

## Junior wrestlers finish season with 6-3 record

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The Winners - Here are some of the grand prize winners in the 10th annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Optimist Club of Belleville this past Saturday in Branch Brook Park. Pictured with the winners are Optimist Club members Dr. Joseph Cappello, Tom Spillane, Louis Albanese, President Rich Montecucullo and Dr. Anthony D'Agostino. Middle school students Jeanna Caggiano and Danielle Collett, members of the Belleville Builders Club, helped with the hunt. - Photo by Michelle Jeanotte

## First DeWitt Savings experiences all-time record increase in assets

An all-time record increase in First DeWitt Savings and Loan's assets has been reported by Michael J. Quigley, chairman and chief executive officer, and Robert K. Hiecock, president.

During the association's 100th anniversary year, First DeWitt's assets grew \$54 million. In addition, the association's reserves were \$16 million, far in excess of federal regulations and its liquidity was a very substantial \$29 million, the officers said.

According to Quigley, the association paid out \$24 million in dividends during the year.

"In terms of profitability, progress and growth, 1985 has

been the finest year in our 100-year history," they said. "The safety of our depositors' savings has been a tradition at First DeWitt and we can now say that we stand behind our customers with \$306 million in assets and even more important, record reserves and record liquidity."

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First DeWitt has offices in Belleville, Bloomfield, Cedar Grove, Hopatcong, Parsippany and Bricktown.

### Steven Smith is named V.P. at Midlantic

Steven M. Smith of Belleville has been named Vice President of Time Deposits at Midlantic National Bank North.

Prior to joining Midlantic, Smith was employed by Pennsylvania Equities Corporation.

He is a graduate of Glassboro State College.



Secretary Shuffle: Mountainside Hospital secretaries, (l-r) Janet Hignsey, Phyllis Florian, Gail McCabe, Dorothy Paccosa, Andrea Malone and Pat Matuli, perform the "Secretary Shuffle" at The Mountainside Hospital's variety show, "Mountainside Tonight." Florian, a resident of Belleville, is a development secretary at Mountainside.

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### Russell Pagano attends sales leader conference

Russell Pagano of Belleville was among 58 sales leaders recently recognized at a Volvo White National Business Conference and Awards Banquet in North Carolina.



Russell Pagano

The three-day event was held to recognize those sales representatives who achieved the gold or silver level of sales. Larry Oliphant, vice president of sales and marketing said, "They demonstrated their exceptional salesmanship to achieve the ambitious sales goals under our Master Sales Leaders Recognition Program."

As part of the conference, sales leaders took part in group discussions on topics of goal setting, Volvo White products and sales support.

Volvo White launched Master Sales Leaders for its sales force in January of 1985. It consisted of three levels of recognition—bronze, silver and gold. In order to obtain the gold-level, sales representatives had to sell more than 50 trucks to at least 15 customers.

Pagano is employed at Hall & Fuhs, Inc. of Mountainside.

### In charge of oral surgery

### Dr. Martin Jacobs elected director at Mountainside

Dr. Martin Jacobs was recently elected Director of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at The Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge, Montclair.

Dr. Jacobs has been a practicing oral and maxillofacial surgeon in Caldwell for the past 11 years. He completed his undergraduate studies at Rutgers University where he received an A.B. degree. Dr. Jacobs received a D.M.D. degree from Fairleigh Dickinson School of Dentistry in Hackensack, and then spent a one-year internship at Beth Israel Hospital in Newark.

He completed a three-year residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the New

Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry. After passing his specialty board examinations, he became a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

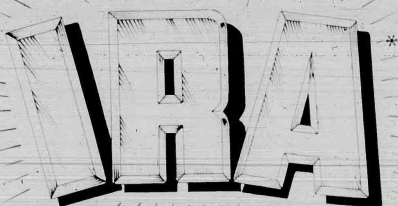
Dr. Jacobs is also a member of the New Jersey Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, the Essex County Dental Society, the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, and the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He is a Fellow of the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and a member of the American Dental Association and the American Society for Dental Anesthesia.

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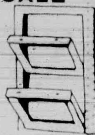
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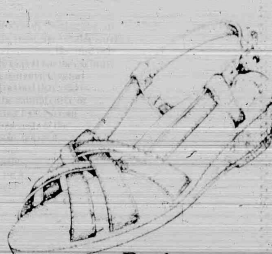
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# Burned-out families, owners look to futures

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of the fire department's negligence. The fire department would have stayed there after the first fire was declared under control.

"I believe that the fire department none of this would have happened," she said, adding, "I hope I find out for sure that it was negligence on the part of the fire department."

Currently, DeRonde and her children are staying with her grandmother in Newark.

"Right now things are not that good," DeRonde said. "We've been sleeping on floors — the kids in hard chairs, we don't have to hold our own."

"I want to cry sometimes," she said. "I watched the fire, saw everything go up in smoke. Everything I had was burned away. My stereo, my car, my daughter, I was devastated."

DeRonde said she hopes she can find a way to get the money to get their money and that she will work hard to get it.

Both children continue to commute to Belleville schools.

Although the family never viewed the fire department negligence may have caused the fire, the actual cause has not been conclusively determined.

The Essex County Prosecutor's Office is actively investigating the fire, according to a spokesman, Fred Fazio.

Fazio said that work that neither arson nor negligence has been ruled out.

The fire, which destroyed the two buildings and left 20 people homeless, began at about 10:30 p.m. on March 29 at 44 Washington Ave.

Eight hundred people have been displaced by the fire.

was declared under control by 10:30 p.m. Sunday, March 9. A fire which, which initially leaving two men on the scene with a hook and ladder, was called off at around midnight, and the scene was checked periodically by Belleville Police.

The site was last checked at 4:00 a.m. by police, who reported no signs of smoke or fire. The fire was last checked at 4:00 a.m. by police, who reported no signs of smoke or fire.

Since residents in the area reported smelling gas and hearing multiple explosions, the possibility was raised of the fire being caused by leaking natural gas at the site.

The Belleville Fire Department did not shut off the gas at the meter in 44 Washington Ave. in response to the first fire, but did shut off the gas to shut off the gas at the street about two hours into the second fire.

Firemen could not extinguish the fire, which was still burning at 44 Washington Ave. until after 10:30 p.m. came to shut off the gas at the street.

Belleville Department of Welfare Director Carol Ann Russo said the Washington Avenue house, the worst fire, was destroyed.

Russo praised both the Salvation Army and the Red Cross for coming through in the situation. She said, "I think they did a great job."

She also praised "Newark Avenue" and "Dunell" for setting up an emergency fund for the victims at 44 Washington Ave.

Russo added that anyone wishing to donate to the fund could do so by calling to the bank for regular banking hours.



**Republican Candidates** The Essex County GOP announced its slate of candidates Tuesday. Running for Essex County Executive is Carl Orechio (center). Surrogate candidate is Jose Janares (left) and congressional candidate for the 8th District is Thomas Zampino. (Photo by Karz-Laczynski)

## Children's Room changes hours

The James F. Cozzarelli Jr. Children's Room of the Belleville Public Library will extend its hours beginning Monday, April 7.

The children's room will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

For more information about hours or programs, call the library at 759-9200.

## Budget reflects tax increase

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for each township department is as follows:

- **Public Safety**, including fire and police department salaries and equipment — total of \$6,157,138, an increase from \$5,560,960 in 1985.

- **Revenue and Finance**, including salaries for tax collector, treasurer, tax assessor and township clerk — Rent Control Board salaries, and insurance coverage — a total of \$1,469,890, an increase from \$1,441,502 in 1985.

- **Public Works**, including salaries of the street and sewer and engineering departments, equipment maintenance, Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Board salaries, and sewerage disposal contract — a total of \$969,757, an increase from \$905,631 in 1985.

- **Public Affairs**, including salaries for the welfare and health departments and Bureau of Vital Statistics, and garbage disposal contract — total of \$1,452,716, an increase from \$1,346,660 in 1985, and

- **Parks and Public Property**, including salaries of the recreation department, buildings, grounds and maintenance, and equipment — total of \$986,634, an increase from \$885,542 in 1985.

The Capital Improvement Program for the Township of Belleville, which includes purchase of a minibus, traffic van, snow blower, microfilm equipment, state police emergency network system, telephone recording system and state police computer terminal equipment, and the acquisition and installation of a new computer system, accounts for \$153,300 of the township budget.

# Zampino runs against Congressman R. Roe

By Bill Gruber

Belleville resident Thomas Zampino has been selected by Essex County Republicans to run against incumbent 8th District Congressman Robert Roe.

Zampino, who maintains a law practice in Nutley, says that "no candidate is unbeatable and that I am confident I can win." Of course, it will be a hard campaign, but it is winnable.

The first time candidate also runs for Roe's overseas trips "at taxpayer's expense." He said that more than \$5 million had been spent on Roe's trips to foreign countries.

The public has a right to know about such trips, and their purpose, he said. "I think we need a representative in Congress that represents the whole district."

Zampino, who was born in West New York, is a graduate of the Seton Hall University Law School. The Nutley attorney said another reason for his candidacy was to give greater support to the Reagan administration policies.

"I am not intimidated by a House of Representatives dominated by the other party. I think

the President represents the majority opinion of most Americans and I would be proud of that association," he said.

Roe, a Wayne resident, has served 19 years in the House of Representatives. This year he will be running for his tenth House term. He is chairman of the House Subcommittee on Water Resources.

Zampino called for a series of debates with Roe and hopes they can be scheduled soon.

"I realize the advantages of incumbency, but I think the public is entitled to a full airing of the issues facing this District and how it has been represented," he said. "There are enough issues that need to be aired and enough time for the voters to make a decision."

The GOP Congressional candidate said that some action should be taken by the Congress on raising the minimum wage.

"I haven't heard any voices from the Democrats in Congress to raise the minimum wage," Zampino said. "It has not kept pace with inflation or the cost of living that exists today. It is time we did something that would help the American wage earner. That would be one of my first priorities if elected to Congress."

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## New municipal complex

The Belleville Redevelopment Agency (BRDA) has disclosed that its representatives have been meeting with private developers to explore the financial feasibility of private development for the new town hall with lease back agreements to the Township of Belleville. The BRDA states that this method of financing was initially proposed by it in November of 1985.

•The agency's executive director, Joseph A. Dasaro, looks upon this financing approach "as a promising method of financing the complex vital for the southern end of Washington Avenue if it's ever to have the opportunity of becoming the vibrant business center and attractive downtown area the Township so desperately needs."

There is no doubt that a new

town hall would be a shot in the arm for downtown Washington Avenue. However, financing the structure through private developers has to be more expensive than municipal financing. Developers are not noted to work for nothing. They are in business to make a profit — and their profits are not measured in pennies. When one takes into consideration a 30 year or 40 year term for possible lease back, we are talking about a multi million dollar profit for developers. This would be an additional burden for the already overburdened Belleville taxpayer.

Privatization is not the way to go to build and finance a much needed new town hall for Belleville.

No argument in the world can eliminate the profit requirements of developers who build a public facility for a public agency.

## Eastern Airlines

The Federal Aviation Administration has charged Eastern Airlines with 78,000 maintenance violations and has imposed a tentative fine of \$10 million.

Just think of it — an airline guilty of 78,000 maintenance violations! Do you believe it? What is a maintenance violation as defined by the FAA? Are the 78,000 alleged maintenance violations life threatening?

Obviously, all of the 78,000 alleged maintenance violations cannot under any circumstances be or have been life threatening for the simple reason that the person who gives the final word for a commercial plane to take off is the pilot. Is there any pilot crazy enough to take off from an air strip knowing that the equipment is not properly maintained, and hence, could jeopardize his life and those of his co-workers — and hundreds of passengers? The answer is obvious.

We have flown Eastern Airlines, exclusively, commuting between Ft. Lauderdale/Palm Beach and Newark for the past 22 years — almost on a weekly basis. We never boarded an EAL plane fearing it was not properly maintained. As a matter of fact, we board Eastern Airlines planes for the

very reason that we feel confident that its maintenance program is second to none. In this belief, we have never been disappointed.

The reckless charge by the FAA should be investigated by a congressional panel. Making its alleged charge public was a bad decision by FAA. It served no useful purpose. The result of the public allegation raised concerns in the minds of air travelers about the maintenance programs of all airlines. Are they better or worse than Eastern Airlines? When boarding a plane is maintenance failure — life threatening?

Accidents involving airplanes of any major commercial airline carrier to our knowledge have never been attributed to a maintenance problem — certainly, none with Eastern Airlines that we know of.

The flying public — the FAA notwithstanding — could board an Eastern Airlines plane with confidence that its equipment is maintained at the highest levels of professionalism in the industry. The only regret we have with Eastern Airlines is the pending merger with Texas Airlines. We hope the government will reject the petition for acquisition of Eastern Airlines by Texas Air.

## N.J. Public Broadcasting

For a number of years the State of New Jersey has been spending millions of dollars to maintain a television network to serve the people of the State of New Jersey.

Years ago, there may have been justification for the existence of this television facility.

Today, conditions are substantially changed. Channel 9 has spent \$22 million building a major television facility in Secaucus, New Jersey to serve our state. CBS, NBC and ABC — Channels

2, 4 and 7 — are allocating more and more time to New Jersey affairs.

Given the present circumstances — Channel 9 receiving renewal of a franchise based upon its commitment to serve the State of New Jersey — given additional coverage to the state by CBS, NBC and ABC — the time has come to save taxpayer money by eliminating the state-funded television network. We are talking about many millions — and forever.

## Positive views on town hall

To the editor:

There has recently been a good deal of spirited discussion on the need for a new municipal complex. Several well intentioned persons who are against the project have offered a variety of reasons for their opposition. As an elected commissioner who voted for the project, and will continue to support it, allow me to reiterate a number of what I think are compelling reasons why Belleville needs a new municipal complex.

We know all too well that much of Washington Avenue — Belleville's Main Street — is depressed and continuing to deteriorate. Despite this, Belleville continues to remain an attractive suburban community with property values rising modestly. However, unless we take steps to shore up the attractiveness of Washington Avenue, the blight that affects the avenue will seriously erode Belleville's reputation as a pleasant and safe suburban community. Once the image of the town's main artery takes a nosedive, the value of property throughout the town will surely follow suit. It's happened in town after town but we don't want to see it happen here.

Constructing a new municipal complex next to the existing town hall will provide the anchor we need to stimulate further upgrading of Washington Avenue. In fact, that process has already begun.

Bigelow Motors, anticipating the new municipal complex is planning a \$250,000 renovation and expansion of its showroom and parts warehouse on Washington Avenue and into the Valley Square Plaza from Bigelow Motors, a developer has plans to build 45 townhouses on a two acre lot bounded by Jonathan Street, Little Street, Washington Avenue and the railroad tracks.

Projects like these are only the first of what I believe will be a spate of privately funded revitalization projects along Washington Avenue. These projects will be a source of confidence in the town by merchants, businesspersons and developers who recognize our determination to halt the deterioration of Washington Avenue.

If we fail to take steps to revitalize Washington Avenue, it is hard to imagine what will follow. All one needs to do is continue further south on Washington Avenue onto Broadway in Newark for a look at the urban blight that is slowly creeping towards our town.

Even the harshest critics of the new municipal complex concede that our police force is badly in need of more space. Fully half (51 percent) of the new building will be devoted to public safety, which I know is one of the top priorities of our taxpayers. Let's give our police the wherewithal to do the job we expect of them.

## Tax rate can be stabilized

To the editor:

As I have been campaigning for a seat on the Belleville Board of Education, I have been getting many questions on my proposal for a permanent finance committee of the Board. Actually, the idea is quite simple, but it has enormous potential for stabilizing the tax rate generated by the board of education.

Because Belleville has lost so many ratables over the years, we now receive approximately 40 percent of our school monies from the state. The fact that we get so much from the state is certainly a benefit to the local property owner who is paying an enormous tax burden as it is.

But there is a problem, and that is that the money provided by the state fluctuates widely from year to year. During the last two gubernatorial election years, the amount of state aid shot

The new municipal complex will also have the advantage of consolidating under one roof all town agencies and departments, including the board of education. This consolidation will mean the municipal employees will work to stores, shops and restaurants along Washington Avenue for noontime and possibly after-work shopping and socializing. The consolidation of town offices will also allow us to sell satellite municipal offices and put those properties back on the tax rolls.

Parking is one of the most severe problems facing the merchants along Washington Avenue. The new municipal complex will provide additional spaces that will be needed by town employees and residents doing business with the town and its merchants.

While the extra parking provided by the new municipal complex would solve Washington Avenue's parking problems, we still need satellite lots in the north and south, at least in the right direction, and one that I'm sure will be welcomed by Washington Avenue merchants.

Critics of the municipal complex point to the cost and say it's beyond our means and that cost estimates have been deliberately underestimated. It is a fact that the price tag of the new building is \$10 million.

Thanks to years of conservative financial management, Belleville has very little long term debt and is in sound fiscal shape. We can realize a \$10 million bond issue with no adverse effect on the town's finances and with interest rates as low as they are now — certainly a good time to finance a long term capital project.

What will the cost to the average taxpayer be? Assuming a final cost of \$10 million, our best estimate is that the average household will see an increase of \$1.10 in its annual taxes, and that this increase will be spread over 20 years.

This calculation does not include the decline from the site of 181 Washington Ave. which could be used to reduce the amount of money borrowed and consequently reduce the tax rate.

Is it worth it? If one looks at the blight along Washington Avenue and the narrow perspective of a \$10 million structure that would house municipal employees, then the answer is probably no. But if one looks at the new municipal complex as an artery that will sprout new town's major artery, halt the spreading blight from the south, stimulate further revitalization along Washington Avenue and help boost property values throughout the town, then I believe the answer is yes.

Sincerely,  
Ralph J. DiNapoli  
Commissioner

## Thinks new building is great

To the editor:

I'd like to say one thing — where are the people that did so much complaining about Washington Avenue and getting something done?

Now the commissioners are trying to build this up with this new building and I think it's great.

People should go down to the bottom of the building and see its condition. We all know there are four policemen who got cancer. Who knows its conditions had anything to do with that?

People spend so much money on gambling and think nothing of it and yet

to spend it on this building, they object.

If the commissioners say it will cost so much, they should know. I'm sorry to say these ignorant people are too stupid to see anything.

This was proposed at a town meeting a little while back and everyone agreed. Taxes go up with every day living and you have nothing to show for it. At least we'll have something to show for it.

I've been a resident 50 years and can't stop progress. Go to it, commissioners!

Mrs. Lydia Long  
Newark Avenue

## Merchants ask for parking

To the editor:

We support the new town hall complex proposal providing we can acquire customer parking and question the old town hall building's usefulness.

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## Golden Comments

By James R. Golden

A sage once said, "I do not know the key to success, but the key to failure is to try to please everybody." An adage sadly learned by our Belleville governing officials when late local citizens vented their ire over the prospect of being "clobbered" with a staggering tax increase looming for the proposed new \$10 million town hall the commissioners had voted for at previous meetings.

Notwithstanding, that all the requirements had been properly met and the necessary public notices and meetings had been held, a series of indignities was perpetrated by displaying derisive placards, stained-towel hand-drawn caricatures of the designed new building, which they alleged was the Taj Mahal, demanding to be heard of denunciation of the proposed project, rather than the earlier, less costly plan to enlarge the present town hall by placing an addition on its extended east end Valley Street with parking underneath.

Space limitations of the commission chambers preventing additional notification to many the taxpayers announced that a meeting would be held to discuss the matter at 8:00 p.m. on April 1, at which time a "clearer picture" would be presented to explain the publicly the reasons advanced by the governing body.

Municipal tax rates throughout the state are showing marked growth, but mostly because of inflation, rising commodity prices, mandated health care increases, education costs and other factors. Community taxes are rising in proportion to these and other factors, which municipalities, despite the county's aid, must meet.

Natley's tax rates, although struck down in a 4-point increase to about \$225 for the owner of a home valued at \$100,000. At the time of this writing, predicted rates are again a questionable we would project an anticipated 60-point Belleville tax increase of about \$100 on a home valued at \$100,000.

We do without knowledge of what may transpire at the school's scheduled meeting but, we hope it will be a "clearer picture" even that "black dignity" and "decent" resulting in a more rational conduct and sound actions.

With certainty there are tax and costs to the mind involved in the decision-making process upon planning what they transfer fees for the community and its development and those of the taxpayers who must pay for these initiatives with higher taxes, with no return in return.

What is not needed is a school-based upon ego and their self-interest, standing firm and adamant and the other promoting retreat. At this present point, nothing is completely carved in stone. This decision and compromise offers opportunity to admit mistakes and resolve disputes.

There can be no argument to improved and modern educational facilities are sorely needed. Belleville's public buildings, in one questions that are also encourage in a serious state-of-the-art that magnifies the impending taxes that prevent a sound and reasonable approach in settling the town's affairs.

We must try to avoid a situation where "push becomes shove." That type of unproductive power struggle could create devastating — were trying to prove our township, not under it. The mounting cleavage is counterproductive. This battle must not be permitted to become a self-inflicted that gets out of hand. This is a poor time for historic demonstrations and ego trip obstinacy clashing with each other when deliberation at a conference table could produce positive results.

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# High School Proficiency Test is required for graduation

the HSPT in the ninth grade remedial help is given to the student the following year. The test is then again given in the student's sophomore year. If a student fails the test again, the process of remedial help continues, he said.

Once a student passes the HSPT, it is put on his transcript and the test never has to be taken again. However, if a student continues to fail the test, it must be taken until a passing grade is received. Students must receive a 75 percent in reading, a 61 percent in math, and a 70 out of 12 in writing.

In the area of math, 50.6 percent of the ninth graders taking the HSPT from September to January passed according to Michael Lemongello, math supervisor and member of the Action Plan Committee. In 1985, only 37.3 percent passed, he said.

According to Lemongello, the HSPT is more difficult in that students are asked to solve three-step problems rather than one- or two-step problems in the MBS and that no math formulas are provided to students in the HSPT.

Students are required to complete the math portion of the HSPT, which consists of 107 questions, in 120 minutes.

To help students prepare for the math section of the HSPT, math teachers incorporate HSPT-style problems to their daily lesson plans. Lemongello said. Curriculum has been revised and new textbooks have been provided for seventh and eighth grade students, math teachers have attended 27 HSPT workshops where teaching strategies were identified and 194 HSPT booklets have been given to teachers to use in the fifth grade classroom, Lemongello said.

HSPT skills are also incorporated in the business, social

studies, science and related arts subjects, he said.

**Reading skills**  
As HSPT style math skills are incorporated to daily lesson plans, so are reading skills, according to Mrs. Paula Cummins, reading supervisor and member of the Action Plan Committee.

According to Cummins, the HSPT stresses the areas of sentence structure, organization of ideas, editing and a writing sample. The reading portion of the HSPT, she said, is quite difficult.

The HSPT reading portion is designed for the grade 8-10 reading level. Those reading samples given to students in the test are those in which students do not have a lot of background information, she said, adding that the students are required to do a great deal of thinking.

Students are required to complete the reading portion of the HSPT, which consists of 96 questions, in 120 minutes. Students must complete the writing portion of the test, 66 questions in 60 minutes and an essay in 30 minutes.

In preparation of the HSPT reading scopes and language arts guides have been developed for grades K-8. Bench mark skills which students should be mastering in each level have been highlighted, and teachers are utilizing Project Rally books and old HSPT booklets, which teachers can use to model test questions during their daily lesson plans, Cummins said.

According to Cummins, HSPT prototypes are administered to seventh graders, while students in grades 5-7 are tested for a grade 6 reading level.

**Standardized prototype**  
The English Department, under the guidance of Leonard Marciano, English supervisor and Mrs. Sandra Gottheimer, English teacher and Holistic Scoring Project chairman, has helped to prepare students by

administering HSPT prototypes every month.

The HSPT was administered to last year's ninth graders, Gottheimer said. Prototypes of that test help teachers determine which areas of the test are weak and which are in need of remedial help, she said. Each month when the HSPT prototype is given, those areas that were determined to be weak are stressed.

The reading section of the HSPT requires a longer attention span of students, she said, adding that the passages students must read deal with subjects they are not interested in.

We have to get students used to reading things they are not interested in," Gottheimer said.

## Holistic scoring

To help students prepare for the writing portion of the HSPT, a Holistic Scoring Project Committee was formed with Gottheimer in charge. Members of the committee score students' essays on the basis of organization, content, sentence structure, usage and mechanics.

Students' essays receive a number grade of 1-6 from two teachers, Gottheimer said, just as they are on the HSPT. A combined score may range from 2-12, she said, with a passing grade of 7.

Writing samples of students in grades 3, 6 and 9 are scored holistically, she said, noting that students in the lower levels are graded on the same criteria as those of the ninth grade level.

According to Gottheimer, 56.6 percent of the ninth graders received a 7 or better, while 56 percent of the sixth grade and 33 percent of the third grade received 7 or better.

Those areas which are determined weak are stressed during daily instruction, she said.

In concluding the presentations made by Dr. Benninger, Lemongello, Cummins and Gottheimer, Assis anti-Superintendent of Schools Michael Lally noted that the great amount of effort which has been placed on the HSPT has been for our greatest commodity — our children.

The HSPT will be administered to students April 15 for reading, April 16 for math and April 17 for writing. Make-ups will be administered April 21.

## Board stands firm on new town hall

men, there's an easy way out of this — put it to a vote."

As each resident stood up to demand a referendum on the issue, the largely opposing crowd responded with tremendous rounds of applause. But perhaps the biggest applause was registered when a Belleville resident took the floor and said, "Today is April Fool's Day. Will the commissioners sit up there and make a fool out of every taxpayer in the community?" He, too, demanded a referendum on the issue.

Some residents came out in support of the new town hall complex.

Tony LaVista, president of the Belleville Parolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA), said, "I would like to go on record as being in favor of the new town hall."

LaVista added that "all the offices in one building would make for a more efficient town government." His comments, however, were met with loud heckling and only scattered applause.

Many citizens complained that the special hearing at School 7 Tuesday night was after the fact since the board of commissioners had already voted on and approved the new town hall.

In response to the accusation the commissioners neither confirmed nor denied, but insisted that the plans were made public at town meetings all along.

As part of the commissioner's efforts to win public support for the already underway project, a public relations firm was hired to promote the board's point of view.

After the meeting, fact sheets

were handed out to the public in a question-and-answer format which claimed — among other things — that expanding the existing town hall could cost up to \$2 million more than building new, and that expanding will generate no new ratables, and have no positive effect on the revitalization of the town.

The fact sheet was distributed as an attempt to get the board's side of the issue to the people.

Belleville taxpayers have been reading and hearing uninformal statements and innuendoes from a few "well-meaning" residents," Mayor Marotti said. "This has become an emotional issue and

judgments are being made on an important topic based on incorrect facts and figures."

Many of the graphs, drawings, models and pictures which were on display at last week's postponed board of commissioners meeting were on display this evening, and then some. Easels displaying various renderings of the new town hall stretched from one end of the auditorium to the other and more pictures were positioned at the entrances.

The next meeting of the Belleville Board of Commissioners is Tuesday, April 8, 8 p.m. at town hall.



**Citizens Protest** — More than three dozen citizens protested in front of town hall, prompting commissioners to conduct a special meeting Tuesday night.

## VOTE 5A

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### Re-Elect

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- Doctors Degree - Rutgers University (Administration of Public Schools)
- Taxpayer and Homeowner - 20 years
- Seven years of results in the upgrading of the Belleville Schools
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## RICHARD YANUZZI

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

### VOTE 8-A / APRIL 15th

"One of our priorities should be the expansion of Special Education, especially at the grade school level."

"The proposed school budget is going to result in a 26% tax point increase. That's way too high, out-of-control."



Richard Yanuzzi

"Restoration work on our school facilities should be done prudently and properly. There has to be more than one bid for work projects, in fact there should be competitive bidding in all areas including legal fees."

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Public Relations Committee to Elect Richard Yanuzzi, A. S. Marotti, Trust



**Donation to the Needy** — Belleville Chamber of Commerce, along with Van Dyke Co. of Belleville, donated food items to the Belleville Welfare Department for needy families. Van Dyke Co. president, Van Dyke Co. member, it is the family's duty to help others. Serving the community are Ugoen R. Marotti, of Van Dyke Co., Welfare Director, and Ann Russo, and Chamber President Shirley Sherman.

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# Belleville Times



# BHS Foreign Language Department continues to grow

By Valentino Frattaroli  
BHS Foreign Language Supervisor

This year has been special, not only to the high school, but also to the Foreign Language Department.

The high school was evaluated by the Middle States Committee and foreign language teachers remember the visitation of the committee as a positive and successful experience. Besides the fact that Belleville High School gained respect from this evaluation in front of the whole community, I would like to remember and stress the comment that the committee members exchanged about our Spanish IV class. I am amazed at the way these kids speak the foreign language. I am also teaching Spanish IV in my school and I wish the students were as good as the students we have in our foreign language classes.

The performance of the Foreign Language Department, during the Middle States Evaluation, was remarkable in spite of the fact that we had four new teachers

members who joined us this year. And that brings me to talk about them in particular.

Miss Josephine Lorusso taught English As a Second Language (ESL) for one year in our school system but became officially part of our department this year. She is doing a very good job in the middle school and in the high school with kids who are studying English as a Second Language.

A second new staff member, Miss Selva, came on from the middle of last year with quite a few years of experience and she is doing a very good job with the Spanish program.

Miss Monica Yamalica and Mr. DiRenzo are completely new to our system. This is Miss Yamalica's first year of teaching while Mr. DiRenzo came to us with a good amount of teaching experience. They are both doing a remarkable job respectively with English and Italian students.

I am truly so that the foreign language staff is now very well balanced and students are receiving high quality education in our

classes.

In the meantime, we are not forgetting the cultural aspect of the Foreign Language Program. Since we are convinced that one should also be acquainted with the traditions and customs of a foreign country to better understand the people of that country. Last month, we celebrated the official "Foreign Language Week" with our students. The school walls were decorated with various flags and language expressions while our Foreign Language Club was instrumental in preparing special cafeteria menus for teachers and students.

Our Italian Club successfully prepared a special breakfast for the faculty staff and all staff members celebrated the Foreign Language Week in their respective classrooms by making students implement foreign language words and special cultural experiences.

Our teachers and staff are planning for other cultural activities. One of our main goals this year is to give more time to the students to participate in these activities. We have a lot of different clubs and they are all very successful in the preparation of a student dinner. We wish to be able to offer our students not only an academic experience but also a social and cultural one. We are going to have a special event to celebrate the foreign language study.



Foreign Language Week - Students in the Foreign Language Department at Belleville High School recently participated in a variety of activities during their observance of National Foreign Language Week. Pictured are Spanish students with their teacher, Miss Selva.



Teacher and His Class - Mr. Jules Palmieri, Italian teacher at Belleville High School, takes a moment out from his daily lesson to pose with one of his students.

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# Schools 3, 5 & 8 host Easter party for students

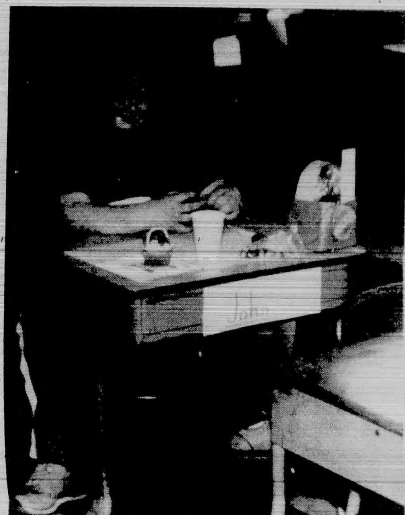


Students at School 8 enjoying their Easter candy.



Michelle Smith, second from left, a student in Miss Debbie Weyland's class at School 8, sits with the chocolate rabbit she won in a raffle. Sitting with her are her kindergarten classmates.

Photos by Michelle Jeannotte



John Stefanelli, a student in Mrs. Anne Carlucci's first grade class at School 5, sits at his desk to enjoy his cupcake.



Christopher Veljkovic, Nichole Russomanno and Marc DePriore, students in Mrs. Carlucci's first grade class at School 5, wait patiently before digging into their Easter candy.



This pretty little blonde seems quite happy with the Easter basket she received during an Easter party at School 8 last week.



Students in Miss Debbie Weyland's kindergarten class at School 8 enjoy cupcakes and fruit juice during an Easter party last week.



Mrs. Carol Veneziano, a teacher at School 8, presents Easter baskets to her students. The baskets were made by the students.



Keith Hands, Diana DeRiggi and Joseph Costanza, students in Mrs. Anna Ciccone's third grade class at School 5, pose for a picture with the Easter baskets.



Third graders Joseph Sabolchic, Martin Scis and John Perna of School 5 wait for the okay from their teacher, Mrs. Anna Ciccone, before digging in to their Easter candy.



James Parker is all smiles after receiving his Easter basket full of candy. He is a student in Mrs. Anne Carlucci's first grade class at School 5.



Patrick Scis, Jennifer DeRiggi, Danielle Watson, Brian Gilroy and Denise Accunzo, students in Mrs. Anne Carlucci's first grade class at School 5, enjoyed an Easter party last Wednesday.



# Children celebrate Easter with egg hunts, parties



Joseph Noon, Dieu Khoun and Gina Ferrera, first graders at School 3, search for Easter eggs in a hunt sponsored by Mrs. Fran Galloway and Mrs. Paula Belotta's sixth grade classes.



Shawn Abramson, Paul Pisano, Nicholas Colucci and Gina Ferrera, students in Miss Louisa Lucamelli's first grade class at School 3, take a look at some of the goodies left in their Easter baskets.



Lisa Galloway and Joe Agosta, sixth grade students at School 3, help first graders Victoria Gangemi, Tara Cozzarelli and Anthony Sasso search for Easter eggs.



These three girls walk toward the finish line with a handful (and bagful) of Easter eggs. The girls participated in the 10th annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Optimist Club this past Saturday.



School 3 first graders Joseph Means, Gina DeBenedetto, Nicholas Trindade and Eugene Juryn posed for a picture after searching for Easter eggs in a hunt sponsored by sixth graders, including Donna Dunaj, Lisa Brady, Jennifer Tower, Kim Dullaghan and Cristen Trippodi.

Photos by Michelle Jeannotte



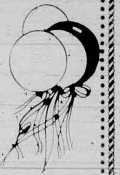
More than 100 children, ages 1-12, participated in the 10th annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Optimist Club of Belleville. Some of the children, like this little guy here, needed some help from parents and friends.



Even this little girl found an Easter egg during the 10th annual hunt sponsored by the Optimist Club this past Saturday.

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# Events in the Area

## Garage/rummage sale at Ner Tamid

The Sisterhood of Temple Ner Tamid will hold a garage rummage sale 7:30 p.m. April 5 at the temple, 936 Broad St., Bloomfield.

## Fish and chips April 25 at VFW

The Ladies Auxiliary to Stuart E. Edgar Post 493, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will serve fish and chips 5 to 7 p.m. April 25 at the post home, 271 Washington Ave., Nutley. For tickets call 667-2662 additional information, call Maureen Doll at 759-3732, Helen Niedzinski at 667-3496 or Stella Pakiewicz at 667-7027. Deadline: April 20. Take-out orders with advance notice. Proceeds to cancer research.

## Dinner, fashion show April 17

School 7 O.P.E. is holding a dinner and fashion show 7 p.m. April 17 at Branch Brook Manor, Belleville. Fashions by Fashion Bud, Nutley. For tickets at \$18, call Evelyn at 751-6274 or Terry at 759-0425.

## Auxiliary elects slate Tuesday

The Ladies Auxiliary to Stuart E. Edgar Post 493, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet for election of officers 8 p.m. April 8 at the post home, 271 Washington Ave., Nutley.

## Upperware fund raiser tonight

The Youth Orchestras of Essex County are holding a Upperware fund raiser 7 to 9:30 p.m. tonight at Pleasantdale Presbyterian Church, 471 Pleasant Valley Road, West Orange. Public invited. For information, call 994-0296.

## Basketball banquet at Triple Crown

The Bloomfield Basketball Boosters will sponsor its 22nd annual basketball banquet 6:30 p.m. April 16 at the Triple Crown Restaurant, Route 23 South, Little Falls. For tickets at \$12, call Joe Carter at 748-2745.

## St. Francis blood drive April 6

St. Francis Xavier Church, 243 Abington Ave., Newark, will hold a blood drive 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 6 at St. Francis School (R. McAdam room). For more information, call the North Jersey Blood Center at 676-4700, or chairpersons, Joseph Mercuri at 743-9796 or Helen Natale at 483-2852.

## Chinese auction next Wednesday

The Ladies Aid Society of Belleville Reformed Church is sponsoring a Chinese auction 7:30 p.m. April 9 at the church, Main and Rutgers streets. Tickets \$3. For more information, call 759-2207.

## Tri-Town BPW membership tea

Tri-Town BPW of Belleville, Bloomfield and Nutley is hosting a membership tea 3 to 5 p.m. April 13 at the home of Judge and Mrs. Stanley Bedford, 232 Highfield Lane, Nutley, to welcome working women in the area interested in joining the group. For more details, call chairman Nancy LaBruzza at 661-2103 evenings or 667-0408 days.

## Fish and chips Friday at Franklin

Franklin Reformed Church Women's Guild will serve a fish and chip dinner 5:30 to 7 p.m. April 4 at the church, Hillside Crescent, Nutley. Takeouts at 5 p.m. Adults, \$5.50; children under 12, \$3. For reservations, call 667-7587.

## Women's Club to hear Munk

William F. Munk will be guest speaker at the Women's Club of Bloomfield 7 p.m. April 11 at the clubhouse, 10 Clarendon Place.

## Dinner-fashion show April 10

School 5 Belleville is sponsoring its annual spring dinner-fashion show 6:30 p.m. April 10 at The Fiesta Woodridge. Tickets at \$15 may be purchased by calling Jackie DeBenedetto at 759-6872 or School 5 at 759-1786.

## Opera Friends social April 15

The Friends of the New Jersey State Opera will hold a business meeting and social 8 p.m. April 15 at Nutley Savings and Loan, 371 Franklin Ave., Entertainment. For more information, call John Portle at 667-0253.

## Art show at Community Nursery

The Community Nursery School will celebrate the Week of the Young Child by holding its annual art show 7:30 p.m. April 9 at St. Paul's Congregational Church, 10 St. Paul's Place, Nutley. At 8 p.m., Anthony Coletta, Ph.D., will speak on raising pre-schoolers in the infantile age.

## Children's fashion show April 13

St. Peter's Sports Association is holding a children's fashion show 1 p.m. April 13 at the Chandelier, 340 Franklin Ave., Belleville. Fashions by Sherman's of Belleville and Nutley. Tickets at \$17 may be reserved by calling Michelle Kurash at 429-9361.

## Indoor flea market opens April 19

St. Peter's Sports Association and St. Peter's Youth Group will hold an indoor flea market 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 19 at St. Peter's School, 152 William St., Belleville. Table rental: \$13. Call Barbara Spirock at 751-6469.

## United Mothers' card party

Nutley United Mothers' Club is planning a card party 7:30 p.m. April 11 at the Parks and Rec building, 44 Park Ave., Nutley. For tickets at \$4 or more information, call Maureen at 661-0638.

## Fish and chips dinner April 25

The Ladies Auxiliary to Stuart E. Edgar Post 493, VFW, will serve a fish and chips dinner 5 to 7 p.m. April 25 at the post home, 271 Washington Ave., Nutley. Proceeds to cancer research. For tickets at \$5 and more information, call Maureen Doll at 759-3732, Helen Niedzinski at 667-3496 or Stella Pakiewicz at 667-7027.

## UNICO ball April 19 at Nanina's

Reservations are being accepted now for Nutley UNICO's April 19 ball at Nanina's in the Park, Belleville. Cocktails at 7 p.m., dinner at 8:30 p.m. Music by Joe Rose's Orchestra. Donation: \$50 per person. For reservations, call Philip Ferinde at 667-1333 or Al Flociello at 667-4798.

## Pancake breakfast April 13

The Nutley Civic Celebrations Inc. committee announces its 7th annual pancake breakfast 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 13 at the Nutley Masonic Temple, 175 Chestnut St. Adults, \$3.50; children under 40, \$2.50. For tickets, call Bob Mosca at 235-0671 or Bea Ucci at 661-2920.

## Bus ride to Atlantic City April 6

The Belleville Baseball Parents and Friends Assoc. will sponsor a bus ride to Atlantic City April 6. Buses will leave Belleville High School at 10 a.m. and return at 9 p.m. For more information and reservations, call Fran Lucante at 759-9148. Deadline: Mar. 15.

## Wesley's spring attic sale April 4

The Women's Society of Wesley United Methodist Church will hold its annual spring attic sale 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 4 at the church, 225 Washington Ave., Belleville.

## Indoor/outdoor flea market

The Mothers' Association of Boy Scout Troop 2, Bloomfield, will sponsor an indoor/outdoor flea market 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 5 at Presbyterian Church on the Green, Broad St. and Belleville Ave. Rain or shine.

## Treasure Tray Nite April 4

The Home and School Association of School 8 will sponsor a "Treasure Tray Nite" 7:30 p.m. April 4 at the school auditorium, 183 Union Ave., Belleville. Tickets at \$5 include admission, 25 gift tickets and refreshments and may be obtained by calling Fran Albanese at 759-5287. Tables of 10 may be reserved in advance.

## VFW auxiliary Chinese auction

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 275, Belleville, will hold a Chinese auction at the post hall, 17 Belleville Ave., 7:30 p.m. April 11. Admission \$3. Entertainment and refreshments. For tickets, call 235-0303.

## Dinner-fashion show April 10

The Nutley High School Class of 1987 will present its first spring dinner-fashion show. "Everything's Coming Up Roses," April 10 at The Bellwood, Totowa. Tickets at \$18 may be reserved by calling 667-2273 by March 31.

## Deborah Youth serving spaghetti

Deborah Hospital Foundation's Youth, for Deborah will serve spaghetti 2 to 7 p.m. April 13 at Mt. Carmel Chapter Knights of Columbus Hall, 3 Haggert St., off Washington Ave., Nutley. For tickets at \$3 for adults, \$2 for children, call 661-3532 or 667-7296. No tickets will be sold at the door. Proceeds will benefit Deborah Hospital.

## MIDS meets April 16 in Nutley

The Essex County chapter of MIDS will meet 8 p.m. April 16 at 15 Clover St., Nutley. MIDS is a self-help support group which offers friendship and understanding to parents who have suffered a loss due to miscarriage, infant death or stillbirth. For more information, call Lisa Calabria at 235-1364 or Bonnie Smith at 239-8467.

## Toughlove meets Thursdays

Toughlove, a support group for parents who have problems with their teenagers' behavior, meets 7:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Parks and Recreation building, 44 Park Ave., Nutley. For information, call 743-5511.

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## Bus trip to Tramp Castle April 5

The Junior Woman's Club of Belleville will sponsor a bus trip to Tramp Castle in Atlantic City 11 a.m. April 5. Cost: \$17. Each passenger receives \$12 coin, \$3 food and \$5 deferred. For reservations, call 759-8669 or 759-5659.

## Fellini's 'Amarcord' April 6

Federico Fellini's "Amarcord" will be shown 3 p.m. April 6 at the Franklin Theatre, Franklin Ave., Nutley. Donation: \$2.50. Co-sponsored by Nutley UNICO Chapter in keeping with its commitment to bring Italian culture to the community and Nutley Savings and Loan Association. For more information, contact Ciro Violante, chairman of the culture and heritage committee, at 661-3500.

## Rainbow Girls Smorgasbord

Assembly 54, Order of Rainbow for Girls, will sponsor a smorgasbord 5 to 7 p.m. April 5 at Nutley Masonic Temple, Chestnut Street. Adults, \$4; children under 12, \$2.50.

## Belleville Knights plan benefit

Belleville Knights of Columbus, Council 435, will hold a benefit for Charles O. Dell 9 p.m. to midnight April 4 at the council hall, 9 Bridge St. Donation: \$10. For more information, call Grand Knight James Kiernan at 759-5196.

## VFW Chinese auction April 11

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 275, will hold a Chinese auction 7:30 p.m. April 11 at the post hall, 17 Belleville Ave., Belleville. Entertainment, refreshments, awards. For tickets at \$3, call Mrs. Jean Hopp at 235-0303.

## Fairview Chinese auction April 11

The Fairview Home and School Association plans its annual "Chinese auction" 7 p.m. April 11 at White Eagle Manor, Bloomfield. Tickets: \$7. For reservations, call 748-7114.

## Night at the Races April 17

The Friends of Marion Grecco are holding a "Night at the Races for Marion" April 17. Tickets at \$60 include admission to the track and dinner in the Trackside Room. Arrival: 6 p.m., dinner: 7 p.m., races: 8 p.m. A race is being named in honor of the assemblywoman. For tickets, call 235-1263 or 338-6107 after 5 p.m.

## Roche Retirees meet April 12

The Roche Retiree Club will meet 1:30 p.m. April 12 in building 76 auditorium, Marianna Pextur, savings administrator of the Hoffmann-LaRoche Federal Credit Union, will show slides and speak on "How to increase your profitability by using your credit union for all it's worth."

## Fish and chips dinner April 4

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## Guild fashion show, luncheon

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## St. Mary's serving spaghetti April 12

St. Mary's Home and School Association will sponsor a "Spaghetti Night" 8:30 p.m. April 12 at St. Mary's School gym, 17 Monsignor Owens Place, Nutley. Tickets: \$5 for adults, \$3.50 for children under 12. For tickets and more information, call 759-1100.

## Watercolor exhibit opens April 13

The Bloomfield Art League is hosting an exhibit of the Essex Watercolor Club April 13 to May 3 at the Civic Center, 84 Broad St. Admission is free. Ludlow Thorston will give a watercolor demonstration at the reception 2 p.m. April 13.

## Chinese auction at Mt. Carmel

The Association of Blind Athletes of New Jersey has scheduled a Chinese auction 7 p.m. April 25 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Montclair. Donation: \$5. For more information, call Rose Ruffalo at 743-8688 or Joe Ruffalo at 759-3622.

## Bloomfield Art League exhibit

The Bloomfield Art League, sponsored by the Bloomfield Recreation Commission, is holding a members exhibition through April 5 at the Civic Center, 84 Broad St. Galleries 1 and 2. Admission is free.

## Organizations for area singles

The Singles Connection for area singles, widowed, divorced and separated, meets the first and third Thursday of each month, 8 to 11 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 200 Highfield Lane, Nutley. Rap groups, music, dancing. Refreshments served. Donation: \$3. Call 235-1177 for more information.

Singles Again Inc., an organization for all singles in Belleville, Bloomfield, Nutley and surrounding areas, sponsors a dance and party every Friday night at the Kenilworth Holiday Inn, immediately off GSP exit 138. DJ, complimentary snacks. Orientation: 8:30 p.m.; dance: 9:30 p.m. For more information, call 528-6343.

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Jewish Singles will sponsor a dance 8 p.m. April 6 at the Kenilworth Holiday Inn, Garden State Parkway exit 138, for singles in their 20's and 30's. For more information, call 797-6877.

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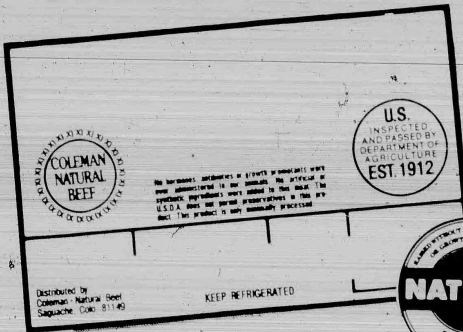
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# Belleville Times SPORTS

## Buc Shots

By Michael Lamberti

## LaConte serves as understudy before taking baseball reins



Oh, how Ralph LaConte must have grinned and beated it back in the Spring of 1983. All the abuse and second guessing about George Zanfani's replacement and what a bad season the team had in '83.

Just three years ago, LaConte, no stranger to adversity, assumed the role of head baseball coach at Belleville High School when a near legend, George Zanfani, decided it was time to step down.

In addition to knowing adversity, LaConte knew Belleville baseball. Before taking the role as head coach, he had served as a pretty strong understudy to previous Belleville coaches. For say he has been around Belleville baseball for "some time," could be an understatement.

Started coaching here in 1967. LaConte remembered last week. "I've seen a lot of kids come and go. Heck, this is my third decade of coaching at this school. I've seen a generation pass by."

Indeed, LaConte has coached ball players that are now 30 years old and established parents and workers themselves.

The kids that I had when I first started teaching," said LaConte, "are now sending their kids to Belleville schools."

LaConte was graduated from Seton Hall University in the Spring of 1966. He did a year of student teaching at Barringer High School and then accepted a position in the Belleville school system.

Before taking the head coaching job, LaConte was second to Charles Travers and in 1975 became assistant to Zanfani. When Zanfani stepped down after eight very successful seasons, it was finally Ralph LaConte's turn.

In 1983, LaConte inherited a young, inexperienced team. While he was short on victories in that initial year, he wasn't short on class.

"We'll take our lumps this year," LaConte said during the 8-17-1 season of 1983. "But we'll be building a foundation for future seasons. Belleville baseball will be back."

In addition to football and wrestling, baseball at Belleville High School is big. It's almost expected that the team produce a winner year in and out. In 1981, the Bucs captured a Greater Newark Tournament title, beating Glen Ridge in the finals. Some of Zanfani's records during his tenure included 24-4 in 1976, 18-4 in '78, 17-4 in '79, 17-7 in '80 and 22-7 in the magical '81 season.

Certainly, it was a tough act to follow. LaConte built the team, his way, however. He knew that success would come back, but it would take time.

The return of the Belleville Legion baseball team in the summer did a great deal toward helping the program. The Legion team had been absent for three seasons, but it came back in 1984, and helped a lot of the young players develop.

In the 1984 season, young players like John Auremma, John Graziano, Dave Long, Frank Tursi, Joe Barriello, Anthony Lombardi and 4600 took began to shape the future of the team. Belleville doubled its victory/outrun in one season, jumping from eight wins in '83 to 19 in the following season. Suddenly, the Bucs were 16-2 and the confidence began to return.

Last year, it continued to fall into place. Young men like Dean Sternik, Joe Mullaney, Steve Muihenn, Joe Feith and Allan Ruopp continued the pace and Belleville improved upon its '85 season, winning 18 games, losing just eight and tying Bloomfield for the NJJHL championship. The Bucs also advanced to the semifinals of the Group IV, Section II tourney before losing to powerhouse Elizabeth.

It's been a good success story for LaConte, but the work is far from over.

"God willing, I'll be around for a fourth decade," LaConte said. "I really enjoy coaching here and working with the kids. I'm happy about our team this season and hopeful we can continue the upswing."

Quite a change from early April, 1983, when the Bucs opened the season at Columbia High School and lost to the Cougars, 11-3.

### Phil Niecko

As you get older, you learn more and more about the game of baseball and the business minds that run it. Last week, the Yankees, in their never ending wisdom, granted an unconditional release to one of the class acts in major league ball, Phil Niecko. This is a man that started pitching in the early 1960's for the Braves. He was never noted for doing drugs, he never was arrested for assault, he never did anything but pitch a knuckle ball, and he did it with tremendous success. After the Atlanta Braves let him go in 1983, Niecko caught on with the Yankees and won 32 games over the next two seasons. On the final day of the '85 season, he won his 30th career game, a victory that practically assures his place in Cooperstown, New York. At age 47, he seemed destined to pitch until 50. However, the Yankees decided that he was too old, that 42 wins over the past two years, by the way, that's fifth best in the American League over that period, wasn't good enough. So, ungraciously, Phil Niecko was released. Don't be surprised if he doesn't catch on with another team soon. Don't forget, baseball is a big business and some team will probably realize that Mr. Niecko can benefit their club, not only on the mound, but off the field as well.

### This Weeks Quiz

When Louisville last won the NCAA basketball title, in 1980, it beat a field of Cinderellas in the Final Four. Name the other three teams that season and the big name players that led all four teams.

### Athlete of the Week

With the spring sports starting play this week, the Athlete of the Week will return in next weeks issue. Good luck to all the athletes and coaches in their endeavors this spring.

## Power from outfield leads 1986 Buc baseball team

By Michael Lamberti

After two tough scrimmages last week, the Belleville baseball team will start the regular season tomorrow afternoon, with a game at Bergen Catholic.

The game with B.C. commences at 4 p.m. On Saturday morning, the team will host Vailsburg starting at 11 a.m. On Monday, the Bucs host Don Bosco at 4 and on Wednesday will travel to Paramus, also at 4.

Head coach Ralph LaConte, starting his fourth year as head coach, is mildly optimistic about the '86 season.

The last two scrimmages against Kearny and Union were a good test for us," the coach said. "The competition was tough and we got a chance to make a lot of decisions for the opening game."

The Bucs are favored by neighboring periodicals to do well this season. TV-3 has picked Belleville as the top Essex County team in the pre season and fourth overall in their listening area. While all of this is a compliment to the program, LaConte is not taking anything for granted.

We won't know anything until we get out there (for the opener)," LaConte stressed. "We have some good talent, but there are some positions to fill after graduation last spring. We have some young and older kids that are vying for starting positions this season."

Mark Palumbo, a senior, will get the start on the mound tomorrow afternoon at Bergen Catholic. On Saturday morning, Jim Dunphy gets a turn versus Vailsburg. LaConte is happy

about his 1-2 punch on the mound in Palumbo and Dunphy.

At Best, a junior, will be the first baseman. Over at second is senior Tim Coffey. The short stop is senior Allan Ruopp and over at third will be senior Joe Perna. The catcher is an experienced senior in John Auremma.

In the outfield, centerfielder Dave Long anchors a powerful

troop. Lou Lucante, a junior, or Jaime Galindo, a junior, will play left and Dunphy or Dave McNeill will handle the right field chores. McNeill, a junior, will get the nod when Dunphy is on the hill. When Dunphy plays right field, McNeill will be the teams designated hitter.

A lot of our power will come from the outfield," LaConte said. "Dave Long, a senior, is

the guy that the other teams know about, but our other players should also be pretty strong. Hopefully, the opposition will not be able to pitch around Dave."

Long was a .380 hitter in 1985 and Auremma, a third year starter, hit .391 a year ago. Ruopp was the teams leadoff hit-

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Outfielders - This year's outfielders. (l-r, back) Dave Long, Mark Palumbo, (l-r, front) Jim Dunphy, Dave McNeill and Lou Lucante, will provide most of the power to the Belleville High School baseball team this season. - Photo by Chris Lawlor.

## Girls' softball team has potential, says coach, as tough season begins

The Belleville softball team began regular season play last Tuesday with a game at Queen

of Peace. Carl Corino's squad will have its home opener on Saturday morning, versus Union

High at 11 a.m. from Clearmont. This afternoon the team is at De Paul High School for a 4 p.m. start. Next Tuesday, it's a long bus ride to Westwood for a game with Immaculate Heart.

"The team has potential," Corino said. "I'm hoping we can come around as the season progresses. These first two weeks will tell us a lot. We have a tough schedule, with a lot of the games on the road."

Corino expected a tough outing with Queen of Peace. De Paul has been a Parochial powerhouse in Group B and Union is always tough. You might remember that Belleville edged Union last May in the semi finals of the Group IV, Section II tourney. It was the first time that Belleville had defeated the Lady Farmers. Next week, perennial powers Paramus and Ridgewood will be featured on the Belleville schedule, so the girls will jump in the fire right away.

Since last week, Corino's lineup is a little clearer. In the infield, Trish Tramulita, a junior, returns for her second year. Senior Desiree Johansen, beginning her fourth year, will man the shortstop position. Johansen is the only senior in the infield and is one of just two seniors in the entire starting line-up. The second baseman will be freshman Laurie Donarski. Corino is pleased with Donarski's aggressive fielding and speed on the bases. Donarski was a good basketball player for Kearny-Fuocco last winter.

At first base, Cindi Ruggiero holds the edge over sophomore Sandy Brew. Ruggiero, a junior, can also play designated hitter. The catcher will be junior Laura Caruso. She started behind the plate last season. Caruso can provide power and has a good throwing arm.

The outfield, a point of concern to Corino, should feature

senior Sheri Sorrentino in left field. "Sorr" started in right field last season and has good power at the plate.

Right now, sophomore Danielle Walker looks to be the starting centerfielder and right field should be the home of sophomore Raquel Melson. Junior Samantha Russamano could also see action in the outfield.

The pitching corps looks very good. Corino planned on starting sophomore Jeanine Luzzi against Queen of Peace.

"We'll start with Luzzi, but if she gets in trouble, I can turn to (Michele) Calderone," Corino said. "Both girls are capable of doing the job."

Luzzi saw limited varsity action last spring, but has looked very good in the pre season. Calderone, also a sophomore, broke in the starting rotation last May and was a key player down the stretch as Belleville advanced to the county and sectional finals.

"Both girls can help each other out," Corino said. "If Calderone is off, Luzzi can step in and vice versa."

The hitting, which has also concerned Corino this spring, seems to be coming around. Johansen, Caruso, Sorrentino, Luzzi and Tramulita should pace the offense in the early going. Sped on the bases should be provided by Ruggiero, Donarski and Walker.

Certainly, Corino is hoping for continued success from the team. If previous records are any indication, the coach will find that success, and then some.

NOTES: Girls were 24-6 last season, 24-5 in 1984, 23-5, with the county and conference titles in '83, 24-2-2 with the county title in '82, 18-8 in '81 and 20-8 in '80. Corino's first season as head coach. That's 133 wins against just 34 losses in Corino's first six years of coaching.

## Giuffrida's crew team to compete in 'Flicks'

After six strong weeks of practice, The Belleville crew team will race for keeps this Saturday morning in the opening match of the '86 season.

Sam Giuffrida's crew will do battle with Kearny and Upper Merion High Schools at the boat house in North Arlington. The races start at 10:30 a.m. On Sunday morning, the Bucs travel to Philadelphia to compete in the 'Flicks' against neighboring Philadelphia schools.

"We're looking pretty good," Giuffrida reported last weekend. "Our varsity eight for the boys is experienced and strong. I haven't come up with a set lineup for that boat yet, but it should be good."

Giuffrida also hinted that some younger oarsmen might crack the varsity eight before the season ends.

"The boys' freshman and junior varsity shells have also looked good in practice," but Giuffrida posted a warning about good looks in practice.

"We haven't been up against any competition. I don't know what we have, yet. Kearny should be very good this season and Upper Merion is always strong."

The girls are in a rebuilding cycle. Every fan in Belleville is aware of the amazing feats performed by the girls' crew squad from 1982-85. The team captured three national championships over that four year period. However, most of the members of that boat have been graduated and Giuffrida is watching some eager young athletes attempt to

fill some big shoes.

I don't know whether we'll use the eights, or fours, with the girls," the coach said. "We could go with a junior and senior four, however that has not been determined."

About the only disappointing aspect of "spring training" this year has been Nutley's absence from the schedule.

Nutley cancelled all its dual races," said Giuffrida. "I'm very disappointed, because it's been a 40 year tradition with them. We'll probably see them in the flicks, but it will be a disappointment not to race them."

With Nutley cancelling its dual races, another question that pops up is, what becomes of the Goodwill Regatta, the annual championship race contested by Belleville, Nutley and Kearny for both-house supremacy.

"I'm hoping that will still come off," the coach said. "I assume that Nutley will be racing in the Regatta."

The weather has been very favorable for the rowers so far this season. The waters have been calm and the team has gotten in a lot of work.

Now, the real test will take place with the opening races this weekend.

NOTES: In addition to Giuffrida, the coaching staff for 1986 features Scott Fabian, girls coach, Bob Cassin, novice and freshmen and Don Roll, novice and freshmen. This is Roll's first season of coaching crew. He has been the assistant varsity basketball coach for the past three seasons.

Season opens Friday

Willie Chandler leads team of talented track runners

The Belleville track team will open its 1986 season tomorrow afternoon, on the road in West Orange. The Bucs will host Eastside next Wednesday afternoon, at 4 p.m. from Municipal Stadium. The team was scheduled to start with Bloomfield last Tuesday, but the race has been rescheduled for May.

Head coach John Tosato has some talented runners returning this spring and is hopeful that his field team will be stronger this season.

On the track, senior Willie Chandler will lead the sprints. Chandler will probably see action in the 100, 200 and 400 meters.

He could possibly do all three races in a meet, Tosato said, "but he'll probably vary in the events."

Rec volleyball teams compete in final games

Finals of the Belleville Recreation Department's Women's Volleyball League will be conducted Tuesday, April 15.

The Jammers are in first place with a 7-0 record, followed by the Netters with a 5-2 record.

The Friends are in third place with a 4-3 record, while Spiked Punch is close behind with a 3-4 record.

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Chandler had an excellent campaign in 1985 and should continue to do well this spring. He ran indoor this past winter and is in good shape.

Sophomore Mario Lemongello, who came on strong at the end of last season, should also be a good sprinter.

Junior Loung La will long jump and triple jump. Last season, La broke the 20 foot mark and should lead the team in the long jumping area.

Another junior, Mark Huamani, will long jump, triple jump and hurdle. A newcomer to the team, junior Chris Goldrick, has looked good in the high hurdles and high jump.

The pole vault will feature sophomores Chris Oese and Bob Chulanandana. Known as "Bob" to his teammates, in the distance events, juniors Craig Burden and John Zurlo have been looking good in practice.

Craig is looking real strong. Tosato said, "He played basketball during the winter and he's in very good condition."

Both Zurlo and Burden are effective in the 800, mile and two mile events.

In the field events, senior

Power from outfielders leads Buc baseball team

(Continued from page 13)

ter in '85, and came through with a .370 average. La Conte might have Lucante lead off this season, with Best batting second. The coach is also pleased with the hitting prowess displayed by third baseman Perna.

In the pitching department, juniors Bob Hutchison and Galioto should be the next two starters after Palumbo and Dunphy. Both Hutchison and Galioto have looked good in the pre season games.

La Conte is expecting good things from sophomore Jay Marchese, a versatile athlete that can play the infield, or outfield. Junior Anthony Pucciarello is a good first baseman, who should also help the varsity team.

The team is showing a little more intensity and the hitting is coming around," La Conte said. "The team has the ability to do the job. Now we have to see it on the field."

NOTES: La Conte's teams

Larry Boiscano is joined by a pair of juniors, JonPaul Lenczuk and Paul Santinelli. The three should give Belleville a good field team this spring.

The mile relay team, which broke a school record in that event last spring, is up in the air right now. Tosato probably will not have a set lineup until today.

For the girls, Sandy Cotter and Joann D'Ambrose will lead the field events.

Jean Altgelt will work in the hurdles and jumps while Joyce Loungo will return to her familiar middle to long distance events. Loungo has been improving season by season and should be consistently strong this spring.

Freshman Simone Edwards will concentrate on the jumps while sophomore Erica Towns will be leading the sprinters. A sophomore, Judy Nehila, is working in the quarter and half mile events.

Darrell Jackson will lead the high jumping crew for head coach Karen Fuccello.

After a promising season in 1985, coach Tosato and Company are hoping the pieces will all fit together this spring for the Belleville track program.

have shown marked improvement since he took the reins in 1983. In the first season, the Bucs were 8-17. In 1984, the team made a marked improvement to 16-9, finishing second to Ridgewood in the conference standings. Last season, the Bucs were 18-8-2, tying Bloomfield for the conference title and advancing to the state sectional semi-finals before losing to Elizabeth.

Last season, Belleville and Bergen Catholic tied. La Conte's cautious optimism has justification. In 1982, a year after it won the Greater Newark Tournament, Belleville was favored to have a tremendous season. Injuries and other intangibles said otherwise and the Bucs struggled to a 12-41 record.

Softball clinic designed to help potential umpires

A S.A. Softball Rules Clinic will be conducted Monday, April 7, and Wednesday, April 9, at 2 p.m. for those who register for the Belleville S.A. League. Instruction will be given Monday, April 7.

The clinics are designed to prepare all potential umpires for the test, which will be at the Recreation House, 407 Jerusalem St.

The registration deadline for the umpire's test is Monday, April 7. Applications are available at the



Infielders - This year's infielders for the Belleville High School baseball team include (l-r, front) Phil Zamlot, Al Best, Anthony Pucciarello and Jay Marchese, and (l-r, back) Tim Coffey, Jamie Galioto, Joe Perna and Jon Nardachone. Photo by Chris Lawlor.



Pitchers & Catchers - This year's pitchers and catchers for the Belleville High School baseball team include (l-r, front) Al Best and Mark Palumbo, and (l-r, back) Jim Dunphy, Joe Delle Monache, John Aurriemma and Jamie Galioto. Photo by Chris Lawlor.

Rec Dept. forms softball league

The Belleville Recreation Department is forming a Women's Softball League for eight teams.

Registration deadline for the women's league, which will play games on weekday evenings or on weekend nights based on what attracts greater interest, is Friday, April 11.

To register for the league, call the Belleville Recreation Department at 439-3441.

Only the first eight teams who respond will be accepted into the league. Each team will consist of 20 players, three quarters of which must be Belleville residents.

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# Junior wrestlers finish season at 6-3 and 2nd place in ECJWL

The 1985-86 Belleville Recreation Wrestling Team finished their season with a 6-3 record and a second place ranking in the Essex County Junior Wrestling League. Belleville was ranked above other league schools which included Bloomfield, Cedar Grove, Glen Ridge, Livingston, Maplewood, Millburn, West Essex and West Orange.

The only town to outrank Belleville was four-time league champion Caldwell. In the match against Caldwell, Belleville lost an extremely close 42-39 battle. However, Belleville was forced to forfeit two weight classes during the last points to start with.

Four years ago the Belleville Recreation Wrestling Team beat

third grade 60-pounder Perna finished the season with an 11-2 record and a second ECJWL medal.

George Del-Grande, Belleville's 65-pound eighth grader, finished the season with a 9-3 record, a first place in the Elizabeth Junior Wrestling Tournament and a third place in the ECJWL Champion ship.

Emilio Nardone, in his third year of competition is Belleville's 80-pound sixth grader. He finished the season with a 9-3 record and a third place in the ECJWL Tournament. Nardone was last season's 70-pound ECJWL champion with a 14-0 record.

Angelo Lofrenco, in his third year of competition, is Belleville's

Tournament.

Matt Goldrick, Belleville's eight grade 126-pounder, finished with a 7-5 record and a fourth place in the ECJWL Tournament.

Mike Zaccarella, Belleville's 135-pounder, finished this season at 7-2. He placed third in both the Elizabeth and ECJWL tournaments.

Ken Henry, Belleville's eighth grade 145-pounder, finished this season with an 11-2 record, a first place in the Elizabeth tournament and a second place in the ECJWL Tournament. Henry leads the team in pins with nine to his credit.

Tim Angheleski, the team's heavyweight, finished this season with a 6-3 record and a second



Second Place ECJWL Champs - The Belleville Recreation Wrestling team finished second in the Essex County Junior Wrestling League. Members include (from front row) Mike Miele, Anthony Velazquez, Angelo Lofrenco, Emilio Nardone, Joe Cimmarone, George Del-Grande and John Perna. Back row: Coach Jerry Patterson, Ralph Perna, Matt Goldrick, Mike Zaccarella, Ken Henry, Tim Angheleski, Mike Perna.

Looking at some of the finer factors of this season's success were the six wins over the usually power full West Essex team, a squad which is usually had more defeats. With only eight wrestlers competing out of a possible 14, Belleville managed to capture the 1st County Elizabeth Tournament, having all eight wrestlers return home with an award medal.

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10-11 Year-Old Champs - The Nets recently won the 10-11 year-old division of the Belleville Recreation Department Junior Basketball League. Members of the team include: Anthony Gialanella, Kevin and Ken Johansen, Billy Kimball, Tom Papowich, Richard Powell, Jeff Raubick, Mike Puleo and Keith Veltro. Coaches were Doug Stone, Chuck Puleo and Tom Gialanella.



8-9 Year-Old Champs - The Knicks recently won the 8-9 year-old division of the Belleville Recreation Department Junior Basketball League. Members of the team include: Andrea Curran, Kevin Davis, Patricia Bufford Mann, Pat O'Brien and Jerry Turcotte. Coaches were Eugene O'Brien and Jim Imper.

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# Short films feature Sullivan's poetry

Four short films featuring the poetry of A.M. Sullivan will be shown in tribute to the late poet at the Belleville Public Library, 221 Washington Ave. Tuesday, April 8, 1-2:30 p.m. in honor of National Library Week.

"The Work of Love" and "A.M. Sullivan, Poet," the most recent of the films to be shown, were awarded CINE Golden Eagles in 1980 and 1981, respectively. "Transcontinental," produced by 20th Century Fox Moviezone in 1959, opened at Radio City Music Hall with the Easter Show that year and was honored at the Locarno Film Festival. "Songs of the Musconetcong," produced by NIP-TV in 1979, has since been shown on PBS stations around the country.

A.M. Sullivan, who was 83 when he died in 1980, was born in Harrison and lived most of his life in the state. He often wrote of the people, places and history of northwestern New Jersey, where he spent his boyhood and enjoyed a summer home for more than 40 years. Many of his nature lyrics and a group of historical ballads

were collected in the book "Songs of the Musconetcong and Other Poems of New Jersey," on which the film, "Songs of the Musconetcong," is based.

Sullivan's poetry, published in 13 of his own volumes as well as in many anthologies, was far ranging in subject matter and style. "Transcontinental" is a rhythmic celebration of a cross-country train trip. "The Work of Love," on the other hand, is an evocative interpretation by filmmaker Doug Saunders of a group of Sullivan's poems that probe man's approach to the unknown. The film "A.M. Sullivan, Poet," a brief introduction to the poet at his home on the Musconetcong River, features a selection of his lyrics.

The poet's daughter, Catherine Sullivan, who produced "The Work of Love" and "A.M. Sullivan, Poet," for Quintra Hollow Films and who worked closely with producer, Calvin Tizard of NIP-TV and "Songs of the Musconetcong," will be on hand to tell how the films were made.

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# Education Association hosts candidates' forum

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Presenting their aspirations and qualifications were incumbents Dr. Anthony D'Agostino, school board president, and Gabriel Nazzari, board member. Daniel Borge, Barbara Cicalese, and Michael

Giordano and former school board member Thomas Spillane.

A question period followed then presentations.

This was the first time the BEA had sponsored its own candidates session.

Officers for the BEA are Thomas Festa, president; Martin Lang, vice president; Wendell Parr, secretary; and Thomas Arthur, treasurer.

# Registration continues for library's art show

Registration is still being accepted for the Belleville Public Library's Art Show scheduled for Saturday, April 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Any artist, professional or non-professional, in grades 1-12 or the adult level may participate.

Eligible works include charcoal, drawings, line drawings, graphics, mixed media, pastels, oils and acrylics, watercolors and photography.

Registration forms are available

at the library, 221 Washington Ave. For information, call the library at 759-9200.

General chair of the art show is Mrs. Richard Shaffer, secretary of the Library Board of Trustees and vice president of the Friends of the Belleville Public Library.

Judges for this year's show include Mrs. Shaffer, James Cozzitelli, Frances Lubben, Diane Schriener, Lorena Clark, Anna DeMarco, Eleanor Kelemen and Joan Santoli.

# Dinner set for April 9

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RSVP's ongoing program is the Silver Anniversary of the House of Representatives which will be celebrated with the event.

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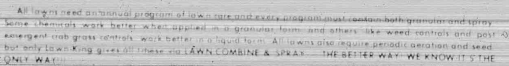
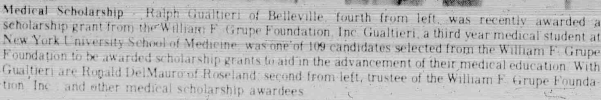
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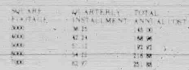
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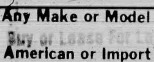
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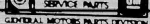
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# Candidates' Forum

## Communication between board, citizens is most important

Belleville Board of Education candidate Barbara Cicalese believes communication and a working relationship between the board of education and the citizens of the township is of utmost importance to produce a system which meets the needs of

the community. With her many years of school involvement, she believes she knows the people, the problems and the needs. Her involvement ranges from assisting with a student candy sale at the middle school to being a parent

presenter of an art program at School 10 to attending a Youth Concerns Committee meeting in the evening. Cicalese's regular attendance at board of education meetings has given her an insight to the problems and projects in which

the board is currently involved. She often expresses her concerns to the board not only about matters affecting her children but of all the students. She was one of the parents concerned with the national drug problem and was instrumental in getting the drug awareness program into the school system which includes the training of counselors so they can work with students.

Cicalese also assisted school personnel in making the transi-

tion between the Academically Talented Program and the superior classes in the middle school a smooth one.

Children are the future of our nation and we must develop a meaningful dialogue between the board of education, the administrators, the teachers, the students and the taxpayers," she said. "I will do my best to establish a meaningful atmosphere of communication where needed and keep the lines open where communication is now working."

Cicalese's blend of experience of a very involved parent and a working relationship with the board of education and school personnel will allow her to serve the residents of Belleville with positive results.

A pre-election wine and cheese party, sponsored by the Committee to Elect Barbara Cicalese, will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 98 Bridge St., Sunday, April 13, at 7 p.m.



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## Greater emphasis should be placed on board & staff's partnership role

Tom Spillane, candidate for the Belleville Board of Education, has announced that he favors a de-emphasis of the adversarial relationship between the board of education and the staff of the school system.

Spillane says that he would like to see a greater emphasis on the partnership role between the board and the staff.

"As a matter of fact I expect the teachers and other staff members to be just as enthusiastic about the success of my children as I am," he said. "Why shouldn't the staff expect the board to be just as enthusiastic about the well being of the staff members and their immediate families?"

Spillane believes that the benefits were the ideal starting point for cooperation between staff and board.

Industry in attempting to control costs and also provide the best benefits for its employees has recently discovered that because of so many two-income families, benefits that they are paying for cannot be used by the employees," Spillane said.

I'm sure that if this is true

in industry, it is more relevant in education," he continued. "One way to increase benefits and get the most for the board's budget would be to have Individual Benefit Packages. In these packages, the board would allow staff members to pick and choose benefits according to their individual needs."

Another way to do this is to maximize income tax reductions to staff members by structuring benefits to take full advantage of income tax laws," he said. "In order to make any meaningful changes in benefits, the changes would have to be done as a cooperative effort between staff and the board."

## Taxpayers cannot afford poor accounting practices

Belleville Board of Education candidate Mary Spillane said that she believes that the board of education should place a greater emphasis on the financial statement of the Belleville Board of Education.

"We as taxpayers cannot afford the continuation of poor accounting practices," she said. "The issue of various account descriptions for substantial amounts of money is a highly unethical and misleading practice."

"We cannot construct our school budget in such a manner as to allow large amounts of money to be categorized under miscellaneous and other," she continued. "An expenditure in the amount of \$380,000 in the

1984-85 actual was accounted for under miscellaneous."

In addition, amounts totaling over half a million dollars were placed under many categories all of which were accounted for under other," she said.

According to Spillane, the budget figures do not contain accurate information and are not transparent. She believes that the use of these misleading funds which are classified as "other" and "miscellaneous."

"We must make sure that all money spent by the school board must be properly identified so as to ensure the continued integrity and respect of the Belleville Board of Education in the eyes of the citizens of our town," she said.

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## Obituaries

### Michael Salerno, at 79; was retired machinist

Michael Salerno, 79, of Belleville died March 19 in his home.

Mr. Salerno was a machinist for the Bonson Co. in Newark for 20 years before retiring 17 years ago.

Surviving are three daughters: Angelina Yannuzzi of Bricktown, Mildred Fasula of Belleville and Marie Panceria of Watchung; a son, Michael of

Belleville, two brothers, Joseph and Albert of Bloomfield; three sisters: Jeanette Saxo of Bloomfield, Edith Verz of Belleville and Jean Angelo of Kearsburg; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A Mass for Mr. Salerno was offered March 24 in St. Mary's Church, Nutley Interment was in Glendale Cemetery, Bloomfield.

### Thurston Campbell, 76; private services held

Private services were held for Thurston Campbell, 76, of Belleville, who died March 24 in the Clara Maria Medical Center, Belleville.

Mr. Campbell worked for the Revlon Motor Car in New York City for 35 years before retiring 12 years ago as a foreman.

He is survived by his wife, Charlotte, two sons, Gerald and Thomas, two daughters, Mrs. Lynette Gwyn, five sisters, Mrs. Selma Hillier, Mrs. Margaret Hunter, Mrs. Ruby Gilmour, Mrs. Mildred Nevels and Mrs. Nina Hesse; four brothers, G. Edward, Edward, Cecil and John, and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 5, at the Clara Maria Medical Center, Belleville. Burial will be in the Glendale Cemetery, Bloomfield.

Thurston Campbell was born in New York City and moved to Belleville in 1945. He was a member of the Belleville Golf and Country Club and the Belleville Country Club.

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### John O. Allaire, at 80; was retired mailing clerk

Services for John O. Allaire, 80, of Irvington were held March 24 in the Charles F. Haugmann & Son Funeral Home, Irvington.

Mr. Allaire died March 19 in the Irvington General Hospital. He was a mailing clerk for Spring Mills Inc., New York City.

For 30 years, retiring 16 years ago of Irvington, he lived in Maplewood before moving to Irvington nine years ago.

Surviving are a son, John O., a daughter, Mrs. Anne Marie Brozak; two brothers, Milton and Robert; and a grandchild.

### Mrs. Anne Masucci, 61; church blessing offered

A Blessing for Anne Masucci, 61, of Nutley was offered March 25 in Holy Family Church, following the funeral from the S.W. Brown & Son—Funeral Home, Nutley.

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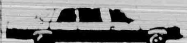
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