is not there, that's when I can have a bad game."

Demarest said she enjoys playing basketball.

"I like playing with the girls on the team," she said. "I like playing for Coach Price and the entire staff. It's a really good atmosphere. Last year was hard, just like it would be for any freshman coming in to a program. But things fell into place this year. I came in with a different attitude and a better outlook and I'm really enjoying myself."

Among Demarest's other top efforts this season were eight points, five rebounds, two assists and one steal in a win at Marist, and six steals in a win at FDU.

"I think what you tell a young player is that the reason we recruited Colleen Demarest is for her great attitude - that's the first thing we look for," said Price. "The second thing we look for is her character and ethic and she's got a great work ethic. The rest takes care of itself."

"It would be great if she was a 25-point scorer but all those things come with work. Coaches don't always look for the big scorer. We would just as soon take a young lady who has a great attitude and a great work ethic."

"I think Colleen makes herself special not only because of the things she's done, but is she's also a very special person," Price added. "The way she is on the court, she's just the opposite off the court - very non-aggressive and easy to get along with. But her manner of play is what really makes her special on the court. She's amazingly aggressive and if there's a loose ball, she's going to go after it."

TOUGH DEFENSE — Holmdel High School senior Jessica Sorkau uses all of her reach to defend against Allentown's Mary Valentine during a Shore Conference C South Division game Friday in Allentown. Sorkau scored six points in the Hornets' 42-26 win over the Redbirds.

(Photograph by Rich Schultz)

Stakes races highlight slate

With the renewal of the Breeder's Crown Series in 1994, Freehold Raceway will feature more than $5.6 million in stakes races, making this the richest harness racing stakes program in the 141-year history of the track.

Additional, the historic harness track will also feature a record $13 million in overnight (non-stakes) purses. Combined with the lucrative stakes events, Freehold Raceway will offer more than $18.6 million in purses, lifting the nation's oldest and only daytime harness track to third place in purse distribution.

The richest day of 1994 will be the $1.1 million Breeder's Crown Races for aged pacing horses and mares and aged trotting horses and mares on Oct. 15. Both divisions of the aged pace and trot for horses race for a purse of $500,000, while the aged pace and trot for mares race for $250,000 in each division.

Director of Racing Frank Perone has also carded the $95,000 third leg of the New Jersey Sire Stakes for 3-year-old pacing colts that afternoon.

Freehold Raceway President Dennis Dowd said he is proud of the rich stakes schedule that will bring the nation's best standardbreds to the Monmouth County track.

"Since 1991 there has been a constant upgrade in our stakes program," Dowd said. "At Freehold Raceway we believe that successful racing must be event oriented and there is no greater racing event then the top horses in the nation racing for big money. We will have that often at Freehold in 1994."

Freehold Raceway's other major stakes events include the $325,000 James B. Dancer Memorial Pace (Sept. 5); the $320,000 Garden State Pace (Sept. 10); the $200,000 Lou Bahl Memorial (Oct. 8); the $200,000 Helen B. Dancer Memorial (Sept. 7); the $200,000 Dexter Cup (May 14); and the $175,000 Molly Pitcher (Sept. 24).

There will also be the New Jersey Sire Stakes program and New Jersey Futurity events for state sired 2- and 3-year-old pacers and trotters with purses totaling more than $1.25 million.

Other special stakes events include the $100,000 Freehold Free-For-All Pace (April 16); the $100,000 Smith Open Trot (Sept. 2); the $100,000 Baltic Filly Pace (Sept. 5); the $75,000 3-year-old of the Graduate Pacing Series; the $80,000 Guys and Dolls Pacing Series; the $125,000 Newcomer and Lady, Newcomer Pacing Series; the $75,000 Perfect "10" Claimed Pacing Series; and the $15,000 final of the Billings Amateur Trotting Series.
The Aberdeen-Matawan Girls' Softball League will hold final registration for the 1994 season on the following dates: Feb. 19, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Feb. 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; and Feb. 26, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Aberdeen Town Hall, Church Street. Divisions are: Instructional (kindergarten through second grade); Minor (third- and fourth-graders); Intermediate (sixth- and seventh-graders); and Major (eighth-graders and older). Fee is $35 per child. Additional fees will be charged to members of recreation teams or registrations may be sent to the 1994 season opener.

The Hazlet Youth Athletic League will hold registration for the 1994 baseball season at Seaview Square Mall, 13th Avenue, Seaview, 7 p.m. Jan. 26 and noon to 4 p.m. Jan. 4. Registration is open to all boys and girls ages 5-18. Registration fees: Baseball Division (ages 5-12), $50; Babe Ruth Division (ages 13-18), $65. All fees are due at the time of registration. There is also a $50 family work deposit ($100 and one for the registration fees. Fees are $55 for one child, $70 for two children, $85 for three or more children. This registration includes all boys and girls ages 5-18. Details: 264-3000 (leave message).

River Plaza Baseball and Softball signups will be held tonight from 7-9 p.m., Thursday and Friday from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the River Plaza Boys Club, Nut Swamp Park, 10 Orchard Street. Divisions and fees as follows: ages 5-6 co-ed Rookie League, $25; ages 7-8 co-ed American League, $45; ages 9-10 co-ed league, $45; Junior Girls Softball (third, fourth, fifth grade), $35; ages 10-12 Little League, $45; Senior Girls Softball (sixth, seventh, eighth grade), $45; ages 13-14 boys league, $45; and ages 13-17 boys league, $45. Family discounts available. Copy of birth certificate required. Details: Tim Kirk, 842-5909.

The Strathmore Men's Softball League, a Sunday morning modified pitch league, is seeking three established teams to join for the 1994 season. The league plays two seven-inning games every Sunday at 9 a.m. in Aberdeen Township. Details: Marty, 914-362-5402 (until 10 a.m.) or Guy, 583-0958 (until 10 a.m.).

The Rovers International Indoor Soccer Camp held at GoodSports USA in Aberdeen Township will kick off Saturday. Open to boys and girls ages 7-12, the camp will run for eight consecutive Saturdays. Details: Rovers International, 248-1342, or GoodSports USA, 290-0003.

Wall Stadium's top players and their racing teams will display their 1994 equipment at Seaview Square Mall's third annual Race Car Expo, Feb. 25-27, at Seaview Square Mall, Route 34, Ocean Township. Expo hours are 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Feb. 25-26 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 27. Wall Stadium, Route 34, Wall Township, will open its 45th season of stock car racing on April 2 at 7 p.m. As has become tradition, Wall Stadium will take advantage of an open house testing session on March 28 to try out their new machines prior to the 1994 season opener.

New York Giants defensive back Myron Ayenj will direct a football camp for boys ages 8-18 from June 28 through July 3 at Kutztown University, Kutztown, Pa. Other members of the Giants who are scheduled to serve as instructors include Phil Simms, Rodney Hampton, Bart Oates, Greg Jackson, Steve Dillingham, Bob Kuechenberg, Lewis Tillman, Howard Cross and Ed McCaffrey. Giants player Mike Horan will hold a kicking (field goal and placekicking) camp at Kutztown from June 28-30. Overnight housing is available for both camps. Details: 1-800-466-6888.

Plans are in the works for a 30th season Grand Opening to fire up the 1994 drag racing season at Old Bridge Township Raceway Park in a spectacular manner. Tentative plans for the March 6 opener include a Jet Funny Car match race, a Nitrous Pro Mod Shootout and a Street Race Street Race. The players in the Jet Funny Car race and the Street Race Street Race have yet to be determined, but one item is certain about the Pro Mod Shootout: It is 100 percent certain that the former "King of Pro Mod," Scott Shafrin, will be the first racer to run a six second time, will come out of retirement and make his return to competitive driving at Raceway Park on March 6. Details: 646-6331.

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"The start of the younger division helped to get enrollment up because the girls began playing at an earlier age and as they continue through the league the enrollment mushrooms throughout the upper divisions," he said. Shalhub said the league has expanded dramatically over the last four years and added that he expects it to increase in size once again.

"We had a first registration in November and we already have about 240 girls signed up. Last year we had about 285 total, so we're hoping to get well over 300 girls for this season."

— Alan Karmin
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(21) plays keep away from Raritan's Jackie Sieber (22) during the points to lead Matawan.

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**TIED UP IN TRAFFIC — Matawan Regional High School’s Beth O’Shea (21) plays keep away from Raritan’s Jackie Sieber (22) during the Huskies’ 39-33 win over the Rockets on Friday. O’Shea scored 16 points to lead Matawan.**

(Photoby Rich Schultz)

**Seraphs target C North...**

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center John Sorranino, 5-7 point guard Mike Iasparro, 5-10 junior guard Matt Scaliti, 5-10 junior forward Chris DeLaura, 6-2 sophomore swingman Rob Santifort and 6-3 sophomore forward Billy Mulheisen.

Glass said the Seraphs are a squad that relies on a total team effort, with every player getting minutes, but they have recently had to rely on last-minute, individual heroes.

“We have nine guys who play every game — although now it’s down to eight with Santifort out for a while,” said the Seraphs’ coach. “They all play no matter what quarter it is. They play when we need them to play. So it has been a total team effort and it always is.

“Iasparro completely bailed us out against Rumson and that was exciting, but it was also disappointing to me. He had a great game but the other kids have got to step up and help. It’s one thing if you’re averaging 12 points and you score six, but not to score at all worries me.

“We’re missing too many layups and free throws. If we made our layups and free throws on Friday then we could have put the game away and won by about eight points on the road, which would have been great win. As it turned out Mike had to make two free throws down by one point with :03 to play. You don’t want to live and die that way.”

Glass said the recent stretch has been frustrating for his team, although he’s happy to get the victories even through a tough spell. “I like to win games but I also like to play well,” he said. “Sometimes if you play as well as you can and you lose, there’s some satisfaction in that too. Obviously it’s satisfying to be winning, don’t get me wrong. But sometimes that’s not enough when you know what your team is capable of doing.

Then again, even though it’s the middle of January, it’s so early. We’ve only played seven games. We’ve been snowed out three times. So it’s really hard to get a handle on things and get in a groove. It almost feels like we’re just starting.”

Glass said the Seraphs are looking to pick up their game and concentrate on winning the C North division.

“I’m just worrying about C North right now because the way it is with our division, it’s viewed in such a jaded way by everybody else that if you don’t win the division you’re not going to make the Shore Conference Tournament or get any kind of decent seed at all.

“Last year we tied for the division crown with Keyport (10-2 records), we beat them twice and got seeded behind them and seeded last (in the conference tournament). So there’s not a lot of respect for the C North division. I think that’s unfair but at the same point in time, that’s reality.

“So I have a tendency to concentrate on the C North games just to get us through and right now our immediate goal is to continue winning our divisional games.”

**Lions battle rugged foes in A North mat action**

BY WARREN RAPPLYEY

Staff Writer

Although the 1993-94 Middletown North High School wrestling team has a good mix of experience and youth, the Lions have their work cut out for them competing in the Shore Conference A North Division, according to Coach Gerry Paradiso.

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“So I have a tendency to concentrate on the C North games just to get us through and right now our immediate goal is to continue winning our divisional games.”

“We’ve done some good things so far, but I think we should get better as the season moves along,” Paradiso said. “I’d like to see us peak in time for the District 22 tournament (at Middletown South) Feb. 25-26. That’s our goal and we’re working to be ready when the time comes.”
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