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## BHS's Pasent Elhew will study at Oxford

By Richard Dickon

For Pasent Elhew, the honor of being accepted to study at the prestigious learning institution of Oxford, England, is the fulfillment of her family's dream, a major victory in an on-going sibling rivalry, and the latest step toward a lofty goal: U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

Pasent, a Belleville High School senior honor student, expects to

me to try harder to do well," she said.

Belleville schools have figured prominently in her education, as well. "Every teacher I've had, in every grade, I can remember something special about each one," she said.

Her sixth grade teacher at School #3, Mrs. Judith Spray, has been especially inspiring and served as a mentor to Pasent. "I always looked to her for being very pretty and very independent," she said. On her birthday that year, Pasent got a checkered suit, that Mrs. Spray dubbed the business suit, and Pasent said she always felt like her teacher when she wore it.

The significance her achievements for other Belleville students is very well understood by Pasent. "I've gotten so many cards from people, saying they how they thought nobody from Belleville could ever attain this," she said, adding that she has promised to accommodate any and all of her friends who come to visit in Oxford. "They all say, 'We'll come visit, you can study and we'll see all the sights,'" she said.

Growing up in a house where CNN, CPAN and shows like Crossfire dominate, Pasent said "My friends would always say, what are you watching? But I love those shows."

The only potential problem for Pasent is financing. She said she is looking for financial aid and scholarship help, since her family has many costs to account for already.

Pasent's aspirations merely begin with studying at Oxford. From there, she sees herself as a private attorney in New York, as well as using her background to possibly be involved in diplomacy. "I've traveled a lot, I speak fluent Arabic, and I've learned the history very well," she said.

As someone who has attained such high achievements at a young age, Pasent said she will continue to aim very high. "I would like to be a Supreme Court Justice. It would be great to work in Washington."

Considering how well she has done so far, no one should discount any goal aspired to by Pasent.



Pasent Elhew  
Studying at Oxford

study pre-Law and Political Science, with a minor in Latin, if possible.

Transatlantic travel is nothing new to Pasent, whose Egyptian-born parents, Gaafar and Affaf, have exposed their daughter to England, Canada, Greece and, for the past two summers, her native Egypt. Her two older brothers, Amaro, the oldest, and Hany, were born in Egypt, while Pasent and her younger sister, Dina, were born here.

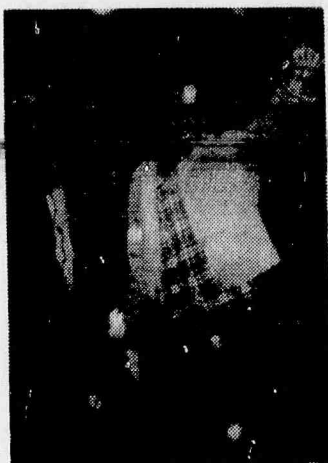
"There are no words to express what this means to my parents," Pasent said. Her dad, referring to the costs of studying overseas after paying for her two older brothers' educations, said "All you have to do now is win the lottery," according to Pasent, while Mom "is very emotional. She cried."

As for the sibling rivalry, Pasent and Hany have competed most of their lives, with Hany often coming out on top. "He said, 'You never beat me at anything, this is a shock,'" Pasent said, "But you finally beat me."

Pasent credits her parents for encouraging her success. "From the beginning, they have pushed



**HEROES CAN'T PREVENT FIRE'S AFTERMATH** - Pat Zullo (bottom left) and John Miller point up to devastating results of the fire which swept through 216 William Street on Dec. 4th and left two families, including Miller's, to sift through the rubble of their charred possessions. The Belleville Times is sponsoring a fund to help the families and future families that are beset with similar adversities. For now, anyone interested in helping Miller's family or the Lombardi's, can contact the Red Cross chapter in East Orange at 676-0800. The families are in need of clothes, temporary furniture and food items.



**Heroic rescue still leaves 2 families in need for Christmas...**

## Families displaced by fire

By Richard Dickon

In the aftermath of the Dec. 4th fire at 216 William Street, two families are struggling to put their lives back together. This week's story focuses on the heroic efforts that save the family living upstairs, and their struggles since. Next week, we will look more closely at the Lombardi's.

John Miller, his fiancé, Claire, and their three daughters, along

with Patty and Al Lombardi and their seven children, are trying to ease horrible memories of a devastating house fire with happier memories of a Christmas spent together in relative comfort.

Miller and the Foti's were preparing to move to another home in Belleville at press time, and Miller said "Thank God for miracles," although finding a new dwelling is just the latest in a series

of miraculous events for these families. Miller's injuries will keep him disabled for awhile, putting his earning power in jeopardy and spurring The Belleville Times to sponsor a Christmas fund (see story, below).

John Miller and his new friend, Pat Zullo of North Newark, bravely rescued his fiancé, Claire Foti and

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## Times sponsors Xmas fund; fire survivors preach safety

By Richard Dickon

Tragedy, and the adversities that follow, can sometimes leave positive results in their wake. The terrible house fire that left two families with no place to celebrate Christmas has led the Belleville Times to establish a Holiday Cheer Fund, to help future families facing similar holiday miseries.

The Fund will solicit tax-deductible contributions from businesses, professionals, schools, municipal government and any other entity interested in contributing to the easing of suffering for Belleville residents. Details will be forthcoming next week. For now, anyone interested in helping the two families can do so through the Red Cross of East Orange at 676-0800.

A second important result of the fire is the clear message sent by the families involved about preventing house fires.

John Miller, his new friend and fellow hero, Pat Zullo, Miller's fiancé, Claire Foti and two of her daughters, Lisa and Laura Foti, having miraculously survived the fire on the second floor of their William Street home

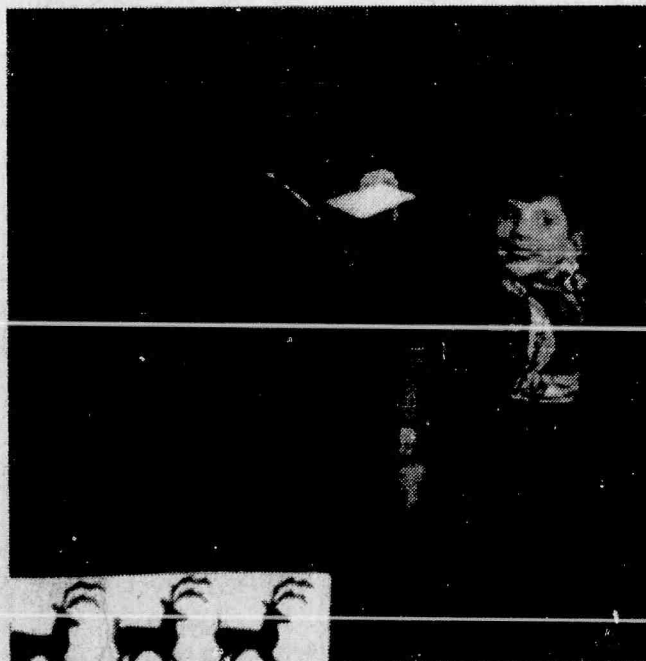
set ablaze by a chimney fire, were all very clearly affected by the experience, and repeated an important message several times during their interview.

The messages were simple, but coming from a family who had just stared into flames and black smoke, their passion about fire safety came through.

Fire officials had noted that the house did have several smoke detectors, but it appeared they were not working and did not activate at the time of the fire.

"We have thought a lot about this since the fire," Claire Foti said, "If you have a chimney, make sure you check to see if it is faulty. Be sure you have working smoke detectors in all your bedrooms and throughout the house, and check them regularly. And have a working fire extinguisher nearby at all times."

Fire officials continue to stress steps that can be taken for a safe holiday season, and all year round.



**DEAR SANTA** - Young Charles Hood mails off his letter to Santa Claus, with his wish list of Christmas gifts. The Santa mailboxes will be open for all Belleville youngsters until Dec. 21st at Town Hall on Washington Avenue and in front of the Silver Lake Fire House on Franklin Avenue. Send those lists today! (Photo By Richard Dickon)

## Committee plans to meet on senior housing

By Richard Dickon

Senior housing plans continue to progress, with a Council committee set to meet with the non-profit sponsor, and the sponsor meeting with finance people and developers, according to Mayor Jim Messina.

Messina said he spoke by telephone recently with Catholic Community Services (CCS), the non-profit sponsor for the senior housing complex planned for five acres at the former Geriatric hospital site on Franklin and Belleville Avenues. Finance and development agencies are also in contact with the Township and CCS, he said.

Also, Messina and fellow senior housing council committee members Angie Pascerchia and Victor Canning plan a meeting with CCS at the end of December, Messina said.

"We want to be involved in the design phase," Messina said.

Messina has pushed the Council

to move as quickly as possible on the plans, and having an engineer designate "the best parcel of land" as the five acres of land for the project is necessary.

To keep the time frame as quick as possible, Messina said he would like to see an engineer hired to a

preliminary study of the land to decide the means and bounds of the most sensible 1,000-square foot by 1,000 square foot parcel.

The Mayor wants to close title on the land, but first the land must be examined, to find out where utility lines for PSE&G and settling

other underground issues, such as locating underground storage tanks.

"I want us to have input on the design so we can set how we want it designed," Messina said.

Council members have

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## New Council group eyes \$1M Town hall fix-up

By Richard Dickon

A new Council committee has been formed to oversee Town Hall renovation plans, with \$1 million still bonded to repair and restore the building's interior and exterior.

The three at-large Council members elected last May, Jerry Digori, Angie Pascerchia and Victor Canning, will comprise the new committee. The three cast the no votes that blocked a \$2.4 million renovation bond ordinance.

While some residents have continued to criticize all Town Hall

renovation plans, the Council did not get the necessary five votes to approve the \$2.4 million bond ordinance, and the state has taken away about \$300,000 in state Economic Development Authority (EDA) loans because of the Council's failure to act.

Township officials were told in June they may lose low-interest, long-term state loans to help fund the restoration because of "inaction," and the funding was cancelled after the Council failed to meet several extended deadlines to

qualify for a state EDA loan.

The loans would have covered about \$300,000 of the renovations, at 1.5 percent interest over 20 years.

Mayor Jim Messina said the two \$500,000 bonds, one for the interior and one for the exterior, "will only be patchwork" on a building sorely in need of extensive renovation. He has expressed frustration that the three Council members voted against passing the \$2.4 mil-

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# Safe winter driving takes caution

Winter weather and road conditions can change rapidly for the worse so drivers need to be especially alert, reminds the New Jersey Safety Council. The following tips can help motorists stay out of trouble through the winter months:

- Equip your car with an emergency kit containing a first aid kit, flashlight with fresh batteries, blankets, warning flares or reflectors, ice-scraper with brush, tow chain, jumper cables, shovel and a bag of sand or cat litter. Keep your gas tank at least half full to meet unforeseen winter driving emergencies.
- Before each trip, clear all frost, ice and snow from the car windshield, windows, mirrors, roof, sides, hood and trunk lid. Brush off headlights and tail lights to increase your visibility to other motorists.
- Since sunlight and snow create a dangerous glare, wear sunglasses for daytime driving. A day of exposure to sun and glare without sunglasses can reduce your ability to see at night.
- When weather conditions are bad, reduce speed and increase your following distance. If you begin to skid, take your foot off the gas and turn the steering wheel in the direction you want the front of the car to go. Never hit the brake.
- For best visibility in blowing snow or fog, use low beams and run the front and rear defrosters.
- If you find yourself stranded with no help in sight, stay calm and stay put. Run the engine for heat about once every hour (or every half hour in extreme cold). Leave one window cracked open to avoid being sealed inside of the car by freezing snow and sleet. Clear an area around the end of the exhaust pipe to prevent carbon monoxide back up. Tie a brightly colored cloth to your antenna to signal other motorists that you are stranded.

For more information on safe winter driving, call the Council at 908-272-7712.

## National Siding donates gloves to fire department

National Siding in Belleville has donated two pairs of "Road Rescuer" Heavy Duty Gloves to Belleville Fire Department. The heavy duty gloves are made of Kevlar® fibers, the same product used in the protective bullet-proof vests worn by police.

The program was part of a promotion planned by Plunkett-Webster, the local distributor for DuPont "Tyvek" Housewrap. National Siding is an authorized "Tyvek" Housewrap dealer and earned the gloves during the promotion. National Siding chose to support the local fire department by donating the gloves.

## Belleville Senior News

By Joseph Restaino



### KIND WORDS

Kind words and seniors are synonymous  
And should be preached and practiced by all of us.

When we were young and harsh words came out too fast,  
The hurt that they caused, should now be in the past.

We speak out without even thinking  
This may be why our popularity is shrinking.

For words can be cruel to one who is kind  
And always tries to keep friends in mind.

Just try to keep calm, and watch what we say  
Tomorrow may solve what seems wrong today.

As we grow older and hopefully more mellow,  
Let us consider the other fellow.

Tis said, and we quote, "One catches more flies with a  
Spoonful of sugar than a whole barrel of vinegar."

Our aim should be to gain some more friends  
With one kind word – not a mouthful of vengeance.

We know life is difficult and at times unkind  
But others may be worse off – keep that in mind.

Reach out and greet friends with a gentle touch,  
You'll find they respond and will thank you so much.

Life is too short to be so unkind,  
Be nice to each other and love will abound.

So don't let relationships come to an end,  
You never know when you'll need a friend.

By Jeanne Bjugan

I must report that the lady members of the Tues. and Friday Clubs have been very busy knitting and crocheting many articles for the patients in nursing homes and hospitals. Under the leadership of Phyllis Grainger (Tues. Club) and Maria Troiano (Friday Club) they have made lap robes, afghans, slippers, hats and bags to hold personal items. Some also knit baby outfits for newborn babies of unwed mothers. Some of these items are very beautiful and will make someone very happy. These articles are distributed throughout the year but there will be a large quantity distributed for the holiday season. All participating in this program are to be congratulated and should be very proud

of the beautiful articles. If only more people would take the time to help others what a better world it would be.

Congratulations to Rosebuds and the Good Health Pharmacy on Joramemon St. and Passaic Ave. for the beautiful holiday decorations in front of their establishments. Jimmy and Billy Lynch are to be commended.

Happy birthday to Jeanne Bjugan, Lucy Pepitone, John Iracane, William Fioravanti, Carmine Urso, Joseph Villaggio, Pat Callo, Rocco Guarino and Leonard Andreano.

Happy birthday to Frank Candelora and a happy anniversary to the Candeloras.

On Nov. 22, at 6:30 p.m., a protest rally against the huge raises being handed out to the township employees was held in front of the town hall. While this was going on the employees and their families entered the meeting room and when the protesters tried to enter they were refused entry due to overcrowding. Councilman Canning made a motion to transfer the meeting to larger quarters. This was seconded by Tom Spillane. However the other members voted it down. The council also had the audacity to vote themselves a 72% raise in their salary. These are some of the same people who promised to hold the line. I wonder what line?

November 26th marked the seventy-fifth birthday of Carmine Paul Cerami, a lifelong resident of Belleville and son-in-law of Mildred Sarrechia. The birthday was celebrated at the Towaco home of his daughter and son-in-law, Marie and James Santosuosso. In attendance were Carmine's wife of forty eight years, Anna, and their children and their spouses: Marie and James Santosuosso; Teresa and Frank Fury; Mildred and Kenneth Dermanjian; and Carmine and Lillian Cerami. Also attending the birthday party were grandchildren: Renee and Daniel Chiocariello; Frank and Matthew Fury; Daniella and Christopher Cerami, and Rebecca and Shane Dermanjian. Other relatives and friends included Carmine and Anna's brothers and sisters and their spouses: Victor Sibilila, Carmine's godson; and Louis Conforti, his nephew who shares the same birthday.

Tid bit: If you meet a fellow who claims he descended from a monkey, don't argue with him, because after all, he knows his family better than you do.

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## Christian Delmotte named drum and bugle corps Raider of the year

Christian Delmotte, a senior at Belleville High School, was announced as the "Raider of the Year for 1994" at the Raiders Drum and Bugle Corps' Fourth Annual Awards Banquet in Bayonne on Nov. 27.

The most prestigious award the corps presents, recognized Christian for his "unfailing commitment to the organization," according to corps officials.

"His cheerful and unselfish dedication was evident throughout the entire season," said Raiders Director George Lavelle. "Christian was always ready to lend a helping hand to another member learning a part, to the support staff preparing meals, or to other members loading the equipment truck. Fun to be with, always upbeat and optimistic, not complaining. Christian was a true asset to the 1994 Raiders."

This was the second year Christian had marched with the Raiders. In his first year with the corps, he was a member of the melodic percussion section, otherwise known as "the pit." During the 1994 season, Christian marched in the guard, performing on flag. He is a drum major of the Belleville Buccaneers High School Marching Band. He plans to major in music education in college.



LET'S DO THE TIME WARP - Middle school students (left to right): Leslie Servidio; Ada Del Valle; and Natalie Izzi took part in the Seventh grade reading students "time warp" biography research.

## Middle school students read into a time warp

The Seventh grade Middle School reading students went into a time warp after researching biographies of famous and infamous people.

Working in cooperative groups of three, Mrs. Albrecht's reading classes researched biographies using books in the school library and the new library computer. With the help of the school librarian, Miriam Chessner, the students were instructed on the program that gave them information for their biographies.

Each student of the group had a role to play. The photographer explained the background of the person researched in their group,

the writer interviewed the biographee discerning his/her achievements or defeats, actions beliefs, publications and self assessment. The third member of the group was the biographee who told about his/her life.

Each member of the group took on the persona of the person and the time period in which that person lived. The students even dressed up in the period costumes of the day.

Some of the guest celebrities were Jane Goodall, Albert Schweitzer, Louisa May Alcott, Billy the Kid, and Cattle Kate, the famous cattle rustler.

## Local scouts collecting food

Belleville Boy and Cub Scout Troop and Pack #350 is "Scouting for Food" this holiday season, collecting non-perishable food at Fewsmith Church, on the corner of Union Ave and Little Street (444 Union Ave.).

The dates are all day, Saturday, Dec. 17, and each Monday night, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Church's scouting room on the side of the building. Call Peggy Williams at 751-1072 or David Hinchey at 759-9397 for information.

## Local students attend university

Two Belleville residents are members of Boston University's Class of 1998.

Now studying at the University are Belleville High School graduates Michael G. Mattoon, the son of Amelia Mattoon of Cedar Hill

Avenue; and Maria Carmelita Arceo, the daughter of Miguel and Aurora Arceo. Mattoon plans to major in political science, and Arceo plans to major in biology. They are both enrolled in the College of Arts.

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# OUR OPINION

## Council raises out of line with move to bring town salaries back to earth

Some residents were set to criticize the Township Council's voting themselves raises this week. Now, it may seem to some that the Council should receive no compensation for their public service, and that is extreme. A raise of almost double their current \$3,500 stipend, is excessive, however, and sends the wrong message to residents overburdened by property taxes.

For appearance sake, accepting the increase is wrong. As one Council member correctly pointed out, public officials are expected to attend many costly functions, such as the recent Chamber of Commerce Dinner Dance. If you add up all of these type functions, chances are you would nearly exhaust the current stipend. Then there are the hours spent in the job of being a Council member. If you totalled the number of hours spent in public meetings, work sessions, private sessions, and the number of hours spent privately pouring over ordinances, contracts,

etc., you might find the per-hour breakdown to be meager at best.

The bottom line, however, is that the Council members knew the stipend when they took office, and should not now raise the number. All the raises given out this week, for town employees, fire personnel, and others, fall within a reasonable downward spiral of salary increases, with the Police and Fire contracts among the lowest in the County.

Unfortunately, the Council voting themselves a raise, while not make anyone a fortune, sets a poor example. Austerity is going to become more and more necessary to keep spending down in coming years, and an increase in the Council stipend runs against that thinking. In the bigger picture, the Council has brought spending for salaries under control on salaries. It's a shame they have chosen to throw those ideals out in their own compensation.

## Town hall repairs delayed, Stadium fix-up, senior housing stay on track

In November, we looked at the progress of Town Hall and Municipal Stadium renovations, and the construction of senior citizen housing on five acres of former Geriatric hospital property. The good news is that stadium and senior housing projects are proceeding on a schedule, but, unfortunately, Town Hall renovations are once again delayed.

A new Council committee has been formed to oversee Town Hall renovation plans, with \$1 million still bonded to repair and restore the building's interior and exterior, after the Council did not get the necessary five votes to approve the \$2.4 million bond ordinance, and the state has taken away about \$300,000 in state Economic Development Authority (EDA) loans because of the Council's failure to act.

The three at-large Council members elected last May, Jerry Digori, Angie Paserchia and Victor Canning, will comprise the new committee. The three cast the no votes that blocked a \$2.4 million renovation bond ordinance.

While the three relative newcomers have every right to question plans made before they were elected, winter will certainly set in now before any real work can be done to the building, which is in disrepair. Some residents have continued to criticize all Town Hall renovation plans, but the three sitting Council members, Bill Cook, Deputy Mayor Thomas Spillane and Mayor Jim Messina worked long and hard with the Comito architect's office, and insist that no substantial reductions can be made in the renovation plans.

The bottom line is that nothing is getting done, and the new committee owes it to the Township, and especially the employees who are forced to work in the less-than-ideal conditions, to move quickly and decisively or else be labeled as part of the problem, and not the solution.

Senior housing plans continue to progress, with the Council committee of Messina, Canning and Paserchia set to meet later this month with non-profit sponsor Catholic Community Services (CCS), and CCS is meeting with finance people and developers, according to Mayor Jim Messina.

The senior housing complex is planned for five acres at the former Geriatric hospital site on Franklin and Belleville Avenues, and the Mayor should be credited for pushing an indecisive Council to move the project forward. The new Council members continue to vow to fight against the payment of \$400,000 to the county for the five acres.

Digori has met with three prospective recreational planners about how to proceed with the \$5 million application for state Green Acres funding, and each has completed a recent project considered to be both architecturally and financially sound.

These three vitally important projects can no longer be held up endlessly by Council's infighting or indecisiveness. Years of wrangling need to end now, and ground must be broken as soon as possible on all three of these projects, for the Council to be seen as caring about improving the quality of life in Belleville.

## Fire safety hits home for local families

In interviewing the two families whose homes were severely damaged by fire recently, one point was made crystal clear. Each family member spoke out about the need for working smoke detectors throughout any dwelling, as well as the need for a working fire extinguisher nearby.

Having survived the horrifying flames that enveloped their William Street home through miraculous circumstances, the families wish to pass along the message: Do not get caught

short on fire safety. Always be sure that all smoke detectors are located properly and are in good working order. The Belleville Fire Department has supplied other important tips for holiday fire safety that are contained elsewhere in this newspaper. Take the extra time to read and learn the safest ways to celebrate this holiday season, and apply them all year 'round. As these two families will attest, there is too much at stake to do otherwise.

# YOUR OPINION

## Woman's Club thanks all who helped Tots to Teens book project

To the editor,  
The Woman's Club of Belleville just completed the "Tots to Teens New Book Project." As Education Chairperson, I would like to thank all those who contributed a new book to this drive. More than 250 books were donated during the drive.

Children as well as adults made this project a success. A special thanks to the students of the Middle School, School #7 and the Wise Owl

Nursery School. A special thanks also to the children who donated books through the Belleville Library and Information Center.

The success of this project was achieved because of the help of Adrea Cohen, Director of the Belleville Library and Information Center. She coordinated the project, with the New Jersey Library Association, the Woman's Club of Belleville, and the Belleville Library. My sincere thanks to her and to the great staff at the library.

In this season of sharing and caring, the citizens of Belleville, young and old have shown their willingness to help others.

Happy Holidays,  
Carol Casale

## Says thanks for teacher honors

To the editor:  
Saturday night (Nov. 19), I was privileged to attend a dinner/dance at which nine Belleville teachers were honored for their contributions to "Excellence in Education." I would simply like to thank publicly the Belleville Chamber of Commerce for its selection of this year's theme and for hosting a very uplifting affair.

At a time when it seems more popular to bash public education, much credit must be given to an organization of businesspeople which chooses instead to recognize the positive impact Belleville teachers have on the spirit, the economy and the future of the town. Thanks, also, to the Belleville Times for the plaques and kind words it presented to the honorees.

Jack Ayres  
BEA President

## Looking for alternatives

To the editor:  
I have before me two letters from members of C.A.N.T.; one is from Stanley Fejnas, the other is from the Dec. 8 issue of The Nutley Sun from Ms. Dalesandro. They (C.A.N.T.) are opposed to the light rail system, (LRS), proposed to run from Paterson to Newark. I have the feeling, after reading both letters, that, instead of being for anything, C.A.N.T. is against anything.

Folks, it is easy to be anti! Give us some concrete suggestions to improve life in today's climate. Anybody can say no!! But, the trick is to offer an alternative to pollution. Put up or shut up.

James F. Adams

### Letters welcome

The Belleville Times welcomes letters, preferably 300 words or less, from readers. To be considered for publication, letters must be typed or legibly handwritten and must include the writer's name, address and daytime telephone number. We do not publish anonymous letters; unsigned letters will not be published. We reserve the right to edit letters for length and clarity.



## Of All Things

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

• **BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE** is in the shadow of Belleville and Nutley which makes it very attractive for local high school graduates.

• **THE Federal District Court** in Arizona is wrong-headed. Last week, the Federal Appeals Court struck down an amendment to the Arizona Constitution requiring state employees to speak only English on the job. In 1988, voters in Arizona passed an initiative that amended the state Constitution to bar the use of any language other than English by all state employees while performing their official duties. In ruling against the amendment, the court stated that the measure was overly broad, violated First Amendment free-speech rights and was "unconstitutional in its entirety". Baloney!

• **NUTLEY'S** Joseph DiVincenzo may well be the next president of the Essex County Board of Freeholders to succeed the retiring president, Irvington's

Mayor, Sara Bost. His work as a member of the Board since 1990 has impressed his colleagues and the party leadership. He bridges both city and the suburbs.

DiVincenzo has been Coordinator of Athletics with the Newark Board of Education for the past eight years, and prior to that was Recreation Director for the Newark Boys and Girls Clubs. For three years ending in 1985, he was Community Liaison for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs. He taught at Newark's Hawkins Elementary School and was Varsity Football Coach at Marist High School. An innovator of note, DiVincenzo initiated exchange programs in baseball, softball and basketball with teams from Puerto Rico, Wisconsin, Florida and Chicago over a nine-year period. And the credits go on and on.

• **IT** was only a few weeks ago that Hoffmann-LaRoche dedicated "a sleek new \$100 Million multidisciplinary science building" across the street from our office in Nutley stating "It represents the company's commitment to innovative research".

"Without innovation, we would not be able to combat diseases," observed the president and chief executive officer Patrick Zenner. Zenner goes on to observe, "It is the embodiment of our hope for the future."

Well, just a few days ago, we learned that the international headquarters director in Sweden ordered the elimination of 5,000 jobs throughout the Roche system in the United States. This carries out the popular present-

day theory of "smaller is smarter" - and maybe so.

But - 5,000 families in this are now up the creek without a paddle, thanks to the Swiss. The terminated employees have been given separation pay and have been offered the services of Roche's placement office, and some employees indicate psychiatric professional services are available to those without a job. I talked to one terminated employee who observes, "I think psychiatric service would better serve management than us. We know what's happened to us - we don't know why." It is a terrible tragedy for an employee who established roots for 25 years to suddenly get the pink slip.

• **BELLEVILLE** and Nutley folks are blasting the proposal advanced by New Jersey Transit to establish a rail link which would serve the people from Paterson to Newark International Airport, including Clifton, Passaic, Nutley, Belleville, Bloomfield, Newark and Elizabeth.

The action in Belleville is led by Silver Lake area spokesperson, Marie Burke. In Nutley, "Citizens Against Noisy Trains" with the acronym "CANT", gathered almost 1,000 signatures in opposition to the project. Nutley Mayor Carmen Orechio spoke in a meeting this week in opposition to the project.



Sara Bost



Marie Burke

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# SANTA IS COMING

## Come See Him At The AURIEMMA'S

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7 - 9 PM**

**90 Mt. Prospect Avenue  
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**Rain Date  
Dec 23**

*Charles Auriemma is inviting all the boys & girls to see his spectacular Christmas Display he puts up every year for the children.*

*Charles Auriemma, electrical contractor by trade, has taken over his father's tradition that he started over 50 years ago. With over \$40,000 invested, he plans on adding more to the display every year. He states that it takes about two weeks to complete.*

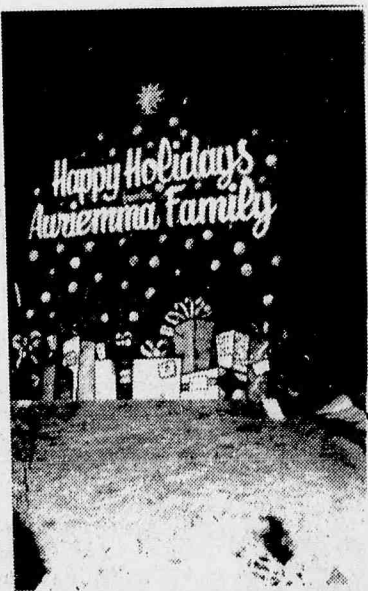
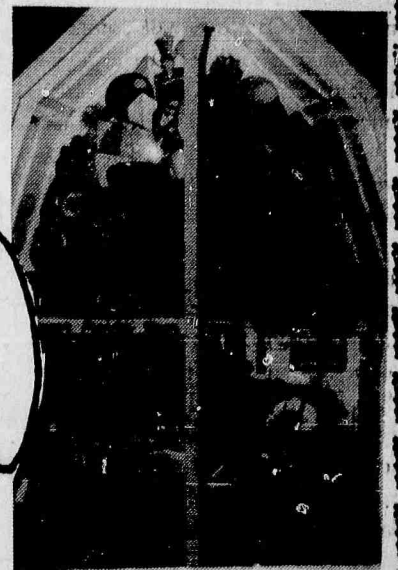
*With animation that comes to life by a push of the button that is located on his front fence, Charles says that the children love to start the animation themselves.*

*Located in his yard, there is a life size manger set that comes to life with lifelike animals.*

*There is a 14 ft. Santa's work shop that shows all the elves hard at work, making toys for all the boys and girls.*

*Then there is Santa's 14ft. barn where he keeps his sled, reindeer, and Mrs. Santa Claus prepping up for Santa's departure with his elves hard at work loading his sled.*

*Mounted on the Auriemma's roof is a 10ft. star that can be seen 10 miles away.*

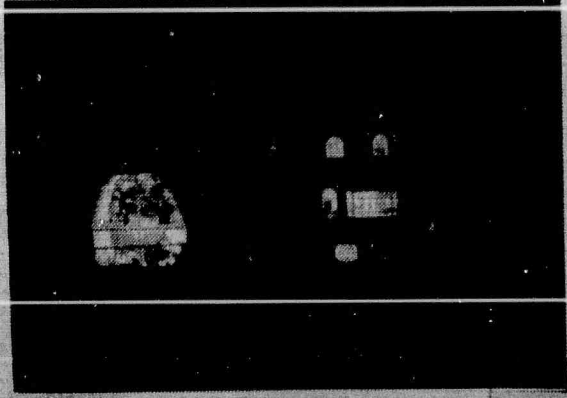
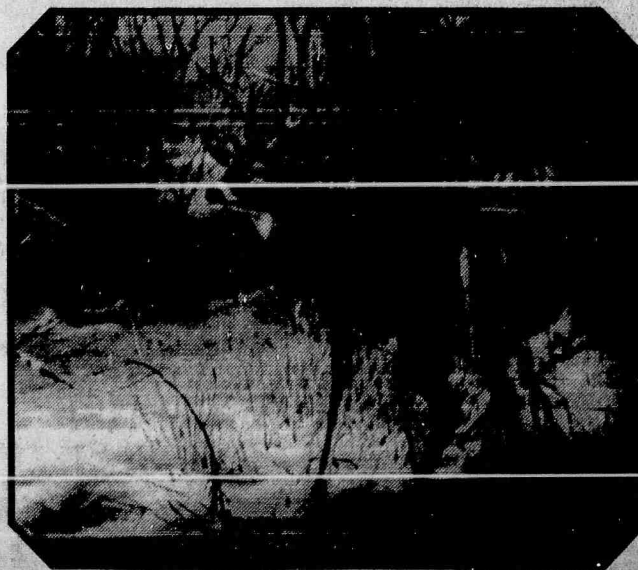


### **Santa Has A Surprise!**

**He's dropping off one of his reindeer  
for the kids to pet & feed.**

**Thursday December 22  
from 7:00pm - 9:00pm**

*Christmas time is here again. Santa's in a rush, so push the button on the fence to see the elves at work.*





## That's All in Belleville

By Richard Dickon

### BHS's Elhelw goes to Oxford; Police vests list growing

A lot of discussion continues to spout forth in Belleville about multi-cultural education; some good, some not so good. For anyone who questions the need for students to retain their cultural heritage, I offer you Pasent Elhelw.

Pasent has been accepted to study at the prestigious learning institution of Oxford, England. The honor is the fulfillment of her family's dream, a family that emigrated from Egypt only recently. Pasent said her knowledge of Egyptian history and fluency in the Arabic language may lead her into the diplomatic arena eventually, or she may decide to shoot an even loftier goal: U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

Pasent, a Belleville High School senior honor student, expects to study pre-Law and Political Science, with a minor in Latin, if possible. Much of the negative talk about multi-cultural education, I believe, comes from a lack of understanding about the programs. Look for more detailed coverage of multi-cultural education soon in this publication.

Good news on the Kiwanis Club's efforts to purchase bullet proof vests for the police. More residents and businesses have chosen to be heroes, as mentioned here last week, and have contributed to the cause. The new names are: Megaro Funeral Home, which is purchasing two vests; The Belleville Irish American Association, also buying two vests; Retired Army Chaplain Harold B. Lawson, buying a vest plus an additional \$50 donation, all in memory of the brave fighting men and

women he served with many years ago. One young person even sent a \$10 donation to the Police Station! Thanks to all the latest heroes, now here once again are the others: the Belleville Little League; Twin Towing; Philmore Associates; Amvets American Veterans WWII; Clara Maass Foundation; J&P Cleaners; Kiwanis Club of Belleville; Kondreck Video Productions Inc.; Knights of Columbus Council #835; Nardachone and Colavito, attorneys; Optimist Club of Belleville; Orecchio Publications & TV Inc.; PBA Local #28; Pressure Controls Inc.; Robert Giordano, Esq.; Samuel Klein and Company; Silver Lake Civic Association; St. Anthony's Church; State Fair Halloween Outlet and Zarro's Memorial Home Inc.

Contributions have been made Dr. James M. Orsini, M.D.; Belleville Motor Lodge; Rossmore Pharmacy; First DeWitt Bank; Max Finklestein; Vac-U-Max; Riefalo Construction Co.; Century 21; Homes Thru Us; Freeholder Louise Palagano and Bill and Mary Jo Herb. The Kiwanis, the Police and Fire Departments, the Woman's Club, The Crossing Inn, the SLCA, the K of C, Centanni's Deli, Frade's Deli, Pro Lumber and J&P Cleaners are some of those Drozd should be thanked for helping with the raffle. Bullet Hole is thanked for allowing their range for the demonstration.

Once again this week it saddens me to report, with holiday season upon us, the continuing saga of Michael Porcello and his family. Michael is a disabled Vietnam War veteran; his son Dominick, is stricken with Cerebral Palsy. The Porcello's are looking for a more accommodating place to live, since their current house is not adequate for Dominick's needs. Now, conditions are such that the family needs not only a home with few, if any steps, they are sorely in need of the first month's rent and security to pay to move to a better location. Anyone who wishes to come to the aid of the Porcello's, for the Christmas season and beyond, can write to them, care of P.O. Box 193, Belleville, N.J. 07109-0193...

If you know of someone, or are yourself responsible for some of the many big or small, important good deeds done everyday and worthy of recognition in this town, let me know, because, as the this column states, when it comes to good people, doing good things, "That's All in Belleville."



Eight local teenagers (pictured here) recently competed for the title and scholarships awarded in the Essex County Junior Miss program sponsored by the Nutley Jaycees at Nutley High School. Jennifer Serignese of Nutley was awarded for her performance in the Creative and Performing Arts competition and Kary Daly of Nutley captured the Scholastic Achievement award. Also candidates in the Junior Miss program were Fanca Montalto, Indihira Polanco, Chintan Panchoi, Danielle Spencer, and Joana Emmolo, all of Belleville and Karen Jacobsen of Nutley.

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### Xmas decoration contest continues

This holiday season, the Belleville Times is introducing what we hope will be a traditional holiday favorite to the Belleville community.

This newspaper is conducting a contest searching for the best houses decorated in the spirit of the Christmas.

In the past, the display contest brought about some free-spirited and fierce competition amongst townspeople at Christmas time. Previous contests judged entrants in three categories: windows, doors and grounds.

The 1994 contest will have only two categories: "Best House" and "Best Grounds," with a first, second, third place winner in each, and honorable mentions for other exceptional homes.

We are looking to promote community pride and spirit by recognizing those who take extra care to adorn their houses with lavish decorations as an expression of holiday cheer.

To enter the contest, please contact Editor Richard Dickon at 667-2100 by 5 p.m. on Dec. 16.

Appointed times will be arranged for judges to see displays.

Entrants must live in Belleville but do not have to subscribe to the Belleville Times.

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## CARING FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

The Board of Governors, Administration and Medical Staff, along with our entire complement of healthcare professionals and support personnel, wish you and yours a very joyous holiday season and a happy and healthy new year.

At West Hudson Hospital, we can look back on 1994 as a year of progress in meeting the challenges of a changing healthcare environment and building a solid foundation for even more dramatic changes anticipated by the end of the decade.

Early in the year, we entered into an affiliation with Newark Beth Israel Medical Center designed to supplement and enhance the services and programs available to our patients.

Throughout 1994, we endeavored to ensure our services and facilities remained "insurance friendly" by entering into agreements with a variety of managed care plans. Indeed, West Hudson Hospital became an owner of both First Option Health Plan and Premier Preferred Care. By selecting managed care plans that offer the most choices to their subscribers, our local residents can continue to use West Hudson Hospital and its physicians for their health and hospital needs.

With the imminent completion of the \$1.5 million renovation and modernization project in our new Emergency Department, West Hudson Hospital will have spent several million dollars in the last two years improving our facilities and equipment. In addition to the Emergency Department system designed to process patient information more than the \$2 million program for a new hospital information system designed to process patient information more rapidly, and the \$3 million Parking Garage were most significant.

Our Community Health Education Department again offered a variety of classes and seminars aimed at support and "wellness", and sponsored programs and screenings for breast cancer, eye disease, prostate cancer and diabetes. And we have reached into the community with innovations of affiliated physicians.

Notable is "THE CARE CONNECTION", a free transportation service utilized by over 5,000 individuals during 1994 for medically-related visits to the Hospital and the private offices of affiliated physicians.

More than ever, we are committed to meeting the healthcare needs of the communities we serve. In concert with our Medical Staff, we continue to build on our tradition of excellence through a caring staff employing the latest in equipment and technology to provide diversified and cost-effective services in a modern facility.

May you and those you love enjoy the happiness, joys, and bountiful blessings which this season brings.

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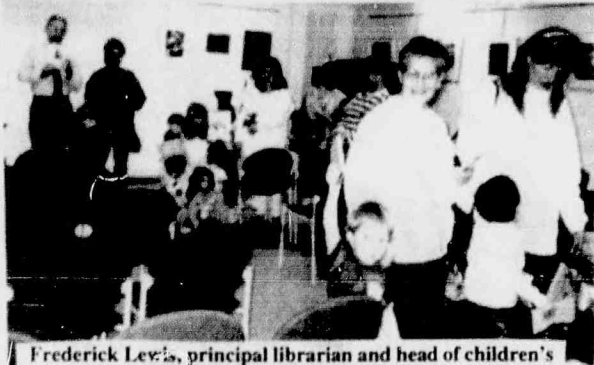
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Frederick Lewis, principal librarian and head of children's services, conducts a parade through the library, emanating from the James J. Cozzarelli Jr. Children's Room, during National Children's Book Week.

### Holiday film festival

The Thursday film class will have special film showings in a Holiday Film Festival.

On Dec. 15, "Miracle on 34th Street" will be shown; Dec. 22, "A Christmas Carol"; Dec. 29, "It's a Wonderful Life". All films will be shown at 1 p.m.

## BOOK MARKS

### Calendar of Events

**In the Trustees Gallery:** An art exhibit by Michael Accunzo is currently on exhibition in the Trustees Gallery of the Belleville Public Library and Information Center, 221 Washington Avenue.

**Library Exhibits:** Wood Art by Michael Accunzo is currently on exhibit in the library's display case.

**Dec. 15 -** The Thursday Film Class Series will feature the film "Miracle on 34th Street" at 1 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center.

**Dec. 16 -** The Friday Musical Film Class Series features "White Christmas" with Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye at 12:30 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center.

"Paint a Holiday Card," a craft program for children, will take place at 3:45 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center.

**Dec. 17 -** A special holiday movie will take place at 2 p.m. in the James J. Cozzarelli Jr. Children's Room.

A mini-booksale will be held at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center on Dec. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and continue the week of Dec. 19-23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Dec. 19 -** A Holiday Craft will take place from 3:15-4 p.m. at the Shafter Branch Library, 30 Magnolia Street.

A Girl Scouts Read Aloud will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center.

**Dec. 20 -** The Opera Film Class Series will see Handel's "Messiah" at 12:30 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center.

**Dec. 21 -** A Holiday Poetry Program, sponsored by the Literature Department of the Woman's Club of Belleville, will take place at 1 p.m. at the library.

**Dec. 22 -** The Thursday Film Class Series will see "A Christmas Carol" at 1 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center.

**Dec. 23 -** The Musical Film Class Series features "The Nutcracker" at 12:30 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center.

**Dec. 27 -** The Tuesday Opera Film Class features "Live From the Met Highlights" at 12:30 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center.

### Book sale at library

Stock up on books for winter reading at the Belleville Public Library's Mini-Booksale. The sale begins on Dec. 17, from 10 to 4 p.m. and continues the week of Dec. 19-23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and also on Dec. 27 and 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hardcover books will be \$1 each and paperbacks 25 cents each. Please bring paper bags or shopping bags for your purchases.

If you have any new or almost new books to donate to the sale, contact Cindy LaRue at 450-3434, or bring the books to the library.



Diane Price has recently joined the staff of the Belleville Public Library and Information Center, as a library assistant, replacing a vacancy created by a retirement. She will be responsible for assisting with the computerized cataloging of books, library in-house brochures, and working at the library's circulation desk.

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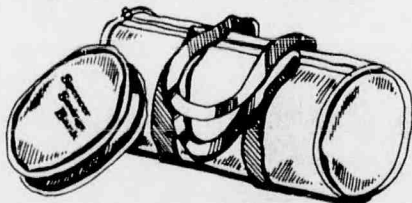
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As children place their chips on the Book Bingo Board, titles of books are accented. The length of the game is kept to a minimum. Great prizes are offered. Children under eight are welcome, but parents must remain and assist them.

### Holiday poetry program

A Poetry Program, sponsored by the Literature Department, Woman's Club of Belleville, will take place on Dec. 21, at 1 p.m. Bring a short one minute holiday poem to read.

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# Life in Silver Lake

What a bash, the Silver Lake Civic Association threw. A Holiday Party at the Branch Brook Manor with over 170 in attendance. Our "great" Mayor and Ward Councilman, Jim Messina was on hand as well as Councilman Tom Spillane, Councilwoman Angie Paserchia, School Board Trustee Tom Fuscaldo, Belleville Engineer, Tom Herits, Freeholder Louise Palagano and even Councilman Gary Iacobacci from Bloomfield. Other dignitaries included former Mayor Mike Marotti, Marion McTigue, former Councilman Mario Drozd and family, and former Superintendent of Schools and former principal of School No. 4 in Silver Lake, Mike Nardiello and his charming wife, Marian.

The food was great, the music fantastic. What an honor it was to have Father Dennis Cocozza, administrator of St. Anthony's Church, give the Invocation.

Our Mayor Messina had a great time. He danced and danced and danced. I even danced a few numbers with him. At one point, I thought he was Fred (Astaire) and I was Ginger (Rogers). You can always count on him to have a good time. He joined in with all the guests and he was a joy to be with. Don't let me forget his lovely wife, Marie. I know she had a good time, too. Councilwoman Paserchia and Tom Fuscaldo weren't too bad either, dancing the night away.

That night, the Association was presented with lots of Christmas presents.



Marie Strumolo Burke

The first present that was opened consisted of one able-bodied Belleville policeman, to walk the Silver Lake area starting on Dec. 5.

PBA President and Silver Lake resident, Mark Minichini presented us with this surprise from Chief Raymond Kimball.

You heard me right guys, a walking patrolman....a dream come true. What a surprise that was. It was music to the ears of all Silverlakers.

Father Dennis Cocozza also surprised the Association with a great present. He told us that St. Anthony's Church would be donating monies to purchase two-way radios when the Mini Police Station is a reality on Franklin Street in Silver Lake. "Oh, What a Night" this was....

Another friend of the Association was on hand at the Holiday Party. Her name was Lena Zarro of the Zarro Memorial Home.

Lena and her father Joe are always there when the Association needs them. We couldn't find better friends than them.

Our two "Shining Star Silverlakers" were again honored at our Dance. Sabrina Sena of Florence Avenue for being selected the 1994 Valedictorian of Belleville High School and Nicole Gammara of Newark Avenue for being selected Belleville's Bella Signorina for the Columbus Day Parade. We thank Councilwoman Angie Paserchia for suggesting and Senator Scott for preparing beautiful proclamations that were given to the girls honoring them. Sabrina and Nicole brightened up the Holiday Party with their presence. God bless them.

Many thanks to all the committee members for one of the best and well-planned affairs. First, let me thank Chairwoman Angela Cuozzo Zarro for her efforts as well as Vice Chairman Sebastian (Sam) Papa, Rita Charles, Dennis Forlenzo and Grace Constantino. What a job. The food was delicious, the entertainment superb and boy what pleasant company. Sam Papa arranged and handled the "Cat Award Presentations," that were hilarious. If you want to know what the Cat Awards was .... I suggest you ask Sam or better yet come to our next Holiday Party.

If you didn't attend...you really missed 'a hell of a time.' But, remember, there's always next year.

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**STUDENTS AND SENIORS SHARE CHRISTMAS CHEER** - The Annual Christmas Concert of the Belleville A.A.R.P. Chapter #2051 featured the School #10 School Choir, conducted by Ms. Jackie Iozzi, Elementary Vocal Teacher and Director for the Belleville Public School System. The program, arranged by Joseph Kraemer, Supervisor of Performing Arts, took place Dec. 1 at the Fewsmith Memorial Presbyterian Church. (Photo By Richard Dickon)



**COSTUME PARTY** - Children of employees from the Belleville Public Library and Information Center recently got together for a Halloween season party.

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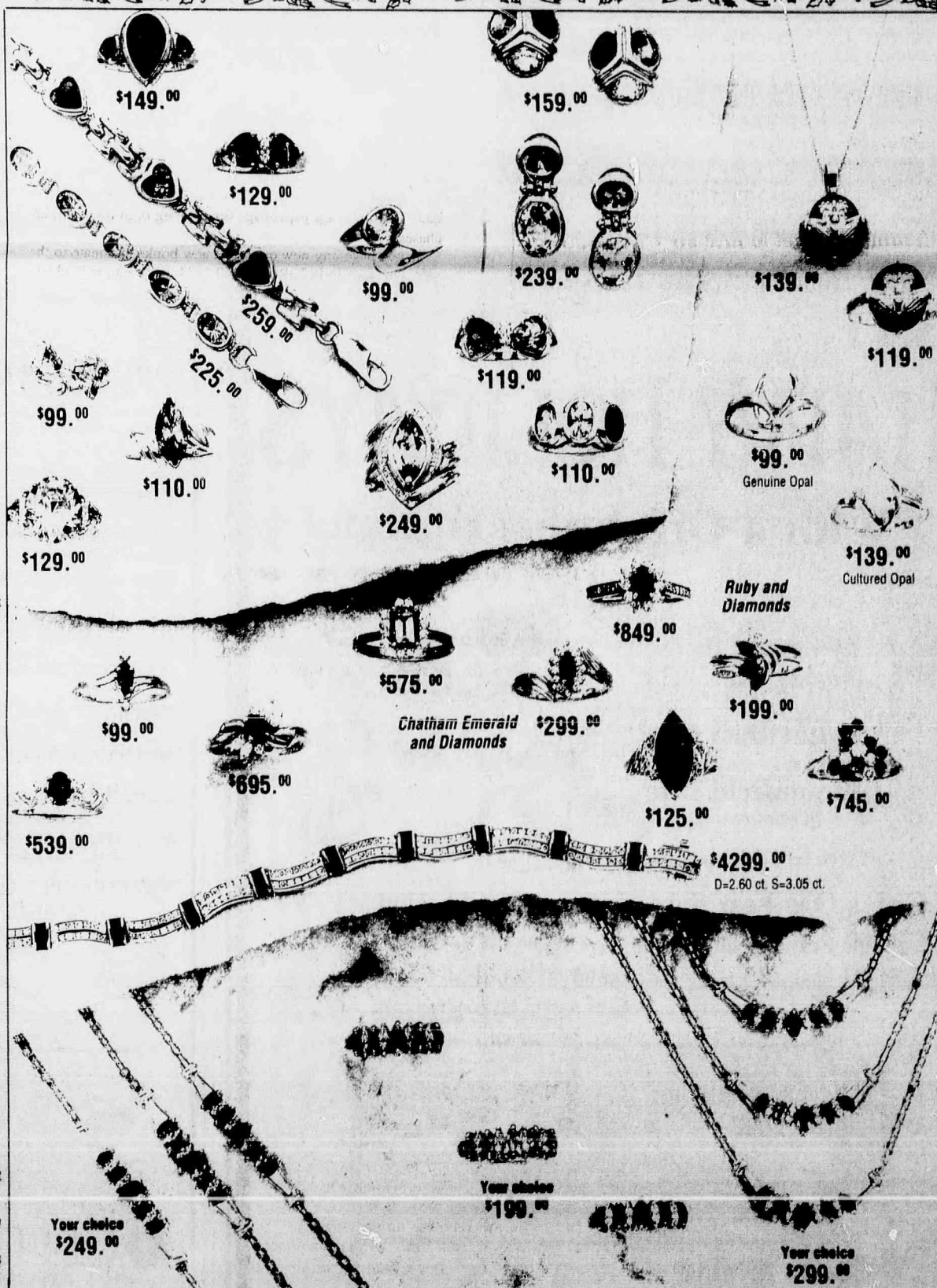
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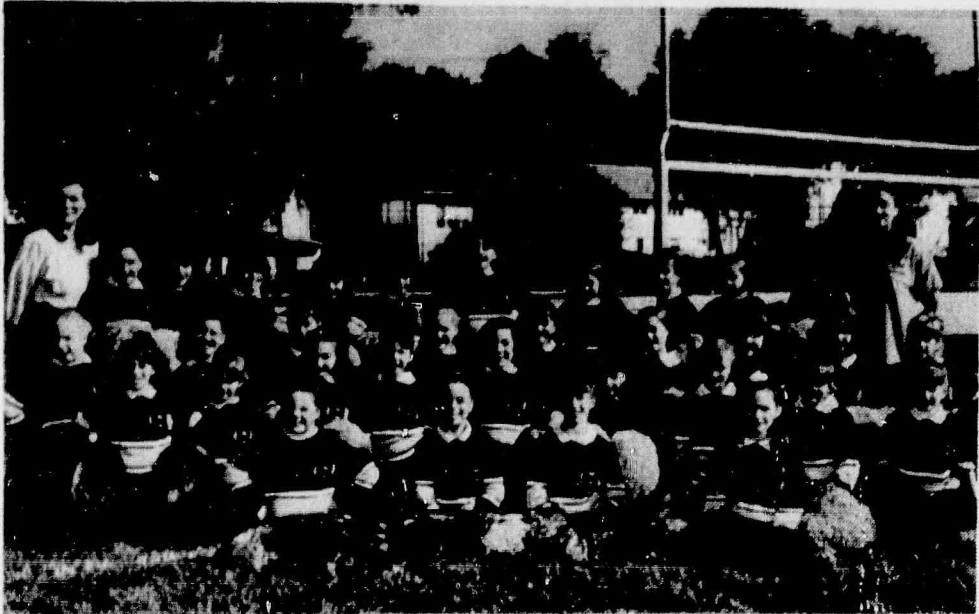
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**MASTER OF CEREMONIES** - President of Belleville Jr. Bucs Parents Association, Annette Renna introduced all the teams and cheerleading squads.



**THANKS FOR HELPING** - Jr. Bucs banquet President Annette Renna thanks her helpers for a terrific season, (left to right): Renee Juliano, Angela Immersi, Laurie Linfante, Rosalie McDonald, Camille Grasso, Connie Fusco, Jessica James, Debbie Bello and Theresa Pizzano.

Photos By Richard Dickon

The Junior Bucs players, coaches, cheerleaders, coaches, parents and families joined for a night of celebration recently at Le Grande Maison in East Orange. With the help of former Giant Super Bowl MVP O.J. Anderson, the players, cheerleaders, coaches and helpers were honored for their many fine accomplishments this season, including the Junior Bucs "B" Teams Super Bowl victory.

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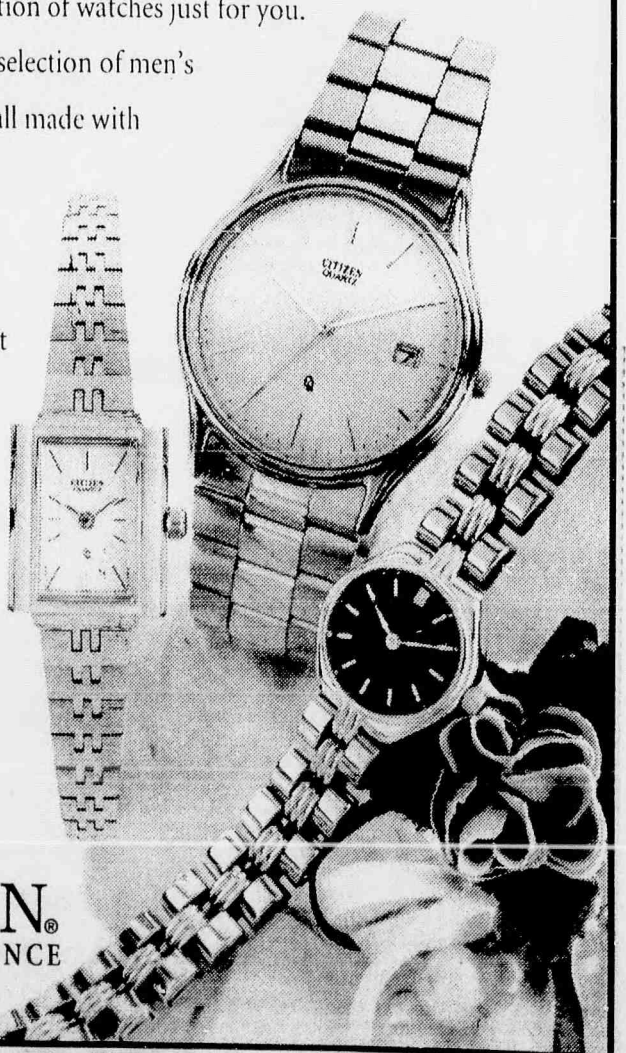
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**BUCS C-TEAM** - The Belleville Jr. Bucs C Team, with Head Coach Bob Haug, and Asst. Coaches Jerry Palidino, Sergio Williams and George Bell.



**OUTSTANDING B-TEAMERS** - Belleville Jr. Bucs B Team Coaches Joe DeRiggi, Al Fusco, Bill Gray, and Giants star O.J. Anderson with the their most outstanding players, (right to left): Billy Bretzger, Michael San Phillips, Bo Bernard, Dan Lally and Michael Forlenzo.



**B-SPLIT TEAM** - The Belleville B Split Team, coached by (Not seen) Head Coach Dennis Sheridan. Pictured are Asst. Coaches Tony Caputo and Ray Williams.



**JUNIOR BUCS B CHEERLEADERS** - The Belleville Junior Bucs B Team cheerleaders with advisors Dawn McGinly, Shannon Holland and Janine Mazzuca.

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### Meeting on senior housing

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promised to continue to fight for the waiving of a \$400,000 payment to the County Board of Chosen Freeholders for the five acres adjacent to the new site of the Garden State Cancer Center, vowing to fight for leasing the five acres of land for \$1.

The Township plans to have the administration of the proposed 75 to 100 housing units, including selecting residents through a fair lottery process, the rent collecting and maintenance of the senior housing, be done by CCS, a non-profit, third-party organization.

The Reverend Monsignor Nicholas DiMarzio, executive director of Catholic Community Services for the Newark Archdiocese, has said CCS does have suburban experience, and is in the process of developing another, similar plan in a suburban community.

As for waiving the \$400,000 cost for the county land, the freeholders need to agree by consensus to give five acres of former Geriatric hospital property to the Township for \$1 rather than the \$400,000 price tag previously set for the land that is earmarked for senior citizens housing.

Waiving the fee has had the continued support by Freeholders Joseph Palvecchio and Louis Palagano. Palagano has said she will push to have the \$400,000 price tag removed from next year's budget.

Canning and Paserchia have said they plan to meet with Freeholders to push for paying a nominal fee for the land.

The Council has been told that the units would be given mortgages by the New Jersey Housing Finance Agency. Half the mortgages would be sold to the AFL/CIO with rent being 30 percent of an occupant's income, and half would be low income, with the rents "skewed," and the top rent being \$550. People in town will be given preference and only if all the units are not filled will the units be open to the outside.

Councilman Bill Cook has said the county "renewed" on an agreement that would allow the town to use the land for junior league soccer as long as a "hold harmless agreement" was received, the Assistant Essex County Counsel has said the land could not be used until Belleville purchased title of the property.

The council is seeking a non-profit sponsor to take the project out of the control of the council so that seniors who meet the necessary criteria would apply political infighting would be removed.

Telephone responses from about 250 senior citizens on housing needs are being analyzed to determine the number of housing units, while an environmental agency has begun inspecting the property.

The council renewed efforts to obtain five acres of former Geriatric hospital property following the county's approval of funding for a cancer research center to be completed by the Center for Molecular Medicine and Immunology (CMMI).

Contained in that agreement is the use of eight acres of property surrounding the former hospital, which is being purchased by CMMI for \$5 million.

Council officials have said the agreement between the county and CMMI opens the door for the township acquiring the land for a nominal fee.

Estimates of \$70,000 to \$75,000 per unit have been mentioned by officials.

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# Despite heroism, two Belleville families face aftermath of house fire

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two of her daughters, Lisa and Laura Foti living on the second floor of a William Street home set ablaze by a chimney fire on Dec. 4th.

Miller knocked out the upstairs front windows of the house at 216 William St., cutting a tendon on a finger of his right hand, and lowered his wife and two stepdaughters to neighbor Pat Zullo, who caught them on the concrete sidewalk below saving them from the fire's wrath.

A third daughter, Dawn, bravely escaped the blaze by exiting her bedroom in the rear of the house, clutching her favorite teddy bear to her face to guard against the fire's fumes.

Miller and the Foti's and the Lombardi's talked about their experiences, and their difficulties in

finding new homes in time for the Christmas holiday, in exclusive interviews.

Miller said he and his family were sitting in their living room about 2 a.m. on Dec. 4th, having returned home late from a friend's "Sweet 16" birthday party. The fact that they were all awake is the first part of this miraculous story of survival.

Dawn, lying in bed in the back room, was the first to see the "blackness, like the Twilight Zone," coming toward her from the ignited chimney, according to Miller.

Miller said he could not breathe, and almost instinctively ripped down the blinds from the windows and then punched out the windows. The second part of this miracle was Pat Zullo, who was walking by when he heard glass breaking, and

without thought of his own safety, yelled to Miller to lower his family down and Zullo would catch them.

Lisa and Laura and Claire then courageously jumped from Miller's arms to Zullo. Last to jump was Miller himself, who had to break out a second window to escape, but not before wrestling with a difficult and painful decision.

Claire's pet birds, including a beloved Cockatiel, and Miller's Igauna's were still inside. "I had a choice. I just hung there thinking about going back in for them, but I knew if I went back in, I was going to die," he said.

Miller was still far from safety, but Zullo moved trash cans and a large bed post that could have caused major injury to Miller before Miller made it to the sidewalk. In addition to his finger injury, Miller sustained a deep gash

in his leg from a piece of glass, and did Laura??

In the hours following, Miller said he the rest of the family "were walking around like zombies."

Miller continues to down play his heroics and said of the rescue, "It was my money and my family, what else am I going to do."

The family wishes to give thanks to fire personnel and other residents who have helped out with clothing, food and other amenities. A special thank you is meant for Fire Investigator Thomas La Min and Fire Lt. Ken Spera.

"Tom La Min took each of us in individually and asked 'What do you want me to look for?'" Miller said, "Both of them were very considerate."

Despite the efforts, the family lost a treasure trove of memories, including photograph albums, and the daughters all lost school books and supplies, as well as all their clothes.

The daughters told stories of the traumatic effects still being felt

from the fire, thinking "I want to go home, but there is no home to go to" and "hearing ghosts" of the screams of fire, which they said they can almost still hear; and still smelling the fire.

Claire said she is still mourning the loss of her Cockatiel, and said it will take time for their lives to feel normal once again.

The families also expressed gratitude for the help of the Red Cross, which had provided a hotel apartment from Dec. 5 through Dec. 13, and will help the family relocate.

The two-alarm house fire caused firefighters Joseph Troise and Dominick Scrimo to be treated and released from Clara Maass Medical Center for heat exhaustion and smoke inhalation.

Capt. George Pedalino said the two "were very heroic, and prevented any serious injuries."

The fire is being attributed to a deterioration in the condition of the house's chimney interior, which ignited a crawl space area after heat

built up, according to fire inspectors La Min and Spera.

The two-story, wood frame dwelling suffered heavy fire damage to the rear, with smoke and water damage throughout the house. An aggressive attack on the fire limited damage to the original structure, with minor scorching of an adjoining garage as the rear porch of the house collapsed onto the garage.

The working shift of 12 firefighters stretched hose lines up the interior stairwell of the house, to stop the fire from advancing toward the front of the building, while firefighters searched for any additional occupants still inside.

The Nutley Fire Department, First Aid Squad and EMS units were on hand to lend assistance.

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## Town Hall renovations delayed

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lion bond but did not raise questions before the vote. Canning, Digori and Paserchia voted against the bond on Oct. 25.

Residents continue to criticize the spending plan, questioning whether the specifications are too general, how to do the pointing of the exterior stone, how to replace windows, and if the warranted roof needs replacing.

Messina has blamed the previous commissioner form of government for destroying the building's historical character by linking it to the new building, so no historic

funding can be obtained, adding that the building's state of disrepair needs to be addressed.

Documents obtained from the buildings recent past show that a new roof was installed in 1978 and again in 1988, with the 1988 roof still being under limited warranty.

Messina has said the warranty covers only materials, while the roof's parapets are in disrepair. He wanted, in the \$2.4 million bond ordinance, to do extensive repairs to the masonry, "re-flash" the roof, and replace the roof.

A copy of the proposal made by

Springfield Roofing to complete the municipal building roof in March of 1988 states that a 10-year warranty exists, and it states that "during the first two years of this warranty, Nord Bitumi shall be responsible for defects in material only..." and "shall be responsible solely for any and all costs to correct any roof water leak caused by defective workmanship or installation for the first two years or any damage caused...For the remaining eight years of this warranty...will correct roof water leaks caused by defective material or workmanship... and will pay the costs of repairs necessary to correct roof water leaks caused by ordinary wear and tear by the elements."

Work was also done on the concrete and stone exterior in 1983.

Records from March 1983 show Mulrenan Roofing Corp. of Newark recommending "corrective measures" for the Terra-Cotta stone uncovered beneath the asphalt coating on the exterior of Town Hall, at a cost of \$6,076. The contractor said they "found a dangerous state of decay... very hazardous to pedestrians below...throughout the entire perimeter of the building. To disregard the situation would leave the town open to legal action in the event of an accident."

Residents, including Vincent Frantantoni, Dan Ippolito and Second Ward Council candidate Henry Chazewski have criticized the revised specifications.

Messina, Deputy Mayor Thomas Spillane and Councilman Bill Cook all sat on the previous committee with the Comito Associates architectural firm, and all agreed that the increased costs were unavoidable.



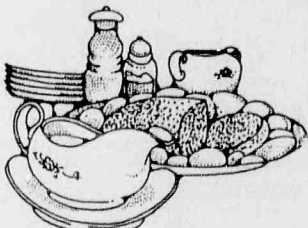
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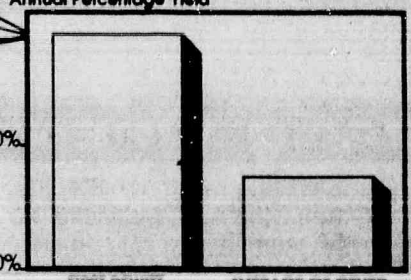
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## Support groups...

**Narcotics Anonymous** meeting list: **BELLEVILLE:** Monday, 8 p.m., Fewsmith Presbyterian Church, Union Ave. and Little St. Open/book/discussion meeting; **Tuesday, 8 p.m.**, Clara Maass Medical Center, 1 Franklin Ave., Branch Brook Room, Education Center. Men's meeting. Open/discussion; **Thursday, 8 p.m.**, Fewsmith Presbyterian Church, Union Ave. and Little St. Open/topic/discussion meeting; **Friday, 8 p.m.**, St. Peter's Church, rear basement, Williams St. Open/discussion. **NUTLEY:** **Sunday, 7:30 p.m.**, Franklin Reformed Church, Hillside Crescent. Open/meditation/discussion; **Monday, 7:30 p.m.**, St. Paul's Congregational Church, Franklin Ave. and St. Paul's Place. Closed/speaker/discussion meeting. Open to addicts and those who think they have a problem with drugs; **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.**, Grace Episcopal Church, 200 Highfield Lane. Women's meeting. Topic meeting/open discussion; **Wednesday, 8 p.m.**, Grace Episcopal Church. Closed/speaker/discussion. Open to addicts and those who think they have a problem with drugs; **Friday, 7:45 p.m.**, Franklin Reformed Church, Hillside Crescent. Women's meeting. Open/discussion.

**Gamblers Anonymous**, 8 p.m. Mondays, 8:30 p.m. Fridays, St. Paul's Congregational Church, Franklin Ave. and St. Paul's Place, Nutley, 2nd floor. Meetings open to anyone with a gambling problem or those who think they might have a problem. Topic/therapy.

**Gamanon**, to offer hope and understanding to loved ones of compulsive gamblers, 8 p.m. Mondays, 8:30 p.m. Fridays, St. Paul's Congregational Church, Franklin Ave. and St. Paul's Place, Nutley.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 2nd floor, St. Paul's Congregational Church, Franklin Ave. and St. Paul's Place, Nutley.

**Recovery Inc.**, a community mental health self-help group for persons who suffer from nervous symptoms and fears, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Parks Dept., 44 Park Ave., Nutley. For free literature, call (908) 766-7466.

**New Jersey Chapter of NAAFA** (National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance), social events, human rights information, monthly newsletter. For more information, call 927-3103.

**Overeaters Anonymous**, self-help group for compulsive overeaters or people with eating disorders. **Tuesdays**, Presbyterian Church on the Green Parish House, Broad St., Bloomfield (7:30 to 9 p.m.); **Wednesdays**, Christ Church, Park and Bloomfield avenues (opposite Grand Union), Bloomfield (8 p.m.). For more information, call 746-4658; **Thursdays**, Grace Episcopal Church, 200 Highfield Lane, Nutley (7 p.m.)

**Living With Cancer**, for cancer patients and their families, 7 to 8:30 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays, waiting area of Radiation Oncology Dept., Mountainside Hospital, Montclair. 429-6905 or 429-6128.

**Make Today Count**, a support group for patients and families dealing with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. second Tuesdays, first floor of Continuing Care Center building, Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. For more information, call 450-2210.

**Parkinson Support Group**, 10 a.m. third Saturdays, private dining room, Mountainside Hospital, Montclair. Exercise and speech therapy groups meet weekly as well as monthly meetings for caregivers. Call 256-1011 for information.

**Arthritis Foundation Support Group**, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Montclair Community Hospital, 120 Harrison St. For info, call 744-7300, ext. 4312.

**Adult Bereavement Group**, 7 to 8:30 p.m. 10 Wednesdays, The Hospice Inc., 3 High St., Glen Ridge. On-going group for caregivers meets twice a month. No charge. For info or to register, call 429-0300.

**PFLAG**, Northern New Jersey Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, 2:30 p.m. second Sundays, First Trinity and Presbyterian Church, corner of Irvington and South Orange avenues, South Orange. Newcomers: 1:30 p.m. Write: P.O. Box 244, Belleville 07109-0244 or call 267-8414.

**Anorexia nervosa, bulimia, compulsive eating problems.** For free information or referrals, call the New Jersey Eating Disorders Helpline, 1-800-624-2268.

## Meetings...

**Stuart E. Edgar Post 493, VFW ladies auxiliary**, Christmas party 7 p.m. Dec. 16, Ashley's Restaurant, Styertown Shopping Center, Clifton. Grab bag.

**Nutley Historical Society** general meeting, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15, Nutley Museum, 65 Church St. Speakers: Comm. Evelyn Pezzolla of Lyndhurst and Comm. Frank Cocchiola of Nutley. Call 667-1528 for info. Everyone welcome.

**Bloomfield Knights of Columbus Christmas party**, 7 p.m. to midnight Dec. 17. \$20. Live band, buffet. New Year's Eve party, 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 31. \$45 includes cocktail hour, dinner, continental breakfast, live band. For info and reservations, call Danny Strollo at 450-4902.

**Tri-County Camera Club**, 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Nutley Historical Museum, 65 Church St. Anyone interested in photography welcome. For info, call 761-5591 or 667-0325. **Dec. 20:** holiday party.

**Belleville-Nutley Chapter of Hadassah**, 10 a.m. to noon, Dec. 18, downstairs community room, Valley National Bank, Franklin Ave., Nutley.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Gratia**, 8 p.m. first Monday, St. Mary's School Hall, Msgr. Owens Place, Nutley. Social third Monday.

**Belleville Irish American Association**, Belleville K of C Hall, 98 Bridge St. New members welcome. For info, call Pat at 751-5308.

**Woman's Club of Belleville**, 7:30 p.m. second Mondays, clubhouse, 51 Rossmore Place.

**Essex County Federation of Sportsmen's Club**, 8:30 p.m. first Tuesdays, Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad St.

## Fairs, flea markets, rummage...

**Christmas flea market and craft show**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 18, Sacred Heart Center, 655 Valleybrook Ave., Lyndhurst. Over 100 vendors..

## Fundraisers...

**Spaghetti dinner, pictures with Santa**, 4 to 7 p.m. Dec. 17, Fewsmith Memorial Presbyterian Church activity room, 444 Union Ave., Belleville. \$5 adults; \$4 seniors; \$3.50 children. Sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 350, Belleville.

**Book fair**, 9 to 11 a.m. Dec. 18, St. Mary's Church hall. Pre-K through 8th grade. Bible selections for adults and children also available. For info, call 667-8239.

**St. Mary's Hospital Guild** fundraising sales: Dec. 16: Nut House; Dec. 22: B&B Brass; Dec. 23: Christmas plants. For info, call 470-3047.

**"Murder at the Mansion,"** original dinner theater, Fridays and Saturdays through the holidays, Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center, 240 Belleville Ave. Buffet dinner, dancing and "The Dying Vote." \$39.95. Reservations required. Call 429-0960.

**Spaghetti dinner**, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 14, Nutley Elks 1290, 242 Chestnut St. Tossed salad, spaghetti and meatballs, beer, soda, dessert, coffee. \$16. Sponsored by Elks auxiliary. For reservations, call Lucille Mulligan at 667-0890. Proceeds to charities.

**Bus ride to Trump Castle**, Jan. 15. \$20 with \$10 coin adn \$5 food. Sponsored by Belleville Democratic Club. For information, call George Simon at 751-4142, Frank Bonavita at 759-5533 or Vincent Simeone at 759-0909.

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## Other events...

**Christmas caroling**, 7 p.m. Dec. 15, Christian Faith Center, 393 Washington Ave., Belleville. Youth group service Dec. 18.

**Annual holiday concert**, 7 p.m. Dec. 18, Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Ridge Road, North Arlington. \$5.

**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. **Dec. 17:** eye screening, skin cancer. Volunteers needed for Outreach program. Call Marie Oropollo at 746-4644 after 2:30 p.m.

**3rd annual holiday concert**, featuring New Jersey Children's Choir, 3 p.m. Dec. 18, Union Congregational Church, 176 Cooper Ave., Upper Montclair. \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and children under 12. No children under 4 please.

**Walking and Fitness Club**, 8 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, rain or shine, Nutley Chapter, American Red Cross. No cost. Call 667-3818.

**Weekly bridge games**, 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 7:30 p.m. Fridays, Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad St.

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## Class reunions...

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**James J. Shawger School, Belleville, 1959.** Contact Angela Cuozzo-Zarro, 54 Salter Place, Belleville 07109.

**Belleville 1985**, planning reunion. For info, write Class of '85, c/o 15 Smallwood Ave., Belleville 07109.

**Nutley 1935** planning 60th anniversary reunion, May 1995 in Nutley vicinity. Current addresses of members who have moved in the past 10 years to Fred Heidt, coordinator, 25 Holmes St., Nutley, 07110 or call 667-4249.

**Irvington High School**, Classes of 1945, planning 50th reunion. Gloria Rothstein Rosenkrantz, (908) 255-8435; **Central High School, Newark, 1945** planning 50th reunion May 20, 1995. Dominick Scaduto, 417 E. Passaic Ave., Bloomfield. 338-7747

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## Tina Veniero engaged to wed Paul Bibeck

Announcement is made of the engagement of Tina Marie Veniero, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Veniero of Bensalem, Pa., formerly of Nutley, and Paul L. Bibeck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bibeck of Bensalem.

The wedding is planned for April 1996.

Miss Veniero, an alumna of Bensalem High School, attended

Bucks County Community College and is majoring in nursing at Bloomfield College. She is the granddaughter of Marion Veniero of Belleville.

Mr. Bibeck, also a Bensalem High School alumnus, is a steamfitter apprentice at Merck Pharmaceuticals, Lansdale, Pa. He will achieve journeyman status in July 1996.



Michael Gruber - Marlo Ann Montalbano

## Montalbano-Gruber troth announced

Marlo Ann Montalbano of Belleville and Michael Gruber of Marlboro are engaged to be married.

The troth was announced recently at an engagement party at the Gondola, Nutley. The wedding is planned for next August.

Miss Montalbano is the daughter

of Ms. Josephine Montalbano of Lyndhurst and Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Montalbano of Bloomfield and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Montalbano of Belleville.

Mr. Gruber is the son of Irene Gruber of Marlboro and the late Michael Gruber.

## Mary Shoop to marry Robert Marcantonio

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Shoop of North Arlington, formerly of Nutley and Belleville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, to Robert George Marcantonio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marcantonio of Newark.

The troth was made known Nov. 12. The wedding is planned for Oct. 1, 1995.

Miss Shoop, an alumna of

Belleville High School, is administrative assistant to the president and chairman of the board of Sarasohn and Co., Inc., Fairfield.

Mr. Marcantonio attended New Jersey Institute of Technology and Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison. He served seven years in the Army National Guard and is a self-employed credit consultant in Springfield.



Mary Shoop - Robert Marcantonio

## Stephanie Complitano to wed Joseph Cucuzza

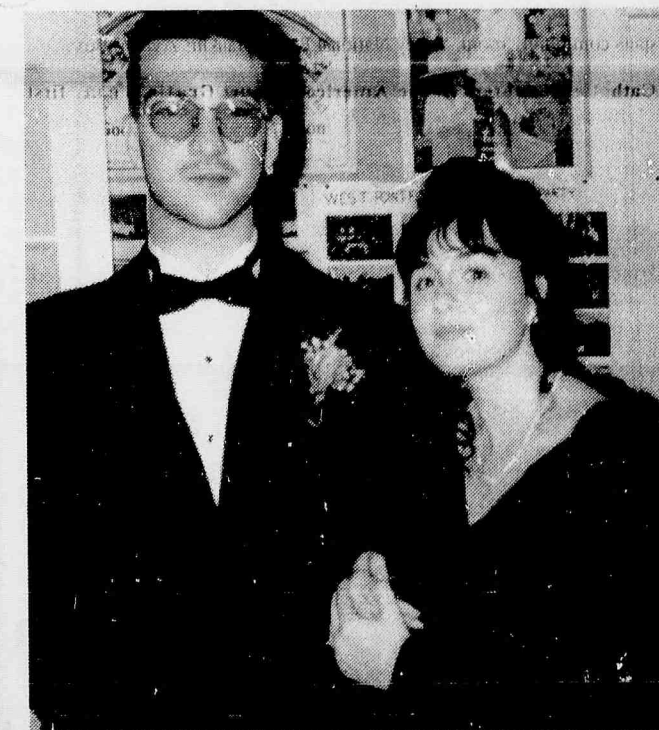
Ms. Johanna Complitano of Belleville and Donald Complitano of Lyndhurst announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Anne, to Joseph Cucuzza, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rosario Cucuzza of Belleville.

Miss Complitano, a graduate of

Belleville High School, is a teacher at Suburban Hills School, West Orange.

Mr. Cucuzza, also a Belleville High School alumnus, is an electrician with Local 102.

The wedding is planned for May 1996.



Timothy Witt - Maria Carlucci

## Maria Carlucci to wed Timothy M. Witt

Mr. and Mrs. John Carlucci of Monroe Township, formerly of Belleville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Maria, to Timothy Michael Witt, son of Beverly Golden-Writt of Bloomfield, formerly of Belleville, and James L. Writt of Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania.

The wedding is planned for September 1995.

Miss Carlucci, an alumna of Belleville High School and Katharine Gibbs School, Montclair, is an administrative assistant with American Properties, Edison.

Mr. Witt, a graduate of Belleville High School and William Paterson College, Wayne, is a sales representative with U.S. Laser, Fairfield.

## Stork Club

### Stefano Pizapio

A second child, a son, Stefano, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pizapio of Belleville Oct. 27 at Columbus Hospital, Newark. Birth weight was 8 pounds. He joins John, eight.

Mrs. Pizapio is the former Sylvia Sotto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pablo Sotto of Jonesboro, Ark. She is a secretary with Lawson Products, Fairfield. Mr. Pizapio, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pizapio of Belleville, is warehouse manager with VanNess Plastics, Clifton.

### Emily Elizabeth Demmer

A second child, a daughter, Emily Elizabeth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Demmer, Jr. of Nutley Dec. 2 at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. Birth weight was 7 pounds, 1 ounce. She joins John Francis, III, five and a half.

Mrs. Demmer is the former Cynthia Bryant, daughter of Evelyn Bryant of South Plainfield and the late Burgess Bryant. She is a head teller at Valley National Bank. Mr. Demmer, son of John Demmer, Sr. of Belleville and Karen Demmer of Newark, is owner of 4X4 Construction Co.

### Jessica Lynn Snellen

A first child, a daughter, Jessica Lynn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Snellen of Bloomfield Nov. 9 at Mountainside Hospital, Montclair. Birth weight was 9 pounds, 2 ounces.

Mrs. Snellen is the former Laura Piel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Piel of Tobyhanna, Pa. She is a sales training manager with Schering-Plough Corp., Kenilworth. Mr. Snellen, son of Carol Althoff of Hardy, Va., is a West Orange firefighter. Great-grandfathers are Norbert Knittel of Budd Lake and Robert Wright of Bloomfield.



Stephanie Complitano - Joseph Cucuzza

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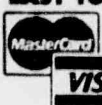
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# Belleville

## BUC SHOTS

By Mike Lombardi



### Simone Edwards:

### A decade later, she's back on court at B.H.S.

(First of two part series)

It seems like yesterday, but almost ten years have passed since **Simone Edwards** first made an appearance on the basketball court at Belleville High School.

It was the Fall of 1985, and Simone, then a freshman, was out for the Lady Buc basketball team. Then head coach **Karen Fuccello** was aware that the '85-86 season would be a rebuilding campaign.

Just two years prior, the program was at its zenith. **Jennifer Apicella** was breaking the state scoring record and the team was gaining berths in the county and state sectional finals. There would be huge crowds at the games, so big that in Jenny's final home game at BHS, the crowd was out the door waiting to get tickets.

During the four year span from 1980-84, the Lady Bucs had averaged 18 wins a season. They won 20 and 22 games respectively in '83 and '84.

But those were veteran teams and Fuccello was left with the task of rebuilding the program following the graduation of not only Apicella, but also **Dina DeAquino**, **Loreli Wells** and **Tracy Buono**.

"I knew that the way to go was with the younger players," Fuccello said. "Which meant a lot of growing pains, especially in '85-86. But we needed to find out what kind of talent there was, and where we would be going the next few seasons."

Fuccello had some kids with ability. Edwards had some potential, so did another freshman **Lauri Dondarski** and a sophomore, **Judy Nehila** could have been the next member of the 1,000 point scoring club had it not been for a devastating knee injury she suffered following the '85-86 campaign.

Nehila was so good that as a sophomore, she scored 35 points in a varsity game at Passaic. She averaged 14 points a game that year. She was also best of friends with Edwards and Dondarski, and the three would go everywhere together.

"Judy and I are still good friends today," Edwards told me recently. "I was at her wedding last summer. She's doing real well."

Nehila played a few games in her junior year, but the knee never fully responded to surgery and her career went on the shelf.

"She could have been a real good player," Fuccello said of Nehila. "She had a knack for the game."

Dondarski stood just 5'4" tall, but it was evident early on that she could handle the basketball efficiently. A product of a big family, Dondarski learned from her brothers the art of basketball and the need to be aggressive at all times on the court.

Edwards was an individual that Fuccello felt could contribute right away.

"She reminded me a lot of **Donna Brooks**," Fuccello said, comparing Edwards to the standout Lady Buc center from 1981-85. "You could see she had a lot of athletic ability. It was just going to take work before she would realize that potential."

Simone's coordination was not the best in the '85-86 season. But, with each game, you could see the marvelous ability. Both Edwards and Dondarski started that season on the JV level, but, with the varsity team struggling, Fuccello made the decision in late January to bring both players up to the varsity.

"They needed to play and to see what it would take to be a good player," Fuccello recalled. "They were pretty much dominating the JV players. I wanted to see what they could do on the varsity."

And, so began the career of Simone Edwards on the varsity basketball court. Before her high school career would end, she would eclipse the 1,000 point mark and is today, the second leading scorer in the history of Lady Buc basketball. She broke the 1,000 point mark in her junior year. Other than Apicella and **Ted Sochaski** and **Phil Colalillo**, no Buc basketball player has accomplished that feat.

But there is much more to the athletic exploits of Simone Edwards. Next week, we'll look back at her high school career in detail, and also a look at her collegiate career, where she holds some incredible scoring records.

Edwards is back on the court at Belleville High School this fall, where she is an assistant coach for the Lady Bucs.

"I'm really enjoying working with the kids," Edwards said. "It seems like I was just out there playing. Time goes by."

#### Steelers-Eagles

Last Sunday, I flew out to Pittsburgh to see the Steelers and my Philadelphia Eagles play. I had a field photo pass, so I saw the game in a different way than sitting in the stands.

It was a perfect setting. Real cold weather, snow swirling throughout the game, a defensive ball game.

And, of course, when it was all said and done, my Eagles had lost their fifth straight game. Oh well, maybe **Jimmy Johnson** will be the coach next season. I know for sure that **Rich Kotite** won't be and, hopefully, **Randall Cunningham** will find a new home, because he's not the answer for the Eagles.

Three Rivers Stadium in Pittsburgh is a wonderful place to see a football game. The fans are loud and obnoxious, almost as good as Eagles fans, and in the cold weather, you won't find many better environments for professional football. (Maybe Lambeau Field in Green Bay would get the nod, perhaps Cleveland Stadium, too).

Of course, the Vet in Philly is one of my favorites, and I'll be back there this weekend to see if the Eagles can lose their sixth straight game against the Giants.

I think the Eagles will snap the losing streak and beat the Giants 24-10.

#### Tid Bits

Christmas is just ten days away? Didn't summer just end? I'm ready for Florida, and the sooner the better!

Anyway, get ready for the annual Buc Shots New Years predictions that will appear in the December 29 issue.

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# SPORTS

## Team opens with St. Joe's

## Wrestling forecast cloudy for 1995

By Joe Piegaro

The 1994-95 wrestling season began with the opening of practice the day after Thanksgiving. This year's team will be dotted with great individuals, but has mountains to climb as a team.

There are a number of returning stars, all of whom will have outstanding seasons. Seniors John Perna, John Spina, Jorge Hernandez, Peter Isip, Mark Sharon and Tom D'Elia are all back for their final fling in a Belleville High School uniform. Juniors Luke Cardinale and Dave Paladino and sophs Jim Palo and Chris Zarro, along with returning Keith Hands, will form the nucleus of the squad this season.

Two freshmen will almost certainly break into the lineup - Anthony Conte at 100 pounds and Lawrence Martin at 106 pounds. Conte is fresh off a recreation level career which produced 129 victories, the most ever for a Belleville junior level grappler.

John Perna has again been appointed team captain by head coach Joe Nisivoccia. Returning from a second consecutive runner-up spot in the state tournament, John will probably choose to compete at 119 pounds. With a 30-1 record as a junior, Perna is looking to break into the top five all-time in wins, pins and winning percentage as he concludes his illustrious tenure at BHS.

Returning letterman Luke Cardinale will share the burden of leadership with Perna, but is currently on the disabled list and unable to perform until the Bloomfield Holiday Tournament late in December. Luke is coming off a 24-8 sophomore season and place finishes in four tournaments. His hip injury is not considered too serious, but must be treated with rest if he is to heal properly.

The 130 and 145-pound divisions will be strong, but at this

point in the practice season, all jobs are not finalized yet.

John Spina is a returning district champion and will probably end up in the 130 pound slot. A 21-7 record and a trip to the states should prepare John for bigger and better things this year.

Two-time defending district champ Jorge Hernandez is also being counted upon to make the middle weight divisions the strong point on this year's squad. Hernandez had a 16-9 record as a junior, but capped the season with a stirring upset in the district finals over Danny Pena of Bloomfield.

On the JV level last year, Dave Paladino was honored by the coaching staff as the outstanding wrestler of the group. Fresh off a solid season on the gridiron, Dave is expected to fill a spot on the varsity without losing any of his success from the JV team.

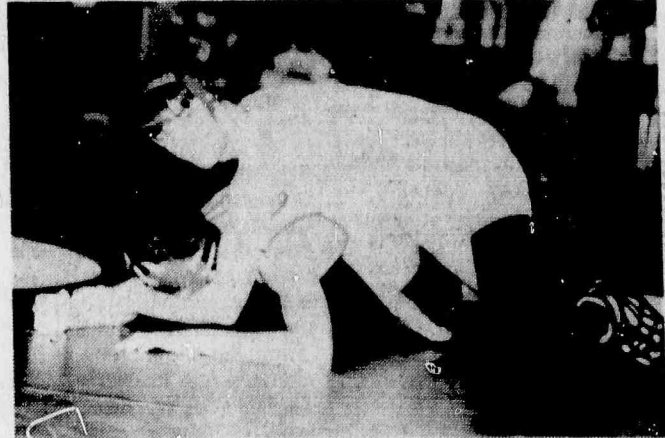
Isip, Sharon and D'Elia all wrestled enough to earn letters last season, but each boy needs to improve noticeably before they can make an impact on the upper weight divisions. Keith Hands will be in the position of having to battle all year for varsity matches as he appears to be the odd man out in the lineup equation. Hands will probably begin the season in Cardinale's spot, then will vie for varsity time as it becomes available.

That's the good news.

While what comes next is certainly not bad news, it undeniably raises serious questions about the success or non-success of this year's squad.

Heavyweight Brian Pasterchick is out for the season with a knee injury and is being replaced by Jon Kuebler, a star on this season's football team. While Kuebler is unquestionably an outstanding athlete, his level of experience is almost non-existent.

Rob Caputo is also out with a spinal dysfunction, almost certainly



John Perna will once again serve as team captain for the Bucs. Perna, who was the runner-up in the state tournament for the past two years, will probably move up to the 119-pound weight class.

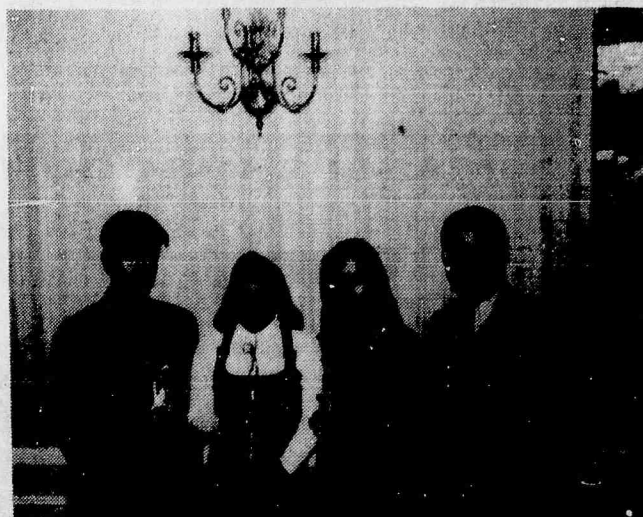
## Varsity wrestling

Date	Opponent	Place
Dec. 21	St. Joseph	Home
Jan. 4	Paramus	Away
Jan. 7	Montclair	Home
Jan. 11	Hackensack	Away
Jan. 18	Don Bosco	Home
Jan. 23	Clifton	Away
Jan. 25	Nutley	Home
Feb. 1	Paramus Catholic	Away
Feb. 8	Teaneck	Away
Feb. 15	Bergen Catholic	Home

for the entire year. Caputo has been a star on the JV level for the past two seasons and a more than capable fill-in on the varsity during that same period. He was being counted as one of the varsity starters, but now leaves a void which probably can not be filled.

Senior Tom Haverick, after wrestling all or part of each of his first three seasons on the varsity, has chosen not to wrestle in his final year in the school. His 215 pound slot is now vacant, and there is currently nobody to fill the position. Inexperience runs rampant on the squad this year, with Conte, Martin, and Kuebler not having one minute of varsity time to their credit. Each boy will have to learn his (Continued on page 18)

## Varsity Club honors senior Buc athletes



Buc tennis coach Tony Salese (far right) gets together with members of his team during Varsity Club dinner at Chandelier last week.



Grace Worley (balloons and sail) and her volleyball team gather for picture during Varsity Club dinner at Chandelier.



The Belleville girls' soccer team completed its first season of competition and were honored by Varsity Club last week during fall sports dinner.



Senior Buc football players get together for photo after Varsity Club dinner last week. The team presented head coach John Senesky with a gift certificate and various gag gifts.



## Wrestling forecast cloudy for 1994-95 Buc team

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trade under fire, a difficult task even for the most talented athletes in wrestling.

Chris Zarro, still undecided about competing this year, is a great prospect, but needs a special kind of coaching if he is to succeed. Jim Palo, 4-0 last year as a varsity fill-in, has placed or won six summer tournaments, but needs mat time to fine-tune his obvious supply of talent.

There is also talk that Mark Sharon, a natural 160-pounder, is once again being considered as the man to wrestle at 171 pounds. Last year, Mark wrestled light all season and paid a dear price for his courage against opponents who were out of his league. Hopefully, his spot this year will stay in the 160 pound division, or else he could be in for a season of unnecessary bumps and bruises.

Information this year will be at a premium as head coach Joe Nisivocchia has closed the practice room to everyone except coaches and wrestlers. Insight into developing problems will be severely hindered, as visual evaluation of the wrestlers during practice sessions will be impossible. However, input from the wrestlers themselves will increase and alternate sources are being developed in order to get the most up to date and accurate information for the Belleville Times readers.

Belleville will almost certainly not wrestle Bergen Catholic this year, as the scheduled meet occurs on the same day as the state sectionals. Bergen Catholic is a top 10 squad this year and will definitely be in the event. Belleville has an outside shot to make the sectionals, but the best course of action might be to wait and see how well the inexperienced people on the squad progress as the season moves along.

Bloomfield, which in the past 10 years has become the most bitter rivalry on the Bucs' schedule, is not on the agenda for the 94-95 team. The only true rival left on

the schedule is Nutley, and they have a real chance at beating the BHS squad when they collide later in the season. St. Joe's of Montvale, Belleville's nemesis the past two years in the Pacific Division of the NNJIL, is the opponent in the season home opener on Wednesday, December 21.

It should be a season of learning, great individual performances, and with any luck, some new stars to follow in the coming years. Fasten your seat belts and hold on for what should be a very interesting ride.

**Wins & Pins:** 1994 graduates are making their respective marks in the college scene. Mark Bianchini is studying at Delaware on academic scholarship. Isaiah Cardinale is starting for Central Connecticut State in the 126-pound slot. Joe McNish is applying his skills at Kean College and is challenging for a starting position.

Anthony Frantantoni, a star receiver on the football squad, is vying for a varsity spot somewhere in the 145-160 pound range, but his haircut, as seen on Channel 34, is the early season choice for tops on the squad. Peter Isip, the one true "character" on the team, wins hands down for best color hair by a senior wrestler.

Good luck, Bucs! See you next week.

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6. Buena
7. Randolph
8. Hunterdon Central
9. North Hunterdon
10. Kittatiny
11. High Point
12. Union
13. Roxbury
14. Somerville
15. Jefferson
16. Camden Catholic
17. Passaic Valley
18. Oakerest
19. St. Joe's, Montvale
20. Caldwell



Buc soccer team won a share of the NNJIL title this season. Assistant coach George Tortoriello holds the plaque awarded to team by Varsity Club.



Gymnastics coach Donna Richardi (far left) and her team at the Varsity Club dinner. Gina Conte (center) had standout year for the Lady Bucs, advancing to the state sectional finals.



Varsity soccer coach Gino DePinto (far right, second row) and team gathers together for picture during Varsity Club dinner. The Bucs finished 12-2-5 and tied for league championship with Don Bosco.



Cross country coach John Tosato and members of his successful team. The Bucs won six meets this fall, the teams best performance in 19 years.



Senior Belleville band members were awarded with trophies by the Varsity Club. The band was once again outstanding this season.

## Jr. Buc wrestling program

It's that time of year again - basketball, hockey, and most important, Junior Buc Wrestling.

Every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights, youngsters between the ages of 6-13 gather together on the wrestling mat and drill under the watchful eyes of their four dedicated coaches: Lou Riccardi, Ken Henry, Al Henry, and Jim Lombard.

These young wrestlers will be competing in nine matches and four tournaments this year.

Any youngster who feels he might want to someday get involved in the high school wrestling program should definitely give it a try. This program ends up being the feeder program since there is no wrestling in the Middle School.

Many of the high school's finest wrestlers have started with the program - Conte, Cardinale, Perna, and Nardone, just to name a few.

It's not too late. Give it a try and pick up an application now at the Recreation House or come to practice and check it out first hand.

Be a part of Belleville's finest.

### Jr. Bucs Wrestling Schedule:

Jan. 5	at Clifton	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	vs. Livingston	3 p.m.
Jan. 14	at W. Orange	10 a.m.
Jan. 18	vs. Bloomfield	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	vs. Millburn	2 p.m.
Jan. 25	vs. Maplewood	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	vs. W. Essex	10 a.m.
Feb. 2	at Caldwell	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	at Glen Ridge	10 a.m.
Feb. 12	at W. Orange	(Tournament) 9 a.m.

## Belleville recreation

### Men's Open Basketball:

The Belleville Recreation Department will offer a Men's Open Basketball program on Saturday afternoons at the Middle School girls' gym from 1-4 p.m., beginning December 3.

Belleville resident men, over 18, can participate by showing the gym supervisor a Recreation Department Photo I.D. card. I.D. cards may be obtained from the Recreation Office. Non-residents will not be allowed in the gym. Proof of residency and a \$2 fee are required.

The Rec Office will be open on Wednesday nights from 6-8 p.m. for I.D. cards, through December 21.

Photo I.D. cards are required for all children and adults participating in the Open Basketball and Open Volleyball programs in the schools

and at the Friendly House.

### Gymnastics Program:

The Belleville Recreation Department will again offer its always-popular gymnastics program for girls on Saturdays at the Friendly House.

This activity is slated to begin on Saturday, January 7 and will continue through March. Girls in grades 1-6 will participate from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Friendly House on Frederick Street. There is no fee required, but girls must be Belleville residents.

Interested participants should wear sneakers and sign up for the program with the instructors when they arrive.

College and high school gymnasts will provide the supervision and will teach the basic fundamentals and routines.

## Buc Shots

(Continued from page 17)

Next week, we'll have some Christmas wishes. I have a new God-daughter, Lauren Kelly Murray, who is now six months old and will be celebrating her first Christmas. It should be fun.

Thanks to Tina Marie Farah, who made typing legals a lot of fun last weekend. (Just don't tell her you miss her!)

The winter sports at Belleville High School are ready to begin. The boys and girls' basketball teams open tomorrow and both teams will compete in the Tri County Holiday tournament during the Christmas break in late December.

The varsity wrestling team is getting ready for a new campaign. Once again, Joe Piegario will handle the reporting for our newspaper. Joe did a preview which appears in this week's issue.

The grapplers will open the season next Wednesday against St. Joe's of Montvale at home.

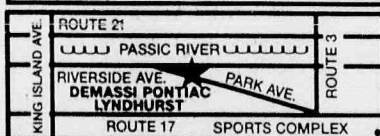
Getting back to Tina Marie Farah, she's a great dancer, especially to the song "Last Dance" by Donna Summer. She also doesn't miss a trick.

We'll have complete coverage of the basketball results in next week's issue.

Finally, congratulations to the Belleville Varsity Club for doing another great job with the annual fall sports dinner last week. It was well attended and everyone seemed to have a good time. The athletes made some nice presentations, especially Sal Berardi, who has perfected the "three clap and out" routine.

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## Answers from Vice President Al Gore

# The Information Superhighway



Vice President Al Gore

**Q: What is the information superhighway?**

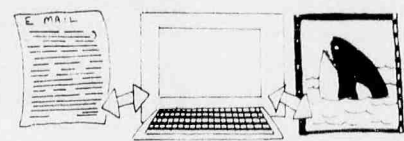


Telephone Computer Television Satellite

**Gore:** "The information superhighway is a web of communications networks that will forever change the way we live, learn, work and communicate with each other. The technologies of the information superhighway include telephone, computer, television, satellite, and others that may not have yet been invented."



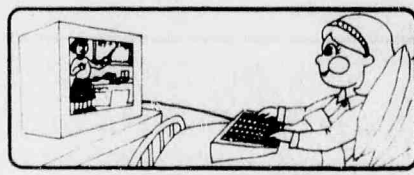
"Right now, we can receive one-way communication through computers and televisions, meaning that we get information but most of us cannot send any information back at the same time."



"The information superhighway will change that so two-way interactive communication is more common."



**To do:** Make a list of all of the information you would like to receive over your computer or TV screen. Compare your list with that of a friend. What do you think the sources of this information might be?

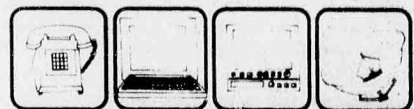


"For example, a student in Nashville, Tenn., recovering from an illness at home, recently was able to keep up with his school work and communicate directly with his teacher and classmates through an interactive computer."

**Q: Who will build it?**

**Gore:** "The information superhighway will be built by private companies, not the government — for example, cable, television and telephone companies. They will do so with guidance from the federal government. In fact, President Clinton has announced the establishment of the National Information Infrastructure (NII) — the official name for the information superhighway — to spur investment and set flexible standards for its development."

(An infrastructure is a foundation or framework.)



**Have you heard about the "information superhighway"?**

**Do you know what it is?**

The information superhighway is one of the top interests of Vice President Al Gore. Even before he became vice president, when he was a senator from Tennessee, he spoke out in favor of it.

He feels strongly that our country and our citizens must develop super ways to communicate in the Information Age.

The Mini Page asked him to answer some questions for our readers.



Students in North Carolina can explore the Internet and the information superhighway through Nando Land, a special service offered by The News & Observer, a newspaper in Raleigh, N.C.

## The Binary Code



Computers can understand only simple commands. So computers use a code with only two signals — on and off.

This is called the binary code. We write this code using 0's and 1's.

When the flow of electricity is off, we write 0's. When it's on, we write 1's.

People use this alphabet code a lot. It is called ASCII (AS-kee).

A.....01000001	N.....01001110
B.....01000010	O.....01001111
C.....01000011	P.....01010000
D.....01000100	Q.....01010001
E.....01000101	R.....01010010
F.....01000110	S.....01010011
G.....01000111	T.....01010100
H.....01001000	U.....01010101
I.....01001001	V.....01010110
J.....01001010	W.....01010111
K.....01001011	X.....01011000
L.....01001100	Y.....01011001
M.....01001101	Z.....01011010

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## MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

**WHAT DO YOU CALL A SUNBURN ON YOUR STOMACH?**

Can you solve this riddle by using the binary code?

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01010000

01001111

01010100

01010010 01001111 01000001 01010011 01010100

Can you write your name in the binary code?

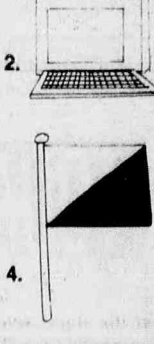
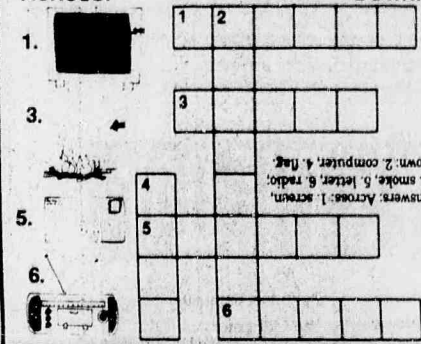
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## PETER PENGUIN'S PUZZLE & LE-DO

Fit the names of these things that remind us of communication into the puzzle.

**ACROSS:**

**DOWN:**



Answers: Across: 1. screen, 2. computer, 3. radio, 4. flag.

## Rookie Cookie's Recipe Nutty Apple Bread

You'll need:

- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup pecans, chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup applesauce

**What to do:**

1. Combine all ingredients in a large bowl. Stir just enough to moisten.
2. Pour batter into a greased loaf pan.
3. Bake in a preheated, 300-degree oven 1 hour or until done.

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## BASSET BROWN THE NEWS HOUND'S SUPERHIGHWAY FIND

Words that remind us of the information superhighway are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: SUPERHIGHWAY, SUPERCOMPUTER, DATA, SEND, WIRES, TELEPHONE, TELEVISION, CABLE, TRANSMIT, COMMUNICATE, CONNECT, ELECTRIC, SWITCH, BYTES, SCREEN, TYPE, FAX.

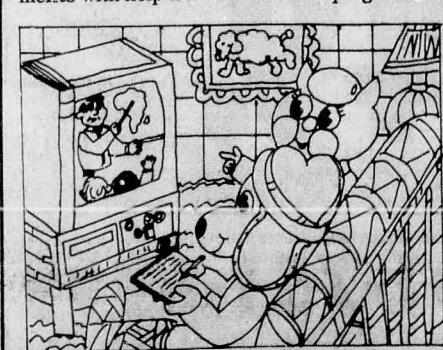
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## Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy is helping Basset Brown catch up on his class assignments with help from his teacher's program. See if you can find:



- number 3
- drum
- ladder
- word MINI
- toothbrush
- letter E
- number 7
- book
- canoe
- horseshoe
- letter A
- olive
- heart

## V.P. Gore on the Information Highway



Vice President Al Gore and students work at a computer.

**Q: How does the information superhighway work?**

**Gore:** "The technology for such a network already exists. Currently, the information superhighway exists through programs such as the Internet, a massive network of computers that connects an estimated 20 million computer users worldwide."



"The NII (National Information Infrastructure) will build upon the Internet to harness technology for lifelong learning, health care, manufacturing, the delivery of government services, and many other applications."

"The challenge, therefore, is to ensure that all Americans — rich and poor, urban and rural — have access to the benefits of the NII. That's why President Clinton and I are committed to connecting every classroom, hospital, library and clinic to the NII by the year 2000 so that no one gets left behind on the information superhighway."

**To do:** Look through your newspaper for a story or ads about ways we communicate.



**Q: What will it mean to kids?**

**Gore:** "For young people, reaching the goal of universal service means that they will be limited only by their own imagination. No longer will geographic location, wealth, gender or any other factor limit learning. One of my ideas for the information superhighway is that a child from my hometown of Carthage, Tenn., will be able to come home from school, turn on a computer and plug into the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. He or she will be able to find information on any topic from all over the world by browsing through vast digital libraries."



"Through the information superhighway, students also will be able to conduct scientific experiments on powerful supercomputers, learn about foreign languages and cultures by communicating with other young people around the world, and order new school clothes from their home computer."

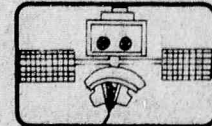
**To do:** If you could have a videotalk with someone in another part of the world, what country would you choose? Make a list of the questions you might ask.

Next week, read about Columbus and the contributions and history of Italian Americans.



**Q: What skills will people need to take advantage of the superhighway?**

**Gore:** "People who want to take part in the information revolution will need to be willing to learn new skills, such as using a keyboard or understanding unfamiliar computer language. There will be all kinds of ways to access data in the future, and people must be open to learning these new skills if they want to use the information superhighway."



**Q: How far along is it?**

**Gore:** "During the past decade, we have witnessed incredible technological change, but those changes are nothing compared to what will happen in the coming decades. Satellite dishes and fax machines already unite the world by providing instant information. In the future, such communications will be much more widespread and allow people on both ends of the connection to directly interact."



**Q: What are some careers associated with it?**

**Gore:** "People working in education, government, health care, business, manufacturing, indeed, almost any career, will be affected by the NII in some way. The information superhighway will create many new jobs for American workers, and provide opportunities for people of all ages to take part in the communications revolution."





## Give the gift of sight this holiday season

It's holiday season and everyone is rushing around buying gifts for loved ones. People will spend their money in many ways, purchasing things which are impressive but needless. So this year, why not spend those precious dollars on something valuable and important to your loved ones. Give the gift of sight this year.

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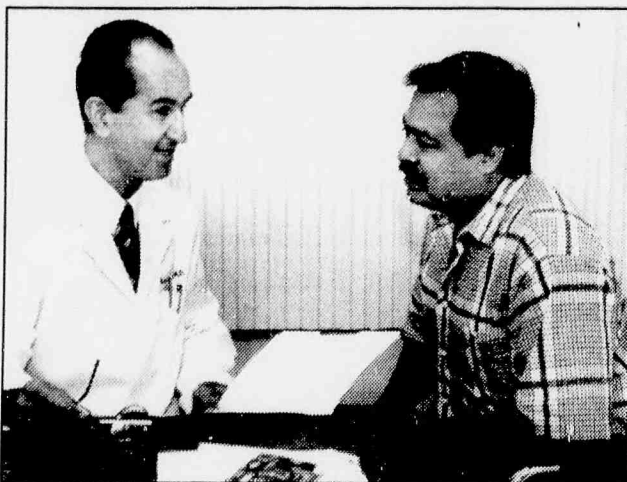
but inconvenience to the individual as well.

Since it's Christmas and people are searching for that special present for someone, why not get the most obvious and most utilized present anyone can ask for — eye-glasses or contacts. Ask anyone who wears glasses regularly and you'll soon find out the most valuable possession they own is their glasses. They can't drive, read, watch TV, or even eat in some cases. Without them, some part of life is affected.

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## Same Day Laparoscopic Hernia Surgery A Boom to Hernia Sufferers



Jacinto Penaranda, 41, of Clifton benefited greatly from the laparoscopic hernia surgery that Dr. Ganchi performed.

A laparoscopic procedure which can return hernia patients to normal life sooner and with much less pain is now being offered at The General Hospital Center at Passaic.

Recent studies indicate that the minimally invasive procedure, commonly described as belly button surgery, typically reduces post-operative pain by more than 50 percent and returns the patient back to a normal life style within days instead of weeks, as in conventional hernia surgery.

"This has been exactly my experience with laparoscopic hernia repair," say surgeons like Amir

Ganchi, M.D., a General Hospital Center Physician with offices in Clifton, Wayne and Haledon. Three very small incisions and sophisticated repair from inside factor into an equation that equal greater patient comfort and satisfaction.

Dr. Ganchi also reports that subject of laparoscopic hernia repair are highly unlikely to suffer a reoccurrence. "Studies on patients who have undergone laparoscopic hernia repair show that the overall chance of reoccurrence drops from 10 percent in traditional hernia surgery to 0-3.2 percent in laparoscopic repair," the General surgeon said.

The advantages of laparoscopic hernia repair can be great when the patient is eager to return to a physically demanding lifestyle. Jacinto Penaranda, 41, is a wire machine operator from Clifton. He returned to work the week after surgery and soon was lifting weights with the doctor's full approval.

Dr. Ganchi likens the laparoscopic hernia surgery to repairing a damn or wall from the inside, instead of patching it from the outside. William Ruiz, 51, of Passaic, a Department of Transportation worker who like Mr. Penaranda went home the same day of surgery, was delighted with his quick recovery and return to work. Not only does he have a busy day on the job, but he has all the responsibilities at home of a father of seven and a grandfather of two.

"Sometimes a patient will needlessly limit himself after this procedure because he's heard stories of the limitations of patients after traditional hernia surgery," said Dr. Ganchi. "I find myself encouraging patients not to be so apprehensive, to enjoy the advantages of this marvelous development in modern medicine."

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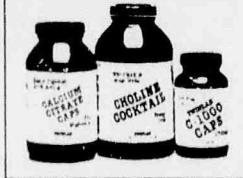
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## Newark Beth Israel Medical Center Opens New Daycare Center

The recent opening of the Innovative Learning Center at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center has provided a welcome alternative for medical center employees who are working parents.

The center is designed to accommodate up to 90 children between the ages of 2 months and 5 years. It is located within the medical center's new three-story, 60,500-square-foot Out Patient Department Building at 176 Lyons Ave. At present, the center operates from 6:30 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. If the need arises, the hours of operation will be extended.

The program features a wide range of enrichment activities and benefits for parents including a multi-cultural; math, science, and language arts; special summer programs; music activities; a large outdoor play area; parent involvement that includes parenting workshops, an advisory board, and center parties; an open-door policy that encourages parents to visit with their children; field trips; and arts and crafts. The center consists of seven rooms housed within a 7,500-square-foot portion of the Outpatient Department building.

Each room is equipped with appropriate educational enrichment and play materials for specific age groups. It also boasts a large outdoor play area with playground equipment and a picnic area so parents can spend their lunch hours visiting with their children.

"With a rise in two-income households, we recognize the importance of offering quality daycare services for the children of our employees," said Lester M. Bornstein of West Orange, the medical center's president. "Raising a child and working full-time is difficult enough without the concern of having to find quality daycare. As a result, we are proud to offer this service to our employees."

Paula Sabreen, A.C.S.W., assistant vice president for the medical center and liaison to the Innovative Learning Center added, "We believe the opening of the Innovative Learning Center represents a continuing trend where the medical center understands and responds to the needs of employees who are working parents."

"The center is a beautiful, state-of-the-art facility and should be a source of pride," said Joel Schuckman of Florham Park, assistant vice president for the medical center's Construction Administration department. "It is an asset to the medical center and it will contribute to the pleasant work environment that exists here."

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It is the Center's goal to encourage a child's personal growth in important developmental areas that include art, music, movement, science, language, and math. Children are encouraged to build understanding through personal experience, which enables them to think for themselves and to independently question their newly-gained knowledge. The center also provides two nutritional snacks and a lunch for each child.

Innovative Learning Center, a management service, will oversee the daily operations of the facility. Established in 1984, the Innovative Learning Center's goal is to provide a stimulating, nurturing environment for infants, toddlers, and pre-school age children.

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## George Essbach, 67

Services for George F. Essbach, 67, of Belleville were held Monday in the O'Boyle Funeral Home, Bloomfield.

Mr. Essbach died Dec. 7 in his home.

He had been a draftsman with the Minor Rubber Company, Bloomfield, for many years before

his retirement five years ago.

Born in Jersey City, he lived in Bloomfield for 37 years before moving to Belleville three years ago.

Surviving are a son, George; a sister, Phyllis Caruso; a brother, Richard, and a grandchild.

## Felix Wolski, 88

Felix Wolski, 88, of Belleville died Dec. 7 in his home.

A Mass was offered Saturday in St. Valentine Church, Bloomfield, after the funeral from the Levandoski Funeral Home, Bloomfield.

Mr. Wolski had been a machinist at Eastwood and Neely, Belleville, for 30 years before retiring 25 years ago. He was a member of the Nutrition Center for the Elderly,

Bloomfield, and received the Volunteer of the Year of Essex County award in 1992.

Born in Belleville, he lived in Bloomfield before returning to Belleville 35 years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Helen; two sons, Philip Sr. and Robert; a sister, Nell Hayes; two brothers, Edward and Bert, a grandchild and a great-grandchild.

## Katherine Kroll, 103

Katherine Kroll, 103, of Belleville died Nov. 30 in the Essex County Geriatric Center, Cedar Grove.

A Mass was offered Dec. 2 in St. Peter's Church, Belleville. The funeral was from the Megaro Memorial Home, Belleville.

Born in Poland, Mrs. Kroll lived in Newark before moving to Belleville 31 years ago.

Surviving are three daughters, Jennie Farrell, Helen Roselle and Ann Mecca; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

## Elizabeth Wasner, 79

Services for Elizabeth Wasner, 79, of Wall Township were held Nov. 30 in the Biondi Funeral Home of Nutley.

Mrs. Wasner died Nov. 26 in the home of her daughter, Lynn Mackie, in Nutley, from injuries she sustained in a fire in her daughter's home.

She was employed with the C.R. Gibson Co. in Clifton for 13 years before retiring.

Born in New York City, she lived in East Orange and Belleville before moving to Wall Township.

Also surviving are a son, Charles; another daughter, Laurel Mechler, and six grandchildren.

## Obituaries

### Gail Boscaino, 55

A Mass for Mrs. Gail Boscaino, 55, of Belleville was offered Friday in Holy Family Church, Nutley, after the funeral from the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mrs. Boscaino, who died Dec. 5 in Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville, was a clerk-typist for the

Essex County Hospital Center, Cedar Grove.

Born in Glen Ridge, she lived in Bloomfield and Newark before moving to Belleville 28 years ago.

Surviving are a son, Lawrence III; her stepmother, Helene Spain, and two stepbrothers, Eric and Ronald Brown.

### Albina Domanski

A Mass for Albina M. Domanski of Pearl River, N.Y., formerly a resident of Belleville, was offered Tuesday in St. Peter's Church, Belleville, following the funeral from the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mrs. Domanski died Dec. 10 in

her home.

Born in Newark, she lived in Belleville before moving to Pearl River in July.

Surviving are two daughters, Dorothy A. Taylor and Susan George, and four grandchildren

### Tips to celebrate safely for holidays

As families look forward to Christmas and New Year celebrations, the New Jersey State Safety Council and New Jersey SAFE KIDS offer the following tips to help keep the holidays bright, merry and safe:

- Decorations: Select a fresh tree by looking for very green needles which are hard to pull from the branches and do not fall off when the tree is bounced on the ground. To prevent drying out, cut 2" off the trunk and keep in a stand filled with water away from radiators, T.V.'s and other sources of heat. Keep breakable ornaments or those with small detachable parts off of lower tree branches and out of areas where young children can reach them. Use flame-resistant decorations whenever possible. Keep holly, mistletoe and other poisonous holiday plants away from children and pets.

- Holiday lights: Use only UL (Underwriters Laboratories)

approved lights and extension cords. To prevent fires, examine for frayed cords, broken sockets and loose or exposed wires. Never use more than three strings of lights on one extension cord. Never use lights rated "indoors" outdoors. Turn off and unplug tree lights and other decorations before leaving the house or going to bed. Keep children and flammable items away from lit candles and fireplaces.

- Gifts: When selecting children's gifts, look for items that are well-constructed, durable, safe and which suit the age and skill level of your child. After opening gifts, dispose of wrappings immediately as they may be toxic or present choking hazards if chewed by a small child.

- Entertaining: At holiday parties, serve high protein and carbohydrate foods like cheese and meat when alcohol is offered. Provide non-alcoholic beverages as well. Stop serving alcohol an hour or two before the party is over. Above all, do not drink and drive! Use the designated driver system to ensure that all guests arrive home safely.

## School #3 teachers learn family science program

Ms. Louisa Licameli and Mrs. Nancy San Filippo, first grade teachers at School #3, have completed the Family Science training program at Rutgers University, according to Mrs. Raffaella Saulino, School #3 Principal.

Ms. Licameli and Mrs. San Filippo are now prepared to conduct six Family Science sessions, which will be held in the Spring of 1995 at the school.

The Family Science goals are to provide an opportunity for families to have enjoyable, non-threatening science experiences by supporting cooperative learning. Cooperative learning is valuable in developing problem-solving activities, questioning strategies and communication skills, according to Mrs. Saulino.

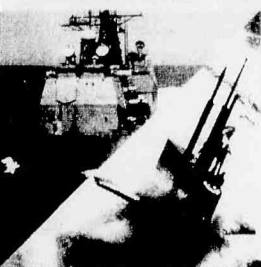
The program also helps students to relate the learning of science to future studies and work by demon-

strating the day by day ways that science is already a part of their lives, and will continue to play a role in their personal and work life; and to involve parents with their children's science education. It can help to strengthen communication between home and school, by supporting informal learning experiences for families, which support their child's formal school experiences.

School #3 parents and children have supported other parent/child activities and will benefit from the techniques that Ms. Licameli and Mrs. San Filippo received training in the Rutgers program.

Superintendent of Schools Michael A. Lally, and Dr. Joseph Ciccone, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, both they enthusiastically support and approve these activities.

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Washington Avenue which is within 200 feet of property, owned by you. This application is now No. 94-18 on the Clerk's Calendar, and a public hearing has been ordered for December 8, 1994 at 8:00 P.M. at 152 Washington Avenue, Belleville, New Jersey, second floor, at which time you may appear either in person, or by agent, or attorney, and present any objections which you may have to the granting of this application. Copies of all documents related to this application are available for public inspection at the office of Planning and Development, 383 Washington Avenue, Belleville, New Jersey during regular business hours. Ranko Deli Basic, Applicant By: Frank J. Cozzarelli, Esq.

Belleville Times Dec. 15, 1994 Fee: \$24.18 No. B94-732

#### BELLEVILLE

PLANNING BOARD In accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act," Assembly Bill No. 1030, the Belleville Planning Board hereby adopts the following schedule for Board Meetings to be held during the year 1995: Thursday, January 12, 1995 Thursday, February 9, 1994 Thursday, March 9, 1995 Thursday, April 13, 1995 Thursday, May 11, 1995 Thursday, June 8, 1995

Thursday, July 13, 1995

Thursday, August 19, 1995 Thursday, September 14, 1995

Thursday, October 12, 1995

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All Planning Board Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Town Hall, Council Chambers, Washington Avenue, Belleville, N.J. Business portion at 7:30 p.m. and Hearing of the Applications at 8:00 p.m.

Marie Strumolo Burke, Clerk

Belleville Planning Board Belleville Times Dec. 15, 1994 Fee: \$22.94 No. B94-733

#### TAX NOTICE

Take notice that the Assessment List for the Township of Belleville, for the tax year 1995, may be inspected by any taxpayer to ascertain the assessments made against their property, and to confer informally with the Assessor as to the correctness of their assessment.

Said Assessment List may be inspected on Wednesday, January 18, 1995 between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at the Assessor's Office, Township Hall, 152 Washington Avenue, Belleville, New Jersey.

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Belleville Times Dec. 15, 1994 Fee: \$12.40 No. B94-729

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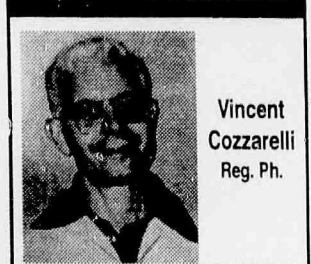
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The program features dance highlights from the popular Tchaikovsky Christmas Ballet. Performances of the Holiday

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## Local banker predicts upturn

While the new year is young, Valley National Bancorp Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Gerald H. Lipkin doesn't find it too early to make some predictions about the economy and direction of the banking industry in 1994.

First, he suggests, inflation will remain low — in the 3-3.5 percent range. Accordingly, he expects interest rates will remain around current levels — increasing by, at most, 50 basis points (a half a percent).

Importantly, he predicts, the New Jersey economy will continue to recover, "though slowly." This recovery will result in continued increased demand for automobiles and housing, particularly for homes in the low- to moderately-priced range, Lipkin says.

"Similarly, as confidence in the economy grows, demand will increase for commercial loans," he maintains.

"While Valley has been one of the very few banks whose loan portfolio weathered the test of the past few years' recession, we think we will see a continued improvement in the quality of bank loan portfolios in general," Lipkin says. "I think you will see a lot less risk taking by bankers, despite the income potential."

He added, "While we expect bankers will see a modest shrinkage in net interest margins, profits should remain strong." Valley has historically reported solid results — a trend Lipkin believes will continue. For the fourth quarter ended Dec. 31, 1993, Valley reported earnings of \$13.4 million, or \$0.55 per share, representing a 33.2 percent increase from the \$10.1 million, or \$0.42, earned during the same time frame in 1992. Earnings per share figures have been adjusted to reflect a 5:4 common stock split effected in April 1993.

Valley reported record net income of \$54.2 million, or \$2.25 per share for the year ended Dec. 31, 1993. The results represent a 30.4 percent increase from last year's record performance of \$41.6 million, or \$1.75 per share.

"Valley's substantial increase in net income in 1993 can be attributed to continued growth in the bank's net interest income," Lipkin reports. "Significant loan growth, particularly in the residential mortgage and auto loan areas, coupled with declining interest rates paid on its core deposit base were the principal reasons for the favorable results."

Net interest income, before the provision for possible loan losses, was \$35.1 million for the fourth quarter and \$136.2 million for all of 1993. This represented increases of 13.6 percent and 18.6 percent, respectively, from the comparable 1992 periods.

Valley's results for 1993 are again expected to place the company among the highest performing bank holding companies in America. Valley National Bank's efficiency ratio was 44.5 percent for 1993 compared to 47.2 percent for 1992. The efficiency ratio represents Val-

ley's non-interest expense as a percentage of net interest income on a fully tax equivalent basis plus non-interest income less non-recurring items. The company had a return on average assets of 1.6 percent compared with 1.4 percent for 1992 and a return on average equity of

22.0 percent versus 19.9 percent for 1992.

Valley National Bancorp is a regional bank holding company whose principal subsidiary, Valley National Bank, operates 59 branches in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris and Passaic counties.

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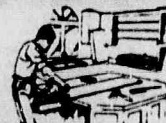
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For women who are working, reporting a name change assures that they will receive proper credit for their earnings and, one day, all the Social Security benefits they are due. For women who don't work outside the home, reporting the change will ensure that their Social Security record shows the correct name when the time comes to apply for benefits.

Another important reason to report your change of name is that Internal Revenue Service and SSA records should show the same name and Social Security number. If they don't, your tax refund could be postponed.

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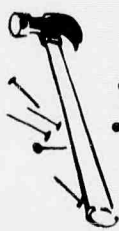


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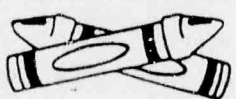
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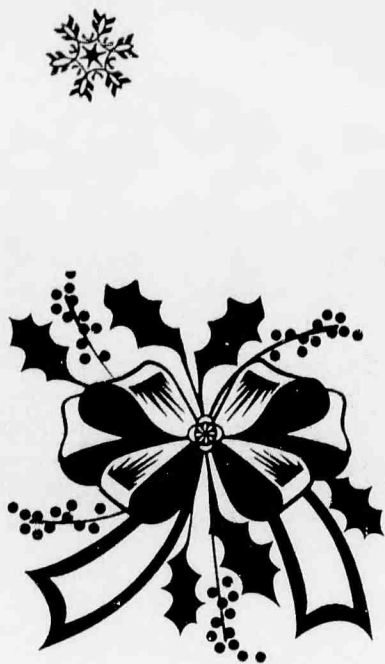
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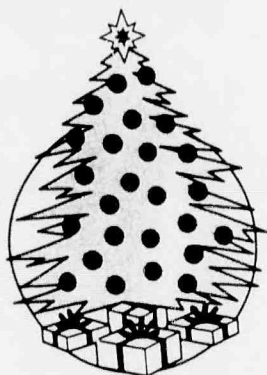
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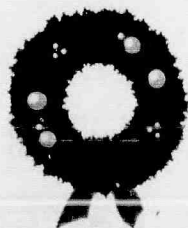
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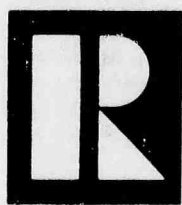
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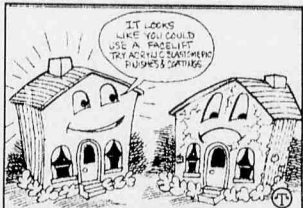
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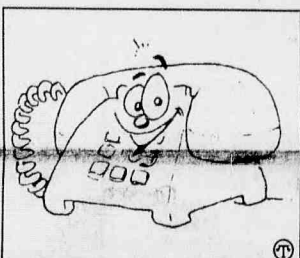
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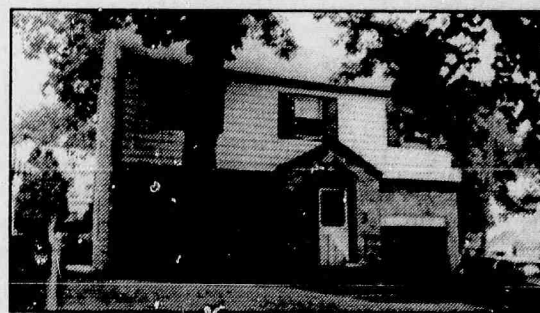
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All Shoppers Must Present This Coupon To Receive Discount

2.5-LB. BAG FROZEN, 31-40 CT.  
PER LB. CLEANED &

**Cooked Large Shrimp**

3-LB. BAG FROZEN,  
FARM RAISED 31-40 CT.

**OR Large Shrimp**

**19<sup>95</sup>**



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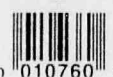
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**5 lb. Bag Bay Scallops**



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### The Produce Place

WASHINGTON STATE, 100 SIZE, GRANNY SMITH OR  
**Red Delicious Apples**  
lb. **.69**

VITAMIN 'C', 100 SIZE  
**Florida Tangelos or Tangerines**  
120 SIZE  
5 for **.99**

NORTHWESTERN, 100 SIZE  
**Bosc or Anjou Pears**  
lb. **.89**

SWEET  
**Clementines Gift Box**  
each **5<sup>99</sup>**

JUICY, VITAMIN 'C'  
**Florida Oranges**  
4-lb. bag **1<sup>99</sup>**

### The Dairy Place

ANY VAR. PREMIUM RUBY RED GRAPEFRUIT OR  
**Florida's Natural Orange Juice**  
64-oz. ctn. **1<sup>49</sup>**

NEUFCHÂTEL, FAT FREE OR  
**Philadelphia Cream Cheese**  
8-oz. pkg. **.99**

REGULAR OR LIGHT  
**ShopRite Sour Cream**  
16-oz. cont. **.59**

### The Deli Place

WHY PAY MORE™  
**Armour Canned Ham**  
5-lb. can **7<sup>99</sup>**

REGULAR OR LOW SALT  
**Armour Sliced Bacon**  
1-lb. pkg. **1<sup>29</sup>**

ANY VAR. BIG N' JUICY, WIENERS OR  
**Oscar Mayer Beef Franks**  
1-lb. pkg. **1<sup>99</sup>**

### The Frozen Foods Place

ANY VARIETY  
**Pepperidge Farm Layer Cake**  
17 to 19-oz. pkg. **1<sup>49</sup>**

ANY VAR. FROZEN YOGURT,  
GOURMET LITE OR  
**Turkey Hill Ice Cream**  
1/2-gal. conts. **2<sup>500</sup>**

ANY VAR. BOXED PREPARED IN CHEESE, CREAM  
OR BUTTER SAUCE OR HARVEST FRESH  
**Green Giant Vegetables**  
10-oz. box **.79**

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1/2-GAL. CTN. ANY VAR. FROZEN YOGURT, GOURMET LITE OR  
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### The MEATing Place

U.S. #1  
**5-Lb. Bag Idaho Potatoes**  
bag **.99**

10-OZ. PKG., LOW IN CALORIES  
**Fresh Mushrooms**  
ShopRite Sale Price **1.49**  
LESS PRICE PLUS club Discount **-.50**  
**YOU PAY ONLY .99** SR

FIRM, LONG  
**Super Select Cucumbers**  
3 for **1<sup>00</sup>**

VITAMIN 'C'  
**Green Bell Peppers**  
lb. **.99**

FIRM RIPE  
**ShopRite Tomatoes**  
18-oz. pkg. **1<sup>69</sup>**

### The Grocery Place

REG. OR NO SALT ADDED, CUT OR FRENCH STYLE GREEN BEANS, PEAS, WHOLE KERNEL OR CREAM STYLE CORN  
**Del Monte Vegetables**  
14 1/2 to 15 1/4-oz. cans **2<sup>00</sup>**

CRUSHED, WHOLE TOMATOES IN PUREE, TOMATO PUREE OR SAUCE OR ITALIAN TOMATOES IN PUREE  
**Red Pack Tomatoes**  
1-lb., 12-oz. to 1-lb., 13-oz. can **.69**

PACKED IN OIL OR SPRING WATER  
**ShopRite Solid White Tuna**  
6 1/2-oz. can **.99**

REG. OR AUTO DRIP  
**Savarin Coffee**  
EXCEPT DECAF. 13-oz. can **2<sup>69</sup>**

### Health & Beauty Care

10-CT. PACKAGE  
**12 Hr. Contac Caplets**  
ShopRite Price **3.99**  
LESS PRICE PLUS club Discount **-1.00**  
**YOU PAY ONLY 2<sup>99</sup>** MFR

ORIGINAL, COOL MINT OR FRESH BURST  
**Listerine Mouthwash**  
16.9-oz. bil. **3<sup>15</sup>**

EXTRA STRENGTH  
**Tylenol Caplets**  
50-ct. bil. **4<sup>32</sup>**

### Clip Less Coupon Savings From ShopRite

IN FRESH BAKE SHOPPE Where Available  
38-OZ. COCONUT CUSTARD  
**10" Apple or Pumpkin Pie**  
ShopRite Price: **3.99**  
CLIP LESS COUPON **-1.00**  
**FINAL COST SR 2<sup>99</sup>**

11 TO 11.5-OZ. CAN LIGHTLY SALTED, ROASTED OR BALL PARK  
**Honey Roast Eagle Peanuts**  
ShopRite Price: **1.99**  
CLIP LESS COUPON **-.20**  
**FINAL COST SR 1<sup>79</sup>**

BONELESS BEEF (SOLD AS ROAST ONLY)  
**Bottom Round Roast**  
ROUND RUMP ROAST **1<sup>69</sup>**  
lb. **1<sup>49</sup>**

TYSON/HOLLY FARMS, 9 DRUMS, 9 THIGHS & 9 WINGS  
**27-Pc. Fryer Parts or Chicken Breast Quarters**  
YOUR CHOICE **.79** lb.

BONELESS BEEF  
**Round Cube Steak**  
lb. **2<sup>59</sup>**

FOR STEW  
**Boneless Beef Round Cubes**  
lb. **2<sup>49</sup>**

3-LBS. OR MORE, FRESH  
**80% Lean Ground Beef**  
lb. **1<sup>59</sup>**

#80 CURLY  
**Ronzoni Lasagne**  
1-lb. box **.69**

ANY FLAVOR (PLUS DEP. WHERE REQ.)  
**6 Pack RC or Diet Rite**  
6 pack 12-oz. cans **.99**

CLEAR OR NATURAL  
**ShopRite Apple Juice**  
1/2-gal. bil. **.99**

CORONET  
**Big 'n Pretty Napkins**  
300-ct. pkg. **.99**

### General Merchandise

#42304 OR #42301 PROCTOR SILEX EURO DESIGN, AUTO PAUSE & SERVE, AUTO DRIP  
**12-Cup Coffeemaker**  
ShopRite Sale Price **18.99**  
LESS PRICE PLUS club Discount **-3.00**  
**YOU PAY ONLY 15<sup>99</sup>** MFR

14 INCH HOLIDAY  
**Scrunchy Bear**  
each **9<sup>99</sup>**

VIDEO CASSETTE  
**Jurassic Park**  
each **14<sup>99</sup>**

13-OZ. BOX LOW FAT, WITH RAISINS  
**Quaker 100% Natural Cereal**  
ShopRite Price: **3.29**  
CLIP LESS COUPON **-1.65**  
**FINAL COST MFR 1<sup>64</sup>**

13 3/4-OZ. BOX  
**Pillsbury Instant Mashed Potatoes**  
ShopRite Price: **1.78**  
CLIP LESS COUPON **-.89**  
**FINAL COST MFR .89**

FARMSTEAD OR SELECTED BRANDS  
6-9 LB. AVG.  
**Whole Boneless Ham**  
BONELESS HALF HAM **1<sup>69</sup>**  
lb. **1<sup>49</sup>**

HAM & WATER PRODUCT, REDUCED SODIUM  
**Cook's Smoked Shank Portion Ham**  
BUTT PORTION **.99** lb. **.79**

COOK'S HAM & WATER PRODUCT, REDUCED SODIUM  
**Shank Half Smoked Ham**  
BUTT HALF **1.19** lb. **.99**

10-13 LB. OR 18-22 LB. AVG.  
**ShopRite Frozen Turkeys**  
24-LB. & UP PRICED HIGHER **.69** lb.

WHOLE CHICKEN LEGS WITH THIGHS, WINGS, DRUMS, THIGHS OR 9 WINGS, 9 DRUMS & 9 THIGHS  
**Perdue 27 Pc. Fryer Parts**  
APPROX 6 LB. AVG. VALUE PACK **.89** lb.

### The Fresh Fish Market

FARM RAISED  
**Fresh Steelhead Trout Fillet**  
lb. **4<sup>99</sup>**

FROZEN  
**Calamari Squid**  
3-lb. box **2<sup>49</sup>**

FROZEN OMSTEAD  
**Cleaned Smelts**  
1-lb. bag **2<sup>99</sup>**

### The Appy Place

STORE SLICED, WATER ADDED  
**Domestic Cooked Ham**  
lb. **2<sup>99</sup>**

YELLOW OR WHITE, STORE SLICED  
**Land O Lakes American Cheese**  
lb. **3<sup>49</sup>**

STORE SLICED HARD OR GENOA  
**Carando Salami**  
1/2 PRICE **2<sup>99</sup>** lb.

### The Bakery Place

REGULAR OR SANDWICH  
**ShopRite White Bread**  
EVERYDAY VALUE PRICED! **.79** 22-oz. loaf

ANY VARIETY  
**ShopRite Rye Bread**  
EVERYDAY VALUE PRICED! **.89** 16-oz. loaf

6 PACK  
**ShopRite English Muffins**  
12-oz. pkg. **.69**

**Super Coupon**  
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13 1/2-OZ. CAN, ORIG. OR LOW SALT BEEF OR CHICKEN  
**College Inn Broth**  
3 FOR **1<sup>00</sup>**  
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