

POLICE BLOTTER

• A burglary and theft was reported at the Commons housing complex on Main Street on Dec. 13. A total of \$3,000 in jewelry was reported stolen. Entry was gained through a sliding glass door, between 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

• A burglary and theft was reported to a first floor apartment on Heckel Street on Dec. 10. A total of \$1,200

in jewelry was reported stolen. Entry was gained through a rear door between 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

• A burglary and theft was reported to a home on Lake Street on Dec. 9. A jewelry box was reported stolen from a dresser in a bedroom during daytime hours.

• A burglary and theft was reported from a home

on Adelaide Street on Dec. 9. Jewelry and a 22-caliber revolver were reported stolen. There were no signs of forced entry, but a door may have been left open between 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

• A burglary and theft was reported to Pat's Deli on Newark Avenue at 11 p.m. on Dec. 9. The business' owners were in the back and heard noises in

the front. They found a black male in his 30s loading a box with cartons of cigarettes. The suspect fled with 20 cartons of cigarettes. He entered by breaking the bottom glass pane of the door.

• Police arrested and charged Fred Christians, 43, of Bayville, with possession of a hypodermic needle after he was caught urinating at the corner of Belleville and Franklin avenues on Dec. 13. He had an outstanding warrant totaling \$1,100 from Beechwood. He was released on his own recognizance and turned over to Beechwood.

• Police arrested and charged Denise McSweeney, 39, of Newark and Lisa Bell, 40, of Newark with possession of hypodermic needles on Dec. 11. Police responded to a report of two suspicious females. They found McSweeney to have an outstanding Belleville warrant for \$700 and Bell to have an outstanding Belleville warrant for \$500.

• Police arrested and charged Phillip Gesumaria, 26, of Newark, with possession of a hypodermic needle

following a motor vehicle stop on his 1985 Chevrolet Celebrity at Franklin Avenue and Clara Maass

Drive on Dec. 11. *All persons charged are presumed innocent until proven guilty.*

Town offers full roster of recreation programs

Art workshop
The Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs is proud to announce the start of its art workshop program for winter, 2004. The program is designed to provide an opportunity for children to use their creativity and to complete several arts and crafts projects. The program will be held on Wednesday nights Jan 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 25; and March 3 at School 3 located at 230 Joralemon St. Grades 1-3 will be from 6 to 7 p.m. and grades 4-6 from 7 to 8 p.m. Enrollment is limited to 15 students per session (first come-first served), so register at the Recreation Department early.

Flag twirling
The Recreation Department introduces a new flag twirling workshop for grades 4-8 at School 3 and will run through March 25. This instructional program is designed for beginners and will teach skills to be used on the high school Flag Squad. The program will be held on Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m. Applications are available at the recreation office located at 407 Joralemon St.

Kindergym
The Belleville Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs is pleased to offer its Kindergym program for boys and girls in

grades K-2. Beginning Jan. 7, 2004 Kindergym will be held on Wednesday nights through March 24, 2004 at School 4. Kindergarten students will report from 6 to 7 p.m. Grades 1-2 will report from 7 to 8 p.m. This program will feature organized games and activities for Belleville resident children in this age group, under the leadership of one or more college-age directors. All participants must currently be in grades K-2 only. Applications are available at the Recreation Department.


Girls volleyball clinic
The Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs announces the start of a girls volleyball clinic. The program is designed to provide an opportunity for girls in grade 7 and 8 to learn the skills of the game. The clinic will be held Thursdays at School 3 beginning Jan. 8, 2004 and ending March 25, 2004 from 6 to 8 p.m. at School 3 located at 230 Joralemon Street. Instructors are Marissa Radice, Jen Hinton, and Marissa Molnar. You must register at the Recreation Department.

The Recreation Department is located at 407 Joralemon Street. Should you have any questions on any program, please call the Recreation Department at (973) 450-3422.

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Woman's Club delivers collected eyeglasses

The GFWC Woman's Club of Belleville is a volunteer service organization. Its members have been dedicated to addressing community needs since the club was founded.

Recently, the club was responsible for collecting used eyeglasses and donating them to the New Jersey Lions Eyeglass Recycling

Center. Eyeglasses at the center are processed with the help of students from the Katzenbach School for the Deaf.

On the receiving end, the Woman's Club of Belleville thanks Alpine Nursery of Belleville. For the second year in a row, it donated a tree to be used as a Wish Tree for the residents of the

Battered Women's Shelter of Belleville. This is a yearly club project that always meets with much success; the tree is located at Bethany Lutheran Church.

For more information about the club or how you can help with its many projects, contact Elaine Teemer at (973) 751-2089.

Morris Canal signs to be formally installed

The Belleville Historical Society, in cooperation with the Canal Society of New Jersey, invites the townspeople of Belleville to attend a brief installation ceremony on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 12 noon.

Recently, the Township of Belleville installed two Morris Canal signs, one at the corner of Harrison and Mill streets and the other on Maple Avenue (which is directly off Mill Street). The Morris Canal, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, runs through Belleville as well as many towns across New Jersey. Over the years, Bloomfield, Clifton, and several other towns have installed similar signs to commemorate the history of the Morris Canal.

The two signs, which were paid for by donations from Belleville citizens, members of the Canal Society of New Jersey, and those interested in historic preservation, are traditional in their design in keeping with the other landmarks of this nature. The project was spearheaded by Rita Higgins, secretary of the Belleville Historical Society. She was involved in the fundraising and planning stages. Mario Drozd worked with the Township of Belleville to accomplish the installation of the signs. Over the last several years, the Canal Society of New Jersey has held several slide presentations at the Belleville Historical Society, which meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7

p.m. in the Dutch Reformed Church on Rutgers Street (right off Washington Avenue).

Robert Barth, president of the Canal Society of New Jersey, will be the keynote speaker at the ceremony. Those who have contributed their time or donations to this project will be awarded certificates of special recognition at the ceremony.

The society invites the community to join in this celebration and bring their family and friends to meet Canal Society members, history buffs, and those interested in preserving the town's history. Ample parking is available on Brighton Avenue. For further details, contact Rita Higgins at (973) 759-3825.

Books

(Continued from Page A1) Noble. He concedes that he spent most of his savings on opening the store, but has faith that in time he will be able to bring family-centered entertainment to the community through the addition of Christian musical acts and book or scripture readings.

Rodriguez said that he hopes that with a little bit of the Lord's help he will be able to fulfill a greater vision to bring a Christian coffeehouse to the community.

"People are drawn to the atmosphere," Rodriguez said, "because they say that it's peaceful when they come in here. I'd really like to fulfill my dream to bring in speakers and groups or just be able to say to someone to come in on Saturday to have a free cup of coffee on us."

He said that the store's proximity to Radcliffe School often brings students into the store during their lunch break. During that time, Rodriguez said he takes the opportunity to ask them about their per-

formance in school and to encourage them to excel academically and to choose their extracurricular activities wisely.

He said that in the wake of 9-11, a lot of people have been drawn back to spirituality and that he wanted to be able to bring resources to the community. In addition to spiritual literature, the store is a source for the kind of Christian products that Rodriguez said it is sometimes difficult to find in mainstream stores. He said that some of the items he carries were previously available only online.

"The comment that I get from people the most is, 'Finally, something close by,'" Rodriguez said. "I used to go online or to upstate New Jersey but this is a local place for people that are seeking something different."

Among the items offered at Living Waters are Christian videotapes, spiritual literature, a brand of coffee whose proceeds benefit missionaries in South America, jewelry and religious articles for the home. The store even offers information for customers to buy a satellite dish with access to over 20 channels of religious television. Rodriguez personally selects every item, ensuring that the product he offers to his customers caters to their needs.

"One thing that has been really popular has been family-friendly movies," said Rodriguez, himself a father to a 10, three and seven-year-old. "It is really hard to find something for the family that is G-rated in mainstream stores so there has been a greater request for those sort of things."

Students on the fast track to NJIT

By Richard Dickon
of the Belleville Times

Six Belleville High School students were accepted on the spot for admission to the New Jersey Institute of Technology after NJIT officials spent an on-site admissions session at BHS Dec. 9.

Two more acceptances are pending, as the students wait for their Equal Opportunity Program applications to be processed, according to Deborah Perri, director of student services.

The Belleville High School Student Services Department sponsored the session. Debbie Gabbidon, assistant director of University Admissions, facilitated the on-site session. Six students were accepted to NJIT. They are Michael David, Raquel Romero, Michael Schetlick, Ted

Soyosa, Christopher Stolz and William Yepez. This is the fourth year the Student Services Department has sponsored this on-site admissions day, Perri said.

"This is probably one of our most successful on-site visits," Perri said.

"Students bring their applications, their admissions fees and sit for an interview," Perri said. "They're told on the spot whether or not they are accepted for that college."

Future on-site admissions days include Essex County College on Jan. 22 and May 11, and Bloomfield College on March 25.

Perri explained why the two-year county college is not a bad decision. "Some people perceive a two-year school as not being the best," she said. "Four-year colleges have the prestige.

But you can go for two years at half the price, and then transfer to the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), Rutgers or Seton Hall.

"I think it will be the wave of the future for Belleville, Nutley and Bloomfield," she said. "The price is obviously a lot less, and you can still get the four-year degree."

Last year for NJIT, 10 applied, and five were accepted. This year, eight applied and all eight could be accepted if the two Equal Opportunity Program applications are approved, Perri said.

Normally, eight to 10 apply and five or six are definite acceptances, she said. At Essex County College visits, 15 apply on average, Perri said.

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WEEKEND PREVIEW

‘doorjam’ returns to its roots at Hillside Café

The Hillside Café, a non-profit music venue in Nutley devoted to bringing quality live acoustic music to Essex County, has announced its next evening of music.

A holiday concert entitled “doorjam: Music for Christmas and Advent” will be held at the café, 45 Hillside Crescent, in the community room of the Franklin Reformed Church, Church and Prospect streets, Nutley.

The concert is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 21 at 4 p.m. (Doors open at 3:30 p.m.) Admission is a free will donation. The facility is handicapped accessible.

A light buffet supper will be served after the concert as a thank you from The Hillside Café to its patrons. doorjam, a musical extension of the Franklin Reformed Church, is celebrating the release of its new CD, entitled “A Thousand Echoes,” which contains 14

original songs.

The six-member band was formed in 1996 to provide music for a contemporary worship service known as “A Different Door.” After a few years, doorjam took its act, a blend of pop, rock and gospel, on the road, and has performed at various church and civic activities ever since. Known for its unique harmonies and arrangements, doorjam has performed four years in a row at a boardwalk pavilion

in Ocean Grove.

doorjam members include Vicky Chalk and Jainie Gambaro of Nutley, Linda DeSimon and Joe Ribaud of Bloomfield and Jill Fenske and Martin Williams from Pompton Plains.

All monies realized from appearances and CD sales are given back to the church.

Child care is available by reservation. For more information, call (973) 616-0106.

‘Photographic Panorama’ on display through Jan. 9 in Glen Ridge

The Glen Ridge Art Patrons Association is continuing its ongoing series of gallery hangings at the Glen

Ridge Community Center with a solo showing of Lester Pfeffer’s photography, entitled “A Photographic

Panorama of the Prehistoric Pueblo Indians.”

A photographer for more than half a century, Pfeffer’s experience includes a military assignment to the Signal Corps darkroom at the Pentagon, while his show history includes an exhibit at the Brooklyn

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Pfeffer’s work will be on display through Jan. 9. Everyone is invited to view his exhibit.

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Alliance Repertory revises ‘03-‘04 theatre schedule

Alliance Repertory of Bloomfield has revised its 2003-2004 production schedule. Explanations and/or revisions are as follows:

• In January, the Repertory hosts “Closer,” by Patrick Marber. Directed by Mike Driscoll, the show is described as a biting satire on the dangers of falling in love on the Internet.

For mature audiences only, this play won the Evening Standard Award for Best Comedy of the Year, the London Critics Circle Award for Best New Play of 1997 and the New York Critics Award for Best Foreign Play.

Production dates are Jan. 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23 and 24. Tickets are \$20 each.

• In honor of African American History Month, February will feature the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning production of “Fences,” by August Wilson. “Fences” depicts the African-American experience in the industrial United States heartland in the 1950s. The story involves Troy Maxson, a hardworking garbage collector living in a northern industrial city in 1957. A great talker, Troy entertains friends and family with stories and yarns as they congregate on his back porch. An excellent baseball player in his youth, Troy was prevented from playing in the major leagues because of the ban on black athletes. By the time the “color barrier” was broken in 1947, Troy was past his ball-playing prime.

Production dates are Feb. 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20 and 21.

Tickets are \$20 each.

• March will bring the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning “Lost in Yonkers,” by renowned American comic playwright Neil Simon. This play is set in a comfortable apartment in Yonkers, N.Y. in 1942. Another battling odd-couple is portrayed, this time an old German-Jewish woman and her adult daughter. Bella (the daughter) is considered by her mother to be a retarded, yet affectionate creature, and is more than enough for Grandma Kurnitz to handle.

As the play opens, son Eddie deposits his two teenage children on Grandma’s doorstep. He is deeply in debt and must go on an extended sales trip to make money. The kids learn to contend with Grandma, a tough, stern old lady; with Bella and her secret romance; and with Louie, her brother, who may have mob connections. Gradually, the mood darkens as the kids endure life with a family of emotionally crippled people. While the children are only temporarily exiled in Yonkers, the rest of the family is truly lost.

Production dates are March 12, 13, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26 and 27. Tickets are \$20 each.

All evening performances are at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at the Web site www.AllianceRep.org. Alliance Repertory stages its productions at the Liberty Theatre, 252 Liberty Street, Bloomfield.

‘Animal Christmas’ in Rutherford

Happy Times Children’s Theatre will present the endearing and popular holiday favorite, “The Animals’ Christmas,” on Saturday, Dec. 20 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The plot revolves around the little squirrel’s other animal friends, who help to grant her wish to have her own Christmas tree in her wee house, just like the humans in the village do.

The target audience is two to seven year-old children, their parents and grandparents. Tickets are \$7 each.

Reservations are recommended and may be made by calling the Williams Center box office at (201) 939-2323.

Happy Times Children’s

Theatre returns on Saturday, Jan. 17 at 1 p.m. when Love attempts to melt the heart of “The Snow Queen” while the world is in the grip of icy winter. Love returns on Feb. 14 with “The Happy Valentine” and the popular “Aladdin.”

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OPINION

Dropping the gas tax

McGreevey gets cold feet

Governor McGreevey may have avoided short-term political pain by dropping the plan for a gas-tax increase. But it doesn't change the unavoidable fact that sometime soon an additional source of revenue will be needed to pay for the state's pressing transportation needs.

In dropping the controversial plan last week, the governor ignored the good advice of a blue-ribbon panel that called last month for a 12.5-cents-a-gallon increase to pay for major transportation improvements. That is not an unreasonable increase. New Jersey's gas tax, at 10.5 cents, is among the nation's lowest. It has not been raised in 15 years, and the increase would have put the state on a par with New York, Pennsylvania, and Delaware.

In fact, state Transportation Commissioner Jack Lettiere, who headed the blue-ribbon panel, has been promoting the tax increase in recent weeks. Now the McGreevey administration has egg on its face.

The governor may not want the Democrats, who will control the Legislature next year, to be tarred with a tax increase, but it is necessary - and a strong case can be made for it. The state's Transportation Trust Fund is more than \$5 billion in debt and will run out of money for transportation needs in 18 months (at that point federal matching funds would be lost). Meanwhile, dire needs include a huge backlog in road, bridge, and other infrastructure repair. Mr. McGreevey himself said there are "2,000 deteriorating bridges causing bottlenecks across the state" when he created the blue-ribbon panel last winter to come up with a transportation plan.

Now the Department of Transportation is looking at which projects to postpone because the gas tax will not be raised.

Trying to rush the tax hike through during the lame-duck Legislature was a

bad idea. Any increase should be preceded by substantive discussion about how the new money would be spent and how to protect it from raids similar to those in the past. In recent years, money in the fund has been diverted so many times for other expenses that it pays for only 20 percent of transportation projects with cash and borrows to pay for the rest. No new money should be approved without guarantees that it will only be used for repairs, pedestrian and driver safety, mass transit improvements, and essential new projects.

As Jon Orcutt and Jennifer Siegel of the Tri-State Transportation Campaign, a regional policy watchdog organization, wrote in *The Record* recently, "Much good could be accomplished with a dramatically expanded transportation program. Will New Jersey finally fix dilapidated roads and bridges, increase transportation aid to cities and towns, address the explosive growth of truck traffic, and improve the frequency and reliability of NJ Transit trains and buses? Or will we continue the decades-old trend of widening highways and extending them into undeveloped areas, promoting sprawling car-dependent development in every corner of the state?"

Mr. McGreevey was wrong to try to win support by suggesting some of the increase be used to eliminate tolls on the Garden State Parkway. That suggestion may have backfired by creating the perception that if there was money to spare for toll relief, the state's repair needs could not be that serious. The truth is they are.

Sometimes a leader has to deliver bad news. Mr. McGreevey should stand behind the tax increase when the new Legislature convenes, make the case to the public, and make sure the money is spent on legitimate transportation needs.

— *The Record* (Dec. 11)



Mr. Clean rides again

A shout out to a local working class hero

School 4 has a few 'best kept secrets.'

One is the Shafter Branch Library and the other is...nope, I can't say because someone will try to snatch him from us. Okay, so now you know he's a male. So I guess it's time to tell — his name is Herbie Kazak and his game is Head Custodian of School 4.

Let me tell you a bit about him. He came to School 4 in September and has made a definite mark for himself. Kazak is an asset to say the least. If you are looking for him, you will probably find him on his hands and knees scrubbing floors. Oh, you don't believe it? Well, I got it from a good source.

Let me continue, there is more. He cleans out stock rooms that have accumulated items over the years, helps at bake sales and chip sales, assists the lunch aides when needed, and if you happen to be riding down Magnolia or North Belmont, you will probably see him sweeping away. He works at everything

Life In Silver Lake



By Marie Strumolo Burke

like painting, keeping the bathrooms spic and span and fixing things that haven't worked in ages. You will never find him sitting down on the job. Under his guidance, the kitchen at School 4 has been painted and decorated top to bottom.

No matter who you talk to, they say that he is a pleasure to work with. How refreshing it is to hear that someone actually enjoys doing their job. Your wish is his command. The parents and co-workers at the school have noticed a difference in the school since Herbie has arrived. I guess everyone in the school will

need sunglasses pretty soon, since the entire place is 'sparkling'.

Herbie, I hope to meet up with you one of these days to meet someone who takes their job seriously. Always remember that you are definitely appreciated. You remind me of that man who rides a white horse called 'Mr. Clean'.

So, Herbie Kazak, Head Custodian of School 4, get on your feet because Silver Lake is giving you a standing ovation for all you do for our 'School In The Lake.' Hope you can hear all that applause.

You all know that famous saying, "You can't keep good women down." Well Silver Lake is sending our get well wishes to two good women. One is my sis-in-law, Dolores Conte of Lake Street, who is recuperating from an operation. And the other is Silver Lake's best friend, Lena Zarro, who is ailing at Clara Maass.

And remember, WE LOVE SILVER LAKE!

Huh?

Councilmen may sue township over sewer fees

Isn't that a great headline?

Only in Belleville.

This past week, councilmen Thomas Fuscaldo and Kevin Kennedy threatened to sue the township if the sewer fee is not repealed immediately. Voters indicated they wanted the system of revenue eliminated in the Nov. 4 election, so the councilmen say that the method should have been abolished eight days later. Township Manager Ray Kimble unapologetically disagrees, and plans to repeal the so-called budgetary item when the year changes over Jan. 1.

So in the name of truth, justice and the American way, Fuscaldo and Kennedy are threatening to sue Belleville in order to save the township from itself. The taxpayers are getting screwed, in their opinion, and the several weeks of sewer fees collected between the election and New Year's Eve are worth a court battle and embarrassing publicity to recover.

Did we ever consider letting the taxpayers decide if it's worth it, then letting them launch their own suit?

Why would the government sue itself? Because Belleville government is a self-loathing split personality — with one side always ready to accuse or undermine the other.

Introduce a Belleville politico to a newcomer, and chances are they'll make some affectionate comment about the contentious nature of Belleville politics.

They may mention it with a shrug, as though saying, "we're so dysfunctional, just like those English parliamentarians always shouting at each other across the policy-making halls of Westminster."

The difference is England managed to accomplish amazing things, such as ruling half the world or tenaciously fending off the Nazi war machine. In Belleville, planting cherry-blossom trees has become the claim to fame.

The fact of the matter is, politics in Belleville is impulsive and schizophrenic, like a wind-up toy that bumps into every wall before running out of propulsion. It's fun to watch because it's all frantic motion with no direction.

Over the past two years, we have seen the face of the town council dramatically reconstructed from the so-called "Old Council Majority" to the so-called "New Council Majority" and tweaked backward again with the departure of Nicholas Auriemma, and the return of former-Councilman Kevin Kennedy.

These dramatic changes

often come as the result of some sort of issue. The New Council Majority came into being, largely, when the non-incumbents championed the cause of saving police and firemen jobs in a post-9/11 climate and saving homesteads from the Valley Redevelopment Plan. Okay, jobs and homes were saved, but taxes went up an extraordinary amount last year.

This year, the tax increase was zero, but some allege that's because residents were charged way too much, and that the town is double-taxing through the sewer fee.

So the sewer fee became the newest hot button issue, and Kennedy rode the call for its demise all the way back to a restored council seat in the November election — this, despite the fact that the voters ousted him in the prior year's election.

The voters play a role in the wavering nature of Belleville politics too, as evidenced by Kennedy's return so soon after being voted out. No offense to Kennedy, we're just pointing out the fickle nature demonstrated at the polls.

We've gone from an administration that clear-cuts its staff in order to save money to an administration that replenishes those jobs and even creates new ones, then back to voting in elements of the prior administration in just over year. To some, this is certifiable mental illness.

And from these circumstances, we wind up with headlines such as, "Councilmen may sue the township."

It's another wound that's been opened, and may never get the chance to heal — because like Walter Kilde, Soho and Municipal Stadium — it's going to be picked at and picked at for months until Belleville is one step closer to bleeding itself dry.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Deliver those mailboxes

To the editor:

I wish to express my opinion on the mailbox removals that have taken place both in Nutley and Belleville. In my particular location, where there are large numbers of senior citizens, two convenient mailboxes have been removed, leaving only one mailbox at quite a distance from my home. I feel that this is too restrictive and quite unfair, especially since many of us do not drive — forcing us to walk this distance.

At the corner of Continental Avenue and Carpenter Street and on Celia Terrace, the above-mentioned mail-

boxes were removed. We all have to go to Franklin Avenue for the nearest mailbox.

Why couldn't the postal service have left one mailbox

in place instead of removing both?

I hope some reconsideration of this matter will take place.

Catherine Malavarca

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Giving Thanksgiving



Photo courtesy of Belleville Public Schools

Monique Ciardi, primary teacher at School 7, and her students conducted a school wide food drive to benefit the St. Peter's Church food pantry, a facility which services needy Belleville residents. Front row, from left, Knicole Rivera, Mercedes Alfano; back row, from left, Nancy Adessa, Bosko Jovanovic, Marcus Dennison and Ciardi.

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IN THE TOWNS AROUND

State cell phone ban to supercede local legislation

By John Dyer
The Record

New Jersey motorists may soon discover that chatting on cellphones while driving can be costly. And we're not talking roaming charges.

An Assembly committee unanimously approved legislation Thursday that bans talking on a cellphone while driving unless motorists use headsets, earpieces, or other hands-free technologies.

The bill would supersede all local bans on using cellphones while driving. Nutley and Paramus are among 20 towns that have passed such bans.

Violators could be fined up to \$250.

"I believe this is an eminently doable safety measure for the people of New Jersey," said Sen. Leonard Lance, R-Hunterdon, who spoke before the committee in favor of the legislation. "Hands in vehicles should be for the steering wheel."

The Senate has already approved the measure. Now that the Assembly Transportation Committee has given its approval, the bill

moves to the floor of the lower house and could be put up for a vote as early as Monday. If the Assembly passes it, the legislation will go before Governor McGreevey.

"There's no doubt that a ban on hand-held cellphones - requiring drivers to keep both hands on the wheel - will save lives," McGreevey said in a statement. "I'm encouraged by the progress in the Legislature and look forward to signing a ban into law."

Under the bill, motorists would run afoul of the law only if a police officer first pulled them over for some other moving violation, such as driving through a red light. The maximum penalty if they are caught would be \$250. Insurance companies would not be allowed to penalize motorists who are fined by the measure.

The law wouldn't apply to police, firefighters, and emergency workers on official business. Motorists in danger, whether because of an accident or if they are victims of a crime, as well as drivers using phones to report

accidents or other motorists' reckless driving, would also be exempt.

The law would go into effect six months after it's enacted, giving the Motor Vehicle Commission time to educate people about the change.

"I think there will be a degree of concern, because it seeks to change established behavior that quite frankly is ingrained," said Assemblyman John Wisniewski, D-Middlesex, chairman of the Transportation Committee.

Only three states, including New York, bar motorists from driving while using a cellphone without hands-free equipment, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. The conference notes, however, that many state legislatures are considering laws curbing cellphone use while driving.

New Jersey law currently bars drivers under 21 who have a learner's permit from using a wireless phone while driving, but residents may want that law expanded. A Quinnipiac University poll conducted in September found that 85 percent of New

Jersey voters supported a statewide ban on using hand-held cellphones while driving. The poll had a margin of error of plus or minus 3.2 percentage points. New Jerseyans own almost 4.6 million cellphones, said David Bonsick, director of government affairs for Sprint in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

A 1997 study in the New England Journal of Medicine found that talking on a phone while driving quadrupled the risk of an accident and was almost as dangerous as being drunk behind the wheel.

Critics of a ban dispute those points, however. Representatives of AAA and the cellphone industry who appeared at the hearing said the measure was too narrow. They argued that lawmakers should pay more attention to distraction in general. Eating, reading, and leaning over and reaching for items while driving - rather than focusing on the road - are far more endemic and dangerous than cellphone conversations, they said.

"Many driver distractions are neither new nor technological in nature," said Pamela Fischer, vice president of public affairs for AAA. "Rather, they are aspects of everyday driving that people seldom think about. Focusing only on a hand-held cellphone ban will address only one aspect of a much bigger problem."

"Narrowly faulting one technology minimizes the problem of distracted driving," Nextel Communications Inc. lobbyist Maureen Kehoe Rothchild said.

The Assembly Transportation Committee also approved a bill Thursday that would penalize motorists who drive dangerously while they are distracted, including if they are using hand-held cellphones. The Senate has yet to address that legislation.

Nutley card may spell savings for senior meds

By Richard Dickon
of Belleville Times

The Nutley commissioners heard a proposal to offer a senior citizen preferred prescription savings card that could save seniors 10 to 50 percent off retail prescription prices.

Independent pharmacy owners offer the card. The group is the Garden State Pharmacy Owners group, known as GSPOPS, according to Frank Covelli, spokesman for the plan.

The savings card is for seniors 55 and older who may not have a prescription plan, along with disabled residents of any age who are receiving Social Security Disability benefits. Under the program, they can go to any pharmacy in New Jersey and 56,000 nationwide, Covelli said.

For a membership fee of \$20 per household per year, a

husband and wife for instance can go to neighborhood pharmacies or the big chains, like CVS and Rite Aid.

"Before you sign up, you can look at your maintenance drugs, and go over your list of medications, call the number and find out what the discount is," Covelli said.

Eleanor Fazzi, a past president of the local American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), said, "I would think seniors would be interested, especially with so many of us disillusioned with the federal government prescription drug plan. I think they sold us down the river."

Fazzi said the company she worked for before she retired offers her a 40 to 50 percent reimbursement on her medications.

"I worry every time my company's board of directors meets that they're going to

cut out the retirees," she said. "This card is interesting and it should be pursued."

Covelli said prescription drugs are like gasoline, where if you go to 10 places, you'll get 10 prices.

"With the card, you'll be getting the network price, whether it's CVS or an independent," he said.

There are no income requirements or exclusions for pre-existing conditions. The card means no quantity limit, the holder can receive as much medication as prescribed, including for diabetes.

The card has no limits on the number of prescriptions that can be filled or refilled, there are no deductibles and no forms to fill out, Covelli said.

Seniors without insurance are shopping drug stores, and may have different prescriptions at different stores, leav-

ing open the possibility that dangerous drug interactions could take place.

If a senior has a state run program like Senior Gold that provides for prescriptions, they should stick with that, he said.

This program is in force or is being discussed in 100 municipalities in 14 counties.

Lodi started when the program began on March 11. By July 31, they had 315 seniors signed up, 1,300 prescriptions filled, \$27,000 in savings and an average savings of 31 percent, Covelli said.

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SOCIAL NEWS

Christin Jacobs, Daniel Hywel to wed

Mr. and Mrs. David Jacobs of Brick announce the engagement of their daughter, Christin Marie, to Daniel Michael Hywel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hywel of Belleville.

The wedding is planned for July 10, 2004 in Aruba. Miss Jacobs, an alumna of

the College of New Jersey, earned a masters in occupational therapy at New York University.

She is a pediatric occupational therapist at Matheny School and Hospital, Peapack.

Mr. Hywel is a graduate of Rutgers University.



Photo courtesy of the family

Daniel Hywel - Christin Jacobs

PLEASE NOTE: Items for Area Events must reach us by 3 p.m. the Friday before publication at the latest. The events page goes to press on Friday.

Fairs, flea markets, etc....

Flea market, craft and collectible show, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 21, indoors and outdoors, Belleville High School, 100 Passaic Ave. (off Joralemon St.). Sponsored by Graduation Celebration and SEPO.

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.



Photo courtesy of the family

Dawn Taylor - Scott Colburn

Dawn Taylor to marry Scott Colburn

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Taylor of Bloomfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Marie, to Scott Colburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Colburn of Randolph, formerly of Bloomfield.

The troth was made

known Sept. 10.

Miss Taylor, an alumna of Bloomfield High School, is a legal secretary with Genova, Burns & Vernioia.

Mr. Colburn, a graduate of Bloomfield High School, is warehouse manager with MHP.

Fundraisers...

All You Can Eat breakfast, 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 21, Belleville Elks Hall, 254 Washington Ave. \$5 adults; \$3 kids under 10; under 3, free. Santa will visit so bring your camera. Public invited.

Vendor sales, Belleville Founders' Room, Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. Dec. 19: costume jewelry.

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; Our Lady of Mount Carmel Knights of Columbus, Fred Bunce, (973) 667-7663.

Other events....

VFW blood bank, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dec. 18, Post 493, 271 Washington Ave., Nutley. All blood types needed. Call 235-9661 for more info.

Sign up night for Winter Weekend Get-away, sponsored by Travelin' Catholics Cruise & Tour Club, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 19, Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, 499 Belgrove Drive, Kearny. \$10. Singles and friends of all ages and denominations invited. Call Betty or Leonora at (973) 680-1577.

Bloomfield Peace Vigil, 7 to 8 p.m. Dec. 21, on Broad Street in front of Bloomfield library. Sponsored by Bloomfield Peace Action. For more info, call (973) 338-5850 or email bpeace@comcast.net.

Dayna Barber to wed Damon Placenti

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barber of Cedar Grove announce the engagement of their daughter, Dayna Marie, to Damon Michael Placenti, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Placenti of Belleville.

The wedding is planned for June 24, 2005.

Miss Barber, an alumna of Cedar Grove High School and William Paterson Uni-

versity, Wayne, is currently working for a master's as a reading specialist. She is a teacher in Cedar Grove.

Mr. Placenti, a graduate of Belleville High School and William Paterson University, is pursuing a master's in administration.

He is a physical education/health teacher in Haledon.



Photo courtesy of the family

Damon Placenti - Dayna Barber

Big Band Night, 8 p.m. Dec. 22, Belleville Knights of Columbus #835, Bridge St. For info, call (973) 759-9656. \$5 cover/cash bar.

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

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union Sept. 17, 2004, San Carlo Restaurant, Lyndhurst.

Saddle Brook 1972, March 13, 2004, Brownstone. For info, call Caren Simon-DaSilva at (973) 345-0220 or Eileen Davis at (718) 461-3097; **Newark Central Jan. 1949,** looking for graduates or any info on them. Call Marge Sigaro Gabriele at (973) 667-1565.

Meetings...

AARP Nutley Chapter #2052, 1 p.m. second Thursday, 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. **Trips:** 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:**

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Mr. Turturiello's opus

Belleville-raised educator wins the hearts of students and education association - named Master Teacher

The New Jersey Music Educators Association has named Vincent Turturiello as the recipient of the 2004 Master Music Teacher Award. The award will be formally presented at the association's annual NJMEA convention in February.

Raised in Belleville, Turturiello has been teaching in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public School District for 25 years. During his tenure, he has served as the Fine Arts supervisor, High School Wind Ensemble director, and Jazz Band director in the district. Turturiello graduated from Belleville High School and went on to receive his bachelor and master of arts degrees from

the trophies and awards. I try to teach my students to respect the hard work of their peers, to care for each member of their band, to work hard and to be dedicated so that they will not only become good musicians but good people as well."

Many of Turturiello's students have entered the music profession both in education and performance. David Heilman, a percussionist who graduated in 1995, has played in the orchestra for the Broadway musical "Swing". He is currently a featured performer on Broadway in the musical "Stomp". Whitney Slaten and Troy Simms have been featured as saxophonists

all the school activities of his daughters.

"My family is the reason I was successful as a teacher and part of why I am receiving this prestigious award." Throughout his career, Turturiello has integrated athletics and music to benefit the student body at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. Many athletes have participated in his ensembles and continue to join the music program. He has coached tournament softball teams for 14 years and has taken his teams to national tournaments in Florida and Virginia.

As a music director, his groups have distinguished themselves on a variety of levels. During his career, the marching band performed for the N.Y. Giants, N.J. Generals and the N.Y. Jets. They were selected as the best marching band in the annual New York City Columbus Day parade and they performed on television in the "Real People" variety show. Through his efforts, the school was named a Grammy Signature School of the Arts. Recently the Paper Mill Playhouse, for the musical production "Anything Goes", nominated the pit orchestra for a Rising Star Award. In 1990, "The Moonglowers" won Macdonald's tri-state jazz championship. "The Moonglowers" have also performed with the Brecker brothers at The Village Gate in Manhattan, at the Showboat Casino in Atlantic City and were a featured ensemble at the Atlantic City Convention Hall.

Turturiello thanked the South Plainfield-Fanwood High School Music Booster Association and the Board of Education for all of their hard work and dedication to the music program at Scotch Plains-Fanwood. He also acknowledged four administrators who have supported the music program and allowed it to flourish: Dr. Terry Riegel, former high school principal; Dr. Robert Howlett, former superintendent; Dr. David Heisey, current high school principal; and Dr. Carol Choye, current district superintendent.

with Clark Terry and Roland Henna. Other students such as Ethan Nash, Charlie Jackson, Brad Gillett, David Hilton, Charles Dettmar, John Brzozowski and Annmarie Calabrese are presently music educators.

Turturiello and his wife, Joyce, have three daughters, Felicia, Gina and Kristen who were all state athletes and played tennis at the college level. As a band director, Turturiello feels that it is very easy to spend more time at school than with his family. He made it a priority, however, to be involved in

New Jersey City University in music education.

Turturiello studied clarinet under David Dworkin of the Metropolitan Opera orchestra and saxophone under Charlie "Leeds" Liebowitz. He credits much of his teaching success to Nick Cerratto, the wind symphony director and percussion professor at New Jersey City University.

Mr. "T," as he is known by his students, began his teaching career at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in 1978. At that time, the music program's enrollment was 145 students. By 1987, the music program had grown to 530 students with a 280-member marching band. Turturiello currently directs the high school wind ensemble and jazz band. Both groups have received numerous awards in national competitions and state festivals.

The wind ensemble has received gold ratings in the state concert band festival and has represented Scotch Plains-Fanwood at the New Jersey State Gala Concerts. At the Festival of Music, a national competition, the wind ensemble has consistently earned superior ratings and won the Dr. William Revelli Award for most outstanding concert band. The "Moonglowers", which is the school's jazz band, has been competing at the state and national level for 20 years. Directed by Turturiello, The "Moonglowers" have qualified for the NJIAJE state finals and have placed in the top five bands in the state for the past 10 years. In 2001, they were the NJIAJE state champions. At the Festival of Music, the "Moonglowers" have consistently been selected as the outstanding jazz band and have been the featured band at the festival's award ceremony.

As Turturiello reflects on his career, he notes: "I care for my students like they are my own children. I hope my teaching goes beyond



Vincent Turturiello

Shout about scouts



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Above, the Belleville Fire Department at 215 Franklin Ave., sent EMTs over to School 10 to help Belleville Jr. Troop 362 earn their first aid badge. The girls were shown how to bandage and secure a broken arm or leg. Below, Belleville Daisy Troop 873 collected toys for Holy Family Church's toy drive. Toys collected were given to patients at a pediatric oncology center. From left are troop members Celia, Kristan, Sophia, Julianne and Alyssa.



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The Belleville Chapter of UNICO National and the Anti-Bias Committee of UNICO presented a signed petition to Congressman Bill Pascarelli for the John Basilone stamp, collected from across the USA. From left: National Anti-Bias Committee Chairman Dr. Manny Alfano, John Alati PNP of UNICO, Congressman Bill Pascarelli, Peter Boreyko, president of the Belleville Chapter of UNICO.

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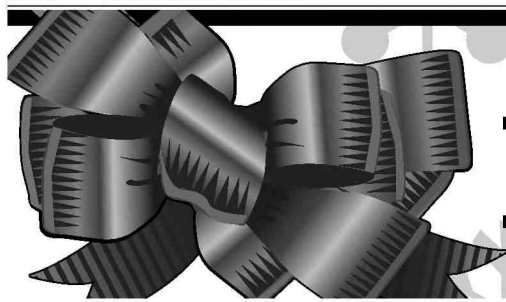
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Helping those in need



In the spirit of giving, the Montclair Police Athletic League's girls' basketball team created gift baskets at Capalbo's Gift Basket warehouse which were donated to the Nutley Family Service Bureau for distribution to those in need. From left: Tamasha Liggins, Jessica Fitzpatrick and Melissa Smith. Capalbo's, a third-generation family owned company, is the oldest and largest of its kind in the state and ships more than 75,000 baskets and containers during the Christmas holiday period.

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Chocolate Covered Cherry Cookies and Lace Cookies

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. baking powder
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1 egg
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
1 (20 oz.) jar maraschino cherries
1 (6 oz.) pkg. Semi-sweet chocolate chips
1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk

Stir together flour, cocoa, salt, baking powder and baking soda. Cream butter and sugar; add egg and vanilla and beat well. Gradually add dry ingredients to creamed mixture; beat until well blended. Shape into one-inch balls. Place on ungreased baking sheet and press down center with thumb. Drain cherries, reserve juice. Place 1/2 cherry in center of each cookie. Combine chocolate bits and condensed milk in small saucepan. Heat until just

melted. Stir in four teaspoons of reserved cherry juice. Spoon about one teaspoon frosting over each cookie, spreading to cover cherry. Thin with more juice if necessary. Bake in 350 degree oven for 10 minutes. Remove to rack. Cool. Makes four dozen.

1 cup quick cooking oatmeal
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup melted butter or margarine
1/4 tsp. baking powder
2 tbsp. flour
1/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla
1 egg, beaten

Mix all together and drop by 1/2 teaspoon on foil-covered baking sheet at least two or three inches apart (the dough spreads). Bake at 325 degrees for eight to 10 minutes. Let cookies cool completely on the foil and then they can be peeled off. Easy to make. Delicious.

The above cookie recipes are from St. Paul's Cookbook (circa 1986).

Avoiding holiday headaches

Even if you don't normally suffer from headaches, the holiday season can make you feel as if you've had a non-stop headache since Thanksgiving.

Dr. R. Michael Gallagher, director of the University Headache Center and dean of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Osteopathic Medicine, said, All the headache triggers converge at the end of the year - impossible schedules and expectations, excesses of food and drink and the stress and tension of family gatherings and personal budget crises."

To avoid holiday headaches and still enjoy the season with gusto, Dr. Gallagher offers these suggestions:

- Shop smart. Avoid last minute rushing around by shopping early. Make lists and budgets and stick to them. Shop during off hours or order merchandise through catalogs or the Internet to avoid long lines in stores.

- Learn to relax. Long checkout lines can cause tension that results in a headache. If you find your jaw clenched or your shoulders tight while waiting in line, relax. Stretch, gently roll your head from side to side and take deep, slow breaths.

- Plan ahead for travel. Expect long waits at airports and increased traffic on the roads. Remember to pack activities that help keep young children occupied.

- Get the proper rest. Lack of sleep can be a reason for a headache.

- Watch what you eat. Ripe cheeses, processed meats and chocolate may cause headaches in some people. Irregular eating patterns and an empty stomach can also result in a headache.

- Go easy on alcohol. Alcohol causes blood vessels in the head to dilate and that can result in a headache. Dehydration, a side effect of alcohol consumption, also can bring on a headache. If you do drink, avoid red wines. They contain a naturally occurring amino acid known to trigger headaches. Alternate a glass of alcohol with a glass of water or caffeine-free soda.

- Prioritize your activities. Balance the bustle with some quiet activities. Save a few visits with friends or relatives for after the New Year.

- Get away from smoke and perfume-filled rooms. Both can trigger headaches. Take a break outside to enjoy the crisp winter air.

- Try honey for a hangover. If you still end up with a headache, avoid caffeine. It will make a headache, particularly a migraine, worse. For a hangover, try a little honey, drink plenty of fluids and take an analgesic such as aspirin.



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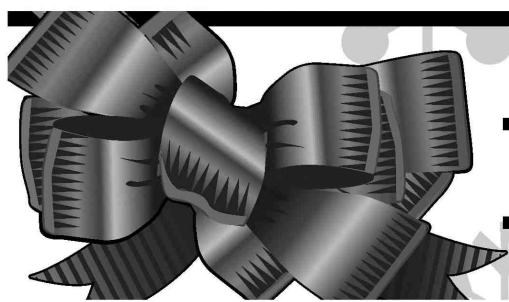
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Gifts require careful thought and planning

Gift giving is a combination of art and science that requires careful thought and planning. Searching for the perfect gift is fun for some, but for others, it can be frustrating. These tips will make your holiday gift giving more enjoyable and less of a chore.

- During the year, think about the types of gifts your family and friends want and need. Keep a master shopping file or notebook as a resource for information on gift recipients, including clothing sizes, hobbies, personal tastes and preferences. The earlier you shop, the better. When you see the perfect gift on sale, buy it on the spot. If it's a bargain, it will most likely be gone. Sales also help you budget your money and keep down your credit card bills. If you wait until the last minute, you'll have to settle for what's available. Remember, the most popular products, sizes and colors often sell out.

- Maintain a gift closet to keep last minute gifts and assorted greeting

cards.

- Take advantage of services offered for free or for a nominal fee, like personalization, personal shoppers, gift certificates, gift registries and gift-wrapping.

- Sentimental and personal gifts are always special and will be cherished for years. Write your family history or recipes in a decorative bound book, or restore old family photos and mementos and place them in frames or an album with dates and captions.

- Give a gift that gives back. Shop in museum stores and from retailers who pledge a percentage of their profits to a charity. You might also make a contribution to a nonprofit organization in someone's name.

- For a do-it-yourself touch, buy decorative baskets or tins and fill them with soaps, lotions, body gels, potpourri, candles, candy or homemade cookies. Make a specially prepared meal hosted at your home.

- In a small but visible

way, something as simple and elegant as a person's name or initials sets them apart from everyone else and makes a statement about their individuality. A personalized gift shows you took extra time and care in your choice. There are personalized gifts to suit every personality, interest and age. Personalization takes extra time, so shop early.

- If you are unsure what to buy, a gift certificate is

always a practical choice. Gift certificates can be purchased in stores, restaurants, movie theaters, malls, mail order catalogs and online retailers. You can buy most gift certificates online to save time. Wrap them in a gift box so they will be even more of a surprise.

- Always check the retailer's return policy. Some offer an unconditional money-back guarantee with

no time restriction - perfect if you shop far in advance. After making your purchase, save your receipt, packaging and shipping box in case you have to return your gift.

- Wrap gifts as soon as you buy them. You'll wrap more carefully and have more time to enjoy the holiday. Dress up your gift-

wrapping with a personalized ornament, a candy cane, bells or holly berries. For a gift that won't fit under the tree, like a bicycle or an appliance, put a picture into a card or gift box.

Once you know how to plan and shop for gifts, you can put these skills to good use all year long.

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1/2 cup minced red onion
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro

Preheat the oven to 325 F. In a small bowl, combine the taco sauce and hot sauce. Spread the pecans on a baking sheet and toast until golden brown, about 15 minutes. Let them cool, then chop coarsely. The recipe can be prepared to this point up to eight hours before it will be cooked.

Preheat the oven to 500

F. Place the chips in a shallow heat-proof serving dish. Sprinkle them with half the cheese, drizzle on the taco sauce and top with the onion and the rest of the cheese. Place in the oven and cook until the cheese melts, about five minutes. Sprinkle on the pecans and cilantro. Serve immediately.

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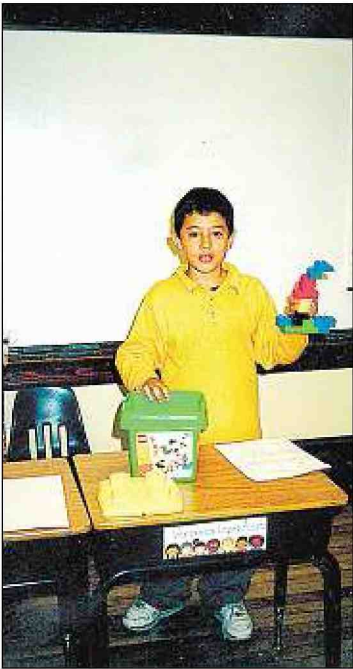
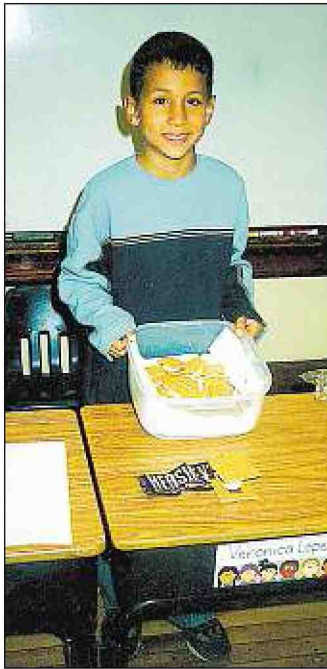
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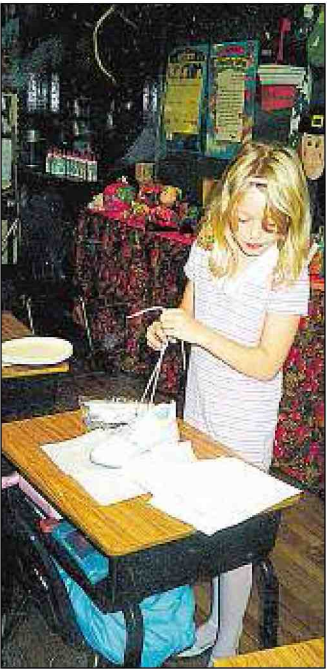
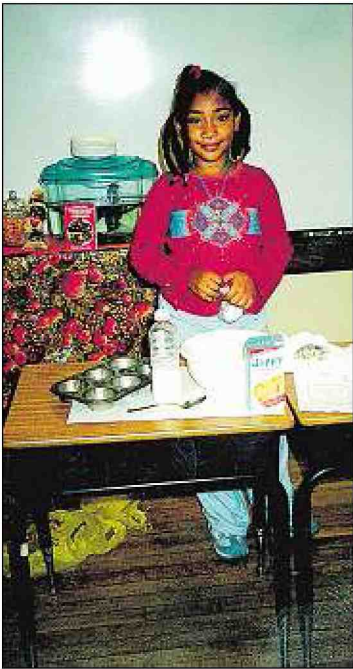
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Hey, are these kids tenured yet?



Mrs. Bruccalero's students at School 8 took turns teaching their classmates, each preparing a lesson to present to the class. From left, Ricardo Torres pleases the class with his lesson for making s'mores; Kimberly Martinez proves that diapering a baby takes skill; Carlos Ruales shows his finished Lego project after giving step-by-step directions on how to build it; Samira Clunis tempts taste buds with homemade corn muffins; and Skyla Perryman refers to her written directions as she teaches her classmates how to tie shoes.

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School 9 finds a book buddy in Roseland

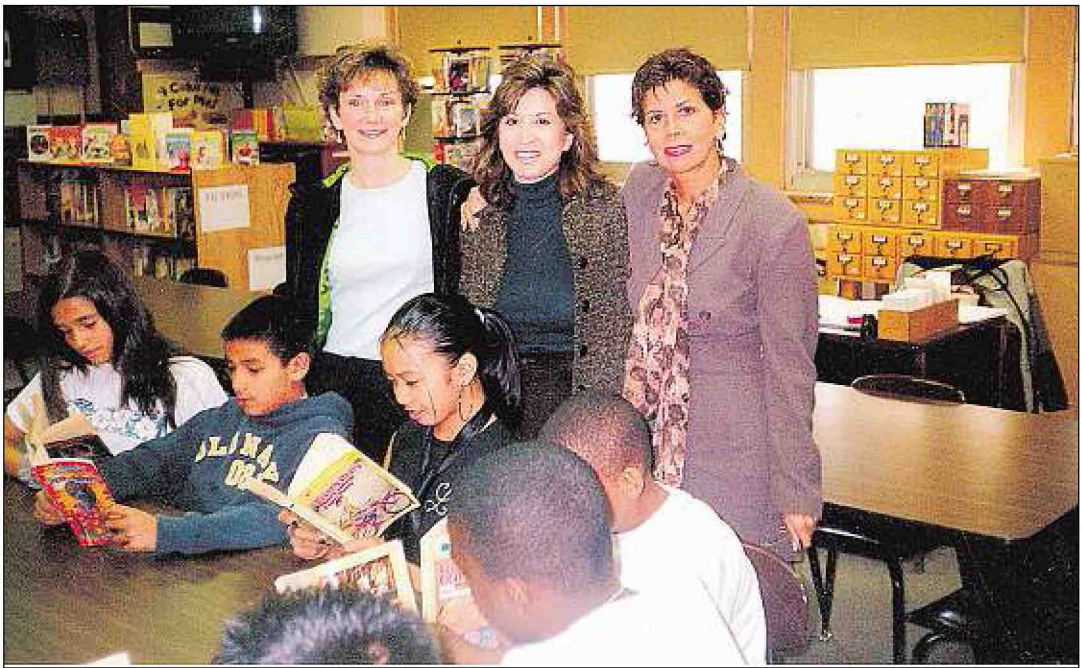


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School 9 was selected for the "Partnership for Caring" program by

parents at Lester C. Noecker School in Roseland. Through the program, students at both schools learn about

community awareness and generosity. The partner school delivered 115 new books to the students of School 9.



Above, left, Matthew Fernandes, Kristin Daly, Nicole Hernandez, Mrs. Rotonda, Carlos Marzan, and Iman

Rakim show a plaque that expresses their appreciation to the Lester C. Noecker School.

pictured reading, from left, are Krystal Maldonado, Chris Borges, Lizette Solomon and Chad Barnes.

Okay, who shook it?



Fourth grade students in Mrs. Morella's class at School 3 work cooperatively in science and demonstrate a volcanic eruption. From left Nicolas Rogers, Sade Briney, Christian White, Monica Rodriguez, and Kenny Vu.

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Twice a charm

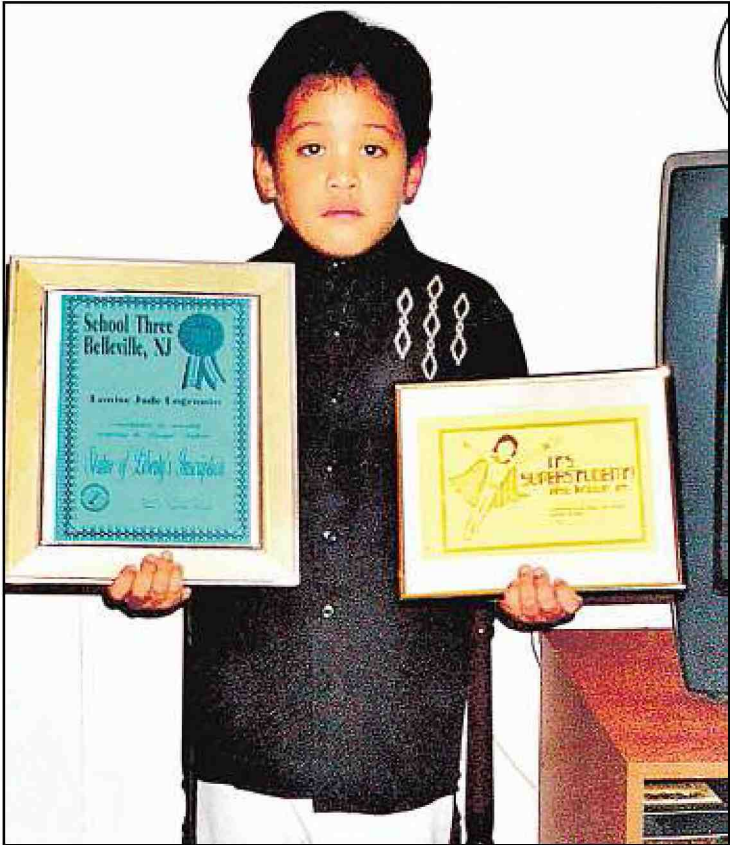
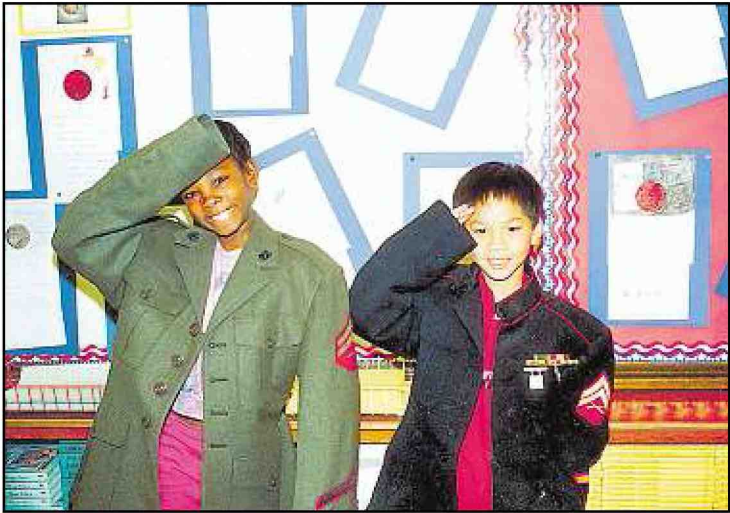


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Louise Jade Buniel Logronio, a first grader at School 3, was recently presented with two award certificates—one for successfully completing the principal's challenge, which was to recite the inscription on Statue of Liberty. The second was for being a "Super Student," garnering the highest grades in Language and Arts subjects. Louise is the child of Luisito and Lourdes Logronio of Belleville.

Eh, the age requirement for enlistment is really more of a 'target'



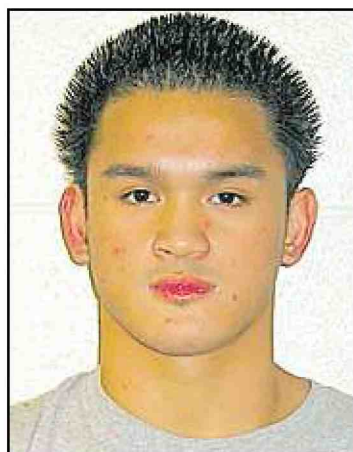
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School 10 students recently celebrated Veterans Day by dressing up in uniform. From left, Nadine Ali and Matthew Caruso, third grade students in Ms. Petrillo's class; Karina Familia and J.J. Filangieri, also third grade students, salute with Mr. Jerry Mahoney, School 10's custodian and Marine Corps veteran; and Alexis Barnes and Johnny Nguyen, third graders, wear Marine Corps uniform jackets to honor veterans on Veterans Day.

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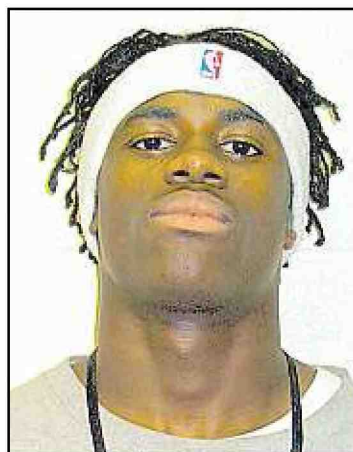
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Michael Maffucci

By Timothy Denman and Mike Lamberti

The 2003 season was a difficult one for Belleville, the Bucs' played hard against a tough NNJIL schedule, but lacked size and total numbers.

Belleville played well in games against Barringer and Nutley. The players competed with spirit and heart, which pleased head coach Joe Troise.

"Our kids gave it everything they had," Troise said. "But we didn't have the numbers, and the schedule was very difficult. I can't fault the effort, but we have to take a look at the NNJIL and whether we can compete in this league. I hate to see the kids work so hard and not get rewarded for the effort."

The Ridgers finished over the .500 mark for the first time in a decade this season under the guidance of head coach Duke Mendez.

Mendez made his return to the Glen Ridge sidelines determined to get the struggling program turned around, and instill confidence in his players.

The players bought into Mendez's coaching style, and went on to win six games to finish the season with a 6-4 mark.

The Ridgers had a shot at qualifying for the state tournament, but fell two power points shy.

Glen Ridge defeated Immaculate Conception on Thanksgiving Day 27-14, for just the seventh time in school history, to secure the winning season.

The Bengals finished the season with a 5-5 record, securing a .500 record with a Thanksgiving Day 12-8 victory over long-time rival Montclair.

Bloomfield also earned victories against Roxbury, Paramus Catholic, Passaic, and Kennedy.

The Bengals will lose 22 seniors to graduation this season. "We will definitely miss this group of seniors a lot," head coach Mike Carter said. "There will obviously be some big shoes to fill next season, but that is the name of the game in high school football. We aren't worried though, we have a good group of juniors coming back next season."

The Raiders finished the 2003 campaign with a 4-6 record, collecting victories against Clifton, Paramus, Barringer, and Belleville. The Raiders had a chance to qualify for the state tournament, but fell to Teaneck, in a do-or-die match-up Nov. 8.

Nutley will be graduating 18 seniors this year, but is confident that next season will bring increased results.

"We have a good group of underclassmen," head coach James Kelly said. "We should be highly competitive next season. I am looking forward to good things come next fall."

The Raiders were able to rack up serious yardage on the ground this season, utilizing its senior-dominated line to block for tailback Joe Vella and fullback Jeff Martin.

Nutley finished the season on a high note, defeating long-time rival Belleville 34-9 on Thanksgiving Day.

Offense

Mike Ajadi (Bloomfield)

The senior has started the last two seasons for the Bengals at tailback, and led the team in rushing this season, and collected five touchdowns. "Ajadi has very good speed," Carter said. "We were able to utilize that speed on sweep plays for big gains."

Ajadi was also a standout on the other side of the ball, anchoring the defensive backfield.

Steve Armstrong (Nutley)

The senior quarterback and co-captain threw for six touchdowns and over 900 yards, despite being hurt for three games this season.

Armstrong is a three-star athlete who is being recruited by Albany State and Siena. "Armstrong is a great competitor, and a leader on the field," Kelly said. "His leadership will definitely be hard to replace."

Joe Carlo (Nutley)

The senior wide receiver caught 28 passes for 490 yards and three touchdowns, and was named first team all-NNJIL. In addition to his duties as a receiver, Carlo also was the Raiders' long snapper, place kicker, and kick returner.

"Joe has big play capabilities," Kelly said. "He had two big receptions for touchdowns against Clifton, and a kickoff return against Barringer. You just never knew when he was going to break off for a big gain."

Joe Ciccone (Bloomfield)

The senior center, is a two-time first team all-NNJIL member. "Joe is a hard-nosed very consistent player," Carter said. "He is very competitive, and played to the level of competition. If he was up against a real tough defensive line, Joe would always step up his game."

Vin Cotugno (Bloomfield)

The senior seemed to be everywhere on the field. Cotugno spent time at quarterback, running back, defensive back, punt returner, and kick returner for the Bengals this season. Cotugno collected six touchdowns in his last season at Bloomfield High, and is planning to play football at the next level.

"Vinny is a very explosive player," Carter said. "He could break one at any time." Cotugno finished off his high school career in style, breaking off a 65-yard touchdown run, and passing for another, on a halfback option pass, against Mont-

clair on Thanksgiving Day.

Ralph Crespo (Belleville)

The Buccaneers' MVP of the 2003 Belleville-Nutley game, Crespo had a very good football career at Belleville. An Honorable Mention, all-NNJIL player, Crespo and Troise have known each other a long time.

"Ralph played for me when I coached in the recreation program," Troise recalled. "He's a gritty player. When you consider his size (5'6", 170 pounds) and saw the job he did as a lineman, it's a testimony to his heart and work ethic."

Javier Cruz (Belleville)

The senior quarterback accounted for nearly 1,000 all-purpose yards in 2003, passing for over 700 yards and rushing for 200. Cruz threw seven touchdown passes and scored two rushing touchdowns. He was named second team, all-NNJIL.

Dominic Longo (Belleville)

Longo didn't come out for football until his senior year, and he made the most of his opportunity. Longo earned second team, all-NNJIL honors as he anchored the offensive line this season.

"One of the strongest kids I've ever encountered at Belleville," Troise said. "He can bench press 400 pounds. At the end of the season, he said he wished he had played football sooner. He was a very good player."

Dan McMahon (Glen Ridge)

The junior tight end caught 11 passes this season for 119 yards. The Ridgers' offense was built around the running game and McMahon was a consistent blocker all season long.

On the defensive side of the ball McMahon had 35 tackles to go with his five sacks, as a starting defensive end.

Chuck O'Mara (Nutley)

As an offensive tackle the senior became a dominant force on the right side of the Raider line. He was used as a lead blocker in the running attack, and excelled as a pass blocker.

Many Division 1AA schools including, Lafayette, Georgetown, and Colgate are recruiting O'Mara.

Ed Peters (Bloomfield)

The senior offensive lineman has been a starter for the last two seasons, and has been one of the league's most consistent big men. "Ed has a great work ethic," Carter said. "He has improved dramatically from his freshman to his senior year."

Chris Reach (Glen Ridge)

The senior offensive tackle was consistent all season long. His aggressive run blocking ability was critical in the Ridgers' run-based offense. Reach also excelled as a pass blocker, giving quarterback Alex Lopes time to find the open receiver.

Mark Saavindra (Belleville)

The junior running back led Belleville in rushing with over 700 yards in 2003, and was named second team all-NNJIL, averaging 5.4 yards a carry. "When you consider the level of talent we played against this year," Troise said, "Mark's season deserves special mention. We had a young offensive line, and Mark turned in some impressive numbers. The best way to describe him is, he's a football player, from the old school."

Matt Sammon (Glen Ridge)

The senior offensive tackle was a pivotal blocker all season long. Sammon was a prime asset in the Ridger running attack, and was often responsible for downfield blocking on long runs.

Gerard Tucci (Nutley)

The senior offensive tackle was a three-year starter, playing in 30 straight games dating back to his sophomore year, and was named first team all-NNJIL this season.

"Tucci's strongest asset are his feet," Kelly said. "He is very mobile for a big guy, and we liked to use him as a lead blocker on counter plays."

Joe Vella (Nutley)

The junior tailback was named first team all-NNJIL, after racing up 892 yards on 119 carries, and nine touchdowns. Vella was also used as a receiver out of the backfield catching 12 passes for 260 yards. Vella played hurt for the last three weeks of the season, which made his offensive numbers that much more staggering.

"Every time he touched the ball, we expected something good to happen," Kelly said. "Joe is only a junior, and we are expecting really big things from him next season."

Also named to the team was Ted Epstein of Glen Ridge.

Defense

Nick Adamo (Belleville)

A senior captain, Adamo was an Honorable Mention, all-NNJIL player. Adamo played slot back and defensive back.

He called the defensive (See Quad on Page B1)



Ralph Crespo



Matt Sammon



Alonzo Funnye



Joe Carlo



Amir Colter



Joe Vella

Quad

(Continued from Page B1) signals and was, in essence, another coach on the field. "Nick was a good leader of our team," Troise said. "He and Ralph Crespo are the two players who were with me since I became head coach here (in 2001). I really appreciate their efforts and hard work."

Amir Colter (Glen Ridge)

The senior inside linebacker led the team with 85.5 tackles. Colter also had one sack, forced one fumble, and recovered another. Colter also had a 60-yard kickoff return for a touchdown against Verona. Colter also excelled at offensive guard this season after being moved from his

fullback position to fill in for an injured teammate.

Mike Diglio (Glen Ridge)

The senior defensive end collected 52 tackles, 13 sacks, and forced three fumbles to lead the Ridger defensive unit. "Diglio was our top defensive player this season," Mendez said. He always found a way to get to the ball when we needed it most."

Richard Donatiello (Nutley)

The senior played everywhere on defense this season, spending time at defensive end, outside linebacker, and strong safety. "Wherever he played, he played with more heart than anyone else on the

field," Kelly said. Donatiello excelled from his strong safety position collecting 60 tackles, to lead the defensive backfield.

Alonzo Funnye (Bloomfield)

The senior has been one of the league's premier linebackers for the last two seasons, and was named first team all-NNJIL two years in a row. Funnye tallied six sacks and 10 tackles for losses this season to anchor the linebacker corps. "Alonzo is an outstanding outside linebacker," Cater said. "He has a great work ethic, and was a big leader for us on the field." Funnye finished off his senior year with a big interception against Montclair on Thanksgiving Day.

Jeff Martin (Nutley)

The senior linebacker had 71 tackles on the season, including 12 tackles in the Raiders' win over Clifton. Martin was also a stand-out on offense; the fullback rushed for 500 yards and five touchdowns, and caught 14 passes for 196 yards.

Chris Merk (Belleville)

A junior, Merk was one of Belleville's team captains. Playing offensive guard and defensive end, Merk was praised by his coach, as a fierce competitor and outstanding team leader. Merk's talents also extended to special teams. He kicked a field goal against Hackensack. Merk was a second team, all-NNJIL selection.

Christopher Merkle (Nutley)

The junior defensive end is a three-year letter winner, and has earned first team all-NNJIL honor for two straight years. Merkle collected 95 tackles on the season, including 63 first hits. Saving his best game of the year for the last, Merkle tallied 17 tackles and an interception return for a touchdown against Belleville on Thanksgiving Day.

Jonathan Muniz (Belleville)

A junior wide receiver, Muniz developed into a solid football player this year being named second team, all-NNJIL. Muniz scored two touchdowns as a wide receiver. On defense, he intercepted three passes and recovered two fumbles. "This guy loved to practice," Troise said. "He really came out of nowhere this year to become a very good football player. He took the game very seriously."

Ayoade Olla (Bloomfield)

Olla has enjoyed his first season as a starter, and was named second team all-

NNJIL honors from his cornerback position. "Olla is as technically sound a cornerback as there is in the league," Carter said. "He is a very strong player, who can definitely play at the next level."

Nicholas Piacenza (Nutley)

The senior defensive tackle was in on 79 tackles this season, including 42 first hits, and was named second team all-NNJIL. "Piacenza's strongest asset is his quickness off the ball," Kelly said. "He has outstanding speed, and his motor is always running. He never lets up one bit."

Joe Roberts (Belleville)

Only a sophomore, Roberts was among the team leaders in tackles, with 80. "I'll tell you what," Joe Troise said. "You don't get them tougher than Joe Roberts. He played an outstanding linebacker for us, and occasionally played backup quarterback. People would say to me, 'Who's number 44? That kid can really play.' Even when he played quarterback, if he threw an interception, he'd chase the guy who intercepted the pass to Japan if you asked him to." Roberts was named second team, all-NNJIL.

Ryan Rosetti (Bloomfield)

The senior linebacker earned second team all-NNJIL honors this season. Rosetti is very strong, persistent, and quick from his linebacker position, and was able to run down ball carriers, as well as create pressure on the quarterback in the backfield. "Ryan is a tough hard nosed kid, who always gave 100 percent," Carter said. "If you looked up the words 'over achiever' in the dictionary, you would see his picture."

Vincent Sangemino (Nutley)

The senior linebacker had 86 tackles, six behind the line of scrimmage, and

forced three fumbles, despite playing most of the year with two sprained ACLs.

"Sangemino has a nose for the football," Kelly said. "Wherever the ball went, Vinny was right behind it."

Greg Sheehan (Glen Ridge)

The senior linebacker had 75.5 tackles this season, one interception, one sack, one forced fumble, and two recovered fumbles. Sheehan also ran two kickoffs back for touchdowns this season, and shared running back duties with Epstein.

Also named to the team were **John Adamczyk** (Nutley) and **Darwin Noel** (Bloomfield).

Special Teams

Lorenzo DeVone (Belleville)

A junior, DeVone's blazing speed accounted for four touchdowns in 2003. Included in that total was an 87-yard punt return against Nutley that gave Belleville a 9-6 lead at halftime. DeVone broke four tackles en route to the score, then left three other defenders in the dust.

In a game against Barringer in October, DeVone scored two touchdowns on kickoff returns. "He's tough as nails," Belleville coach Joe Troise said of DeVone. "He's a very talented player." DeVone was named second team all-NNJIL.

Nick Mondo (Bloomfield)

The senior punter averaged over 36 yards this season for the Bengals. In addition to his punting duties Mondo played wide receiver and defensive back.

Dan Velotti (Glen Ridge)

The senior converted 21 of 25 extra points this season, and tallied one field goal. Velotti also handled all Ridger kickoffs. Velotti was also the Ridgers' center.

Comeback player of the year

Michael Maffucci (Nutley)

The junior linebacker and offensive guard had a great season, despite missing all of last year due to major reconstructive colon surgery.

The three-sport athlete had 62 tackles for the Raiders this season, and blocked a punt against Teaneck.

"It was great to have Maffucci back this season," Kelly said. "It was really remarkable that he was able to play after all that he went through. He did a great job on both sides of the ball for us this season."

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The door is the most important door in the world – It is the door through which men walk when they find God.
There’s no use my going way inside and staying there,
When so many are still outside and they, as much as I,
Crave to know where the door is.
And all that so many ever find
Is only the wall where a door ought to be.
They creep along the wall like blind men,
With outstretched, groping hands;
Feeling for a door, knowing there must be a door,
Yet they never find it.
So, I stand by the door.

E-mail press releases

People or organizations wishing to submit press releases to *The Belleville Times* are encouraged to e-mail

them to the editor at belleville-times@northjersey.com.
Deadline for copy is Friday at 5 p.m.

Religion news from Belleville’s houses of worship

The latest from Christ Episcopal Christmas at Christ Episcopal

Christ Episcopal Church has announced its schedule of services for Christmas. Christmas Midnight Mass (Solemn Festival Mass with Procession) will begin at 11 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 24. Rev. Paul Walker, vicar of Christ Church, will officiate and preach. The luminaria surrounding Christ Church will be lit at 10 p.m. and the Festival Music preceding the service, which is under the direction of the parish’s music director and organist, Randy Lee Webster, will begin at 10:30 p.m.

Mass for Christmas Day with carols will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 25.

Kwanzaa celebrated Dec. 28

Christ Episcopal Church has announced its annual celebration of Kwanzaa on the Sunday following Christmas Day, Dec. 28, at its 10 a.m. Mass. The service is led by the African-American members of the parish. Also included will be the annual “Greening of the Tree,” a celebration for the New Year out of the American Indian tradition. Rev. Walker will officiate and preach. The Vicarage Open House will follow the morning Eucharist.

Christ Church is located at 393 Washington Ave., between Essex and Joralemon

streets, in Belleville. For more information, call the parish at (973) 751-0616.

Care closet receiving toys for Christmas

The Care Closet, an outreach program of Christ Episcopal Church, is now receiving gifts of new and gently used toys for its distribution day in December. Persons wishing to make contributions are asked to contact the church at (973) 751-0616.

The Care Closet, now in its sixth year, distributes bags of paper, personal hygiene, and cleaning products to persons with a Family First Card. The outreach program now helps about 130 clients each month. Prior to distribution in December, toys are collected for the children of the clients. Anyone wishing to help with the project is also asked to contact the parish.

St. Peter’s rings in New Year

St. Peter’s Parish, Belleville, will hold a New Year’s Eve gathering on Dec. 31 at 7:30 p.m. Mass will be held followed by dinner and dessert in the auditorium, including beer, wine, soda and a champagne toast. Music by D.J. John Colaneri. Tickets are \$30 each. Ticket purchases of 10 or more will hold a reservation.

ROL celebrates the season

River of Life Assembly in Belleville invites everyone to attend the following special seasonal services.

River of Life Assembly of God meets at 174 Homes Street in a casual worship setting. All listed meetings are free and open to everyone regardless of religious background, race, sex, color, height, or whether you’re a Mets or Yankees fan.

Friday, Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m.

“It’s a Wonderful Movie Night” Our popular “Summer Movie Night” returns briefly this winter for a viewing of the Pastor Randy’s favorite Christmas movie of all time. Popcorn and refreshments served.

Sunday, Dec. 21, 11 a.m.

“Family Feud Christmas Edition” Pastor Joe Rodriguez and the Kids Ministry at River of Life perform songs, skits and host a game show about the true meaning of Christmas.

December Online – www.RiverofLifeWeb.com - Special features, articles, Q&A, Bible study tools – and hidden surprises inside the River of Life website for the holidays.

For directions, or more information about the church, call the church office at (973) 759-0726 or visit online at www.RiverofLifeWeb.com.

Upcoming at Bethany

New members welcomed

Bethany Lutheran Church (corner of Joralemon and New streets, Belleville) will be receiving new members during Sunday services until the end of Advent on Dec. 21. Anyone wishing to join the congregation is asked to speak with Pastor Nancy Moore.

Christmas at Bethany

The children’s Christmas pageant at Bethany Lutheran Church will be presented during the 10:15 a.m. Sunday worship service on Dec. 21. A Christmas party will follow it in the church hall sponsored by Bethany’s Men in Mission and with a special guest appearance of Santa. Everyone is welcome and asked to bring a wrapped Christmas present for Santa to give to the children. Please call the church to advise the names and ages of the children you will

Special programs at Christian Apostolic

Support for those separated

Every other Thursday at 7:30 p.m., the Christian Apostolic Church will be offering a Bible study program by Fresh Start Ministries, which will give spiritual support to those who are going through a separation or divorce. The Bible study will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. Coffee and cake will be served afterwards. The Bible study will meet twice a month and is free. Bring your Bibles, however, if you do not have one, we will provide one for you. Please call the church to register or for information at (973) 751-2290 and leave a message. Leading the meeting will be Tony Mazzola.

Spend Fridays at Christian Apostolic

If you are looking for a time to meet new friends; then join the Christian Apostolic Church for the Fabulous Friday program. It meets every third Friday for games, food, movies and stories, all for free. Only for children ages five to 10 years old and the time for the meeting is 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Check out these programs

The Christian Apostolic Church located at 77 Wallace St. has the following programs available to the entire community free of charge:

Every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. there is a Bible study.

Every Wednesday there is a prayer meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Every Friday evening, the church is open for The Extreme Youth Group.

For directions or any questions, please call Rev. Grace Alfieri at (973) 751-2290 and leave a message. The church is located at 77 Wallace St. in Belleville.

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Sun Dec 28 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Mon Dec 29 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Tues Dec 30 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Wed Dec 31 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Thurs Jan 1 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Fri Jan 2 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 8:50 PM - 10:50 PM	Sat Jan 3 1:45 PM - 3:45 PM

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OBITUARIES

Antoinette Gonnella

A Mass for Antoinette Gonnella, 86, a lifelong resident of Belleville, was offered Dec. 11 in Immaculate Conception Church, Newark, after the funeral from the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mrs. Gonnella died Dec. 8 in the Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Seniors at Immaculate Conception Church.

Surviving are a son, Michael D. Jr.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Evelyn C. Rosamilia

A Mass for Evelyn C. Rosamilia, 92, of Lake

Worth, Fla., formerly of Bloomfield and Belleville, was offered Dec. 11 the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, after the funeral from the Megaro Memorial Home, Belleville.

Mrs. Rosamilia died Sunday in JFK Hospital, Atlantic, Fla.

She was a claims examiner for Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Newark, for 20 years before retiring in 1976.

Born in Newark, she lived in Bloomfield and Belleville before moving to Lake Worth 12 years ago.

Surviving are a sister, Elizabeth Cittadino; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Rita Ann Montagna

A Mass for Rita Ann Montagna, 69, of Toms River was offered Dec. 12 in St. Peter's

Church, Belleville, after the funeral from the Megaro Memorial Home, Belleville.

Mrs. Montagna died Dec. 8 in the Community Medical Center, Toms River.

She was a cashier at the A&P in Bloomfield before retiring four years ago. Before that, she was a crossing guard for the Township of Belleville.

Born in Newark, she lived in Belleville before moving to Toms River four years ago.

Surviving are her husband, Frank; sons, Mark and Frank Jr.; a daughter, Camille Oakie; a brother, Alphonse LaRezza; a sister, Eileen Lombardi, and two grandchildren.

Maria Angela Salzano

A Mass for Maria Angela Salzano, 92, of Belleville was

offered Dec. 11 in St. Anthony's Church, Belleville, after the funeral from the Zarro Funeral Home.

Mrs. Salzano died Dec. 6 at home.

Active with St. Anthony's Church in Belleville, she was a member of Rosary Altar Society, the Christian Mothers Society and the senior citizens Club there. She was also a member of the St. John's Association and the Rosary Society of St. Lucy's Church in Newark.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Salzano was a lifelong resident of Belleville.

Surviving are sons, Ralph Jr., Thomas and Carl; a daughter, Mary Grace Fogle; a sister, Adeline DAlessio; a brother, John Del Russi; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Anna Bogdanowich

A Mass for Anna Bogdanowich, 89, of Belleville was offered Dec. 13 in St. Joseph's Church, Maplewood, following the funeral from the Union Funeral Home-Lytwyn & Lytwyn, Union.

Mrs. Bogdanowich died Dec. 10 in Clara Maass Extended Care, Belleville.

She was a sales clerk at Pilgrim Drugs in Bloomfield. Born in Bridgeport, Conn., she lived in Newark and Union before moving to Belleville five years ago.

Surviving are a son, Joseph; a sister, Margaret Boho; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Rossmore Pharmacy Footnotes

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The Bloomfield High School Class of 1978 held its 25th reunion on Nov. 28. The gala took place at the Embassy Suites in Parsippany. Over 100 classmates from all over the United States attended. From left are Carol Mancuso-Mayer, now a teacher at St. Peter's in Belleville; Stan Depzeck of the Belleville Fire Department; and Michele Caron, the event's planner.



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Events

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Republican Club of Nutley dinner meeting, 7 p.m. Jan. 19, Salt of the Earth, \$25. RSVP to Dr. Joe Scarpelli at (973) 235-0703. New members welcome.

St. Lucy Sodality of Holy Family Church, 8 p.m. Jan. 28, St. Joseph's Center. All ladies invited to attend.

Christian Apostle Church, 7:30 p.m., Bible study will be conducted twice a month for those who are going through a separation or divorce. Refreshments will be served. If a person cannot bring a Bible, one will be supplied. The church is located at 77 Wallace St., Belleville. Call (973) 751-2290 to register.

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 web site at http://community.nj.com/cc/tricountycamera.

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.

Miles A. Suarez 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. For membership info, Marianne Hart, (973) 338-8513.

Woman's Club of Belleville, 7:30 p.m. second Mondays, 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. Info, 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 Auxil-

iary, 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 Nazziola, 696-6562.

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.

Nutley Recreation Senior Citizen programs and meetings: Old Guard: 9 a.m. Fridays, Parks and Rec; Senior Service Club: 1 p.m. Fridays, Parks and Rec; AARP: 1 p.m. 2nd Thursday, Parks and Rec; Golden Age Club: 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Nutley Elks; Senior Aerobics County Program: 10 a.m. Thursdays, Parks and Rec; Senior Exercise Program: 10 a.m. Wednesdays, Parks and Rec; Senior Line Dance Program: 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Parks and Rec.

Nutley Lions Club, 12:15 p.m. Wednesdays, American Bistro, 24 Washington Ave. Steven Searle, 667-2577.

Nutley Amvets, Post 30, 8 p.m. 2nd Tuesdays, 10 a.m. 2nd Tuesdays, 184 Park Ave. 235-9626.

Kingsland Manor Trust, 8 p.m. 2nd Tuesdays, Kingsland Manor. Public welcome.

Belleville Senior Citizens Club, Inc., 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Senior Citizen Building, Franklin Ave. and Mill St.

Belleville Lions Club, 12:15 p.m., 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, The Grapevine, 190 Passaic Ave., Belleville.

Boy Scout Troop 147, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays when school is in session, Franklin Reformed Church, Hillside Crescent, Nutley. Tony Dalfino, 661-4035 or e-mail the troop at BSATroop147@hotmail.com.

Nutley Toastmasters Club, 7:15 p.m. 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Nutley Elks Lodge, 242 Chestnut St. New members welcome.

Stuart E. Edgar Post 493 VFW, 8 p.m. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 271 Washington Ave., Nutley. 235-9661.

Boy Scout Troop 2, Bloomfield, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Mondays when Bloomfield schools are open, Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green, Broad St. (across from Bloomfield High School). Assistant Scoutmaster Michael Testa, 751-6341.

American Legion White Eagle #448 post and auxiliary, 7:45 p.m. 4th Tuesdays, Essex Manor, 41 Broughton Ave., Bloomfield. 338-6739.

Friends of the Bloomfield Animal Shelter, general membership meeting, 7:30 p.m. 3rd Thursdays, Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad St.

Belleville-Nutley Disabled American Veterans, 11:30 a.m. 1st Mondays, Belleville Senior Building. Refreshments.

Care Closet, a community outreach program at Christ Church, 393 Washington Ave., Belleville, 7 p.m. first Tuesdays. For info, call 751-9100. Volunteers welcome.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Seniors, for 55 years and up, first Wednesdays, basement hall of church, corner of Prospect and Harrison streets, Nutley.

LeTip of Nutley, 7 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Thursdays, Park West Diner, 1400 Rt. 46, West, Little Falls.

Belleville Historical Society, 7 p.m. 2nd Tuesdays, Dutch Reformed Church, 171 Main St. For info, call (973) 844-9580.

Essex County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, 8:15 p.m. 2nd Thursdays, Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad St., Bloomfield. For info, call (973) 338-8509.

Support groups...

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) 9:30 a.m. to noon, Dec. 18, Montclair Community Church, 143 Watchung Ave. Upper Montclair. To reserve space for your child in childcare, call Tara at (973) 338-1943.

Debtors Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. Fridays, Watchung Presbyterian Church, 375 Watchung Ave., Bloomfield. For info, call Carol at (973) 746-5684.

Gays, Lesbians and Friends Community Outreach, support group for gays and lesbians, 1st Mondays, Christ Episcopal Church, 393 Washington Ave., Belleville. 751-0616.

Narcotics Anonymous meeting list:
BELLEVILLE: Monday, 8 p.m., Fewsmith Presbyterian Church, Union Ave. and Little St. Open/book/discussion meeting; Tuesday, 8 p.m., Clara Maass Medical Center, 1 Franklin Ave., Branch Brook Room, Education Center. Men's meeting. Open/discussion; Thursday, 8 p.m., Fewsmith Presbyterian Church, Union Ave. and Little St. Open/topic/discussion meeting; Friday, 8 p.m., St. Peter's Church, rear basement, Williams St. Open/discussion. **NUTLEY:** Sunday, 7:30 p.m., Franklin Reformed Church, Hillside Crescent. Open/meditation/discussion; Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, 200 Highfield Lane. Women's meeting. Topic meeting/open discussion; Wednesday, 8 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church. Closed/speaker/discussion. Open to addicts and those who think they have a problem with drugs; Friday, 7:45 p.m., Franklin Reformed Church, Hillside Crescent. Women's meeting. Open/discussion; daily, 12 noon, open meeting, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Vreeland Ave.

Gamblers Anonymous, 8 p.m. Mondays, 8:30 p.m. Fridays, St. Paul's Congregational Church, Franklin Ave. and St. Paul's Place, Nutley, 3rd floor. Meetings open to anyone with a gambling problem or those who think they might have a problem. Topic/therapy; 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Bethany United Presbyterian Church, 293 West Passaic Ave., Bloomfield. For info on any group, call 1-800-GA-LIVES.

Gam-Anon, to offer hope and understanding to loved ones of compulsive gamblers, 8 p.m. Mondays, 8:30 p.m. Fridays, St. Paul's Congregational Church,

(See Events on Page B8)

Public Notices

BELLEVILLE PLANNING BOARD

Whereas, the Open Public Meetings Law requires a Board to advertise its annual meetings; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the following meeting schedule be and is hereby adopted by the Belleville Planning Board as the Township of Belleville, New Jersey, for the year 2004:

Thursday, January 8, 2004
Thursday, February 12, 2004
Thursday, March 11, 2004
Thursday, April 8, 2004
Thursday, May 13, 2004
Thursday, June 10, 2004
Thursday, July 8, 2004
Thursday, August 12, 2004
Thursday, September 9, 2004
Thursday, October 14, 2004
Thursday, November 11, 2004
Thursday, December 9, 2004

All meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Avenue, Belleville, N.J. Business portion at 7:30 p.m., and Hearing of the Applications at 8:00 p.m.

Marie Strumolo Burke
Board Clerk

Belleville Times 831308
Fee \$10.54
Dec. 18, 2003

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

That the undersigned has applied to the Belleville Zoning Board in the Township of Belleville for a subdivision - site plan approval and variance so as to permit fence side of house on the premises located at 619 Joralemon Street, Belleville 07109 which is within 200 feet of property, owned by you. This application is now on file with the Clerk's Calendar, and a public hearing has been ordered for 1-6-2004 at 7:00 P.M. at 152 Washington Avenue, Belleville, New Jersey, second floor (Court Room), at which time you may appear either in person, or by agent, or attorney, and present any objections which you may have to the granting of this application. Copies of all documents related to this application are available for public inspection at the office of Planning and Development, 152 Washington Avenue, Belleville, New Jersey during regular business hours.

The applicant, by order of the Belleville Zoning Board, sends this notice to you.

Respectfully,
Nelson Dias, Jr.
Applicant

Belleville Times 848454
Fee \$9.86
Dec. 18, 2003

SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2002-013378
SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F228780, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, PLAINTIFF -vs- JOE JONES III, ET AL, DEFENDANTS
Execution For Sale of Mortgaged Premises
By virtue of the above stated writ of Execution, to me directed, I shall expose for sale by Public Auction, in SHERIFF'S OFFICE, Essex County Courts Building in Newark, on Tuesday, January 13, 2004, at one-thirty P.M. (Prevailing Time)
Commonly known as:
000000911 S 16TH ST
NEWARK NJ 07108
Lot: 42 Block: 3012
Size: APPROX. 50 FEET X 100 FEET
Nearest cross street name: NORTHWEST-ERLY SOUTH 16TH STREET
A full legal description can be found in the office of the Register of Essex County.
A deposit of 20% of the bid price in certified funds is required at the time of sale.
The approximate amount of the Judgment to be satisfied by said sale is the sum of NINETY FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SEVEN AND 87/100 DOLLARS (\$95,987.87), together with the costs of this sale.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn the sale from time to time as provided by Law.
Newark, N.J. December 8, 2003
ARMANDO B. FONTOURA, Sheriff
ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, ATTORNEY(S)
1-908-233-8500
XFZ L 479270

Belleville Times 842094
Fee \$57.12
Dec. 18, 25, 2003, Jan. 1, 8, 2004

SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2003-013409
SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F102890, FIRSTSTAR BANK, PLAINTIFF -vs- GRALEN S. VEREEN, ET ALS, DEFENDANTS
Execution For Sale of Mortgaged Premises
By virtue of the above stated writ of Execution, to me directed, I shall expose for sale by Public Auction, in SHERIFF'S OFFICE, Essex County Courts Building in Newark, on Tuesday, December 23, 2003, at one-thirty P.M. (Prevailing Time)
Commonly known as:
000000178 HARRISON ST
BLOOMFIELD NJ 07003
Lot: 11 Block: 428
Size: 187.85 FEET X 50.53 FEET
Distance to nearest cross street: 162.00 feet
Nearest cross street name: LEWIS STREET
A full legal description can be found in the office of the Register of Essex County.
A deposit of 20% of the bid price in certified funds is required at the time of sale.
Township of Bloomfield holds a claim for taxes due and/or other municipal utilities such as water and/or sewer in the amount of \$1798.15 as of 1/13/2003.
The approximate amount of the Judgment to be satisfied by said sale is the sum of TWO HUNDRED TWENTY THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTEEN AND 19/100 DOLLARS (\$223,818.19), together with the costs of this sale.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn the sale from time to time as provided by Law.
Newark, N.J. November 17, 2003
ARMANDO B. FONTOURA, Sheriff
WILLIAM M.E. POWERS, JR., ATTORNEY(S)
Belleville Times 817401
Fee \$58.48
Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 2003

Public Notices

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1 Garret Mountain Plaza, 6th Floor
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1-800-891-0173,
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SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2003-013800
SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F1966802, WELLS FARGO BANK MINNESOTA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, FKA ET ALS, PLAINTIFF -vs- JOHN W. DEMARCO ET ALS, DEFENDANTS
Execution For Sale of Mortgaged Premises
By virtue of the above stated writ of Execution, to me directed, I shall expose for sale by Public Auction, in SHERIFF'S OFFICE, Essex County Courts Building in Newark, on Tuesday, December 30, 2003, at one-thirty P.M. (Prevailing Time)
Commonly known as:
000000075 FLORENCE AVE
BELLEVILLE NJ 07109
Lot: 44-C003R Block: 739
Size: CONDO UNIT
A full legal description can be found in the office of the Register of Essex County.
A deposit of 20% of the bid price in certified funds is required at the time of sale.
The approximate amount of the Judgment to be satisfied by said sale is the sum of FORTY TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY THREE AND 60/100 DOLLARS (\$42,853.60), together with the costs of this sale.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn the sale from time to time as provided by Law.
Newark, N.J. November 24, 2003
ARMANDO B. FONTOURA, Sheriff
FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, ATTORNEY(S)

Belleville Times 831673
Fee \$51.68
Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2003

SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2003-014214
SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F926003, FAIRBANKS CAPITAL CORP., PLAINTIFF -vs- ITALO DE ARAUJO, DEFENDANTS
Execution For Sale of Mortgaged Premises
By virtue of the above stated writ of Execution, to me directed, I shall expose for sale by Public Auction, in SHERIFF'S OFFICE, Essex County Courts Building in Newark, on Tuesday, January 06, 2004, at one-thirty P.M. (Prevailing Time)
Commonly known as:
0000000106 N MAPLE AVE
EAST ORANGE NJ 07017
Lot: 23 Block: 174
Size: APPROX. 159.41 FEET WIDE X 40 FEET LONG
Distance to nearest cross street: 347.09 feet
Nearest cross street name: WILLIAM STREET
A full legal description can be found in the office of the Register of Essex County.
A deposit of 20% of the bid price in certified funds is required at the time of sale.
The approximate amount of the Judgment to be satisfied by said sale is the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO AND 87/100 DOLLARS (\$184,932.87), together with the costs of this sale.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn the sale from time to time as provided by Law.
Newark, N.J. November 24, 2003
ARMANDO B. FONTOURA, Sheriff
ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, ATTORNEY(S)
1-908-233-8500 X02 0-56566

Belleville Times 841869
Fee \$58.48
Dec. 11, 18, 25, 2003, Jan. 1, 2004

TAX BOOK NOTICE
The Tax Duplicate Book will be open for public inspection, in the Assessor's Office at Township Hall, on December 23 between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. During this period property owners may ascertain assessments placed on their properties for 2004.
William H. Mendinger
Assessor

Belleville Times 848100
Fee \$4.08
Dec. 18, 2003



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He found his very own bachelor pad.
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This is Rosa.

She found all the garage sales in the area.
She found it fast in the Classifieds.



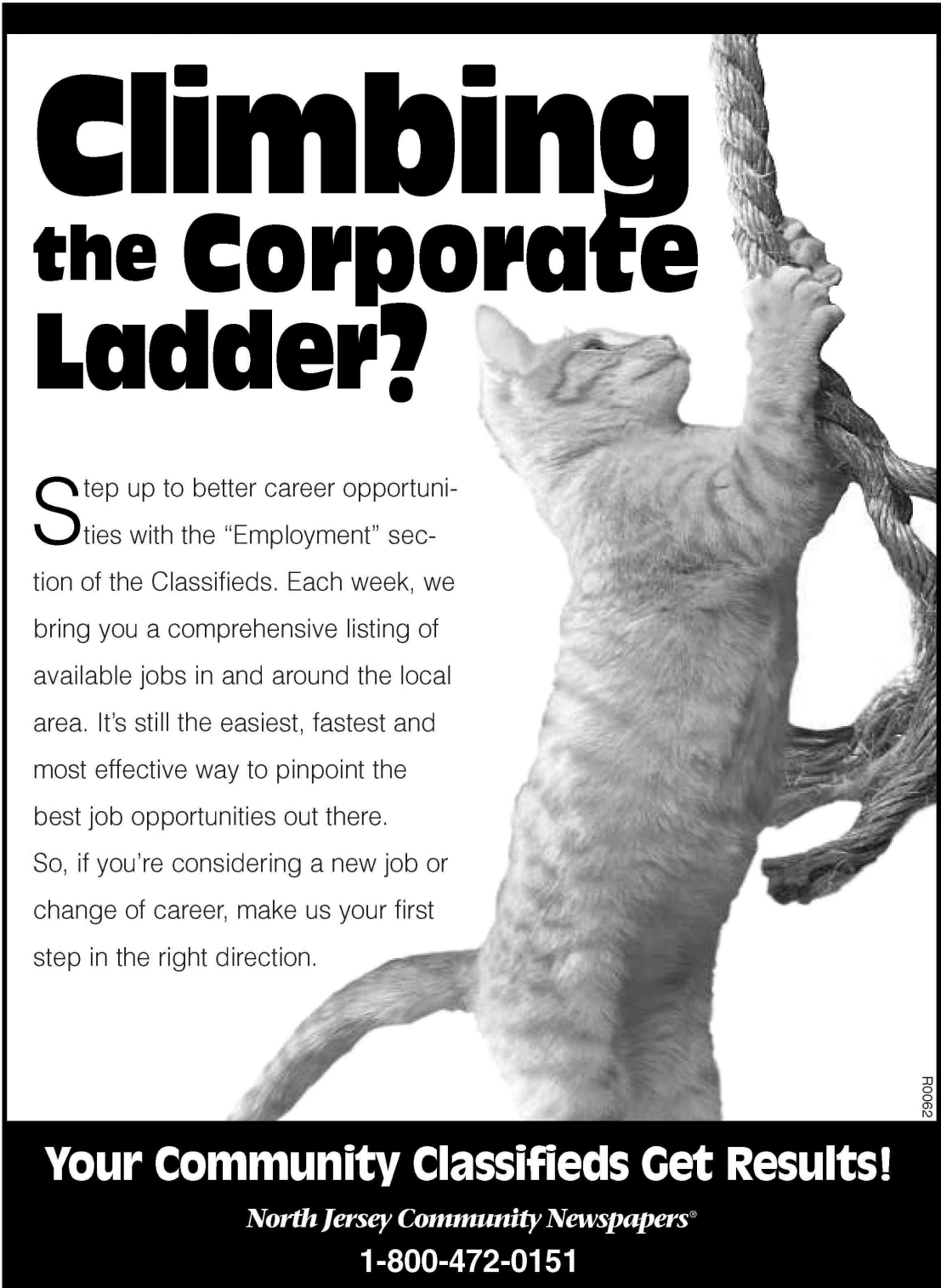
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Whether the subject is runway fashions, or the plants and flowers in your garden, design experts will tell you color is just part of the story when it comes to visual appeal in our homes. The other part is texture.

“A mixture of colors and textures can help transform our homes into an oasis where we feel comfortable, nurtured and renewed,” explained Sheri Thompson, director of color marketing and design for Sherwin-Williams.

“And the best balance of color and texture is the one that most reflects who you are and what you like.”

Texture can be introduced in several ways, including window treatments, furniture, textiles and accessories, like rugs and plants. With faux finishing techniques and other décor products, it can also be applied to the largest creative canvas in the home: the walls of the room.

“Faux finishing is actually easier than you might think,” said Thompson. Systems like illusions® Faux Finishing can help even the most inexperienced do-it-yourself decorators achieve a variety of rich, dramatic

effects. The product line has all the instructions, tools and paints to get professional-looking results, from ragging and sponging to combing and colorwashing. Other options in the illusions® program include specialty finishes like Metallic - which lends an opulent shimmer to surfaces - and Crackle, an ideal solution when a distressed, antique look is what you’re seeking. Another way to add texture is to incorporate paintable wallcoverings, which can be finished with a faux technique or painted.

Two new finishes, Soft-Suede™ and SandScapes™, further expand your range of choices from the illusions® line. With Soft Suede, do-it-yourselfers can add a subtle, rich feeling to a room. Walls take on the look of well-worn suede with its variations in tone and texture. The SandScapes finish allows you to create walls that have a nature-inspired, granulated texture, much like sandstone. Both finishes, like all of the techniques and finishes in the line, blend sophisticated aesthetic appeal with a down-to-earth, easy-to-follow application approach.

The man who walked around the world - testing carpet

Matt Livingston has walked around the world. Despite his accomplishment, Livingston cannot tell a single story about a desert, a mountain or even another country. The only site that he has seen on the journey is carpeting - lots of it.

Five days a week, eight hours a day. Livingston walks an estimated 15 to 18 miles around a track covered with different samples of carpet. He is a member of a six-person team called the “Carpet Walkers.” Their job is to test the durability of carpet products at a Florida plant. While most “carpet walkers” quit after about six months, Livingston has stayed for the past five years. In August, he will have walked more than 24,901 miles - the distance around the world at the equator.

The ultimate goal of the carpet walking team is to subject each piece of carpeting to 20,000 foot traffics. It takes approximately one week of walking for the team

to accomplish that feat.

“Testing machines don’t give us a true picture of the durability of carpeting in the real world - walking does,” said a research engineer for carpet technology.

When Livingston was only three months old, he was injured in a car accident that left him with partial paralysis on his right side. His right arm was impaired in the accident, but his legs were only slightly affected. While going to therapy for his injury, Livingston learned about the search for carpet walkers.

“The longest I’ve seen anyone really last is six months to a year,” he said. “A lot of people fall out within the first six months.”

Livingston, however, continues to walk on. While walking almost 20 miles a day might seem a bit exhausting for many walkers, Livingston considers the journey around the carpet track to be - well, a cake-walk.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

BLOOMFIELD

22 Fairview Place - \$270,000
50-52 Dodd St. - \$183,000
2 E. Liberty St. - \$229,000
11 Stone St. - \$259,000
412 Berkeley Ave. - \$339,000
162 N. 16th St. - \$166,000
125 Darling Ave. - \$93,500
1 Mount Vernon Ave. - \$400,000
150 Jerome Pl. - \$130,000
25 Llewellyn Ave. - \$189,000
45 Overlook Ter. - \$425,000
145 N. 17th St. - \$249,000
132 Parkview Dr. - \$509,000
26 Elmwood Ave. - \$148,000
133 Willard Ave. - \$315,000
935 Broad St. #62D - \$149,900
250 Lakewood Dr. - \$395,000
93 Bryant Ave. - \$309,000
146 Franklin St. - \$255,000
149 Lexington Ave. - \$210,000
862 Broad St. - \$310,000
110 Ella St. - \$180,000
27 Emerson Ter. - \$389,000
66 E. Passaic Ave. - \$255,000
109 Essex Ave. - \$412,500
698 E. Passaic Ave. - \$216,000
91 Irving Ter. - \$195,000
14 Bolten Pl. - \$295,000
77 Division St. - \$395,000
75 Fontaine Ave. - \$233,000
15 Glenwood Ave. - \$275,000
75 Ketrner St. - \$178,000
223 N. 17th St. - \$102,000
114 N. Spring St. - \$240,000
800 Broad St. - \$255,000
36 Coeyman Ave. - \$294,900
51 Newark Ave. - \$250,000
80 Waldo Ave. - \$56,268
310 Hoover Ave. - \$150,000
39 Farrandale Ave. - \$250,000
140 Orange St. - \$260,000
152 Baldwin St. - \$375,000
35 Olive St. - \$190,000
206 Broad St. #16D - \$129,000
10 Elston St. - \$261,000
245 Baldwin St. - \$265,000
214 Ashland Ave. - \$300,000
490 E. Passaic Ave. - \$200,000
27 Lowell Ter. - \$305,000
62 Newark Ave. - \$390,000
159 Franklin St. #22 - \$134,900
31 Union Pl. - \$222,000
130 Demarest Ave. - \$279,000
50 Prospect St. - \$331,000
597 E. Passaic Ave. - \$273,000
68 Broughton Ave. - \$282,500

GLEN RIDGE

42 Chestnut Hill Pl. - \$300,000
201 Forest Ave. - \$590,000
133 Hawthorne Ave. - \$360,000

Welcome



Photo courtesy of Franklin Realty

Franklin Realty of Clifton welcomes Kaitlyn Makowitz as the newest member of its sales team. Makowitz, who lives in Cambridge Crossings, is a former Nutley resident and previous manager of Gold's Gym. Since her affiliation with the new Clifton office this past summer, she has generated over \$2.5 million in listings and sold four properties the same day they were listed. If you want to buy, sell, list or receive a free CMA, call Makowitz at (973) 777-7877 or (973) 216-3331 for proven results.

473 Ridgewood Ave. - \$1,062,000
14 Hamilton Rd. - \$401,000
202 Thomas St. - \$295,100
35 Chestnut Hill Pl. - \$580,000
266 Forest Ave. - \$760,000
279 Bay Ave. - \$351,000
8 Madison St. - \$294,900

MONTCLAIR

14 Miller St. - \$160,000
123-125 N. Fullerton Ave. - \$295,000
189 Park St. - \$660,000
3 Prospect Ave. - \$385,000
23 Mission St. - \$155,000
10 Waterbury Rd. - \$970,000
30 Forest St. - \$410,000
530 Valley Rd. #S5 - \$330,000
423 Upper Mountain Ave. - \$155,000
110 Forest St. - \$257,007
101 Gates Ave. #A3 - \$185,000
24 Marion Rd. - \$690,000
530 Valley Rd. #Z3 - \$310,000
179 Willowdale Ave. - \$181,000
43-45 New St. - \$306,000
53 Stonebridge Rd. - \$764,000
57 Union St. #1 - \$305,000
6 Washington St. - \$405,800
17 Morningside Ave. - \$530,000
23 Duryea Rd. - \$625,000
530 Valley Rd. #B5 - \$169,000
107 Clinton Ave. - \$740,000
194 Grove St. - \$360,000

405 N. Fullerton Ave. - \$118,925
1 Valley Pl. - \$456,000
74 Mountain Ave. - \$225,000
14 Maple Ave. - \$312,000
530 Valley Rd. #71 - \$405,000
198 Grove St. - \$540,100
136 Haddon Pl. - \$400,000
50 Pine St. #206 - \$270,000
66 Clinton Ave. - \$550,000
604 Upper Mountain Ave. - \$399,000
71 Forest St. #73 - \$435,000
12 Stonehenge Rd. - \$405,000
65-67 Union St. #34 - \$309,000
66 Fulton St. - \$390,000
552 Highland Ave. - \$520,000
57 Union St. #72 - \$375,000
118 Gates Ave. - \$555,000
24 Central Ave. - \$435,000
66 S. Fullerton Ave. #12 - \$353,631
55 Harrison Ave. - \$545,000
128 Gordonhurst Ave. - \$580,000
50 Pine St. #211 - \$200,000
68 Tuxedo Rd. - \$500,000
20 Southern Ter. - \$240,000

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Events

(Continued from Page B7)

Franklin Ave. and St. Paul's Place, Nutley; 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Bethany Presbyterian Church, 293 W. Passaic Ave., Bloomfield. For info on any group, call (973) 815-0988.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m. Mondays, St. Mary's Church basement, Msgr. Owens Place, Nutley; 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Vincent United Methodist Church, 100 Vincent Place, Nutley (behind public library); Glen Ridge Congregational Church, 195 Ridgewood Ave., Glen Ridge; 9 p.m. Fridays, Grace Episcopal Church, 200 Highfield Lane, Nutley; 2 p.m. Sundays, Christ Church, 74 Park Ave., Bloomfield/Glen Ridge; noon, Thursdays, Wesley Methodist Church, 225 Washington Ave., Belleville, 12-step.

Friends for Life, for oncology patients, family and friends, 6:30 p.m. 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Branch Brook Room, Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. Ann Shaftey or Donna Rainone, 450-2210.

Overeaters Anonymous, self-help group for compulsive overeaters or people with eating disorders, Tuesdays, Presbyterian Church on the Green Parish House, Broad St., Bloomfield (7:30 to 9 p.m.); Fridays, Grace Episcopal Church, 200 Highfield Lane, Nutley (7:30 p.m.).

Living With Cancer, for cancer patients and their families, 7 to 8:30 p.m. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, waiting area of Radiation Oncology Dept., Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge. 429-6905 or 429-6128.

SHARE, a support group for learning to accept and resolve pregnancy or infant loss, 7:30 to 9 p.m. first Wednesdays, Schering-Plough #1 Conference Room, Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge. No fee. If you plan to attend or for additional info, Linda LeCompte, R.N., 429-6936.

Asthma education program for children, ages six through 14, two-part program on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m., Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge. \$40 fee includes educational sessions, metered dose inhaler chamber, peak flow meter, diary forms, educational materials. To register or for more info, Respiratory Care Dept. at 429-6180.

Essex County Epilepsy Support Group, 7:30 to 9 p.m. 1st Mondays, Elks Lodge, 296 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield. Cheryl, (908) 688-1467 or Daisy, 675-5332.

Parents who have lost a child, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Mondays, The Hospice, Inc., 3 High St., Glen Ridge. To register, 429-0300. No charge.

Compassionate Friends, for parents whose children have died, 7:30 p.m. 3rd Mondays, St. Joseph Center, Holy Family Church, 28 Brookline Ave., Nutley. Gina Tamburri, 751-4187.

C.H.A.D.D. of Essex County, for parents of children with Attention Deficit Disorders, 7 to 9 p.m. 3rd Mondays, Lincoln School, Harrison St., Nutley. 661-2977. Adult support group, 2nd Tuesdays.

Caregivers support group, 6 p.m. 2nd Mondays, solarium in 3 south annex, Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. For those caring for a loved one with cancer. Light dinner served. Free parking. Info or to register, 450-2332 or 450-2286.

MFFS (for families and friends of military personnel), 4 to 5:30 p.m. 4th Sundays, Grace Church, 200 Highfield Lane, Nutley. Free, open to all. Former military personnel welcome. Info, call 235-1177.

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Cracker Barrel Cheese

2\$4 for

Limit 4 Offers

MUST BUY 2
Additional or Lesser Quantities will Scan at 2 for \$5 MFR



Philadelphia Cream Cheese

.69

Limit 4 Per Variety

YOU SAVE .80 MFR



Polly-O Mozzarella

1.74

Limit 4 Per Variety

YOU SAVE 1.75 MFR

ShopRite has your *Holiday Dinner*

DOUBLE MFR. COUPONS
See Store for Details!



Bone-In, Honey Glaze Packed Included, Cook's
Spiral Sliced Ham
Cook's **1.64** lb.

ALL NATURAL



Beef Rib, Free Range

Nature's Reserve

Boneless Rib Eye Roast

3.99 lb.

PRODUCT OF AUSTRALIA



40-oz. pkg.

ShopRite Mushrooms

ShopRite Sale Price: **7.99**
-2.00

FINAL COST **5.99** MFR



Russet Potatoes

ShopRite Sale Price: **1.49**
-.50

FINAL COST **.99** SR

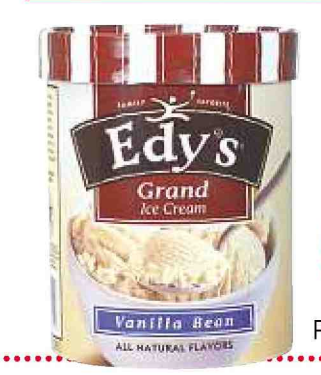
Whole Beef Tenderloin For Filet Mignon



10.99 lb.

Nature's Reserve Whole Beef Tenderloin For Filet Mignon

8.99 lb.



48 to 64-oz. cont., Any Variety, Yogurt, Sherbet, M&M, Homemade or

Edy's Grand Ice Cream

2.49

Limit 2 Per Variety

YOU SAVE .50 MFR



Store Sliced, Honey, Smoked or Executive

ShopRite Turkey Breast

5.99 lb.



Land O Lakes Butter Quarters

1.79

Limit 4 Per Variety

YOU SAVE .50 MFR



Maxwell House or Yuban Coffee

3\$4 for

Limit 1 Offer

MUST BUY 3
Additional or Lesser Quantities will Scan at 2 for \$4 MFR



1/2 PRICE
On All Stouffer's Items
REGULAR PRICES 2.49 to 5.59 ea.
SALE PRICES...1.24 to 2.79 ea.



512 total sheet count package, With Ridges

Scott 8-Pack Paper Towels

ShopRite Sale Price: **5.99**

-1.00

FINAL COST **4.99** MFR



12,000 total sheet count package, White

Scott 12-Pack Bath Tissue

5.99

YOU SAVE 1.60 MFR

1st WEEK to Redeem Your Earned Discount Certificates!



Save Up To 30% OFF

Your Shopping Order

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