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System's go— County Freeholder Harry McEnroe, left, and County Supervisor Philip C. Rotondo, right, along with Mayor Joseph McGreevy extend their fingers to activate the newly installed traffic signal at Belleville Avenue and Branch Brook Drive. The signal, protecting senior citizens on their way to their clubhouse, cost roughly \$18,000. Two thirds of the cost was County paid.

Voters will pick two on Tuesday

By PAUL STERN

A relatively busy but nevertheless quiet Board of Education campaign will end next Tuesday when local voters fill two open seats and decide the fate of this year's \$8.5 million school budget.

Polls at 12 school buildings around town will be open from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

At the polls, voters will choose among four candidates: and will also be asked to pass or reject an \$8,159,268 current expense account and a \$104,652 capital outlay account.

Though reports from various political observers differ widely on the progress of

the four candidates so far, most say this election will boil down to a three-way race between incumbent James Risoli, and challengers Rocco Constantino and Michael Chieffo. A larger than normal youth vote is expected, however, as a response to the candidacy of 18-year-old Angelo Guarino, a Belleville High senior. Traditionally, only about 5,000 of Belleville's 17,000 registered voters turn out for Board elections.

Similarly, there have been no indications so far that Bellevillites will break their nine-year tradition of voting down the budget. Though the Board of Education has warned of continued

deterioration of buildings and cutbacks in pupil transportation services should the current expense account be voted down, little citizen interest seems to have been aroused.

The campaign issues raised by the four hopefuls differ slightly, touching on school financing, Board of Education credibility, curriculum, and the need for involving more residents in the operation of the school system.

Incumbent Risoli, ending this week his first three-year term, has stressed, primarily, his past record on the Board.

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Greco matter settled

In a 4-2 vote last Tuesday, the Belleville Board of Education made final its decision to rescind the resignation of superintendent of schools Anthony Greco.

The Board also voted unanimously to accept the resignation of assistant superintendent Michael Rosamilia, effective this September. Rosamilia will be made full time principal of School Nine.

Board members Caesar Romano, Lawrence Schwartz, James Risoli and Richard Mahmarian voted in favor of the resolution setting September 1, 1976 as the date Greco will "retire" rather than "resign." Included in that resolution is a provision allowing the superintendent to keep the \$37,000 salary granted him by the Board when it accepted his resignation in June of last year.

In an apparent effort to defuse earlier charges by some citizens that a "deal" had been made to obtain Greco's resignation, the superintendent stated publicly that his retirement was "strictly voluntary" when questioned by Board president Matthew Pica.

Pica, who along with Mrs. Viola Spray, voted against the resolution, declined to comment on either his vote or his opinion of Greco's competence as a superintendent.

"For the sake of the unity of the school system and my desire to keep it clean, I won't even comment on that question at all," said Pica.

Mrs. Spray said she voted against the resolution because "at private caucus where the resolution was discussed, it was agreed by some Board members that when a person decides to retire, all we can do is accept it. This was a serious decision that could only be made by Mr. Greco himself." Mrs. Spray had no comment when asked her opinion of Greco's competence, saying that "as a professional, I think it wouldn't be

ethical for me to comment on another professional." She had made her feelings on that question known to the Board in private caucus, she said.

Mahmarian, who voted in favor of the amended plan, said he did so "purely on the basis that a request (by Greco) had been made that he be kept on."

Concerning Rosamilia's resignation, Pica said the Board will begin a search for a new assistant superintendent immediately, and may, in effect, be creating a new administrative position.

Though Rosamilia now serves as part-time School Nine principal and part-time assistant superintendent, Rosamilia's replacement would serve as full-time

director of special services and of the Title I program. While 50 percent of the new administrator's salary would be state funded, an additional expense of about \$14,000 could be incurred.

A full-time Title I director is necessary in Belleville, added the Board president, because "the law has been laid down" by the State.

Following the meeting, the citizen's group which had been pressing the Board to keep Greco indicated it would give up its plan to obtain private caucus tapes in court. The group had alleged that the tapes contained evidence that a bargain had been struck last year between Greco and the Board.

Police continuing death threat probe

Belleville police officials said this week they are still investigating telephone threats made last week on Commissioner Mary V. Senatore's life.

While admitting they have little to go on, local law enforcers said they are doing everything possible to identify the male caller who twice February 25 telephoned the Town Hall switchboard and said, "If Mary Senatore runs, she's dead."

According to Deputy Police Chief Frank Haight, the threats were made over a two-hour period around noon that day, and were received by town employee Michael Welsh. Neither call reached the Commissioner, who was informed of them later the same afternoon.

The threats came only days after Mrs. Senatore announced her candidacy for re-election in the May Commission race, and about one week after Zoning Board member Alois Schmitt called on the State Attorney General's office for an investigation of alleged corruption in Commissioner Senatore's department.

Welsh, substituting at the Town Hall switchboard when the calls arrived, said he dismissed the first call "as a gag," but later became alarmed when the caller again telephoned asking "Remember me?" and repeated the threat. The town employee then notified the police, he said, who according to Commissioner Senatore responded by placing her under guard.

Reports also indicate that measures have been taken to assist police in identifying individuals who make threatening calls in the future.

Last Friday police also attempted to determine whether there was a relationship between the death threats and the receipt by two newspapers of copies of a year-old letter to Mrs. Senatore from former municipal engineer Richard Mango.

Police Chief Joseph Smith told the Times/News he and Deputy Haight were

checking into the matter because the Commissioner had learned of the letter's distribution the same day her life was threatened.

Both the Times/News and the Passaic Herald News received the year-old letter pertaining to Mango's sudden termination last July as municipal engineer. Copies of the original letter were also sent to Mayor Joseph McGreevy and Town Attorney John Scott.

Tavern holdup, slaying linked

Two of the men suspected in the slaying of a Newark policeman have been implicated in the February 21 holdup of Pico's Tavern in Belleville, police said this week.

According to Belleville police, Duane L. Morant, 19, of 165 Vernon Street, Newark, and a man police identified as James Harris, 19, also of Newark, were positively identified by witnesses as part of the trio that held up Pico's Tavern.

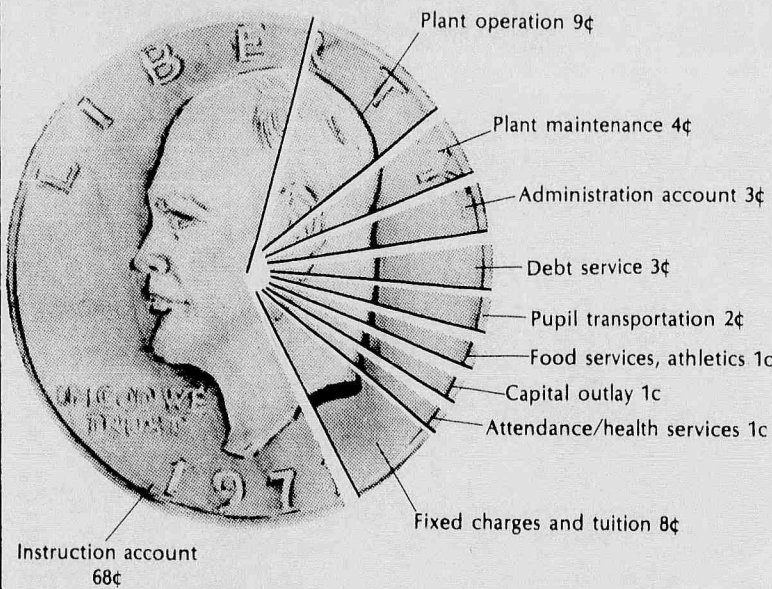
Police say Moran, Harris, and a third unidentified suspect entered Pico's Tavern, 91 Heckel Street about 10:30. According to Belleville Deputy Police Chief Frank Haight, the three men produced guns and announced a holdup. The trio forced the patrons to lie on the floor and collected an undisclosed amount of cash and personal possessions, said Haight. Police say the men then forced he patrons into the tavern's restrooms and made their escape.

Morant is in the custody of Newark police, charged with the shooting death of Richard Burns, 48, an off-duty Newark patrolman. Authorities are still searching for Harris and a third unidentified man.

Police say that Morant, Harris, and a partner shot and killed Burns during a holdup of a Newark bar on February 23. Morant was arrested when he sought treatment for gunshot wounds.

A budget capsule

School dollar break-down



Budget at a glance

	Current Year 1974-75	Proposed Budget 1975-76	Increase	Percentage of Increase
Current Expenses	\$7,414,770	\$8,159,268	\$744,498	10.0%
Capital Outlay	91,428	104,652	13,224	14.4
Debt Service	247,397	241,892	(5,505)	(2.2)
Total	\$7,753,595	\$8,505,812	\$752,217	9.7%

Main reasons for budget increase

1. Salary increases for 477 employees	\$429,000	5. Increase cost for athletics	7,173
(Percentage of increase, 8.07% of last year's total)		6. Increased cost for supplies	12,500
2. Increased cost for mandatory lunch program	\$85,119	7. Increased cost for textbooks	5,000
3. Increased cost for insurance	72,535	8. Increased cost for tuition	65,000
4. Increased cost for heat and utilities	27,200	9. Increased cost for transportation	14,287

Anticipated revenue

From	For Current Expenses	For Capital Outlay	For Debt Service	Total	Percent of Total
Balances	\$85,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85,000	1.0
Local Taxes	6,714,268	19,490	241,892	6,975,650	82.0
State Aid	1,150,000	84,862	-	1,234,862	14.5
Tuition	200,000	-	-	200,000	2.4
Miscellaneous	10,000	-	-	10,000	.1
	\$8,159,268	\$104,652	\$241,892	\$8,505,812	100%

Inside

Candidates talk

All four Board of Education candidates gave their opinions on the issues in taped interviews with the Times/News staff this week. Most of what was said can be found on pages 13 and 14.

'Mame' is coming

Belleville High School's senior class is rehearsing for its upcoming production. The School Page journalists explain, on page 6.

District champs!

For the first time ever, the Bellboy matman are best in District 7. Read all about it in a giant story on page 11 (and 12).

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School Board election

Tuesday, voters will be asked to elect two citizens to vacancies and take action on a school system budget.

Incumbent James Risoli is seeking re-election. We think Mr. Risoli has served well as a member of the Board and is entitled to a vote of confidence from the citizens of our community. We urge his re-election.

Rocco Constantino and Michael Chieffo are two candidates who will probably be vying for the second open spot. The fourth candidate is 18 year old Angelo Guarino. At this point in the election it appears that the Guarino candidacy has not taken hold, with voters concentrating their attention on Rocco Constantino, Michael Chieffo, and Mr. Risoli.

Both Constantino and Chieffo have conducted aggressive campaigns. We believe the voters would be well served with the selection of either Constantino or Chieffo joining Risoli and the other board members.

We don't like the system budget.

Adoption of this proposal will result in a 28 point increase in the tax rate. In dollars this means \$737,930. Times are tough. At least 1500 Belleville people have been laid off or terminated from their jobs. The senior citizen, living on fixed income, is barely able to buy bread, let alone a piece of steak. The undeniable truth is that some senior citizens among us are so broke that are eating dog and cat food. Their pride will not permit them to join welfare roles.

We are in a serious financial bind. The one answer we must insist public officials provide for problems which face us is to adopt austerity measures in dealing with public funds.

We think the school system budget should be soundly defeated.

Frank A. Orecchio

The SCI

The State Commission of Investigation which has lived through six exciting years is the center of attention by reason of a bill introduced in the Legislature by Essex County Senator Martin Greenberg. The proposed legislation would abolish the State Commission of Investigation and have its work distributed among various commissions and committees, all under the direction of the Attorney General. Senator Greenberg explained his motive for introducing the legislation was to save the money required to fund the State Commission of Investigation. The amount involved is about \$1 million.

Senator Greenberg's record in public office obliges one not to question his motive for introducing legislation. We believe little thought was given to the total results were the legislation to become a law and were the SCI abolished. Through a series of articles in the Newark Star Ledger disclosures have been made that would make any reasonable, objective citizen conclude that abolishment of the SCI would not be in the best interests of New Jersey and its people.

For a long time New Jersey was considered the organized crime capital of America. The work of former U.S. At-

torneys Fred Lacey and Herb Stern resulted in the conviction of many organized crime figures — and most of those that were not caught in the Lacey-Stern net — moved their operations to safer states.

Brendan Byrne's election instilled our people with the confidence that the mob would not be back in New Jersey doing business at the same old corner. Byrne is the man "the mob couldn't buy" and this was true — and remains true.

Obscured by a series of poor public relations ventures is a little recognized fact that Brendan Byrne has restored integrity and removed scandal from the state capital. Brendan Byrne is an honest public official. Brendan Byrne's entire lifestyle and public record demonstrate he does not tolerate any easing up on the pressure on organized crime figures.

It is our belief the Greenberg bill to abolish the SCI should be stillborn.

Frank A. Orecchio

Congressional abuse

The Washington Post recently revealed a disturbing abuse of congressional committee staff hiring. Among those abusing the system were prominent Senators such as Henry Jackson (D-Wash) and Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.)

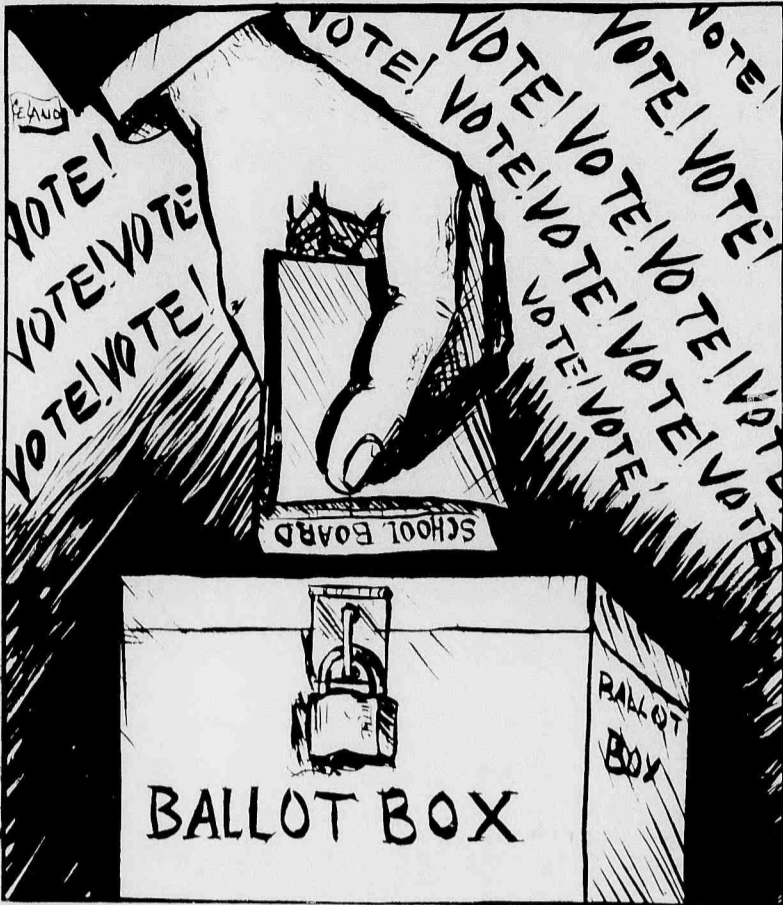
Jackson is said to have a surprising number of committee staff personnel working primarily on his presidential campaign. On one committee he chairs, three fellow Senators have quit, partly in protest to his monopolizing of practically all Democratic patronage (job hiring).

Senator Edward Kennedy, while not using as many committee staffers for other than committee work, is guilty of the same abuse according to the Post, and has staffers of a committee he heads working in his private office. One of the committees Kennedy heads met only twice in 1974.

The patronage system of hiring in both houses leaves much to be desired. Senators and Congressmen still look upon committee jobs as opportunities to put people to work in behalf of political campaigns and to reward friends.

The work of Congress is of vital importance, and the best qualified employees are required for today's complex committee tasks — and they should do the work of committees to which they are assigned.

The Senate, where the payroll has been kept secret too many years (House payroll records are open), is guilty of the worst abuses; reform of the system for staffing congressional committees is long overdue. New members, and veterans, could profitably focus some of current reform sentiment on this abuse.



Vote March 11. You won't regret it.

Golden Comments

By James R. Golden



Hurray! Our commissioners have at last taken a firm, bold stand in support of the taxpayer's interest. For the first time in years they have stood up to the strong police and fire lobbies and refused to be intimidated by threats of probable reprisals at the polls in an impending election.

At a time considered by the U.S. Commerce Department as "The largest recession of the post-war era." The town governing officials offered the same raise to our police and fire personnel as was granted to the rest of the town workers. This generous offer coming when many cities are laying off municipal workers was flatly rejected by them as unacceptable ... an unwise decision in the opinion of this writer, especially, in view of these troubled times which finds homeowners struggling to hold their homes.

To the everlasting credit of our town fathers they, standing in a solid bloc, considered the weighty problem of reflecting the interests of nearly 9,000 local homeowners as well as that of industries against seemingly unconscionable demands of the police and fire lobbies ... Their firm decision left the cops and vamps without even the \$725.00 raise granted the other town employees since much like the dog who lost his bone when his greed forced him to drop what he had to grab for the bone he saw reflected in the water, they had rejected this more than reasonable offer.

Our police and firemen do an exceptionally fine and dedicated job of serving our residents. Their responsibilities are great and demands much courage and entails many hazardous risks for which we must properly remunerate them, which explains why they are compensated so much more than most of the other town workers.

They should recognize, however, in time of financial recession such as we are now in, those generally grossing \$17,000 a year are doing much better than the people who must pay their salaries ... A PERSON DON'T CONTINUE TO RUN A STORE WHEN THE HELP EARNS MORE THAN HE DOES

Don't forget to get out and vote in next Tuesday's school board election ... this is a big one. We get an opportunity to knock down an oppressive school budget that contains a \$737,930.00 increase over last year which will reflect a 28 point hike in our town tax rate ... something we don't need in this recession money crunch period.

If it is beaten and I feel it should be, then it goes to our town commissioners to decide on what action to take ... hopefully they would adopt the same firm position they took on the rejected costly demands of the police and fire lobbies. With retrenchment and job layoffs the fashion in both industry and government throughout the country economies become necessary and our public employees should be grateful they have job security and aren't taking salary cuts like so many are.

Another important phase of the school board voting is the election of two trustees. From a field of four candidates Rocco Constantino who ran strong last year seems a sure winner with incumbent James V. Risoli a close runner-up in the second place winning spot. Both receive strong organizational support from the political supporters of incumbent commissioners ... Constantino is backed by Mike Marotti while Risoli will get strong support from the powerful forces led by Mary V. Senatore town Democratic leader.

Michael Chieffo has conducted a surprisingly strong campaign which should make the second place winner race very close, however, since many in initiated circles conjecture he is receiving "behind the scenes" support from the same political backers of Constantino, concern is being aroused over the prospect that the "check and balance" equation on the school board might be upset by too many members of the Board "owing" their election to any one political group ... This reservation tends to tip the scales in Risoli's favor.

Letters

Non-candidate offers platform

To the Editor:

While big industries are laying off thousands of people and the mayors of other cities are doing the same, the town of Belleville and the County government are playing Santa Claus.

With a serious depression just around the corner and the future of all the people at stake, it's no wonder crime is on the increase.

Our elected officials should join the ranks of economy taken by others and remove the fat in all departments to bring our tax rate down. Many home owners are retired people living on a fixed income and cannot afford the extra tax dollars.

I am not a candidate for public office. I have no intentions to run, but if the people are fed up with what they have and are willing to support me, I will give their wishes serious consideration. They could come to my home or get in touch with me. My door is always open.

Every year our taxes have been going higher and higher. It is time for the people to unite and put a stop to these handouts and elect candidates interested in their welfare.

I am that kind of man and not afraid to hand out pink slips in any department. I will be their light and hope for tax relief.

My platform will be: no moonlighting by anyone; no wage increases for anyone earning over ten thousand dollars; get new industry to

locate here, not drive them out; no more reevaluating by the County — they have millions here in tax exempt property; remove all unnecessary help on the public payroll; all retired people living in their home at least five years will have their tax bill cut in half.

Bring back the old tax rate to what it was in 1962. The new assessments are way too high. Help me and I'll help you. A 45 point increase in our tax rate is murder to all of us. It is now up to the people to rock the boat by refusing to follow the sheep.

Albert Guglicelli
75 Lake Street
Belleville

Brighton objectors state some facts

To the Editor:

The people of Brighton Avenue would like to get a few facts cleared on Commissioner Mary Senatore's statements concerning the Brighton Gardens Apartments. The apartments in question are located in a two-family residential zone, which is a violation.

Commissioner Senatore speaks of density. It was Commissioner Senatore who introduced the density ordinance. The ordinance was passed unanimously. Density in this case means that there

Letters continue on page 5.

THE EDITOR'S JOURNAL

The election— seen in the cards

By PAUL STERN

There isn't a political dabbler in Belleville who hasn't by now begun predicting the outcome of the annual School Board election. "I think So-and-So's gonna win it," say many, "because he's strong in the Valley and has a lot of important backing from the high school people."

Well, really, who can resist? The analysis, it seems, is more fun than the ultimate prediction. Except in my case.

I have this week abandoned the old analytical approach, and am embarking on a new path to arriving early at the Truth About The Election. My method? Mysticism.

Over the weekend I decided I had to know which two Board of Education candidates were going to make it, so I drove to a distant suburb to confer with my friend The Oracle— a man semi-skilled, at least, in the practice of those mysterious occult arts.

"Tell me, Oracle, if you can," said I, "who will win the election." He smiled a crooked smile and led me to his underground headquarters, a bit musty but otherwise comfortable. Pulling from under his T-shirt (He's a hip Oracle) a pack of

Tarot cards, he raised his eyebrows quickly and said: "Shuffle the cards and concentrate." I did so. "Now, think of a candidate, and pick a card."

This is a trifle strange, thought I, but said nothing; and focusing my small mental strength on the first candidate, James Risoli, I withdrew from the pack a card.

"La Morte!" whispered Oracle loudly. "La Morte...this man's had it. The death card means failure of projects or negative change."

Hmmm, I thought, and sifted through the pack for Angelo Guarino's fate. "Are you sure this is right?" I asked.

"How do I know? Just pick the next card," was the reply.

I did— the Three of Pentacles. "Ah!" said Oracle, "the amateur or apprentice has received his reward."

"Does that mean he'll be elected?" I asked. No answer. "Or could it mean that as Belleville's youngest candidate ever, running was reward in itself?" Still no answer.

I thought the name of Michael D. Chieffo, and again drew from the pack. The Five of Cups. Said the Oracle: "Three are gone, but two remain. Marriage, but

not without bitterness and frustration."

"Can you be more specific?" I asked. He looked at me as though I were insane. "Could that mean he'll be elected, but find his ideas stifled, his ambitions frustrated?"

"Could mean that," responded Oracle looking into a corner without interest.

I drew the final card, for Rocco Constantino, hoping for a better answer. "Justice is the card," said the magic man, "Justice."

"What?"

"I said you have drawn the Justice card. You are acquainted with the meaning of that, I assume?"

"Well, I suppose so," said I, "but I was hoping for something more revealing. Like a 'yes' or 'no.'"

"WHAT?! WHAT?!" screamed the diviner, "YOU SEEK OF ME ONLY YESES AND NO'S? That's an insult. And I tell you the cards do not lie. The Truth is there..."

And reflecting on it now, I believe he may be right.

NOTE: The Belleville Times/News cannot guarantee that the ravings of this mad man in any way correspond to fact. We would be surprised, in fact, if they did.

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ROCK CONCERT REVIEW

David Bromberg; playing, feeling

By ANTHONY BUCCINO

Over one thousand young people came out on a foggy Sunday night to hear the David Bromberg Band and Stanky Brown Group at Panzer Gym, Montclair State College.

Grunts and moans were audible as the fans began sitting on the floor of the gym. Pedro Prentt, a member of College Life Union Board (C.L.U.B.), explained that chairs were only set up for sold out concerts.

Aristar recording artists Stanky Brown opened the show with "Say Yes And Don't You Refuse" containing a sax solo by Little Joe.

"Beechwood Blues" and "Fast One" preceded their first single "Rock And Rollin' Star" just released.

"Take The Time To Go Home" included a flute solo by Little Joe, a not so tall musician with a sky high talent.

Jeff, the lead singer, wrote "Free and Easy" a beautiful blend of soft melody and calming harmony. Jerry, the faster than lightning drummer asked the audience to sing along and clap on "Just Like Romeo And Juliet", a pre-Woodstock oldie.

"She Ain't No Raving Beauty" and "Rock and Roll You're Like a Lady and You're Crazy" followed Stanky Brown's style of easy listening rock and roll.

Stanky Brown is a charming warm-up act. It was nice to hear Jeff say, "We had a real good time playing for you." It was easy to enjoy their music.

David Bromberg walked on stage in blue jeans and a long sleeve satin shirt followed by six able musicians. The crowd roared.

The fans were quite pleased with the way Bromberg's music flowed gently from hillbilly to New Orleans jazz to country to folk.

Bromberg tuned his guitar while deciding the next song. He said his guitar was in tune when he bought it, then proceeded into a story that ended on the punch line, "Oppor Knockety only tunes once." That was enough for corn but it wasn't all.

David went on to say that playing in a gym made him feel like a track team. He said it with a smile and no one tried to figure it out.

The band rolled into a ballad when Bromberg hit a sour note. He stopped playing to explain, "For years, folks have asked me how I make that note to which I always reply, that's a secret I'll never divulge."

The audience was clapping to the hoe down picking. Bromberg, the fleet-fingered guitarist was joined by a piccolo which shortly played alone.

The blue ribbon band was relieved from

the heat by some Blue Ribbon Beer.

After a humorous song about winning and losing in poker, horses, and girls, David Bromberg led his band into "Please Mr. Custer."

Peter Edmund's clarinet introduced the next song by way of a snake charm.

Bromberg soloed on three songs while the band took a break. Though his long curly beard and light mustache made him look like a hillbilly, he admitted he was raised outside New York City.

David Bromberg seemed pleased with his wit and our reaction to it. After ninety minutes of music he was called back for thirty more. At the close of the show he revealed we make it easy for him to have fun. The feeling was mutual.

Future C.L.U.B. sponsored concerts will include Loggins and Messina, Grateful Dead, and the New Riders.

NEWSMAKERS

Nardachone a faithful realist

There are many people who have spent their whole lives in Belleville. They were born and raised here, and in some cases so were their parents. These people care about town and what happens to it. But even people who haven't been here that long can care a lot, and Emil Nardachone is one of those Bellevilleites.

Nardachone was recently appointed a member of the Belleville Commercial and Industrial Development Committee. He has been a resident since 1968, and in that time, he has developed a real liking for the town.

Nardachone was named to his post on the committee by Commissioner Vincent Strumolo. Though he is not a local businessman, Nardachone brings to the commission a lot of experience in dealing with people and government. He is a lawyer for the Newark Housing Authority.

In addition to his practical experience, Nardachone brings to the C & ID committee a genuine liking for his community and a realistic point of view on its future.

"I get upset when I see the image of Belleville maligned. We do have problems, and we have to deal with them. I think if we all work together we can turn our problems right around. We have to help ourselves."

Nardachone says that everyone—government, industry, and small businessmen—have to pitch in and get things done. He says that, "every facet of community life will have to get involved." He also has some definite ideas about what will have to be done.

"What we have to do is sell the town. Belleville has a lot to offer, and we have got to show that to businesses. We should point out our location. We're near New York and Newark. We're right next to all the important highways in the state, and we are close to rail, sea, and air transportation. We have got to point these things out. We've got to be innovative."

There are other internal problem that will not be so easy to solve. For one thing, he points out, unlike many communities, Belleville has not one, but three shopping areas. The fact that they are all spread out makes building one strong business district difficult. There is also the matter of parking. Nardachone says there is definitely a parking problem that has to be solved if town business is to improve. But he does not see the future as gloomy. He says that "there seems to be a trend in Belleville now for young people to join organizations. These young people want to be involved."

Nardachone's legal background should put him in a good position to study Belleville's problems and ways of solving them. In his work with the Newark Housing Authority, Nardachone frequently deals with the federal government and federal agencies. He says there may be ways the committee can explore to get federal funding for Belleville if it is needed.

Nardachone was born in Newark and raised in Cedar Grove. A graduate of Bloomfield High School, he attended Rutgers University in New Brunswick, graduating in 1968 with a B.A. in Sociology. After graduation, he worked as a probation officer for the Essex County Probation Department. In September of 1968, he began attending Seton Hall University School of Law in the Evening Division. He received his J.D. degree in January 1973, and was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in May of that year.

Nardachone is vice president of the Belleville Chapter of UNICO. He is a member of the Belleville Jaycees, and is a volunteer in the Essex County Probation Department.

Nardachone lives in Belleville with his wife, Annabel, and their two sons, Jon, five, and Jason, two.



Emil Nardachone

FLIGHT 897

A city election in Florida returns five incumbents

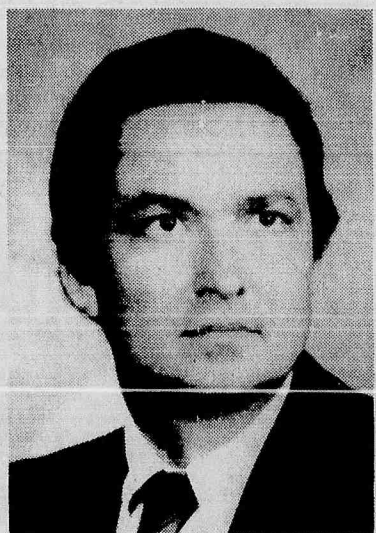
By FRANK A. ORECHIO

THE MISTY V — for the uninformed it is the title of a rock group with a lot of style. Nutley's Park Pub is the scene on Fridays and Saturdays where the Misty V display their abundant talents. I was in town this weekend and had the pleasure of listening to their music and singing. Judging by the faces on the crowded dance floor the melodies of the Misty V appealed to all age groups. While on the subject of the Park Pub, I was pleasantly surprised to see pretty Dorothy Ryan, dayside dining room waitress, performing night duty behind the hat check counter. Seeing Dorothy in "civies" vs. her waitress uniform obliged me to take a second look because I recognized the face but not the uniform.

NUTLEY HAS A UNIQUE special education program underway at the former Italian Orphanage Home on Washington Avenue. I got an earful of information from Mrs. Elizabeth Leber, a young, vibrant teacher, associated with the program, whose father, incidentally, is Walter Wechsler, the distinguished former New Jersey Budget Director recently recalled from retirement to investigate the Newark school system. Mrs. Leber's enthusiastic dialogue concerning the special education project turned me on. You will read more about it in future issues of The Nutley Sun. It is unfortunate that justice has not been done to this worthy program — rather unique, not only in the State but in the nation.

THE CHARLIE EISENFELDERS, a

couple that has contributed much to making Nutley what it is today, are enjoying the Gold Coast sunshine in Deerfield Beach, Florida. Charlie is one of Nutley's most respected civic leaders as well as one of the most esteemed members of the Masonic Order, having been a Past Grand Master of New Jersey's Grand Lodge. He



E. CLAY SHAW

quietly comes and goes, visiting our Fort Lauderdale condominium building and, hopefully, this weekend I expect our security guard to pin him down long enough to have a drink with me.

FORT LAUDERDALE just came through a City Commission election. The five incumbent commissioners won despite the strong opposition by some city employees who fielded a slate of candidates to oppose the incumbents because the Commissioners would not grant a 10 percent raise. The new Mayor is 35 year old Republican Clay Shaw who has served as municipal judge, chief city prosecutor, assistant city attorney and as a member of the Republican Executive Committee. Shaw was selected Outstanding Young Man of The Year in 1971, and received the 1975 Good Government Award of the Fort Lauderdale Jaycees. A B.S. graduate of Stetson University and an M.B.A. graduate of the University of Alabama, Shaw is a certified public accountant and attorney. Remember his name — E. Clay Shaw — a future Florida Governor or United States Senator.

COMMISSIONER DICK MILLS, my favorite member of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission, was re-elected, in a strong third position, about 650 votes out of first place. In a very small way I participated in the effort and to tell you the truth I was excited over the campaign and the results. At the Mills home Tuesday night during the post-election celebration I met an old friend who was sporting an Air

Force One I.D. lapel button. Former Florida Young Republican leader and congressman, Attorney Bill Kramer, was the guy with the special distinction of flying with President Gerald Ford, an old Kramer colleague and crony. Kramer recently was appointed General Counsel to the Republican National Committee. I was surprised when he told me that New Jersey's Charlie Sandman is a member of the Kramer law firm, representing the Kramer complex in New Jersey.



DICK MILLS

bulletin board

Today, March 6

10 a.m. Belleville Public Library, 221 Washington Ave. Speaker: Miss Elva Robinson

12:15 p.m. Belleville Lion's Club - The Fountain

12:30 p.m. Belleville Library, Film: Jackie Robinson

1 p.m. E.C.P.C. Sr. Citizens - Clubhouse in Park

1 p.m. AARP, Belleville Chapter - Fewsmith Church

3:45 p.m. "Flash Gordon" film, Main Library 221 Washington Ave.

6:30 p.m. Optimist Club of Belleville - Fiorente Club

6:30 p.m. The Kiwanis Club of Belleville - The Fountain

8 p.m. Jaycees - The Fountain

8 p.m. Members DAV #22 - Post Home

8 p.m. Younginger/Alden Post 275 VFW - 17 Belleville Ave.

9 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous and Al Anon - Wesley Methodist Church

Friday, March 7

9:30 a.m. Juice and Cupcake Sale - School Four, 38 Magnolia St.

3:30 p.m. Craft Program, Silver Lake Branch Library, 30 Magnolia St.

Saturday, March 8

10 a.m. Tri-Town BPW 2nd Session of Baby Sitting Course at Clara Maass Hospital

10:30 a.m. Shelf and stuffed animal show - Library, 221 Washington Ave.

7:30 p.m. Chinese Auction/Family Night at Belleville High School, sponsored by Music Parents Association.

Sunday, March 9

4 p.m. Tri Town BPW Membership Party at home of Mrs. Stanley Bedford of Nutley

7:30 p.m. A series of Lenten Seminars - Fewsmith Memorial Presbyterian Church, 444 Union Ave. Dr. John Wallhauser, speaker.

Topic: "Resources Within Protestantism: The Question of Prophetic Witness"

Monday, March 10

1 p.m. E.C.P.C. Sr. Citizens - Clubhouse in Park

8 p.m. Junior Woman's Club of Belleville - Meeting 51 Rossmore Pl., Women 18-35 invited.

8 p.m. BPOE #1123 Clubhouse

8 p.m. American Legion Post 105 monthly meeting - Post Home

8 p.m. Auxiliary Unit 299 American Legion - Post Home

Tuesday, March 11

Board of Education Election Day

10 a.m. "Entertaining Made Easy" by Sharon Barash at Main Library, 221 Washington Ave.

1 p.m. Belleville Senior Citizens - Amvets Hall, 100 Newark Ave.

2-9 p.m. School No. Three, HSA: "Election Day Cake Sale" at the School

6:30 p.m. The Kiwanis Club of Branch Brook Belleville - Davis' Homestead

8 p.m. Court Santa Maria #61, CDA Card Party at KC Hall, 98 Bridge St.

Wednesday, March 12

6:50 a.m. Fifth in a series of Lenten Breakfasts at Fewsmith Memorial Presbyterian Church, 444 Union Ave.

Speaker: The Rev. Paul Boger of Bloomfield Church on the Green. Please reserve by calling 759-6869. Tickets \$1.75/adult, \$1 for students. 9:30 a.m. Retired Men's Club of Belleville - Fewsmith Church

10 a.m. John Duerk's Alaska travel film Library, 221 Washington Ave.

10 a.m. Lynda Zweben series: "Children & their development" - Silver Lake Branch Library, 30 Magnolia St.

Noon Valley Senior Citizens: Ham Luncheon and all trimmings for \$1 at Belleville Reformed Church. Surprise sale after lunch, public is invited, no reservations necessary

1 p.m. E.C.P.C. Sr. Citizens - clubhouse in Park

3:30 p.m. "Flash Gordon" serial - Silver Lake Branch Library.

Letters/cont.

can be no more than 22 families per acre of land when a garden apartment is approved and built. Brighton Gardens is 33 families per acre now, and if the variance to allow 11 more units had not been challenged in court and overturned, there would have been 44 families per acre. These are the conditions that sometimes breed slums.

The 11 new units Commissioners Senatore, Strumolo and Laterza approved are considered illegal in the town of Belleville. The 11 units Commissioner Senatore claims are there already are being used by the people who live there — for storage — since the apartment was built.

Why didn't Commissioner Senatore respect our wishes, as taxpayers, when we, the people of Brighton Avenue, picketed Town Hall twice with over 50 people to try and strengthen our plea not to approve the 11 new units.

The cost to Brighton residents for legal fees has been over \$3,000 to prove that we know what's best for our community.

Commissioner Senatore, is all this in the best interest of the people of Belleville? We think not!

Brighton Gardens Apartments Objectors

school page

SENIOR CLASS PLAY

'Mame' coming to B.H.S.

By FRANK DeLESSIO

On March 20, 21, and 22 the class of 1975 will present the hit Broadway musical "Mame." The proceeds from the play will go towards the Senior trip to Mt. Airy Lodge in the Poconos scheduled sometime in June. The senior class received the money to buy the rights to the musical by staging a "Talent Revue" last December. Buying the

rights to the play cost \$850.00.

Tryouts for the production were held on January 22 and 23. On the twenty-second, only seniors were considered for roles and on the twenty-third underclassmen auditioned for the senior production. The competition was stiff and tough, a total of seventy-four students auditioned and fifty-two made performing roles. The prospective actors and actresses were required to

sing, dance, and recite dialogue from the musical.

Under faculty direction, the scheduled cast is working hard to make this senior play a hit. The production is also fortunate to have vocal and music directors Ken Westby and Donna Tsouhnikas. With these talented people, "Mame" should be a success at Belleville High School. Rehearsals will be prompt and appointed. A minimum of three rehearsals a week is re-

quired from the cast.

"Mame" is about a happy-go-lucky lady of the 1920's. She inherits a young nephew from her deceased brother and then suffers through the Depression. Through these hard years of life, Mame and her loving nephew get by until she marries a rich southerner.

After some years of gallivanting about she returns to find her little nephew all grown up ready to take the world by storm with a

beautiful blonde. Mame disapproves of the marriage, but the marriage still goes on and Patrick is blessed with a son. As the story began, the story ends with Mame raising another child just as happy as the first one.

Receiving major roles in the play are Bonnie Low as "Mame," Ken Westby as "Beauregard Jackson," John Caccia as young "Patrick" and Joyce Ranucci as "Vera Charles."



'Mame' rehearsal— Bonnie Low (Mame) and Ken Westby (Beauregard Jackson) strut forward during rehearsal for the senior class's version of the famous Broadway hit. The production opens

March 20 for a three-night stand in the Belleville High School auditorium.

Photo by FRED RACIOPPI

Orchestra, band, chorus 'well matched'

By KATHI HAMMELL

"Matchmaker, matchmaker, make me a match," sang the strings of the Belleville High School orchestra as it opened the Winter Concert and indeed it seemed that the Belleville High School band, chorus and orchestra and music were well matched as they presented their concert on Friday, February 7.

Besides playing a spirited "Matchmaker" the orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Louis Kosma, played "An-

dante and Allegro" which featured the strings and as a final number played "Selections from Music Man".

Next on the program, and a novelty as well, came a barbershop quartet dressed in true-to-life garb. Consisting of Lee Romano, a sophomore, Ronald Fraga, a junior, Kenneth Westpy and Richard Filipek, seniors, the four played a barber, two checker players and a customer while singing "Peggy O'Neil" in the familiar barbershop style. A

laugh greeted the end of the song as Barber Lee Romano flung his arms out giving Customer Richard Filipek a mouthful of shaving cream.

Senior Bonnie Low sang "That's How Young I Feel" from the hit musical "Mame." Bonnie has the lead part in the Senior Class production.

Singing four numbers, the chorus, under the direction of Mr. Thomas Finetti, performed. Accompanying the chorus on drums Kenneth Westpy played during three of the numbers, "Rainy Days

and Mondays", a popular song of a few years ago. "Psalm For the New World", a haunting song of the creation, and "An Answer For Our Time", a jazz rock piece. Karen Amoscatto accompanied the chorus on her flute during this last piece. After singing "And The Child Grew", a song whose words were taken from the Bible, the chorus stepped down and gave way to the Wind Ensemble.

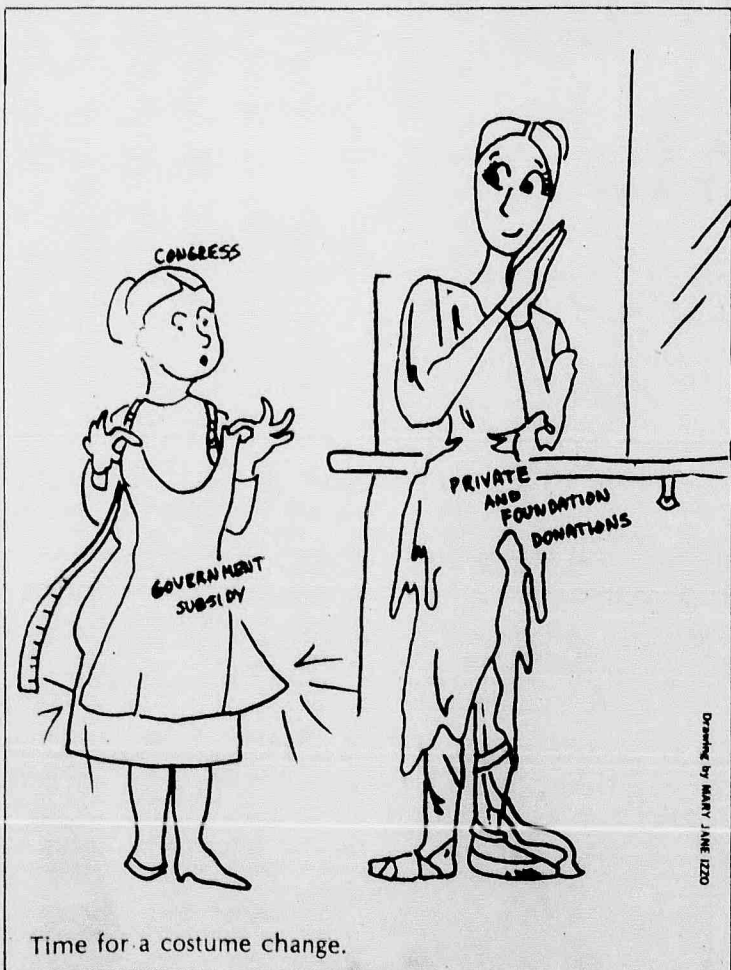
"Amparito Roca", a Spanish march announced the arrival of the Wind Ensemble under the direction of Mr.

Robert Wing. Their second number, "Trumpets Wild," featured Lee Romano, Ronald Fraga and Kenneth Drake.

The Band, also under the direction of Mr. Robert Wing, played a stirring version of the theme from the movie "Exodus" followed by a reminiscent "Walt Disney Medley".

The combined efforts of the above groups caused a beautiful blending of sound that developed into a truly perfect concert.

On Federal support of the arts



By MARY JANE IZZO

If a civilization is judged by the quality of its artistic institutions, then twentieth century America is on the verge of a poor evaluation.

Our society has the capabilities to produce some of the best artistic expression known to man. We have today in the United States one of the leading ballet companies in the New York City Ballet, a group that is world renown, a major opera company, the Metropolitan Opera, the New York Philharmonic, and various other performing arts organizations throughout the country with the potential to equal all of these enterprises. There is only one obstacle in the path of their success. It is, sadly enough, one that is the most difficult to overcome - tradition.

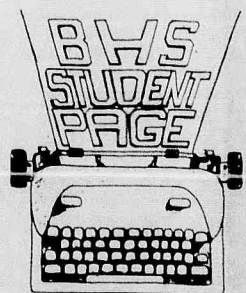
Our government has always stepped aside when confronted with the prospect of federal financing of the arts, they would be subject to heavy governmental controls and lose their freedom of expression. However, this has proven not to be the case.

The Netherlands Dance Theater, one of the most radical and avangard companies in the world, is based in The Hague and subsidized solely by the Dutch government. It performs no classic ballet but produces ten new ballets each year written by young, contemporary composers. Here is artistic freedom at its highest.

Obviously, we cannot make this sudden and complete change all at once, nor would many both in government and in the arts want to. The best solution would be a program with a wider scope than the present one, The National Endowment for the Arts. Private donors could be encouraged to contribute

more to the arts if they were awarded a larger tax deduction.

There are many solutions to this problem if government would cease to shy away from them. Granted our nation was built by people who believed in hard labor and few frills. However, the arts are more than frills. They are the expression of man's high ideals. Treated as such, they deserve just as much support as any super highway.



Drawn by MARY JANE IZZO

MAME is Coming

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Illustration by Fred Lardero

A new face appears in girls' gym class

By CHRISTINE MOLINARO

This year Belleville High School's girls' gym department has received a student gym teacher.

Miss Julie Schroeder from Montclair State College is student teaching at Belleville High until March 22, under the direction of Mrs. Worley, Miss Thomson and Miss Fucello.

Miss Schroeder feels that physical education is an essential part of school and everyone should participate in it. However, she feels here at

Belleville High the classes are overcrowded, not allowing her enough space or time to give students all the attention she would like to.

Like everyone, Miss Schroeder had the feeling of strangeness when she first got up in front of the gym classes. Her main concern was holding the attention of such large groups of girls, but there was no problem and for the remainder of her stay folk dancing and modern jazz will be taught.

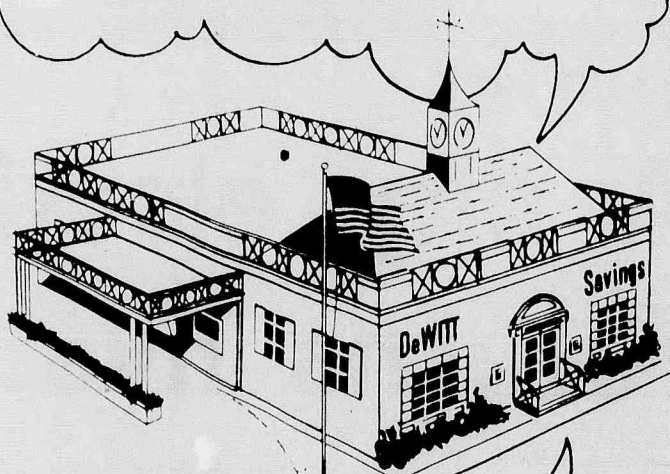
Miss Schroeder originally

comes from Haddonfield, in South Jersey. She attends Montclair State and lives at the dorm. At college she belongs to the Dawn council and enjoys field hockey, softball, and intramural basketball. At home she sings and belongs to a choir.

Her plans for the future include teaching physical education, coaching and receiving her masters.

We are sure Miss Schroeder will enjoy her stay at school and especially in gym classes.

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The new and old — George Gebrian (right) was installed recently as new president of the Belleville Historical Society. Mayor Joseph McGreevy (second from left) performed the swearing in. Former presidents Gerald Hickey (left) and Allan Crisp were honored the same evening—in the Society's tradition of remembering the past.

Playhouse rehearsing 'The Sound of Music'

Friday, April 4 has been set as opening night of the third Family Playhouse production of this season: "The Sound of Music."

The cast, now busy rehearsing at the Playhouse's theater on Brookline Avenue in Nutley, is composed of over 30 people from Belleville, Nutley and other towns.

From Belleville, Eileen Martorana, Rosemary Spezzo, Chris Oleartchick, John Notari, Elisa Spezzo, John Dillon, Ray Iannuzzi, Mary Ann Wittmann, Linda Fabian and Nancy Mareno will all appear.

Nutleyites in the amateur cast include Bob Molloy, Robert Yanuzzi, Jane and

Susan Malizia, Joan Scheckel, Monica Guarino, Virginia Babick, Cathy Van Hoene and Jane McGuire.

Many of the performers are veterans of past Family Playhouse productions.

The show, announced director Ray Napolitano, will run April 4, 5, 10-12 at 7:30 p.m. Two 3 p.m. matinees are

also scheduled for April 6 and 13. Tickets are \$3, and may be reserved by calling 667-4471.

"The Sound of Music" includes such memorable songs as "Climb Every Mountain," "Do-Re-Me," "My Favorite Things," "Sixteen Going on Seventeen," and "Edelweiss."

T.L. Marsh to lead Cancer Crusade here

Theron L. Marsh, Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Midlantic Banks, Inc., has been named 1975 Essex County Cancer Crusade Chairman.

The appointment of Marsh was announced by Miss Mary E. McCarthy, President of the Essex County Unit of the American Cancer Society. Miss McCarthy, a resident of Newark, is a New York television executive.

In accepting the Cancer Crusade leadership, Marsh set the 1975 theme as "We Want to Wipe Out Cancer in Your Lifetime." The 1975 crusade goal is to raise within Essex County \$283,000 a \$20,000 increase over the amount raised in 1974.

"Our Crusade is not just raising the money needed for clinical care and research as basically important as that need is," explained Chairman Marsh.

We ask for 300 additional Belleville crusade volunteers to carry the message to every resident, that cancer can be conquered. Help us save lives.

"What we especially seek is the cooperation of each and every citizen in making the public fully aware of the signs of cancer and immediately responding to the alert by seeking medical review and care. That's the No. 1 priority because history and experience proves that early detection is the key to cancer cure."

Chairman Marsh said the 1975 Cancer Crusade would combine the plea for financial



Theron L. Marsh

contributions with the distribution of literature listing the seven warning points of cancer. He said he looked for the continued cooperation of all industrial and commercial firms, as well as door-to-door canvassing, in attaining the awareness goal.

"I like the familiar slogan, 'Beat Cancer with a Check-Up and a Check' but I also like the pledge to wipe out Cancer in our lifetime. It raises hope and with everyone's cooperation in 1975, we can hope that 1976 will bring more than spirit on the road to beat cancer," Marsh said.

Marsh has been head of Midlantic since 1973. He joined Midlantic National Bank (formerly National Newark & Essex Bank), lead bank and sponsor of Midlantic Banks, Inc., in 1934 and became vice president and cashier in 1956, executive vice president and cashier in 1961, director in 1966, president in 1970 and chairman and chief executive officer in 1972. In addition to Midlantic Banks, Inc., and Midlantic National Bank, he is also a director of Midlantic Mortgage Corp. (formerly Franklin Capital Corp) and Walter Kiddle & Co.

He is a member of the Board of Regents of the Essex County Chapter, American Institute of Banking, and is a former President Of Essex County Bankers Association. A holder of the Boy Scouts of American Silver Beaver Award, Marsh is a former president of the Robert Treat Council, Boy Scouts of American, and was named the Council's Man of the Year in 1971.

He is Chairman and a Director of the Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce, Treasurer and a trustee of the Greater Newark Urban Coalition, a trustee of the New Jersey Medical Surgical Plan (Blue Shield), and a director of the United Way of Essex and West Hudson.

Ex-resident is a town leader

Joseph G. Cairo Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Cairo Sr. of 14 Riverdale Avenue, has been appointed as a town councilman in Hempstead, New York.

The 29-year-old town attorney, who is new the youngest member on the town board, succeeds Councilman Joseph P. Muscarella, who died in December, according to presiding supervisor Francis T. Purcell.

Cairo, who was born in Belleville, studied at Notre Dame University on an academic scholarship, received his B.A. degree in 1967, and graduated from St. John's University School of Law in 1970. While at St. John's the new councilman served as president of Phi

Delta Phi, the international legal fraternity.

Admitted to the New York bar in 1971, Cairo worked with the Valley Stream Law firms of Burke, Sullivan, O'Connor and Tobin until 1972 when he was appointed Hempstead's assistant town attorney, a post held until 1974 when he was chosen deputy town attorney.

Cairo, is a member of the New York Board of Directors of the Notre Dame Alumni Association, Class chairman of the St. John's University School of Law Alumni Association, and an active member of the Nassau County, New York State and American Bar Associations.



Former Bellevillite Joseph G. Cairo, Jr. is now busy helping run the government of Hempstead, N.Y. following his appointment as a town councilman.

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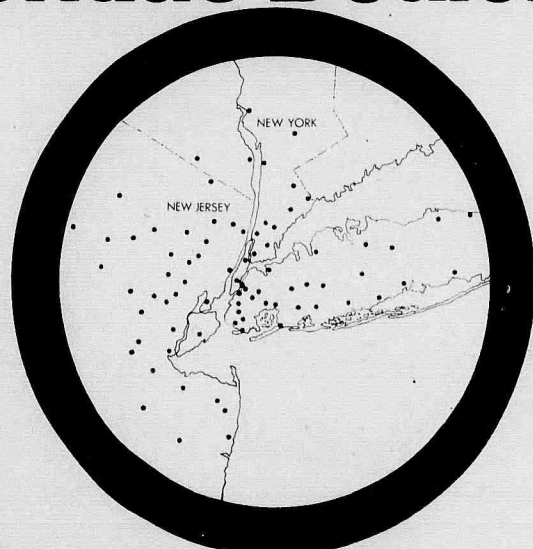
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Honeymoon in West Indies for Mr. and Mrs. Kalucki



Mrs. Michael Kalucki — nee Maria Cerligione

Miss Angela Ann Gotto to wed Kirk D. Agnina

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Gotto Jr. of 45 Dorothea Terrace announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Ann to Kirk David Agnina of Lake Park, Florida, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oreste J. Agnina of Plantation, Florida.

Miss Gotto, an alumnus of Clifford J. Scott High School, East Orange, attended Georgian Court college and is with Hoffmann-La Roche, Nutley.

Mr. Agnina, a graduate of Plantation High School, was recently discharged from the Navy.

The wedding will be held in June.

St. Anthony of Padua Church, Belleville, was the setting Saturday, March 1, for the wedding of Miss Maria Cerligione and Michael J. Kalucki. The ceremony was performed by Fr. John Colatelli.

The bride, daughter of Mrs. Joseph Cerligione and the late Mr. Cerligione, was escorted by her uncle, Mattia Mele. She wore an A-line gown of silk and satin organza. The bodice traced a camero and the entire gown was trimmed in French lace, drop crystals, and beads. Her bouffant cathedral length veil was similarly trimmed and she carried a bouquet of roses and gardenias.

Mrs. Allen Witzgall, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Mrs. Dennis Alamo, Miss Diane Guarneri, Miss Rosary Mattia, and Mrs. Edward Spina, all cousins of the bride. Carla Jean Dente, also a cousin of the bride, was flower girl.

The attendants wore olive green velvet gowns, while the honor attendant was in hunter green velvet.

Patrick Kalucki, brother of the groom, served as best man. Ushers included David Kalucki, Peter Perkowski, Robert Mc Seventy, and H. Allen Witzgall.

Mrs. Cerligione wore a powder blue gown with matching jacket, while the groom's mother chose a pink chiffon gown.

A reception followed at the Robin Hood Inn in Clifton.

Mrs. Kalucki, a graduate of Belleville High School, is a secretary at Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, Newark.

Mr. Kalucki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Kalucki of Bloomfield, is a graduate of Bloomfield High School and Rutgers University. He is a supervisor, also with Mutual Benefit Life.

After a honeymoon at St. Maarten in the West Indies, the couple will live in Bloomfield.



Miss Lynne D'Atrio DiGiacomo-D'Atrio troth is announced

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D'Atrio of Belleville announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynne to Thomas DiGiacomo of Las Vegas, Nevada, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony DiGiacomo of Newark.

Miss D'Atrio, a graduate of Jersey City State College, is a teacher in Newark.

Mr. DiGiacomo attended Jersey City State College and is employed at the Golden Nugget, Las Vegas.

The wedding will take place next month.

Girl Scouts celebrate annual week

Greater Essex Girl Scout Council will celebrate National Girl Scout Week with a variety of activities in each town in Essex County, Summit and New Providence.

Local libraries, store windows, banks and business will afford local Girl Scouts, areas in which to display and execute some of the various crafts and activities in which Scouts are involved.

Festivities will reach peak pitch and excitement with a three day Festivals Finale at the Livingston Mall main arcade on March 13, 14 and 15. Entertainment, demonstrations, camping presentation and safety skills will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Mall. Scouts from all 19 districts will participate.

The 1975 'Grow with Us' slogan is indicative of the long way Girl Scouting has come since it's humble beginnings of 18 girls in 1912. Girls are into the mechanics of environment among other timely topics and can sometime startle us, for example, with statistics concerning the 'Earth N Us'. They know, these women of tomorrow, what they want, where they're going and how to get there.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sileo

Sileos honored on anniversary

Mrs. Antoinette Sileo of 11 Linden Avenue who had expected to celebrate her 25th wedding anniversary in a quiet manner, was pleasantly surprised when she was tendered a party by her husband, Charles J. Sileo.

At the party, held in Newark, Antoinette and Charles were deluged with

silver gifts from friends and relatives and congratulatory cards, telegrams and phone calls. The children of the guests of honor are John J. and Jo Ann Sileo.

Mr. Sileo is associated with the Walter Kidde Co., Inc., of Belleville. The couple were married on February 11, 1950.

Brandeis group seeking books

The Brandeis University National Women's Committee, Essex County Chapter, is now collecting and processing books for their annual sale to be held in the Fall. All proceeds from the sale are used to purchase new

books for the library at the University in Waltham, Massachusetts.

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Marie K. Ferreri

A second child, a daughter, Marie Katherine was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Ferreri of 197 William Street December 8 at Clara Maass Memorial Hospital. Birth weight was 6 lbs. 14 ozs. She joins Dennis Anthony, 4½.

Mrs. Ferreri is the former Margaret Anne Deighan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Deighan of Belleville. Mr. Ferreri, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Ferreri of Belleville, is sales representative for North Jersey for United States Tobacco Company Greenwich, Connecticut.

Jason P. Mineo

A second child, a son, Jason Patrick, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mineo of Montclair January 3. Birth weight was 8 lbs. 12 ozs. He joins Frank Jr., 4.

Mrs. Mineo is the former Sharon O'Connor, daughter of Mrs. John P. O'Connor of Montclair. Mr. Mineo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sal Mineo of 73 Nolton Street, is a salesman with National Cash Register.

Tracey A. Fochesto

A first child, a daughter, Tracey Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fochesto of Verona February 4 at St. Barnabas Medical Center. Birth weight was 6lbs. 11ozs.

Mrs. Fochesto is the former Elaine Pahmerri, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Girdano of Newark. Mr. Fochesto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fochesto of Belleville, is with West Side Plumbing Company, Newark.

Staci E. Phelps

A fourth child, a daughter, Staci Elizabeth was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Phelps of Bloomfield February 12 at Clara Maass Memorial Hospital. Birth weight was 8 lbs. 14 ozs. She joins Sheri, 7, Billy, 3 and Jennifer, 1 1/2.

Mrs. Phelps is the former Barbara Hutchison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hutchison of 27 Church Terrace. Mr. Phelps is a systems manager with Monroe International, Orange.

Sean C. Clark

A third child, a son, Sean Christopher, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jan Clark of 29 Division Avenue February 17 at Clara Maass Memorial Hospital. Birth weight was 8 lbs. 11 ozs. He joins Kimberly, 8, and Shannon, 4.

Mrs. Clark is the former Dolores Thomas, daughter of Henry Thomas of Irvington. Mr. Clark, son of Mrs. Robert Clark of Belleville, is a truck driver with Port Jersey Transportation, Bayonne.

Kenneth J. Paglio Jr.

A third child, a son, Kenneth John Jr. was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Paglio of 55 Hornblower Avenue February 20 at Clara Maass Memorial Hospital. Birth weight was 7 lbs. 2 ozs. He joins Colleen Marie, 8 and Denise Ann, 6.

Mrs. Paglio is the former Julia Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Smith of Kearny. Mr. Paglio, son of Mrs. Mary Paglio of Kearny, is a truck driver with Air Freight Trucking.

BROWSING..... BELLEVILLE

with Pat Diana
(write me at 104 Overlook Ave or phone 751-6861 after 6)

Was invited to the Galaxie for a chance to meet Rocco Constantino. A very friendly man, he spoke on his "concern for our children and our tax dollar." On hand were Mayor McGreevy and Commissioner Bob Laterza (young Bob is acting with the Walden School in New York), Art Pico, Barbara and Cesar Romano, Fred Burlazzi, John Marotti, Mildred Pico, Mildred Visco, Florence Compte, Connie Santasieri and Irene Constantino. Also, Verna Norton was there with Rose and Tony D'Agostino. For the first time I met Ellen Carragher, a charming gal. I'm always running into her husband Frank, but this time it's "hello" to Ellen. I also met Rocco's wife, Irene. Election Day is March 11....be sure to vote.

I'm doing a business spotlight feature for the Nutley Sun now and thought I would tell you about "Nature's Window" which is owned by Carolyn Davey and Adele Higgins...quite a nice spot to shop for plants 'n' things.

At the Mary Senatore Valentine Party, I missed meeting someone specially nice - Lewis Buonopane and his wife Ann. He was "father of the bride" in the fashion show as daughter, Angel Palmeri modeled.

Coming up on March 20, 21 and 22 is the production of "MAME" at BHS. Tickets are only \$3 and it has a cast of 68 youngsters who are all set to wow you. Curtain time on the 20th is 7:30, the other two nights at 8.

Betty Schwenk of the Belleville Reformed Church told me the Valley Senior Citizens will hold a ham luncheon with all the trimmings for just \$1 at noon on March 12. After lunch there will be a "surprise sale". The public is invited, no reservations are necessary. The committee are: Isobel Wittlinger, Catherine Mingle, Audrey Holmes, and Helen Watts.

The Belleville Reformed Church is also holding a series of programs during Lent on Wednesday evenings at 8. One program was "The Crucifixion Through the Eyes of a Physician", another was a motion picture which showed the shroud Jesus was wrapped in. The cloth is preserved in Italy. Another program will be "Being Born Again" by Will Beaumont, minister of music.

On March 11, School Three Home and School Association will hold an Election Day Cake Sale from 2 - 9. Cakes will be baked by the mothers. They also want to thank all who helped make the Card Party a success, with a special "thank you" to those who braved the snow to come out that evening.

I was very pleased to be invited to the 96th birthday party of "Mom" Ella Keenan of Nutley. "Mom" is the lady who started a new career at the age of 94 - printing and painting her own original greeting cards...remember the orchestra at BHS sold them for a fund raising event. On hand for her birthday were

Tree Top expands program; earns state license

Tree-Top Preschool has expanded its facilities and program and is now Tree-Top Preschool and Day Nursery. It is a private school located at 395 Ridge Street in the Forest Hill Section of Newark.

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daughters Edna Ripe of Wantagh, L.I. and Ruth Keenan, also Sue Emery and Minnie Rippe. "Mom" also has two grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Have a wonderful year.

Reminder - the Catholic Daughters of America, Court 61 will hold their card party at 8 p.m. on March 11 at KC Hall. Chairman is Mrs. Julia Ryan. For tickets: Esther Moro, Regent CDA 759-6722.

The Ladies Auxiliary #275 VFW and Post honored Theresa Singer at their February meeting with a surprise 50th anniversary party. Theresa joined the group on February 17, 1925 and has been active as a member and officer ever since. The Auxiliary president, Ann Skidmore made a beautiful cake and Theresa received many gifts.

The Belleville Historical Society was quite happy to have Ed O'Neil at their recent dinner. Ed has been quite sick, and a hearty "welcome back" was given to him.

We all appreciate that something "extra special" to decorate our home. Well, Helen Dolph can help you. She gives home parties for Home Decor who feature such unusual items. Gather a group of your friends and invite Helen over. Call her at 759-3464.

This week I visited the Essex County Junior Bowling Association where they gave out awards....and the 51st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Williams. Look for the stories elsewhere in this issue, please.

I dropped by the "Sock Hop" at Belleville Junior High where hundreds of kids had doffed their shoes, dressed ala' the 50's and danced the night away. Saw Vince Abbot, custodian, Bill Bakka, Science teacher and kids, kids, kids. Bill Hollis and Hedwig Atherton were the teachers in charge of the event which looked very successful. Also on hand were Civil Defense Policemen Tom Findlay, Joseph Skrutskie and Roy Tice. Other teachers on hand to help were: Ruth Shindell, Marie Valente, Val D'Anton, Sue Scaglione, Connie Gonella, Laura Sokol, Mary Caffara, Vinnie D'Anton.

Folks from Wesley Methodist Church who had a birthday or anniversary in February - Charles Keizer, Edward Wiener, Mrs. Ann Boxer, Mrs. Frances Meyer, Janice Ziel, Mrs. Martha Graves, Billy Smith, Mrs. Rita Robertson and Connie Meyers.

On Saturday I stopped by Clara Maass Hospital where members of the Tri-Town Business and Professional Women's Club were sponsoring a babysitting course. Marsha Campbell, R.N. was giving the lecture that day. On hand were Marion Johnson, Chairman of the event. Other BPW members: Miss Marion Hansen, Miss Nancy Orio, Miss Eleanor Storer, Miss Faye Williamson, Mrs. William Baker, Mrs. George Keckesen, Mrs. Robert Anderson and Mrs. John Westcott.

Those early plants will need protection

If your daffodils, tulips, and mild weather we've had this year, says William F. Munk, senior county agricultural agent of Essex County,

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Husbands; are they ever ill?

Helen's thing

by Helen Maguire

Is there anything more aggravating than a man who refuses to admit he is ill? Listen to this now. For two weeks, Rod Maguire suffers with a stuffed up and runny nose, a cough that sounds as if he were on his last legs, general misery, an unnatural tiredness, various aches and assorted other miseries. Patent medicines, consumed by the box and bottle do nothing except run up a bill at the pharmacy. Going to bed earlier only prolongs the coughing fit and makes him more reluctant than usual to face the dawn.

He has come by this malady legitimately, a gift from his loving wife who, if the truth must be told and I suppose it must, suffered the same way for two weeks, delaying a visit to the physician until confronted by a perturbed and adamant friend whose non-mincing words precipitated an appointment. The only

difference, and it is an important one, is that I admitted I was sick and he won't.

When he is finally forced to concede that he is not in the best of health, he changes his approach. Now he questions what good it will do him to go to the doctor's. "What can he do for me?" he demands. "I'll get over it in time," Doodlesday will come in time too, my dear. What amuses me is that this physician whose ability he questions has delivered two of our children, brought the four of them successfully through infancy and early childhood, calmed our fears through two operations, supervised seven hospital stays for mama alone, treated innumerable bouts with infected throats, bronchitis, pink eye, tonsillitis and the like, diagnosed mysterious rashes, made midnight house calls etc. etc. etc.

Finally, I have had enough. The boys are due for a checkup which reveals, thankfully, that their persistent winter ailment has disappeared without a trace. While balancing the twins on my lap (they will sit no other place lest the doctor think they are the patients for today), I mention my husband and his symptoms and his reluctance to seek aid. The doctor smiles his usual enigmatic smile. He is not perturbed. Only twice in our twelve years as patient and physician have I seen him anything but calm, once when he thought I was developing toxemia and the day he ordered skull x-rays for the two month old Ryan.

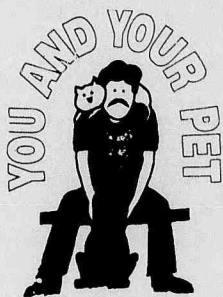
The boys are finished and the doctor, opening the door to the examining room, pauses a minute. "Send him in," he says and that is all I have to hear. On my way out, I stop at the desk

and make a "squeeze in" appointment for 9:30 that evening.

Rod enters his domain at 7:45. "Don't make any plans tonight," I order. "You have a doctor's appointment for 9:30." He looks at me as if I am speaking a foreign language. Doctor? Him? What possible relationship could they have to each other? Now, at 9:15 he is ready, albeit reluctantly, to depart. And now he utters what I consider the most inane, ridiculous statement that has ever passed his lips. "What's wrong with me?" he queries. I am stupefied but,

Like the obedient wife, re-recite his symptoms so that he can communicate them to the man in the blue coat.

By ten, he is home bearing four envelopes of pills and a prescription blank. Not sick, huh? Men!



Veterinarians

Time was when a veterinarian was a doctor who went from farm to farm treating sick animals — livestock. Today veterinary medicine is far more complex and varied. Modern veterinarians deal not only with a broad range of animal diseases, they also play an important role in improving conditions for human health.

The growing U.S. pet population has put a serious strain on veterinary medicine. With 33 million dogs and 38 million cats across the country, not all are able to get prompt ongoing treatment. A recent government report, in fact, pointed out that 10,000 more veterinarians are needed immediately. The need is becoming more critical each year since only 1600 new veterinarians graduate each year from our country's 19 veterinary schools.

In spite of rising pressures, your veterinarian still has time to work out a responsible pet care program with you. There are many medical problems which arise during the course of your pet's life which require professional treatment. Internal and external parasites are one example. Sterilization surgery is another. Also dental problems and vaccinations for distemper, hepatitis and rabies.

They are many other pet needs which your veterinarian can help you meet, as well. The problem of nutrition is one such concern. What, when and how much should you feed your pet? What diet supplementation should be given? And how much water can your pet safely drink each day? These, plus the problems of housebreaking and discipline are very real concerns you will have.

You'll need to learn how to bathe your pet. How to trim its nails. What to expect when you take it traveling ... or board it at a kennel. And you'll have to decide the important issue of whether your pet is going to live in with the family or outside.

Breed Characteristics are another item to discuss with your veterinarian. Your pet's temperament, size and special medical problems are issues you should be aware of in order to help control and possibly prevent difficult situations.

Germes, parasites, injuries and other assorted evils that afflict pets are problems only a veterinarian should tackle. So don't attempt home cures unless your vet first gives you direction. Being a responsible and knowledgeable pet owner can help make your pet an enjoyable part of your household.

Today, the veterinary profession is facing a severe and continuing challenge to try to meet the needs and demands of a growing pet population.



ALBIN H. OBERG, executive director of Clara Maass Memorial Hospital, holds the check presented to the hospital by W.R. Hopper of Upper Saddle River on behalf of the Sexauer Foundation.

Foundation makes donation to hospital

The Sexauer Foundation recently presented a \$500 check to Albin H. Oberg, executive director at Clara Maass Memorial Hospital, Belleville. The check was given by W.R. Hopper of Upper Saddle River, a sales representative of J.A. Sexauer, Inc.

"The Sexauer Foundation has long been a good friend of Clara Maass," Mr. Oberg said. "We are truly grateful for their generosity and fine service over the years. It is because of donations like theirs that we can continue to provide the finest in patient care to our community."

Tri-Towners membership party Friday

Tri-Town Business and Professional Women's Club of Belleville, Bloomfield and Nutley, N.J. Inc. will hold its annual membership party on March 9th at the home of Mrs. Stanley Bedford of Nutley, starting at 4 P.M. All members and prospective members are invited to attend.

Guests at the party will be treated to a tour of this lovely historic home which dates back to colonial days and in which there are many interesting things to be seen.

A hard task is eased by the application of immediate energy.

UNDERSTANDING MENTAL HEALTH

a health column from the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare

Delinquency in Small Towns

Teenage boys in small towns are much less likely to get into trouble with the law than boys in big cities. Right?

It isn't necessarily so. Studies made in recent years have found no firm basis for this common assumption. Small town youths may have just about as many run-ins with the law as metropolitan youths.

And the causes of these confrontations are often of roughly equal seriousness in both towns and cities.

Dr. Kenneth Polk of the University of Oregon is one of the investigators who have studied teenage delinquency outside cities. Because the roots of delinquency are intertwined with those of mental and emotional disorders, Dr. Polk's work has been supported by the Center for Studies of Crime and Delinquency of the National Institute of Mental Health.

The Institute is a part of HEW's Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration.

Dr. Polk and his colleagues studied the careers of a group of boys in 14 high schools in one of Oregon's non-metropolitan counties to see what patterns of delinquency developed in the group.

By comparing his findings with those of a similar study of deviance among Philadelphia high school boys, Dr. Polk showed that there were remarkable

similarities between teenage delinquency in his towns and the big city.

Of his boys at ages 16 to 18, Dr. Polk found that fully one in four had an official record with the country juvenile department.

"This statistic, even with minor traffic offenses excluded," he said, "is still considerably larger than one might have expected for rural and small city populations, and not much less than the 35 percent reported for the Philadelphia group in which traffic offenses were included."

The similarity was even greater when the nonwhite segment of the Philadelphia teenagers was excluded to match the racial characteristics of the two groups more closely.

Then, 25 percent of the Oregon boys and 29 percent of the Philadelphians had some record of delinquency.

Dr. Polk found that the most deviant of his boys were two or three times more likely to drop out of high school, and that those who became delinquent revealed a much weaker commitment to family life.

The findings reported here may not hold true for some parts of the country. Obviously, factors other than metropolitan versus non-metropolitan area are involved.

Predictably, one factor contributing to teenage delinquency anywhere appears to be weakening for the family.

DAR hears discussion of family trees

"Climbing The Family Tree" was Mrs. Lyman P. Hill's topic as guest speaker at the Yantacaw Chapter DAR meeting on Monday afternoon February 24th. Her talk included many humorous anecdotes concerning experiences during her career as a professional genealogist.

Miss Hill believes that, whether one pursues genealogy as a hobby or a profession, in addition to a genuine interest in research, the prime requisite is a good background in history, geography and languages. The professional, dealing with clients must have a sense of humor as well as the combined persuasive talents of a diplomat and a lawyer because people can frequently be sensitive and stubborn concerning this very personal affair — ancestors.

For example, an individual may assure the researcher that he is a direct descendant of an illustrious figure such as John Hancock — who had no descendants. This poses an immediate problem. Mrs. Hill pointed out that certain basic procedures may be taught but the only way to become a genealogist is to "get out and do it." One then becomes a "tree expert" and will be able to spot the weak branches and those that will bear fruit. It is challenging and mind-tingling to follow the clues a la Sherlock Holmes.

Mrs. Hill, a Cranford resident, is a member of the Bergen County, Long Island and Westchester County Historical Societies, as well as three Family Associations — the Hasbrouck, the Gerow and the David Ackerman. She is editor of the David Ackerman Newsletter. She serves as Registrar of the Huguenot Society of New Jersey, Inc., and is Regent of Abraham Clark Chapter DAR. Mrs. Hill is chiefly interested in the Dutch and Huguenot families of Bergen County and Westchester County (N.Y.). She is a graduate of Douglass College and Columbia Univ.

A report from Mrs. Charles Perry, Chapter Historian, announced the names of the winners of the DAR-sponsored American History essay contest among the 8th graders, in St. Mary's and 6th graders in Spring Garden Schools. The students will receive their awards at their graduations in June. Mrs. Perry also mentioned the attractive window display in the lobby of the Nutley Public Library honoring February as American History Month. Most of the materials displayed were loaned by Yantacaw Chapter members.

Mrs. Britton R. Hallowell, Chapter Bicentennial Chairman, discussed the dedication ceremony planned for March 15th, when Yantacaw Chapter will place a bronze plaque on the historic Abraham Speer house. This is one of the chapter's Bicentennial projects. Mrs. Hallowell also gave a brief report on the 4th annual professional conference she attended at the New Jersey Historical Society on February 1st. The meeting concerned itself with events in New Jersey during the Revolutionary War period. An excellent self-chronology is now available from the New Jersey Historical Society in Trenton giving dates and events in New Jersey between 1763 and 1783 pertaining to the war.

The DAR meeting took place at the home of Mrs. John Rosengren in Nutley. Her co-hostess was Mrs. Carroll R. Hedden of Belleville.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS, Mrs. Charles O'Dell, Mrs. James Whelan, Mrs. Robert Manthey and Mrs. Anthony Rusignuolo meet to finalize plans for the Rosary Society's fashion show which will be held March 18 at St. Peter's school hall.

Rosary Society adds champagne to fashions

The Rosary Society of St. Peter's Church will sponsor a Champagne Party and Fashion Show on Tuesday evening, March 18th, in the school hall.

Mrs. James Whelan, chairman, and Mrs. Robert Mathey, co-chairman announced that a very pleasant evening is planned for guests. Besides champagne and

refreshments, a Fashion Show will be presented by Arlene's Dress Shoppe of Harrison. The locally popular guitarist Johnny Ross will entertain with songs.

Tickets may be purchased or table reservations may be made by contacting Mrs. Joseph Servidio (Ticket Chairman) at 483-0568 or

Miss Margaret Whelan (Co-Chairman) at 751-2564.

Also serving on the committee are: Mrs. Patrick Kiernan (Refreshments), Mrs. Robert Palumbo (Models), Mrs. Anthony Rusignuolo (Programs), Mrs. Charles O'Dell (Floaters) and Mrs. Kenneth Dwyer (Publicity).

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obituaries

Mrs. Florence Fabrig was 75

Funeral mass was held in St. Peter's Church on February 26 for Florence Travers Fabrig, a former Belleville resident, who died February 23 at her home in Rahway.

Mrs. Fabrig, who was born in Belleville and predeceased by her husband,

Theodora Rue, 78

Funeral services were held February 24 for Theodora Bostwick Rue (nee Parker) of 124 Hornblower Avenue who died February 20 at Clara Maass Hospital after a long illness.

Mrs. Rue, who was 78, was born in South Amboy, and lived in Belleville for the

past 40 years.

She is survived by a husband, Milton Sterling Rue and a son, David Rue.

Reverend Long of Christ Episcopal Church performed services at the Irvine-Cozzarelli Memorial Home before cremation at Rosedale Crematory.

Edward, was 75.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Yost of North Arlington and Mrs. Florence Woods of Colonia; one son, James Yingling of Madison, Wisconsin; two brothers, Joseph Travers of Belleville; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Estelle of Bayville and Mrs. Ellen Barmore of Belleville, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Interment took place in St. Peter's Cemetery, following the funeral from the Kiernan Funeral Home.

Mass held February 18 for Pauline McCarthy, 86

Funeral mass was said February 18 in St. Peter's Church for Pauline Schnatterer McCarthy of Toms River, who died February 13 Community Hospital Toms River.

Mrs. McCarthy, who was 86, was born in Newark and resided in Belleville for 65 years until she moved to Toms River two years ago.

Mrs. McCarthy's

husband, Joseph J. predeceased her. Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Martin C. (Helene) Reichenbecker of Newark, Mrs. Walter (Lillian) Godfrey of Holiday City, Toms River, and Mrs. Walter (Muriel) Buriak of Williamsburg, Va.; two sisters, Mrs. Viela Fiesinger of Whiting and Mrs. Ann Wagner of West Orange, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

A. DiModica services held

A solemn high requiem mass was offered February 26 at St. Anthony's Church for Angelo DiModica who died February 22.

Mr. DiModica, a Belleville resident, is survived by his wife, Vincenze; two daughters, Phylliss Agresta and Mary Coccoziello; four sons; Joseph, Salvatore, Anthony and Vincent DiModica; four brothers, James, Anthony, Peter and Francesca; a sister, Rose Giangrande; 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild. He was predeceased by a brother, Joseph and a sister, Carmella.

Funeral services were conducted by the Zarre Funeral Home, Bloomfield, followed by burial in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Good living includes a balanced life devoted to work, culture and recreation.

Esther Kane, resident

Funeral mass was held February 13 at St. Peter's Church for Mrs. Esther M. Kane of Hollywood, Florida, who died February 9 at Community Hospital in Hollywood.

Mrs. Kane, who was 87 was born in Newark, but lived all her life in Belleville before moving to Florida five years ago.

She was predeceased by her husband, Patrick J. Kane and is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Rita Gerhard of Hollywood; two sons, Francis X. and William, also of Hollywood, four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Mrs. Cuniff, 68

Funeral mass was said March 1 at St. Peter's Church for Mrs. Eleanor V. Cuniff, 68, who died March 25 at her home.

A native New Yorker, Mrs. Cuniff was a member of the Newark Teachers' Association and a Newark School teacher until her retirement three years ago.

A Belleville resident for the past 34 years, she was

predeceased by her husband, Peter, and is survived by a daughter, Ellen, and a son, Peter, both at home; four brothers, John of California, Joseph of Fort Lee, and Francis and Edward, both of Teaneck and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Sheehan of Fort Lee.

Burial took place in St. Peter's Cemetery, following a funeral from the Kiernan Funeral Home.

Senior notes

By GEORGE CHENOWETH

Seniors, did you know that you may qualify under Supplemental Security Income for added income?

If you are living with relatives and your entire income is less than \$125 per month, you could qualify. If you are living alone and your entire income is less than \$182 you could qualify. If you are a couple and your income is less than \$225 per month you could also qualify.

United States government statistics show that if you are not getting at least this amount and you qualify in other ways, that you are living below what is known as the poverty level. It may pay you to look into this. This is not welfare or charity. This is your legal right.

The Essex County Seniors Club in the park is having a St. Patrick's Day party at Beppy's on March 13. Bocci ball teams are being organized by Joseph Castelano. Isabel Simon is captain of the ladies' team. Marie Marra is ill in Clara Maass Hospital.

The Belleville Senior Citizens Club had as its guests on February 25 three of the four candidates for the Board of Education election. This was strictly a non-political thing, but it was meant for the people of the club to better know for whom they will be voting. Each candidate gave a five-minute talk and a question and answer period followed.

A get well wish to Jerry Cerbone and Josie Rainho and a special wish for a speedy recovery to Judy Oliveri.

The Senior Citizens Club of the Valley will have a surprize sale and luncheon at their March 12 meeting. Vera Cullen of this club is visiting her son in Florida for the winter.

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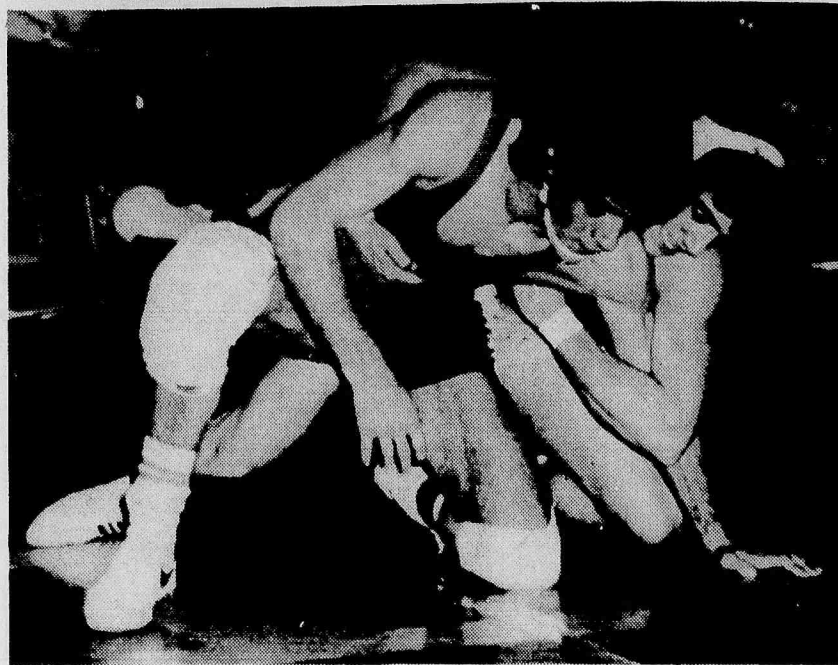
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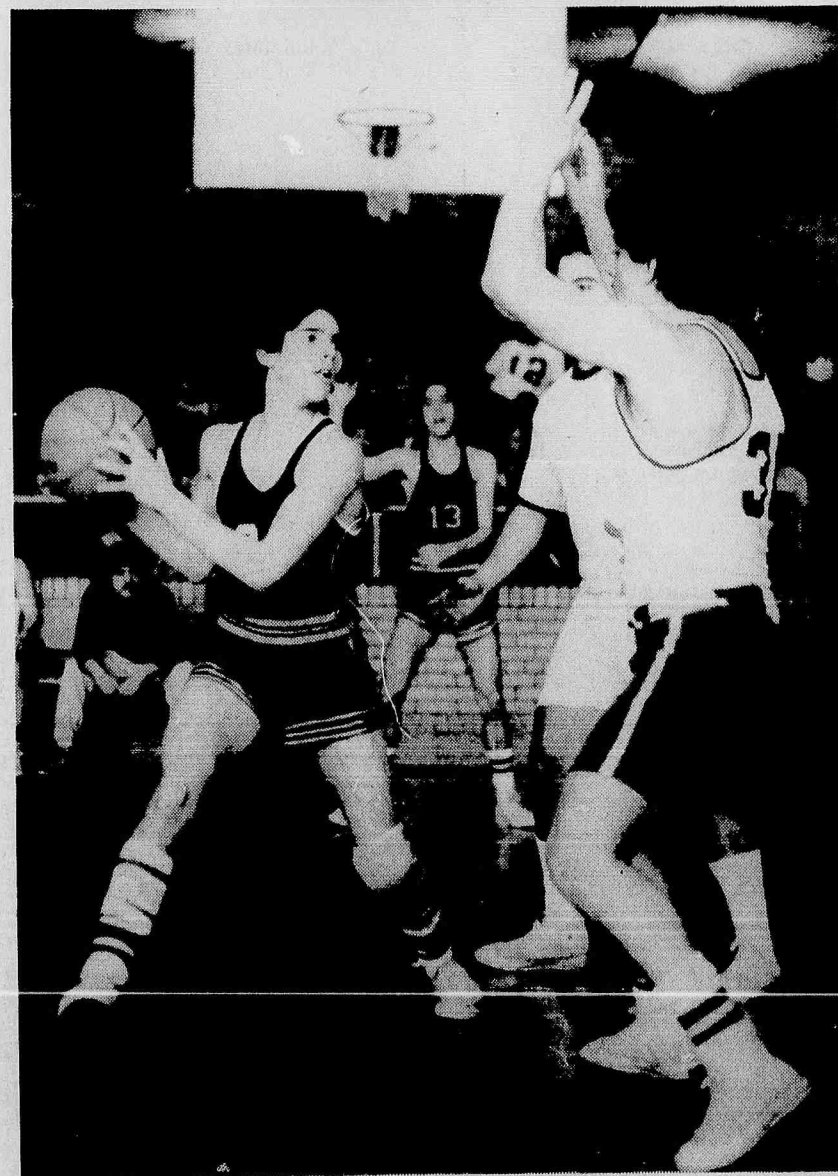
Robert Villano (above) came out on top of all comers in the 148 pound class of the District VII tournament.

Flames snuffed

The Belleville Flames met the Harrison Flyers in the first game of the street hockey playoffs. Despite the efforts of Flames goalie Wayne Scabbot, his team lost to the Flyers, 3-1.

Teachers lose

The junior high basketball team won the annual student-faculty game, 65-46. Here, Paul Donohue tries to get by teachers Joe Vitiello and Carl Corino.



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Belleville matmen District 7 champs

By CHUCK JACKSON

For the first time in its history, the Belleville High School wrestling squad is district champion. The Bellboys did it by capturing five first place titles and three second place finishes in the District VII wrestling tournament held last weekend at Belleville High School gym.

The team amassed a total of 88 points, outdistancing their nearest competitor, Essex Catholic by a full 14 points. They were also 34 points over the touted Lyndhurst wrestlers.

Next step for the men is the Regional Tournament, to be held tomorrow night and Saturday at Paterson Kennedy High School. The Bellboys will be wrestling at 6 p.m. tomorrow, and the Saturday schedule sets semifinals for 1 p.m., consolation matches at 6:30 p.m. and the

final matches begin at 8 p.m. It will be stiff competition all the way through, and the Blue and Gold grapplers will appreciate all the support their town can muster.

Last Saturday had to be one of the biggest days in the lives of all the wrestlers and also of coach Jim Silvestri. After an outstanding season, the BHS matmen capped it all off by taking the district title. No other team in the history of Belleville has been so successful on the mats.

Carl Arlt started it all off for the Belleville team by taking the Number One spot in the 101 pound class. Seeded in the number one position, Arlt started out on the road to victory by pinning North Arlington's Glen Full at 3:03 in the match. From there, he went on to

decisively beat Barringer's Arfield Robinson 17-5. The only other roadblock that stood in his way to the top was Bob Hall of Essex Catholic. Hall got to the finals by pinning his first two opponents of the tournament. When it got to the end of the finalists' battle, Arlt was the victor, shutting out Hall 5-0.

Belleville's Vinny Mustacchio was next up in the 108 pound class. Mustacchio, also seeded in the first spot, blew past his opponents and into the finals. Mustacchio started out his streak for the top by pinning St. Benedict's Gary Vickers in just 46 seconds. He then took on Kearny Cardinal Tom Mangin and built up an 18-1 lead before flipping Mangin on his back for the count. Mustacchio's final opponent was John Scioscia of Essex Catholic. Mustacchio went after Scioscia like a demon, and when the final buzzer sounded, walked off the mat with a 12-7 win. Coach Jim Silvestri said he had never seen Mustacchio wrestle as well as he did in the tournament.

Anthony Villano followed a similar course in his trip to the number one slot. Starting out in the number eight seeding, Villano pinned his first two opponents, Maldonado of Barringer, and St. Benedict's Virgil Griffin. In the finals, Villano met James Fusco, and crushed the Glen Ridge wrestler 14-5. It was Villano's win that actually put the tournament on ice for the Bellboys and, as coach Silvestri said, "Everything that came after that was gravy."

You couldn't tell it by the Blue and Gold's performance, though, because Chris Tremel heaped on more points by taking number one in the 135 pound class. Tremel wrestled beautifully throughout the tournament, dominating every man he came up against. He wiped out his first opponent, Essex Catholic's Mark Zarro 10-1. The next man up against him was Jose Laracuent, a Barringer boy, and he went down to defeat when Tremel pinned him. The last man to come under Tremel's guns was Bruce Pollock, the Glen Ridge representative. Tremel continued to show his power and skill right up to the last, shutting out Pollock 11-0.

Not to be outdone by his brother, Robert Villano came through for his team and took first place in the 148 pound area. Villano put away Robert Turlington of St. Benedict's High in just 1:11. Things were a little tougher in the semi-finals, and Villano squeaked by Lyndhurst's Mike Rizzo 5-4. The real challenge came in the finals, though, when Villano was paired up with Tom Cox of Essex Catholic. The last time these two wrestlers met was in the Belleville-Essex Catholic matchup back in January. That time, Villano was humiliated by Cox when the Eagle handed the Bellboy a 17-8 pounding. Villano was ready for him this time, and took the district title defeating Cox 8-5. It was a sweet win for Villano.

Keith Waddell pinned his way into the finals of the 141 pounders, only to be swamped going after the top spot. Waddell put Stuart Palmer of

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Boys nip Union

The Bellboy cagers started their search for statewide recognition and a state title in fine style Tuesday by edging out Union in the first round of the State Basketball Championships. The final score of the game was a breath-taking 60-58.

That win was the second piece of good news that came to Belleville sports fans on Tuesday, because earlier in the day, Abdel Anderson, the Blue and Gold's big man and its pride and joy, received notification that he had been named an All-American center. Details of the honor weren't in by press time, and the full story will appear in next week's issue of the Times/News.

This Friday, the Bellboys will meet their next challenger in the scramble for a place in the sun, Montclair. The cagers will have their work cut out for them,

Bunnies, Giants play next week

Next Wednesday's the day and 8 p.m. is the time. Belleville High School gym is the place, and the event is the unique square-off between members of the New York Giants football team and Playboy Bunnies from Great Gorge in a basketball game.

The babes and the beasts will be playing for the benefit of the James Campanella Benefit Fund. It should be well worth the \$3 admission charge to get in to see this game. In addition to seeing some wild action, you can get satisfaction out of knowing you have helped a worthy cause.

Tickets for the event can be purchased at the following locations: Rossmore's Pharmacy, Flowerama, Jolly Cleaners, Carvel Ice Cream, Campus Shoes, DeBaco Bros. Sport Shop, Raimo's Grocery, Paganellis Grocery, Joe's Barber Shop, Circle Bar, Belleville High School, The Record Shop in Bloomfield, and Davis-Taylor Shade Shop in Nutley.

because in their two previous meetings with the Mounties, the Belleville attack faltered and they went down to defeat. But he boost of the win over Union could work wonders on the squad.

By all accounts, the game with Union was tight all the way. Before the game, coach Danny Grasso had said that when the two teams met to scrimmage in pre-season play, the two squads came out about even. Grasso also called it right when he predicted that the Union men would give his boys a tough game. That they did, and Belleville responded with equal power.

From beginning to end, the two teams ran neck and neck. There was not one point in the entire game when either team thought it had it won. Through most of the game, each team took a turn making a basket. The first quarter ended with Union holding only a one point lead, 14-13.

In the second quarter, the Bellboys came back with the same strength they had shown in the previous one. All told, they hit for 14 points, and held the Union squad down to 8.

They kept their lead in the third quarter, at one point amassing their largest cushion of the game, 10 points. That only lasted for about two minutes, and then Union came roaring back and cut their lead back to 4.

The two teams played evenly in the fourth, but Belleville had just enough to win. Doug Jackson's two foul shots at the end of the game put it away for Belleville. MAnderson led everyone on both teams in scoring, by dumping in a grand total of 25 points. The rest of the scoring went like this: Doug Jackson hit five from the field and four from the line to rack up 14 points. Mike Meagher poured it on and was close behind Jackson, hitting for 10 points from the field and two on free throws. Joe Dunn got his motor running to wing in two baskets and three free shots for a total of seven. Wayne Riche rounded things out by putting his two cents in and his two points, too, as he hit for one net.

Flames burnt in play-offs

The Harrison Flyers burned the Belleville Flames in the first game of the Eastern Division street hockey playoffs. The Flyers whipped the Belleville men, 3-1 last Sunday at Number Three School.

The two teams will meet in Harrison for the second game of the best out of three series next Sunday at noon.

Harrison had the lead during the whole game, jumping off to a quick lead with a power play goal in the first period. The Flames fought hard, but the Flyers upped their lead to two in the period by blasting in a slap shot from the blue line that got past Belleville goalie Wayne Scabbot before he could react.

For the first time, the players had to perform under the eyes of a referee. Bill Sauers, captain of the DeWitt Rangers filled the role, and did his best to exert his authority. His first decision was a tripping call in the first period against the Flames. The team argued, but the man finally left the game.

The second period saw both teams rack up the penalties, but neither score. Neither the Flames nor the Flyers seem-

ed able to accept any decision Sauers made without giving him a hard time. Though the teams complied in removing the offending players from the "ice," they usually didn't do it without delaying the game each time. Harrison players picked up penalties for crosschecking, roughing, and slashing in addition to having a bench penalty called on them. The Flames didn't fare much better, with players going off for roughing, elbowing, and holding.

The third period of play had both teams showing the fans how hockey should be played. For the most part, they checked cleanly and the penalties were kept down. The Belleville team got a boost when Scatildo put in a goal with assists going to Tom Lamin and VanTassel. For a while it looked like the Flames might tie it up and drive the game into overtime, but Harrison got lucky and hit for another.

The Harrison goal came at 16:13 in the period, when Flames goalie Scabbot lost sight of the puck for a moment and an alert Flyer moved in to poke it past

him into the net. That put the game out of reach for the Belleville stickmen, and the game ended with Harrison the victor.

The Flames have to win next week in Harrison if they hope to stay in the playoffs. The winner of this series will meet the DeWitt Rangers for the championship.

After this week, the players may be used to having a referee around and the upcoming games should go a little smoother. If that doesn't prove to be the case, Sauers, who will be officiating at Sunday's match up, says he will exert more control. He says he has made it known to both teams that he will only speak to the captains, and if necessary, he will hand out game misconducts to players who don't want to listen. After this past week's game, it would seem that both sides would do well to cool their criticism of the referee. Passive acceptance of rulings will help the coming games run a little smoother, and make the playoffs easier on everybody concerned.



Fast Carl—Teacher Carl Corino drives down court, showing the students that the faculty still has a lot of fire left in them, despite their age. Tom Wright looks like he's having a tough time keeping up, and Joe Salters (left) is hustling to keep up as Paul Donohue (right) puts on the breaks. The students proved to be just too much for their instructors, however, and took the game, 65-46, but everybody had a good time.

IN DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

Grapplers grab five titles

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Glen Ridge and Kearny Cardinal Dan Montgomery on their backs to get a shot at the top. He met Bloomfield's Joe Testa in the decisive match, and the Bengal chewed him to pieces with a 15-4 victory.

Ken Milano went about the same route in the 188 field. Milano pinned a Glen Ridge man, Dan Mueller, in 3-46 of their match. Cardinal Brian Rosell was next, and Milano took that match with a 9-6 decision. His downfall came in the finals when he was flipped onto his back and held there by Lyndhurst

grappler Lou DeMarco.

The final man on the Belleville card, Heavyweight George D'Alessandro took second place behind another Lyndhurst matman, Mark Gaccione. D'Alessandro started out by defeating Bloomfield Bengal Paul Tortorella 4-2. He went on and pinned Essex Catholic's Ron Dellisanti. This, by the way, was the second time this year these two big boys met, and it was the second time that D'Alessandro got Dellisanti on his back to win. That was as far as the Belleville big man got, however, as he lost in the finals to Lyndhurst's Gaccione in a 6-2 decision.

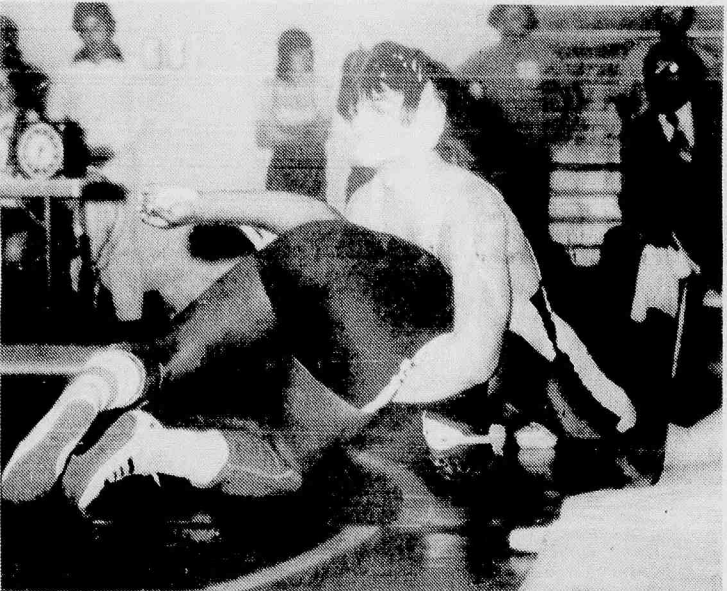
The rest of the Bellboys had a tougher time. Bob Freda at 115 was knocked out in the first round of competition when he was shut out by Lyndhurst's Ken Goodheart, 5-0. Ron Grolimond lost in the semi-finals of the 122 pound class when he was pinned by Essex Catholic's Al Alvaro. Alvaro went on from there to take first place in the tournament for his weight class. Jack Vogel went down in the semi-finals of the 158ers when he was decisively 8-3 by Essex Catholic's Charles Schaafsma, the eventual champion in that weight group. Jim Mauncele took to the mats and defeated Barringer's Robert Johnson with a pin. He had to do that just to get into the number two seeded spot. His opponent was Lyndhurst grappler Keith Stiehler. Stiehler pinned Mauncele at 1:01 in the match, and went on to defeat all other comers to become champ of the 170's.

All the Bellboys who finished first and second in the districts will now go on to compete in the Regional Tournament at Paterson-Kennedy. There will be some formidable rivals there, and coach Silvestri says the Blue-Gold men will have their work cut out for them. According to Silvestri, the Belleville matmen have to be "mentally tough" if they hope to get anywhere. Though he has a lot of confidence in his men, Silvestri isn't making any predictions. With every man

there either a district champ, or a second place finisher in his district, there will not be a pushover in sight. According to Silvestri, each and every match should be a battle of titanic proportions, and well worth traveling to see.

Right from the start, the Bellboys will have to be on their toes. Arlt is seeded number one in the 101 pound class, and he will be meeting Dave Sarmiento from Hasbrouck Heights. Sarmiento has a 17-1-1 record and will definitely prove to be

a tough cookie. Mustacchio will start off his quest for the 108 pound title by taking on Palisade Park's Mike Spadola. Spadola is coming into the competition with a 17-4 record, and with it a tough reputation. Anthony Villano will meet another Palisades Park person, Bob Restivo with a 16-5 record. Tremel will be going after Becton's John Russinko in the first round of the 135 pound struggles. Russinko has a flashy 15-4 record. Keith Waddell will face Clifton's Tom Brando.



Mean Mauncele—Belleville 188er Jim Mauncele got tough with his Barringer opponent, Robert Johnson in last week's district tournament and pinned his man to win. Mauncele soon met some stiffer competition and was pinned by Charles Schaafsma of Essex Catholic in his next match.

Jaycee tournament produces winners

Seventy-six youngsters competed in the second annual Belleville Jaycees Junior Bowling Tournament at Brunswick Olympic Lanes on February 22.

Top winners of the tournament, two boys and two girls, will represent Belleville at the New Jersey Jaycees State finals in April.

Achieving best scores among boys were Perry Corbo in the senior grade category, with a 547 series; and Joseph Francheshins, junior category, with a 521 series.

Girls placing first were Grace Ross, senior category, 405 series; and Mary Anne Robinson, junior category

with 439.

The day's high game was rolled by a junior entrant, Gene Krzynefski, a 225; while for senior boys Ed Stoklosa had a 199.

Maria Gonzolo had high game for girls with 150 and Sylvia Bilobram, the senior entrant had 137.

Second place honors in the senior category, grades 10, 11, 12, went to Dave Boxer, 469 series and Janice Nazziola, 364; along with Robert Robinson, next high game with 174 and Anne Marie Lewis, a 133 game.

In the junior category, grades seven, eight and nine, runners-up were John Pravata, 513 series, and

Denise Zarra, 346 series, along with Jeff O'Neill, a 201 game and Elaine Leslie, 132.

The Belleville Jaycees were supported by McDonald's Restaurant, 633 Washington Avenue, which contributed a hamburger meal certificate for all participants. Top winners received additional certificates.

"This is a great activity for youngsters and we are happy to help the Jaycees again this year," said Jerry Wilkinson, McDonald's manager. "Now, we wish the finalists best of luck in the state tournament."

The New Jersey Jaycees finals will be Saturday April 26 at Bowlero Lanes, Clifton. The four Belleville youngsters will enjoy a luncheon along with the competition with boys and girls from throughout the state.

The local tournament was arranged by Belleville Jaycees with Howard Evans, chairman, and John Doyle, Tom Perezluha, Al Ciccone, Angelo Corino, Gerry Walsh, and George Riepe.



Top winners—Joe Francheshins (front left), Perry Corbo, Grace Ross (left) and Mary Anne Robinson are joined by tournament chairman Howard Evans (extreme left) and Joe Doyle, president of the Belleville Jaycees.



High rollers—High game rollers Gene Krzynefski (front left) Ed Stoklosa, Sylvia Bilobram (left) and Marie Gonzolo are shown here with tourney chairman Howard Evans and Joe Doyle, Jaycee president.

Freshman wrestlers win fourth crown

Belleville's freshmen wrestlers finished out their season, winning by forfeit over Kearny last week to take the title of Big Ten champions for the fourth year in a row.

The junior high grapplers finished out their season with an outstanding 8-2 record, in addition to their first place finish at the Passaic Valley Wrestling Tournament.

Coach Dennis Villano said he had several outstanding wrestlers this year. The squad's three co-captains, Ed Lijo at 108, Mark D'Amico at 91, and Bob Raccioppi at 135 pounds all finished the season undefeated and each took first place for his weight class in the Passaic Valley tournament. In addition to finishing the season undefeated, Raccioppi can look back on a record that shows him pinning 11 out of the 13 opponents he met this season.

in the 115 pound slot and a second place finish in the tournament. Heavyweight Phil Valente and 101 pounder Mark Rilli took third spots in the tournament.

A quick glance at the team's stats tells the whole story. On the way to their 8-2 season, the grapplers took 87 of the 120 individual matches they fought in. Of those 87 wins, the boys' won by pinning their opponents 68 times. As far as team points went, they piled up 356 over the season, while only giving up a total of 159 to the opposition.

The team would like to thank all the people who helped and supported their team this year. A special thanks from coach Villano and his team goes to the junior high cheerleaders for the outstanding job they did.

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In the course of the conversation she told us, that the last time she needed service, she paid the man \$15.94 and as she put it: "He didn't do nothing." When we asked whether the set worked when the man left, she admitted that it did and that it has worked ever since, which was several months. Of course we pointed out to her that he must have done something, because the set did not work before. What can you say to people like that?

Of course she complained bitterly about the charge, stating that she wished her husband would make "that kind of money." We tried to explain to her that the serviceman has to pay for the purchase of his truck, gas and maintenance, insurance, telephone etc. and that he considers himself fortunate if he clears about \$3. for himself out of the \$15.95 he collects. She did not want to know any of this, as far as she was concerned the man "made" \$15.95. At last she wanted to know why we charge only \$12.50 while everybody else charges so much more. There are several reasons. First of all we sell only one product, Magnavox. Our technicians know these sets very well. They have to carry parts only for Magnavox sets in their trucks. Also the travel time from one customer to the other is very short. All our business is done within 15 minutes from our store. Last, but not least, our service department is not expected to make a profit. We are satisfied if it breaks even. People buy their TV sets from us because they know they get service. Our service department is our best advertising, much better than large, expensive ads in newspapers.

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Letters keep coming from 'Zoom' viewers

"Zoom," the popular children's series, seen weekly on Jerseyvision, has received its 1,500,000th letter from its young viewers. "Zoom" is seen each Sunday at 6 p.m. on Channel 50.

The program utilizes games, plays, stories, poems and hobbies sent in exclusively by youngsters from across the United States.

School candidates supply their answers

Editor's note:

The following are transcripts of tape-recorded interviews with Belleville's four School Board candidates conducted by the Times/News staff.

While space limitations dictated a certain amount of editing (in terms of sentence structure and content) the conversations are for the most part verbatim.

We regret that more space was not available to bring you this pre-election feature, and hope it will help Belleville voters better select those they wish to serve them as elected officials.

Angelo Guarino

Many people around town have been saying that this School Board election is one of the most crucial in a long time for Belleville, and I would like to know what you think makes it more crucial than any other.

This election will show how the people feel about having a young person on the Board of Education to represent the youth of Belleville. I'm in the high school, and I know their problems and their needs. I've been in the system for 12 years. And right now I would say that it is time for a change.

Can you give me any specific problems, say at the high school, that the Board could act to straighten out?

First of all, school maintenance, seeing that the school is kept up. A big example is broken windows. Instead of having them broken for a month, the windows should be repaired within a few days. It should be done the same day or the next day, and not let go a month. The work should get done and everything should be in top physical condition. All the schools in Belleville, not just one. We have to concentrate on every one of them.

What is your opinion of the condition of all the Belleville schools?

I'm not familiar with too many. I know mostly about the high school. I read in the Belleville Times about the girls complaining about no doors in the lavatories. This is a problem. They didn't have them on when I was a sophomore either. It's a health problem, too.

If you're elected, you will still be going to the high school for a time while you are a Board member. Do you think that the fact that you would be a member of the Board of Education would have some effect on other students? Would they listen to you more carefully or modify their behavior because you were around?

If elected, I feel the students wouldn't be afraid to come to me a talk. At this point, they may be afraid to go and speak to the Board members because of the age difference. I would talk to the students, and find out what the problem is, and see if I could solve it.

It seems to be the general feeling among School Board members and a lot of people in town that there's a great deal of public apathy toward the schools, toward the School Board, toward meetings and hearings. First, what do you think the cause of that is, if it's true, and what kind of ideas do you have to combat it?

First of all, the people in town should be more involved, they should know what's going on. I don't see why they can't attend the Board meetings. If they have a son or daughter going to the high school, they should know what they are receiving and whether or not it's the best quality that we can offer.

How do you feel about private school board meetings? How much secrecy do you think a school board should be allowed?

I don't think there should be any. There shouldn't be any private meetings because nobody knows what is going on in the first place. Secondly, if the public wants to know what went on, they can't get the information. If they're having a private meeting, most likely it's for the betterment of the schools, or that's what it should be. I don't think there should be any private meetings. It should be out in the public, and anyone should have the right to speak. It's their town, they pay taxes, and they should be entitled to say what they feel.

There have been some accusations made that at times the school board had operated power pipeline for political patronage. Do you think this is so, and if you do believe it, can you think of any ways it can be avoided?

I just have one answer for that. There should be no politics on the Board. The person who gets the job should be the person well qualified and best qualified for the job. It's not who you know, but what you know. It's the qualifications that count.

Are you familiar with the mechanics involved in selecting, say a teacher, to fill an empty slot?

No, I'm not familiar with them, but I know that if I was to pick them, I would go on qualifications alone. I would also see to it that if there was a person from Belleville who was best qualified, he would get the job before an outsider, and if not, we would have to go to the outsider.

Why do you feel it's more appropriate to hire a Bellevilleite, assuming that there are three candidates and all are equally qualified?

First of all, he lives in Belleville, and he is paying taxes, and why shouldn't he teach in the town where he pays taxes? Why should he go and teach in another town where he isn't familiar with the system?

If a Belleville person was to get a job through politics, first of all, I wouldn't allow it. Or if a person got a job as a favor or a gift, I wouldn't allow that either. If we had to, we would get a person from out of town, just to keep politics outside the school system. As I said before, it's the qualifications that count. The school system should not be in politics, it should be for the students, to help them.

Right now, Belleville High School doesn't have a school newspaper. How important do you think it is to have one, and if you're elected, what do you think you could do to try and start one?

I think a school newspaper is important to the students and the teachers. First of all I would go about setting up a committee to look into the possibility of getting a paper.

Assuming someone said that there weren't funds available for a school newspaper, how important do you think it is to have one and what place would it take on a list of economic priorities?

Well, first of all, if there is anything that would help the students, they should have it. Money shouldn't come

into play. And I don't see why it would be a problem getting money to the students. These are Belleville students, and I don't see why they should be deprived of their rights. They're getting the education, but why are they not receiving the money if it's for their betterment. I think they deserve it. The Board members should realize that education comes before anything.

Something like nine out of the last ten school budgets voted on by the voters in Belleville have been rejected. Perhaps the voters don't understand the budget. If that is the case, what do you think should be done to improve the image of the budget?

Well, I didn't write up the school budget, and I'm not familiar with it yet. When elected, I would look into the situation and see what unnecessary items we could do away with. And at this point, that's all I can say on the budget, because as I said, I'm not familiar with it.

Belleville presently spends less money per pupil than any other town in the county, and compared to some of the other towns, Belleville's tax rate is higher. How do you feel about this?

First of all, I don't know that much about it. I live in Belleville and I'm proud of the town and I don't see why Belleville, a town as popular as it is, should be paying so little to the students. I look at these other towns and I wonder why they get it, and they're just as big as us, and they may be paying more or less the amount of taxes we are. I just can't see why we should be deprived of receiving more than we are now.

If elected, I will look into the reasons why we are not getting aid or what have you.

Right now, there is a big controversy over the retirement or resignation of the superintendent of school. Though you are not in a position to do anything now, and the matter may be settled before the election, if you are elected, would you take it upon yourself to look into and review the tapes of private sessions dealing with the situation?

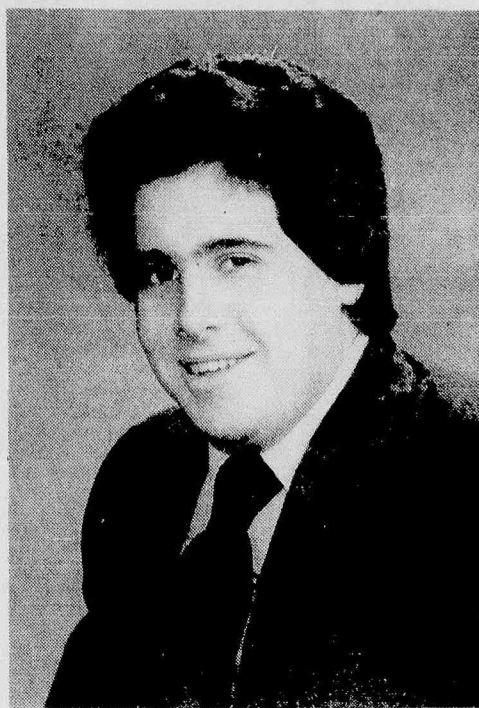
I would look into the matter. I would have to investigate to see what the figures are, and why he wanted to resign, what are the reasons, and why after he resigned, he received a \$5,000 raise. And I would look into why that \$5,000 was given.

There is another controversy before the board, that, if you are elected, you will have to deal with. You are aware of the furor over football coach Tom Testa, and you are in a unique position here, in that you played on the coach's team. I would like to know if you think you could be objective in dealing with citizens' complaints about the coach, having come under his direction in school?

If this happened, I would have no part in the vote on this. First of all, I played for Mr. Testa, I obeyed all his rules, and to me, he is a good man.

If you are elected, as I said, there are going to be a certain number of months where you are going to be a student. As a member of the board, you will be your teachers' boss. How do you think that will affect your ability to work as a school board member? Do you think you might hesitate to make a controversial decision involving a teacher or an administrator?

If I am elected, I will go on living the way I am now, going to school. If I did get in a position like that, if it's for the students, or if it's something that's hurting the students, I would have to say something about it. At this point I can't really say, because I haven't been elected to the Board yet, but there probably will be a time when this



Angelo Guarino

would happen. I can't say when, but, like I said, if it's for the betterment of the students, I will seek it.

Do you have any programs at this time that you feel you could put before the Board for immediate consideration to correct any problems that you see?

Well, at school activities, dances, I would like to see why auxiliary police can't be used at these dances, instead of going out and hiring two policemen, which they have to pay, and a number of chaperones. Why can't the auxiliary police, who are willing to accept this job, be at these dances and keep order. They do a very good job in Belleville. I can't see why they shouldn't be used at these meetings and dances. This would save the taxpayers dollars.

How do you feel about having more activities for high school aged children?

They should have more activities. This might cut down on the vandalism cost. If they had more activities, you wouldn't have as many Belleville students on the streets, just roaming around. By roaming around, they may get into trouble, in fact the chances that they will get into trouble are very good. But if they had somewhere to go to enjoy their time, some place inside where it would be under control, this would be ideal.

Are there any kinds of recreational activities you would like to see?

I would like to see more dances. This year there have only been about three dances. The dances are held to raise money for our prom, so that students have to pay less for the bids. I don't see how the students can raise any money without the dances. They should run as many dances as possible to raise this money. As many as one a week.



Rocco Constantino

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Belleville presently spends less money per student than any other school district in the county, yet Belleville's taxes are, relatively speaking, high. How do you explain this? What do you feel can be done about it?

I personally think that most of the money in the budget is sent out and the result of years of negotiation is accumulating into a really attractive salary scale and fringe benefits. I don't know the percentage. I would estimate that the fringe benefits must run over 20 per cent. It's this whole accumulation over the years of adding on fringe and high cost that has locked us into this higher expenditure. I can foresee that future negotiations for salaries will be difficult. I'd be interested in the whole fringe benefit package and try to keep it at a reasonable level. It's even evident in the town budget — the accumulation over the years, salary raises, etc.

Do you think the board has not been tough enough in its negotiations in the past?

I really don't know. It's been so secret. It's really taken this year's budget hearings to discover what the raise was for this year. Salaries have gone up with the fringes 8.7. Historically, I would say going back, the teachers' political power is great. The same as the police and firemen have a lot of political punch. I think now there is little involvement by the teachers in the elections. When you're on the out, you just have to speculate. That's what I would guess is the major reason for the big budget, the taxes and the disrepair to the whole system.

I also think they should have been more vigorous in pursuing State aid. The Governor had to come up with a redistribution formula of his own back in December. Apparently that was shelved, which is proof that we are being treated unfairly. Over the years someone should have taken a good look to see what we are getting in other places. We should not just pass a resolution, write a letter, and look for an answer.

There is now no school newspaper. There was one in the past, but there has been none for at least five years. How do you feel about that? What priority do you think a school newspaper should have in the school budget?

I wasn't aware that there isn't a paper. We have printing equipment. We have printing classes and classes in journalism. I really don't understand why they don't take advantage of them. I don't understand why they couldn't print a paper in the school itself. Something like that encourages students that are inclined towards journalism. I would imagine that almost 80 percent of the people in journalism worked on a school paper at one time.

They talk vocational training, etc. This is something the system could do. I wonder if it's the curriculum people's responsibility, though.

If you were elected, would you do something about the lack of a school newspaper, or would you have to wait until someone else brings it up?

I don't know the mechanics of who gets involved in trying to push these programs. I'm open to any suggestions on anything that could be implemented or should be looked at. If the Board members should be the ones that would institute this, then it should be looked into.

Is it the board's responsibility to initiate programs or recommend programs or try to get some sort of action on things that no one else seems to be going near?

I don't know. This is the fine line between interfering with the administration and what the school policy is. I think the Board should provide the funds and some of the mechanics of some of these things. As far as initiative goes, does the Board say to the school superintendent, "We want a school newspaper," or does a Board member say, "Will you investigate what it will cost, etc. and how we can set it up," and then the Board member institutes some type of resolution or something like that. I don't know. You're really wrung with ideas, and a lot of preset notions as an outside person, not fully understanding the mechanics of who does what and where certain responsibilities lie. I would try to avoid overstepping the Board's authority.

There have been a lot of rumors and talk that some of the school board members haven't behaved in the manner they should have, and there have been accusations by some people that the board has functioned, in some respect, as a power pipeline for political patronage. If you were elected, what would you do to prevent it if it doesn't exist now, and to stop it if it does?

I campaigned on this last year — keeping politics out of the system. I think last year I came out pretty well, and some of it's due to my opinion about this. I still think that this is a valid observation. Certainly most people see it as a political pipeline for patronage. You hear people give you stories about pressure put onto principals to recommend this one for a job rather than this one. My own suspicion is that the hiring process — which probably should go from the application to the superintendent, maybe to the principal and then to the board — has been inverted. I don't know if that's true, but I just suspect it goes from the Board members to the super, depending on who has the four votes. I don't know how you fight that.

One way to fight it is to set up your own power bloc and be able to say, "This is what we're going to do," but then the power to hire and fire someone is so strong, you really go on an ego trip trying to get yourself into a position where somebody can come to you and say, "I need a job," and you can say right off the bat, "Okay, I'll get you it."

Of course, all of this is confidential in their caucuses on personnel and so on. I really haven't followed or watched any

votes. I will personally vote "no" for appointments in which I feel they should have recommended somebody else.

If I don't think that person should have the position, or if I think there's patronage involved in it, then I'll vote "no" on it. I don't know in these things if people are abstaining.

I have refused support from people because I don't want to lock myself into an obligation for future positions. Two phone calls, and I could get elected without any problems, then I could go away for two weeks, if I wanted to. I have refused calls from people who I know would obligate me to them, however, and I think I stressed my independence last year and this year enough that some people even ignore me because they feel they can't make any deals. If I'm on and I see the mechanics are a little different, then if you want to blow the whistle or something like that ... I don't believe in making big newspaper headlines over things that can be stopped quietly.

I don't know how you avoid power blocs on the board, except to get some independent people.

Do you think, perhaps, something like job applications should be made more public? Do you think less confidentiality and more public scrutiny might help?

I think so. I just wonder if perhaps when you do have an application or an opening, and after the board has reviewed the application if there should not be a public hearing on, say, the five top choices. There are public hearings for cabinet members for all kinds of things. I don't see anything bad there.

Right now there's a controversy over the superintendent of schools. In the event that you're elected, will you review the tapes that have been called into question?

I'd like to ... if I were elected, and then being a board member were entitled to review those tapes. Certainly if I had to make a decision on it I would insist to review the tapes.

If it's already decided and done, maybe for my own curiosity I'd like to see how they arrived at this decision. All future decisions we make always depend on history. I don't think I'd go into a big public or court battle just for that purpose.

There have been allegations that the tapes reveal that a "deal" has been made. What if you reviewed the tapes and sincerely believed some kind of deal had been made?

I don't know. I'm sure that some agreement was reached — a compromise. The history of why they got to the point where he did submit his resignation is a long one. Is this a normal business practice to raise top executives' salaries prior to their retirement so that they pension will be higher? Some people tell me it is. I really haven't investigated it. I think it's more important to set up some kind of machinery to avoid future deals.

There have been complaints made by a number of parents and fans concerning the behavior of the high school football coach. The complaints, of course, were made at a public meeting. How do you feel about the way the fans and parents undertook their grievance, and what do you feel would be the best way to handle this kind of situation? What long range effects would any action by the School Board have on the athletic program?

First of all, I think the way the parents approached the situation was wrong — coming to a public meeting and deriding the coach without any warning or any chance for rebuttal — I don't like it. I don't think it has any place in a democracy. I just can't see people getting up to make accusations without any strong substantiation and without notifying someone in advance that, "Listen, I'm going to the meeting to blast you, do you want to be there?"

It's my understanding there is machinery for bringing grievances against teachers — and it's not the public meeting. I personally think the whole thing should have just been cut off. The citizen should have been told, "We do have a procedure for this kind of action, so we'll set up a meeting date and have a public hearing on these appointments."

On the question of what's going to happen in the athletic program, I think the board knew Tommy Testa, they know his approach to discipline, etc. Apparently they were looking for someone who would do what they wanted him to do in this whole area — be a disciplinarian, get the team not so much to

win, but "Let's get the boys' at least, to play to their ability." I personally think that if they don't rehire him on the basis of these accusations, it's gonna hurt the program, because every coach would have to look over his shoulder. I think if they rehire him it demonstrates to the people that the Board seriously studied his qualifications when they re-hired him. It will also show that the Board will have a tendency to get out of the administrative end of the school system. I just don't think a public forum is the place to start those proceedings.

You've said earlier that you feel this coming school election is one of the most crucial in a long time. What do you think makes this one any different from any other one?

To me, of course, the resolution of Mr. Greco, whether or not he stays — If he's going, you have to pick a new superintendent. There's a referendum being drawn up for the repair and renovation of the buildings. That also means bonding. That also means that if the Board members feel they've done a good job, they have to sell that to the public.

The Middle Atlantic states is evaluating the schools. I'm sure they'll come up with dozens of recommendations and we'll have to start setting priorities. It will have to be looked at from the educational and business aspect rather than from the political process aspect. What recommendations do we implement now? What recommendations do we implement later?

The school employees salary negotiations will be up again. Their contracts expire next year. As I said, the accumulation over the years is such an attractive thing that people on the Board are going to have to start taking a harder line. Apparently this resolution is coming up whether Rosamilia will resign. Will there be one or two assistant superintendents?

The State interference in local school boards is going to increase as they keep giving you more money. Apparently the state is flexing it's muscles. They feel they have the the constitutional backup to come in and mandate to any school system what they want to do. The Board is going to have to deal with Trenton, realistically. There are times I see where they should be able to say to Trenton, "We don't want this. We can't do it, and "Take us to court over it." Plus all the other normal day-to-day things.

Have you any ideas on overcoming or combatting what appears to be widespread apathy toward the school system and the board of education?

One way is more openness on the part of the Board. For example, public hearings on the hiring of teachers. I think if the board met in a different school once a month, people who normally don't go to public meetings might go. People who normally do go will go anyway. It would create some more interest in the elections and the whole system. People could then bring up things that pertain to each particular school.

Another thing which would help the system is cable TV. It's a tremendous thing; televising board hearings. It seems to be a rather quiet thing right now all over the state. Another thing is the use of various people all over town who have so much ability that we should take advantage of. I'm a firm believer in going out and getting people to donate their services. The more removed the Board makes themselves from the public, then the more apathy you're going to create. The less information the people have, the less interested they're going to be.

In the last ten school board elections, the voters have voted down nine budgets. I see that as more of a reflection of some sort of voter paranoia more than as a comment on any particular school budget. What do you think is the cause of the people consistently cutting off their own school funds?

In my opinion, almost every time the budget has been defeated a good majority of the times the budget has gone back to the school board reduced. So therefore, the mentality has developed that the budget is up with a eye toward it being defeated at the polls, with little things in there we can knock out and say, "Okay, we reduced the budget."

I personally think the budget should be drawn at the absolute minimum, without anything left in that could be taken out without impairing the whole system.

School candidates supply their answers



James Risoli

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Everyone agrees there seems to be a high degree of apathy toward school board matters and the election. Have you any ideas on how to overcome this apathy?

It is a problem. First of all, board elections are in schools. It throws the people into confusion. In municipal elections, and county, state and federal elections, you vote in your regular district your regular ward. The second thing is, we run in a very cold month of the year-January. This detracts from the voting. Slippery weather, snow, sleet, hail. I go door to door trying to get people to come out, but they're comfortable at home.

Home do we remove the apathy? I think it's the responsibility of every individual to recognize to exercise his right as an American citizen. We do have coverage in newspapers. We don't have radio or TV to excite them. We're limited to local postings and things like that.

How about in term, of, not so much elections, but school board matters, meetings?

Well, we did call for an open caucus meeting. We had one attend it. Once we had four; another time we had two; I think six was tops. We were very candid with people. We were going to tell them exactly what a workshop was all about. Except personnel. We would not talk about personnel matters, because naturally, if we're evaluating a teacher or something, they could use this against us in court. They could sue us for defamation of character or whatever. But, as I say, we did have open caucuses and had very poor attendance.

Is there any other way you think the board could reach out to the people, other than through the newspapers? Granted, we try, as newspapers, to give as much coverage as we can to school board matters, but generally what happens is that we cover the highlights of any one meeting, while there are probably 15 to 20 items that have occurred that may not be controversial or real major developments, that slide right by. Have you any ideas as to how the school board can better communicate?

Number two, in elections, whether it's local board elections or town affairs, it would enable the people who would normally not get involved for one reason or another to listen to their local radio station and be attuned to what's going on in the town. I know more people would be reached than are being reached now.

The second area, and I was very disappointed to see it go by the boards, is cable TV, because part of cable TV is free use of educational air time. And again, you can use the television for two things, for an opportunity to learn and without question to open up more areas and doors that have not been opened up. I am sure that if a poll were taken in this town, there would be just as many people, if not more, who do not know there's a board of education election as who do know.

So I think a school newspaper's fine and I think it should be included. I think that it's the students' responsibility to, on their own initiative — if the school doesn't have the money — to find out ways through which the printing costs can be met, which I think are marginal because they would be able to print an in-house organ with all the equipment.

As long as we're on this question, I think the townspeople should be made aware of the fact that we will continually be in the dark about issues unless our communications are expanded. We cannot rely on either the Belleville Times or the Belleville Telegram solely to provide us with that information. There are a great number of issues that are going to affect our town in the next two to four years, and we must open up every area of communication we possibly can. If we can find monies for other things, I think we should be able to find monies for something as critical as that.

You would probably agree that at the present there is an embarrassingly high rate of apathy among townspeople regarding their local government — both school board and commission. Do you think a communications system would reduce the amount of apathy, or do you think the lack of communications is an outgrowth of that? What came first, the chicken or the egg?

I don't think people are apathetic by nature. I think we've done a great deal to make them apathetic. By this I mean they seem to have taken the position, "Why try and do anything, whatever's going to happen is going to happen. We have no control over it."

I think that's the prevailing attitude not only in Belleville, but in many communities. I also think that the elected officials have been responsible in good part, simply by not making some decisions at the time they should be made and ultimately turning them into political issues. When they turn them into political issues, people aren't going to understand what's going on in the political process and they tend to think the worst — which may or may not be true. They generalize and say it's true in all circumstances. By opening up areas of communication, by directly involving the commissioners and the people on a greater basis, it would probably knock down a good percentage of the apathy that's in our town.

You say you'd like to improve communications, and one of those ways is with a radio station. Now, granted that it would be possible, it would probably be some time in the future, with the bureaucratic red tape, etc. Let's say a year. What as a member of the School Board are you going to do before that time to help improve communications?

I want to see the Board of Education print a newsletter of their own, and to make sure it reaches the homes of every single student. I think that's the first thing.

The point you raise about bureaucratic red tape — it's always been amazing to me that if you really want something and it's a good idea, how quickly you can get something done. I'd say it could be done in less than a year. You have to begin to take action now, and if it's really a good idea, we should take steps to see that it gets done almost immediately.

My reaction would be that your newsletter and your radio station — these are very fine ideas — but they could be pie in the sky. These are things you would like to see. I would like to know

Well, when I say that, I still believe in communications. This starts with PTA meetings. I go to PTA meetings, and they can question me at any length about anything that's transpired. This is communication between the board and the PTA or the Home and School. Communication between the administrators, the teachers, the students and the board? The student council sits in my house. I go visit them we talk. I tell them to air their grips, their difference. What do they know? What can we do to improve the situation? But I go to PTA meetings, and there's a very poor attendance also. You're always talking to a very few people. Unless you want to do something drastic, then the mob comes out. You want to fire the superintendent — you get pickets — you get overflow attendance, but in the normal run of the school year it seems that it's very difficult for these people to come out. I don't know why.

Prior to this, the student council had no voice. They can come up and talk to us. We've had students come up and talk about a coach. In other words, vent your frustrations or whatever, and come up and discuss it with us. We'd like to hear it.

Do you think that the case of the coach, and other possible gripes that students have about faculty members, that it's proper to have them express their grievances in an open meeting? Or do you think that it might be more proper if they and the board had a kind of closed caucus? If so, why hasn't this happened?

I'd like to see the accuser face the accused. I don't like to see it one sided, where a man can't defend himself. I don't care if it's open, closed, or whatever. If charges or allegations are made against an individual, we should be informed so we can get the other party there to hear and defend himself. I'm not against gripes, but I think they should be done in an American way. The accused should face his accusers.

In the event you're re-elected, you are going to have to face up to this situation that has developed over the football coach. Is there any particular way in which you would like to see that handled? What effect do you think the board's decision or handling of the matter will have on the long range well-being of the athletic program?

The board is going to have to assess all the information that's funneled into us. Like we do on any other issue this is no different than anything else. We're going to have to examine our consciences, vote after all the facts are in, weigh them, and come up with a decision.

Right now, we don't have all the facts, I can tell you that right now. We only heard one side. We have not heard Mr. Testa's side. There are two sides to the coin in my way of looking at things.

Here's a little question that I have thrown at everyone, primarily because it's something that's close to me, and it would also tie into your theme of communications to some degree. Right now Belleville High School doesn't have a school newspaper. I'd like to know what your feelings about having one are, and what priority it should have economically.

Are there economic reasons you see for there not being one?

I don't see where there should be, off hand. I'm only speculating. We have Xerox machines, we have type in the printing department, and the paper, that should be no problem. It could also be training for our children. They could learn a little more about newspaper writing. They could do something that has some positive action to it. I like the idea, it has a lot of advantages. I will see why we cannot start one. Also I would recommend that the Belleville Times reporters possibly would come in and help us a little bit with the pilot program.

We should have a weekly release by our superintendent, sometimes I see it, sometime I don't, on achievements, something outstanding in our schools, what our people are doing, to let the town know.

In the last ten years nine Belleville school budgets have been defeated at the polls. I would like to ask you think is the cause of this repeated voting down of school budgets and what could be done to, perhaps, improve the status of the school budget in the eyes of the public?

Well, as you know, our budget is the only budget that you vote on. The county budget we don't vote on. We don't vote on

the municipal budget. The only shot you can take, as a citizen, knowing taxes are going up is this one — You have a situation also in which all of our children do not go to our Belleville school system. You have children that go to St. Mary's, St. Peter's, St. Anthony's, and those people feel that they're not part of that tax increase that the budget would automatically give them. This is why think they have been defeated.

Here's what I wanted to do — they do it in Paramus. I work with board members and we exchange ideas. In Paramus, they mail out a sheet that shows the main reasons for your budget increases. It would go to each taxpayer in Belleville. For example, it would tell you what percentage of the increase goes to what area.

This is what I would want to do but I was talking to several of our board members, and they said, "Ah, it would cost lot of money to mail it to each taxpayer." But show them, show them where the increases are. Then tell each person, "Ok, you own a \$15,000 house. It is going to cost you \$42 a year. You own a \$30,000 house. It's going to cost you \$84." Give it to them in simple arithmetic. Mail it to each taxpayer.

Concerning the present budget, do you think there are any areas in the present budget that could potentially be trimmed further than they have already been?

Well, one place could be the mandated (school lunch program). Right now, we have to go into four schools, but, what we're doing is equipping all our schools. So at the rate of price of the equipment, plus the fact that we could put into this year, 1975-76, we can get whatever is funded from the state. If you do it piecemeal, your funding may be less. We were told that this is the best way to do it. But, if the budget is cut, we may have to lose that other state aid that would come in the future with it. That's one area that we could cut.

What about the \$102,000 in unappropriated reserve?

Ok. Now, if we run out of money, we have two choices. One, we go on referendum for more money, it we expend more than what our appropriation is. Secondly, we would have to close a school to save salaries, fuel, and things like that. That is what the \$102,000 is for. If the burners in Number Eight School should go, it's an emergency. We have a present condition now in the junior high school, the floors are warped. It's bad situation over there. What do you do? Do you neglect them, let them go? Let the boiler go without heat? Our children would have to wear coats, and sweaters.

And we don't know what the new rate Public Service is asking. That's in the hopper right now in Trenton. I mean, that's not a lot of money. You take from March 1 to June 30. If you should run into any kind of trouble, you know what \$100,000 is with 11 schools. It's not alot of money to have for an unappropriated balance. Sure, we could take it out, and put it in the 1975-76 budget, but then what we do if we have an emergency?

It's just like saying to you, "Don't take insurance for a year because you won't die this year, you're going to die next year. Save the premium."

There's been what some people refer to as a credibility gap, or what other people refer to "deal making," that I guess, is generally considered to be a problem on the board. Whether it's a false charge or a true one is probably hard to say. There have been accusations that the board has, in the past, functioned as a kind of power pipeline for political patronage for things like teachers' jobs, administrative jobs. Is there any way you can assure us that this isn't so?

I can tell you in one word. No. As far as integrity, we have a lawyer, I'm on the executive staff of Public Service. All of us are beyond reproach. Those are just wishful thinking or false allegations against us.

Let me give you the mechanics of hiring a teacher. A teacher's brief comes in. Now we're all supposed to be learned people, professional people. When we have a vacancy, we take ourselves off the hook, we eliminate ourselves. We have those applicants interviewed by an administrator. We take his recommendations. Once we get the recommendations from the administrator we then take the resumes of these people. We

look at their marks. We also look at recommendations from where they were student teaching. We go into whether they were on the dean's list, and whether they were "A" students. All these factors come in. After all this evaluation, we narrow it down to three and we ask the superintendent. He's a more learned man than me. I always go to the person who knows more than me. He may say that the three of them are equal, so what we do is go to the administrator. If the administrator says he likes this one, 99 times out of 100, I go with the administrator's recommendations. If the administrator has interviewed the teacher, and observed them in the classroom and so forth and the applicant is also on the dean's list, then, I want the best for our schools not second best. Now, if that individual happens to be, just for example, the cousin of Governor Byrne, are you going to discriminate against that person because a relative of hers or his is political? Are you not going to judge that person alone on his or her qualifications? That's how I look at it.

And integrity, I'm afraid of the word. Watergate should educate every one of us who holds office.

Let's deal with the present controversy over the superintendent of schools. Of all the candidates, you're the one who had an opportunity to actually participate in the whole evolution of Mr. Greco's resignation and subsequent changes back and forth. Without asking you to go into it, what at this point may be a caucus matter, we still have to contend with charges that there is a deal going on. What I wanted to ask was, first, can you give us your personal assurance that there has been nothing "underhanded" going on, or that there has not been a deal made.

To my knowledge, and I have perfect attendance, there was no deal concerning Greco. Regarding the money they talk about the increase, you have got to remember that Mr. Greco puts in 80 hours a week. The man doesn't take a vacation, no sick days, no personal days. The man has done all these things. I voted for that truthfully, because I thought it was rewarding. You reward a person who puts in so much time. If it does increase his retirement premiums, I see nothing wrong.

But deal? No. I'll tell you why. We advertise all over the United States for a superintendent. We didn't say, "OK, there's a guy waiting right here, as soon as this guy gets out. You've got the job." That's not true, that's not the case. We advertise in all the magazines, we had consultants come in to evaluate a person who could fit our system. A deal is when you are going to create a job for some individual. This will take months and maybe a year before we can decide. He may come from the state of Washington, or New York State.

Assuming that everything that has gone on is beyond reproach, have you any ideas on perhaps how the school board can improve its image among the people? In other words, there are people out there who say they believe there is something wrong going on, there are other people, further removed, who mumble "politics, politics" everytime the board acts on a controversial matter. Is there some way that the board can behave to dispel those kinds of ideas?

How we can erase or expunge this situation we have in our town. I don't really know. I can't answer that. When I'm asked, I tell people personally, that this is not the case. Well, I guess some people will believe, and some won't.

Do you think as a board member, say you were in a caucus, and you saw something going on that you felt was wrong . . .

I would report it to my fellow board members. I would enlighten them and tell them what I had heard. Also, it is my right when I vote, I have a comment. I tell you why I don't vote for a certain thing, or why I do. And I can be questioned on it. I would make a comment at that time, at a regular meeting.

If it was serious enough would you, without being asked, comment on it?

Yes.

I'll make it very clear to you. I know with this board here, I never have to do that. It was never necessary for me to tell them of any improprieties, never. With this board, we will discuss it, and argue back and forth, but these people are above board, everyone of them. I have the deepest respect for each board member.

Absolutely. A situation gets to be a political football, if I may use that expression, for one of two reasons. I have always been of the opinion that there are certain criteria involved in making a decision. Number one, gathering all the facts possible from every single area. You yourself know, being involved in journalism, that when any kind of investigation goes on into anything at all, it takes week, months, sometimes years to gather all the facts. I would like to know, from the board's point of view, have they done that?

More specifically, concerning Mr. Greco — I would like to know from him why he resigned. Number two — why he is rescinding his resignation. Why did he accept the salary if he did intend to resign? I would like also to analyze the job description of Mr. Greco's office, and find out whether or not he has performed the duties of that particular office. If he has performed the duties of that office and has been victimized by pressures then I think it should be made known. If he has not performed the duties of that office, if he has played any part in anything remotely resembling a deal then I think he should be dismissed or he should be asked to resign simply because he could not function in jeopardy of that office.

In the event that you do not listen to these tapes and find that there are board members who have acted improperly, then what do you do?

Then I would make it known — if I felt that some board members had violated what I think was the policy of the school system and they had not really been carrying out the guidelines of policy making decisions. You don't know what a board of education officer is — He sits in an ivory tower. He works for the people. If they cannot stand behind any decisions that they make based on facts then I don't think they should be sitting there — and I would make sure that anything I felt was in violation of that trust then they have a right to defend themselves or their position.



Michael Chieffo

what Michael Chieffo is going to do personally to make his part on the board clear, and his fellow members' action?

I absolutely will form the following committees: a legislative committee, whose job will be to study current legislation in both the state houses and on a federal level. It will be their job to report directly to me about any pending legislation that will affect the school system. Or the town in general. If I think it worthy to mount a campaign for or against a particular piece of legislation, I will come to the only vehicle of communication right now at the moment, the newspapers, to urge their help and support.

If not, the organization I built during the campaign will remain intact. They got involved, naturally because they wanted to see me elected, but secondly because they care. There are a lot of new faces involved in my organization who will get involved, and as a result I hope to institute local leaders in each district who I will directly report to and inform them of particular board proceedings and keep it entirely above board. I would like to see each of these local districts report to me as to the needs they feel are arising at their particular schools.

Secondly, I will initiate a building committee made up of contractors, people with building experience, to continually survey the schools to recommend desired improvements, estimated costs both short term and long term as to whether they could be done immediately or should be postponed or could be postponed. I'd have a retired businessman's committee to assist young students in selecting a vocational perfection. This can do nothing but improve the communications between the board of education and the school community.

There's another problem I see here, and it could pertain to your newsletters or a board member's actions, and that is, no matter what you do, you're going to be operating in a political climate that is, at the present, suffering from a certain lack of credibility. For example, there are rumors that at times the board or certain "bloes" of board members perform as a power pipeline, a patronage pipeline for such things as teacher and administrative appointments. As one board member, what would you do if you found yourself in the middle of a conversation or a situation that appeared to be patronage politics?

I would label it as such and the reasons why. You mention the fact that there are rumors, and I think that's an ugly word. Just the thoughts of those things immediately bring about the worst impressions. If there are bloes on the board, for "deals" or for jobs, I would without question do my part as a citizen to make sure that's brought out. And based solely on facts I know are complete, they would go to a place where there could be appropriate action taken.

One of the things that I think should be made public are applications for jobs. Teaching posts or administrative posts. Once you get down to the important criteria of hiring someone — background, dedication to a particular task — I don't think you'd have any problem ever in hiring the right person. Once you fall below those guidelines, that's when the rumors start.

I would definitely be an advocate of making public what jobs are being applied for, where there are openings within the school system, and then I think the board should act — and I think every administrator should take the responsibility for selecting each teacher that he wants. They can't give a list of five or six possible names, because when someone goes for a job in corporate or private business, they don't recommend three or four people. They recommend the person they want for the job. So, if he's going to put his name to a particular recommendation for a person who wants a job, he better be prepared to stand behind him.

And I think it will insure credibility in selection, and you'll do away with hiring favorite sons and daughters.

Let's be really specific. Let's deal with this controversy over the superintendent, which is supposed to be resolved this Tuesday. Even in the event it is, if elected, would you want to review the tapes that are in question right now?

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N.J. Auto Club develops Gas Watchers program

The New Jersey Auto Club, the AAA-affiliate serving Essex, Morris and Union Counties, has announced details of the motoring federation's Gas Watchers campaign, a voluntary gasoline conservation effort designed to make every five gallons do the work of six.

"Gas Watchers can be the means of avoiding mandatory fuel rationing," said New Jersey Auto Club President Matthew J. Derham following a recent Trenton conference with Governor Brendan T. Byrne, during which the latter endorsed the program. The Governor said that, "this program will help motorists get more mileage out of their present gasoline consumption. We can all benefit from being Gas Watchers."

Derham indicated that being a Gas Watcher consists of daily use of a few basic conservation rules which, if followed consistently and performance checked periodically, "could actually make five gallons of fuel carry the average driver as far as six gallons do now."

"The Gas Watchers program concentrates on six target areas," Derham explained, "and a conscientious effort on the part of the individual motorist to stretch gasoline mileage will help towards avoiding rationing."

"President Ford, who approved the Gas Watchers project at an earlier White House meeting, indicated that gasoline rationing, if it does come, will be with us for

about ten years. With that sober warning in mind, the Gas Watchers program assumes real importance," he noted.

Here are the Gas Watchers six target areas and some suggestions for each:

To-and-From Work - Americans consume an average of 290 million gallons of gasoline per week. Two suggestions: wider use of car pooling, and increased use of public transportation wherever possible.

Family Business - Consumes an average of 225 million gallons of gasoline per week. Suggestions: arrange appointments for one day, plan all stops in advance and schedule trips in non-rush hour traffic to avoid congestion.

Religious Activities - Not a major fuel consumer, but suggestions include: plan meeting and gathering schedules as centrally located as possible, suggest local government arrange meeting schedules to permit more agencies to meet on the same night.

Social Recreational Activities - Consumes an average of 382 million gallons of gasoline per week. Suggestions include: plan vacations in areas where cars are not required very much, sightsee by bus tour, consider bike trips and nature walks rather than pleasure rides in the country.

Keeping Car in Tip-Top Shape - The chief suggestion here: keep car engines well

tuned. It is estimated that even a minor tune-up can improve mileage by ten percent. Among other tips are: use correct octane fuel for the car, do not fill gas tank to the brim, check radiator thermostat.

Good Driving Techniques - Correct poor driving techniques, the largest single cause of poor mileage, could increase gasoline efficiency by as much as 44 percent. Among suggestions are: smooth acceleration and braking, limited use of air conditioning and other electrical accessories, avoiding extended engine warm-up and idling, keeping unnecessary weight out of car trunk.

Cancer Institute formed to improve patient care

The formation of the Cancer Institute of New Jersey, an organization to improve the quality of cancer care in the state, was announced jointly by U.S. Senator Harrison A. Williams, Jr., and W. Paul Stillman, the organizations' chairman.

Joining them at a news conference in Newark were Stanley S. Bergen, M.D., president of the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, and Celestino Clemente, M.D., the Institute's president pro tem.

Seminar is Scheduled At Bloomfield College

"All you ever wanted to know about going to college ... and more," a two-hour Seminar will be offered at the Bloomfield College Science Building, Liberty Street, Bloomfield, N.J. on Thursday, March 6 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Seminar, which is being offered as a public service to college bound students and their parents is to help enlighten the students and the general public in all aspects of selecting a college, how to apply for financial aid, how to select courses and how to continue one's education after attending a County or Community two year college.

Trained professional staff members of Bloomfield and neighboring colleges will conduct the two hour Seminar to assist the students fill their career and special interest goals.

Museum to present concert by Kim Duo

Bong Hi Kim, pianist, and David Kim, violinist, will play at the Montclair Art Museum on Sunday, March 9, in the second of the museum's March series of Sunday afternoon concerts. The performance is at 4 p.m. Admission is by voluntary contribution.

Bong Hi Kim, a native of Seoul, Korea, has a doctorate in musical arts in piano performance from the Eastman School of Music. Her son David, born in Carbondale, Illinois, started playing the violin at the age of three.

Now eleven years old, David has twice won the South Carolina state-wide violin competition and in 1974 appeared as soloist with the Columbia Philharmonic Orchestra. He has made TV

appearances in Columbia, South Carolina, and in Aspen, Colorado, and has given a recital at the Juilliard School of Music. David is now a pre-college student at Juilliard.

Mrs. Kim was the winner of the Korean National Music Contest in 1957 and a finalist in the International Bach Contest in 1971. She is currently Assistant Professor of Piano at the University of South Carolina.

For their program on Sunday, this mother and son duo will play works by Felix Mendelssohn, Enrique Granados, Fritz Kreisler and William Kroll.

Invite high schoolers to Seton Hall talk

A free lecture series developed and designed especially to help high school students understand vital issues and conflicts affecting the present and future will be presented at Seton Hall University beginning Tuesday, Mar. 11 at 4:30 p.m. in the Student Center Conference Room.

Seton Hall University social science students and faculty are sponsoring and conducting the series on "Conflicts and Conciliation in Our World." The series will consider four areas of confrontation which pit people against each other, prevent social harmony or peaceful co-existence and threaten to keep the world in a state of turmoil and uncertainty.

At each session basic issues in the conflict as well as prospects for solution will first be explored by faculty speakers, each of whom has demonstrated by teaching, writing or active involvement an exceptional expertise in and understanding of the topic. Open discussion will follow, including questions and comments to develop a dialogue on the issue. Sessions will also include refreshments and opportunity for further informal discussion.

Topics and speakers are scheduled as follows: "Jews and Arabs," March 11, with Dr. Philip Kayal, sociologist, Dr. Robert Markoff, historian, and Dr. Abolghassem Sedehi, political scientist; "Confrontation Black and White: Africa and America," March 25 with Prof. Patrick Caulker and Prof. Larry Greene, historians and Black Studies scholars; "Red Culture and White Culture," April 8, with Dr. Ruth Freed and Prof. Herbert Kraft, both anthropologists; and "Women and Men," April 15, with Dr. Lucinda San Giovanni, sociologist, and Dr. Mary Boutilier, political scientist.

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This Week's Horoscope

(March 8 through March 14)

ARIES (March 21-April 19): It is your nature to be a bit showoffy, Ari, but this week you would be wise to keep profile low. Keep cards close to chest while maintaining attitude of casual indifference. You will understand.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Cupid plans a little target practice this week, Taurus — and you're naturally the bull's-eye. Love strikes when it is least expected. Now go about your business and try to act nonchalant.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are the quickest of all the Zodiac children, Gem. You walk, talk and think quickly. You are ruled by Mercury, the planet of youth. This week you latch onto new idea which will help keep you young in every way.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): This week you can expend tremendous emotional energy you have stored, Moonbaby. Soothe one who is hurt. Cheer one who is depressed. Flirt with one who is lonely. Mind Olga and by week's end you feel very self-satisfied, as well you should.

LEO (July 23-August 22): Plan you are working on needs more preparation, Leo, more teeth. Sometimes even you, the lion, bite off more than you can chew gracefully. Week grinds to a busy conclusion.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22): Associates often think of you as The Workhorse of the Zodiac. You do hold duty in very high esteem, and because of this others feel they can count on you day in and day out. Fool everyone this week, Virg, and head for new and greener pastures. It's time The Old Workhorse did a little horsing around.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): Venus is your ruling planet, Libra. To you love is a feast, to be enjoyed thoroughly and to blaze with the calories. Pass up banquet this week, my friend, or you wind up with classic case of heart burn.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): You are absolutely relentless in your emotional demands on others, Scorp, and because Mars is your ruling planet you are often spoiling for a fight. Anything is better than being ignored as far as you are concerned. Try this week to be more mature in dealings with loved ones. Begin by lowering your voice.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): When it comes to words, you are not only charming, you are absolutely seductive. (Noel Coward was a Sag). Because you excel at sparkling conversation, you are in demand socially. Keep party clothes pressed. Week whirls to interesting finish.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19): You like to make money, noise and love but, Cap, you HATE to make a faux pas — so you sometimes miss out on a lot of fun. Respect caution but do not become its slave. Message clears.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18): You like to change everything, Aquari, including your mind. You thrive on new starts, new adventures and new ideas. This week you undergo another change. It will be subtle, but deeply felt.

PISCES (February 19-March 20): Neptune, which rules you, Pisces, also rules the mist and fog. This week you understand what has been obscured. The fog lifts. Use hidden talents.

The new institute, formed by a coalition of New Jersey business and medical leaders, will embark on an intensive 18-month study to assay the state's capabilities and shortcomings in such areas as research, screening and public education programs, treatment and follow-up care.

Ultimately the Institute will be active in the coordination of all cancer detection, treatment and research programs in the state, according to Stillman, who is Chairman of First National State Bancorporation and Vice Chairman of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

"New Jersey today is not fully abreast of all of the progress in these fields, partly because of its proximity to the important medical centers of New York and Philadelphia," he said. "But it will be the mission of the Cancer Institute to insure that New Jersey's citizens have direct access to the best and the latest medical technology in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer."

Senator Williams, who has played a leading role in pursuing federal financial support for the Cancer Institute, noted that "The new program will be an integral part of the mandate established by Congress with the National Cancer Act."

According to Dr. Clemente, one of the priorities of the new Institute will be the establishment of a statewide tumor registry program to follow the progress of cancer patient diagnosis and treatment in New Jersey and to monitor results. Such a registry, he noted, would enable medical specialists to

pick up trends in certain types of cancer that may have as their basis some undetected environmental hazard. "This is particularly relevant data in our highly industrialized state," he said.

Dr. Clemente, a prominent surgeon and Chief of Staff of United Hospitals Medical Center in Newark, said that the Cancer Institute has no present plans to build any new medical center, but instead will make use of existing facilities at locations throughout New Jersey.

The Institute will have its offices in Newark, near the School of Medicine, and will ultimately locate additional administrative centers in central and southern New Jersey. Administrator of the Institute is C. Rodney Horner, an experienced administrator and development officer with medical and health institutions in New Jersey and Illinois.

Dr. Bergen pledged the involvement of the College of Medicine and Dentistry to the cancer Institute. He noted that New Jersey has the unique advantage of being served by a single medical education institution with coordinated units at various locations in the state. The Institute, Dr. Bergen said, "is going to need and is seeking also the active cooperation and support of such key institutions as the Institute of Medical Research in Camden, the Institute of Microbiology of Rutgers University, and the extensive research capacity of our own facility at CMDNJ - Rutgers Medical School."

According to Dr. Bergen, this is the first statewide effort of its kind in the nation.

Parkway riders in safest spot

More vehicles than ever rode the Garden State Parkway in 1974, but the heavy traffic load failed to disturb the road's rating as one of the safest in the nation.

Safety statistics improved in most areas, Commissioner Salvatore A. Bontempo of the New Jersey Highway Authority noted today as he released figures on traffic and accidents for the Authority-operated Parkway last year. He pointed out that there were decreases in accidents, in mishaps involving injuries and in the number of persons hurt.

There were 1,875 accidents, down 13 percent from the 1973 total. The rate of 77.5 accidents per 100 million vehicles miles was the second lowest among United States toll roads with more than one billion vehicle miles, according to the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association.

The Parkway recorded 670 mishaps in which persons were hurt and in these, 1,089 individuals suffered injuries, with both figures being about 15.5 percent below the 1973 totals.

There were 33 traffic fatalities on the Parkway in 1974, producing a death rate of 1.4 per 100 million vehicle miles. While this rate is slightly higher than the 1973 mark of 1.1 which was lowest among the nation's major toll roads, it is well below the 3.6 rate for all of the country's highways in 1974 and also is the lowest for New Jersey toll roads.

A record high number of 179.6 million vehicles traveled

on the Parkway in 1974, an increase of more than four million over the prior year and a distinct contrast to early-year projections that were based on the severe gasoline shortage. After the gasoline situation eased, traffic increased, though the energy crisis still was felt in another way as motorists took shorter trips, Commissioner Bontempo pointed.

The total distance traveled by cars on the Parkway covered 2 billion, 420 million miles in 1974, contrasted to the record high of 2 billion, 553 million miles in 1973. The decrease in mileage followed a national pattern according to IBTTA statistics, Commissioner Bontempo noted. Many of the other toll roads, however, also experienced declines in numbers of vehicles while the Parkway was recording its increase, he added. As for accidents, Commissioner Bontempo said, an analysis showed that loss of control, skidding and inattention remained the most common of the contributing factors.

Panovs to perform at State Arts Center

Galina and Valery Panov, whose American ballet debut was as triumphant as their dramatic struggle to get out of the Soviet Union to live in Israel, will be featured in the Garden State Arts Center's 1975 benefit gala on Wednesday night, July 2.

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The following is another of a series of articles on national health insurance prepared by Anne Brubaker of Clara Maass Hospital.

Reaching each cranny of society with the best of health care is, in the words of one industry spokesman, "an impossible dream — even if funds were without limit and all citizens were willing to actively pursue good health."

A system of national health insurance — likely within two years — will provide more money but, by itself, cannot assure that more people will benefit from available health technology.

Nevertheless, says Jack W. Owen, president of the New Jersey Hospital Association (NJHA), "The challenge has been accepted. Hospitals throughout our state are intent upon serving all who are in need of care."

Though traditional forms of health care delivery continue to see greater utilization each year — with hospital admissions increasing at four times the rate of general population hikes — “health care institutions statewide are exploring a variety of concepts designed to make care more accessible to more people,” Owen says.

"But," notes Owen, "studying new ways of bringing medical technology to all citizens is frustrated by the average person's lack of concern for his or her own health. Heavy smoking, overeating, and the whole dictionary of personal health problems due to carelessness, force our industry to spend resources on questions that should be taken care of by the individual earlier and at far less expense."

Historically, the blame rests with the industry. "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing" was used to justify keeping patients in the dark.

"No information at all can be far more dangerous," says Owen, citing the opposite experience of thousands of women who cut cancer short through self-examination.

"It is their knowledge that will save their lives — and it will be early steps that avert extended and costly hospital stays later on."

Hospitals statewide have begun comprehensive health education programs: Consumers are told the basic steps in the prevention and detection of illness.

"Keeping people well is a major answer to accessibility of health services," Owen says. "But there will always be a need for institutions prepared to serve the very sick."

Reaching more people with acute care services has tested the skill and imagination of health professionals throughout New Jersey.

"Cost is a basic factor in accessibility — even if it were possible to provide everyone with a nurse and sophisticated health monitor equipment, who would pay for it?" Owen asks.

In each case, experiments in delivering care have been accompanied by financial studies to assure that people aren't screened from their new-found "accessible care" for fiscal reasons.

Paper Mill lists three Spring shows

The Spring Season will open at Paper Mill on March 19 with John Gavin as star of "The Fantasticks" - the musical which has enjoyed the longest run in New York in history - (15 years and still going strong!) It has been performed in 54 countries and delighted millions.

"The Marriage-Go-Round" will be the Playhouse's second spring offering - opening on April 16 - and the recent Broadway musical hit revival "Irene" will play from May 7 thru June 29. Subscriptions to all three shows are available for a 15% discount by calling Edith Sikorski at the business office: 379-3636. Tickets to one or two shows (without discount) are available at the box office: 376-4343.

"Light Up the Sky," Moss Hart's comedy about show biz starring Vivian Blaine, Celeste Holm, Sam Levene, Kay Medford and Wesley Addy will be on state in Millburn for two more weeks - until March 16.

We Americans are entirely too careless and we pay for it with human lives.

According to Owen, there is no one answer. What works with Newark's population may not work with Cherry Hill and its socio-economic composition." Even so, all New Jersey hospitals are actively pursuing roads to more broad-based service.

Included among these activities are:

- The efforts of a group of Newark hospitals who, working with government and local physicians, will soon seek to reach some 90,000 city residents considering outside the reach of established

health delivery systems. It will take the largest federal grant of its kind — as much as \$54 million — to accomplish this program's goals.

- The development of a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) by more than a dozen hospitals

in the northwest corner of the state. Currently angaged in feasibility studies, this group may soon seek federal funding to institute what would be a tri-county effect. The HMO concept permits individuals to pay one sum at the beginning of the year and then have all

health needs covered from then on. Hopefully, the HMO's will remove the patient's reluctance to seek medical assistance since the

- Satellite health care — or small hospitals organized as a network, can often reach

rural populations more effectively than larger centralized settings. In southern regions of the state, this concept has seen much success.

"In some cases, hospitals provide jitney buses for patients to get to and from the facility," Owen says.

"Whether it's bringing health care to the patient, or the patient to care, hospitals share a responsibility with the public to assure that the best possible means of treatment are available to the most people at the most reasonable of costs."

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