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# You wanna piece of this?

The redcoats are back — young Belleville patriots needed to enlist Page 7



JOHN MONTALVO/BELLEVILLE TIMES

Okay, so he's donning the enemy's garb, but local re-enactor Tom Idenden says that the new Venture Crew, starting up next month, will recreate the lives and exploits of the Second Regiment of Essex County. Young men and women ages 14 to 20 are welcome to experience, firsthand, life during the War of Independence.



■ A burglary and theft was reported from a 1997 Honda parked in the Gold's Gym parking lot, 371 Cortlandt St. on Feb. 13. The vent window was broken, and a leather handbag was reported stolen.

■ A laptop computer was reported stolen from an apartment in the 600 block of Joralemon Street, after entry was gained through the front door on Feb. 9.

■ Police arrested and charged Maria Maiella, 35, of Belleville with possession of three wax folds of heroin marked "Bang Bang" after a motor vehicle stop at Mill Street and Franklin Avenue on Feb. 8. Bail was set at \$250. The heroin was found after she was stopped for being a revoked driver.

■ Police arrested and charged Danielle Imperiale, 18, of Belleville with possession of drug paraphernalia, a clear white vial featuring white residue, after a motor vehicle stop of a taxicab at Franklin Street on Feb. 10. The taxi driver was ticketed for making an illegal turn, and she tried to exit the car and drop the vial.

■ Police arrested and charged Nicholas Kampolis, 40, of Clifton with possession of three wax folds

of heroin labeled "D.O.A." and being a revoked driver, after a motor vehicle stop on Route 21 on Feb. 10. He had warrants totaling \$2,500 from Wayne, Newark, Rockaway, North Arlington and Kearny.

■ Police arrested and charged Saul Rivera, 36, of Belleville with driving while intoxicated, being a revoked driver and leaving the scene of an accident on Feb. 12. Police said his car struck a parked car on Union Avenue, and he left the car there, running on foot to a residence, where police questioned him and charged him with DWI. Bail was \$500. He had outstanding warrants totaling \$400 from Livingston and Newark.

■ Police arrested and charged Sandra Cabrera, 34, of Newark with possession of a hypodermic needle and being under the influence of heroin on Feb. 13. Police found a female walking in and out of traffic at Washington Avenue and Howard Place and Cabrera said she had just shot herself up with heroin.

*All persons arrested are considered innocent until proven guilty.*

## 4-way stops aim to protect youths

BY RICHARD DICKON  
of Belleville Times

Hornblower Avenue and Rossmore Place is the latest intersection in the Third Ward to be deemed dangerous by residents, according to Councilman George Ritacco.

They have enlisted Ritacco to examine whether a number of cross streets in that area should be turned from two-way stops to four-way stops in order to improve safety conditions.

The Third Ward runs west to east from the Belleville Recreation House on Joralemon Street to Route 21, and north to south, from Joralemon Street to the Newark line. A small cutout on Mill Street in Belleville Park is actually 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.

Hornblower Avenue and Rossmore Place is on the way to and from Belleville Middle School for many students, and the current two-way stop is dangerous according to some in the area. Ritacco would make it into a four-

way stop.

Middle School Principal Marilyn McGrath said that all of the intersections near the middle school can be dangerous, and any help would be welcome.

The changes could be coming sooner, thanks a change involving the state Department of Transportation (DOT), Ritacco said.

"The DOT has changed its procedure," he said. "The town has the right to do the four way stop on its own. We can enact it without DOT studies that we used to have to pay for."

The DOT changes make all the difference, Ritacco said.

"It's so much easier," he said. "It was so time consuming."

Ritacco said he mis-spoke in a previous article when he said the intersection at Hornblower Avenue and Holmes Street needed a four way stop. The cross streets already do.

"Hornblower and Rossmore is only a block away (from Hornblower Avenue and Holmes Street), and it's the same situation," he said. "It's dangerous crossing for the kids. We're working on it as we speak. Holmes and Cortlandt streets should be done sometime in March."

Ritacco said that residents had

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 over the long stretch of road, and are traveling 40 or 45 miles per hour by the time they get to the intersection, Ritacco said.

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.

McGrath said in a previous interview that all of the intersections on Holmes Street could use help, including crossing guards or a four-way stop. Parents, teachers and administrators have expressed concern about the intersections, although no stories were shared about close calls for accidents.

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# Soho passes, but with many conditions

BY ANNA SPIEWAK  
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After more than half a dozen hearings on the application, the planning board unanimously approved the proposed construction of 262 townhouses on the Soho property.

A gated community is planned for the 14.5-acre property on the corner of Belleville and Franklin avenues, behind the cancer center. The plans call for 18 buildings featuring three-story, two-bedroom townhouses with garages and outside parking.

But there were more than 45 conditions attached.

One of the conditions included dropping the easement concept of Community Mental Health center from the developer's project, which was seen as redundant to the application. Another one asks CMH and the developer to submit an application within six months for a parking and driveway plan for the buses that currently pick up chil-

dren from the CMH property. This proposal was mentioned at the previous meeting by Citizens for Responsible Redevelopment Chair Al Schmitt.

An additional condition requires Wellington Capital developer to get the Essex County Planning Board's approval for a deceleration lane and left-turn lane on Franklin Avenue prior to starting the project. If the county rejects the request, the developer must return to the township planning board.

The application approval was also contingent on developer, Jerry Nardella, forfeiting development rights to the "Great Lawn." The parcel of land on the property designated as open space is currently in litigation between Nardella and another developer, Kaiser Pathan, and will continue to be so for the next several years, said Planning Board Attorney Tom Dibiasi, adding that the lawsuit will not affect the other construction plans.

"We approved the project that was in the confines of the northern portion that had nothing to do with the Great Lawn (which is on the south end of the hospital)," he said.

Both Nardella and his attorney Ralph Salerno refrained from comment on the pending litigation for legal reasons.

As another condition, the planning board also asked that the project include a swimming pool, park benches, a tennis court and a fountain, said Deputy Mayor and Planning Board Member Louis Pallante.

Both Dibiasi and Mayor Gerald Digori credited the planning board and the current township council for cleaning up "the mess" that the previous administration left when it passed a so-called "spot-zoning" ordinance that allowed up to 25 units-per acre development on the former county property.

"This is the first administration in 50 years that has attracted a developer and made an upscale

project a reality," said Dibiasi.

The last development of this magnitude that the township saw was the Rutan Estates on Joralemon Street in the 1950s.

Pallante added that although the planning board did not get everything that it wanted, the developer was cooperative and amenable to its suggestions.

But resident Jeff Mattingly, who was disappointed with the outcome, said he's skeptical that the developer will be interested in forfeiting development rights to the Great Lawn.

"If he wishes to pursue and we have ordinances that allow for a similar application, we're setting ourselves up for another fall," said Mattingly referring to Nardella choosing to pursue the Great Lawn litigation to build something else on the property.

Mattingly said his main problem with the project is the degree of density, which he believes will eventually produce greater traffic, and overcrowding at schools.

"They have apartment square footages larger than my house," he said.

But Pallante said that the planning board not only got the developer to reduce the density from 25 to 18 units-per-acre, and include amenities in the project, but also reduce the height of the buildings from 65 to 32 feet.

"It was the goal of the planning board and the council to get something up there that was reasonable for the community, and I think we did that," he said, adding that the developers did not have to be as accommodating as they were.

The planning board will now start negotiating the developer's agreement and the developer "has to start chipping away at the conditions," said Dibiasi.

Nardella and Salerno were not available for comment before press time.

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## Belleville Schools strive to better report card rating

BY RICHARD DICKON  
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The school district's state Report Card shows the high school, middle school and School 4 not meeting Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), but the new Superintendent of Schools said plans are underway to change that.

"We did pretty good, and the good thing about the report card is it gives us specific areas to focus on," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edward Kliszus.

No matter what, he explained, measures will be taken.

"We will have a corrective action plan, and be proactive," he said. "It's in the planning stages."

All schools show a sizeable portion of their population as students who speak Spanish as a first language, led by School 8 with 42 percent.

"There has been a large Spanish speaking group moving into town for several years," Kliszus said. "Because of that, we need a strong ESL (English as a Second Language) program to help with test scores."

Language problems affect test scores because students can't understand the tests as well as they should.

The only other language that shows up at more than 2.5 percent in multiple schools, is Filipino, which is nearly 10 percent at School 10 and 4.4 percent at School 3.

Another problem with improving test scores is the ever-changing groups of students.

Kliszus reminded residents that because of the testing of fourth, eighth and eleventh graders each year, "We never have the same kids. It's a pretty powerful variable."

Plus, he said, if you compare test scores of kids who are in the schools from kindergarten, they are much higher than those constantly moving in and out.

"The mobility rate is 30 or 40 percent in and out of some of these schools," Kliszus said. "It's hard to get consistency."

The statistics show Schools 10, 3, 5, 8 and 9 up from last year in their math scores for fourth graders. School 4 is up, just not enough to make the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). The AYP is a standard set by the federal No Child Left Behind initiative that requires schools to improve test scores each year until they are passing in all areas.

Schools 7 and 8 are up in lan-

guage arts.

At the middle school, language arts is down while math and science are both up. At the high school, there is little change from last year.

Belleville has the lowest per pupil cost in the county at \$8,213, as compared to the state average of \$10,043.

The district has had the lowest cost per pupil for many years, probably because so many school budgets were defeated over the years that spending did not increase at the same rates as comparable schools in the county and state.

"It (low cost per pupil) makes it tough," Kliszus said. "We could have summer classes, evening classes, smaller class sizes, more computers and better software (if we raised it to the average or higher)."

To raise per pupil costs significantly would mean a large tax increase that would be voted down by voters and then cut by the township council, as is required by law.

Middle School Principal Marilyn McGrath said, "While I'm not proud of our standardized test scores, we are growing better every year, and striving to improve."

The school has math and lan-

'While I'm not proud of our standardized test scores, we are growing better every year, and striving to improve.'

Marilyn McGrath

Principal, Belleville Middle School

guage arts action plans put together by the appropriate supervisors.

"Last year and this year, we have fostered a program to infuse math across the curriculum," McGrath said.

Three teachers and McGrath attended a Middle Level Consortium where aspiring schools like BMS met with achieving schools to see what programs the successful schools had in place.

McGrath came away with more faith in her own teachers and less faith in expensive programs that are guaranteed to work.

"I think my teachers are strong enough to bring us where we need to go," she said.

Parents have access to funding for tutorial help at places like Huntington Learning Center.

McGrath said she thinks the

eighth grade testing and the report card "is a great idea. Parents need to know all the information contained in the report card. It's guiding us all to do a better job."

With the district focusing on preparing its budget, Kliszus is meeting with all administrators to come up with a plan to address any problems.

"There are things like staff development, adding curriculum reviews and computer software, plus remediation, like extra help in basic skills, language and math," he said. "We're meeting to see when we will finally have budget figures."

State law 1701 limits how much a district can hold as surplus, and will affect the budget process. Another bill, 3036, might add amendments to 1701 and ease restrictions, Kliszus said.

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### How Belleville fared

See how the Belleville schools stacked up against each other, similar schools in the District Factor Grouping (DFG) and the state averages, page 19.

## Belleville surgeon recounts rare, life-saving procedure

Days after Thanksgiving, 87-year-old Thelma Nelson of Montclair felt pains in her left side and back, and immediately called her physician. After her examination, she was instantly referred to a vascular surgeon. Nelson, who had a history of gastrointestinal problems, thought it was just that. In reality, it was a life-threatening problem that doesn't often come to mind when a layperson is trying to figure out what's wrong.

After several diagnostic tests, Dr. Raymond Holmes, vascular surgeon at Mountainside Hospital

who practices in Belleville, performed an endovascular stent graft on Nelson. It was concluded that she had a ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm, known to medical personnel as AAA or triple A.

"I was leaking blood near my aorta, and if I didn't have this special operation I would not be here - it would have been fatal," said Nelson.

Abnormal ballooning of the abdominal portion of the aorta causes an abdominal aortic aneurysm. The aorta is the major artery from the heart. Nelson's

strange feelings in her back and side were signs of an AAA. Typically, most people do not experience symptoms of a triple A. This type of aneurysm may be identified at a routine physical by a pulsatile mass in the middle or lower part of the abdomen. However, most are found through diagnostic imaging.

There are two treatments for this type of aneurysm, conventional surgery and endovascular stenting. Conventional or open surgery is used if the aneurysm is at risk to burst. However in Nelson's case, her aneurysm already had rup-

tured. Holmes decided that stenting was the best option. An endovascular stent procedure is when a synthetic tube covered by a tubular metal web is implanted into a diseased vessel. This procedure is done without surgically opening the tissue surrounding the diseased vessel.

"This type of aneurysm can occur in anyone; however there is a higher incidence in men aged 55 to 75," said Holmes. "Also, those who have an aortic rupture, like Mrs. Nelson, have less than a 50 percent survival rate."

After beating the odds, Nelson was determined to complete her physical therapy sessions at the hospital and walk without assistance. Once completing her goal, and with permission from her physicians, she was discharged from the hospital. She said she could not wait to get home to "vacuum and drive to Pompton Plains to visit her brothers and sister."

"As soon as the snow melts, I will go visit my siblings," said Nelson. "They need me. You know I am the baby of the family. They are all in their 90s."



## THE VALLEY

# Don't shed too many tears for WalMart

So, WalMart's intentions for Belleville seem less enthusiastic than before.

They still indicate interest in Belleville, but recent reports indicate that may be waning.

Does it matter? What miracles would the giant box store retailer work in the Valley anyway? Ever been to a WalMart? Do luxury hotels, four star restaurants and theatres sprout from its wings? Not really. So maybe we were putting too much emphasis on the retailer coming to Belleville. It probably wouldn't have transformed the Valley into some economic Mecca. It wouldn't necessarily have spurred that area's renaissance.

Chances are, it would have just attracted other eyesore retailers, and River Road

would have become another indistinguishable stretch of American highway, walled in by giant boxes and fluorescent lights.

We should try and view this as an opportunity to dream bigger. The 24-acre site is now zoned for commercial use, so the possibilities are limitless. Developers could construct a complex featuring a multiplex and several great restaurants. River Road could rival Nutley's "Restaurant Row" on Franklin Avenue, or Clifton Commons on Route 3.

With all the large scale housing being planned for Belleville — 262 townhouses at the Soho property and 96 units at the south end of Washington Avenue to name a few — Bellevilleites need a reason to stay in town

over the weekend.

The criticism could be raised that, being so close to Newark, such a place would attract the wrong crowd — gangs, muggers and hordes of troublemaking teenagers. But Belleville's police force has a reputation in the area for solid enforcement, and if the community and business owners make a stand from the beginning, these elements won't waste their time in Belleville.

Another option could be a sports arena. Everyone else seems to want one of those lately, why not Belleville? It may require the purchase of some surrounding property, but perhaps there are some nearby landowners willing to be tempted.

If WalMart doesn't come to Belleville, it's quite clear that it will probably build next door in Kearny. So shoppers with a hankering for the Rollback can get their fix across the river. It's a win-win situation if another great development comes to this town.

The owners of the property in question, Route 21 Associates, owe it to the township to choose a buyer that's going to elevate Belleville. They were given the lucrative commercial zoning in the trust that it would bring WalMart into town. They weren't able to hold that deal together, so they should make good on the trust bestowed in them by either retaining WalMart, or choosing something even better.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

# Retail/condo complex proposed for Washington Avenue

### Condominium on Washington Avenue

A new developer in town is applying for a subdivision site plan approval and variance before the zoning board in order to build a 96-unit, eight-story high condominium on the south end of Washington Avenue. The current property at 85-89 Washinton Avenue is occupied by a used car lot. Group

D Capital Partners is also looking to include three parking levels with one below grade, six levels of residential units above with commercial tenant space on the ground level. The variances are needed for use as a condominium, rear yard setback, lot coverage and the number of stories on the premises. A hearing will take place on the matter before the zoning board on

Thursday, March 3 at 7 p.m. inside the council chambers.

### New Bullet Proof Vests

The council approved a resolution allowing the Belleville Police Department to have 17 bullet-proof vests replaced with new ones as a result of a legal settlement between the manufacturers of the vests and the Southern States Police Benev-

olent Association. A police department in the midwest sued American Body Armor after two policemen wearing vests manufactured by them got shot with a bullet that penetrated through the vest. The vests are made from Kevlar, a man-made material that is woven tightly to stop a bullet from tearing through the material. The proposed settlement offers all depart-

ments who purchased the same model a free replacement of about three-year-old vests. The vests usually have a warranty of five years. According to Lt. Jerry Campanella, although usage of the vest is not mandatory, but encouraged, as time goes on, more township police officers are wearing the body armor underneath their uniforms or under plainclothes while

## LETTERS

### Paserchia fires back

#### TO THE EDITOR:

So Wal-Mart is not coming to Belleville. What a surprise! The fact of the matter is that WalMart never had any intentions of building a facility in Belleville. I know this because Wal-Mart has been actively pursuing the real possibility of locating in two of our neighboring communities, Bloomfield and Kearny. The scam perpetrated upon Belleville taxpayers by self proclaiming community activist Michael Perrone and his band of politically motivated cohorts has cost Belleville a redevelopment project which would have generated more than two hundred million dollars in new ratables.

Reading Mr. Perrone's Op/Ed pieces in last week's Belleville Times reaffirms my opinion that he is either motivated totally by political purposes or is completely ignorant of the way municipalities develop under utilized tracts of land.

Perrone writes that the former Walter Kidde site was being utilized by Max Finkelstein Tire Co.

for many years and therefore was not "vacant." While it may be true that tires were being stored on the property it is also true that our township was not getting the maximum amount of tax dollars from a property as large as the Walter Kidde site. The state of New Jersey by state statute grants municipalities the right to redevelop such under-utilized areas to generate the most taxes it can.

When I was mayor, the town council under the guidelines set forth by the state statute designated the 24-acre site "an area in need of redevelopment."

This then allowed the township to buy the land at fair market value and find a developer who was willing to come in with a plan which would realize the maximum amount of tax dollars for Belleville's treasury. Because Mr. Perrone and his associates were opposed to me both personally and politically, he successfully scared the residents of the Valley into believing that their homes would be bulldozed and they would be paid pennies for their property. This was never the case.

While it is my fault that communications between the Valley residents and the township were

not better Mr. Perrone and his gang are directly responsible for the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars in new ratables. Those new ratables would have generated more than seven million dollars in new revenues. While Mr. Perrone's actions were reprehensible, all of the blame should not be placed on him. Mayor DiGori and his brother-in-law Councilman Lou Palante were elected to represent us. One of their first actions upon taking office was to kill the redevelopment project.

Instead of proceeding with expanding Belleville's ratables base they worked hand in hand with Perrone and his lackeys. They may have won the battle but Belleville taxpayers lost the war. For the record it is worth noting that Woodmont Properties of Parsippany, the company which would have developed the property, did not have to take one residential property to implement the redevelopment. In addition, the New Jersey League of Municipalities called the Belleville redevelopment plan a model for municipal redevelopment.

What a tragedy it is when a few ignorant troublemakers can cost a whole township much needed rev-

enue.

The true tragedy is that we do not have elected officials with enough backbone to stand up and do what is right.

Angie Paserchia

### Remembering Pat Dunn

#### TO THE EDITOR:

On Feb. 4, Belleville firefighter and FMBA Local 29 President Pat Dunn passed away, losing a yearlong battle with stomach cancer.

I would like to offer my condolences and support to Pat's entire family, who have struggled along with him since last April. May all of you have faith that Pat has found peace in God's kingdom and understand that while he is no longer physically with us, his spirit lives on through us.

Pat poured his heart, mind and soul into the job as union president, one that he carried out to the best of his ability for the last 10 years. I must confess that in

the 20 years that I knew Pat, I can't recall too many battles where he did not come out on top. He was one of the best-prepared and well-thought-out negotiators that I've ever seen. No matter how small or large the issue, Pat would take it on, often becoming a one-man show. He loved to roll up his sleeves and convince you of how things should be done. These qualities made Pat a fixture at many town meetings, and a recognized community leader in the Township of Belleville, who fought for the rights of the members of the Belleville Fire Department.

The events that have taken place in the last year of Pat's life have taught me a valuable lesson (as if he hadn't already taught me enough): Life is a gift, not to be overlooked for one second. Embrace and enjoy it. Appreciate and respect your loved ones always, because we never know what's ahead for any of us.

Rest well and God bless you, Pat Dunn. We will all miss you and will never forget you.

Firefighter Joe Lipoma



# School officials answer task force criticism

BY RICHARD DICKON  
of Belleville Times

Officials and a consultant helping to market a multi-million dollar school referendum to the taxpayers recently defended the efforts of a group of volunteers from one of its own.

In order to build community support for the referendum, proposed for December, the school board formed the Belleville Schools' Community Facilities Taskforce (CFT). The group's mission is to assess the district's facilities and determine what has the most dire need. There is a \$20 million-plus building project proposed for School 4.

But task force member Vincent Frantantoni said in an earlier interview that a \$70 million referendum is being talked about right now, but he expects it may be reduced to as little as \$50 million to make it seem like the task force cut spending.

The district has hired Patricia Morris Associates, a firm specializing in facilities planning, at a cost of \$55,000. The firm's job is informing the public about exactly what projects the district will go to referendum on in the coming year.

But some say a more realistic term for the firm would be "consensus builder."

Frantantoni called Morris' presentation so far "extremely lacking."

Frantantoni said he thought Morris was there to help the task force create a "rubber stamp" for the board.

Morris defended her firm's efforts.

"Getting the community involved is a very important part of our process," she said, adding that her firm will print information, have question and answer periods, put information on the web and get voters to the polls.

As for Frantantoni's contention that the district is looking for a rubber stamp, Morris said, "That's not true. We're trying to get as much of the public to tell us what they feel is appropriate. There is no hidden agenda here."

She said Frantantoni's concerns are as important as anyone's in the room. "We're not just looking for 'yes men,' but those who have concerns so they can be expressed now, before we're voting."

Morris said her firm has had "a lot of success" in getting referendums passed in the past 21 years.

Those successes included North Brunswick, where two separate referenda were passed with Morris' help, the second for \$32 million, which went for school renovations. Then there was West Long Branch, where a referendum was passed for both renovations and to build a new media center connecting two schools, Morris said.

"We provide services to keep everybody informed, and get voters to the polls," she said. "We want the public engaged in the process."

School Administrator Edward Appleton also disputed Frantantoni's claim of a rubber stamp.

"It's just the opposite," he said. "Any referendum doesn't have a chance without community support. People need to see the merit and real value. The only way to find out is to bring them into the process."

He said that community members from the task force have gone from school building to school building to gather a perspective.

"They're going to come up with their recommendation," Appleton

said. "The board has no idea what will be out there."

He said Frantantoni was "wrapping this up in a more global, statewide context. Whether that has validity or not, our immediate concerns are the Belleville district."

Appleton said the district is entitled to a 40 percent reimbursement from the state for renovations, and a more complicated formula for reimbursement for rebuilding, like what is needed at School 4.

Taskforce member and senior citizen Eleanor Strollo is optimistic about the referendum.

"People are afraid of taxes," she said. "Nobody wants to pay - parents raising kids or those on fixed incomes."

She said the district should take advantage of the 40 percent reimbursement from the state. "It must be done anyway," she said. "We don't even know how much of a tax increase we're going to get. By the time it comes out, it might not be so bad. I see the glass as half full, never half empty."

There will be another four to seven task force meetings, said Appleton. They usually take place in the township library, but a walk-

through of School 4 was held recently to show the building's dilapidated state.

The meetings have drawn between 30 to 35 people, Appleton said.

The members have been breaking into smaller groups to discuss School 4, Belleville High School and various elementary school projects, he said.

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The Belleville High School Athletic Advisory Council will host its second annual "Belleville Pride Night" Feb. 18.

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The two-hour fundraising event begins at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance (973) 759-1816 or \$10 at the door. BHS teachers and coaches will challenge the Wiz-

ards. All proceeds will go towards supporting Belleville High School athletes.

Refreshments will be sold by the BHS Varsity Club and Wizards merchandise will be on sale. There will also be a Harlem Wizards half-time show and a special 50/50 raffle.

For more info, contact BHS Advisory Council President Jon Baker at the above number.

## Seton honors and School 4 registration

### Six locals honored

Seton Hall Preparatory School, West Orange, has announced its first trimester honor roll. From Belleville, **Jonathan Yochum** received first honors; **Daniel McLane**, **David Morgan**, **Joseph Coffone** and **Phananh Pham** received second honors; and **Angelo DiLeo** received commendation.

First honors comprises students whose grade point average is

above 4.0 Second honors comprises students whose grade point average is between 3.5 and 4.0 and commended comprises students whose grade point average is between 3.0 and 3.49.

### School 4 registration

School 4, 30 Magnolia St., will conduct registration for kindergarten on the following dates: 9:30 to 11 a.m., Monday, March

14 9:30 to 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 16

9:30 to 11 a.m. Friday, March 18.

Kindergarten orientation will take place at 9:30 a.m. on April 5. Registration packets may be picked up any day prior to these dates. The office is closed from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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# The call goes out for young Belleville patriots

BY JASMINE KHIRY  
of Belleville Times

Bellevillites will go to war against the British for the first time in two centuries.

On March 17, Captain Abraham Speer's Second Regiment of Essex County will be resurrected and looking for recruits at Belleville's Fewsmith Memorial Presbyterian Church on the corner of Union Avenue and Little Street.

The "Venture Crew," as it's called is formed within Boy Scout Troop 350 and will consist of males and females from the ages of 14 to 20.

Organizer and Venture Crew Leader Tom Idenden of Belleville

said there will be nothing like it.

"This living history program will give young men and women the opportunity to experience firsthand what it was like to be alive during the American War for Independence," he said.

Idenden was influenced to start the program by local historian Michael Perrone. The latter had made replicas of muskets that are only viewed on the Fourth of July at ceremonies at the Dutch Reformed Church in Belleville and Idenden felt that this was a shame.

"Too much work was put into making the muskets, to only be viewed briefly for just one day. If it were up to me I would have it on display as much as possible," said

Idenden.

Once the Venture Crew is created, Idenden plans to stay busy.

"At least with this crew we will be re-enacting battles and learning things rather than just doing nothing," he said.

Idenden has been doing reenactments ever since he witnessed one in Williamsburg, Va. four years ago. Now his whole family gets into the act.

"I feel more comfortable in the 18th Century than I do now," he said. "The pace is slower."

He usually dresses as a British soldier because, "the uniforms are better."

Idenden has chosen to re-create Captain Abraham Speer's Second Regiment of Essex County because

Speer was "a survivor." Speer and his family were all militiamen and very well regarded. He was elected by his peers as captain and for Idenden, that demonstration of respect stuck out.

"To lead your men through war and survive yourself is a great accomplishment," said Idenden.

The group will take weekend retreats, such as camping on historical sites and battlefields and will learn to cook an 18th century meal over a fire, make their own period clothing, perform military drills and maneuvers and discuss topics of historical relevance.

"It is a matter of teaching lifelong lessons, and working with



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Tom Idenden

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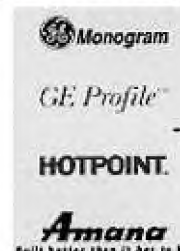
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# Police distribute gun locks to local owners

BY RICHARD DICKON  
of Belleville Times

Many feel that storing firearms in the home can be dangerous, so Belleville police are trying to increase safety for families.

On Feb. 6, the Belleville Police Department gave away free gun locks to families who choose to keep guns, but want to protect their children from them.

Police Sgt. Gerard Corbo, commander of the Belleville Community Police Unit said the program offered free gun locks to any Belleville resident who is a registered firearm owner.

According to statistics from the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, having a gun in the home can be deadly.

Because handguns and other firearms are so easily accessible to many children, adolescents and other family members in their homes, the risk of gun violence in the home increases dramatically, according to the Brady campaign. The risk of homicide in the home is three times greater in households with guns. The risk of suicide is five times greater in households with

guns. What's more, tragic stories of accidental or unintentional shootings from the careless storage of guns at home are all too common. The statistic noted above bears repeating: a gun in the home is 22 times more likely to be used in a criminal, unintentional, or suicide-related shooting than to be used in a self-defense shooting, according to the Brady campaign.

"The goal of this program is to promote safe firearm handling and storage practices among all firearm owners, in order to reduce the risk of tragic accidents, especially among children," Corbo said.

During "Project Childsafe, the Community Police Unit provided safety education along with the locks.

"The Belleville Police Department wants to prevent a child or any other unauthorized person from gaining access to any type of firearm that may be in the home," Corbo said.

This is the second year of the gun lock giveaway, and Corbo said they gave away a lot more than anticipated.

"We were next to the flea market at the high school and we got

a lot more people than we thought," he said.

Questions were asked about how to use the gun locks and how to hide the gun in the house.

The gun has to be unloaded to place the lock on it, and cannot be loaded while the lock is on, Corbo said.

"There's no way to load it - or God forbid - use it," he said.

The safety brochure recommends that the gun be locked up and hidden in a case.

For those who missed the gun lock giveaway, there will be another in April, and another in the fall, Corbo said.


The program is federally funded. "They (the federal government) give us the gun locks," he said. "With the people coming, hopeful-

ly they will continue this in the future."

With a program like this, the stakes are very high and the rewards huge, Corbo said. He said it all centers on the children.

"As long as at least one child is saved, it is worth it," he said. "As long as it is used properly, kids are safe."

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"There's nothing like a good laugh to warm you up," said Deb McLean, director of Lunatic Fringe. "That's an old saying that I just made up. But our audiences always enjoy our winter shows – maybe they feel it's an accomplishment just to get out of the house!"

Tickets for the Feb. 19 performance are \$12, (\$10 for students

and seniors). Space is limited, and reservations are recommended. For reservations, call the 12 Miles West box office at (973) 259-9187 or visit the Web site [www.12mileswest.org](http://www.12mileswest.org).

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## Jazz legend Leon Redbone to perform

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."

"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 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.

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](http://www.CozyConcerts.com) and [www.12MilesWest.org](http://www.12MilesWest.org)). Tickets are also available at the 12 Miles West Theatre box office by calling (973) 259-9187.

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BY TONY AUGUST



### Sinatra Legend Lives On

Frank Sinatra Jr.'s moving tribute to his father's legacy entitled "Sinatra Sings Sinatra" returns to the Cabaret Theater at Mohegan Sun for five performances from Wednesday, March 2nd through Sunday, March 6th.

In "Sinatra Sings Sinatra" Frank Sinatra Jr. pays homage to his father and to the music that defines the Sinatra legend. The show features songs that Sinatra, Sr. sang in over 50 years of performing, many of which Sinatra, Jr. witnessed first hand.

Frank Sinatra, Jr. applies his own talent to classics of his father's songbook such as *I've Got You Under My Skin*, *Luck Be A Lady* and *New York, New York*. Backing up Sinatra, Jr. will be a 36 piece orchestra that includes Sinatra, Sr.'s longtime musical director and accompanist Bill Miller.

Frank Jr. always was and is a fine vocalist in his own right but where are you going in the music business when you are the son of the greatest vocalist and talent in the entertainment world, arguably of all time. By any other name Frank Jr. would have been a big, big name vocalist.

He has been doing his father's songs for years and his only problem is he sounds so much like his father and his every gesture is almost imitative of his famous dad that he lost his own identity. That's too bad and it's a tough break, but there's more to Frank Sinatra Junior than just sounding like his illustrious father.

Frank Jr. is a talented musician, arranger and conductor, who in his Dad's later years was his musical director and if you think that was easy ask him about it. His father, like all the great ones, was a perfectionist and that made it tough on anyone with that assignment, let alone that someone being his only son.

I can attest to that kind of pressure because my father was a classical pianist and a child prodigy and in his later years formed a dance band and put me in his orchestra on third trumpet which required nothing more than me hitting a few notes harmonizing with the rest of the brass section and orchestra. I was petrified I'd hit a clinker and sometimes did as he'd turn toward the brass section staring me down.

Let me assure you that Frank Jr. won't be hitting any clinkers at his performances, strictly top grade material delivered confidently and professionally. So get over to Mohegan Sun, March 2nd through March 6th and listen to another exceptionally talented Sinatra offspring recapture the greatness of the Sinatra Legend.

For more information on Sinatra Sings Sinatra call the entertainment Hotline at 860-862-7163 or visit [mohegansun.com](http://mohegansun.com).

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## Kevin Briody, Antje Duvekot to perform in Nutley

The Hillside Café, a nonprofit music venue in Nutley devoted to bringing acoustic music to the Essex County area, has announced its next engagement.

Kevin Briody and Antje Duvekot will appear at the café on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is \$7. Reservations are suggested for groups of four or

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**Kevin Briody**

Briody's unique songs and moving stories may feel as comfortable as a summer day on a front porch, but they've taken him to some of the most hallowed corners of the songwriting world. Briody is a three-time finalist in the prestigious

Kerrville New Folk Contest (1997, 1998 and 2003), and he showcased at the 1999 Falcon Ridge Folk Festival.

For more information about Briody, visit the Web site [www.kevinbriody.com](http://www.kevinbriody.com)

**Antje Duvekot**

Originally from Heidelberg, Germany, Antje Duvekot has been

capturing audiences across the east coast, not only with her charismatic stage performance but with the poetry of her intelligent songs and a voice that could melt the toughest of hearts. She has been compared to Tracy Chapman and Ani DiFranco.

For more information about Duvekot, visit the Web site [www.antjeduvekot.com](http://www.antjeduvekot.com).

*The Hillside Café is located at 45 Hillside Crescent, (at the corner of Church and Prospect streets) in the Franklin Reformed Church community room. For more information, call (973) 616-0106 or visit the Web site [www.hillsidecafe.com](http://www.hillsidecafe.com).*

## BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

## Poet Marjorie Barnes to appear at Westminster Arts Center

Bloomfield College's Westminster Arts Center has announced the second evening in its new "Voices" series, a celebration of the many traditions in spoken word.

**Marjorie Barnes**

Marjorie Barnes' career as a performance poet began with a five-year tour in the late 1980's with Afro-One Dance, Drama and Drum Theatre, a south Jersey-

based dance troupe. In 2001, she was awarded a New Jersey Performance Arts Center (NJPAC) grant to conduct an eight-week hip-hop poetry workshop for performance poets in Newark, and in November 2002 and 2004 she hosted "Sacred Circle," a poetry series at NJPAC's Planet Hip Hop Festival.

This past summer, Marjorie received a grant from The Newark Arts Council to conduct poetry and painting workshops on street corners in Newark to deter drug activity. This fall at Union County College, Marjorie organized a community outreach project for her students, entitled "From Lips to Action," a month-long clothing drive where students collected winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves and boots for the homeless. Marjorie was also accepted this past fall

into Cave Canem, a poetry foundation committed to discovery and cultivation of new African American poets.

Marjorie has been a featured poet at Euphoria Café, the Jewish Community Center in West Orange, the Orange Unitarian Church, Passaic County Community College, Seton Hall University, Bloomfield College, Serengeti Plains in Montclair and Cuttington University in Liberia. Her poetry has appeared in Breathe Magazine and The Paterson Literary Review.

Barnes is an associate professor in the English Department at Union County College, where she teaches writing and critical thinking. She received her B.A. in Literature from Richard Stockton College and an M.A. in Linguistics from Temple University. Marjorie

lives and writes in Newark.

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Tickets for "Voices" are \$5 for general admission and \$2 for students. For reservations and additional information, call (973) 748-9000, ext. 343.

The Westminster Arts Center is

a disabled access facility, located on the Bloomfield College campus on Fremont Street between Austin Place and Franklin Street. For directions, visit the Web site [www.bloomfield.edu/about/location.asp](http://www.bloomfield.edu/about/location.asp).

## Bassist Christian McBride to appear at Westminster Arts Center

Bloomfield College's Westminster Arts Center has announced the premiere season of its new series "JazzTalks," intimate evenings of conversation and performance with contemporary jazz artists on their life and music.

The premiere season of JazzTalks begins with bassist Christian McBride on Monday, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. JazzTalks will engage these artists in conversation and concert with Westminster Arts Center Artistic Director David Rosenak.

Rosenak, an announcer with Newark's WBGO Jazz 88, was for many years associated with both the Lyrics and Lyricists and Jazz In July series at New York's 92nd Street Y. Both of these popular, long-running series were based on a unique mix of conversation with original artists, and performances of works they created. JazzTalks is intended to draw upon this concept, with Rosenak inviting prominent jazz musicians into conversations about their life and music, leading into intimate solo performances of their favorite works.

The Monday night series will continue with saxophone giant David "Fathead" Newman on Monday, March 28, and cellist Akua Dixon of Quartette Indigo, with husband/trombonist Steve Turre of the Saturday Night Live Band on Monday, April 25.

All programs take place at 8 p.m. Tickets for JazzTalks are \$20 for general admission; \$5 for students and seniors. For reservations and information, call (973) 748-9000, ext. 343.

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### NEW THIS WEEK...

**Latin Valentine Dance**, by United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association, Feb. 18 from 8 to 11:30 p.m. at the Starlight Dance Center, 7 High St. Open to public. Members \$12; non-members \$15. Refreshments. Call 235-9835.

**Tricky Tray**, Belleville School 7, "A Night to Remember" at the Wayne Manor, March 29. Doors open 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$30, includes full course dinner and dessert. For tickets, call Martha at 450-4060; Cindy at 844-0576 or School 7 at 450-3470.

**Shop 'Til You Drop**, Feb. 25 7 to 10 p.m. at Bloomfield Middle School on Huck Road. Wide selection of vendors all under one roof. Tickets \$30. Call Dee at 338-8485. For Bloomfield Girls Softball Team.

**Summer cruise** - "Catholics Who Happen to be Single" club is sponsoring a summer weekend cruise getaway. Call Leonora at 743-6100 for details.

**Havdalah Café**, Saturday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Ner Tamid. Features Margot Leverett and the Klezmer Mountain Boys. \$20 at the door. \$18 in advance. Refreshments served.

**Red Cross programs** - Montclair, Nutley, Glen Ridge Red Cross to hold babysitter training classes at 169 Chestnut St. Nutley, the week of Feb. 21. Fee \$40. Applicants must be 11 years of age and take both sessions to certify. To register call 667-3818 or 746-1800.

**Bloomfield Lions Club**, meets noon to 1 p.m. at the Town Pub on the second and fourth Monday of every month (through June).

**Rummage sale**, Friday, March 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church, 225 Washington Ave., Belleville (across from library). Household items; like-new clothing for men, women and children; books, etc.

**NHS Reunions**, Nutley Class of 1955 will celebrate its 50th reunion Oct. 15 from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Prime Hotel and Suites, Fairfield. For more info, call Mario Cocchiola at 667-8189, Dave De La Motte at 887-7380 or Ken Duke at 235-9169, Pat Bradford Sammarro at 812-0553 or Mary Anne Eehalt Villacari at 278-6650. **The Class of 1975 and 1985** are currently organizing reunions through Reunions Unlimited, Inc. For details call 732-617-1000 or visit [www.runions-unlimited.com](http://www.runions-unlimited.com).

**Tricky Tray**, Belleville Middle School March 23 at San Carlo Restaurant, Lyndhurst. \$30. Call Barbara at 699-1761.

**Elks monthly breakfast**, Belleville Lodge 1123 "All You Can Eat" breakfast Sunday, Feb. 20, 254 Washington Ave. 9 a.m. to noon. Menu: pancakes, french toast, eggs any style, ham, bacon, potatoes, hot/cold drinks, donuts. \$5 for adults; children under 10 \$3 and children under 3 free.

### FAIRS, RUMMAGE SALES, ETC...

**Treasure Chest at Cerebral Palsy Center**, 7 Sanford Ave. (opposite Clara Maass), Belleville, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 3 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 Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$6 bag sale Feb. 26 to March 4. 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.

### TRIPS...

**AC bus trips**, sponsored by the Senior Tuesday Club, Belleville, every second Wednesday of the month. Price is \$17 with \$18 back. Bus leaves senior building at 9 a.m. Call Mario to reserve a seat at 759-8445.

Sands Casino, Feb. 16 by Rosary Society of St. Clare's Church, Clifton. Bus leaves 8:30 from Main Ave., Clifton. Call Margaret at 777-7590 or 779-7545.

Showboat, March 7 by Belleville Public Library. Depart 8:30 a.m.. \$20 with \$18 back. For tickets, call 450-3434.

**Mohegan Sun bus trip**, Feb. 20. Departs Nutley 9 a.m. Six hours of gambling, refreshments served

both ways with \$10 food coupon; \$10 bet also. \$21. Call Marie or Mildred at 667-8083.

**Catholic singles cruise**, May 29 to June 6 on Carnival Legend from NYC. Sponsored by "Catholics who happen to be single." To register, call Linda or Leonora at 743-6100.

**Santa Fe art tours**, Travel Club offers three tours of Santa Fe, New Mexico in 2005. Aug. 28, Sept. 1, Sept. 11 to 15, and Oct. 16-20. \$1,095 p.p. double to \$1,225 single. For more info, call Leon Kobrin, 201-664-0978.

### FUNDRAISERS...

**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 p.m. to 11 p.m. For more information, call 759-9656.

**Vendor sales At Clara Maass**, Feb. 18 books. March 4 gold jewelry; March 18 Harvey shoes. For more info, call 450-2151.

**Entertainment books for 2005**, \$22. Nutley Elks 1290, Walter Tice, 661-2775; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Knights of Columbus, call Fred Bunce at 667-7663; Nutley Jaycees, \$22, call Mike Paolino at 667-7315; Belleville Elks, call Jay Meglio at 778-3677; Bloomfield Columbiettes, Anne Dellare at 743-3906; Margaret O'Keefe at 371-9413. St. Valentine Church. Call Ron Record at 429-7319. Also KidStuff coupon books. Both \$25. Call Rita Lynch at 743-9691.

### OTHER EVENTS...

**Nutley Jaycees**, annual Distinguished Service Awards dinner April 14 at Friar Tuck Inn in Cedar Grove. \$35 Call Michael Paolino at 667-7315 for nomination forms and Dr. Steven Clarke at 235-1515 for dinner reservations.

**VFW Blood drive**, VFW Post 493 will host District 4 Blood Bank, Thursday, Feb. 24. All blood types needed. 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at post home, 271 Washington Ave. Call 235-9661.

**Bloomfield Civic Band**, winter concert Sunday, March 6 at the Bloomfield Middle School, 60 Huck Rd., 3 p.m. Under direction of Dominick Ferrara III. \$8 for adults; \$5 children; under 12 free. Call 338-8140 or 743-9074.

**Georgetown Club**, second annual speaker series Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Oakeside Mansion, Bloomfield. Featured speaker Anthony R. Coscia, chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey who will discuss "Maintaining Global Leadership in the New Century: A Strategic Vision for the Continued Growth and Safety of the New York Metropolitan Area." Coscia oversees the safety and security of Port Authority facilities including airports, seaports, bridges, and tunnels. RSVP by Feb. 14. Admission accepted at door; \$5 for members \$10 non-members. Light refreshments. Call Larry Palumbo at 355-4539 or email [Lawrence.palumbo@ssrealty.com](mailto:Lawrence.palumbo@ssrealty.com).

**AARP tax help**, at Nutley Parks & Rec. Mondays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. from Feb. 14 to April 11. No appointment needed.

**Open House**, "Catholic Schools Week, St. Peter School of Belleville. Registration for new families is Feb. 17, 3 to 7 p.m. If you plan to attend, call the school.

**Mobile office**, Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr. at Belleville Town Hall every second Tuesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Veterans benefits, immigration, Social Security, IRS issues addressed. Call 523-5152.

**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.

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**Donate Cars to Red Cross**, The Red Cross requests donations of cars in return for a tax deduction. Donate used cars, trucks, RVs, motorcycles and boats by calling toll free 1-877-Red Cross and designate the donation to Montclair-Glen Ridge-Nutley Red Cross. Free pick up.

**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.

**Essex Photo Club** meets first and third Thursdays, Sept. through May, at 8 p.m. at

Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell. Web Site: [www.essexphotoclub.org](http://www.essexphotoclub.org) or phone (973) 744-9476.

**Office of the County Clerk**, passports, notary public oaths, veterans licenses, filing of physicians' licenses. No senior ID cards. No ABC ID Cards. Bring your own pictures. Be there at least one half hour before closing. All applicants must appear in person for passports, including children. Note: Nutley - 2 to 8 p.m. first Wednesday, Nutley Parks and Rec., 44 Park Ave. Outreach: Feb. 22 Montclair Municipal Bldg., 205 Claremont Ave. 2 to 8 p.m.

**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](mailto: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.

## REUNIONS...

**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](mailto:cvb43@comcast.net).

**East Side High 50<sup>th</sup> 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) 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...

**AARP Nutley Chapter 2052**, will hold the following trips: April 27 - Monticello Raceway and Gaming Casino. Includes buffet, race track program, and stop at Woodbury Commons. \$25. June 15, 16 - Lancaster overnight. Includes Ruth at Sight & Sound, American Music Theater, Millers Smorgasbord, Rockvale Outlet shopping and more. \$230. Oct. 20: Doolans at Spring Lake. Dinner and show. San Gennaro Feast. \$60. Thursday, Nov. 17, Spinning Wheel Inn, Redding, CT.

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## ARRIVALS



**Molly Roisin Morris**

A first child, a daughter, Molly Roisin, was born to Tom and Debbie Morris of Nutley Oct. 20 at Morristown Memorial Hospital. Birth weight was 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

Grandparents are Ann Morris and the late Michael Morris of Belleville, Christine Barry of Bayville, Richard Barry of Long Valley, and Anthony and Barbara Laterza of Orlando, Florida.



**Vanessa Marie Sanchez**

A first child, a daughter, Vanessa Marie, was born to Doris and Saul Sanchez of Linden Oct. 3 at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston. Birth weight was 3 pounds, 11 ounces.

Grandparents are Juana Ramirez of Union and Carmen and Francisco Sanchez of Belleville.



## HOMELESS, AGAIN!

Roxy, a medium-sized brindle and white three-year-old terrier mix was surrendered to the Bloomfield Animal Shelter because the landlord would not allow the dog. She will be spayed before leaving the shelter and is up to date on her shots. Call 973-259-0016.

## WEDDING



## Jennifer Griffith bride of Dr. Michael Esposito

Jennifer Ann Griffith, daughter of John and Mary Ann Griffith of Nutley, and Dr. Michael Philip Esposito, son of Frank and Lenore Esposito of Lakewood, were married May 2, 2004 in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Nutley.

The Rev. Thomas Ciba performed the ceremony which was followed by a reception at Nani-na's in the Park, Belleville. The bride was escorted by her father.

Ann Marie Pugliano was honor attendant. Bridesmaids included Christina Steiner, Diane Marzano, Toni Esposito and Jeanne Esposito. Flower girls were Kristen Marzano and Paige Pugliano.

Frank Esposito Jr. served as best man. Ushering were John Kaye Griffith III, Frank Mazur, Frank Esposito III and Joseph Esposito. Ringbearers were Frankie Pugliano and Adam Marzano.

Mrs. Esposito, an alumna of Nutley High School and William Paterson University, is a registered nurse at Hackensack University Medical Center.

Dr. Esposito, a graduate of New Jersey Medical School, is a urologic surgeon at Hackensack University Medical Center.

The couple honeymooned in Italy, Switzerland and Austria and is living in Wayne.

## RECIPES

### Pumpkin Spice Cake

1/2 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice  
1/2 tsp. baking soda  
1/2 tsp. baking powder  
1 1/2 cups flour  
1/2 cup pumpkin  
1/2 cup brown sugar, firmly packed  
1/2 cup cooking oil  
1 egg, unbeaten  
1/2 cup hot coffee  
1/2 cup raisins  
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Sift first five ingredients into a small bowl. In a large bowl, place brown sugar, oil and egg and beat thoroughly. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with hot coffee and pumpkin. Beat only until smooth. Add raisins and/or nuts. Pour into a greased 8x8 inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 45 minutes or until cake tester inserted in center comes out clean. For plumper raisins, soak in hot coffee before starting recipe.

*St. Paul's Cookbook*

### Dump Cake

1 box yellow cake mix  
1/2 cup chopped nuts  
1 cup crushed pineapple, drained  
1 can cherry pie filling  
1/4 lb. melted butter or margarine

Spread pineapple on bottom of 9x13x2 inch pan, then cherry pie filling on top. Sprinkle on the cake mix. Drizzle over all melted butter or margarine. Sprinkle on the nuts. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour.

*St. Paul's Cookbook*

## ENGAGEMENTS



## Barbara O'Loughlin, Aaron Stoddard to wed

Anita Oswald of Boulder, Colorado, and John O'Loughlin of Los Angeles, California, announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara, to Aaron Stoddard, son of Kathy Browne of Middletown, New York and Rich Stoddard of Albany, Vermont.

The wedding is planned for Oct. 1.

Miss O'Loughlin, an alumna of Arizona State University and the

University of Colorado, is a subcontract manager with Aviation Technology Group, Englewood, Colorado.

Mr. Stoddard, a graduate of Norwich University, is superintendent of construction at Western Asset Construction, Boulder. He is the grandson of Rita Scheibner of Nutley and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stoddard of Toms River, formerly of Nutley.



## Taffaro-DeBenedetto troth is announced

Roy and Margaret Taffaro of Blakeslee, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen of Moonachie, to Michael DeBenedetto, son of Michael and Jackie DeBenedetto of Belleville.

The wedding is planned for July 16.

Miss Taffaro, an alumna of

Ridgefield Park High School and Empire Beauty School, Wilkes Barre, Pa., is with James Alexander Corp., Blairstown.

Mr. DeBenedetto, a graduate of Belleville High School and Metropolitan Technical Institute, is general manager of Brunswick Recreation Center, Belleville.



# Silver Lake mourns a great friend, Fireman Pat Dunn

How time flies! Would you believe that the Shafter Branch Library in Silver Lake will celebrate 40 years? And how will they celebrate you ask? With a special reception and rededication of the library hosted by the library board of trustees. The event will take place on Sunday, March 6, at 30 Magnolia St., library entrance, between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Come and meet your library director, Joan Taub and your Silver Lake library monitor,



**LIFE IN SILVER LAKE**  
MARIE STRUMOLO BURKE

Helen Infusino, and see how great the library has been 'spruced up'.

Silver Lake has many best friends and Pat Dunn was very high on the list. So when the

news spread about his passing, Silver Lake was in mourning. Pat was a lifelong resident of Belleville, who started his fireman career on Feb. 3, 1989. He was the president of Local #29 Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association since 1994. Pat had a lot of awards under his belt. One was a Civilian Award from the PBA for helping to subdue an armed person. In 2002, the Knights of Columbus and VFW recognized him for his hard work and dedication as president of the FMBA. When the Pope visited the Sacred

Heart Basilica, Pat was part of Operation Dove. One thing that I can say about this man was when you were his friend he would go the limit for you. And as president of the FMBA, he surely stood behind his men. I can still picture Pat at the feasts on Heckel Street, when he and his men would sell soda and shish kabob to help out the FMBA. He was a free spirit, and loved to have fun, but when the time came to do his job, he did it with pride, efficiency, and caring. We send our condolences to his best friend and wife Jo

Anne and his three children, Patrick F. Jr., Larell and Katie, and his dad Patrick. And to show Pat how much Silver Lake loved him, we put our condolences on our lighted board on Franklin Street, right across from the firehouse, which read, "SILVER LAKE MOURNS THE PASSING OF PAT DUNN. I can see you and your friend, Jimmy Zac smiling up there in heaven and looking down at us.

And remember, we love Silver Lake.

## EVENTS

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Christmas show and dinner plus a stop at a Christmas tree shop. \$65. For more info, call Jo Brylinski at 667-2514.

**AARP, Belleville2051** meets 1 p.m. first Wednesdays at Senior Citizens Bldg., 125 Franklin Ave., \$3 dues plus national membership. March 2: Marie Drake, Women in History Part 3. April 6: The Humdingers. Trips: March 10: Wearing of the Green at Brownstone \$55; April 21 Villa Las Vegas, Mountain Lakes, N.J. \$60. Sept. 25-29 Wildwood Crest, Oceanfront Gondolier \$350 per person double, \$440 single. For trip information, call Muriel at 759-8768.

**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.

**Disabled Vets**, of Belleville and Nutley, meet first Monday of the month at 11 a.m. at the Belleville senior building, Mill and Franklin Ave. Call Joe Fornarotto, Adjutant at 759-1492.

**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 March 16 from 7 p.m. to 9 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. 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. April 21 Villa Las Vegas, Mountain Lakes. Transportation, 1-hr. open bar, buffet, show \$60. Sept. 25-29 Wildwood Crest, oceanfront, Gondolier. Single \$440; double: \$350. For trip info, call Muriel at 759-8768.

**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

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# Street still a focus in face of grant cuts

BY ANNA SPIEWAK  
of Belleville Times

The township listed Phases VII and VIII of the Washington Streetscape project in its latest Community Development Block Grant application, under which Belleville regularly gets about \$400,000 each year.

However, President George W. Bush is proposing to drastically cut the Department of Housing and Urban Development branch, from which CDBG grants come. This

means the CDBG budget could be cut as much as 50 percent, according to a Washington Post article last week.

Federal officials say that economic development programs are scattered too widely in the government and have proved particularly ineffective at HUD. Advocates for the poor, on the other hand, say that the White House is trying to shrink federal programs for the poorest Americans to make way for tax cuts, a mission to Mars and other presidential priorities,

according to the Washington Post.

"That's another chunk of money we'd have to seek funding for elsewhere (should the funding be shrunk)," said Township Manager Mauro Tucci. "(The cut) would hurt communities such as these—whenever they cut, it trickles down and it's devastating."

The township should get an answer to CDBG grant awards in March.

If all goes according to plan, the next two phases of the Washington Streetscape project should get

underway in the township later in 2005.

The streetscape project is a municipal effort to rejuvenate the look of the business district in order to attract more patrons.

Each phase includes repaving of roads, replacing the curbs, and installing new benches, to name a few improvements. Phase VII will go from Joralemon Street to Essex Street and Phase VIII will go from Rutgers Avenue to Academy Street, near town hall.

Frank Marmo is the owner of Yerg Printing, a family business in the township for the past 84 years at the south end of Washington Avenue. He said he wishes the township would address that part of the street first (going from William to Mill streets,) since it's one of the entrances to the township from Newark.

Marmo, who's also on the board of directors of the Suburban Essex Chamber of Commerce, said that he and a couple of members submitted a list to Tucci in December, outlining what needs to be done on the south end of Washington Avenue.

At every entrance to Belleville, they suggested, there should be a sign that reads "Welcome to Belleville." He said that other towns often do so (put up signs), and allow local landscapers to plant flowers and decorative bushes around the placards' base.

Money used on the south end of the strip would be well spent, indi-

cated Marmo.

That area may soon see an eight-story, 96-unit condominium, across the street from Marmo's business. The developers of the project have sought permission from the zoning board for a site proposal and a variance to construct the complex, which will include retail stores on the first floor and a three-level parking area along with the residential units.

"Right now there's a used car parking lot there that's not bringing in any ratables, so this would be fantastic," said Marmo, adding that his only concern is the height. Currently, the tallest building in the township is six stories high.

"Does that mean we have to buy a new fire engine?" said Marmo. "God forbid if there is something there to fight a fire, eight stories high. If that's the case, will the cost of the fire apparatus offset the ratables?"

But according to Fire Chief Bob Caruso, purchasing new fire equipment would not necessarily be the case with a higher than six-story building, since each building is fire-code specific. First they would need to inspect the building before making a determination of what would be needed in case of a fire.

"We would look at a lot of other features and best fire protections (first) such as an alarm system, a sprinkler in the building," he said.

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## IDENDEN

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what you have," said Idenden.

Some of the battles that Idenden will re-enact are the Battle of Springfield, the Battle of Monmouth and the Battle of Connecticut Farms.

As of now, the locations are still undetermined, but Idenden hopes to re-enact these battles at Connecticut Farms and in Springfield, where they will perform battles

using a drill manual that the British used.

Young people who want to make their mark in history should be at Fewsmith Memorial Presbyterian Church at 444 Union Ave. on March 17 between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

"Our youth complain that there is nothing for them to do and nowhere for them to go except to hang around in our streets," said Idenden. "Well now they will have somewhere to go and something to do."

## Kindergym available for kids in K-2

The Belleville Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs is now offering its Kindergym pro-

gram for boys and girls in grades K-2.

Kindergym is held on Wednesday nights through March 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.

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# Sending a wrong message to shoppers

Trash and lack of parking telling customers to stay away says Councilman Ritacco

BY RICHARD DICKON  
of Belleville Times

Help is needed in Belleville's busiest business district.

According to Third Ward Councilman George Ritacco, trash is piling up outside local businesses, parking is a hard commodity and the area is hurting because of it.

Ritacco, who recently discussed with Belleville Times his efforts to clean up two disused parks in the vicinity, expounded on the additional help that is needed to spruce up Belleville's economic center.

Ritacco said he thinks the trash sends the wrong message to potential shoppers - that business owners don't care how the downtown looks and whether shoppers visit their establishments or not.

"I want to see a cleanup of Washington Avenue," Ritacco said in a recent interview.

Ritacco didn't think the extra effort should come from the Belleville Department of Public

Works. Rather, it would come from better enforcement of property maintenance codes.

"We would have building inspectors walk up and down and hold business owners accountable for the mess in front of their buildings," Ritacco said.

A system of fines is in place for violators, though Ritacco said that's not the first resort.

"First, there would be a warning about better maintaining their properties," Ritacco said.

Tougher measures will be taken on repeat offenders.

"There will be some form of summonses," Ritacco said. "We want them to clean up in an aesthetic manner. We (the township council) discussed it at the last meeting."

Construction Code Official Frank DeLorenzo was told by Township Manager Mauro Tucci to begin the inspection of the downtown.

"The snow is melting, so we can get to it sooner," Ritacco said.

Frank Marmo, who runs Yerg Printing on Washington Avenue, said the garbage problem is not the fault of business owners, who do their best to keep their storefronts clean.

"It's an ever-going problem, and a losing battle," he said. "I don't know why. Merchants are doing their best to keep it clean. It's probably the weather and the wind, but why? Where does it come from?"

He said he sweeps the front of his store, and side, every morning.

Either people are not securing their garbage properly or they are putting it out too soon, Marmo said.

"That's why we want to walk the avenue with state, county and local officials," he said. "We want to inform the public, and officials about the problems at the southern end of the avenue. It's not the town's fault. Everybody's pitching in."

He said the avenue is important



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Dominique, a student at the Christian Karate Academy on Washington Avenue tries in vain to sweep the trash in front of the building as more billows in from down the sidewalk.



STEVE DEVRIES/BELLEVILLE TIMES

Business owner Frank Marmo said he constantly has to clean trash away from the front and side of his building.

## Standards tests coming up

Students at all grade levels throughout the state are participating in the national Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP 2005). Over the next weeks, students in more than 300 New Jersey schools, including Belleville Middle School and School 8, will take the standards-based exams in reading, mathematics and science.

"NAEP is the only recognized way in which we can make valid comparisons of student performance from state to state," said Commissioner of Education William L. Librera. "The schools that have volunteered to participate in this year's assessment will help provide New Jersey with valuable information about student achievement."

Testing will conclude March 4.

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The individual groups will determine what is needed for their assigned facility, and those recommendations will then be taken to the committee as a whole. In March, the committee will then prepare recommendations for the full board, which will ultimately prioritize them, Appleton said.

A December referendum, rather than a November one, is likely,

because the extra few months will be beneficial to putting a referendum together, Appleton said. A referendum can only be scheduled at certain times of year.

The CFT will determine how much to spend on the new School 4 and how much to spend on any other projects it deems worthy. The cost of School 4 could be up to \$25 million, depending on how elaborate the school will be, he said.

The process was started when each school's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) made its wish-

es known to its respective principal.

That set the basis of the areas the task force is looking at, Appleton said, adding that no projects are predetermined. The CFT aims to determine whether the needs, schedule and costs on the list will or will not support the district's education process.

Richard Dickon's e-mail address is [dickon@northjersey.com](mailto:dickon@northjersey.com)

## Woman's Club has fundraiser April 7 at the Chandelier

Thursday, April 7, the Woman's Club of Belleville will be holding its annual fundraiser at the Chandelier in Belleville. All are welcome for a great night of fun, prizes and shopping!

Vendors are needed; if inter-

ested, contact Marie Kimble at 973-759-3912. The cost per table for vendors is \$25; checks must be received by March 1. For those wishing to attend, the ticket cost is \$25, which includes dinner.

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# Schools' NJ report card has mixed results

## Belleville Elementary Schools

### AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

Grade	School 3	School 4	School 5	School 7	School 8	School 9	School 10	State Average
K	17.5	20.5	17.0	19.0	20.0	10.0	23.0	19.1
1	23.5	23.0	20.0	22.0	23.0	31.0	24.0	19.5
2	22.0	27.5	26.0	18.0	19.0	29.0	15.0	19.7
3	28.5	26.5	24.0	29.0	26.0	15.0	20.0	20.3
4	24.0	19.5	23.5	22.5	20.0	16.0	19.0	20.7
5	20.0	21.5	24.5	20.0	18.3	12.0	20.0	21.7
6	28.5	23.0	24.0	20.5	25.7	27.0	21.0	22.2

### NJASK3 LANGUAGE ARTS PROFICIENCY

	Number Tested	Proficiency Percentages		
		Partial	Proficient	Advanced
School 3	61	27.9%	72.1%	0.0%
School 4	53	28.8%	71.2%	0.0%
School 5	53	35.8%	64.2%	0.0%
School 7	60	35.0%	65.0%	0.0%
School 8	74	40.5%	59.5%	0.0%
School 9	16	20.0%	73.3%	6.7%
School 10	18	16.7%	83.3%	0.0%
District Avg.	335	32.4%	67.3%	0.3%
DFG*	8,820	23.8%	74.1%	2.1%
State Avg.	103,994	20.7%	75.6%	3.8%

### NJASK3 MATHEMATICS PROFICIENCY

	Number Tested	Proficiency Percentages		
		Partial	Proficient	Advanced
School 3	60	36.7%	60.0%	3.3%
School 4	52	34.6%	53.8%	11.5%
School 5	53	54.7%	45.3%	0.0%
School 7	60	40.0%	56.7%	3.3%
School 8	74	40.5%	51.4%	8.1%
School 9	16	6.3%	43.8%	50.0%
School 10	18	11.1%	55.6%	33.3%
District Avg.	333	37.8%	53.2%	9.0%
DFG*	8,813	24.9%	57.8%	17.9%
State Avg.	103,812	23.4%	53.8%	22.8%

### NJASK4 LANGUAGE ARTS PROFICIENCY

	Number Tested	Proficiency Percentages		
		Partial	Proficient	Advanced
School 3	54	22.2%	75.9%	1.9%
School 4	41	35.0%	65.0%	0.0%
School 5	49	18.4%	81.6%	0.0%
School 7	90	15.6%	82.2%	2.2%
School 8	64	27.0%	73.0%	0.0%
School 9	15	6.7%	93.3%	0.0%
School 10	17	17.6%	82.4%	0.0%
District Avg.	330	21.3%	77.7%	0.9%
DFG*	8,974	20.1%	77.5%	2.5%
State Avg.	104,471	17.9%	77.5%	4.7%

### NJASK4 MATHEMATICS PROFICIENCY

	Number Tested	Proficiency Percentages		
		Partial	Proficient	Advanced
School 3	54	27.8%	50.0%	22.2%
School 4	41	58.5%	36.6%	4.9%
School 5	49	24.5%	51.0%	24.5%
School 7	90	30.0%	31.1%	38.9%
School 8	65	27.7%	58.5%	13.8%
School 9	15	20.0%	66.7%	13.3%
School 10	17	17.6%	70.6%	11.8%
District Avg.	331	30.8%	46.8%	22.4%
DFG*	8,967	31.4%	48.6%	20.1%
State Avg.		27.9%	46.4%	25.7%

\*District Factor Grouping

## Belleville Middle School

### GEPA LANGUAGE ARTS LITERACY

	Number Tested	Proficiency Percentages		
		Partial	Proficient	Advanced
Belleville M.S.	389	35.9%	62.8%	1.3%
DFG*	10,460	31.9%	65.1%	3.0%
State Avg.	109,726	28.3%	66.3%	5.5%

### GEPA MATHEMATICS

	Number Tested	Proficiency Percentages		
		Partial	Proficient	Advanced
Belleville M.S.	390	52.8%	39.5%	7.7%
DFG*	10,447	45.4%	42.1%	12.5%
State Avg.	109,583	38.3%	41.7%	20.0%

### GEPA SCIENCE

	Number Tested	Proficiency Percentages		
		Partial	Proficient	Advanced
Belleville M.S.	390	30.8%	57.9%	11.3%
DFG*	10,409	26.3%	58.3%	15.3%
State Avg.	109,384	25.3%	53.6%	21.1%

### AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

Grade	Belleville Middle School	State Average
7	18.7	22.0
8	20.3	21.8
Spec. Ed	8.0	9.4

### Definitions

■ NJASK3 stands for Assessment Skills Knowledge for grade 3

■ NJASK4 is for grade 4

■ GEPA stands for Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment

■ HSPA stands for High School Proficiency Assessment

## Belleville High School

### HSPA LANGUAGE ARTS LITERACY

	Number Tested	Proficiency Percentages		
		Partial	Proficient	Advanced
Belleville H.S.	359	25.6%	63.5%	10.9%
DFG*	9,084	19.8%	69.0%	11.1%
State Avg.	90,946	17.8%	65.0%	17.2%

### HSPA MATHEMATICS

	Number Tested	Proficiency Percentages		
		Partial	Proficient	Advanced
Belleville H.S.	359	42.3%	45.1%	12.5%
DFG*	9,049	35.9%	49.2%	14.9%
State Avg.	90,712	30.0%	45.6%	24.5%

### SAT RESULTS

	Students Taking Test		MATHEMATICS				VERBAL			
			Average Score	Percentile Score 25 <sup>th</sup>	Percentile Score 50 <sup>th</sup>	Percentile Score 75 <sup>th</sup>	Average Score	Percentile Score 25 <sup>th</sup>	Percentile Score 50 <sup>th</sup>	Percentile Score 75 <sup>th</sup>
B.H.S.	165	49%	476	400	470	540	474	410	480	540
DFG*	5,287	64%	483	417	480	547	471	408	471	534
State Avg.	60,866	73%	516	446	515	586	500	432	498	566

### BELLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE

	School	State Average
Class of 2003 (2002-2003)	89.3%	89.4%
Class of 2004 (2003-2004)	90.0%	90.6%

### POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Percentage of graduation seniors pursuing various self-reported post-high school plans

Intended Pursuits	Class of 2002	Class of 2003	Class of 2004
Four-year College/University	40.0%	40.9%	34.7%
Two-year College	31.0%	35.4%	38.5%
Other Post-secondary School	9.0%	9.6%	0%
Military	2.0%	2.0%	2.5%
Full-time Employment	0.0%	9.8%	9.1%
Other	18.0%	2.3%	3.6%

“We did pretty good, and the good thing about the report card is it gives us specific areas to focus on.”

Dr. Edward Kliszus  
Superintendent of Schools



# OBITUARIES

## Gertrude Hannan

A Mass for Gertrude Hannan, 94, a lifelong resident of Belleville, was offered Feb. 12 in St. Peter's Church, Belleville. Arrangements are by the Kiernan Funeral Home of Belleville.

Mrs. Hannan, who died Feb. 9 was a bookkeeper for many years.

## James Fusaro

A memorial Mass for James Fusaro, 81, a lifelong resident of Belleville, was offered Feb. 12 in Holy Family Church following the funeral from the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, both in Nutley.

Mr. Fusaro, who died Feb. 9 at home, was a self-employed tree surgeon and owner of Fusaro's

Tree Service for 50 years.

In addition, he worked for the Township of Belleville for 42 years as a tree surgeon before retiring.

Surviving are a daughter, Dr. Bonnie J. Velasco; a son, Randy; sisters, Frances Sneddon and Rosemary Van Over; brothers, Anthony and Louis, and three grandchildren.

## Utilea Nardone

A Mass for Utilea "Tillie" Nardone, 80, of Belleville was offered Feb. 14 in St. Anthony's Church, Belleville, after the funeral from the Zarro Funeral Home, Bloomfield.

Mrs. Nardone died Feb. 9 in Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville.

She was a teacher's aide at the school for children with cerebral

palsy in Belleville for 10 years before retiring 17 years ago. Before that, she was a lunch aide at School 2 in Belleville for many years and worked for Charm's Candy Co., Bloomfield.

Born in Naples, Italy, Mrs. Nardone came to the U.S. at age 13 and lived in Newark before moving to Belleville 37 years ago.

Surviving are her husband, Jerry; daughters, Jerrie Nardone and Michela Mondsini; a son, Cosimo; a sister, Josephine Altomare, and five grandchildren.

## Theresa Bergamino

A Mass for Theresa Bergamino, 80, of Belleville was offered Feb. 11 in St. Aloysius Church, Caldwell, after the funeral from the Shooks Cedar Grove Funeral Home, Cedar Grove.

Mrs. Bergamino, who died Jan. 30 at home, was an inspector for 17 years with Gordos Manufacturing Co., Bloomfield, before retiring. Previously, she was a control inspector for the Lionel Train Co., Irvington, for 27 years.

Born in Newark, she lived in Irvington before moving to Belleville in 1976.

Surviving are sisters, Mae Kinder, Virginia Masino, Helen Ciaramella, and brothers, Frank and Daniel Gammo.

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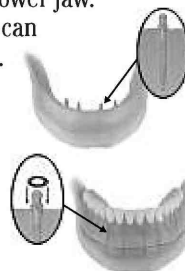
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Everyone fasted, put on clothes of the poorest fabric called sackcloth. The king "rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the ashes. Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let any man or beast, herd or flock, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence.'" *Jonah 3:4,6-10*

What occurred is simply amazing. The people of Nineveh and their king abandoned their status, rejected the worldly comforts, and became like the poorest of the poor. They acted as though their city was actually overthrown. They discarded their fine clothes, and lived as victims of a catastrophe, walking in the ruins and ashes of destruction to show God that they had genuinely turned from their worldly ways. God did not destroy them.

Is there any similarity to recent times here? As I reflect on the worldly measures of success, self-help, self-empowerment, self-reliance and mostly the ideal of

becoming a self-made-millionaire, I say there are similarities. There was a recent event that is still vivid. It was not God's judgment, it was not repentance, but it happened after an evil act of terror.

Men and women of every ethnic background, representing dozens of nations, and a thousand different occupations were covered in ashes by the afternoon of Sept. 11, 2001. Of course, that massive destruction was the evil act of terrorists. Yet, all those who survived lost so much. Executive offices were leveled to the ground. Their faces, hair and bodies were covered in tons of ashes. Their suits

and dresses were ruined. Everyone looked the same. There were no differences in skin color. No one was concerned with the worldly possessions they lost. None cared about their status. Everyone came to the aid of those who were injured or exhausted. Compassion filled the streets of Lower Manhattan. Any who believed, called on the One True God - by any name - in thanks and praise for saving their lives. And they prayed for those who lost their lives.

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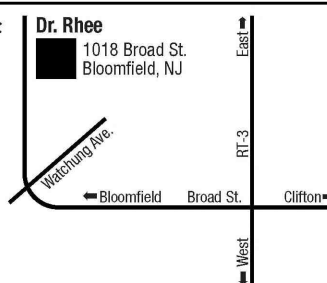
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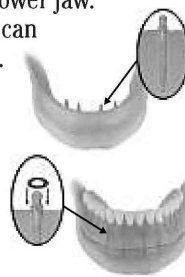
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Everyone fasted, put on clothes of the poorest fabric called sackcloth. The king "rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the ashes. Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let any man or beast, herd or flock, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence.'" *Jonah 3:4,6-10*

What occurred is simply amazing. The people of Nineveh and their king abandoned their status, rejected the worldly comforts, and became like the poorest of the poor. They acted as though their city was actually overthrown. They discarded their fine clothes, and lived as victims of a catastrophe, walking in the ruins and ashes of destruction to show God that they had genuinely turned from their worldly ways. God did not destroy them.

Is there any similarity to recent times here? As I reflect on the worldly measures of success, self-help, self-empowerment, self-reliance and mostly the ideal of

becoming a self-made-millionaire, I say there are similarities. There was a recent event that is still vivid. It was not God's judgment, it was not repentance, but it happened after an evil act of terror.

Men and women of every ethnic background, representing dozens of nations, and a thousand different occupations were covered in ashes by the afternoon of Sept. 11, 2001. Of course, that massive destruction was the evil act of terrorists. Yet, all those who survived lost so much. Executive offices were leveled to the ground. Their faces, hair and bodies were covered in tons of ashes. Their suits

and dresses were ruined. Everyone looked the same. There were no differences in skin color. No one was concerned with the worldly possessions they lost. None cared about their status. Everyone came to the aid of those who were injured or exhausted. Compassion filled the streets of Lower Manhattan. Any who believed, called on the One True God - by any name - in thanks and praise for saving their lives. And they prayed for those who lost their lives.

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## Girls' team gets its ninth win

BY MIKE LAMBERTI  
for Belleville Times

Tiyanna Barrens scored 17 points and Jackie Hernandez hit two key baskets late in the game as the Belleville girls' basketball team rallied to defeat Newark Arts, 44-41 last week.

Coach Dilma Hernandez's team also posted an unlikely 36-2 win over Hudson Prep and took a 9-11 record into a game at Holy Angels last Tuesday. This evening, the girls are host to Teaneck in a 7 p.m. start and tomorrow, Wayne Hills comes to town for a 4 p.m. tip. Next Tuesday, Belleville wraps up its season at home, against Montclair, starting at 4.

"Beating Arts was a good win for our team," Hernandez said. "We were trailing for most of the game and had lost our last three (to Bloomfield, Nutley and Bloomfield Tech), so we needed to get back on track."

Newark Arts led 20-12 at half-time and 29-23 after three quarters, but Belleville came back behind the play of Barnes, Samantha Baker and Marissa Brown. Baker (10 points) and Brown (9 points) did all their scoring in the second half and the defense of point guard Christina Lopez, who had eight steals, was key to the comeback.

But it was Jackie Hernandez, who was held scoreless for the

first 30 minutes of the contest, which ultimately decided the game.

With Belleville trailing 41-40, Hernandez connected on a layup to give Belleville the lead. Thirty seconds later, she hit a second basket to wrap up the game.

"Jackie really came through, as well as Samantha and Marissa," Hernandez said. "And Lopez's defense was tremendous. They were able to hold her down on offense, but Christina's game is on both sides of the ball and she was outstanding."

Barnes' consistent scoring has been a key to Belleville's success this year.

"She's really stepped into the scoring role," Hernandez said of Barnes.

Belleville was able to win the game by switching its press and putting more pressure on the ball.

"We felt we could handle their ball carriers," Hernandez said. "I'm glad our kids were able to make the adjustment."

It wasn't nearly as difficult against Hudson Prep, as Belleville won going away. Barnes had 16 points to lead the way.

"We played a lot of JV kids," Hernandez said. "I thought Aki-lah Robinson did a very good job for us. She works hard every game and she played well against Hudson Prep."

against a strong opponent."

Colon was one of three winners for Belleville in its match against Bergen Catholic as the Crusaders won easily, 54-15. James Soprano won at 112 pounds for the Bucs by default and Robert Cozzarelli gained a fall over Anthony Pierro in the 135-pound bout.

The Bucs defeated Newark West Side 54-23 as part of a quad match that included Bergen Catholic.

"I was impressed with West Side," Nisiovocchia said. "Those kids worked hard in every match. There was a time there that I thought we were in trouble until the kids in the lower weights pulled it out for us."

Belleville victories came from Carlos Atuncar (145), Justin Pracacino (171), Colon (103), Sopra

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## Marquis Byrd qualifies for state championships

BY MIKE LAMBERTI  
for Belleville Times

Belleville freshman Marquis Byrd earned a trip to the NJSIAA individual bowling finals after a stellar performance at the North Jersey, Section 2 championships last Saturday in West Orange.

Byrd will compete in the finals on Feb. 21 at North Brunswick Lanes, beginning at 9 a.m.

"He did a tremendous job," Belleville coach Mike Early said of Byrd. "At this level, sometimes a bowler can get tight in those key situations, but Marquis was smooth throughout."

Byrd rolled a 682 series, which included a 279 in the first game, the highest single score for any bowler in North Jersey, Section 2 last Saturday. He came back with a 192 and 211 to become the first Belleville bowler to make the state finals since Rob Cottino in 1998.

As a team, the Belleville boys came close to earning a spot in the states, garnering 2,921 pins, but came up short as Linden (3,071), West Orange (3,048) and Butler (2,973) gained the top three seeds and a berth in the finals.

"Overall, the kids did a good job," Early said. "We were in second place after the second game, but we fell a bit in the third. I was still very happy with the effort."

Justin Larkins had two 214 games and finished with a 163. Joe Leardo showed consistency, bowling 201, 195 and 212. Jim Patti had two solid games of 194 and 229 and sophomore Jim Crespo had a 480 series.

NOTES: Byrd and Leardo were named first team, NNJIL while Larkins was named to the second team and Patti was tabbed Honorable Mention.

At the girls' sectional champi-

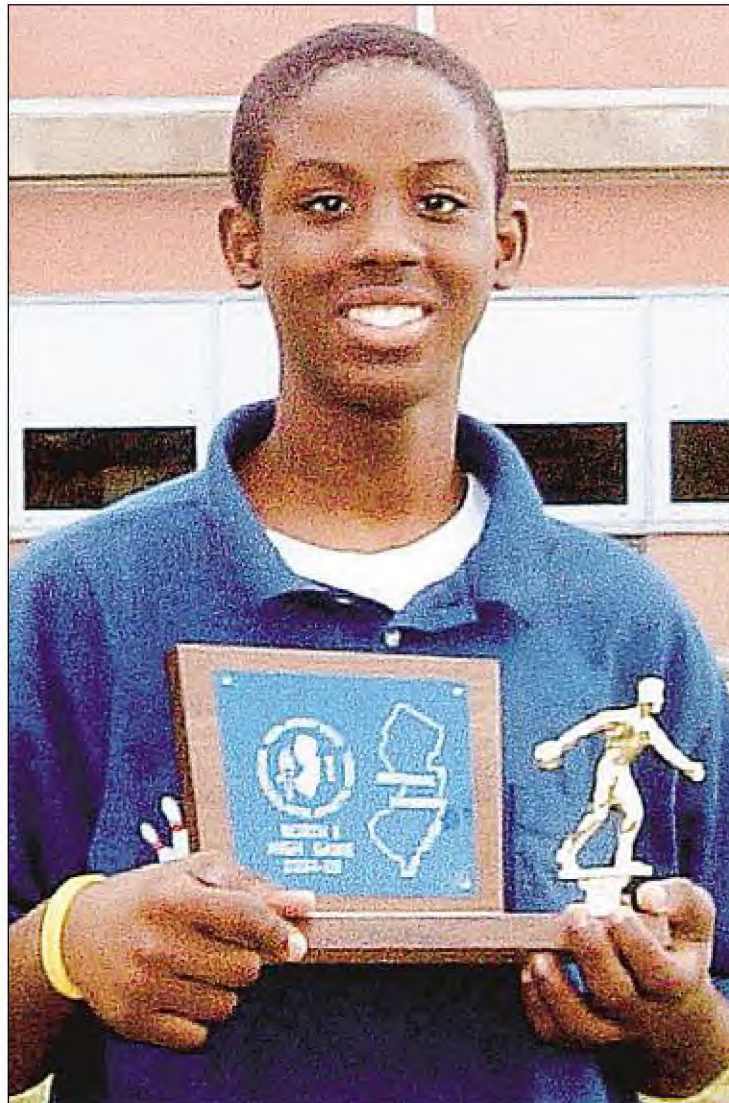


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Freshman Marquis Byrd has qualified for the state finals to be held on February 21.

onships, Nicole Cabaccang concluded an All-NNJIL season with a 201 and 156.

Jennifer Bauer was named to the second team and Mindy Cendana

earned Honorable Mention.

The boys' bowling team finished second in the NNJIL, losing to Ridgewood by an incredible one pin.

## Millinder closing in on 1,000 points

BY MIKE LAMBERTI  
for Belleville Times

Belleville's Lucius Millinder continued his scoring run with a pair of solid games as the Belleville boys' basketball team split two last week, defeating Good Counsel 68-45 and dropping a close game to a strong Bergen Catholic squad, 71-68.

Belleville took a 7-12 record into a game with Don Bosco Prep earlier this week in the final home contest of the season. The Bucs will visit Teaneck tonight at 7 p.m. and close out the season next Tuesday, at Montclair, beginning at 7.

Millinder, a senior guard, has a good chance of eclipsing the 1,000-career point mark. The last Belleville player to do that was Dennis DeWork, who reached the

plateau in January, 1993.

"He has a good chance of reaching that mark," Belleville coach Duane Eason said. "I'd like to see him get it. He's been playing very well the last few weeks."

Millinder had 30 points in a tough game with Bergen Catholic, a contest the Bucs lost by three points.

"I thought we played very well in that game," Eason said. "We were down 57-51 in the fourth quarter and came back to tie it. We were right there until the end, and a young team like ours can learn a lot from playing a good team to the wire."

Rahmid Thompson had 14 points for the Bucs, including nine in the final frame. Among those nine fourth quarter points were two key 3-point baskets.

Belleville's Danny Balaban made a beautiful baseball pass in the waning seconds of the game as Belleville attempted to force overtime, but the Bucs were unable to get a shot off.

"The pass was right there," Eason said. "Danny was right on the button with the throw. We just couldn't get a shot in time."

Balaban, a 6'4" junior forward, has impressed Eason with his rebounding and defense of late.

"Danny has averaged about 15 points and 15 rebounds a game on the JV level," Eason said. "He's earned the chance to see more varsity time."

Versus Good Counsel, Millinder had 16 points as the Bucs jumped

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## Filberto Colon defeats Bergen's Trause in thriller, 12-8

BY MIKE LAMBERTI  
for Belleville Times

Filberto Colon took a big step toward state wide recognition with a 12-8 win over Bergen Catholic's Joe Trause in a dual meet last Saturday.

Colon, a freshman 103-pounder and the Essex County champion at that weight, was the aggressor throughout against Trause, ranked fifth at 103 pounds in the state by the Star-Ledger.

"Trause is a tremendous wrestler," Belleville coach Joe Nisiovocchia said. "Filberto did a good job of working the take-down and being aggressive for the full six minutes. I always say the ultimate goal of any wrestler is to pin his opponent, but in this case, I was even happier with the result because Filberto had to work the full match to get the win. He didn't catch him with a quick pin, he had to be on top of his match





TIMOTHY DENMAN/BLOOMFIELD LIFE

Robert Cozzarelli took home the gold medal at last week's Essex County Tournament in the 135-pound division.

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no (112), Matt DeFrance (119), Jon Muniz (125), Angel Cuevas (130), Steve Rodriguez (135) and Cozzarelli, at 140.

Earlier last week, Belleville lost an NNJIL dual match to Hackensack. Colon, Soprano, Atuncar, Cozzarelli and Nick Giangrande won for Belleville.

NOTES: The Bucs took an 8-8 mark into a match with Paterson Eastside yesterday. This afternoon, the team travels to Glen Ridge for

a 4 p.m. match. On Saturday, Belleville is host to Bayonne at 10 a.m. in the final dual match of the season. Nisivoccia was hoping a few more teams would be available to wrestle this Saturday.

"Usually, we finish the regular season with a tri or quad match," the coach said. "Hopefully, we can add another team, or two."

Belleville did not qualify for the sectionals this year. After this weekend, the team will begin preparation for the District 14 championships, which will be held at Livingston beginning next Friday, Feb. 25 and conclude on Feb.

26. Those wrestlers who finish in the top three of their respective weight classes at the districts move on to the regional round, which commences on Tuesday, March 1 at Passaic Valley, continues on March 4 and concludes on March 5. Those wrestlers who finish in the top three of their weight class at the regions earn the right to compete at the state championships at Atlantic City on the weekend of March 11-13.

We'll have plenty more on the "second season" of high school wrestling in the next issue.

## SPORTS UPDATES

### Softball

The Jersey Diamond Girls' Softball team is currently seeking players for its 2005 10-and-under summer team. All those interested are encouraged to call Frank Fontana at (973) 751-9202.

### Rugby

The Essex County High School Rugby Team is forming for the spring season. The club was formed in 2004 and had members from various towns.

The players gained valuable experience competing against teams from Union, Morris, Hillsborough, Jersey City and Long Island. The club hopes to expand and field a larger and stronger squad this spring.

The team is open to all high school boys regardless of school being attended. New players are encouraged to join. No experience is necessary. Practices starting in March will be Tues. and Thurs. from 5-6 p.m. and Sat. mornings (pre-season) in Brookdale Park, Montclair.

Games will be on Saturday or Sunday in April and May. For more information or to join call 973-239-1616 during evenings or weekends.

### Baseball players needed

Nutley amateur baseball team is looking to recruit a few position players for its competitive spring and summer adult hardball

league. Games will be played in Essex and Bergen Counties on Sunday Mornings.

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### Umpire tests

The Belleville A.S.A. Umpires' Association will be conducting the A.S.A. Softball Umpire's Test on Thursday, April 7 at 7 p.m. at the Rec House-407 Joralemon Street.

Any adult, male or female, interested in taking the test should call the Belleville Recreation Department at (973) 450-3422 to obtain an application for the test. There is a \$35 non-

refundable exam fee that must accompany the application.

All those that register for the test can attend the A.S.A. Softball Rules Clinics, to be given on March 17, 24, and 31 at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Recreation Department. The clinics are designed to prepare all potential umpires for the test. The clinics will be conducted by Steve Glassman, one of Belleville's Men's League umpires.

The registration deadline is March 17. The course and test are open to all persons, 18 years of age and older. A 70 percent passing grade will be required. Successful applicants will then be qualified to umpire A.S.A. Softball after paying their dues, and will be responsible for securing their own work assignments.

## BASKETBALL

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out early and never looked back. Thompson scored 14, freshman guard Marlou Zanoria had 11 and point guard Kaseem Harris, also a talented freshman, had eight.

NOTES: Among the team goals for the season was the chance to double last year's victory total. Belleville won four games in 2003-2004 and have seven heading into the closing days of this season.

"We'd like to get to eight," Eason said. "It would be a good accomplishment in our development."

Eason remembers quite clearly the last two Belleville players to score 1,000 points. He was a player at Hackensack when DeWork reached 1,000 in 1993 and played against Troy Talmadge when he hit for 1,000 in 1992. "DeWork scored his 1,000th against us," Eason said. "And I remember Talmadge pretty well, too. That's why I'd like to be sitting on Belleville's bench when the next player scores his 1,000th."

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## Pointers for parents on talking to teachers

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■ Be open to the teacher's point of view.

■ Ask to see samples of your child's work.

■ Discuss your child's strengths as a learner.

■ Work with the teacher to identify specific ways you can help your child succeed.

■ Together, set two to four goals for your child over the next grading period.

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### Elizabeth Vitale

A service for Elizabeth Vitale, 85, of Laurence Harbor was held Feb. 9 in the Megaro Memorial Home, Belleville.

Mrs. Vitale died Feb. 6 at home. Born in Belleville, she moved to Laurence Harbor 14 years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Arlene Adams; a son, James Nicatro; a sister, Margaret Barry, and a grand-

child.

### Dolores A. Coppola

A Mass for Dolores A. Coppola, 74, of Belleville was offered Feb. 7 in St. Peter's Church, Belleville, after the funeral from the S.W. Brown and Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mrs. Coppola died Feb. 3 in Columbus Hospital, Newark.

She was a nurse's aide at the

Essex County Geriatrics Center, Cedar Grove, before retiring in 1994.

Born in Dickson City, Pa., she lived in Belleville for 51 years.

Surviving are daughters, Deborah Petrillo and Ida M. Coppola; sons, Frank M. Ritacco Jr. and Daniel A. Coppola; a brother, Walter Onuschak, and four grandchildren.

### Kate Dunsky

A service for Kate Dunsky, 83, of Belleville was held Feb. 6 in the Jewish Memorial Chapel, Clifton.

Mrs. Dunsky, who died Feb. 3 in Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, was a sales representative for Chrysler Chemical Corp., Long Island City, N.Y., for 20 years before retiring 20 years ago.

She was a life member and vice president of Hadassah in Belleville, and was chosen Hadassah Woman

of the Year in 1999.

Mrs. Dunsky was recognized for her outstanding volunteer service by Senior Citizens Local 108 in Maplewood.

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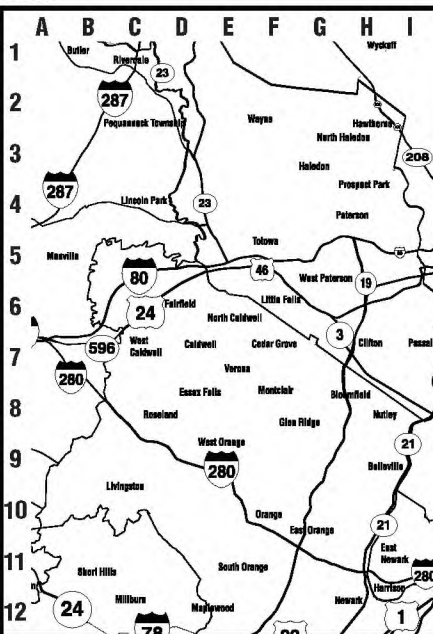
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EDITORIAL

**EDITORIAL  
Part-time  
Editorial  
Assistant  
Kinnelon, NJ**

North Jersey Community Newspapers seeks an editorial asst. provide routine tasks, including writing photo captions, obituaries & light features. Will also scan photos, direct calls, mail, etc. to appropriate party & assist editor as needed. Must type 40 wpm & 6mths related exp. is req'd. Previous exp. with AP Style, editing, proof-reading & PC req'd, & page layout exp. a plus. Hours: M, Tu, & F, 19.5 hrs/wk, variable. Send resume to Fagan@northjersey.com or fax to (973) 283-5623. EOE

EDITORIAL

**EDITORIAL  
Part-time  
REPORTER  
Rutherford, NJ**

South Bergenite seeks a reporter to cover a municipal beat, school board meeting & other board assignments. Will write & develop feature stories & perform other editorial tasks. College degree & proven journalism exp preferred. Good verbal & written comm skills & ability to deal with others are a must. Send resume & clips to Jaimie Winters at 33 Lincoln Ave., Rutherford, NJ 07070-2112 or e-mail Winters@northjersey.com. EOE

EDITORIAL

**EDITORIAL  
REPORTER  
Fair Lawn, NJ**

The Shopper News seeks several reporters to cover a municipal beat, school board meeting & other board assignments. Will write & develop feature stories & perform other editorial tasks. College degree & proven journalism exp preferred. Good verbal & written comm skills & ability to deal with others are a must. M-F 37.5 hrs/wk. Send resume & clips to Rebecca Koetting at 12-38 River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410-1802 or fax to (201) 794-3259. EOE

EDITORIAL

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North Jersey Community Newspapers seeks a reporter to cover a municipal beat, school board meeting & other board assignments in Hackensack & South Hackensack for our new weekly newspaper. Will write & develop feature stories & perform other editorial tasks. College degree & proven journalism exp preferred. Good verbal & written comm skills & ability to deal with others are a must. M-F 37.5 hrs/wk. Send resume to Rocco Gallo at Gallo@northjersey.com or fax (201) 457-2501. When sending resume, please mention "Reporter" in email or cover letter. EOE

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PART TIME

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Part Time  
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Seeking News Clerk for  
The Record!**

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West Paterson, NJ**

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West Paterson  
Rockaway, NJ**

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**RESTAURANT**

Busy Mexican Restaurant in Montclair looking for Servers. Tel 973-886-9342

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Account Executive  
West Paterson, NJ**

North Jersey Media Group seeks AE to sell restaurant advertising space within a Bergen County sales territory for weekly community newspapers. Will develop new business oppor. & service acc. to ensure consistent cust satisfaction. Must be a self-starter, work independently, & possess strong exp in cold calling, outside sales, and mag. and newspaper sales preferred. Apply now by sending resume to Rocco Gallo at Gallo@northjersey.com or fax (201) 457-2501. When sending resume, please mention "AE" in email or cover letter. EOE

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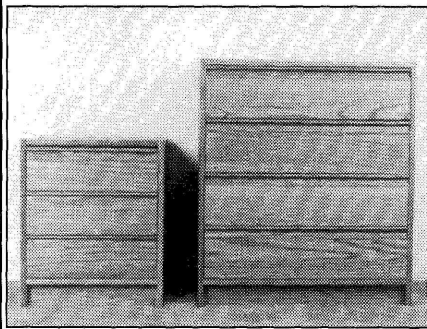
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