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**Sleigh Ride** — Drifting down Division Avenue are Lenny Wilson, Danny Passarella and Glenn Forsyth who were out sledding all afternoon along Belleville's snow-slicked streets during last week's snowfall. An unwelcome motorist approaches from the rear.

## Commission to discuss zone law changes today

Commissioners will hold a special meeting 4:30 this afternoon at Town Hall to discuss recommendations made by the Planning Board for changes in the municipal zoning ordinance. Topics will include the proposed neighborhood retail zone, height limitations in the industrial zone, residential uses in the general business district, rezoning of the Valley and fence heights.

The meeting has been long awaited by many residents, and, depending on what action commissioners take, could mark the end of several controversies which have lasted for almost a year.

Chief among them had been the new neighborhood retail zone. Businesses along Union Avenue, the main location for the zone, had opposed it because in its original form it eliminated conditional uses like banks, restaurants and funeral parlors and imposed a restriction on the number of employees permitted at each establishment. At a September meeting on the zoning ordinance, commissioners were not happy with the restriction either.

In November, however, planners voted for changes in the retail zone proposal. They placed no limit on employee number but set a 600-

square-foot maximum on office space which they felt would keep numbers down. The board also voted to include restaurants, bars, banks, funeral parlors and mortuaries as conditional uses. Permitted uses would include neighborhood retail outlets, service establishments, small offices and professional uses like doctors and lawyers' offices.

Residences above commercial establishments would also be permitted, a change from the old zone. Height limitations on buildings would also be increased from 30 feet and two stories to 35 feet and two-and-a-half stories.

Planners feel the new retail zone has taken care of another question that will come up today, the proposal that residential uses be permitted in the general business zone. They are not now. The board stated in a report to commissioners last month that "modern planning concepts favor the elimination of residential uses in a general business zone." Washington Avenue residents and several commissioners have disagreed.

Another Planning Board recommendation would drastically reduce the height-permitted for buildings in Belleville's industrial zone. Presently, buildings eight stories and 100 feet high are allowed. The proposal before commissioners this afternoon calls for buildings three stories and 40 feet. The change is likely to run into opposition from Town Fathers.

The board has also recommended that an area in the Valley including spots near lower Joramelon, Cortlandt, Academy and Main Streets be kept residentially zone. The area contains some industrial and business uses now, and several commissioners have suggested there be more.

The fence recommendations involve several changes. As the town ordinance now stands, a two-foot solid or four-and-a-half-foot open fence is permitted all around a person's property. The board has proposed that only open, two-foot fences be allowed in front yards. Five-foot solid and six-foot open fences would be permitted in backyards. The height increase got with strong public approval at a board meeting in July.

The speed with which changes in the zoning ordinance have been made has come in for heavy criticism, though. New Jersey's new Municipal Land Use Law was passed in 1976 and towns had until February 1977 to bring their zoning ordinances into conformity. Planners assigned that job, however, found Belleville's law in such disarray that they requested and got an extension until Feb. 1 this year to get the law in order.

The planners' findings were sent to commissioners in October 1978, but no action was taken until the last minute. On Jan. 23 this year, the commission passed a new ordinance based on the board's recommendations.

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## SCHOOL DISPUTE OVER

# Administrators settle contract with trustees

By Mike Olohan

After 26 months of negotiating, school trustees and the local administrator union have tentatively agreed on a contract settlement.

Although neither side would give specifics, an agreement was hammered out even before Wednesday's scheduled fact-finding session and a tentative memorandum of understanding signed by Arthur Pico, the administrators' representative, and board negotiator Lawrence Schwartz.

Official board approval is expected in mid-January, at the next public meeting, according to Schwartz.

Administrators were asking for about a 7 percent raise, on par with neighboring communities. Twenty local elementary, junior high and high school principals, vice principals and directors walked out of the Nov. 26 Board of Ed meeting vowing to boycott night meetings until a contract was signed. The administrators charged trustees were stalling and not negotiating in good faith.

However, over the last two weeks, the public attitudes of both the administrators' union and board's negotiator have eased, with both sides apparently hoping for a compromise before the holidays.

The administrators, without a

contract, were still being paid on the 1977-78 scale, on which an elementary school principal makes about \$29,000 a year and a secondary school administrator from \$32,000 to \$34,000.

Administrator spokesman Archibald Gallombardo said Dec. 11 that administrators would be willing to go to "binding arbitration" whereby a neutral mediator would hear both sides and make an impartial decision binding on both. But Schwartz said trustees would not go along with such a move.

The tentative agreement signed Dec. 14 is "fair" to both sides, said

Please see "Administrators" on page 2.



## First snow of the season causes little trouble here

Nippy temperatures and occasionally gusting winds came along with three inches of snow in Belleville last Wednesday, causing many fender-benders for motorists, a half-dozen storm-related injuries and an early wake-up call for some Public Works employees.

The arrival of the white flakes en masse marked the first significant snowfall of the season. Children could be found sleighriding, tossing snowballs or sliding around in the streets, many of which were laced with ice under a small mantle of snow.

Belleville police reported many minor accidents in town, cars slipping into each other, running into curbs and spinning about because of the glassy road surface. Route 21

was tied up because of several accidents at cutoff ramps leading into Belleville, and cars moved at much slower speeds causing tie-ups.

"There was a lot of fender-benders in Belleville, and probably a lot more accidents that weren't even reported," said a Belleville police dispatcher Thursday. "There was a four-car pile-up on Belleville Avenue in the morning," he added, noting that because Belleville Avenue is a county road above Washington Avenue, county employees are supposed to salt or plow it to keep it safe.

However, when no county trucks showed up, Belleville Public Works employees salted the road themselves.

About 10 non-reportable (under

\$200 damage) accidents occurred, while there were three reportable (more than \$200), according to the police dispatcher. "I would hardly call it a routine day, but there was nobody stranded by the snowfall," he added, stressing that like motorists, Belleville police suffered only minor inconveniences because of the snowfall.

"We were out as soon as it started to come down," said Assistant Public Works Superintendent Pat LaMorte. He said county officials informed him about 3:30 Wednesday morning to expect about one to four inches of snow, and LaMorte said he immediately began calling up workers to get salt spreaders out on

Please see "First snowfall" on page 9.



**Having a Ball** — Little Reniqua Harris and Kathy McMahon, an occupational therapist at the Cerebral Palsy Center, enjoy some time together in one of the center's playrooms. See story on page 14.

## Chamber running first baby contest

The Chamber of Commerce is seeking contributors for its annual first baby of the year contest. The first Belleville child born in 1980 will receive a variety of gifts from the town's businesses and community organizations. This is the 16th year the Chamber has sponsored the contest.

Contributors so far include Provident Savings Bank, People's Bank, Sherman's Children's Wear, Vac U Max, Pathmark, First DeWitt Savings and Loan, Kondreck Photographers, Jolly Cleaners, K-mart, Wallace & Tiernan, Flowerama, Fleming's Food Supply, Abbot Drug, Belleville Shoes and Pro Hardware. In addition, an anonymous donation has been made.

Those wishing to contribute may contact Sol Sherman, Sherman's Children's Wear, 155 Washington Ave., at 759-2197 or the Chamber of Commerce, 302 Washington Ave., at 759-4848.

## Eyesore of the week



**Going Down** — All that's left at 34 Belleville Ave. is a caved-in hulk surrounded by wild bushes. The house is next to Miller & Son Electro Plating. The firm plans to convert the area into a parking lot.



Shredded Tree — Jennifer Aiello and Michael Tusciano were all smiles as they awaited Christmas vacation last week. The two are in Miss Casaletto's second grade class at School 3.



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# Changes in zoning law a long time in making

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Planning Board Chairman Joseph

## Administrators settle contract

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Schwartz, declining comment on whether he felt salary ranges were high in the new contract.

"I am always happy when we settle with a bargaining unit...now we can go back to the business of education without any interruptions," he said.

"There seems to have been good faith by our negotiator and theirs. There must have been a meeting of the minds," said Gallombardo, who is principal of School 5.

"It feels very nice that the board was there and that they're aware of what we wanted," said Gallombardo, referring to last Friday's meeting. "It's a very pleasant feeling to know that there was some initialing of memos," he added.

"We have a tentative agreement with them, but it needs further discussion by all the board members. You know, no action is official until the board members act on it at a public meeting," said Schwartz.

## AARP meeting next Thursday

The monthly meeting of the American Association of Retired Persons, Belleville Chapter 2051, will be held 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, at Fewsmith Presbyterian Church, 444 Union Ave.

Arrangements have been made with the Northfield Orthopedic Speakers Bureau to have Dr. Joel Doner, a dentist, speak on the subject, "Dentistry for the Older Mouth."

Grande held two special meetings shortly after to get public input on the ordinance. A list of recommendations for change based on what had been said by both officials and citizens at the meetings was sent to commissioners in March. There the matter rested until September when commissioners, prodded by citizens,

sat down, studied the March proposals and drew up a list of their own which they sent back to the Planning Board for final study. Planners digested all these ideas before coming up with final recommendations last month. It's now up to commissioners to decide what will become law.



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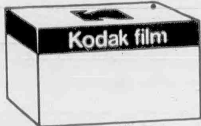
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The purpose of the early screening program is to identify developmental lags which may create future learning problems if no help is provided. Children will be screened in the areas of fine and gross motor development, communication skills, vision and hearing. Pre-schoolers who are identified as needing further evaluation will be tested and, if necessary, admitted into the BIPPY program.

BIPPY is an acronym which stands for Belleville's Intervention Program for Preschool Youngsters. The program is federally funded. A proposal was submitted by Anthony P. Chirico, Belleville's director of special services, to fund the preschool service. The proposal was approved and a grant of \$102,080 was received in October.

The screenings, which take about 40 minutes to complete, are open to all 3- to 5-year-old children in Belleville. Parents will be notified within several weeks of the results, and at that time, further testing, if needed, will be scheduled.

The grant money will also pay for a special team, including a head

teacher, speech therapist and teacher's aide certified to teach handicapped children. The team will help those children identified as having learning problems. The pre-school classes will meet 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. In the afternoons, teachers will visit the pre-schoolers' homes and train parents how to help their children.

Signs indicating children may have a physical, mental or emotional impairment include problems with hearing, eyesight, speech, memory, language, physical development, thinking and reasoning ability and social development. The most common problems are with language and speech.

Parents with questions about the screenings or the program may call Chirico at 759-6050. The special services department is located on the third floor of School 4, 30 Magnolia St.



Grin and Bear It — Rosa Guman, Laura MacDonald and Jennifer Apruzzese appear delighted with the paper plate creations they've made for their dads. The Belleville Library sponsored a "Make a Gift for Dad" show earlier this month and it attracted about 50 children.



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To make the honor roll at the South Orange school, the students needed at least a 35 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.



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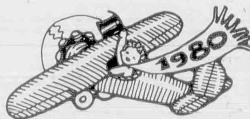
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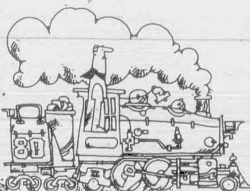
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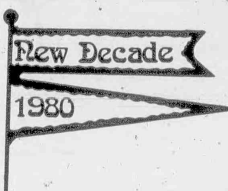
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**Looking Good** — Belleville school trustees Anthony D'Agostino, Charles Miele (seated), Michael Chieffo, Ralph Risoli, Peter Clarizio, Ernie Zoppi and Superintendent Dr. John Greed congratulate Catherine Danieli, a BHS grad and Upsala student who was recently

selected as one of the nation's most outstanding campus leaders. Miss Danieli's name will appear in the 1980-81 edition of "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

## Will women ever be equal to men on Belleville High playing fields?

By Mike Olohan

Is there equality between the sexes on the sports field? No, and maybe there'll never be, but even without the prodding of the National Organization for Women (NOW), Belleville's athletic program added girls' volleyball and gymnastics teams this year.

Besides the two new girls' sports teams, Belleville has two cheering squads now which will switch between the girls' and boys' basketball teams and the boys' wrestling team.

Last year, NOW filed a lawsuit to get Belleville, along with neighboring districts, to begin more sports teams for women and give the existing ones what the organization considered fairer treatment, hoping to "equalize" the athletic battle between the sexes.

"We had planned to add teams even before (NOW) came in," said Schools Superintendent Dr. John Greed. "I think girls deserve equality," he added.

Athletic Director James Silvestri emphasized that department administrators wanted to begin more girls' programs about five years ago, though nothing got out of the talk stage.

"And that's no exaggeration, I'm

not putting you on," said Silvestri. "We had this on the drawing board years ago. This year, the women's basketball team has three night games, but their female coach (Karen Fucello) really favors the afternoon games," said Silvestri, adding that one reason afternoon games are better for the girls is they don't have to walk home at night in the dark.

Asked if he ever thought boys' and girls' sports would be "equalized," Silvestri pointed out, "It's going to be very hard because there's only X amount of boys and X amount of girls who want to play sports."

He noted that because girls aren't always raised to be interested in athletics, they may be less inclined than boys to want to participate in sports. Silvestri added, however, that his three daughters all ran track and enjoyed it.

"I'd say 'no' as a whole. I don't think girls will ever equal boys in sports participation," said Silvestri, joking that he may be considered a "male chauvinist" because of his opinion.

Silvestri said he didn't think enough girls would try out for every girls' athletic team, if they had the same number of teams as the boys. You'd need 200 to 300 girls for all the teams, and that's a lot of girls out of the high school," he added.

"I'm sure we (NOW) gave them (Belleville) a little more impetus to begin some of these programs," said Susan Cartun, NOW's education task force coordinator. She said the only way found to effect true equality "is to (realize) all human beings need survival skills. Everyone, both boys and girls should learn kitchen skills and carpentry skills to help them survive alone."

Cartun said that many famous athletes are female, taking issue with "the totally-stereotyped opinion" that any female athlete is less feminine than girls not athletically inclined. She said slowly peoples' attitudes about women being less equal to men will change.

"A human being has a full gamut of experiences to enjoy," she said, pointing out the women who helped settle the West were not "namby-pamby types. I think most women today would have a hard time living up to them."

A recent review of Belleville's Home Economics Program recommended "that in-service training in the elimination of sex bias and stereotyping be provided for the staff, and that an active recruitment program be developed to encourage male participation in all home economics courses." The program was also commended for helping many students, the enthusiasm and commitment of teachers, and its wide variety of courses.

A need to increase the number of girls in industrial arts classrooms was also cited along with guidance advice that would emphasize activities "which help eliminate sex bias and stereotyping in the delivery of guidance services."

"It's going to be a long, long haul, we really have to start the programs in the elementary and junior high school, where they'll have more effect," said Cartun. "We are trying to get non-sexist education."

## First snowfall little trouble

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the streets. Snow began coming down about 6:30 a.m.

"We used up 25 tons of salt Wednesday, you know Belleville is pretty hilly—you see by the time the spreaders hit the roads Wednesday, it gave the salt time to begin to work so we were okay," he added.

Three salt trucks attempted to keep Belleville streets clear for most of Wednesday, said LaMorte, emphasizing "we always do the main roads, the hills, important intersections and areas by the schools first." LaMorte said no flooding was expected once snow melts.

At Clara Maass Memorial Hospital, six people were treated for injuries, some suffered in minor car crashes and others in slips on snow-topped sidewalks. No heart attacks from snow shoveling were reported.

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## Senior Notes

By George Chenoweth

The Christmas party season was in full swing last week. Many were taking place among the senior groups. We have attended a few and all have been joyous occasions. The Old Guard of Belleville hosted a party at Bep's on Dec. 18, and it was an afternoon to be remembered. The band played dance music and Christmas carols and the Nutley Old Guard Glee Club sang specialty numbers. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus made an appearance and gifts were distributed. This was the first Christmas party for this group, and from all indications, there will be many more.

The officers of this men's club were elected the morning of the party. They are William Wittlinger, director; Carmen Petrone, vice director; Anthony Giampietro, treasurer, and George Chenoweth, secretary.

The Belleville Senior Citizens Club had its Christmas party at the Branch Brook Manor Dec. 19, and in spite of the spowstorm, there were not too many no-shows. It's hard to keep any of these members home on party days. The holidays have affected the meeting dates of this organization, and new dates for meetings and bingo will be today and Thursday, Jan. 3.

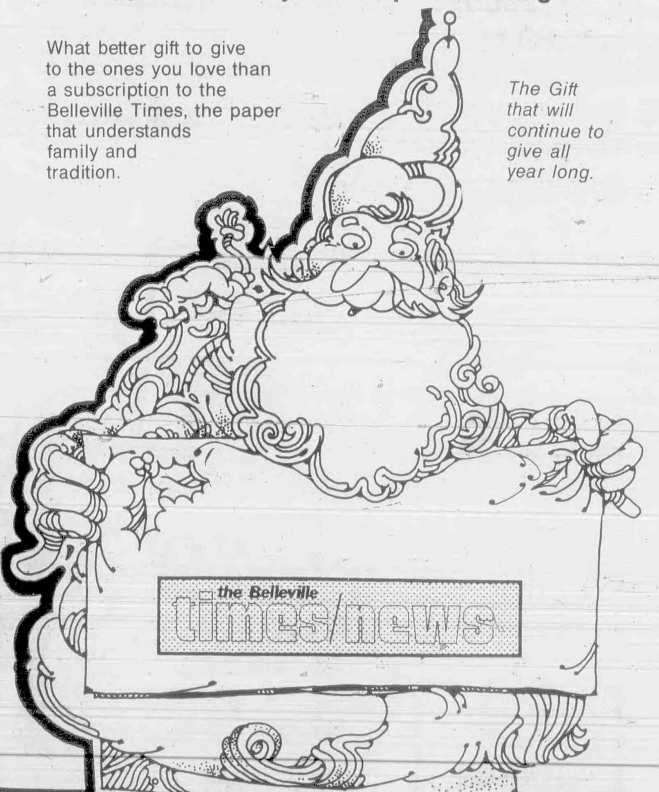
As one television news commentator put it, "The commissioner of the State Department of Human Services deserves the Scrooge of the Year Award for even suggesting such a macabre idea." This in reference to the proposal that the estate of beneficiaries of Pharmaceutical Assistance should return those benefits in cash in the event of the death of the beneficiary. To which we add, "Take you just award, Ann Klein, and hang your head in shame."

The second issue of The Essex Advisor has been circulated and it is as good-or-better-than-the-initial-effort. We hope to have 30,000 copies in circulation before long and will put your name on the mailing list if you desire. The issue contains a good article on health care for all Americans by George Hooper, a message from Robert Misurrell, director of the Essex County Department on Aging, a picture of the newly appointed Senior Citizens Advisory Board, an article on reverse annuity mortgages and many other items of interest to senior citizens. If you wish to be put on the mailing list, write to The Essex Advisor, RSVP, 439 Main St., Orange, N.J. 07050. Happy New Year!

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# Katherine Meccia; Catholic Daughter

A Mass was offered Dec. 18 in St. Peter's Church for Katherine Meccia, 90, who died Dec. 15 at the Essex County Geriatrics Center.

Mr. Meccia was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, Court Santa Maria 61, of Belleville and St. Peter's Church Rosary Fraternity.

Born in Nutley, Mrs. Meccia

## Mary Flynn; clerk, at 60

A Mass was offered Dec. 14 in St. Mary's Church for Mary Breck Flynn, 60, who died Dec. 10 at East Orange Veterans Hospital.

Before her retirement a year ago, Mrs. Flynn was an accounting clerk for Walter Kidde Company, Belleville, 10 years. She was a World War II Army veteran.

Born in Pennsylvania, Mrs. Flynn lived in Nutley 30 years.

Surviving are her husband, Charles P.; a son, Charles P. Jr.; two brothers, Michael Breck of Wilkesbarre, Pa., and John Breck of France.

The Johessee Nutley Home for Funerals made arrangements. Interment was in Glendale Cemetery, Bloomfield.

## Larry Caruso; contractor, 78

A Mass was offered Dec. 18 in Holy Family Church for Larry Caruso, 78, who died Dec. 15 at Clara Maass Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Caruso owned the contracting firm, Caruso's Plumbing and Heating, 40 years before his retirement 15 years ago. He was a member of the Master Plumbers Union.

Born in Italy, Mr. Caruso came to Belleville 15 years ago from Newark.

Surviving are his wife, Mary; two daughters, Mrs. Julie Grancagnolo and Miss Rose Caruso; a brother, Arthur DeVivo, and two grandchildren.

The Megaro Memorial Home made arrangements.

## A. Nardone; custodian

A Mass was offered Friday in St. Anthony's Church for Anthony Nardone, 78, who died Dec. 18 at Columbus Hospital, Newark.

Before his retirement 15 years ago, Mr. Nardone was a custodian at St. Anthony's Church 10 years and a tile installer for Falcone Tile Company, Newark, 10 years.

Born in Italy, Mr. Nardone came to this country in 1917. He lived in Belleville many years.

Surviving are two sons, Salvatore and Richard; one brother and three sisters in Italy, and six grandchildren.

The Zarro Funeral Home, Bloomfield, made arrangements. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Newark.

## Rose Rosa; dead at 29

A Mass was offered Dec. 18 at St. Anthony's Church for Rose Marie Rosa, 29, who died Dec. 14 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Montclair.

Born in Montclair, Miss Rosa lived most of her life in Belleville. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Rose Rosa of Belleville.

The S.W. Brown and Son Funeral Home made arrangements. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Lyndhurst.

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## obituaries

### Frank A. Machonis; retired town worker

A Mass was offered Saturday in St. Peter's Church for Frank A. Machonis, 73, who died last Wednesday at Clara Maass Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Machonis was a maintenance man in the Belleville Public Works Department 15 years before his retirement eight years ago. He was a member of the Belleville Senior Citizens Club, the Essex County Senior Citizens and the Friday Belleville Social Club.

Mr. Machonis moved to Belleville 60 years ago from his birthplace of Newark.

Surviving are his wife, Sophie; a daughter, Mrs. Frances Cucerale of Lyndhurst; two sisters, Mrs. Eleanor Hansen of Baytown, Pa., and Mrs. Tillie Korth of Neschanic; and three grandchildren.

The Kiernan Funeral Home made arrangements. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington.

### Beatrice Bruce; dead at age 66

A Mass was offered Dec. 12 at St. Mary's Church for Beatrice Bruce, 66, who died Dec. 9 at Clara Maass Memorial Hospital.

Born in Nutley, Mrs. Bruce came to Belleville five years ago from Newark.

Surviving are a daughter, Miss Margaret of Belleville; two sons, William G. of Belleville and John of Harrison; two brothers, Michael of Clifton and Walter of Nutley; two sisters, Miss Helen Niedzinski of Nutley and Mrs. Anna Guzowski of New York City, and six grandchildren.

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# Varsity Club fetes '79 Buc football squad



**All Dolled Up** — Some of the members of the Belleville High football squad and the mother of one pose with their own personal dolls, Joe DeLorenzo, Bob LaBruzza, Russ Pagano, Dan Amadeo, Brian Berrigan and Lenny Mendola stand with Mrs. Vitiello.

## Seniors honored at Wayne Manor

By Mike Lambert

The Belleville Varsity Club held a dinner Dec. 4 to honor the 23 seniors who played such a big part in the Buccaneers' amazing 1979 football season.

The dinner was held at the Wayne Manor, and every seat at every table was filled as parents, friends and fans paid tribute to a fine group of athletes.

Jerry DiGori, the team's split end, scored three touchdowns this year, including a biggie in the Seton Hall game. His fine hands and good speed were a pleasant surprise for John Senesky and his staff.

Ed Aulisi, the team quarterback for three years, will be sorely missed next season. Aulisi, who also plays varsity basketball and baseball, is the number one student in his class. Aulisi broke the school record for most touchdown passes. His sharp play execution was something the Bucs deeply needed and his superior intelligence were a fine asset. Aulisi hopes to be playing college football at an Ivy League school next fall, perhaps Princeton.

Mike Nicosia was a story in courage. After a fine junior year, he suffered a knee injury in the fourth game of the season against Passaic and did not play until the final two minutes of the Thanksgiving game. He lent his support to the team during the course of the year and displayed undying enthusiasm. He'll be back for the baseball season this spring and will be heard from in college.

Brian Berrigan had an injury-filled 1979 season but stayed with the team, much like Nicosia. He played the tight end position and was a good example of Belleville's never-say-die attitude.

Bob LaBruzza concluded a fine career and will always have memories of his great game against Passaic. In that contest, he rushed for over 140 yards and scored a touchdown. His great play led the way for a 26-14 Belleville win.

Dante DeNotaris suffered an injury in his junior year against Passaic and did not return until his senior year. However, once he was in, he was practically impossible to stop. His fierce blocks and strong running were a great plus for Belleville.

Mike Rainone played defensive back and was responsible for calling defensive signals. He was a fine player for the Bucs and a class individual off the field as well.

Frank Swain played full back and defensive end and was steady at both spots. His defensive play was a big bonus for the Bucs, and his good speed at the fullback position helped the team throughout the year.

Ralph "The Bear" DePasquale played defensive safety and did some work at fullback. He made a classic interception against Passaic that thwarted an Indian drive and was a menace to opposing quarterbacks who threw in his direction.

Lenny Mendola led the team in scoring with 102 points on 17 touchdowns. He rushed for over 700 yards and displayed lightning speed.

He scored five touchdowns in the Thanksgiving finale with Kearny and was named second team all county at the halfback position.

Rich Vitiello was a strong guard on offense and a good back-up linebacker. He was the force from which the Buc runners found daylight. He'll be sorely missed next year.

Peter Scheuplein played offensive center magnificently. His snaps were always perfect and his blocking superb.

Carl "The Bull" Lordi played guard alongside of Vitiello, making things tough for tacklers. He played varsity for three years and was a player to rely on in clutch situations.

Joe Garofolo had a super year at nose guard. According to Senesky, "Joe Garofolo has got to be the best nose guard in the state." Garofolo was named first team all county and second team all state for his outstanding play. He was an immovable force and a terror for opposing quarterbacks or unlucky running backs who headed in his direction.

Russ Pagano had a dream season at tackle. He was named first team all county, first team all state and has a number of big-time colleges actively seeking his services. Among those colleges are Syracuse, Boston and Holy Cross. His size (6-4, 230) will make him a good player on the college level.

Joe DeLorenzo played three years on the varsity level at tackle. He improved immensely over those three years and hopes to continue his football career at Bucknell next fall.

Mario Colombrato will always remember being wide-open in the playoff loss to Union. On a number of occasions, the split end was uncovered and threatening a score. For the season, he made two catches and threw some great blocks.

John DeCesare made a fine comeback after suffering a serious knee injury last year. He played defensive end and split end excelling at both spots. His defensive play was especially sparkling with some great, open-field tackling. DeCesare is hoping to go to Penn State next fall, but only for academics. Currently he is ranked third in his class.

Danny Amadeo was named second team all county for his play at defensive end. Amadeo was a quiet type of player but made his presence well known to the opposition. He could be a fine college football player.

Gabe DeFabrizio was a consistent tight end. He made some spectacular catches this year and displayed some great hands. He has good speed and an eye for getting open.

Jimmy Salters played three years on the varsity level at tight end and defensive end spots. Salters showed steady improvement throughout the years and was a fine asset to the Buc organization.

Finally, John Norton played quarterback and was a fine scrambler. He is ranked 17th in his class and hopes to play college football next season.



**Guest Speaker** — Jim Clack, New York Giants center, addresses the crowd at the Wayne Manor. Listening from left are Mike Walsh, Joe D'Amola, Ralph Borgess and Donna Casale.



**Grid Grin** — The usually reserved Coach John Senesky can't suppress a big smile. He had good reason to be happy as his Bucs finished 8-2, the finest Belleville season since 1962.



**Tough Line-Up** — John Norton and Carl "The Bull" Lordi pose with their dolls. Norton was a fine back-up quarterback for the Bucs, Lordi a clutch guard.



**Tackling Terrors** — Joe DeLorenzo and Russ Pagano (l-r) made the opposition think twice about moving the ball. Pagano was particularly outstanding and was named to the first county and state teams.



**Tradition Intact** — Buc defensive back Mike Rainone pins a corsage on his mother Marie, a mother-son tradition at each Varsity Club dinner.



**Table Motion** — Seated from left are quarterback Ed Aulisi, guard Carl Lordi, fullback Frank Swain, halfback Lenny Mendola and split end

Jerry DiGori. The Varsity Club honored 23 senior members of the Belleville High football at the Dec. 4 dinner.

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## Buc Shots



### Sports decade ends with an exciting year

The year 1979 was a fitting conclusion to a fine decade of sports.

Baseball, football, basketball and hockey filled the sports pages, week in and week out as new athletes took their places in the annals of stardom. Meanwhile, new records were set and many surprises, some of them good, some of them bad, occurred.

In the sport of baseball, the world was shocked by the tragic death of Thurman Munson, the Yankee team captain and a fine man. He was killed in a plane accident last August and his death stunned not only baseball but everyone who possessed any degree of humanity. Two days after his death, the Yankees played the Baltimore Orioles at Yankee Stadium. Before the game, the two teams stood on the dugout steps and the fans gave a stirring tribute to the man they loved. For 15 minutes, they stood and cheered their fallen hero, chanting "Thurman" and wiping tears from their eyes. Perhaps the most moving scene was that in right field, as Reggie Jackson, a man Munson constantly feuded with, stood holding his glove over his heart and trembling. It was a very sad occasion.

The Yankees were dethroned as division champs after three straight years by the surprise Orioles. The California Angels ended the Kansas City Royals' three-year lock on the American League West crown. Over in the National League, the Pittsburgh Pirates, led by their spiritual mentor, Willie Stargell, recaptured the East and Cincinnati won the West. In the playoffs, the Orioles breezed by California, and Pittsburgh swept Cincinnati.

The World Series was truly a classic, with the Pirates rallying from a 3-1 deficit to win the title, four games to three. Willie Stargell was named the series MVP and later shared the league MVP of the year award with St. Louis's Keith Hernandez. Bruce Sutter won the Cy Young Award in the National League, Mike Flanagan was the Cy Young recipient in the AL and Don Baylor was the AL MVP.

In the sport of professional football, the Pittsburgh Steelers defeated the Dallas Cowboys 35-31 last January to reign as Super Bowl champs. The Steelers successfully completed the '79 campaign, finishing with a 12-4 record. They will face an undetermined opponent next week at Pittsburgh. Dallas won the Eastern Conference of the AFC again but had to stick it out to the final week to do so. Tampa Bay proved to be the Cinderella team, capturing the central crown of the AFC, and Los Angeles won the West crown for the seventh straight year. The Rams might just as well radio ahead the title.

In the AFC, the Miami Dolphins won the East, defeating the New England Patriots and the Jets in doing so. The San Diego Chargers, with their super passer, Dan Fouts, won the Western title. Denver and Houston captured the AFC wild cards, while Philadelphia and Chicago were the AFC representatives in the wild card battle. Super Bowl XIV will be on Jan. 20 at Pasadena's Rose Bowl.

In college football, the Alabama Crimson Tide and the Trojan of USC shared the number one title. Alabama won the Sugar Bowl over Penn State 14-7, while USC beat Michigan 17-10 in the Rose Bowl. In the Orange Bowl, Oklahoma beat Nebraska 31-24, and Notre Dame edged Houston 35-34 in the Cotton Bowl.

This season, the Crimson Tide is rated number one and will face tough Arkansas in the Sugar Bowl. USC, rated second, will face Ohio State, which is third, in the Rose Bowl. The Cotton matchup is Houston-Nebraska, and the Orange Bowl features unbeaten Florida State against Oklahoma. The four major bowl games will be played Jan. 1, 1980, with a good chance of USC and Alabama finishing in it again. If the college football committee were smart, it schedule one more game the following week and to decide the national champ. It should work something like a Super Bowl for college football.

To the surprise of absolutely no one, the Montreal Canadiens reigned as Stanley Cup champs of the NHL. The Canadians beat the surprising New York Rangers in the finals four games to one to win their fourth straight cup. The New York Islanders finished with the league's best record but lost to their arch rivals, the Rangers, in the semifinals. In the finals, the Rangers won the opening game, but from then on were simply outplayed by the superb Canadian skating machine.

The American hockey team, a group of the NHL's best, played the Soviet hockey team, for the world cup, and was embarrassed. The teams split the first two games before the Soviets won the finale 6-0. The Soviets will be a cinch for the gold medal in the 1980 Olympics at Lake Placid.

In the sport of professional basketball, the Seattle Supersonics emerged as the league's best, beating the Washington Bullets four games to one for the crown. It was the Sonics' first title and it couldn't have been sweeter. The year before, the Sonics lost to the Bullets for the championship 4-1. Moses Malone of the Houston Rockets was named the league MVP, and Bill Walton (remember him?) signed a lucrative contract to play for the San Diego Clippers this season. Walton, who is being paid somewhere near \$1 million a year, hasn't played a game yet, having injured his foot. The New Jersey Nets made the playoffs for the first time, losing to the Philadelphia 76ers in the first round.

The Knicks had a horrendous season, finishing 20 games under .500 and firing head coach Willis Reed early in the season. Marvin Webster, the free agent 7-0 center, did not live up to his press clippings and the Knicks just were never in the picture.

So far this season, the NBA has produced a couple of surprises. One is the Boston Celtics, who have turned from the league doormat to the league powerhouse. A big bird named Larry Bird flew in to the Celtics' troubled cloud and has brought serenity and victory. The Celtics are restoring their great winning tradition as Bird devastates the league with precision passing and accurate shooting. Last year's college basketball player of the year is everything the scouts said he was, and then some.

Through the decade of the '70s sports has turned into a large business. It will continue to become more complicated in the '80s, but let's face it, the one thing you can't take away is the head-to-head confrontation, that spark in an athlete that makes him want to win, no matter how much he's being paid.

Here is the answer to last week's quiz. The question was who did the Chicago Bears play in their last playoff appearance and how did they do? The answer, the Dallas Cowboys. The Bears last made the playoffs in 1977 and were ousted in the first round at Dallas 37-7. Dallas went on to capture the Super Bowl championship.

Now for this week's quiz. The Montreal Canadiens have been Stanley Cup champs since 1976. What team captured the 1975 Cup and who was the opposition?

# Wrestlers rebound from defeat, smashing Springfield Bulldogs

By Mike Olohan

After an opening day defeat, Belleville wrestlers bounced back strong, ripping through Springfield's line-up Friday night for a 42-6 trouncing, a win that more than pleased Buc coach Gene D'Alessandro.

"It was a real nice job, the team showed a lot of heart out there on the mats," said D'Alessandro at Saturday morning's practice, following the win. "I can see by watching them that our team is improving with each match. We're trying to solve the problems that we've had," he added.

D'Alessandro said most of the wrestlers on Springfield's team were new, not returning lettermen with experience, and this hindered their performance, although they gave it their all.

About 1,000 students and parents watched as Belleville evened its record at 1-1, many clapping and cheering as they realized Belleville's wrestlers completely outclassed Springfield's grapplers.

In the first bout, 101-pounder Tom Graziano decisively beat Bill Giordano 13-1 in a match he had com-

pletely under control from its outset. "He wrestled a strong match, a heads up match, he always knows what situations he's getting into. I'm expecting more good results from him as the season goes on," said D'Alessandro.

"He became more improved because of his off-season training," added the coach.

Belleville's Lou Ricciardi (108) lost to Frank Colatraglia by a 7-2 score after a tough match but Lou Pomponio (115) pinned Dave Cushman of Springfield at 5:36 of the third period. After the referee slammed his hand on the mat indicating a pin, the Belleville wrestlers went on to take eight of the next nine.

Gerard Minichini (122) eeked out a tight win 2-1 over Ed Francis. On Saturday, Minichini said he was happy with the victory but regretted losing the week before. However, D'Alessandro emphasizes individual improvement over winning, stressing if a wrestler improves because of his mistakes, it's better that he lose during regular competition than in the tournaments, when everyone is pushed to his limit.

After Springfield's Steve Tennenbaum decided Jim Lombard 5-2 in the 129-pound weight class, Elio Gonzalez (135), in his first start, was able to hold off opponent Michael Caricato 9-6, starting off Belleville's sweep of the rest of the match.

Bob Scherrer (141), who won last week, took a 5-2 match from Ben Scaturro. "He performed nicely after being down 2-0," said D'Alessandro.

Coming back from a pin last week, 148-pounder Danny Palumbo was able to tie up Steve Salemy "with some pretty sophisticated moves," noted D'Alessandro, and come away with an 11-2 victory.

Also after being pinned last week, Brian McManus (158) outmaneuvered Jack Parent for a 9-3 victory. Said D'Alessandro of the victory, "It tore the house down. He performed very well."

Chalking up pin number two in two tries, Chris Musmanno (170) nailed Nino Parlaviccio at 1:18 of the first period, while Rich Racioppi (188), who last week pinned his opponent in just 34 seconds, this time did it in 27 seconds against Vinnie Sandoro.

Cervone. "Racioppi, a junior, broke the school record with two under 40 second pins," said D'Alessandro with a grin, noting he wasn't sure of the under 40 seconds bit, but figured few people would question his statistics.

Asked about the quick pins, Racioppi said he was glad he had them, but pointed out it was only because he capitalized on two early errors by his opponents. "I hope I can keep it up," he added.

Heavyweight Anthony D'Agostino won his second match by "showing desire and progress. Tony D will be performing better for us as the season goes on both because of his ability and his desire," stressed the coach.

D'Agostino decisively beat Ron Butthman 8-1 to cap Belleville's triumph.

"My overall opinion on these matches, though, is that they're strictly spring training, the defending (Union county) champs, Springfield, showed a lot of desire too. But we're working on individual improvement most of all," emphasized D'Alessandro.



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# Amazing boys' cage squad destroys St. Cecilia 88-42

By Mike Lamberti

The Belleville High boys' basketball team just continues to amaze.

Last Tuesday, the Bucs edged Caldwell 48-47 and absolutely devastated St. Cecilia by Kearny 88-42. The Bucs' record, believe it or not, is 3-0 and the team is primed for the tough Hoboken Christmas tournament that begins tonight and runs through Saturday at Hoboken High School. The Bucs' first-round opponent will be unbeaten Hoboken, also 3-0. If Belleville wins it will face the winner of the Kearny-St. Michael's game for the championship. Last year, Belleville beat St. Michael's in the first round but lost the championship to Hoboken 52-47.

As for this past week, the Bucs were impressive under fire against Caldwell and simply overpowering against St. Cecilia. Versus Caldwell, the Bucs rallied from a deficit of eight points in the third quarter and won on a hook shot by big Rich Cook with seven seconds remaining. Caldwell called time out for a last-second shot, but the ball missed the net and Belleville had the hard-fought win.

Ron Wittman was one of many heroes, scoring 18 points for the winners.

Against St. Cecilia, Belleville jumped out to a 25-6 first-quarter lead and never looked back. Gary Farrar scored 20 points in the game, 10 in the first quarter. Wayne Bubet

had 21 points and led the Bucs in scoring.

After the Christmas tourney, the Bucs face a tough schedule in January. Joe Papsidero's gang will battle the likes of Kearny, Nutley, Montclair, Irvington, Seton Hall, Bergen Catholic, Weehawkin and Essex Catholic and will have to be primed if they hope to come out victorious. The way they're playing now, it looks like a fine month of January is in store for the locals.

**NET NOTES:** The 88 points was the most for a Belleville team since a 95-56 wallowing of Nutley back in 1975. The Bucs have been injury free. Cook has been devastating on defense and has been scoring key baskets. Ed Aulisi, a guard, has been handling the ball well and has had some super assists.

## Girls' hoop team defeats Caldwell

The Belleville High girls' basketball team upped its record to 2-0 by defeating Caldwell Tuesday last week 36-29. Karen Fucello's troops were led by Joyce Iacullo who popped in 15 points. Dawn Kitacco, Robin Giordano and Marie DiPaolo had six apiece and Rosie Leonidis three to close out the scoring.

The locals trailed 18-15 at half-time and 27-24 after three quarters. In the last quarter, though, it was the powerful Buccanette defense that prevailed, holding Caldwell to a mere two points while the offense popped in 12 points. Iacullo had six of her game-high 15 points in the deciding last quarter. Kim Engler led

the Caldwell team with 10 points.

A scheduled regular-season game with Livingston was wiped out last Wednesday due to the snow. Belleville will compete in the Livingston tourney starting tonight. In the first round, the girls will play West Morris, the same team that beat Belleville in double overtime last year. If the girls win, they'll face the winner of the Livingston-Summit game for the title.

The girls' next game will be Wednesday against Cedar Grove in the friendly confines of the BHS gym, starting at 3:45 p.m.

## Three senior loop clubs undefeated after week 2

Three teams improved to 2-0 in an action-packed second week of Senior Boys' Basketball League play.

In what could prove to be the most exciting game of the season, Mickey Music edged DeBacco's 76ers 52-50 at the buzzer in double overtime. With two seconds left in the double overtime period, Barry Taylor was at the foul line shooting two for Mickey Music. Taylor put the first one through the hoop to tie the score at 50, but his second shot missed.

Then, in the two remaining seconds, the ball touched about four hands before Todd Talmadge shot it in to win as time expired. Talmadge led Mickey to its second victory with 16 points, while his brother Allan scored 12 and Percy Flowers had 10. Ricky Kiernan's basket at the buzzer in the overtime period sent the game into double overtime.

DeBacco's 76ers, who did not figure to be much of a threat to the Mickey Music team, played a strong game and exchanged the lead with the winners throughout the entire contest. Team captain Tom O'Kean led all scorers with 19 and Anthony Rosania scored 12 for DeBacco's.

John Meillo scored 20 points to pace DeBacco's Clifton Avenue team to its second victory of the young season, a 59-32 decision over the 69ers. Tom Agosta scored eight and Mike Danski seven for the victors, while Russell Cirillo led DeBacco's with eight points.

T-Bird Sewer Service won its first game of the season, topping the Maniacs 49-24. A balanced scoring attack was led by Dave Volpe (14 points), Gerard Tucci (12) and Joe Giuliano (10). Dave Calmonica led the Maniacs with 12 points.

Honda won its second game, slipping past the Silver Lakers 46-30. Lou Ritacco's 18 points and Steve Coffey's 13 were all Honda needed to

get by the Lakers, who were led by Ken Constantino with 10. The Lakers played without their scoring threat, Sam DeCapua.

**Men's League**  
The Health Spa boosted its record to 3-0 by beating Nu Plus 71-58. George Sodini scored 20 points for Spa. Bruce Gardner had 20 for Nu Plus.

The Knicks, behind Rocco Marotti's 35 points, edged the Red Shingle 82-75. Gary Mascitelli had 18 points for the Knicks, while Steve Dondarski led Red Shingle with 23.

The Lakers defeated J&R Insulation 57-42. Rich Dinjes had 14 points, Bill Croix and Jim Calasano 12 apiece to pace the Lakers. Dave Wills had 14 points for J&R.

Tom Smith's 26 points paved the way for Chief Motors' 85-67 victory over Small World. Rich Baker, last year's scoring leader, had 26 for Small World.

Record Shop and OPAC double forfeited to each other. Triple "S" Sports Shop upped its record to 3-0 with a "gift" win from Then Play On.

No games will be played today. League plays resumes next Thursday, Jan. 3.

## Bellevillite swimming for Montclair Indians

Steve Dempsey of Belleville is a member of the Montclair State men's swimming team which began action last week.

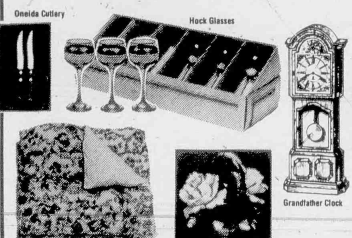
Dempsey swims the breaststroke for the Indians. The team started its schedule last week, traveling to Ramapo College. The first home meet takes place Jan. 17 versus Jersey City State.

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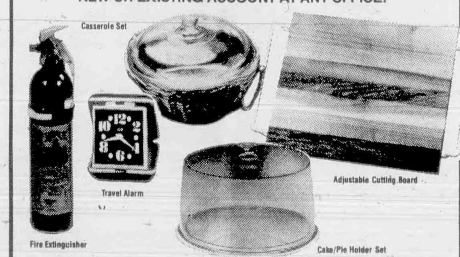
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# Handicapped helping each other at Palsy Center

By Mike Olohan  
Handicapped.

The word scares some people, evoking images of grossly deformed, frightful looking people unable to care for themselves. It scares other people simply because "handicapped" people are different than themselves. Still others ignore the handicapped, and become scared of the unknown. Some just don't care, or won't let themselves care.

Walking through hallways of the Cerebral Palsy Center in Belleville, youngsters in wheelchairs are often seen whizzing about, or into different offices. People pass by, administrators, doctors, nurses, therapists and patients, and they're all different—but nobody really notices. They're all there for different reasons, mainly to help each other.

Handicapped. There's that word again. What does it mean? Does it mean anything to you? Do you realize everyone is handicapped in different ways? Some people are good salesmen, others aren't. Some people are good students, others aren't. Some people are good at handwork, others aren't. And some people are good human beings, and others aren't.

"Everyone is handicapped in a different way," said John Rotondi, a psychologist at the Cerebral Palsy

Center. "It's stressed Rotondi, leaning forward over a desk cluttered with papers and files.

"The biggest problem we get is when kids reach adolescence, and you know this happens to kids who are not physically and mentally handicapped, anything that's wrong with them makes them more self-conscious and feel different from other kids. Some kids can handle stress of this kind, but others it affects significantly," he noted.

Many handicapped kids suddenly realize during their teen years, said Rotondi, that they'll never be able to do as much as other, "more normal kids." "It's a big adjustment problem, they start asking themselves 'Who am I?' and what lies in the future...they go through that adjustment stage a lot more intensely than normal children."

Handicapped kids usually have few role-models or heroes to look up to. "There are no handicapped heroes," said Rotondi bluntly. He noted that many handicapped kids also hate telephones (used to raise money) because they feel they're being exploited, "and they also think they're being presented as freaks. They want to know why TV networks have to show them like that."

"We try to get the children to accept their limitations and we reinforce whatever positive characteristics they have. When I see something completely wrong being

among more severely handicapped people, mainly because they don't want to get involved in anything outside themselves, said Rotondi. "But you can't feel sorry for them all the time. Your first impression is to help them out, it's an emotional reaction, and it's not right if you do it all the time."

Adapting themselves to their handicaps is the biggest problem most of cerebral palsy children face. And

even parents, who offer encouragement to their children, often need help in adapting to and understanding the handicap affecting their child.

"The problems parents have accepting their child as handicapped are not so bad because it's not such an isolated thing. Parents make things a lot easier on themselves by joining the different discussion

groups we have," Rotondi said.

"A lot of times when people don't understand their own feelings, we have them try to express that frustration, but we don't force anybody to come to us," said Rotondi, pointing out that some parents subconsciously feel a handicapped child is subtle revenge against them for something they did wrong. "Working with parents sometimes is hard...sometimes I see the husband alone, maybe he doesn't want to talk about the problem, sometimes they just come in and we talk things over, slowly. It may take a long time," said Rotondi, looking upwards.

His daughter, Michele, 12, and son, Michael, 10, have visited the center a few times. "Each time they've come here, they've helped out," Rotondi said. "They said that they felt better about themselves when they left because they met some handicapped people and found out they're not all that different."

Access to buildings remains a stumbling block to expanding a handicapped child's world, said Rotondi, noting that it will take many years before architectural barriers fall.

He said the "me" generation, characterized by EST, assertiveness training, proliferating self-help books "is depressing because everybody is doing his own thing. Inevitably that won't make you happy. You should leave this world having done something for other people. What would make me the happiest guy in the world is if there were no

more handicapped people," Rotondi added.

"Feeling they don't contribute to society creates a conflict in them, they feel useless, they don't feel they can be of help to society...but really it's more important to have concern for helping others. You don't know whether or not you're helping, but you have to try to encourage people," said Rotondi.

Trying to summarize in one sentence what is done at the Cerebral Palsy Center, Rotondi sighed, looked around, then said, "I'd just try to tell people we're trying to help out people who don't have as much as we do."



Bright Christmas — Framed by smiling Keith Bertsch and Eddie Hill, along with teacher Maria Franciose, this little Christmas tree at the Cerebral Palsy Center glows brightly.



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Center. He counsels many of the center's almost 500 full and part-time patients, also helping out the children's parents if they have emotional or mental problems in coping with their children's affliction.

"You have to get them (cerebral palsy children) to look at their handicap as just part of a general problem," said Rotondi, who has worked at the center more than 11 years.

"It was a little difficult for me here the first couple of months, but after awhile, you don't get as upset about things as you did at first. Everybody who works with handicapped kids almost has to take on

said about handicapped people, especially if it's distorted. I'll go over and try to correct the people saying it," said Rotondi, emphasizing that too many people simply put labels on others without ever realizing it, causing them to avoid those people and losing any insights they might gain from them.

"Right now, it seems people have a tendency to see each individual as a member of a group. We shouldn't isolate or categorize people like that," said Rotondi. "If you fear somebody or something, you kind of avoid them, but there seems to be a greater acceptance now of handicapped people as their visibility increases," he added.

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