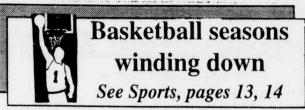
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Search goes on for the offices displaced by closing of '383'



THE WINTER OF '94 - Pedestrian slogs down snow-covered Dow Street in Belleville after 30 inches of the white stuff fell in a 72-hour period. Department of Public Works won praise for clearing the major roadways, but side streets took somewhat longer to clear. (Photo by Al Cook)

By Charles Hughes

Time was when a young mother needing help for her baby, or someone on welfare, could hop a bus and get down to 383 Washington Ave. for assistance But not now, not anyway since the roof at the Health and Human Services Building caved in January 25 when melting ice seeped through the structure.

Now, clients for any health service: of the Baby Keep Well Division, Welfare, Meals on Wheels and the Registrar, all need to go to 50 Newark Ave., the oldest professional building near Clara Maass Medical Center. Office telephones were set up at the new location Feburary 14, said Mary Lou Hood, the township clerk.

Others were also affected. A resident wanting to add a porch or dormer to his house would suffer only minor inconvenience in his search for the Construction Code Office headed by Robert Dominick. That department has been moved to the Joralemon side of the Washington Avenue building, a short distance from its origin-

"We're still here temporarily," said Greg Comito, a Planner for the Construction Office. "but Engineering moved to Town Hall."

Moving was not very difficult, he added, "just something of an inconvenience.'

Thomas Herits is the Director of Public Works and Engineering, Hood said.



OUT IN THE COLD - Man waits hopefully for a bus in front of 383 Washington Ave., where many offices have been displaced to scattered locations, after roof caved in and much of the building was flooded. Building is expected to be out of action for six months.

The collapse of the roof and the resulting damage temporarily closed half of Belleville's municipal

The Board of Education offered office space at School Number One on Rutgers and Cortlandt, where the school administration has offices.

"But it just didn't work out," said Hood, "they'd be near classrooms and trapsing in and out. But we thank the School Board anyway.

Township Manager Stephen

Cuccio estimates it will be six months before the temporary offices can be returned to 383 Washington Ave.

"The roof repair cannot be done until the weather improves," the manager added. "We have just let out a contract for \$16,000."

But in addition to that, he added, 'I have completed a directive to the engineering department asking for a review of damage done inside the

building. Presumably, that means file cabinets, rugs, furniture, walls, fixtures, and anything else that will have to be replaced.

The Township Council asked him to itemize that type of internal damage.

Earlier, in an effort to minimize the damage done to the roof and interior, they had the Public Works and Fire Department attempt to clear the roof of snow, but found it was impossible.

Candidates' list for Council grows as more arrive to take out petitions

By Howard Klausner

Deputy Mayor Mario Drozdz have Cerami in Council votes. taken out nominating petitions for the Township Council election in May. Incumbent Dr. Frank Noonan has so far not done so.

All three were elected at-large in 1990, in the first election under the new Council-Manager government.

Dr. Noonan has stated that he will not seek re-election.

These statements have not been enough to convince First Ward Councilman Jim Messina, who was the first to take out petitions for the At-Large seats.

He has stated it was his intention to defeat Dr. Noonan in a general election

Councilman Drozdz was the second to take out petitions. Prominent in the change of govern-

Mayor Marina Perna and Second Ward Councilman Charles

The third to pick up petitions was Victor Canning, active in Republican politics.

Township Planning Board Chairman Sebastian (Sam) Papa, who holds a post with the Essex County Planning Department, then picked up petitions.

Former Board of Education President Patricia Pisano then took out petitions.

The next to take out petitions was Board of Education Trustee Angelina Paserchia. Republican Senator John Scott endorsed her candidacy at a fund raising dinner, and her candidacy is expected to win help from Governor Christine

Todd Whitman Former Commissioner Joseph

ment movement, he has been allied Grande then took out positions. with Mayor Perna, Dr. Noonan and Long active in Township affairs, he is a former member of the Planning Board.

Gerald DiGori, a newcomer to politics, took out petitions.

He was followed by Mayor

Then former Commissioner of Public Affairs Joseph Fornarotto took out petitions.

The tenth potential candidate, to date, is Superintendent of Public Works Jack Gilbert, who would have to give up his post if elected.

With more than 20 years of service, he is eligible for retirement.

Friends of Detective Captain William Escott, who has announced plans to retire under the new early retirement program, have sought his candidacy, but he has so far declined, as has former Mayor Mike Marotti.

Police offering \$50 apiece for guns, with County Sheriff footing the bill

Belleville Chief of Police Raymond Kimble has announced the inauguration of a "Guns for Cash" program.

Anyone bringing any kind of firearm to Police Headquarters will be paid \$50.

The program starts this weekend, Feb. 19 and Feb. 20, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

It will be repeated on Feb. 26 and Feb. 27, March 5 and March 6, and March 12 and March 13, at the

same hours.

The funding is provided by the County Department, police said.

The program is sponsored by the Essex County Prosecutor's Office, under the direction of Prosecutor Clifford J. Minor.

It is under the direction of Essex County Sheriff Armando Fontoura and the Essex County Chiefs of Police Association.

In his announcement, Chief

Kimble emphasized that only "real guns" will bring a cash bounty. The police will accept toy guns, replicas, air pistols and rifles and starter's guns, but will not pay for

People who wish to participate in the program are asked to put the weapons into cases, boxes and bags and make sure they are not loaded.

Officers will ask for the name of the person bringing in the weapon, but no identification will be required.



SEEKING BOARD SEAT - Thomas A. Fuscaldo has announced his candidacy for the Belleville Board of Education in the April 19 election. From left are supporters Sen. John Scott, Board Trustee Angie Paserchia, Fuscaldo and Board Trustee John Notari.

Fuscaldo announces bid for Board

Thomas A. Fuscaldo, a lifelong seek one of the two open seats on certain she will be successful in her resident and a graduate of the Belleville school system and Rutgers University, has announced he is seeking election to the Belleville Board of Education.

The School Election will be held on April 19.

Fuscaldo, Vice President and General Manager of his familyowned business, Thomas Printing and Office Supply in Rutherford, is now serving as Vice-Chairman of the Belleville Zoning Board and is a member of the Belleville Vocational Education Advisory Board. He served on the Belleville Special Education Advisory

Committee

the Board of Education. I believe I have the necessary experience to be a productive member of the school board and to provide input to help our school system move forward."

Fuscaldo announced that Board Member Angie Paserchia will chairman of the campaign.

He stated that Mrs. Paserchia is not seeking re-election to the Board and plans to announce her candidacy for the Township Council.

Fuscaldo stated: "Mrs. Paserchia was truly a breath of fresh air on the Board of Education. She brought common sense, caring and

dedication to the job. "She stood up for the children He stated: "I have decided to and fought for the taxpayers. I'm

future endeavors as well. I hope to follow in her tootsteps as a Board Member.'

Mrs. Paserchia stated: "Tom Fuscaldo is a bright, energetic and dedicated young man. Tom has made a commitment to our Township, to reside here, raise a family and participate in activities which benefit our community.

"Tom Fuscaldo is also a businessman and he will make an excellent addition to the Relleville Board of Education."

Fuscaldo and his wife, Carla, are expecting their first child this month.

Aside From That

By: Howard Klausner

The snow we have had since the end of December has become a way of life for people such as Albert Cardona, who drives a truck for the Belleville Department of Public Works and his brother, Frank Vidai, who works in Maintenance at the Municipal Building. In Mr. Cardona's case, 40 days of unrelenting snow, sleet, shovel and push combined with hearing the woes of snow stuffed citizens resulted - as these things usually do - in a burst of artistic creativity. . . . The brothers share an apartment in the Fairview complex off Joralemon Street. With a fellow resident, Dave Hryb, the concocted the idea of building a giant automobile out of snow. Hryb, a carpenter by trade, and a man of some physique, gathered the available snow - and boy, was it available, into a block almost 10 feet high, and shaped it into a frozen cube that took a chizel to hew. The original goal of a Jeep somehow was replaced by a Chevrolet, and then, the sad face of a huge, long eared lugubrious dog emerged from the glob. The ears were big enough to cover Mr. Hryb and neighbors expressed awe and amazement that these otherwise normal individuals had taken their exhausted bodies into new realms of achievement. They had created a masterpiece, and Anthony Nicosia telephoned the Belleville Times to announce the event.

Surveying the ice sculpture, Mr. Hryb remarked, "There's a case of beer in that art." It seems that the inspiration for the work arose after the brothers and friend had demolished the case of beer. Mr. Hryb seemed in awe of the results. "Albert likes to draw on computers, and Frankie has an artistic turn of mind," he said. • • • • The first ones to enjoy the scu lpture were the neighborhood youngsters, who made a slide out of it. And as Dave Hryb said, "It's better looking at a sculpture than at a mountain of snow."

Mike Dauksis, proprietor of Michael's Roscommon Pub, contacted us recently to register a protest against a statement attributed to Mayor Marina Perna in a daily newspaper to the effect that the former Essex County Geriatrics Center should have been zoned for "restaurants and hotels". Mr. Dauksis' objection is that "the restaurants and motels in this town are starved for business as it is. Who says we need

The Mayor's comments apparently came during a discussion of the proposed acquisition of the building by Molecular Medicine Institute which proposes to use part of the building for research and part for commercial rentals. While the Township Council has endorsed the idea, there is now some question about public support of the idea. And the Essex County Board of Freeholders has been changing course every weeks on the project. In otherwise, the situation is normal.

It was at the Roscommon House that we shared a conversation with Msgr. John Hourihan, formerly of Belleville, who is now Pastor of St. John's in Newark. One of the functions of the Parish has been to provide a daily soup kitchen for some 300 people, but the economy has forced a cutback to four days a week. Anyone interested in helping might contact the Monsignor at (201) 623-0822.

Putting together the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade has always been a labor of love for Belleville's Jack O'Connell, and it is only fitting that he would be this year's Member of The Year of the Nutley Irish American Society, which seems to have a pretty large proportion of Belleville members. Perhaps his greatest achievement has been his ability to have his sons' birthdays coincide with his. Mr. O'Connell was born on July 7, 1937. John, Jr. arrived on July 7, 1975. He is now a student at New Jersey Institute of Technology. Joseph, not to be outdone by his brother, arrived on July 7, 1976. He is a student at Belleville High School. All three and the mother - were busy at the Parade Dinner held at St. Mary's Church in Nutley, where the strongest brew served was non-alcoholic O'Doul's beer. So much for tradition.

Our Copy Cat, Baldassaro DiVincenzo Mitten, says the scattering of offices due to the closing of 383 Washington Avenue due to a hole in the roof nearly prevented a marriage. "I had to help Superior Court Judge Leonard Ronco find a marriage certificate that normally would have been located at the Department of Health. It turned up in a desk in the Township Manager's office, but it took us two days to locate it. Just in the nick of time, too, for the scheduled wedding." He added: "On the other hand, it might have been a clever ruse by the bridegroom who knew how hard it is to ever get anything out of the Manager's office." . . . Fifth Ward Councilman Harry Zilch reports, "The Good News is that 10 candidates have filed so far for the Township Council. The Bad News is that three of them might get elected." . . · Zilch's organization, the Kool Kukumber Boys, has organized another Snow Ball to celebrate the weather. According to Zilch, "Every time the Boys celebrate anything, the authorities usually arrive to take it away. Maybe it will work again."

American History Month

On Feb. 17, beginning at 7 p.m., the Friends of the Belleville Public Library and Information Center, will present two lecturers in the Annual Lecture on Belleville History for American History Month. At 7 p.m., Edward O'Neil will discuss 62 Revolutionary soldiers from Belleville and at 7:30 p.m., Robert McFadyn, Belleville historian, will discuss generals of the Revolutionary War from Belleville. Call 450-3434 to register for the lectures.



The Belleville Elks Lodge 1123 recently sponsored Alexis Lepore and Christopher Lepore in the North Central District Hoop Shoot. The event was held in Kearny on Jan. 15. The youngsters were treated to breakfast, T-shirts and hats, which were sponsored by the Elks. The youngsters finished the event strong and represented Belleville and the Elks in a sportsmanlike manner. Pictured (I to r) Frank Zatorski Jr., Dr. Leonard Russo, Alexis Lepore, Rich Lepore and Joy Meglio. (Kneeling) Christopher Lepore.



MIKE HONORED - Congessman Herbert Klein presents retired Superintendent of Schools Michael Nardiello with a Congressional Record in front of the Belleville Board of Education offices. In the Record is Representative Klein's tribute to Nardiello's 42 years of hard work for the Belleville school system and the youth of Belleville.

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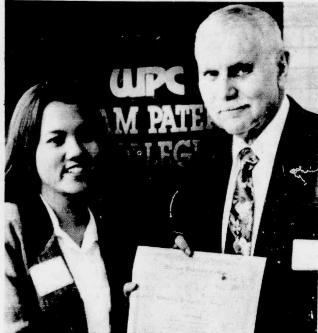
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TEACHER HONORED - Richard Benninger, Director of Guidance at Belleville High School, receives the William Paterson College 1993 Scholars Recognition Award from WPC Freshman Trini Gomez of Belleville. Miss Gomez, recipient of a WPC Trustee Scholarship, nominated Benninger as the 'most influential' educator during her high school years. 'Dr. Benninger always had faith in me, which gave me comfort in knowing that I'd "make it". He always made time for ne whenever I needed to speak to him.'



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Belleville Senior News



By Joseph Restaino

Due to the bad weather, the Believille Senior Center has been closed and all activities have been cancelled. All members are anxious to get back in circulation.

A story in The Star Ledger tells about an insurance executive from Mendham who is in charge of community service programs in the Piscataway area. He has organized a storm patrol to help people stranded by the storms we are having. His helpers are lawbreakers who are accepted into the community service program. They go out in a Jeep Wagoneer and search the highways for stranded motorists. They bring hot coffee with them and help to push cars out of drifts, jumpstart cars that are stalled and help in whatever way they can.

This is done on a voluntary basis. The lawbreakers have chosen community service instead of fines or a jail term. Maybe that's what we need in our towns and cities for all juvenile offenders. Instead of letting them out on probation, let's give them community service.

The Essex County Council of Senior Citizens, consisting of delegates from the senior citizen organizations of Essex County, elected its officers for the year 1994. They are as follows: Joseph De Fabbio, president; George Turturiello, 1st vice president; Thomas Carney, 2nd vice president; Tom Tamburri, treasurer; Martha Monisera, assistant treasurer; Marion Gillespie, secretary; Effie Marshall, assistant secretary; Fred Ross, parliamentarian and Vincent Asilo, Charles DePalma, Elena Franchini, Jane Iannone, Lucille LaCapra, Sal Malanga and Edward C. Milteer, trustees.

The council meets the third Monday of the month, 9:30 a.m. at the Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad St. Please try to attend all meetings as there will be important information pertaining to all of us.

President's Week

Clinton's health plan seems to be the most important issue of the day. We must write our Congressmen and Senators to let them know how we feel about our Social Security. In order to reach our Congressmen, we can write U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., 20515. Call (202) 224-

When the economy is unstable, seniors on fixed incomes suffer the most. We are mostly concerned about health and taxes. The only true measure of how much government taxpayers really want is how much they are willing to pay for; and in a representative government such as ours, lawmakers are the only ones able to balance the two. Raising taxes is the wrong strategy. Cutting spending is the only way to force lawmakers to limit the size of government, to choose which programs ought to be continued and how much funding they should receive. Choosing priorities within the limits of taxpayer support is the definition of budgeting. It is time for us senior citizen members of different organizations to demand real deficit reduction and to recognize that cutting spending is the best means of bringing the federal budget finally under control. It is up to all of us to make the difference.

How many of us belong to AARP? If not, I suggest that you look into its very interesting programs. They have many and send out a very interesting and informative bulletin every month. Some of the topics last month were "Bilking Medicare Patients," "Clinton's Health Plan Stirring Debate," and many

The National Library of Poetry has announced that \$12,000 in prizes will be awarded this year to over 250 poets in the North American Open Poetry Contest. The deadline for the contest is March 31. The contest is open to everyone, but seniors are particularly welcome and entry is FREE

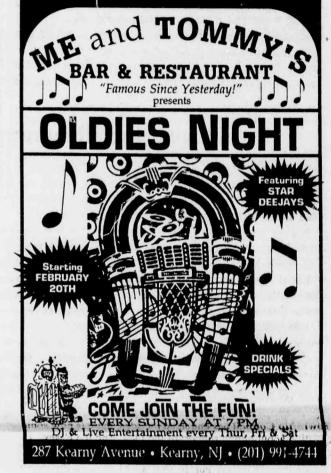
"Many of our previous winners have come from the ranks of senior citizens," said Howard Ely, contest director. "Maybe it's because they have had the opportunity to experience the many things in life which provide the 'raw material' for artistic creation. To enter, send one original poem, any subject and any style to The National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Drive., P.O. Box 704-YA, Owings Mills, MD 21117. No more than 20 lines, name and address at the

Tid Bit: It takes as much effort to frown as it does to smile, so why not smile?

MY FURRY VALENTINE

Kelly is a sweet and gentle spayed female who needs a loving home. She is housebroken, good with other pets and prefers to be with adults only. Adopt Kelly or one of the many dogs and cats available on Saturday, Feb. 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pet Food Giant store in North Plainfield, Route 22 East at West End Ave. Call (908) 789-0725 or 355-6374 for information. People for Animals, a nonprofit all volunteer animal welfare organization which operates a low cost spay/neuter facility in Hillside, is sponsoring the event. A pure bred two-year old German Shepherd, a five-year old Pug, a two-year-old male Belgian Sheepdog, a two-year old male Shepherd and Hound mix, and a red and white Malamute mix are all adoptable, PLUS many others.





Beautiful Baby Contest set at K-Mart stores in February K-Mart in Belleville is hosting romuscular diseases.

its First Annual K-Mart Baby Photo Contest to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

To enter a baby's photo, visit the store and bring it in along with a name, address and \$5 donation to MDA.

The photographs will be displayed in the K-Mart Store to be voted upon by the public from Feb. 14 to Feb. 25.
All proceeds go to beneft the

MDA, a National Voluntary Health Agency working to defeat 40 neuThere will be prizes for the win-

ning baby photos.

For further information, contact Ana Falla at the MDA Office in Secaucus, (201) 974-0300.

Ballot kits will be provided to each parent to recruit extra votes with donations from parents, friends and relatives.

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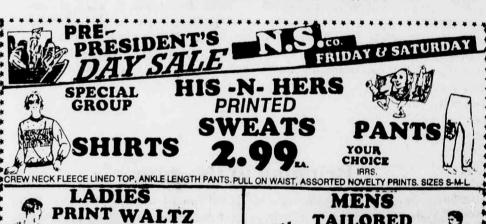
School 4 plans funder March 11

Belleville School Four will present its annual "Tricky Tray" event as an "Evening in Tropical Paradise" on March 11 at the Branch Brook Manor.

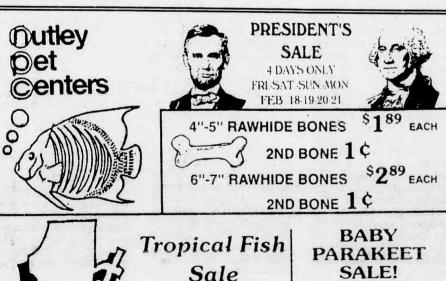
For tickets, contact Roxanne Orgo at (201) 751-5466 or Shawn Foresta at (201) 450-1358.

The donation of \$20 includes dinner, dessert and 25 raffle tick-

No tickets will be sold at the door, according to Chairperson Doreen Muschio.









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UR OPINION

The ever stranger case of Ronald Puttorak

When the Essex County Prosecutor's office announced the death of Belleville resident Ronald Puttorak in the Essex County Jail, it was stated that Mr. Puttorak had taken his own life by hanging.

The death occurred the night after his arrest on allegations of sexual assault on a child. There was no report of a suicide note, and there was no report made public about the circumstances of the death, or as to how Mr. Puttorak could have taken his own life without the knowledge of jail authorities, or other prisoners, for that matter.

The death of Mr. Puttorak had the effect of providing credence to the charges that a Belleville woman was using her two young daughters in a sex ring.

A dozen arrests followed, including that , of an elementary school principal of impeccable reputation and a pediatrician who has treated thousands of children with no accusations being made against him.

Now, an attorney for Mr. Puttorak's estate raises questions about the nature of the alleged suicide. The attorney, Gary Grant of Morristown, says that neck bone injuries in the body were not consistant with the theory that Mr. Puttorak was hanged, but might have been inflicted in some other way.

There is the fact that the estate of Mr. Puttorak would benefit if the suicide verdict were in question. Insurance companies do not pay off for suicides.

There is also the fact that the investigation into the alleged child sex ring has been far ranging and free wheeling to an extent unusual in these situations. It is as if the investigators are on a fishing expedition to find facts in accord with their previous theo-

In the meantime, some good reputations have been seriously damaged, and the parents of School Five in particular are still in doubt about the accusations.

A visit to Lillehammer

There may be some significance to the fact that America's first Gold Medal Winner at the Winter Olympics is Tommy Moe, whose grandparents were Norwegian.

It may have made it easier for the Norwegians to accept the defeat of their own prized downhill racers.

But it also is an object lesson on how America has benefited from the immigrant strains that have created it.

There may be some Belleville people who are currently in Lillehammer, Norway to enjoy the Winter Olympic Games, but so far we have not heard from them.

In any case, the shivering television personalities who are filling us in with the events on the ski slopes and the ice rinks, and the events occurring in the little city of some 25,000 - that's less population than we have - indicate that life in Norway is colorful, pleasant and pretty chilly at this time of year.

Having survived the last 12 storms, climaxed by the Big One last week, we can identify with the Americans who are in near-Zero weather there, and making the best of it

However, it is nice to have even a brief visit with the people of Norway, who long ago learned to live with nature, and make the best of it.

It is ironic that the American announcers marvel at the safety in the streets, the friendliness of the citizenry and the general feeling of goodwill they have encountered.

You would think that these situations would be commonplace in a nation as richly endowed as the United States.

The fact is that the 4 million people of Norway constitute a homogenous, tight-knit population that long ago decided that people would have to learn to live together, or the place would turn into another Beirut or

The Scandinavians have their problems, but they also could teach us much about the way to meet those problems.

By the same token, we would not trade our problems for the breadth of freedom and opportunity we enjoy in America.

And when a man of Norse descent can carry the American Flag to an athletic triumph, it sheds glory on both Norway and America.

Bringing in the guns

a little like trying to empty the ocean with a will be handing in their weapons.

won World War II for us, if the American threat to safety. armaments industry had only had the capability back in 1939.

The weapons are pouring in from every part of the world. The ammunition is being poured into the market place. Legitimate dealers and dealers who are less than legitimate are doing an outstanding job of moving the weaponry to the consumer, and one out of every four persons brought into an emergency ward these days is the victim of a gunshot wound.

Taking a single handgun off the street is a worthy achievement. Unfortunately, we

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The idea of taking guns off the street by must concur with the National Rifle offering cash or sports tickets or groceries is Association that it is unlikely that criminals

We must also concur with the National The gun manufacturers are turning Police Chiefs Association that a weapon in weapons out in a volume that would have anybody's hand, honest or otherwise, is a

The idea of licensing gun owners in the same way we license car drivers has much to be said for it, but we must note that there are still plenty of unlicensed or suspended licensed drivers on the road.

It might be better to go to the source, the factories that are turning out the weapons, and see what controls can be placed there.

And in the final analysis, fear of crime is the greatest cause of gun acquisition, today.

Once, poverty was the major reason for crime. Today, it is drugs and poverty.

Guns are the symptom, not the cause.

YOUR OPINION

Flood Tunnel facts

At this late date, I am chagrined to note that there are still some civic leaders in the area who are promoting the construction of the Passaic/Pompton Rivers Dual Inlet Flood Tunnel Diversion. The disastrous flood of 1984 prompted many of us to realize that the continuous development of the valley areas affected by the flood were finally ready for a

From 1984 until 1992, I have tried to point out to the public that the Diversion project is not doable, and surely not workable. Finally, in July, 1992, I shipped to the offices of the Passaic River Coalition in Basking Ridge a package containing copies of articles pertaining to the subject. This message now is brought to your attention in light of several recent editorials and articles appearing in the press.

Almost all press reports on the subject include a subtle reference: "The Passaic River basin covers an area of about 935 square miles, and affects 137 communities." The reference ends there. Actually, the specification books prepared by the Army Corps of Engineers are on file in only the eleven communities affected, not 137. The inlets at Little Falls and Fairfield (Two Rivers) offer no relief of upstream damage caused in Denville and Rockaway; also damage caused by Watnong Brook which overflows in Mt. Tabor, Morris Plains, Morris Township and

Coalition thanked

To the editor:

The Ampere Coalition - 'Neighbors United Against Crime' - extends a heartfelt 'thank you' to Mr. John Lepore and Mr. Todd DiGuglielmo of Belleville, owners and instructor of Yoshukai International Karate at 129 LaFrance Ave., Bloomfield, for bringing their students to our general meeting and demonstrating simple, but important, self-defense

We also extend our appreciation for the outstanding narration by Nutley resident Mr. Anthony

Your students - Jenna Marcoglise Dickenman and Michael Franco from Bloomfield; Ray Campisi from Belleville; Susie Keenan, Francesca Kramer and Sophie Peltzer from Montclair; Gerard Diguglielmo, Thomas Verlezza and Marie Vyniski from Nutley; and Jen Davidek from West Orange displayed outstanding technique, discipline and confidence. We know you are very proud of them and we are of you, as well as thankful for your generous spirit in sharing your knowledge with the coalition.

May you and your students enjoy success, patience and fortitude in the years to come!

Many thanks!
The Ampere Coalition board and members

A tunnel forty feet in diameter is equivalent in height to a four-story building. At various public meetings in Belleville and Rutherford, the moderator explained that the depth of the tunnel would depend on the location of bedrock, perhaps 150 feet or 500 feet deep. (A depth of 150 feet is equivalent in height to a building 15 stories high; the Chrysler Building in Manhattan is 500 feet high). Such unknown variables produce no fixed cost factor.

Twice every 24.85 hours, the Atlantic Ocean tide rises and affects the Passaic River area as far as the Dundee Dam in Passaic. The Hudson River basin is affected as far north as Albany and Troy, a distance of 150 miles. Little Ferry in the Hackensack Valley has

had its share of flooding.
Occasionally, reference is made to the fact that Nutley and Belleville residents do not want the tunnel to terminate in the Nutley/Clifton area. No reason is given. We know that the area does not have available eight acres of land on which to build a pumping station as specified. Also, the artesian wells of the Hoffmann-La Roche research and manufacturing complex are at a depth of 450 feet; underground excavation for the tunnel would affect the buildings and the water source

To build dikes and levees along the banks of the Passaic River in Kearny and Newark is an admission that rising water in that area could cause flooding there while relieving flooding in Wayne and other areas upstream. The rising tide would cause havoc in the Richmond Terrace area on Staten Island where the river heads northeastward to Newark Bay, to meet the Hackensack River.

Construction of the tunnel would start a few years hence, and would require ten years for completion. Regardless of the routing, the boring machinery would have to grind through the First and Second Watchung Mountains, which consist of traprock, harder than granite. Known as Garret Rock, the mountain formation extends 22 miles, from the Great Falls in Paterson to Chimney Rock (quarry) in Martinsville. The rock formation can be seen readily along Valley Road in Clifton, quarry locations in Great Notch, Little Falls, West Orange, Springfield and Martinsville. This project should not be compared with the tunnel between England and France which had borings through chalk, not rock. Opening to the public in May, there was a tremendous higher cost in billions. Experienced workers from that project would have preference to work here in New Jersey.

We should note here that Governor Christie Whitman does not favor construction of the tunnel diversion project but she is in favor of proceding with the ongoing preliminary work of the Army Corps of Engineers, at a cost of an additional seventeen million dollars.

Misak K. Murdichian



Of All **Things**

By Frank Orechio A feature of the Nutley Sun, **Bloomfield Life and Belleville Times**

 AN item in a recent issue of the New Jersey Law Journal caught my eye. It may bring a smile to you, too. "There has been reported that an Arkansas jury once returned a verdict which read, 'We, the jury, find our client not guilty."

• FOR a long time, Belleville's Silver Lake community citizens felt overlooked by municipal leaders. A recent development makes the point. The fire engine housed in Silver Lake is of 1965 vintage. Last week, it broke down on its way to responding to a call. For the present, the town of Nutley has loaned a 1960 engine. Maybe, Belleville officials ought to do what Nutley's Mayor Carmen Orechio did not too long ago and obtain a grant which provided a new fire engine for the

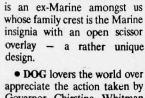
Nutley Fire Department. But the Silver Lake fire engine problem wasn't the only one that occurred in Belleville this week. The roof literally fell in on a Belleville town owned building at 383 Washington Avenue. It housed the Public Affairs Department which includes the Health Department, nurses, weltown officials have been implored to spend the money to build a new roof on the structure which has been the meeting place for the Belleville Zoning and Planning Boards. As parts of the ceiling fell down from time to time, members of both the Planning and Zoning Boards were appealing to town officials to do something about the deteriorating conditions of the roof. Nob-

ody was listening. The collapse

undetermined caused an amount of damage to the office floors, furniture, computer equipment and records — two things are obvious — a lack of responsibility and a lack of vision. Who's to blame? Where does the buck stop?

• IN Nutley and Belleville one can assume Senator Scott's influence will dominate the relationship of both communities to the Whitman Administration. Scott's man in Nutley is Board of Education member Bob Rusignuolo. In Belleville, it's the restless workhorse, Richie Yanuzzi, an early Whitman supporter.

 ONE of my favorite actors passed away at 70 from Prostate Cancer - the beloved Telly Savalas - how sad that so much talent has to be denied us at such an early age because Savalas failed to do what so many at 70 are cautioned to do - and that is frequent tests of the prostate to insure if the gland became cancerous, it would receive the necessary medical attention to prevent the spread of cancer.



• I HAVE been told that there

Governor Chirstine Whitman for saving the life of Taro, New Jersey's celebrated death-row dog. Governor Whitman's reprieve requires Taro to spend the rest of his life out of state with new owners. Dog lovers will always remember Governor Whitman's compassion. As a dog lover, I say to Whitman -Governor we owe you a big one!

• ATLANTIC County State Senator Bill Gormley has announced his candidacy for the Second Congressional District seat in south Jersey now held by retiring Democrat Congressman William J. Hughes. Gormley, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, told me at press time, "I am running. I see an opportunity to serve my people at a higher level. It would be my privilege to succeed Congressman Bill Hughes. While I enjoyed my service as a member of the New Jersey Senate, I look forward to the opportunity of serving a larger number of constituents residing in five counties including the constituency which I serve in Atlantic Coun-



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Bill Gormley

To the editor:

When most of us see the first flakes of a major storm, our thoughts turn to the delays in the morning commute, car problems and the annoyance of shovelling. For those in need of home or hospice care however, the harsh winter weather poses a far greater threat - the cutoff of vital medication, food or simple human contact

For patients in the care of West Essex Community Health Services (WECHS), the weather posed no such threat. Snow, sleet, ice, rain and floods proved to be no match for the dedicated nurses, aides, and volunteers of WECHS. Patients have expressed their gratitude time and time again for this dedication. One home care patient said of her aide, "I thought she wouldn't be able to come, but she did - I don't know what I would have done without her."

We are extremely proud of our staff here at WECHS. A home care and hospice service is only as good as its people on the front lines - those visiting the homes, comforting the sick, and this season, braving the weather. Our thanks go to them and to all our friends in the community for their faith in WECHS - together, we'll make it through the winter!

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On Michael Jackson

To The Editor,

This is a quoted statement made by Michael Jackson on Jan. 15, 1994.

Quote: "It brings tears to my eyes whenever I see any young child who suffers." Unquote.

We all remember the pictures in newspapers and on television of all the thousands of young kids, hungry and sick, lying on raw ground, dying, with eyes infested by flies.

Did we ever hear one word from Michael Jackson, or did he ever use his private jet to travel to Somalia in Africa, to be seen with all these unfortunate children? Where was Michael Jackson?

Perhaps he was too busy doing his moonwalk.

Al Cerino Belleville

WW II veterans sought for reunion

To the editor:

Veterans who served in China, Burma, and India in World War II are invited to a reunion, September 3-8, 1994, in Baltimore, Maryland. This 47th annual reunion is being organized by the China-Burma-India Veterans Association which has over 7,000 members.

If you are a CBI veteran, please send your name, address, and phone number to Ross K. Miller, 918 N. 33rd St. Allentown, Pa. 18104; so we can send information about the reunion. Please also tell us the name of your CBI unit and locations where you served

If you cannot attend the Baltimore reunion, we would still like to hear from you so we can notify you of future CBI programs, including those of local CBIVA units in your area.

Ross K. Miller

Food workshop scheduled

Kings Supermarkets and Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Essex County will present a 4-H Favorite Foods nutrition workshop from 9:30 a.m. until 12 noon and again from 12:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, at the Cookingstudio, 300 Pompton Ave., Verona.

Teachers and youth leaders of students in grades 6-9 will learn new ways to help youth learn to practice good nutrition.

School-age child care providers may credit this training toward

Michael Escott in Navy Police

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael Escott, son of Belleville Captain of Detectives William J. Escott and Ceil Escott, has completed the Navy Master-at-Arms course to become a member of the Navy's military police force and has been promoted to his present

During the eight-week course, which is taught at Fort McClellan, Ala., students are taught about physical security, crime prevention, crowd control, military and civil law, interrogation techniques and thug and brig operations.

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Escott joined the Navy in August 1991.

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their certification. Workshop participants will learn about the 4-H Favorite Foods Festival, a friendly competition for school-age youth held during March, which is Nutrition Month. They will have the opportunity to help initiate planning for the 1995 Essex County Favorite Foods Festival.

> Also, participants who submit a nutrition education activity with their registration will be included in "Tricks of the Trade: Successful Nutrition Activities for 6th-9th Grade Students." Registration deadline is Thursday, Feb. 24, and seating is limited.

For registration forms or more information about the Essex County 4-H program, contact Mary Lou Mayfield, 4-H program associate, at 678-7807, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays.

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Services were held Saturday in the Kiernan Funeral Home, Bellev-

Mr. Intveldt had been a carpenter with the Essex County Carpenters Union Local 1342 in Bloomfield

for 17 years before his retirement in

Born in the Netherlands, he lived in Belleville before moving to Bloomfield in 1975.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; a daughter, Jane Ellis; a son, William; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



THANKED BY SENIORS - Rosemary Senatore-Ciccone of Belleville, Director of the Essex County Department of Planning and Economic Development, received a surprise award from Essex County Senior Citizens for outstanding community services, at a luncheon held recently for 500 Senior Citizens at the Peppermint Entertainment Complex in Orange. From left are Essex County Senior Planner Jeff Bertrand, Mrs. Senatore-Ciccone, City of Orange Business Administrator Tom Morrison and City of Orange Mayor Robert Brown.

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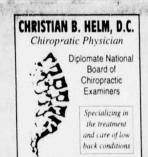
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Obituaries

Nellie Heinzeman, retired Investigator

Mrs. Nellie Heinzemann of January 25 at Clara Maass Medical

Born in Port Murray, Mrs. Heinzemann came to Belleville in

She was Investigator for American Telephone and Telegraph Company in New York City for 40 years until her retirement 26 years ago

Mrs. Heinzemann was a mem-Belleville died on Tuesday, ber of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

> A Funeral Service was held on Thursday, January 27, at the Kiernan Funeral Home in Belleville, with the Reverend Jung Young Na of the Wesley Methodist Church of Belleville officiating.

> Interment was at Glendale Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Dr. T. L. Melchionne, noted anthropologist

Dr. Thomas L. Melchionne, 41, who resided in Hiroshima, Japan, died on Sunday, February 13, at Hiroshima University Hospital of natural causes

Born in Newark, Dr. Melchionne lived in Belleville for 26 years. After residing in Virginia for three years and in Newark for four years, he spent two years in the Falkland Islands to complete the research for his Doctorate in Anthropology.

Dr. Melchionne then worked in Nepal and India for a year before moving to Hiroshima five years

He was Professor of English Language at Hiroshima Bunkyo Women's College, and prior to that he was Professor of English at Hiroshima University. He was placed on permanent disability in January 1994.

Dr. Melchionne served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War.

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BIG NEWS FROM DOWN UNDER

Until recently, outdoor enthusiasts generally took it on faith that sunscreen effectively protected their skin from the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays. Now,

Australian researchers have scientific

proof that the use of a sunscreen with a skin protection factor (SPF) of at least

of over 400 Australians during the

seven sunniest months of their year those who used sunscreen experienced 38 percent fewer precancerous skin growths thai: non-users. What is more, those who used sunscreen daily were 53 percent more likely to see their pre-

percent more likely to see their pre-existing precancerous growths disap-pear, while non-users gained new ones. This study is the first to confirm the widely held assumption that sunscreens do work to prevent skin cancer. We work at helping you, our cus-tomers. Whether it's a prescription you need filled or information you want, give us a call at KOSSMORE PHAR MACY, 338 Washington Avenue, 759-1956, 759-1968. "Your Doctor Knows Us- Your Doctor Trusts Us." Out stocks include baby needs, gifts, Timex watches, cameras and film. Hours: Daily 9am-10pm, Sundays 9am-9pm.

HINT: Each year, nearly 700,000 Americans are diagnosed with basal squamous cell skin cancers (the most common types).

He was a graduate of the Belleville school system, earning his Bachelor of Arts degree from Rutgers University in 1980, his Master's Degree in Anthropology in 1982 and his Doctorate in 1983.

His mother, Lucy Ann Casale Melchionne, predeceased him in

Surviving are his wife, the former Kumiko Yamaguchi; his father, Louis T. Melchionne, his brother, John L. Melchionne, and his sister, Mrs. Susan-Rae Glinka.

A Memorial Funeral Mass was offered on Thursday, February 17 at Holy Family Church in Nutley where Permanent Deacon William Glinka, brother-in-law of Dr. Melchionne, delivered the Homily,

Deacon Glinka is Permanent Deacon at Our Lady of Grace R.C. Church in Colchester, Vermont.

Cremation took place in Hiroshima. The Irvine-Cozzarelli Memorial Home of Belleville handled service arrangements.

Frank ** Gencarelli

Frank Gencarelli, 51, of Nutley died Feb. 9 in Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge.

A Mass was offered Feb. 11 in St. Mary's Church, Nutley, after the funeral from the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mr. Gencarelli was a machine operator with Wallace & Tiernan in Belleville for 22 years before he retired some three years ago.

Born in Italy, he lived in Nutlev for 28 years.

Surviving are his wife, Rosaria; two daughters, Gisella and Dina; a son, Joseph; his mother, Mrs. Christine Gencarelli; five sisters, Susan Gencarelli, Mrs. Teresina Perri, Mrs. Immaculata Ritacco, Maria Gencarelli and Mrs. Aida Visaka, and two brothers, Angelo and Joseph.

4-H Program has nutrition seminar

The Essex County 4-H Program will present a Favorite Foods Nutrition Workshop from 9:30 a.m. to Noon and from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 19 at the Kings Cookingstudio in the Kings Supermarket, 300 Pompton Ave., Verona.

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She was Clerical Worker for Continental Insurance Company in

Mrs. Annie A. Hart Smillie, 89 Newark for 20 years until her retirement 17 years ago.

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Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 27, at the S. W. Brown and Son Funeral Home in Nutley.

Interment was at East Ridgelawn Cemetery.

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Calendar of Events

In the Trustees Gallery — The Pencil Drawings of Jerry Winick will be on exhibit at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center, 221 Washington Avenue, through Feb. 28, during library

In the Display Cases: Displays of Historic Belleville and for Black History Month, provided by Gladyce Sherman and Arnold Brown, will be on exhibit at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center, 221 Washington Avenue, during library

Feb. 17 - The Thursday Film Class Series will feature the film, "Raisin in the Sun," starring Sidney Portier, at 1 p.m., as part of a

"Raisin in the Sun," starring Stoney Portier, at 19.111., as part of a celebration of Black History Month.

"A Child's Stages of Development" will be discussed by Elisabeth Burns of the C.H.A.S.E. Center at 10:30 a.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center, 221 Washington Avenue.

Edward O'Neil will discuss 62 Revolutionary soldiers from New Jersey and Robert McFadyn will discuss Generals of the Revolutionary War from Belleville at a special program in honor of American History Month at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information, 221 Washington Avenue. The program is cosponsored by the Friends of the Belleville Public Library and Information Center.

Feb. 18 - The Friday Musical Film Class Series features "An American in Paris," with Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron, at 12:30

Feb. 22 — The Opera Film Class Series will feature the opera "Elektra," at 12:30 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center, 221 Washington Avenue.

Popcorn Movies will be featured at 2 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center, 221 Washington Avenue. Feb. 23 - The Annual Black History Month Program will feature Act One Presentations who will present the program, "Stand Up and Be Counted," at 1 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center, 221 Washington Avenue.

Feb. 24 - The Thursday Film Class Series will feature "Gues Who's Coming to Dinner," with Sidney Poitier, Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy at 1 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center, 221 Washington Avenue.

Stand Up and Be Counted

As a result of a matching grant from the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Commission, the play, "Stand Up and Be Counted," by Act One Presentations will be presented at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center, on Feb. 22 at 1 p.m. "Stand Up and Be Counted," written by Isaac Dostis and Diana Sunrise, discusses those in the white community who risked their lives in support of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Civil Rights

Through dramatic sketches, Act One brings to life those famous and those unknown individuals of the white community who could not and would not remain silent during more than a decade of upheaval, that led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., brought a monumental change in the way we treat our fellow human beings.

In the troubled times of the sixties, the schism seemed to be straight down racial lines. These are stories about those courageous people in the white community who stepped over the imaginary line to stand up and be counted with their valiant brothers and sisters.

BOOK MARKS



BEING COUNTED - Pictured from left to right, are Diana Sunrise and Isaac Dostis, who are featured in the play, "Stand Up and Be Counted," which will be shown on Feb. 23, at 1 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center. The play is written by the duo about those in the white community who risked their lives in support of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Civil Rights Movement.

Program on fossils

What is a fossil? How are fossils formed and is evolution indicated? These are some of the exciting topics to be discussed for children and parents on Feb. 26, at 11 a.m. in the Trustees Meeting Room of the Belleville Public Library and Information Center, by Belleville resident David Lauer.

Lauer will show samples of fossils and indicate their evolutionary development. There will be many specimens, opportunities

for questions, and suggested readings.

Why not attend this program and gather worthwhile data for a hobby or for school? Perhaps you, like David Lauer, will find the study of fossils quite rewarding.

Libraries in Focus

On Feb. 22, at 9:05 p.m., on Channel 32, Giles Wright who spoke on "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Black Oral Tradition," at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center, as part of a matching grant from the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Commission, will have his lecture aired on Libraries in Focus on Suburban Cablevision. Jim Thomas, Production Director of Libraries in Focus, taped the program; Adrea Cohen arranged the lecture and grant program.

Love poems

In celebration of Valentine's Day, Belleville humanities scholar, Frank De Lisi will discuss "Love Poems" on Feb. 28 at 1 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Belleville Public Library and Information Center. Call 450-3434 to register. The library is planning to provide several poetry programs this year.

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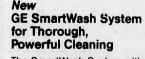


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'Bomb Shelter' savings given as \$734,498 by Board officials

The Bellleville Board of Education saved nearly three-quarters of a million dollars by renovating the old "Bomb Shelter" in the Senior High School into classroom and office space, using Board employees for most of the work. according to Board Secretary/Business Manager Edward J. Appleton.

Appleton stated that the High School Renovation Project would have cost \$85 per square foot if done by private contractors, or about \$1,020,000, based on 12,000 square feet

"According to the architect," Appleton stated, "the going rate when planning renovation work is presently \$85 per square foot."

Appleton added, "In order to ensure that we would not be accused of inflating the value of this project, Mr. (Vincent) Fiscella (Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds) has used \$65 per square foot in preparing his estimates."

The estimates were: Contracted Services - \$172,914. Materials, Carpentry - \$44,531. Electrical - \$36,506. Other - \$31.551

Total Services and Materials -\$285,502

Estimated cost at \$65 per square foot - \$780,000.

Total Savings - \$494,498.

"Had we used the architect's estimates, the savings would be \$734,498," Appleton stated.

A cost breakdown submitted by Mr. Fiscella stated:

Electrical: Total Lighting -\$16,568.92

Wire/Outlets/Switches/Boxes/Mi scellany - \$19.937

Carpentry: Sheet Rock - Metal Studs - Ceiling Tile - Drop Ceiling

Grids - Spackle - \$27,665.77. Doors (Classroom) - \$4,647.00 Doors (Offices) - \$11,354.00.

Hardware - \$864.00. Floor Tile - \$5,364.40. Carpet Tile - \$17,775.00.

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Democrats plan April 10 bus trip

The Belleville Democratic Club is sponsoring a bus ride to Atlantic City on April 10, Chairman Chester Prospero has announced.

The ticket price is \$20, for \$10 in coins and a \$5 food voucher.

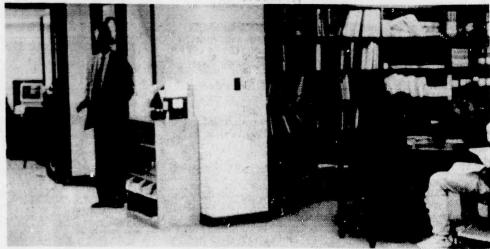
For ticket information, contact George Simon at (201) 751-4142, daytime or Frank Bonavito at (201) 759-5533 evenings.

John O'Connell on Dean's List

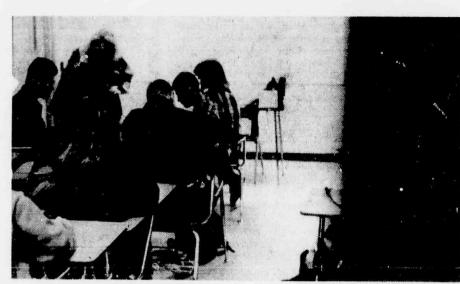
John P. O'Connell, Jr., son of John and Mary O'Connell of Belleville, has been named to the Dean's List of the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark.

Mr. O'Connell is a 1993 graduate of Belleville High School, where he was recipient of the 1993 Irish American Association's Anne P. Keating Memorial Scholarship.

He is majoring in Mechanical Engineering at NJIT.



NEW OFFICES - Part of the reconstruction program has meant a major increase in office space, some of is destined to house the Board of Education headquarters, now at School One. (Photo by Howard



NEW CLASSROOMS - Belleville High classes are now in progress in the newly opened area that was known as the 'Bomb Shelter'.



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Woman's Club plans 'Boutique'

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There will be a shopping time period followed by a full course dinner.

Tickets are \$25.

For further information, or tickets, contact Marlene Lemongello at (201) 751-3748 or Loretta Fulda at (201) 751-4353. Interested vendors

may contact them, as well. Door prizes will be offered.

There will be a variety of vendors, including crafts, jewelry, homemade chocolates, hair products, pocketbooks and more.

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William John Spano

A first child, a son, William John, was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Spano of Belleville Jan. 14 at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. Birth weight was 7 pounds, 1

Mrs. Spano is the former Doreen Cragin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cragin of Belleville. Mr. Spano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Spano of Belleville, is a machinist with Belleville Wire.

Kyle Vincent Clark

A third child, a son, Kyle Vincent, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clark Dec. 12, 1993 at Mountainside Hospital, Montclair. Birth weight was 8 pounds, 4 ounces. He joins Megan, eight and Ryan, five.

Mrs. Clark is the former Jeanne LoCurcio, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent LoCurcio. Mr. Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Clark, is self-employed as R. Clark Builders.

Gina Marie Smith

A first child, a daughter, Gina Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Belleville Jan. 24 at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. Birth weight was 8 pounds, 4

Mrs. Smith is the former Gina Marie O'Neill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Neill of Newark. She is an executive secretary with Hartz Mountain. Mr. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Brick, is materials coordinator with American Ref-Fuel.

Anthony Jude Pontrelli

A first child, a son, Anthony Jude, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Pontrelli of Belleville Jan. 22 at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. Birth weight was 7 pounds, 11

Mrs. Pontrelli is the former Elizabeth Saraffian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Saraffian of Hawthorne. She is in customer service with Valley National Bank. Mr. Pontrelli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Pontrelli of Bloomfield, is an account executive with County Mortgage Co.

Vincent Philip Agosta

A third child, a son, Vincent Philip, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Agosta of Belleville Jan. 19 at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston. Birth weight was 10 pounds. He joins Tommy Jr., six and a half and Michael, four and a h alf.

Mrs. Agosta is the former Denise Alfone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alfone of Toms River. Mr. Agosta, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Giampietro of Belleville, is a detective with the Belleville Police Dept.

Morgan Taylor Gilbert

A second child, a daughter, Morgan Taylor, was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Gilbert of Belleville Jan. 19 at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. Birth weight was 7 pounds, 10 ounces. She joins Ryan William, two and a half.

Mrs. Gilbert is the former Lisa Hettinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hettinger of Nutley. Mr. Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbert of Belleville, is a senior mechanic with Belleville Department of Public Works.

Alison Paige Haight

A second child, a daughter, Alison Paige, was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Haight of Belleville Jan. 21 at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. Birth weight was 7 pounds, 15 ounces. She joins Brian, three.

Mrs. Haight is the former Maureen Monahan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Monahan of Belleville. Mr. Haight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Haight of Belleville, is a social worker with the Jersey City Public Schools.

Gabriella Bocchino

A second child, a daughter, Gabriella, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Bocchino of Belleville Jan. 6 at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. Birth weight was 7 pounds, 5 oumces. She joins Anthony Vincent, three and a half.

Mrs. Bocchino is the former Elvira Gengaro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Gengaro of Nutley. Mr. Bocchino, son of Mrs. Gloria Hague Bocchino of Belleville, is with Pinto Disposal and AirBorne Express.

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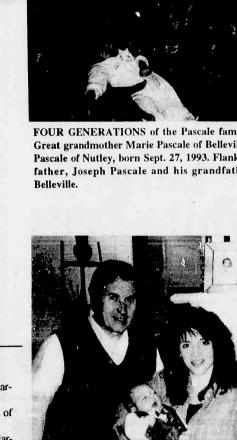
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HERE'S JOSHUA AGAIN, part of a four generation picture of his mother's family. From left, grandfather John Gilbert, mother Maria Pascale holding Joshua and great grandfather Casper Gilbert.

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Eric Faragi - Leigh Pallante

Leigh Ann Pallante to wed Eric Faragi

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Pallante of Bloomfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Leigh Anne, to Eric Joseph Faragi, son of Pastors George and Janet Faragi of Boynton Beach, Fla.

The troth took place Nov. 22 at sunrise on a ladder outside the bride-elect's window. The wedding is planned for Jan. 20, 1995.

Miss Pallante, an alumna of Bloomfield High School, is a state licensed cosmetologist. She is a hair stylist and make-up artist.

Mr. Faragi, an alumnus of Belleville High School and Steven's Institute of Technology, Hoboken, is a mechanical engineer with Motorola, Boynton Beach.



FOUR GENERATIONS of the Pascale family pose for the camera. Great grandmother Marie Pascale of Belleville holds Joshua Andrew Pascale of Nutley, born Sept. 27, 1993. Flanking them are the baby's father, Joseph Pascale and his grandfather, Joseph Pascale of



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Flea market and craft show, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 20, Sacred Heart Center, 655 Valleybrook Ave., Lyndhurst. Over 100 vendors.

Flea market and craft show, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 27, Nutley High School, 300 Franklin Ave. Over 100 vendors. Music Boosters fundraiser.

Flea market, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 5, 6, St. Ciare's Parish Center, 69 Allwood Road, Clifton. Tables available. Early reservations suggested. Call 779-7545 or 773-2681.

Meetings...

Court Gratia 751, Catholic Daughters of America, St. Mary's School Hall, Msgr. Owens Place, Nutley, Feb. 21: 8 p.m. Fun Auction Nite. Admission \$1 plus one or two (no more) "gems" to be auctioned. Refreshments.

Nutley Concerned Citizens, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22, Parks and Rec, 44 Park

Bloomfield Columbiettes, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 23, K of C Council, 190 State St. Details on Chinese auction fashion show in May. Eastern Chapter Columbiettes meets 8 p.m. Feb. 22, same location. Day of Recollection, Feb. 26 at Convent Station. \$20. Call Ann Graziano at 376-5612.

Belleville-Nutley Chapter of Hadassah, 10 a.m. Feb. 27, Temple B'nai Israel, 192 Centre St., Nutley. Humorous readings.

Women's Auxiliary, Lions Club of Nutley, seeking new members, 7 p.m. first Thursday, Meyer's Cafe, Nutley. For more information, call Betty Lazur at 667-9127 or Louise Beck at 661-2906.

Belleville Kiwanis Club, dinner meetings, 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Bella Casa Caterers, 2 Acme St. For membership information, call Nino Bucciarelli at 751-2110 or Vinnie Sorrentino at 759-6475.

Chess players, 7 to 11 p.m. Fridays, Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad St. Chess tournaments first Fridays with trophies. Special section for children 6-14, For information, call Arkady Geller at 483-7927.

St. Mary's Youth Group, 8 to 10 p.m. Thursday nights, St. Mary's School gym, Msgr. Owens Place, Nutley. For those in 8th grade or older.

American Legion Auxiliary, Nutley Unit 70, 8 p.m. second Monday (except January), Nutley post home, 45 Franklin Ave.

Essex Salon Eight of the Eight and Forty, 8 p.m. third Monday, 45 Franklin Ave., Nutley.

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White Eagle Unit 448, American Legion Auxiliary, fourth Monday, 41 Broughton Ave., Bloomfield.

Optimist Club of Belleville, 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, 3 Guys, Washington Ave. For membership information, call Gabe Nazziola at 997-2121 or Emil Nardachone at 450-8883.

Nutley Junior Woman's Club, 8 p.m. first Mondays, 216 Chestnut St. For membership information, call Debi at 661-1340.

AARP Chapter 57, Bloomfield, 1 p.m. second Wednesdays, Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green, Broad St. Refreshments available 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Community Service/Craft Guild meetings 1 p.m. first Thursdays, Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad St., 1st floor.

Essex County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, 8:30 p.m. first Tuesdays, Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad St. All sportsmen and sportswomen invited.

Belleville Historical Society, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesdays, Belleville Reformed Church, 171 Main St.

Nutley Historical Society, board meeting 7:45 p.m. third Thursdays, 65 Church St. Next annual meeting: March 3. New members welcome. Call 667-1528 for information.

Other events...

Pet adoption event, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 19, Pet Food Giant, Route 22 East at West End Ave., North Plainfield. For information, call (908) 355-6374. Sponsored by People for Animals.

Free health screenings, Montclair Community Hospital, 120 Harrison Ave. Appointments mandatory. Call 744-7300, ext. 4296, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. On-site screenings at places of business available. Call Marie Oropollo at 746-4644.

Youth Cafe Teen Fellowship, ages 13-17, 7 to 9 p.m. first Fridays, Union Baptist Church, 31 Conger St., Bloomfield (across from Watsessing Park, behind I.H.O.P.) Music, videos, discussion, fellowship, refreshments. For more information, call 743-6865 or 429-8327.

Weekly duplicate bridge games, sponsored by Bloomfield Recreation Commission, 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Fridays, Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad St. Partner provided if necessary.

Amateur radio license examinations, 7 p.m. fourth Tuesdays, Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad St. Walk-ins O.K. For information, contact Carl, WA2BXQ3388357.

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Part Eight in a Series

There was now one regular season game left in the 1974-75 Belleville boys' basketball campaign. Danny Grasso's team was 1-8, having lost the previous Friday at Orange in a game that Grasso clearly felt his club should have won.

Nonetheless, the Bellboys had bigger things in store, and the first step along those lines was to complete the regular season. On Tuesday, February 18, the team would play host to St. Benedict's in an out of conference battle.

Belleville had done well in Big 10 play in '74-75. The team finished 8-8 in the league, with six of the losses coming at the hands of three teams, East Orange, Bloomfield and Montclair. Since East Orange was the number one team in the state and was undefeated, there was little to be ashamed of there.

In St. Benedicts, Belleville faced a scrappy team. This would be a good test for the Bellboys, because two days later, the "second season" would commence. Belleville had received an invitation to play in the prestigious Essex County Tournament, and the Bellboys first round opponent would be East Orange, the defending county champ, and as mentioned, the best team in New Jersey.

During the season, Belleville had prevailed with a front line of Abdel Anderson, Joe Dunn, Alan Amiano, Doug Jackson and occasionally, Michael Meagher. There was another man who stood tall, was strong as a bull under the boards and could hit the outside shot. His name was Pat Hogan, a senior who was academically ineligible for the first two months of the season. Hogan had been practicing with the team for the entire year, and

now, he was eligible to play on the varsity.

With Hogan in the lineup, Belleville would be able to battle effectively on the boards with teams like East Orange and Montclair. It seemed like perfect timing when Hogan returned for the St. Benedict's game that Tuesday evening.

"I remember that Pat was the reason we won that game," Grasso told me the other day. "He did the job for us, especially in the second half. We were fortunate to come away with a win in that

Belleville did win the contest, 56-46. Jackson hit a jump shot at the buzzer for his 200th point of the season and Hogan was a monster on the boards. With Hogan in the lineup, Anderson had a little more freedom because the other team couldn't double team Abdel every time Belleville got the ball.

"People forget that Abdel, even though he was 6'7" tall, only weighed about 167 pounds," Grasso said last week. "He was always battling for position, but he could shoot so well from the outside that the other team didn't know how to best defend him.'

The victory completed a fine regular season for Belleville, The team was 12-8 and now, the emphasis was on Bloomfield High School, where the Panthers and Bellboys would meet on February 22.

The build up for the East Orange game was highly anticipated since the seedings had been announced. Belleville had lost to the Panthers by scores of 80-58 at Belleville and 89-82 in East Orange. The game at East Orange was the game that Grasso concentrated on, because Belleville lost by just seven points on the Panthers home court, and remember in that game that Abdel fouled out early in the fourth quarter.

Belleville was very confident about playing East Orange, especially on a neutral court. Both teams arrived at Bloomfield 90 minutes before the opening tip off. Back then, the home team was determined by a toss of the coin, and when Belleville won the toss, Grasso elected to be the home team. Belleville was 9-3 at home in '74-75, and any edge Grasso could get for this contest would certainly be accepted.

By the time the warmups were over, the gym was packed. I mean packed to the gills. There was an electricity in the air that only comes along for really big games. And this, especially in the annals

of Belleville basketball, was a really **BIG** game. East Orange was a marvelously talented basketball team. Coached by Bob Lester, the Panthers came into Bloomfield on February 22 with a 22-0 record. They were 16-0 in the Big 10. They averaged 92 points a game. They pressed from the opening tip off to

The Panthers had a starting five that featured, among others, Cleveland Eugene, Mike Booker and Clyde Bradshaw. They had a second team that could easily start on just about any other team in

general feeling in Belleville was that victory was far from out of the question. Belleville had size in the front court, and deceptively good speed in the backcourt with John Megna, Wayne Richie and Bob Tosi.

Richie, according to Tosi, could break a press by himself with his ball handling skills. During the season, he would give East Orange fits with his ability to dribble twice and move the ball past mid

Even in Belleville's losses, the opposing team was unable to press them. So, with good size, speed and confidence, why wasn't an upset in the cards? For 32 minutes, anything could happen, right?

Why not in this case? was a junior at Belleville High School that year and made it crystal clear to anyone who would listen that Belleville WOULD win this game. No question, with Abdel, Hogan, Jackson, Amiano, Dunn, Richie, Tosi and Meagher, Belleville was going to win.

After the warmups, Belleville went back into the lockerroom for one last strategy session with Grasso. The lesson was pretty simple. Don't get into a running game with East Orange. Play a good half court game, bang the boards and take high percentage shots.

The teams then came back on the court for the starting lineups. I'll never forget it. The P.A. announcer set the starting lineups. The fans were already in a frenzy. The opening tip off was seconds away. It was the game that Belleville had practiced for for the past three months.

Next week, we'll look back at that game and Belleville's remaining games in the post season.

Last Weeks Quiz

The Rangers last made the Stanley Cup finals in 1979. That year, they lost in five games to the Montreal Canadiens. The Rangers beat the New York Islanders in six games in the semis that year. John Davidson was the Rangers goalie that season. Fred Shero, who led Philadelphia to two straight Stanley Cups in 1974 and '75, was the Rangers coach in '79.

For This Week

When the Philadelphia Flyers won those Stanley Cups, who did they beat in the finals? Who was the Flyers goaltender? When did Philly next make it to the Stanley Cup finals after the '75 season?

Is T.V. Coming Back?
For a few weeks, I have told you about L.R. What I might not have said is while L.R. is certainly shrewd and interesting, there's only one T.V. and I hope that she can once again be a part of my life. Like I've always said, there's T.V., then everyone else.

Qualify for Group 4, Section 2 Sectionals

Matmen topple Nutley, 36-27

By Joe Piegaro

Each year since 1982 two things have happened to the Belleville wrestling team. First, they beat Nutley. Second, they qualify for the State Sectional Championships

Tradition has held to form once again as BHS beat Nutley, 36-27, then found out four days later they were seeded fifth in the Group 4, Section 2 Championships.

It was the 13th consecutive invitation to the sectionals for the Bucs, who will face no. 4 seed Roxbury on Wednesday at Union High School. If they happen to get by Roxbury, they will face the winner of the Union (no.1) and Montclair (no.8) match later in the evening.

The Nutley match was a thriller, coming down to the 189-pound bout before a winner was determined. BHS won eight bouts to five for the Maroon, but as is the case so often this year, our losses too many times result in pins. Of Belleville's defeats, four resulted in falls for Nutley. Sandip Desai (103) was pinned by Nick Bellucci, Chris Zarro (160) was pinned by John Yanuzzelli, Mark Sharon (after building a 9-2 lead) was decked by Anthony Intili at 171, and heavyweight Brian Pasterchick fell victim to Carmen LoRe.

Mark Bianchini was the only Buc loser who stayed off his back, suffering a 7-0 setback at 140pounds to Anthony Bellucci.

All the Buc winners won in dominant fashion, except for 119pounder Luke Cardinale. Matched up against Anthony Marinello for the third time this season, Luke needed a reversal in the last 30 seconds to pull out a 5-3 decision. Each time these two have faced each other the result has gotten tighter and tighter.

Cardinale won a 13-3 laugher in the Bloomfield Tourney, followed by a 7-0 decision in the counties, then this latest white knuckler.

When they face each other in the districts next week sparks should

112-pounder Johnny Perna used only 53 seconds to flatten Joe Critelli, using a spread eagle pinning combination. The win brought Johnny's record to 19-0 with 13 pins. Cardinale followed with his 5-3 decision at 119, then older brother Isaiah gave the Bucs six more points at 125 pounds. Isaiah took 1:02 to flatten Dan Sanborn, using his favorite pinning combination, a figure four head scissors and arm bar. The win brought Cardinale's record to 20-0 with 16 pins, both best on the

Buc 130-pounder John Spina followed with an easy 12-2 decision over Andy Cifelli, bringing his

pins. John had Cifelli pinned on two occasions, but some very slow positioning by the ref cost Spina the fall and forced him to settle for the Major Decision.

Spina's victory gave BHS a 19-6 team lead. Junior Jorge Hernandez added to that lead by scoring a 7-3 decision over Marchello Capra in the 135-pound division. The win improved Jorge's record to 12-7 with three pins, but more importantly gave Belleville a 22-6 lead in the match.

After Bianchini's loss at 140 closed the gap to 22-9, Joe McNish flattened Derrick Chell using a reverse headlock and body press. Our senior co-captain now sports a gaudy 19-1 record with seven pins.

Coach Joe Nisivoccia then pulled another slick maneuver out of his bag of magic. Aris Cruz, our normal 160-pounder, weighted in this day at 152 pounds to negate Nutley's Dave Oceio.

The move paid off in spades. Cruz, as he has done all year, came through with the pressure on and scored a 14-4 Major Decision over Ocejo. After the dual meet was

concluded, Assistant Nutley coach Armando Nardone stated, "That was the turning point of the whole match. Cruz really did the job for you guys!"

Although Cruz's match put the

personal record to 16-3 with seven Bucs in great position, the dual meet was far from over. With the score 32-9, Nutley came roaring back. Pins at 160 and 171 closed the margin to 32-21.

> Another surprise move by head coach Joe Nisivoccia brought positive results. Tom D'Elia, wrestling JV most of the year, was inserted at 189 ahead of incumbent Tom Haverick.

> Showing no signs of pressure, D'Elia responded with a 16-6 thumping of Jose Laraquente to ice the match for BHS.

The win brought Belleville's record to 12-1, while Nutley, seeded fifth in the Group 3, Section 2 Championships, dropped to 4-2.

Buc Notes: Mother Nature played havoc with the schedule this past week. Bloomfield and St. Joe's were both snowed out. Although no official word has been posted, it seems logical that Bloomfield will be cancelled. St. Joe's will probably be made up as it is a league match.

Wrestler of the Week is once again a tie. This time it's Aris Cruz and Tom D'Elia. Cruz for his pressure cooker victory and D'Elia for his unexpected win at 189 pounds.

Due to the over-abundance of wrestling matches in the next two weeks there will be no Piegaro's Top 20 in the next two issues. The Final Top 20 list will be published in three weeks.

See va next week!

Addis, A.C. help Lady Bucs snap skid

By Mike Lamberti

Just when you thought you understood everything about the Lady Buc basketball team, something crazy happens to dispel any trend of logic.

Chery! Marion's team battered Paramus last week, 43-25, and in the process, broke a five game losing streak. The girls took an 8-10 mark into the final week of the

Belleville played Paterson Kennedy last Tuesday and will end the season this Saturday, at Glen

Ridge, starting at 1 p.m.
For the past three weeks, Belleville had noticeably struggled. Even in victory, the girls were rarely impressive. Defensively, the team did a good job, but it was on the offense where the problems were most noticeable.

Marion noted a lack of balanced

scoring and tried a number of lineup changes in order to get more players involved in the offense. Finally, last week, the team put together a solid attack, with three players hitting in double figures. Couple that with a solid defensive effort, and the result was a good

conference win. "The girls did a good job,"
Marion said. "Paramus, as
expected, doubleteaned Liz (Ramirez, the Lady Bucs lead scorer), but this time we were able to overcome that with Andrea (Curran) and (Deanna) Addis

playing good games.' Curran, a junior swingman, scored 14 points. "A.C." has been hampered by an ankle injury for the past month, and her offensive skills had been sub par. But Curran has been coming around of late, and her performance last week was a good sign, not only for the remainder of this season, but for 1994-95 as well.

Addis' performance was even more satisfying. A freshman forward, Addis had been inconsistent for a good stretch of the season. At one point, Marion had removed Addis from the starting lineup in an effort to get the offense out of its doldrums.

Against Paramus last week, Addis was outstanding, scoring a career high 15 points. She hit six field goals and converted a three point basket.

"We know that Addis and (freshman center Chrissie) Scassera have a lot of potential," Marion said. "If they both continue to work on their game, we have a lot of

hope for the upcoming seasons."

Belleville led 11-8 after one quarter at Paramus, then extended the margin to 21-11 at halftime. Paramus narrowed the lead to 29-20 after three, but Belleville put the game out of reach in the last frame, outscoring Paramus 14-5 and winning by 18 points. Addis' 15 points led all scorers. Curran had 14, Ramirez had ten

and Maria Acuna and Scassera finished with two.

Last week, Marion had noted that Scassera and Acuna, a sophomore guard, were playing very well. With Addis and Curran

showing the ability to score effectively, the program's future certainly looks promising.

"When you see games like that, you have reason to believe we can be very competitive," Marion said. "We just have to be consistent, and play this game with intensity."

NOTES: Games with Newark Eastside and Passaic were postponed due to the recent snowstorms. Belleville added Paterson Kennedy to the schedule for last Tuesday and will close this Saturday at Glen Ridge. If the team can win the last two, it would finish at .500 for the first time 1989.

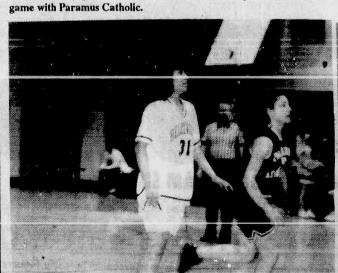
In the Essex County tournament, Nutley defeated Bloomfield last Saturday and will advance to the semis this weekend, at Bloomfield. The Raidcrettes will play either Livingston, or defending champ Clifford Scott. Livingston and Scott were scheduled for a quarterfinal game last Monday. Last year, the Scotties and Livingston played for the county title.

Livingston is the top seed this year, Nutley is the four seed. In the other semi, Mt. St. Dominic takes on Newark Central. Both semis are at Bloomfield this Saturday. At noon time, Mt. St. Dominic plays Central and at 2 p.m., Nutley takes on the Scott-Livingston survivor.

Before the start of the ECT,

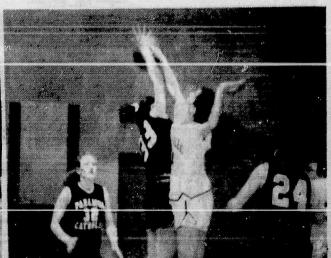
Nutley was the prediction here to win the tournament. Based on their performances against Science and Bloomfield, that prediction will continue to hold.

Look for a Nutley-Central final, with Nutley winning its third ECT title, and first since 1977.



Kim Mahoney passes to Liz Ramirez in second quarter of NNJIL

Maria Acuna watches fast break develop during game with Paramus



Chrissie Scascera looks to control opening tip off during game with Paramus Catholic.

Belleville recreation round-up

Baseball/softball applications: The Belleville Recreation residents only. Department is proud to announce that applications for all Recreation Baseball and Softball programs are available in all public and parochial school offices and at the Recreation Department office, as of February 1, 1994.

Boys ages 8-9 can play Peanut League Baseball; 10-12 year old boys can play Junior League Baseball; and 13-15 year old boys are eligible to play Senior League Baseball. Children ages 9-12 who wish to play Little League Baseball must try out. Boys and girls ages 6-7 can sign up for Tee Ball. Girls ages 8-14 can apply for all levels of Recreational softball, including the Suburban team. Specific league structure/age breakdown for the girls' softball league will be determined after the registration deadline. In order to qualify for any league, the child must reach the minimum age before August 1. 1994 and he/she cannot exceed the maximum age by July 31, 1994.

Players applying Junior/Senior League Baseball must also try out in order to be placed on a team. Everyone who registers by the February 25 deadline will be placed on a team.

All leagues are for Belleville

High school freshmen or J.V. team players, or Suburban League team players (7th and 8th grade) are not eligible for the Rec Leagues. All applications must be returned to the Rec House with photo copies of their birth certificates by Friday, February 25, 1994. Players trying out for the previously mentioned teams should complete Rec applications before the deadline in case they get cut.

In all cases, the applications must be completed in full and signed by a parent, and all returning players must re-apply. Applications accepted after the February 25 deadline will be considered late and will be treated accordingly. Late applications cannot be guaranteed entry into the league. The Rec House (407 Joralemon Street) hours for registration are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The office will also be open on Thursday nights, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for registration. All children attending required practices will play in every game. Our league stresses sportsmanship, basic skills

Recreation League Standings: Men's "B" Volleyball:

B.F.D. 18-9 Thirty-One Club 18-9 Nino's II Pizza 16-11 Joey's Pizza 14-13 Park Ave. Chiropractic 9-18 B.P.S.C. 6-21

Slow Break Basketball: Benjamin Moore 5-2 Megaro 4-3 Knights 3-4 M.J. Paquet 2-5 Men's Basketball:

Blue Division:

Zig-Zag Restaurant 9-0 Michael's Roscommon 6-3 Algieri's Pizza 3-6 Nutley Pub 3-6 Capasso Painting 2-7 Gold Division: Fleet Wash 9-0 Ritacco Bros. 7-2 West Side Auto 4-5 Cosmo's 1-8

Giorgio's Pizzeria 1-8

The Belleville Dept. of Recreation and Cultural Affairs is accepting registration for the pre-school program for 4-year-old children. The program consists of games, stories, songs, art, outside play when weather permits, short rest periods and occasional holiday parties especially designed for preschool children.

A session is from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. or 12:45 to 2:45 p.m., five days a week with class limited to a maximum of 23 students in each session.

The cost of the 32 week session is \$125. The mothers of the children accepted must participate by serving one duty day about every 8 or 9 days according to a published schedule. School will begin on Monday, September 19, 1994 and will run through May 1995.

Children born between October 1989 and September 1990 who will enter kindergarten in September 1995 are eligible. Participants must be Belleville residents. Since there

ar just a limited number of openings, applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis

Children must be able to speak and understand English in order to participate. Children enrolled in the morning program can not also be in the afternoon program or vice versa. A \$25. deposit is required to hold your spot in the program.

For further information and enrollment, contact the Belleville Recreation Department at 450-3422 as soon as possible - Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Umpire's Tests: The Belleville A.S.A. Umpires' Association will be conducting the A.S.A. Softball Umpire's Test on Wednesday, April 6, 1994 at 7 p.m. at the Rec Hous. - 407 Joralemon Street. Any adult, male or female, interested in taking the test should call the Belleville Recreation Department at 450-3422 to obtain an application for the test. There is a \$30 non-refundable exam fee that must accompany your application.

Persons who register for the test can attend the A.S.A. Softball Rules clinics, to be given on March 16, Wednesday, March 23; and Wednesday, March 30 - 7 p.m. at Belleville Recreation Department. These clinics are designed to prepare all potential umpires for the test on April 6. The clinics will be conducted by Frank Dario and Tom Ucci, two of Belleville's most experienced umpires.

The registration deadline will be March 18. The course and test are open to all persons, 18 years of age and older. A 70 percent passing grade will be required. Successful applicants will then be qualified to umpire A.S.A. softball after paying their membership dues, and will be responsible for securing their own work assignments.

Bucs hold on, stop Paramus rally, 60-57

By Mike Lamberti

That gust of wind you heard last Thursday afternoon around 5:30 p.m. was a collective gasp of relief exhaled by the Buc basketball

The reason? The Bucs had just defeated NNJIL rival Paramus, 60-57 for its sixth win of the season. It was the only game Belleville played last week due to the bad weather that produced close to two

feet of snow in three days.

The Bucs battled Clifton last Tuesday. This afternoon, the team will play host to St. Joe's, starting at 4 p.m. On Saturday, it's off to Glen Ridge for the season finale.

Tip off time there is 3 p.m.
"It wasn't easy," head coach
Don Roll said after the win against
Parmaus. "We played two really good quarters, one decent one and one bad one. The bad quarter was the fourth, and it let Paramus right back into the game.

"When you're playing at home, and have a double digit lead in the fourth quarter, you're supposed to put the game away, not let the visiting team back into it. Our kids should learn from this, and to give them credit, they hit some big foul shots down the stretch to preserve

Belleville led 12-11 after one quarter and halfway through the second frame, the Bucs held an eight point advantage.

'We must have thrown the ball away four times in the last two minutes of the first half," Roll said. Suddenly, it's a one point guard at

Paramus trailed 28-27 at the break. The Bucs came out with an extra emphasis in the third quarter "spirited" halftime conversation with Roll.

"We had a conversation, if you want to call it that," Roll said.
"Mental mistakes, at this stage of
the season, should not be an issue. We can't be letting teams back into games, especially at our gym.

Conversation aside, the Bucs dominated the third quarter and led 50-37 heading into the final eight

'Paramus threw a 1-3-1 trap at us in the last quarter," Roll said. 'It's not something we haven't seen this year. There was no mystery attached to it, but we let it affect us and they started hitting three point baskets with a lot of consistency.

Paramus closed the margin to three points in the last two minutes of regulation time. But Kevin Davies hit a big basket and point guard Mike Molina sank two free

throws to seal the win. Molina's and Davies' heroics would not have happened had it not been for senior forward Frank

"Means was the reason we won this game," Roll said. "He played the best game of his career. He was all over the court. He played excellent defense and made some

big shots when we needed them

Means scored a career high 18 points. Junior Jason Albert also scored 18 to lead the Belleville attack. Dan Montalvo continued his fine play of late, hitting for eight points. Molina had six, Davies scored five, Rob Sanzone finished with three and Michael Loney had

"We always seem to have that one bad quarter," Albert said after the victory. "But it's a good win for

"Three games left," Roll said. "And we have a shot at winning all three. Like I said last week, nine wins this season would be quite an accomplishment, considering all the inexperience. I just hope our kids will learn from this game. It's a good win, but we almost let it get

way from us."
NOTES: In the Essex County tournament, Irvington, the top seed and the number one team in the state, will take on Newark West Side this Saturday at Essex County College in a semi final game. In the other semi, Orange will take on Clifford Scott.

"In my opinion, Irvington and Orange are the two best teams and I think you'll see them in the finals,' Roll said, "Irvington has so much depth and size. Orange is legit. They have the tools to keep up with a team like Irvington.'

All four teams in the semis have a long and storied history in the ECT. Irvington's history is pretty current. The Campers have won the previous two county crowns. Kurt enschel has done an outstanding job as the head coach at Irvington Fenschel was the girls' basketball coach at Irvington in 1982 and '83 Since taking over the reigns of the boys team, he has led Irvington to prominence, not only on the county level, but also on a state level.

For Irvington to be considered the top team in New Jersey, with powerhouses like St. Anthony, Elizabeth and Camden playing well, says a great deal about

Fenschel's team. Orange last played for the county crown in 1988, losing to Shabazz. The Tornadoes also played for the county championship in 1987, losing to East Orange. Prior to that game, Orange played Valley in the '79 final. There, Valley won the game on the court in a thriller, but Orange was later awarded the title because Valley had played too many games before the county final. Orange also lost the '74 ECT final to East Orange.

Newark WestSide last played in the semi finals in 1982, losing to eventual champion Montclair. West Side had some outstanding teams in the 1960's.

Clifford Scott, who will play Orange this weekend, is coached by Orange alum Greg Tynes. Scott won the title in 1984 and 89, beating Montclair and Shabazz respectively. The Scotties lost in the finals in 1990, '91 and '93 to Shabazz, Seton Hall Prep and Irvington respectively.

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Rec League to change format

In an effort to provide recreation baseball for boys beyond the age of 15, the Belleville Baseball Commission and the Belleville Recreation Department have announced the restructuring of the Senior/Intermediate baseball pro-

Under the new format, and depending on the number of applicants received for the Senior League, the Senior and Intermediate Leagues will be separated into two leagues. The Intermediate will include boys between the ages of 13-14. The Senior League will be expanded to include boys between the ages of

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Intermediate League players cannot exceed the age of 14 as of

8/1/94. Senior League players can not exceed the age of 16 as of 8/1/94. Players must be township residents and new applicants must show an original birth certificate. All returning players who participated in the Intermediate/Senior League in 1993 must reapply.

If there is insufficient Senior League applicants to restructure the program, the Intermediate/Senior League will continue in its current

Applications can be completed at the Recreation Department. The current application for the Intermediate/Senior League can be utilized.

Contact Lou Pllante (751-4292) Bruce Morgan (450-8540) or the Recreation Department for further information



Junior Bucs take championship

By Lou Conte

The Belleville Junior Bucs captured their fifth straight Essex County League Championship by defeating the Caldwell Junior Chiefs, 49-26, in a matchup of undefeated teams.

It was a night of tough matches with the Belleville Champs scoring big at the right time.

Anthony Malanga (62 pounds) was victorious in a 5-4 double overtime nailbiter; Jim Smith (67) in a major decision, 12-0; Mike Palo (72) 17-0 technical fall; Dave Ilaria (77) major decision, 13-0; Mike Fusco (82) pin 1:47; Anthony Conte (97) 7-5; Frank Zarro (107) pin 3:08; Lawrence Martin, (114) pin :14; Dan Almeida clinched the match with a pin in :43; Frank Rodriguez finished up with a pin at 1:38.

Match of the night goes to Anthony Conte in his final league bout, 7-5 over Caldwell's tough Matt Dancy. Anthony also broke John Perna's record as Belleville's

winningest recreation wrestler with his 121st career victory. Congratulations!

Congratulations to coach Lou Riccardi and Mike Conte for a job well done!

Belleville reached its undefeated season by flattening Livingston, 42-31, and Glen Ridge, 72-12, prior to the Caldwell match. The Glen Ridge match was highlighted by Anthony Mongelli's first league pin and Mike Fusco's:12 pin.

Next on the agenda for the team is the Essex County League Tournament at Caldwell and the prestigious South Plainfield Tournament.

Note: Tough guys Jim Smith, Dave Ilaria, Mike Palo, Mike Fusco, Anthony Conte, Frank Zarro, Lawrence Martin were undefeated in the Essex County League this year.

Tournament Notes: The Jr. Bucs Varsity Team took second place in the Mt. Olive Tournament. Fifteen teams, most from West Jersey, competed and it was the most competitive tournament of the season. Eight Junior Bucs captured medals out of 16 entrants. Only the varsity team can compete and Belleville missed first place team honors by a narrow 6.5 points to Mt. Olive.

Wrestler of the day honors goes to Dave Ilaria for his stunning first place finish. He proved himself to be a mature and poised wrestler. Lawrence Martin was also a first place champion. Taking second place silver were Anthony Conte, Frank Zarro, Anthony Malanga and Mike Palo. Joe Spina took third place and Dan Almeida captured fourth place.

At the Old Bridge Tournament first place champs were: Joe Parisi and Chris Ranucci. Second place winners were Nick Parisi, Mark D'Elia and Mike Gingerelli. Third place went to Lawrence Fusco, and fourth place honors were awarded to Robert Coppola, Chris Coppola, and Dave Sheridan.

Correction: Chris Ranucci took second place at the Caldwell Tournament and Mike Fusco took third place at the Bloomingdale Tournament.

A sport by any other name

By Steve Patchett

The other day I heard an argunent about whether a certain activty was a game or a sport.

This is a fairly common argunent, but it's actually an easy problem to solve, so here goes ...

I use several basic rules of thumb to distinguish between games and sports:

. If you can play it in your basement, it's a game not a sport.

· If you break a sweat, it's either sport or you're trying way too

· If you need protective equipment, it's a sport not a game.

· If there are cheerleaders present, it's a sport not a game.

· If a coach is yelling at you, it's sport not a game.

· If it's in the Belleville Times sports section, it's either a sport or we're having a slow news week.

Of course, some activities are still pretty hard to classify.

For example, what exactly is igure skating?

Well, it's definitely not a game, and I would argue that it isn't a sport either.

It's not a sport because the winners and losers are based on judgement calls. In real sports, the players decide their own fate in clearly quantifiable terms.

Let me illustrate this point with last week's hockey game. The Devils scored more goals than the Winnipeg Jets, therefore the Devils

It doesn't matter that the Jets had better uniforms or skated with more fluidity. They lost. End of

How can you call something like skating a sport if the outcome is so completely open to debate?

Granted, boxing can also come down to a judgement call, but at least it's not choreographed and set to music.

Skating (or worse yet - ice dancing) has far too much glitz to be a

Sometimes I think that the only thing separating Nancy Kerrigan from Yogi Bear in Ice Capades is the bear costume and a judge holding up a scorecard at the end of the performance.

Now, I don't want to take anything away from professional skaters; they're graceful and all the

rest of it. But skating isn't a sport; it's a competition.

And when you get right down to it, anything can be a competition.

You could challenge your friend to see who can eat more Vienna sausages. You could go outside and see who builds a better snowman.

That's wonderful

But those aren't sports. Just like hunting and fishing aren't sports.

In order for something to be a sport, both parties should know that they are involved. Hunting and fishing, therefore, are neither sports nor games because the animals don't know that they are participat-

I'm not really sure what categories hunting and fishing fall under. For now, we'll classify them as Acts of Cruelty Perpetrated On Unsuspecting Creatures.

Hmmmmmm...

For that matter, three out of the last four Superbowls seemed like acts of cruelty perpetrated on unsuspecting creatures.

Maybe this classification thing wasn't such a hot idea after all.

Catalano garners 300th

Jim Catalano, a native of Division III tournament titles, and Belleville and the head coach of the New Jersey Institute of Technology men's basketball team, earned his 300th career win when his squad defeated Mt. St. Vincent, 94-72, on Saturday, February 5.

Already the all-time winningest coach in the history of NJIT basketball. Catalano has fashioned a 300-91 mark at the Newark school. In his 15 years of head coaching experience, all with NJIT, Catalano ranks fourth among the nation's Division III active basketball coaches with a .767 winning percentage and 42nd in career victo-

This season, the Highlanders are 12-3 overall, 5-1 in the Skyline Conference and 4-0 in the Independent Athletic Conference. The Highlanders are currently riding a seven game win streak.

Catalano, who now lives in Kinnelon, New Jersey, has guided NJIT to eight IAC championships, three Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Metro

one Skyline Conference champi-In addition, the onship. Highlanders have participated in two NCAA Tournaments.

The 43-year old Catalano has directed NJIT to three straight 20plus winning seasons and nine overall. Catalano's first squad in 1979-80 compiled a 21-5 record and placed second in the IAC.

A native of Belleville, Catalano was a standout athlete at Belleville High School, where he earned All-Essex County honors in basketball and All-American and All-State honors as a catcher in baseball. In 1977 he was inducted into the Belleville Athletic Hall of Fame.

After spending one year at Kean College, Catalano transferred to Jersey City State College where he was a three-year starter on the basketball team, earning Division III All-Metropolitan honors in his senior season. He also played on the Gothic Knights baseball team.

Sound Bites

Boston Garden off a shot that was tipped. It hit her and really bruised her, but she caught the rebound and got up and showed the crowd. I knew at that point I was going to marry this woman." — newlywed comedian/actor Mike Myers, on his wife, Robin Ruzan.

"He tries hard, he's good looking, and he's made a lot of money. If he was a man, I'd marry him." -Jockey Nancy Summers, on twoyear old quarter horse Treacherous-

> NOTICE NOTICE is hereby given that the Municipal Council of the Township of Belleville, N.J. at a meeting held on February 8, 1994 in the Mun-icipal Building, did adopt Ordinance No. 2620 entitled: An Ordinance Amending Section 13-15 of the Codified Ordinances of the Township of Belleville by Adding Fire

> Mary Lou Hood. Municipal Clerk Belleville Times

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Revised, Amended and Supplemented, An Ordinance to Regulate, Control and Stabilize Rents and Create a Rent Leveling Board Within the Township of Belleville, County of Essex, and State of New Jersey Adopted 49 74; amended 4-26-76, 10-24-78, 5-27-80, 4-14-81, 5-7-84, 8-3-93.

Mary Lou Hood, Municipal Clerk Belleville Times Feb. 17, 1994

"When we lose, I can't sleep. When we win, I can't sleep. But when you win, you wake up feeling better." - Joe Torre, St. Louis manager.

"I never cease to amaze myself. I say this humbly." - Don King.

"Statistics are about as interesting as first-base coaches." - Steve

"Boxing is sort of like jazz. The better it is, the less amount of people can appreciate i ge Foreman.

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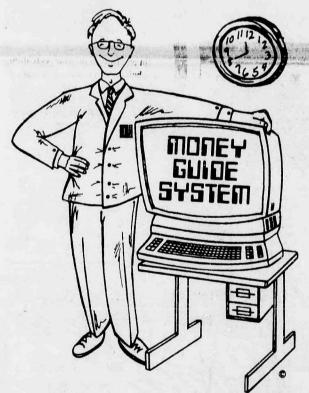
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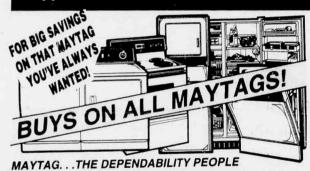
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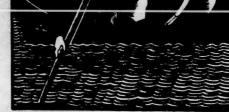
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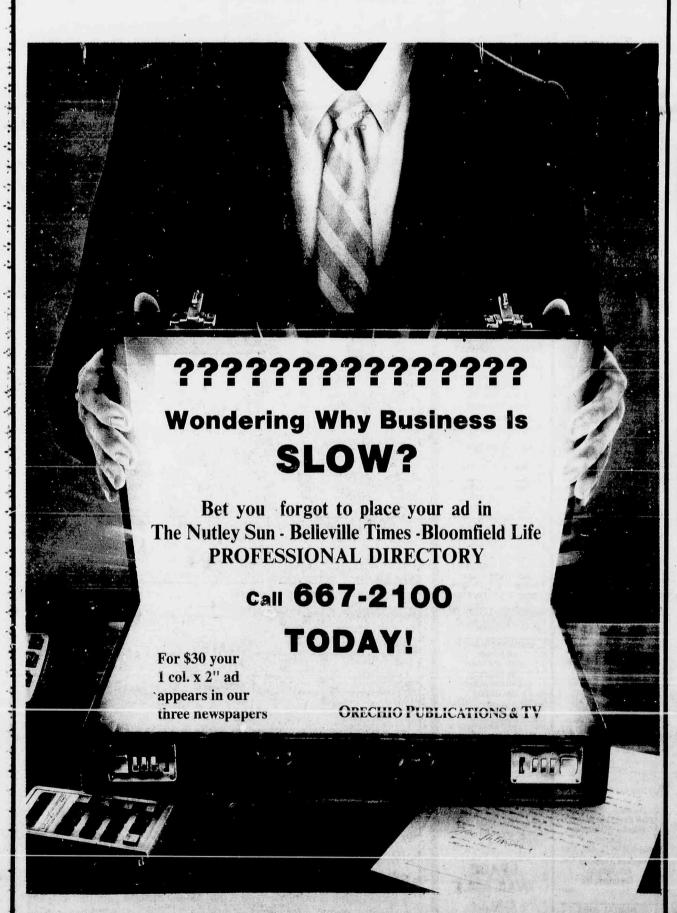


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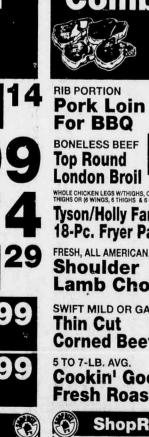


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