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Judge allows schools to pay Nazziola's lawsuit fees

By Richard Dickon

Administrative Law Judge Irene Jones has ruled that School Board President Gabe Nazziola may use Board of Education funds and legal representation in defending himself in a lawsuit, but agreed that a conflict of interest exists in Nazziola using an attorney who is a practicing partner with the School Board attorney.

Frank Montagna had filed a complaint with the state Administrative Law Judge alleging that School Board President Gabe Nazziola is using public funds for a private lawsuit Montagna brought against Nazziola.

The funds are being used to defend Nazziola in Montagna's slander suit. Judge Jones agreed with School Board Attorney Frank Pomaco, who has cited a legal precedent for paying legal fees to a school board member when the officials is acting in an official school capacity.

She ruled that attorney Michael Casale, being a partner in Pomaco's firm, might create the appearance of impropriety, so Nazziola will be permitted to choose another attorney.

Also, Jones ruled that the board did not violate the Open Public Meetings Act in discussing the subject of Nazziola's defense at a private meeting.

Nazziola has told residents who disagree with his using public funds to defend himself to blame Montagna for taking up the suit.

Montagna is suing Nazziola because of remarks he said Nazziola made on a cable television.

Clara Maass, General Hospital Center unite

The Board of Trustees of Clara Maass Health System in Belleville and the Board of Governors of the General Hospital Center at Passaic last week announced the formation of a health care network, which will function as a unified hospital system without consolidation of the hospitals' assets.

In the joint proposal to their respective boards, Clara Maass Chairman Rev. Franklin Fry and General Hospital Center Chairman Robert Jablonski said the collaborative effort between the facilities would strengthen their services to the people of Bergen, Passaic, Essex and Hudson counties, and position the hospitals to better compete in the new managed care environment.

Combined, the hospitals have 778 acute and 250 long-term care beds, 600 open-heart surgeries, 2,600 births, 31,500 inpatient admissions, 2,800 employees and 900 physicians, the two chairmen said.

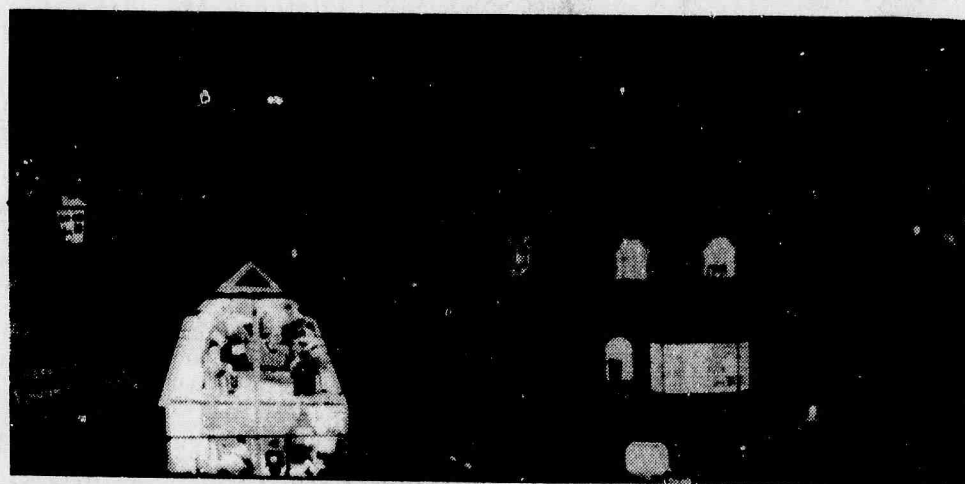
The purpose of the collaboration is to establish a comprehensive health care delivery system that addresses the present and future needs of the patient, physician and payer constituencies in a high-quality and cost-effective manner, the chairmen said.

To further strengthen their commitment to the collaboration effort,

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CITIZENS HELP SANTA BRING RELIEF - In the aftermath of the Dec. 4th fire at 216 William Street, Karen McGinley of the School #8 Home and School Association helped organize the Consolidated group of Home and School to gather funds from parents who wanted to contribute to help the Lombardi family and their seven children. McGinley then forwarded the funds to Santa, who presented the Patty Lombardi's with funds. In addition FMBA town firefighters' union contributed funds for presents to help make the Lombardi's and the other family, John Miller, his fiancée, Claire, and their three daughters, a much happier holiday season. Look for the *Belleville Times* Christmas Cheer Fund, which will help future families in need, at the holidays and year round.



FIRST PLACE - The Auriema family's breathtaking holiday display was voted best overall in the first Belleville Times Christmas Home Decoration Contest.



A CLOSE SECOND - The Chieffo family of 269 New Street rivaled the Auriema's for inventive, dazzling holiday decorations and took second prize in the holiday decorations contest.

Times awards contest winners for best Christmas home decorations

By Richard Dickon

Seven worthy homes were rewarded with prizes in the first *Belleville Times* Christmas Home Decorations Contest. Prizes were still being determined at press time. Pictures of the prize-winning families and the gift-giving businesses will appear in a photo page in next week's newspaper.

First prize, overall, went to the Auriema family of 90 Mt. Prospect St., whose decorations include Santa's elves work-

ing in Santa's workshop as well as a life-sized Nativity scene, and recently hosted a live reindeer.

Second prize overall went to the The Chieffo family of 269 New Street, whose display also included an electronic Santa's workshop and a life-sized, motioning Nativity scene.

Best lawn went to the Williams family of 188 Division Avenue, for an array of holiday creatures, including elves and carolers. The best window award went to the Amato

Family of 140 Garden Ave., which included an electronic, moving Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus in addition to a decorated tree.

Best Door was awarded to the Valedon family of 85 High Street, for a door that resembled a beautifully-wrapped Christmas gift. Congratulations to all the winners, and we invite all residents to participate in next year's contest.

Three recreational planners pitch stadium blueprints

By Richard Dickon

A Council committee has met with three recreational planners about renovating the substandard Municipal Stadium, asking the planners to suggest plans for long-term renovation of the substandard stadium facilities, while a \$5 million application for state Green Acres low-interest loans and grants would fund any major renovations.

Councilman Jerry Digori, stadium committee member, said the committee questioned the three planners on fee schedules, prepar-

ing a master plan and the percentage of total dollars that would be spent. "They all said that everything was negotiable," Digori said.

The three planners are responsible for athletic field projects in East Orange, Hoboken and at William Paterson College in Wayne, all of which have been hailed for being completed quickly, being designed well and be cost effective.

While discussions continue for the long-term renovation of the stadium, Digori said some short-term improvements are being recom-

mended to the full Council. A layer of macadam is to be put on the tennis courts, which have grass growing of long, wide cracks in the surface.

Also, a new sound system for the stadium and indoor school events is being proposed. The portion of Nolt Street where visitors enter and exit the stadium is also to be resurfaced, he said.

The Council has been told that land acquisition is the first priority in Green Acres applications for this year, and that the funds would be

one quarter grant money and three quarter low-interest loans.

The application was due Oct. 31, and any money would not likely be received for at least 18 months, according to officials.

For the Green Acres application, Digori said the Township needs only to supply very basic plans and is not locked into anything long-term.

Digori and the Council Committee on stadium renovations continue to meet with the School Board's Buildings and Grounds

Committee, School Board Vice President Barbara Cicalese, Board members Ralph Mazzuca and John Notari and school administration officials to discuss long-term renovations.

Department of Public Works Director Charles Cerami and the Township Council have decided to perform necessary maintenance while long-term renovation plans are completed, possibly including immediate problems, such as paint-

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Council "temporarily enjoined" from removing tax assessor...

Salzano gets court to block firing by 4 Council members

By Richard Dickon

The Township Council met in private session for more than 45 minutes on Dec. 27 to discuss a suit brought by the Township Tax Assessor, Manager and three Council members "temporarily enjoining" the four other Council members from essentially firing the Tax Assessor.

Township Manager Stephen Cuccio and Tax Assessor Thomas Salzano were in Essex County Superior Court on Dec. 23, filing a Civil Action against Councilmen Bill Cook, Jerry Digori and Joseph Scaperrotta and Councilwoman Angie Paserchia, both individually and as members of the Council, that had the four "temporarily enjoined" from interfering with Salzano in his duties as Tax Assessor.

The matter will be heard Jan. 18 in Superior Court, at which time the four Council members must show cause why the temporary injunction should not be made permanent until the lawsuit is settled, according to Amil Nardachone, who is representing the three Council members who did not participate in the action, including Deputy Mayor Thomas Spillane and Mayor Jim Messina.

Only the third Council member who chose not to participate in the action, Councilman Victor Canning, would speak on the record about the matter, saying "I believe the four Council members acted in violation of the Faulkner Act and the Open Public Meetings Act."

At the last public Council meeting on Dec. 13, Cook abstained and the other Council members Cook, Paserchia and Scaperrotta voted against Salzano's re-appointment.

Township Attorney Robert Giordano gave his legal opinion at that time that the Council should table the appointment until a determination could be made about the legality of the move.

Cuccio said he had spoken to someone in the Department of Community Affairs and was told that Salzano has tenure and can only be removed by the

Director of the State Division of Taxation. Council members disagreed with the Giordano's legal opinions. No one at Department of Community Affairs was available for comment.

Also in question is whether or not the Department of Community Affairs told the Council members they could vote not to reappoint Salzano, and whether the four Council members' letter violates the Faulkner Act, governing conduct by the Council, and the Open Public Meetings Act.

Superior Court Judge Alvin Weiss' decision stated that the four Council members "are hereby temporarily enjoined from engaging in any conduct... which interferes with the performance by plaintiff Salzano of the duties of his office, or directs or seeks to influence the municipal manager to take any such action, interrupts the payment of... salary or benefits or compromises the security and confidentiality of the assessment records kept and maintained... in his office."

The four Council members are to show cause why permanent restraints should not be given that, in addition to what is stated in the temporary enjoining order, "award attorney's fees to (Salzano) and awarding such other relief as the court may deem just and proper."

Mayor Jim Messina, in a letter sent to each expressed disappointment at the four Council members' actions and said he seeking an outside legal opinion about a lawsuit.

"Whether or not the law was violated is not for me to decide, however, I am seeking legal advice on this matter from an outside attorney. If a case can be built around the fact that majority of the Open Public Meetings Act and the Faulkner Act, a lawsuit must be initiated," Messina said.

The four Council members asked that a temporary assessor be hired until a permanent replacement can be found, and asked that Salzano clean out his desk, give back his keys to municipal offices and secure all inventory and all records from his office.

Belleville Senior News

By Joseph Restaino



Aging Checklist

1. Everything hurts — and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work.
2. The gleam in your eyes is from the sun hitting your bifocals.
3. You feel like the morning after — and you didn't go anywhere.
4. Your "little black book" contains only names ending in M.D.
5. You get winded playing cards.
6. Your children begin to look middle-aged.
7. You know all the answers, but nobody asks you the questions.
8. You look forward to a dull evening.
9. You walk with your back straight and your head held high, trying to get used to your new bifocals.
10. Your favorite part of the newspaper is "25 years ago today."
11. You turn your lights out for economic rather than romantic reasons.
12. You sit in a rocking chair and can't get the darned thing going.
13. Your knees buckle and your belt won't.
14. After painting the town red, you have to take a long rest before applying a second coat.
15. Dialing long distance wears you out.
16. You suddenly remember your wedding anniversary was yesterday.

17. You just can't stand people who are intolerant.
18. You burn the midnight oil until 9 p.m.
19. Your back goes out more often than you do.
20. Your pacemaker makes the garage door go up when you watch a pretty girl go by.
21. The little gray-haired lady you help across the street is your wife.
22. You sink your teeth into a steak, and they stay there.

On Dec. 19, at the beautiful Chandelier Restaurant, the Belleville Senior Citizen Social Club, Inc., held its annual holiday party.

The large crowd of enthusiastic seniors danced to music of the "Charles Trio."

Well-known proprietor, Tom Apicella, made sure that the seniors did not go hungry by serving a fine and well-tasting array of food. Jennifer Apicella, the hostess, must be commended for making sure that everything went along according to schedule. Happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

James Troiano, president of the Friday Club and his committee, consisting of chairperson Betty Barr, assistants Maria Triano, Josephine Molinaro, Theresa Leonardis and Rocky Guarino, must be commended for a job well done. Congratulations to all.

On Dec. 10, the SEppo association, under President Joe Ruffalo, held its annual Christmas party for special ed children.

The SEppo organization helps the special ed kids in many

ways throughout the year.

There was dancing, pizza and juice for everyone and the Knights of Columbus building rang with the happy screams of the children when Santa arrived with a huge bag of presents for all the children at the party. I know that there were an awful lot of happy kids that day. Congratulations to all who helped, especially the ladies who baked the delicious cookies and cakes. Yum, yum!!!

The new officers for 1995 of the Belleville Italian American Civic Assoc. are as follows: president, Joe Fornarotto; vice president, Edith DeFeo; 2nd vice president, Romeo Checchetta; recording secretary, Al Vecchione; corresponding secretary, Lucy Vecchione; treasurer, Frank Ceres; sgt. at arms, Rose Capella; trustees, Sabatino Balducci, Vince Carlo and Vince Sabatino.

Happy birthday to Lucy Urso and a happy anniversary to Ceil and Joseph Celso.

Get well wishes to Leah Swanhart and Fred Behan who were in the hospital. Willie Petrucci is in the hospital and Bill Neilan and Theresa Genovese are now home.

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- Take time to think; it is the source of power.
- Take time to play; it is the secret of youth.
- Take time to read; it is the foundation of knowledge.
- Take time to laugh; it helps to lighten life's load.
- Take time for God; it is life's only lasting investment.

Judge allows school to pay Nazzola fees

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sion program that were "false and libelous statements, willfully and maliciously caused by (the) defendant... and the plaintiff has been injured and his good name and character, and his personal reputation."

Nazzola will say only that he is acting on advice of counsel not to "feed media sensationalism" about the suit, and that counsel has advised him to use public funds in his defense.

Nazzola's answer contains 29 separate defenses that invoke legal doctrines, statutes and call for dis-

missal of Montagna's suit.

Pomaco said two state statutes and a previous legal case give Nazzola "legal authorization" to pay an attorney in Pomaco's firm \$90 per hour to handle his answer to the suit.

Since Nazzola was appearing on behalf of the board to discuss an agenda issue, busing, and the incident arose in his role as school board president, he is entitled to have legal fees paid with public funds, Pomaco said.

Pomaco cited a previous case, Matawan versus the Board of Education, where a board member had their business picketed because of their stance on a school issue.

The decision reads "The school

board and residents of the school district have a vested interest that school board members undertake their responsibilities free of undue hazards to personal resources and to afford them some protection in attaining and performing their responsibilities," according to Pomaco.

In addition, statutes 18A12-20 and 18A16-6 authorize "indemnity

of members of boards of education against costs of defense of civil and criminal actions" and "the board shall defray all costs of defending such actions."

Nazzola said Pomaco's firm had "magnanimously" agreed to a fee of \$90 per hour when the school board president could have hired a specialist for \$250-\$300 per hour.

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Palmieri receives doctorate in Italian

On Dec. 7, Jules D. Palmieri, a staff member of Belleville High School, defended with success his doctoral thesis at Rutgers University. Palmieri, who is now 42 years old, received his PhD in Italian and brought honor and prestige not only to his family but also to the foreign language department and to the Belleville school system.

Palmieri was born in Bloomfield on Dec. 15, 1952. He grew up and lived most of his life in Nutley, but received all his professional training in the Belleville school system. He completed his student teaching at Belleville High School, and was hired as a high school staff member in 1976. Palmieri received his BA



Jules D. Palmieri

with a double major in Italian and English at Montclair State College, and completed his MA and PhD at Rutgers University.

Palmieri, or "Jules," as his friends call him, is a quiet and dedicated man who doesn't like to put on airs and to show his ability and remarkable achievement. However, he is exceptionally gifted with great intelligence and extensive knowledge of the English language, world history and geography, and Italian language and literature. In addition to the above qualifications, Palmieri possesses a gift that makes life more pleasant and lovable, that is a great sense of humor.

When asked to express his feel-

ings on his extraordinary achievement, Palmieri said that obtaining his doctorate was something he always wanted to do; and he did it for himself, his wife and children, and his students in general. "I want to tell young people," he stated, "that if you really want to achieve a goal, you can do it. No matter how

difficult it may seem, if you work hard and persevere, you can reach your dream."

Palmieri is married to Josephine Lorino and has a two year old son Anthony. The closest members of his family are his mother, Nancy, and his older brother, Edward. And additional good news is that his

wife is going to have another child in January. There is therefore joy and expectation in the family. The completion of a long period of studies with a doctoral degree could not take place at a better time. Congratulations, Dr. Palmieri, and best wishes for the incoming new year.

County zoo seeks volunteers

The Docent Program of Essex County's Turtle Back Zoo is looking for volunteers.

Orientation will be held on Saturday, Jan. 7, at 10 a.m. at the Education Center at the zoo, 560 Northfield Ave., West Orange. If you enjoy interacting with people and have a love of animals, come to the orientation session and sign up for training.

Training classes are scheduled to begin Jan. 21 and will meet Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 1

p.m. for 11 consecutive weeks. The classes include an introduction to zoology and instruction in touring as well as presenting information to zoo visitors.

Docents are required to volunteer 70 hours per year and must be at least 18 years of age by April 1. Weekday and weekend docents are needed.

Docents may also participate in non-public work on committees. There are committees for training, special events, continuing educa-

tion, newsletter, membership, hospitality, library and publicity. The newly formed Docent Production Video Committee has compiled several TV shows that have been on Suburban cable channel 32 recently.

For more information on the training class and orientation, call Paul Meade, docent coordinator, at 731-5801. If the weather is inclement on Jan. 7, call the above number prior to departure for orientation.

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OUR OPINION

Four Councilmembers fight to oust tax assessor 'while Rome burns'

The Township Council has once again split their loyalties in a political power struggle over who the Tax Assessor in Belleville should be, with the matter expected to fester as other professional positions at Town Hall are called into question. All this posturing, legal maneuvering and sticking out of tongues will not repair the crumbling Town Hall or the crumbling Municipal Stadium, nor will it build senior citizen housing units on the five acres of former Geriatric Hospital property on Franklin Avenue.

No, these vital projects, along with preliminary budget preparations and other functions calling for the Council's undivided attention, will have to take a back seat to Belleville politic's favorite game: political musical chairs.

Two days before Christmas, Township Manager Stephen Cuccio and Tax Assessor Thomas Salzano, instead of finishing their holiday shopping, were in Essex County Superior Court, filing a Civil Action against Councilmen Bill Cook, Jerry Digori and Joseph Scaperrotta and Councilwoman Angie Paserchia, both individually and as members of the Council, being "temporarily enjoined" from interfering with Salzano in his duties as Tax Assessor.

This begin at the last public Council meeting, when Cook abstained and the other three Council members voted against Salzano's re-appointment. Legal questions abound, with Cuccio contending that Salzano has tenure and can only be removed by the Director of the State Division of Taxation and Council members disagreeing with the legal opinions of Township Attorney Robert Giordano. Also in question is whether or not the Department of Community Affairs told the Council members they could remove Salzano.

Putting aside the valid questions of Salzano's civil rights and other questions

regarding harassment and defamation of character that would have to proven through litigation, the one thing that is clear is that this is not helping the average Belleville citizen overburdened by property taxes and waiting endlessly for improvements to take place in their Township.

Any changes in the Township's professional positions, including Manager, Attorney, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector or any other job, should be based on a review of performance, not political ties. It appears in the case of the Tax Assessor, he was to be relieved of his position without the benefit of review, and the chance to have his performance evaluated by the Township Manager, who is supposed to be in charge of the hiring and firing of all personnel.

Mayor Jim Messina expressed disappointment at the four Council members' actions and said he seeking an outside legal opinion about a lawsuit.

Digori, Paserchia and Scaperrotta were all elected in 1994 to represent taxpayers fed up with needless spending, and by and large they have kept those promises. If their actions against Salzano or any other town employee leads to the town having to incur legal fees or other costs in what appear to be the pursuit of politically-motivated firings, then they and Cook will have betrayed their campaign promises to the people of Belleville.

For Belleville's governing body to begin erasing years of non-action and neglect toward their constituents, the appointment of professional town employees needs to be done above board, with no hint of political motivation. In this holiday season, that may be the equivalent of asking Santa Claus for world peace. Instead, 1994 will become 1995 and Belleville will continue to play politics as usual.

Law's backing public funds to pay Nazziola's defense ignores taxpayers

Administrative Law Judge Irene Jones ruling that School Board President Gabe Nazziola may use Board of Education funds and legal representation in defending himself in a lawsuit may have been correct in the eyes of the law, but in the eyes of overburdened Belleville taxpayers, it is still wrong.

Frank Montagna had filed a complaint with the state Administrative Law Judge alleging that School Board President Gabe Nazziola is using public funds for a private lawsuit Montagna brought against Nazziola. The funds are being used to defend Nazziola in Montagna's slander suit. Judge Jones agreed with School Board Attorney Frank Pomaco, who has cited a legal precedent for paying legal fees to a school board member when the officials is acting in an official school capacity.

We think if Judge Jones had looked at the

difficulty many residents are having paying their property taxes, and the likelihood that Nazziola's legal fees will add to that tax burden, she would have ruled otherwise. The question is not about the legitimacy of the suit, or of Nazziola's right defend himself in his actions as Board President. We agree that he should be able to do so.

If, however, Nazziola loses his case, and is forced to pay all his and Montagna's legal fees, the amounts could be significant. Nazziola claims Montagna's suit has no merit. If so, he should put his money where his mouth is and defend himself, not put the people of Belleville at risk.

In a perfect world, Nazziola and Montagna could settle their differences as adults. In the imperfect world of Belleville, however, public money can *never* be justified to pay for anyone's legal fees in a private lawsuit.

Quotables

Love seems the swiftest, but it is the slowest of all growths. No man or woman really knows what perfect love is until they have been married a quarter of a century. -- Mark Twain

One can always be kind to people about whom one cares nothing. -- Oscar Wilde

There is a kinship between all persons of intelligence, however antagonistic their moral outlook. -- Norman Douglas

It makes all the difference whether you hear an insect in the bedroom or in the garden. -- Robert Lynd

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YOUR OPINION

Politics for profit

To the editor:

In case you haven't noticed, another election has gone by, and each time I see the costs spent to get elected. This can only lead me to believe that all of the programs the politicos have established to create a "code of ethics" are as unsuccessful as all the other programs adopted.

People go into politics for very few reasons. They want fame, and cannot afford to buy a major league sports team. They want attention, and they can't sing or dance. To be elected is, to some, a feeling of superiority (if they are will vote to have me lead, it's logical that they are my followers). A very few believe they can actually effect change for the better, but most go into politics for money.

It's the politics-for-profit groups that indicate the

failure of the ethics program. Why should anyone spend hundreds or thousands of dollars to get jobs that pay only \$7,500 and \$12,000, if there were not unseen benefits? You need only compare a politician's income when elected and when he or she leaves office.

It is clear, then; spending money on a campaign is an investment. If the people signing those bogus ethics bills could be trusted, we wouldn't need the ethics bill. I wonder how many elected officials make more money in office than they ever had before.

For every action there is an opposite and equal reaction. This may explain why, as the township and educational officials spend more and more each year, government also gets less and less effective.

It would be nice to see a model of efficiency and waste reduction in our township.

Let's look at a hypothetical plan. The township hopes to reduce energy and water use, and have better air and less trash in the offices by the year 2000. To that end, our bureaucrats will: install more efficient light bulbs, install recycling bins, use mulching mowers, put a new refrigerator in the mayor's office, replace old windows, get rid of window-unit air conditioners, and water the lawn with waste water from drinking fountains.

On one Saturday, half of the husbands in Bloomfield are given longer job lists to be completed by Sunday night. Our bureaucrats hope to have their plans completed by the year 2000.

Perhaps, though, it's a good thing they are the way they are -- think how much meddling they could do if they were efficient.

Get the point, people.

Joseph Quintavella

Holiday essay contest lauded

To the editor:

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the Belleville Holiday Celebration Committee '94 for the Christmas Tree Lighting at the Recreation House on Joralemon Street on Dec. 16. Students in grades four through six were invited to write an essay and to "dig deep into their feelings" and think beyond themselves for wishes for others for the holiday season.

This event was very exhilarating to all who were present. I truly thank Angie Paserchia and committee members Barbara Cicalese, Bill Cook, Carla Fiscaldo, Thomas Fiscaldo, Dr.'s Lori and Michael Ippolito, Marie Messina, Angelo Paserchia, Judy Pistowski, Grace Purdue, Joseph Scaparrotta, and Richard Yanuzzi for their time in reading and judging all essays, providing delicious refreshments for all, pictures with Santa, and for sponsoring such a positive event.

All of these members have given the pupils of Belleville encouragement to express themselves and to achieve recognition by so many individuals.

I was very touched by the entire event and it will live in the memories of all of us. Besides lighting a tree, I believe the committee has lit an "internal candle" in all those present that evening!

Debra McDonagh
Special Education Teacher
School No. 3

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

• IN San Francisco recently, two men drove onto a sidewalk in pursuit of a gay couple, pinned one of the men against the wall with their four-wheel-drive vehicle, and shot him in the chest. No doubt, the two men will be facing a charge and trial to teach others a lesson that in America people have a choice of the life style they care to live. It is in defense of that freedom that a judge should come down hard on the two men. Let them serve a ten-year jail sentence for interfering with a person's right to have a life style of his or her own choosing.

• IN the campaigns recently completed, candidates of every stripe and running for every office zeroed in on the subject of taxes. Well, in this week's mail, I received a tax bill from the County of Palm Beach. We're accustomed in our area to receiving a real estate tax bill with two amounts, one for land, the other for building. The following appears on the tax bill that I received from the County of Palm Beach. The only thing I think they missed was a listing for Aids - but maybe, that will come later.

County	\$1,255.73
School State	2,023.22
School Local	744.83
Town of High-land Beach	1,084.65
So. Fla. Water Mgmt.	145.37
Childrens Svcs. Council	103.02
F.I.N.D.	14.33
PBC Health Care District	424.13

Everglades Constr. Project	29.25
County Debt	66.16
School Debt	181.06
Town of High-land Beach Debt	85.35

So - I guess, compared to Florida real estate taxes, we should consider ourselves lucky. Imagine if our property taxes included Water Management, Childrens Services, F.I.N.D., PBC Health Care District and Everglades Construction Project.

• UNICO, the national Italian-American service organization, has a new chapter recently organized in Belleville spear-headed by Bloomfield's Emanuele Alfano, assisted by Eugene Antonio and Charles Palmisano of the Bloomfield delegation. Unico stands for Unity, Neighborliness, Integrity, Charity and Opportunity. That's a mouthful. Wouldn't it be a wonderful revelation for not only members of Unico but the members of the human race to live by the high standards of U-N-I-C-O. The charter members consisted of 22 Belleville residents.

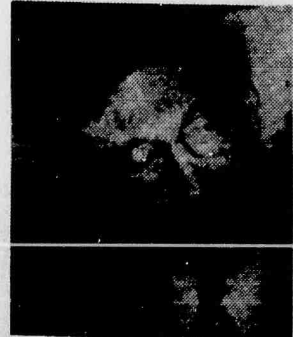
• THE Program Planning Meeting of the League of Women Voters of the Nutley Area is scheduled for Monday, January 9, 1995 at the home of Mary Jane Emde. This is an organization on the grow and on the go.

• PETER VAN NORDE completes his presidential term of the Upper Montclair Country Club. The club enjoyed great improvements during Van Norde's term. Under his leader-

ship, the club went through a substantial physical rebuilding. Assisting Van Norde in achieving his goals was the outstanding General Manager Edward Jaworski and assistant Barbara Giampietro. UMCC is an outstanding club and lucky to have the team of Van Norde, Ed Jaworski and Barbara Giampietro to maintain the high quality of club life that has made UMCC one of the outstanding clubs in America.

• PRAISE the Lord! The Meadowlands Sports and Exposition Authority President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Mulcahy gave us some good news last week - the 1994 profit and loss reflected a surplus of \$2 Million which the Meadowlands turned over to the New Jersey Treasury Department's General Fund. Mulcahy expects 1995 to be better. He attributed the results to several factors including increased racing revenues developing largely from simulcasting. 1993 revenue generated from the track was \$87 Million. This year, it reached \$98 Million and next year, racing revenue should exceed \$101 Million.

Michael Francis, Sports Authority Chairman, last week praised Mulcahy's leadership and observed that the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority was performing in a manner that meets Governor Christie Whitman's objective to make government agencies smarter and smaller.



Robert Mulcahy

Municipal Stadium plans

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ing the three exterior stadium walls, interior restrooms and the concession stands, repairing broken windows, and paving both the Norton Street access area and the tennis courts.

The Council has agreed that such temporary repairs were necessary since any state Green Acres funding was at least 18 months away.

Digori has repeatedly said that spending any significant money

might be a waste of time if the entire stadium is going to be redone.

Mayor Jim Messina has opposed Digori's call for drastic changes to the overall stadium complex that Digori and Councilman Victor Canning say are needed.

Messina said he favors following the detailed architectural drawings of local architect Jim Landon, that call for repairing the existing facilities in phases.

Officials have suggested that the new DPW director be told to provide a maintenance plan, to be done in April and November.

Hospitals unite

(continued from page 1)
a leadership committee comprised of board members, physicians and senior managers from both organizations is charged with designing the framework of the collaboration, they said.

The goals of the collaboration, they said, are as follows:

- Provide patients, physicians, employers and managed care companies with a comprehensive continuum of care under an integrated health care delivery system.

- Establish clinical excellence and customer service as its hallmarks while preserving each hospital's values and culture.

- Strengthen benefits to the communities by offering programs that improve health status and access to health care services.

- Enhance both hospitals' market positions and competitiveness in the new managed care environment through increased visibility and geographic reach.

- Strengthen financial viability of both organizations by reducing costs through economies of scale.

- Offer physicians and patients all the major managed care health plans.

- Offer physicians and employees greater opportunity to grow, build partnerships and better respond to patient needs.

Clara Maass Health System has been serving its community for more than 125 years, and the General Hospital Center at Passaic has been serving its community for 103 years.



DIABETES SEMINAR WELL ATTENDED - The General Hospital Center at Passaic recently sponsored a free informational diabetes seminar at the Ramada Inn in Clifton. More than 200 people attended the seminar, including Ann Cestaro of Belleville (center). Mark Wiesen, M.D., and Josephine Jaspas, M.D., both endocrinologists and internists at The General with private practices in Clifton, gave presentations about the facts of diabetes, and exercise for diabetic patients, respectively. Donna Yannacone, R.D., a dietitian at The General, spoke about healthy food choices for those with diabetes.



RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE - Honorees at the Dinner Dance, (left to right): Nicole Gammara and Sabrina Sena are recognized by Marie Strumolo Burke and Angela Cuozzo-Zarro.



HOLIDAY SMILES - Enjoying the festivities are President of the SLCA, Marie Strumolo Burke, and her husband, Charlie.



TICKET TAKERS - Working at the ticket table of the SLCA Holiday Dinner Dance were (left to right): Grace Dondarski, chairperson; Angela Cuozzo-Zarro; and her sister, Grace Constantino.

Silver Lakers held holiday dinner dance

The Silver Lake Civic Association Holiday Party - Dinner Dance was a huge success. It was held on Nov. 25 at the Branch Brook Manor and attended by almost 200 people. Committee chairperson Angela Cuozzo-Zarro was excited at the response and so was co-chairperson Sam Papa. Other committee members are Marie Strumolo-Burke, Rita Charles, Grace Constantino and Dennis Forlenza. Silver Lakers Sabrina Sena was honored by the committee for being the Valedictorian of the Class of 1994 and Nicole Gammara for being chosen the Bella Signorina for the Columbus Day Parade.

Besides having many political figures joining the party, many Silver Lakers who moved away came that night to see old friends. There were graduates of School #4

from 35 to 50 years ago.

The Silver Lake Civic Association has a group of dedicated people that are concerned with the area they live in. Many things are happening in the Lake and the group is on top of what is going on. But this night, everyone put all problems aside - put their dancing shoes on and boogied the night away.

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Lloyd Hudson, 77

Lloyd N. Hudson, 77, of Belleville died Dec. 23 in Arbor Glen Convalescent Center, Cedar Grove.

A Masonic service was held Saturday in the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley. Mr. Hudson was an assembler

with Curtiss-Wright, Caldwell for 25 years before retiring.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge 124, Hope.

Born in Kearny, Mr. Hudson lived in Belleville for 45 years.

Surviving are a son, Neil, and two grandchildren.

Christine Rotondi, 82

A Mass for Christine Rotondi, 82, of Parlin, was offered Tuesday in the Holy Family Church, Nutley, after the funeral from the Zarro Funeral Home, Bloomfield.

Mrs. Rotondi died Dec. 23 in the South Ambrosy General Hospital. She had been an accounting secretary with the Prudential Life Insurance Co., Newark, before retiring.

She was a member of the St. Bernadette's Church Senior Group, Parlin, and the St. Ambrose Church Senior Group, Old Bridge.

Born in New York, Mrs. Rotondi lived in Belleville before moving to Parlin 18 years ago.

Surviving are two sons, Richard and John; a daughter, Carol Barra, and nine grandchildren.

Walter Bliss Sr., 65

Walter R. Bliss Sr., 65, of Orange died Dec. 22 in the Hospital Center at Orange.

Services were held Saturday in the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mr. Bliss was a spray painter with the Leslie Valve Co., Parsippany, for 11 years, retiring 18 years ago. Earlier, he had been employed with the Federal Leather

Co., Belleville.

Mr. Bliss served in the Marines during World War II.

Born in Newark, he lived in Nutley and Belleville before moving to Orange four years ago.

Surviving are four daughters, Adele, Regina, Patricia and Joycelyn Ferris; four sons, Walter Jr., Albert, Robert and Michael; and a grandchild.

Ann Rotondelli, 75

A Mass for Ann Rotondelli, 75, of Brick Township will be offered 10:30 a.m. today in Holy Family Church, Nutley, after the funeral from the Biondi Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mrs. Rotondelli died Dec. 25 in Brick Hospital.

Born in Belleville, she lived in Clifton before moving to Brick Township 15 years ago.

Surviving are two sons, John and Gary; two brothers, Sam and Edward Sicoli, and seven grandchildren.

Obituaries

Edna Kardell, 68

Edna Kardell, 68, of Belleville died Dec. 22 in the Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville.

Services will be held privately under the direction of the Riggio

Funeral Home, Jersey City.

Born in Jersey City, she moved to Belleville four years ago.

Surviving is a son, James.

Adele Kraemer, 78

Adele Kraemer, 78, a lifelong Belleville resident, died Dec. 22 in her home.

Services were held Saturday in the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mrs. Kraemer was employed by the Prudential Insurance Co. in

Newark and later Roseland for 15 years before retiring 20 years ago.

Born in Irvington, she resided in Belleville for many years.

Surviving are two sons, Charles Jr. and William; a brother, John Rapp, and three grandchildren.

Malcom D. Lamb, 83

Malcolm D. Lamb, 83, of Pine Brook, formerly of Belleville, died Dec. 9 in St. Clare's-Riverside Medical Center, Denville.

Born in Passaic, he lived in Belleville for many years before moving to Pine Brook 37 years ago. Mr. Lamb worked as a purchasing clerk for Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, Newark, for 36 years, retired in 1978.

A veteran of the Army Air Corp 317th Squadron in World War II, he was a member of the Varsity Club of Belleville and was induct-

ed into the Belleville High School Baseball Hall of Fame in 1989.

A Memorial Service was held Dec. 18th in the Montville United Methodist Church, Towaco.

Mr. Lamb is survived by his wife, Muriel E. nee (Kieferdorf); and a brother, Arthur W. Lamb. He was preceded in death by his son, Peter Albert Lamb. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Montville United Methodist Church, 29 Whitehall Road, Towaco, N.J. 07082.

W. Frances Napolitano

Services for W. Frances Napolitano, 80, of Roanoke, Va. will be held at 10 a.m. today in the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mrs. Napolitano, who died Dec. 24 in Brandon Oaks, Roanoke, was born in Rich Creek, Va., and lived in Nutley for many years before moving to Virginia two and a half

years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Margaret Mascia; two sons, Leon Jr. and Robert; a brother, James Wilson; six sisters, Mabel Wahlgren, Grace Sefoyk, Margie Gallion, Virginia Ostaf, Alma Bips and Sylvia Valenzisi, and a grandchild.

Society offers discount books

Entertainment books for 1995 are now available through the American Cancer Society, Essex County unit.

The books offer half-price coupons for area restaurants, movie theaters and stores, as well as discounts on dry cleaning, car washes, airline tickets and national hotels.

Coupons are valid through Nov. 30, 1995, and books for different counties in the state and around the country are available.

Entertainment books are \$40, and a portion of the sale price goes directly to the American Cancer Society. Proceeds from the fund raiser will benefit the society's programs of research, education, and patient services.

The books can be picked up at the American Cancer Society office, 767 Northfield Ave., West Orange, weekdays, during business hours. For more information, call the office at 736-7770.

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Estelle O'Connor, 85

A Mass for Estelle O'Connor, 85, of Vero Beach, Fla. was offered Tuesday in St. Valentine's Church, Bloomfield. Arrangements were by the Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, N.Y.

Mrs. O'Connor, who died Dec. 25 in the home of her daughter, Barbara Kenny, in Brewster, was

born in Bloomfield and lived in Belleville before moving to Vero Beach.

Also surviving are another daughter, Joan; two sisters, Mary Cutright and Edna Loesch; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Helen D'Alconzo, 77

A Mass for Helen D'Alconzo, 77, of Belleville was offered yesterday in Holy Family Church, Nutley, after the funeral from the Biondi Funeral Home of Nutley.

Mrs. D'Alconzo died Dec. 25 in Clara Maass Medical Center,

Belleville.

Surviving are a daughter, Margaret; two sons, Vito and Joseph Jr.; two sisters, Rose Iacullo and Mary Nucci, and four grandchildren.

Carol Christ, 47

A Mass for Carol Christ, 47, of Belleville will be offered at 10 a.m. today in St. Peter's Church, Belleville, after the funeral from the Zarro Funeral Home, Bloomfield.

Mrs. Christ, who died Dec. 25 in West Hudson Hospital, Kearny, was a clerical worker with the Jamesway Corp., Secaucus, for

seven years.

Born in Newark, she lived in Belleville for 23 years.

Surviving are her husband, Richard Sr.; two sons, Richard Jr. and Joseph; a daughter, Renee; her mother, Julia Billey; three sisters, Brenda Mascitelli, Susan Sudol and Nancy Sudol, and a grandchild.

Lucille Pannullo, 71

Lucille R. Pannullo, 71, of Belleville died Dec. 17 in her home.

A Mass was offered Tuesday in St. Peter's Church, Belleville, after the funeral from the Megaro Memorial Home, Belleville.

Mrs. Pannullo was a dietary aide for Newark College of Engineering

for 12 years. She retired 20 years ago.

Born in the Bronx, she lived in Belleville for many years.

Surviving are two sons, Robert and Joseph; a daughter, Joanne Roessner; a sister, Josephine Dister, and seven grandchildren.

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The tests will require facility modifications, facility replacements, and facility installation at approximately 17 locations along the 120-mile test route. Any areas detected by the test, that potentially warrant further attention will be inspected and repaired as necessary. The tests will be performed within TGPL's existing right-of-way or acquired work space and are scheduled from April 1 to Oct. 1, 1995. The TGPL will test four (4) sections of its pipeline. Test section one will near Somerset in Mercer County extending to Milltown in Middlesex County and on to Morgan also in Middlesex County. A second test section will extend from near Somerset to Princeton in Mercer

County to TGPL's Compressor Station 505 and extend to a point near Harmony in Warren County. The fourth test section will start at a point near Roseland in Essex County and extend to a point approximately three miles southeast of Lyndhurst in Bergen County and on to North Bergen, ending near Guttenberg in Hudson County.

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Literary program at library

Join the Literature Department of the Woman's Club at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center on Jan. 11, at 1 p.m. for a discussion of the book "Snows of Kilimanjaro" by Ernest Hemingway, followed by a showing of the film. The public is invited to attend. The program is being coordinated by Adrea Cohen, and co-chair Helen Talbot.

Special program for teens

A new club at the library for grades 7-12 has been initiated by Joan Taub, head of young peoples and adult services.

Every two weeks at 4 p.m., there will be a special program. On Jan. 11, there will be a woodcarving demonstration by artist Michael Accunzo of Belleville.

Library seeks funding

The library is seeking funding for its English As A Second Language Classes, for its Italian Class, for its annual De. Elliot Engel Lecture, and funding for its Eight Live Monday Evening programs for families.

For further information call library director, Adrea Cohen, at 450-3434.

Family Film Class Festival

From January through April, 1995, the Belleville Public Library and Information Center is sponsoring a Family Film Class Festival on Saturdays at 1 p.m.

On Jan. 7 "Dr. Doolittle" Jan. 14, "Annie"; Jan. 21 "White Fang," Jan. 28, "Cool Runnings."

BOOK MARKS



Students from School Number Eight enjoy a tour of the Library's Carnegie Room, given by Melissa Kopecky, as well as a library program. If you wish to book a class for a tour, call Melissa Kopecky or Leigha White for grades 1-6 and Cindy LaRue or Joan Taub for grades 7-12.

Calendar of Events

In the Trustees Gallery: The art of Eileen and Glenn Albrecht, a mother and son watercolor and oil exhibition, will take place during the month of January at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center, 221 Washington Avenue.

Library Exhibits: A display of books, entitled "We Remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." will be on exhibit at the library.

For black history month, "Stamp Plates" by Betty Johnson will be on exhibit at the library.

Dec. 29 - The Thursday Film Class Series will see the film "It's a Wonderful Life" at 1 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center.

Dec. 30 - The Musical Film Class Series will feature the film "The Glen Miller Story" at 12:30 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center.

Jan. 3 - The Opera Appreciation Class will see the film "Norma" at 12:30 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center.

"Book Bingo" will take place at 3:20 p.m. at the Shafter Branch Library, 30 Magnolia Street.

Jan. 5 - The Thursday Film Class will see the film "Awakenings" at 1 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center.

Jan. 6 - The Musical Film Class Series will see the film "South Pacific" at 12:30 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center.

Checkers will be featured at 3:20 p.m. at the Shafter Branch Library, 30 Magnolia Street.

Jan. 7 - "Dr. Doolittle" will be shown at 1 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center.

"Helpful Thank You Notes" will be a special program that will take place at 2 p.m. in the James J. Cozzarelli Jr. Children's Room.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and for black history month, the Belleville Public Library and Information Center, is providing special programs.

On Jan. 18, at 1 p.m., the film "Amazing Grace" will be shown, as well as on Jan. 23 at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

On Jan. 25, at 1 p.m. and Feb. 6 at 1 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. "Portraits in Black" and "Black History: Lost, Stolen or Strayed" will be shown.

For further information, call the library at 450-3434.

Library Board of Trustees

The next meeting of the Library board of trustees will take place on Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center.

In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held the following Wednesday, also at 7 p.m.



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EVENTS IN THE AREA

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; **Fridays,** Grace Episcopal Church, 200 Highfield Lane, Nutley (7:30 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.

For singles only...

Essex County Chapter COPO (non-sectarian group of widows and widowers), monthly social 8 to 11:30 p.m. Jan. 7, United Methodist Church of Little Falls, 139 Main St. Live music, dancing, mixers, line dancing, refreshments. For info, call 751-3015.

Meetings...

Bloomfield Knights of Columbus, 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. **Jan. 3:** black and white and color slide competition; **Jan. 10:** nature competition; **Jan. 17:** program, "Beguiling Butterflies"; **Jan. 24:** workshop (to be announced).

Ladies Auxiliary Stuart E. Edgar Post 493, VFW, business meeting 8 p.m. Jan. 10, post home, 271 Washington Ave., Nutley. Membership is open. Write Stuart E. Edgar Post 493 Auxiliary, 376 Chestnut St., Nutley, 07110.

Nutley AARP Chapter, 1 p.m. Jan. 12, Parks and Recreation building, 44 Park Ave. Guest speaker: Semmes Clarke of The Hospice, Inc., Glen Ridge. To join the chapter, bring national membership card and \$2.

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.

Belleville Kiwanis Club, 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Meyers Bakery & Cafe, Franklin Ave., Nutley. Call Nino Bucciarelli at 751-2110 or Vince Sorrentino at 759-6475 for info.

Fundraisers...

"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 \$12.50 in coin and \$5 food voucher. Sponsored by Belleville Democratic Club. For information, call George Simon at 751-4142, Frank Bonavita at 759-5533 or Vincent Simeone at 759-0909.

Murder mystery dinner and show, 7 p.m. Feb. 18, St. Peter's School gym, 152 William St., Belleville. \$35 includes catered buffet dinner and murder mystery performed by Jade Greene Productions. For tickets and info, call Helen at 759-1602 or Karen at 759-4607.

Buccaneer license plate brackets, \$3, white with blue lettering: Belleville Buccaneers — Pride, Power and Prestige. Call Nina at 751-2688 or Debbie at 751-3987. Fundraiser for music program for K to 12.

Entertainment '95 books, \$40. Can be used now through Dec. 1995. **Women's Auxiliary, Nutley Lions Club, Sonja** at 235-1500; **Sisterhood of Congregation Ahavath Achim, Belleville,** 759-9394; **St. Mary's Hospital**

Guild, 470-3047; Good Shepherd Academy, 667-2049 or 667-5081.

Other events...

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. Volunteers needed for Outreach program. Call Marie Cropollo at 746-4644 after 2:30 p.m. **Jan. 14:** skin cancer; **Jan. 21:** eye problems.

25th anniversary celebration, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council 6195, Jan. 21, Chandelier, Franklin Ave., Belleville. For info, call 667-8217 or 661-9664 by Jan. 10.

Registration for Nutley Adult School, Monday, Feb. 13 and Thursday, Feb. 16, 7 to 9 p.m., Nutley High School, 300 Franklin Ave. Classes begin Monday, Feb. 29. 3- to 10-week courses and one night seminars in finance, computer, languages, dancing, arts and crafts and more. Brochures will be mailed to all Nutley residents.

Used birthday, Christmas cards, etc. may be sent to St. Jude's Ranch for Children, 100 St. Jude's St., Boulder City, NV 89005. Cut off backs and send fronts of cards only, 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.

Class reunions...

Belleville 1945, planning 50-year reunion. Viola Scribner Mueller, 2420 Hulick Place, Rahway 07065, (908) 382-0430; Pat Ford Paganelli, 45 Trafalgar Drive, Colonia 07067, (908) 381-2143; Alex Sullivan Mische, 106 Warren St., Nutley 07110; Frank Bemis, 455 Mt. Prospect Ave., Clifton, 07012.

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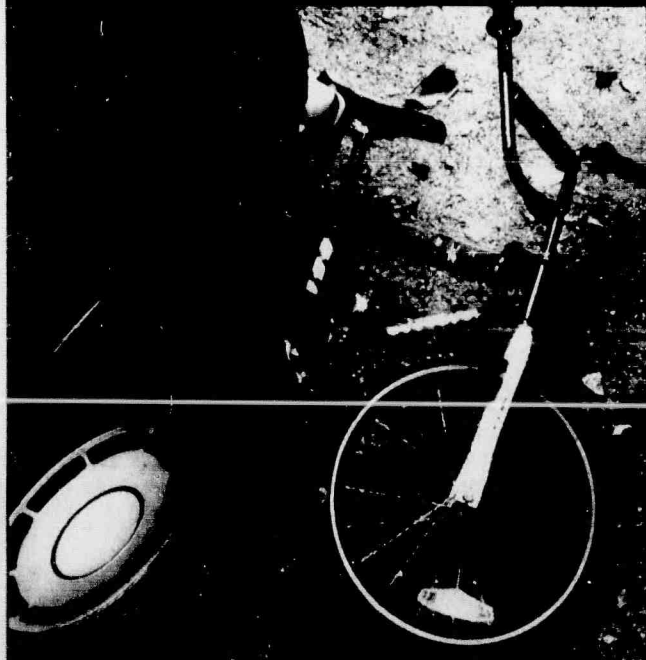
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Alison L. Schvier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schvier of Nutley, and Frank D. Ferraro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pasquale Ferraro of Parlin, were married Sept. 18 at McAteers, Somerset.

The Rev. Dennis O'Neil performed the ceremony. A reception followed.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a white satin gown fashioned with a high illusion neckline, fitted bodice, long sleeves and semi-cathedral train trimmed in lace, sequins and pearls.

Robin Schvier-Cabanas of Somerset was her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids included another sister, Wendy Schvier-Mavroukakis of Irvine, Calif. and the groom's sister, Christina Ferraro of Parlin.

They were in tea-length black and white dresses with matching hats and black gloves and carried red roses.

Carmen Ferraro of Parlin served

as his brother's best man. Ushering were the bride's brother, Glenn Schvier of Nutley and Joseph Paris of Little Falls. Gregory Cabanas of Somerset, nephew of the bride, was ringbearer.

Mrs. Schvier chose a peach lace dress and had a corsage of white roses. The groom's mother, in a black suit, had a corsage of red roses.

Mrs. Ferraro, an alumna of Nutley High School, earned a bachelor's degree in engineering and a master's in business from NJIT. She is an industrial/computer engineer with the U.S. Government.

Mr. Ferraro, a graduate of Belleville High School, holds undergraduate and master's degrees in engineering. He is senior engineer with Danline Co., Kenilworth.

The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia and have made their home in Lake Hopatcong.



Mr. and Mrs. John Napolitano — nee Renee Ciampi

Renee Ciampi bride of John Napolitano

Renee Ciampi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ciampi of Nutley, became the bride Sept. 17 of John Joseph Napolitano, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Napolitano of Belleville.

The Rev. William P. Sheridan performed the ceremony in Holy Family Church, Nutley. A reception followed at The Bethwood, Totowa.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a white sheath with detachable train, accented with pearls, sequins and bugle beads. A headpiece of silk roses, pearls and sequins held her veil and she carried a cascade of white roses and orchids.

Michelle Ciampi of Nutley was her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Christina Burnett of Bloomfield and Tracey Nazare of Nutley. Diana Holler of Nutley was junior bridesmaid.

They were attired in teal gowns with portrait necklines and carried

lilies, carnations and roses in shades of hot pink, light pink and purple.

James Napolitano of Belleville served as his brother's best man. Robert Ciampi of Nutley and John Stampone of Belleville ushered. Ringbearer was Michael Holler of Nutley.

Mrs. Ciampi chose a pink gown accented with bugle beads, sequins and rhinestones. The groom's mother was in a champagne gown trimmed in pearls and sequins. Corsages were of white roses.

Mrs. Napolitano, an alumna of Nutley High School and Kean College, Union, is a sales associate with Nutley Watch Shop.

Mr. Napolitano, a graduate of Belleville High School, is an Essex County Sheriff's officer.

The couple honeymooned at Disney World, Orlando, Florida, and have made their home in Belleville.



Jessica Vinick — Gino Gencarelli

Jessica Vinick engaged to Gino Gencarelli

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Vinick of Vineland announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica, to Gino Frank Gencarelli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gencarelli of Nutley.

The wedding is planned for next Sept. 9.

Miss Vinick, an alumna of

Vineland High School, is a secretary at Information Products, Fairfield.

Mr. Gencarelli received his high school diploma at Essex County College. He is the owner of Cousins' Pizzeria, Bloomfield.

Michele Caruso to wed Louis Sacchiero

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Caruso of Belleville announce the engagement of their daughter, Michele, to Louis Sacchiero, son of Mrs. Diana Sacchiero and Louis Sacchiero, also of Belleville.

Belleville High School, attends William Paterson College, Wayne.

Mr. Sacchiero, a graduate of Belleville High School, is with Capalbo's, Nutley.

The wedding is planned for June 22, 1996.



Louis Sacchiero — Michele Caruso

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Rebecca Kristin Girimonte

A first child, a daughter, Rebecca Kristin, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Girimonte Nov. 7 at Mountainside Hospital, Montclair. Birth weight was 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

Mrs. Girimonte is the former Lisa Cerlione, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Cerlione of Belleville. Mr. Girimonte is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Girimonte of Fort Myers, Florida.

Salvatore Dominick Gabriele

A first child, a son, Salvatore Dominick, was born to Michelle Alessio of Belleville and Sal Gabriele of Nutley Dec. 16 at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. Birth weight was 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

Mr. Gabriele is a self-employed landscaper.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alessio of Belleville.

Blake Alexander DelleFave

A second child, a son, Blake Alexander, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey DelleFave of Belleville Dec. 11 at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. Birth weight was 7 pounds, 1 ounce. He joins Ashley Rose, two.

Mrs. DelleFave is the former Anna Longo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Longo of Belleville. She is a physical therapist assistant at the Cerebral Palsy Center. Mr. DelleFave, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew DelleFave of Nutley, is a certified public accountant with Ernst & Young.

Angela Marie Zigarelli

A fourth child, a daughter, Angela Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zigarelli of Belleville Nov. 30 at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. Birth weight was 7 pounds, 10 ounces. She joins Michele, 14, Ronnie, 12 and Joey, three.

Mrs. Zigarelli is the former Deborah Terrezza, daughter of Michael Terrezza, Sr. of Belleville and the late Geraldine Terrezza. Mr. Zigarelli, son of Ellen Zigarelli of Belleville and the late Adolph Zigarelli, is an engineer with Bendix, Teterboro.

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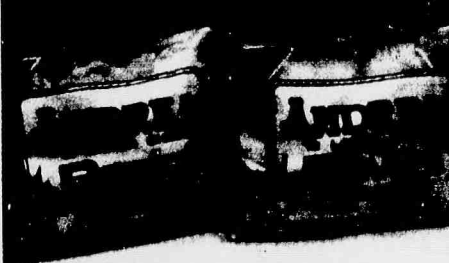
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SPORTS



1995: What's in store?

It's safe to say that 1994 was a memorable year. In the world of sports, there were many memories, unfortunately some of which were not pleasant.

The O.J. Simpson story took up entirely too much time and, sadly, will take up an inordinate amount of time in 1995 when the much anticipated trial begins.

I realize that a celebrity will get special treatment and the media will take the time to watch his, or hers every move. But media coverage of the now infamous white Bronco heading down the Southern California Freeways during rush hour in June of last year, gave the world an idea of sensationalism at its saddest.

The only thing that should have mattered here is that two innocent people were murdered and that a suspect is in custody. Let the judicial process take its course. In a perfect world, that would happen. It won't be the case here, and we'll have to hear long monologues on every television talk show for the next six months on every angle the case takes. (I'll stick to 'Nick At Nite').

The labor wars that destroyed the baseball season in 1994 and the one that is currently ruining the sport of hockey, also got the brunt of coverage.

Baseball will need at least 15 years to recover from this latest fiasco. Here, I blame the players, although the owners aren't without their share of criticism, too. The season had begun, there were some marvelous pennant races going on, individual statistics were phenomenal, and then, on August 12, the players strike, and the season is wiped out.

I've heard all about the owners wanting to break the union, but there could have been a way for the players to complete the season.

Without fans, there is not game. Period. No fans means no ticket purchases and television will not pay dime one for the rights to show a ball park with no one sitting in the stands. So, spare me with how the players are fighting for the future of the game, and how they can't be held hostage to that horrible salary cap. Come back to reality. You're playing baseball, not saving lives.

In regard to hockey, a little more compassion goes to the players. The players had offered, before the start of the season, to play the entire '94-95 campaign without a threat of a mid season walk out.

The owners said no. NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman felt it necessary to work out a deal before beginning the season. Now, the sides are so bitter that the chances of resolving the strike and having just a portion of a season are dismal.

Bettman's decision makes no sense, especially when you consider that professional hockey, for the longest time, was not very popular to begin with in the United States. Last year was a breakthrough one for the sport, with the Rangers winning the Stanley Cup.

Bettman negotiated a big time television contract. The fans were beginning to take a big interest in the game. Now, there's a strike that will most assuredly ruin the progress the game made.

Unlike baseball, which, one day, can recover, hockey cannot lay claim to the same hope. The game could be ruined forever on the professional level, regardless of whether the players come back in 1995 or not.

There were some exciting moments, mainly the Winter Olympics (never mind the Tanya and Nancy mess), the Dallas Cowboys winning the Super Bowl, the Rangers, as mentioned, capturing one of the most exciting Stanley Cups ever, the success of the Knicks and the Yankees (before the strike) and various college sports.

Let's hope 1995 will be just as exciting, and, a year from now, I won't have to talk about labor strife and O.J. Simpson. There was enough negative talk about sports this year for a lifetime.

Here are some ideas for 1995, hypothetical, of course. Before I start, a very happy and safe New Year to all our readers.

January: Baseball strike is settled. Juliann Walsh returns from Costa Rica and announces her undying loyalty to the Belleville Times Sports Editor.

February: Belleville wrestling team wins another district title. Don Roll does not pull out all of his hair. M.L. works up enough nerve to call T.V. and does so on Valentine's Day.

March: Spring training begins. M.L. goes out with T.V. St. Louis Cardinals are favored to win the World Series. Carl Corino returns as Buc softball coach. (George Zanfini contemplates coming out of retirement).

April: Commercial Leader submits budgets and Patty Theodore finds out she has to set all the budgets by herself. Dave Salata announces his engagement.

May: Tina Marie Farah gets job in Marketing Department of major commercial bank. Susan Castano runs the Ridgewood run on Memorial Day in 42:55. Mike Lamberti runs it in 44:00 while pushing a stroller occupied by the legendary Lauren Kelly Murray. Belleville baseball team advances to GNT finals.

June: Patty Theodore remains under heavy sedation after finishing last budget for Commercial Leader. "Babe" is officially named for Mike and Diane.

July: Dave Salata begins plans for his lavish wedding, to be held outdoors. Juliann Walsh writes long editorial in Nutley Sun, telling the Belleville Times Sports Editor how special he is to her. Belleville Bruins win divisional championship in ECBL.

August: On second anniversary of the day he said "L" word to T.V., M.L. does it again, but this time gets it right.

September: Cardinals win N.L. Central. Philadelphia Eagles win season opener and are favorites to win the Super Bowl (don't laugh, it could happen. It could also snow on July 4th weekend).

October: Eagles improve to 6-0. Buc football team gets off to good start. Soccer team earns top seed in county tournament. Cards advance to World Series.

November: M.L. visits jewelry store. Dave Salata announces his wedding day will be in May of 1996.

December: M.L. proposes to T.V. on New Years Eve, while the song "Through the Fire, To the Limit, To the Wall," is playing.

Improve to 3-1, Tri County action this week

Addis leads Lady Bucs, 64-40

By Mike Lamberti

Following a performance classified by its coach as "sad", the Lady Buc basketball team won two impressive games last week to improve to 3-1 on the season.

Cheryl Marion's team began action in the Tri County Holiday tournament last Tuesday with a game against Clifton. The championship and consolation games will be played tonight, at Plainfield High School.

Belleville resumes league action on January 6, with a game against Immaculate Heart, on the road. Tip off time is 7:30 p.m.

The "sad" game came against Columbia last Monday. It was a 55-28 loss and afterward, Marion wasn't mincing words.

"We were terrible," the coach said. "Columbia has some big players, and Deana (Addis) hurt her ankle early and didn't play. But we still should have played better than that, and the girls know it."

The team also missed the services of Kim Mahoney, who hurt her shoulder and was limited in her play.

Columbia led 14-9 after one, then broke it wide open in the sec-

ond quarter, outscoring Belleville 16-0 and taking a 30-9 lead into the intermission.

It was 48-17 after three before Belleville finally outscored the Lady Cougars in the final quarter to make the final count 55-28.

"They (Columbia) ran well and we just couldn't keep up," Marion said.

Chrissie Scassera led Belleville with nine points. Marie Acuna had six, Andrea Curran and Dilma Hernandez scored four each, Mahoney had three and Addis scored two.

To Belleville's credit, they came back the next day and won a tough league game against Paramus.

Last year, the Lady Bucs might have had trouble rebounding from a tough loss in a 24 hour period and pulling out a close game.

"It was encouraging," Marion said. "We didn't play very well, but we did what it took to win. Yes, we probably would have lost a game like that last year."

Addis returned to the lineup, and although she was hurting, she contributed 16 points. Curran, too, had 16 while Mahoney scored eight, Scassera had two and Acuna, one.

Belleville held leads of 12-7 after one and 25-13 at the break. Paramus came back in the third quarter and tied the game at 30 heading into the last eight minutes.

There, the Lady Bucs did the job, with Curran hitting the winning shot with :31 left in the game.

"I think our kids were a little tired after the Columbia game," Marion said. "But they wanted this one, it was our first league game."

Last Friday afternoon, Belleville improved to 2-0 in the Pacific Division with a very impressive 64-40 win over Hackensack.

"By far, our best performance of the season," Marion said. "Addis played a great game, and we got balanced scoring, which I had said during the pre season is a must. We have to get consistency from Acuna, Scassera and Mahoney offensively."

Addis, a sophomore forward, appeared to have fully recovered from the ankle injury. She scored a career high 24 points, hitting 11 field goals and adding two foul shots.

Acuna and Scassera had 11 each, Mahoney had ten, Curran scored six and Hernandez was held to two.

Belleville took an early lead, and unlike the Paramus game, they built on it.

It was 18-8 after one and 36-19 at the break. Hackensack did cut the lead in the third quarter, but just by one point, and Belleville led 51-35 entering the last quarter.

"Defensively, we held them to five points in the last quarter," Marion said. "We started out strong and finished strong."

"Our kids were running in the fourth quarter when it was better to slow it down and look for a good shot. We switched to a 2-3 zone to slow it down and keep the pace in our favor."

"A game like this will go a long way in helping the confidence of our team. We're young, but we've got kids who have played varsity for two or three years. It's encouraging."

NOTES: Belleville has been eliminated in the first round of the past four ('90-93) Tri County tournaments.

"It would be nice to at least get to the finals this time," Marion said. "Plainfield has a real good team. Clifton will be a good test for us in the first round."

Boys' basketball team adjusting to changes

By Mike Lamberti

The transition continues.

What was expected to be a rebuilding season took an even more reconstructive mode last week for the Buc basketball team.

Don Roll's troops fell to Hackensack 81-31 and Paramus, 62-40.

The Bucs were 0-3 heading into the Tri County Holiday tournament. Belleville will resume action after the holidays on January 6, with a game at home against Don Bosco. Tip off time is 7:30 p.m.

Roll had pretty much decided that the '94-95 campaign would be a rebuilding one before the opening game of the season. The Bucs lost a few players to graduation and also were without a few players who did not come out for the team this season.

The exodus continued this week when Roll announced that two prospective starters would not be on the team for the remainder of the season.

"We've lost seven players, between graduation and whatever else, from last years team," Roll said. "We weren't that experienced to begin with, now with those guys out, we've got more problems."

"But that's okay. The kids we have will learn from this season and we could be a pretty good team next year if these kids continue to work."

"We're looking for the effort at this point. The coaching staff wants to see improvement, that's all we can ask at this point."

The Bucs played a relatively good game against Paramus. The

team led after one quarter 14-10 and trailed 28-23 at the half. The third quarter was the turning point, as Paramus outscored Belleville 14-6 and assumed a 42-29 advantage heading into the final eight minutes.

"Once we're down by 13 points," Roll said, "it changes our game plan. Now we have to press and, instead of driving the lane, we're trying three point baskets. When we missed, Paramus took advantage and had a number of fast break layups."

Roll also noted the lack of foul shots in the game for his team.

"We only took six foul shots," the coach said. "We're not driving the lane as much as we should and, thus, not creating good opportunities."

Mike Molina led the Belleville attack with 15 points. Tyree Huffin finished with eight, Ernie Sicari had six, Dan Montalvo scored four, Nick Iannitelli tallied three and Michael Loney and Dennis Capriglione had two each.

The game at Hackensack last Friday was a rough outing, as expected.

"They've got maybe the best team in the Pacific Division," Roll said of Hackensack. "We went into the game without four prospective starters and, obviously, struggled."

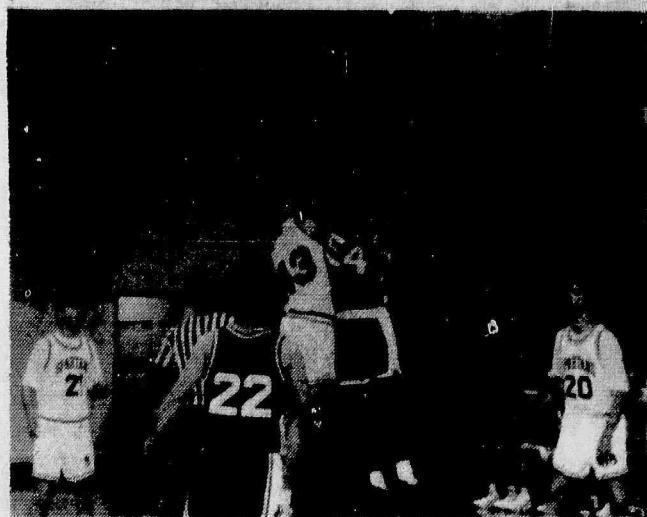
The game, for all intents and purposes, was over after the first quarter. Hackensack took a 27-4 first quarter lead and by the half, led 47-7.

The Bucs scored 18 of their 31 points in the fourth quarter.

Iannitelli led the Belleville scor-

ing with 11 points. Montalvo had six, Ram Parekh scored five, Sicari scored four, Raheem Jones finished with three and Capriglione scored two.

"The Christmas tournament will be a good test for us," Roll said.



Tip off time for Bucs and Paramus last week at BHS. Bucs hoped to right the ship during this weeks holiday tournament.

Jr. Bucs wrestle well at Livingston, Passaic Valley

By Frank Zarro

The Belleville Junior Buc wrestling team's first tournament, at Livingston, proved to be a successful one.

The boys came home with eight medals - three first place, four second place, and one third place. Frank Zarro, Jim Costa, and Jose Davila captured the first place titles. Second place winners included Mike Biase, Frank Rodriguez, Anthony Malanga and Todd Duffy. Chris Ranucci captured a bronze for his third place finish.

On December 11, the Junior Buc wrestling team entered its second tournament of the year, at Passaic Valley.

Out of 14 wrestlers, 12 placed first, including Frank Zarro, who pinned his way through three matches, not going longer than one period in any of the three.

Frank Rodriguez, Jose Davila, Joe Spina, and Marc Cassella also came home with the gold. Second place finishes included Greg Ibarra, Mike Biase and Jimmy Smith. Finishing third was Dan DeLia, Jim Costa and Chris Ranucci.

Let's not forget about our Bantam and Junior wrestlers!

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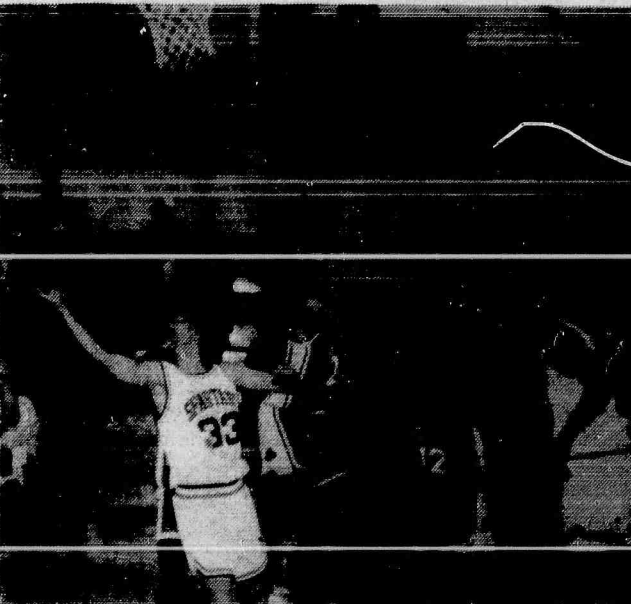
Belleville came away with eight place winners - an unbelievable six first places and two second places.

First place winners included Tom Henry, Chris Cappola, Nick Parisi, Angelo Deleo, Mark D'Elia, and Lawrence Fusco. Second place winners included Joey Fedi.

These young wrestlers practice three days a week at the high school under the guidance of coaches Al Henry and Jim Lombard. Practice usually lasts around an hour and a half, and starts at 6 p.m. These boys learn the rules, plus fundamental moves that they will need to master before moving up to the next level.

It's still not too late - so come to practice, watch what's going on, and if you like what you see, sign up. Practices are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Mat Notes: Coach Lou Riccardi will be going for his 100th coaching victory this year. He now has 99. Congratulations to Anthony Conte and Lawrence Martin on their first varsity wins. Both boys wrestled for the Recreation team and are only freshmen.



Buc player drives for basket during game with Paramus last week at Belleville High School. Team lost a 62-40 decision to Paramus and were 0-3 heading into this week.

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Bobcats soccer team captures Jersey Hills championship

The Belleville Bobcats of the Belleville Soccer Association won the Division 3 championship of the Jersey Hills Youth Soccer League.

This was the Bobcats' second title in three years. The team is sponsored by Nardachone & Colavito.

Belleville entered the playoffs after finishing the regular season in second place with a 6-2 record. Their opponent in the first round was Wayne, which was unable to field a team and had to forfeit.

Next up in the semifinal round was Bloomfield. The first half was a defensive struggle with the Bobcats taking a 1-0 lead into the intermission on a late goal by Victor Celi. This goal sparked Belleville in the second half as Tommy Saja and Carlos Simoes scored for the Bobcats, leading the way to a 3-0 victory. Malori Clarke-Cameron led the defense as Belleville advanced to the finals.

The final matched Belleville

against undefeated Wanaque which had defeated the Bobcats during the regular season, 4-3. Once again, Belleville displayed a strong defense which shut down the Wanaque offense. The Bobcats scored twice in the first half. Victor Celi came through with the first goal for Belleville. This was followed by a 30-yard blast from Danny Solorzano to give the Bobcats a 2-0 lead.

Belleville continued to play strong in the second half. The defense was led by Fred Lozano, Lou Scanzillo and Vinnie Mennella. Walter Morales excelled in goal without allowing a goal in the playoffs. Carlos Simoes and Tommy Saja scored for the Bobcats as Belleville went on to an impressive 4-0 victory to win the championship.

The Bobcats were led in goal by Walter Morales, who recorded four shutouts for the season. The leading scorers for Belleville were Mike Porecco and Carlos Simoes with 10 goals each, followed by Dave Ranucci and Victor Celi with five goals each. Tommy Saja and Danny Solorzano scored four goals each while Vinnie Mennella had two goals. Jimmy Smith, Lou Scanzillo, Derek Saar, Derrick Czupak and Jay Ambrosino scored one goal each. Also contributing were Mike Stefanelli, Malori Clarke-Cameron, Fred Lozano and Luis Carhuayo. The coaches for this year's team were Tom Ranucci and Mike Porecco.

National Football Foundation to hold 'Sports Nut Night'

The Essex County Chapter of the National Football Foundation & Hall of Fame will hold their annual "Sports Nut Night" on Wednesday, January 18 at Mayfair Farms in West Orange.

The affair starts at 6:30 p.m. with a social hour followed by a dinner. The ticket price is \$28 and reservations can be made by sending your check, payable to Essex County Chapter, N.F.F., to Mr. Peter Horn, 265 Prospect Avenue, West Orange, N.J. 07052 or by contacting Peter at 731-4000.

This popular event includes a sports trivia contest with prizes and a sports forum. The purpose of this affair is to create an evening of sports pleasure for all who attend and develop new memberships for the Chapter.

Some of the sports figures who have been extended invitations to participate in the forum are Yogi Berra, Yankee Hall of Famer; Jerry Izenberg, sportswriter; Doug Graber, Rutgers football coach; Bob Casciola, Executive Director of the National Football Foundation & Hall of Fame; Rich Giancola, football coach at Montclair State; Steve Tosches, football coach at Princeton University; Bruce Harper, former New York Jet; and Ron Johnson, former Giants great.

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The current President of the Essex County Chapter is Mr. Andy Duborow, former head football coach at Caldwell High School.

Boys' basketball

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early January."

NOTES: Kearny and Clifton rounded out the four entrants in the Tri County tournament. The consolation and title games were held last night, at Hudson Catholic.

Belleville last won the Tri County title in 1991, beating Hudson Catholic in the title game. Troy Talmadge was named MVP of that tournament.

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Belleville players converge on Paramus opponent, but too late to stop basket. Bucs competed in Tri County Holiday tourney this week and will continue league play on January 6.

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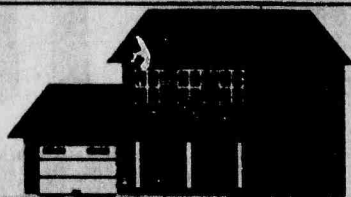
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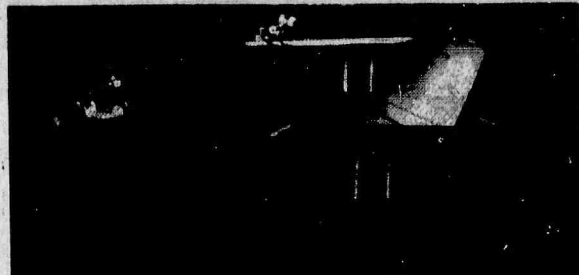
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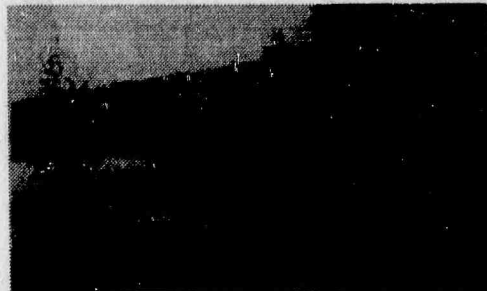


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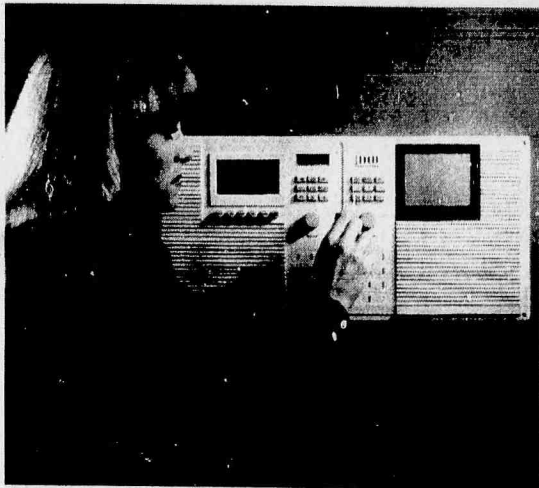
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The ELAN™ Home Electronics Network, from Square D Company, the leading manufacturer of electrical distribution products for the home, is perhaps the hottest example of the new wave of whole-house communication and entertainment systems that are currently on the market. The ELAN Home Electronics Network uses high-quality in-wall speakers and signal distribution components that provide whole-house paging, as well as audio and video distribution using the homeowner's existing electronics (TVs, stereo equipment, VCR, etc.).

In addition to more advanced features, the ELAN system has a leg up over intercoms when it comes to sound quality. The ELAN system uses a mixture of high-quality American-made speakers with up to 6 1/2-inch woofers, 1/2-inch tweeters, exclusive dual woofer technology and 4 to 125 watts rms power handling capability. That blows the typical monaural 5-inch, 4-watt intercom speaker out of the water.

"It's amazing to us that anyone would settle for an intercom when the ELAN system provides all the same basic capabilities of room-to-room communication and so much more," says Paul Starkey of Square D. "Even those so-called advanced intercom systems with built-in radios or CD or tape players have significant limitations in terms of sound quality. Most consumers buy CDs for their unsurpassed digital sound quality. So why would you play CDs on what's only half-jokingly called a 'squawk box'? The same holds true for those intercom units with the tiny television screens.

"The ELAN system lets homeowners use their existing stereo components to distribute music throughout the home over high-quality in-wall speakers. Likewise, the ELAN system distributes the cable and video signal throughout the home using the homeowners' televisions," Starkey explains.

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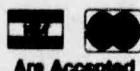
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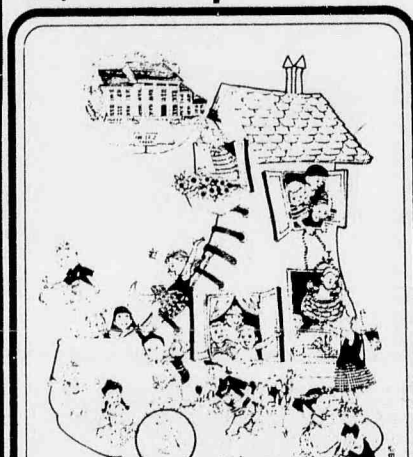
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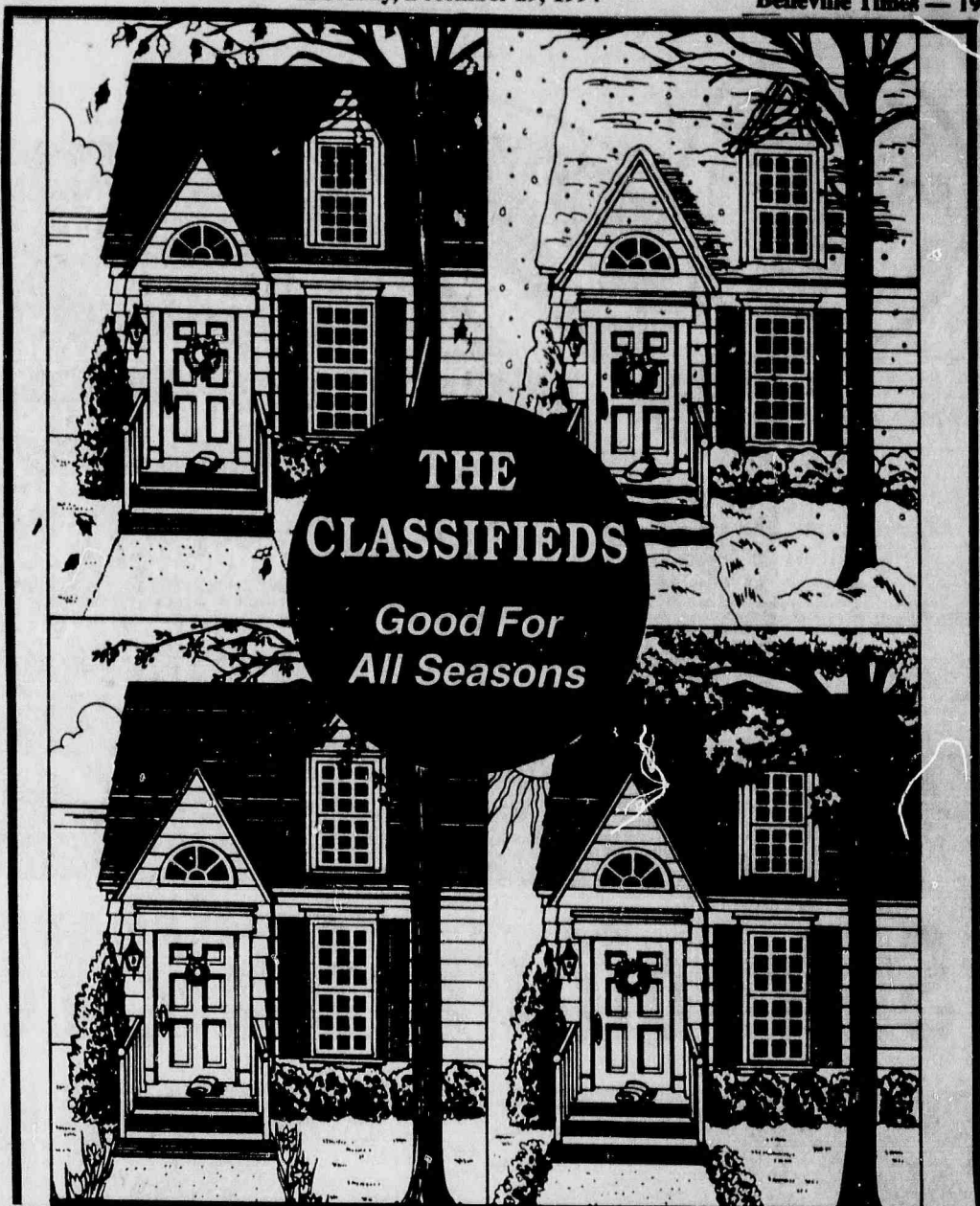
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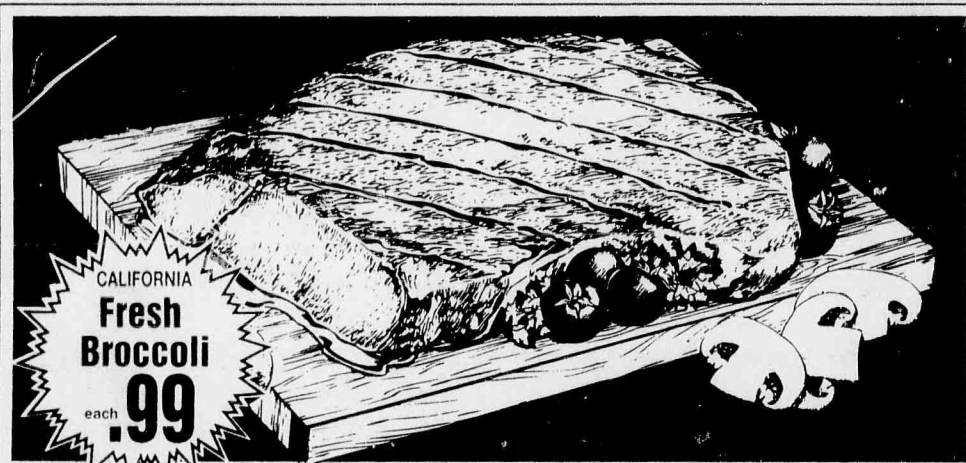
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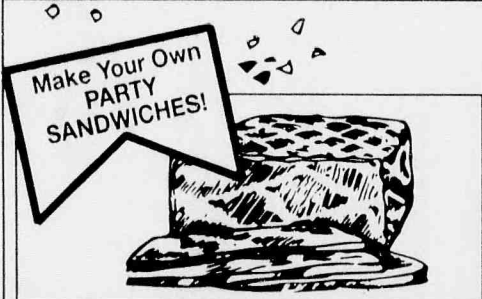
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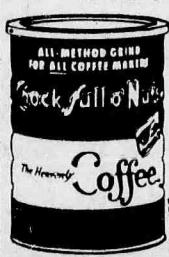
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