

MADISON - Meeting Darwin K. Chang, a modest gentleman in his late 80s, for the first time, one might never guess that his long life has included a perilous flight from war-torn China, and a radical change in career at an age when most are contemplating retirement.

One wouldn't know that during his 37 years in Madison, Chang established the Chang Family Library Fund at the Madison

of Madison's foremost restaurants, Shanghai Jazz on Main Street, a growing legend in jazz circles, got its foundation in the borough's first Chinese take-out eatery, started by Chang in 1980.

For these reasons and many more, Chang was designated an honorary lifelong citizen of Madison by a borough proclamation in 1995, and was further honored this year by

Madison in 1969, although they had looked for a home in the borough 15 years earlier but wound up settling in Maplewood instead.

The move to Madison was spurred by the need for accessible mass transit to New York City, where Chang worked in engi-

cost units for seniors on Cook Avenue.

The Housing Authority is in the process of renovating its 46 scattered-site public housing units in an \$800,000 upgrade, leveraging capital funds received

meet its affordable housing needs and has a program in place to sat-

One homeowner runs improvements past the council

MADISON - With temperatures warming and thoughts turning to spring, homeowners may be planning improvements and maintenance chores that come with the turf when winter becomes history.

But not every homeowner has to run those plans past the Borough Council.

Not unless they are the new owner of the home considered the crown jewel of Madison history.

The Borough Council nixed a request Monday by David Quirk, owner of the circa-1730 Luke Miller Homestead on Ridgedale Avenue, to paint the garage and replace the door, replace kitchen cabinets, update the bathroom and paint the white picket fence that runs along the front of the property.

Even though Quirk, whose winning bid of \$505,000 at an auction last October, gave him the borough's most treasured piece of history as his new home, is willing to bear the cost of the repairs, Mayor Ellwood Kerkeslager conceded that Quirk "wouldn't refuse any help from the council."

"We should at least paint or reimburse painting of the fence" because it remains borough property, said Councilman Robert

Conley. "It's not fair to put the burden of the fence on him."

As far as the regular maintenance of the property, Quirk also has informed borough officials he would rather cut the lawn with his own tractor than rely on the schedule of the Department of Public Works, Borough Attorney Joseph Mezzacca told the council.

After the borough's Historical Preservation Commission reviews Quirk's request, the council will discuss it again, Kerkeslager said.

Rescue Plan

The Luke Miller Homestead, birthplace of a major in Washington's army during the Revolutionary War, is considered the crown jewel of the borough's Bottle Hill, Historic District along Ridgedale Avenue. The 275-year-old home retains its original exterior fieldstone, ceiling beams and plank floors.

Quirk, a pharmaceutical marketing representative who moved to the homestead from Morris Township, purchased it from the borough for \$505,000 at a public auction last October, capping Madison's plan to preserve the landmark from the threat of a

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It's Almost T-Shirt Weather

Looking over, and wearing, a collection of "May Day in Madison" T-shirts from previous years are Suzanne Whitehorn, right, of Vinton Drive in Madison, the coordinator of this year's student art contest to design the 2006 "May Day" T-shirt, and her daughters, from left, Erin, 10, Leigh, 8, and Kate, 5 months. The winning design will appear on T-shirts worn by hundreds of "May Day" volunteers as they clean up and beautify Madison's public spaces Saturday, May 6.

The competition is on to find the 'May Day' T-shirt design

MADISON - Move over, Project Runway. The competition to find the next great fashion designer in Madison is on.

On Saturday, May 6, as many as 1,000 or more volunteers will wear "May Day" T-shirts as they fan out around the borough with rakes, work gloves and wheelbarrows filled with mulch to spruce up and beautify public spaces in the ninth annual "May Day in

Madison," a town-wide cleanup campaign organized by the Downtown Development Commission (DDC).

As has been the case since "May Day" was launched in 1998, the winning design for that T-shirt is being determined by an art contest for Madison elementary school students in grades K-

6. The coordinator of this year's

contest is Suzanne Whitehorn of Vinton Road, a member of the May Day Committee who also has been active in the Friends of Madison Shade Trees and the local Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO). The mother of three girls, Whitehorn said she sees the student art contest as "a way for Madison's youngest resi-

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charges of terrorism

and simple assault. The arrest followed a West Street resident's report that she was threatened and assaulted by a family member, identified as Debari, police said.

Debari was arrested at his workplace in Florham Park and taken to the Morris County Correctional Facility in default of \$5,000 bail, pending an appearance in Municipal Court, police said.

Restraining Order

At 6:59 p.m. Monday, March 6, Patrolman Anthony Maccario arrested Richard Triganaro, 52, of Jefferson Township, and charged him with violating the no-contact provision of a Final Restraining Order filed by his spouse, police said.

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of a blue Ford. Police said a computer check on Starr turned up the warrant, and he was taken to police headquarters and later released on bail pending an appearance in Municipal Court.

The Madison Volunteer Ambulance Corps responded to 14 calls for medical assistance during the past week.

Retirees race to Monticello

CHATHAM TWP. — Morris Area Chapter 3948 of the AARP plans a bus trip Tuesday, April 25, to the Monticello Raceway in New York State at a cost of \$38.

The day trip will include a buffet luncheon, live horse racing, slots and poker tables at the casino. To sign up, call Rose Marie Warrick at (973) 538-8436.

From Monday, May 15, to Sunday, May 21, the chapter plans a trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C. The cost is \$822 double, and \$1,107 single for oceanfront accommodations at the Crown Reef Resort.

There will be theatre reservations for four shows, and dinners at local restaurants. The trip includes Baltimore's Inner Harbor and Washington, D.C., for the World War II Memorial and shopping at the newly renovated Union Station. For reservations call Warrick at (973) 538-8436.

decrease by 0.54 percent, or by \$120,046," Albert said, referring to the amount before bond referendum costs are added in.

"The general tax levy is expected to go from \$22,186,318 for the 2005-06 school year to \$22,066,272 for 2006-07," he reported.

Referendum Effect

Although the amount residents will be voting on in the April school elections is expected to be lower, the projected tax increase also will reflect the costs of the bond referendum, which was approved by voters last year.

Only minor adjustments in the budgetary figures have been made since an initial working draft of the 2006-07 preliminary budget was presented to the regional Board of Education at its

for the last five years, the tax levy for Hanover Park will actually go down," Adamus said.

"Taxes themselves will actually go up, because this is the first year the bonds have to be paid off," he added.

In addition to the funds raised by the 20-year bonds approved by voters, the state has designated \$14.5 million in aid for the \$46.2 million project, to renovate and improve the district's two high schools for students in grades 9-12.

Significant savings for taxpayers have been achieved through lower interest rates than were anticipated when the referendum was proposed. These were realized when the district sold its bonds last July, and through investment of the bond funds that have been obtained.

One homeowner runs his plans past council

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housing subdivision. In 2004, former homeowners Evelyn and Dennis Callahan were pursuing a three-lot subdivision of the 1.6-acre property after two years of unsuccessful attempts to find a buyer for about \$1 million who would keep the parcel intact.

Kerkeslager approached the attorney for the Callahans about a municipal purchase. In June 2004, the Borough Council approved the mayor's plan to purchase the property for \$1.1 million, with a closing put off until December 2004 to allow time for grant applications. That plan subdivided the lot, transferring about 1.2 acres, including the original brick forge used by the blacksmithing Miller family, as

ues.

Morrison spoke to the young people about his work in Homeland Security and emergency response, including assignments as a certified scuba diver.

Yannuzzi, head of the department's traffic bureau, warned the young drivers to avoid the temptation to drive at unsafe speeds.

"It's easy to go fast, but smarter to stay within the speed limit," he counseled.

Risk Of Jail

Yannuzzi also told the students they risked jail if they drove after drinking.

dent at Fairleigh Dickinson University's campus in Florham Park that nearly became a riot was described by McCafferty.

Florham Park police quickly received back-up assistance from about 70 police officers from the area following the campus disturbance, he told the students.

Murphy has been the department's liaison to the regional high school, and frequently "works out" with the students in the school's weight room.

"My dad was a Newark cop, but I chose Florham Park (to work) because I like the town

Competition under way for shirt design

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design on plain white paper, 8 and one-half inches by 11 inches, using two colors. Market's are advised for their vivid colors, while the organizers caution that small detail can be difficult to reproduce.

Entrants should drop off their drawings at the First Morris Bank and Trust, 80 Main St., Madison, where the branch manager is Mara Johnson, the chairwoman of "May Day," and where all the entries will be displayed. The deadline to submit entries is Tuesday, March 21.

"The T-shirts have become collector items," remarked Johnson, who noted many volunteers have told her they hang on to the T-shirts year after year.

Alfred's Sports Shop of Madison will again donate the reproductions of the winning young artist's design, which

future." Murphy said during a discussion of the event at the police station Monday, March 13.

"We also talked to them about how to act, not to always be so quick to drive, and to limit the number of passengers in a car," he added.

Chief Chapman said the program proved popular, because several participants told him they want to return for a repeat and others, including female students, have expressed interest as well.

"We are planning to hold a second 'Youth Day' during the

will be featured on the front of the T-shirts. The back of the shirts will list "May Day" donors. All volunteers who register in advance to work on one of the "May Day" project sites from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 6, are guaranteed a free T-shirt.

Donors Big and Small

Along with choosing that winning design for the front of the T-shirt, "May Day" organizers also are rounding up the donors whose names will appear on the back. It's a list that has neared 100 donors in recent years, ranging from big corporations to small "mom-and-pop" businesses and everything in-between.

Some familiar names that have already cropped up with pledges include Madison Shell, the Nauticus Diner, orthodontist Dr. Howard B. Bobrow, the Burroughs, Kohr and Dangler Funeral Home, and the Wyeth corporation at Madison's Giralda Farms office campus off Madison Avenue. Thomas Gortych of Wyeth's real estate and aviation divisions, a newly named commissioner on the DDC, said he is reaching out to corporate neighbors to support "May Day."

All businesses, residents and

410-5429.

"We are also planning a 'junior youth day' for middle-school-age kids," Murphy said. "We want to tell them what we expect of them as citizens."

Murphy said he believes police work can be a satisfying career because of the variety of people and experiences encountered each day.

"As much as the kids enjoyed it, the Florham Park police officers who participated enjoyed it, too," Chapman remarked of the "Youth Day" program.

"We had a really good time."

employees are invited to help fund the campaign for more attractive business districts and parking lots, safer parks, and hanging baskets of colorful flowers for the spring, summer and fall in downtown Madison. Donations may be sent directly to the Madison Development, 50 Kings Road, Commission, 50 Kings Road, Hartley Dodge Memorial Building, Madison N.J. 07940. Volunteers, meanwhile, continue to be encouraged to sign up now to help clean up debris, remove trash, pull

Updated plan goes to state

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annually from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As of the end of last year, the rehabilitation of a dozen of the 46 units had been completed, according to Vogel. Upgraded public housing carries additional weight in COAH's calculations of how a municipality is meeting its affordable housing needs.

As the borough moves ahead in complying with COAH's procedures, the state and the municipality