

THE PEOPLE

rent financial restraints did not permit a greater expansion.

Are we meeting everyone's travel needs? No. But we think the Philadelphia extension represents an intelligent step forward to use public resources more efficiently, and to serve more of the public during a year when NJ Transit is operating under a very tight budget.

I'm pleased to note that patronage on the extended trains has been encouraging since the Philadelphia service began.

Next year, we plan to open a new station in Cherry Hill. In 1996, we look forward to providing service to the new convention center now being built in Atlantic City.

Both of these events will present new market opportunities and the potential for additional service, including filling in the gaps identified by the letter writer.

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Story on priests saddens alumna

It is with a heavy heart that I feel compelled to respond to the June 10 headlines, "Ex-Millville priests face sex lawsuit/Plaintiffs say church hid charges."

I feel a great sadness for my former classmates and friends who fell victim to the sickness that pervades our humanity.

I can only give my view: that the bishops and the diocese protect their own as a mother protects her own. This in no way infers that what they did what was

"right," because the gentlemen named are also entitled to this same protection.

I feel my heart goes out to all Catholics who share this sense of loss.

We must remember the quality education we received at our St. Mary Magdalen alma mater.

The Daughters of Mercy and all the priests who worked with us were of strength of character. They were and are still today committed to producing children of commitment and honor.

Terry, Steven and Gary are our prime examples of commitment and honor.

We support you.

We support St. Mary Magdalen Church and school.

May God bless and forgive all involved.

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(Judi Lucas-Mascara is a member of the St. Mary Magdalen School's Class of 1967.)

Awards night was winner in P'ville

I recently attended the Awards Night Program for the Pleasantville High School Band, as I have done for the past seven years, and I feel badly for the parents, guardians and school board members who were not able to be there.

From the get-go, the program was well-planned — from the "Awards for Strange and Unusual Behavior" to the John Phillip Sousa Award, which climaxed the evening.

The students who have spent up to six years for the betterment of the band and all those who support and cheer on the group under the direction of Director James S. Commander deserve a standing ovation.

By actively supporting the school programs, a feeling of pride and accomplishment are awaiting those close to these talented students.

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