

## Alleged ring

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Interim Superintendent Melindo Persi, left, confers with Board of Education President Joseph Longo during the school district's reorganization meeting last week.

# Board votes down contract

## As it stands, Interim Superintendent Persi out by June 30

BY RICHARD DICKON  
of Belleville Times

In a night of major changes to personnel and questions about how to cut the defeated school budget, Melindo Persi's tenure as interim superintendent of schools was cut short by a split school board in a four to three vote.

While principals are changing schools and the school board was prepared to pass a resolution on the \$914,000 in reductions passed

by the Belleville Township Council (see related stories on page 3), Persi's tenure was not extended from June 30 to Oct. 1.

Board members Vincent Strumolo Jr., Eric Schwartz, Carmen Bucco and newly elected board member Judy Piscatowski voted against retaining Persi. Strumolo then put forth a resolution to put together a superintendent search committee, which passed, and Piscatowski asked Board President Joseph Longo to be part of the

committee, with Longo saying he would "get back" to her on that.

Longo, Board Vice President Bill Freda and newly elected board member Peter Zangari voted to extend Persi's contract.

Persi had no comment at the meeting, but spoke at length about his situation Tuesday morning.

"I walk away with a clear conscience, knowing I did the right thing," Persi said. As for his future, he said, "There are a few offerings out there."

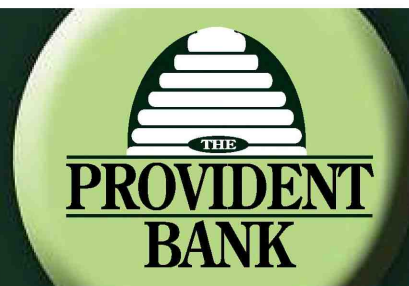
Longo said he was "shocked" by the vote.

"I was under the impression that his contract would be extended," Longo said. "This comes completely from left field. We discussed this, and there were no issues, no problems. It would have been more humane to let Mr. Persi know before we came out there, and let him have a chance to resign. I believe it was the inten-

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**April 25**

■ An attempted burglary was reported at 7:36 p.m. According to police, the victim said that a screen on a southside window of a residence in the 210 block of Passaic Avenue was opened, and a rear window screen had been damaged, but entry was not gained. A neighbor reported seeing two black males in the rear yard on April 24, but did not report the sighting to police. Police are investigating and have no suspects.

**April 26**

■ A burglary and theft were reported at 9:01 p.m. The occupant of an apartment residence in the 110 block of Rutgers Street reported that they returned home to find

a bedroom door unlocked. A Toshiba dark blue laptop computer was reported missing. Police said they found pry marks near the lock on the door. A butter knife found on the couch was being fingerprinted as a possible burglary tool. Police are investigating and have no suspects.

**April 28**

■ A burglary and theft to a motor vehicle was reported at 7:25 p.m. A deliveryman for a baby furniture store said he parked his truck in the 160 block of Union Avenue and made a delivery. When he returned, he said the truck's global positioning system had been taken. Police are investigating and have no suspects.

**April 29**

■ A theft was reported from a customer at the Pathmark, 115 Belmont Ave., at 12:24 p.m. The victim was wheelchair bound, and said they placed their purse on the handrail of the wheelchair and proceeded to shop. When they were done, they noticed the purse was missing. The victim went to the cashier, who called police. The purse contained \$200 in cash, various medicines, a medical insurance card, and a set of keys. Police are checking video surveillance tape. Police are investigating and have no suspects.

■ A cell phone was reported stolen at 8:24 a.m. A patient at Clara Maass Medical Center, 1

Clara Maass Drive, said the phone was lost when the sheets to their bed were changed. Police are investigating and have no suspects.

**May 1**

■ An attempted burglary was reported at 4:06 p.m. The victim of a residence in the 350 block of Joralemon Street told police they found open windows when they returned at 2 p.m. They then found a screen to a window had been cut. The doors were still locked and nothing was reported missing. Police are investigating and have no suspects.

**May 2**

■ A theft was reported from a motor vehicle at 1051 a.m. A 2002 Chevrolet Malibu was parked in

the 40 block of Montgomery Street. The victim said a black wallet was missing from the center console. The wallet contained \$30, credit cards and a Social Security card. Police are investigating and have no suspects.

*Editor's note: Police news is compiled from information provided by the police department. The information is released to the press at the discretion of the department and may not represent the total scope of police activity. Accounts that indicate charges pending against an individual do not imply guilt or innocence.*

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**SCHOOLS**

# Perkins Grant will still help students heading for other career paths

BY RICHARD DICKON  
of Belleville Times

The Board of Education recently voted to accept \$42,280 from the Perkins Secondary Grant program. The grant came up Monday at the public Board of Education meeting. Board President Joseph Longo said that for the district to continue to receive the grant, board members have to do their part.

He said that the district's Business and Technology Advisory Committee must be fully staffed.

"I want to remind all board members that they need to come up with appointments for the committee," Longo said. "It's something we need to do if we're going to continue to get the Perkins Grant."

The duration of the grant was actually for the year that's nearing

an end. That duration is July 1, 2008 June 30, 2009

Belleville public schools have long been prided on offering alternative career paths to students who are not going to be attending two- or four-year colleges. The Perkins Grant is used in assisting for those programs.

The business and vocational/technical education departments, offering everything from cosmetology to auto mechanics, has helped many students over the years, including current board member Vincent Strumolo Jr., who worked a "vo/tech" job before joining the Belleville Police Department.

With an eye toward assisting in business and vocational/technical education, the school district once again applied for the specific federal grant for the 2008-09 school year.

According to information provided by administrators, the grant is offered to most school districts. In order to qualify, the school district has to comply with all of the criteria of the grant.

The amount granted is usually roughly the same, for use by business and vocational education. For the past several years, it has been between \$40,000 and \$50,000, administrators said.

There is a lot of documentation and accountability that go into meeting the criteria, according to administrators.

The supervisors of vocational-technical subjects and business education, grades 9-12, fill out the application.

Officials said the grant is used for the purchase of materials, especially computers and related materials.

The supervisors sit down and discuss what areas they can apply for, and they go to workshops to find out what is allowed, administrators said.

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# Residents charged in connection with ring

BY MICHAEL J. FEENEY AND KIBRET MARKOS  
For the Times

A Clifton mailman, a Fort Lee insurance executive and a food vendor at Yankee Stadium and Citi Field participated in a Mafia-run sports gambling ring that handled more than \$1 million in illegal wagers each week, authorities charged last week.

A total of 34 people have been charged for their roles in the ring, 28 of whom were swept up during a series of raids across North Jersey and Westchester County that began April 28, Bergen County Prosecutor John L. Molinelli said. Detectives executed 20 search warrants that netted \$1.2 million, he said.

Among the accused, Belleville resident Gerald Napolitano, 60, an employee of La Pasteria in Summit, is charged with racketeering, promoting gambling and conspiracy to promote gambling. Belleville residents Robert Caprio, 53, and Vincent Marchello, 43, are both charged with promoting gambling and conspiracy to promote gambling.

At least four others turned themselves in last week and were brought to Superior Court in Hackensack with the 28 who were arrested. All pleaded not guilty to charges of promoting gambling and conspiracy to promote gambling. Five were charged with racketeering.

The ring was divided into separate bookmaking and money laundering operations, one led by John “Blue” DeFroschia of Warren, a reputed soldier in the Genovese crime family, and the other headed by an alleged family associate, Thomas Conforti of Fairfield, Molinelli said. Both men ran a large network of bookies and passed part of the profits to the Genovese crime family hierarchy, he said.

The ring employed a system of code names and passwords for gamblers to place wagers on sporting events by calling telephone numbers or visiting Web sites, he said. The “wire room” that provided the betting lines and accepted the wagers was located in Costa Rica in an effort to keep the ring beyond the reach of American authorities, Molinelli said.

Bookies in the North Jersey area collected losses and paid winnings to the bettors, Molinelli said. Molinelli said that DeFroschia, 48, and Conforti, 44, used middle men to insulate themselves from their bookies, hoping to escape detection by law enforcement. Michael Cirelli, 49, of Nutley served as Conforti’s right-hand man, while DeFroschia employed Paul “Shortline” Weber, 40, of New Rochelle, N.Y., and



Gerald Napolitano

Belleville’s Gerald “Jay” Napolitano, Molinelli said.

Weber, Napolitano and other ranking members would discretely exchange cash with co-conspirators in parking lots, bookstores and diners or on the street, Molinelli said. Investigators watched as Napolitano met with one of his bookies, or “agents,” Louis Orangeo, 41, of Newark, several times in Clifton parking lots, the prosecutor said.

Orangeo, a carrier with the U.S. Postal Service, would meet with Napolitano in his mail truck along his Clifton route, passing an envelope through a window as though it was a piece of mail, Molinelli said.

Weber, who works for Aramark, the food vending giant, exchanged cash with members of the ring at both Yankee Stadium and Citi Field while detectives watched, Molinelli said.

“In one transaction he would sell a hotdog and a beer, and in the next transaction, he would be either paying out money to somebody who won or receiving money from someone who lost,” Molinelli said.

Almost half of the \$1.2 million was seized from Weber, Molinelli said.

“That is not hot dog money; that’s gambling money,” Molinelli said.

Molinelli said there were no instances of extortion or violence in these operations, but he said bet-

tors could be in danger if they end up owing money to the bookies.

“Organized crime has a very good collection rate,” he said. “You don’t want to be a bettor who owes money to these individuals.”

The Genovese family historically has been the most powerful and entrenched Mafia syndicate in North Jersey.

The investigation, dubbed “Operation Strike Out,” began in September 2008 and initially focused on money laundering, Molinelli said.

Conforti was among 10 people indicted in 2003 on charges they operated an Atlantic City-to-Las Vegas sports betting ring that funneled thousands of dollars a day into the coffers of organized crime. That ring was connected to a North Jersey faction of the New York City-based Lucchese crime family. Conforti was described as a “co-leader” of the ring, where illegal bets were accepted over a network of toll-free telephone numbers.

Conforti’s attorney, Vincent Scoca, said his client maintains his innocence but declined to comment further.

Robert Walsh, 44, of Fort Lee was also nabbed in this latest raid.



Robert Caprio

In 2000, Walsh was among three reputed mob associates arrested on charges of trying to peddle “cheesy” counterfeit art in a carefully orchestrated mob plot. He later pleaded guilty to the charges.

Authorities said DeFroschia works at Clark Printing and Graphics on Market Street in Saddle Brook. However, an employee there said that DeFroschia didn’t work there.

“We have to get all the information and we will make a decision as to what we are going to do,” said DeFroschia’s attorney, Richard Verde.

Orangeo has worked as a mail carrier in Clifton for “several years,” said Todd Piasecki, supervisor at the post office on Paulison Avenue. Piasecki said he was shocked to hear of Orangeo’s arrest, adding that, as far as he knew, Orangeo was still employed as a mail carrier.

Molinelli said that no bettors were arrested, but he said he hoped the sweep would send a message.

“There are a lot of bettors out there that tomorrow are going to read the paper ... and are going to say, ‘You know, maybe I better really stop this,’” he said. “That’s something that we always strive for.”

*The authors are staff writers at The Record.*

## SCHOOLS

# Petrillo back as BHS principal

BY RICHARD DICKON  
of Belleville Times

Joseph Petrillo was sent back to Belleville High School as principal Monday night, while Carmine Guinta was involuntarily transferred from Belleville Middle School to School No. 8.

Both votes by the school board were five to two, with board members Vincent Strumolo Jr. and Eric

Schwartz voting no.

One parent pleaded for Guinta to remain at the middle school, after several parents made a similar effort a week earlier. For Petrillo, it is the latest decision in an odyssey that has seen him moved around the district since October 2006.

Parent Patricia Dolan recounted how the middle school was on the

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The Belleville Board of Education appoints Joseph Petrillo once again as Belleville High School principal. Current Principal Victor DePauw is retiring on June 30.



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Belleville Board of Education member Eric Schwartz listens to public comment during the board’s reorganization meeting last week.

## BUDGET

# Council aiming to cut \$914,000

BY RICHARD DICKON  
of Belleville Times

The same night that saw the interim superintendent’s contract not renewed and two principals switch schools, one concerned parent questioned the school board Monday night about the \$914,000 in school budget reductions proposed by the township council.

The interim superintendent went over the proposed cuts line by line Tuesday, finding fault with most of the reductions.

While personnel decisions dominated the night (see related stories), there were major revelations about the defeated 2009-10 school budget, with the Belleville Times obtaining a copy of the \$914,000 in reductions outlined by the Belleville Township Council. The cuts include no teacher firings, but ask for another \$300,000 to be taken from the budget surplus, a surplus which school officials say is already lower than what state education officials suggest and is needed for use in an emergency situation involving

facilities.

The township council’s suggested reductions to the budget are as follows:

- \$300,000 from the surplus account
- \$141,000 saved by eliminating the assistant superintendent’s position
- \$102,000 from the summer school program
- \$32,000 saved from the business administrator’s assistant position

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## Sudden changes at Board of Ed meeting

With one interim superintendent's contract not extended and two principals changing addresses, Monday's school board meeting was full of drama and, unfortunately, unnecessary humiliation. Still, in the midst of all that, the future of the 2009-10 school budget was still being decided, and tough decisions remain.

First, Interim Superintendent Melindo Persi did not have to be retained by the school board. The seven members were elected to make such decisions. The way in which he learned that his tenure would end June 30 and not be extended until Oct. 1 was simply wrong.

Clearly, from the statements of Board President Joseph Longo, the four votes against Persi were unexpected by anyone outside of the four board members themselves. Persi deserved the opportunity to gracefully resign. Instead, he was humiliated, and Longo said he felt the move was made against him as well.

Former school board president William Villano had spoken earlier in the evening as he was honored for 12

years of service. His words were never more appropriate when he urged board members to use tolerance in all that they do. Clearly, tolerance was absent in the treatment of Persi.

That was the low point of a meeting where the middle school principal, Carmine Guinta, was involuntary transferred, despite a series of pleas during the last two meetings that he be allowed to stay and continue to keep the middle school improving, as it did dramatically under his leadership. Persi is correct to say that a majority of the board is allowed to approve the recommendations of the school administration on personnel, but a lot of administrators and teachers were moved against their will, which can't be good for the morale of teachers and staff. Time will tell whether these moves pay off in higher test scores and higher student achievement.

Finally, the cuts proposed by the council to the defeated school budget appear on the surface to offer

the best solution, not affecting school programs or firing teachers. It's not that simple. The surplus recommended by state education officials would be cut in half, and health insurance, utility and summer school allocations would all be cut. Insurance and utilities have already been set at the lowest allowable levels, according to some officials, and not offering summer schools imposes a burden on students and their families already dealing with academic problems.

So when the final decisions come down from the school board, it may turn out to be a compromise, which may be both necessary and fair. No one wants to see teachers or programs go, but the school board majority may feel there is no choice. Otherwise, the board can appeal the reduction to the county and let someone else decide. Whatever happens, it all became necessary because only 8.9 percent of registered voters voiced their opinions about the budget and the two school board seats. That may be the saddest cut of all.

## The month of May means it's time for our anniversary



**LIFE IN SILVER LAKE**  
MARIE STRUMOLO BURKE

Every May, my husband Charlie sings a song for me on our anniversary. But this time, he was a slight bit late. This May 1, we reached the 20th mark so he better get started. "While strolling through the park one day, in the merry month of May, I was taken by surprise by a pair of roving eyes, in the merry

merry month of May," he sings.

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of food will be on hand and we will sing happy 15th birthday to the Silver Lake Civic Association and try to blow out those 15 candles.

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stand there were lots of applications and we thank the children for submitting them. The announcement will come shortly. Good luck to all the applicants.

Now it is a very busy week, so Walter Winchell will sign off for now.

But always remember, we love Silver Lake.

## The kids lost April 21

BY BARBARA BALABAN  
Guest Columnist



**Balaban**

On April 21, I cast my vote in the Board of Education election. At the outset I should say that I am not politically active in this town, nor do I have any political connections. I've been living here for over 20 years but have minimal knowledge about who's who in Belleville political circles. With that said, I am a homeowner and parent of two kids who have been educated in Belleville public schools, and as such, I have an opinion and feel compelled to express it.

It doesn't matter who won the Board of Ed election. Some things aren't going to change. The third floor of School No. 4 will remain shamefully rundown. The middle school will still look, smell and feel like no improvements have been done since 1960, or earlier. The high school will still have no track for its track & field team, to name just a few. According to an article in the Belleville Times on March 31, "school facilities, which are old, are a weakness that cannot be addressed because of budget con-

straints." This according to interim superintendent Persi who "cites an example of classroom instruction taking place in hallways as showing that schools are overcrowded."

Student achievement was also cited as a weakness in the district. If the schools were in better physical condition and classroom instruction wasn't taking place in hallways, there's a good chance that student achievement might improve.

The 2009-10 budget failed. No surprise there. Does this mean teacher layoffs too? Just another thing that will negatively impact our kids. What matters most in this town is keeping taxes low. How about the crazy notion that some people might actually be willing to pay extra taxes if it meant even the most minimal improvements to our suffering schools and having enough teachers to teach our kids? While everyone is so concerned about minor tax increases, our children are forced to sit for eight hours a day in ancient, sub-par

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## LETTERS

### Commission problems

#### TO THE EDITOR:

As a 52-year resident of Essex County and a one time applicant for a civil service position, I have first hand knowledge of the process, job requirements and hierarchical nature of civil service and what it has, in some ways, devolved into. The Passaic Valley Sewage Commission is a glaring example of waste and some have turned it into a political action commission. With board members equally appointed from both major political parties they collectively decide/award contracts to private contractors, vendors and suppliers that in some cases do what they used to do. Past accusations show a need to have more public notice and exposure.

Well connected to both party power brokers they, the board, wield their influence with that authority. Years ago, they came to the taxpayers with a plan to modernize the facility at a cost of tens of millions to the public that they said would improve antiquated systems and reduce the

overall work force. Since that time, they have expanded the work force substantially and continue to while job requirements reduce in scope. They, as a board, create positions to employ yet more while telling the public they are well managed.

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LETTERS

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at least wake them up and remember you are paying for it all.

Jeff Mattingly  
Belleville

Shame about track

TO THE EDITOR:

I read with great interest the article by Mike Lamberti regarding the Belleville High School track team and the fact that there has not been a home meet since 1987. As "track parents" for the last three years, we have attended nearly all the spring meets as well

as the indoor meets in the winter and the cross country meets in the fall and have gotten to know most of the athletes as great kids. Not only have they not had a home meet, but also they have virtually no equipment to practice with such as hurdles, high jumping equipment or a long jump pit. Yet these athletes consistently compete at a high level against schools where equipment and an actual track are taken for granted. It has long been obvious to us that track and field is a sport that is little more than an afterthought to the school, the Board of Education and the Township Council on the whole.

Over the last three years, all we've heard is air from the Board of Education that the team would have equipment, and there is still none. There was talk a year or two ago about converting proper-

ty on Joralemon Street into a track- again nothing more than air. It is clear that these dedicated athletes and their coaches are pretty much on their own, and will get little or nothing from the school or town. The baseball team has a world class field which is great, and there is talk of sinking hundreds of thousands of dollars more into the swamp of a football field, yet the track doesn't even have a high jump pit or a proper set of hurdles. This is truly a travesty and an embarrassment. Our older daughter, Ariel Pel-dunas, set the high jump mark 10 years ago (when there was actually a high jump pit that mysteriously disappeared), and it appears as if it will stand forever.

These athletes continue to take great pride in their sport. The successes they enjoy are achieved in no way because of the school

board, but in spite of the Board of Education and the Township Council. They owe these boards absolutely nothing, and when they complete their high school careers, they can walk away knowing that they have made it purely on their own. We, as track parents are extremely proud of

each and every one of them and their dedicated coaches. They are truly the best that Belleville High School has to offer.

Mark and Lenore Tirgrath  
Belleville

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KIDS

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school buildings that are in desperate need of repair in a town where there are little to no services for kids.

My son is a high school athlete and I have traveled to many other school districts and have seen what they have to offer their youth. Belleville is a town that clearly caters more to senior citizens than to youth. Don't get me wrong. I love and respect seniors. I'm almost one myself! They have their own recreation center (something that would be awesome for our kids). The veterans have a nice new facility, too. If my father, who was a WWII vet, was alive today I'm sure he would have appreciated having a cool place to gather in with fellow vets. And of course, the seniors benefit the most from low taxes.

But what about the kids? Safe, clean schools should be the No. 1 priority and it clearly is not. In the end, it doesn't matter who won on April 21. The kids lost. The schools can go to pot as long as the taxes stay low. And in my humble opinion, that's disgraceful.

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# Villano reflects back on four-decade career

BY RICHARD DICKON  
of Belleville Times

For Belleville native Dennis Villano, 42 years as a teacher and administrator mean he has been part of the district schools for 54 years. From a student through all his different posts in education, he said his dreams all came true during his four-decade career.

Villano's climb from student to teacher to principal to vice principal at the high school and finally to assistant superintendent provides a roadmap to Belleville public education over nearly six decades,

with a unique perspective on all.

Reflecting back on decades, Villano said he wanted to name all the people who touched his life during that time, but feared he would leave someone out. Still, he named a lot of fellow educators and students during a lengthy, exclusive interview with the Belleville Times.

The memories are all vivid for Villano.

"I still remember the first year, in room 3 at the junior high school," he said. "I was a skinny, 145-pound kid. I looked younger than most of the high school kids. I graduated

from Belleville, went away for four years, and was right back here. It was truly like coming home again."

In 14 years at the middle school, he started the freshman wrestling program, which he said was "extremely successful, and taught science at what was then called the junior high.

Ninth grade was then moved to the high school, and Villano taught all sciences there. Sports were a big part of his time in education, coaching not just wrestling but then rowing at the high school for 10 years, where some of his children were part of the team's

successes.

His dream was truly fulfilled, Villano said, during his years as School No. 5 principal, since he went home to the school which had educated him so well all those years earlier.

Before that, there was 17 and a half years teaching at the high school, a year and a half as vice principal and finally at two years assistant superintendent.

As you might expect, Villano has more than his share of fond memories and often funny stories.

At the middle school, he had so many animals, especially reptiles that included some seriously frightening snakes, which Villano used to great effect on a colleague.

"George Zanzini was deathly afraid of snakes, and I used to scare him - He thought I was crazy," Villano said, laughing. "I would come after him with a snake wrapped around my arm."

One of his happier memories from the junior high days was the social gatherings at his friend and mentor, Ethel Williamson's house on Ralph Street. "It was more of a family party than a staff gathering," Villano said.

Seventh grade science trips along the Third River were fascinating for both he and his students, Villano recalled.

To imagine the unique cast of characters in the lunch room at the junior high, Villano said, "It was like (the television show) 'Cheers.'"

Another moment that drew both fear and laughing hysterics was when fellow science teacher Bruce Kemnitz collected all of the specimens for dissection, like frogs, put them on his lunch tray and proceeded to place a napkin on his shirt and pick up a knife and fork.

During the relaxing and fun times, there were the student/faculty softball games, were Ed Berlienski was always pitcher and Ralph Kobberger, the shortstop, was "Belleville's Johnny Bench," just an outstanding hitter.

As he and many of his colleagues moved to the high school, the science department was nothing short of outstanding, very close



Villano

like a family, with outstanding colleagues like Vinny Harris, Bill Bakka and Bruce Kemnitz. They made things both "a lot of fun, and really tight" over 17 and a half years, Villano said.

Then there was the unique challenge of manning the vice principal's slot at the high school.

"I really enjoyed it, but it is one of the hardest jobs I ever had, maybe the hardest in the district," Villano said. "You earned your pay, as short order cook and fireman - putting out fires all day."

Next, being principal at School No. 5, "That was going home again. To me I was given the privilege of being responsible for the building where I was so well educated," he said.

He mentioned the people that taught him and gave so much, including Williamson again, along with Bill Chapman and Archie Gallombardo. Of Williamson, he said, "I will always remember my prepositions" because of her dedication, Villano said.

Rose Natoli, his sixth grade teacher, was "like a second mother" to him, he said. "We are still friends today."

As for his time as principal, Villano said all principals likely believe their teachers are the best, but the quality at No. 5 is special. "It's like there's something in the concrete, and the experienced staff and new teachers all work together. They made my life easy."

He said his secretary, Donna Giuliano was a great person to work with, and the parents are outstanding, making all school functions standing room only. There is even a "Father's Pride" group unique to the district, where dads can be just as involved as moms.

His only sad moment from No. 5 was the passing of longtime custodian Walt Jeffers, whom he called "a big brother" who kept one of the nicest buildings anywhere.

Finally, there was assistant superintendent, which Villano said put him in a unique position to work with his former colleagues including principals, all of whom are dedicated to the children of Belleville. One of the reasons the transition to assistant superintendent went well was due to his secretary Clara Wujciak. If anyone thinks they can run an office without someone like her, they are in for a big surprise. "We made a good team."

As for coaching, being a part of coaching crew with Sam Giuffreda, the first year without compensation, is a highlight. During the decade of the 80's and early 90's, his other highlight was watching his children row, with championships by both his son and daughters a source of pride.

For anyone who doubts Villano's dedication to, and effects on, his wrestlers, there is the recent reunion with the undefeated wrestlers from 35 years ago, Rocco Balsamo, George D'Alessandro, Bernie Del Cortino and Ralph Amiano. He compiled a record of 120 and 20 during his 14 years, went undefeated for three and a half years, and had a total of four undefeated seasons.

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# Police charge Newark man in Belleville cases

BY RICHARD DICKON  
of Belleville Times

Belleville police arrested a Little League baseball coach for allegedly attacking a female and harassing another in the Silver Lake area, according to Capt. Mark Minichini.

Luis Minichini, 32, of Montclair

Avenue was arrested and charged with criminal sexual contact on a 20-year-old and harrasment of a 14-year-old, Minichini said. Bail was set at \$2,530, he said.

On April 21, the suspect allegedly tried to entice the 14-year-old girl with sexual advances into a 2007 gray Toyota Matrix, but the girl ran away, according to Minichini. The

girl went home and informed her mother, he said.

Minichini said that, six days later, the suspect allegedly followed the 20-year-old from Franklin Street to a residence hallway, and then attempted to molest her.

Minichini said police had arrested the suspect in 1997 on a lewdness charge after he allegedly

exposed himself and performed a lewd act in front of children.

Police apprehended Rivera based on descriptions of his car, Minichini said. The suspect was driving on Franklin Street at the time.

Minichini said the suspect is a coach in Newark's Roberto Clemente League. "Anyone who

thinks they may have been a victim of the suspect is encouraged to come forward," he added.

The suspect is described as an Hispanic male, with brown hair, wearing a black baseball cap, with some facial hair.

Anyone with information on the suspect is asked to call Belleville police at 973-450-3361.

## LETTERS

FROM PAGE 5

### School matters

TO THE EDITOR

As a parent of a student at the Belleville Middle School, I wanted to bring to everyone's attention changes that are going to be made in administration effective June 30. Mr. Guinta will be transferred as principal of BMS to principal of a grammar school. Also, effective June 30, Mr. Silvera will be transferred as vice-principal of BMS to math teacher. When I learned this, I was truly saddened and at the same time irate.

BMS in 2006 was a failing school. It was on the verge of being taken over by the state for restructuring. Mr. Guinta came on board and told the teachers that in the school year 2006-07 they would succeed in bringing the scores of BMS up to state standards. Some of the teachers thought he was crazy but with the hard work of administration and the teachers, working hand in hand as a team, they did exactly what Mr. Guinta said they would do. They made the grade. Not only did they make the grade in the school year 2006-2007; they made the grade again in the school year 2007-08. For the great work they did, they received a \$100,000 award from the state. Mr. Guinta allocated this money to go directly into the school for the sole benefit of all the children.

Mr. Silvera came on board in 2007. He has been working alongside Mr. Guinta since then. They make a great team. Not only is Mr. Silvera concerned about the welfare of the children in school, he goes out of his way to help families of children outside of school who are struggling. I know for a fact, he went above and beyond what is expected and done by vice-principals of schools when one of the families of a student in our school was truly suffering from a hardship. He helped make their Christmas a much happier one by reaching out to the BMS Home & School Association, staff and teachers asking for donations for this very needy family while never disclosing the identity of the family so that the student would remain anonymous.

Now, after the great work that has been done, the superintendent of schools, with most of the Board of Education's approval, are transferring both of these fine gentlemen to other positions. My daughter will be moving up to the High School. My concern is for the children that will be there in the seventh and eighth grade in September. I believe that Mr.

Persi and the Board of Education should rescind their decision to remove Mr. Guinta and Mr. Silvera from their positions at the Middle School and that these leaders, who have nothing but the best interest of the students in their "hearts" be left where they are. They have done an absolutely wonderful job in bringing this school up to and over state standards. This is not to say that the teachers have not worked long and hard right along with them.

In my opinion, Mr. Persi and certain Board of Education members who voted "yes" have put this school in danger of failing again - teachers' morale are very low along with support staff but more importantly the children are upset. They say they don't want to hurt the children, but that is exactly what will happen if these changes occur.

Patricia Dolan  
Belleville

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# Belleville Police Department to participate in 'Click It or Ticket' campaign

Law enforcement officers from the Belleville Police Department will be cracking down on unbuckled motorists and their passengers as part of the national "Click It or Ticket" campaign.

From May 18 to May 31, the annual initiative includes high vis-

ibility law enforcement seat belt checkpoints and saturation patrols, as well as local and national publicity designed to ensure that drivers and passengers recognize the life-saving value of seat belts.

"Using a seat belt is the simplest way for a motorist and his or her

passengers to protect themselves when on the road," said Pam Fischer, director of the New Jersey Division of Highway and Traffic Safety. "Motor vehicle occupants who buckle-up are between 45 and 75 percent less likely to face life threatening injuries in a car crash."

Last year, the seat belt usage rate in New Jersey rose for the 12th consecutive year to 91.75 percent. Fischer noted that while seat belt usage rates continue to increase in New Jersey, law enforcement and safety officials would not rest until the state achieves a 100 percent

compliance.

"New Jersey has one of the strongest seat belt usage in the nation, but our work isn't done," Fischer added. "To meet our goal, we must continue to focus on enforcement and public outreach efforts to educate motorists."

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# Police continue to seek graffiti suspect

BY RICHARD DICKON  
of Belleville Times

Police still need residents' help if they are to track down, stop and arrest the graffiti suspect who tags downtown business with the name "Mook."

Belleville Police Capt. Mark Minichini said there have been no new leads in the past week on the suspect.

Minichini previously confirmed the defacing of more than 10 walls, storefronts and other areas of the Washington Avenue downtown business district, which were all hit by the graffiti.

He said that during the Easter break for the Newark schools is when the suspect struck, the week of April 13 through April 17.

Property maintenance and building inspectors from the township's Construction Code Department have credited the businesses "tagged" by the perpetrator with quick and thorough removal of the graffiti, something they are asked to do with some frequency.

Minichini said this graffiti stands

out.

"It's not the usual tag," he said. "It look like a really uncommon tag in the world of graffiti."

Minichini said there is no link that he knows of to any gang affiliations with the tag, but rather a lone perpetrator who struck quickly at many downtown locations.

"It's not unique for this to happen," he said. "We are following up on all leads."

Minichini said without the public's help, the person responsible may not be found.

"It's very difficult to track these people down," he said.

Employees at two of the convenience stores on Washington Avenue that were hit both asked not to be identified but said that the graffiti happens frequently and costs the businesses valuable dollars for cleanup. The graffiti must be removed in a timely fashion or the business owners can be fined.

Minichini asked anyone with information about the possible identity of the "Mook" graffiti criminal to call the department at 973-450-3587.



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The sites that the "Mook" graffiti suspect hit during a recent spree included Valley National Bank, Snacks and Things, and Flavor Food Market, all along Washington Avenue.

## COUNCIL

# With new contract, fireworks are set

BY RICHARD DICKON  
of Belleville Times

Fireworks this Fourth of July are now set for the township, while a computer system that gives access to local police is being contracted. These items and others were addressed at a recent township council meeting.

Insurance questions have been answered by the fireworks company set to light up the sky for Belleville's annual July 4 celebration, traditionally held at Municipal Stadium.

The township council had previously defeated a contract for the fireworks company for the July 4 event over problems with the company's insurance.

Township Attorney Thomas Murphy advised the council to defeat a resolution to enter into an agreement with the company over "insurance, policing and retrieval of fireworks."

He said at the time the council could not enter into the contract unless the company could be in compliance with the insurer.

The International Fireworks Mfg. Co. of Douglasville, Pa., is to be paid \$14,000 to provide the display of fireworks, according to the official resolution passed.

"It was a technical thing, and the company agreed to send updated insurance information," Township Manager Victor Canning said. "It's something we wanted to get done sooner rather than later, to guarantee that they wouldn't get frustrated and not come to town."

### Search engine

At the same meeting, the council agreed to approve an agreement

between Belleville and LexisNexis, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. for services. The rate of pay is \$340 per month from June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010 and \$363 per month from June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011.

Canning said LexisNexis is "a legal search engine used in the (police) detective division. It's phenomenal. You can get case law, judgements and locate people. It's used by judges and other lawyers."

### Fire zones

New fire zones have been established at Clara Maass Medical Center that were recommended by the Belleville Fire Department. The medical center is located in Belleville.

Under an ordinance entitled "Fire Zones on private property devoted to public uses," the following fire zones were established. Each involves the rear of the main building.

■ The first fire zone is from the Emergency Room access to the rear driveway into the loading area of the hospital, 445 feet.

■ The second zone is the rear driveway of the Continuing Care Unit, 260 feet.

■ The third is the front driveway of the Continuing Care Unit, 235 feet.

■ The final one is the front access of Kidde Hall that is accessed through the employee parking lot, and is 250 feet.

### Commission appointment

Ed Seagers of Belleville has been appointed as a Class C Member of the Historic Preservation Commission, to fill a vacant, unexpired term to expire on June 30, 2012.

## Elks' monthly breakfast scheduled for Sunday, May 17

The Belleville Elks Lodge 1123 will be holding its monthly "All You Can Eat Breakfast" on Sunday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to noon at

the Belleville Elks Hall, 254 Washington Ave.

The menu includes pancakes, French toast, eggs any style, bacon,

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# 'Beatles 'sing-a-long' at Hillside Café

The Hillside Café, a non-profit music venue in Nutley devoted to acoustic music, will feature a Beatles' sing-a-long, backed by popular demand, on Saturday, May 16 at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Doors open a half-hour before each show.

Employing a hand-picked "Beatle" band comprised of local artists, patrons will be treated to as many Beatles' hits as they can sing during the two-hour concert.

The band includes Dave Kleiner of Bloomfield, Paul Little of Nutley, Jeff Little of Montclair and Joe

Ribaudo of Bloomfield, with vocal assistance from Liz Pagan of Bloomfield and Vicky Chalk of Nutley.

"If you love the Beatles, this is the event for you," says Hillside Café staff member Linda Ribaudo of Bloomfield. "We plan on projecting all the lyrics so everyone can sing without worrying about the words, and your \$20 admission includes delicious homemade desserts, coffee, tea and soft drinks. What could be better than that?"

The set list is based on sugges-

tions from Hillside Café patrons and friends over the last few months.

The evening's assembled musicians represent two generations of Beatles' music lovers: Paul Little, a School of Visual Arts student who was named by his mother, Vicky Chalk, after Paul McCartney, grew up listening and playing guitar to the Beatles.

And his brother Jeff Little, currently a Montclair State University Music student, cut his "musical" teeth on the Beatles.

Also in the mix are Dave Kleiner, singer/songwriter and past president of The Folk Project of North Jersey, who ran a three-season workshop entitled "The Beat-

les A to Zed"; and Joe Ribaudo, a CBS/Pavilion Records recording artist, classically trained drummer and serious Beatles fan. Having Pagan, a soprano, and Chalk, an alto, to assist with vocals further enhances the event.

The Hillside Café is an all-volunteer non-profit musical venue. Housed at Nutley's historic Franklin Reformed Church (FRC), this event serves as a fundraiser for the church.

FRC routinely lends rehearsal space to Nutley Little Theatre, hosts the Hillside Café and supports "doorjam," a Christian pop/folk group.

The Hillside Café is located at 45 Hillside Crescent at the corner

of Church and Prospect streets, in the Franklin Reformed Church community room.

Admission is \$20 and includes refreshments. Reservations are strongly recommended, as there is only seating for approximately 125 patrons at a time.

Reservations will be held until 15 minutes before the show, when they will be released to the general public.

Childcare is available by reservation, and the café is handicapped accessible.

— For information or reservations, call 973-667-7055 or visit the Web site [www.hillside-cafe.com](http://www.hillside-cafe.com).

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**ATLANTIC CITY**

By Ellen Burke Rawls



**THE Jersey boy returns to AC, Frankie Valli at Borgata's Music Box**

The recent pre-season heat wave brought hordes of winter-weary visitors to stroll the Boardwalk and bask in the seaside sun, precipitating an early start to Summer of '09! With Mother's Day coming up, this weekend promises to really kick off the season! There's some terrific entertainment on the casino stages, and you'll also find some very special ways to honor Mother on her Day!

Vanessa Williams will entice audiences into an "everlasting love" at Tropicana with two shows Friday and Saturday nights. AC audiences will be treated to Vanessa's debut live performance from her newest CD, "The Real Thing," along with many of her greatest hits. "The Real Thing" won't be released for another month, and this will be a "sneak peek" of the songs included in the new album.

From her first release "The Right Stuff," in 1988, her albums have yielded multiple hits and Grammy nominations, with now-classics like "Colors of the Wind" and "Save the Best for Last." To date, she's credited with sales of over four million albums world wide, and has achieved recognition as an accomplished actress appearing in multiple TV roles, big screen features, and on Broadway.

Showtimes at the Tropicana Theater are 9 p.m., both Friday and Saturday. Ticket prices range from \$45 to \$125.

New Jersey native and Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Frankie Valli will be at Borgata's Music Box for three shows on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Over the years Valli has scored multiple Top 40 hits both with his group and as a solo artist. Number One Hits with The Four Seasons include pop favorites "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Walk Like a Man," "Rag Doll" and "December 1963 (Oh, What a Night)." Valli's solo chart-toppers include "My Eyes Adored You" and "Grease." His best known solo recording, "Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You," reached #2 in 1967. "You're Ready Now," a Valli solo little known here, became a hit in England as part of the Northern soul scene, landing on the British pop charts in 1970.

Frankie Valli has been a popular attraction in AC since the dawn of the casino era, and he's been a regular both here and in Las Vegas for decades, but with the runaway success of *Jersey Boys* on Broadway, a younger fan base has emerged and his appearances have become guaranteed sellouts. His shows at The Music Box offer an unusually intimate experience for fans, compared with the size of most of the theaters where he performs.

Showtimes at Borgata are 9 p.m. all three evenings: Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$55 and \$65.

A favorite Mother's Day tradition here in AC has been to treat Mom to one of our glorious Sunday Brunches. Just in time for the big day, Hilton has resumed their legendary Sunday Brunch at The Oak gourmet steakhouse. One of the most festive gourmet rooms in the resort, The Oak is named for the massive tree dominating the center of the room. Overhead are colorful illuminated Tiffany stained glass ceilings, and the room sparkles with cut-glass cabinetry and gleaming dark wood accents. On Sunday, the focus turns from classic steakhouse to a giddy array of luxe brunch offerings. Start by toasting your mother with complimentary champagne or mimosa cocktails, perhaps over selections from the chilled seafood raw bar. Unlike the resort's other brunches, Hilton publishes a weekly menu, so the brunch crowd can peruse the day's offerings to prioritize their selections and be certain they won't miss anything. Beyond the jumbo cocktail shrimp, freshly shucked clams and oysters, and marinated mussels, there's an array of smoked fish with all the accompaniments, and a colorful display of fresh fruit, berries and melons, as well as smoked meats and a variety of imported cheeses, chutneys and nuts. Traditional breakfast favorites include eggs and omelets cooked to order, poached eggs Benedict, Belgian waffles with berries and whipped cream, crisp bacon, sausages and O'Brian potatoes.

Specialties vary weekly. Recent selections included grilled baby lamb chops, pan roasted chicken breast and shrimp, and coconut pecan crusted swordfish with tequila lime sauce. Additionally, of course, there's a tempting pasta station and extravagant carving station where guests can select cuts of their choice. Suffice it to say, the desserts dazzle. The Oak's Brunch every Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$39.99 p/p. Res: 609.340.7200.

For the last-minute Mother's Day gift, get a gift certificate for a pampering package at Elizabeth Arden's Red Door Spa at Harrah's! Treatment packages begin at \$202 for a day of beauty, relaxation, and restoration, offering a tantalizing menu of massages, wraps, facials, mani- and pedicures and beauty treatments. Each package comes beautifully wrapped with an Elizabeth Arden Perfect Petals fragrance collection (\$22.50 value). For further info and certificates, call: 609.441.5333.





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Bess Eckstein, Danielle Pennisi and Marissa Liguori during rehearsals for the Montclair Operetta Club's production of "The Mikado," to be presented May 15 through May 24 at the Westminster Arts Center.

# Westminster Arts Center hosts 'The Mikado' in May

The Montclair Operetta Club (MOC) is presenting "The Mikado," one of the most popular Gilbert and Sullivan operas and arguably the most popular opera ever written, at the Westminster Arts Center this month.

This opera has delighted audiences for over a century and spawned a number of imitations. But none were nearly as good as the original, which represented both Gilbert and Sullivan at the height of their creative geniuses. This production will conclude the Montclair Operetta Club's 2008-2009 "Revival Season - Remembering our Roots."

"The Mikado" was last performed on the MOC stage in 1927. It features some of Gilbert and Sullivan's best-loved songs, including "The Flowers That Bloom in the Spring," "A Wandering Minstrel I," "Here's a How de Do" and "Three Little Maids from School."

Director Ken Magos is working with the cast (with the principals having Broadway, Opera and International experience) and an energized supporting ensemble. Among the cast are: Charles Riley as the Mikado, David Cantor as KoKo, Frank Skokan as Pooh Bah, Robert Mackasek as Pish Tush, Manoj Raghunandan as Nanki Poo, Laura Farmer as Yum Yum, Susan Glanzberg as Katisha, Mandy Feiler as Peep Bo and Autumn Joan Tilson as Pitti Sing.

Chorus members include Bess Eckstein, Audrey Jantzen, Marissa Liguori, Barbi McGuire, Danielle Pennisi, Adrienne Reuss, Susan Ryall, Sharon DeRosa Smolen, Jim Andrews, Bob Ewing, Charles Riley and Don Sapara.

The musical director is Deborah Martin, the assistant musical director is Catherine Cantrell, the choreographer is Karen Cantor, the production designer is Richard O'Connor and the costume designer is Dan Schulz.

"The Mikado" will be performed in the traditional style, with a full orchestra and ensemble, at 8 p.m. on May 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23. A 2 p.m. matinee is also scheduled for Sunday, May 24.

The Westminster Arts Center is located at Bloomfield College, Franklin and Fremont streets, Bloomfield. Tickets are \$25 for general admission, \$22 for seniors, \$15 for children and students and \$4 for Bloomfield College students. To purchase tickets, visit the Web site [www.mocmusicals.org](http://www.mocmusicals.org) or the Westminster Arts Center box office on the day of the performance.

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## NLT Reader's Theater to perform 'Wit'

The Reader's Theater group of Nutley Little Theatre will present a reading of "Wit" on Sunday, May 17 at 4 p.m. at the NLT Barn, 47 Erie Place, Nutley.

Marvin Krieger of Hoboken directs the production, which is free and open to the public. Reader's Theater features actors reading scripts of new and established plays, supplementing NLT's regular, fully-staged performances.

The cast includes Liz Azukas of Maplewood, Alex Oleksij of Nutley, William Gaudelli of Maplewood, Carol Caton of North Caldwell, Laura Iacometta of Rochelle Park, Harlene Golden of Bloomfield, Don Sheffrin of Little

Falls and Krieger.

"Wit" is a Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Margaret Edson. It tells the story of a renowned professor who is forced to reassess her life when she is diagnosed with terminal ovarian cancer. Despite the serious subject matter, the play is known for Edson's themes of love, knowledge, grace and redemption.

Nutley Little Theatre stages its productions at the NLT Barn, 47 Erie Place, Nutley.

For directions, visit the Web site [www.nutleylittletheatre.com](http://www.nutleylittletheatre.com). For additional information about this or other productions, call 973-667-0374.

## Artists Nite Friday at Il Trapezio Café

Il Trapezio Café of Nutley is hosting an Artists Nite on Friday, May 22 at 8 p.m.

Fourth Friday Monthly Artists Nite is a free café and discussion

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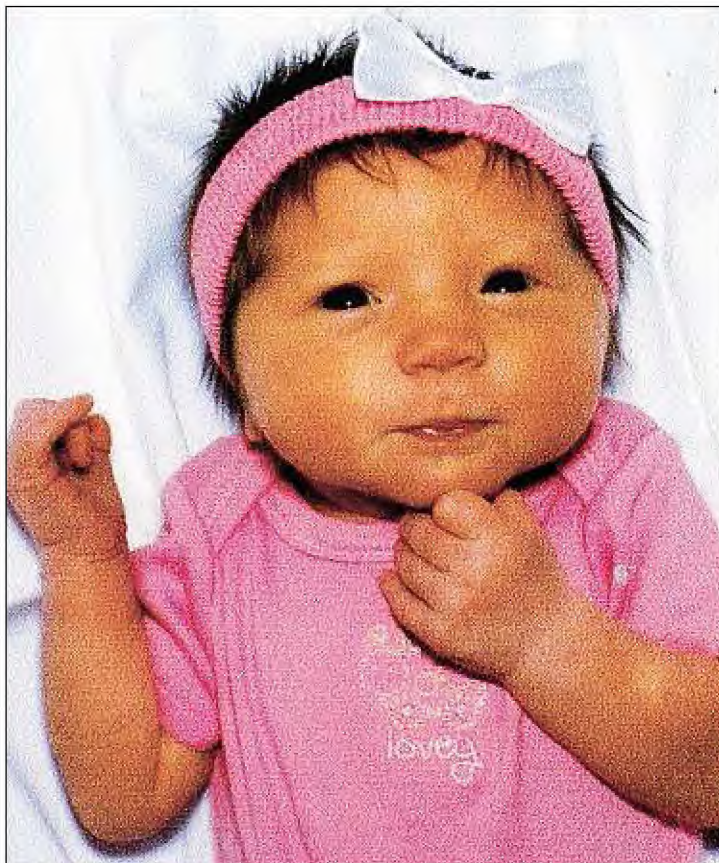


## ARRIVALS



### Charlotte Adelaide Billè

A second child, a daughter, weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 21.75 inches long. She joins her sister Isabella Alivia, 2. Grandparents are Charles Kovacs of Bloomfield and Karen Flaig of Rutherford. She was born to Jennifer and Michael Tortorello of Nutley on March 12, 2009, at Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown.



### Gianna Marie Tortorello

A second child, a daughter, Gianna Marie, was born to Jennifer and Michael Tortorello of Nutley on March 12, 2009, at Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19.5 inches long. Older brother is Michael "Mikey". Maternal grandparents are Dee and Dennis Payerl of Nutley. Paternal grandparents are Linda and Mike Tortorello of Nutley. Great-grandmothers are Dolores Simpson Payerl of New Providence and Nancy Tortorello of Nutley.

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## Did you know? Five facts from our towns

■ Between the late 1700s to part of the 1900s, Italian immigrants came to Nutley from Italy to work in three quarries owned by the Irish families of Kings, Phillips and Joyce. Some of New York City's brownstones came from these quarries. The Nutley Velodrome was built where the Joyce quarry once was in 1933. The Joyce quarry and the Velodrome were located in the area of what are now Father Glotzbach and Monsignor Owens parks, off of River Road, Grant and Park avenues, and Quarry Street.

Source: "Images of America Italian Americans of Newark, Belleville, and Nutley" by Sandra S. Lee and "Nutley, Yesterday-Today" edited by Ann A. Troy

■ "The Mile Stretch" became a racetrack only open on Sundays and holidays in the 1900s. The track ran from what once stood as the Feurerbach Hotel on Kingsland Street to the finish line at where Michael Gorman's Tavern at the corner of Grant and Washington avenues in Nutley, once was located. Men would come from miles around to race their trotters.

Source: "Then & Now, Nutley" by Marilyn Peters and Richard O'Connor

■ "Sunfish Pond" or "Silver Lake" was a man-made lake in what is now known as the Silver Lake section of Belleville. It was a half a mile long and 300 feet wide. A dam built by Jasper Crane formed the lake where St. Anthony's Church now stands to produce waterpower for a woodturning mill. People would ice-skate and picnic on the lake until a flash flood in July of 1889 broke the dam and drained the lake.

Source: "Images of America Belleville" by Nicole T. Canfora

■ In the early 20th century, Hillside Park, which was on Washington Avenue near Greylock Parkway, would host a Wild West show, amongst other amusements, such as a hot-air balloon, roller coaster, vaudeville show and a merry-go-round. On Sundays approximately 10,000 people visited the park.

Source: "Images of America Belleville" by Nicole T. Canfora

■ In 1831, Ephraim Morris, who was a Bloomfield engineer, designed the inclined planes for the Morris Canal, which helped bring in future business. The townspeople also enjoyed using it for swimming and ice-skating.

Source: www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com.

## Mother's Day request

Attention readers, Mother's Day is around the corner. Submit a brief story about your special mother to us with a photograph of you and your mom.

Stories should be no longer than 200 words. Digital photos should be in the form of JPEG files at a minimum of 200 dpi and should be e-mailed to Tripoldi@northjersey.com.

If you prefer to mail yours, send to Debbie Tripoldi, 90 Centre St., Nutley, NJ 07110. Stories will run on first-come, first-serve basis throughout the month of May, depending on submissions.

## Father's Day request

Attention readers, Father's Day is Sunday, June 21. Submit a brief story about your father to us with a photograph of you and your dad.

Stories should be no longer than 200 words. Digital photos should be in the form of JPEG files at a minimum of 200 dpi and should be e-mailed to Tripoldi@northjersey.com by June 18 at the latest.

If you prefer to mail yours, send to Debbie Tripoldi, 90 Centre St., Nutley, NJ 07110. Stories will run on a first-come, first-serve basis throughout the month of June, depending on submissions.

## Great dinners start on grill

Dinnertime is a lot more fun as the grilling season gets under way.

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**May 7**

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Green beans and a fruit cup

**May 8**

Breakfast - Large muffin and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup  
Lunch - Pizzeria pizza or cheese steak on a roll  
Tossed salad w/ dressing and pure fruit juice

**May 11**

Breakfast - Cereal bowl, snack cheese and pure fruit juice or fruit cup  
Lunch - French toast sticks &

sausage or an all-beef hot dog on a whole wheat roll  
Oven baked potato tots and a fruit cup

**May 12**

Breakfast - Buttered roll and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup  
Lunch- Meatball sub or an all-beef hot dog on a whole wheat roll  
Green Beans and pure fruit juice

**May 13**

Breakfast - Cereal bowl, snack cheese and pure fruit juice or fruit cup  
Lunch - Fiesta nachos w/ meat & cheese or an all-beef hot dog on a whole wheat roll  
Corn niblets, a fruit cup and free baked Doritos

**May 14**

Breakfast - Bagel with cream cheese and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup  
Lunch - Oven baked chicken patty on a whole wheat bun or an all-beef hot dog on a whole wheat roll  
Baked beans and a fruit cup

**May 15**

Breakfast - Large muffin and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup  
Lunch - Pizzeria pizza or an all-beef hot dog on a whole wheat roll  
Tossed salad with dressing and pure fruit juice

**May 18**

Breakfast - Cereal bowl, snack cheese and pure fruit juice or fruit cup  
Lunch - Rib-B-Que on a bun or

oven baked chicken nuggets and assorted bread  
Green beans and a fruit cup

**May 19**

Breakfast - Buttered roll and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup  
Lunch- Fiesta nachos w/ meat & cheese or oven baked chicken nuggets and assorted bread  
Corn niblets, pure fruit juice and free baked Dorritos

**May 20**

Breakfast - Cereal bowl, snack cheese and pure fruit juice or fruit cup  
Lunch - Pizza bagel or oven baked chicken nuggets and assorted bread  
Oven baked potato tots and a fruit cup

**May 21**

Breakfast - Bagel with cream cheese and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup  
Lunch - Baked macaroni & cheese or oven baked chicken nuggets and assorted bread  
Peas and carrots and a fruit cup

**May 22**

Breakfast - Large muffin and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup  
Lunch - Pizzeria pizza or oven baked chicken nuggets and assorted bread  
Baby carrots and a fruit cup

**May 25**

No school - Memorial Day

**May 26 - lucky sticker day**

Breakfast - Buttered roll and

pure fruit juice or a fruit cup  
Lunch- Cheese ravioli or cheeseburger on a whole wheat bun  
Green beans and pure fruit juice  
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**May 27**

Breakfast - Cereal bowl, snack cheese and pure fruit juice or fruit cup  
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Baked beans and a fruit cup

**May 28**

Breakfast - Bagel with cream cheese and pure fruit juice or a fruit

cup  
Lunch - Mozzarella sticks with sauce and assorted bread or cheeseburger on a whole wheat bun  
Corn and a fruit cup

**May 29 - John F. Kennedy's Birthday**

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## SOFTBALL

## Bucs advance in county tournament

BY MIKE LAMBERTI  
for Belleville Times

A big week awaits the Belleville softball team, with key NNJIL games on tap and an Essex County Tournament quarterfinal round contest this weekend.

Chris Cantarella's Bucs took a 13-2 record into a game with Teaneck on Monday.

This afternoon, Belleville visits one of the state's best teams, Immaculate Heart Academy, at 4 p.m. in Westwood. On Saturday, the Bucs will take on West Essex of North Caldwell in a county quarterfinal game at Pulaski Park in Bloomfield.

The game is tentatively set for 6 p.m., but that time may change depending on the Greater Newark Tournament games also scheduled that afternoon. On May 11, Paramus Catholic comes to Belleville and on May 13, Bergen Tech of Hackensack visits. Both of those games start at 4 p.m.

Last week, Belleville gained victories over Paramus, 8-1, Paterson Eastside, 15-0, Hackensack, 7-2 and Shabazz, 15-1. The team's 12-game win streak was snapped last week by Nutley, 4-0. Belleville was also awarded the top seed for the county tournament. Cantarella continues to like what he's seen from his team, despite the loss to Nutley.

"Our kids played hard against Nutley," he said. "We had one bad inning where we gave up all four runs. It happens. It wasn't from a lack of intensity, we just lost a game to a good team. We had a

few good scoring opportunities and couldn't get the runs in. I told the kids afterward we have to regroup and move on, and I think we're capable of doing that."

Cantarella was also pleased with his team's top seeding in the county tournament.

"I was thrilled for our kids, but they know with the top seed comes a lot of challenges," he said. "We're going to face a very good team on Saturday in West Essex. They've got a very good pitcher and some talented kids. They won the county tournament two years ago, and some of the girls from that team are still playing."

Belleville started last week with a big win over a strong Paramus team. Nicole Velardi went 2-for-3 with a pair of runs scored and two RBI's, while winning pitcher Gabby Chimento had three hits and Sandra Binkiewicz had two. Chimento spun a six hitter, with two strikeouts and a walk.

"We played very well against Paramus," Cantarella said. "Defensively, we made no mistakes and Gabby pitched an excellent game. Erica Giangrande had a big RBI single for us in the sixth inning of that game as well."

Versus Paterson Eastside, Elisa Hoehe pitched a five-inning complete game, striking out four and walking two, while giving up just three hits. Mariah Lucena was 3-for-3 with four RBI's while Alexa Veniero had two hits and drove in a pair.

Veniero was the winning pitcher in the Hackensack game, pitching the first four innings before



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Shortstop Mariah Lucena makes a quick turn at third base after hitting a leadoff triple in the fourth inning against Nutley at Yantacaw Park last Thursday. However, the Bucs were unable to score Lucena, and their 12 game win streak was snapped with a 4-0 loss.

Chimento came in to finish up with three strong innings. Lucena had three hits, while Jessica Benacquista and Veniero had two hits apiece.

Against Shabazz last Saturday in the first round of the Essex

County Tournament, Lucena had another good day with three hits. Benacquista hit a homer, Vanessa Gomez drove in three runs and Victoria Andreola had two RBI's.

"We're looking forward to what

should be a big week," Cantarella said. "The weather might be a problem as far as getting all the games in, but we're hoping to be playing just about every day this week and then be ready for the county game on Saturday."

## CREW

## Belleville rowers do well at City Championships

BY MIKE LAMBERTI  
for Belleville Times

The Belleville High crew team had some good performances at the City Championships last Sunday on the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia.

Gail Lahm's team will race at the Upper Merion Invitational at King-Of-Prussia, Pennsylvania, this Saturday.

"It was a soggy day in Philadelphia," Lahm said about last Sunday's race. "There were over 500 entries with 66 schools participating, representing five states. All of our boats raced well with the novice four boys and J.V. four girls moving on to compete in their (respective) final."

The J.V. four girls had a tremendous day. The team, consisting of Michiru Sprague, Nadine Marte, Caitlyn Vreeland, Lisa Lorenz and coxswain Olga Boldero won its first race, then took third in the championship round. Only 1.38 seconds separated the top three shells.

Because of their top effort, the girls have qualified for the Scholastic National Championships on May 22 and 23 at Mercer County Park. The girls' varsity four also claimed that honor after excelling at the New Jersey Scholastic Championships two weeks ago.

The novice four boys also did well, finishing fourth in its qualifier race, then fifth in the final. The boat consisted of Elvis Tapia, Adam Hamden, Joel Rodriguez, Giancarlo Ramos and coxswain Will Soto.

Those shells which did not qualify for the finals, but turned in good efforts, were the girls novice four, J.V. eight and varsity four, as well as the boys J.V. four, J.V. eight and varsity four.

"The season is starting to wind down, but there's still a lot of good things coming up," Lahm said. "These kids have worked very hard all season long and it's nice to see them performing so consistently."

## VOLLEYBALL

## Bucs prepare for semifinal

BY MIKE LAMBERTI  
for Belleville Times

The Belleville boys' volleyball team will compete in the Essex County Tournament (ECT) semifinals on Saturday at Bloomfield, facing the Bengals in a 5:30 p.m. contest.

Ed Saggio's Bucs were 11-5 heading into a big week of action, which includes a home game today against Hackensack and Saturday's county game.

Next Monday, the team visits Don Bosco Prep of Ramsey and on May 13, Bloomfield comes to Belleville for a regular season match.

Saggio has been impressed with his team's intensity and consistency this season.

"We're getting some good efforts from the younger and more experienced players," Saggio said. "We're back in the

county semifinals, and I'm pleased about that, and we should also be in good shape as far as making the state tournament."

Belleville was seeded third in the ECT, with Livingston first and Bloomfield second. Montclair and Livingston will play in the other semifinal.

"We had beaten Montclair just before the seeding meeting, so that got us the third seed," Saggio said. "Last year, we lost to Bloomfield in the county semis, so we're hoping to turn that around this time. Bloomfield has a very good team. It should be a good match."

Senior Rudy Hernandez is pacing the Bucs this year with 172 kills (10.5 per game).

"Rudy is serving well and his overall game has been excellent," Saggio said.

Classmate Nate Droz has also been playing well, with an

average of nine kills per match. Another senior, Dean Saporito, is doing a good job as well.

"This is Dean's first year out for the team," Saggio said. "He's become one of our most timely hitters and is a presence in the middle, as well as a good server. I wish he had been on the team earlier. He's a solid player."

A trio of freshmen have also been effective for Belleville. Luigi Zanoria has 315 assists this season, an average of over 20 per game. Jillian Rodriguez's 6'3" frame have made him a force at the net while Jalil Dolar has been doing a good job in the middle.

"We've got some tough matches coming up with teams like Don Bosco (twice), Hackensack and two matches with Bloomfield," Saggio said. "We just need to keep playing with the same intensity we've had the past few weeks."



# Bucs advance to GNT semis

BY MIKE LAMBERTI  
for Belleville Times

The week started with a loss, but the Belleville baseball team ended it on a four game winning streak, including a 7-2 win over Columbia in the quarterfinal round of the Greater Newark Tournament (GNT) last Saturday at George Zanfini Field.

Joe Sorce's Bucs took a 10-7 mark into a game with Teaneck last Monday. Yesterday, the Bucs faced Clifton and tonight they will host Nutley at 7 p.m. Tomorrow, the team hosts Montclair at 4 p.m., and on Saturday Belleville plays Verona in the GNT semifinals. The Bucs were scheduled to face the Livingston-Montclair winner in the semis on Sunday, but it was postponed due to rain. As of press time, it was unknown who Belleville will play and when it will take place. There's a possibility the Bucs would face Montclair on consecutive days. Next Monday, the Bucs visit Paramus Catholic and on May 13, they play Bergen Tech in Hackensack. Both contests start at 4 p.m.

The cutoff for qualifying for the NJSIAA tournament is through tomorrow's games, as well, and Belleville needed to be at .500, or better, to qualify.

"At 10-7, we're in good shape to make the states, but we're not taking anything for granted," Sorce said after the Columbia game. "We need at least one win to assure the states and we're playing every game with a must win attitude."

In addition to the victory over Columbia last week, Belleville also defeated West Orange, 9-0, Hackensack, 6-4 and Paterson Eastside, 9-5.

"The kids are playing very well," Sorce said. "This past week was a big test for us and we came through. We were hoping to play Columbia again after losing a close game to them in early April and I liked the way we faced that test."

Columbia was a two seed in the GNT, and had a talented offensive team. But Belleville pitcher Chris Judge was more than up to the challenge, striking out 11 and

walking one in a complete game effort.

Belleville fell behind 2-0 in the third, but came back with five runs in the fourth inning and never looked back. Juan Lisojo was 4-for-4 with a homer for Belleville, while Judge helped his own cause with three hits. John Brondo also had three hits.

"We hit the ball and played very good defense," Sorce said. "(Judge) was outstanding. It feels great to get back to the semifinals and we're hoping to get a trip to the finals this time."

In Sorce's first season as head coach in 2007, Belleville also advanced to the GNT semis and led Newark East Side, 6-0, before losing a heartbreaking decision.

Versus Paterson Eastside, Dylan Steitz got the win, hurling the first five innings before giving way to Steve Rovell. Shawn Gonzalez and Steitz each had two hits to lead the Bucs.

Against Hackensack, Joe O'Donnell pitched a complete game and went 4-for-4. Steitz had another good day with three hits.

The West Orange game featured an outstanding pitching effort from Irving Pena, who tossed a one-hit, complete game shutout. Pena struck out five and walked one, while Gonzalez had three hits and Lisojo, two, to pace the offense. In Belleville's lone defeat last week, O'Donnell led the way with a 3-for-3, five RBI game.

"Pena threw the ball very well against West Orange," Sorce said. "Joey O'Donnell has been very consistent, as has Steitz and Gonzalez. We're hoping to continue the momentum into this week, where we'd like to clinch a berth in the states and then get ready for Saturday's semifinal."



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## PLAY BALL

Bloomfield Recreation Director Anthony Nesto holds a plaque dedicated to Challenger Baseball League Director and Belleville native Marge Franco (right of Nesto) during the opening ceremonies of the 2009 season on April 12. A supportive crowd was on hand to welcome the new season.

# D'Ambola fundraiser in June

The first annual golf outing to benefit the Lori D'Ambola Fund is taking place on June 15 at the Ocean Acres Country Club in Manahawkin. Lori is a young woman who became paralyzed from Lyme Disease in 2001.

Lori has been a lifelong resident of Bloomfield and her husband Joseph was a longtime Belleville High School teacher and coach. The benefit is to raise money to help Lori and her family pay for medical expenses and therapies not covered by health insurance.

The cost of the outing is \$130 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf and dinner. If you're interested in dinner only, the cost

is \$50. The registration deadline for golf is May 22 and is on a first-come, first-serve basis. The golf begins at 1 p.m. Sponsorships can be purchased.

At the dinner, baskets and prizes will be raffled off and there will be a 50/50. Individuals and stores/companies are encouraged to donate anything they can. Please call Joseph or Patricia

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tion of some to humiliate him, and me as well, because I've worked so well with him. That's politics, I suppose. It's embarrassing. I really thought we were moving ahead as a board, and things were changing for the better."

Persi said he wanted to talk about "the bottom line," the things he accomplished from Oct. 1 through Monday night.

He said, "We got the council and the board talking," they located a possible \$20,000 in funding for a feasibility study to help remake the underutilized School No. 1 property, and defended the

controversial involuntary transfers of teachers and administrators.

"We want to put the strongest people in the right place," Persi said. He also mentioned revamping kindergarten through second grade instruction so children don't fall behind.

Finally, he pointed to the strategic planning committee, which he said he hopes will go forward. In the end, he said, the decision was out of his hands.

"Some people were very upset with the transfers," he said. "I think we've made progress. I do not own the store, I just run the store. The pleasure was mine."

Strumolo said the matter involved personnel, and that, "I just want to move the district for-

ward in a positive manner," a sentiment echoed at the meeting by Bucco and by Schwartz after the meeting.

When asked what the board would do now to find a replacement, Longo said, "That's a good question. We'll have to get a committee together. Sixty days is really not enough time. The last time it was taken out of our hands, and the county superintendent had to intervene."

Longo make no secret at the time of Persi's hiring that Persi was not his choice, but the relationship became very productive, he said.

"I decided to make the best of it, and I found we had a lot of the same priorities in common," he said. "I found I could work with

him."

Longo had said previously that the interim superintendent could continue in the capacity into the 2010-11 school year.

Longo said previously that involving New Jersey School Boards Association in a search for a permanent replacement is not necessary at this time.

He said previously that the board has not begun a search for a permanent replacement yet, and that "there is no particular rush." Longo said Persi could be extended to continue for up to two years, and that he felt Persi was doing a good job getting the district organized and "putting together a lot of things."

Longo said former superinten-

dent Edward Kliszus explained to him before he left at the end of last September that the interim label could be good for two years.

Longo said there is nothing "improper;" that the district has a contract with Persi, and the board can vote to keep him.

Bucco said previously he supported giving Persi a second year as interim superintendent, but would only say Monday night that he "looked forward to moving the district ahead."

Schwartz said previously he was not as sure as Longo that allowing the search to go undone is the proper move.

## PETRILLO

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verge of a state takeover in 2006 for failing to meet No Child Left Behind Adequate Yearly Progress standards for several years.

"Mr. Guinta told us the school would make AYP in 2006-2007, and a lot of people thought he was crazy," she said.

But with "teachers and students working hand in hand," Dolan said the school made AYP for two consecutive years is now not considered a school in danger of takeover, even receiving grant money for its successes.

She said one parent of a high achieving student told her she thought her son's abilities would be "wasted" at the middle school, but is now proud of her child's inclu-

sion in the honors program. Dolan said teacher morale "is very low."

"You say you don't want to do anything to hurt the children, but that's exactly what you're doing," Dolan said. "What is the justification? Why mess up something that's not broke?"

Tracing the history of Petrillo's removal, after a plea from his union representative and three of seven board members who voted against Petrillo's ouster, the veteran educator was given a new title in October 2006 that effectively ended his tenure as high school principal.

Petrillo was first given the new title of 12-month Principal of Elementary Services, with vice principal Victor DePauw elevated from vice principal to temporary principal and later permanent principal. DePauw is retiring effective June

30. With the retirement of former School 8 Principal Angela Imersi at the end of the 2007 school year, the district looked to save on one \$100,000-plus administrative post by moving Petrillo, according to a school official who spoke previously on the condition of anonymity.

Petrillo gave a terse "no comment" when asked about the vote to first reassign him, but his union representative, Marilyn Hawthorne, asked in October 2006 that the board "delay the vote until we can meet at a proper venue to discuss our concerns."

When that did not happen, Petrillo took legal action against the board.

Petrillo settled his lawsuit with the district, but said at the time it would not preclude him from possibly re-applying for the high school job once it was posted. He

agreed to be School 8 principal "indefinitely," he said in a previous exclusive interview.

Petrillo settled the lawsuit with the school district, accepting reinstatement of his 12-month salary after being reduced to a 10-month principal's salary, while accepting his move to School 8.

The current settlement also gave Petrillo back all his vacation time and removed the prospect of mandatory retirement, he said.

Petrillo earns more than \$100,000 and was continued to be paid in his contractually agreed upon salary range, according to his changing job descriptions.

DePauw was paid \$157,981.92 for the 2008-2009 school year.

The source said previously that the high school was on the brink of having the state declare the school in need of outside management

and bringing in state officials to reorganize the school, under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) program. The Board of Education was looking to change things before they are forced to by the state, according to the source.

Petrillo said he had begun "to implement improvements" under NCLB, that the high school never failed for four straight years, and they he would have continued to take steps, "but I was never given the opportunity."

He claimed that moral and discipline have deteriorated in his absence, and that he was given two "outstanding evaluations" before he was transferred.

In November 2006, a large crowd came out to ask the Board of Education to reinstate Petrillo, and a petition drive circulated for several months.

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■ \$52,000 from salary savings of four retiring teachers

The council, in a statement, said the cuts could be made "without compromising a thorough and efficient education." The full statement is contained below.

Persi spoke Tuesday about the problems that Board of Education would have with the proposed cuts. He said cutting the surplus in half was a drastic move, that a certain amount has been put aside for insurance that really can't be

changed, and that the costs for utilities has already been reduced down.

Cutting summer school is possible, but means the 650 students currently failing will be "on the street," and have to pay to go somewhere else. "Where's the logic in that for the 4,400 (district students)?" Persi said.

The \$52,000 from teacher salaries he said "is legitimate."

Board of Education officials have said they had to send reduction in force letters to more than 80 non-tenured teachers in order to have flexibility in dealing with reductions made by the council.

Lisa Kistner, president of the Consolidated Home and School Associations, said the cuts suggested by the council should be "strongly considered" by the school board, and said Belleville has "great teachers," none of whom

"In these unprecedented economic times, not seen since the Great Depression, our property taxpayers just can't afford to continue to pay the highest property taxes in America. They truly need relief."

Belleville Township Council

deserve to be fired.

Board of Education members reserved comment on the budget

Monday night, with the board attorney saying it would be improper to comment while the board deliberates on what it plans to do.

Tuesday, board member Vincent Strumolo, Jr. said, "The council's cuts do not affect programs or teachers. I'm 100 percent for that. If we can come to an agreement, fine, otherwise we can appeal to the county Superintendent of Schools and let them decide. The council did what it had to do, now it is up to us."

The Board of Education was scheduled to meet in private executive session Tuesday at 7 p.m. to discuss what to cut from the budget to reach the \$914,000 mark.

School Board President Joseph Longo said he expected "a long meeting," Tuesday night.

"We have a lot of work to do," he said.

The council's official statement included the following:

"In these unprecedented economic times, not seen since the Great Depression, our property taxpayers just can't afford to continue to pay the highest property taxes in America. They truly need relief. Although the education of our children is vital to each and everyone on the council, so is the well being of the taxpayers. Thus, we collectively believe that cuts are without question necessary, but they do not in any way compromise the school children receiving a thorough and efficient education. We strongly believe the voters denied the budget with the knowledge we would take the appropriate actions necessary to control the ever-growing property taxes. Collectively, that is the approach we adhered to in our budget reduction choices."

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## VILLANO

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comes from his family he said, including children Brian, 38, Kristine, 36, and Dr. Caren Villano, 32.

Kristine has blessed Villano with a grandchild, Bryce, who is three and a half.

Then there are his four brothers, Joe, George, Kenneth and William, his late father, George, a fireman, and his mother, Josephine, still going strong at 86.

His wife, Isobel, a teacher for 23 years in the district, is simply, "extremely dedicated," Villano said.

So, spending so long in Belleville has had a unique effect.

"I have a sense of belonging, security and family, where I can pick up the phone and get anything I need for the kids in our schools," he said. "People from here remember where they came from."

Then, finally there is the motto from School No. 5, which he said sums up his approach to education.

"Excellence Comes Standard," he said. "All children can learn, we can teach them - no excuses and no exceptions."

There will be a dinner given in his honor by friends and family at the Chandelier Restaurant on Monday, June 15th.

For information, contact Clara Wujciak at the high school at 973-450-3500 ext. 3506.

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## Health department to host screening for cholesterol

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Participants are asked to fast for at least two hours prior to testing. No appointments are necessary.

## Health department offers rabies shots at fire station

The Belleville Health Department will be offering free rabies shots for dogs and cats on Saturday, May 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Belleville Fire Headquarters, 275 Franklin Ave.

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## Residential mortgage information

Are you looking for information about available mortgage money for the financing of a new home or the refinancing of your present home? If so, the place to be is the Belleville Public Library and Information Center on Monday, May 11 at 7 p.m., when Bank Officials Carmen Cerreto and Barbara Freda from Valley National Bank in Belleville, will fill you in on everything there is to know about home financing options. Refreshments will follow the presentation.

For more information contact Joan Taub at 973-450-3434.

## Collecting books for the book sale

Now is your chance to donate your gently used books to the Belleville Public Library for the Friends book sale, which kicks off on Saturday, May 16. All proceeds help the library.

## Book sale

Get book bargains at the Friends of the Belleville Public Library book sale starting Saturday, May 16.

## Career counseling and resume writing

The career counseling and resume writing one-on-one classes at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center have been extended through June. Call the Circulation Desk at 973-450-3434 to register for a Tuesday or Saturday slot. Each class will be sched-

uled for approximately half an hour.

Further help and information can be found online at the library's Web site at [www.bellepl.org](http://www.bellepl.org). You can check out the vault database for information about careers and industry backgrounds.

## Teen advisory council

All teens are invited to join the Teen Advisory Council, which meets the last Monday of every month. As a member, teens are given the opportunity to assist in creating teen programs, participate in special projects, create teen book displays, select and review books, music, movies and more. Membership looks great on resumes and college applications and counts towards community service. Snacks are served, too.

## Teen Center activities

In the Teen Center every Tuesday and Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. there will be Wii, Guitar Hero, DDR, board games and fun. There is also an Anime/Manga Club. You can meet others with similar interests, watch new Anime and discuss your favorites.

Register at the Teen Center or call 973-450-3434.

## Wanted: Creative Teens Students in grades 7 to 12

Do you know how to knit, bead, paint, or any other creative activity? Share your talents and earn community service hours by contacting teen librarian Karyn Gost at [kgost@bellepl.org](mailto:kgost@bellepl.org).

## Open Mic Night

Show off your talent at the library on the last Tuesday of every month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Belleville Public Library is located at 221 Washington Ave. in Belleville. Hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information call 973-450-3434.

## Library has databases for all interests

The Belleville Public Library and Information Center has recently added several new databases for our patrons. These include the Vault Online Career Library.

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The Library also has the Small Business Resource Center, which offers how-to information on small

business planning, bookkeeping, human resource management, financing, marketing, regional tax laws and starting a home-based business.

Another exciting service the Library is offering is MyLibraryDV, a unique video on-demand service where patrons can access hundreds of DVD quality programming on topics such as cooking, travel, and learning about collectibles. All you need for this free service is a library card and high-speed Internet access.

For more information about these and other databases offered by the Belleville Public Library, please speak to a reference librarian or call us at 973-450-3434.

## Library adds new DVDs to collection

The Belleville Public Library and Information Center is currently expanding its DVD collection with the newest best selling titles. These include "Mamma Mia!," "The Changeling," "Kung Fu Panda," "Wall-E," and "Horton Hears a Who!"

The Library also has some popular older titles such as "When Harry Met Sally," "Casablanca," "To Kill a Mockingbird" and "Shrek." DVDs can circulate three at a time for two weeks.

Fines are \$2 for every day over two weeks. Any questions or requests please call the circulation department at the Library at 973-450-3434. To check on a title, check out our Web site at [www.bellepl.org](http://www.bellepl.org).



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## HAPPENING THIS WEEK...

**Annual Valor Awards Luncheon** will be held by 200 club of Essex County. New Jersey State Police Trooper, Essex County Sheriff's Officer, Municipal Police Officers and Firefighters from Irvington, Newark, Maplewood and Verona will be presented with medals for bravery. The life of late Belleville Police Officer Kenneth Santucci will be memorialized. Newark Mayor Cory Booker is Principal

Speaker.

The 200 Club of Essex County, founded to assist the families of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty and the oldest such organization of its kind, will hold its 2008 Valor Awards luncheon on Thursday, May 7 at Mayfair Farms in West Orange at 11:30 a.m. The 200 Club of Essex County will also remember the life of Belleville Police Officer Kenneth Santucci and all public safety officers who were killed in the line of duty last year. Nominations for The 200 Club's Valor Award are made by chiefs of Essex County's municipal fire and law enforcement agencies and the commanding officers of federal, state and regional public safety

departments. Valor Award recipients are selected by The 200 Club's Executive Committee.

Tickets for the annual 200 Club Valor Awards luncheon are available at \$75 each. For more information and to purchase tickets contact 973-694-4982.

**Free rabies clinic,** The Belleville Health Department will be offering free rabies shots for dogs and cats on Saturday, May 9 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Belleville Fire Headquarters, 275 Franklin Ave. in Belleville.

**Ninth annual Walker-Thon,** will be held on Saturday, May 9. The five-mile walk begins at 10 a.m. Participants will walk from Yantacaw School to Centre Street

and back. Participants meet on the blacktop behind Yantacaw School between 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. To sponsor a sign, register in advance or for more information, call Peggy Windheim at 973-661-2287. There will also be on-site registration at Yantacaw School on the morning of May 9. An official Walker-Thon T-shirt is included with each registration. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.

**Second Annual Yantacaw Family Swap,** this will take place at the Yantacaw School Gym on Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to noon. Drop-off is Friday, May 8, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Yantacaw PTO invites you to give away items you can no longer use, and take ones that you can,

all absolutely free, including DVDs, videos, CD's, video games, computer games, books, puzzles, toys, games, sports equipment, snow gear, shoes, jackets, baby gear, kids clothes, small household items. The benefits of swapping are: working together as a community to reduce, reuse, and recycle; cleaning out unwanted items without sending them to a landfill; exchanging our "trash" for new-to-us treasures; sharing with others, including those in need by donating what's left to a local charity and getting together and having fun.

Rules of swapping: all items must be in good condition/working order. Drop off your items at the gym on Friday, May 8 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. If you can't drop off but want to donate, contact Swap organizers for pick-up. For larger items, post a description/photo with contact information on the bulletin board. You don't have to bring something to take something. If you have questions, contact Michelle Hinz at 973-320-2000, e-mail chumsley@mac.com or contact Tara Spinelli at 973-661-3698 or e-mail tara.spinelli@verizon.net. This is a Yantacaw PTO green event.

**The Clara Maass Medical Center Foundation's 2009 Golf Invitational,** will be held on Monday, May 11 at Montclair Golf Club from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Ticket price is \$650 per person or \$2,500 for a team of four. Cost includes golf, brunch, cocktail, and dinner reception. To register call the Clara Maass Medical Center Foundation at 973-450-2277 or visit [www.claramaass-foundation.org](http://www.claramaass-foundation.org).

**VFW Auxiliary business meeting,** The Ladies Auxiliary to Stuart E. Edgar Post 493 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Post Home, 271 Washington Ave. in Nutley. This will take place on May 12. Membership is open. Write to: Stuart E. Edgar Post 493 Auxiliary, 21 Spurr Place, Nutley, NJ 07110. The Auxiliary sponsors many important programs benefiting veterans and their families.

**VFW Auxiliary elects officers,** on Tuesday, April 14, the Ladies Auxiliary to Stuart E. Edgar Post 493 Veterans of Foreign Wars elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President Patricia Kane; Senior Vice President Linda Butts; Junior Vice President Mary Ann Root; Treasurer Mary Ann Kane; Chaplain Kathryn Denton; Guard Gloria Klima; Conductress Diana Denton; Three-Year-Trustee Maria Stankewitz; Two-Year-Trustee Maureen Doll; One-Year-Trustee Mary Ann Root; Patriotect Instructor Maureen Doll; and Secretary Jean Marie Christie. Installation of officers will take place on Tuesday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, May 12 from 3:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. at the Bloomfield High School Faculty Cafeteria, 160 Broad St. in Bloomfield. Montclair State alumni are invited to this special reception in their honor as the university commemorates its 100th anniversary. The event includes food, special guests and prizes. For more information, contact Bonita Kates at 973-655-6792 or e-mail katesb@mail.montclair.edu.

**Meeting,** Wallace and Tiernan employers are invited to an important special meeting on May 12 at 1 p.m. at the Senior Recreation Building on Belleville Avenue to discuss our season end for a June luncheon. Coffee will be served. Any information needed, call Ann at 973-777-4223.

**Monthly pasta nite,** VFW Post 493 invites you and your family to this event which takes place on Wednesday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW Post 493, 271 Washington Ave. in Nutley. The cost is \$10. Enjoy draft beer, wine, and soda. This fundraiser helps improve the building, helps the community and Servicemen and women.

**Friends of the Library, annual meeting** is on Wednesday, May 13 at 7 p.m. at the Glen Ridge Public Library Reading Room. This year's speaker, local historian Phil

Jaeger, is presenting a slide lecture program entitled "Along Yesterday's Bloomfield Avenue." Learn through many beautiful and historic slides why Bloomfield Avenue was built and how it has changed throughout the years as it travels through nine different towns. This event is free to all; register in advance by calling 973-748-5482. Refreshments will be served.

### EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS...

**The last members exhibition for the season,** "town paints," will be held on Saturday, May 16. The Bloomfield Art League is non-profit organization dedicated to further the arts as always the exhibitions and demos are free and open to the public. The exhibit is to be held on the green across from the civic center at 84 Bloomfield Ave. For rain date or other information contact Vince Albanese at 973-992-8920.

**Atlantic City Bus Trip** will be hosted by The Lions Club of Belleville on Sunday, May 17 to support the ongoing Scholarship Fund for Belleville High School graduates. The charter bus will depart from American Bank on Broad St. in Bloomfield at 8:45 a.m. en route to The Atlantic City Hilton. The donation is \$20 per person with \$15 back in casino credits. Refreshments will be served.

**Clara Maass to offer free weight-loss surgery informational session,** are you

considering weight loss surgery? Clara Maaass Medical Center will offer a free informational session, "About Bariatric Surgery," on Wednesday, May 20, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Belleville Founders Room located off of the Main Lobby in the Medical Center. Naveen Ballem, M.D., Medical Director of the Bariatric Surgery Center will discuss what to expect during and after the surgery as well as the surgery's benefits and risks. Certified by the American Board of Surgery, Dr. Ballem has partnered with League Ahmed, MD, and his staff of specialized nurses, dieticians and a Bariatric coordinator, to provide Bariatric services including Lap-Band surgery, Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy, Laparoscopic Roux-En-Y Gastric Bypass Surgery, and StomaphyX Gastric Bypass Revisional surgery. Dr. Ballem completed his General Surgery residency in New York City at the Harlem Hospital Center at Columbia University. He completed his Fellowship training in Endocrine and Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery at the Cleveland Clinic and at the University of Alabama at Birmingham Medical Center. He also served as a Clinical Instructor at the Cleveland Clinic's Medical School. He has extensively researched, published, and presented at both national and international conferences on morbid obesity and the benefits of Bariatric Surgery. To register for this free event, call Maria Rivera, Bariatric coordinator at 973-450-2393. Attendees may park for free in the parking deck.

**Alzheimer's association caregiver support group** for May 2009 will take place at Nutley Public Affairs Building, 149 Chestnut St. in Nutley on Wednesday, May 20 at 7 p.m.

**Volunteer advocates are needed for nursing home residents** in Essex, Hudson, Morris and Union counties. The Bergen Family Center under contract with U.S. Department of the Public

Advocate, Division of Elder Advocacy, Office of the Ombudsman, conducts the program. After a 32-hour training program, advocates visit nursing facilities near their homes for at least four hours each week to visit and address concerns on such issues as living conditions, daily activities and quality of care. For information and an application, call Sue Rosenkranz at 973-226-1041.

**Items collected for needy women and their babies:** Gateway Pregnancy Center, of Irvington and Elizabeth, helps needy women and their babies. Nutley women collect the following items regularly for this organization: car seats, infant seats, strollers, cribs, bassinets and gates (no clothing or toys). Call Nancy at 661-4779 for pickup.

**Gas Lamp Players,** registration open for Gas Lamp Junior's 2009 summer production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." The production is open to students entering kindergarten through eighth grade. Registration cut-off is Thursday, June 4. Registration is \$450; enroll prior to Friday, May 15 and take \$25 off registration. Financial assistance is available. Auditions for principal roles are on Monday, June 8. Callbacks are scheduled for Wednesday, June 10. Rehearsals are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday, July 7 and continuing through Thursday, Aug. 7. Show times are scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. and Friday, Aug. 7 at 2 p.m. For more information, visit the Web site [www.gaslampplayers.org](http://www.gaslampplayers.org).

**REUNIONS...**  
**1945 Class Reunion,** 1944 and 1946 classes are also invited. The 1945 graduating class from Nutley High is holding its 64th annual reunion at Charlie Bradley's apartment at the Buckingham Towers, 800 Palisade Ave. in Fort Lee. Free valet parking is available in the building. There will be music, dinner and drinks. This takes place on Saturday, May 30 at 4 p.m. There is a view of New York

City. The price is a contribution to Nutley High. Rooms are available at the Double Tree Hotel, a Hilton affiliate, in Fort Lee, for the reduced rate of \$129. Our contact person for reservations and more information is Ashley Yook at 201-582-5249. The hotel has a shuttle to the Hilton in New York City every couple of hours from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. and returns from 2:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. for \$10 per person each way. You can stay a few days to catch a Broadway show or other attractions in New York City. Attendees will be from Pennsylvania, Florida, New Mexico, New Jersey and elsewhere. RSVP to Charlie or Dolores by e-mail: [cwbradley@nj.rr.com](mailto:cwbradley@nj.rr.com), by fax 201-224-3045, or by phone at 201-224-0789.

**Belleville High School Class of 1959,** 50th reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Hilton in Woodbridge. Contact Fran Riccio at 843-236-3759, [mehariccio@yahoo.com](mailto:mehariccio@yahoo.com) or Tom Senior at 973-256-0558 or [tomseniorjr@aol.com](mailto:tomseniorjr@aol.com).

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**SUPPORT GROUPS...**  
**The Parkinson Support Group of North Jersey** will be meeting on Saturday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. The meeting is to be held in the private dining room of Mountainside Hospital, 1 Bay Ave. in Montclair. Valet parking is available. The May meeting speaker will be David King, PT, MS. "How to exercise with Parkinson's." King is certified for "Think Big," a program for empowering people with Parkinson's through physical and occupational therapy, the value of exercises such as Tai Chi, dance, water aerobics and more. Refreshments will be served. This support group has an exercise group and a caregivers group. For more information, call Tom McKay at 973-694-2759.

Items for Area Events are limited primarily to Nutley, Belleville, Bloomfield and Glen Ridge. Other towns included ONLY if space permits. Items must be received by 3 p.m. the Friday before publication. Address events to: Area Events c/o Community Newspapers of North Jersey Media Group, 90 Centre St., Nutley, NJ 07110; fax to 973-667-3904, or e-mail them to Margot Hojell at [hojell@northjersey.com](mailto:hojell@northjersey.com). None will be taken over the phone. Limited to non-profit organizations or groups.

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ing on the promises of God!

Are we standing on the promises of God? The world we live in is full of troubles, tensions and turmoil. If we don't have something to hold on to as Christians, then we will see things as hopeless and helpless just like the unbelievers. But we do have something to hold on to - the promises of God. God is a promise-keeper. The Bible is sometimes referred to as the Last Will and Testament from our Heavenly Father. Do we even know what we have inherited? As Christians what do we stand on?

What is our spiritual platform? Whose promises are we counting on?

The whole world and the political climate is discouraging and draining these days. A comedian mentioned that his retirement just got delayed until he is 110 years old. God's promises are not meant to buy our favor. They are meant to redeem, comfort, sustain and help us to mature in Him. The Bible tells us we are to stand on the promises not to lean on them. To experience His peace and comfort you must put your full weight on

these promises. Stand on them. For example, just one promise of many is found in Matthew 28:20 New Living Translation says this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Now that just makes me feel a whole lot better about the state of the world. I might as well have a good attitude since I have to work another 43 years.

God has made you many promises. But they are promises that you have to claim in order to receive. A vibrant, growing relationship with Jesus Christ begins

here on earth, not when we reach heaven. And that life is not a humdrum, mediocre life, but a full life. A relationship with Christ means a superabundant life! Has your life become routine? Boring? Depressing? Monotonous? Overwhelming? Dreary? Try turning your full focus toward God. Listen for His voice, follow Him in every way, and stand on the promises of God!

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## WORSHIP BRIEFS

### Little Zion Union American Methodist Episcopal Church

#### Trustees pancake breakfast

Trustees pancake breakfast will be on Saturday, May 30 from 8 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$8 per adult and \$5 per child (12 and under). This will take place at Little Zion UAME Church. This event is sponsored by the Trustees of Little Zion UAME Church.

For more information call Rev. J. Roberts at 973-371-6141.

*Little Zion UAME Church is located at 154 Stephens St. in Belleville. The phone number for the church is 973-759-7358.*

### Bethany Lutheran Church

#### Worship services

Worship services for Bethany Lutheran Church are held at 9 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. year-round. Child-care is available. Everyone is welcome.

#### Healing prayers

Pastor Nancy S. Moore of Bethany Lutheran Church administers healing oil to all interested worshippers during prayers following each worship service. This brief, special practice is held at Bethany on the first Sunday of every month directly after the regular 9 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. worship

services. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### Kids' fun night

Pastor Nancy S. Moore and the members of Bethany Lutheran Church are sponsoring a weekly 'Kids' Fun Night' on Wednesdays, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the church hall (please enter via the New Street door). There will be ping-pong, games, activities and refreshments. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

*Bethany Lutheran Church is a "Reconciling in Christ" parish. It is the stated policy of this congregation to welcome and fully include persons of every race, age, gender, marital status, ability and sexual orientation. The church is located at 188 New St. in Belleville. Call 973-759-1555.*

### Christ Episcopal Church

#### Local food drive

Christ Church has announced a food drive to replenish and restock the pantry of The Mary and

Martha Soup Kitchen. Gifts of non-perishable items are needed to keep up with the demands of the soup kitchen which now serves meals each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. Individuals and organizations wishing to make contributions of canned goods or financial gifts are asked to contact the parish at 973-751-0616. Volunteers are also always needed to maintain the soup kitchen's ongoing operations. Persons wishing to volunteer are asked to phone the parish.

#### New York opera forum

The New York Opera Forum, under the direction of their Music Director, Richard Nechamkin, will return for a concert performance of The Magic Flute, written by Wolfgang A. Mozart. The concert performance will be given on Saturday, May 9 beginning at 2 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church in Belleville. The suggested donation is \$10.

New York Opera Forum was founded by Richard Nechamkin in 1983 to give classically trained singers the opportunity to learn and perform standard operatic repertoire in the original languages. Complete operas are performed in concert with piano accompaniment, scenes programs are either in concert or staged with minimal props and costumes, and occa-

sional showcase and lieder recitals are presented.

#### Public service of healing

Christ Church has announced its quarterly public service of healing with anointing and the laying-on-of-hands on Sunday, May 10 at its regular 10 a.m. Mass. The Rev'd Paul Walker, Vicar of Christ Church, will officiate and preach at the service. The public service of healing is open to the public.

The annual mother's day brunch will follow the morning Eucharist.

Individuals can request anointing and the laying-on-of-hands at any time for healing. In addition Christ Church offers at least four times each year a public service of healing with anointing and the laying-on-of-hands within the context of the regular 10 a.m. Mass.

#### Rogationtide service

Christ Church has announced its annual observance Rogationtide for Sunday, May 17 at its 10 a.m. Mass. The Rev'd Paul Walker,

Vicar of Christ Church, will officiate and preach.

Rogationtide is celebrated on the three days prior to the Feast of The Ascension. It was customary for parish priests to bless the crops and livestock for the coming year, an event that was highly critical for the survival of the entire community in a society that was largely agrarian. A common feature was the ceremony of "beating the bounds," in which a procession of parishioners, led by the minister and choir would proceed around the boundary of the parish and pray for its protection in the coming year. Within the Anglican Church it is the only time in which The Greater Litany is specifically prescribed to be sung; Rogation comes from the Latin verb "rogare," meaning "to ask." The congregation will sing The Great Litany in procession around the perimeter of the parish and bless plants for the coming year to be used on the grounds of the church.

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**Care closet announces  
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The care closet, an outreach program of Christ Episcopal Church, has announced its May distribution day for Monday, May 18, beginning at 3 p.m. until all of the supplies are exhausted.

The care closet distributes packages of paper products, cleaning products and personal hygiene items to persons with Families First cards. The parish is always receiving gifts of individually wrapper paper towels, facial tissue and toilet tissue; the program also is in need of brown grocery bagging for packing the supplies each month. Additionally volunteers are always welcome both for the preparation of the bags and on distribution day. For more information, call the parish.

**Pentecost observance**

Christ Church has announced its observance of Pentecost for Sunday, May 31 at 10 a.m. with Solemn Procession and festival Mass. The Rev'd Paul Walker, Vicar of Christ Church, will celebrate and preach at the Eucharist.

Pentecost, which falls fifty days after Easter, marks the day when Christians believe that the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples

and empowered them to go into the world and tell the news of Jesus' resurrection. It is a principal feast of the church's calendar.

**Church to receive new members**

Christ Church will receive new members into the family of faith at Christ Church at its regular 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 31. People wishing to unite with the community of faith are asked to contact The Rev'd Paul Walker, Vicar of Christ Church, at 973-751-0616.

*Christ Church is an inclusive community church in the Anglican tradition, located at 393 Washington Ave., between Joralemon and Essex Streets, in the township of Belleville. For more information you may call the church at 973-751-0616.*

**Promised Land  
Christian Church**

**Sunday service**

Promised Land Christian Church has a service every Sunday at 11 a.m.

*Promised Land Christian Church is located in the AMVET's building at the corner of Park Ave. and Walnut St. at 184 Park Ave. in Nutley. Visit [www.njplcc.org](http://www.njplcc.org).*

**Holy Family Church**

**Rosary Society**

The Rosary Society recites the Rosary after the 8:45 a.m. Mass on the first Saturday of the month. All are welcome.

To reach the rectory at Holy Family Church, 28 Brookline Ave. in Nutley, call 973-667-0026.

**Monthly meeting of the  
St. Lucy Filippini Sodality**

The monthly meeting of the St. Lucy Filippini Sodality of Holy Family Church in Nutley will be held on Wednesday, May 20 at 8 p.m. at the St. Joseph's Center. All ladies are invited to attend.

*Holy Family Church is located at 28 Brookline Ave. For more information call 973-667-0026 or visit [Holyfamilynutley.net](http://Holyfamilynutley.net).*

**Temple Ner Tamid**

**Hadassah meeting**

Using the theme of a rainbow, Beverly Reisman of Bloomfield, will officially install three new officers and seven incumbents at the Bloomfield-Belleville-Nutley Hadassah meeting on Tuesday, May 19 at 1:30 p.m. at Temple Ner Tamid, 936 Broad St. in Bloomfield. The allusion is to the rainbow that appeared after the flood when God promised Noah he'd never destroy the world by flood again.

Installed from Bloomfield unit will be Elaine Borowsky, Lyn Brenner, Judy Davil, Florence Grossman and Norma Siegel.

Janet Mellinger will be the new officer in the Belleville unit.

Installed from Nutley unit will be Dina Edelman, Barbara Hirsch, Phyllis Lewis and Gilda Schwartz.

Positions to be filled are co-presidents, vice-presidents of education, fund-raising, membership and program; recording and corresponding secretaries and treasurer.

Hadassah volunteers raise funds for education, medical research and social justice issues here in the United States and in Israel. One of their current programs provides our overseas military men and women with welcome items such as snack foods, toiletries, newspapers, batteries and games.

Guests are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. For further information, call 973-338-4025.

**Shabbat Morim**

The community is invited to join Temple Ner Tamid when they honor their religious school teachers and Madrichim at services on Friday, May 8 at 8 p.m.

**Celebrate Temple Ner Tamid**

On Saturday evening, May 9, Temple Ner Tamid is holding their fifth (nearly annual) Celebrate Ner Tamid event. This will be another evening of food, drink, enjoying the community, and live entertainment—including some special comic talent. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with dinner in congregants' homes followed by dessert and entertainment at the Temple beginning at 8 p.m. An individual ticket is \$50, sponsor is \$100, and dessert only ticket is \$40. This year's honoree will be immediate past president, Stephanie Lurie.

**What Judaism teaches about  
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Judaism does believe in life-after-death. Despite the clear emphasis on the here-and-now, Judaism has always embraced the notion of the eternality of the soul. You can learn what traditions have been inherited about the hereafter and discuss their import for our lives today on Sunday, May 10 at 11:15 a.m. with Rabbi Steven Kushner.

**Mitzvah day**

The morning will begin at 8:30 a.m. with bagels. Programming will begin at 9 a.m. Program options include making lunches for Bridges, yard cleanup for Home Corp Montclair, a garden planting at Temple Ner Tamid, a carnival to benefit Nothing But Nets, and more. This is Sunday, May 17.

**Hosting the homeless**

Temple Ner Tamid will be hosting the guests of the Interfaith Hospitality Network at Grace Church in Montclair the week of May 17. Volunteers are needed for overnight shifts from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. each morning and evening. Families are welcome to share shifts. This is a great way to give back to our community. To volunteer contact the Temple at 973-338-1500.

**Shabbat Shaleim**

Join Temple Ner Tamid on Friday night, May 15 for Temple Ner Tamid's first-ever observance of Shabbat Shaleim. Designed to heighten our sensitivity and aware-

ness to those in our community with disabilities, Shabbat Shaleim literally translates as a Shabbat of "completion." And that, indeed, is the challenge to which we are committing ourselves. Are we truly an inclusive congregation? What more can we do to welcome all the members of our community? How might Temple Ner Tamid make itself as accessible as possible? How might Temple Ner Tamid become more "complete" as a synagogue?

Marilynn Schneider, Temple Ner Tamid member and director of The Wellness, Art and Enrichment Center (also known as the WAE Center, which is an alternative learning center for people with disabilities) will speak to the group on "Inclusion: it's about you and me." Employed by the Jewish Service for the Developmentally Disabled—a residential provider of group homes, supported living and independent living arrangements—Schneider is the founder/director of the WAE Center. The Center is based on unconditional acceptance and mutual respect, fostering a space where an individual's wants, needs and desires can be expressed and explored. The WAE Center provides both small group and individualized programs. Shabbat worship begins at 8 p.m.

*Temple Ner Tamid is located at 936 Broad St. in Bloomfield. For more information, call 973-338-1500 or visit [www.nertamid.org](http://www.nertamid.org).*

**Shomrei Emunah of  
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**Hosting scholar-in-residence**

Congregation Shomrei Emunah of Montclair will host Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Michael Graetz the weekend of May 8. Rabbi Graetz is the founder of the Masorti (Conservative) Movement in Israel. He will focus on the struggle to establish a viable modern Jewish religious movement in Israel. He served as the first executive director of the movement and is the founder of its Neveh Schechter seminary in Jerusalem.

*Congregation Shomrei Emunah is located at 67 Park St. in Montclair. For more information call the synagogue office at 973-746-5031, or go to the Web site, [www.shomrei.org](http://www.shomrei.org).*

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## Kennith A. Boice

Kennith A. Boice, 39, a lifelong resident of Belleville, died April 28, 2009 at his home.

Boice was a visual display manager for Macy's. He was predeceased by his wife Barbara (Borgenson).

Boice is survived by his parents David C. and Cora E. (Hoelschen) Boice; his stepson Kenneth Donatiello; his sisters Sue Ann Brown and her husband Michael and Elizabeth Ann Marinaccio; his niece Nicole Bianca Marinaccio

and his nephew and godson Christopher Patrick Bagarozza.

Interment will be private. The immediate family will be having a private celebration of Boice's life. There will be a memorial service Saturday, May 9 at 1:30 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 200 Highfield Lane in Nutley.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942 would be appreciated.

## George J. Gregor

George J. Gregor, 78, of Belleville passed away on April 24, 2009.

He was born May 19, 1930.

A memorial service was held on Monday night, May 4, 2009 at the Bethany Lutheran church at 262 Joraleman St. in Belleville.

Gregor served in the U.S. Navy as a young man and later worked at Benjamin Moore for nearly 30 years. He recently celebrated his fiftieth wedding anniversary last Sept. 14 with his wife Mary. He

lived in Belleville his entire life and enjoyed vacationing in Connecticut.

Gregor is survived by his wife Mary (Marge), his daughters Debbie Bangert and Patricia Downey, his son-in-law Neil Downey and his three grandsons.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bethany Lutheran church.

## Judith Rafanelli

Judith Rafanelli, 68, of Belleville,

died Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at Clara Maass Continuing Care Center in Belleville.

Born in Newark, she lived in Nutley before moving to Belleville 20 years ago.

She is survived by her husband Joseph I. Rafanelli; her sons Sal Rafanelli and his wife Maria and Joseph Rafanelli and his wife Michelle; her brother Ralph Savatano; her niece Dana Vitale and her grandchildren Nicholas, Christina, Danielle and Gianna.

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## Hadassah will install officers during its May 19 meeting

Using the theme of a rainbow, Beverly Reisman of Bloomfield will install three new officers and seven incumbents at the Bloomfield-Belleville-Nutley Hadassah meeting on Tuesday, May 19, at 1:30 p.m. at Temple Ner Tamid, 936 Broad St., Bloomfield. The allusion is to the rainbow that appeared after the flood when God

promised Noah he'd never destroy the world by flood again.

Installed from Bloomfield unit will be Elaine Borowsky, Lyn Brenner, Judy Davil, Florence Grossman and Norma Siegel.

Janet Mellinger will be the officer in the Belleville unit.

Installed from Nutley unit will be Dina Edelman, Barbara Hirsch,

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She was predeceased by her sister Annette Vitale.

The funeral was on Saturday, May 2 from the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 267 Centre St. in Nutley, with a Mass celebrated at Holy Family Church in

Nutley. The entombment followed at Glendale Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Friends were received at the funeral home on Friday, May 1.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Attn: Gift Management Services, 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250, Dallas, TX 75244, would be appreciated.



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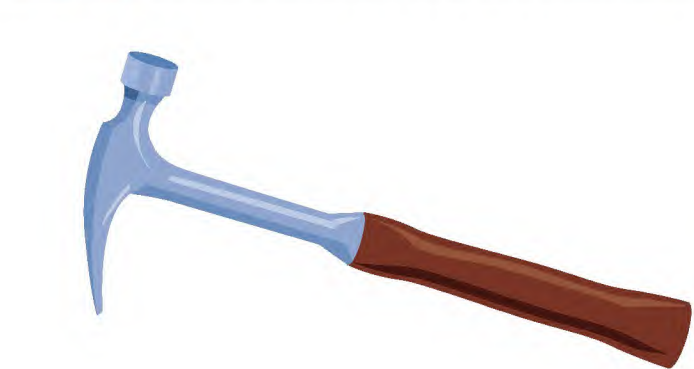


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HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE  
SURPLUS, IF ANY.  
The approximate amount of the Judgment to  
be satisfied by said sale is the sum of  
\$356,889.57, together with the costs of this  
sale.  
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sale from time to time as provided by Law.  
Newark, N.J. March 4, 2009  
Armando B. Fontoura, Sheriff  
PHELAN, HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, P.C.,  
ATTORNEY(S)

Belleville Times 2580142  
Fee \$82.50  
April 23, 30; May 7, 2009

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that application has been  
made to the Mayor and Township Council of  
the Township of Belleville, New Jersey for a  
Liquor Club License for the purpose of allow-  
ing guests to bring beer and wine into the  
premises located at 612 Mill Street, Belle-  
ville, New Jersey.

Objections, if any, should be made immedi-  
ately in writing to the Township Clerk, Town  
Hall, 152 Washington Avenue, Belleville,  
New Jersey 07109.

BELLEVILLE DISABLED  
AMERICAN VETERANS, Applicant  
612 Mill Street  
Belleville, New Jersey 07109

Belleville Times - 2584823  
Fee:\$17.90  
April 30, May 7, 2009

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SHERIFF'S SALE  
SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 09002119  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY,  
CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY,  
DOCKET NO. F732508  
INDYMAC BANK, FSB Plaintiff  
-vs-  
MICHAEL RUSSO Defendants  
Execution for Sale of Mortgaged Premises  
By virtue of the above stated writ of Execu-  
tion, to me directed, I shall expose for sale  
by Public Auction in SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
Essex County Courts Building in Newark, on  
Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at one-thirty P.M.  
(Prevailing Time)  
Commonly known as:  
11 BEECH ST NUTLEY, NJ 07110  
TAX LOT NO. 15 IN BLOCK 223  
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: APPROX. 50 X 243  
X 50 X 241  
NEAREST CROSS STREET: PROSPECT  
STREET  
SUBJECT TO ANY OPEN TAXES,  
WATER/SEWER, MUNICIPAL OR TAX  
LIENS THAT MAY BE DUE.  
TAX AND PRIOR LIEN INFO.: AT THE  
TIME OF PUBLICATION TAXES/SEWER/  
WATER INFORMATION WAS NOT AVAILA-  
BLE - YOU MUST CHECK WITH THE TAX  
COLLECTOR FOR EXACT AMOUNTS  
DUE.  
THE PLAINTIFF HAS OBTAINED A LET-  
TER OF INDEMNIFICATION WHICH WILL  
INSURE THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER AT  
SALE IN RESPECT TO: JUDGMENT J-  
062400-1989.  
A full legal description can be found in the  
office of the Register of Essex County.  
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PERSON CONDUCTING THE SALE WILL  
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SURPLUS, IF ANY.  
The approximate amount of the Judgment to  
be satisfied by said sale is the sum of  
\$419,982.46, together with the costs of this  
sale.  
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn the  
sale from time to time as provided by Law.  
Newark, N.J. March 6, 2009  
Armando B. Fontoura, Sheriff  
ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN,  
ATTORNEY(S)  
1-908-233-8500, FCZ-98429  
Belleville Times 2585435  
Fee \$74.25  
April 30; May 7, 14, 2009

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LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE  
PLANNING BOARD

TAKE NOTICE that on the 14th day of May, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., a hearing will be held be-  
fore the Belleville Township Planning Board at  
the Municipal Building, 152 Washington  
Avenue, Belleville, New Jersey on the appli-  
cation of the undersigned for a variance or  
other relief so as to permit a four lot major  
subdivision with the following variances from  
the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance:  
Lot area, lot width, lot depth, and any other  
applicable variances and waivers on the  
premises located at 42 William Street and  
designated as Block 8605, Lot 1, on the Bel-  
leville Township Tax Map, commonly known  
as 42 William Street.  
The following described maps and papers  
are on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk  
and are available for inspection:  
• Plan entitled "Major Subdivision Map, 42  
William Street, Lot 1, Block 8605, Belle-  
ville Township, Essex County, New Jer-  
sey" dated November 4, 2008; and  
• Planning Board Application.  
Any interested party may appear at said  
hearing and participate therein in accordance  
with the rules of the Planning Board.  
Victor M. Canning,  
Township Manager  
Township of Belleville

BY: Thomas M. Murphy, Esq.  
Township Attorney  
152 Washington Avenue  
Belleville, NJ 07109

Belleville Times 2588229  
Fee \$13.75  
May 7, 2009

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SHERIFF'S SALE  
SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 09002055  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY,  
CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY,  
DOCKET NO. F3406107  
CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff  
-vs-  
PAULO GONCALVES AKA PAULO S. GON-  
CALVES Defendants  
Execution for Sale of Mortgaged Premises  
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Essex County Courts Building in Newark, on  
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(Prevailing Time)  
Commonly known as:  
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LOT: 65; BLOCK: 1917  
NEAREST CROSS STREET: SIXTH AVE-  
NUE WEST APPROX. DIMENSIONS: 25.00  
X 56.25 X 25.00 X 56.25  
PURSUANT TO A MUNICIPAL TAX  
SEARCH DATED JANUARY 15, 2009:  
SUBJECT TO: 1ST QUARTER 2009 TAXES  
WATER: 12/11/2008 \$769.08 OPEN + PEN-  
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PERSON CONDUCTING THE SALE WILL  
HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE  
SURPLUS, IF ANY.  
The approximate amount of the Judgment to  
be satisfied by said sale is the sum of  
\$269,775.92, together with the costs of this  
sale.  
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn the  
sale from time to time as provided by Law.  
Newark, N.J. March 5, 2009  
Armando B. Fontoura, Sheriff  
HILL WALLACK, LLP, ATTORNEY(S)  
Belleville Times 2585443  
Fee \$62.91  
April 30; May 7, 14, 2009

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SHERIFF'S SALE  
SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 09002359  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY,  
CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY,  
DOCKET NO. F413408  
AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC  
Plaintiff  
-vs-  
MIGUEL A. HUERTAS  
Defendants  
Execution for Sale of Mortgaged Premises  
By virtue of the above stated writ of Execu-  
tion, to me directed, I shall expose for sale  
by Public Auction in SHERIFF'S OFFICE, Es-  
sex County Courts Building in Newark, on  
Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at one-thirty P.M.  
(Prevailing Time)  
Commonly known as:  
232 BELLEVILLE AVE  
BELLEVILLE, NJ 07109  
BLOCK: 5903, LOT: 43  
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 120.52'X330'  
NEAREST CROSS STREET: 119.94' FROM  
UNION AVENUE  
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The approximate amount of the Judgment to  
be satisfied by said sale is the sum of  
\$456,096.17, together with the costs of this  
sale.  
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn the  
sale from time to time as provided by Law.  
Newark, N.J. March 12, 2009  
Armando B. Fontoura, Sheriff  
POWERS KIRN, LLC, ATTORNEY(S)  
Belleville Times 2591123  
Fee \$59.82  
May 7, 14, 21, 2009

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SHERIFF'S SALE  
SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 09002269  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY,  
CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY,  
DOCKET NO. F422008  
CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC  
Plaintiff  
-vs-  
FABIO M. DE PAULA  
Defendants  
Execution for Sale of Mortgaged Premises  
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by Public Auction in SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
Essex County Courts Building in Newark, on  
Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at one-thirty P.M.  
(Prevailing Time)  
Commonly known as:  
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TAX LOT NO. 27 IN BLOCK NO. 7003  
DIMENSIONS OF LOT APPROX.: 25 X100  
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WATER OPEN + PENALTY \$455.88  
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SURPLUS, IF ANY.  
The approximate amount of the Judgment to  
be satisfied by said sale is the sum of  
\$579,274.00. together with the costs of this  
sale.  
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn the  
sale from time to time as provided by Law.  
Newark, N.J. March 11, 2009  
Armando B. Fontoura, Sheriff  
FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, P.C.,  
ATTORNEY(S)

Belleville Times 2591125  
Fee \$64.98  
May 7, 14, 21, 2009

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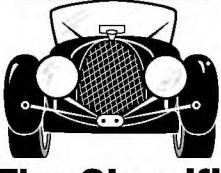
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