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# Family Journal

A PUBLICATION FOR GTE CUSTOMERS &amp; THEIR FAMILIES IN NEW ENGLAND



Plotting pirates capture the young boy, Jim Hawkins, in the adventure *Treasure Island*. **The National Theatre of the Deaf** presents an original adaption of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic. Co-sponsored by GTE. Photo by A. Vincent Scarano.

## Chester finds gold in *Treasure Island*

"Skeleton Island, north by northeast...Spyglass Hill... Aye, this be ol' John Flint's *Treasure Island!*"

The mighty Hispanola sails again, but never like she'd sailed before, on a dark January eve in Chester, Vermont.

Even if you'd seen the movie or read Robert Louis Stevenson's

*Treasure Island* a hundred times, this is like seeing it for the first time. You are one of 500 lucky people sitting in the audience of the Green Mountain Union High School auditorium.

The classic production, co-sponsored by GTE, is being performed by the *National Theater of the Deaf*. Jim Hawkins and Long John Silver signs and swashbuckle on a stage set with

barrels and sails in elegant costume. The characters in the title roles are all deaf. Minor characters in the background shout out their lines. The cast joins in salty song, now and again, to the accompaniment of guitar and sqashbox.

Loud drumrolls storm the seas and boom with the cannon. Strobeflights flash. Rippling sails,

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backlit by blues and greens mirror the mood of the sea and the moment. You don't care where the voices are coming from, you're there!

GTE was there, too. As co-sponsor, we helped bring this exciting and unique production to Chester as part of the Green Mountain Festival Series. The telephone isn't the only way we communicate, GTE feels privileged to help enhance the quality of life for our community, and learn more about how we all communicate.

At the end of the performance, a wonderful phenomenon occurred. Amid the generous applause from the audience, graceful, silent gestures of appreciation were given the actors by the deaf in the audience. They raised both arms high, palms up, twisting their wrists. Nancy Pennell, president of the Festival, commented, "I've never seen anything like it either."

Ms. Pennell also spoke of GTE's role in the evening's event. "We especially appreciate the part you've played in sponsoring this production, because you're in all our homes. And it's obvious that GTE cares about the people in the community."

Earlier in the day, the *Theater of the Deaf* cast made appearances in both elementary and high school classrooms to learn about different ways of communicating through demonstration, and through questions and answers.

Mariette Bock, program chairperson noted, "Some of the younger students' questions were pretty provocative. They asked things like, 'Do you ever go to movies?' and 'What's it like to be different?' or 'Can you go to the movies?' It was quite a learning experience for all of us."

## **Important changes for GTE customers in New Hampshire**

GTE, with the agreement of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, has found it necessary to make several changes in rates and services, effective March 20, 1992. Highlights are outlined below:

- **DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE** -- Directory Assistance Allowance will be limited to five calls. Any directly dialed Directory Assistance calls over the five-call limit will be charged \$.40 per call.

- **OPTIONAL SERVICES** -- We now offer, through New England Telephone, a new calling plan -- CallAroundsm 603 -- which provides for one hour of toll calling to anywhere within the 603 area code for just \$6.00 per month, in addition to basic monthly service. Granite State and Circle Calling Service will no longer be offered. GTE customers subscribing to one of these services will be contacted in the near future by a GTE service representative to determine if they wish to subscribe to the new plan.

Selective Calling Service will no longer be available to new subscribers. However, customers with this service may retain it at their present location only. For questions, contact your local GTE service representative.

## **Calling all customers...**

GTE is in the process of updating records to include all street addresses. You may soon be

receiving a telephone call from your local business office service representative. She will be asking for your physical street name, box number or rural route number, not your mailing address. If you do receive a call, please be as helpful as you can. This process will enable GTE to provide you with higher quality service and repair in the future.

## **Directory Update**

GTE Maine customers in Damariscotta, Bremen, New Harbor, Sheepscot, and S. Bristol; and GTE Vermont customers in Marshfield, Cabot and Peacham have until April 6, 1992 to make any additions, changes or deletions in their current phone book listing.

Directories are nearly ready to go to press, and this is the final opportunity to verify the accuracy of your listing in the most recent directory. You may also wish to add a separate listing for one of your family members, individual firm members within your business, or even a fax number. These additional listings are available for a minimal fee. However, all corrections are made free of charge by calling your local GTE serving office.

Telephone directories are being mailed to GTE Maine customers in Liberty, Palermo and Sidney on April 16th. GTE New Hampshire customers in Hillsboro, Henniker, and Antrim will have their directories shipped on April 6th. Those in Hollis and Wilton will have theirs shipped to them on April 28, 1992.

When you receive your new directories, check the directory before placing calls in case certain numbers have been changed from previous listings. Emergency numbers are listed on the inside front cover.