

Town Officials Surprised Over Pica's Resignation

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Assemblyman Buddy Fortunato Takes a Look at His Career

Read About The Issues He's Facing

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Pica Resigning His Commission Post

By Ed Capparucci

After 14 years of community service, Commissioner Matthew Pica shock ed town officials last week, by announcing he is resigning from his commission post effective Feb. 29.

Commissioner Pica informed Mayor Michael Marotti last week of his inten-tions to resign from his Public Safety commission seat, which he held for the past five years. After verbally informing the mayor of his decision last Tuesday (Feb. 24) Pica handed in his written resignation to the Mayor the next even-ing.

(See related story on Page 7.)

"Matty approached me on Tuesday night and informed me that he had made up his mind and he was definitely resigning," said Mayor Marotti. "At first I tried to change his mind, but I saw it was useless."

Pica said he was resigning because "it was becoming impossible to work two full-time jobs at once and at the same time be fair to them both and myself."

"This is something which I have been thinking about for the last seven to nine months," Pica said. "Belleville is no longer a little town, it has developed into a township and the part-time position of Public Safety commissioner has become a full-time job. I find myself working seven days a weeks trying to ac-complish the work of two men and it is just impossible.

"I am in my town hall office each night and I wake up 4 in the morning to complete unfinished paperwork." he continued. "So I decided that I did not want to end up like other commissioners and get a heart attack. The body just cannot take the continuous pushing. I need a break and more importantly my family needs a break also."

Pica has served on the Board of Com-missioners since 1979, after spending nine years as a member of the Board of Education, including two years as presi-dent. He was re-elected to the Commis-sion last May, but finished a disap-pointing fifth, ahead of veteran Public Affairs Commissioner Vincent Strumolo. At the time of his re-election Pica said he was happy to have held on to his seat and felt honored that he was re-elected, since "most public safety commis-sioners are not well liked and last only one term." But the pressure of running

an 83-man police force and fire depart-ment proved to be just a little too much to the lifelong Belleville resident.

"It is hard to walk away from a posi-tion like this, especially since the people of this community were the ones who elected to do the job for them," said Pica, "but I like to do a job right and I feel that it is not fair to the township or my other job to try and do both— and not do them the best I can.

"Taking that into consideration the "Taking that into consideration the decision to resign was not a very difficult one," he continued. "You go where your bread and butter is. I have a respon-sibility to my wife and children and they are my priority in life."

Mayor Marotti said that while he is disappointed by Pica's decision he is happy to have served with "a man who is a benefit to this community."

"I hated to hear Matty say those words," the mayor said, "but you have to respect his decision. He was always there when the township needed him and he put in a lot of time and effort in mak-ing his department one which ran sm-oothly and effectively.

"Matty mentioned to me before the last municipal election that he was

starting to get tired and that the work was piling up, but I did not think he would resign," the Mayor continued. "He is someone people should respect, because he was always his own man. because he was always his own man. That'is why some people did not like him. He did what he felt was right and did not use his office to do favors for friends. I, along with the township will miss his ideas and leadership."

Over the years Pica did take a con-siderable amount of criticism from his critics, but he says that has nothing to do with his decision.

"The critics and their criticism has been there for the past 14 years and they will be there for the next 14 years also," he commented. "There just comes a time when you have to take stock and set priorities. Well, I took stock and have set mu criticities. my priorities.

The remaining four commissioners must now decide if they wish to fill Pica's vacancy by appointing a fifth member to the board, or leave it open until the November election, when a can-didate will be elected to serve the remainder of Pica's term.

"That is a decision which will be up to the other commissioners to decide," Pica said. "I will have no input and offer no opinion on the matter. My job is finished."



Matthew Pica 'li's beco full-time job'

Grossman To File Petitions For School Board Election



School Board Candidate

A 37-year veteran of the Belleville school system, the former ad-ministrator will be seeking election to one of the two three-year seats available this year on the board.

"I am running for the board of Education because I am still in-terested in education in Belleville," Grossman said during a phone inter-view Monday afternoon. "After 37 years I am thoroughly familiar with every aspect of the education system here in Belleville. I feel I owe it to the people of this community to run for a board seat."

There are two trustees who are up There are two trustees who are up for re-election this year. Thomas Spillane and Donna Rainone — both who have indicated that they will be seeking a second term. There is also a third seat available which belongs

School Board Election

Ballots are now available for prospective School Board can-didates at the Board of Education complex on Cortlandt Street, for the April 3 election. There are three boards seats up for grabs in this year's School Board race. Board Vice president Thomas Spillane and trustee Donna Rainone are both up for re-election and voters will also be asked to fill the seat being vacated by trustee Charles Miele, who has announced his resignation. According to Gerard Gruenfelder, board secretary-business administrator, petitions must be returned to the board complex by 66-03. The petitions can be picked up in Gruenfelder's office at 190 Cortlandt St., during any business day. Requirements for candidates seeking to become a member of the School Board include being able to read and write, a resident of the community for two years and the candidate must be 18 years old. A drawing for ballot positions will be held Feb. 24 at the board foruenfelder at 751-7242. Mecording to the board secretary, as of Tuesday, four petitions have heen picked up thus far, but none have heen returned.

Ballots are Available

Seymour Grossman, who retired to trustee Charles Miele, who an-after 10 years as assistant superinten-nounced last month he is resigning dent of schools last July, will file his from the board effective April 3, petitions as a candidate for the April That seat will be for a one-year term, School Board election next week, while the other two call for three A 37-year veteran of the Belleville

A native of Plains, Pennsylvania, A native of Pitans, rennsyvanta, Grossman graduated from the com-munity's high school and went on to earn a B.A. degree in the combined disciplines of Latin, English, and social studies from the University of Scranton in 1942.

Six years later, he received his M.A. in guidance from Columbia University.

Holding only one position prior to his arrival in Belleville, Grossman taught for four years at Lehman High School in Lehman, Pennsylvania

Now a resident of Tremont Avenue, he came to Belleville in September 1947 and began his dis-tinguished career here teaching Latin and English for eight years in Bel-leville High School.

In 1955, he became principal of School 7, serving in that capacity un-til obtaining, in 1964, the principal's post at what was then the Belleville Junior High. School where he remained for nine years.

Grossman became Belleville's assistant superintendent for instructior in 1973, a post he will have held for 10 years upon his retirement last Ju-

In addition, he has participated in numerous school panels, including the drug committee, and the business and professional committee, among others.

While devoted to his work in Bel-While devoted to his work in Bel-leville schools, Grossman maintained a strong profile in community af-fairs, serving as a Democratic dis-trict leader, past president of the Bel-leville Kiwanis and past president of the Essex County Assistant Superintendents Association. An ac-tive member of the local Congrega-tion Ahavath Achim, Grossman also held office in the temple's P.T.A.





Mary Senatore a's Interested

The Search Will Begin Soon **To Fill The Commission Seat**

Only seven months after Commissioner Matthew Pica was sworn into his second four-year term on the Belleville Commis-sion, the public safety director's seat may

sion, the public safety director's seat may be vacant again. Pica announced last week his decision to resign his post probably by Feb. 29, leaving the other four commissioners to deal with the vacancy. Various officials say the law in this matter requires that an election for the va-cant seat be held in November during the general decision.

general elections

natives, according to officials. One is that Mayor Michael Marotti may take over Pica's department as well as his own, until the seat is filled in November, or the other possibility is that the Commissioners ap-point someone to fill the position until the

discuss what alternative the board will select until he has an official letter of

resignation from Pica, which will take place Monday evening at the Commission meeting.

Finished Sixth Last Time

However, already activity is stirring among front line contenders for a possible temporary appointment

A likely choice would be former com-missioner Vincent Strumolo who just bare-ly lost his bid for re-election when he came in sixth in last May's balloting. Strumolo served a total of 19 years in Belleville government before his defeat last wear which many attributed to his unar-

ear, which many attributed to his unag gressive campaign.

In an interview last week, the former In an interview last week, the former director of the public affairs department said he would "definitely accept an ap-pointment" if offered to him. "I have the experience and I know the community," said Strumolo, who noted

that as a retired person he would not face the same conflicts that apparently motivated Pica to resign his post.

(Please see Strumplo on page 7.)

By Linda Telesco

Until that time, there are two alter-

election is held. Mayor Michael Marotti declined to

Belleville's New Jeans Shop



Grand Opening — Mayor Michael Marotti was on hand for the grand opening of Christine's Jeans located at 145 Washington Ave. The store celebrated is grand opening on Jan. 19. Also on hand for the ribbon co-owner.

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RELO Inter City Relocation

Pica Association **Holding Social On February 11**

The Matthew A. Pica Civic and Welfare Association will hold a Valentine social at 8 p.m. on Feb. 11, at the Branch Brook Manor. There will be an enjoyable even-ing of food, dancing and fun with friends. Tickets are \$20 per person. Please contact Grace Purdue, 482-9656 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.), 759-6059 after 4 p.m., or Joyce Frade, 759-2850 for tickets and more information.

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Assemblyman Buddy Fortunato **Reviews His Legislative Career**

By Michael C. Gabriele

Assemblyman Buddy Fortunato, o was elected to his fourth con-cutive term of office last vember, is presently working with v Thomas Kanaca a main and Gov. Thomas Kean on a major piece of legislation which will direct casino gambling funds into the redevelop ment of Atlantic City.



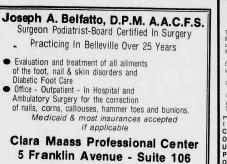
(This is the final of a four-part Be-leville Times series of interviews with leaders from the 30th Legislative District, who represent the township. Other interviews included Sen. Carmen Orechio, Assemblyman Stephen Adubato and former As-semblyman John Kelly.)

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there will be an announcement from fills in neighborhoods were recently forveronr Kean's office any day on discovered. "If a resident could gained the votes of 3769 Nutley resi-this bill." Fortunato said that the prove before a government panel dents in the Nox. 8 election, as com-rebuilding of Atlantic City would that they received damages as a have statewide benefits as a safe, at result of being a victim of exposure tractive place for investment, to hazardous materials, then the business and the creation of jobs. As the chairman of the Indepen-ter medical bills." First elected to the assembly in committee in the Assembly For-operations a casino garmbling in petition he always faced, especially and the entire Meadowlands Sports Complex in East Rutherford. (This is the final of a four-part Ret-

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Commissioner Matthew Pica

To the surprise of the entire township, Public Safety Com-missioner Matthew Pica an-nounced his resignation from the township commission post he won only eight short months

ago. Of course everybody is ask-Of course everybody is ask-ing — "Why?" "How Come?" Public service is no bed of roses. It's a tough, thankless job at best. Family sacrifice is com-monplace. Reputations hard-won are easily sullied. The cynical public is rarely grateful ser doer it over actionuloden nor does it ever acknowledge the personal sacrifices required

the personal sacrifices required of a township commissioner. Commissioner Pica obviously was pushed into reexamining his priorities and decided public service wasn't worth sacrificing one's reputation, family life and lost business op-portunities portunities.

Pica has proven to be an honest, honorable public official. He administered the most cumbersome, most visible, most difficult municipal division — the Department of Public Safety with wisdom and dedication. Pica, an able public official, is known to be out-spoken. He tells it like it is. He rejects diplomacy for straight talk — a refreshing approach in political life.

taik — a refreshing approach in political life. The community owes Matty Pica a debt of gratitude for his unselfish effort to make a good town better.

town better. Matty Pica leaves office in the knowledge that he did his best to provide the town he loves with the best of police and fire protection — and a fast-acting, competent ambulance service. For your public service Com-missioner Pica, we thank you.

Frank Jeelus

Ronald Reagan

President Ronald Reagan to almost no one's surprise — is a candidate for re-election. He is the master TV performer — and like someone observed — he makes Johnny Carson look like an amateur. For the Republicans, Reagan

For the Republicans, Reagan is their strongest candidate. For Americans generally — a Reagan versus Mondale contest presents a real choice. Political pros are predicting former Vice President Walter Mondale will be the Democratic nominee and will have the nomination locked up by April 1. If Mon-dale is going to be the ultimate Democratic nominee — the sooner the better for Americans. Americans. Reagan has put into place

tenets of a basic conservative philosophy. Many of the things Ronald Reagan stands for are opposed by Mondale. A Reagan-Mondale battle will be one of the rare times in American history when the voters of this nation will have the opportunity to choose between two different political

philosophies.

Letters in Print

Investment Program Working For Board

An open letter to Times' columnist James Colden: I was very pleased to read your column in the last issue of the Bel-leville Times. The investment of idle cash balances to generate a revenue return to boards of education is im-portant to all of us. I am in complete agreement with the suggestion that your make in your column. May I take this opportunity to point out that since I first came to be the suggestion of my major emphases has been the pursuit of an extremely aggressive investment program. I feel that the results of this program have been exceptionally beneficial to the taxpayers in the township.

beneficial to the taxpayers in the township. For example, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1982, we carned a total of \$197,494.66 in interest on invest-ments. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1983, we carned \$200,589.28 in interest on investments. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1984, we are pro-jecting earnings in the amount of \$250,000 in interest on investments. Thus, the total benefit to the tax-payers has been approximately \$737,000, or just short of three quarters of a million dollars. Intend to continue the pursuit of these dollars because I am very much aware of the need to minimize the burden on the individual taxpayer to the extent possible.

burden on the individual taxpayer to the extent possible. We have compared our perfor-mance to that of the New Jersey Cash Management Fund for the last fiscal year. We have found that we did bet-ter by investing ourselves than by placing investments with the fund. However, we are eligible to par-ticipate in the fund, and we will con-tinue to solicit quotations from the fund on our investments. Perhaps you could see fit to use your considerable influence to help us in another area which is costing the

in another area which is costing the taxpayers money. At the present time, we receive our state aid pay-ments in the form of checks. These

checks are mailed to us via First ClassMail by the state of New Jersey Department of the Treasury. Between the the check is placed in the mail, we receive it, record it, present of deposit, and have the funds orceited to our account, we will have increased in invisible burden of taxa-tor the taxpayers of the township. Making and electronic funds transfer state to my knowledge, the yatate to my knowledge, the yatate to my knowledge, the yatate some period of time. I am cer-tain that, were our situation made the state would certainly be discon-tioned in favor of the much more ef-picate of the much more ef-bic to the state would certainly be discon-tice of the state of the state of th

Joe Fornarotto Says Thanks

An open letter to the residents of Bel-leville:

An open letter to the residents of Bel-leville: I would like to take this oppor-tunity to thank all the people who have received many letters, cards and calls from residents throughout the township, who have expressed con-cern with my condition. The residents of Belleville have shown that they do care about their fellow neighbors, and I care very much about them. Once again thanks and God bless you all. Sincerely,

Sincerely, Joseph Fornarotto

Adubato Asks For Help From NJ Commissioner

An open letter to State Community Affairs Commissioner John P. Renna: I write to you in regard to the situation that has developed at the Bridgebrook Apartments in Bellevil-le. As I believe you are aware, the owner of these apartments has notified the tenants of his intention to convert their dwellings into con-

notified the tenants of his intention to convert their dwellings into con-dominiums. The tenants are justifiably concerned about this prospect, and have brought their con-cerns to me. The situation at Bridgebrook raises anomber of questions. Has the inadiord followed correct legal procedures in his attempt to convert these dwellings into condominiums? Do the existing tenants, excluding hose who are senior or disabled

citizens, have any recourse in preventing this conversion? If the apartments should be converted, what protections exist against exorbitant increases in maintenance and other fees? What will happen to middle class tenants who are forced out into a tight

tenants who are forced out into a tight rental marke? These questions deserve answers, not just for residents of Bridgebrook Apartments, but for all New Jerseyans who might find themselves in a similar situation. I would ap-preciate whatever help you and your department can offer in answering these questions and resolving this problem. Sincerely,

Sincerely, Stephen Adubato, Jr. Assemblyman, District 30

Belleville Times Thanked For Support and Coverage

To the edit

To the editor: Concerned Families for Improved Mental Health Services thanks the Belleville Times-News for the much head help you have given us during the past year. Some of your readers have joined us. By publishing our activities, your nhospitals and after-care services, including better housing, for victims of mental illness, a condition which affects between 10 and 15 per cent of the population, according to the Presi-dent's Commission on Mental Health. Association of Essex County, Concerned Families provides support, encouragement, and a caring at-hacen be coverwhelming if faced alone. Meetings are held the fourth Mental Health Association of Essex County.

Building, 424 Main Street (at corner of Burnett St.) East Orange. Safe park-ing in rear.

Gratefully yours, Mary Carroll Bloomfield

Letter policy

The Times continues to receive letters on a variety of topics which, anfortunately, may never find their way onto our editorial page. That is because they are unsigned. As a matter of policy, The Times accepts only signed letters. "Signatures" such as "A Concerned Citizen" or "A Worried Parent" will not, do. Only names will suffice. However, we will withhold names from publication upon request.

OBC-TV Program Listings

Channel 36 - North Jersey Program Description DGC YV ews — The week shead sould reveal specifics regarding local taxes and the school budget. OBC -TV will also be in Trenton with local legislators and a special series on educational innovations with the Nosko and Phil White anchor this report telecast 14 times daily. NNC NO THE TOWN - A No the TOWN - A NO THE TOWN - A selevision production by students of the media workshop. This week: The GLAS computer, a rehearsan of the GLAS computer, a rehearsan of the GLAS computer, a rehearsan of the Sumanitarian Mr. Margiottis. UNT OWN - D. F. Frank Sidoto, recently retired as Bloom-field tom physician, talks about his ife-long experiences as a local resi-ted tas well as his visits to Italy in-cluding Sidoily. Host is Bloomfield Lide Towns - Renzmele. CLASCHED LINCOMMATION

Life editor Russell Roemmele. CLASSIFIED INFORMATION - Seen Wednesday afternoons, this data service previews selected want-ads from the next day's area weekly

newspapers. SPORTS PRO — Interview

program. NIGHTOWL — Overnight data service. Local headlines, weather, community announcements.

Thursday, February 2 9 am. OBC-TV News (to noon) 4:30 p.m. Sports Pro 5 p.m. OBC News (live) to 9 p.m. 9 p.m. Our Town 11 p.m. OBC-TV News — Local 11:30 p.m. OBC Nightowl

Friday, February 3 n. OBC-TV News (to 12 noon)

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Saturday, February 4 9 a.m. OBC News — to 12 noon

Monday, February 6 9 a.m. OBC News (to 12 noon) 12 p.m. Data Service — Town an-nouncements 4:30 p.m. Nine on the Town 5 p.m. OBC News (live) to 9 p.m. 9 p.m. Our Town 11 p.m. OBc-TV News — Local 11:30 p.m. Nightowl Service

Tuesday, February 7 9 a.m. OBC-TV News — Local to

noon. 12 p.m. Sports Pro 1 p.m. Our Town 5 p.m. OBC-TV News (live) to 9 p.m. 9 p.m. Sports Pro — S. Rothstein 10 p.m. Our Town 11 p.m. OBC News — Local reports 11:30 p.m. Nightowl (to 9 a.m.)

Wednesday, February 8 9 a.m. OBC-TV News 12 p.m. Classified Information 4 p.m. Sports Pro 4:30 p.m. Nine on the Town 5 p.m. OBC-TV News (live) to 9 p.m 9 p.m. Sports Pro 11 p.m. OBC News (local) (TV schedules subject to change)

Card Party Is Scheduled For School 3

The School 3 Home and School Association is holding its annual card party on Friday, Feb. 10, at the Branch Brook Manor Restaurant, 13 Washington Ave., at 7 p.m. Dinner and a fashion show are included in the \$14 ticket. For more information and reservations, call 751-5361 or 751-7540.



Frank Jeelen

Prayer For Today Almighty Father, Source of all blessings, we thank Thee for the preservation of our life and for the joy of living, for the powers of mind and heart and for the wisdom that comes to us from seers and sages filled with Thy spirit. Teach us to use wisely the blessings Thou hast bestowed upon us. May prosperity not enfeeble our spirit nor harden our heart. May it never so master us as to dull our desire for life's higher ideals. ideals

And should adversity come, may it not embitter us nor cause us to despair, but may we accept it as a mark of Thy chastening love which purifies and strengthens. Let every obstacle become an in-centive to greater effort, and let every defeat teach us anew the lesson of patience and perseverance. Gird us with strength to bear our trials with courage. Let not the lose of anything however doer to our beat or precious in our

loss of anything, however dear to our hearts or precious in our sight, rob us of our faith in Thee. In light as in darkness, in joy as in sorrow, help us to put our trust in Thy providence, that even through our tears we may discern Thy divine blessing. Union Prayer Book

Township Bulletin Board

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 basketball vs. Paterson Kennedy,

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THURSDAY, FEB. 2

10-10:45 a.m. Preschool for Children. – Belleville Public Library, 221 Washington Ave. Registration for the Thursday ses-sions is required. 10-10:45 a.m. Vatican Slides will be shown. – Belleville library. 1 p.m. Essex County Department of Parks Senior Citizens Club – Belleville Ave., in the park. 1 p.m. Regular monthly meeting. Belleville Chapter 2051, American Association of Retired Persons. – Fewsmith Presbyterian Church Hall, 444 Union Ave., A representative of 444 Union Ave. A representative of Public Service Electric and Gas Company will present a slide show. Annual dues of \$3 per member will be collected. 4 p.m. BHS boys' varsity basket-

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FRIDAY, FEB. 3
 I. p.m. Belleville Senior Citizens' Social Club meeting. — Recreation House, Franklin Avenue at Mills Street.
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MONDAY, FEB. 6

Fire Headquarter's, 434 Washington Ave. 8 p.m. Joseph McGreevy Civic Association meeting. FRIDAY, FEB. 3 1 p.m. Belleville Community In-formation Center coordinators will meet. — Belleville Public Library, 21 Washington Ave. 1 p.m. Essex County Department of Parks — Belleville Ave. in the park

sion). — Commission Chambers, Town Hall. St. Peter's Rosary Confraternity meeting. — St. Peter's School cafeteria. 8 p.m. Board of Commissioners regular open public meeting. — Commission Chambers, Town Hall. 8 p.m. Elsk Lodge 1123 meeting. — Lodge Bidg., 254 Washington Ave.

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 8:30 p.m. Belleville Knights of
 Columbus Council 835. — 94 Bridge

TUESDAY, FEB. 7

Pressort, PEB, 7 9:30 a.m. Belleville Old Guard — Fewsmith Church, 444 Union Ave. 10:10:45 a.m. Preschool for Children, — Belleville, Public Library, 221 Washington Ave. Preregistration is required. 10:10:45 a.m. Workshop for Parents of Preschool Children, con-ducted by Carol Kolton, M.S.W., director of the Outpatient Depart-ment, Community Mental Health Services of Belleville, Nutley, and Bloomfield. — Library. 1 p.m. Belleville, Sunior Citizens Club. — 125 Franklin Ave. Moose Club officers' meeting — 22:28 Eugene Place.

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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

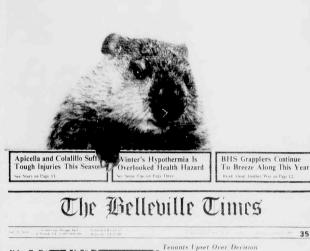
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9:30 a.m. Retired Men's Club. — Fewsmith Church, 444 Union Ave. 10:10:45 a.m. "Travelling Through Great Britain." a slde presentation prepared by Cindy La Rue, reference and young people's libraria. — Silver Liake branch of the library. 30 Magnolia St. 12:15 p.m. Belleville Rotary Club. — Forest Hill Field Club. 1 p.m. Valley Senior Citizens meeting at Dutch Reformed Church. — 171 Main St. 1 p.m. Schore Clubes Son-sored by County Department of Parks. — Belleville Avenue in the park.

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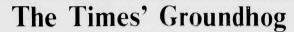


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Excellent Taste — Mr. Groundhog may not always be able to predict the weather for the six-to-eight weeks, but he has shown us here at the Belleville Times that his reading selection is in good taste. To-day, Feb.2 we will find out how he predicts the rest of the winter season for us in the northeast.





6 p.m. BHS girls' J.V. basketball Joseph's, home.
 7:30 p.m. BHS varity wrestli 6:30 p.m. Kiwanis Club. — San Carlo Restaurant, 620 Stuyvesant Ave., Lyndhurst.
 6:30 p.m. Optimist Club (Belleville Chapter) — Branch Brook Manor, 13 Washington Ave.
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 7:30 p.m. Belleville Special Education Parents and Professional BHS gym. Box office opens at 7 p. Creanization meeting.

Janet M. Salvatoriello Engaged To Marry Mario S. Carbone Jr.

Ms. Carol Salvatoriello of Nutley has announced the engage-ment of her daughter, Janet Marte and Mario S. Carbono Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Mario S. Carbono Sr. of Mr. Nutley. The troth was made known Dec. 20. A March 31 wedding is planned. The couple are alumni of Nutley High School, Miss Salvatoriello is a computer operator at L. Pulver-macher Bros., Carlstadt. Mr. Car-bone is a mechanic at Hillerest Ex-xon, Cedar Grove.

Robert T. Ceres

Jamie M. Sell

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Kevin J. Stolz Jr.

A son, Kevin James Jr., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kevin James Stolz Sr. of Belleville Dec. 22 at Moun-tainside Hospital, Montclair. Birth weight was seven pounds. 10 ounces. Mrs. Stolz is the former Mary Jean Aiello, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Aiello of Belleville. Mr. Stolz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stolz of BoundBrook.

Christopher A. Spera

Christopher A. Spera A second child, a son, Christopher Anthony, was born to Mr, and Mrs. Kenneth Spera of 158 New St. Jan, 7 at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville Birth weight was seven pounds, six ounces. He joins Kenny, three. Mrs. Spera is the former Vera Gino, daughter of Mr, and Mrs. John Gino of Belleville, Mr. Spera, son of Mrs. Anne Steele and Peter Spera, both of Belleville, is a Bel-leville firefighter.

Carly V. Roncaglio

Carly V. Roncaglio A first child, a daughter, Carly Valentina, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roncaglio of 118 Notion St. Jan. 10 at Clara Maas Medical Center, Belleville Birth weight was six pounds, seven ounces. Mrs. Roncaglio is the former Agnes Montalhano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Montalbano of Nutley. Mr. Roncaglio of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Roncaglio of Linden, is district technical support engineer with Systems. Industries, Englewood.

Thomas M. O'Brien

Thomas M. O'Brien A first child, a son. Thomas Mathew, was bon to Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brien of Nutley Jan. 11 at Clara Maass Medical Center, Bel-leville. Birth weight was seven pounds. 12 ounces. Mrs. O'Brien is the former Jean A. Pechfelder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pechfelder of Bioom-field. Mr. O'Brien, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Brien of 202 Greylock Parkway, is a laborer with Local 694. Montclair.

Nestor Perez Jr.

A first child, a son, Nestor Jr., A first child, a son, Nestor Jr., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Nestor Perez of Newark Jan, 11 at Clara Mass Medical Center, Birth weight was eight pounds. Mrs. Perez is the former Ada Perez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.



By Ralph J. DiMaio D.C. The upper torso and the legs get support and protection from the rib support and protection from the rib cage and the pelvis. In between, the low back area is more vulnerable. The lumbar vertebrae have only muscles and ligaments to support them and keep them in place. Yet it is in this area that most of the strain of lifting

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Franceschini-Malanga **Rites Held in St. Peter's**

Jamie M. Sell A second child, a duughter, Jamie Marie, was born to Mr, and Mrs. Richard Sell of 503 Greylock Parkway Jan. 5 at Clara Maas Medical Center, Belleville, Birth weight was nine pounds, 13 ounces. She joins Tom Ann, 12. Mrs. Sell is the former Dottie Vicidomini, daughter of Mrs. Dina Vicidomini of Newark and the late Mr. Anthony Vicidomini, Mr. Sell, son of the late Mrs. Ann Sell of Lyndhurst, is vice-president of American Strip Steel Co., Kearny. Donnamarie Malanga, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Malanga of 6 Copper Place, and Joseph Franceschini, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Franceschini of 206 Union Ave., exchanged wedding vows Ave., exchanged wedding vows Sept. 25 in St. Peter's Church, Bel-leville.

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cloudy periwinkle chiffon and taf-feta gown, wore pink roses in her hair and carried pink and periwinkle lilies and roses. The others, in periwinkle gowns, wore pink lilies in their hair. James Salvadare of Belleville was best man. Ushers were George Bell of Belleville, brother-in-law of the groom. Anthony Malanga of Upper Montclair, brother of the bride, Pat Rusignuolo and Vincent Vincente, both of Belleville. Mrs. Malanga chose a royal blue Qiana gown and had a corsage of white calla lilies. The groom's mother, in a roseQiana gown, wore a wristlet of pink roses. Mrs. Franceschini, an alumna of Belleville High School and Lyons Institute of Technology, is a medical lab technician for Paterson Bio Medical Laboratories. Mr, Franceschini, a graduate of Belleville High School and ECPI. Paterson Bio Medical Processing, Clifton. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and have made their home in Bloomfield.

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in Bloomfield.

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Mr. and Mrs. Halbsgut Honeymoon in Bermuda

Michelle Suzanne Winters, daughter of Mrs. Marion Winters-Dean of Garwood, was married oct. & to Wayne Scott Halbsgut. He is the son of Mrs. Elsa Halbsgut of Scotch Plains and Donald Halbsgut of Springfield.

The double ring ceremony took place at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Westfield. The Rev. B. Livingood officiated and a recep-tion followed at Blue Shutter Inn, Union.

The bride was given in marriage by her eldest brother, Edward Winters, Her twin sister, April Kepeck, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Sue Halbsgut, sister of the groom, Suzanne Halbsgut, sister-in-law of the groom, Dana Micciche, niece of

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Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Halbsgut - nee Michelle Winters

Regina Ventura Has Earned Bachelor of Science Degree

Miss Regina Ventura, a lege. She is currently employed at graduate of Belleville High School the Essex County Geriatric Center, and Jersey City Medical Center Belleville. and Jersey City Medicat Center School of Nursing, has completed studies for a bachelor of science degree at Jersey City State C

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Annual Card Party Scheduled Feb. 10 At Branch Brook

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leville. The Rev. Lionelli performed the ceremony which was followed by a reception at The Fiesta. Woodridge. Escorted by her father, the bride wore a silk organza gown ac-cented with pearled appliques and fashioned with a high illusion neckline, bishop sleeves and chapel train. A matching hat held her veil and she carried calla lilies and roses.

and she curred china thirds and roses. Josephine Marano of Toms River was her sister's matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Maria Malanga of Upper Montclair, sister-in-law of the bride, Debbie Bell of Belleville, sister of the groom and Julie Ranucci and Tina Feder, both of Belleville. Charise Marano, niece of the bride, was flower girl. The honor attendant was in a

Kristin M. Cassese A third child, a daughter, Kristin Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cassese of 25 Jefferson St. Jan 4 at Clara Maass Medical Center. Birth weight was eight pounds, five onnees. She joins Jessica Lyn, two and Jacquelyn, one. Mrs. Cassese is the former Maryann Pych, daughter of Mr. and Krassese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cassese of Bloomfield, is self-employed. Woman's Club

Hears Address On Security

In spite of the inclement weather, the Woman's Club of Bel-leville held its first meeting of the year Jan. I6 at the clubhouse, SI Rossmore Place. Past president Mrs. John DeNke introduced Fred Puleo, a member of the Belleville Police Dept for the past 17 years and a detective in the Home Security and Crime Prevention Dept. He demonstrated various kinds of locks and commented on their ef-fectiveness. He also strongly ad-vised installing a spotlight, es-pecially at the back entrance. The meeting concluded with a question and answer period.





Township Officials Shock, Surprised About Pica's Decision to Step Down

By Linda Telesco

By Linea Telesco Surprise: That is the general reac-tion of officials and citizens to the re-cent announcement by Commis-soner Matthew Pica that he plans to resign, by the end of the month, his post as director of Public Safety in Belleville. certaintoincentent by Commissioner Matthewitent by Commissioner Matthewitent by Commissioner Matthewitent by Commissioner Matthewitent by Castonard Barger-resign, by the end of the month, his post as director of Public Safety in Director Michael Pizzi were elected to their first terms on the Commis-only last May. Pica was re-sion last May. Pizzi said last week of the new the Commission, a post he sought in a vigorous campaign. A financial manager for Raia [n-dustries in Hackenseek Pisca itted]

a vigorous campaign. A financial manager for Raia In-dustries in Hackensack, Pica cited the demands of his full-time job and the desire to spend more time with his family as major factors in his decision

problems," he asserted. Public Works Commissioner Joseph Grande commented, "I'm shocked. I never expected this from

MINNIE RIPPE

Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for awhile and leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never, ever the same.

Flavia Weedn Flavia Wednt Her grandniece, Carolyn, wrote experienced in her life, she never semed to let them gether or keep for down. As a child I always tooked forward to her cheerful, tove-filled letters; she always seemed to love us unconditional-w.

seemed to love us unconditional-y." Winnie was stricken with polio when she was a child which made her legs useless. Walking with crutches gave her spine a cur-vature so that early in life she became confined to a wheelchair. But it wasn't until she became completely helpless this last cou-ple of months that I knew how very deformed she was. When her mother died at 12 and her grandmother wanted to care for her, her dad said, "She belongs to me and I'm taking her home." Because of Pop she became a self sufficient, capable person, so that no one thought of herus, cared for her father in his final illness, after which she lived final illness, after which she lived

if final illness, after which she lived in an immaculately kept one room apartment, took charge of her life, and earned her own sparse living which by faith and using her head she made adequate. Day in, day out she ted black thread around vials which were for lesting the sterility of surgical equipment. One day they sent her pink thread and she was ecstatic! May those in this world who always want more and are never satisfied remember Minnie who

May findse fin fins world wind always want more and are never satisfied remember Minnie who land little built always enough; who always had an orange for the defery lady who visited her from the nursing home; always a fresh baked cake for a gift or a special occasion. She was not only a reliable worker but a true friend. As one of the Friendly Visitors, although she couldn't visit in person, she called regularly and on time. Her visits weren't merely to check and find out if all was well; she'd chat for awhile to help fill the lonely hours of a shut-in They became her friends and she enjoyed the con-tact as much as they. So Minnie is already missed by

So Minnie is already missed by many. And she inspired more peo-ple than she could ever know. Her cheerful courage, her faith, deter-mination, and spirit have already seeded themselves in the hearts of others of others.

Thank God she's whole again, her

Matt Pica. I'm at a loss for words.' Matt Pica. I'm at a loss for words. Grande described Pica as a "very up-front person" who had his respect, despite occasional disagree-

a vigorous campaign. A financial manager for Raia In the desistic to spend more kies and the desistic is the spend more time with become a full-time responsibility. "Serving as a commissioner has become a full-time responsibility pica tod The Times. He said the part-time Belleville post had become tho demistic to the announcement, ty. He was a good commissioner with thoght was a tots and strained one, as a thoght was test for Belleville, no for individuals." The Mayor dispelled rumors that time job, asying he had "to make problems." The Mayor dispelled rumors that the direction to spend more reasons "I don't think there were any problems." He asserted. Public Works Commissioner a dequated the direction to the said the thoght was a set for Belleville, no for individuals." The Mayor dispelled rumors that a dequated the direction to the direction to be the the static statistic statistic statistic statistic statistic statistic ment was "a little surprising." but the derivide the demands of his full-time job, saying he had "to make problems." He asserted The Mayor dispelled rumors that the comment statistic statistic statistic statistic statistic thore the the statistic statistics the statistic statistic statistics the statistic statistics the statistic statistics statistics the statistic statistics statistics the statistics statistics statistics the statistics statistics statistics the statistics statistic

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le. The police chief particularly regretted the decision came during the crucial time when the municipal budget comes up for unveiling. "It's a tough time for this kind of thing. I

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Strumolo, Senatore Could Be Answer

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oblive rica's reasons for deciding to qui were valid. "The second term is easier than the first," said Fornarot-to, a strident critic of local officials. Fornarotto feels the Commis-sioner was under pressure to resign from citizen groups formed to up-hold "honesty in government."

(Continued from page one.) However, Stramolo also said he had plans to seek office again in Bel-subility of running for Pica's seat November. On that score, Mayor Marotti had said he knew of Stramolo's in-the decion. "I don't know yet what the election. "I don't know yet what we'll do''s aid Marotti, who hinted he might favor an appointment in difered. For all states and the strong com-for election.
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We can be supported as the strong com-tor the baard is former Public Works. for election. By contrast, Kennedy said he would serve as caretaker if asked, but declared he has no intention of on thebaard is former Public Works commissioner Mary Senatore. After serving 16 years in office, for reedicion. In April, she was ap-pointeddirector of security in the Es-sisoner should announce his can-sex Coanty department of public didacy for November. By contrast, Kennedy said he head declared he has no intention of jorning the race next fall. "I'm going to run again but not "I'm going to run again but not support Strumolo if the former com-sisoner should announce his can-sex Coanty department of public there was no comment from

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Religious Viewpoint

The Pawned Bible

When W.P. Mackay left home for college at the age of 17, his mother gave him a Bible. On the in-side cover she wrote his name, her name and a Bible verse.

He later graduated from medical school with high honors, and eventually became head of a large hospital. He was also president of an atheistic society and freely engaged in "high living." He was quite outspoken in his criticism of God and the Bible.

One day a severely injured man was carried into the hospital. As Dr. Mackay looked him over, he was amazed to see the peace and radiance on the man's face

'Just what is my condition?'' asked the man. 'Oh, I guess we'll pull you through,'' replied the doctor.

"Doctor, I don't want any guess work. I want to know if it is life or death; I am ready to die because I have placed my trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour. He paid the penalty for my sins and I

Know I will be with Jesus immediately when I die." "You have at the most three hours to live," replied Dr. Mackay. "Is there anything you would like for us to do?"

"Thank you," said the man. "In my pocket is my paycheck. Would you send it to my landlady and ask her to send me the book?" "What book?" inquired the doctor. "Oh, just ask her for the book. She will know." Later that day the doctor inquired, "Did he get the book in time?" The nurse replied, "Yes, just before he died "

he died.

Dr. Mackay went to the bedside, reached under Dr. Mackay went to the bedside, reached under the man's pillow and pulled out a Bible. As he did so it opened to the inside cover, and there in his mother's handwriting was his own name, her name and the Bible verse. It was the very same Bi-ble his mother had given him when he had left home for college. One time, years before at col-lege, while drunk, he had pawned it to be able to huw more liquor. buy more liquor

Dr. Mackay was amazed and overwhelmed by memories. He rushed to his office and fell on his knees and asked God for mercy and forgiveness for his sinful life. He realized "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." (1st Tim. 1:15.)



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pointed director of security in the LSS sex County department of public diverses. "If I could be of help, I would Con-definitely accept the appointment," who said Senatore from her office last ing week. However, she insided she would only do so on a temporary basis and had no interest in cam-paigning for November. "The very basy in my job and I love it," she explained. Commissioners Joseph Grande and Michael Pizzi both felt there should be a special election held to fill Pica's seat. "I think the people should choose who they want there," said Grande, who des not favor appointing a caretaker commissioner. Expressing similar sentiments, Pizzi lel that appointing one of the three losing candidates from the last election was not the answer. "If it had been the people's will,

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triet, and that voters always know where I stand on issues. "Twe gained the reputation of be-ing a Democrat who takes a bipar-tisan approach to issues. I don't like to force feed legislation. My relationshy with Governor Kan has always been one of cooperation. We've renched a point in state government where we must put aside parts tabels and work. In a statesmalike and work. In a statesmalike and the Indepen-dent Authorities and Commissions Commite of the Assembly, For-tunato offered has opinion on such is-sues as transportation and the dollars raised by the state lottery and casings Mass transportation has always been cited by politicians as an area in need of improvement for New Jensy. But media entits and Hudson counties are quick to point out that it has been difficult to residents of Essex. Bergen and Hudson counties are quick to point out that it has been difficult to

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tions and/oubts that funds are being properly spont. "I also share these concerns," Fortunato admitted. "I know that people have questions and doubts over these commissions. I would have to agree with most of the con-pointed out that the state lottery was set up to nise funds for public educa-tion and that casino revenues were supposed to be channelled to aid senior citizens.

rofessional basebail but Justained a shoulder injury." Fortunato, a centerfielder, said. He went on to play at Rider College, where he graduated in 1968. During his college career he played on a team ranked number three in the nation. He said that the injury to his right shoulder became so severe that he was forced to learn to throw left handed. Though baseball was his main sport during high school, he also won awards for football. Fortunato played on a Montclair's state cham-pionship team during his sophomore

pionship team during his sophomore year in 1962. A resident of Montclair for most

supposed to be channelled to aid sentor citizens. "The fact of the matter is that the funds are being used in these areas." Since 1974 he has been the vice presi-be state. "The mony raised by the state." The mony raised by the state. The mony raised by the state." The mony raised by the tapped for a nything else. People want to know why is a state income tax necessary if we already have

County Seeking Funds

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owing both communities having a substantial number of eligible families who would benefit through







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Golden Comments

By James Golden

Notwithstanding the universal consensus of the need to revitalize the vital business main artery of Belleville, Washington Avenue, there remains obstacles delaying the immediate implementation of the local redevelopment agency's plans to proceed.

proceed. State legislation provides for the establishment by local municipalities to create and appoint members thereto such an agency, with the state's designating a local resident member. Largely because of the desire of town officials to improve the business climate and growth of commercial development along this main strip of business con-centration and the concern of animated chamber of commerce members. the Town Fathers esof commerce members, the Town Fathers es-tablished the Belleville Redevelopment Agency.

This agency is endowed with autonomous powers of declaring areas blighted which may be ac&uired, with proper compensation, for redevelopment to produce increased ratables and provide an improved modernistic atmosphere to

provide an improved modernistic atmosphere to enhance business and trade. Along with these redeeming advantages is the reality that, unlike the local governing body which can condem property for municipal purposes on-ly, the redevelopment agency may acquire property for, as the name implies, redevelopment of commercial and business growth. Presently, perhaps because of the innovative autonomous powers inherent in this redevelop-ment agency, a snag appears to he rearing its unly

ment agency, a snag appears to be rearing its ugly head to delay immediate implementation of the agency's program which is engendered by con-cern over its state endowed power to float bonds encumbered by the township which would be responsible financially, thus, increasing the municipality's bonded indebtedness — a matter of

great concern to the Belleville Commissioners. Since all members, save one, of the Belleville Redevelopment Agency are appointees of the Commissioners, it is logically assumed they were properly "screened" to establish their com-petence and dependability of trust to function in accord with the views and aims of those who appointed them.

The urgency of overcoming the decadent blight of the southern portion of Washington Avenue betokens the need for prompt action to correct and repel the deterioration of that area. Time is of the essence. Every effort should be undertaken to resolve any differences or misunderstandings. Any divergence of views on distribution of power authority should be fully reviewed and es-tablished to avoid any imping or clashing that could precipitate discord and rivalry between the governing body and the agency created by it. Likewise, transcripts of the redevelopment agency's minutes should be submitted to the Commissioners for review and occasional informal meetings of discussion should be held between the two bodies to facilitate communication and cordiality. cordiality. Hopefully any reservations that might exist that

would produce a stalemate in delaying the program for redevelopment may be averted by mutual collaboration. There is a compelling need to revitalize the south Belleville area along Washington Avenue.

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the students of Nina Lain of Wayne on exhibit at the main branch this month also. On Feb. 1 a preschool for children will be conducted by Kathleen Mollica at the Silver Lake branch, 30 Magnolia St. starting at 10 a.m. The program will be repeated on Feb. 8, 15, 22 and 29. Preregistration is required. A lecture on world hunger will take place at the Silver Lake branch on Feb. 1 starting at 10 a.m. This program will be repeated Feb. 9, 16 and 23. Preregistration is required. The Vatican sildes will be shown Feb. 2 at the main branch starting at 10 a.m.

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formation Coordinators will meet at noon on Feb. 6 at the main branch. A Tuesday preschool for children will take place on Feb. 7 at the main branch starting at 10 a.m. The program will be repeated Feb. 14, 21 and 28. Preregistration is re-quired. A workshop for Parents of Preschool Children, conducted by Carol Kolton, director of the out-patient department of Community Mental Health Services for Bel-leville, Bloomfield and Nutley, will take place on Feb. 7 at the main branch starting at 10 a.m. This program will be repeated Feb. 14 and 28.

program will be repeated Feb. 14 and 28. A slide presentation by Cindy LaRue, reference and young peo-ples' librarian, enititled, "Travell-ing Through Oreat Britain," will be shown on Feb. 8 at the Silver Lake brorgram will be repeated on Feb. 16 at the main branch. On Feb. 9 a library craft rogram, "Abstract Felt Art," will be conducted at the main branch starting at 10 a.m. A Valentine Day handicraft will take place on Feb. 10 at the Silver Lake branch starting at 3:15 p.m. The same program will be cond-cuted on Feb. 11 at the main branch starting 10 a.m. The Administration Section Board of the New Jersey Library

Association will meet on Feb. 15 at "Introduction to Social Security," will be discussed by Kai Sanford of the Newark Office of the main branch office of the spice at the Silver Lake branch on Feb. 17 starting the place at the Silver Lake the main branch office of the spice will take place at the the spice at the Silver Lake branch, and Feb. 23 at the Silver Lake branch, and Feb. 24 at the Silver Lake branch, and Feb. 25 at the W Jersee Bell Telephone Com-tany, of Feb. 29 starting at. A fud Feedeer," will take place at the Silver Lake branch. A guiz program, "Ine Seconds Safety," will be presented by the ew Jersee Bell Telephone Com-any, on Feb. 29 starting at. A branch starting at 10 a.m. The film entilde, "Making of the Empire Strikes Back," will be seconds Safety," will be presented by the we Jersee Bell Telephone Com-any, on Feb. 29 starting at. The Silver Lake branch. The Silver Lake b ling bee will be held at the main branch on Feb. 4 in the Children's Department starting at 10 a.m. The Belleville Community In-Branch. A Tuesday preschool for children will take place on Feb. 7 at the main branch starting at 10 a.m. The robust of the Newark Office of at noon on Feb. 6 at the main branch. A Tuesday preschool for children will take place on Feb. 7 at the main branch starting at 10 a.m. A Tuesday preschool for children will take place on Feb. 7 at the main branch starting at 10 a.m. The program will be repeated Feb. 14, 21 and 28. Preregistration is re-charged \$1.

branch on Feb. 17 starting at 3:15 p.m., ''Presidential Cookless Cooking,'' will take place at the main branch on Feb. 18 starting at 10 a.m., A library craft program, ''Make a Bird Feeder,'' will take place in the Children's Room of the main branch starting at 10 a.m.



American Heart Month Honored By Township

"In these times, when cancer is the disease that is so feared by our population, many do not realize that diseases of the cardio-vascular system (the heart and blood ves-sels) cause almost three times as many deaths as cancer does," Pizzi noted. "In fact, they are responsi-ble for 54 percent of all deaths in the United States — more than all other causes of death combined."

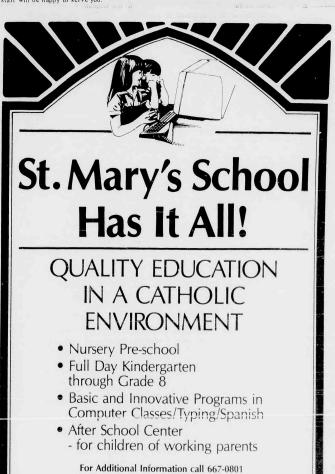
other causes of death combined." The Belleville Health Depart-ment has a booklet, on the heart, put out by the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Called Medicine for the Layman," it is very readable, full of very good illustrations, and answers just about any question a layman might have. Among these questions are: Which is the most important factor in causing heart disease?. Is Vitamin E effective in preventing heart attacks? Is there a danger in exercising when one's blood pressure is elevated?: What types of exercise are more effec-tive?: Should we eliminate foods from our die like cheese, eggs and shrimp thought to be high in cholesterol and take our chances with artificial foods containing chemicals that may also be dangerous?: and Can bypass sur-

St. Peter's **Hosting Dance** On Feb. 18

St. Peter's School Parent Teacher Council of Belleville will sponsor its fourth annual '50s Dance on Saturday, Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. in the church hall at 152 Wil-liam St. Admission is \$13.50 per person and includes a hot buffet, pretzels. chips, beer (bring your own bottle), soda and music. The dance will run for four hours. For reservations call 759-7027 or 751-6469.

Linda Ann Pat Roberto would like to extend special thanks to the wonderful fami-ly and friends of Mert Marx for their kindness during their dad's illness and upon his death. His humor, and ability to accept situations and courage will be and and courage will be remembered by all.





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Record Stands at 7-0-1

Grapplers Continue to Roll With 2 Impressive Victories

By Dino Ibelli If there are any questions about the Belleville wrestling team, just ask a few of its opponents from last week

The grapplers boosted the team record to a solid 7-0-1 by ripping Kearny, 42-20 and Passaic, 66-6. In addition, the Bucs worked in a tie with Paramus Yesterday, the team hosted Paramus Catholic and tomorrow evening, St. Joseph's of Mont-vale makes the long ride south for a 7:30 pm. start. The Paramus match was probably the most exciting match to date. It started off bad for the Bucs when Tim Buckley lost an 11-2 decision to Jeff Katz, Vince Capriglione was on the short end of a 15-2 count, Mike Giuffrida managed a tie with Larry Goodman at nine and Vin Padula was shown the lights. The grapplers boosted the team

Larry Goodman at nine an Padula was shown the lights.

With Belleville back on track with a 6 2 decision over Ken Harns. At 134 pointment for Paramas. In the action younds, the Bucs sprits received a heavyweight slot, Belleville's fift when Luke Siletti decisioned fersmment, 4.3. The match with Passaic saw Bel-with the count at 17-11, Carmen the Bucs king is a way bin the second period. Setting the du 23-11 Paramus then ran into the Bucs solid the same the second period. Setting the bucs solid the same the second period. Setting the bucs solid the second period. Setting the bucs solid the second period. Setting the mast buck and the second period. Setting the mast buck and the second period. Setting the second period. Setting the mast buck and the mast with Passaic saw Bel-with the count at 17-11, Carmen the buck solid three some of Jimpy head to 32-11. Paramus then ran into the bucs solid three some of Jimpy the bucs solid and Michael the first period. The Bucs for at way to period. The Bucs for the second period. Setting buck and the term starts, 12-6. Giuffrida all pinned in the second period. The Bucs for at way to period. The Bucs for the second period. The Bucs for the first period. The Bucs for the second period. Setting buck and the first period. The Bucs for the first

last hurrah when Fred Tita pinned Vin Padula. Following that setback, Belleville went into high gear, using the middle and upper weights to their advan-tage. Siletti beat Ernie Tita, 2-1, raising his mark to 8-6. Siletti has bounced out of his slump just in time for the Districts. Zarro forged a draw with A1 La Tournais at four apiece. Zarro has a record of 8-5-1 and has shown marked improvement over the last three weeks. At 147, Carmen Cerreto, had a battle with Joe Dawson and came away a victor. 17-12. Jimmy Meyler had an easier time at 157, beating Ed Evanchick, 17-0. Meyler boosted his record to 13-2 with the win and is another wrestler who should do well compose season time.

record to 13-2 who should do well another wrestler who should do well come post season time. Lijo boosted his record to 8-1 with a pin over Mike Corella at 1:15 of the first period. By the time the 187 pound match had come around. Kearny had seen enough. Mike Gib-bons, the most consistent wrestler on the the squad this year, won his second e match hy forfeit and Bellewille was on its way to a very big win. For Gibhons, he is still une defeated, and will be a very imposing Manage Manage

man come tournament time. Not since Chris Musmanno defeated op-ponents with a vengeance in 1979 and 1980 has Belleville seen a man so devastating. Gibbons has the poten tial to make a mark in the districts, regions and maybe the states. A A warning to opposing wrestlers: Gib-bons is only a junior. Many good things will be coming from him.

Hoopsters Keep Battling the Odds

Battling the hearts of a deficated athlete that will hever show up in the box score, will never show up on the scoreboard. It's called dedication, and despite all the bad things that have thit the Belleville box's bakethall team this wirker, Joa paradierò and crew are playing with desire and dedication. You can't ask anything more the box's bakethall team this wirker, Joa paradierò and crew are playing with desire and dedication. You can't ask anything more than that. This week, the Bucs hosted Passaic on Tuesday, and will host town and Tuesday, it's Teaneek. All contest start at 4 p.m. Last week, the Bucs bastled two teams that were much bigger than they, but in both instances, Belleville stayed Close, nearly ming one game and coming very close in the other. One wonders how good this team would have been had Phil Colalillo new down with a ruptured appendicts. By the way, a note on phil, he's home from the hospital, is still weak and is going to new for the hospital, is still weak and is going to a great deal of time before he's able to work out again. Belleville dropped games to Ridgewood, 64-56 and St. Joseph's of Montvale, 59-58 in overtime as the team record drop be do 5-9. The St. Joe's contest was particularly painful because belleville had a 12-point lead entering the fourth quarter, but us to forwards were each 64''. Our guards did a great us to forwards were each 64''. Our guards did a great us that shy we did so well." Than won for mark hos are ceved fraves from his coach, taif da career high 31 points and teamed with backcourt mate Jos borrello (the) for hosts. They were huge up front, in addition to forwards were each 64''. Our guards did a great us and far one fraves from his coach, taif da career high 31 points and teamed with backcourt mate Jos borrello (the) ontsy to make this an exciting game. Danny Ward was the main reason for the Bucs' successful out. The Ward was the main reason for the Bucs' successful out. The More frave definest effort to agin 2,922,934 billow edowned the sole of the sobs

porretto (14 points) to make this an exciting game. "Danny played agreat game," said Papasidero. "It was phenomenal, just an excellent job." The Bucs trailed, 18-11 after one quarter, but used a marvelous defensive effort to gain a 29-22 halftime advantage. In the second quarter, the Bucs held St. Joe's to four points, all of which came from the foul line. It was the foul in that would do Belleville in. "They (St. Joe's) were in the bous halfway through the third quarter," said Papasidero. "We ran into foul trouble early, and don't get me wrong, the calls were good." Dave Boyd and Steve Kimble fouled out of the contest, but Belleville still managed to keep an advantage. From 29-22 at half-time, the Bucs boosted their lead to 42-30 entering the final quarter. There, St. Joe's came back in the game, outscoring the Bucs, 24-12 and forcing overtime. The tying bucket came with just four seconds left in regulation time. The overtime session saw Belleville miss by one point and St. Joe's come away a victor. In addition to Borrello and Ward's heroics. Boyd tallied four points, Mike Sochaski, three, Nick Sotomayer, Bill Nankervis and Brian Cook all had field goal for two points. Versus Ridgewood, the Bucs also came up against a big club, and fought hard before falling. Ridgewood led. 16-7 after one quarter and 35-24 at the half. They extended the margin to 52-38 after three and held on as Belleville cuute, followed by 13 from Ward, 10 from Kimble, eight from Nankervis, six by Boyd and five by Sochaski. Ted Evers had 18 points and Andy Nemetts, 16 for Ridgewood.

Jennifer's Back, as Girls Split Two Tough Contests

Ia became the victim of a vicious, un-necessary hit by an Eastside player who had become frustrated at the turn of events in the game, and as her poise." The result of this temper tantrum was a broken wrist for the most prolific scorer in New Jersey today. Many people felt she was prematurely and Apicelia would failh prematurely and Apicelia would failh prematurely and Apicelia would failh ast 233 points shy of the state scor-ing record. Apicella, however, had different la became the victim of a vicious, un-

Apicella, however, had different ideas. The senior swingman proclaimed just two days later. "TII be back." It seems to be the Apicella war cry, because injury and setbacks have become a thing too common with the star shooter. Sprained ankles, broken fingers, chipped teeth, broken nose, split lip and broken wrist. She has gone through it all, and still, entering the game on Jan. 17, had missed just one game in

On Jan. 17, 1984, Jennifer Apicel-became the victim of a vicious un-rofevents in the game, and as her being of the states of the states of the states of the states oach later said, had "lost her vice." The result of this temper instrum was a broken wrist for the oast prolific scorer in New Jersy and Apicel awould fails the state state of the state scor-rematurely and Apicel awould fails at Staturday, in Ridgewood. What is so the found as two score of last Staturday's game did not indicate was that Apicella as severely sprained left ankle, the same arcy, because injury and sebacks

same ankle that had been in a cast earlier this season. In addition to the loss at Ridgewood, Karen Fuccello's girls did post a victory, edging a stubborn Kearry club, 34-31 in double over-time as Apicella watched from the bench. On the season, Belleville boasts an impressive 11-3 record.

This week, the girls hosted Pas-saic on Monday, are in Hackensack tonight for a 7:30 p.m. start and will host Kennedy High tomorrow after-noon. Next Tuesday, the club travels to Teaneck for a 4 p.m. start. Apicella was whisked away to Mountainside Hospital with her tatest injury. Tharkfully, the ankle was not broken and was placed in a soft cast of ace bandage and gauze. She was listed as guestionable for the Passaic game, but knowing her, she will be in the lineup. The concern is for her future. She has sprained both ankles at least a half dozen times. Last Saturday, her left ankle was taped heavily and she was wearing high top sneakers, but she still twisted her ankle. How much more strain the leg will take is questionable.

To add to Apicella's woes, she went head first into the bleachers

(Please see 'Lady' on page 12.)

Suburban Bucs 10-1 and Looking Toward Playoffs

When Joe Papasidero took the reigns of the Belleville boys' basketball program in November 1979, the coach knew that the key to long-term success would be a good program in the lower levels. If an athlete has a good knowledge of the program and the work it entails at the ninth grade level, then that athlete will have a better chance at success on the high school level. Karen Fuccello, the girls' basketball coach, has found that system very useful. Such players as Jennifer Apicella, Barbara Gundry and Dina De Aquino started their careers on the Subburban Basketball League and the girls' program on the var-sity level has reaped the benefits over the last six seasons. When Joe Papasidero took the reigns of

League and the girls' program on the var-sity level has reaped the benefits over the last six seasons. Winning is something that is not syn-omymous to boys' basketball at BHS. Papasidero has tried to turn that around and with his seventh and eighth grade players competing in a very good Suburban Basketball League, the feeling around the courts is that long-term success might be the result. The coach of the seventh and eighth grade program is former varisity assistant, Rocco Colucci. Colucci's decision to move down to the suburban ievel was something that came convenient to him and has turned into a great move for the entire program. Papasidero has great respect for Rocco's coaching ability and with Colucci toon on the high school level should be much easier. much easier

"We're stressing strong, fundamental basketball," emphasized Colucci. "We're working all the rudiments of the game.

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School tonign at 7:30 p.m., following the junior varsity game. "We're running the program like a var-sity program," said Colucci. "Basically, the plays are the same. When they get up to the high school level, the kids will know

what weak side help is, they'll know how to

By Michael Lamberti

Sports Editor

The coach is anxiously awaiting the

ing and free throw shooting, but that's concenting that will be corrected with time and patience. "The Key to success is com-munications, stressed Colucci. "There is good talent here, I think the fature of bellevile basketball looks very good Communicating is very important. We have team meetings, we work on problems, it not all wand L, here. If we don't work to not the end of the world. After all, a ton the end of the world. After all, a ton the end of the world. After all, a ton the end of the world. After all, a ton the end of the world. After all, a ton the end of the world. After all, a ton the end of the world. After all, a ton the end of the world. After all, a ton the end of the world. After all, a ton the end of the world. After all, a ton the end of the world. After all, a ton the end of the world. After all, a ton the end of the world. After all, a ton the end of the world. After all, a ton the end of the world. After all, a ton the end of the world. After all, a ton the end of the world. After the age words are the second the end world. World we will be rooting for in the end world. The fature of the Belleville basketball team be filled with a lot of vic with a guy like Rooce Oluce: on the tower levels and Joe Papasidero running the show on the varsity, the Bues will cert

tainly be in the running

Next week, the Belleville High School athlete of the month for January will be profiled.

profiled The Beleville High School athlete of the week goes to Mike Giuffrida of the wrestling team. Mike has been doing a solid joh for the graphers the past month. The Bues are currently 7-0-1 entering this week's action. Giuffrida, after a slow start, has come around with some impressive vic-tories.

what weak side help is, they'll know how to turn a man into the weak areas, they will know how to fill the lanes. A guard will have for fill the lanes. A guard will have for fill the lanes. A guard will have an idea of how to run an offense, both the top team in Division A battles the se-segainst a man defense and a zone defense." The coach is also happy with the tur-soon games have been big. A few weeks ago, we played Milburn at Belleville and were down by eight points at the half and lo entering the final quarter. The fans real ty got into the game and gave the kids **BUCC SHOTS**

BUC SHOTS

Sports Editor Some enthusiasm. We came back and won, 42-41. The fans have really been grac." There have been a lot of close games. The Bucs have beaten East Orange, 43-49, West Caldwell, 43-41, Maplewood, 40-35, buyingston in double overtime, 48-42, and suffered its only loss at the hands of Mil-hurn. 58-53. "Maybe that loss helped us." said Colucci. "It told the kids that they have to play hard and practice hard all the time. We know we can win the close former the teams are very well matched." The biggest thing that Colucci stresses is don't understand how inning with style and losing with grace. "Sometimes the kidamentals are," said the conch. "We keep dilling them over and over, but it's the

Heard At Ringside

By Steve H. Frank

By Steve H. Frank Fight manager Lou Duva had a profitable Sunday, Jan. 23 in Atlantic City, with two of his gladiators winning important bat-tles. Johnny "Bump City" Bumphua, originally from Tacoma, Wash, now lighting out of Clementon, N.J. after a stopover in Nashville, Tenn. won the WBA junior welterweight championship by taking a unanimous 15-round decision from Lorenzo Garcia of Argentine. The judges saw the bout in Bumphus favor with scores of 146-143, 144-142 and 144-142. Bumphus, 23, in remaining un-defeated raised his record to 20-0. Garcia, 27, saw his chart slip 53-2-7. In another bout on the card Livingston Bramble of Pas-saic set himself in line as a lightweight title contender by taking a unanimous 10-round decision from previously undefeated Rafael nanimous 10-round decision from previously undefeated Rafael Williams of Panama.

unanimous to-round decision from previously undereated kataet Williams of Panama. Efrain Maritz, regional vice president for the World Boxing Association (WBA) said Livingston Bramble, 21-1, and champion Ray." Boom Boom." Mancini must ngotiate for a lightweight it-le fight by April 15 and fight before July 15. Johnny Bumphus, who won the WBA junior welterweight erown, has four chal-lengers eving the crown, Leroy Haley, Steve Hearon, Ronnie Shields and Bruec Curry. Bramble and Bumphus are managed by Lou Duva. Middleweight Andre Cooper of Blackwell, N.J. was handed his first setback in 17 pro fights by Allen Alexander of Chicago. Wednesday, at Atlantic City. Alexander in racking up this upset victory hur Cooper with several solid shots to the jaw in the third round. The fight was all Alexander's after that 3rd-round until Cooper was unable to answer the bell for the ninth round. Alex-ander now displays a 14-2 diary. Cooper has a 16-1. The promoters will talk to the fighters and their representatives about a remath.

Cooper was unable to answer the hell for the ninth round. Alex-ander now displays a 14-2 diary. Cooper has a 16-1. The promoters will talk to the fighters and their representatives about a rematch. The promoters Don Elbaum and Ted Menas announced, via their publicist lime Taylor, they have signed Vineland, NJ:'s Mario Maldonado to square off with Pablo De Jesus of Rochester, N.Y. for Feb. 21 in Atlantic City's Tropicana. Anthony Nardfello was in his teens he becare interested in the fight game and took the name Ernie Ratner. Boxing in the East and Mid-West with his aggressive style and hard-punching Ernie became a contender for the fatherweight title. During a career that spanned 10-years Ernieh ad 25 fights including bat-tes with three champions of the time, Benny Bass, Jackie Wilson and bonny Brennan. Among others he fought were: Cony Falco. Young Zazzarino. Buckey Keyes, Joay Costa, Sal Falco, Carmen Roman, Frankie and Harry Carlton, Burt Isoner, etc. He was known as the "Silver Lake Bumblebee" due to his perpetual mo-tion fighting style. Today Ernie is a mild-mannered, charitable was inducted into the Boxing Haul of Fame September 23, 1973. Counder and Ist President of the Verner Boxers Social Club which meets in the Nardiello Rec. Room, 177 Malone Ave., Bel-veile Hard Stard Barts and Dick O'Cononz, along with his famous manager, Wille Gilzenberg for his great boxing success. HBO Cable sends word about changing the date of the Greg Mage-Tim Witherspoon elimination bout for the vacant WBC heavyweight championship. Promoter Don King et the original date for Feb. 24. HBO said the new date will be sometime in March, Reason for the change: HBO made the change because bey will televise the Sugar Ray Leonard comeback fight with keyn Howard scheduled for Feb. 25. Ray Anachim trained at stayed at The Eldorado Hotel-Gaino for his title defense agains Bobby Chaeon. Chacon the lower and MGM Grand Hotel-Casino. Both training sites are lower at the MGM Grand Hotel-Casino. Both training sites are lower at Hord MGM ca

located in Reno, Nev. The "Earl of Hargrove," the hard-hitting 154-pounder out of Philadelphia, currently is rated as an elite challenger. 8th in the WBC ratings, 5th among NA BF junior middleweights, 10th in the Hatest Ring Magazine and Boxing Illustrated, Gary Hegyi, Hanover's manager, is not happy that the WBA does not rate Earl. The fighter annihilated Muhammad Ali Shabazz on Dec. 17, at Adantic City to maintain his successive KO record of 24 in 24 fights. Hargrove, 26, is trained by veteran middleweight tilte contender Georgie Benton. His promotional rights are held by Bobby Connolly, Chester Springs, Pa, businessman. The signing for a March date on national television should be announced shortly. Prominent publicits SR Roseman handles public relations nortly. Prominent publicist Sy Roseman handles public relations

Bobby Connolly, Chester Springs, Pa, businessman. The signing for a March date on national television should be announced shortly. Prominent publicist Sy Roseman handles public relations for Connolly.
Boxing Writers of America announced the annual award winners for 1983 last week as follows: Edward J. Neil Award for Fighter of the Year-Marcelous Martin Hagler; A Buck Award for Manager/ Irainer of the Year-Par& Goody Petronellii, Sam Tauh Award for Dusing Boxing Journalism- Vic Ziegel, New York Magazine: Lames J. Farley Award for Integrity in Boxing-John F. Condon and James J. Walker Award for Cong Meritorious Service for Boxing Thomas Kenville.
Emanuel Steward, Manager/trainer of WBC welterweight champ Milton Mc Crory, said after Mc Crory knocked out inept Milton Guest in the fifth rond. "McCrory wants Sugar Ray Leonard next." "We would like the fight to be made in May or before. If the fight wort be before June, we'll take a tuneup bout to stay sharp." Steward said.
Promoters Don Elbaum and Ted Menas has lined up an attractive lightweight matchup featuring the boxing card at The Tropicana on Feb. 7 as Joe Manley of Atlantic City battles Bobby Johnson of Eston, Pa. For Feb. 14 middleweight Charlie Boston of Trenton, N.J. meets an opponent to be named.
The Ring Magazine, Known as the "Bible of Boxing", did not publish an issue in January. It is the first time the magazine was to published since it's begin being fired by the owners and associate editor Randy Gordon replacing.
Roger Mayweather, 17-0, of Las Vegas, Nev. who defends his WBA junio lightweight corn Feb. 26 against Rocky Lockridge, 32-3, of Maple Shade, N.J. at North Bergen's Scheutzen Park, Wednesday. Gordon returned to ring action after a 3 month layof. He now has an 11-2 record Leavyeeight Bob Evans of Jeresy City disposed of Young Louis of Detroit in the Wird willie "Firehal" Rodringer of Allentow Tot Males Shade, N.J. at North Bergen's Scheutzen Park, Wednesday. Gordon returned to ring action f

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Indoor Track Squad Competes In Essex County Championships

The Belleville indoor track team took part in the Essex County cham-jonships last weekend and are gear-ing for the Ridgewood Invitational that will be held this weekend at Rockland Community College. The competition at Rockland will mark the conclusion to the indoor season and head coach John Tosato will use the remainder of February for his squad to tune up for the out-door season which begins in early March. March

March. Tosato only sent six athletes to the county's that were held at Seton Hall University last weekend. The

poor weather and consequently, the training schedule being off kilter, led to the coach's decision to field a sm-all squad. This weekend, the coach the season. ... At Seton Hall, Patty Biss placed styth in the 'varsity two mile, coming through at 13:14. Tim Daudelin 00 meters. ... Sourchrist will compete in the two the sophomore short put, Nancy Co science through with his best throw in 5:08. Senior Nancy Cocco competed in the quarter mile. ...

Lady Hoopsters Boost Record, 11-3; Apicella's Back and Scoring Again

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(Continued from page 11,) early in the Ridgewood game, com-ing away with a bump on her head and a swollen shin. She's a tremen-dous competitor and just keeps fighting back. Jenny needs just 192 points, entering the Passaie game, to break the state scoring record. Enough said on that, the girls Played a good game with Ridgewood, but were hurt by some solid outside shooting and terrible of-ficiating, the worst the girls have run jumped out to a 19-14 first quarter lead, extended the margin to 37-24 at haltime and keep pretty much ip lead, extended the margin to 37-24 at halftime and kept pretty much in control during the second half. Ridgewood (11-2) was a very well drilled team and its height under the boards kept Belleville off track boards kept Bellev throughout the day

1.) 5'6'' center Donna Brooks. "Ridgewood's height really afhead feeted her." conceded Fuccello of Brooks. "We need Dona's scoring. Kees it takes some of the pressure off." I 192 Brooks was held scoreless for the to the game. Dina De Aquino was grik kept below her average, tallying with eight points. Sheri Phelps, a some sophomore whom Fuccello is very beof- high on, hit for five points, and Tracy Buono closed out the scoring with a word field goal for two. "Sheri (Phelps) tarter was very good." Said Fuccello. "Our 24at younger players are moving into varch in sity positions because they listen and haff, respond. That's why they're seeing well more and more action."

Ile off track girls were taken to the limit by a especially to Kardinal team that showed just one

victory (against 10 losses) coming in. A few cinderella squads, mainly Belleville showed signs of taking Columbia, might be in the run ning, command throughout the contest, It is a tourney that Belleville could but couldn't seem to put the Kards way. Brooks finished the game as the high scorer with 14 points and De Aquino finished with 12, but precel-lo, despite the win (her 150th of her career), wasn't too pleased. "We were lousy, we missed a ton of foul 2,554 points in her illustrious career, shots, we didn't show any killer in-shots, we didn't show any killer in-singt."

The Essex County tournament is just two weeks away. Jt's a tourna-ment that will seed Belleville relatively high when the bids go out. Last season, Belleville finished fourth in the tourney. This year, Clif-ford Scott seems the early favorite. ford Scott seems the early favorite, with Millburn, Nutley, Belleville and surprising Shabazz the front runners.

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formances as the most critical stretch of the season approaches. NOTES: In 12 games, Apicella is averaging 33.8 ppg, and has scored 2,554 points in her illustrious career. Jenny is also shooting a solid 86 per-cent from the free throw stripes. Brooks is averaging 11.1 ppg, and hitting 59 percent while De Aquino stands at 10.7 and 52 percent. As a team, Belleville is shooting 70 per-cent from the line. Officials at the Ridgewood game were so bad that one school official commented, "They call all the stupid fouls and miss the obvious ones."

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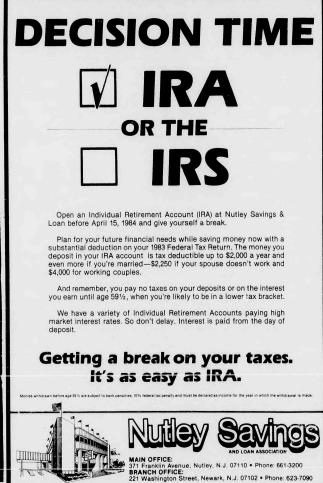
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Jenny Apicella Named **'Athlete of the Month'**

Jennifer Apicella of Belleville High School the most prolific scorer in the state thus far this season, has been name the female New Jersey "Athlete of the Month" for December by a panel of statewide a luncheon at the Bryne Meadowlands Arena, home of the National State Bank of New Jersey are co-sponsors of this program, now in its second year. in its second year.

are co-sponsors of this program, now in its second year. Apricella, a pre-season All-American, continued her assault on the girls' state scoring record in December when she averaged 35.6 points in seven games. Currently siddlined with a fractured left wrist, the 5-9 forward has registered 2,513 points in her scholastic career and is just 232 points shy of Kate Larkin's all-time mark of 2,745. A first-team All-State performer last season, lennifer averaged 33.7 pgg. as a sophomore and 33.7 last war. This campaign, she's been beset with injuries, suffering a broken ring finger on her shooting hand in the se-cond game (still scored 41 points), and incurred a sprained ankle two







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