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Spooked Animals — Grinning at their photographic stalkers, Dena Lacara, Jennifer Lorig and Christine Marie Alfero were caught looking the wrong way but managed to escape to their seats just before the next shot. The School 7 kindergartners were playing animal.

Public hearing Monday on desegregation plan

A public hearing on Belleville's restructuring committee plan to end "racial imbalances" at Schools 1 and 9 while also upgrading educational quality will be held 8 p.m. Monday in the high school auditorium.

The plan involves magnet school programs in several schools, redistricting and the "phasing out" of one or two elementary schools over several years. Magnet schools are designed around specific programs to attract students from all over, possibly eliminating racial imbalances.

Residents who have attacked the restructuring committee for meeting in secret or feel they'd like to comment on the plan and show either ap-

proval or disapproval are invited to attend the open restructuring meeting Monday.

The plan has been researched; other alternatives thrashed out, and the complete desegregation plan with all specifics has finally been finished. It awaits only public comment before trustees vote on it. They have until Feb. 29 to submit a plan to the state.

Before Aug. 9, 1979, when trustees, under pressure from state officials, voted to "restructure" the schools, local board members had ignored state prodding to submit a desegregation plan for nearly 40 months.

Belleville Director of Grants

George Nucera said trustees are losing millions of dollars in state and federal aid by refusing to submit a desegregation plan, which many grant applications require before being considered.

At Tuesday's restructuring meeting, the committee decided not to release specifics for desegregation, but media spokesman Tom Zampino said all details will be available Monday.

Zampino had suggested that an early release of the plan to local newspapers might increase citizen understanding and awareness of the plan, but most committee members felt those agreeing with it would probably stay home while only those against it would show up Monday.

"We want people to come to that evening's meeting," said Zampino, after Tuesday's closed restructuring session. "The direction for this report comes from the entire committee, not just the seven-member committee that drew it up," he added.

After Monday's meeting, restructuring committee members will meet Tuesday to decide which citizen suggestions, if any, will be used in the final report to be presented to board members.

Rally Sunday to support U.S. hostages

Belleville will be the center Sunday for a countywide rally in support of Americans being held in Iran and in protest of the Russian invasion of Afghanistan. The rally will be held 2 p.m. in front of Town Hall.

It will be preceded by a march down Washington Avenue. The Belleville Veterans' Council, which is responsible for setting up Sunday's event, invites residents to join a convoy of cars "with headlights on and flags waving" that will start at American Legion Post 105 headquarters, 621 Washington Ave., about 1:30 p.m. and makes its way down to Town Hall.

Mayor Michael V. Marotti and state AMVETS officer John Loree will serve as masters of ceremony at the rally which being conducted in conjunction with all Essex County veterans' organizations. Pat Wynn, commander of Legion Post 105, is the event's chairman. Al Pico, past state commander of the AMVETS, is the vice chairman.

Joining the march Sunday will be the color guards of various veterans' groups. The New Jersey National Guard will be on hand along with the Belleville High School Band and the Outlaw Drum and Bucle Corps.

MORE ARE EXPECTED

Five candidates enter race for School Board

By Mike Olohan

Five residents, including incumbents Ralph Risoli and Anthony D'Agostino, have declared themselves candidates for the three School Board seats up for grabs in the March 25 election.

The three-year seats being contested should attract a large field of candidates. Besides D'Agostino and Risoli, Consolidated PTAs President Cora Boice, Deputy Police Commissioner John DiStasi and Tom Zampino, a local lawyer, have so far expressed interest. All three challengers are members of the school

restructuring committee that has been trying to come up with a plan to satisfy the state desegregation mandate.

Trustee Peter Clarizio, whose term expires along with those of Risoli and D'Agostino, is still making up his mind whether to run.

The filing deadline for board elections is Feb. 14, and four or five other candidates may soon decide to join the battle.

Last year, D'Agostino picked up 1,479 votes, squeezing by Felix Linfante for a one-year board seat. Linfante is soon expected to enter the race.

Adding to election excitement is Trustee Mike Chieffo's strong stand to resign if people "with independent thoughts and judgment" are not elected to the board. Chieffo's ultimatum was issued in July after former nine-year trustee Lawrence Schwartz was hired as board attorney at \$18,000 per year.

Chieffo has often over the past several months pounced on actions taken by the board that he feels are politically motivated.

Board President Ralph Risoli, who has been in politics for 41 years, Please see "Incumbent" on page 10.

the Belleville times

Trustees hail approval of state aid referendum

On the blackboard were numbers, not just any numbers, but the total tally of votes at each polling place throughout Belleville last Wednesday. And a group of happy, occasionally smiling and grinning school trustees couldn't hide their joy when it was official: A \$679,000 free vocational state aid grant had been approved by citizens 926-268.

Though disappointed by the small turnout, only 1,194 voters, trustees were ecstatic that Belleville's high school students will soon be able to choose among new courses in cosmetology, carpentry, electronics, commercial art and photography to begin when five new industrial arts classrooms are constructed under the high school's administrative wing. The addition could be complete by next spring.

Board members had been verbally pushing, pleading with and prodding citizens to vote on and approve the referendum over the last month and even forked over \$550 to take out a newspaper ad to reach more citizens.

Bids on the new addition will soon be coming in and must be under \$679,000 to be acceptable. School Superintendent Dr. John Greed says additional expenses, like furniture and equipment, may also be included in base bids.

As board Secretary-Administrator Mary Shader, assisted by Mary Coronado, called and posted vote tallies from each polling place, the joyous mood was growing and when School 5's stats were lastly fixed in place, assuring the bond victory, the atmosphere turned jubilant.

"This is the first time any budget

has passed," said Board Attorney Lawrence Schwartz, a former trustee who's probably seen more budget blizzards than he cares to remember.

"I think it's appropriate to thank the superintendent, the Consolidated PTAs and all the board members who've been behind this 100 percent. We really, sincerely believe this money is a stepping stone in the right direction," said Board President Ralph Risoli, who has been trying to get funds for a vocational high school since his election three years ago.

An \$80 million state building aid fund was begun in 1978 by New Jersey's legislature to help districts handle increasing construction costs by making local grants available. Belleville's \$679,000 comes from that fund. Greed applied for and followed. Please see "Officials" on page 10.

An eyesore cleared up



Before — In December, a crumbling shell of a house stood at Cortlandt Street and Belleville Avenue.



After — Miller & Son Electro Plating had the house demolished. It will make way for a parking lot.



Future Drafts? — Bill Lentz, Pam Sincok and Ken Beck get together to discuss which one of them will be first to join the service. For BHS students' reactions to President Carter's registration proposal, see page 17.

Dailey, Tvedt re-elected to posts at First DeWitt

The board of directors of First DeWitt Savings has re-elected John P. Dailey of Belleville as chairman and Henrik Tvedt of Bloomfield as president of the \$173,731,201 association. The actions took place at a recent board meeting.

Also re-elected as senior officers were Robert K. Hicock and John H. Isenmann as vice presidents, Mary Bowen as assistant vice president, Robert A. Lewis as treasurer and Rhoda Snow as secretary.

Junior officers re-elected included

Robert Blum, Judieth Cunningham and Rose Mary Delaney as assistant treasurers. Re-elected as assistant secretaries were junior officers Janet E. Candler, Marie G. Martino, Dorothy Nostrant, Colleen Salmon, Barbara Teut and Marie Massa.

Directors, re-elected for three-year terms included Dailey, Tvedt, Henry F. Albinson and Frank H. Bridge. Tvedt is also chairman of the board of the Belleville Chamber of Commerce and served as the organization's president in 1979.



John P. Dailey



Henrik Tvedt

School poster contest gains fresh donations

Board of Education President Ralph Risoli has announced that additional U.S. Savings Bonds have been donated as prizes for the townwide anti-smoking poster contest. The competition, sponsored by the School Board and the Department of Public Affairs, is scheduled for Feb. 14 and will include the entire public school system along with Belleville's two parochial schools and the Garden School.

Risoli and a special committee that includes Trustee Anthony D'Agostino, guidance counselor Rocco Cafone, Kenneth Burde and Morton Birkin have decided that the additional bonds will be awarded to each individual school. A total of 30 \$50 bonds have now been donated.

Leading the list of the latest contributors was Hoffmann-LaRoche, which donated six bonds. Contributing one apiece were Fidelity Union Trust Company, Provident Savings Bank, Commissioner Mary V. Senatore, Belleville school secretaries, the Irvine-Cozzrelli Memorial Home, the Belleville Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club, the Chandelier Restaurant, the Association of Belleville School Administrators, Belleville school custodians and Belleville schools-office personnel.

Cofone named vice president for NBC's computer systems

Belleville native Michael A. Cofone has been appointed vice president of management information systems for NBC in New York City.

In his new position, Cofone will be responsible for the computer system which processes business control information for NBC, including sales, network operations, finance and research.

Cofone joined NBC from the RCA Corporation, NBC's parent company. A 30-year RCA veteran, Cofone's most recent position was as director of business systems support for RCA's corporate staff. He was responsible for RCA's corporate accounting systems.

From 1948 to 1976, Cofone held various positions with RCA Electronic Components, including three spots at the managerial level. Cofone studied engineering at

Duke University, business administration at Rutgers and computer science at New York University. Born and raised in Belleville, he now lives with his wife Jenny and their three sons, Robert, Michael and David, in Holmdel.

S. James Foxman dons judge's robes in Florida

Anna Hollander of Belleville attended the investiture Friday of her grandson, S. James Foxman, who was appointed a judge in the Florida circuit court system.

Foxman, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Foxman of Ellsworth, Me., is a graduate of Colby College and the University of Miami law school. He served four years in the Air Force Judge Advocate's Office.

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Robert R. Peacock, chairman and president of Ramapo Financial Corporation, has announced the fifth consecutive year of record earnings for the company. The 1979 total of \$653,250 represents a 28 percent increase in consolidated net income over earnings for 1978.

Earnings for the year amounted to \$1.07 a share compared to 84 cents a share in 1978. As a result of the successful performance, the board of directors at its regular meeting Jan. 17 declared a dividend of 32 cents a share to shareholders on record today. The dividend will be paid Feb. 20.

Ramapo Financial Corporation is a Wayne-based holding company and parent of the Ramapo Bank and Pilgrim State Bank. Ramapo has four offices in Wayne and one in Clifton, while Pilgrim's two offices are located in the Cedar Grove-Montclair area.

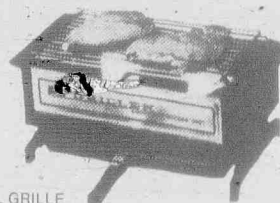
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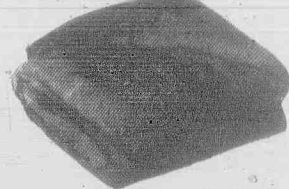
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Despite bar owners' objections, last call in Belleville will be at 2

By Mike Olohan

Eat, drink and be merry may be the philosophy of many pub-goers, but in Belleville bars their drinking will have to end by 2 a.m., since a one-year 3 a.m. trial period closing time was ended last Tuesday by commissioners.

Though several tavern owners here said rescinding the extra drinking hour would break them, Mayor Michael Marotti and Commissioners Mary Senatore, Matthew Pica and Joseph McGreevy ended the 3 a.m. closing time by quickly okaying an ordinance eliminating it. That action following doomsday pleas by several owners, and Donald Newmark, a Nutley attorney representing them.

Public Safety Director Pica said police reports showed many late-night troublemakers at local bars are out-of-town residents, and added that a 2 a.m. closing time would end the burden placed on pub neighbors and police by rowdy outsiders.

But Newmark pointed out, as commissioners fidgeted and looked bored, that a 3 a.m. closing time could have a beneficial effect. He said that it would protect Belleville citizens by keeping inebriated patrons in local bars past 2 a.m., preventing the drunks from causing a hazard to themselves and others on the road for at least an hour more. Newmark added, however, that local tavern owners must and do monitor the drinking of bar-goers, hoping to prevent intoxication from occurring.

"You're also taking away a right that they purchased, a privilege that they should have," said Newmark, referring to pub owners who purchased local bars in the past year hoping to remain open late.

"They (owners) also rely on that extra hour to help pay off their taxes and continue in the town of Belleville," Newmark said, noting, "You're taking away part of a tavern owner's investment."

Many citizens in the audience could be heard groaning sarcastically in disbelief as Newmark and other owners spoke. Although no profit motive was mentioned directly by tavern owners, apparently most people in the crowd felt retaining the 3 a.m. closing time was more a self-serving gesture by owners, rather than a move designed to protect Belleville's citizens.

"Those extra-hour tips may be crucial to some employees' survival," said Newmark, as most of the audience reacted incredulously to his comment.

"Let's not be hasty to change this law because of one or two incidents, let's not punish the whole town," said American Legion Post 105

Commander Pat Wynn, adding that a 3 a.m. closing gives his post an extra hour to raise funds.

"That hour in Belleville is very important to us," said Pat McCabe, a former Belleville policeman and owner of the Town Cottage next to Town Hall. "There's been no problems in its first year," he stressed.

McCabe said it seemed local owners were damned if they call the police to break up a fight or disturbance, and damned if they didn't because then neighbors complained. He said he'd always called police whenever any incident had taken place to avoid anything getting out of hand, and that now it seemed owners

were being punished just because they were trying to protect their patrons.

"It's not greed, it's a necessity today," said McCabe of the 3 a.m. closing time, noting that few of Belleville's 42 tavern owners were told the 3 a.m. closing time was being reconsidered. The ordinance, introduced with no advance notice Jan. 8, had passed unanimously on first reading.

Newmark suggested a compromise ignored by commissioners. "The town could force, through ordinance, bar owners to hire security guards to deal with problems on an individual basis," he said, minutes before a 2 a.m. closing was okayed.

"Most disturbances are only isolated incidents. You shouldn't penalize all owners," said Newmark, as Pica countered that police files verified more problems occur between 2 and 3 a.m. than 1 and 2 a.m.

Place III owner Jerry Polito estimated, later that owners may lose \$250 to \$350 closing at 2 a.m. instead of 3. "If I lose the hour, I'll lose my business," he said.

After the ordinance rescinding 3 a.m. passed, about 25 angry tavern owners immediately walked out of the meeting, grumbling about how commissioners refused to listen to reason.



Police Help — Dick Renna (center), president of the Essex County Multiple Sclerosis Association, presents a plaque to Belleville Police Det. Barton Rossi in appreciation for the aid the Patrolman's Benevolent Association has given the organization. Rossi earlier presented a \$500 check from the PBA to the MS group. Looking on are MS Association Treasurer Mike Tsamas, Secretary Phil Sagado and past president Rudy Rinaldi.

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"Buy your dog license now and avoid dog grief," says Lee Bernstein of the Associated Humane Societies, the dog warden for Belleville. "The cost of your dog license is very insignificant to protect your pet 52 weeks of the year."

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Gracious Lord! I pray
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Tenderly today!
Weed their hearts of weariness:
Scatter every care
Down a wake of angel-wings
Winnowing the air.

Bring unto the sorrowing
All release from pain;
Let the lips of laughter
Overflow again;
And with all the needy
O divide, I pray,
This vast treasure of content
That is mine today!

Ted's challenge

Monday, U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy threw down a challenge to President Jimmy Carter. It was the most sober, responsible challenge to the Carter administration any presidential candidate has made thus far in the presidential campaign.

Ted Kennedy's package of proposals and criticisms cannot be swept under the rug by administration spokesmen. They must be addressed by the president himself. We are in trouble domestically. We are in deeper trouble in foreign affairs. In plain English, this is a time of trouble for all Americans — and much of the blame is being placed upon the shoulders of President Carter. This attitude has yet to show up in any polls. Given the forum of public debates in the presidential campaign either with Democrats, Republicans or both, there is no doubt the weaknesses of the Carter Administration will surface. And when that time comes, Jimmy Carter's presidency is endangered. Carter has a lot of explaining to do. His failure to keep his 1976 campaign promises — his failure to avoid double-digit inflation — his failure to produce a balanced budget during his four years — all of these failures and more may be insurmountable for a Jimmy Carter who also must defend an incoherent foreign policy.

Jimmy Carter is in trouble — maybe not today — but certainly before the November election.

The Republicans seem to have a clearer picture of victory. All Republican candidates scent victory. A Reagan defeat in New Hampshire will just about wipe out his candidacy. A Connolly victory in South Carolina on March 7 will probably bestow upon him a Reagan legacy. So in the end, on the Republican side, it may very well be a photo finish between George Bush and John Connolly for the Republican presidential nomination. U.S. Senator Howard Baker looks like a good vice presidential candidate on either a Bush or Connolly ticket.

Ted Kennedy may have lost some of his footing in Iowa, but Monday he left no doubt that his presidential candidacy will remain to the end. Kennedy is not master of his destiny nor his fortunes — those are in the hands of international politicians, particularly the Middle East and Moslem world. If things go wrong as they sometimes do — in the Middle East or with Russian, then Kennedy should be the beneficiary of such a development.

It is a fact of American political history that the average presidential voter visits the polls to vote against a candidate — rarely is a vote cast in favor of a superior person.

Frank H. Preclaw

Teenagers will miss juvenile counselor

To the Editor:

A group of teenagers and I got together and decided to write this letter to let people know about Belleville's juvenile counselor, Rita Leone.

As you may know, Miss Leone is leaving us. Not because she wants to, but because there just isn't enough money to keep her here. Then they wonder why Belleville's teenagers are so bad! You gave Rita to us, and now you're taking her away. She helped a lot of us cope with our problems: personal, parents and even drug problems — which are rather bad in Belleville. Or, rather, were, because now we know what's happening, and because of Rita people are not taking drugs as much as they used to. All of us are really feeling really badly to see her go, and a lot of us probably won't be able to cope without her, and, as a result, may go back to drugs.

We don't have that much to say, but maybe someone should listen to us, because if you want to see us coping, you have to keep Rita!

Everyone wonders why Belleville's teenagers get "kicked out of school, become juvenile delinquents and sometimes just shrivel up and die from all the drugs we take. Rita gave us something special — a way to cope, a reason to live. Without her we know a number of us would have never made it to where we are now.

All we can say is, "Thank you, Rita. You were someone very special to all of us and we all will always love and care for you just as you did for us. Thanks, Pal!"

Debby Van Houten
Lauren Coe
and friends of Rita Leone

Letters

U.S. should allow athletes to teach Russians a lesson

To the Editor:

Should the summer Olympics be held in Moscow in July, 1980 because of what is happening in Afghanistan by the Soviet Union? I say yes. It should be played right where it was planned and should not be changed. Besides I think it is too late to do so anyway. Too much money has been put into it to make any real rapid changes.

If the United States pulls out of the games because of Afghanistan, I think it would be foolish. Not because I agree with what the Russians are doing, "I don't condone it like every other loyal American. But at the same time I do

not think that sports and politics should mix. Sports, like church and state, should be separated. But, right now that's not the name of the game. Simply because in the other nations the Olympics are supported by the governments of the countries that compete. As far as I know, the U.S. government is the only one that does not support their own teams with money. But that is another matter.

If we pull out of the Olympics in July, what are we afraid of? Embarrassment? A show of propaganda on the Russian behalf? Are we afraid that if the Russians beat the American teams

they could brag about giving us a shelling on the field of sports as well as in Afghanistan and other parts of the world that they conquered with Cuban troops and not their own? We should pay no attention to this. But go in there and give it all we've got and let the chips fall where they may. But let's not kid ourselves, Russia is out to conquer the world the same as Adolph Hitler was. The only thing different that they use is propaganda, coups d'etats, and military action not with their own troops but with somebody else's.

Sincerely yours,
Wm. H. Rundie
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Bulletin board for Belleville

(Items for the Belleville Bulletin Board may be sent to 447 Washington Ave., or telephoned to the Times/News at 759-3200. There is no charge for this public service. Belleville organizations are urged to list future events well in advance so the weekly listing of events can serve as a "clearing house" for other groups attempting to avoid conflicting dates.)

THURSDAY, JAN. 31

12 noon Lions Club luncheon meeting. — Fountain Restaurant, 46 Watessing Ave.
1 p.m. Senior Citizens Club sponsored by Essex County Park Commission. — Belleville Ave. in the park.
6:30 p.m. Kiwanis Club supper meeting. — Fountain Restaurant, 46 Watessing Ave.
6:30 p.m. Belleville Chapter of Optimist International. — Branch Brook Manor.
7:30 p.m. Planning Board meeting. — Town Hall.
8 p.m. Varsity Club meeting. — Little League Building.

FRIDAY, FEB. 1

1 p.m. Belleville Senior Citizens' Social Club meeting. — Recreation House, Franklin Avenue at Mill Street.
3:45 p.m. Belleville High School girls' basketball game against Mt. St. Dominic. — Away game.
6:30 p.m. Belleville High School boys' basketball game against Seton Hall. — Home game.
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SUNDAY, FEB. 3

2 p.m. Rally in support of American hostages in Iran and in protest of Russian invasion of Afghanistan. — Town Hall.

2 p.m. Belleville Knights of Columbus Council 835 holds its annual spelling bee. Open to eighth graders in any Belleville school. — 94 Bridge St.

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MONDAY, FEB. 4

1 p.m. Essex County Park Commission Senior Citizens Club — Belleville Ave. in the park.

8 p.m. Knights of Columbus. — 88 Bridge St.

8 p.m. Elks Lodge 1123 meeting. — Lodge Bldg., 254 Washington Ave.

8 p.m. Belleville Board of Education conference meeting (open session but no public participation.) — 383 Washington Ave.

TUESDAY, FEB. 5

9:30 a.m. Belleville Old Guard meeting. — Knights of Columbus Hall, Bridge St.
1 p.m. Belleville Senior Citizens Club. — Franklin Ave at Mill St.
3:45 p.m. Belleville High School boys' basketball game against Irvington. — Away game.
3:45 p.m. Belleville High School JV girls' basketball game against Irvington. — Home game.
7 p.m. Veteran Boxers' Social Club. — 117 Malone Ave.
8 p.m. Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting. — Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6

9:30 a.m. Belleville Retired Men's Club. — Fewsmith Church, 444 Union Ave.
10 a.m. Regular meeting of the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders. — Room 501, Hall of Records, Newark.
12:15 p.m. Belleville Rotary Club. — Chandelier Restaurant, 340 Franklin Ave.

1 p.m. Senior Citizens Club sponsored by Essex County Park Commission. — Belleville Ave. in the park.

6:30 p.m. Belleville High School wrestling meet against Caldwell. — Away.

6:30 p.m. Branch Brook-Belleville Kiwanis Club dinner meeting — Biase's Restaurant, 451 Bloomfield Ave., Newark.

7:30 p.m. Recovery, Inc. regular meeting. — Parks Department, 44 Park Ave.

8 p.m. Executive board meeting of the Belleville Citizen's Democratic Club meeting. — Chandelier Restaurant, 340 Franklin Ave.

FUTURE EVENTS

Feb. 1 (Fri.) 3:45 p.m. Belleville High School girls' basketball game against Mt. St. Dominic. — Away game.

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Feb. 5 (Tues.) 3:45 p.m. Belleville High School boys' basketball game against Irvington. — Away game.

3:45 p.m. Belleville High School JV girls' basketball game against Irvington. — Home game.

Feb. 6 (Wed.) 6:30 p.m. Belleville High School wrestling meet against Caldwell. — Away.

Feb. 7 (Thurs.) 3:45 p.m. Belleville High School girls' JV basketball game against Bayonne. — Home game.

1 p.m. AARP Chapter 2051, monthly meeting. — Fewsmith Presbyterian Church, 444 Union Ave.

Feb. 8 (Fri.) 6:30 p.m. Belleville High School boys' basketball game against St. Benedict. — Away game.

6:30 p.m. Belleville High School wrestling meet against Essex Catholic. — Home.

8 p.m. Nutley Little Theatre presents "Shadowbox". Tickets \$3.50. For reservations call 667-5492. — NLT Barn, 47 Erie Place.

Feb. 9 (Sat.) 7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Council 835 76th anniversary dinner-dance. For tickets call 759-9656.

Fiesta, Route 17, Carlstadt.

8 p.m. Nutley Little Theatre presents "Shadowbox". Tickets \$3.50. For reservations call 667-5492. — NLT Barn, 47 Erie Place.

Feb. 11 (Mon.) Belleville High School boys' basketball game against St. Cecilia. — Home game.

Feb. 12 (Tues.) Belleville High School JV girls' basketball game against East Orange. — Home game.

Feb. 13 (Wed.) 4 p.m. Belleville High School wrestling meet against Clifton. — Away.

6:30 p.m. Belleville High School boys' basketball game against Bergen Catholic. — Home game.

8 p.m. St. Peter's School Parent Teacher Guild sponsors the Family Life Apostolate on Education in Human Sexuality. — School auditorium, 152 William St.

Feb. 14 (Thurs.) 7:30 p.m. Belleville Planning Board meeting. — Municipal Chambers, 152 Washington Ave.

Feb. 15 (Fri.) 3:45 p.m. Belleville High School boys' basketball game against Nutley. — Away game.

3:45 p.m. Belleville High School JV girls' basketball game against Nutley. — Home game.

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Feb. 16 (Sat.) Noon, 1980 Belleville Open Weightlifting Championships. Tickets \$2, available at the door. — Belleville High School.

8 p.m. Nutley Little Theatre presents "Shadowbox". Tickets \$3.50. For reservations call 667-5492. — NLT Barn, 47 Erie Place.

8 p.m. Executive Council of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church sponsors a Mardi Gras Dinner Dance. Tickets limited, call Father Haber at rectory. — Parish Hall.

Feb. 19 (Tues.) 3:45 p.m. Belleville High School boys' basketball game against Kearny. — Home game.

3:45 p.m. Belleville High School JV girls' basketball game against Kearny. — Away game.

Feb. 20 (Wed.) 6:30 p.m. Belleville High School boys' basketball game against Queen of Peace. — Home game.

Feb. 23 (Sat.) 6:30 p.m. Belleville High School boys' basketball game against Memorial. — Away game.

Feb. 25 (Mon.) 8 p.m. Board of Education regular monthly business meeting. — Belleville High School Auditorium.

Feb. 27 (Wed.) 1:30 p.m. "Bobby Goes to the Hospital", a pre-hospitalization show for youngsters. Refreshments served. For information call 751-1000, ext. 817. — Clara Maass Memorial Hospital, 1 Franklin Ave.

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Senior Notes

By George Chenoweth

To correct an item in The Star-Ledger of Jan. 22. Writing about the Pharmaceutical Assistance Program, a reporter said that the state pays \$2 per prescription and the patient pays the rest, when actually it is just the other way around.

The federal Immigration and Naturalization Service has asked us to remind you that all alien people must report their addresses during the month of January. You have just one day left to do this. Forms are available at any post office. After this date, you will have to apply at the immigration office.

The movie theater at Verona is offering a first-run movie once a month for the price of 50 cents for senior citizens. The special rate is available only at the 1 p.m. performance on the third Thursday of the month. Call Mrs. Ianone at 239-5370 for more information.

The New Jersey legislative windup early in January was concerned with many proposals, but most of them did not get enacted and will have to start over with new bill numbers in the new legislature. Many bills affecting senior citizens will be reintroduced, and we will be publicizing the new numbers of such proposals as the following (with former numbers) no doubt come before the legislature again:

• **Transportation S13.** Free transportation for seniors during non-peak hours. Governor Byrne again supported this concept in his state of the state message.

• **Bill A890:** Coordination of federally funded mini-bus systems for seniors and disabled persons on a countywide scale.

• **Bill A76.** Concerning the medically needy, it promotes coverage for people slightly above Medicaid guidelines.

• **Bill S3399.** Under utility rate reform, the bill will force the Public Utilities Commission to give more weight to eliminating certain items from the rate base.

• **Bill A654.** Broadens coverage by banks in selling food stamps in under-served areas.

• **Tax Relief Bill A3552.** Exempts senior clubs from sales taxes.

There are many other bills in other areas that will probably be reintroduced and should be considered for support by senior groups. There are two bills on Governor Byrne's desk which he should be urged to sign. Bill S3111 would provide for licensing of boarding homes and A3313 would exempt private annuity payments from inheritance tax to assure treatment such as that presently given exempt public pensions.

Keep an eye on the Department of Human Services' future recommendations on the Pharmaceutical Assistance Act (PAA). We have successfully retained 60-day prescription limits through your protests of a reduction to 34 days, but the matter is still open for future action. I now have applications for the PAA.

Legion Post 105 names top policeman, fireman

Belleville American Legion Post 105 will celebrate the Legion's 64th birthday and make its annual awards presentation to the town's outstanding policeman and fireman March 8.

The ceremonies will be held at the post rooms, 621 Washington Ave., beginning 7 p.m. A hot and cold buffet and dancing will follow the presentations.

The Legion's police officer of the year is Vincent Cosenzo, while the top fireman is Kenneth Nyegaard. Among the dignitaries scheduled to attend are Mayor Michael Marotti, Commissioners Matthew Pica, Mary Senatore and Vincent Strumolo, Police Chief George Lister, Fire Chief George Sbarra, Police Benevolent Association President William Escott, Fireman's Mutual Benevolent Association President Harry Scott, Legion Deputy Commander Lawrence Luderan, National Executive Committeeman Joseph Ward, County Commander George Dofinger and past Department Commander Eugene Howell.

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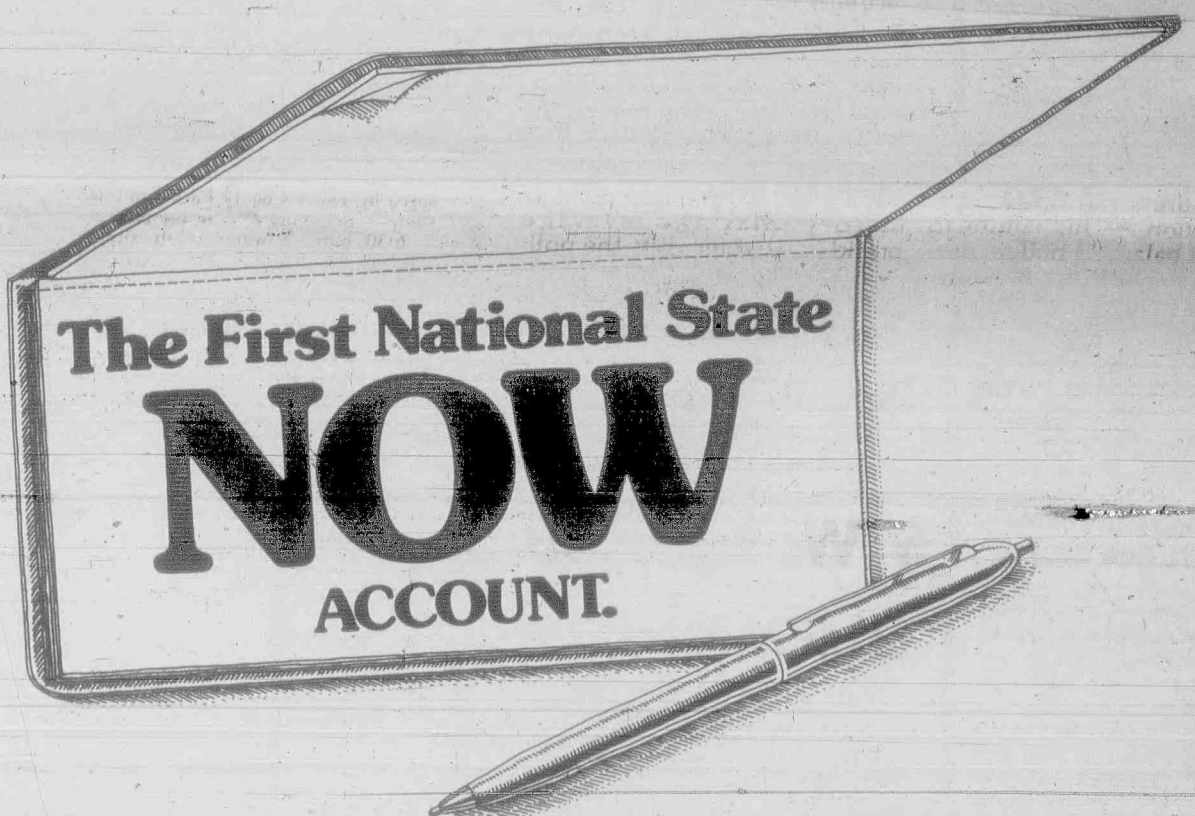
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Vets Council installs new slate of officers

The Belleville Veterans Council has elected its officers for 1980. Patrick Wynn of American Legion Post 105 will be the council's new chairman. He takes over for Al Pico of AMVETS Post 26.

Pico is now the group's vice chairman. Other officers for the coming year are John Lorec of AMVETS Post 26, secretary; James Leary of VFW Post 275, treasurer, and Tony Mattia of Joseph J. Carbat American Legion Post 299, public relations officer.

The meeting, the last for the

council year and the first for 1980, was held at Legion Post 105 Jan. 12. Representatives of the Catholic War Veterans were present along with members of the VFW, AMVETS and Legion posts.

Under old business, an itemized account of the Veteran's Day parade was read by Pico. The amount, for \$2,131, was approved by treasurer Leary and accepted.

The possibility of having a dinner for Leary and Pat DeAngelis, to honor them for their 20 years of service to the council and the town was also discussed.

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Knock, knock. Who's there? Caution: It may be a robber

A knock on your door one night, and the person outside says urgently, "I need to use your phone — there's been an accident." What would you do?

Most of us would open the door — and perhaps admit a robber. According to Lt. LeRoy Williams, head of the crime prevention unit of the Madison, Wis., police department, an "emergency" is one of the many ruses that robbers use to get into a home.

What you should do in such a case, Lt. Williams says, is to keep the door locked and offer to report the accident yourself. (If that doesn't satisfy the person outside, call the police and report a possible intruder.)

Unlike a burglar, who hopes to sneak in and out of your house undetected, the robber is prepared to use force to get your valuables. Robbery is primarily an urban crime. Seven out of 10 occur in cities of more than 100,000 population. Well over 400,000 take place every year and residential robberies have increased 16 percent in the past few years, so you should know how to protect your home against them.

The basic rule is simple: Always keep your doors shut and locked. Safe behind that barrier, you have

time to sort out friends from possible foes. Check through a wide-angle viewing peephole in the door, or from a nearby window, to make sure it's your regular delivery man, for example. If it's a stranger with merchandise you don't remember ordering or a repairman you didn't request, ask him to slip his credentials under the door. To be completely safe, call his office to check on him.

Don't rely on door chains, Lt. Williams warns. A strong kick or a shoulder rammed against the door, will break the chain or pull out the screws that secure it.

The favorite target of robbers are women, the elderly and babysitters. Babysitters are particularly vulnerable because they usually don't know the family routine. They must be firmly told that if "Cousin Lou from out of town" shows up, they should explain the situation and say they will leave a message. If a "neighbor" asks to borrow a cup of sugar, they should politely decline. If someone needs to use the phone for some kind of emergency, babysitters don't have to turn the person away — just make the call themselves.

If such sensible rules were followed, the national robbery rate would take a quick drop. Just keep Lt. Williams' advice in mind: "Keep the door closed until you know who's outside."

AARP meeting next Thursday

The monthly meeting of Belleville Chapter 2051 of the American Association of Retired Persons will be held 1 p.m. next Thursday, Feb. 7, at Fewsmith Presbyterian Church, 444 Union Ave.

The speaker will be Marilyn Askin, an attorney from the Essex-Newark Legal Services. A question-and-answer period will follow her address.

Members are requested to pay their 1980 dues of \$2 at the meeting. The green national membership card and the blue chapter membership card must be shown when paying dues.

The chapter's official board will meet Friday, Feb. 15.



Hospital Awards — Miss Mildred Neusse (second from right), vice president for professional services at Clara Maass Memorial Hospital, congratulates several Belleville residents during the annual service awards program for hospital employees. Pictured from left are Miss Carmela Nardi, RN assistant to the director, who received a gold watch in honor of her 25 years with Clara Maass; Mrs. Alvina Malanowski, 10 years with the business office, and Mrs. Cleofas Olac, RN for 10 years in the nursing services department as supervisor.

New date for kids' show at Clara Maass Hospital

"Bobby Goes to the Hospital," a free puppet show for youngsters at Clara Maass Memorial Hospital, will not be presented Feb. 27 as originally announced. The new date is Wednesday, March 26, at 1:30 p.m. in the pediatrics department.

"Bobby," a special service project of the Belleville Junior Woman's Club, is open to all area children. It is designed to help ease a child's apprehension of hospitalization by familiarizing the child with hospital and surgical routines and procedures.

For additional information, contact Jane M. Wittman-Roll in the Clara Maass Public Relations Department, 751-1000, ext. 817. Advance reservation for large groups is required. Individual youngsters are

also invited to attend with their parents.

The puppet show lasts about 45 minutes. Refreshments are served to the guests, and children are given special souvenirs of their visit to the Clara Maass Memorial Hospital Pediatrics Department.

Reformed Church ladies will hold rummage sale

The Ladies Aid Society of the Belleville Reformed Church will hold a rummage sale next Friday, Feb. 8.

The sale will run from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. The church is located at Main and Rutgers Streets.

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Century 21's nationwide goal for the society this year is over \$1 million. New Jersey's target could be over \$70,000. Those wishing to buy raffle tickets, \$1 each, or to make a tax deductible donation may contact Century 21 Wayne K. Thomas Realty, 277 Broad St., Bloomfield, N.J., 07003, or call 429-7400.

NHS class of '30 planning reunion

Members of the Nutley High School classes of January and June 1930 are being sought for a 50th anniversary reunion this year.

Graduates are asked to write or call Elizabeth Weischadel, 23 Taft St., Nutley, (667-4799) or Elsie Ciccone, 37 Warren St., Nutley, (667-2374).

Applications available for SAT review course

Review Studies, Inc., of Morristown firm offering high school students a preparatory course for the May Scholastic Aptitude Test, will open March 2 and applications are now being accepted.

Classes will be held nine Sundays at Seton Hall University. The course is specifically designed to help students who have difficulty taking standardized tests. For more information, call 540-8359 or write Review Studies, Inc., 29 Lake Road, Morristown, N.J., 07960.



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Seema Jalan

A first child, a daughter, Seema was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bhagwati P. Jalan of 832 Main St. Oct. 21 at Clara Maass Memorial Hospital. Birth weight was six pounds, nine ounces.

Mrs. Jalan is the former Sumar Lata Agrawal, M.D., daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Rameshwar Agrawal of Patna, India. Mr. Jalan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raghunath Prasad Jalan of Shivpur, India, is a research metallurgist with MRI Corp., Clark.

Michael William Klein

A first child, a son, Michael William, was born to Mr. and Mrs. William L. Klein of Nutley Oct. 2 at Clara Maass Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Klein is the former Dolores Ann Ferriero, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Ferriero of North Arlington. Mr. Klein is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William K. Klein Jr. of Belleville.

Tyler Moody

A second child, a son, Tyler Herndon, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Eaton Moody III of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Oct. 29 in Lexington, Ky. Birth weight was eight pounds, 14 and a half ounces. He joins Graham Eaton, two and a half.

Mrs. Moody is the former Betty Jean Thompson of Belleville.

Dana DiGiacomo

A first child, a daughter, Dana Christine, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas DiGiacomo of Nutley Nov. 5 at Clara Maass Memorial Hospital. Birth weight was six pounds, seven ounces.

Mrs. DiGiacomo is the former Lynn Coccio, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Coccio of 11 Oak St. Mr. DiGiacomo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicola DiGiacomo of North Arlington, is a sales manager with Mace Brothers Furniture, Kearny.

Nicola Babij

A second child, a daughter, Nicole Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Babij of 44 Mt. Prospect Ave. Nov. 16 at Mountaintop Hospital. Birth weight was eight pounds, nine ounces. She joins Vincent Michael, two and a half.

Mrs. Babij is the former Michele Cotugno, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cotugno of Belleville. Mr. Babij, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Babij of Toms River, is a draftsman with Werner Pfleiderer, Waldwick.

Christopher Falco

A second child, a son, Christopher Vincent, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Falco of 20 Mt. Pleasant Ave. Nov. 26 at Clara Maass Memorial Hospital. Birth weight was eight pounds, five ounces. He joins Gina Maria, seven and a half.

Mrs. Falco is the former Anne Barbara Ciampi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ciampi of Newark. Mr. Falco, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Falco of Belleville and Rocco Falco of Newark, is a data processor with Western Electric Co., Newark.

Heather Duggan

A second child, a daughter, Heather Anne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Duggan of 186 Franklin St. Nov. 26 at Clara Maass Memorial Hospital. Birth weight was six pounds, 13 ounces. She joins Sean Michael, 2.

Mrs. Duggan is the former Joanne Bertilacci, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Bertilacci of Villas. Mr. Duggan, son of Mrs. James E. Duggan of Buffalo, Ill., is a news photographer with WCBS, New York City.

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obituaries

John Herbert, 66; worked as melter

A service was held Jan. 12 for John T. Herbert, 66, who died Jan. 10 at Clara Maass Memorial Hospital.

Before he retired in 1978, Mr. Herbert worked as a melter for Wilber B. Driver, Newark, 32 years.

Born in Montclair, Mr. Herbert lived in Belleville before returning to Montclair in 1943.

Surviving are his wife, Florida; a son, John T. Jr. of Somerset; three sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Nickens and Mrs. Dorothy Mikel Barcliff, both of

Bertha Bell; dead at 70

A Mass was offered Tuesday in St. Peter's Church for Bertha M. Bell, 70, who died Friday at Clara Maass Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Bell was an assembler for ITT in Nutley many years before her retirement 18 years ago.

Born in Nutley, she moved to Fairfield eight years ago from Belleville.

Surviving are two sons, David A. Sr. of Fairfield and Donald F. Sr. of Daphne, Ala.; a sister, Mrs. Harriet Rizzo of Verona, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The Kiernan Funeral Home made arrangements. Interment was in Hollywood Memorial Park, Union.

J.F. Tomiak; supervisor

A Mass was offered Jan. 24 in St. Peter's Church for Joseph F. Tomiak, 63, who died Jan. 20 at Clara Maass Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Tomiak was a supervisor with Wrap-Ade Machine Company, Clifton, where he was employed 33 years. Born in Chicago, he came to Belleville 28 years ago from Brooklyn, N.Y.

Surviving are his wife, Sue; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Ellen Cornish of Nutley; a son, Joseph F. of Belleville; a brother, Walter of Wisconsin, and two grandchildren.

The S.W. Brown and Son Funeral Home made arrangements. Interment was in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Montclair.

Elsie Feuerstein; cafeteria worker

A service was held Monday for Elsie Feuerstein, 80, who died Friday at Clara Maass Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Feuerstein was a cafeteria worker for ITT, Nutley, many years before retiring in 1952. Born in Newark, she lived in Belleville 76 years.

Surviving are her husband, Leo; two daughters, Mrs. Evelyn DeBonis and Mrs. Lorraine Roccoberton; a sister, Mrs. Josephine Boos, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Millie McKiernan; retired packer, 95

A service was held Saturday for Millie McKiernan, 95, who died Jan. 22 in the Essex County Geriatrics Center here.

Mrs. McKiernan was a packer for Kresge's Department Store, Newark, before retiring 23 years ago. Born in Newark, she moved to Belleville 40 years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Bergen of Belleville; a sister, Mrs. Louise Rudewick of Irvington, two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by the Funeral Home of James F. Caffrey & Son, Irvington, where the service was held. Interment was in Hollywood Memorial Park, Union.

D.E. Innamorato; decorator, at 67

A Mass was offered in Holy Family Church Jan. 19 for Dominick E. Innamorato, 67, who died Jan. 16 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Innamorato lived in Belleville before moving to Nutley 16 years ago. He was a retired interior decorator.

Surviving are a brother, Alfred of Belleville, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Vitty of Fairfield.

Arrangements were handled by the S.W. Brown and Son Funeral Home. Interment was in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Montclair.

Catholic School Week starts Sunday

Paper, pens, poster boards and paints have all been in constant use the past few weeks at Belleville's two parochial schools as St. Peter's and St. Anthony's prepare to celebrate Catholic Schools Week which runs Sunday through Feb. 9.

Each grade at St. Peter's has been working on special assignments. The two eighth grades held an essay contest entitled "How the Catholic Schools Have Influenced My Life." Three pupils in Creative Writing 8-1, Mary Pak, Kim Bolognese and Kelly Smith, won the top prizes. The winners from Creative Writing II were

Kelly Fallon, Emil Oliver and Mary Beth Willis.

Seventh graders were assigned to create a school slogan. The 7A winners were Dorita Confair, Cynthia Bryant and Erin-Dawn Clay. The 7B winners were Irene Rosa, Michelle Fredericks and Lucia Scociolla.

Each day during the week has been set aside to honor a particular family member. The week's activities begin with a parish Mass 9:30 a.m. Sunday. An assembly honoring students who have won awards or honors since September will be held 2 p.m. Monday. Parents are invited.

Tuesday, grandparents of children in kindergarten through third grade will be invited to a 2 p.m. party featuring entertainment by the children. Wednesday at 2 p.m. a presentation on St. Peter's will be made with slides depicting pupils at work. There will be an exhibit of student art, science projects and other work. Parents and the general public are invited.

A party in honor of cafeteria and library workers, custodial staff, Title I, state compensatory education and supplemental teachers will be held Thursday, with a children's Mass fol-

lowing 9 a.m. Friday. St. Peter's is located at 152 William St.

St. Anthony's will be observing the week with an open house and other programs. Pupils will participate in special Masses, poster contests and assemblies, and projects from an eighth grade science fair will be on display all week.

The theme, "Catholic School: One of the Family," will be stressed in all the week's activities. The teaching staff will be recognized at a Mass and a luncheon. Parents and residents are invited to visit the school, located at 25 North 7th St.

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R. Morrison, at 60; obituaries retired millwright

A service was held Monday for Raymond Morrison, 60, who died Thursday at the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Va.

Gertrude Barnett; Newark waitress

A Mass was offered Jan. 21 in St. Peter's Church for Gertrude Barnett who died Jan. 16 at the Veterans Administration Hospital, East Orange. Born in Pennsylvania, Mrs. Barnett lived in Newark several years. She was a waitress at the Robert Treat Hotel and the Twins Restaurant, both in Newark. She is survived by several friends here in Belleville, including Mrs. Anna Chapman. The Irvine-Cozzarelli Memorial Home made arrangements.

William Miller, at 70; retired set-up worker

A service was held Jan. 22 for William Miller, 70, who died Jan. 18 at Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge. Mr. Miller was employed 17 years as a set-up man with Greater New York Box Company, Clifton, before retiring in 1973. He came to Belleville 38 years ago from his birthplace of Georgia. Surviving are his wife, Bridget;

two brothers, David of California and Bradford of Paterson; and two sisters, Mrs. Bertha McClain of Passaic and Mrs. Alma Hicks of Passaic.

Arrangements were made by the Irvine-Cozzarelli Memorial Home where the service was held. Interment was in Glendale Cemetery, Bloomfield.

Bessie M. MacGeorge; former Bellevillite, 75

A Mass was offered Saturday in Holy Family Church, Union Beach, for Bessie M. MacGeorge, 75, who died Thursday at Bayshore Community Hospital, Holmdel.

Jennie Senneca; dead at age 87

A Mass was offered Jan. 21 in St. Peter's Church for Jennie Senneca, 87, who died Jan. 18 at home. Born in Italy, Mrs. Senneca lived in Newark before moving to Belleville nine years ago. Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Mildred Santinelli, Mrs. Marie Ricca, Mrs. Josephine Coppola and Miss Genevieve; two sons, Michael and Andrew, 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. The Spatola Funeral Home, Newark, made arrangements.

Joseph Francisco, at 73; self-employed contractor

A Mass was offered Jan. 22 in Holy Family Church for Joseph Francisco, 73, who died Jan. 18 at Clara Maass Memorial Hospital. Before his retirement 12 years ago, Mr. Francisco was a self-employed general contractor. He was born and resided all his life in Nutley. Surviving are his wife, Anna; a daughter, Mrs. Frances Olivo of

Nutley; two sons, Nicholas of Bloomfield and Jerry of Nutley; three brothers, Carmen of Florida, Gerald of Paterson and Pat of Belleville; a sister, Mrs. Madeline Lo Franco of Florida, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The S.W. Brown and Son Funeral Home made arrangements. Interment was in Glendale Cemetery, Bloomfield.

Julia Mueller; former resident

A Mass was offered Jan. 22 in Holy Family Church for Julia Westlake Mueller, 83, who died Jan. 18 at Newton Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Mueller was born in Belleville and lived here many years before moving to Augusta several weeks ago. Surviving are two sons, William A. of Florida and Kenneth of Augusta, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The Johnsee Nutley Home for Funerals made arrangements. Interment was in Methodist Cemetery, Nutley.

Peter Giangarelli; material handler

A mass was offered Jan. 19 in Holy Family Church for Peter Giangarelli, 81, who died Jan. 16 at Passaic General Hospital. Mr. Giangarelli was a material handler for Arco Inc., Belleville, 31 years before his retirement 16 years ago. Born in Nutley, he lived in Italy before returning to Nutley 55 years ago. Surviving are his wife, Linardina; a son, Anthony; two sisters, Mrs. Teresa Ritacco and Mrs. Maria Angela, and a brother, Francesco. The S.W. Brown and Son Funeral Home made arrangements. Interment was in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Montclair.

A. Piazza, 52; glass cutter

A Mass was offered Friday in St. Peter's Church for Alfredo Piazza, 52, who died Jan. 21 at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Before retiring two years ago, Mr. Piazza was a glass cutter for Sparrow Alum, Dover, five years. Born in Italy, he moved to Belleville eight years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Concetta; his father, Salvatore; a son, Salvatore; a daughter, Miss Maria; two brothers, Salvatore and Lino; two sisters, Mrs. Josephine Morreale and Mrs. Sarina DiNuovo, and two grandchildren.

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Bertha Mancuso; Kidde worker, 57

A service was held Friday for Bertha Mancuso, 57, who died Jan. 21 at Clara Maass Memorial Hospital.

Before retiring, Mrs. Mancuso was employed by the Walter Kidde Company. She was active in the Essex County Salvation Army.

Born in Massachusetts, Mrs. Mancuso moved to Belleville six years ago from Newark.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Gertrude Selover and Miss Lillian; six sons, Dennis Dries and Joseph, Anthony, Allen, Wayne and Richard Mancuso; five brothers, Brigadier Henry, Fred, Walter, Harold and Charles Dries; three sisters, Mrs. Caroline Thornhill, Mrs. Betty DePhillippo and Mrs. Dorothy Redding, and seven grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by the Gorny & Gorny Paterson-Clifton Mortuary, Paterson, where the service was held. Interment was in Fair Lawn Cemetery.

S. Lasky; foreman

A service was held Friday for Samuel Lasky, 71, who died last Tuesday at Doctors' Hospital, Lake Worth, Fla.

Before his retirement 12 years ago, Mr. Lasky was a foreman for the L. Mag Corporation, Newark.

Born in Massachusetts, Mr. Lasky lived in Belleville most of his life before moving to Nutley eight years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Annie; a son, William; two daughters, Miss Jody and Mrs. Jayne Candura; two brothers, Abraham and Henry; a sister, Miss Goldie, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by Wien & Wien, Jersey City, where the service was held.

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Care needed in filling out college aid forms

By Kelly Sweeney

Belleville High offered a session on financial aid to any interested parent or student Jan. 16. Mrs. Judy Maloney, director of financial aid at Bloomfield College and a noted expert on the financial aid form, was the guest speaker for the evening. The session was sponsored by the Home and School Association of Belleville along with the guidance department at Belleville High.

Mrs. Maloney first began her discussion by saying that a college financial aid form is universal. Even though you may get information about financial aid for colleges in New Jersey, the basic outline pertains to all sections of the country. Only a few modifications will be made by certain colleges that you may choose.

Said Mrs. Maloney, "There are three kinds of financial aid. When you apply for financial aid, you are not certain which kind of aid will pertain to you until you are notified of acceptance or not. The three types are loans, jobs and grants. Loans are the most common, depending on financial status. Loans have low interest rates and until nine months after the student graduates, he does not have to pay back any of the loan. Jobs make it possible for the student to work an equal amount of hours that he studies, as he will be capable of reimbursing the loan. Grants are the type of financial aid that does not have to be paid back. Yet, grants must be reapplied for each semester."

Mrs. Maloney said financial aid comes from three primary sources: the federal government, the state and the institution itself. A fourth source is community/public. This money is donated by church organizations,

groups like the Knights of Columbus and others. But in order to receive financial aid, you must prove you are eligible and fill out the application to the best of your capabilities."

"Too many students take the financial aid form too lightly, resulting in wrong information," said Mrs. Maloney. "Information must be accurate and as precise as possible or you may be cheating yourself of financial aid."

"There are also certain policies which must be withheld. Applied students must be taking a minimum of two courses and if a default on a student loan occurs, then the financial aid is terminated immediately. Most importantly, students must keep a satisfactory standard of achievement in order to maintain the aid throughout college," Mrs. Maloney said.

Obtaining the form is a complex task. A fee is charged for the form itself, along with a processing charge. Schools will determine when you should apply, so you must consult the desired school to be certain of deadlines.

Mrs. Maloney gave three reasons why someone could be turned down for financial aid: lack of eligibility (unless your circumstances change), lack of funds and filing a late or incomplete financial aid form. "The third reason is a common occurrence," said Mrs. Maloney. "Students do not realize that the form cannot be filled out only by mom and dad. (Although some information pertains to the student's guardians.) The responsibility rests fully on the student."

Mrs. Maloney then distributed financial aid forms and began explaining each section in detail. The booklet which accompanies the form generalizes over every question

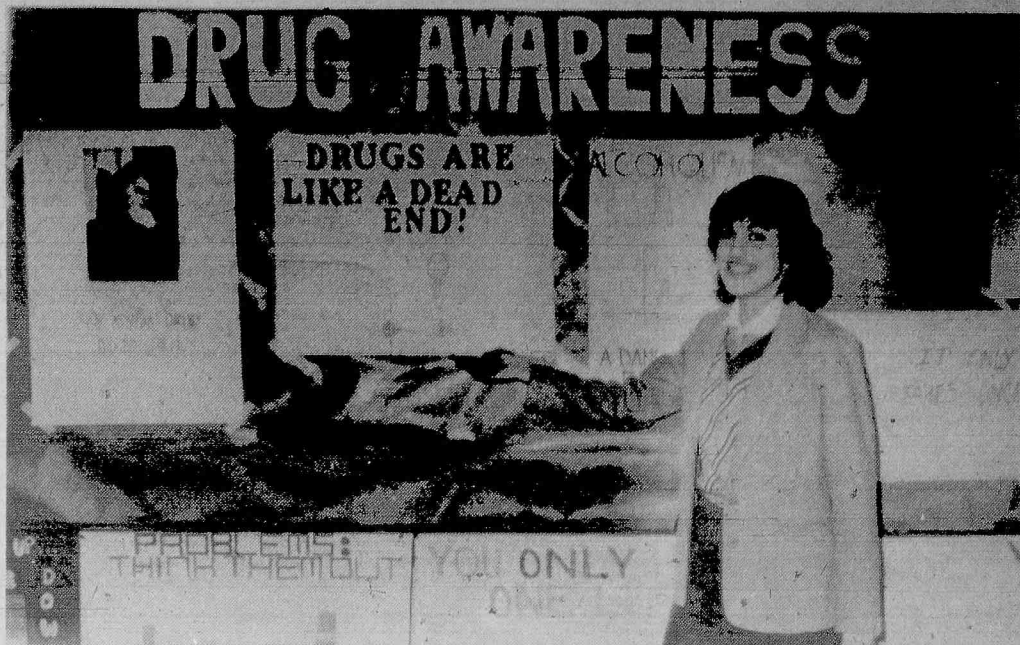
on the 30-answer form.

Mrs. Maloney explained that some questions one parent asks may be totally obvious to you and vice versa. So the booklet was designed to cover every question, no matter how small or large, in order to have the parent and student understand each question and what is expected in return, Mrs. Maloney stated. She stressed the importance of reading each question carefully. One question asked which year of college a child would be in come September. The majority of parents believe the question pertains to the present, and, thinking their child is a senior now, mark fourth year. By doing so, the system sees that the student is in his last year of studies so more is expected of him; and the financial aid will be less.

Each student is expected to obtain a certain amount of money before enrollment each year. If a student is a freshman, he is expected to have a minimum of \$500 on hand, just as a sophomore is expected to have \$600 and a junior or senior \$700. So parents are unaware that if they answer this question incorrectly, the aid will be less, based on their expected income.

Mrs. Maloney concluded, "This may be a relatively easy question, yet the majority of parents misinterpret the question, resulting in a possible default in the form. And the worst happening occurs as the student tries to correct the error by filing another form, and this is simply impossible. A student must go to each contacting agency that the form goes through and correct the error. So a student and his parent must be extremely careful as they fill out the form."

The session concluded with Mrs. Maloney answering the personal questions of parents.



High on Life — Belleville High School senior Linda Dalvia, a judge for the recent Junior High drug poster contest, stands next to a bulletin board highlighted by "picturesque" warnings.

First graders at School 1 writing pen pals in Rome

To participate in the International Year of the Child, Mrs. Bosco and the first grade children at School 1 have been corresponding with an elementary school in Rome, Italy. They have exchanged books and are learning conversational Italian.

The children initiate and request the words they wish to learn using the "listen and repeat" method. The English words are translated into Italian and then printed and illustrated on a ditto; the boy — il ragazzo; the girl — la ragazza; the dog — il cane; l'albero — the tree; la foglia — the leaf; l'uccello — the bird.

The children were asked, "Do you like to speak Italian?" Some of the replies:

"I like to talk Italian because it's real, real good and because I can talk

more than one language," Troy Talmadge.

"I like to tell my Mommy and my Daddy the Italian words like la foglia — the leaf," Shawn Cuiba.

"I like to say l'uccello — the bird," Lisandra Hernandez.

"I like to learn Italian because I'm Spanish," Monica Unreim.

"I like Italian because I like Italian food," John Murdaugh.

A typical Italian candlelight dinner was prepared and served to the children while they listened to Italian songs. They had spaghetti and meatballs which John Murdaugh didn't eat. A glass of grape juice substituted

for wine. Homemade Italian bread was baked and served with dinner.

"I like the meatballs," said Frank Harzold.

"I like the bread, the meatballs, the spaghetti and the juice. I liked everything," said Annamaria Sych.

"I liked the red and green bows we wore in our hair when we ate the dinner," commented Lisa Scaperotta.

"I liked the green and red bow tie you made for me," said Joseph Salamanca.

"Arrivederci" from the first graders at School 1.

BHS English department will broaden its offerings

By Nancy Roberts

The English department, under the direction of Mr. Leonard Marciano, is busily expanding in various areas. Some new courses are being offered next year, as well as others which are being revived, and some hopefuls for the future.

These courses include student publications B, journalism II, contemporary periodicals, everyday English, mass media, business English and world literature which has been recommended by the Middle States evaluation team.

Another room has been added to the English department at the high school where teachers can work independently with students, where books and various other materials can be housed and where meetings can be scheduled, among other things.

At the junior high school, various reading programs have been in-

troduced to the students. These include DEAR (Drop Everything and Read), an Olympic program designed to motivate reading for enjoyment among students; a modern reading lab; the addition of two more reading teachers to the staff, and developmental reading for all seventh graders — and possibly for all eighth graders next year.

At the high school, English courses such as drama, creative writing and journalism are offered. There is a reading specialist, Mr. Sandra Gottheimer, as well as state compensatory education instructors.

The English department is also involved with many activities both at the junior high and high school. Department members supervise both school newspapers — The Bridge and New Horizons — as well as both literary magazines — Inner Visions and Emanon. They also assist the

guidance department in distributing various standardized tests, tests of academic progress (TAP), the Iowa state test and the Otis tests.

The minimum basic skills tests have been analyzed by area coordinator Leonard Marciano each year since 1974. There has been a dramatic increase in scores in three areas, word recognition, study skills and reading comprehension. Mr. Marciano says that at the high school level, a similar test is being prepared for all 12th graders.

Part of the English department's philosophy is "to enable all students to learn to use the language freely and confidently so that they may listen effectively, and to read skillfully for information and adequately for enjoyment, as well as to express themselves in writing and speaking to the best of their abilities." It looks as if the department is doing just that.

Students attend center concert

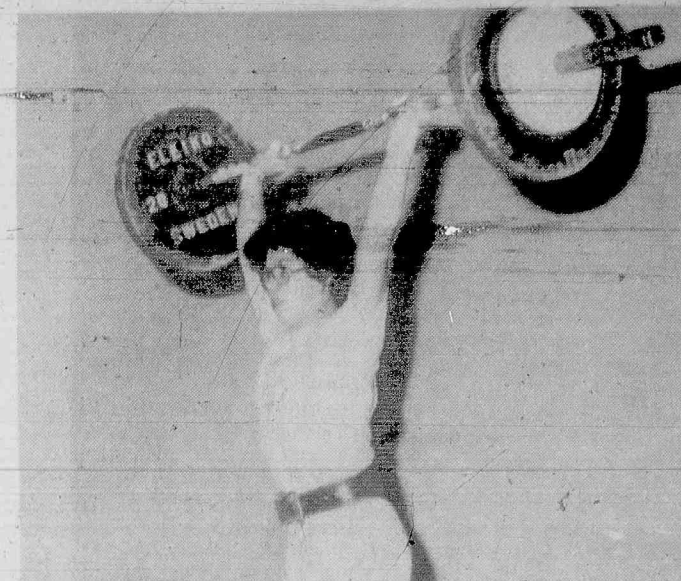
By Toni Grippaldi

Ten Belleville High School students attended a concert at Lincoln Center Monday, Jan. 14.

The Lincoln Center Chamber Society, under the direction of Mr. Charles Wadsworth, has four concerts a year for music students. Tickets were purchased in advance.

The latest concert included Beethoven's sonata for horn and piano, a trio for piano, oboe and bassoon by Poulenc and Brahms's trio for piano, cello and violin.

The performance took place in Alice Tully Hall. Students are looking forward to their next concert in April.



Burdensome — Belleville High student Joe DeFabbi holds up 203 pounds during a weightlifting demonstration for Pack 307 Cub Scouts last week at School 7. The demonstration was hosted by phys ed teacher and championship lifter Phil Grippaldi.

Student leaders exchange information at convention

On Monday, Jan. 7, five students from Belleville High School were accompanied by Patricia Pugliese on a trip to Trenton State College where the New Jersey Association of Student Councils held its annual convention. Student leaders from all parts of the state gathered together to learn and exchange ideas on how to improve their schools and how to improve communications between the students themselves and the administration.

The five Belleville High School students all belong to the Belleville Student Government Organization (SGO), and they are also the officers of this group. President Kim Santangelo, Vice President Michael Rock, Secretary Donna Marie Jones, Treasurer Lisa Sisbarro and Parliamentarian Gary Martins attended classes which included everything from how to organize a student council to how to deal with student apathy. The students' advisor, Mrs. Pugliese, also attended classes. The classes were divided into two main categories — problem

clinics and discussion clinics.

Although the six members learned a great deal, they were anxious to return and try out some of their new knowledge. Other schools offered advice on solving a number of problems with which the SGO is

confronted, and they also discovered that other students share their difficulties.

The NJASC helps high school leaders to become future leaders of the country. It is the students' stepping stone to the future.

School system helping out the slower learner

By Denise Lardieri

A special education student is one that needs extra help in certain areas since he is a slower learner. People are more concerned now than ever before for these students, and facilities for them have recently become more advanced.

There is a special education organization headed by co-chairmen Annette Lardieri and Bernadette Naso. There are also now special education classes and resource rooms in Schools 1, 4, 7, 8 and the junior high. A resource room is a place where students can go to ac-

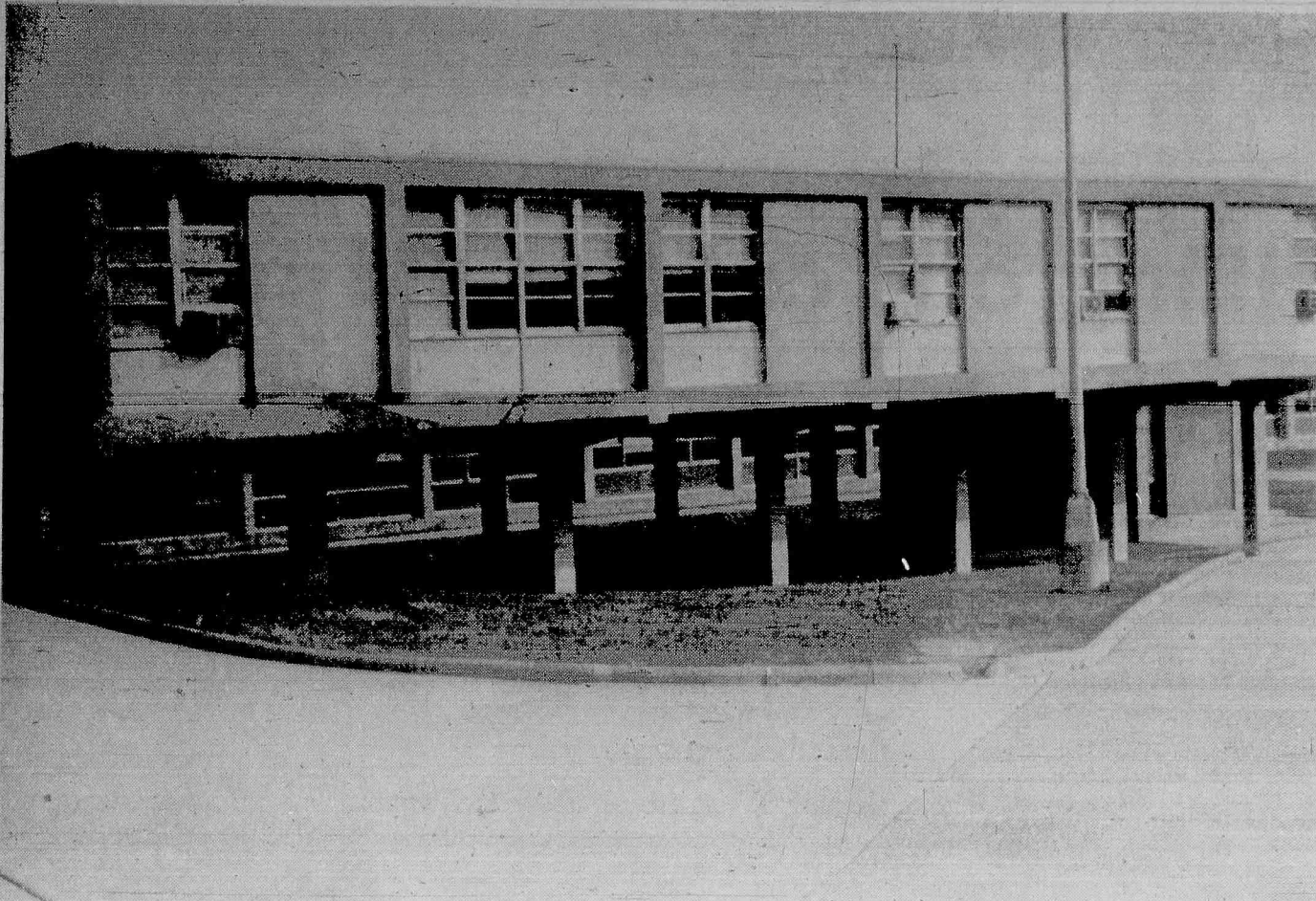
quire help in the subjects they need help in most.

The high school also has a resource room which is headed by Ken Watson. He is starting his second week there, helping approximately 30 students.

Although Mr. Watson is new at the high school, he is not new at his job. He has taught younger and older students, including adults. He comments that he enjoys working with the students here, especially since they are older and more mature. Mr. Watson replaced Pat Caporaso who worked at the school for five years.



Camel, Elephant, Giraffe? — School 7 kindergartners Alison Zampino, Jarret Nappi and Rocco Constantino do some wild imitations in their improvised classroom jungle.



Down Under — Beneath Belleville High School's administrative wing will be five new vocational arts classrooms next spring. Belleville's \$679,000 vocational bond referendum was passed overwhelmingly last Wednesday.

Officials hail aid approval

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lowed through on a fund application, enabling Belleville to get the money.

Since nearly 65 percent of Belleville High School graduates don't attend college, trustees emphasize that some vocational training is crucial for them to survive after graduation.

"I'm very happy because this means a better high school for the students," said Greed, as trustee Peter Clarizio noted, "It was a sound decision by our voters...and a lot of credit for this goes to Dr. Greed."

"This has really been a cohesive effort, the upswing of this is with all of us. We're working toward goals

for the achievement of our kids," said Trustee Anthony D'Agostino, adding that the bond victory was "invigorating."

Because of continued budget defeats, trustees were leery that residents might vote down the free grant, thinking local taxes might be raised to pay for it. However, that's not true, since the state pays off bonds floated by Belleville over a 20- to 25-year period to speed up needed construction.

"There's merit to having a special election," said Clarizio, savoring the sweet feeling of victory, as a small group of people at last Wednesday's tallying echoed his comment.

Original papers not needed for veterans to gain benefits

Missing or lost documents do not necessarily keep veterans from getting benefits, according to James R. Purdy, director of the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Newark.

Says Purdy, "We have found that some veterans who cannot locate birth or marriage certificates don't

apply for benefits because they believe these documents are essential."

The director urged veterans and their dependents with eligibility questions to contact the Newark office at 20 Washington Place or phone 645-2150.

Incumbent trustees Risoli and D'Agostino and three challengers in Board of Ed race

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says he's running on the strength of his three years' experience as a board member.

"I think more power should be given to the local school boards. Slowly and slowly, it seems we're being stripped of our authority," said Risoli.

Risoli said too many students leave high school with only vague notions about how to survive in a working world, pointing out that Belleville's new vocational wing, being funded by the state, will mean more students can receive a "genuine diploma."

Risoli did not want to be pinned down on his views about classifying school districts to effect improvement, whether the budget is good and should pass or what alternative he might propose to "restructuring," but he did have much to say.

"I'm a little worried about the budget passing because people are disgusted by rising taxes," said Risoli, pointing to soaring federal and state budgets as reasons why people in Belleville seem to almost automatically vote down school

budgets.

"They (state and federal governments) should subsidize the schools by giving us things like buses," emphasized Risoli, noting that more money should go to schools, not private industry for tax breaks or concessions.

"Being on the board has enabled me to find out what goes on," said Risoli, pointing to attorney Schwartz, former board president Matthew Pica, Chief and ex-trustee Richard Mahmarian as "learned" board members from whom he's absorbed much knowledge.

He said more issues would come out as the board campaign progresses, and he would speak out.

Risoli was born in Wimber, Pa., in 1917 and attended Essex County Vocational Technical School in Newark. "Not only is there prestige with being board president, but it's a tribute and an honor because it proves you can do anything you want if you put your mind to it," said Risoli, who didn't officially complete high school but has still advanced far.

"I feel that we should attack our own problems with our own solutions," said John DiStasi, referring to Belleville's desegregation mandate by the state. "We have to bite the bullet on this 'restructuring' plan," he said, adding the plan being proposed "is the most logical solution" to desegregation.

DiStasi emphasizes that Belleville must "properly utilize" its school buildings and personnel, and that will be his key campaign theme. He says, though, he's against any jobs being deleted from the present set-up.

He charges school trustees have not gone out and properly explained the budget, too easily conceding people don't want to understand exactly what budget allocations represent.

"There has not been a good public relations job done by the board on this year's budget," said DiStasi, who was on last year's controversial budget committee from which several members resigned charging that trustees ignored many of their suggestions.

DiStasi said because citizens usually nix the budget, education programs are being unnecessarily jeopardized. "I'm looking forward to the day the budget passes," he said.

He also believes school facilities must be improved, stressing that capital outlay must be passed or Belleville's schools will continue to deteriorate.

DiStasi is a member of the Zoning Board and is involved with many school-related committees.

"I'm very, very pleased with my relationship to the educators in Bel-

leville. I've been working very closely with Dr. Greed," said Trustee Anthony D'Agostino, who like Risoli, announced his candidacy last Wednesday after the vocational bond issue passed.

"My first year hasn't been harder than I thought it would be. It's been surprisingly enjoyable...I'm a very civic-minded person, and there's so many good people out there," said D'Agostino, who along with his wife, and two sons, will be campaigning together for his election since his decision to run was a family one.

D'Agostino is against any kind of classification to improve school districts. He calls it "stigmatizing," noting that state officials will probably label schools, which would hurt students who came from those schools, despite the individual talents of the students.

"What are they going to do to provide money to (remedy) deficiencies? Where's this money coming from?" questioned D'Agostino. "If you're going to classify, the state needs a better means to provide services," he said.

D'Agostino is principal at Newark's Mount Vernon School and recently received his doctorate from Rutgers University, which he obtained by going to classes at night.

He wants to see more state compensatory programs in the schools and "not just a paper game" played by educational bureaucrats who guarantee things but don't deliver.

He favors more women's sports, especially swimming and field hockey because he feels they're needed. Asked about Belleville's

frugal budget situation, D'Agostino said, "If there's a need for something, you have to search around for it. Down in Newark, we've approached businesses and industry for a sharing of the load." He emphasized that funding can usually be obtained for worthy projects if people put themselves out.

D'Agostino is against open contract negotiations because there are too many "lickish" matters that he feels "may be misinterpreted" by the public. "There's too much of an opportunity not to get the facts that way (open negotiations)," said D'Agostino.

He said Belleville's curriculum and grade set-up "is a little bit too traditional" and said "innovations like grouping children by abilities" should be tried, rather than grouping by age as is done now.

"I'm very impressed by the caliber of teachers, our secretaries, administration and custodians," said D'Agostino. "My platform is I didn't have enough time, the year has gone by so quickly. I haven't done 10 percent of what I wanted to do," he said, adding that more concern with policy-making not administration should be trustees' first priority.

D'Agostino said new positions, like a reading supervisor to oversee all reading classes and constantly monitor how Belleville's children are doing, are needed because inequities exist in the present school management structure. He noted that Belleville has a music director but no reading director.

Most candidates avoided any suggestions for solving Belleville's

desegregation mandate, but both Risoli and Mrs. Boice are known to be readying plans of their own.

Mrs. Boice said she's opposed to classifying school districts based on their minimum basic skills scores, saying that classification is inherently wrong. She declined comment on the budget but revealed that after Feb. 14 she will begin active campaigning with many more issues being discussed.

Mrs. Boice was born in Newark and has lived in Belleville for 22 years. She has two girls and a boy in Belleville schools, has been on numerous board committees and attends many board meetings.

Zampino declined comment on his candidacy or the issues, preferring to wait until after Monday's meeting on the restructuring plan.

A candidates' debate sponsored by Belleville's Consolidated PTAs may be held March 12, but that date is not yet final.

Longo in Carolina with Marine Corps

Marine Pvt. Joseph V. Longo, son of Merwin and Phyllis Cook of 608 Washington Ave., has reported for duty with the 2nd Force Service Support Group at the Marine Corps Base in Camp Lejeune, N.C.

A 1979 graduate of Belleville High School where he was the senior class president, Longo joined the Marine Corps in July 1979.

College Corner

Grupe Foundation awards Cox again

Howard Cox of Carpenter Terrace has been awarded a scholarship grant from the William F. Grupe Foundation for the second consecutive year. The foundation gives aid to outstanding students in the health field in need of financial assistance.

Now a medical student at the Universidad Nordestana in the Dominican Republic, Cox will graduate in December and plans to practice medicine in Essex County upon his return to the United States.

Cox, married with one child, graduated from Seton Hall University in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in history. He then served on the Orange police force for five years during which time he also worked as a volunteer at Orange Memorial Hospital. His interest in medicine grew as a result of this experience until finally Cox was determined to become a physician.

A former Belleville resident, **Dr. Eric Hatch**, recently accepted a position as associate professor and coordinator of the school psychology program at Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C.

Hatch received his doctoral degree in 1973 from Penn State University. He has held professional rank at both Penn State and Duquesne University. Hatch is the author of several publications and a member of the American Psychological Association.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hatch, 129 Jorammon St., he lives in Boone with his wife, the former Carole Szegda, and two sons.

Frank A. Frederick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frederick, 119 Carpenter St., has been named to the first-semester dean's list at Thiel College in Greenville, Pa. In order to qualify, a student must have a least a 3.4 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Among early winter graduates at The Berkeley School of Garret Mountain is **Carmela A. Bono** of Belleville. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bono, she Bono is an alumna of Belleville High School.

Miss Bono graduated from Berkeley's executive secretarial program which is designed for the student seeking a secretarial education with general and business administration courses.



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Mets have reason to 'believe' again

They were once termed amazing and lived by the slogan "Ya gotta believe." But for a number of years now, the New York Mets have been called some things that you wouldn't want your children saying.

The Mets, once a respectable team, have become a team of incompetence teetering on the brink of near disaster. The reason for the change was the resistance of the owners to bringing in new players and spending money to keep the club at the top.

The Mets are a good example of a rags to riches and back to rags story. They broke into the major leagues in 1962 behind the backing of Joan Payson, a diehard Giant and Dodger fan who like most New Yorkers hated to see those teams move out west. The Mets played the early years out at the Polo Grounds and were horrible. But back then, they were a funny type of horrible. The late Casey Stengel was the manager and although his better days had passed him, he was a hilarious figure to watch on the field and the fans loved him. The team was perennial last-place finisher, but the fans stuck behind it. They would cheer the Mets on game after game and made up some great posters. The early years saw players such as Gil Hodges, Marv Throneberry, Al Jackson, Ron Hunt and Al Weiss play a mixed-up type of baseball that somehow made people laugh and actually enjoy losing.

As the years went by, the Mets gradually started to make progress. They built up a good farm team, a team that would produce Tom Seaver, Dick Selma, Garry Gentry, Jerry Koosman, Ed Charles, Bud Harrelson, Tommy Agee and Cleon Jones.

Furthermore, Ed Kranepool, the only original member of the Mets, added a good dimension and the team hired Gil Hodges as manager. Suddenly, it was 1969 and the Mets actually had a respectable team on the diamond. Could this team win the pennant? The oddsmakers said the chances were 100-1. Hodges said the Mets would win about 86 games. Some people laughed. After all, the Mets hadn't won more than 72 games in their first eight years. So, as the season progressed, the Mets did something quite rare; they won more than they lost. As the hot days of summer approached, the Mets found themselves in a pennant race against the veteran Chicago Cubs, a team loaded with talent and favored by many to win the championship.

The Mets trailed by eight-and-a-half games in mid-August, and chances didn't look good that they would catch Chicago. But in a way it didn't matter. The Mets were well on their way to a winning season and people would have to consider the Mets a team of the future. The Mets had other ideas though. They wanted to be the team now and put on a great stretch drive to catch up to and eventually beat the Cubs. The Mets clinched the Eastern Division on Sept. 24, 1969, and after a three-game sweep of the Atlanta Braves in the playoffs, they found themselves in the World Series against the Baltimore Orioles, a simply awesome machine that was supposed to bury the Mets.

After Baltimore won the opener, the Mets stunned the nation by winning the next four games and taking a world championship back to New York.

The following three years did not produce any championships, but the Mets did come through with winning records. Hodges suddenly passed away in 1972 and Yogi Berra took over the reins. In 1973, Berra led the Mets to another title season. The team finished just 82-79, but it was good enough to capture the Eastern Division crown. What made the triumph so amazing was that the team was in last place on the first day of September.

Tug McGraw, the team's top relief pitcher, came up with the team slogan, "Ya gotta believe." It brought the Mets a stunning playoff victory over the Cincinnati Reds and a World Series berth against the Oakland A's. The series went seven games, but Reggie Jackson and his A's proved to be too much, beating the Mets in the finale.

Then suddenly, the roof caved in. The victories started to come less frequently. In 1977, Tom Seaver was traded to the Reds in a controversial blockbuster deal, Jon Matlack, a fine pitcher who led the Mets to the miracle of '73, was dealt to Texas. Jerry Koosman, Mr. Efficiency, was traded to Minnesota. Rusty Staub, one of the few power hitters the Mets had, was off to Detroit for a washed-up pitcher named Mickey Lolich. The team traded away potential superstars in Nolan Ryan, Amos Otis, Ken Singleton and John Milner.

Meanwhile the owners did nothing. The fans started drifting away. Joe Torre, a fine baseball man, was brought in as the new manager. He tried to deal for new players. The owners wouldn't spend the money. So finally last year, the Mets hit the pits. They lost 99 games. They drew only 788,000 fans. During the winter meetings, Lorinda de Roulet, the owner, turned down a deal that could have given the Mets young powerhitter Willie Aikens.

Mercifully, the team was sold last week, for a record \$21 million to a group headed by Abner Doubleday's great nephew. Doubleday is given credit for inventing the great game of baseball some 140 years ago.

The new owners have vowed to do whatever it takes to bring back the fans. What it will take is spending money to bring in the good ballplayers who can help the Mets back up from the brink. One thing is for sure, the Mets have to start from square one. With the new owners vowing to spend as much as it will take to get a winner and with Joe Torre given a little power to deal for the players he wants, the Mets could very well be a popular team in New York again.

Did you see the Pro Bowl last Sunday? It was quite a contest with the NFC prevailing 37-27. Surprisingly, the NFC has won six of the 10 Pro Bowls but has been no competition during the regular season. The AFC has beaten the NFC in regular-season play for eight years in a row and has won 10 of 14 Super Bowls.

As most of you know, President Carter stated rather emphatically that he advocates a boycott of the summer Olympic games unless the Russians do an about-face in Afghanistan. Now, that might not sound like much of a threat, but if the U.S. doesn't go to Moscow this summer it will be a great loss as far as the Russians are concerned. The Soviet Union has spent a great deal of money gearing up for a propaganda extravaganza at the Olympics and if the Americans don't show up, the importance of the games will be deflated and the Soviets will lose a phenomenal opportunity. Furthermore, if the U.S. does boycott, watch for a lot of European countries to follow in the American path.

The president has made a tough decision, but it is the right one. The athletes have devoted a lot of time, but what has to be considered is their safety and the good of the world as a whole.

Finally the answer to last week's quiz. The question was who was the MVP of the Steelers' first Super Bowl win in 1975? The answer, Franco Harris. Harris set a Super Bowl rushing record of 150 yards and led the Steelers to a 16-6 win.

Here is this week's quiz. Can you name the Mets' starting infield from their championship team of 1969?

Matmen rip Campers after Madison edging

By Mike Olohan

Although a tense, last-gasp chance to defeat Madison Borough's wrestlers backfired when 188-pounder Rich Racioppi and heavyweight Anthony D'Agostino lost, Belleville's matmen ricocheted back to wallop Irvington's Campers 57-2 before about 300 vocal fans on Friday.

Belleville confronted undefeated Madison Borough last Wednesday, and the Dodgers remained undefeated but not without a struggle. "We knew it would be a real tough match. Belleville's wrestlers always do a good job," said Madison coach Tony LoSapio.

At 101 pounds, indefatigable Tom Graziano beat Madison's Ray Silvercool 10-1. "He showed a lot of superior wrestling ability in outdistancing his opponent," said BHS Coach Gene D'Alessandro. Lou Riccardi at 108 got pulled around, suffered a takedown, reverse and four near falls over two periods before be-

ing nailed at 5:19 of the third by Steve Wulff.

At 115, Mike Donato just overpowered Belleville's Lou Pomponio with a takedown, reverse and numerous near falls to wrack up a 19-0 score. "He's (Donato) perhaps one of the best men on their team. Louie showed a lot of courage in giving us six minutes out there," noted D'Alessandro.

After the Bucs' Gerard Minichini at 122 drew Darnell Jackson, Madison's Scott Capen, a returning letterman, slid by Jim Lombard quite easily 9-0 with Lombard unable to gain control during the bout.

Elio Gonzalez, whom D'Alessandro calls a "much-improved wrestler," eased on by Mike Savercool 5-3 "by putting a couple good moves together and definitely beginning to show some poise out there."

Next, 141-pounder Bob Scherrer intimidated and handled Madison's John Donato 8-2, wracking up 2 minutes, 42 seconds versus 22 seconds in riding time. At match

seven's end, it was Belleville 12, Madison 17.

But Belleville's momentum nosedived when Londo Artigliere took Phil D'Agostino 7-1, several times lifting him up off the mat, almost pinning him and never giving him a chance to get in control. Artigliere had 2:38 in riding time compared to a mere 12 seconds for D'Agostino.

Down 2-0 at the end of one, 158-pounder Brian McManus, a flexible,

constantly moving wrestler, abruptly banged Madison opponent Rich Grohol down at 3:51 of the second, shocking everyone. Grohol, who was in command, stayed kneeling, glancing skyward nearly 10 seconds before managing to get up after the pin. Many fans leaped to their feet seconds before referee Dick Matarante's hand pounded the mat, expecting victory, as Grohol lay on

Please see "BHS grapplers" on page 13.

Senesky named 'Coach of Year'

John Senesky, who guided Belleville High to its best football record in 17 years, will be honored by the Essex County CYO as its Coach of the Year Monday night. The

scholastic honorees will be BHS tackle Russ Pagano and Seton Hall running back John Merklinger, tabbed as the outstanding lineman and back respectively in voting by Essex County coaches and sportswriters.

The awards will be presented at the monthly dinner meeting of the Essex County Coaches Association at the Rock Spring inn, West Orange.

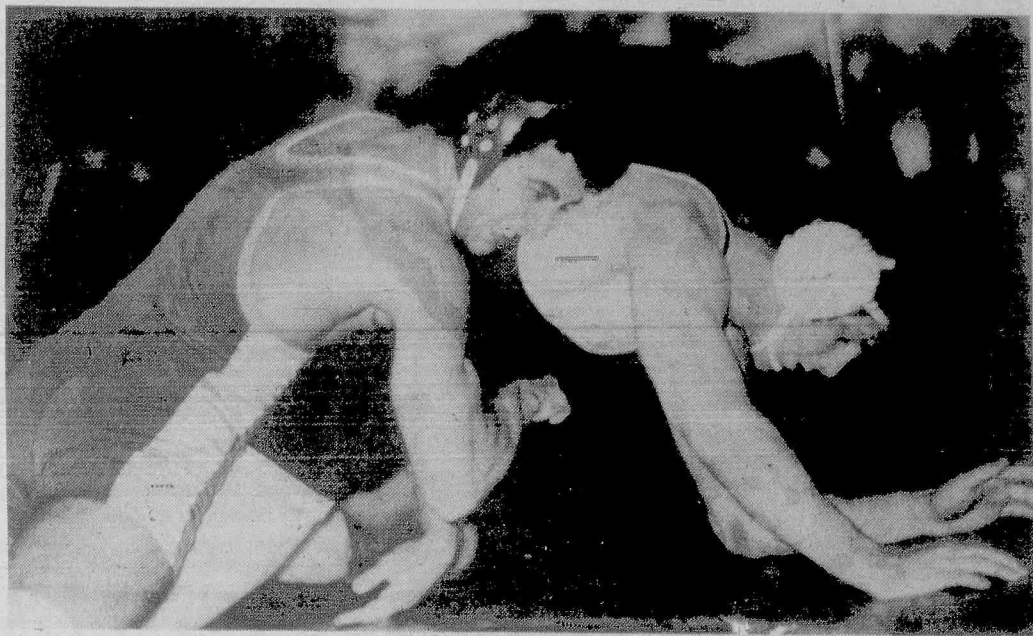
Senesky, who becomes the sixth recipient of the Robert F. Larkin Memorial Award, led the Bucs to an 8-2 record and Belleville High's first appearance in the post-season playoffs. The Bucs lost a tough, 15-12 decision to Union which went on to win the Group IV title and designation with Madison Borough as No. 1 in the state.

A 1964 graduate of Belleville High School, Senesky went on to play as a running back at Montclair State College. He returned to Belleville, working as freshman football coach and assistant on the varsity level before becoming head coach three years ago.

The Bucs won their 1979 opener, lost a hard-fought battle to Montclair and then reeled off seven consecutive victories before bowing to Union in the playoffs.

"We had a family atmosphere at

Please see "Russ" on page 13.



Toughest Bout — Belleville's Chris Musmanno is in control of Madison's Sean Wallace in what was the Buc 170-pounder's toughest bout of the season so far. Musmanno defeated last year's district champ 6-1 Wednesday, but the Bucs lost 29-21.

BHS hoopmen easily turn back Nutley but fall to giant Passaic

By Mike Lamberti

It might sound a bit strange, but the 1979-1980 Belleville High boys' basketball team has been led by some magic, a bit of Hollywood, a chairman of the board, a big swish and a powerful train.

These five forces, a good bench and a damned good coach named Joe Papasidero are the main reasons why the Bucs are sporting a classy 9-4 record.

Belleville had the difficult chore of playing highly regarded Montclair at Montclair last Tuesday. Tomorrow night, the Bucs will return home for a battle with Seton Hall. Game time is set for 8 p.m. with the jayvee contest game set to start at 6:30 p.m.

Last week, the Bucs defeated Nutley 73-61 to extend their winning streak to six games but fell victim to Passaic 76-66.

The Nutley game was big-win for the locals. "It was beautiful, a game we all wanted very much," said Papasidero. "Our guys did a great

job and we hit the clutch shots."

The Raiders held a 17-13 first-quarter lead, but Belleville rallied to take a 30-29 halftime advantage. In the third quarter, the Bucs started to pull away and led 49-44 as the last frame began. From then on, it was all Belleville. Using some fine foul shooting by Eddie "Hollywood" Aulisi, the Bucs won 73-61. Hollywood ended with 15 points and he hit 11 of 11 from the free throw line.

Gary "Magic" Farrar scored 10 points, Ron "Swish" Wittman had 21, Wayne "The Train" Bubet popped in 21, Rich Cook had four and Eugene Cancelliere scored two.

Despite the fact that the Bucs lost to Passaic last Friday, Papasidero was far from disappointed with his team's effort. "We played a great game, they just wore us down with their size," said the coach. "It's a shame there had to be a loser in that game because both teams played so well."

The first quarter was even and Belleville took a 33-27 lead into the

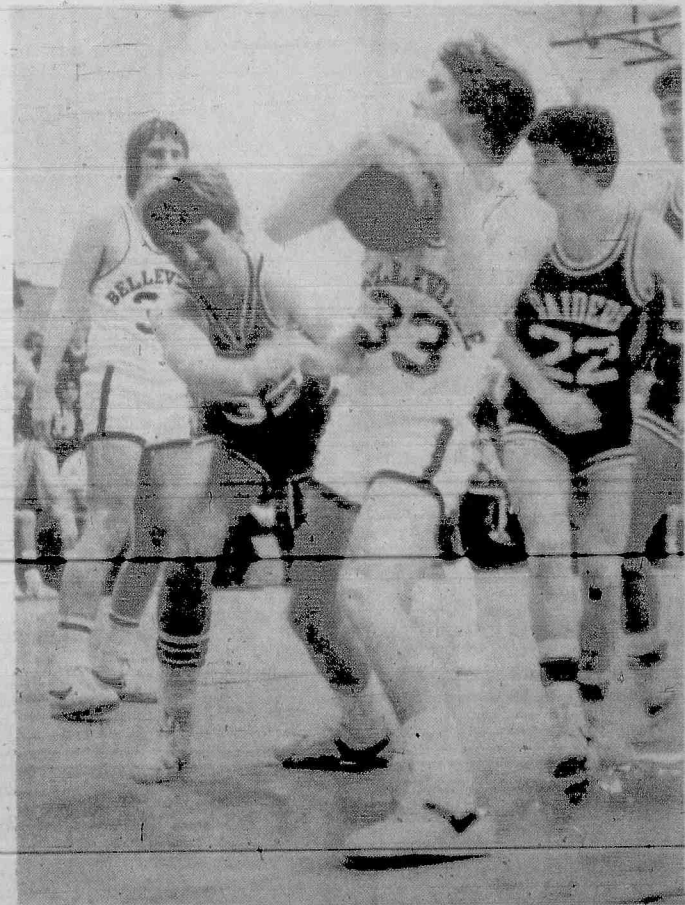
intermission. However, in the third quarter Passaic took over, outscoring the Bucs 28-16 and led 45-39 as the last period started. Behind the fine shooting of Willie Norwood and Tony Wade, the Indians pulled away with the win.

Norwood, the Indians' 6-8 center, popped in 25 points. Wade, a 6-3 forward, had 12 points and hit four straight jumpers in the fatal third period. Bob Baker, a 6-6 forward, had 16 points. "They were certainly one of the biggest teams we've

faced," Papasidero said of the Indians. "Their smallest forward was as big as our largest forward."

On the home side, Hollywood Aulisi had five points, Magic Farrar had 16, Rich "Chairman of the Board" Cook had two, Wittman popped in 21 and the Train finished with a team-high 22 points.

As for the upcoming games, Papasidero had only one thing to say. "We'll show up," said the coach. "We'll represent ourselves with class, just like we've done all year long."



On Hold — Rich Cook has a firm lock on the ball as Nutley's Scott MacKay makes a futile stab at it during last Tuesday boys' basketball game. Belleville defeated the Raiders 73-61.

Weightlifting meet set Feb. 16 at BHS

The 1980 Belleville Open Weightlifting Championships will be held Saturday, Feb. 16, at the high school. Some of the top lifters from the region and the nation are expected to take part in the third annual competition sponsored by the Recreation Department in cooperation with the Belleville Barbell Club.

Lifters will compete in the two hands snatch and the two hands clean and jerk with AAU rules in force. The program will be divided into two parts. Lots for the 52, 56, 60, 67.5 and 75 kilogram weight classes will be drawn in the morning with lifting beginning at noon. Lots will be drawn in the afternoon for the 82.5, 90, 100, 110 and unlimited classes with competition starting at 5 p.m.

Awards will be given to the first three finishers in each class and the best lifters in the morning and evening sessions. In addition, there will be two team awards.

Tickets, \$2, will be available at the door. Proceeds will go toward equipment and traveling expenses for the Belleville Barbell Club.

Jayvee wrestling team clobbers Dodgers, Campers to stand 7-1

This past week, the Belleville junior varsity wrestling team played host to Madison and Irvington. Both opponents were defeated without posing any threat. The two wins boosted the Bucs' record to 7-1.

Madison came into Buc country last Wednesday and was sent back home pretty quickly. At 101, Belleville's Danny Giordano was beaten by Sallie 15-1. During the course of the match, the Buc matman suffered a blow to the head. At weights 108 through 129, Madison forfeited, giving wins to Ronnie Young, Chris Botta, Lenny Cardinale and Frank Raccanelli.

At that point, the score was 24-5

and Jim Lijo didn't disappoint anyone in the next contested bout. He came through with an impressive 14-7 victory over Walling. At 141, Joe Iacona had a tougher time but still prevailed. The tide changed momentarily at 148 when George Ritacco was pinned by Betz of Madison at 3:33.

The next two matches were forfeited to Belleville, with Danny Palumbo and Bob Gallagher picking up the easy 12 points. Belleville's John Bucciarelli (188) was then pinned by Benton at 1:49. The heavyweight bout was a double forfeit. The final score for the match

was Belleville 42, Madison 17.

Friday, Irvington came to town to face the Belleville jayvee and was mercilessly drubbed 66-6.

Freshman Anthony Stefanelli was moved up to the jayvee 101 position and accepted a forfeit, one of many to come. There was no contest at 108 either — Ronnie Young pinned his man in just 55 seconds. Belleville's Chris Botta (115) proved even more exciting by pinning his opponent in 41 seconds.

The 122-pound bout was a little more of a contest with Lenny Cardinale pinning R. Wilson at the 5:40 mark in their match. Frank Raccanelli had another tough one, taking 5:49 to put his man on his back.

The next seven matches were completed within three minutes. Jim Lijo pinned his adversary in 58 seconds of the first period. The 141, 148 and 158 bouts were all forfeited by Irvington with Steve DeCeasar, Joe Iacona and Danny Palumbo accepting the wins. Then Bob Gallagher, after being taken down, reversed his man and pinned him 21 seconds into the first period.

John Bucciarelli was the recipient of another Irvington forfeit at 188. The only points gained by Irvington were on a forfeit by Belleville in the heavyweight division.

The 7-1 junior varsity squad accompanied the varsity to North Bergen yesterday and goes to Kearny tomorrow. The next home match will be against Essex Catholic 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8.

Meyler wrestling well for Vikings

Bob Meyler, a 190-pound sophomore out of Belleville High School, has compiled a 5-3 record for Upsala College's wrestling team, and is drawing praise from Coach Rich Freitas for his constant improvement.

"Bob has the potential to develop into a fine college wrestler," said Freitas. "He is willing to work hard to accomplish success and has demonstrated his potential on several occasions including a 35-7 victory in an early dual meet."

JV boys' cage squad shows improvement

The BHS boys' jayvee basketball team has dropped four games in the past several weeks and its record has fallen to 0-8. However, the Bucs have shown great improvement this month and were in most of their recent games all the way.

Belleville lost 64-54 to Kearny Jan. 11 in a game in which the Bucs made some outstanding plays. They played Weehawken for the second time in the season Jan. 14 and were defeated 66-50. The Bucs lost the first time around 54-35.

The Bucs took on St. Cecilia Jan. 15 and suffered another defeat, this time 54-51, though they played extremely well. Luck was not with Belleville again Jan. 18 against Essex Catholic in a narrow 46-43 loss.

Improvement can be seen in both



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Foul-plagued girl cagers run into three-game losing skein

By Mike Lambert

After weeks of winning and making their competition sorry it ever played them, Belleville High's female cagers got a taste of what it's like to be on the other side of the tracks.

Last week, the girls dropped decisions to highly rated Paterson-Eastside, Nutley and Passaic. The girls' record now stands at 9-4. On Tuesday, the girls were home against Montclair and tomorrow afternoon will host Mount St. Dominic.

Against Paterson-Eastside, Belleville was simply outplayed by a team ranked number four in the state. Paterson jumped out to a 16-4 first-quarter lead, but Belleville cut that gap to 26-18 at the half.

The second half belonged to Paterson as it outscored the Bucs 21-14 and won 47-32. Jeannie Hutchinson had 15 points, 11 from

the free throw line. Kim Russeau had 12 points and Casandra Sparrow popped in 13 to pace Paterson. For Belleville, a good part of the offense was supplied by Dawn Ritaco who had 16 points.

Head coach Karen Fuccello had this to say about the game: "They beat us by tying up our guards. We played fairly well, we knew what to expect and tried our best to handle the pressure."

Against Nutley, the Buccanettes held a one-point lead after three quarters but fell apart in the last frame: Nutley outscored the locals 20-8 in the final period and came away with a 56-45 win. Tracy Dixon, the Raiderettes' fine forward, popped in 19 points. For Belleville, Joyce Iacullo had 17 and Carol Salerno, playing yet another good game, had seven. "Salerno has been a very steady player all year," said Fuccello.

lo. "She is very quiet but usually gets the job done."

The Passaic contest was a tough pill for the girls to swallow. On their home court, the Buccanettes fell behind 14-10 after one quarter and 31-24 at the half. Suddenly in the third quarter, the local girls woke up and outplayed Passaic on both sides of the court. The girls recaptured the lead 37-35 and it appeared Belleville would be in control.

Unfortunately, it was not meant to be. Passaic regrouped and won the ballgame 47-45. Iacullo and Robin Giordano paced the attack with 14 and 12 points respectively.

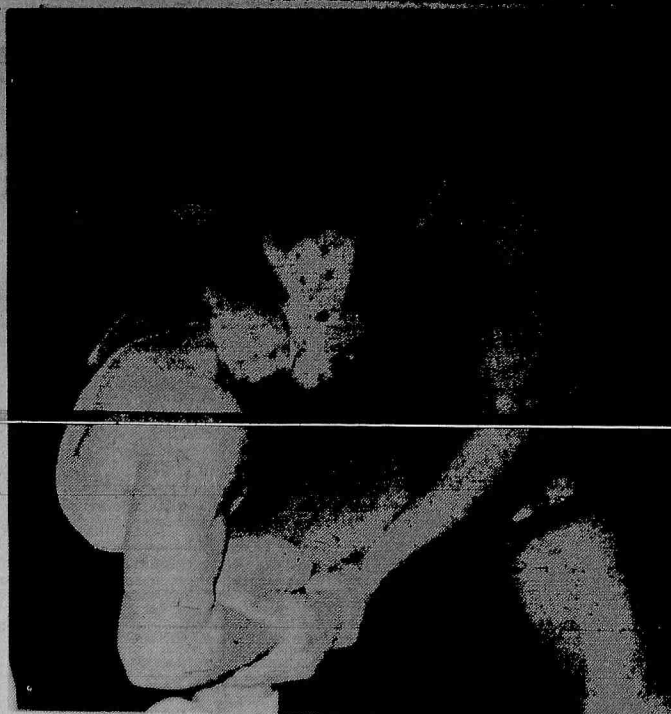
"I cannot understand it," said Fuccello. "We've been getting into foul trouble and consequently I can't go to the press. I'm very upset about the way we've been playing because tournament time is approaching and this is what we've been working for. I

guess you could call it a mid-season slump. I don't know. Whatever it is, I hope we break out of it, soon."

Belleville grappler travels to Florida

Dave DeLorenzi of Belleville was one of the wrestlers chosen to represent St. Benedict's Prep of Newark in two dual meets in Florida Jan. 4-5.

DeLorenzi wrestles at 158. He is coached by Mike DiPiano, also a Belleville resident. DeLorenzi, a sophomore, and his teammates left Jan. 3 for Orlando. The first dual meet was scheduled at Lake Howell High School in Maitland, Fla., and the second was held at Edgewater High School in Orlando.



Legging It — Belleville's Phil D'Agostino (right) struggles with Londo Artigliere of Madison in last Wednesday's 148-pound bout. D'Agostino came up on the short end of a 7-1 decision.

Clifton Avenue survives scare in rec league play

In an action-packed, nip-and-tuck battle, DeBacco's Clifton Avenue defeated Mickey Music last week 53-36 in Recreation Boy's Basketball League play. The victory came as no surprise to the Clifton Avenue fans, but the winners were sweating it out through most of the game and a silence actually engulfed the partisan crowd at halftime.

Mickey Music met the challenge of the undefeated Clifton Avenue team and led at halftime 24-23. But the Music machine was striking a sour note in the second half as DeBacco's outscored the underdogs 9-2 in the third quarter to take over and maintain the lead. Led by the cousin combo of John Melillo (18 points) and Ralph Velardi (17), Clifton Avenue chalked up its fifth victory. Jerry DiGori scored 10 important points for the winners, while Mickey Music (3-2) was led by Barry Taylor (12 points), David Cary, and Percy Flowers (eight apiece).

Clifton Avenue, however, shares first place with Belleville-Newark Honda which won its fifth game, besting the Maniacs 80-45. Lou Ritacco almost single-handedly earned the victory as he popped in an unprecedented 43 points. Steve Coffey dropped in 17 for Honda. Dave Calmonica scored 23 points in a losing effort.

Russ Pagano top defender

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Belleville all season," said Senesky. "The kids really worked together, and individual goals were kept in the background. This was an extremely close team."

Pagano, an all-stater and a solid selection as the county's premier lineman, put his 6-3, 235-pound frame to good use in the Bucs' Wing-T attack. He did a lot of pulling and trapping, and his great strength made things a lot easier for Belleville ball carriers.

Pagano, who has good mobility, also played defensive tackle for Senesky and was one of the team's top tacklers.

This marks the ninth year that the Essex County CYO has honored high school players. The coaching award is designed to memorialize the late Robert F. Larkin, longtime director of the Essex CYO and a close follower and supporter of county youth.

Giordano wins lifting prize in U.S.-Canada competition

If the United States participates in the Olympics this year, Bob Giordano of Belleville stands a good chance of making the American team. Giordano won the U.S.-Canadian Weightlifting Cup Jan. 13 in Allentown, Pa.

Giordano, lifting in the 220-pound class, defeated the top competitors from the United States and Canada. Though he did not equal his best total set a few months ago, he lifted enough to win. His best total, 777 pounds, was the highest recorded by an American so far this season.

At Allentown, Giordano, who

represents Giordano's Gym of Belleville, lifted 341 pounds in the snatch and 424 pounds in the clean and jerk. Second place went to the 1979 national champion, Kurt Setterburg of Ohio, who also snatched 341 pounds but could manage just a 418-pound clean and jerk. Brian Derwin of the Belleville Barbell Club finished fifth with lifts of 314 and 413. He described his performance as "mediocre."

Giordano and Derwin will go to Australia in March for the United States-Australia Cup competition.

DeBacco's 76'ers won their third straight game, defeating T-Bird Sewer Service 47-37. Ricky Kiernan (17 points) and Tom O'Kean (13) paced the 76'ers (3-2). Joe Giuliano tossed in 12 points for T-Bird.

Sam DeCapua's 20-point performance powered the Silver Lakers past the 69'ers 52-30. Anthony Coco threw in 11 points for the Lakers (3-2). Jim Hutchinson led the 69'ers with 12.

Men's Basketball League

The Knicks (5-2) edged the Record Shop (3-4) behind Rocco Marotti's 22 points and Gary Mascitelli's 21 in Men's Basketball League play. The final score was 70-64. Marty Higgins scored 25 points for Record Shop.

In double overtime, Chief Motors (5-2) took a 92-89 decision over Health Spa (5-2). Frank Petite led Chief with 26 pints and Dan Dunn added 23. Harry Grau had 26 points for A.J. Borensen 23 for the Spa.

Nu-Plas at 6-1 remained in a tie for first place after beating Then Play On (4-3) by an 86-59 score. Bruce Gardner topped all scorers with 30 points, and John Machiaverna chipped in with 27 for Nu-Plas. John Brillo led Then Play on with 19 points.

Triple "S" Sports (6-1) remained in first place with Nu-Plas after drubbing J&R Insulation (0-6) 89-43. Abdel Anderson poured in 34 points for Triple "S". Joe Kethley had 15 points for J&R.

The Red Shingle (2-5) defeated Small World (1-6) 83-58 on Mark Veniero's 28 points and Mike Dondarski's 20. Rich Baker scored 25 points for Small World.

OPAC (3-4) edged the Lakers (1-6) 68-62. Dick Caldwell paced OPAC with 24 points and Jack Scura added 22. Rich Dinzes and Jim Calasano each had 18 points for the Lakers.

Cheerling Clinic

A recreation cheerleading clinic is held Thursday nights at School 3. It is divided into two sessions. The first, held 6:30-8 p.m., is designed for girls 7 through 12.

The two instructors are college

Lockhart plays volleyball for Rutgers-Newark team

George Lockhart of Belleville is a member of the Rutgers-Newark men's volleyball team that began play last week.

The 6-1, 160-pound Lockhart is one of six freshmen on the Scarlet Raider squad.

students who are former Belleville High School cheerleaders. The session begins with an exercise period to allow the girls to limber up. One or two cheers are taught each week. Matwork incorporating the basic acrobatics used in cheerleading is done.

Tryouts are held in the spring, and those selected are placed on cheerleading squads. The girls practice throughout the summer and lead the cheering at recreation football games in the fall.

The second session, held 8-9 p.m., is designed for girls 13 through 17 interested in practicing cheers and perfecting their style in preparation for junior and senior high school tryouts.

BHS grapplers facing big tests with regular season winding up

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his back, struggling to escape.

Wrestling a powerful adversary, 170-pounder Chris Musmanno made it look oh so easy. After a first-period takedown, a second-period escape and a third-period takedown, Musmanno refused to let up, overcoming Wallace 6-1 for a 21-20 Belleville team lead.

The crowd was ecstatic as 188-pounders Rich Racioppi and Madison's Jim O'Donnell shook hands. From the start, it was a free-for-all, go-for-broke bout with both wrestlers showing amazing strength and versatility. But before a minute had gone by, Racioppi was caught off balance by O'Donnell and pinned, stunning the crowd and Racioppi, who later said he knew he could have beaten O'Donnell but for one momentary slip.

After the pin of Racioppi, it was 26-21 Madison, and all up to Anthony D'Agostino, who tried but couldn't outmuscle Bill Michel, losing the heavyweight bout 8-3. Despite the defeat, Belleville's wrestlers shook hands and spoke to their victorious opponents after the match.

LoSapio said Steve Wulff's pin off Lou Riccardi "was a real big win for us," but he was shocked by Gerard Minichini's draw with 122-pounder Jackson. "He drew with one of our wrestlers who was undefeated up to now," said LoSapio of Minichini.

Brian McManus's pin of Richard Grohol also surprised LoSapio, and Chris Musmanno's toughest bout to date saw him thoroughly dominate last year's district champ at 170, Sean Wallace.

Against Irvington, Belleville's wrestlers won every bout, but though

the score (57-2) was lopsided, several matches were challenging.

Jayvee starter Danny Giordano easily walked off with his first varsity win courtesy of a forfeit, and Tom Graziano, wrestling at 108, beat Irvington's Fred Furbeck 8-1. Next, 115-pounder Lou Pomponio got a forfeit win.

Gerard Minichini (122) decisioned Carl Wilcox 4-0, and Jimmy Lombard drew with Elio Alfonso 7-7 at 129 pounds, providing Irvington with its two points.

Belleville's Elio Gonzalez (135) beat Michael Perez 5-0, and Bob Scherrer nailed Dion Hill at 4:44 of the third. At 148, Phil D'Agostino whipped Joe Santino 9-1.

Chalking up a 9-2 score early in the second, Brian McManus at 158 simply floored Irvington's Tom Jackson at 3:03 before the stunned Camper knew what had happened. Bang again, as Chris Musmanno dropped Vincent Mays to the mat at 1:17, after being all over his 170-pound opponent.

Rich "Quick Pin" Racioppi, so named for his lightning-fast 27-second pin versus Springfield Dec. 20, walked away with a forfeit win, and heavyweight Anthony D'Agostino zinged Victor Donnelly at 1:20 of period one, concluding the match.

Belleville's record is now 6-4, and the Bucs are ranked ninth in Region 2, trailing neighboring Nutley (7-2) which is in the number three slot. A match between the two comes up Feb. 15.

Yesterday, the wrestlers, frosh, jayvee and varsity, visit North Bergen for another tough bout and travel to face undefeated Kearny 6:30 tomorrow.

Next Wednesday, the Bucs go to Caldwell and next Friday are home versus powerful Essex Catholic, a hectic two weeks of wrestling.

MAT CHIT CHAT: Though Racioppi's mark of 27 seconds is the best varsity pin time, frosh co-captain Craig Mack nailed an opponent in only 25 seconds, nipping Racioppi's quick clip 'zip'. The matches against North Bergen, Kearny and Essex Catholic are going to really test Belleville's varsity. By next Friday only three matches remain in the regular season...Irvington's Tom Jackson lay motionless for nearly 10 minutes after being picked up and hurled to the mat by Brian McManus, who was penalized a mere one point for the infraction. Fortunately Jackson was not seriously hurt, got up

courageously, began wrestling again but was pinned soon after... Both Racioppi and D'Agostino said they often feel pressured to win when the match comes down to the final bouts and find it hard to relax while watching their teammates' bouts... Despite Belleville's off-record, the wrestlers can be counted on in the clutch, a fact worth remembering over these next two weeks.

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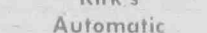
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MANY SAY WOMEN SHOULD GO TOO

HS students willing to register for draft

By Mike Olohan

If a random sampling of Belleville High students on the draft reflects the feelings of the masses, recruiters should no doubt have a field day in registering local students.

Although patriotic fervor could not be termed exceptionally widespread, of 20 students interviewed, both male and female, most said they would join the armed services, not skip to another country if drafted. President Carter's decision on resuming registration is expected next month. He will also decide whether or not women should be registered.

"I think women should join if men have got to do it," said Pam Lincock, as other classmates prodded her on. "No, I wouldn't go away if I was drafted, I'd go (into the service)," she said.

"I would be afraid, but I would go," said Lynn Floria, adding she wasn't so sure if women should serve in combat. "If the draft starts up, I'd go," said Bill Lentz, noting he wouldn't volunteer but wouldn't run away if drafted. He said women should also be drafted but doubted whether most would be eligible for combat.

"Women should be allowed to join within limits," said Lentz stressing that men would be more secure if women's registration were restricted. "But I'd go wherever they send me," added Lentz.

Tina Yates's view opposed Lentz. "I feel women should serve in the Army but not in combat because they'd make us lose the war. They (women) should be nurses or drive trucks or something like that," said Miss Yates.

Air Force giving enlistees stripes for college credits

Men and women 17 and 27 years-old with some college credit may be eligible for a new Air Force accelerated promotion program, Air Force officials announced here today.

Individuals with 45 semester or 67 quarter hours of college credit may apply for enlistment in the Air Force in the rank of airman first class. Also, 20 semester or 30 quarter hours may qualify a person for guaranteed enlistment in the rank of airman, according to Staff Sergeant Gary Decher, Air Force recruiter for Nutley and Belleville.

The Air Force implemented the new "Stripes for College Experience" options for people without prior military service to enhance the recruitment of highly qualified people for the Air Force.

"If I live in the United States, I feel I should serve my country," said Miss Yates. "I think women should be put in office jobs," she added, noting men might also be allowed to do office work if they want to.

Despite being initially against women joining the service, Xavier Gonzalez conceded, "If they really need them, I think then they should draft them," adding, "I'd be very scared but I'd still go if I was drafted."

Teacher Karen Falzo, Belleville High School's Yearbook advisor, said both men and women should be considered equally for a draft. "I believe that's the only fair way of doing this. If women are offered alternative service (options), men have to be offered peaceful services they can do. If there's going to be equal rights, this has to be done.

"No, I wouldn't leave this country if I was drafted. This is important," she said.

"We should train boys and girls equally in secondary school," said James Salters, stressing because sex stereotypes are pervasive, many girls may not think they're as smart or have the physical abilities that men have.

"They're the ones that wanted all this equal rights thing in the first place," said Jerry DiGori, when asked if women should be drafted.

"I'd say they should be drafted but just to do things like building stuff or driving trucks," said DiGori, pointing out he'd register on his birthday if he were drafted. His friend, Jim Salters, however, said he'd be more than willing to wait until he was drafted and wouldn't just volunteer.

"If I have to go, I'll go. You can't fight it...I wouldn't go to Canada or anyplace like that," said DiGori.

"It's fair for us to have to go into the Army, but I don't think we should have to fight unless absolutely necessary. I would go because it's for my country," said Sharon McLaughlin, noting "not unless it was really necessary would I go to the front."

"I think it's stupid. (Another) whole damn war would be stupid too. Let them volunteer, and have a volunteer army first, then if it's really needed, a draft," said Bev Dellapenna, who said she'd probably marry her boyfriend before he went into the Army if the draft started again.

"But if they're going to take the guys, then they should also take us," added Miss Dellapenna.

"They should take women this time. They all wanted equal rights all along, and so they should have to fight. But I don't like the idea of going into the Army," said Pam Zarello.

Paul Scarnegi was against any woman being drafted. "I just don't think they belong in there...maybe if they wanted to join as a cook or something," he said, stressing he'd join "if everybody else was going."

"It's only fair that women should go, but then they should pass the Equal Rights Amendment. I wouldn't go unless they passed the ERA. I want it written out. I want to see it down on paper," said Kelly Martin, emphasizing she'd want a firm, written promise to okay the

ERA before entering the Army.

"I think it's stupid because we're all going to die," said Lisa Autisi. "I say women shouldn't be drafted because it's not right and they shouldn't have to go into combat."

John Delaney says he plans to enlist, probably in the Navy, and feels women should be right up there "on the front lines" with men because that's what's right, no ifs ands or buts.

And Maria Nasello agreed. "I think women should be drafted," she said. "I would join if I could. Up to now, women really haven't been allowed to fight," she said, noting people should not always fit men or women into typical, stereotyped roles simply because that's the way it's always been done.

"They should have done it (drafted women) a long time ago. If we're going for total equality, they should have done this way before," said Lisa Pitera, adding she'd join the service if she were old enough but still has another year to go. "I'm so against all these people who want to skip out of the country," she added.

Youngster feared drowned after jumping into Passaic

A 16-year-old Belleville boy is believed to have drowned early Saturday morning when he dove into the Passaic River after being cornered by North Arlington and Belleville police on the Rutgers Street Bridge. He was suspected of having stolen a Buick in Belleville.

The youth was spotted by North Arlington police riding on Belleville Turnpike, and they gave chase. As they approached the Rutgers Bridge, the youth pulled over, stopped his car and ran, eluding several North Arlington and Belleville officers, before jumping into the frigid Passaic waters about 1:15 a.m.

He began swimming away from the bridge, but then disappeared underneath the water before getting hardly 50 feet, according to police.

Despite more than eight hours of dredging the river on Saturday and three more hours Monday, Essex County and Belleville police have yet to find any body. On Saturday, members of Belleville's police force and auxiliary took part in the search, along with Nutley, Lyndhurst, Kearny and North Arlington rescue squads, but found nothing.

North Arlington Patrolman Arthur Maerling jumped in after the youth but was unable to locate him once he submerged. Belleville

Deputy Chief Frank Haight said police shouted at the youngster to get out of the water, "but he wouldn't listen." Haight said the youth also ignored a life preserver thrown in to save him.

Monday, Belleville Det. William Escott and Det. Sgt. Philip Salmon, along with an Essex County police scuba team, were again searching the polluted, freezing Passaic hoping to recover a body.

Even with flood lights set up within minutes of the youth's disappearance by Nutley, Belleville and North Arlington fire departments,

Bellevillite appointed to census committee

Eunice Conover of Belleville has been named to the Essex County Census Correct Count Committee by County Executive Peter Shapiro.

Conover is the director of the Belleville Senior Citizens Center. She joins a 22-member task force set up to help assure an accurate count of the area population in the 1980 census.

The committee will work with local officials of the U.S. Census Bureau to promote the importance of the census and encourage all Essex citizens to participate in the April 1 population count.

the juvenile couldn't be found.

At 10:30 Saturday morning, a Belleville man reported his son missing, and police believe the boy may have been the person they were chasing although nothing's sure.

Police say it's doubtful anyone could have survived such an escape attempt. Tuesday they said they were just waiting for a body to surface, noting it may have been caught on a bridge piling or wedged against some abutment along the river's banks.

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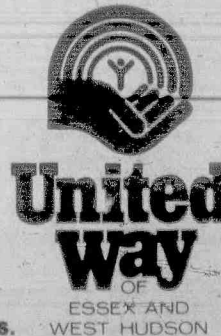
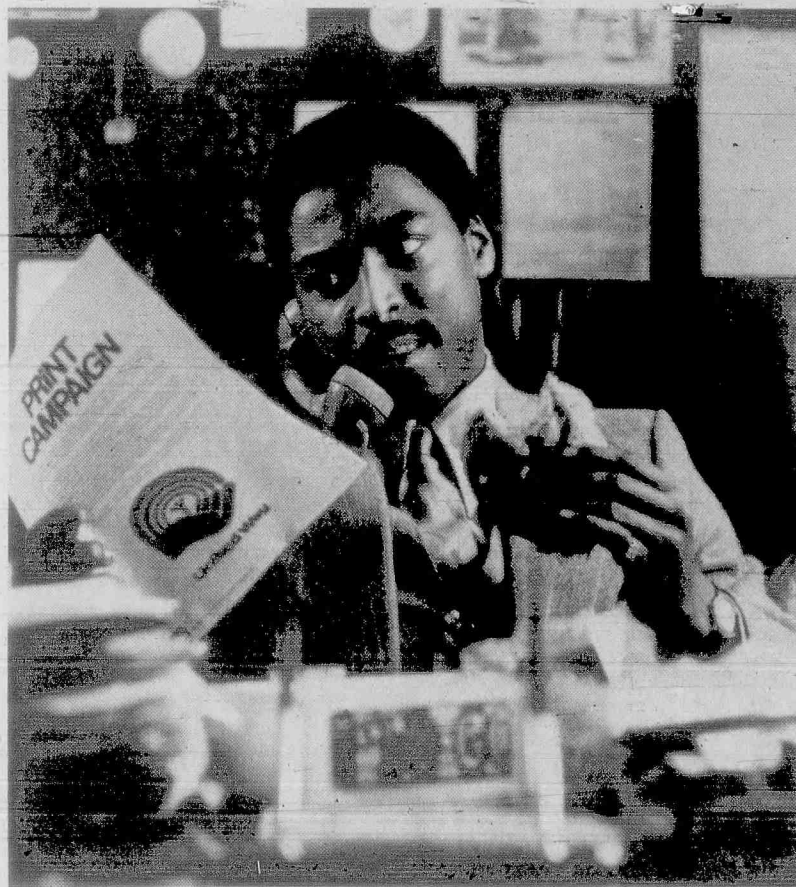
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