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Ray Tirrell of Overlook Avenue looks out on the over 15-inches of snow left behind by this past weekend's storm.

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■ Police arrested and charged Rommel Lassiter, 26, of Brooklyn with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana after police found him asleep behind the wheel of his car in the 200 block of Belleville Avenue after midnight on Jan. 18. He was released on his own recognizance.

■ A burglary and theft was reported to a home on Ralph Street on Jan. 18. The side door was forced open and the bedroom ransacked. A total of \$7,000 worth of jewelry was reported stolen, along with video equipment.

■ Police arrested and charged Gerald Azzarello, 41, of Jersey City, with possession of six wax folds of heroin stamped "Always Good" and one clear vial of cocaine after

a motor vehicle stop on Route 21. Bail was set at \$1,000.

■ Police arrested and charged Calvin Lockett, 44, of Newark with possession of drug paraphernalia after police stopped him for being a suspicious person on Jan. 19. He was found to have a five-inch pipe used to smoke "crack" cocaine. He was released on his own recognizance.

■ Police arrested and charged Donald Dangelo, 52, of Nutley with possession of three wax folds of heroin stamped "Jaguar" after police stopped his white Chevrolet van for driving erratically on Bayard Street on Jan. 21. Bail was set at \$200. Police arrested Thomas Balsamo, 43, of Belleville for outstanding warrants totaling

\$1,027 from Belleville, Newark and Bloomfield.

■ Police arrested and charged John Arietta, 36, of Belleville with aggravated assault and possession of a weapon after an altercation at the Grapevine Pub on Passaic Avenue. Arietta struck another patron with a bottle, sending him/her to Clara Maass Medical Center with a head wound. Bail was set at \$1,018.

■ Police arrested and charged Barry Bottles with driving while intoxicated after a motor vehicle stop near Belleville and Franklin avenues. He failed field sobriety tests and was administered a Breathalyzer test. He was also given four motor vehicle summonses. Bail was set at \$250.

Suspects arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Storm seems to make up for lackluster winter

BY ANNA SPIEWAK
of Belleville Times

Despite the continuous snowfall that left 15 inches of snow in the township, the Department of Public Works stepped up to the plate and picked it all up - repeatedly.

With nine trucks and 16 workers, the DPW cleared a total of about 180 miles by continually revisiting Belleville's 65 miles of road, said DPW Director Jim Messina.

"We got every one of them," said Messina of township streets. "In a perpetual storm, you have to keep going back and redoing streets because the snow accumulates as time goes on."

Only one accident occurred when a plow slid into a van. But despite that and a couple of maintenance malfunctions, such as broken blades, the DPW crew managed to clean 85 percent of the township streets.

"They worked 27 hours straight (throughout the weekend)," said Messina.

He added that the hardest part of the job is the day after, when people are digging their cars from underneath the snow and throwing it back onto the streets that

were just plowed. He suggests putting the snow in front or in the back of the vehicle instead.

DPW workers were still picking up the white flakes during the week, cleaning Union Avenue and Joralemon Street on Monday.

"My guys did a bang-up job," said Messina. "I'm strapped for people with CDLs, (commercial driver's licenses) but these guys did a great job and I can't say enough about them."

Ray Tirrell, who lives on Overlook Avenue, was less impressed with the job done.

"If Messina says they did a good job, you need to take a good look at what's going on," he said. To him, it looked as though the plow made a pass on his street, but left it at that. He said also it appeared much more effort was put into cleaning the streets of certain township officials.

About 100 tons of salt was used on the streets. Under state contract, the township budgets \$31 a ton per year, for about 1500 tons of salt. About \$18,000 - \$19,000 was spent for the weekend snowstorm. The township still has 200 tons left, said Messina.

According to Belleville police, the entire operation went smoothly at police headquarters with no major accidents, said Det. Lt. James DelGrosso.

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A second act for Belleville producer

BY ANNA SPIEWAK
of Belleville Times

Belleville resident Daniel P. Quinn has quite a few artistic accomplishments under his belt.

The director, producer and arts consultant has worked on almost a dozen plays in his lifetime, including the most recent "Latter Day Litany," a comedic one-man performance that was played in November 2004 at the Bickford Theatre/Morris Museum in Morristown and just came to an end recently.

Actor Martin Pfefferkorn Jr., who played the nameless lead in the play, has known Quinn since 1997, when they worked on the Passion Play together in Union City.

He said the piece was based on the poetry of John J. Trause. It was performed as prayer-type verses using pop culture references, creating a satirical take on the "unknown and lesser known saints" almost as if pop culture were a new religion.

"Daniel was definitive in things he wanted to convey, but yet he still was exceedingly open to feedback from myself," said Pfefferkorn. "It was a very collaborative effort. He had twice directed the piece with the author, but wanted to take it to another level by using an actor."

In the summer, Quinn also came out with "organized labor: collected poems," through Authorhouse, a publish-on-demand company.

"It took me many years to compile this," said Quinn. "Some of the poems are entertaining, but most of them are more reflective."

The two-part collection of poems spans four-generations of American and family history, from the birth of his grandmother in New York City in 1887 to the fall of the Twin Towers in 2001.

Quinn's been a township resident since age five, and the book includes Quinn's early family photographs. He was inspired by art since age six, when he used to listen to old records by classical com-

posers, such as Ludwig Van Beethoven. He went to St. Benedict's High School in Newark, where he was involved in the Drama Guild for four years. He studied literature and fine arts at Ramapo College, from where he got his bachelor's degree. He later got his master's degree in theater and performing arts from the American University in Washington D.C.

"Daniel has a great sense and appreciation of art and is constantly working on many levels," said Pfefferkorn. "He is very educated, so it seems, and assumes his audience is also, to a degree."

Although there wasn't anything specific that inspired him while living in Belleville, he directly mentions his hometown in his last poem simply titled "Epilogue," where he rhymes Belleville with Herman "Melville," author of "Moby Dick," for comic effect. Speaking of his writing experience, he mentions "co-mingling the image of Mel and Belleville."

He chose the rhyming as a lateral connection that crosses all time and space, said Quinn.

Part I features a light and fun style, according to Quinn. It also contains 17 poems of personal introspection, written between 1977 and 1998. They also include tribute pieces to the composers, painters, authors and historic figures who influenced Quinn's life and work. One of the main people that influenced his writing style was contemporary British playwright Edward Bond, who created "The Fool," and "Stone."

"He was literally astute and aware of our time," said Quinn of his idol.

His book's title hearkens back from poems that deal with the organized labor movement in America — such as the 1913 strike of 20,000 Paterson silk workers at Botto House in Haledon — to the labor of organizing and reconciling the past and present, as captured in the title poem, "Organized Labor."

In contrast to Part I, Part II contains six poems that explore a



JOHN MONTALVO/BELLEVILLE TIMES

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Director, producer and poet Daniel Quinn at home in Belleville with his dog, Sergio.

Town Council considering part-time health officer

BY ANNA SPIEWAK
of Belleville Times

In a cost-saving effort to share services with neighboring towns, the town council is considering hiring a part-time health officer from Montclair to oversee the Belleville Health Department.

This comes as a result of a number of people retiring from the health department after the Early Retirement Plan was passed by the previous council. One of the departures included longtime health officer Tom Longo, who retired this past year and sanitary inspector Joe Marino.

The township currently has a new full time sanitary inspector, Colleen Britton, who goes out into the field to inspect restaurants and business establishments, but no steady replacement for the health officer position.

The health officer would oversee the entire department, including Britton's position, but remain at town hall taking care of administrative duties, planning, and providing services to the community, said Township Manager Mauro Tucci.

Full-time health officer for Montclair, Thomas Restaino, came before the council last week to offer his services, per recommendation of the township manager, who's known him from his work in Nutley.

Restaino said he did not consider taking the part-time position until he heard that he would work with Britton, whom he's worked with before.

"Colleen worked with us straight out of college," he said. "Should Belleville hire a full time person is entirely up to Belleville, but (the township) should get more

bang for their buck."

Restaino would be paid \$40,000 for his services, \$15,000 of which will come from grants that Belleville already has secured. The money will go straight to the agency in Montclair, said Restaino. His agency also aids, part time, Wayne and Nutley; it screened Nutley High School students in September after a district employee was diagnosed with tuberculosis.

Second Ward Councilman Steven Rovell, who supports the idea of a part-time health officer, thanked Restaino for helping out since the township has not had a health officer for a long time.

First Ward Councilwoman Marie Strumolo Burke, on the other hand, who publicly opposed sharing a health officer with other towns, suggested that Belleville hire its own part-time officer that

would only work for Belleville and not spread his/her time to other municipalities.

"If Belleville had a problem, will you drop Wayne and run to Belleville," she asked Restaino.

But Restaino said that in order to secure a health officer who focuses solely on one township, officials would need to hire someone full time, which costs about \$85,000 minimum.

In a post-meeting interview, Fourth Ward Councilman John Notari shared Burke's sentiment, suggesting the town go out to bid for a full-time person at a fairer price.

"It's an important job and you need someone on call every day," he added.

Burke suggested that the township go out to bid and advertise the position and then make a decision, since she saw some health officers

who went for a price lower than the amount Restaino mentioned.

"If you're not going to spend any time in this town, then why spend even \$10,000 on it?" she said.

But Tucci said those candidates might not be the type of health officer that the township would want to hire.

"We need to grow, provide better nursing and better relationships with the hospitals," he said. "Shared services is the best way to save tax dollars."

The contract for a part-time health officer would run for three years. A six-month notification would need to be given to opt out of the contract. The council will vote on the resolution at its Jan. 25 meeting (after press time).

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IN OUR VIEW

By George, evaluating parks a great idea

Having found that two small parks in the Third Ward are currently in disrepair, Councilman George Ritacco is looking at making one or both of them a place for swing sets and families with strollers in the future.

Ritacco is considering simple playground equipment for Kelly Park on William Street, and a second park that has no formal name on Cortlandt Street, which features basketball courts where the rims and nets are almost missing.

Ritacco has done his colleagues a favor by calling attention to Belleville's parks. It is high time that each and every parcel of public open space in the township gets a second look.

Town officials need to find out if the current group of

parks properly serves the residents of Belleville, or if they're in need of an upgrade. The town is changing, and with it, the needs of its taxpayers. A full inventory must be taken, and suggestions made as to how they can be improved for the immediate surrounding community.

Then, decisive action must come next, with each playground made the best it can possibly be.

There are few things that can inspire affection for one's hometown like walking through a park on a sunny day, surrounded by families enjoying the neighborhood. These are the kinds of images that realtors use to lure homebuyers in. Belleville needs to make sure it conveys that sense.

With the recent volunteer-led refurbishment of Municip-

pal Stadium, a start was made toward a community spirit aimed at making everyone's life better. In that instance, community members built and painted new lockers for athletes at the high school.

Similarly, the council must come together, seek input from residents about what they need from their local park and accomplish what's financially feasible. Beyond the obvious improvements, it is a chance to foster community pride.

Ritacco deserves credit for starting a needed dialogue about the future of Belleville's parks. Now it is up to the rest of the council, township officials and residents to take the recreational ball and run with it.

LETTERS

What a waste

TO THE EDITOR:

As one drives on Belleville streets during the day, one notices many street lights and spotlights on schools and businesses are on. These lights are called day burners. Apparently, the mechanism, which is supposed to turn them off during the day is broken. Over 70 waste energy during the day in Belleville. One notices this waste in the other towns also in New Jersey.

PSE&G seems to be giving this waste a low priority, even when this reader documented where the problem exists in New Jersey and asked them to service the

defective lights. In addition, one may notice highway lights on during the day.

PSE&G indicated that the towns are not being charged for this energy waste, yet it would seem PSE&G would not waste its stockholders' money by ignoring the problem.

We are told we are wasting too much of our non-renewable power sources, including oil which is getting much more expensive and for which we depend on the volatile Middle East. We are told to use energy-saving bulbs and to turn off the lights in our homes when not being used. We are asked to keep the heat down in the winter and the air-conditioner down in the summer.

This reader believes that PSE&G should set an example as a "responsible" corporation. Now is the time to fix a problem which has lasted a long time before the purchase by a Chicago company of PSE&G is permitted.

The Public Utilities Commission has been asked by this reader to encourage PSE&G to take the necessary steps.

David B. Harris

Thanks for caring

TO THE EDITOR:

Little Zion U.A.M.E. Church, where the Rev. Charles F. Hood is

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Josephine Brazier

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Committee may chart 5-year-course

Five year improvement committee

The Council is considering putting a committee together to oversee its five-year capital improvement plan. The plan over the next five years calls for immediate facility improvements to places such as the firehouse, Friendly House—the recreation building, and improving more roads. For some of the improvements, the council intends to use its Community Development Block Grant, which they received earlier last year, or monies from a funding agency, said Township Engineer Tom Herits at the meeting. The Council is also considering adding a new fire truck to its CDBG to-do list.

Senior housing

The property designated for future senior housing has been

recently appraised, putting the project right on track, according to officials. The 2.5-acre property on the corner of Franklin Avenue and Mill Street, next door to the Senior Center, was appraised at \$530,000. The appraisal includes the place where the building will be constructed and the surrounding area, said Township Manager Mauro Tucci. He stressed the fact that the appraisal excludes the senior center itself, something that a few seniors were concerned about in the past, worried that it would be taken from them. The next step will be creating a tax abatement agreement, putting zoning in place and doing topographical mapping among other things.

Sewer connection fee

The township is considering charging a sewer connection fee to bring extra revenue into Belleville.

Tucci explained that a new developer who comes in would pay a fee to connect to the township's system. Township engineer Tom Herits came before the council at last week's work session, explaining that Belleville needs to get up to speed with the rest of the towns who already charge connection fees to new developers. The fees go up every year. He suggested that the township charge a \$3,000 sewer connection fee. Tucci asked if this action would be detrimental to attracting developers to town. But Herits said it would not since the fee is at a fair price. He said a small strip mall incurs about a \$50,000 connection fee. No authority is necessary to establish this sort of collection system, said Township Attorney Robert Gaccione.

Complied by Anna Spiewak.

Employee burned by gas build-up at restaurant

BY JASMINE KHIRY of Belleville Times

An employee of a Belleville Italian restaurant was burned Monday morning after flames from a stove flared up, police said.

Richard Graziano, 30, of East Hanover arrived at Toscani Restaurant on Belmont Avenue early Monday morning and called Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) after smelling gas. Minutes later, when he lit the oven, flames arose, burning his face and arms.

Graziano who has been working with Toscani Restaurant for only a month, was taken to the burn unit at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, where he was treated.

The Belleville Fire Department responded to the scene after being called by the restaurant manager, who found Graziano.

There was no additional damage to the facility, which remained open the rest of the day.

According to police, the incident occurred due to a gas build up in the oven, and has since been taken care of.

"There have not been any related gas problems at any other local restaurants in the area. However, further precautions will be taken in order to prevent this in the future," Deputy Chief Frank Manno said.

Graziano remains in stable condition and will stay at Saint Barnabas Medical Center for monitoring.

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Councilman wants to breathe life into parks

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

Two small parks in the Third Ward are currently in disrepair, but Councilman George Ritacco sees a day when one or both of them will be home to swing sets and families with strollers.

For now, Ritacco's considering his options for Kelly Park on William Street, and a second park that has no formal name on Cortlandt Street, which features basketball courts where the rims and nets are almost missing.

"Kelly Park is a small park that has been rundown for awhile, is dilapidated and has no swing," said Ritacco. "People go there and break bottles."

The park, near St. Peter's School, could flourish if a swing set is put up, he suggested. It's a simple accoutrement, but one the town sorely needs.

"I have a two and a half year old," Ritacco said. "I don't think there's really any place in Belleville to do that (play on swings). Nutley has five or six places."

One factor contributing to the park's disuse could be the lack of safe parking on the narrow street, which he said would have to be addressed.

At the Cortlandt Street park, trash is strewn about everywhere, and basketball rims and nets have been ripped down repeatedly. Fixing it may be an option, but available parking is a problem at that park too. So Ritacco is weighing more choices for that area.

"If we fix it up, it might be a little stretch, because there is no place to park," Ritacco said. "It's so small. It's not a vast space. We might be better suited to sell it, and get a ratable."

He said the township must do right by the area's population.

"It goes neglected, and that's not fair to residents," Ritacco said. "People don't clean up after themselves. We have no parks in town for kids, but I'm not sure this is suited."

On the other hand, he said the Cortlandt Street park might be suited for a swing set, also.

"On Cortlandt Street, the con-

stituents are not happy," he said. "I'd like to see us take down the basketball courts and make it a swings-type park with mothers and strollers."

He's already been speaking with other town officials.

"Myself and the (township) manager (Mauro Tucci) have spoken about this," Ritacco said. "There is definitely grant money out there."

Exactly how much will be available from the county Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) fund remains to be seen.

Word will come sometime in March, Ritacco said.

The first priority is fixing up the long neglected Friendly House on Frederick Street in Silver Lake, where Ritacco said he played basketball and volleyball as a young man.

"We have to see where the money will go best," he said. "We don't know exactly what is in the pipeline."

The cost to upgrade one of the parks with new trees and shrubs and add the new vinyl swings sets with the rubber floor covering that

keeps mud from forming when it rains, would be about \$25,000, Ritacco said.

Recreation Director Dennis Buckley said he would support the improvement of both parks, although the plans have not been brought to him.

"Both facilities are in need of some improvement," he said. "The story has been that the clientele of the parks don't care for them. It's more of a maintenance issue, which is not our area. That's public works. But it tends to be an ongoing problem."

Keep warm with Rec. Department

The Belleville Department of Recreational and Cultural Affairs has announced the start of its winter activities.

Girls Twirling will be held Wednesday nights at School 7 with grades one through four meeting at 7 p.m. and grades five through eight at 8 p.m. Girls must provide their own batons for this activity.

Girls' Cheerleading Clinics for grades one through eight began the week of Jan. 3 at School 8 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. These instructional clinics are designed for beginners as well as for those girls who want to try out for the 2005

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Ritacco seeks solution to unsafe junctions

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Third Ward residents have been complaining that something needs to be done about two intersections they say have become dangerous.

The residents have asked Third Ward Councilman George Ritacco to look into whether or not the intersections should be turned from two-way stop signs to four-way stop signs in order to improve safety conditions.

The Third Ward runs from the rec house on Joralemon Street to Main Street and Route 21, and from the southside of Joralemon Street to K-Mart and the Newark line with the exception of a small

cutout on Mill Street in Belleville Park that is part of the First Ward.

The Third Ward includes some of the busiest roads in town, including a portion of Washington Avenue featuring many businesses, town hall, the public library and Belleville Middle School.

Ritacco said that residents have complained about numerous accidents at the intersection of Holmes and Cortlandt streets.

The problem begins with motorists travelling south on Cortlandt Street towards Holmes Street.

"Motorists build up speed," Ritacco said. "There is a long stretch of road, and they're going 40 or 45 miles per hour by the time

they get to the intersection."

The fear is that they won't be able to stop quickly enough at the intersection and will cause a crash.

Plus, he said, there are a lot of trucks passing through the intersection, since the area is heavily industrial.

"The trucks cause a lot of accidents," Ritacco said.

Some of the trucks may be speeding or not making full stops at the intersection.

The other intersection is at Hornblower Avenue and Holmes Street, near Belleville Middle School.

"Crossing that intersection has become a risky thing," Ritacco said.

The intersection is very busy

during school dismissal, making getting across extra dangerous.

Middle School Principal Marilyn McGrath said all of the intersections on Holmes Street could use help, including crossing guards or a four-way stop.

"Almost on a weekly basis, I remind our students to walk on the sidewalk and to cross at the corners," she said. "I think a four-way stop would be a good idea."

The first step in getting four-way stop signs at the two intersections involves Police Chief Joseph Rotonda. He must do a traffic study, and a survey of how many accidents occur at the intersections over a given period of time, Ritacco said.

"This could take months," he said of the process. After the study is completed, it must be submitted to the state Department of Transportation.

The DOT will then review the data. If it finds sufficient reason, Belleville would then get approval for the four-way stop.

Ritacco said he will be meeting with Rotonda in the coming days to get the process started for both of the intersections.

In the meantime, Ritacco said he's open to any Third Ward residents' concern about intersections or any other matter.

"I'm here to listen to whatever the residents have to say," he said.

Scalera critical of transit hike

Assemblyman Fred Scalera said last week that NJ Transit's proposed 15 percent fare increase sends the wrong message to rail commuters throughout North Jersey — particularly in Bergen, Essex, and Passaic counties — and may lead to greater highway congestion as riders, angry at the fare increase, return to commuting by car.

"The last thing NJ Transit should be doing is providing North Jersey commuters with an incentive to ditch mass transit in favor of their cars," said Scalera (D-

Essex/Bergen/Passaic).

"Our already-congested roads are in crisis and cannot handle any more traffic. NJ Transit should be seeking to raise ridership by promoting the ease and convenience of mass transit, instead of providing a reason for commuters to give up on trains and buses."

If approved, the increase, which would affect riders on all NJ Transit-operated bus and rail lines, would take effect in July.

Scalera said he intends to work closely with NJ Transit officials to

head-off any future rate hikes while simultaneously pushing the agency to direct investment into viable, federally endorsed projects, such as the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Line, that promise to alleviate congestion on the region's roads.

"NJ Transit provides an invaluable service to commuters, students, and residents who need an efficient, cost-effective means of transportation," said Scalera. "We must ensure NJ Transit remains viable for the thousands who depend on it."

Kindergym available for K-2

The Belleville Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs is now offering its Kindergym program for boys and girls in grades K-2.

Begun Jan. 5, Kindergym is held on Wednesday nights through Mar. 23 at School No. 4. Kindergarten students will report from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Grades one through two will report from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This program features orga-

nized 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 at 407 Joralemon St., Belleville.

For more information, call the recreation office at (973) 450-3422.

Historical society asks for help with archive

The Belleville Historical Society is looking for residents of Belleville with a history in the town for inclusion in the society's archive.

Anyone interested in being included in the archive should

submit as much information about their family as possible, such as names of ancestors, birth/death dates, when their family settled in Belleville, where they lived, pictures, any noteworthy accomplishments, etc. Pictures from past local events are also desired. Submissions should be forwarded to the

Belleville Historical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 192, Belleville, NJ 07109.

All are welcome to join the society which meets at 7 p.m. once a month in the Belleville Library and Information Center, 221 Washington Ave. Membership fees are \$10 per year. For additional information, call (973) 844-9580.

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MY CHEMICAL

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Life outside the tour bus just passes by. "One time, some astronauts died and we didn't find out about it for weeks," Gerard told an MTV camera after the show. Asked how this growing visibility feels, Gerard said, "It feels good that people are paying attention and changing their attitudes."

As for how that visibility feels to him, Gerard's response grew more complex.

"Exhilarating. Frightening," he said. He paused to mull over the words. Then, "Exhilarating. Frightening," he repeated. "Those are the two best words."

Exhilarating should be obvious. The best-laid plans have come to fruition and they have been exhilarating to execute. Frightening is less clear.

It could mean the degree to which they expose themselves to their audience. Like the other members of the band, Gerard is open about his struggles with depression, suicidal thoughts and drug and alcohol abuse. By doing so, he hopes to reach young listeners the way that punk music reached him as a troubled teen, like a lifeline in a dark world.

He has seen proof of this in fan's letters. They confess dark secrets and tales of sorrow, abuse and

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To be that lifeline: Gerard realized he has found his "calling" and that the band is on a "crazy-ass crusade."

He sounds humble and sincere when he speaks of this. But combine the band's growing celebrity with young people's naivete, he faces a prospect that some fans may turn obsessive.

Gerard said he worries about this. He said he has felt paranoia creep up on him when meets new people. "As things change," meaning as the band grows, "you don't know people's motives," he said.

So he has tried to better define his boundaries.

No more drugs and alcohol because a binge last summer nearly caused him to kill himself. Keep the onstage persona of makeup and velvet suits separate from the books, drawing pads and bed in the basement of his offstage self.

Mostly, be there for troubled youth, but only so far.



KEVIN P. WEXLER/HERALD NEWS

Vocalist Gerard Way and guitarist Ray Toro of My Chemical Romance give the fans at The Starland Ballroom in Sayreville that Belleville-born sound that's drawing listeners worldwide. The concert was one of two that raised \$130,000 for tsunami relief.

"You can't be there in person," Gerard said. You can only be there in recordings, words and spirit.

"You hope that's enough," he said. "It has to be enough."

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SEIZE THE DAY

The Suburban Essex Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed Carpe Diem Spa and Salon located at 1293 Broad Street in the Township of Bloomfield. Front row from left, Maria Paladino-Fitz, Belleville Times; Pamela A. Gentile, Yes Press Inc.; from Carpe Diem, Lorenzo Lambiase, Maxine Lambiase, Alan Lambiase, owner and Cheryl Lambiase, owner; Evanthea Corrado, NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development; Dana Zacccone, Director of Spa Services; Roslyn Garcia, staff member; Diana Reyes, staff member; James N. Galione, Montclair-Bloomfield Ford. Back row from left, Austin Sammon, Worrall Newspapers; Damien G. Falato, CPA; John G. Mooney, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 711.

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12 MILES WEST

Teatro Sí returns just in time for Valentine's Day

Tired of the same old heart-shaped box? Looking for something different for your sweetie? Then come on down to 12 Miles West as they invite Teatro Sí to celebrate Valentine's Day.

The new home of 12 Miles West Theatre, 562 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield, will play host to Cupid with Amor Flamenco, a special evening of theatre, flamenco fusion

music and dance. The music group Manué will beckon all lovers to journey to a moonlit evening in Spain and discover a century-old love affair, as interpreted by professional flamenco dancers, on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 11 and 12 at 8 p.m.

This music group – current “Group of the Year” winners on the prestigious “Al Despertar” Uni-

vision morning television program – is the freshest urban sound to come out of New York City. It is bursting on the scene with a unique, intoxicating and mysterious combination of Flamenco and Rock, with hints of Salsa and Bossa Nova and elements of Funk and Jazz. Manué is ready to capture your heart, mind and soul.

Led by David M. Castellano (a

unique self-taught musician, singer, accomplished songwriter and also lead singer with Alborada Spanish Dance Theatre Company), Manué is also home to two incredibly talented artists – percussionist extraordinaire Peter Basil and J.C. Alza on bass guitar.

Manué's growth in the past year has taken their performance to esteemed music venues, such as New York's famed night clubs "La Oveja Negra" and "The Village Underground," including a sold out performance at last year's AT&T Latino Festival at "Queens Theatre in the Park." Recently, Manué has performed at Lincoln Center's "La Casita" outdoor festival. The group is currently at work on its new album.

Together, these talented artists create Manué's blend of artistic flavor that has captured the interest of today's diverse listening community; quenching their appetite for insatiable rhythmic sounds, transcending all cultural boundaries, and making it one of the

hottest musical expressions of its time. Come experience the traditional and progressive faces of this genuine Spanish art form through the voice, guitar and bodies of the dancers moving in the moonlight.

The evening also includes a performance of “Estamos Desafinados (We Are Out of Tune),” a one-act play by Sonja Suarez Schwartz presented in English.

Show days/times are Friday and Saturday, Feb. 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and available by calling the 12 Miles West Theatre box office at (973) 259-9187. Tickets may also be purchased at the Web site www.12MilesWest.org. For additional information, call Teatro Sí at (908) 301-9496 or visit the Web site www.teatrosti.com.

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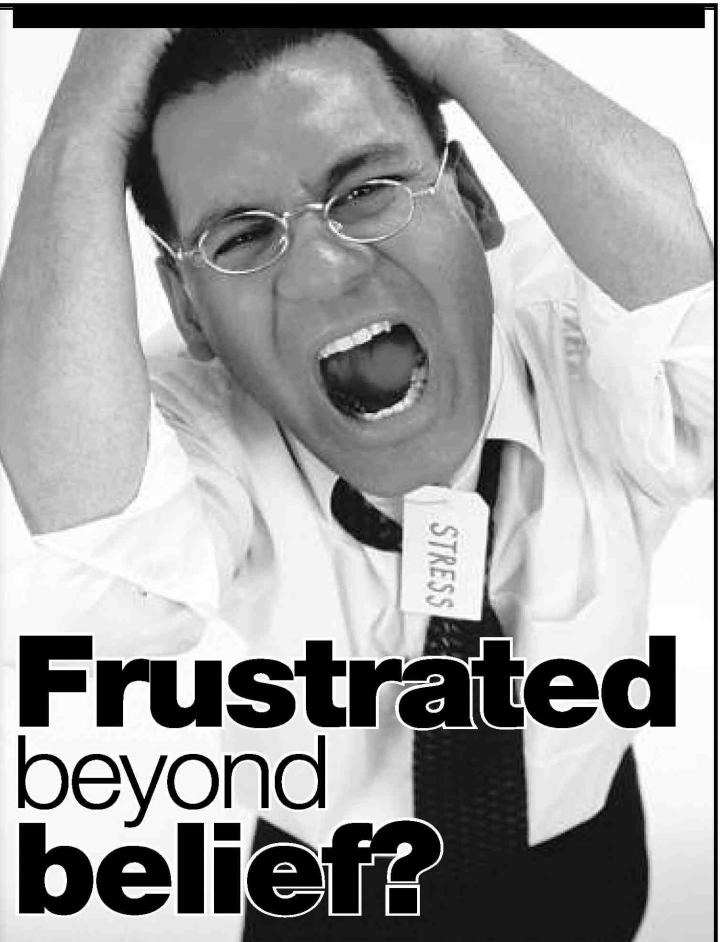
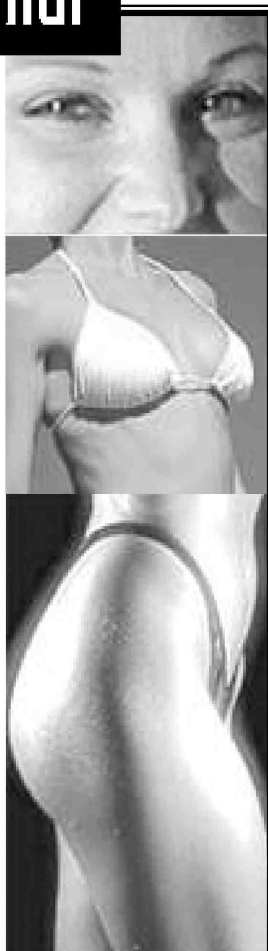
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Famed jazz singer Leon Redbone coming to Bloomfield

As part of its popular Guest Artist Series, 12 Miles West will welcome folk-jazz legend Leon Redbone to Bloomfield Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. This is the first of many concerts to be presented in the company's new 230-seat space as part of the "Cozy Concert Series."

For a man whose music seems timeless, Leon Redbone prefers to immerse himself in the here and now.

"What I do and what I record only work for the moment," Redbone says in his unmistakably croaky drawl. "That's basically all I hope for in a performance, because that's what I think a song is. It has to reach out and grab you for one

moment. It can even be a single note which defines the entire song"

On "AnyTime" – Redbone's 11th record and his first for the Blue Thumb label – the singer-guitarist continues his very real love affair with tunes from the turn of the century, flapper-era radio ditties, Depression-spawned ragtime and folk-jazz. Yet there is always something oddly modern about this musician: his lyrical satire and emotional cynicism tend to wear well with any generation.

Redbone just seems to be perpetually famous, whether making numerous television appearances (his network debut came on Saturday Night Live's second season),

popularizing the classic beer jingle, "This Bud's For You," adding his deft touch to various soundtracks, or even being lampooned in a Far Side cartoon.

Cozy Concert Promoter Chuck Brownley approached Artistic Director Lenny Bart last summer (as preparations to reopen the Center Theatre as a live performance venue were being made) and inquired about the possibility of starting a concert series.

"We jumped at the chance to host Cozy Concerts," said Bart. "The high caliber of acts Cozy Concerts brings helps in the revitalization of arts in the area, and we look forward to continuing the

series later this year."

Upcoming events

12 Miles West and Cozy Concerts will play host to multidimensional artist Lisa Loeb, who started her career at the top of the charts with her debut song "Stay (I Missed You)," on March 4.

There will be one show at 8 p.m., with a "New Artist Showcase" at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door and available in advance via both the Cozy

Concerts and 12 Miles West Web sites (www.CozyConcerts.com and www.12MilesWest.org). Tickets are also available at the 12 Miles West Theatre box office by calling (973) 259-9187.

12 Miles West is located at 562 Bloomfield Ave. just west of the Garden State Parkway. This event is wheelchair accessible.

Guest Artist Series resumes one-man show Feb. 4 & 5

12 Miles West Theatre Company of Bloomfield welcomes Alex Kariotis in his one-man multimedia extravaganza, "Holdin' On," as part of the ongoing Guest Artist Series.

Performances are Friday and Saturday, Feb. 4 and 5. "Holdin' On" is a story of two brothers bound by love, family turmoil, laughter, Rock and Roll and opera.

With book and music written by critically acclaimed opera and pop/rock singer Alex Kariotis, "Holdin' On" is the incredible but true story of two brothers – a rock singer and an opera singer – who are bound by family turmoil.

All tickets are \$25. Reservations are recommended.

12 Miles West is wheelchair accessible. For more information, visit the Web site www.12mileswest.org.

'Altruists' at NLT

Nutley Little Theatre has cast its next production, the dark comedy "The Altruists" by Nicky Silver, opening Friday, Feb. 11, at the NLT Barn, Nutley.

"The Altruists" will run on Feb. 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25 and 26. (Feb. 13 and 20 are matinees.) Evening performances have an 8 p.m. curtain, and matinees are at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12, and purchases can be made by calling (973) 667-0374.


The play contains adult situations and strong language. In "The Altruists," author Silver, who also wrote such wickedly funny plays as "The Food Chain" and "Pterodactyls," skewers the self-righteousness of political activists in this modern farce about a dedicated, if not disorganized and demented, group of young radicals.

The NLT Barn is located off Brookfield Avenue (one block east of Franklin Avenue) in the heart of Nutley's Erie Place Historic District.

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CASINO CONFIDENTIAL

BY TONY AUGUST

Paul Williams Is Alive & Well

Paul Williams, the man who gave the world some of the best-loved songs of the past few decades, will make a rare personal appearance at Spin Street in "The Shops at Mohegan Sun" at 9:15 on Saturday, February 12th following his performance in the Cabaret Theatre.

I, for one, was happy to receive the news release that he was still alive and well and still performing. As a matter of fact I was just thinking the other day where has this guy gone? Haven't heard a word about him for years, yet he has been a powerhouse in the music business as a composer and singer of his songs and others for decades. For those of you who might have forgotten, let me review what he's done and what he's presently doing.

His appearance on stage celebrates the release of two new projects: Williams' recently-released CD *Evergreens*, the very best of the A&M Years; and the DVD *I'm Going Back There Someday* which is tentatively scheduled to be available during Williams' appearance at Spin Street.

Williams' songbook contains a jaw-dropping number of hits that have become familiar standards. Along with Barbra Streisand, he won an Oscar for *Evergreen*, the love theme from the 1970's film version of *A Star is Born*.

Other notable Williams tunes include *Rainy Days And Mondays*, *An Old Fashioned Love Song*; and the perennial *We've Only Just Begun*. His own favorite song remains, *The Rainbow Connection*.


I think Paul Williams has made his mark as a "great" in the entertainment industry with the body of work I've just listed. Most of you know who he is and if you don't I heartily recommend that you catch him at the Mohegan Sun, Saturday, February 12. He'll be there through Sunday, February 13th. Tickets are on sale now at the Mohegan Sun Box office through ticketmaster.

I'm sure by this time, everybody on this planet knows who Donald Trump is and if you don't you ought to, he's the billionaire builder and casino operator whose has taken over the television business with his smash hit show *The Apprentice* now in its third season with no end in sight.

By the time you get this column he will have married Ms. Melania Knauss, a beauty, whom he introduced me to some years ago and believe me she is a beauty. There's more to her than that though, she's a top model, intelligent, and seems to understand how to make the Trumpman happy. I've met the other Mrs. Trumps, also intelligent and beautiful but I'm predicting this marriage will last and be the last. I consider him a friend and wish him and Melania, a very happy and fulfilling life together!

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NEW THIS WEEK...

Crewmen Reunion, U.S.S. Coral Sea CVB/CVA/CV-43 April 30 at Sir John's Restaurant in North Brunswick. Call Jack Weber 732-828-1234, 273 Crestwood Dr., Milltown, NJ 08850-1805, or Robert Nerbetski 41 Atkins Terr., E. Rutherford, NJ 07073, cvb43@comcast.net.

Mohegan Sun bus trip, Feb. 20. Departs Nutley 9 a.m. Six hours of gambling, refreshments served both ways with \$10 food coupon \$21. Call Marie or Mildred at 667-8083.

AARP Chapter 2051, Belleville, meets 1 p.m. first Wednesdays, Senior Citizen Bldg., 125 Franklin Ave. \$3 dues plus national membership card. Trips: March 10: Wearing of the Green at Brownstone. Transportation, lunch, one-hour open bar, show \$55. April 6: Humdingers. Sept. 25-29: Wildwood Crest,

Oceanfront, Gondolier, \$350 double; \$440 single. Call Muriel at 759-8768.

Antique show, Feb. 3, 4, 5. Thursday, preview 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$7. Students and seniors \$5. Lunch \$7. Dinner \$9. Glen Ridge Congregational Church, 195 Ridgewood Ave., Glen Ridge.

Flea market & collectibles, Feb. 6. Indoor/outdoor. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Belleville High School, 100 Passaic Ave. New merchandise, crafts, garage sale items. Sponsor: BHS Wrestling. Call 997-9535.

Tsunami relief, Montclair Responds, a local grassroots relief organization to host "Healing the Heart of the World," an evening of live music, food and massage hosted by award-winning actor Frankie Faison to benefit the American Red Cross. 7 p.m. at the Luna Stage, 695 Bloomfield Ave., Montclair. \$20-\$50 donation. Call 744-3309 or email Jesse@SpiralBridge.org.

Roche Retirees, to meet Feb. 12 at 1 p.m. in the Roche Bldg. 76 auditorium, Nutley. Flavian to perform "Magic of Mind Power" followed by refreshments. Call 746-4816.

GRHS Project Graduation, fundraiser Feb. 4 Winter Dance, 6:30 p.m. at Diva Lounge 369 Bloomfield Ave., Montclair. Appetizers, buffet dinner, drinks, and dancing. Tickets \$50. For more info, call Donna at 680-1669. To download an invitation, visit glenridge.org and click ling to Project Graduation.

AARP Nutley Chapter 2052, next meets Feb. 10 at 1 p.m. at the Senior Citizens building, 44 Park Ave. Guest speaker Rose Testa of Cruise Holidays. Call 403-1500.

Knights of Columbus events, Belleville, March 5, corned beef & cabbage dinner, \$10 with Belleville Irish American Association. March 12, tricky tray at 6 p.m. \$12 includes light food and coffee. March 19: 70s Night. \$25. Buffet dinner, DJ. 7 to 11 p.m. For more information, call 751-2960.

Craft fair for tsunami victims, 185 Broad St., Bloomfield. Feb. 5, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Feb. 6, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Snow date Feb. 12, 13. Admission to go to Unicef. Crafts include jewelry, pottery, ceramic tiles, women's jackets, hats and knit wear.

FAIRS, RUMMAGE SALES, ETC...

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

Tricky Tray, Belleville K of C, March 12. Call Joseph Downey, chairman, at 759-9656 or 759-2243.

Women's Auxiliary Thrift Shop, to benefit Nutley Family Service Bureau, 172 Chestnut St. Open Saturday, Jan. 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Regular hours: Mon. to Fri., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 667-7236.

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 12 noon Saturday.

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FUNDRAISERS...

Super Bowl Party, Bloomfield Knights of Columbus. Sunday, Feb. 6, 190 State St., Bloomfield. \$20 per person includes: roast beef dinner, sandwiches, snacks, beer, wine, soda, coffee and dessert. Raffle \$10. Prizes are 27" color TV, \$200, \$100. Winner need not be present. Call Henry at 743-7031, John at 743-7574 or Anthony at 743-6397.

Vendor sales At Clara Maass, Feb. 4 fragrances; Feb. 18 books. For more info, call 450-2151. Feb. 4 fragrances; Feb. 18 books.

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OTHER EVENTS...

EVITA performances, by Nutley Parks & Rec. Jan. 28, 29, 30. For more information, call 284-4966.

VFW Blood Bank, Jan. 27. Post 493 hosting District 4 blood bank. All types needed. 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. 271 Washington Ave., Nutley. Call 235-9661.

Valentine's Dance, with Bobby Byrne at Belleville K of C, 98 Bridge St., Belleville. Feb. 19, 8 p.m. to 12 midnight. \$25. Bring your own food.

Staten Island Dinner Theatre, bus trip by Glen Ridge Seniors Group. March 16. Corned beef

dinner, 1 hr. open bar, wine and soda. \$55. Call Barbara at 673-3261 or Elly at 325-0703.

Elks Monthly Breakfast, Belleville Lodge 1123, 254 Washington Ave., Belleville. 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Variety of foods. \$5 for adults. Children under 10 \$3. Under 3, free.

Red Cross Video, Montclair-Glen Ridge-Nutley Red Cross now has videos of programs offered by the chapter, and they send volunteers to show the films to civic organizations, church groups and schools to spread awareness. To view the video at a future meeting or event, contact Director of Public Relations Jan Zepka at 746-1800.

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Somers Dream Orchestra, Big band music last Monday of every month, Belleville K of C, 98 Bridge St. \$5 cover. Cash bar. Call Lou at 759-7099.

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Free blood pressure readings, by registered nurse, 10 a.m. to 12 noon every Friday, Nutley Red Cross, 169 Chestnut St. No appointment necessary. For more info, call 667-3818. Blood drives third Tuesday of each month.

Bloomfield peace vigil, 7 to 8 p.m. Every Sunday, Broad Street in front of the library. Sponsored by Bloomfield Peace Action. For more info, call 338-5830 or e-mail bpeace@comcast.net.

Health workshop, Free workshop by Wellness Education Foundation, Tuesdays 7 p.m. at 411 Pompton Ave., Cedar Grove. Call Jeff or Bill at 239-3222.

CLASS REUNIONS... East Side High 50th reunion, Newark. Jan. and June class. Oct. 1, 2005 at Lakeside Manor in Hazlet. Call Josephine Sabin Santiago at 908-687-8824 (Jan.) or Joan Judge Pfeifer at (908)



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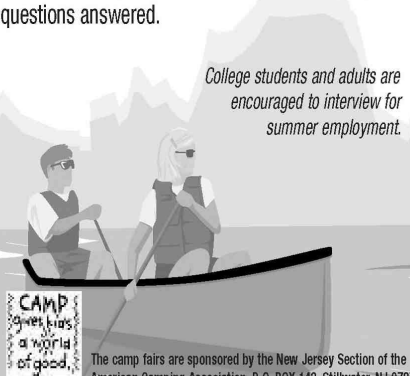
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851-0680 (June). Call (732) 617-1000 for info on the following reunions: Bloomfield '85 (Dec. 31, 2005); Nutley Class of '75 reunion. Nov. 25, '05. Searching for classmates. Call Susan Salvia at 571-2152.

MEETINGS...

4H Double Dutch Club, open to boys and girls of all ages. For more info, call Dorothy at 320-8969.

Attachment Parenting of Northern NJ, meets Feb. 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Amazon Café in Montclair. Call Susan and Barton at 201-385-2377.

AARP 2051, Belleville meets first Wednesdays, 1 p.m. at Senior Center, 125 Franklin Ave. Dues \$3 plus national membership.

Nutley Veterans Council, meets third Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Post 70, 45 Franklin Ave.

MOMS Club, monthly support group for mothers who stay home full-time or work part-time. Meet other mothers and children, interact with others. Call Beth at 973-340-7287 for more information.

Brownie meetings, Sacred Heart Troop 428 meets every Thursday at Nardiello Hall, State Street, Bloomfield, grades 1, 2, 3. Call Laura Fisher, 509-9399 after 6 p.m.

V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary, Post 711, Bloomfield, monthly meetings first Saturday of the month, 1 p.m. 369 Broughton Ave. New members welcome. Call President Karen Milone at 748-6086.

Nutley Lions Women's Auxiliary dinner meeting first Thursday every month, September to June, 7 p.m. Michael's Pastaria, 433 Kingsland St., Nutley. New members welcome. Call Louise at 661-2906.

Belleville Irish American Association's meets monthly at the K of C Hall on Bridge St. for more information, call John at 759-0383.

Tri-county Camera Club, meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at Nutley Historical Museum, 65 Church St. Jan. 11 Program "How to Photograph Wildlife Part Two" by Phil Echo. E-mail tricountycamera@yahoo.com, or call Jerry, 667-9642, www.tricountycameraclub.com.

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: \$5, payable now. No meetings in Aug.

AARP Belleville Chapter 2051, meets first Wednesdays 1 p.m. at senior citizens building, 125 Franklin Ave., Belleville. \$3 dues plus national membership card. Feb. 2: Belleville Police "Safety for Seniors." March 2: "Women in History Part 3," with Marie Drake.

Golden Age Club, 12:30 Tuesdays, Parks and Rec. building, 44 Park Ave., Nutley.

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. Woman's Club, 8 p.m. 1st Mondays, Vreeland House, 216 Chestnut St. (next to police station). Refreshments. Seeking new members, ages 18-40. 542-1039 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, 338-8513.

Women's Club of Belleville, 7:30 p.m. second Mondays, clubhouse, 51 Rossmore Pl. Prospective members welcome. Info, call Jelsia Cortese at 759-4574.

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

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

Belleville Optimist Club, 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Three Guys from Italy Restaurant. Emil Nardachone, 450-8883 or Gabe Nazziola, 696-6562.

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.; walking, Mondays, 9 to 10 a.m. Yanticaw Park; circle dance with Frank Martorlli, Monday 1 p.m., Senior Citizen Recreation Center; exercise, Wednesday, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. recreation gym; bingo, 1 p.m. Senior Citizens Center.

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

Nutley Amvets, Post 30, 11 a.m. 2nd Tuesdays, 184 Park Ave. 235-9626. Free lunch served at 12 noon.

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

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

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

Nutley Toastmasters Club, 7:15 p.m. 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Grace Episcopal Church, 200 Highfield Lane. New members welcome.

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

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.

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.

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. Call 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 338-8509.

Nutley Elks Lodge 1290, 8 p.m. 2nd and 4th Thursdays, lodge room, 242 Chestnut St. Call 235-1844.

Stuart E. Edgar Post 493 VFW Auxiliary, 271 Washington Ave., Nutley. Membership open. Next meeting Feb. 8, 7:30 p.m. at Post

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ARRIVALS



Elyssa Kate Falick

A first child, a daughter, Elyssa Kate, was born to Scott and Jeanne Falick of Nutley Jan. 7 at Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge. Birth weight was 5 pounds, 5 ounces.

Grandparents are Daniel and Jean Cabrera of Bloomfield and Anne Falick of Middletown, N.Y.

Natalie Rose Vitiello

A second child, a daughter, Natalie Rose, was born to Vincent and Jeanine Vitiello of Nutley Jan. 16 at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston. She joins DeAnna, 5.

Grandparents are Anthony and Ginger DiModica of Nutley and Anne Vitiello of Caldwell.

About babies

When sending in pictures of your newborn for the "Arrivals" column, please make sure that the picture is clear and of the baby only - no siblings. We cannot use photocopies. They don't print well. Also make sure your complete address is included if you want the picture returned. Questions? Call Helen at 667-0645.



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ENGAGEMENTS



Nicole Schuren to wed Christopher E. Ordway

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Schuren of Nutley announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Rose, to Christopher E. Ordway, son of Ms. Jenny Baca and Robert Ordway, both of Phoenix, Arizona.

The troth was made known under the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center. An October wedding is planned.

Miss Schuren, an alumna of Nutley High School and Kutztown University, Pennsylvania, earned a

master's degree at Arizona State University at Tempe. A licensed social worker, she consults with families of infants and toddlers on child development.

Mr. Ordway, a graduate of Washington High School and Seton Hall University, earned a master's degree at the University of Phoenix. He is the owner of Ordway-Rey Financial Services, Tempe.



Siniscalchi-Marinello troth is announced

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Siniscalchi of Lyndhurst announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea, to Anthony Marinello, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marinello of Nutley.

The wedding is planned for July of next year.

Miss Siniscalchi, an alumna of Queen of Peace High School,

North Arlington, earned undergraduate and graduate degrees at Montclair State University. She is an English teacher at Wallington High School.

Mr. Marinello, a graduate of Nutley High School and William Paterson University, Wayne, is a union electrician with Local 102.

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WEDDING



Rosalie Gabriele of Bloomfield and Dennis Quinn of Nutley were married June 26 in St. Lucy's Church, Newark. A reception followed at the Westmount Country Club, West Paterson. The couple honeymooned in San Francisco, Maui and Los Angeles.

RECIPES

Curry Orange Chicken

2 to 3 tps. curry powder
1 1/4 tsp. salt (optional)
1/4 tsp. pepper
6 chicken breast halves, boned and skinned
1 1/2 cups orange juice
1 cup rice uncooked
3/4 cup water
1 tbsp. brown sugar
1 tsp. dry mustard
Chopped parsley

Combine curry, 1/2 tsp. salt, pepper. Sprinkle on chicken; rub into both surfaces of chicken and set aside.

In large skillet, combine orange juice, rice, water, brown sugar, mustard and remaining 3/4 tsp. salt.; mix well.

Arrange chicken pieces over rice. Bring to a boil. Cover and simmer until liquid is absorbed. Sprinkle with parsley.

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Chicken Divan

2 pkgs. frozen broccoli spears
3 whole chicken breasts, cooked
2 cans cream of chicken soup
1 cup mayonnaise
1 1/2 tsp. curry powder
1 tsp. lemon juice
1/2 cup bread crumbs
1/2 cup grated American cheese
1 tbsp. butter

Cook broccoli and put in a 9- x 12-inch casserole. Place boned and cut up chicken on top. Combine soup, mayonnaise, lemon juice, and curry powder. Pour over. Sprinkle with cheese and buttered bread crumbs. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

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Remembering Sy Grossman, Belleville treasure



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Guess who turned 15 years old on Jan. 19? No, not me, it's that James Grant of Alva Street. What can I say about him? Only good things. He is a freshman at Belleville High School and very sports-minded. He plays indoor soccer in the winter and baseball and soccer in the spring. One thing that you can always count on is James being at the 5:30 Mass at St. Anthony's where he is the altar server assisting the priest in the Mass. He rarely misses, but if he does, he makes sure that he makes it up at another Mass. Just recently, he became a CCD aide at the church. Just think about it. How many 15 year old children give of their time the way this young man does? But let's give credit where credit is due. His mom Diane and his dad Greg have surely raised this teenager well. Besides loving him for the person he is, there is another reason why I care so much about him. He and my son, Anthony Gammara, share the same birthday. January is a special month for the Grants. His dad celebrated his birthday on Jan. 13, his mom's birthday was on Jan. 30 and Greg and Diane celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary on Jan. 16. No matter what you ask this young man, he is always there to help. For such a young age, he is very community-minded. Always there to help out with our SLCA block parties, deliver circulars for our neighborhood and helping out at the feast. So, James Grant of Silver Lake, we wish you many,

many happy returns on your special day. Don't ever change and maybe some day, you will decide to run for office. Maybe you can become a councilman, assemblyman, or maybe even a senator. But whatever you choose, we know here in Silver Lake, that you will do a great job. And how can you go wrong when you have so many people rooting for you.

And now on to Belleville. I would be remiss if I didn't tell you all about the tree which was planted in memory of Seymour Grossman at School #7, where he was a principal. In August of 2003, our beloved Seymour passed away. He held many titles in our township such as a teacher, vice principal, principal, assistant superintendent of schools, Belleville Board of Education trustee, a member of the library board, zoning board and planning board. He did it all and loved this township to pieces.

A ceremony was held Dec. 19 at School #7 on Joralemon Street and Passaic Avenue. If Sy was still with us, I am sure that he would have chosen this spot for his tree to nourish. At the ceremony, his son Daniel Grossman thanked us for the planting of the tree, which he felt was the best way to keep the memory of his father alive. There is a void in Belleville without him. Who would have thought that this Jewish man from Pennsylvania would wind up in the Township of Belleville and have so many friends who loved him. Let me leave you all with this. In one lifetime if you have two or three good friends you are lucky. How lucky I was to have had a friend in Seymour Grossman.

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Women's Club of Nutley, Evening Membership Dept., 7:30 p.m. 1st Thursdays, Vreeland House, 216 Chestnut St. Refreshments. Prospective members welcome. For info, call 667-3117.

SUPPORT GROUPS...

Attachment Parenting International, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. third Thursdays, Grace Episcopal Church, 200 Highfield Ln., Nutley. For more info, directions, etc., call Laura at (201) 438-8962 or Chris at 243-7188.

Debtors Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. Fridays, Watchung Presbyterian Church, 375 Watchung Ave., Bloomfield. For info, call Carol at 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 call 1-800-GA-LIVE.

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Students use fun way to help tsunami victims

When a group of eighth graders approached teacher Philip Lensi with an idea to raise money for the Southeast Asia tsunami victims, he gave them the support and guidance they needed to create and promote Hat Day at the Belleville Middle School.

On Friday, Jan. 14, participating students and teachers each donated \$1 for the "privilege" of wearing their favorite hats in school on that day. A grand total of \$770. was collected and donated to Doctors without Borders, a charity mutually agreed upon by Lensi and his students.

Marilyn McGrath, BMS principal, expressed her pride in the compassion and generosity of the Belleville Middle School community.

"The students who came up with the idea of raising money for the tsunami victims found an excellent mentor when they selected Lensi to help them," she said. "The students publicized the fundraiser by writing and delivering their own morning announcements and by designing and hanging Hat Day awareness posters throughout the school."



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Belleville Middle School students and staff members show off their hats during Hat Day, which earned up to \$770 for tsunami victims in Southeast Asia.



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WHERE IT'S AT

On Thursday, Jan. 6, Barbara Spillane conducted the annual school level of the National Geography Bee during an assembly at the Belleville Middle School. Approximately 40 students worked with Spillane prior to the contest, preparing to compete. The winner, Bryan Anaya, Grade 7, will soon take a 100-item geography test, which may qualify him to compete in the next level of the National Geography Bee. The first runner-up was Jeremy Buhain, Grade 7. From left are Bryan Anaya and Barbara Spillane.

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ONE FOR THE BOOKS

Local author Anthony Buccino recently visited Belleville UNICO to speak about some of his publications, including "Sister Dressed Me Funny," "A Father's Place" and "Days You Knew Me." Belleville UNICO purchased some of Buccino's books and donated them to Belleville High School and the Belleville Public Library and Information Center. From left are Dana Gencarelli, president of the Aces club; Anthony Buccino of Nutley Chapter of UNICO; and Kathy Masone, president of Belleville UNICO.

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darker view of life, including a "New York Trilogy." Part of the transition is the change in Quinn's writing style, which he calls more phonetic than the earlier one. In Part II he tries to convey

the hard times that his ancestors went through as working class citizens. Similar to the theme of the entire book, he targets the working class and all the trials and tribulations that they went through as a result of their social status and their environment. Quinn himself has noted holding many odd jobs throughout his lifetime, as well as

literary jobs, and still remaining poor after all of them.

The purpose of his book was to re-invoke the time of his ancestors and to never forget what the working class endured throughout history, he said. He hopes his readers will enjoy it and be able to relate to it.

Quinn will be holding a book

signing for "Organized Labor" on Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at the Carnegie Room, inside the Belleville library. Anyone interested in purchasing his book can log onto www.authorhouse.com and type in the book's title.

Quinn is also coming out with an operetta on May 15, titled "Opera in the Springtime," which

he directed and produced. The opera will showcase performances of two sopranos, he said, at the Bickford Theatre/Morris Museum once again. For tickets, call the box office at (973) 971-3707.

Anna Spiewak's e-mail address is spiewak@northjersey.com

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Pego returns from Afghan tour

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Jose A. Pego, son of Juana M. and Andres Pego of Belleville, recently returned from a deployment to Afghanistan while assigned to Company E, 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, stationed at Camp Lejeune, N. C. The company was deployed as a surge force specifically for the Afghan presidential election cycle.

Among other missions, Pego and his fellow Marines provided security to Afghan President Hamid Karzai during the first presidential elections in that country in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

After the inauguration, President Karzai expressed his gratitude to the Marines in Pego's unit by presenting them an autographed photo.

Pego is a 2002 graduate of Science High School of Newark.

Seton Hall honors locals students

Seton Hall Preparatory School, West Orange, has announced its first trimester honor roll.

Jonathan Yochum of Belleville received first honors.

Daniel McLane, David Morgan, Joseph Cofone and Phananh Pham earned second honors and Angelo DiLeo was commended.

Income based lunch available at GSA

Good Shepherd Academy of Nutley announced that it will again participate in the federal lunch and milk programs for the 2004-2005 school year. These programs make available to school families free or reduced prices for lunch and milk.

Red Cross cupboards bare

Help stock the shelves this summer at the Montclair-Glen Ridge-Nutley Red Cross Food Pantry at 169 Chestnut St., Nutley.

During the autumn and winter months, food donations decline and the Red Cross is asking for community support in stocking the pantry with items such as cereal, Parmalat, canned fruit and vegetables, pasta sauce, beef stew, coffee and tea. Deliver food donations to the Chapter at 169 Chestnut Street in Nutley between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For additional information, or if an organization would like to participate in a food drive, call Susan Schwei at (973) 667-3818. In the past year, the Red Cross Food Pantry has served 875 families who needed assistance.

County Exec unveils \$588 million budget

BY PAUL BRUBAKER
North Jersey Community Newspapers

Just before Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo released his recommended \$587.7 million budget for 2005, he alluded to his experience on the Barringer High School football team in Newark.

"Being a quarterback and the athlete that I am, I look at records," DiVincenzo said at a press conference at his office in Newark Jan. 13.

Among the "records" he noted was that 2005 was the second year that the Essex County budget was submitted by the state's deadline of Jan. 15. This year, the county budget was two days early.

For the third consecutive year, the county's tax rate has decreased, and for the first time in 15 years, the county did not have to borrow cash to address short-term needs.

In the past two years, the size of the Essex County government has been downsized by 393 positions, and \$15 billion of ratable properties have come into Essex.

"The county is totally different than it's ever been. It's a business," DiVincenzo said.

But in business, the numbers that matter most are not on a scoreboard, but on the bottom line. This year, the county's bottom line represents a \$41.3 million increase over 2004.

What that will mean to county taxpayers won't be known until the Essex County Tax Board releases its equalization table in March, which will indicate what each of Essex County's 22 municipalities will pay toward the county tax levy.

Last year, Montclair had the greatest household increase in county taxes, \$93.55 per lot, a fact

that tax officials attributed to the township not having conducted a revaluation of its properties since the Montclair Connection's completion in 2002 sparked skyrocketing housing prices.

In the meantime, DiVincenzo has been using opportunities to take inventory of his administration's accomplishments.

On his way to Acting Gov. Richard J. Codey's "State of the State" address Jan. 11, the county executive made a stop at The Montclair Times to discuss the first half of his term.

The Halftime Report

The Essex County government that DiVincenzo inherited was strapped by a \$64 million budget deficit and shamed by two previous county executives being convicted on corruption charges.

Charged with his slogan of "Putting Essex County First," DiVincenzo aimed to restore public confidence in the county by jump-starting capital projects that had languished unfinished under the prior administrations.

A new county jail was 40 percent complete when DiVincenzo took office in January 2003. A little more than a year later, it was finished under budget, at a cost of \$416 million, with the inmates from the old jails in Newark and North Caldwell relocated to the completed facility.

"The thing is to stop the bleeding for the taxpayers," DiVincenzo said. "If I didn't get involved...that jail wouldn't have been done until 2006 or 2007."

DiVincenzo said that by playing the role of construction manager, he made sure the job was done on time and avoided building costs being driven up by delays.

He used the same principle in completing renovations to the athletic facilities in Brookdale Park, the parking deck at South Mountain Arena in West Orange, and the recently completed restoration of the Essex County Courthouse in Newark.

After 25 years of neglect, Essex County's parks, the nation's oldest county park system, have received \$62 million in state Green Acres funds with the help of nonprofit conservancy groups that he helped institute, DiVincenzo said.

Overall spending has been reduced by \$31 million over the past two years, and a hiring freeze has been in effect since June 1, 2003.

These measures have revitalized the confidence of two Wall Street ratings houses, Moody's Investor Services and Fitch Ratings, that had threatened to downgrade the county's bond rating at the beginning of DiVincenzo's term.

The county executive also won praise in October 2004 for his ethics reforms, which included creating an Inspector General's Office and appointing a Board of Ethics. DiVincenzo also gathered county department heads for an anti-corruption seminar at which the keynote speaker was U.S. Attorney Christopher Christie, the man who put the last county executive, James Treffinger, in jail.

As part of his initiatives for property tax relief, DiVincenzo has been pushing to get the state to assume the cost of the Essex County Prosecutor's Office, since it is one of the state-mandated expenses that constitutes 62 percent of the county budget.

In September 2004, Codey went to the Hall of Records to pledge his support for legislation that would provide for the state to assume 10 percent of the office's budget per year, compounded annually for 10 years until the state would assume the entire cost.

That legislation is expected to be acted upon by the state Legislature by early February. If the bill is approved, then it would amount to \$4 million in tax savings in 2005, based on the office's 2004 \$35 million budget, and DiVincenzo's next move would be to lobby the state to assume \$15 million in courtroom expenses.

Holding the Line

DiVincenzo's property tax initiatives may not be enough for some Essex residents.

A year before DiVincenzo defeated GOP candidate Candace "Candy" Straight in November 2002, residents of Millburn voted in favor of studying secession from

the county as a way to reduce property taxes.

Since then, the Change County Government Steering Committee, an interlocal group of seven Essex municipalities, including Nutley, where DiVincenzo resides, has been methodically researching possibilities of reducing the size and cost of county government.

Last month, Montclair Mayor Ed Remsen, who has hosted the committee's monthly meetings, said that members were looking into county services that could be more efficiently provided by municipalities, and examining case studies of states, such as Connecticut, that have eliminated county government.

Remsen said the committee would peruse the 2005 county budget, with particular attention to its debt service, which increased from \$63 million to \$83 million this year.

As he has in the past, DiVincenzo said the committee was "a political thing," citing the involvement of Straight and other political foes.

But interestingly, he has begun to adopt the language of his adversaries as a way to hold the line against their drive.

"Why don't we combine municipalities? You've got 567 of those," DiVincenzo asked, suggesting the size of municipal governments could also be reduced to lower taxes.

DiVincenzo also said that there were some services that municipalities could provide better than the county. Last year, he reached an interlocal agreement with Montclair Township Manager Joseph M. Hartnett. Montclair assumed the responsibility of removing leaves from and making spot pothole repairs to county roads in the township in exchange for the county's installation of energy-saving traffic lights at 14 intersections. Glen Ridge also uses interlocal agreements by utilizing Montclair's fire department and Bloomfield's animal shelter.

He also cited states such as North Carolina where county (not local) government carried the brunt of public responsibilities.

Finally, DiVincenzo is assembling a committee of his own that will study county government in the context of the entire tax dollar. Among the questions DiVincenzo's committee might investigate is whether dollars from the state lottery and casinos allotted to the education system are used efficiently.

The Goal Post

In the face of growing opposition to county government, DiVincenzo's greatest asset may be his own agility on the political gridiron.

Following the Democratic primary in 2002, he managed to win over Codey, who had favored former state and county party chairman Thomas Giblin for the party's nomination for county executive.

Since then, Codey has joined DiVincenzo at the Hall of Records on a number of momentous public occasions.

In turn, DiVincenzo has pledged his support to Codey, should he decide to run for governor, even though Sen. Jon Corzine has sought the county executive's help.

DiVincenzo said he has no aspirations of his own to be governor. But DiVincenzo said that he does intend to run for re-election in 2006, which inherently brings up the possibility that his administration could end with the next election.

That only gives him cause to consider the Essex County government he will leave behind.

"When I leave this county, when I decide or the people decide, I know I can look back and say I made a difference," DiVincenzo said. "This form of government, the county executive form, is the best form of government...as long as you have the right person that's doing the job."

And DiVincenzo believes the difference he has made will lead him to a second term.

"I don't do things just for political purposes. I enjoy getting things done," he said. "My record speaks for itself."



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OATH OF OFFICE

On Jan. 4, Rep. Bill Pascrell was sworn in for his fifth term as part of the 109th Congress. The festivities took place at Fran O'Brien's Steakhouse in Washington D.C. where Pascrell was joined by constituents. From left are Billy Pascrell III, the representative's son; Rep. Bill Pascrell and his wife, Elsie Pascrell. The oath is being read by friend Adolf Galluccio.

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Dorothy G. Moormann

A service for Dorothy G. Moormann, 94, of Hackettstown was offered Saturday in the Van Tassel Chickene-Brown Funeral Home, Bloomfield.

Mrs. Moormann died Jan. 11 in the Heath Village Nursing Home, Hackettstown.

Born in Irvington, she lived in Bloomfield and West Orange before moving to Hackettstown.

Surviving are daughters, Lois Duffy, Linda Florentino and Joan Greene; 16 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Carmella Scanzillo

A Mass for Carmella Scanzillo, 87, of Belleville was offered Jan. 18 in Holy Family Church, Nutley, after the funeral from the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mrs. Scanzillo, who died Jan. 14 at home, was a seamstress for many

years before retiring 25 years ago.

She was a member of the Belleville Senior Citizens and a volunteer at Clara Maass Medical Center in Belleville.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Scanzillo moved to Belleville 41 years ago.

Surviving are a son, Louis; brothers, Rocco and Ralph Napoli, and two grandchildren.

Frank M. Zarillo

Frank M. Beam Zarillo, 54, of Belleville died Jan. 23 in Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville.

A service was offered Jan. 27 in the Vander May Wayne Colonial Funeral Home, Wayne.

Mr. Zarillo worked for Marvec Inc., Verona, for the past three years. He also was part owner and founder of American Central Plumbing Supply Inc., East Orange, and owner of the New Dawn Beverage Inc., Parsippany, a Coca-Cola route. Earlier, Mr. Zarillo was a route salesman for the Coca Cola Bottling Co. of New York in Newark and Parsippany.

Born in Orange, he lived in Parsippany, Verona and Wayne before moving to Belleville seven years

ago.

Surviving are sons, Michael and Matthew; a sister, Carmella Augustino, and his companion, Donna Fischetta.

Helen Hoey

A service for Helen Hoey, 77, of Belleville was held Jan. 25 in the Kiernan Funeral Home, Belleville.

Mrs. Hoey, who died Jan. 21 in Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville, worked for the A and P Laundry, Belleville, for 35 years before retiring in 1989.

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

Surviving are William, her husband of 55 years, and two grandchildren.

John D. Livolsi

A Mass for John D. Livolsi, 61, of Belleville was offered Jan. 19 in St. Stephen's Church, Kearny, after the funeral from the Edward T. Reid Home for Funerals, Kearny.

Mr. Livolsi, who died Jan. 15 in Beth Israel Hospice, Newark, was a salesman for the Unity Graphics

and Engraving Co., Englewood, since 1994. Previously he was an engraver for the Troy Rubber Engraving Co. in West Orange.

Born in Jersey City, he lived in Kearny and Lyndhurst before moving to Belleville six years ago.

Surviving are daughters, Gina Barrett, Jennifer McGrath and Denise; a son, Mark; sisters, Joyce Ferrero, Diane Pierro and Pamela Dunn; a brother, Paul, and five grandchildren.

Adele Marchesini

A Mass for Adele Marchesini, 97, of Belleville was offered Jan. 20 in St. Peter's Church, Belleville, after the funeral from the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mrs. Marchesini, who died Jan. 17 in Gates Manor, Montclair, was a machine operator at the R&L Draisin Co., Belleville, for many years before retiring in 1984.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church Seniors, Newark.

Born in Dover, N.Y., she lived in Belleville most of her life.

Surviving are daughters, Lydia

D. Sutton and Elda Ocello; sons, Eugene and Joseph; sisters, Elda Dorigatti and Lydia Morriello; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Jennie T. D'Ambola

A Mass for Jennie T. "Jo Ann" D'Ambola, 86, of Belleville was offered Jan. 21 in St. Mary's Church, Nutley, after the funeral from the Megaro Memorial Home, Belleville.

Mrs. D'Ambola died Jan. 17 in Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville.

Born in Montclair, she moved to Belleville 47 years ago.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas; a son, Thomas; daughters, Rosemary Borosovich and Denise Knapp; brothers, Gus and Joseph Bevilacqua; sisters, Antoinette Graziano, Millie Zaino, Angie Liggeri and Nancy Bevilacqua; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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Bucs storm by Barringer and Paramus

BY MIKE LAMBERTI
for Belleville Times

Slowly, but surely, things are starting to come together for the Belleville boys' basketball team.

Duane Eason's team won two league contests last week, downing Paramus 51-34 and Barringer, 69-40.

The Bucs took a 3-9 record into a game at Clifton earlier this week. This evening, the Bucs host

Kennedy at 7 and this Saturday, the team will play a preliminary round, Essex County Tournament game at a site and time to be determined. Next Tuesday, the Bucs visit Bloomfield.

"We're playing better, the chemistry is coming around," Eason said after his team's two victories last week. "The guard play continues to improve and our seniors are stepping into important leadership roles."

Against Paramus, sophomore forward Rahmid Thompson led Belleville with 21 points, including 15 in the first half. Lucius Millinder scored 20 points, 16 in the second half when the Bucs opened up a close game and won going away.

Belleville led 16-5 after one quarter but Paramus came back to cut the deficit to 21-19 at the half.

"I was angry with our lack of intensity in the second quarter," Eason said. "I told the kids they

can't take anything for granted, especially in league play."

Heeding their coach's advice, the Bucs opened the third quarter with a 10-0 run, including two 3-point baskets by Thompson, to put the game away.

Against Barringer, the Bucs opened a 12-0 lead in the first quarter and never looked back. Ten Belleville players scored in the game, led by Millinder's 28 points and nine each by Joshua Droz and

Thompson.

"Droz and (Danny) Baker have been outstanding for us," Eason said of the seniors. "They've been ready and steady for us, and that's really important for a young team."

"It's also good to have Rahmid Thompson back in the lineup. He gives us a good offensive presence, and helps open things up for Lucius."

Girls' basketball team enters ECT

BY MIKE LAMBERTI
for Belleville Times

On the heels of its most successful week in four years, the Belleville girls' basketball team has entered the Essex County Tournament.

First-year coach Dilma Hernandez saw her young team improve to 4-7 last week after a pair of NNJIL victories against Barringer 48-37 and Paramus, 47-35. The four victories this year are more than the program compiled in the last three seasons combined.

Belleville travels to Paterson Kennedy tonight at 7 and St. Vincent's Academy tomorrow at 4. On Saturday, the team travels to Glen Ridge for a 2 p.m. tip in the preliminary round of the county tournament. Next Tuesday, the girls play host to Bloomfield.

"The kids have worked hard and it's good to see them get a few wins," Hernandez said. "I'm really happy with the defensive intensity and the way we're starting to click on offense, too."

In Belleville's win over Paramus, the Bucs took an 8-5 lead after one quarter and extended the margin to 24-8 at halftime.

"We hit the boards pretty well and got our running game going," Hernandez said.

Christina Lopez's 18 points led Belleville. Tiyantha Barnes had 16 points and pulled down 14 rebounds. Stephanie Gomez and Samantha Baker scored four each, Jackie Hernandez finished with three and Veronica Colson had two points.

Against Barringer, Barnes had 17 points and 19 boards to lead another solid effort. Baker, a freshman, finished with 15 points while Lopez, Gomez, Hernandez and Akiilah Robinson scored four each.

"The kids are starting to understand the defensive schemes," Dilma Hernandez said. "And I think their confidence level is getting better with each game."

Belleville's entry into the county tournament is its first since 2001.

"It's important for our kids to get the experience of playing in the county tournament," Hernandez said. "We face a good Glen Ridge team on Saturday, and if we're fortunate enough to advance, we play Bloomfield Tech in the next round, and they're the second seed in the tournament. If we're going to get better, we need to be in games like that."

Luongo dinner raises \$50,000

BY MIKE LAMBERTI
for Belleville Times

The first Robert Luongo ALS Dinner, held last week at Nanina's in the Park, raised over \$50,000 according to the charity's host, Phil Cuzzi.

"I'm excited and honored to say we raised over \$50,000 last week," Cuzzi said of the dinner dance and sports memorabilia auction. "I can't thank everyone enough for their generosity and compassion."

Cuzzi was the chief architect in planning the dinner, which honored his friend, Robert Luongo, who died of ALS, better known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, last March at the age of 49. Luongo was a 1973 Belleville High School graduate and former football standout. He went on to attend Harvard University and had a successful business career in Florida before being stricken with the disease in 2000.

Last week's dinner, which featured a silent auction of sports memorabilia and a live auction of items such as an autographed Derek Jeter jersey and a ball signed by Jeter, Alex Rodriguez and Joe Torre, drew nearly 500 people.

"I was told our dinner had a record

crowd for a single event at Nanina's," Cuzzi, a classmate of Luongo at Belleville, said. "They say that you should never forget where you came from. With a community like ours, who would want to?"

Veteran Major League umpire Bruce Froemming was the guest speaker and Froemming later helped with the live auction.

Cuzzi presented a check for \$3,000 to the Florida ALS Foundation, which helped Luongo during his illness. The funds will also be used to help establish a college fund for Luongo's 10-year-old daughter, Dominique.

"I made a promise to Robert that I would see to it that his daughter went to college," Cuzzi said. "Whether she decides to follow in her father's footsteps and go to Harvard is up to her, but I want to make sure she has that opportunity."

Luongo's widow, Debra, who came up from Florida with her daughter for the dinner, was overwhelmed.

"I can't say enough about all these people and their love for Robert," Debra Luongo said. "It's just incredible. This was a beautiful event and signifies how much Robert meant to so many people."

Girls' basketball team playing well; hopeful for states

Buc Shots made its debut on Feb. 1, 1979 with an article about the Belleville girls' basketball team. Twenty six years later, the girls' basketball program is making news once again, this time in a resurgent manner.

Last Sunday, I was talking to Belleville's first-year head coach Dilma Hernandez about her team and got the impression pretty quickly that Hernandez, a former standout player at Belleville in the mid 1990s, is the perfect coach for this team.

Hernandez played her high school ball at Belleville for Coach Cheryl Marion. She later became an assistant coach under Marion in 2001 and when Marion resigned following that season, she stayed on for three years as an assistant to Joann Mosley before taking the reigns as head coach when Mosley retired after last season.

Hernandez enjoys teaching an up tempo game with an emphasis on strong defense.

"We're starting to play with more intensity," Hernandez said. "The kids are working hard and buying into the defense. It's good

to see them enjoying some success."

After a slow start, Belleville has played well of late. The Bucs won two games last week and took a 4-7 mark into this week's action. The four wins this year are already twice the victories the program compiled over the last three years.

On Saturday, Belleville plays in the Essex County Tournament for the first time in four years when it travels to Glen Ridge for a preliminary round contest.

Hernandez understands the importance of her team playing in the ECT.

"We're not expecting to win it this year," the coach said. "But we need to play in the tournament so the kids can see what it's like to compete at this level. There are some great teams here, and there's no reason why we shouldn't see what it's all about."

Before any of Hernandez's current players were born, Belleville was a serious player in the county tournament. Under Coach Karen Fucello, Belleville advanced to the 1984 county final before losing a three-point contest to



BUC SHOTS
MIKE LAMBERTI

Shabazz. It also played in the county semifinals in 1979 and 1983. From 1977 through 1984, the program enjoyed seven straight winning seasons.

Belleville's last winning season, however, occurred in 1989, when that team, led by 1,000-point scorers Simone Edwards and Laurie Dondarski, finished 13-12.

"It's been a while since the program has done really well," Hernandez said. "In the league we play in, it won't be easy, but we're starting to come around. We have a good feeder program in the seventh and eighth grades, and that's where we have to build for the future."

Point guard Christina Lopez guided the Belleville offense to wins over Barringer and Paramus last week. Tiyantha Barnes had double-doubles last week, scoring 17 points and grabbing 19

rebounds against Paramus and tallying 16 points and 14 rebounds in the Barringer game.

Freshman Samantha Baker scored 15 points in the Barringer game. Stephanie Gomez, Jackie Hernandez, Veronica Colson and Akiilah Robinson have all turned in solid efforts.

While it might be looking too far ahead, the thoughts of Belleville qualifying for the state tournament aren't totally out of the realm of possibility. It needs a big week this week and has to be at .500, or better by next Friday.

"One step at a time," Hernandez said. "When the season started, I was hoping we could win five games. Now, I think we have a chance to better that, but we are young, and we have a long way to go."

Twenty six years ago, the first Buc Shots column I wrote spoke of players like Robin Giordano, Joyce Iacullo and Karen Portuese, along with a Suburban program that would later produce Jennifer Apicella, Dina DeAquino and Loreli Wells. That '78-79 team would finish 16-7 and gain a berth in the county semifinals.

Now, with a new generation of young players on the horizon, there's hope once again.

Hernandez is certainly enjoying her first year as a varsity head coach. And her team seems to appreciate her energy and commitment to bringing Belleville girls basketball back to the forefront.

After 24 years, the Philadelphia Eagles are going to the Super Bowl, where they will face a tremendous challenge in the form of the defending champion New England Patriots.

There was a time in the 1990s when my father and I had season tickets for the Eagles. I can't tell you how many times we made that trip down the New Jersey Turnpike for an Eagles game, with both of us hoping that one day, we'd see them in the Super Bowl.

On Jan. 22, 2004, my father passed away. A year and a day later, the Eagles clinched a berth in the Super Bowl by beating Atlanta, 27-10. My father would have been pretty pleased with

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that.

As for me, I'm a Cleveland Browns fan, first and foremost, but deep down, there's a part of me that would really like to see the Eagles win it on Feb. 6. My father and I might not watch the games together any more, but the memories of those trips to Philly will always be special and the thought of the Eagles holding that trophy at game's end on Feb. 6 would certainly make my father, and I, pretty happy.

As I look back on the first anniversary of my father being called home, I realize I understand him now, a lot more than I ever thought possible growing up.

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Bucs next big opponent reeling from tough loss

BY TIMOTHY DENMAN
of Belleville Times

The Glen Ridge girls' basketball team squared off with Montclair Kimberley Academy on the hardwood last Friday night with second place on the line in the Colonial Hills Conference.

Both teams were 6-3 going into the match up, but unfortunately for the Ridgers it didn't materialize into the game many thought it would be, as the Ridgers were run out of their own gym 40-23.

"We have to give them credit," Ridger Head Coach Maria DiCondia said of MKA. "They executed their offense very well and were real tough on defense."

"That being said however we were all a little disappointed with our performance. We shot poorly and turned the ball over way too much. We didn't play our game against MKA and it showed in the final score."

The Ridgers are an inexperienced squad, with a lot of underclassmen on the roster, but have been playing solid to start the season, and their coach has been seeing improvement with every game.

Senior Sara Kruse is one of the team's starting forwards and carries the Ridgers on the boards. The

captain is also the team's most prolific three-point shooter.

Fellow senior Amy Trojanowski is the team's other captain. Trojanowski's main responsibility is eight to 10 foot jump shots, and ball distribution on the offensive side of the floor. "Amy is a solid smart player who knows her role," DiCondia said.

Junior Lyndsay McMahon is the team's point guard and, along with Kruse, leads the team in scoring. "Lyndsay is always around the ball," DiCondia said. "On offense she brings the ball up and runs the point, and has a nose for the ball on defense."

Junior forward Allie Russamano is averaging five points per game in the early going this season, and has done an exceptional job pulling down rebounds on both ends of the floor.

The Ridgers have been mixing and matching players in the fifth spot, and DiCondia is happy to be able to get as many people into the starting lineup as possible.

Katie Lopes, Lizzie Ruiz, and Adrienne Cohen have been seeing the majority of the time in the fifth spot. "It is good to give everyone a chance to start and get some minutes," DiCondia said.

The Ridgers have a solid 6-4

record and are looking to keep its record above the .500 mark come late February to qualify for the state tournament.

Up next for the Ridgers is

Immaculate tomorrow night at home at 7 p.m. and an Essex County Tournament game on Saturday afternoon against Belleville at home at 2 p.m.



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The Bucs will have to contend with Ridger point guard Lyndsay McMahon in their first round ECT game this weekend.

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Bethany Lutheran Church

Healing prayers Feb. 6

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Bethany Lutheran Church, located at the corner of Joralemon and New streets, Belleville, is a "Reconciling in Christ" parish of Lutherans Concerned, welcoming and including gay and lesbian persons. It is the stated policy of this congregation to welcome and fully include persons of every race, age, gender, marital status, ability and sexual orientation. Worship services are held at 9 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. year-round. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study each begin at 9 a.m. Child-care is available. Call the church office at 973-759-1555 for further information.

River of Life Assembly of God

River of Life Assembly of Belleville will hold a discussion of "The End of the World as We Know It" with questions from the "Left Behind" movies and other

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The talks begin Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

River of Life Assembly of God meets at 174 Homes St., Belleville in a casual worship setting. For more information, call the church office at 973-759-0726 or visit online

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Christ Episcopal Church

"Lucia di Lammermoor" Feb. 6

New York Opera Forum will return to Christ Episcopal (Anglican) Church on Sunday, Feb. 6 at 3 p.m. to present a concert performance of Gaetano Donizetti's opera "Lucia di Lammermoor." The suggested donation at the door is \$10. The event will be directed by the group's Director of Music, Richard Nechamkin.

Feast of Candlemas Feb. 2

Christ Church will observe the Feast of Cadlemas on Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. with a Festival Eucharist. Rev. Paul Walker will officiate and preach.

The Feast of the Presentation of Our Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple is celebrated 40 days after the birth of Jesus, and reminds Christians of the Jewish law that every first born son had to be dedicated to God in memory of the Israelites' deliverance from Egypt, when the first born sons of the Egyptians died and those of Israel were spared. The day is called "Candlemas" because the candles for the

coming year are blessed at the service.

Gay Fellowship Dinner

Gay, Lesbian and Friends Community Fellowship will host a Lenten Folk Mass Liturgy and dinner Saturday, Feb. 12 at the church. The liturgy will be offered at 6 p.m. and will be followed by a light supper at the Vicarage at 7 p.m. For more information, call Christ Church at 973-751-0616.

Black History Month Celebration

Christ Episcopal Church has announced its annual Solemn Evensong in Black-Church Tradition for Sunday, Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. The service is given in observance of African-American History Month. Rev. Paul Walker will officiate and the guest preacher will be Rev. Willie James Smith. The public is invited to attend. The church will be adorned with vestments and hangings made of Kente cloth and there will be a large number of Gospel pieces.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Christ Church will hold its annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Feb. 8 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the church. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased by phoning the church at 973-751-0616.

Shrove Tuesday is the day before the beginning of season of Lent, called Ash Wednesday. On Shrove Tuesday Christians were "shriven" to seek private confession before the beginning of Lent. In some places it is referred to as "Fat Tuesday" or "Mardi Gras" because there is an old tradition that all of the butter and grease in the household are to be used up and not consumed during the 40

days of Lent. Hence the making of pancakes, doughnuts and the like grew from that tradition.

Fewsmith Memorial Church

Fewsmith Memorial Presbyterian Church at Union Avenue and Little Street in Belleville will make a daily commitment to gather in the sanctuary to pray for those on its prayer list. A House of Prayer service will also be held every second and fourth Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. for spiritual healing and wholeness.

An expansion of this ministry begins Jan. 11 for healing and wholeness with the laying on of hands. The inspiration for this par-

ticular ministry comes from Isaiah 56: 7,8 "...for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations. "The Sovereign Lord declares - he who gathers the exiles of Israel. 'I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered.'"

Prayers will also be offered for the victims of the tsunami in South East Asia, for the victims of Sudan, and for the hopes of peace in the Middle East and all nations.

Christ Church is an inclusive community church in the Anglican tradition, located at 393 Washington Ave., between Joralemon and Essex streets, in the Township of Belleville. For more information, call the church at 973-751-0616.

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to better life for all.
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One of her daughters has a poster with the saying, “Be afraid to die until you’ve made a positive

impact on mankind. Another one of her daughters gave away her coat to another girl she saw freezing on the street.
She is proud of her daughters, including her youngest, who feeds the homeless and suggested, for Christmas gifts, that the family make donations to charities in the names of other family members.

She said she volunteers wherever she sees a need, leading her to conflict mediation, being affirmative action officer and representing her fellow special education teachers.
She said she has seen with special education that sometimes students are given up on or told they can’t succeed.

“I say there is a reason for you to be here,” Cooper said. “If mankind is going to make it, each generation of kids has to show the way.”
All in all, Cooper said it’s been quite a journey.
Richard Dickon’s e-mail address is dickon@northjersey.com

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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 Pl., 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 Shaffie 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 Ln., 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. Call 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, Washington School library, 155 Washington Ave., 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.

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Eating disorders, 10 to 11:30 p.m. second Sundays, Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge. Sponsored by New Jersey Chapter of the American Anorexia/Bulimia Association. \$5 donation per family requested. For info, call Barbara Reese at 783-2292.

Persons with depression and manic depression, 7:30 to 9 p.m. second and fourth Thursday nights, St. Cassian's Church, 187 Bellevue Ave., Upper Montclair. Family members also welcome. For info, visit <http://community.njcom/cc/dmda.essexcounty>.

Parkinson Support Group, 10 a.m. third Saturdays, private dining room, Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge. Call Wilma McKay at 694-2759.

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

American Cancer Society support groups. Stress reduction and guided imagery and relaxation through music, 1:30 p.m. Fridays, 428 Franklin Ave., Nutley. Open to the community. For info, call 667-1613 or Manny Pena-Perich at 736-7770; Make Today Count, for patients, family and friends, third Tuesdays, and New Beginnings, for breast cancer patients, Essex Oncology Group, 36 Newark Ave., Suite 304, Belleville, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Light refreshments. Call 751-5757 to register; E-CAP support group, open to all cancer patients, techniques of visualization, meditation, stress reduction, discussion period, 1 to 3 p.m. Fridays, 363 Centre St., Nutley. To register, call Mary Jo Dell'Orto at 667-1613.

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Depression And Bipolar Support Alliance, monthly lecture meeting, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 29, Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Road, Morristown. Call 994-1143.

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Non Public**

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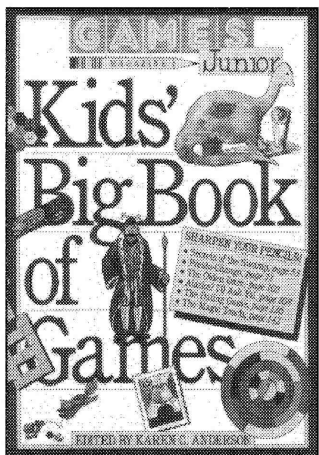
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