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Twenty years averted, one night to live with Velez acquitted in stabbing of his wife in front of Belleville school

By Richard Dickon
In 2001, a Belleville man stabbed his wife eight times during a domestic dispute that took place in front of their daughter's school. On July 8, Norberto Velez was found not guilty after his attorney successfully argued that he was acting in self-defense and was temporarily insane. The Superior Court jury acquitted Velez of the attempted murder of his wife, Marilu Bruno-Velez. She survived the Nov. 19, 2001 attack, suffering a collapsed

lung and other serious injuries. Paul Bergrin, Velez's attorney said the bifurcated (divided into two parts) defense helped keep his client from a conviction, which would have sent him to prison for 20 years, with 17 years to be served before parole eligibility. Velez was found not guilty also of second-degree aggravated assault (causing personal bodily injury), third degree aggravated assault and fourth degree aggravated assault. (See Innocent on Page A5)

Woodmont tries again to woo town council

By Steven DeVries
Woodmont Properties, the company that's been courting Belleville to be named redeveloper of the Valley section of town, is trying a bit of reverse psychology. In its latest presentation to the township council Monday night, it presented a scaled down version of its original redevelopment plan for the area — as expected — but it did so with a "take it or leave it" kind of approach. Eric Whitmont, one of the principals of the company, said that Woodmont Proper-

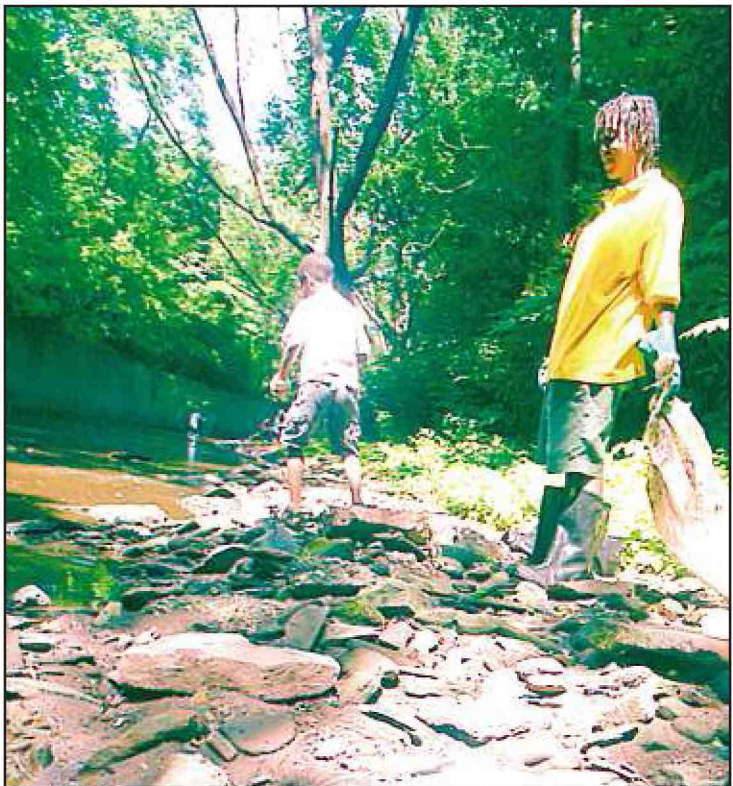
ties is not interested in redeveloping a single lot at a time, but rather in a coordinated effort that maximizes the full economic potential of the area. That's not new language from the company, but Whitmont followed up this time by saying the town could probably find another developer that was less discerning if it wanted to do so. If it weren't for the company's tenacity, one might assume that it is indeed wearying of the skepticism and political maneuvering inherent in the Valley issue. (See Woodmont on Page A5)

Youth Corps gives Second River a second shine

By Richard Dickon
The International Youth Organization sponsored a clean-up of a portion of the Second River, July 12, at the Belleville Senior Recreation Center located at 8 Franklin Ave. The group's purpose for the river clean-up "is to restore some of the pristine beauty of its past glory in this location," according to Deborah Christmas of the organization. Members of Youth Corps have been specifically working to restore the Second River for at least 25 years, she said. The most unusual item ever recovered from the river was a live crawfish, which would not normally be found in a local river. The river is polluted mostly by runoff from storm drains, which start from the gutters in the street, Christmas said. "All that trash goes directly into the river," she said. To try and stem the littering into storm drains that ends up in the river, the group has received a grant to stencil on the storm drains. The stencil will say, 'Please Don't Litter, This Drain Goes Directly Into the Second River,' Christmas said. "Maybe someone will think twice about throwing in that beer can," she said. While she has never seen the river tested for toxic chemicals, Christmas recalled seeing a small waterfall with so much sudsy foam in it that the foam was floating up into the air.

The youth group gets at least one grant a year to work on the river, and this year has three. The stencil grant is one, the grant to clean up the river near the senior citizen center is a second, and a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant is ongoing through 2004, Christmas said. The Second River was, historically, a very important river, she said. Colonists used it for food, recreation and for harnessing its power for the manufacturing of copper used for coins in various other countries, gunpowder used for the War of 1812 against the British and brass for umbrellas and lamp parts. The prototypes for the first steam engine ship and the first submarine were produced at a foundry housed along its banks, Christmas said. The Second River is "barely a shadow" of its past history now, she said. Portions of its banks and riverbed have been concretized and covered with Belgian blocks. This prior work done by the Works Progress Administration in the 1930s eliminated several lakes along the way and the river's only waterfall, Tiffany Falls, Christmas said. "The ecological impact of this undertaking has been, most noticeably, the lack of fish and other aquatic life in the river," she said. Plants that would provide food and shelter can't grow on the concrete bed and banks, according to Christmas. She said the steps put in

for re-grading the river have prevented the migration of Blueback Herring and Alewife fishes. Historically these fishes swam up the river from nearby saltwater bodies, like salmon, for their annual spawning. They no longer habituate the river, Christmas said. The group hopes eventually to restore the Second River to its original beauty and ecological balance, she said. This would require a complete restructuring of the river, which the group hopes to start by setting up a grass-roots effort of community members who would serve as river stewards. "We eventually hope to establish a "Friends of the Second River" organization to be the vehicle behind the prospected decades that such an effort would require," Christmas said. The activities the organization will undertake range from establishing ongoing anti-litter campaigns, managing volunteers, who would monitor water quality and conduct educational activities, continuing restoration and preservation efforts, and developing their standing, to sharing in decisions that will promote the long-term viability of the Second River, Christmas said.



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Deborah Christmas, an organizer at New Jersey Youth Corps, helps volunteers clean up Second River over the weekend.

Belleville Library turns a new page



Alan León/staff photographer

The Belleville Public Library and Information Center is benefiting from improvements, both inside and out. Above, Joan Taub, library director, shows off some of the flowers that have planted outside. Cherry blossom trees have also been planted. At left, Sarah Pardi, children's librarian, shows some of the work completed on the new children's room. The room, with new windows, shelving and other improvements, may open as soon as September. For the full story, see page A3.

News in brief

Home Depot may join WalMart

Home Depot will join WalMart as the second store in the development at the former Walter Kidde property in the township's Valley section, according to Michael Perrone, a Valley resident familiar with the negotiations. He said he has heard "from people who should know" that the deal was finalized the week of July 7. The lawyers for the Finkelsteins, who own the land, said both Home Depot and WalMart will get 12 acres each to develop. Home Depot is one of the largest home repair and renovation stores in the country, and would give the development two "big box"-type stores.

Residents vow to fight on

On Monday, the township council voted down the introduction of an ordinance that would have rescinded the zoning of a portion of the Soho property for a commercial shopping district. According to Vincent Frantantoni, a resident involved with Citizens for Responsible Redevelopment (CORR), a group suing the town over the designation, legal action against the town will thus continue. This comes shortly after the members of the group announced an anticipated settlement of the case.

Councilman Thomas Fuscaldo said later that he voted the ordinance down because he wanted to see the litigation ended before such changes are made to the designation.

Reappointments put off again

Despite going into a private session Monday evening at its regular meeting, the township council was not able to come to an agreement over reappointments to the planning board and the zoning board of adjustment. A question has arisen over credentials held by standing members as laid out in Ordinance 2812 in the township code. The ordinance states that standing members are supposed to have taken a training course, and the council is trying to determine what bearing that has on those considered for reappointment.

Those members include Sam Papas to the planning board, and William Villano and A.J. DelGuerio to the zoning board. Former Councilman Kevin Kennedy has submitted his name for consideration on the zoning board, according to Councilman Thomas Fuscaldo. At Monday's meeting, alternate zoning board member, Judy Piscatowski, was appointed a regular member.

Compiled by Steven DeVries and Richard Dickon

Check point nabs drunk drivers

By Richard Dickon
Belleville police arrested two people for drunk driving during a DWI sobriety check-point held July 11 and 12 at Washington Avenue and William Street.

The complete numbers were not available at press time, but two DWI arrests were made at the checkpoint. Essex County police officers, and Essex County Sheriff's officers were on hand to assist Belleville police at the checkpoint, according to Police Chief Joseph Rotonda.

Started in June, the Safe and Sober campaign traveled throughout Essex County towns, with Belleville the final stop. Residents were warned in advance to have a designated driver.

On July 12 at 11:30 p.m., police arrested and charged Victor Ramos, 36, of New Haven, Conn. with driving while intoxicated. He took a Breathalyzer test, which showed a blood alcohol level of .09. Bail was set at \$250.

On July 13 at 2 a.m., police arrested and charged Rosa Rivera, 55, of Newark with driving under the influence. She took a Breathalyzer test, which showed a blood alcohol level of .03. Bail was set at \$250.



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- Police arrested and charged Mario Herrera, 39, of Newark with possession of marijuana and being a revoked driver on July 13. He was stopped at Franklin Avenue and Clara Maass Drive on a motor vehicle violation. A subsequent search found him to be in possession of CDS. He was found to have an outstanding Newark warrant for \$900. Bail was set at \$250.
- Police arrested and charged Michael White, 30, of Harrison, with possession of marijuana and crack cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia and outstanding warrants from Newark on July 11. Police arrested and charged Georgina Lugo, 29, of Newark, with possession of drug paraphernalia, contempt of court and Newark warrants.
- Police responded to a burglary in progress and found White at the scene. It was determined that the tenant knew him, but a subsequent search found the marijuana, the drug paraphernalia and the outstanding warrants.
- Police arrested and charged Richard Stawarz, 23, of Wallington with possession of heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia on July 11. Stawarz was stopped in his car on Route 21 North. A search found three bags of CDS in the ashtray.
- Police arrested and charged Mark Piacenza, 21, of Bloomfield, with possession of heroin and three counts of burglary on July 10. Police stopped him on Franklin Avenue on the burglary warrants and found the heroin on him.
- Police arrested and charged Michael Carbone, 37, of Lyndhurst, with possession of heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia. The CDS was discovered after a motor vehicle stop on Route 21 North.
- Police arrested and charged James Dangler, 48, of Belleville, with possession of heroin, after a motor vehicle stop at Franklin Avenue and North 9th Street. He was also found to have outstanding warrants from Bloomfield.

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Town field day brings the kids out

The annual Belleville Recreation Department's Field Day was held on the morning of July 4 at the Municipal Stadium.

Approximately 40 children attended the event.

The children competed in three age categories. In the track event, the boys and girls Junior 25-yard dash winners were Vincent Lamparello and Victoria Perdigao respectively. The boys and girls Intermediate Division 50-yard dash was won by Nicholas Gaeta and Alex Ross and in the Senior Boys Division 100-yard dash, the winner was Christopher Petrillo.

The field event winners were Lamparello in the Junior Boys Agility Race and Nicoletta Digori in the Junior Girls, Nicholas Gaeta and Kristen Stephaneli in the Intermediates and Chris Petrillo for the Senior Boys.

The sack race champions were Michael Iacona and Perdigao in the Junior Division, Intermediate Boys, Kevin Ruggiero and Intermediate Girls, Michelle Cintron and Jonathan Ortega Senior Boys. In the three-legged race, the winning teams were Steven Callori and Iacona, Junior Boys, Stefanelli and Alexandra Ross, Intermediate Girls, Callori and Iacona, Senior Boys.

Finally in the last event, the tug-of-war, all age groups participated in teams of four or five where the most competitive group was the Intermediate Boys. Though the winners of this event are too numerous to name, all winners received ribbons as a memento of their accomplishments. Then all shared in watermelon to conclude the field day's fun.

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Library look improving thanks to community donors

By Richard Dickon
The Belleville Public Library and Information Center will soon look better inside and out, thanks to new landscaping and a newly refurbished children's room.

The front of the library has been improved, with six new trees and 300 perennial flowers, according to Richard Yanuzzi, library trustee director.

Landscaping professionals have done \$5,500 worth of work, but thanks to donations, "it's not costing us a penny," Yanuzzi said. "We're trying to publicize positive things."

Organizations and private donors are paying \$500 apiece for a tree or flower bed, complete with a brass plaque dedicated to, or in honor of, someone or some organization.

"We have had active participation from the Rotary, Woman's and Optimist clubs," Yanuzzi said. "A lot of local business people pitched in."

As for the landscaping, Kwanzi cherry blossom trees are being placed on the corners of the front lawn, with weeping cherry blossom trees on either side of the door, Yanuzzi said. Japanese maple trees are being placed in the middle of the flowerbeds.

Meanwhile, a lot of progress has been made on the children's room. "It's

being completed, and will probably be done by September," Yanuzzi said.

There had been some prior controversy when Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds were used for the work.

Local architect Robert Cozzarelli designed the children's room.

The new room has windows that are now featured prominently, according to Joan Taub, library director.

"The windows weren't exposed before, they were covered up with murals. We're excited to be letting natural light in," Taub said.

The ceiling is a blue sky/white cloud mural, with ceiling fans for cooling in summer. There will be hanging murals added to the final product, according to Sarah Pardi, the children's librarian.

There will be new shelv-

ing for books, and six new computers are coming through a grant from the Turrell Fund, which gives money for children's activities, according to Taub.



Alan León/staff photographer

A mock up of how the new Children's Room will look when completed.

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Local Marine working with foreign forces

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Adonis Diaz, son of Catherine Muga of Belleville, recently completed a two-week bilateral training exercise with Albanian military forces while assigned to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), based in Camp Lejeune, N.C. The unit is currently aboard the USS Iwo Jima.

Diaz is one of more than 4,000 Pacific Fleet sailors and

marines who deployed aboard the ships of the USS Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group.

Drawing upon lessons learned in recent operations in Mosul, Iraq, Diaz's unit sought to create a training exercise that included every element of the MEU with specific emphasis on combat service support of secure convoy procedures.

Diaz's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. MEUs are composed of more than 3,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, aircraft squadron, support group and command element.

Diaz is a 2001 graduate of Belleville High School.

Students ain't misbehavin' at school functions anymore

By Richard Dickon

The Belleville Board of Education will have an etiquette policy in place by September, in an attempt to keep audience members from becoming unruly at school events.

The move comes after a complaint by parent Joan Henry that her daughter, Jennifer, a high school student, was booed and jeered during a dance routine.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph Ciccone said par-

ents of the recently formulated Fine Arts Committee would be included in coming up with the policy, along with school officials and school board members.

"We want to try and make sure the audience follows proper etiquette, especially at events in our high school auditorium," Ciccone said. "This includes both students and the audience as a whole."

The crackdown on inappropriate behavior began at

the June 24 commencement. At graduation, no one was permitted to blow an air horn, and people were removed if they did.

Also, BHS Principal Joseph Petrillo asked audience members to stay until all students got their diplomas.

"We want to do away with the sports mentality at cultural events," Ciccone said. "You must show respect for all performers, even if you don't agree with what they're doing."

The rules will also be enforced at athletic events, he said.

The audience at school events has become the main concern, not only in Belleville but also in other towns, Ciccone said.

The rules of etiquette will be posted at school functions, he said.

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Town pre-school registration open for four-year-olds

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

A session is from 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., five days a week with class limited to a maximum of 20 students in each session. A minimum of 10 children is required in each session. The cost of the 32-week program is \$175. The mothers of the children accepted must participate by serving one duty day about every eight or nine days according to the published schedule. School will tentatively begin on Monday, Sept. 15 and will run through May 2004.

Children born between Oct. 1998 and Sept. 1999 who will enter kindergarten in Sept. 2004 are eligible. Participants must be Belleville residents. Since there are a limited number of openings, applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis only.

Children (and their parents) must be able to speak and understand English in order to participate. Children enrolled in the morning program cannot also be in the afternoon program, or vice versa. A \$25 deposit is required to hold a spot in the program.

For further information and enrollment, contact the Belleville Recreation Department at (973) 450-3422 as soon as possible from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration began Jan. 6.

Thursday, July 17, 2003

Belleville Times — A5

Bikers rallying Sunday to help sick baby

By Paul Milo
of North Jersey
Community Newspapers

Riding choppers, squat "hogs" and sleek racers, hundreds of motorcyclists are expected to converge on Belleville Park on Belleville Avenue this Sunday to help raise funds for an infant girl struggling with a rare congenital disorder.

This will be the eighth year for the Air Aid Motorcycle Run and Family Picnic, an annual event that has benefited individuals or families overwhelmed with doctors' bills, said Richard Goldrick, president of the New Jersey Police Square Club, a Masonic law enforcement group. The club co-sponsors the run with New Jersey Chapter IV of the Blue Knights, an international association of motorcycle enthusiasts also working in law enforcement.

Businesses, civic groups and other organizations from Belleville, Bloomfield, Nutley

and elsewhere also pitch in annually to assist with the event.

The first run was held in honor of Andrew Idenden, a 14-year-old who suffered from fibrous growths on his spine. Andrew, the nephew of a Belleville police officer, even lent his name to the annual event — "Air" is an acronym for Andrew Idenden Relief.

"We learned that the officer's sister and brother-in-law were destitute because of the illness," Goldrick said. "They didn't have any medical coverage."

Many of the officers and civic and business leaders who helped with the first one — including Nutley resident John Resciniti, owner of the Motorcycle Mall in Belleville — later decided to help make Air Aid an annual event. Since then, other beneficiaries have included a Pennsylvania state trooper who had been struck by a car and a young girl who requires regular leg operations due to an

abnormal growth condition. Air Aid events have each raised anywhere from \$20,000 to \$40,000 in previous years, Goldrick said.

This year's recipient is Gianna Cruz, the five-month-old daughter of Anna and Dennis Cruz, an officer with the Bergen County Police Department. Gianna has DiGeorge Syndrome, which is caused by the absence of much of a single chromosome. Sufferers have any of a number of symptoms, including a high susceptibility to infection and heart problems, and her care has so far cost several hundred thousand dollars, exhausting Dennis Cruz' health insurance.

Although many beneficiaries, like Gianna, have ties to law enforcement, Goldrick said that anyone with a legitimate problem might be considered. Along with passing on donations, organizers have also interceded with creditors to reduce debt a family has incurred as a result of an illness. Bikers of all ages have

participated in past runs, which starts this year with a 7 a.m. sign-in (bikers hit the road at 10 a.m.). As of press time, the route had not yet been finalized, although the trip is usually about 40 to 50 miles. Non-bikers can enjoy a picnic in the park and check out the motorcycles, which in the past have included elaborate bikes the size of small cars and vintage machines.

Past runs have enjoyed strong support from the people of Belleville, Nutley and beyond. Shriners, Masonic lodges, the Knights of Columbus, Lions clubs and others have provided manpower and supplies for the picnic. One year, someone learned that the father of one recipient wanted to attend culinary school and made an anonymous donation to pay for his tuition.

Admission to the Air Ride is \$20 for those 16 and older, \$10 for those under 16. Rain date is July 27. For more information, call 973-417-7980 or 417-7981.

Bergrin argued that Velez had defensive wounds on his hands and that Bruno-Velez had brought the knife to the scene.

Bergrin said a turning point in the trial is when Carolyn, a prosecution witness, admitted under cross-examination that her mother had taken the knife from the home of her father.

Velez had been free on bail before the trial and allowed visitation with his daughter, who is now living with her mother.

Bergrin argued that Carolyn would not lie for Velez because she would fear being beaten by her mother, which, he said, had been going on for some time.

Velez still awaits a separate trial on witness tampering charges. This stems from an allegation by his wife that he tried to influence her testimony. Bergrin said he expected his client to be exonerated of those charges as well.

Velez is employed as a truck driver.

Innocent

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ed assault with a deadly weapon.

The first three charges were dismissed on the grounds of self-defense. Only the fourth degree charge was dismissed because of temporary insanity, Bergrin said.

Bergrin said Velez's wife "tormented, tortured and provoked" him.

"She used his children as leverage and led him into deep depression and psychosis. He couldn't remember what he did," Bergrin said.

He said she was abusive and manipulated his mind to the point that he was not legally responsible for the stabbing.

Tony Gutierrez, the assistant Essex County prosecutor who handled the case, could not be reached for comment.

The prosecution put up 12 witnesses in the three-week trial before Judge Sebastian Lombardi, but Bergrin said they were "unable to meet their burden of proof. Credibility was not met by the witnesses."

Bergrin, who has known Velez for many years, said he was 40 years old when the trial began and had never been arrested before.

He worked two jobs to support his family.

"Something had to happen - the repeated threats to remove his children and not allow him to ever see them again," Bergrin said.

The investigation by Belleville police was inadequate and flawed, he said.

"It was my personal observation that Marilu Bruno was found to be totally incredulous by the jury," Bergrin said.

Velez is now going to seek full custody of his children, and Bergrin said that he had a pretty good chance of getting it. He now retains the right to visit his children every other weekend and on alternate Wednesdays.

Velez and his wife were in the process of getting a divorce and arguing over custody of the children when the incident occurred in front of School 5 on Adelaide Street. Bruno-Velez was dropping off their daughter, Carolyn, who is now 10.

Carolyn lived with her father under a joint-custody agreement and she had just spent three days with her mother. Velez became angry that she had not returned sooner.

The prosecution argued that Velez was laying in wait for his wife, and argued with her before stabbing her with a kitchen knife.

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Whitmont and his partners presented several examples where their redevelopment plans are coming to fruition, including South Amboy, where the company is turning a once-contaminated site into a hub of housing and transportation.

The company promised a similar venture for Belleville in the Valley, once an important industrial center for the area.

Despite word that Wal-Mart intends to build a store on the 24-acre Walter Kidde site, the property is still the gravitational center of Woodmont's plan. However, Woodmont said that his company would work with Wal-Mart, in its proposed capacity of redeveloper, to make sure the retailer coordinates its parking and infrastructure in a way that maximizes potential for the area.

The lots Woodmont hoped to take more of a hands-on approach with include a long property north of Walter Kidde, which could be turned into light

industrial, and a smaller property along Washington Avenue that could feature an age-restricted housing complex.

A third property is the 10-acre Main Street property, which currently leases space to the U.S. Postal Service.

Whitmont allowed Philip Neuer, general counsel for 528 Main St., the limited liability company that owns the property, to take the last two minutes of his presentation, hoping he'd express a spirit of amiability with Woodmont's intentions.

"We want to be in control of our own property's destiny," said Neuer. He said later that he had no opposition to Woodmont doing redevelopment in the area, as long as his client's property was left alone — or if it was in a redevelopment zone, his clients had full say over the fate of their land.

Woodmont didn't leave the chambers with any concrete word from the township, as the council had to cut the special meeting short to start its regular public session.

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OPINION

Death, taxes and...Abbott?

Funding overhaul overdue

Along with death, taxes and outrageous automobile insurance premiums, the question of how to properly divide state aid for public schools is one of the great certainties in New Jersey life.

Litigation between the state and primary urban, or "Abbott" districts regarding funding has been ongoing for over 30 years, with no sign of abatement. In fact, recent hopes for a lasting truce between the two sides went up in smoke last week, with Assemblyman Craig Stanley (whose district includes Newark and Irvington) trading barbs with Assistant Education Commissioner Gordon MacInnes over accusations of wasted money and exaggerated hardships in order to attract said funds.

A bit of history for those who are unfamiliar with the "Abbott" term — "Abbott" refers to the venerable Abbott versus Burke lawsuit from the 1960s, whose eventual outcome essentially wrote the Bible for educational funding in New Jersey today.

Anyone on the outside looking in at these proceedings can't help feeling speechless. Year after year, the state funnels millions of dollars in aid to these districts, with little or no return on the investment. Some of the districts are run by the state — a clear example of a flawed and broken system, as this function was never intended to be everlasting.

Belleville Clergy Alliance

Have you seen any good movies recently?

"Hypocrites, hypocrites, all Christians are hypocrites!"

That is the all-time favorite reason people give when you invite them to come to church or if you ask them if they go to a church. While there are as many personal twists on this question as there are empty pews in church every Sunday morning — that one takes the number one position.

A hypocrite is an actor, someone who pretends to be something they are not. It might interest you to know that Jesus' harshest words were reserved for hypocrites.

Some years ago a news reporter invited people to send in their answers to this statement:

"Why I don't go to church." After he received a number of answers, he decided to show the weakness of their excuses in the word "movies" wherever "church" appeared in their letters.

Here is a sampling of that column. One said, "I am out of the habit of going to the movies; that is why I no longer attend."

Another wrote, "I know a man who has gone to the movies for years, and he is no better than I am."

Still another remarked, "Most of the people who go to the movies are hypocrites."

Some commented, "I stay away from the movies because I went when I was a child."

A number of other excuses were given, which provided equally absurd when "movies" was substituted for the word "church."

"The church is full of hypocrites." It is absolutely true! The church is filled with hypocrites - every one of us has been a back-

ing. All districts are supposed to be operated through the municipality, the exception being an emergency situation.

Not only has this setup, intended as a Band-Aid, been allowed to become permanent, but the schools are screaming for more and more money, while they instead should be focused on improving the quality of education from within. This is what some of the more suburban districts, like Glen Ridge, have been doing all along.

Is it unfair? Certainly. But is it proper to throw up one's hands, say "life's not fair," and continue operating under the current system? Of course not. All inequities need to be corrected at some point, and the school-funding question is long past due.

New Jersey needs to stop flushing money down the drain when it comes to its schools. Throwing money at a problem in this case does not reap rewards. Instead it allows these schools more time to continue their current mode of operation.

We believe that in order for urban schools to make better strides, their funding should be significantly reduced. Their administrators would have no choice but to incorporate new ways of thinking and development into standard operating procedures. In other words, to do more with less. It would force them to be more creative and self-sufficient.

stabbing, two-faced, hypocritical, manipulative sneak more times than we will ever admit.

But, that is exactly why there is a church - to give all of us hypocrites some place to go. The church is not some earthly waiting room where a delegation of miraculously saintly people gather as they wait to be ushered directly into an especially exalted place in heaven. No, the church is more like the holding-cell in the county jail on a Saturday night. Those who complain about the kind of company they would have to keep if they came to church are simply demonstrating how well they would fit in.

The reality is, there always have been and always will be some hypocrites in the church. But Christians believe Jesus does not ask us to follow others; He asks us to follow Him.

Christians can represent Jesus either badly or well. The real question isn't whether there are hypocrites in the church, but whether Jesus is a hypocrite. If someone can prove that Jesus was a hypocrite, then the whole foundation of Christianity falls into ruins. The Bible, which Christians believe is God's Word, presents Jesus as nothing less than perfect. Jesus' disciples testified that Jesus was without sin (1 Peter 2:22 and 1 John 3:5). Even Jesus reportedly challenged others to prove He had ever sinned.

I encourage you to find a place of worship this week and attend.

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Hats off to my friends (yes, I have a few) who went above and beyond to help sell raffles for our SLCA fund so we could award a Silver Lake youth a \$1,000 scholarship.

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Well, I found out that there is someone else who shares my hubby's birthday on June 28. The only difference is that one is born in 1958 and the other in 1940, and according to my math, one is 45 and the other is 63. How about a mix and match quiz to see if you can come up with who is the younger? Now don't get too excited, Charlie, it's not you.

Well, who is it? It's that personable captain of the Belleville Police Department, Frank Manno. What a good man he is. I will always remember him 'pounding the beat,' walking up and

Life In Silver Lake



By Marie Strumolo Burke

down our Silver Lake streets when he first became a police officer. Frank will always come to your aid and do whatever it takes to help someone out. Now keep this under your hat, folks — he is one of my favorites, but don't tell anyone.

More birthday greetings: Happy 72nd birthday to Antoinette DePanis of Heckel Street who will celebrate her day on July 21. Do you know what I call her? Mrs. Clean. Her house is so meticulous.

Raymond Spencer of Belmont Avenue hit 92 years old on July 5. Almost all his life was spent in the place he loved the most, Silver Lake. Yep, Spencer was the state champ in boxing, the lightweight Weight division. He made me feel good when he said that our association was doing a commendable job in preserving our area, and he made me feel sad when he said, "too bad you can't help me with my emphysema." Spencer, how I wish that I had a magic wand to cure you. But take heart, Silver Lake wishes you the best 92nd birthday

and we hope you make your 100th.

The 'scouters' were at it again.

This time we hit the Seven Hills in Bloomfield to see 'The Cameos.' Well, we were looking for an excuse to do a little 'cabaretting.' So off we went — Barbara Lozaw, Fran DelMauro, and me met up with Nick Inaugurato.

I can hear you all saying, "didn't you see them at Vesuvius?" Yep, we did but we wanted to do it again. What an enjoyable evening we had. And to make it more pleasurable, we met up with the gang from The Belmont, Jimmy Cuomo and Lucille, and Ann and Jerry Volpe. And then I caught glimpse of another Silver Lake person, Pete Della Terza with his daughter-in-law and granddaughter.

Do you believe that even the guitar player, Phil Bruno, was a former Silver-laker? In fact, his mom, Mary, still lives here. Now, how can you go wrong with a "room" filled with Silver Lake people? Guess what? I even did a number with the Cameos. And the good part was, we "checked them out" again and "booked" them for our spring dance at The Chandelier on Friday, May 7, 2004. So don't make any plans for that evening gang, when we will all sing and dance along with The Cameos.

And remember, WE LOVE SILVER LAKE!

Curbing telemarketers

Fewer calls interrupting dinner. Fewer hang-up calls. A lot less running breathlessly to the phone only to find a telemarketer at the other end.

The national do-not-call registry must be one of the most welcome federal programs to come along in a long time. And while it probably won't actually do away with all unwanted telemarketing calls, it's a start.

The concept is so popular that more than 17 million Americans registered in its first week. On the first day of sign-up alone, nearly 750,000 consumers registered, and scores of others were turned away.

Now that the rush is over, it's a lot easier to sign up by going to www.donotcall.gov or by calling (888) 382-1222 from the phone number you want to register.

Given the bureaucracy's knack for red tape, it's remarkable that the Federal Trade Commission could make signing up with the registry so quick and easy. The real test, of course, will come in three months,

when the registry is scheduled to go into effect.

Consumers also should not assume that all telemarketing calls will immediately stop. That's because calls from political organizations and charities, and calls to conduct surveys, are not covered.

Exempting telephone pollsters from the registry makes sense, since such surveys perform a valuable public service. But why the other exemptions? Many of the groups raising money over the phone devote little of the money they collect to actual charity, and some are outright scams. It's also curious that politicians were excluded from the registry.

Consumers might also still receive calls from some businesses with which they already have a relationship. But if you ask to be placed on the company's or the charitable organization's do-not-call list, they must comply or face a fine of up to \$11,000. That should help cut down the number of unwanted calls.

Of course, telemarketers are less than pleased with

the new regulations, and companies say the changes will force them to lay off workers or lose a significant amount of business. The Record's telemarketing policy is that anyone can request to be placed on the newspaper's do-not-call list, and its telemarketers will make every effort not to call.

New Jersey is also getting ready to start its own do-not-call list, which proponents say will be the toughest in the nation. It is expected to fill some of the gaps left by the federal law, such as making it tougher for businesses with existing relationships to call consumers.

The fines for telemarketing companies found breaking the law are also much stiffer in New Jersey. But it could take as long as a year for the state law to go into effect, so that regulators have time to get it right. Whether they do so, of course, remains to be seen, but here's hoping.

Now, if only something could be done about all that online spam.

From The Record.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for support

To the editor:

While calling Belleville his home for more than 34 years, my father, Richard Melham, made many wonderful friends and was involved in many civic organizations. One of his proudest accomplishments was nearly 25 years ago when he and several others raised the money to buy the Belleville Police Department its first bullet proof vests.

On behalf of the Melham family, I would like to take

this opportunity to thank the many wonderful people of this township for their kind words and gestures in supporting my family during the time of my father's passing.

I would like to especially thank the Belleville Fire Department for its service and over the past five years. So many times throughout the last few years, they were called upon at a moment's notice and asked to respond to our home. They always gave my family and late father a sense of relief and confidence that help was on its way. Whether at the Senior Club or the sometimes-weekly visits

to our home, the BFD always responded within minutes.

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Michael Melham and family

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Making mother's day...



Photo courtesy of the Belleville Rotary Club

Salvatore Polizzi congratulates his mother Cecilia Polizzi on becoming the president of the Belleville Rotary Club for 2003-2004. Ms. Polizzi is the owner of the Belleville Motor Lodge, as well as past president of the Belleville Chamber of Commerce and a current trustee of the Suburban Essex Chamber of Commerce. The Belleville Rotary Club meets at Bella Casa Caterers on Acme Street in Belleville on Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. Prospective members are encouraged to attend.

Woman to woman



Photo courtesy of the Belleville Woman's Club

The Woman's Club of Belleville recently presented its annual \$500 scholarships to two Belleville High School seniors. The young women were chosen because they exemplified the objectives of the Woman's Club by being excellent students and by providing service to their school and community. From left, recipient Diana DeSantis who will be attending Rutgers University, club education chairperson, Carol Casale, and recipient JoAnne Mendoza who will be attending Pace University.

Hero priest comes forward anonymously

By Ashanti Alvarez
The Record

The priest who saved a Belleville woman from being abducted by a lewd attacker along Route 3 came forward last week Wednesday but refused to be identified, saying that "I only did what I thought I should do."

"He was able to get the woman to safety and stop a situation," said Jim Goodness, spokesman for the Archdiocese of Newark. "He's happy about that. He just prefers at this point that he go back to normal."

The attacker remained at large last week, but police now have an important witness. Goodness said the priest, who has spoken with police but declined media interviews, works at a parish in Essex County and has been ordained for more than 30 years.

The clergyman was driving along Route 3 west on Monday morning in Clifton when he spotted a 20-year-

old Belleville woman struggling with a man who was trying to force her into his car, police said.

The unidentified woman had been walking to her new job at Clifton Commons after she took the wrong NJ Transit bus, which dropped her off nearly two miles away from the shopping complex, police said.

Her attacker had pulled over, offered her a ride, and begun manhandling her when she refused. Grabbing her wrists, he proceeded to sexually fondle her, police said, and he was pulling her toward his blue sedan when the priest drove up.

Goodness said that according to the priest's version of events, there was no need to struggle with the attacker, who fled once the woman implored the priest for help.

Then the priest put the woman in his gold-colored sedan, took her to the Commons, and left once he knew

she was safe, Goodness said. The woman called police from her job. She described the attacker as 30 to 40 years of age, 5 feet 2 inches tall, weighing about 160 pounds, and wearing dark jeans and a black-and-white checkered shirt.

Police said she described the priest as a white male in his 60s with white hair, a heavyset build, and eyeglasses. Goodness said the priest matches that description.

The priest is one of more than 700 in the Newark Archdiocese, which oversees parishes in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, and Union counties.

Goodness said the priest had contacted Clifton police. Further information on the progress of the investigation, including the interview of the priest, was not available. Neither investigators in the case nor Police Chief Robert Ferreri returned calls by Wednesday evening.

On Tuesday, Goodness had sent an e-mail to the 234

parishes in the archdiocese's jurisdiction, noting the police search for the good Samaritan. Goodness included Clifton police Detective Robert Bracken's phone number in the e-mail.

The anonymous priest called police and notified the archdiocese administration.

Goodness said the priest had seen news accounts of his good deeds but responded only when called upon by the archdiocese because, he told Goodness, "I only did what I thought I should do."

Goodness said he had been somewhat taken aback when the priest called.

"Nobody was holding out any hope of truly finding him," Goodness said, pointing out that the good Samaritan priest could have been from anywhere, given that the incident happened on a major highway.

"He might have been from Pennsylvania," Goodness observed.

Year of the Women



Photo courtesy of the Belleville Woman's Club

At its annual year-end dinner at Antonio's Restaurant in Belleville on June 11, the Woman's Club of Belleville celebrated a successful year of volunteering and donating to the community. Standing left to right are club President Barbara Spillane, newly installed club Treasurer Cindy Stuber, and 8th District Vice President Marie Kimble.

Wingin' it...



Photo courtesy of Sandy Lane Nursery School

Picture here at Sandy Lane Nursery School is Mrs. Grossi's, Ms. Kayon's and Ms. Sue's four-year-old classes with a Live Butterfly Pavilion. The children raised caterpillars, which changed into beautiful butterflies.

Belleville Times
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The deadline for press releases and photos submitted to the Belleville Times for upcoming community events is the Friday before the publication date. Copy can be mailed or delivered in advance to 90 Centre St., Nutley, New Jersey 07110, or e-mailed to belleville-times@northjersey.com, or faxed to (973) 667-3904.

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BOOKMARKS

Children love the library and we love them

The renovation of the Children's Room at the library may be taking longer than we expected, but we still welcome Belleville's children for many great activities under the direction of our children's librarian, Sarah Pardi.

A full range of storyhours is taking place for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Call the circulation desk at 450-3434 for details.

In addition, a few shelves of children's books for different age groups have been set aside in the library's lobby for circulation and Ms. Pardi and our adult reference staff are available at all times to help with homework and reference questions.

Other options for getting books for your children

While the renovation of the Children's Room contin-

ues at the library, a few carts of children's books are available at the main branch for circulation.

In addition, the Shafter Branch Library in School 4 is open Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 2 to 5 p.m.

In addition, those patrons with REBL cards may take out books from other libraries in the area. REBL cards are available at the main branch circulation desk.

Shafter reopens five afternoons a week

Frederick Lewis, supervisor of Belleville Public Library and Information Center's Shafter Branch, has announced that the branch will once again be open every weekday from 2 to 5 p.m.

The Shafter Branch is housed in Belleville School 4 on Magnolia Avenue. The

telephone number is (973) 450-3438.

Summer activities for families

Construction is still underway at the library's children's room, but children and their families can still participate in some fun activities this summer.

The library will be offering Storytimes for children of all ages.

Books for Babies is a class for children 0-2 1/2. Young children and their parents will visit the library for 15 minutes of free play with other children and a half hour of games, stories and songs. Books for Babies will be held every Tuesday morning from 11 a.m. until 11:45 a.m.

For children ages three and up, a Grow with Books class will be offered Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Children will hear wonderful stories, participate in activities with other children and complete a simple craft.

Two other times will be open for children who may not be able to attend the other class times. Call the library for more details.

Storytime is a great opportunity to expose children to reading as well as a chance to meet other children and parents, take out books and participate in fun activities and projects. When you join, your child will have a great time while taking steps toward reading readiness. Siblings are welcome during the summer months.

The library will also be presenting its annual summer program series, Eight Great Live Monday Nights. Every Monday

evening, beginning July 7 at 7:30 p.m., families can come to the library to see great live performers. Don't miss out - call the library at (973) 450-3434, check the website at www.bellepl.org/croom or drop into the library for complete registration information.

Read and Grow@Your Library

The Shafter Branch Library, 30 Magnolia St., is joining other libraries in New Jersey with a program for all, "Read and Grow@Your Library."

All parents are to sponsor reading activities during the summer. Recall that the reading of stories, information and participation in stimulating, positive activities are of the highest importance. Each adult should also demonstrate support of reading by accompanying children and teens on library visits. The summer schedule is Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Every day of the summer will be an opportunity to read and grow at Shafter. On select Mondays at 10:45 a.m., there will be a storytime by volunteers for young children and also a card trade. However, Tuesdays will bring movies at 10:30 a.m. with children's favorites and familiar sites.

If crafts are something you enjoy, be sure to sign up for all the Wednesday crafts. Thursday activities will include Teen Improvement Days and on select dates, the Sewing Circle. The end of the week will feature select games for different ages and feature continuous checker and chess

tournaments.

Plan to visit the Shafter Branch Library during the summer of 2003 and participate in its activities. Pick up a summer schedule at the Shafter library, 30 Magnolia St. at School No. Four. Call (973) 450-3438 for details. Have a great summer!

Teen Improvement Days

The Shafter Branch Library, 30 Magnolia St., has set aside Thursdays, July 17 and Aug. 7 as Teen Improvement Days. All teens are reminded to visit the library, to obtain reading items and to visit the career/computer area.

An opportunity will be available to obtain employment data and also career information. All teens are expected to get career information from the resources available. Also, college catalogs will be on hand for personal use.

Teens should bring a friend to the Teen Improvement Days with the object of self-actualization.

Shafter is open 9 a.m. to 12 noon during the summer.

Internet class

The library is offering an Internet class on Tuesday, Aug. 12.

Using the Library Computer Catalog (OPAC) To Locate Library Materials will be offered at 2 p.m. The class will be taught by Frederick Lewis, supervising librarian.

Register for each class at the circulation desk.

Participants must be familiar with the keyboard and be able to use the mouse in order to attend these classes. No instruction is provided on the use of the

mouse.

'8 Great Live Monday Nights', Storytimes

The James J. Cozzarelli Jr. Children's Room will present its annual summer program series, "8 Great Live Monday Nights" again this year.

Every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. through Aug. 25, families can come to the library to join a variety of live performances.

This year, the acts include jugglers, magicians, storytellers, animals and much more. This is a great opportunity for children of all ages and their parents to have some fun and spend time together this summer at the library. These shows are free, but registration is required. Call or stop into the library today to sign up.

The library will also be offering storytimes for children of all ages. Contact the library for more information about the storytime schedule.

For more information about either of these programs, come in or call the library at (973) 450-3434 or check the Cozzarelli Children's Room website at www.bellepl.org/croom. There you will find information on all the summer programs. We can't wait to see you here this summer.

- The series includes:
- July 21: The Lizard Guys get you up close to snakes, lizards and more
 - July 28: Chubby the Clown will give you the giggles
 - Aug. 4: Joe Fischer's ultimate magic show
 - Aug. 11: Mr. Malcolm tells fantastic stories
 - Aug. 18: Hocus Pocus. Bob Conrad's magic and puppet show
 - Aug. 25: Get into the act with Kids Costumed Capers

Book sale continues

The Friends of the Library giant book sale is continuing upstairs in the Carnegie Room. Adult and children's hardcover and paperbacks are still available at a price so reasonable you will not be able to resist. And remember, all proceeds from the book sale benefit the library.

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Treasure Chest at Cerebral Palsy Center, 7 Sanford Ave., Belleville, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more info, 751-0200.

Women's Auxiliary Thrift Shop, to benefit Nutley Family Service Bureau, 172 Chestnut St., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday .

Thrift shop, Bloomfield Presbyterian Church, 147 Broad St., across from Bloomfield High School, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday and Friday; 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. For info, 743-2809.

Center for Hospice Care Thrift Shop, open Tuesdays, 51 N. Fullerton Ave., Montclair.

Fundraisers...

Bus ride to Caesar's, July 20. Bus leaves Hathaway's Feedbag, 36 Broad St., Bloomfield at 8:45 a.m. Continental breakfast at Feedbag 8 to 8:45 a.m. Sandwiches, snacks, drinks, games on return. \$25 with \$12 coin return. Sponsored by Belleville Chapter of Unico National. No seats held. Must be prepaid. For info, Manny and Pat Alfano, (973) 429-7363. Checks made payable to Belleville Irving Terr., Bloomfield, 07003.

Trip to Resorts, July 21. Bus leaves St. Mary's Hospital, 211 Pennington Ave., Passaic, at 9 a.m. \$22 with \$14 coin return. For reservations, call (973) 778-6775 or (973) 470-3047. Sponsored by St. Mary's Hospital Guild.

Bus trip to discount mall outlets in Lancaster, Pa., July 26. Bus leaves from Belleville Reformed Church, corner Main and Rutgers streets at 8 a.m. Leaves Lancaster at 4 p.m. No refunds. \$20 includes bus and refreshments on bus. Reserve immediately. For reservations/ info, call Betty at (973) 751-2262, Carol at (973) 762-5419 or Marge at (973) 759-4636.

At Home America demonstration, 7 p.m. Aug. 7, Post 493 VFW, 271 Washington Ave., Nutley. Refreshments. Sponsored by ladies auxiliary.

Trip to Showboat, Aug. 15. Leave St. Peter's Church, 152 Williams St., Belleville, at 8:30 a.m. \$25 with \$12 coin return. For reservations, call (973) 751-4729 or (973) 751-1529. Sponsored by St. Peter's Rosarians.

Trip to Nova Scotia, Sept. 15-20. \$679 per person, double occupancy. Single supplement \$165 additional. Includes five nights, five breakfasts, five dinners (including lobster), St. John, Magnetic Hill, Halifax,

Peggy's Cove, Citadel, Annapolis Valley and Fort Anne National Park, Evangeline Trail, Grand Pre, Campobello Island, cruise on "The Cat." Sponsored by Nutley Parkside Tenants Association. For info and/or reservations, call Louise Iovino at (973) 661-0096.

Entertainment 2004, North Jersey edition, \$22. Nutley Jaycees, Mike Paolino, (973) 667-7315.

Other events....

Big Band Night, 8 p.m. last Monday of the month, Belleville Knights of Columbus #835, Bridge St. For info, call (973) 759-9656.

Free blood pressure readings, by registered nurse, 10 a.m. to noon every other Friday, Nutley Red Cross, 169 Chestnut St. No appointment necessary. For more info, call (973) 667-3818.

VFW District 4 blood bank, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. July 24, VFW Post 493, 271 Washington Ave., Nutley. All types needed. Call (973) 235-9661 for directions.

Bus ride to Shea Stadium, July 26. Mets vs. Reds. Tom Glavine Bobblehead Doll Night. Bus leaves Hoffmann-LaRoche main gate on Kingsland St., Nutley, at 5 p.m. \$45. For tickets, call (973) 235-4458. Sponsored by HLR Employee Association.

Office of the County Clerk, passports, notary public oaths, veterans licenses, filing of physicians' licenses. No senior cards. No pictures. Bring your own. Be there at least one half hour before closing.

Summer playgroups, sponsored by Essex County Chapter of Mothers & More for Playgroups in the Park, 9:30 a.m. Mondays in July in Brookdale Community Park. Free, no RSVPs necessary. For more info, contact Mothers & More at www.essexmoms.org or call 1-800-699-2466, press # and then enter mailbox 663-229-1234.

Summer Festival at Platz Brauhause, Pomona, N.Y., Aug. 14. \$50 includes swimming, line dancing, music, bocce ball, card playing, gift shop, shuffleboard, games, barbecue luncheon from noon to 1 p.m., followed by chicken or roast beef dinner at 4 p.m., beer and soda from noon to 5 p.m., Danish, donuts, coffee, tea and decaf on arrival. Sponsored by Watsessing Park Tuesday Senior Club. All pick-ups and returns at Bloomfield library parking lot. Parking available with proper sign from club. For reservations and/or more info, call Audrey Cristiano at (973) 450-1051.

Class reunions...

Belleville 1963, Sept. 6, 2003, Knights of Columbus Hall, Council 835. \$40. For info, call (973) 759-2703.

Nutley 1973, "Day of Nostalgia," November 2003. For more info, call Class President Steve Salamon at (See Events on Page B3)

SOCIAL NEWS



Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Conti - nee Susan Pettigrew

Photo courtesy of Kondreck Studio

Mr. and Mrs. Conti honeymoon in Aruba

Susan A. Pettigrew, daughter of Marilyn Pettigrew of Bloomfield and the late John Pettigrew, became the bride April 25 of Christopher A. Conti, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Conti, also of Bloomfield.

The Rev. David Hubba performed the ceremony in Holy Family Church, Nutley. A reception followed at Nanina's In The Park, Belleville.

Escorted by her brother, Robert Pettigrew, the bride wore a strapless Italian silk gown with beaded appliques and a cathedral train. A crystal and pearl headpiece held her veil and she carried white lillies and roses.

Michelle Vieira of Cedar Grove was the honor attendant. Bridesmaids included Susanne Kircher, Tina Patacao, Barbara Maska and Patricia Lipari. Corrienne Conti was flower girl in a white taffeta dress. The at-

tendants wore tangerine strapless gowns and carried white roses.

Victor Conti of West Milford served as best man. Ushering were Robert Pettigrew, Anthony Spagnuolo, Robert Sawick and Mark Clayton.

Mrs. Pettigrew chose a taupe beaded gown while the groom's mother was in a violet silk gown overlaid with seed pearls. Wristlets were of white roses.

Mrs. Conti, an alumna of Bloomfield High School, attends Fairleigh Dickinson University. She is a clinical operations associate with Hoffmann-LaRoche, Nutley.

Mr. Conti, a graduate of Nutley High School and the State Police Academy, Sea Girt, is a senior corrections officer at E. Jersey State Prison, Rahway.

The couple is living in Belleville after honeymooning in Aruba.

Lori Tirrell will marry John Testa

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tirrell of Belleville announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori, to John Testa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rosario Testa of Nutley.

Miss Tirrell, an alumna of Belleville High School and William Paterson University, is a senior accountant with

Lipo Chemicals, Paterson.

Mr. Testa, a graduate of Queen of Peace High School, North Arlington and Rutgers University, earned a master's degree at Seton Hall University. He is a senior tax analyst in the international tax department at Schering-Plough.



Lori Tirrell - John Testa

Photo courtesy of the family

Homeless

Yaka, a young cream-colored Sherperd-mix, needs a home. She weighs about 40 pounds, is spayed, current with her shots, friendly, well behaved and likes other dogs and cats. She was rescued from a shelter where her life was at risk because of overcrowding. Interested? Call People for Animals at (908) 688-1073 and leave a message. Want a cat instead? Same number, same organization.



Photo courtesy of People for Animals

ARRIVALS

Alexander Sorensen

A first child, a son, Alexander Bertel, was born to Adrienne and Erik Sorensen of Bridgewater May 7 at Morristown Memorial Hospital. Birth weight was 11 pounds, 7 ounces.

Mrs. Sorensen, daughter of Bernadette Hogan of Rockaway and Frank Rizzo of Lyndhurst, is a sales representative with Weichert, Realtors, Bedminster. Mr. Sorensen, son of Clark and Judy Sorensen of Nutley, is a scientist with Novartis Oncology, East Hanover.

Elizabeth Mary Sorensen

A third child, a daughter, Elizabeth Mary, was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Sorensen of Nutley Feb. 26 at Clara

Bertel

Maass Medical Center, Belleville. Birth weight was 7 pounds, 8 ounces. She joins Jack, 5 and Taylor, 3.

Mrs. Sorensen is the former Sarah Alden, daughter of Barbara Alden of Nutley and the late Ray Alden. She is a client transition manager with Prudential Retirement Services, Iselin. Mr. Sorensen, son of Peter and Patricia Sorensen of Nutley, is a teacher at Nutley High School.

Lacie Ann Tuosto

A first child, a daughter, Lacie Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Tuosto of Nutley June 4 at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston. Birth weight was 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

Mrs. Tuosto is the former

Renee Christ, daughter of Richard Christ of Belleville and the late Carol Christ. She is a data entry clerk at Gucci. Mr. Tuosto, son of Arthur and Kathaleen Tuosto of Nutley, is a detective with the Essex County Sheriff's Office.

Nicholas Dante Polewka

A second child, a son, Nicholas Dante, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Polewka of Nutley June 17 at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston. Birth weight was 7 pounds, 7 ounces. He joins Giulia Danae, 2.

Mrs. Polewka is the former Dana Falduto. Mr. Polewka is assistant conductor with NJ Transit. Grandparents are Domenic and Terry Falduto, Dorothy and Joseph Walde-

more and John and Dorothy

Polewka, all of Nutley. Great grandparents are Pat and Marion Turiello, Catherine Falduto and Jennie Polewka.

Rose Elefteria Chrysoulakis

A first child, a daughter, Rose Elefteria, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Chrysoulakis of Nutley June 19 at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. Birth weight was 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

Mrs. Chrysoulakis is the former Christine Canova, daughter of Douglas and Martha Canova of Nutley. She is a senior account executive with Clear Channel Radio, New York. Mr. Chrysoulakis, son of Alexander and Sophia Chrysoulakis of E. Windsor, is an associate in real estate securitizations with Prudential, Newark.



Rose Elefteria Chrysoulakis

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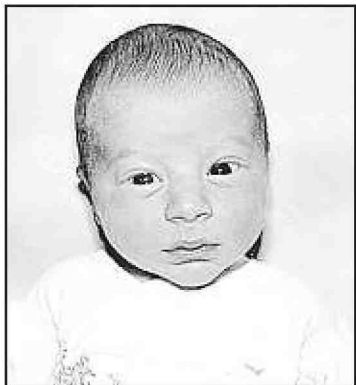
Elizabeth Mary Sorensen

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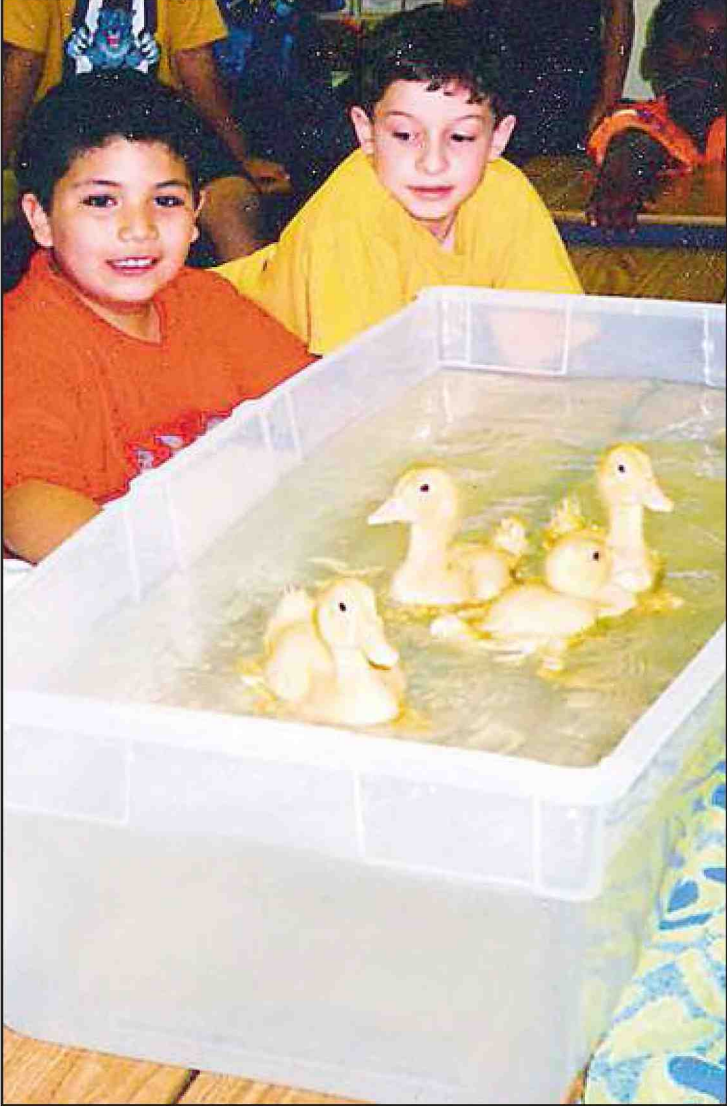
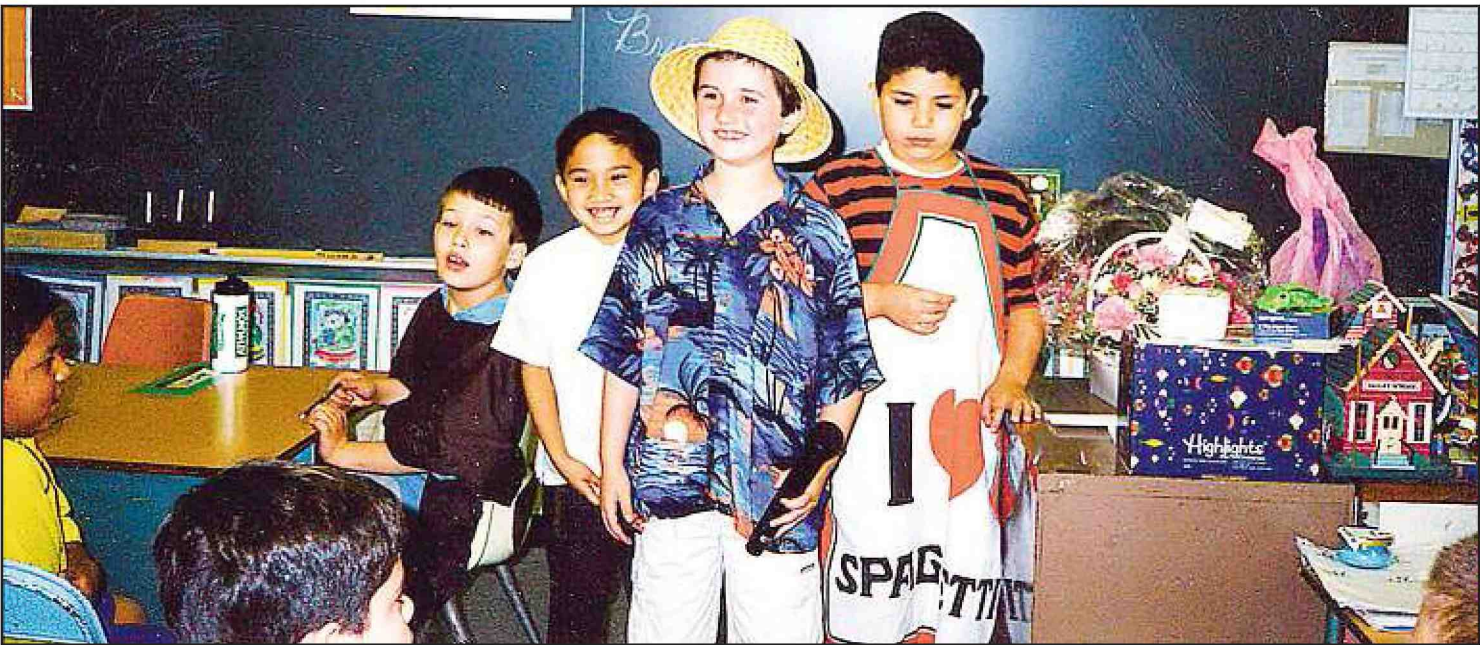
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Clockwise from top, Ana Tabarez waits for her turn; Traudi Lacunza sits with his pen pal, listening to Maxine Orozco; Michelle Marji displays her authentic clothes from Jordan; Eleazar Ramos, a pen pal, and Traudi Lacunza share information with their classmates.

Sending word from afar

Mrs. Bruccalero's second up day. Each child tried graders at Arthur M. Pico School 8 culminated a year of pen pal letter writing with a visit to their pen pal's classroom at Frank J. Smith School in East Hanover. It was a multicultural dress-

up day. Each child tried to dress as his/her ancestors would have in their homeland. The day was spent working on activities centered around the various counties reflecting the children's heritages.



Photos courtesy of the Belleville Public Schools

Clockwise from left, Daniel Morais, Traudi Lacunza and Maxine Orozco; Isaac Antonetty and Tara Kruszni; Traudi Lacunza, Daniel Morais and classmates watch the ducks take one last swim; Jorge Avecillas gives a final hug to a 10-day-old duckling.

Second graders come out of their shell at School 8

Mrs. Bruccalero's second graders at Arthur M. Pico School 8 spent four weeks caring for a dozen duck eggs. Mrs. Bruccalero purchased the fertilized eggs from a farm, put them in an incubator and had the children roll the eggs three times a day. The children kept journals charting the many 'egg-stra' special activities that they participated in. On June 2, 10 little ducklings hatched. All 10 ducklings were returned to the farm with hopes that they grow healthy and strong.

Belleville was the ‘starting gate’ for two horse race partners

By Jay Lawrence
The Record

It was their debut in the Meadowlands Pace, but for the men in the partnership that owns Quarter Carat, Saturday's \$1 million race had additional meaning.

Quarter Carat finished 10th in the race, which was won by Allamerican Theory in an upset. But the four partners - John McDermott, Anthony Lombardi, William Garofalo, and Richard Tosies - who bought the horse in August, have been friends since their high school days in Belleville and Kearny. They've worked day jobs, married, started families, and held fast to their love for the sport that first attracted them more than 20 years

ago. Through it all, the friendship, and now the partnership, endured.

"They're all as goofy as me, that's why we get along," said McDermott, a former police officer in Summit and Roxbury, and now Quarter Carat's trainer. "Seriously, everybody has to be able to talk. And you have to be able to understand everybody's point of view."

McDermott, 37, has known Tosies, 36, since age eight, long before their days together at Kearny High. Lombardi and Garofalo, both 37 and graduates of Belleville High, have been friends since they were 10, when Garofalo's mother had a hair salon next to Lombardi's house.

Garofalo and McDermott met when they were tellers at Meadowlands Racetrack in the mid-1980s. The four became friends shortly thereafter.

There were always connections to the sport of pacing. McDermott's brother Kevin, now a successful trainer, used to sneak under the fence at the Meadowlands to walk horses. John, a law-and-order guy even back then, refused to enter illegally, so he got a job working with Garofalo's brother Carl, a trainer.

But the talk was not of the Pace or the Hambletonian.

"What we used to talk about was raising families together and going down to the beach and having a good

time," Lombardi said. "But Billy was a paper boy. He always had the money. We used to take taxis over to the Meadowlands when we were like 11. He injected me. Now I can't stop."

The partnership was formed when another owner offered McDermott a deal for four horses, one of which was Quarter Carat. Tosies and Garofalo bought in, and Lombardi joined the partnership in January.

McDermott, who was moonlighting as a trainer and, along with his wife, raising three children, made a life-changing decision. He quit the police force to become a full-time trainer. Tosies, the father of two children and former owner of a

roofing company, became the stable's groom.

Garofalo, a vice president for finance, and Lombardi, who owns a fund-raising company, maintained their business ties.

On race day, Tosies is the nervous member of the group, McDermott the calmest. Both were tested by the Pace. Quarter Carat, a 12-1 shot, drew the No. 8 post that prior Tuesday. The 4-6 favorite, Whatanartist, drew No. 4, with Yankee Cruiser, at 7-2, in the No. 2 post. The ultimate winner, Allamerican Theory, started from No. 9 post.

"The post doesn't matter," McDermott said days before the race. "I've won from the 10-hole and got my butt

kicked from the rail. You never know what's going to happen.

"This horse (Quarter Carat) doesn't belong here. He just kept getting better. Now he's in against the big boys and he's just going to give it his all."

Quarter Carat, a gelding, could race for several years. The partnership expects to expand its interest and pursue more horses in the future. But that can wait. The four still enjoy reflecting on the past 11 months.

"To step off your first year and come to the Meadowlands Pace, it's amazing," McDermott said. "Carat's totally overachieved. He's given us the thrill of our life already."

Clara Maass holds pain seminar on Wednesdays

Individuals who want to learn what can be done for shoulder pain can find out at a series of free one-day seminars being offered by The Orthopedic Spine and Joint Institute at Clara Maass Medical Center. On July 23, beginning at 10:30 a.m., a program will be offered that focuses on some of the causes of pain in addition to the latest treatments available, including medications, nutrition and exercise.

The program will be held in the Belleville Founders Room, which is located in the main lobby of Clara Maass Medical Center. Registration is limited, so participants are asked to call (973) 450-2213 to reserve a seat.

The Orthopedic Spine and Joint Institute at Clara Maass provides comprehensive testing, diagnosis, and treatment of conditions of the joints and spine.

Bellevillenj.org is online

Belleville's municipal web site, bellevillenj.org can now be accessed on the Internet, though some finishing work needs to be done. The project was the idea and design of Councilman Michael Melham, and will soon allow users to access a wealth of municipal information online. The site will be maintained through the municipal clerk's office.

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Belleville Times
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D'Angelo's 2-run HR leads senior Bucs' legion past Vailsburg, 5-4

By Mike Lamberti
For the Belleville Times
Matt D'Angelo's two-run homer, and some timely hits by Michael Frank and Bobby Rafferty led the Belleville senior legion baseball team to a 5-4 win over a Vailsburg team comprised of Seton Hall Prep players.

Belleville will play a key game tonight, at Livingston, beginning at 5:45 p.m. If Belleville hopes to make the playoffs, it must win its division, and tonight's game will go a long way in that regard. The regular season concludes with a pair of games at Bloomfield, beginning with a 5:45 p.m. contest at Foley Field tomorrow. The final regular season game is Sunday at Bloomfield, beginning at 1 p.m.

Belleville is in a 3-way battle with Nutley and Livingston for the division title.

"We were in the driver's seat," Belleville coach Alan Frank said, "but we lost two tough games last week to Newark Academy and Nutley, and now we're a game behind. The Livingston game will be key for us."

The game with Vailsburg was a key win for Belleville. Trailing 4-1 in the fifth, Belleville began its comeback by scoring a run. In the sixth, D'Angelo hit a two-run homer to tie the game, and in the seventh, Belleville won it on back-to-back doubles by Frank and Rafferty.

"That was just a real good ball game," Alan Frank said. "Javier Cruz pitched an excellent game and we found a way to win. That was a good sign, especially against a team like Seton Hall Prep."

The team has been led by the play of senior outfielder



Nick Adamo, sophomore infielder/pitcher GianCarlo Cifelli, outfielder Craig Binkowicz, pitcher Mike Conway, Rafferty, who is playing infield and pitching, Frank, who is working at shortstop and also pitched a solid game recently and Gary DeVito, who is moving to the outfield. Cruz has excelled on the mound, and at the plate.

Michael Frank, who was battling tendonitis, pitched a two-hitter in a 2-0 win over West Orange.

"It's good to see him back on the mound," Alan Frank said. "He was anxious to start pitching again."

Despite his team's ability to play, or even practice, in Belleville, Alan Frank is happy with the progress.

"The kids are playing, and that's the most important thing," Frank said. "We've got a shot at the state playoffs, and that's a big positive for us."



Photos/ Carrie Scattergood

The Nutley varsity legion team defeated Belleville last week to earn sole possession of first place in the division. The two teams are battling for the one available playoff berth into the state tournament.

Belleville legion teams enjoying success on younger level

By Mike Lamberti
For the Belleville Times
While they don't have a place to play for the conceivable future (not to mention the not-too-distant past), the Belleville baseball team has found solace in a solid legion campaign this summer.

The senior legion team (see related article in this week's paper) is battling for a division title and subsequent playoff berth. Meanwhile,

Belleville has two teams playing on the junior legion level, including one that is comprised mostly of freshmen and sophomores-to-be.

"Our only problem is finding a place to practice," Belleville varsity baseball coach Alan Frank said. "Once we're on the field, we've done pretty well."

Frank, of course, was referring to the lack of playing facilities at Belleville, some-

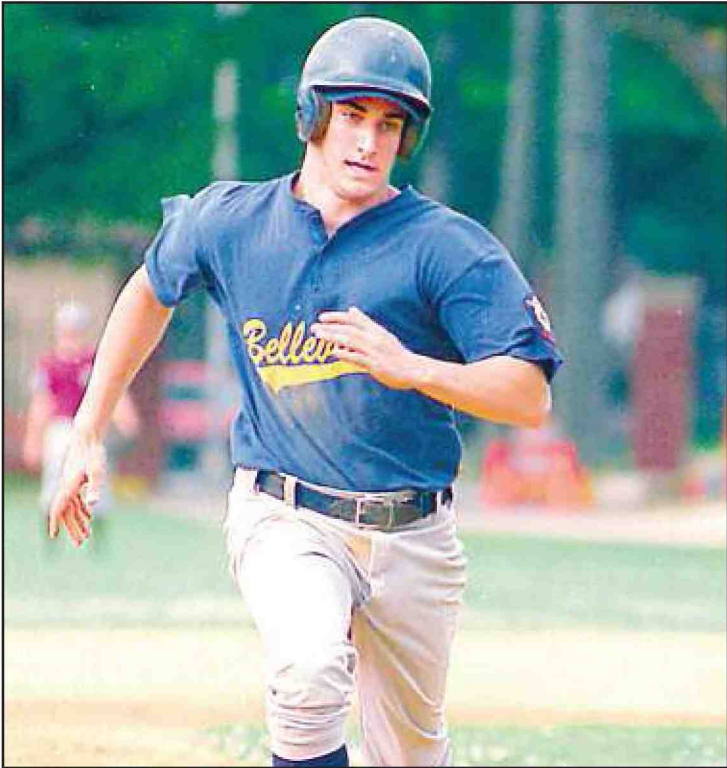
thing long documented but seemingly impossible to correct. The varsity baseball field was unusable this past season, and now, without a practice facility, the players have been scrambling just to get some work in between games.

While that lunacy seems to have no end, the players have performed well. The junior legion team, coached by Anthony Malanga and

Frank Fazzini, is made up mostly of Belleville High School sophomores and juniors-to-be. The team has put together a .500 mark so far this summer.

Junior Paul Frudenvalt has done well as a pitcher and infielder, sophomore Brian Cimmett has excelled as a catcher, Matt Alfano and D.J. Hermann are solid outfielders, Steve Rovell is play-

(See Legion on Page B2)



Growing up in Belleville: A source of town pride

A few weeks ago, I was having lunch with Phil Cuzzi, a Belleville native and Major League Baseball umpire and Cuzzi's crew chief, Gerry Crawford, at a restaurant in Kansas City, Missouri.

While eating, Cuzzi asked me how things were at "home", inquiring specifically about old high school friends Mark Corino, Joe Troise and Alan Frank. I told him things were good, that Frank had just concluded an excellent season as Belleville baseball coach, that Troise was looking forward to the upcoming football season at Belleville, and that Corino, who is A.D. and head men's basketball coach at Caldwell College, was preparing for the upcoming campaign with a long haul on the recruiting trail.

Cuzzi, in his fourth full season as an MLB umpire, spends plenty of time on the road. And while he's enjoying a successful career, his heart never seems to wander far from Belleville. He asked if anything new was going on with the stadium issue, and relayed some of the frustrations of that topic to Crawford, who seemed to find the conversation amusing.

Cuzzi then talked briefly about his brother-in-law, Sergio, a man he holds in the highest regard, almost to the level of surrogate brother. Crawford, who in essence is Cuzzi's supervisor-he's called "Chief" by his crewmates and manages to keep an outstanding rapport with his entire crew-then asked a rather telling question.

"Is Sergio from Belleville, too"? Crawford, who had already gotten the Corino-Frank-Troise-Belleville Stadium fiasco update, asked. And Cuzzi, without hesitation, responded, "No, he's a Nutley guy."

Bear in mind, Cuzzi, who lives in Nutley, was quick to note that one of his dearest friends is a "Nutley guy". Crawford, who grew up in Suburban Philadelphia, became more intrigued as the conversation continued. "What's the difference (between Belleville and Nutley)?," Crawford queried.

Cuzzi, in almost mock horror, said "Chief, you're either from Belleville, or from Nutley. End of story. We might live in different towns today, but you never forget where you grew up."

And a simple, lighthearted conversation, became a topic for a story, because Cuzzi called someone "a Nutley guy".

Crawford, a veteran umpire of 28 years and one of the best baseball story tellers you'd ever want to meet this side of Bruce

Buc Shots



By Mike Lamberti

Froemming, was now totally immersed in the Belleville-Nutley lore. Hoping to get some normalcy back into the conversation, he looked at me and said, "Are you from Belleville, too?"

And I said yes, but like Cuzzi, I now resided in Nutley.

"I give up," Crawford said. "It's had enough Phil insisted we sit at this table on the dark side of the restaurant, where I can't even read the menu (Cuzzi had requested the back table in a near-empty restaurant for privacy) but now I'm talking to two guys who are from Belleville, but live in Nutley, but refer to another guy, who grew up in Nutley, as a Nutley guy, but you guys are from Belleville?"

And Cuzzi, without blinking, said, "That's right, Chief."

And that pretty much tells the story of growing up in Belleville, or Nutley. And it's something, during these laid back summer days, which could lead to some interesting stories over the next few weeks.

Troise and Frank, who met as kindergarten students nearly 45 years ago and continue to share a good friendship today, both look back on their days as kids in Belleville with the deepest affection. Growing up in a big city is one thing, but growing up in a small town, where everyone knows everyone, has a special affinity.

Over the next few weeks, I'd like from others in town to talk about what it was like to grow up in Belleville. Whether you graduated BHS in the 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s or 90s, I'd like to hear your stories, especially if they're athletic-related. You can reach me at mike051893@aol.com.

On another note, congratulations to Bobby Rafferty and Michael Frank, who have been named co-captains of the 2004 Belleville High School baseball team.

Speaking of baseball, I'm heading to one of my favorite places, Cincinnati, Ohio, this weekend for some baseball. And while in Cincinnati, I'll be making plenty of appearances at one of the best rib places in the midwest, the Montgomery Inn. There's no place like it.

Belleville Sports Updates

Jr. Bucs registration

There will be registration for the junior Bucs tackle football program at the Recreation House, 407 Joralemon St., now through Aug. 1. Boys who will be seven-years-old before Sept. 1 and who will not be 15 before Dec. 31 are eligible. Those wishing to play must weight a maximum of 165 pounds and cannot be in high school. Players will be broken down into three teams according to specific age/weight requirements as set by the All-County Youth Football League.

All completed applications must be completed with parental approval and submitted to the Recreation House by Aug. 1 with two passport size photos and a copy of his birth certificate. All returning players must reapply. Practice will begin around Aug. 4. Call (973) 450-3422 for more information.

Soccer and touch

football

Children ages 7-10 can play touch football. Boys and girls ages 6-14, in grades one-eight, can participate in recreation soccer. Registration deadline for soccer is Aug.1, touch football is Aug. 15. Completed applications must be returned to the Recreation Department. Call (973) 450-3422 for more information.

Coaching

The Belleville Recreation Department is seeking persons available for coaching the junior Bucs football program and the recreation soccer program. Those interested in coaching should call (973) 450-3422.

Wrestling

The Belleville Recreation Department has announced that a summer wrestling clinic/open mat will be provided free of charge to all Belleville youngsters that are ages

seven through 14 as of July 1, 2003. The clinics will be conducted at the Belleville High School wrestling room on Wednesdays from 6p.m. to 8p.m., beginning July 23 through August 27. Registration will take place at the recreation center on Joralemon Street.

Cyclones

The Cyclones finished the regular season in the Clifton Hockey League with a 10-1 victory over the Clifton Cobras. The win gave the Cyclones a bye in the playoffs (results next week). In the win over the Cobras, the Cyclones were led by Marc Rambaldi and Julian Gonzalez, who each had three goals and an assist. Artie Carminucci had two goals and three assists and was the league's top scorer with 16 goals and 11 assists. Chris Jimenez led the league with the best goals-against average.

BBC awards breakfast

The Belleville Baseball Commission will host its 9th annual breakfast on July 20 at The Chandelier Restaurant, 340 Franklin Ave. at 8:30 a.m. Special awards include: The Richard Powell Memorial Award - Richard Luzzi; Distinguished Service Award - Frank Bravette and Guys & Dolls Billiards; 2003 Player of the Year Award - Nicholas Galante and 2003 BBC Scholarship recipient - Michael Perinotti. The speaker will be BHS varsity basketball coach Duane Eason. All players may attend free of charge as long as they are accompanied by an adult or guardian. Ticket prices: adult (\$25), coaches and guest (\$15 each) and siblings under 13 (\$15 each).

To order tickets, contact vice-president Anthony Sessa at (973) 450-4753.

All league champions will receive trophies, and 12-year-olds will receive their minor league graduating player awards.

The Jackals' big kid: Blakely moves on after Yankee trades

By Darren Cooper
of the Montclair Times

If the name Darren Blakely sounds familiar to area baseball fans it should. Blakely, the Jackals starting center fielder, was involved in two rather forgettable trades by the New York Yankees in 2001. He was acquired by the Bronx Bombers for Glenallen Hill on March 28, 2001 and then dealt along with Brett Jodie to the Padres for Sterling Hitchcock on July 30. That's just barely scratching the surface of the travels Blakely has done throughout his playing career, which began when he was three year's old."

Blakely's talents have been on display around the country. He went to high school in North Carolina and Florida, attended the University of Hawaii for three years,

then played in the Angels organization for three seasons. He's been part of one of the worst minor league teams in history (in Erie, his team lost 94 games), broke both hands in freak accidents, and once, while in college, got his hand stuck in a wooden fence. His hitting philosophy is simple, "Hit the first good one." His idea on life, even more plain, "Everything happens for a reason." Everything, it seems, has happened to Darren Blakely. And the reasons why are worth telling.

The oldest child of two in a military family (Blakely's mom is a sergeant in the Army, his dad works as a civilian on base in Florida), Blakely was born in Long Island, but moved to North Carolina when he was 10. Baseball went with the Blakely's everywhere they

went. "The whole family is into it. Every family has a hobby, I guess ours was baseball," said Blakely.

Blakely entered Salisbury High School in North Carolina as a 5-foot-6, 112-pound catcher. His coaches took one look at him and moved him to second base. He shot up a few inches and gained 30 pounds by the time he was a sophomore. He played football at Salisbury as a free safety and wide receiver.

"That's just like playing centerfield, you sit back and let somebody come to you," he said. He also wrestled, "I didn't want to take karate, my mom said I could take karate and I said I didn't want anybody to beat me up, so I wrestled. I ended up being pretty good. I don't regret it at all. I actually love it."

His baseball career was stagnating, but it would receive a jolt when Uncle Sam moved the family to Pensacola, Florida after his junior year. "I didn't want to go, I had been in that one area for most of my life, and now we have to move just before my senior year, nobody wants to go through that," said Blakely. "[But] it's the best thing to ever happen to me because I got to open people's eyes and people got to see what he could do."

Blakely arrived at Pensacola High School and immediately commandeered the center field position. He batted over .400 and swiped 35 bags (Blakely doesn't call them bases, they are 'bags'). The Braves picked him in the 43rd round, but he decided to go to college instead. Uncle Sam made Blakely's choice for him, sending the family to Hawaii, so he walked on for the Warriors. "Overall, my experience there was good. I met a lot of people. I kind of came out of my shell actually," said Blakely. "That's probably what molded me to the person I am today. That's when I opened up and started talking to people." He dislocated his thumb diving for a ball his sophomore year and missed 21 games, but when he came back as a junior, he exploded, batting .360 and running at will. The Angels liked what they saw and made Blakely a fifth-round pick. He was ready.

His first assignment was Boise, Idaho. From Hawaii to Boise...not a lot of people make that move. "It was a good place," Blakely said of Boise. "It was probably the best fans I ever played for." Blakely batted .277 in 71 games for Boise and was sent to Lake Elsinore in 1999. Playing in 124 games there, his power numbers soared: 38 doubles, 10 triples and 12 jacks. The Angels invited him to spring training (where he met Mo Vaughn) and assigned him to double-A Erie. "That was an experience," said Blakely. "We almost set the baseball record for most losses in a season. I was one of four guys who was there from start to finish." The Sea Wolves lost 94 games as

Blakely batted everywhere in the order at least once. Erie made over 170 transactions by Blakely's count and the constant revolving door and losing can get to you. "You just have to take it for what it is and chalk it up as a learning experience. If someone would get hot, they would promote him and they would bring in rookies and they would be overmatched. You learn to cope with it." Blakely had experienced nothing but success in professional baseball and he even was an All-Star for Erie (the only one, of course). "You have to learn how to lose as well as learn how to win. You have to take every day for what it is. You are not guaranteed that you are going to be here."

The latter lesson Blakely learned at the end of spring training in 2001 when the Angels shipped him to the Yankees for Hill. Pinstripes wasn't Baseball Nirvana, at least, not for Blakely. He started in double-A Norwich, but was being platooned, something Blakely, a switch-hitter, didn't understand. They sent him down to Tampa after 10 games, where Blakely batted .256 with 12 homers. Tampa won the championship, but Blakely did not receive a ring for his efforts. "People always ask how it was to play for the Yankees, and I didn't have a good time." The Yankees did him a favor by trading him to the Padres. He went to double-A Mobile, Alabama, just 40 minutes from Pensacola and got to play close to home for the first time as a pro. He played 28 games for Mobile in 2001 and 123 for them in 2002 before joining triple-A Portland for a brief stint.

He went to spring training with the Padres in 2003 and expected to be in triple-A, but at the last minute, former Baltimore Orioles slugger Brady Anderson accepted a triple-A assignment leaving no room for Blakely. "They said I could stay in extended [spring training] or accept my release. I said, 'what time do I fly out?' I wanted to play ball, so I went home and waited for something to happen."

The Newark Bears called

first, but they couldn't promise him playing time. The Mexican League inquired, and his agent told him about the Jackals. "I was happy when I talked to Joe [Calfapietra]. He seemed like a good guy and I got a positive vibe from him, so I said I would sign with them." Until a recent concussion that sidelined him for three games, Blakely was moving swiftly up the Northeast League charts. Batting leadoff, he leads the league in stolen bases (13) and is eighth in batting (.330). He also became the third Jackal in history to hit for the cycle against Quebec, June 15. "The only thing keeping me out of the big leagues is hitting," said Blakely. "I think I can play with anybody in the bigs defensively. I just have to stay within myself and not try to do too much." With the Jackals, Blakely has also demonstrated his outgoing personality. He commanded a microphone and interviewed fans in the stands on a radio broadcast. He is always quick to sign autographs and pose. He talks to everyone: umpires, ushers, bat boys - he has a soft spot in his heart for kids, and baseball. "I just love playing ball, entertaining the fans. I love kids. I love when people come out. I could play in front of kids all day. I am just a big kid and I know how I was when I was little going to games, the roar of the crowd is exciting. I try to sign every autograph I can. In the long run, it makes you feel good and it makes them feel good."

NOTES: The Jackals are running a "Bring Your Pup to the Park" promotion. Fans are invited to bring their dogs to the July 27th game against the Bangor Lumberjacks for a pre-game puppy parade around the warning track, seats in the Dog Zone, 50-cent hot dogs and the opportunity to showoff crazy dog tricks between innings. The promotion is aimed at animal care awareness as local pet stores, animal shelters, veterinary hospitals and a local animal photography studio partake in a Dog Days K-9 Carnival during the game.

Mark Balbach (pitcher), Chris Hemsley (catcher, infielder) and Adam Esperra (pitcher, infielder).

The freshmen are Jonathan Serrano (short-stop), Anthony Rivera (infielder and pitcher, who has an excellent knuckleball), and Ramid Thompson (outfielder, first baseman).

"We're hoping to finish the season on a strong note," Frank said. "So far, it's been a good season."



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Legion

(Continued from Page B1) ing first base and Andrew Brenneman is an infielder and pitcher. GianCarlo Cifelli, who is also playing on the senior legion team, is a talented sophomore infielder and pitcher. Dominick Malanga is a candidate for the varsity outfield next season.

The second junior legion team, made up of incoming

freshmen and sophomores, is coached by Frank Marinello and Rich Hemsley. The team is also battling for a .500 finish, which would be an excellent achievement, considering the team started off 1-4.

The sophomores are David Caruso (catcher, infielder and pitcher), Anthony Marinello (infield and outfield), Justin Biss (catcher), Ramon Rodriguez (outfielder/pitcher), Nick Riggi (pitcher, infielder),



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Nutley 1953, 50th reunion, Sept. 12, 2003. For info, call Audrey Librizzi, (973) 667-4547.

Nutley 1983, Nov. 28, LaReggia, Secaucus. For info or with names, addresses of classmates, call Karen Genitempo, (973) 743-3486. Also, register at classmates.com, if possible.

Belleville 1983, Nov. 28. For info, call Lenny Russo at (973) 450-8471.

Nutley 1963, Oct. 24. For info, call Barbara Cure at (973) 398-0911.

Nutley 1958, 45th reunion, Sept. 20-21. Hospitality suite, noon to 6 p.m. Sept. 20, Ramada Inn, Rt. 3, Clifton. Dinner Saturday night at Nutley Elks. Brunch Sunday at Ramada Inn. For info, call Bruce Montgomery, (973) 377-7459 or e-mail Joe Gillies at vijoe23@worldnet.ATT.net.

Bloomfield 1971, Oct. 11, Forest Hill Field Club, Bloomfield. Fiftieth birthday celebration. For more info, email BHS Class71@aol.com or write to BHS Class of '71, 1246 Broad St., Suite 202,

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Nutley 1968, Nov. 28, Chandelier, Belleville. Call Lillian Dimichino DeFilippis at (973) 667-4693 or Connie Connella at (973) 364-9865 with addresses of former classmates.

Nutley 1948, Sept. 6. For info or with names of classmates, call Florence DeLage Kapuscinski at (973) 751-1323.

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American Legion Post 70, 45 Franklin Ave., Nutley, 8 p.m. 1st Thursdays.

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Ladies Auxiliary, Miles A. Suarez Post 711, VFW, 1 p.m. 1st Saturdays, post home, 369 Broughton Ave., Bloomfield. Starting in September. For membership info, Marianne Hart, (973)

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Louise V. Rovell

A Mass for Mrs. Louise V. Rovell, of Belleville was offered Saturday in St. Mary's Church, Nutley, after the funeral from the Megaro Memorial Home, Belleville.

Mrs. Rovell, who died July 4 in St. Michael's Medical Center, Newark, was a clerk for ADP in Clifton for 25 years, retiring 25 years ago.

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in Belleville most of his life.

Surviving are a brother, Dominic Russo, and sisters, Charlotte Schmitt, Mary Russo, Dolores Russo, Carmel DiPaolo, Ann Allman and Joanna Vigilante.

Frank A. DiCarlo

Frank A. DiCarlo, 78, of Monroe Township died July 4 in Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center, Edison.

A Mass was offered July 10 in the Nativity of Our Lord Church, Monroe Township, after the funeral from the Lester Memorial Home, Jamesburg.

Mr. DiCarlo was an accountant at Feldner Cadillac, Hackensack, for 10 years before retiring in 1989. Previously, he was employed at Key Ford, Elizabeth.

He served in the Army Air Force during World War II.

He was a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Italian American Club and the

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Born in Belleville, he lived in Emerson before moving to Monroe Township in 1989.

Surviving are sons, Robert and Frank Jr.; daughters, Ellen Koshofer and Cathy Carlino, and 11 grandchildren.

Frances Antonelli

A Mass for Mrs. Frances Antonelli, 90, of Belleville was offered July 8 in Holy Family Church, Nutley, after the funeral from the Megaro Memorial Home, Belleville.

Mrs. Antonelli died July 4 in Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville.

Born in New York City, she moved to Belleville 57 years ago.

Surviving are a son, Pat; sisters, Marie Semmels, Mildred, Fannie Flower, Anna May LoPinto; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Carmella F. Pucci

Mrs. Carmella F. Pucci, 88, of Nutley died July 5 at

Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge.

A Mass was offered July 8 in St. Mary's Church, Nutley, after the funeral from the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Born in Belleville, Mrs. Pucci moved to Nutley 63 years ago.

Surviving are a son, Fiore M.; two daughters, Margaret C. Iurato and Jennifer P. Musillo; a sister, Caroline Aduabato, and five grandchildren.

James Hoogendyk

A Mass for James Hoogendyk, 61, a lifelong resident of Belleville, was offered July 9 in St. Peter's Church, Belleville, after the funeral from the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mr. Hoogendyk died July 5 at home.

He was an electrician with the County of Essex in Newark and Cedar Grove for 10 years. Previously, he owned Wayne Business Machines, Belleville, for 20 years.

Mr. Hoogendyk was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Surviving are his wife, Judith A.; sons, Douglas J. and Dennis J.; a sister, Helen Doran, and brothers, Tunis and John.

Leonard M. Bonacorsa

A Mass for Leonard M. Bonacorsa of Belleville, who died July 5, was offered July 8 in St. Johns Ukrainian Catholic Church, Newark, after the funeral from the Union Funeral Home-Lytwyn & Lytwyn, Union.

Mr. Bonacorsa began his career in engineering with the Curtiss-Wright Corp. He

later joined the engineering staff at General Cable Corp., where he was involved in the manufacture and sale of heavy electrical cable used for primary power transmission. When General Cable was purchased by Pirelli Cable Corp., Mr. Bonacorsa became a chief engineer and managed projects involving laying submarine cable on ocean floors.

He earned a bachelor of science degree in metallurgical engineering from the Brooklyn Polytechnical University.

Active in local government, he served on the Belleville Zoning and Planning boards and the Board of Education.

Born in Flushing, N.Y., he lived in Belleville since 1973.

Surviving are his wife, Christine; daughters, Inya Chehade, Melanie Platosh and Natalie Bonacorsa; a sister, Carmel; his mother, Alice Bonacorsa, and a grandchild.

Arnold Peter Meyer

A Mass for Arnold Peter Meyer, 87, of Roseland was offered July 8 in Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, Roseland. Arrangements were by the Farmer Funeral Home, Roseland.

Mr. Meyer died July 5 in Cranes Mill Care Center, West Caldwell.

He was executive vice president of the Bak-A-Lum Corporation of America, Linden, from 1970 through 1985 when he retired.

Previously, he was executive vice president and director of the Commercial Lending Department of Gramatan National Bank in East Orange and, earlier, he was the personnel director of Thompson Starrett Co., Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. Meyer received a bachelor's degree from Rutgers University, Newark. He also attended Harvard University Graduate School of Business.

He served in the Navy during World War II as a lieutenant commander.

Mr. Meyer was a member of the Essex Fells Country Club, a former member and chairman of the Roseland Board of Adjustment and a member of The Navy League and the Military Order of the World Wars.

Born in Glen Ridge, he lived in West Orange, Virginia, Florida and Boston before moving to Roseland in 1961.

Surviving are his wife, Doris E.; a son, Peter A., and two grandchildren.

Lucy Pici

A Mass for Mrs. Lucy Pici, 80, of Port Charlotte, Fla., formerly of Belleville and Newark, was offered Friday in St. Anthony's Church, Belleville, after the funeral from the Zarro Funeral Home, Bloomfield.


Mrs. Pici died July 4 in St. Joseph's Hospital, Port Charlotte.

She owned and operated Pici's Hot Dog Truck in Belleville and Newark for 40 years before retiring in 1993.


Born in Newark, she lived in Newark and in Belleville for many years before moving to Port Charlotte seven years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Michele Stahl; sisters, Angie Vanella and Florence Papa; a brother, Jerry Torlucci; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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OBITUARIES

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Janet Cardamone

A Mass for Miss Janet Cardamone, 92, of Belleville was offered July 10 in St. Anthony's Church, Belleville, after the funeral from the Galante Funeral Home, Union.

Miss Cardamone died July 7 at Columbus Hospital, Newark.

She was a buyer for Bamberger's Department Store, Newark, where she worked for 40 years before retiring 35 years ago.

Born in New York City, she moved to Belleville 80 years ago.

Stella M. Cocco

A Mass for Mrs. Stella M. Cocco, 82, of Kearny was offered Friday in Saint Anthony's Church, Belleville, following the funeral from the LaMonica Memorial Home, Bloomfield.

Mrs. Cocco, who died July 7 at home, worked in the warehouse of Noritake, Secaucus, for 13 years, retiring 10 years ago. Previously, she was a factory worker for Hudson Lamp in Kearny for 15 years.

She was a member of the Bowl O'Drome Bowling League, North Arlington.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Cocco lived in Belleville before moving to Kearny 55 years ago.

Surviving are daughters, JoAnn Mitchell and Francine Choffo; a son, Anthony; brothers, Enrico Signorino and Domenick Signorino; sisters, Viola Passanati and Evelyn Anelli; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Michael J. Maioran Jr.

Services for Michael J. Maioran Jr., 87, of Newark were held July 10 in the Irvine-Cozzarelli Memorial Home, Belleville.

Mr. Maioran died July 6 in Columbus Hospital, Newark.

He was a carpenter with Local 1342 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America before retiring in 1978.

Mr. Maioran was a member of the American Legion and an elder in the Emanuel Presbyterian Church, Newark.

He served in the Army during World War II as a corporal and received a Purple Heart.

Born in Belleville, he moved to Newark 61 years

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Surviving are his wife, Phyllis Adessa, and sisters, Anna Picone and Millie De-Franco.

Angela Marie Esposito

A Memorial Mass for Mrs. Angela Marie Esposito, 88, of Margate, Fla., formerly of New Jersey, was offered Friday in Holy Family Church, Nutley.

Mrs. Esposito died June 20 in the home of her daughter, Kathleen Roberts, in Miami, Fla.

She was a cook at St. Peter's Rectory, Belleville, and Holy Family Rectory, Nutley, before retiring in the early 1970s.

She was a member of the Rosary Society and Sodality at Holy Family Church and numerous clubs at St. Vincent's Parish in Margate.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Esposito lived in Belleville before moving to Margate 31 years ago.

Also surviving are another daughter, Dotty West; sons, Dr. Richard Eden, Thomas and Michael Esposito; sisters, Carmella Schenocca and Norma Rizzolo; brothers, Carmine, Ernest and Edward De-Cristofaro; 20 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Carmen Trignano

A Mass for Carmen Trignano, 80, of Belleville was offered Friday in Holy Family Church, Nutley, after the funeral from the S.W. Brown and Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mr. Trignano, who died July 8 in the General Hospital Center at Passaic, was a partner in the C. & B. Service Center, Newark, for 25 years.

He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Born in Nutley, Mr. Trignano lived in Belleville for 55 years.

Surviving are his wife, Lorna; a daughter, Deborah Snider; a son, William; sisters, Mary Benz and Adeline Benz; brothers, Frank, Anthony, Joseph and Ralph, and four grandchildren.

Josephine Franzi

A Mass for Mrs. Josephine Franzi, 80, of Belleville was offered Friday in St. Anthony's Church, Belleville, after the funeral from the Zarro Funeral Home, Bloomfield.

Mrs. Franzi died July 8 in Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville.

She was a press operator for Etamco Industries, Bloomfield, for many years.

Born in Newark, she lived in Belleville most of her life.

Surviving are a daughter, Josephine Calafiore; sisters, Mary Galitot, Amy Bahnata and Louise Lynch, and two grandchildren.

James M. Sharkey

A Mass for James M. Sharkey, 84, of Belleville was offered Monday in St. Peter's Church, Belleville, after the funeral from the Kiernan Funeral Home, Belleville.

Mr. Sharkey died July 9 in Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville.

He was an inspector with the N.J. Division of Motor Vehicles, Newark, where he worked for 27 years before retiring.

He served in the Navy during World War II.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Sharkey moved to Newark in 1948 and then to Belleville in 1968.

Surviving are his wife, Anna Marie; daughters, Patricia Condit and Donna

Merceron; a brother, George; a sister, Margaret Beam; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

John B. Rittershofer

A Mass for John B. Rittershofer, 66, of Montclair was offered July 10 in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Nutley, after the funeral from S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mr. Rittershofer, who died July 6 at home, was a draftsman with Hoffmann La Roche, Nutley, for 35 years before retiring in 1995.

He was a member of the South Orange Seaport Society and the Air Force Museum at Dover Air Force Base, Dover, Del.

Mr. Rittershofer served in the Air Force during peacetime.

Born in Newark, he lived in Belleville before moving to Montclair 31 years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Priscilla; a daughter, Paula C. Gomez and a sister, Mary C. Donovan, Ed.D.

George W. Boucouvalas

George W. Boucouvalas, 76, of North Brunswick died July 7 in the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick.

Services were held July 10 in St. George's Greek Orthodox Church, Clifton, after the funeral from the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mr. Boucouvalas owned Court Lunch in Newark for 20 years before retiring in 1969.

Born in Saco, Maine, he lived in Belleville before moving to North Brunswick 10 months ago.

Surviving are his wife, Athena, and a sister, Olga Makris.

RELIGION

Church news from around the town

Fabulous Fridays at Christian Apostolic

If you are looking for a time to meet new friends; then get out of the pool and join us at the Christian Apostolic Church for our Fabulous Friday program. We meet every third Friday for games, food, movies and stories, all for free. Only for children ages five to 10 years old and the time for the meeting is 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 77 Wallace St.

If you have any questions, call the church at (973) 751-2290 or check out our web site at www.BellevilleChurch.com.

Fellowship and music at Christ Episcopal

Christ Episcopal Church has announced its summer public service of healing with anointing and the laying-on-of-hands for Sunday, July 20 at 10 a.m. The Rev. Paul Walker, vicar of Christ Church, will officiate and preach. While requests for prayers for healing with anointing and the laying-on-of-hands may be requested from the parish's clergy at any time, a public service of healing is offered on a regular basis as part of the regular 10 a.m. Mass.

Christ Episcopal Church is located at 393 Washington Ave., between Joralemon and Essex streets. For more information, phone the church at (973) 751-0616.

Take the Jesus Expedition

Little Zion UAME Church at 154 Stephens St. will be holding a new Bible school program called 'The Jesus Expedition, Exploring the Miracles of Jesus' every night until June 18, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It is an interactive learning experience for children, ages three to 17, that is a fun way to learn about Jesus by exploring the miracles reported in

the Bible. For more information, or to register, call Josephine at (973) 751-0371.

Belleville Reformed seeks vendors

The Belleville Reformed Church, corner of Main and Rutgers streets, is seeking vendors for a flea market at the church on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Price per space is \$12 if you use your own table or \$15 if you use a church table. Call Betty at (973) 751-2262, Carol at (973) 762-5419 or Marge at (973) 759-4636 for more information or to reserve a table.

The Belleville Reformed Church is also sponsoring a trip to the discount mall outlets in Lancaster Penn., on Saturday, July 26. For details, see Social News, page A9.

SCUBA vacation Bible school at River of Life

Join Captain J. Cousteau (Kids' Pastor Joe Rodriguez) and his crew every night from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. through July 18. Children ages 6-12 are invited to be part of this great summer adventure with exciting features like a nightly movie adventure on large screen, snacks that kids make themselves, high impact indoor and outdoor games, hand made crafts, amazing interactive Bible stories, and much more. Registration is free, but space is limited. To register your child, call the church office at (973) 759-0726, or download the registration form online at www.RiverofLifeWeb.com (click on the fish!)

Bethany offers Bible study

Pastor Nancy Moore of Bethany Lutheran Church (corner of Joralemon and New streets, Belleville) is now teaching weekly, hour-long, Bible study classes on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6 p.m. (enter via the side door on New Street).

SHOWCASE OF FINE HOMES

Prepared by the Advertising Department

Hints for starting at a new school

Moving to a new town is without a doubt stressful, especially for children. Even if your child is in high school, the idea of starting over - making new friends and entering a whole new social setting - can be frightening. What if the jeans that were all the rage in her old school are yesterday's news in the new one? What if his new teacher is more stern than his old favorite? While you can't help your child prepare for every bump in the road, there are plenty of steps you can take to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Before the move

The first thing to do is contact your child's new school as soon as you know your moving date. Make sure transcripts and other records from your child's current school are trans-

ferred early. The more the new school knows about your child, the better it will be able to prepare for his or her arrival. For example, if you're moving after the start of the school year, it can be frustrating for students as well as school officials if your child is placed in a class that is too advanced, too easy or in a subject she has already taken.

Make an appointment to speak with a school guidance counselor to discuss your child's academic history and to learn more about the school's community, like how to get involved with the PTA and how to sign your child up for extracurricular activities.

Once the school gives you your child's schedule, call your child's new teachers - they will be happy to talk with you and their new pupil. "I definitely want to

meet with new students before their first day," says Nathan Waller, a high school teacher in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. "We can talk about the course requirements and what they have done at their old schools."

Such conversations are especially crucial if you have signed your child up for a class that involves special equipment or extra materials, such as music or an honors course. An audition or entrance exam may be required.

After the move

If your move is too far to allow for trips beforehand, your child's new school will probably allow you and your child to visit before he starts attending classes. Ask a guidance counselor or another official to give both of you a tour of the school.



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WEEKEND PREVIEW

‘Concerts-on-the-Green’ ongoing

Bloomfield’s Summer Concerts on-the-Green series will continue on Monday, July 21, with the Bloomfield Civic Band. Tenor vocalist John Hammel and soprano vocal-

ist Carmen Artis are performing a two-part music series by Cole Porter. Hammel and Artis previously performed with the Bloomfield Civic Band in the summer of 2002, celebrating

the 100th anniversary of the music of Richard Rodgers. Many of Porter’s favorite tunes, including “I’ve Got You Under My Skin,” “Night and Day,” “Begin the Beguine,” “What Is This Thing Called Love,” “Anything Goes,” “In the Still of the Night,” “It’s All Right With Me” and highlights from “Kiss Me, Kate” are expected to be heard.

The final concert, scheduled for July 28, will feature light classics, pops and sing-a-long selections. The band will play an array of John Philip Sousa marches, “Finale from Symphony No. 4 (by Peter Tchaikowsky)” and numerous show tunes. A sing-a-long selection of old favorites will include “Alexander’s Ragtime Band,” “Peg o’ My Heart,” “A Four Leaf Clover,” “Bye, Bye, Blackbird,” “For Me and My Gal,” “Pretty Baby” and “Carolina in the Morning”.

The Green is located on Broad Street, two blocks north of Bloomfield Avenue across the street from the Bloomfield Public Library. Parking is situated in the Bloomfield Public Library and Church on-the-Green parking lots. Patrons are asked to bring their family, friends and neighbors.

Yard chairs, lawn chairs or blankets are recommended. The concerts will be cancelled in the event of rain.

The concerts are presented by the Bloomfield Federation of Music and sponsored by the Bloomfield Recreation Department. For more information, call (973) 743-9074 or (973) 338-8140.

Belleville cellist to perform at festival

Belleville cellist Jameson Platte will be featured in the Stokes State Music Festival as a masterclass artist and performer tomorrow night.

Platte will perform the Saint Saens “Concerto for Cello and Orchestra” at a gala concert on Friday, July 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Platte has been critically acclaimed as a “brilliant cellist,” and has performed with the Brevard Music Festival, the Blossom Music Festival and the Alabama, Jacksonville, and

Tuscaloosa symphony orchestras.

The concert will be held on the New Jersey School of Conservation campus in Sussex County, and is free and open to the public.

The Stokes Forest Music Festival, now in its 11th year, is hosting 80 gifted music students, 20 resident faculty and five guest artists throughout the session, which runs through July 19.

For directions or further information, call (973) 655-4443.



Jameson Platte

All-ages punk rock show to benefit AIDS research

The Nutley VFW, 271 Washington Ave., will feature an all-ages emo-punk rock show, featuring a welcome home for many of the bands this Sunday, July 20, at 2 p.m.

Appearing on the bill are all New Jersey acts: Running Like Thieves, The Escape Engine, Another Day Ruined, Flashlight Arcade, Burbis and Laura Palmer.

Having successfully toured Europe, guitarist Jon Biviano from Running Like Thieves returns to play his hometown of Nutley for the first time. Running Like

Thieves gained notoriety through previous bands Bold and Supertouch, which were popular in the late 80s.

Nutley is also the hometown for Another Day Ruined guitarists Audrae Garces and Graham Gardner. Gardner was also a member of the popular Nutley punk band Felix Frump. Meanwhile, vocalist Jason Reyes, drummer Edward Occhipinti and bassist Mike Marmo, all from Belleville (Marmo is originally from Clifton), are preparing an East Coast tour at the end of July.

Bassist Ryan Philip and guitarist Jeff Lahm of Flashlight Arcade are from Nutley as well.

Four of The Escape Engine members are from nearby North Arlington, Kearny and Paramus, respectively.

Members from Burbis are from Hasbrouck Heights and appeared in the band When All is Lost. Laura Palmer members are from Bloomfield and Montclair.

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BY TONY AUGUST

The Borgata,
Back To The Future

If that heading sounds confusing, let me clarify. I previewed this newest and most elegantly structured, tastefully decorated hotel/casino July 2 and 3. I was entertained royally and given the opportunity to experience every major component of the casino's operations. This included an overnight stay, dining in Borgata's gourmet restaurants, checking out its huge, yet intimate, casino area and Borgata's headline entertainment venues, including the posh 1,000 "Music Box" seat theater and the spacious 2,400 seat arena.

I also discovered rooms like the Gypsy Bar and other lounges that provided entertainment and checked out Borgata's two V.I.P. clubs for the so-called preferred and premium players. I also viewed the simulcast and poker tables one floor below, as well as located those promised four \$5 minimum blackjack tables (24 hours a day, 7 days a week).

I spoke at length with Peter Finamore, V.P. of hotel operations, and Larry Mullin, V.P. of Marketing, and invited Bob Boughner, Borgata's C.E.O. to be a guest on my radio show. He said he would. I made sure I didn't miss a thing, so that I could report back to my readers and radio listeners. Since I firmly believe that first impressions reflect a vision and insight into the reality and truth of any observation, I feel confident and comfortable in passing them on to you.

DINING: Strictly first class. A Tony A+ Rating. The Borgata is making a serious statement. The quality and presentation of its cuisine is worthy of the drive just to dine, even if you never gamble. The ambiance throughout the entire Borgata complex, that of simple understated elegance, is never more obvious than in the tastefully decorated gourmet restaurants. This applies as well to the moderately priced restaurants and fast food outlets.

SHOPS & MINI MALLS: Once again, upscale, yet affordable. A Tony A- rating, especially for those interested in quality merchandise and styling, for people who happen to win big.

ENTERTAINMENT: A Tony A- rating. Heavy accent on young, new comedic faces with a few heavyweights thrown in like Jay Leno and Bill Cosby. Many headline performers are lined up, such as Tony Bennett and Paul Anka, for the "Music Box Theater," a real theater with elevated, posh seating. Most important, you can expect a lot more headline entertainment than most other casinos offer during the year.

CASINO: A Tony A+ rating. This huge, but intimately designed casino is laid out on one level, containing 3,600 coinless, noiseless slots in every denomination up to \$1,000 a pull. There's enough noise with bells, whistles and crowd chatter to heighten the gaming experience and enough elbow room in the aisles alongside 145 table games, including the four \$5 blackjack tables, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. That's a Borgata exclusive and for this column a happy ending to an 18-year crusade which has brought the \$5 table back.

SERVICES: HOTEL & CASINO: A Tony B- rating. There were too many kinds of confusion, creating long waits at the cashier windows and managing the flow of play at table games. Service staffs, although exceptionally courteous, seemed unprepared for their assignments. There are plenty of attendants and space for parking, both self-service and valet. I still think casino operators should pick up the parking fees for overnight guests. BORGATA OPENING OVERALL TONY A RATING B+.

GUYS & DOLLS LOW ROLLER CLUB NEWS

There seems to be a misunderstanding among many new members of our club who request Borgata Cards from me. I do not work for the Borgata or any other casino. First you join our GDLC, then we send the info to supporting casinos and they issue their cards to our members. For those who want to go to the Borgata before your club membership card arrives and feel you want to sign up for the Borgata card, that's your call. Just tell them, however, to make a note of the fact that you are a member of the GDLC.

Plans are in the works for a big club meeting at the Borgata in early August. I'll keep you posted. In the meantime please keep those e-mails and those letters and post cards coming, (cascon777@aol.com) or write to Executive Editor, North Jersey Community Newspapers, 1 Garret Mountain Plaza, PO Box 471, West Paterson NJ 07424-0471

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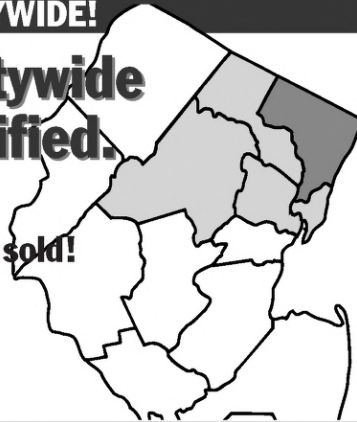
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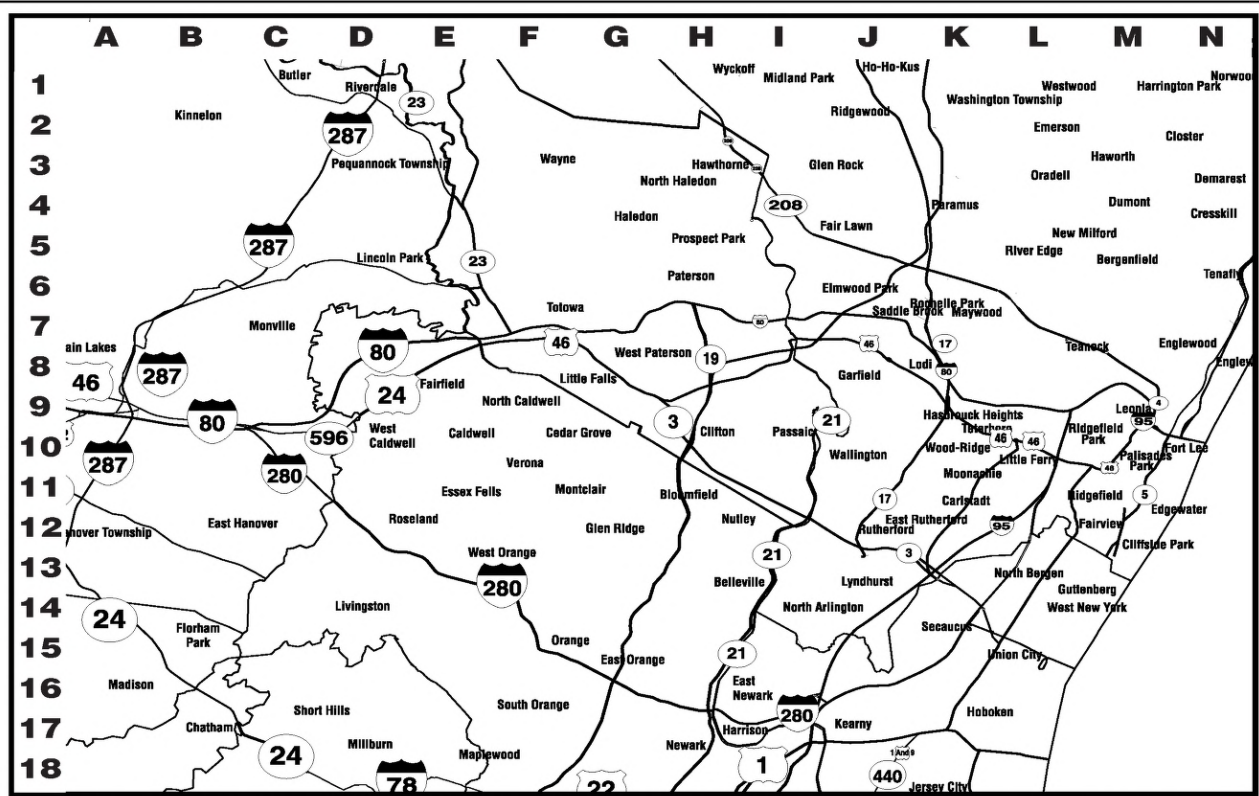
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Belleville was the ‘starting gate’ for two horse race partners

By Jay Lawrence
The Record

It was their debut in the Meadowlands Pace, but for the men in the partnership that owns Quarter Carat, Saturday's \$1 million race had additional meaning.

Quarter Carat finished 10th in the race, which was won by Allamerican Theory in an upset. But the four partners - John McDermott, Anthony Lombardi, William Garofalo, and Richard Tosies - who bought the horse in August, have been friends since their high school days in Belleville and Kearny. They've worked day jobs, married, started families, and held fast to their love for the sport that first attracted them more than 20 years

ago. Through it all, the friendship, and now the partnership, endured.

"They're all as goofy as me, that's why we get along," said McDermott, a former police officer in Summit and Roxbury, and now Quarter Carat's trainer. "Seriously, everybody has to be able to talk. And you have to be able to understand everybody's point of view."

McDermott, 37, has known Tosies, 36, since age eight, long before their days together at Kearny High. Lombardi and Garofalo, both 37 and graduates of Belleville High, have been friends since they were 10, when Garofalo's mother had a hair salon next to Lombardi's house.

Garofalo and McDermott met when they were tellers at Meadowlands Racetrack in the mid-1980s. The four became friends shortly thereafter.

There were always connections to the sport of pacing. McDermott's brother Kevin, now a successful trainer, used to sneak under the fence at the Meadowlands to walk horses. John, a law-and-order guy even back then, refused to enter illegally, so he got a job working with Garofalo's brother Carl, a trainer.

But the talk was not of the Pace or the Hambletonian.

"What we used to talk about was raising families together and going down to the beach and having a good

time," Lombardi said. "But Billy was a paper boy. He always had the money. We used to take taxis over to the Meadowlands when we were like 11. He injected me. Now I can't stop."

The partnership was formed when another owner offered McDermott a deal for four horses, one of which was Quarter Carat. Tosies and Garofalo bought in, and Lombardi joined the partnership in January.

McDermott, who was moonlighting as a trainer and, along with his wife, raising three children, made a life-changing decision. He quit the police force to become a full-time trainer. Tosies, the father of two children and former owner of a

roofing company, became the stable's groom.

Garofalo, a vice president for finance, and Lombardi, who owns a fund-raising company, maintained their business ties.

On race day, Tosies is the nervous member of the group, McDermott the calmest. Both were tested by the Pace. Quarter Carat, a 12-1 shot, drew the No. 8 post that prior Tuesday. The 4-6 favorite, Whatanartist, drew No. 4, with Yankee Cruiser, at 7-2, in the No. 2 post. The ultimate winner, Allamerican Theory, started from No. 9 post.

"The post doesn't matter," McDermott said days before the race. "I've won from the 10-hole and got my butt

kicked from the rail. You never know what's going to happen."

"This horse (Quarter Carat) doesn't belong here. He just kept getting better. Now he's in against the big boys and he's just going to give it his all."

Quarter Carat, a gelding, could race for several years. The partnership expects to expand its interest and pursue more horses in the future. But that can wait. The four still enjoy reflecting on the past 11 months.

"To step off your first year and come to the Meadowlands Pace, it's amazing," McDermott said. "Carat's totally overachieved. He's given us the thrill of our life already."

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