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Caregiver's Seminar (call for time)
Income Tax Assistance AARP, by appointment
Computer Classes, reservations required:
Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the main library's computer lab. Classes are FREE and open to adults ages 18+. Register at least nine days before class begins as they fill up quickly. Call extension 321 for details.

March 4 • U.S. Government on the Web
-Using government resources for consumer information, tax material, health, and more

March 11 • PC Literacy
-An introduction to computer use, including keyboard and mouse skills

March 18 • Email Basics
-Learn to use electronic mail, includes creating a web based email account

March 25 • Email Basics Part Two
-Learn how to set up an address book, attach files, create folders, and more

In The Gallery -- March 1 - 31
*East Meets West** -- Eight local Chinese artists from Taiwan are represented in an exhibit of oil and acrylic that expresses themes of East and West cultures.
*Opening Reception Saturday, March 1 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Last Thursday Poetry Readings
Moderated by Gloria Rovder Healy -- Listen to great poetry at Middletown Main Library. If you love poetry, you will love all of these poets; if you write poetry, you are invited to read at the Open Mic following the featured readers each evening.

March 27 • 7:00 p.m. -- Irish poets will be at the podium in March, featuring readers Dr. Carl Calendar of Brookdale College, co-founder of the Irish cultural troupe Meithel; Gloria Rovder Healy, creator of the Last Thursday series, founder of the poetry group Writer's Ink, co-editor of the anthology Spindrift, and co-founder of the Walt Whitman Poetry Festival in Ocean Grove; and artist and writer Colleen Lineberry, also of Brookdale College.

Concerts:
Friday, March 7 • 1:00 p.m. OPERA!
Bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy an afternoon at the opera with longtime opera lover and musician Virginia Kondakjian. Understand the high points and the plot twists, the singers and the music, before we screen La Boheme, filmed live at La Scala.

Wednesday, March 12 • 7:30 p.m.
Three person Chamber Music ensemble, violin, clarinet, and piano, offer popular works of Beethoven, Brahms, and others. Vladislav Kovalsky, pianist.

Book Groups:
The Director's Choice book discussion group meets on the last Friday of the month. Coffee and light refreshments at 9:00 a.m. New members are welcome at anytime!

March 14 • 9:30 a.m. -- *Old School* by Tobias Wolff
Themes of truth, honor, fame, plagiarism, integrity, and education set in a prep school in the early 1960s.

The Mystery book discussion meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. for coffee, pastry, and a book discussion.

March 12 • 10:00 a.m. – *The Ritual Bath*, by Faye Kellerman, 1986, the first book in the Peter Decker/Rina Lazarus series

Library Lends Its Support To Middle Grade Schools

LEADS—Literacy is Essential to Adolescent Development and Success was developed by the New Jersey Department of Education Office of Literacy, LEADS is a middle grade literacy program designed to focus on supporting adolescent reading and writing instruction while connecting these skills to the content area.

As soon as the news of this new curriculum came in, Library Director Susan O'Neal allocated $25,000 for the purchase of books and DVDs based on the LEADS teaching units. Children in grades 6-8 are an important segment of library users and providing them with materials they need is one of the library's basic goals.

Karen Bilbao, Interim Superintendent of the Middletown Schools has expressed her gratitude to Middletown Library saying "my sincere thanks from our Board and from the students and parents of Middletown for [the library's] swift action in support of our LEADS program."

THE RED BANK PUBLIC LIBRARY
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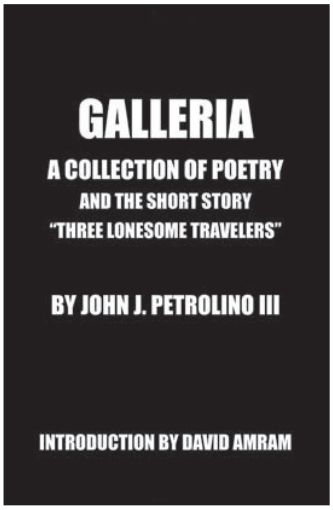
***Note:** *We have reopened after our renovation project. The* **hours are 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday** *until further notice. Please look for details on our grand re-opening in April or call the library for information.*

LOCAL MERCHANT MARINE ENGINEERING OFFICER RELEASES FIRST BOOK OF POETRY

Local Red Bank-based poet John J. Petrolino III, after years of writing, compiles "Galleria" a collection of poetry and the short story "Three Lonesome Travelers." Petrolino, 25, a Merchant Marine Engineering Officer by trade, pens his work while traveling, at sea, home, or at cafés in his beloved town.

"Galleria" is a collection dedicated to the search of meaning, love, enlightenment, self evaluation, and transformation. The book has been in progress since 2003. The title poem "Galleria" is based on the transformation that The Galleria in Red Bank underwent, which Petrolino viewed throughout his lifetime. "Galleria, you are not as I remember you," Petrolino starts the poem.



"Things change. Things change for the better, or so we're told. There is this destruction through 'progress' that is happening right now in America and a shift of priorities has occurred. It's like competing with the Jones' all over again, focusing more on materialism and less on the succulent things of life..." Petrolino explains some of his message.

"Galleria" is a true journey through one traveler's mind and the story starts and ends in New Jersey, where Petrolino always returns from travels and sea.

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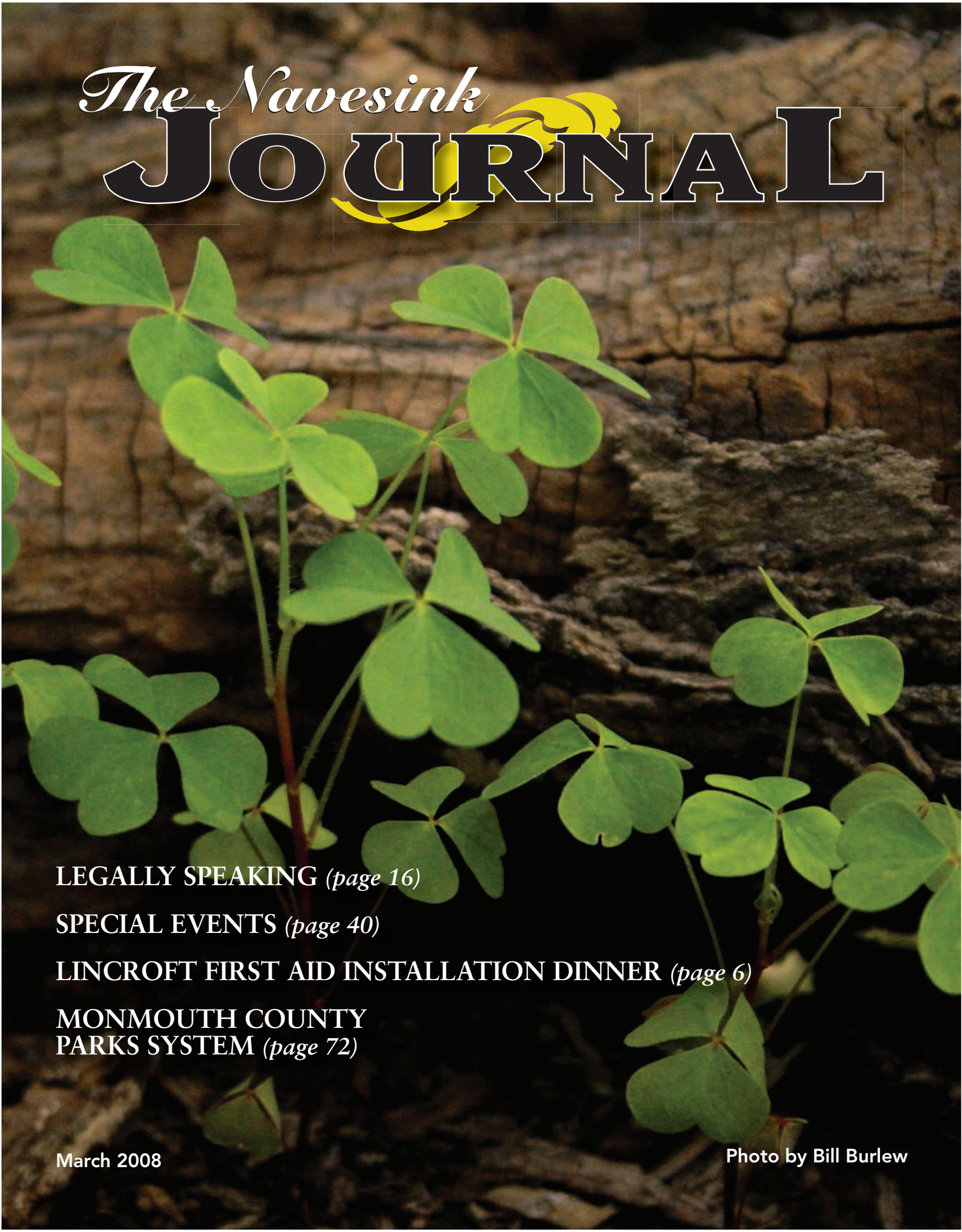

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