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Isabel proves all bark no bite

By Richard Dickon

The preparations outdistanced the actual damage and mayhem of Tropical Storm Isabel in Belleville on Sept. 18 and 19.

Police Chief Joseph Rotonda said, "it was nothing like we could have had, and nothing like what we were expecting."

Calling the damage "very minor," Rotonda said, "I'm pleasantly surprised. We dodged a bullet."

He said there were "a few wires down and a couple of trees damaged," but that was it.

Public and parochial schools opened 90 minutes late because of the storm.

The police, fire departments and department of public works were on alert because Gov. James McGreevey had declared a state of emergency throughout the state.

"All personnel were in contact with the department as far as possibly having to come in," Rotonda said.

As things turned out, no overtime was needed.

Still, the town was ready, with barricades, flares and emergency generators for the police, fire and DPW buildings.

The generators were checked to make sure they were operational, Rotonda said.

Police, fire and public works departments had meetings for the week before the storm hit.

"We mobilized the command center, the mobile precinct and the boats, in case there was flooding again on Main Street and elsewhere, like with Tropical Storm Floyd," Rotonda said.

The DPW's bucket loader truck was a big help in getting people out of flooded areas, he said. The bucket loader helped lift residents stranded by flood waters to safety.

"We were very lucky this time, but we were ready," Rotonda said.



Alan León/staff photographer

Freeholder Ralph Caputo said that traffic may seem to be improving around the New Jersey Transit signals in Silver Lake, but he wants to see a report on what's yet to be done.

Put it in writing

Freeholder Caputo said he wants a full report on plans for Silver Lake signals

By Richard Dickon

Although traffic flow has improved at the light rail train crossing in Silver Lake, Freeholder Ralph Caputo said he is still not happy and wants to know how far New Jersey Transit and Newark subway officials are willing to go to improve conditions.

The crossing at Franklin Street and Belmont Avenue has backed up traffic so badly that vehicles have cut through the gas station on the corner. Motorists have been stuck for several red lights at the intersection, especially during rush hour.

Caputo said the problems are the result of defective traffic and train signal changes initiated by NJ Transit operations.

"Things have improved. We're very appreciative," Caputo said after he sponsored a Freeholder resolution and sent a copy to Patrick O'Connor, senior director of government and community relations at NJ Transit.

Still, he said there should be some kind of progress report sent to Belleville's township engineer, Thomas Herits.

"I want to know how far they're willing to go to improve things," he said. "This has been going on a long time for children, churchgoers, businesses and residents. They've been hurt a lot."

"I want a detailed report on what they still have to do. Rush hour is still bad," he said.

Larry Walsh, who owns the Crossing Inn on Franklin Street near the railroad crossing, has said the traffic flow is improving.

He said on Sept. 22 that the NJ Transit people "were out there today. They said they have a couple more things to tweak."

Caputo said NJ Transit agreed to be responsible for the traffic and train signals, but the result has been "a traffic and safety disaster for motorists and pedestrians."

School 4 is located a short distance away, and children are at great safety risk, he said.

The Silver Lake Fire Station up the street has problems getting fire vehicles in and out of the station because of traffic, Caputo said.

In his letter to NJ Transit, Caputo said neither the Freeholders, the town council nor his office have been given written progress reports by NJ Transit "as to

these serious problems."

Michael Magdziak, assistant general manager of the Newark City Subway, said he installed another computer program with enhanced equipment on Aug. 20 that should improve the flow of vehicles. The flow of light rail trains has also been changed.

He said it might not be the last round of change to the system. Magdziak said the signals had been working pretty well for four or five weeks, after it took officials a year to work the bugs out of the system.

For example, the safety precautions would often kick in unnecessarily for the trains, making the computers read that the crossing was unsafe and going to a failsafe where all lights turn red, which would snarl traffic, he said.

Bridge closing irks businesses

By Richard Dickon

More than three years after rebuilding began on the Route 7, Rutgers Street Bridge, nearby merchants are still facing loss of business because of bridge closures.

The bridge was scheduled to be closed Sept. 20 and again on Oct. 11, according to Mike Horan, a state Department of Transportation spokesman.

Barry Falk of State Fair on Main Street said the Oct. 11 closure, during the height of his company's Halloween sales time, will hurt most.

"The weekend is the primary part of retail business," he said of the closure.

Other business owners, who requested anonymity, questioned why the state couldn't do the work, which includes pouring concrete, in January or February — slower times for retail merchants.

Others said it could have been done this past August, also a slower retail time.

One business owner said they still have to pay their employees and their taxes, regardless of whether business is brought down by bridge closures.

Larry Vogel, who is the project manager for the bridge reconstruction, said he is not allowed to speak to the press.

Horan said 99 percent of the work had been done on the \$32.8 million project. No more fines have been levied against the company, M.J. Paquet Inc. The company has in turn agreed to redo the deck on the bridge at the company's expense in return for the state not pursuing any more damages.

"We're not happy with the durability of the deck," Horan said.

Because concrete is being poured, the bridge must be closed for an entire day, and there must be a couple of weeks in between to allow the concrete to dry, Horan said.

The work being done is on basic electric and the deck.

The work was supposed to start on Sept. 13, but the weather hindered the effort. (See Bridge on Page A5)

Adult housing said to be coming to Soho

By Christine Hintze

The Belleville Zoning Board unanimously approved an application at their meeting last Tuesday that promises to transform the interior of the old geriatric building on the Soho property into a 26 apartment adult housing complex for area residents.

The decision came after nearly an hour of discussion about the intended use of the complex. Owner Robert Grogan and attorney Robert Gashion presented the project to the board as a senior housing development, requesting a density variance from the board. During testimony Grogan stated that he intended to rent the units to residents age 40 and older, causing many members of the board to ask if the building could really be considered senior housing.

"I do not think that we should be hearing this case as a senior citizen community," said DelGuercio. "I want to know what restrictions can be

enforced before I vote on this thing and I think we should also attempt to determine the definition of senior housing."

The area is currently zoned for senior housing. When DelGuercio asked Grogan if he would consider raising the age restriction for residents Grogan said that he would not do so because he will be using private funding. He also said that there is no guarantee that there would be ample demand in the age group to fill the units. According to standards set by the state, senior housing is defined to serve residents age 62 and above. Gashion stated to the board that there is currently no township or state legislation addressing defined senior housing and agreed with board attorney Sal Russoniello that the application should be deemed a senior housing community.

Although the complex may not be true senior housing, many board members expressed their approval for

building such a site. The town currently offers no senior housing community. Some members said that there had been too many applications for senior housing that had fallen to the wayside in previous years.

Resident Vinnie Frantantoni addressed the board saying that the complex would not be a true senior housing community and that the elderly population would not benefit from such an application. He also cautioned the board to ensure that they were taking the appropriate measures to approve a community that would not by definition qualify as senior housing. Senior housing units are eligible for special zoning and tax consideration.

"I am glad to see an application for senior housing because we need senior citizen housing in Belleville," Frantantoni said. "But this is not senior housing and there are things to be considered for it (See Housing on Page A3)

Preparing for the big day



Alan León/staff photographer

Chairperson of the Nutley-Belleville Columbus Day Parade Committee Beverly Fiore emceed the parade's fundraising dinner Friday night. For more photos, see page A4.

POLICE BLOTTER

• A Newark man was arrested for possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia on Sept. 15. Carlos Couto, 35, of Newark was stopped for motor vehicle violations at approximately 2:18 a.m. in the township. Belleville police found a Zip Lock bag with a white powdery substance, a bag of marijuana, rolling papers and straw in his possession after a search in the vehicle.

He was arrested and charged for possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia and driving with a suspended license. Bail was set at \$3,500.

• Police received a call for a noise violation on Frederick Street that resulted in an arrest on Sept. 16 at approximately 5 p.m. Officers responding to the complaint smelled marijuana emanating from the home and viewed a bag of marijuana in the house. Andrew Spano, 18, of Belleville was charged for

acting under the influence of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance.

• Belleville police responded to a burglary and theft on Washington Avenue on Sept. 20. An officer on patrol noticed a broken door and entered to find an open cash register. Police notified the owner who reported money and cigarettes missing from his store. No suspects have been named in the case.

• Police arrested a Newark man for unlawful possession of a weapon at 4:20 a.m. on Sept. 21. Officers responded to a call reporting a fight at the Pyramid Gas Station where one party was reported to be wielding a bat or a pipe. Police apprehended Edilberto Bazan, 35, of Newark a few blocks from the scene. He was still in possession of the weapon at the time of the arrest.

All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Suburban Essex Chamber of Commerce hopes to reach the 200-member mark

By Michael Perrota
The Suburban Essex Chamber of Commerce, an alliance of businesses from Bloomfield, Belleville and Glen Ridge, has been off to a successful start since their collaboration in January of 2003.

The Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce had absorbed the former members of the Belleville Chamber of Commerce after the Belleville chapter officially dissolved on Jan. 31. After adding businesses from Glen Ridge, which never had a chamber, the newly created organization changed its name.

The mission statement of the volunteer association is to "nurture and enhance the growth and prosperity of the business community."

"One of our main goals was to create a larger network for local businesses to share ideas," said Maria Paladino-Fitz, vice president of membership.

Jolie Ruffalo, president of the Suburban Essex Chamber, says, "Our goals were to expand our membership and to give current members additional businesses to network with. While meeting these goals, we wanted to develop a strong base of businesses in Belleville and Glen Ridge."

While there was some concern over the chemistry of the organization before its creation, the results have been extremely successful. There has been close to 50 new members in the past two months for the chamber, as the numbers have ballooned to over 180. Ruffalo claimed she was "very pleased with the progress of the new cham-

ber thus far."

The chamber will be distributing a new Spotlight Directory to every home in Glen Ridge, Belleville and Bloomfield at the end of October.

"We are predicting that we break the 200-member barrier by the fall due to the directory," said Paladino-Fitz.

Belleville businessmen Frank Marmo, owner of Yerg Printing, was a member of the Belleville Chamber of Commerce for over 25 years and is a current trustee on the Suburban Essex Chamber of Commerce. Marmo said that the chapter never recovered since 1995 when a large number of major businesses moved out of Belleville.

"We were doing well. We retained our scholarships and were running a lot of programs," said Marmo. "But we knew we weren't going to get any bigger than our 50 members."

Marmo proposed the idea to Paladino-Fitz, and after a year of chamber discussion and debate, the new organization was formed. Both were later honored with awards at the formal installation of the new officers and trustees in January.

"A lot of Belleville businessmen were concerned that some of the former members of our chamber weren't going to join the new chamber," said Marmo. "But they all did, and some of them are trustees. It was a reassurance for the Belleville businesses."

Marmo stated that the biggest advantages for the Belleville businesses are more exposure, the advanced networking seminars, the chamber's personalized Web site and, as Marmo put it, "a

long term future" for the businesses. He also stated it has been a "smooth transition".

"I'm very happy with the participation of the Belleville members," said Paladino-Fitz. "There was a lot of hard work for all involved."

While no Glen Ridge or Belleville businesses owners hold officers' positions (there are 10 trustees from Belleville), Paladino-Fitz assured that everyone in the chamber has a voice.

Ruffalo stated that while Glen Ridge does not have as many businesses as the other two towns, there are several professionals such as doctors and lawyers that would benefit by being a chamber member. She added that the executive board is strategizing to incorporate more Glen Ridge businesses into the existing network.

Another advantage of the Suburban Essex Chamber is two paid employees, a luxury Belleville never had. Until her recent resignation, Vicki Burnett served as executive administrator of the Bloom-

field Chamber for four years. The office still maintains two employees, Donna Pietroicovo and Elaine Makarow. A worker will be in the chamber office five days a week, a rarity for chambers.

The cost for membership to the chamber for a business of under 50 employees is \$150, while businesses that employ over 50 people is \$300. Membership benefits include a free listing in the annual Spotlight Directory, directory listing on www.suburbanessexchamber.com and a hyperlink to the member companies' Web site, business card distribution, verifications and referrals to consumers on a daily basis and free grand opening ribbon cutting events, amongst others.

The Web site was created by the volunteer efforts of Roj Prasad of Web Epoch in Bloomfield. The Suburban Essex Chamber's office is located at 277 Broad St. and can be contacted at (973) 748-2000.

Marine Diaz visits Liberia

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Adonis Diaz, son of Catherine Mukan of Belleville, recently went ashore to Roberts International Airport and the Freeport of Monrovia in Liberia to provide support for West African forces while assigned to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), based in Camp Lejeune, N.C. The unit is currently deployed with the USS Iwo Jima.

Diaz is one of more than 4,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines who are de-

ployed aboard the ships of the USS Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group.

The MEU established a quick reaction force at Robert's International to provide support for the Economic Community of West African States' forces if needed, and assisted in securing the Freeport in an effort to facilitate humanitarian efforts for the Liberian people.

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 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, aircraft squadron, support group and command element. With this combination, Diaz' unit supplies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishment or clearing the way for follow-on forces.

Diaz is a 2001 graduate of Belleville High School and joined the Marine Corps in June 2002.

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bership tea is on Monday, October 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Belleville Woman’s Club, 51 Rossmore Place, Belleville.

Woman’s Club to see “Mama Mia!”

The Woman’s Club of Belleville has tickets available for the Broadway pro-

duction of “Mamma Mia!” Tickets are for the evening of Thursday, Oct. 23, and cost \$90 each. The bus leaves promptly from Belleville High School at 4:45 p.m. For more information call Elaine at (973) 751-2089.

The GFWC Woman’s

Club of Belleville is a member of the New Jersey Federation of Women’s Clubs and is one of 316 clubs dedicated to volunteering in their community. For information about the club, call Elaine Teemer at (973) 751-2089 or visit the website at www.njsfwc.org.

Red Cross offers classes to public

The Montclair-Glen Ridge-Nutley Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Nutley Department of Public Affairs, Joanne Cocchiola Commissioner, will be offering health and safety classes this fall. The National Red Cross Campaign, “Together We Prepare,” encourages community agency partnerships to provide residents the opportunity to be

trained in CPR and first aid.

Classes will be taught by a certified Red Cross instructor and will be held at the Nutley Department of Public Affairs, located at 149 Chestnut St. in Nutley. The class schedule is as follows:

Infant and Child CPR will be offered on Oct. 20 and 27 from 7-10 p.m. and the fee is \$45.

Adult CPR and First Aid is scheduled for Nov. 3 and 10 from 7-10 p.m. and the cost is \$45.

Space is limited and classes fill up quickly so register early by calling the Red Cross at (973) 667-3818. All two and three day classes must be attended to complete each course. Class fees, which include all books, are due at time of registration.

Housing

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Officer injures fleeing suspect

By Christine Hintze
An investigation by Belleville police into a purse-snatching ended in Newark early last Thursday morning in gunfire.

Two officers from the Belleville precinct, acting on a tip from the Jersey City police department, escaped the incident unharmed after firing at the perpetrator, who attempted to run down one officer in his car.

The perpetrator, Arron Wheeler, 30, of Newark was shot in the shoulder before Belleville and Newark police arrested and charged him for attempted murder of a police officer and several counts of robbery. Jersey City police notified officers in the Belleville precinct that Wheeler, who had been identified in several similar robberies across the state, had been seen driving a Blue Acura and could be found in Newark.

Belleville Captain Frank Manno said that officers from the Belleville precinct were performing watched the parked car for several hours before the incident occurred. Upon approaching the car shortly after 4 a.m. an officer identified a sleeping person in the front seat and called Newark

police for backup. The officers surrounded the car and knocked on the window to wake the occupant. Noticing the officers, Wheeler was said to put the car into reverse, hitting a police vehicle before driving on to the sidewalk where he encountered one officer. The officer was struck by the vehicle and thrown onto the hood. The officer fired his weapon, hitting Wheeler in the shoulder.

"The officer was very fortunate that he wasn't injured more," said Manno. "He feared that his life was in danger so he fired." The injured officer, Det. Vincent Strumolo was taken to Clara Maass Medical Center and treated for injuries sustained to his lower leg. He was back to work on Sept. 23.

A Newark officer was also treated for injuries to his hand. Wheeler was taken to University Hospital, treated and released for a gunshot wound.

Wheeler is a possible suspect in a series of similar robberies in Belleville, Kearny and Bloomfield. Further investigation revealed that the Blue Acura was reported stolen earlier this month in Union.

Columbus Day pride



Alan León/staff photographer

The Nutley-Belleville Columbus Day Parade is Oct. 12. Above, honored at this year's dinner were, back row left to right: Belleville Man of the Year Anthony Sessa; Nutley Man of the Year Frank Graziano; Nutley Lady in Waiting Heather Greiss; Nutley Bella Signorina Christina Cacio; Nutley Woman of the Year Celeste Federico; and Nutley Grand Marshal Joseph Genarelli. Front row, left to right: Belleville Woman of the Year Pat Farina; Belleville Bella Signorina Diana DeSantis; Belleville Lady in Waiting Kristina Servidio; and Belleville Grand Marshal Jimmy Donadia. Right, Arlene Schor greets Victor Maffucci, seated at left, and Angelo Marone.



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Pascrell announces cash for school technology

Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-8) announced that schools in Belleville are receiving more than \$100,000 in federal funding through the "E-Rate" or Education Rate program.

The awards are distributed by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and provide a substantial discount on high technology services for schools and libraries. The Belleville School District is receiving \$78,609.01, The Therapeutic School and Pre-School will receive \$21,262.56, and St. Peter School will receive \$2,946.21, all for telecommunication

services and internet access.

The E-Rate initiative was established as part of the landmark Telecommunications Act of 1996 which provides \$2.25 billion annually in discounts to public and private schools and libraries in America on telecommunications services, internet access, and internal connections, according to Pascrell.

The district's application was one of tens of thousands from schools and libraries across the United States that applied for E-rate discounts. Additional waves of funding will continue to be announced bi-weekly.

"It is critical for all our students to have access to the state of the art. The Internet can be the most important learning tool we provide for our children in the 21st century. Students must be afforded the benefits of this incredible educational revolution," said Pascrell. "These new federal dollars will help bring internet services to classrooms in our communities. That is why E-Rate is such an important program."

Middles schoolers learn about back health

On Thursday, September 18, 2003, Belleville Middle School welcomed alumni Dr. Dominic Cerreto and Dr. Leonard Russo from the Belleville Chiropractic Center.

Both graduates of the Belleville school system, the doctors spoke to Joanne Maiorca's Social Studies Seven students. They talked about their scholastic background and explained the history of chiropractic health care. Students were also given a lesson on the human brain, vertebrate column, spinal cord and its function in the health of the body.

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School district to honor local grads who accomplished a lot

By Richard Dickon
School officials are looking for Belleville High School graduates who have made enduring contributions in the private or public sector to be featured on a "Wall of Recognition."
The district is soliciting nominations, either through the website, www.belleville.k12.nj.us or by stopping at the high school to pick up a form, according to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph Ciccone.

School board member John McManus chairs the committee putting the wall together. He said, "We want to instill some pride in the school community."
The district has a great history, with doctors, lawyers and even a state Supreme Court justice, McManus said.
The distinguished graduates will be put on a wall near the auditorium.
"Everyone who comes in will see the rich history," McManus said.

A plaque with an image of the face of the inductee will put on the wall, he said. The district will hold an induction every two years, McManus said.
The wall committee will include Ciccone, high school Principal Joseph Petrillo, Director of Student Services Deborah Perri and three board members. The board members will be McManus, John Notari and Ralph Mazzuca.
"The community, students, and the faculty should have great pride," McManus said.
Possible selections for the first induction could include Dr. Eddie Aulisi, a brain surgeon, and Dr. Michael Sbarra, an obstetrician, Ciccone and McManus said.
According to the official rules, employment in the school district or election to the Board of Education or Township Council by itself is not sufficient for nomination to the wall.
"We want to hold it to a high criteria, the best of the

best," McManus said. "These are lives that these teachers helped to create — any student who goes on to achieve greatness."
The cutoff date for nominations is still to be determined, but may be next April 1, with a ceremony in May or June either at the high school or at a dinner, Ciccone said.
"It will catch on. People will hear about it," he said.
McManus said, "we will get inundated, and I don't mind. I want a large pool to draw from."
There will be maybe six inducted the first year, then three every two years, he said.
"This is to give due respect and proper recognition," McManus said.
The form asks for the nominee's accomplishments (i.e. special awards, special recognition of other kinds) and any other reasons the nominator believes the nominee should be considered for the wall. The award may be posthumous.

Belleville Police to educate citizens on managing a crisis

Monday, Belleville Police Chief, Joseph Rotonda, announced that the Belleville Police Department would create a Citizens Emergency Response Team, more commonly known as CERT.
Rotonda stated that since Sept. 11, 2001, the world is a very different place. People are more aware today of their vulnerabilities against future terrorist attacks. That is why the Belleville Police Department has decided to create a CERT.
The point is to encourage citizens to take an active role in protecting the community, by giving them measures to make their families and homes safer from the threats of crime, disasters and terrorism.
Rotonda further noted that more than likely im-

mediately following a major disaster or a terrorist attack, professional emergency responders such as fire, medical and police personnel would not be able to meet the full demands for these services. Many factors like extent of damage, number of possible victims, communication failures, or limited access may prevent both first responders from attending to citizens immediately.
The Los Angeles City Fire Department first created the Community Emergency Response Team concept in 1994. Today, approximately 38 states across this nation have created CERTs.
CERT Training promotes a partnering effort between professional emergency services and the people that they serve. Emergency personnel will train members of civic organizations, neighborhood watch programs, religious organizations, school staff/parent teacher associations, business organizations/leaders, scouting organizations and citizens in general.
Some of the areas CERT trainers will teach include:

- The types of hazards most likely to affect their homes and communities.
- The function of CERT and its role in immediate response.
- Steps for citizens to prepare themselves for a disaster.
- Identifying and reduc-

ing potential fire hazards in homes and workplaces.

- Working as a team to apply basic fire suppression strategies, resources and safety measures to extinguish a burning liquid.
- Techniques for opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating shock.
- Conducting triage under simulated conditions.
- Performing head-to-toe assessments.
- Selecting and setting up a treatment area.
- Basic treatments for various wounds.
- Identifying, planning and sizing-up requirements for potential search and rescue situations.
- The most common techniques for searching a struc-

ture.
• Safe techniques for debris removal and victim extrication.
• Ways to protect rescuers during search and rescue.
Rotonda stated that anyone interested in joining should attend the first scheduled seminar on Wednesday, Oct. 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Belleville High School auditorium, location at 100 Passaic Ave., or contact Belleville Police Train-

ing Officer Lieutenant Victor Mesce at (973) 450-3185. The quest speaker for the evening will be Paul M. Miller, from the New Jersey State Police, who is trained in Weapons of Mass Destruction and Community Emergency Response Team tactics.
Rotonda publicly thanked The Federal Emergency Management Agency, Congressman William Pascrell, and state, county and local officials for their support with the initiatives.

Bridge

(Continued from Page A1)
forts, although the bridge was still closed, according to Falk.

The work will be completed by the end of the year, Horan said.

The bridge's \$30 million-plus price tag is being funded through federal and state taxes, he said.

"This is an effort to reconstruct a structurally deficient bridge," Horan said.

Also discouraging shoppers are the lane restrictions that block traffic going one way or the other. Horan said, "There may be some lane restrictions."

He recommended that motorists take the Kingsland Street Bridge or the Clay Street crossing.

"I fully understand the hardships to businesses," Horan said. "But you have to look at the benefits of the project."

The bridge construction started in August 2000 and the bridge reopened in

August 2002, but not before the company doing the work was fined for missing the date of completion. Businesses on both sides of the Passaic suffered during that time, losing customers.
"The DOT is reviewing other potential fines for lateness," Horan said.

Charity tricky tray Oct. 3

On Oct. 11, there will be a benefit dinner, comedy show and tricky tray, with all proceeds going to The Scott House of Washington, NJ, a non profit home for abused children. This year's event will be held at the American Legion Post 299, 118 Belmont Ave., in Belleville.

This event starts at 5:30 p.m. and goes until 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 each and include a spaghetti dinner, comedy show, tricky tray and 50/50. For tickets, to donate tricky tray prizes, or for more information, please contact: Tami Anderson (973) 837-0710.

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. Visit www.Bellevillenj.org.

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OPINION

A tongue in cheek proposal

Save the toll plazas!

You may or may not have heard this, but there is actually talk afoot of ridding New Jersey of one of its great lasting antiquities – the toll plaza.

As obscene as this may sound, it's true. In fact Gov. James E. McGreevey campaigned on the promise that he'd do away with these traffic-staggering treasures within seven years. Luckily, he doesn't appear to have made any ground in that effort, whatsoever, so time remains for New Jerseyans to unite and save their parkway collection points.

What does the governor suppose we'll do when they're gone? What's to become of all that loose change accumulating in our vehicle's cup holder? Chances are, some opportunist petty thief will smash our car window at night and abscond with it — maybe even use it for drugs. Is that the kind of thing we want to encourage?

Either that or we'll wind up carrying bucket-loads of it to the supermarket to get robbed by a Coinstar machine for eight cents on the dollar. No thanks.

New Jerseyans have to pay for the Garden State Parkway debt one way or another, and tollbooths allow many of us to pay our share while keeping our car's interior clutter-free of jingling crime bait.

Of course, most commuters have signed up for EZ Pass, which removes loose change from the equation altogether. But if the state removes toll plazas, what's to become of EZ Pass? Here we extend the debt for the parkway to buy all this cool gadgetry, only to later shut the whole operation down? It's kind of like buying a giant screen television, leaving it in the box and then selling it at a yard sale for 50 cents.

But let's look beyond the financial waste for a moment. Let's accentuate the positive things about toll plazas.

When you, the driver, are assessed your 35 cents at a tollbooth, you're not just paying for the right to travel a fine motorway, you're paying for a chance at cognitive betterment.

For instance, where else would three lanes explode into nine, putting you in the harried position of finding the right one – EZ Pass, Exact Change or Cash Receipts – before it's too late?

You aim your car at Exact Change, but like a mirage, the road seems to dissipate and you're actually in an EZ Pass lane, three lanes away from where you need to be. Now the challenge is to cross that span, dodging the flow of commuters who are just as disoriented as you are.

But you make it. And you accomplish this feat while rummaging with one hand

through an assortment of coffee coated coins, having trained yourself to recognize the quarters and dimes by touch alone.

You toss the change into the toll basket and wait for the sign to flash "Paid Thank You," which it doesn't. So you signal with your horn, instantly absolving yourself of any suspicion of 'toll-dodging,' and proceed.

Beyond, the lanes collapse from nine into three and the challenge now is to weave yourself again into the fabric of traffic that comes at you from all sides. If you can do this while avoiding banishment to the "Exit Only" lane, you have become no less a professional-grade driver than a god.

But the issue goes beyond the survival sense we develop going in and out of the plazas.

More sinisterly, removing the tollbooths would erode the cultural backbone of New Jersey. How else are we supposed to find out what reunited 70s and 80s rock bands are coming to PNC Arts Center without those placards displayed at each stop?

Do you honestly think Poison and The Steve Miller Band are going to stop touring just because the people in Jersey allowed themselves to be kept in the dark? That's a very naive attitude. The truth is these bands will continue to spread their encapsulated portion of pop culture history across the nation, ultimately skipping the Garden State, where the people can't even be bothered to preserve a historical landmark such as the Essex County Toll Plaza.

Additionally, how would we be kept apprised of local garage bands, whose music could enrich our lives? How many of us have seen a bumper sticker reading something like "Angry Eddie" slapped across a toll basket and felt impelled beyond our will to track that band down? Who is Eddie? Why is he angry? Most importantly, does Angry Eddie rock?

A visit to the Angry Eddie web site reveals a garage band in a nearby town whose members are all over 30, and who only stop'a rockin' to catch the latest Poison show at the PNC Arts Center. Regardless, our musical palette is a smidgen broader for having discovered them.

So you see, it's folly to propose doing away with New Jersey's toll plazas. Sure traffic would flow like some pristine, untamed river, and road rage would cool several major degrees, but is it worth the trade-off? What we gain in efficiency and soothed nerves, we lose in security of our loose change, honed reflexes and cultural enrichment. Who will justify that exchange to the generations to come?



The Seen

Violence translates into a whole ‘nother rap

By Jeff Harrell

A father was talking about his son “the TV writer.”

As the father relayed the story about how his son returned to Jersey from Los Angeles to work on a hip-hop show for MTV in New York City, he laughed over his 20-something son trying to understand his own generation's language.

“They actually had a translator for him,” the father said. “When he came home, he told me, ‘Dad, even with a translator I didn’t understand a word they were saying.’”

Like the father, I’m old enough to remember “groovy,” although the first person who ever uttered the word ought to have their tongue stapled to the roof of their mouth.

But I’m also young enough to find it fascinating to hear a kid in a throwback football jersey and a backwards ball cap lament over how his baby-mama wears too much bling bling for the bank he’s got in his grip.

Translation for those of you who still think bell-bottoms are groovy: Kids are just as broke today as we were when we had babies before we were supposed to.

Not that seeing a kid makes me want to throw a phat dukey rope around my neck and knock out a Def Jam of my own.

Today’s kids may accessorize better than us old-schoolers did, but we had James Brown first.

What we didn’t have were guns.

Or if we did, we didn’t take them out unless we were going hunting with dad or had just received our draft notice.

Translation for those of you who think Snoop Dogg is old: Back then, if a beef broke out between a couple of homeboys who weren’t down with each other, only thing we feared was a blade. We could always drop science and bail since nobody has ever been able to shoot you with a blade.

It’s a crying shame that Montclair’s 21-year-old Flynn Myers wasn’t ahead of his time by about 25 years.

Unfortunately, Flynn’s drive-by was as common as our drive-in.

All Flynn was doing at 10:30 p.m. on the Wednesday night of Aug. 20 was standing in front of a building on Summit Avenue in East Orange talking amongst a group of others in old jerseys and turned ball caps.

The group also included 4-year-old Navianna Hyppolite and 1-year-old Kamori Hopson.

Translation for young parents: Keep your shorties off the street at night.

Because, today, for every innocent kid standing on a street corner, there’s a thug walking the walk and shooting a loaded shotgun out of a car window with no value whatsoever for human life.

This one shot Flynn, who huddled over little Naviana and Kamori like a human shield.

Navianna was also shot, as was Damon Abnathya.

Abnathya, Flynn’s friend who was visiting from Montclair, was wounded by gunshots to the shoulder and ankle. At least he lived.

Navianna died that night. Flynn died the next morning.

As for little Kamori, she can thank Flynn for the rest of her life.

Translation for the 1-year-old when she gets old enough to read: Flynn is my hero, too, and I never even knew him.

That leaves the gang-banger, who right this very

minute could be chillin’ over a dope jam with a dank, a cold deuce and enough dead presidents to keep him down low from the flashing berry.

Translation: Even though there’s a double-murder warrant out for his arrest, Coriolan, as with most gang-bangers who notch murders like badges of honor, is likely relaxing as he hides from the cops.

That is, if he isn’t dead from payback for the murders, as one theory floating around the East Orange Police Department suspects.

Makes it awful hard for us old-schoolers to envy kids these days.

Not all of today’s kids are bad. Most of the kids today enjoy the same things we enjoyed in the old school: playing ball, watching TV and listening to music.

Their style of dress even pays homage to the old school, which old-schoolers should find flattering. Driving home through Orange one recent afternoon, I almost got out to shake the hand of a kid who was wearing George McGinnis’ old “No. 30” Indiana Pacers jersey from the ABA days.

Nor is the way they talk wrong. It’s just different, although Miss Manners probably has a stroke every time they refer to a female.

Have to admit that listening to the father talk about how his son the writer needed a translator to understand young adults his own age was a very humorous first, though.

But kids stepping to each other over a beef, pulling out a strap, gang-banging from a server in foe deep, then driving away before the berry can flash, that’s just no way to grow up.

Translation: Dead is dead in any language.

So is sad.

From The Montclair Times 9/3

Going after bad doctors

It's encouraging that efforts are under way to begin to weed out the small number of bad doctors who are sued repeatedly and pay out a big chunk of the malpractice claims in New Jersey.

The state Division of Consumer Affairs, which oversees the Board of Medical Examiners, is wrapping up a review of how doctors are investigated and disciplined and will make recommendations to the state attorney general for improvements.

Recently, Assemblywoman Loretta Weinberg, D-Teaneck, said she will introduce a bill in November that would overhaul the board, which has not pursued problem doctors aggressively and has allowed some doctors to continue to practice even after they've made multiple payouts in malpractice cases.

The bill would speed up investigations, expand the medical board to include more members of the public (17 of 21 members are now

in medical professions), make more information available on doctors who pay malpractice claims, and create a commission to study other improvements in the board's oversight of doctors. The legislation has bipartisan support.

It's time to go after these doctors, some of whom are still treating unsuspecting patients. A Record investigation found 282 doctors in New Jersey who have paid four or more malpractice claims since 1990, and 80 of them have paid six or more

claims. Few of them have been punished.

There is a bitter debate in the Legislature over whether pain-and-suffering awards in malpractice cases should be capped, and whether that would lead to lower malpractice insurance premiums. But there should be no debate over forcing the state medical board to pursue doctors with extensive malpractice histories and to protect the public.

From The Record 9/21.

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Police seek local man who stabbed wife in her Clifton home

By Douglass Crouse
The Record

Irina Montalvo tried desperately in recent years to salvage a marriage that family members prayed just as eagerly would end.

That day may finally have arrived Thursday, as Montalvo lay recovering from a bloody attack that police said came at the hands of an increasingly abusive husband.

Police say the husband, Marcelo Montalvo, was most recently living in Belleville with a sister, working there selling windshields and other car parts.

Investigators were searching for Montalvo, who allegedly entered his wife's Clifton home through a rear window sometime last Wednesday evening and, according to the victim's family, awaited her arrival. Clifton police responded to the West Seventh Street home just after 4:30 a.m.

Thursday, finding Irina Montalvo with 15 stab wounds to the chest, arms and face - apparently inflicted with a utility knife.

The victim was taken to a Paterson hospital, where police said her condition was gradually improving.

"Apparently she put up a pretty good fight defending herself," Clifton Detective Capt. Robert Rowan said. "There was a real history of domestic violence here."

Irina Montalvo had a final restraining order entered against her husband six months ago, and was seeking a divorce against his will, family members said.

In a one-hour interview in Spanish, Julia Villacis recounted how her son-in-law repeatedly intimidated and battered her daughter, often in front of the couple's two sons, 13 and 14. The 33-year-old often cried out for help, and even sought refuge at a

Paterson shelter, but ultimately believed she could make the tortured relationship work, Villacis said.

Just last month, she said, while her daughter vacationed in Florida with her two sons, Marcelo Montalvo broke into the house, ripped up some of his wife's clothes, and left a knife in her bedroom as an apparent threat, said Villacis, who also lives in the home.

She said her daughter, who suffers from lupus, an often painful autoimmune disease, agreed to the restraining order after her husband tried to strangle her. But even then, he would sometimes stand outside the house and glare ominously, Villacis said.

"So many times I have prayed that God would help my daughter," she said. "I feared that man, how he would turn into a monster. But she loved him. She

would tell me, 'I have to tolerate him because of our sons.'"

Villacis said she didn't hear her daughter's screams Thursday morning, and only became aware of what had happened with the arrival of police cars. She said her daughter's older son called police.

On Thursday afternoon, Villacis pointed out bright red splotches on her daughter's mattress and bedspread.

Irina and Marcelo Montalvo married when she was 16

and still in high school in Quito, Ecuador. She joined him in the United States 13 years ago; together they bought the West Seventh Street home five years ago, the mother said.

On Thursday, the gray, two-story house with blue trim had a "For Sale" sign out front.

She said her daughter works as a laboratory technician at The Valley Hospital in Ridgewood.

Police described Marcelo Montalvo as 5 feet 8 inches tall and 135 pounds, with

brown eyes and black hair. They said the 45-year-old might be driving a Suzuki Grand Vitara with New Jersey license plates NHH-42Z.

Police issued warrants for his arrest on charges of attempted murder, aggravated assault, possession of a knife with intent to commit a crime, violation of a final restraining order, and burglary.

Anyone with information about the case can call the Clifton detective bureau at (973) 470-5911.

Touch football applications still available

Applications are available at the Belleville Recreation Department for Touch Football for 2003. Children from 7 to 10 years old can play.

Belleville youths who

will be seven by Dec. 31 and who will be no older than 10 on Dec. 31, 2003, are eligible.

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While there may be little homeowners can do to prevent wildfires altogether, there are actually several ways to protect your home and property against the damage they can cause. Here are several pointers to get you started, courtesy of the U.S. Fire Administration (www.usfa.fema.gov).

Pro landscaping tips
In event of a wildfire, the most important thing to remember is that dead trees and shrubs surrounding your home can act as fuel for the fire. Here are some tips to help you starve any flames near your home:

- Create a defensible space perimeter by thinning trees and brush within 30 feet around your home.
- Beyond 30 feet, remove dead wood, debris and low tree branches.

- Eliminate small trees and plants growing under trees. They allow ground fires to jump into tree crowns.
- Space trees 30 feet apart, and prune to a height of 8 to 10 feet.
- Place shrubs at least 20 feet from any structures, and prune regularly.
- Plant the most drought-tolerant vegetation within 3 feet of your home and adjacent to structures to prevent ignition.
- Provide at least a 10- to 15-foot separation between islands of shrubs and plant groups to effectively break up continuity of vegetation.

Fire-resistant materials help prevent fires
While there are no such things as "fireproof plants," you can landscape your property with fire-resistant vegetation, like high moisture plants that grow close to the ground and have a low sap or resin content, to prevent fire from spreading quickly. Check your local nursery or county extension service for advice on plants that are suited to your environment. Following are a few more ideas for fire-resistant landscaping materials.

- Create fire-safe zones with stone walls, patios, swimming pools, decks and roadways.
- Use rock, mulch, flowerbeds and gardens as ground cover for bare spaces and as effective firebreaks.
- Choose plant species that resist ignition, such as rockrose, iceplant and aloe.
- Fire-resistant shrubs include hedging roses, bush honeysuckle, currant, cotoneaster, sumac and shrub apples.
- Plant hardwood, maple, poplar and cherry trees that are less flammable than pine, fir and other conifers.

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BOOKMARKS

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events at the Belleville Public Library and information center.

• **Poetry classes with poet Alice Johansen at 1 p.m.**
Nov. 17th Dec. 15th

• **Internet Classes - 10 a.m.**
Oct. 21 - Travel on the Web
Nov. 18 - Finding Library Materials with the Computer
Dec. 16 - Introduction to the Internet

• **Friends of the Library Trip to Atlantic City**
Monday, Oct. 6th
Details soon

• **Columbus Day Concert**
Wednesday, Oct. 15th
1 p.m. in the Carnegie Room
Come sing with Rinaldo Taglia—all your favorite Italian songs—and join us for a reception. Sponsored by Emidio and Josephine Colucci.

• **It's Humanities Festival Week**
Ann Day is back! Art historian Ann Day's slide presentation and lecture. Two part series sponsored by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities "Beyond Western Civilization"
Tuesday, Oct. 21 — African Masks

Friday, Oct. 24 — Japanese Prints

• **It's Halloween-Come in Costume!**
Friends of the Library Halloween Party with refreshments
Friday Oct. 31
1 p.m. in the Carnegie Room

• **For The Holidays**
Chorus of Communities Concert
Thursday, Dec. 18th, 7 p.m. in the Carnegie Room — Official lighting of library's Christmas tree and lighting of Chanukah Menorah

• **Winter Hours**
Mon, Tues, Thurs — 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Wed., Fri., Sat. — 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

• **Children's Room**
Mon.—9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Tues.—9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Wed. - Sat. — 9 a.m. - 5 a.m.

• **Shafter Winter Hours**
Mon.-Fri. — 1 - 5 p.m.

Celebrating Super Librarians
Everyone in Belleville knows that its library is filled with super librarians. Now the State of New Jersey is kicking off a public relations campaign that emphasizes the worth of libraries and librarians and the enormous influence that

they have when people take advantage of what they have to offer.

You may have noticed the new logo of the 'super librarian' during a cable television blitz during the week of Sept. 15. A new slogan was also announced: "No Boundaries, No Limits, Know Your Library." It's a perfect time to get a library card and learn how much Belleville Public Library and Information Center offers the residents of Belleville.

Columbus Day marked at library
Christopher Columbus discovered a New World in 1492. Discover some new worlds by attending two Columbus Day programs being presented at the Shafter Branch Library, 30 Magnolia Street. On Monday, Oct. 6, 3:30 p.m., a special Columbus storytime will commemorate his discovery and will offer a

chance for attendees to make a discovery themselves. The activity will be followed on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 3:30 p.m. by "A Columbus Day Craft." This craft will note some reasons as to why Columbus undertook his voyages. Registration for the craft is required by Oct. 3.

Halloween happenings at SLB
Witches and goblins are in the air. Are you ready for some Halloween fare? On Friday, Oct. 17, view the "Haunted Mask," a Goosebumps feature, screeching out at 3:30 p.m. Also, sign up for the "Halloween Craft," Monday, Oct. 27, and create a witch puppet at 3:30 p.m. Registration is required by Oct. 24. Can't make these? Well, plan to arrive at a Halloween story time feature, Thursday, Oct. 30, 3:30 p.m. All these Halloween activities will be

presented at the Shafter Branch Library, Silver Lake, Belleville. Call the library at (973) 450-3438 for details.

Graphic novels now on loan
The comics industry and graphic novels in particular are getting unprecedented amounts of attention from the movies, the mainstream media and devoted fans alike. According to Publisher's Weekly magazine, sales of graphic novels have risen from \$75 million in 2001 to an estimated \$120 million in 2003.

The Belleville Public Library has now added graphic novels to its collection. These include titles from DC Comics, Marvel Comics and the Japanese comics known as Manga. Titles include "Astroboy," "The Return of Hawkman," "Star Wars: A Long Time Ago...," "Justice League Adventures," "Yu-Gi-Oh!," "The Avengers" and "Ultimate X-Men." Also since many fans reading Manga are inspired to draw it, too, the library has added "How to Draw Manga" to its collection.

These titles will be housed together under the catalog number YP 741.5. Look for the display of the latest acquisitions in the Carnegie Room of the main library.

Fall storytimes kick-off at library
As the cooler months approach, the Children's Room of the Belleville Public Library will begin its fall/winter session of storytimes. The library will be offering storytimes for children ages 0-6 beginning the week of Sept. 29 and ending the week of Dec. 15. Three classes for different ages are available.

Children under three can participate in Books for Babies, a class that offers 15 minutes of free play and a half hour of games, stories and songs. Books for

Babies is held Tuesday morning from 11 until 11:45 a.m.

For children ages three and four, Toddler Time is offered Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Children will hear stories, participate in activities with other children and complete a simple craft.

Children ages four and up who are ready to participate independently in storytime while their caregivers use the library can join Preschool Storytime. Preschool Storytime will be held Thursday afternoons from 1 until 1:45 p.m. There will be stories and crafts.

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 towards reading readiness. Don't miss out - call the library at (973)-450-3434, check our website at www.bellepl.org/croom or drop into the library for complete registration information.

Teen Day: US Capitol Mean to Me?
"What Does the Capitol Mean to Me?" will be the theme for the first fall Teen Day to be held Monday, Sept. 29, 2:50 p.m., Shafter Branch Library. Other Teen Days and their activities are: Career Day, Tuesday, Oct. 28; Book Discussion, Monday, Nov. 17; and Thursday, Dec. 18. This activity is open only to high school students.

The Belleville Public Library and Public Information Center is located at 221 Washington Ave. Call (973) 450-3434 or Fax (973) 450-9518. Find out more at the library web site, www.bellepl.org. The Shafter Branch Library is located at 30 Magnolia St. Call (973) 450-3538.

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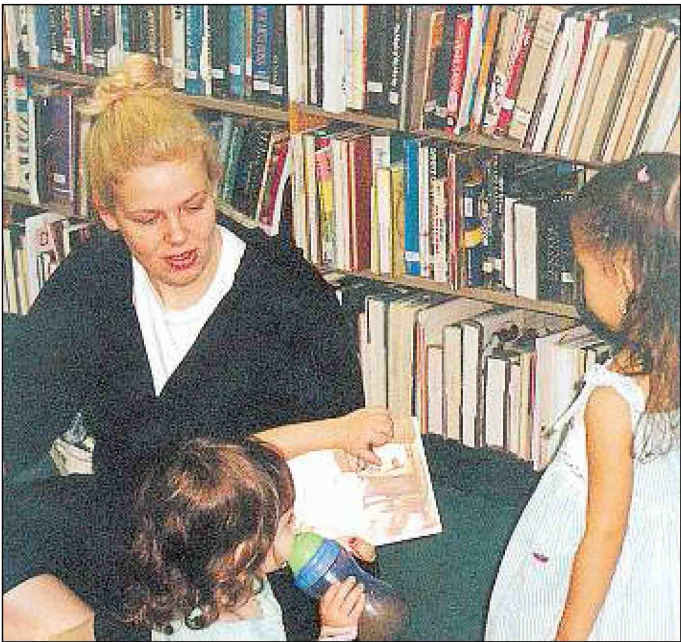


Photo courtesy of the Belleville Library

Children's Librarian Sarah Pardi and her little friends enjoyed a summer of story hours at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center. Parents are invited to register their children for a new season of story hours by calling the library at (973) 450-3434.

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Fairs, flea markets, etc....

Flea Market, Oct. 5. Belleville High School will host a flea mart and collectible show from 9a.m. to 5p.m. New merchandise, crafts, collectibles and a garage/tag sale selection will be available. For more information, call (201) 997-9535.

Treasure Chest at Cerebral Palsy Center, 7 Sanford Ave., Belleville, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more info, (973) 751-0200.

Women's Auxiliary Thrift Shop, to benefit Nutley Family Service Bureau, 172 Chestnut St., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; 6 to 8 p.m. Monday evenings.

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, (973) 743-2809.

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

Fundraisers...

Vendor sales, Belleville Founders' Room, Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. Oct. 3: fine jewelry; Oct. 17: coats and sweaters; Oct. 31: fall shoes; Nov. 14: toys; Nov. 21: books; Dec. 12: unisex apparel and accessories; Dec. 19: costume jewelry.

Italian Festival, Family Church, 28 Brookline Ave., Nutley. 6 to 10 p.m. Sept. 25 (Mass in Italian at 7 p.m.); 6 to 11 p.m. Sept. 26 (Mass in Italian at 7 p.m.); 4 to 11 p.m. Sept. 27 (Mass in Italian at 7 p.m.); noon to 9 p.m. Sept. 28 (concelebrated Mass in honor of Maria Santissima Addolorata at 2 p.m.) Homemade Italian foods, entertainment nightly.

Trip to Chicago, Ill., Sept. 28 to Oct. 4. \$499 includes guided tour of Chicago, two shows, private organ concert, trip to Harrah's Casino, cruise on Lake Michigan, visit to Art Institute of Chicago and much more. Deluxe motorcoach, six nights in deluxe hotel; 10 meals (six breakfasts, four dinners). Sponsored by Nutley Parkside Association. For info, reservations, call Louise Iovino at (973) 661-0096.

Trip to New York Aquarium, \$35.50 includes breakfast, roundrip bus fare, aquarium admission. Sponsored by Friends of the Bloomfield/Bukowski Animal Shelter. For tickets or more info, call (973) 748-0759.

AARP Trip, Nov. 9. The AARP Chapter 131 will host a trip to the Fiesta in Woodridge for a lunch and musical of "Annie Get Your Gun". Price includes bus fare, full course meal, desert, gratuity and tax. Fee for members, \$50, non-members are \$53. Make checks payable to AARP Chapter 131 and mail to 60 South Fullerton Ave. in Montclair, 07042. Bus will leave Pine Street at 11 a.m. Deadline is Nov. 1. For information, call (973) 746-9852.

Trip to Resorts, Oct. 6. Leave 8:30 a.m. from Belleville Public Library \$20 with \$13 coin return. Library fundraiser. For tickets, call (973) 450-3434 or (973) 751-4729.

Guido's Wedding at the Tides, Oct. 10. Family style dinner with one hour open bar. \$48. Sponsored by Watessing Park Tuesday Senior Club. Pick-up and return at Bloomfield Library parking lot. Parking available at lot on day trips only with proper sign from club. For reservations or more info, call Audrey Cristiano at (973) 450-1051.

Atlantic City bus ride, Oct. 11. American Legion Post No. 105, 621 Washington Ave. of Belleville, is hosting a trip that leaves 8 a.m. that is destined for Trump Plaza. Cost is \$25 per person, \$9 will be returned with a \$3 food voucher. Beer, snacks, sandwiches and soda will be served on return. For information, call (973) 759-9650 or see the bartender.

Sopranos bus tour, Oct. 12. \$60 includes guided tour of Soprano family's favorite spots, "inside" stories about the filming, lots of other surprises, plus pasta party lunch. Sponsored by Friends of the Bloomfield/Bukowski Animal Shelter. For tickets and info, call (973) 748-0759.

Trip to Doris Duke estate, Oct. 26. Continental breakfast at Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center at 8:15 a.m. Bus leaves at 9 a.m. Trip includes guided tour and walking greenhouse tour. \$55 includes breakfast, transportation and admission to both tours. Late lunch available at local restaurant before bus leaves for home (lunch not included in cost.) For more info and reservations, call Oakeside at (973) 429-0960.

Beefsteak dinner, 7 p.m. Nov. 1, Nutley Parks and Rec, 44 Park Ave. Sponsored by Nutley Music Boosters Association. Proceeds to instrumental music programs. \$30 adults, \$20 kids under 7. No tickets at the door. For info and tickets, call (973)661-3446 or (973) 661-9877.

Entertainment 2004, North Jersey edition, \$22. Nutley Jaycees, Mike Paolino, (973) 667-7315; Nutley Elks Lodge #1290, Walter Tice, (973) 661-2775; Bloomfield Columbiettes, Ann Del-lare, (973) 743-3906 or Margaret O'Keefe, (973) 371-9413; Belleville Elks, Jay Meglio, (973) 778-3677.

Other events....

Book Fair, Nov. 22. The Nutley Parks and Recreation Department is proud to sponsor the first Nutley Children's Book Fair on Nov. 22 from 9 a.m. to 5 .m. at the Nutley Parks and Recreation Building on Park Avenue. The event is being organized by children's book author and Nutley resident, Richard Spector. Proceeds will go towards the Nutley Free Public Library Children's Department. This fun-filled all-day event will include a book sale (provided by Border Books of Wayne), author book signings, illustrator demonstrations, literary character appearances performances of original African Folktales and face painting. There are currently 18 authors signed on to do readings from their own works.

Auditions for new singers, Chorus of Communities in Essex County, Sept. 22 through Oct. 22. Singers need to come to one of the rehearsals, held every Monday at 7:15 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, corner of New and Joralemon streets, Belleville. For more info, call (973) 895-4563.

Blood bank, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., Sept. 25, VFW Post 493, 271 Washington Ave., Nutley. For directions, call (973) 235-9661. All blood types needed.

Trip to Cream Ridge Winery, annual pig roast/fruit crush festival sponsored by Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center. Wine releases include cranberry, cherry, red raspberry after dinner. Bus leaves Oakeside Sept. 28 at 11:30 a.m. Leaves winery at 4 p.m. \$50 includes transportation, wine tasting, 40-minute tour, gourmet food sampling, roasted pork sandwich, live music. For reservations, call Oakeside at (973) 429-0960.

Annual communion breakfast, Oct. 5 after 8 a.m. Mass at St. Valentine's Church, Bloomfield, Chandelier Restaurant, Belleville. \$18. For more info, call Mary Barbone at (973) 743-7638. Sponsored by St. Valentine Altar and Rosary Sodality.

Big Band Night, 8 p.m. last Monday of the month, Belleville Knights of Columbus #835, Bridge St. For info, call (973) 759-9656. \$5 cover/cash bar.

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Class reunions...

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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, Bloomfield.

Bloomfield 1978, 25th reunion, Nov. 28. Starting at 7 p.m. at Embassy Suites Hotel, 909 Parsippany Blvd., Parsippany. Cost is \$85 per person. For info, visit classmates.com, or contact Michele Chirico Caron at (201) 970-3823 (michele-caron@aol.com), or Marieanne Cassidy Lauda at (973) 691-0053 (maranne@empress-travel.com).

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

Belleville 1973, Nov. 29, Westin Hotel. For info or with names of classmates, call Brian Banda at (973) 759-4568, Anthony Calabrese at (973) 661-0771 or Jeanne Austin Suarez at suarezj01@aol.com.

Holy Family Grammar School, Nutley, 1972, Oct. 11, San Carlo, Lyndhurst. For info, call Joanne Jinks at (973) 284-0520 or Frank Sasso at (973) 667-6191.

Barringer, Newark, Jan. and June 1953, Oct. 3, 2003. Marie Cifelli, (973) 667-7340; **East Orange 1952**, Oct. 26. Louis Lasalle, (973) 226-8927 or Nick at NDonatiello@progidy.net; **Saddle Brook 1972**, March 13, 2004, Brownstone. For info, call Caren Simon-DaSilva at (973) 345-0220 or Eileen Davis at (718) 461-3097; **West Side, Newark, June 1963**, 40th reunion. Call Linda Chudzey Martino at (973) 403-8778.

Meetings...

AARP Nutley Chapter #2052, 1 p.m. second Thurs-

day, 44 Park Ave. (new senior citizens building). New members welcome, but must have paid-up AARP National card to join. Annual dues: \$3, payable now. Nov. 13: election of officers. **Trips:** Oct. 23: Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, Clinton. "Never Too Late" with Charlie Prose. \$69 includes lunch; Dec. 3: Sight & Sound, East Earl, Pa. "Miracle of Christmas." \$73 includes lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord; Dec. 10: Christmas party, Victor's Chateau, Little Falls. Installation of officers. Cost for all trips includes gratuities. For info, call Corinne at (973) 751-4519.

AARP Belleville Chapter #2051, 1 p.m. first Wednesdays, Senior Citizens Building, 125 Franklin Ave. \$3 dues plus national membership card. **Meetings:** Oct. 1: Fire Chief Caruso on fire prevention; Nov. 5: citizenship training for dogs; Dec. 3: music program with refreshments; Dec. 8: noon to 4 p.m., Christmas luncheon at Branch Brook Manor. \$15 members, \$16 guests. **Trips:** Oct. 16: Platzl Brauhaus, Octoberfest. \$50; March 25, 26, overnight Atlantic city. \$82 double, \$105 single. Two casino bonus packages at Tropicana, buffet brunch. Bus, baggage handling. \$20 deposit by Nov. 1 to reserve space. For reservations, call Muriel at (973) 759-8768 or Ann Stumpe at (973) 759-3202.

Tri-County Camera Club, 8 p.m., Nutley Museum, 65 Church St. For more info, call (973) 667-9642, email tricountycamera@yahoo.com. or visit the Website at http://community.nj.com/cc/tricountycamera. Sept. 16: program, "How to Photograph Landscapes."

Roche Retiree Club, Sept. 13, Building 76 auditorium. Program by Flavian the Magician. Refreshments. For updates, call (973) 235-5200.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers), 9:30 a.m. to noon, Sept. 25, Montclair Community Church, 143 Watchung Ave., Upper Montclair. To reserve a childcare space, call Tara at (973) 338-1943.

AARP Chapter 57, 1 p.m. third Thursdays, Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad St. Refreshments 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Community Service/Craft Guild meetings, 1 p.m. first Thursdays, Civic Center.

Court Gratia #751, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, 8 p.m. 1st and 3rd Mondays, St. Mary's School meeting room, Msgr. Owens Place, Nutley.

Nutley Old Guard, 9 a.m. Fridays, 44 Park Ave. Non-military social organization for retired and semi-retired men seeking new members from Nutley and vicinity. Refreshments, guest speakers, bowling, golf and bocci teams, bus trips, luncheons, newsletter.

VFW Post 711, 8 p.m. 3rd Tuesdays, 369 Broughton Ave., Bloomfield. For membership info, call Francis Diveny at 748-0519.

Nutley Unit 70 American Legion Auxiliary, 8 p.m. 2nd Mondays, 45 Franklin Ave.

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

Nutley Jr. Women's Club, 8 p.m. 1st Mondays, Vreeland house, 216 Chestnut St. (next to police station). Refreshments. Seeking new members, ages 18-40. (973) 662-0754 for info.

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) 338-8513.

Woman's Club of Belleville, 7:30 p.m. second Mondays, Sept. to June, clubhouse, 51 Rossmore Place. Prospective members welcome. Info, Marie Kimble, 759-3912 or Loretta Fulda, 751-4353.

Belleville/Nutley Kiwanis Club, 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Branch Brook Manor, Washington Ave., Belleville. Info Mario Drozd, 751-2277 or Susan Kintscher, 661-2623.

Bloomfield Kiwanis Club, 7:30 p.m. 2nd Thursdays, Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center, 240 Belleville Ave., Bloomfield. Information, Patty Edmond, 748-0997.

Belleville Rotary Club, noon, Wednesdays, Bella Casa, Belleville. Frank Cozzarelli, 751-4104.

Court Sancta Maria, Catholic Daughters of America, 7:30 p.m. 2nd Tuesdays, Knights of Columbus, Bridge St., Belleville.

Nutley Amvets Auxiliary, Post 30, 6:30 p.m. 1st Tuesdays, 184 Park Ave.

Belleville Optimist Club, 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Three Guys from Italy Restaurant. Emil Nardachone, 450-8883 or Gabe Nazzola, 997-2121.

Lions Club auxiliary, 7 p.m. 1st Thursdays, dinner meeting Antonio's Restaurant, 371 Franklin Ave., Belleville. New members welcome. Louise, 661-2906.

Tri-Town Business & Professional Women's Club, Inc. of Belleville, Bloomfield and Nutley, monthly dinner meetings 4th Thursdays, Riverside Chalet, Lyndhurst. New members welcome. Anna Ricciardelli, 939-2960.

Nutley Veterans' Council, 7:30 p.m. 3rd Wednesdays, VFW, Washington Ave. 235-9663.

Clara Maass Auxiliary, 7 p.m. 4th Tuesdays, Belleville Founders Room, Clara Maass Medical Center. New members invited. 450-2150.

Bloomfield Lions Club, 2nd and 4th Mondays. Luncheon at 12:15 p.m., The Town Pub, Broad St., No. Center. Joe Kliminski, 748-3600.

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WEEKEND PREVIEW

New York Opera Forum to perform at Belleville church

The New York Opera Forum has released its performance schedule for the autumn of 2003 at Christ Episcopal Church in Belleville.

Area residents invited to join Nutley Theatre

Nutley Little Theatre has issued a special invitation to area residents interested in community theater to attend the group's next membership meeting on Friday, Oct. 3, at 8 p.m. at the NLT Barn, 47 Erie Place, Nutley.

NLT is an all-volunteer organization that stages five productions annually at the Barn. The group draws members from throughout North Jersey.

Open auditions are designed to encourage newcomers to try out for roles, of which there are many, both on and backstage. NLT welcomes new members in administrative and support positions as well.

The upcoming meeting, as with all of the group's regular membership meetings, will include a theater workshop following a brief business meeting. Members will be on hand to welcome visitors and answer questions about NLT activities.

NLT meetings and productions are held at the NLT Barn, located off Brookfield Avenue (one block east of Franklin Avenue) in the heart of the Erie Place Historic District.

The general telephone number for Nutley Little Theatre is (973) 667-0374.

Remaining performances include Vincenzo Bellini's opera "I Capuleti e I Montecchi" on Sunday, Oct. 12, Richard Wagner's opera "Das Rheingold" on Sunday, Sept. 16, and Puccini's opera "La Boheme" on Sunday, Dec. 7.

New York Opera Forum was founded by Richard Nechamkin in 1983 to give classically trained singers the opportunity to learn and perform standard operatic repertoire in the original languages. The group works with singers on all levels, from student to professional, providing quality training and performance opportunities for a reasonable fee.

Complete operas are performed in concert with piano accompaniment; scenes are either in concert or staged with minimal props and costumes, and occasional showcase and lieder recitals are presented.

Photo flag art in Glen Ridge

The Murray Imber Memorial Art Gallery at the Glen Ridge Public Library will feature fine art photographs by Lester Pfeffer through October.

Pfeffer, a Glen Ridge resident, has titled this photograph exhibit "9/11 We Will Never Forget". His works feature the American flag in a variety of formats and styles, including a striking photograph of the World Trade Center.

Pfeffer has been involved in all aspects of photography for more than 50 years. He has extensive experience in all areas of black and white photography, including with the U.S. Army service at a Signal Corps darkroom at the Pentagon and later with a NATO office in Italy. His background also includes 25 years as a wedding photographer and a publicity photographer for a Broadway show entitled "The Deadly Game," and he has a permanent exhibit at the Fleetwood Photographic Museum in North Plainfield.

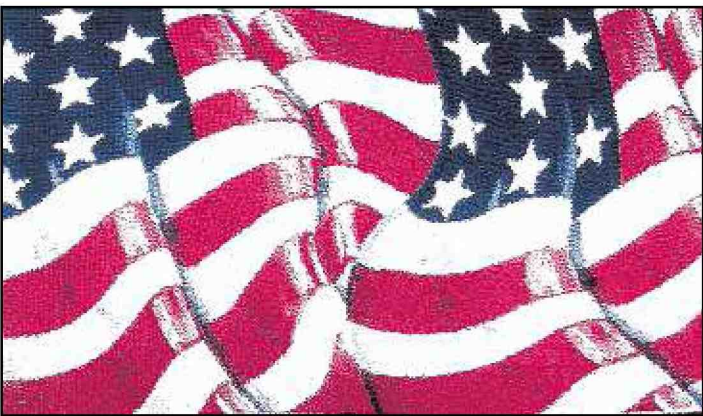


Photo courtesy of John Sitnik

A number of photographic works similar to this one are now on display at the Glen Ridge Public Library, courtesy of Lester Pfeffer.

have been shown at exhibits in juried art shows throughout the metropolitan area. In addition, the inaugural exhibit at the Glen Ridge Community Center gallery included one of his early works, entitled "Double Bass." He is also preparing a solo exhibit for the community center later this year.

The exhibit is open to the public during regular library hours. For more information, call (973) 748-5482.

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Special Advertising Feature



CASINO CONFIDENTIAL

By TONY AUGUST



Hilton Resort & Midweek Entertainment

As you know I kept looking for something positive happening in Atlantic City gaming, but without much success until I attended a very classy press reception to unveil the Hilton's Monday's through Thursdays fall headline entertainment lineup. I find that newsworthy and positive enough to spotlight and feature the Hilton in this week's column.

First of all, the cocktail reception didn't stint on expenses for this affair as has become the trend in the various A. C. hotel casinos over the past 10 years as they continually try to cut expenses, services and entertainment expenses so their corporate stock holders can get bigger dividends. On the contrary, they did it right and proper and I'm glad I attended, but there's more. They are bringing headline entertainment to A.C. during the week and for that I can't praise them enough.

One of my readers' biggest gripes over the years has been the lack of headline entertainment on weekends and very little if any during the week. Now the entertainment lineup the Hilton is presenting starting this fall season is fine for midweek crowds, but realistically with one possible exception, does not rate the billing of "Headline Entertainers." I am not complaining mind you, this is a positive piece but this column tells it like it is and wants to be fair, so I'll post their fall midweek entertainment schedule and you decide if they rate headline billings. I'll tell you one thing, the price for all of them is right and I'll take them in preference to no midweek entertainment.

The Diamonds, Monday, Sept. 22-through Thursday, Sept 25, \$15.
Pat Boone, Monday, Sept. 29 through Thursday Oct. 3, \$20.
Forever Plaid, Sunday Oct. 5, Monday, Oct. 6, \$15.
Julius LaRosa and Buddy Greco, Monday, Oct 13 to Thursday, Oct.16, \$15-\$20.
Triple Gold: "The Three Tenors Of Pop," Sunday, Oct 19, Monday Oct. 20, \$15.
The Contours, Monday, Oct. 27 through Thursday, Oct. 30, \$15.
Neil Sedaka, Monday, Nov. 3 through Thursday, Nov. 6, \$20 & 25.
Marty Allen, Monday, Nov. 10 through Nov. 13, \$15
The History of Rock & Roll, feat. the Van Dells, Sunday, Nov. 16, Monday, 17, \$15
John Davidson, Monday, Dec. 1 through Thursday, Dec 4, \$15.
The Fifth Dimension, Dec.8 through Dec.11, \$15.
Bobby Rydell's Holiday Show, Monday, Dec. 15 through Thursday, Dec.18.

I've highlighted my picks for the best shows midweek in October, November and December. If you can only catch one of the above, then it's no contest, I recommend without hesitation, Neil Sedaka. He puts on a dynamic professional show that is flawless. He does it all with energy and vitality and in the 18 years I've been covering entertainment in the casinos throughout the country. Neil Sedaka rates in the top five all time headline entertainment performers.

For those of you who want to see a great show at the Hilton during the holiday season, then by all means, catch Bobby Rydell's holiday special. You all remember Bobby as Ann Margaret's boyfriend in Bye Bye Birdie. He was fine, but now he's matured into the complete entertainer. He does it all, sings, dances, makes funny and above all relates to his audience as a sincere, dedicated performer who wants and knows how to please them. You've got to be good to be a headliner for four decades and Bobby Rydell is that good.

Okay, I started on a high note and I'll finish on one. All in all, the Hilton's fall entertainment package is a welcome addition to the entertainment scene in A. C. and my compliments to Gary Suderritz and the entire management team at the Hilton.

G&DLRC NEWS

G&DLRC members have received postcards from the Trump Marina and the Borgata hotel/casinos and are already enjoying the perks. Everybody knows now that you're for real and I'm for real, and the club's for real, so flash your club cards proudly whenever you shop or socialize. Promote the club. Go to our website, www.casinoconfidential.net for current club news. To get our website you must be on line. And for all our sakes don't stop now. E-mail me cascon777@aol.com or write Tony August in care of Executive Editor, North Jersey Community Newspapers, 1 Garret Mountain Plaza, P.O. Box 471, West Paterson NJ 07424-0471.

Alliance Repertory has taken up residence at the Liberty Theatre, an old Masonic hall, on the corner of Liberty and Broad streets, Bloomfield.

The group is planning a five-show season, which premiered this month with Steve Martin's comedy "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," directed by Kate Schlesinger. Winner of the 1996 New York Outer Critics' Circle Awards for Best Play and Best Playwright, "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" is set in 1904 in a bo-

hemian Paris bistro, the Lapin Agile (the Agile Rabbit). An erudite and intelligent comedy, Martin's play revolves around an imaginative meeting between a passionate Pablo Picasso and a fiery Albert Einstein. Played by professional actors David Foubert (Bloomfield) and Steve Perlmutter (Weehawken), two young men on the threshold of fame vie for the attentions of a young lady and each other's respect in a hilarious battle of ideas about painting, probability,

lust and the future of the world.

Remaining production dates are Sept. 25 (tonight), 26 and 27.

The remainder of the Alliance season consists of the following:

- "Perchance to Dream," local playwright Jerry Marino's original philosophic comedy, to be performed in November,
- "Closer," Patrick Marber's biting satire, in January,
- "Golden Boy," Clifford

Odet's classic American drama, in March, and

- "Lobby Hero," Kenneth Lonergan's humorous contemporary comedy, in May.

Tickets are \$15. Preview Thursday tickets are \$10. Student, senior and group discounts are available.

Evening performances are at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m.

For more information or to RSVP, call (973) 566-0066, visit the Web site www.AllianceRep.org or email AllianceRep@aol.com.

‘Sculpture: Object and Effigy’ at Clifton Arts Center

The Clifton Arts Center is presenting an exhibit entitled "Sculpture: Object and Effigy," the latest work by members of the Sculptor's Association of New Jersey (SANJ).

The exhibit opened on Sept. 17, and continues through Saturday, Oct. 18.

Gallery hours of operation are Wednesday through Saturday, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Other hours and group tours may be arranged by calling the Clifton Arts Center office at (973) 472-5499.

"Sculpture: Object and

Effigy" is a celebration by and of artists, with a multitude of aesthetic viewpoints. Exotic media abound, along with a variety of approaches to sculpture. There are figurative works, both traditional and interpretive, as well as abstract, conceptual and minimalist works.

Featured will be mobiles, aluminum tube forests and even the whole world in a mini-café.

In addition, the gallery will feature a dialogue between exhibitors Bill Kirkpatrick and Jeff Packard on Wednesday, Oct. 1, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. These two artists will speak with guests about how their works came to fruition and how their pieces have traveled to various sites, and subsequent adventures en-

countered along the way. Kirkpatrick is expected to demonstrate his method of building sculpture, while Packard is planning a special trip to his interactive café.

SANJ artists come from a variety of backgrounds. Over the years, many have focused on traditional media such as stone, metal and wood. Their aesthetic vision has been described as reflecting the song of contemporary life. Some members arrive at sculpture from alternative backgrounds, including painting, poetry, archeology and science.

These artists often use unusual media, such as polyester resin, handmade paper, found objects and neon lights. Installations might contain metal mesh

and Mylar, as well as fetishes and totems escaped from ancient ceremony.

SANJ has been active since 1971, having promoted growth and expertise throughout the region. Over the years, exhibits have been held at the Monmouth, Morris and Newark museums, the Nabisco Corporate Gallery, Long Beach Island Center of Arts and Sciences and at the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton. Additionally, SANJ member works have been featured in galleries at Lever House, Phoenix and Broome Street galleries in New York City.

The Clifton Arts Center is located on the grounds of the Clifton Municipal Center, near the intersection of Clifton and Van Houten avenues.

Nutley Little Theatre's Web site receives an overhaul

Nutley Little Theatre's new season includes a relaunch of its Web site, www.nutleylittletheatre.com, with a new look and a new address. The redesigned site contains up-to-date information about NLT's upcoming season, which opened Sept. 5.

The site is constructed by Peter Cuffari, a Nutley

High School student. Cuffari worked from designs prepared by Greg Allen, also of Nutley. Allen, NLT's membership chair, also serves as the theater group's Web master. Allen reportedly developed the site's plan after soliciting input from fellow NLT members and collecting photos of past productions for posting on the site.

"Bringing our theatre into the technology-age has been a great project for me," Allen said. "More and more people tend to use the Internet for so many things, and if it will bring another patron to see our shows, it was all well worth it. If any past cast members have pictures they would like to see added to our site, feel free to send them to nlbboard@nutleylittletheatre.com."

The revamped Web site hosts a number of new features, but its principal attraction is a description of every production scheduled

for NLT's season, which opened with the classic Kaufman-Hart comedy, "The Man Who Came to Dinner."

Other features on the site include:

- Information on ordering tickets at discount prices,
- A directory of every play produced by NLT over its 67-year history, with photos of numerous productions,
- Directions to the NLT Barn,
- An email address to contact NLT,
- A telephone number for ticket and other NLT activity information, and
- Links to local not-for-profit organizations that are assisted by NLT benefits.

Nutley Little Theatre stages its productions at the NLT Barn, 47 Erie Place, Nutley, located off Brookfield Avenue (one block east of Franklin Avenue) in the heart of the Erie Place Historic District. For more information, call (973) 667-0374.

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Clara Maass offers free community health programs for all ages

Blood screens available today

The Community Health Department at Clara Maass Medical Center will sponsor comprehensive blood screenings the fourth Thursday of every month from 7 to 9 a.m. in Essex Room A, located adjacent to the main lobby of the medical center at One Clara Maass Drive, Belleville.

Cost for the screening is \$30. Recommended for those who have not visited a physician within the past year, the comprehensive blood screening provides a complete cholesterol profile and glucose test in addition to 24 other elements including electrolytes, complete blood count and thyroid profile. Overnight fasting is necessary prior to screening to insure accurate results.

Pre-registration is required. Contact the Com-

munity Health Department at Clara Maass at (973) 450-2213 by the Friday prior to the scheduled screening.

Dates for 2003 are as follows: Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18.

Clinic held to combat shoulder pain

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 the following Wednesdays, a program will be offered that focuses on some of the causes of pain in addition to the latest treatment available, including medications, nutrition and ex-

ercise.

The programs will be held Oct. 1 at 10:30 a.m. and Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. 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 for conditions of the joints and spine.

Clear sailing offered through insurance maze

Seniors with questions on how to negotiate the sometimes confusing labyrinth of health insurance claims can get free

advice from SHIP, a service for counseling of Senior Health Insurance Programs, offered at Clara Maass Medical Center.

SHIP is a state health insurance assistance program offered in 21 counties throughout the state. Through the Clara Maass Volunteer Office, seniors in the area can set up an appointment with a trained

counselor who can answer questions regarding Medicare, HMOs, PPOs, Medigap, and drug programs for seniors. SHIP also offers information on legal services and Medicaid.

"Counselors are trained to help Medicare beneficiaries deal with insurance claims and evaluate health insurance needs," says

Michael Capano, SHIP counselor.

Seniors wishing to make an appointment to discuss health insurance claim-related matters can call the Clara Maass Volunteer Office at (973) 450-2150 and ask to speak with a SHIP counselor. Since the program is state-funded, all services are offered free-of-charge.

Clara Maass to make stars of its staff with 'Idol' concept show

Tickets are still available for the Clara Maass Auxiliary dinner/talent show on Thursday, Oct. 9. "Clara Maass Idol" will begin at 6 p.m. at Nanina's in the Park, located at 540 Mill St., Belleville.

In the tradition of American Idol, the evening will fea-

ture fine dining and entertainment as judges select the best of the best from singers, dancers and performers from the Clara Maass Medical Center family.

Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. The prizes are courtesy of the Clara Maass Medical

staff.

Tickets are \$50 per person. To make a purchase, contact any Clara Maass Auxiliary member of call (973) 450-2277 or (973) 450-2016. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Orthopedic Spine and Joint Institute at Clara Maass Medical Center.

HEALTH BEAT

Prepared by the Advertising Department

Flooring solutions for allergy sufferers

Whether you're in your home, in the yard or in the air at 35,000 feet, it's getting harder and harder to get a breath of fresh air.

That's why homeowners, many of them longtime allergy sufferers, are rethinking their internal environments and investing in remedies that will help them and their families breathe easier. It's no easy task, since practically every item in the home has the potential to harbor allergens, particularly "soft" furnishings like sofas, chairs, mattresses and bed linens.

But experts agree that there are options, ranging from installing sophisticated air purifiers to using high-tech vacuums to something as basic as purchasing hypoallergenic mattress and pillow covers.

One product that can impact air quality is the floor. It's no wonder. Next to the walls, the floor is the largest continuous surface in the home and — considering its

location — the largest collector of indoor airborne matter. Therefore, your flooring choice should be the foundation of any long-term plan to improve the air in your home.

That's why more and more homeowners are selecting a natural remedy — hardwood floors. They are installing hardwood floors throughout new and existing homes, replacing wall-to-wall carpeting with hardwood, even in bedrooms, according to Bill Clossin, vice president of marketing at Harris Tarkett, a manufacturer of hardwood flooring.

"There are lots of reasons why homeowners are choosing hardwood floors over other options," says Clossin. "But there's no doubt that the search for indoor air quality is at the top of the list."

Whether in planks, strips or parquets, hardwood flooring is naturally hypoallergenic. It has no fibers, grout lines or embossing that can trap dust, dirt and other aller-

gens. Regular vacuuming helps eliminate the daily collection of particles that might settle on the floor, says Clossin. The tough, durable no-wax finishes make daily maintenance easy.

New factory finishes also eliminate the need for the attendant mess and fumes associated with the on-site sanding and finishing of an unfinished floor. "Depending upon the situation, the airborne sawdust and fumes from the finishing products can be aggravating to an allergy sufferer," says Clossin. The sanding and finishing process can require residents to leave the house for several days, he adds.

There's also a healthy financial reason to choose a hardwood floor over other options, Clossin adds. "When the life-cycle costs are considered in comparison to the initial installation cost, hardwood floors represent one of the best flooring values around, and they enhance resale appeal."

Find reliable health information on the Web

Ever try looking up health or medical information online? It's not always an easy prospect.

Many Internet sites provide accurate and up-to-date research. However, many more offer information that is not only incorrect, but possibly even dangerous. With so much health information available online, it's difficult to know which sources are trustworthy.

"The Internet has become one of the most widely-used communication media. With the availability of Web server software, anyone can set up a Web site and publish any kind of data, which is then accessible to all," reads the introduction to the Health on the Net Foundation Code of Conduct. "The problem is therefore no longer finding information but assessing the credibility of the publisher, as well as the relevance and accuracy of a document retrieved from the Net." The foundation is an international not-for-profit organization dedicated to guiding patients and medical practitioners to useful and reliable online medical information.

Ask yourself the following questions when judging medical- or dental-related Web sites:

- How often is the site updated? Due in part to advances in research and technology, health-related information is always changing. A quality site will clearly state when the information on it was last updated. Sites that are updated often are

likely to have more current information.

- Who pays for the site? Some Web sites are for educational purposes only, while others are designed to promote or sell a product or point of view. Reliable sites will tell you who owns or sponsors them, usually on the home page or in an "about us" section. This will help you understand their purpose, or agenda, if any.

- Is there a disclaimer? If the information is accurate, it will be listed with a disclaimer advising visitors to check with their health-care professional to confirm any information about their particular situation. Beware of any Web site you come across that does not feature a disclaimer of some sort.

- Does the site offer "miracles?" The sad truth is, most claims of "miracle" results are untrue. Cross-reference any information you find on other sites and always consult a health-care professional before trying any "miracle" product.

One popular and reputable health-related Web site is Yahoo! Health, which receives millions of users each month.

In order to provide its visitors with up-to-date dental advice and information, Yahoo! Health recently teamed up with Colgate to offer a new online oral-care health center.

"Colgate and Yahoo! Health have taken the important oral-care information consumers need and put it in one convenient place on

the Web for millions of people to access," says Jack Haber, Colgate's vice president of e-business.

The Yahoo! Health site features a range of articles with information about oral hygiene, common oral health problems, cosmetic dentistry and even orthodontics. It also includes a link to Colgate's interactive whitening center, which offers a personalized whitening evaluation, before and after pictures of your virtual smile and the opportunity to get answers to your oral health questions from Colgate's interactive whitening advisor.

For more information, the Web site www.health.yahoo.com.

Hints to minimize dust mites

It seems that no matter how often you dust, it just keeps on coming back.

Dust is not a sign of uncleanliness. Rather, dust mites come out after a normal breakdown of fibers in pillows, drapes, clothes, linens and other furnishings. It's basically impossible to rid your home of them. But you can take some steps to decrease your exposure to those nasty things creeping around your home.

- Bedroom: Bedrooms should not be located in humid areas, like the basement. Mount beds on bed

frames. Put allergen-impermeable encasings on pillows, mattresses and box springs. Use pillows, blankets, quilts and bedspreads made of synthetics; avoid down-filled comforters and pillows altogether. Wash bedding at least once a week.

- Furniture: Replace fabric-upholstered furniture like sofas and chairs with leather upholstery or other furniture made of plastic, wood or metal, which won't trap allergens.


- Air: Use air cleaners to keep pure air circulating, and cover vents with filters

to ensure clean air enters the home. Keep the relative humidity in your home low. Clean and maintain heating and air units at least once a year.




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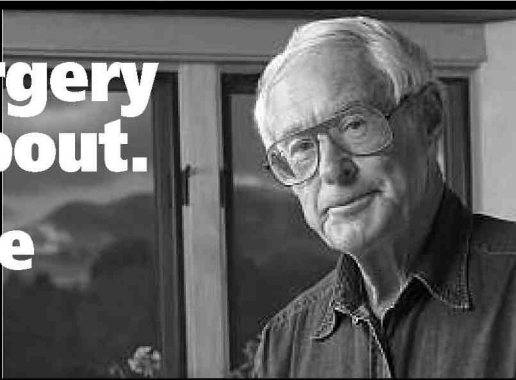
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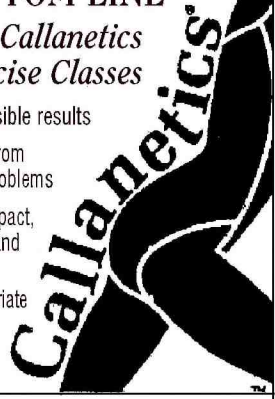
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Soccer refs

Applications are now being accepted for candidates wishing to become high school soccer referees in the school and college officials association (SCOA) for the 2003 season. Candidates must be physically fit, a minimum of 18 years of age and pass the NJSIAA exam. Interested candidates should send a self-addressed envelope to David R. Klein, 37 Bryant Ave., Bloomfield, 07003.

Basketball

The state basketball tournament's championship round will now be played at the new Ritacco Sports Center in Toms River New Jersey. For more than 20 years the games have been played at the Dunn Center in Elizabeth, but the NJSIAA siting seat capacity, parking availability, and travel time for South Jersey teams, has decided to move the event. The Ritacco Center is a 5,000 seat capacity arena on Toms River North High campus.

Charity run

Many local residents turned in good performances at the Building Tomorrows fifth annual 5K run held last spring. The event was sponsored by the ARC of Essex County was dedicated to the memory of Gino Calvi and Timothy Finnerty, original volunteers for the run, who were lost on 9/11. Dan Murphy of Glen Ridge 17:14, Arwen Lawson of Bloomfield 21:31, Oliver Harris of Glen Ridge 22:16, Scott Tegliareni of Bloomfield 24:13, John Frusciantone of Nutley 26:37, Kari Hoblitzell of Bloomfield 24:32, Jon Lannacone of Glen Ridge 20:37, Ann Marie Pinariski of Bloomfield 24:27, Sarah Harris of Glen Ridge 26:27, Jun Matsuyoshi of Bloomfield 28:24, Veronica Meluzio of Bloomfield 37:07, all turned in top three performances in their respective divisions.

Basketball Clinic

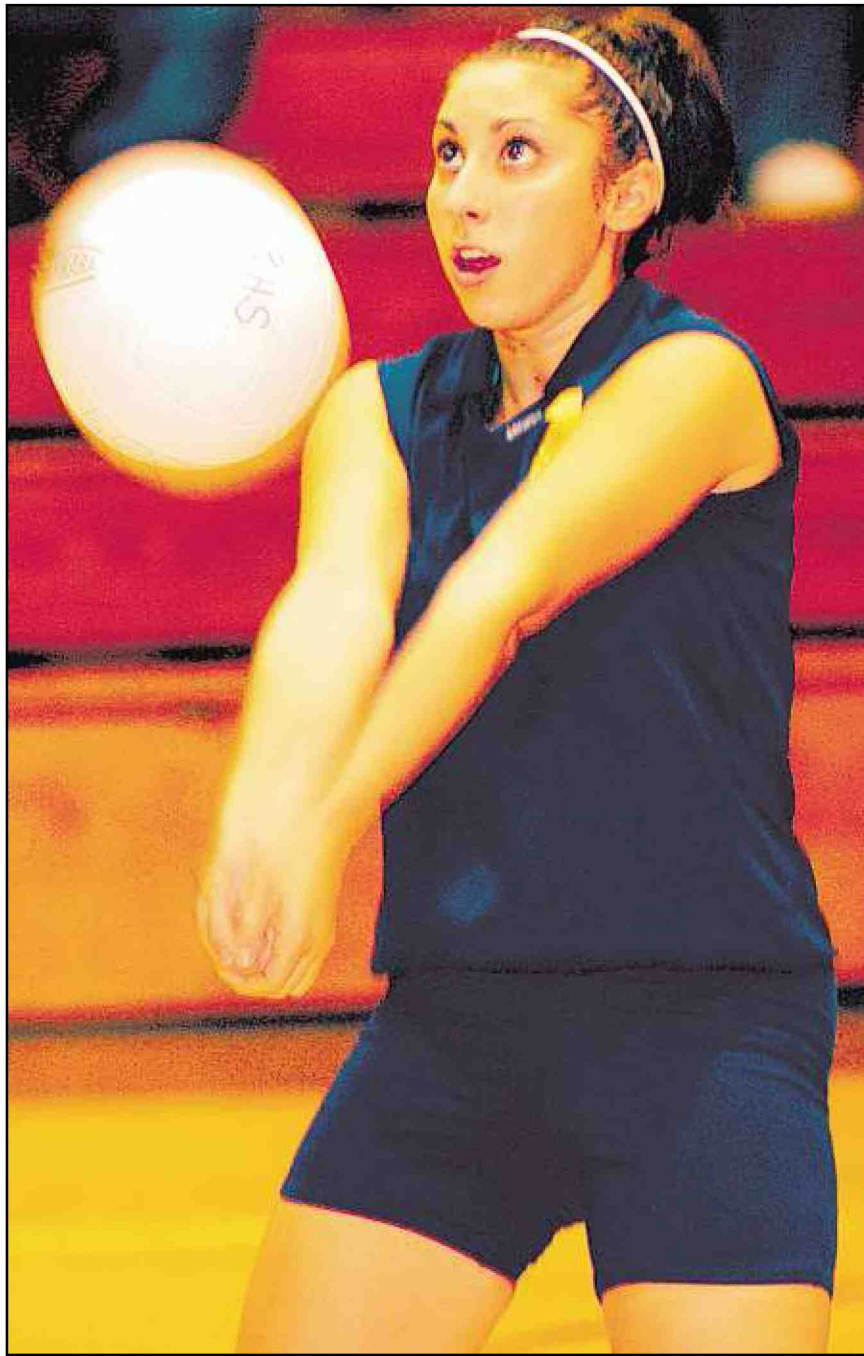
Caldwell College will host a two-day fall basketball festival and clinic for children from grades K-8. The clinic, which will be held at the George R. Newman Recreation and Athletic Center on the Caldwell campus, will take place on Thursday Nov. 6, and Friday, Nov. 7.

Heading the clinic, will be Caldwell's Executive Director of Athletics, and men's basketball coach, Mark Corino, women's basketball coach Nicole Durnien-Amato, assistant basketball coaches Dean Johnson and Dave DeFerrari, and Bloomfield Tech coach Nick Mariniello.

The clinic, which will go from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., each day, will cost of \$85.00. The clinic will stress fundamentals, including drills, lectures, motivation, academics, games, and individual instruction. All participants will receive an official Caldwell College Basketball t-shirt, two tickets to two regular season basketball games at Caldwell, and a self-improvement workout.

For more information, contact Full Court Enterprises at 973-324-2268, or the Caldwell College Athletic Department at 973-618-3260.

Bucs serve up a victory against Teaneck



Alan Leon/staff photographer

Above right: Senior co-captain Marissa Radice bumps a hard shot last Friday. Above left: Junior Yaniero Almagro reaches for the ball at the net in Belleville's 25-10, 23-25, 25-21, 25-10 victory over Teaneck.

By Mike Lamberti
For the Belleville Times

The Belleville volleyball team opened its season last week with three tough NNJIL matches, prevailing in one and taking another to five sets. Grace Worley's wizards lost in straight sets to Hackensack 14-25, 20-25 and 12-25. The team then lost a close match to Paramus, 25-12, 15-25, 25-11, 12-25 and 7-15 before coming back to beat Teaneck 25-10, 23-25, 25-21 and 25-20.

Belleville also competed in the Bloomfield Tournament last weekend, winning four matches, including a win over defending champion Rahway. Belleville also stopped Chatham, Passaic Valley and Montclair. (The results of the Bloomfield Tournament don't count toward the standings). Belleville played at Ridgewood last Monday, and visited Barringer yesterday. This afternoon, Nutley comes to town for a 4 p.m. match and next Monday, Bloomfield visits,

also at 4 p.m. Next Tuesday, the team plays at West Orange and next Wednesday, the team is at Paterson Eastside. Those matches also commence at 4 p.m. "We got off to a good start," Worley said. "The kids battled and we got a good win against Teaneck. We also played well against Paramus, and hopefully that will carry over into next week." While the team has been playing well, its thoughts have been firmly on the plight of assistant coach

Joe Oese and his family. Oese's wife, Theresa, was a victim in a serious car accident on the New Jersey Turnpike. While her condition remains guarded, she has made progress. "We're all pulling for Theresa," Worley said. "She was in a very bad accident, and obviously Joe's thoughts are with her, and we miss not having him with us as much. She's making progress, and I just wanted to let Joe and Theresa know that the team is thinking of them." On the court, the team

has been led by the play of Jen Hinton, a senior who has provided good backline play and a consistent service game. Juniors Jackie Hernandez and Yanira Almagro have stepped up their game. Hernandez is playing well on the front line and Almagro's hitting, especially from the outside, has been solid. Jessi McManus has done a good job as an outside hitter and at the net. The backline defense has been paced by Marissa Radice and Evelyn Bazan.

Coach Marino gets victory in season opener

By Mike Lamberti
For the Belleville Times

The Belleville boys' soccer team gave new head coach Lenny Marino a victory in his coaching debut when the team defeated Hackensack 4-3, in overtime, on Sept. 12. Belleville lost to Montclair last Saturday, 4-1 and took a 1-1 mark into a home game against Ridgewood last Monday. The team played at Passaic yesterday, and will host Paramus Catholic tomorrow afternoon at 4 p.m. Next Tuesday, St. Joseph comes to town for a 4 p.m. game.

Marino is the fourth boys soccer coach in the 30-year history of the program. He replaced Gino DePinto, Belleville's most successful boys soccer coach, who served in that capacity for 13 seasons after five years as an assistant to Tony DeAquino. "Things have been going pretty well," Marino said. "The kids have worked hard, and have been very receptive. We're making some changes, trying to open things up a little. It'll take a little time, but this team should do well." This is Marino's first

head coaching job, but he knows the Belleville players well, having served as a coach in the Belleville Soccer Association, and also working with some of them in the Under-18 and Under-19 divisions.

"Coaching the team wasn't in my original plans," Marino said. "But some of the kids came to me and asked me to consider it, and here I am."

In the opening win at Hackensack, Belleville fell behind on three different occasions before winning in overtime. Dennis Pupcevic tied the game late in regulation, and then converted the winning goal in overtime.

Hackensack converted 2 of 3 penalty shots in regulation time to keep the heat on the Bucs, but Marino was pleased with the way his players never quit.

"We trailed three different times, on the road, and never gave up," Marino said. "It was a good win."

Ricky Hernandez played the second half in goal after Danny Baker started the game in the net.

Against Montclair, Belleville played without two of its key players, Dario Chagas and Abraham Elias,

but still did a good job against one of the better teams in the NNJIL before falling in the second half.

Belleville's starting defense this year features, Pupcevic, Nick Marino, Roberto Chacon and Joshua Droz. Sebastian Cano, Rich

Maliszewski, and Renado Condor start in the midfield. Chagas can play either in the midfield or at forward. The other starting forwards are Elias and Alex Ceron.

Off the bench, Marino will rely on senior forwards

Luis Toledo and Rafael Bertullucci, and juniors Diego Gimenez and Baker.

NOTES: George Tortorello returns as the freshman coach, while Frank Tufar takes the reigns as the J.V. coach, and Scott Berlinkski is the new varsity assistant.



Captains Rich Maliszewski, Dario Chagas, and Sebastian Cano lead the charge during a conditioning run at a recent practice.

Excellent day for the Feola’s Sprague wins two

By Mike Lamberti
For the Belleville Times

With its goal of a fourth straight winning season clearly in sight, the Belleville boy’s cross- country team opened the 2003 campaign last week with a 25-30 win over Paterson Kennedy.

The girls’ team also defeated Kennedy, 26-30 as four runners established career best times on the course at Brookdale Park, Bloomfield.

John Tosato’s team took on Teaneck last Tuesday at Darlington Park. On Saturday, the team will race in the Passaic Coaches Invitational at Garret Mountain, beginning at 9 a.m. Next Tuesday, Belleville faces Ridgewood,

Paramus and Paramus Catholic at Darlington Park, in Mahwah, beginning at 4 p.m.

The Bucs received a solid performance from a core of seniors, led by Joe Feola, who finished second overall (and first for Belleville) with a time of 18:32. Victor San Luis was third in 19:32 (his personal best) and Kevin Dholaria finished fifth in 19:39. Brian Mallari (20:59) and Mike Conway (21:25) were the next to cross the finish line for Belleville.

Rounding out the effort for Belleville were senior Chris Stolz (10th overall, 21:38), sophomores Juan Gonzalez (11th, 21:54) and Bryan Rosa (13th, 22:24), senior Jon

Crawford (15th, 23:14) and junior Edgar Parada (16th, 27:13).

Scott Kornblum took second in the freshman race with a time of 16:38, a personal best.

For the girls, sophomore Jaclyn Feola, Joe Feola’s younger sister, took third overall and was the first Belleville runner to cross with a time of 27:08. Two more sophomores, Carol Ojeda and Iris Sprague finished third and fourth overall with respective times of 29:01 and 29:54. Senior Meaghan Morin took sixth in 33:06 while freshman Melanie Matias and senior Jen Henry finished the winning effort with times of 33:19 and 35:35.

Feola, Sprague, Matias and Henry all turned in their career best times in the race.

Last Saturday, the team competed at the Roxbury Classic Invitational, with the boys taking sixth place overall.

Feola finished 13th overall and was Belleville’s first runner to cross in 17:34. Dholaria was next in 18:00. Both Feola and Dholaria earned medals.

The other Belleville boys who ran included Conway, Crawford, Mallari, SanLuis, Stolz, Parada, Gonzalez, Rosa and Kornblum.

For the girls, Ojeda was the first Belleville runner to finish, taking 44th overall in 25:59, a career best time.

By Mike Lamberti
For the Belleville Times

Junior Lillian Sprague won two matches last week as the Belleville girls’ tennis team opened it’s season.

Belleville dropped 4 of 5, including two 3-2 setbacks to Hackensack and Paramus. The team also lost a 5-0 decision to Immaculate Heart Academy and a 4-5-5 match to Teaneck. Belleville’s sole victory last week came against Barringer, 4-1.

Belleville battled Nutley and Bloomfield earlier this week. Today, the team is at Paterson Eastside and tomorrow, it’s off to Glen Ridge. Next Monday, the girls play at Montclair, and

next Wednesday, Clifton comes to town. All matches begin at 4 p.m.

“We’ve been playing pretty well,” head coach Tony Salese said. “The losses to Hackensack and Paramus were very close. The kids are learning the varsity game, and it takes a little time.

“Many of them have J.V. experience from last year, and that’s a big plus, but it’s a different type of game on the varsity level. There aren’t any easy matches in this league, but overall, I think we’ll continue to get better.”

In the Hackensack match, Venise Granados won a 6-2, 6-2 decision at first singles, and the second doubles team of Marina Pejic and Ivanna Breskic prevailed in straight sets, 6-3, 7-5.

Sprague won a hard fought 7-5, 4-6, 7-5 decision at third singles in the Paramus match. The second doubles team of Pejic and Breskic also won again in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3.

“Lillian has done a nice job at third singles,” Salese said. “She’s really coming around strong. Give credit to the second doubles team, too. They’ve played well.”

The half point in the Teaneck match was also gained by the second doubles team, which split the point with their opponent.

Against Barringer, Vivian Granados won at second singles, 6-0, 6-3 and Sprague won, 6-0, 6-0 at third singles. The first doubles team of Sara Elghobashy and Swan Xuan Nguyen won 6-0, 6-0 and Pejic and Breskic prevailed again at second doubles.

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Girl's volleyball
vs. Nutley
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Friday
Football
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Home
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Boy's soccer
vs. Paramus Catholic
Home
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Girl's tennis
vs. Glen Ridge
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Saturday
Cross-country
Passaic Coaches Invitational
Garrett Mountain
9:00 a.m.

Monday
Girl's soccer
vs. Holy Angels
Home
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Girl's tennis
vs. Montclair
Away
4:00 p.m.

Girl's volleyball
vs. Bloomfield
Home
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Tuesday
Cross-country
Ridgewood, Paramus, PC
Darlington Pk
4:00 p.m.

Boy's soccer
vs. St. Joseph
Home
4:00 p.m.

Wednesday
Girl's soccer
vs. Nutley
Home
4:00 p.m.

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Awareness is the key to surviving prostate cancer says the Belleville Health Department

Since September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month the Belleville Health Department would like to take this opportunity to inform the public on prostate cancer.

Prostate cancer is the third leading cause of cancer death in men of all ages and is the most common cause of cancer death in men over

age 75. On the average an American man has about a 30 percent risk of having prostate cancer in his lifetime. The average age of diagnosis is 72. Prostate cancer is rarely seen in men under age 40.

The problem with diagnosing prostate cancer is it doesn't produce any symptoms in the early stages.

That is why about 40 percent of cancers aren't detected until they have spread beyond the prostate.

With early detection the cure rate is much higher than when the cancer is diagnosed at a later stage. The American Cancer Society recommends screening with an annual blood test for PSA and a digital rectal exam at

age 50, unless you are at high risk of cancer. It may be advisable to begin screening at age 40 if you are black or have a family history of the disease.

When symptoms do occur they may be similar to a non-cancerous enlargement of the prostate gland, which is a common problem for men in their later years.

- Symptoms of this benign enlargement of prostate cancer can include:
- Dull persistent pain in the lower pelvic area
- Sudden need to urinate
- Difficulty starting to urinate
- Pain during urination
- Weak urine flow and dribbling
- Starting and stopping of your urine flow
- A sensation that your bladder isn't empty
- Frequent urination at night
- Blood in your urine
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Veterans honored with highest state award

A number of Belleville veterans were honored at two award ceremonies held on Aug. 28 at the Orange Elks Lodge in Orange.

Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Sullivan, Assistant Adjutant General-Army, New Jersey Army National Guard, presented the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

(DSM), the state's top military award, to 179 Essex County residents who are combat veterans of World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf.

The New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal was originally issued in 1858 for those who had distinguished

themselves in the New Jersey Militia, but was infrequently used until re-authorized by Governor Kean in 1988.

After the Spanish American War, the Mexican Border Expedition and again after World War I, the State of New Jersey minted special medals for returning New Jersey veterans to honor their service. After World War II, Korea, Vietnam and subsequent combat actions no such medal was available. The State of New Jersey was looking for an appropriate way to honor all of these returning combat veterans and acknowledge the debt the state owed them for their service.

The DSM was then authorized for that purpose. Since its re-authorization in 1988, more than 10,000 medals have been awarded to combat veterans from New Jersey.

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Army
World War II

Private 1st Class
Michael Donnelly
Army
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Private 1st Class
Nicholas Grande
Posthumous
Army
World War II

Private 1st Class
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Technician 4th Grade
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World War II

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The latest religion news from Belleville’s houses of worship

Two events from Wesley Women’s Society

The Wesley United Methodist Church Women’s Society will be holding two events during the month of October.

A buffet-style “Pasta Plus” dinner will be served on Saturday, Oct. 4, starting at 6 p.m. Adult tickets are \$10. Children’s tickets (10-15 yrs. old) are \$5. Children under 10 are free. The menu will consist of a variety of pastas, meats, salads, desserts, beverages, plus.

On Saturday, Oct. 18, starting at 7 p.m., a “Fun Auction Night” will be held offering new gift items for the holidays and special occasions. Tickets are \$5 for an entire family or a person. A variety of desserts and beverages will be served during this fun time.

Tickets may be reserved by calling the church office at (973) 751-2741, or purchased at the door. Wesley UM Church is located at 225 Washington Ave., across from the Belleville Public Library.

Join family and friends at Little Zion

Little Zion Union American Methodist Episcopal Church at 154 Stephens St., Belleville, presents its annual Family and Friends

Day on Sunday, Sept. 28. Morning worship will be held at 11 a.m. Bishop Michael S. Moulden, Presiding Prelate of the first and second districts will preside at this service and Rev. Allen O. Smith, of Wilmington, DE will preside at the 3:30 p.m. service. Dinner will be served after morning worship. All are welcome.

Global cuisine at Belleville Reformed

The Belleville Reformed Church, 171 Main St., (corner of Main and Rutgers streets), Belleville, will be sponsoring an International Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m. Members of the church are cooking either their ethnic foods or ones they particularly like. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. Come and enjoy a variety of foods, as well as desserts, coffee and tea along with good company. There will also be a 50/50 and door prizes. For more information and tickets, call Betty at (973) 751-2262, Carol at (973) 762-5419 or Marge at (973) 759-4636.

Upcoming events at St. Peter’s

Rosary Society holds breakfast

St. Peter’s Rosary Society is holding its communion breakfast Oct. 5 at The

Chandelier, Belleville. Tickets \$16. For tickets call Flo Jarman (973) 751-1787.

All invited to October potluck

St. Peter’s Parish is having a pot luck supper Oct. 25, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Your choice, bring a covered dish or dessert of pay \$5 per person or \$10 per family. For more information, call (973) 751-2002.

Parish mission happens Oct. 20-23

St. Peter Parish in Belleville is having a parish mission from Monday through Thursday, Oct. 20-23. The mission’s theme, “Walking with the Word,” focuses on the power of God’s word to transform people’s lives. The mission will be given by two Dominican preachers, Fr. Ron Henery and Fr. Robert Vaughn. The preaching will be practical and contemporary. With the use of poignant examples, humor and inspiration to call forth a response of faith and trust in the God who has promised to be with us always.

Bethany Lutheran holds events

Animals blessed Sept. 28

The service for the Blessing of Animals will be celebrated at Bethany Lutheran Church (corner of Joralemon and New streets, Belleville) on Sunday, Sept. 28 at 10:15

a.m. in the church hall (enter via the New Street door). Everyone is welcome to this joyous service along with their friends and their pets (on leashes or in carriers, please). We will praise and thank God for the gift of animals, particularly our own companions, and we will rededicate ourselves to being good stewards to all of God’s creatures.

‘Nick and Night’ ROL style

Join Barney, Andy, Opie and the gang for a discussion-rich bible study on topics such as honesty, faith, humility, courage, relationships, and priorities.

“Rev. Nick at Night,” in conjunction with Belleville’s River of Life Assembly, is pleased to announce a limited engagement of “The Mayberry Bible Studies” each Wednesday night through October at 7:30.

Using episodes from the beloved American TV Classic, “The Andy Griffith Show,” as a springboard for learning Biblical principles, the atmosphere is casual, and in some sessions may include coffee and refreshments during the viewing and discussion. The studies are free and you don’t have to be a member to attend.

“Rev. Nick” (Randy Nichols) has been using TV and other media as teaching tools for two decades, using clips ranging from Fat Albert and Star Trek on 16

mm film to Twilight Zone on VHS to Saving Private Ryan on DVD. These teaching principles have been field-tested in small groups, high school classrooms, church classes and community study groups.

River of Life Assembly of God meets at 174 Homes Street in Belleville, in a casual worship setting. For more information about the church, please call the church office at (973) 759-0726 or visit online at www.RiverofLifeWeb.com.

The latest from Christ Episcopal Anniversary dedication held Oct. 12

Christ Episcopal Church has announced a Festival Solemn Mass to mark the 45th anniversary of the dedication of its current church building on Oct. 12 at 10 a.m. The Reverend Paul Walker, Vicar of Christ Church will officiate; The Reverend Paul S. Hunt, Canon to the Ordinary of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, will be the guest preacher. The service also marks the second anniversary of the inauguration of “The Tulip Project: A Five-Year-Plan for Parish Growth and Renewal.” A festive reception will follow the service.

Haunted House plans underway

Christ Episcopal Church, in cooperation with several local organizations, is begin-

ning plans to present the fifth annual “Haunted House and Halloween Party”, tentatively scheduled for Oct. 25. Persons and/or organizations that would like to help with the project that offers children a safe Halloween event, are asked to contact Walker as soon as possible.

Animals blessed Oct. 4

The service is always held on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, whose commemoration is Oct. 4. Anyone wishing for his or her pet to receive a special blessing is invited to attend. The blessing will occur at the opening of the Mass so pets may be returned to the security of cars. A special reception, hosted by the pets of the rectory, will follow the morning Mass.

Community Fellowship scheduled Oct. 8

Gay, Lesbian and Friends Community Fellowship will hold its regular meeting on Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. at the rectory of Christ Church. The group normally meets on the first Monday of the month. The group is currently discussing plans for the exhibition of 14 panels of the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt during the week of World AIDS Day on Dec. 1.

Christ Episcopal (Anglican) Church is located at 393 Washington Ave., between Joralemon and Essex Streets in Belleville. For more information, call the parish at (973) 751-0616.

SHOWCASE OF FINE HOMES

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Home seller’s seminars planned

Century 21 Gemini, LLC Realty, located at 1283 Broad St. in Bloomfield, will offer a series of seminars which are open to the community, on Thursday, Oct. 2, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 5,

from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Come and listen to the people who can help make selling your home a breeze.

An attorney, a financial planner, a mortgage representative, an appraiser, and

a home inspector will be available to answer questions.

Please RSVP by Sept. 29 to Linda Palecek at 973-429-7400, or fax 973-748-8260, or e-mail linda.palecek@century21.com.

You may also visit our Web site at www.century21geminillc.com. Bring this notice with you for an opportunity to win a prize. Bring a friend.

Timesaving tips help make housework easy

Did you spend a week-end cleaning, only to watch your home return to disorganized clutter within days? Since mess is part of every season, the days of massive seasonal cleaning are over. Organized people know that the trick to keeping your home life neat and in order is not to tackle everything once a year. The key is to make small changes in your daily life that help you stay on top of the chores.

The experts at offer a few quick and simple tips to keeping your home clean all year, so you can give yourself time to enjoy it.

Get organized

Simplicity is important. Make a list, but check it more than twice. Keep the to-do list somewhere central - like the kitchen - and

be sure the whole family knows where it is. Have everyone add tasks to the list throughout the day and cross off items as they are completed.

It’s a good idea to keep coupons, receipts, invitations, manuals and school information in a central location as well. For easy access, try using a large filing folder with labels for each category. Set up a weekly cleaning schedule for the whole family. Give everyone a job each day, no matter how small, so you’re not overwhelmed on the weekend.

Make technology work for you

If possible, order nonperishable grocery items and household cleaning products online to save time and money. Most sites will store

past shopping lists, shipping and payment information to make reordering fast and easy. Keep an electronic address book so numbers and addresses can be updated quickly and easily. Centralize your bills on your computer, and set aside a day once a month to pay them online.

Break big cleaning chores into small tasks

Sort mail and papers daily. Throw out junk mail and put catalogs into marked bins to be emptied once a week. Empty the kitchen sink, clean appliances and wipe the countertops as soon as dinner is finished. Wipe down the bathroom mirror and counters after you get ready for bed. Put your clothes into the hamper or closet when you take them off to ensure

clean clothes won’t get wrinkled under dirty ones. This takes seconds a day, and you’ll save money on laundry and dry cleaning.

Eliminate kitchen clutter

Who needs extra mess around the sink? Eliminate unnecessary clutter by getting rid of your old sponges and dishrags. Instead, try washing the dishes with dish wipes. Durable tri-layer wipes pretreated with dish liquid, all you have to do is add water to wash an entire load of dishes. And best of all, when you are done, just throw the wipe away.

Putting these simple tips into practice today will make it easy to stay on top of housework so you can spend more time doing the things you enjoy.

A patchwork of tips for do-it-yourselfers

Do-it-yourself projects represent America’s number one hobby, reports Kathy Barnes, editor of Better Homes and Gardens Do It Yourself. And just how are these hobbies defined? “DIY: The Do It Yourself Network” covers topics as wide-ranging as automotive, arts and crafts, decorating and design to home improvement and recreation, naming a few.

“Assemble all materials and tools ahead of time,” Barnes advises. There’s no doubt that creating a comfortable, efficient work setting is as important to the outcome as expertise. Starting with comfort, “Getting Organized Part 2,” from the DIY Network, suggests that if you don’t want to wear a tool belt, wrap it around a bucket that you carry around.

On to lighter tasks and tailor-made to keep sewing patterns in order, Lynne Farris, a sewing expert, envelops foam board with fabric and pins the tissue forms of sleeves, collar, skirt and such to a board. She then hangs the board on the wall.

This idea, which can actually look decorative, comes from the DIY Network Web site. You can hang the boards from Interlocking Fasteners with Command Adhesive from 3M. Attach one bright yellow fastener to the wall and the other to the board.

You know that they are connected when a snapping and noise confirms that the strips are perfectly in place. Detach the fasteners as often as you like. The adhesive works on most flat sur-

faces and leaves no hole or sticky residue when properly removed.

Whether or not a room is dedicated to your hobby, the place can become disheveled in mid-project, making it hard to find even the phone. Interlocking Fasteners on your cell or portable phone will keep either handy on the wall. And the scissors and tape? Hang them from a Command Adhesive hook.

3M has a range of other self-stick products that can help keep your projects organized and most can be used again and again with removable mounting strips. Let spring clips grasp plastic bags holding the screws and nails from ready-to-assemble (RTA) furniture. If you have a few RTA projects going at once, use the clip colors-blue, purple, green or

white-to keep the hardware apart, and mark the respective instructions and boxes with the corresponding color.

Pauline Allison, brand manager for 3M’s Command Adhesive products and a weekend do-it-yourselfer, moved the self-stick hooks from workroom to guest bedroom.

She draped swags of silk cord from utensil hooks and pasted a tassel and the cord to small, round pieces of cardboard to make rosettes. The rosettes hang from Interlocking Fasteners.

For a free organizing and decorating brochure, “For the Times of Your Life,” call (800) 577-8778, ext. 70, or write 3M Brochure, c/o Montage, 912 Industrial Drive, Milbank, SD 57252. For more information, visit www.commandadhesive.com.

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OBITUARIES

Daniel A. McCarthy

A Mass for Daniel A. McCarthy, 81, of Belleville was offered Sept. 9 in Christ Episcopal Church, Belleville, after the funeral from the Irvine-Cozzarelli Memorial Home, Belleville.

Mr. McCarthy died Sept. 5 in Clara Maass Medical

Center, Belleville.

He was a certified public accountant and auditor with the State of New Jersey Department of Motor Vehicles in Trenton for 25 years before retiring in 1989.

He graduated in 1951 from Pace University in New York City with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

He served in the Army during World War II.

Mr. McCarthy was a member of the vestry, a lay reader and a treasurer at Christ Episcopal Church. He was a member of the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Chamber of Commerce, the Boy Scouts of America and Parent-Teacher Association of School 9, all of Belleville.

Born in Jersey City, he lived in Bayonne before moving to Belleville in 1952.

Surviving are daughters, Danielle E. Reid and Nancy M. Patterson; sons, William D., John R. and Steven W.; a brother, Robert; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Marion Rosetta Casarrubea

A Mass for Marion Rosetta Casarrubea, 85, of Belleville was offered Sept. 13 in Holy Family Church, Nutley, after the funeral from the Biondi Funeral Home of Nutley.

Mrs. Casarrubea, who died Sept. 16 in the Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville, was a packer with the Charms Candy Co. in Bloomfield for 16 years before retiring many years ago. She was also a self-employed piano teacher in Partinico, Sicily, Italy, for many years.

A member of the Belleville Senior Citizens Tuesday and Friday clubs, Mrs. Casarrubea also belonged to the Mary Ross Classic Bowling League in Belleville.

Born in North Arlington,

she lived in Sicily and Nutley before moving Belleville 25 years ago.

Surviving are daughters, Josephine Merrill, Addie Cinquino and Anna Sarno; a son, Joseph; sisters, Rosetta Barker and Jo Sanzalone; brothers, Edward, Frank, Larry, William and Jack Sanzalone; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mary Perry

A Mass was offered in St. Peter's Church, Belleville, following a funeral from the Irvine-Cozzarelli Memorial Home, Belleville on Sept. 13 for Mary Perry, 73, of Belleville who died Sept. 8 after being diagnosed with cancer in August.

Born in Bayonne, she had lived in Jersey City and North Bergen before moving to Belleville in 1957.

Mrs. Perry was volunteer at St. Peter's Church where she served as a trustee and later as a member of the finance council. She was a Rosarian and a Eucharistic minister and belonged to the Catholic Daughters. She was the first female member of the Belleville Lions Club, and belonged to the Chamber of Commerce, Senior Citizens Club and Irish-American Association.

Mrs. Perry had been a branch manager and assistant vice president of the Provident Bank branch on Washington Avenue in Belleville.

Surviving are her sons, Albie and Robert; a sister, Margaret Gammardella; a brother, Henry Doherty, and five grandchildren.

More obituaries on page B7

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NEWS FOR PSORIASIS SUFFERERS

Psoriasis is an autoimmune disease that is characterized by an overproduction of skin cells at nearly ten times the normal rate. Until recently, the only available treatments for moderate to severe psoriasis were Methotrexate (a potentially deadly chemotherapy drug), cyclosporin (a drug that can potentially damage the kidneys with long-term use), and light therapy with or without medications (which has been associated with skin cancer). It comes as welcome news, then, that the FDA recently approved Amevive (alefacept), which belongs to a new category of drugs known as "biologics." These types of drugs are made of human and animal proteins and work to help the body help itself by reinforcing inter-cell communication and intervening when that communication goes awry.

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Martha Jane Dugan

Martha Jane Dugan of West Pittston, a former resident of Belleville, died Sept. 4 in the East Mountain Manor, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Arrangements were by the Metcalfe and Shaver Funeral Home, Wyoming. Miss Dugan was a head waitress at the Arlington Diner in North Arlington, for many years before retiring. Born in Wyoming, she lived in Belleville before moving to West Pittston. Surviving are her mother, Garnetta Dugan, and sisters, Sandra Donahue and Helen.

Mary Christie

A Mass for Mary Christie, 90, of Belleville was offered Sept. 15 in St. Anthony's Church, Belleville, after the funeral from the Megaro Memorial Home, Belleville. Mrs. Christie, who died Sept. 10 in JFK Medical Center, Edison, was a salesperson at the Mandee Shop in Bloomfield for 17 years before retiring. Earlier, she was a seamstress at Essex Knitting Mills in Newark. Born in Newark, she moved to Belleville 10 years ago. Surviving are daughters, Virginia D'Anton and Vivian Riscinti; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Frank Lodise

A Mass for Frank T. Lodise, 83, of Kearny was offered Sept. 17 in Holy Family Church, Nutley, after the funeral from the Megaro Memorial Home, Belleville. Mr. Lodise, who died Sept. 12 in University Hospital,

Newark, was a mason's assistant for the City of Newark Department of Public Works for 40 years before retiring in 1987. An Army Air Force veteran of World War II, he was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 493 in Nutley. Born in Newark, he lived in Belleville for 31 years before moving to Kearny five years ago. Surviving are daughters, JoAnn Meyer and Clorinda; sisters, Tessie Mattia, Dolly DeRogatis and Jennie Milano, and two grandchildren.

Henry B. Steele

A Mass for Henry B. Steele, 71, of Manahawkin was offered Sept. 17 in Holy Family Church, Nutley, after the funeral from the Biondi Funeral Home of Nutley. Mr. Steele died Sept. 14 in the Southern Ocean County Hospital, Manahawkin. He was a bus driver for New Jersey Transit in Maplewood for 31 years before retiring 14 years ago. An Air Force veteran of the Korean War, Mr. Steele was also a past commander of American Legion Post 105 Belleville. Born in Newark, he lived in Belleville before moving to Manahawkin two years ago. Surviving are Anne, his wife of 20 years; sons, Vincent and Glenn; daughters, Karen Ferranti, Kelly Parente and Kim Macanka; sisters, Eleanor DeRosa and Evelyn Mills, and six grandchildren.

Edward D. Hamilton Jr.

Services for Edward D. Hamilton Jr., 55, of Nutley were held Sept. 18 in Grace Episcopal Church, Nutley, after the funeral from the

Irvine-Cozzarelli Funeral Home, Belleville. Mr. Hamilton, who died Sept. 13 in Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, was a sales manager for the Seidenader Equipment Co., Florham Park, for the past 13 years. He was a graduate of Newark College of Engineering, now the New Jersey Institute of Technology. A volunteer with the Nutley Fire Department Engine Company 3 at the Park Avenue Firehouse, Mr. Hamilton joined the department in 1972 and later became assistant chief of the firehouse. He served as president, vice president, treasurer and life member of the Relief Association

and belonged to the New Jersey Exempt Firemen's Association. One of the original members of the Nutley/Essex County hazardous materials response team, he taught CPR for the American Heart and Lung Association. Born in Newark, he lived in Fords and Belleville before moving to Nutley 34 years ago. Surviving are his wife, Nancy; sons, David J. and Christian R.; a daughter, Marlise L.; his parents, Muriel and Edward Hamilton, and a grandchild.

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