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Heart of a champion

Local 5K race brings out the best of Belleville Page 18



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For 62-year-old Belleville resident Maria Roy, some things are much more important than winning. The fact that she finished second to last in the Nutley Chamber of Commerce's annual 5K Run/Walk is not as important as the fact that she finished the race after undergoing open heart surgery. Her friend, Norma Jones of Newark, was right behind her all the way to encourage, support and help her complete the 5K race. The race was held on May 1.

POLICE BLOTTER

21 Southbound on April 26 at 2 Times p.m. Officers in that location observed a blue Honda driven in an erratic manner at a high rate of speed. Upon stopping the vehicle, officers conducted a field sobriety test and by the driver's glassy eyes, slurred speech and strong alco-

A man was arrested on Route holic breath determined that he was drunk. Jose Lopez, 22, of Passaic was charged with DWI and unsafe lane change and maintenance of lamps. He posted \$250 bail and had a court date of April

Police reported seven incidents of slashed tires over last

weekend. The targets were random cars parked several blocks away from each other in the area of Greylock Parkway and Union Avenue. If any residents saw or heard anything regarding the matter this past weekend, or any drug activity going on, they are encouraged to call (973) 450-3361. All calls are confidential.

A victim reported someone breaking into her vehicle on

Franklin Street (Silver Lake section) on April 27 at 9 a.m. Someone broke into the vehicle by prying open the back window and popping open the lock. The stereo, numerous CDs and some jewelry were stolen from the vehicle.

■ Police made a motor vehicle stop for no headlight on Mill Street and Washington Avenue on April 27 at midnight. When the vehicle was pulled over, police observed two glass pipes, used to smoke a controlled dangerous substance pirated recordings. Passenger Wilfredo Lopez, 28, of Union was placed under arrested for possession of CDS and possession of pirated recordings. Bail was \$500.

On April 29 at 1 p.m., officers were dispatched to the old Carragher Camp off of Hill Street after resident reports of two suspicious individuals in the area. When the officers walked to the riverbank, they observed a female injecting a hypodermic needle into her hand and then passing the needle to a male. Both parties were ordered to drop the syringe and were placed under arrest for drug possession.

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Revaluation delayed; council faces courts

BY ANNA SPIEWAK of Belleville Times

Belleville's revaluation was pushed back once again by the current council members, when five to one they voted against approving a bond ordinance to fund the project at last week's meeting.

Now the township is in contempt of court and might end up going before the state judge, according to the tax assessor.

Belleville was one of four towns who received a letter about six years ago from the Essex County Board of Taxation ordering legal action to enforce the original order to complete revaluation for all commercial and residential properties. The county requires each community to conduct revaluations every 10-15 years in order to Belleville is currently \$39,731, adjust assessed property values to match sale prices.

Municipalities often wait until the last minute to perform revaluations, since it's a politically unpopular action with residents who fear property tax increases. Newark is known for going 40 years without completing its revaluation until a

unpopularity, previous Belleville administration left the burden of revaluation in the new council's lap, which also seem reluctant to touch it.

A majority of council members (Deputy Mayor Lou Pallante voted "yes" and Mayor Gerald DiGori was absent) voted down a bond ordinance appropriating \$1 million for revaluation of township properties. They also voted against a resolution asking to award the lowest bid of \$653,350 to Certified Valuations Inc. from Randolph.

"Right now we're hit with so much, the school budget failed, the town budget is (up) nine points, it's a bad time for a tax increase," said Fourth Ward Councilman John Notari.

The average value of a home in according to the township's last revaluation done in 1978. This year's nine-point budget increase calls for a municipal tax rate of \$5.89 per \$100 of assessed value. As values go up, tax rates go down.

In a perfect world, a third of homes' value stays the same, a third goes up and a third goes

few years ago. Because of its down, according to Township unpopularity, the previous Manager Mauro Tucci, which he says is not always the case, especially since Belleville's values have peaked over the years.

Second Ward Councilman Steven Rovell said he wants to research the matter more closely before voting again.

"We know we have to do it eventually," he said. "If it were done seven years ago, it would have cost less.

A couple of longtime residents in the audience praised the council's decision, despite Pallante's comment that the town may end up in court.

"You're fighting for a good cause," said Edith DeFeo.

"They go overboard and assess you for things you don't have," added Florence Pentol. "People can afford so much and no more. We can't keep paying."

But according to township Tax Assessor William Merdinger, the decision to strike down the revaluation was not a wise one, especially since council members had four months, since the bid was received in December, to ask him any questions or concerns on the bond ordinance, which they didn't do. "I have no idea what they're thinking," said Merdinger. "They have my private number, they were invited by me personally to address any matters?

According to Merdinger, the township will suffer the expense one way or another, when the state takes it to court, forcing it to hire legal counsel.

"It's going to cost taxpayers' money; they're going to lose," said Merdinger. "No town has survived a court challenge."

The tax assessor said from past experience, if Belleville goes to court, it will cost the township "heavy duty money," such as higher court charges, tax court charges, updating the revaluation map and a new contract with a revaluation firm. He added that in extreme cases, those who voted against the revaluation could even be incarcerated by the state.

"The \$1 million might have been a little conservative since we tried to cover every anticipated cost," he said referring to the bond ordinance.

Merdinger said he did his part with informing the council and

securing a low-cost proposal from a revaluation firm. Now the matter goes to Trenton where the state will make a decision what to do next.

Township Attorney Robert Gaccione said if the council is reluctant to bond, they could find other ways of funding it, such as the operating budget. But Tucci surmised that would not be something the council would favor either.

"I can appreciate concerns of the council, people are fearful of the unknown," Tucci said. "(But) we're under court order." Tucci said he will continue putting the revaluation matter on

the agenda and the council will act accordingly. First Ward Councilwoman Marie Strumolo-Burke said she

did not want the town to be overtaxed. She noted that she voted "no" to make a statement, but she will vote "yes" if the matter resurfaces.

Merdinger said he fears he might not be able to get as low a bid as he did the first time, but he will inform the revaluation company of the final decision.

A 96-unit condo plan gets zoning look

BY ANNA SPIEWAK of Belleville Times

A developer looking to build a 96-unit, eight-story high condominium on the south end of Washington Avenue came before the zoning board last week to seek a use and a bulk variance.

Group D Capital Partners plans to construct six residential levels, commercial tenant space on the ground level and three parking levels with one below grade. They are seeking a variance as a condominium use, rear yard setback, lot good for Belleville," said the develcoverage and the number of stories on the premises.

Once a use variance was granted, it would stay with the property, said zoning board attorney Jon Campbell.

The project is proposed on five lots at 85-89 Washington Avenue, where Group D developer Remo Di Popolo has owned a used car lot for the past 20 years.

include 16 individual condominiums, composed half of one-bedroom and half of two-bedroom units, targeting a single professional or a voung married couple just starting out, said Mark Fernandez, one of the architects who testified for the developer. The building will be fully equipped with sprinklers for fire suppression. The corner of William Street and Washington Avenue will be designated for the commercial establishment.

"This is something unique and oper's attorney Emil Nardachone. This is someone who is willing to invest his money in bringing yuppies into the neighborhood.

The condominiums would go for about \$195,000 - \$295,000, said Di Popolo, a price everyone agreed was reasonable with the current market value.

The ingress and egress lanes will be located on William Street only,

The residential levels will which will lead into the 148-parking-space area of the building. Since the building will be primarily residential, most of the parking spots will be designated for the residents, with only four parking spots left for patrons coming to visit the proposed restaurant, which is seen as a best fit for the lifestyle of the building, said Fernandez.

"The good thing about this application is that it's not apartments, it's condominiums and people will take more pride in upkeeping them," added the developer's planner, James Landon.

But some of the board members had issues with the developer proposing a commercial section with limited parking for patrons, only four spaces.

"How can he take a 96-unit high rise and not provide sufficient parking for the structure," asked zoning board member Michael Cesena. "Wouldn't (lack of parking) be cumbersome to the area."

To solve this problematic issue, zoning board chairman A. Jerry Del Guercio asked if the developer would consider just adding another parking deck without losing any units.

Nardachone said this is something that his client would need some time to reconsider and then get back to the board on at a later time.

Township engineer Thomas Herits added that the project might also require a height variance, since the proposed construction is actually nine stories with the ground level.

The developer will also need to seek a subdivision site approval from the board at a later time.

The next meeting on the proposed Washington Avenue development is scheduled for Thursday, June 2 at 7 p.m. inside council chambers at Town Hall.

3 Guys, Joey's win Pizza Challenge

The Nutley Jaycees has announced the winners in Belleville for its ninth annual pizza challenge to raise money for the Tom Hanlon Scholarship give the Nutley and and Belleville pizzerias the opportunity to showcase their pizzas.

The winner was 3 Guys, with Joey's coming in second.

The event took place April 17 at the Nutley Parks and Recreation Building.

Attendees voted for each town, Nutley and Belleville, and best pizza. Plaques were awarded at the end of the evening to the winners and runners-up from each town. In Nutley, a tie was declared between Michael's and Ralph's.

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Public, state must share NJ **Transit costs**

New Jersey has a history of transportation problems. Its transportation trust fund is nearly bust. Last winter's snowstorms caused delays, cancellations and equipment failures on NJ Transit lines. And lately, Amtrak and NJ Transit trains have been running stop signals

So from commuters' standpoint, NJ Transit's announcement that fares will rise an average of 11.5 percent this July, pending approval by acting Gov. Richard J. Codey, was poorly timed.

However, the stark reality is that NJ Transit, like most major transit systems, loses money on every cus-tomer. State and federal subsidies cover the rest of the company's \$1.42 billion budget, but those subsidies also must pay for capital upgrades. And from 1994 to 2002, the state scaled back its subsidies due to budgetary constraints.

Rail and bus transportation is as important to New Jersey's future as its roadways, bridges and tunnels, and it should be treated as such.

Unless NJ Transit develops a dedicated source of operations funding, this won't be the last fare increase. The agency has called for Trenton to create such a fund. It should be created.

Down the road, without a new source of funding, NJ Transit could face a budget gap of up to \$300 million. The state transportation trust fund is supposed to supply money for capital improvements, not operating expenses, which have surged because of the rising costs of fuel, post-Sept. 11 security and health-care benefits. But to cover these costs, NJ Transit has been transferring the money it receives for capital improvements to operations (\$1 billion over 10 years, according to The New York Times). That situation can't continue indefinitely. It won't help to an average savings of \$650 a year. keep the trains staffed and running if the doors fall off.

Meanwhile, more people are riding NJ Transit. Ridership rose by 34 percent from 1991 to 2004, while the agency enacted just one fare raise of 10 percent in 2002. The last fare increase prior to that was in 1990. When adjusted for inflation, NJ Transit fares are near an all-time low, according to an agency spokesman.

NJ Transit originally proposed an increase of 15 percent but was able to whittle that down to 11.5 percent through what it called management efficiencies and revenue enhancements." We call that trimming the fat, and NJ Transit should be commended for it.

Still, much of the boost in the company's ridership is due to reverse commuters working bluecollar jobs and other off-peak riders for whom the fare hike will be a hardship. These riders will be disproportionately affected because off-peak discounts will be slashed from 25 percent to 15 percent; with the 11.5 percent hike, that translates to a 25 percent overall fare increase. Workers' salaries don't rise by 25 percent a year or even 11.5 percent. But NJ Transit's executive director, George Warrington, said future increases should be tied to the rate of inflation to make them more manageable for commuters.

In the meantime, commuters should be comforted in knowing they also are getting more bang for their buck. Since 2002, NJ Transit has added more than 50 trains on weekdays and nearly 100 on weekends, according to the agency. And the price of a monthly bus or lightrail pass will remain the same.

In addition, a bill moving through Congress that is likely to pass would raise workers' pretax salary deductions for transportation costs by \$200 - amounting to - From Herald News (April 27).



Board of Education plans big things

series of columns from the Belleville Board of Education:

The Belleville Board of Education welcomes all of the loyal weekly readers of the Belleville Times to the inaugural edition of its first-ever monthly informational column.

As the Board of Education works diligently towards finalizing its long-awaited and eagerly anticipated facilities project, it also prides itself on the many in-house and small capital projects that its buildings and grounds committee, mostly along with the district's outstanding maintenance department, have undertaken and accomplished, specifically throughout the past three action-packed years. When reflecting upon these past three summers especially, the Belleville public school district has seen many key improvements to its facilities and properties. Let us give you a recap. After all, you must always take a few steps back to eventually take many significant steps forward.

We will begin with 2002 when the much-needed elevator project at the middle school was completed. All classrooms in Schools #7 and #8 were painted. The eastside retainer wall at School #7 first and second floors of School #7's 1955 addition were also installed. All retainer walls at School #3 were painted. The sidewalks on the Union Avenue side of School #3 were also replaced.

The following is the first of a At Belleville High School, sidewalks and curbs on the building's rear side were replaced and 16 doors were replaced between the school's gymnasium and auditorium.

In 2003, the ongoing mission continued with the beautiful completion of the new BHS outdoor cafeteria area. The BHS gymnasium was re-painted and received new signs to replace the old championship banners. Both floors of the Belleville Middle School gymnasiums were refinished. Lighting upgrades were made to various classrooms at Belleville High School. In conjunction with the arrival of the district's new food service company, a walk-in freezer was also constructed at Belleville High School, allowing for fresh foods to be purchased and properly stored directly at the school.

School #8 received a new roof in 2004 and a special new courtyard was erected and parapet walls were replaced at School #9. School #10 welcomed a new boiler and an HVAC upgrade. All School #10 classrooms and stairwell towers were painted. Eight classrooms were re-painted at School #5. School #4's computer room was rewired and a sidewalk was replaced. Drop ceilings on the was added at the east end of the girls' softball field at School #7. Windows were replaced at School #3. Electrical upgrades were completed at the Belleville Middle School. Security cameras were installed at Belleville High School.

This year, separate and distinct from the proposed facilities project process, the BOE is proudly moving forward on its long-awaited district-wide fiber optic project as well as the revamping of its community access cable television station, WBHS Channel 34.

More in-depth information on the aforementioned projects as well as on those upcoming will be forthcoming through future editions of this column and, of course, at our public BOE meetings. In fact, mark your calendars! The next BOE public business meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 23 at 8 p.m. in the BHS library. The BOE welcomes and would enjoy your questions and comments. Always feel free to voice your concerns!

On a few other notes, throughout the past month, many special school-related events, productions, and performances have proudly taken place within our district. The BOE congratulates and salutes all students, faculty, staff, and parent organizations involved. They each share a pivotal role in enhancing the pride that we all must have in our school system and our township as a whole. The BOE now eagerly looks forward to the annual BHS Scholastic Awards Ceremony scheduled for Wednesday, May 25

In closing, for the Belleville Board of Education, it is always children frst!

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Senior citizen housing okay now sped up

BY ANNA SPIEWAK of Belleville Times

deadline to submit all of the paperwork necessary to be eligible for senior citizen housing sponsorship, the township is seeking the planning board's approval of an ordinance to rezone an area where construction of senior citizen housing is planned.

The ordinance is needed to rezone the residential property to allow senior citizen housing to go through at the corner of Mill Street and Franklin Avenue. This must be done before proceeding with the project's application. The township seeks to rezone just the 1.5-acres of land where the housing will be built. This excludes the remaining

Senior Center stands.

Township Attorney Robert Gac-Given a last-minute tighter cione, along with the planner and architect from the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, the charity organization spearheading the project, came before the planning board last week to seek its review and approval of the ordinance. They will be asking for a subdivision approval in the near future, said Gaccione

The Episcopal Diocese entered into agreement with the township with an option to sell that parcel of land for senior housing, in the event that Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approves Belleville's application and federally subsidizes the entire project.

The charity organization short-

May 30 to prompt Belleville to get its paperwork together to qualify for the application. The plans call for a six-story building with a total of 78,600 square feet.

"We think we have a shot of getting funding from HUD," said deputy mayor and planning board member Lou Pallante, noting that Belleville is still one of four municipalities without senior housing.

"It's a wonderful site and it works great with the location," agreed the diocese's planner, Dean Boorman.

Boorman said the organization will apply for 81 units, since they would have a better shot at obtaining the funding for that, but he would like zoning to allow up to 100 units, which was the original

one acre where the Belleville ened its deadline from June/July to plan since the project's inception. Gaccione said that if the township gets 75-80 units, it would be very fortunate.

The proposed senior housing would be a little bit bigger and better located than the 72-unit senior housing that was built in Nutley, also by the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, said Boorman.

Gaccione noted that the ordinance would be created just to allow this project through and do something good for the community

But some planning board members and residents alike were worried about the density proposed at the site, 100 units per acre, which is double what is now allowed

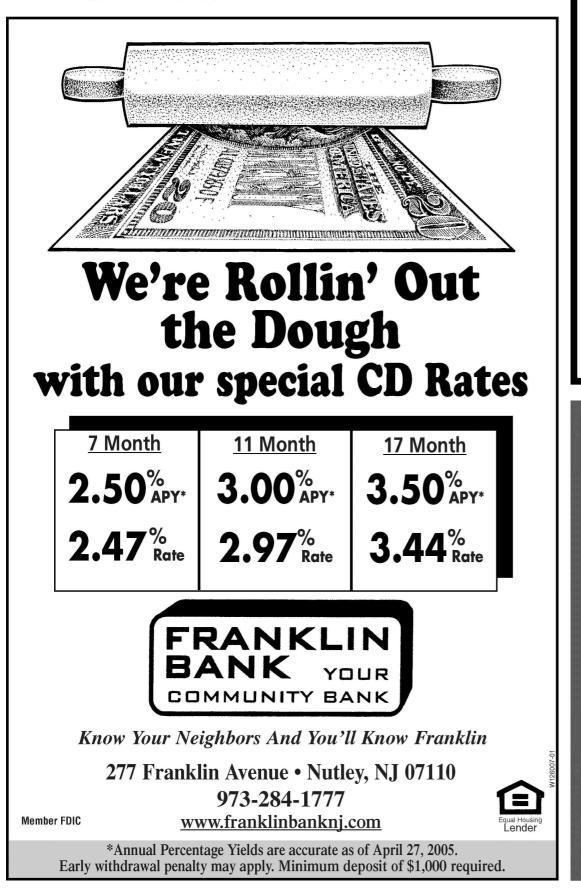
"Think before you do something radical and double the density, said resident Vincent Frantantoni. "Belleville always tries to rush and beat the clock."

To resolve the density concerns, planning board members adopted two amendments to the ordinance. Jay Bouker proposed to revise the density from 100 units per acre to 75 units per acre. Al Schmitt proposed to reduce the parking by 50 percent (from one spot per unit to one spot per two units).

The recommendations were un sent back to the council, which will then decide to approve or deny the suggestions made by the planning board and adopt the ordinance on second reading at its next meeting.

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New tv show offers 'Freaky Friday' drama

BY ANNA SPIEWAK of Belleville Times

A new reality show is coming to town and looking for interested teens and their parents who are willing to swap lives for a few days

day," but they will have to assimilate into their parent's or child's environment and make the best of it

Creators of the show, for now called "Know It All," say the purpose of the project is to promote mutual understanding and respect

bodies, as in the movie "Freaky Fri- of the everyday lives that both gen- be responsible for everybody else erations encounter and bring the parent and the teen closer together.

> Producer Steve Lawrence, of Bushwhacker Productions, who sold the project to E! Entertainment Television, said the idea came from his own childhood experiences with his parents.

"Like most teens, I mostly focused on the positives of being an adult and not necessarily having to worry about mortgage or rent or

in the household," said Lawrence. "Now that I've grown, I appreciate much more what my parents have done?

According to Lawrence, times have changed, and even when he was a teen he didn't think his parents understood him fully and what his goals were.

"Even if you have a good relationship (with your parents,) you can still learn more," he said. "A lot of kids know what their parents do

in title only."

For this reason, the producers would work closely with the parents to come up with situations at work that they might go through and their child could step into and live the experience.

Producers Lawrence and David Miller drove around Nutley and Belleville last week scouting out the area, including the Clifton Commons, a popular local hang-

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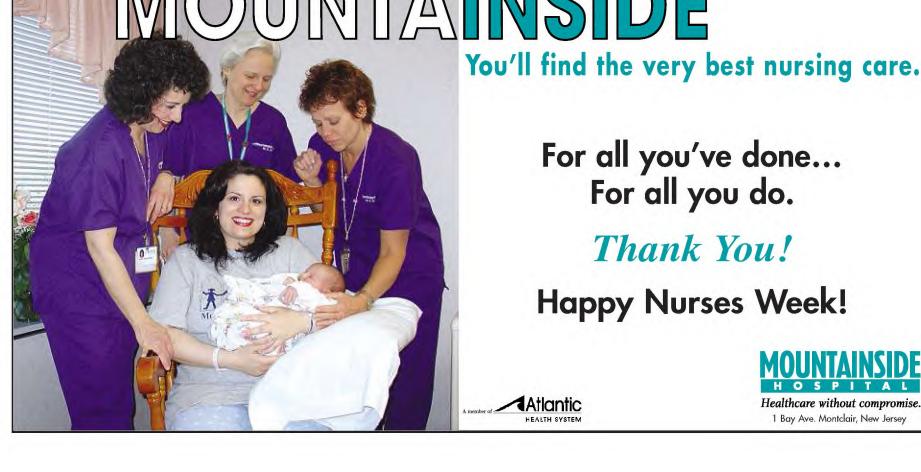
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For the pilot, the producers are looking for a mother-daughter experience. Although they are mainly looking for someone with a lot of "energy and personality," and if a son has it, they will take that into account also. Cross gender parent and child also will be considered. It's a good idea if the child has some extracurricular activity such as a dance class, sport practice or hangs out at pizza parlor.

"If someone just goes home and

Fundraiser set

Fundraiser will be held at St. Anthony's Church from 3 to 7 p.m. May 22

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Serves 4

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2 extra-large eggs 1/4 cup half-and-half

2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

4 1-inch-thick slices day-old bread 4 tablespoons chocolate chips

1 tablespoon unsalted butter 2 Gala apples at room temperature, quartered, cored and cut into

12 wedges each 2 to $\overline{3}$ tablespoons vegetable oil

Kosher or Maldon salt to taste

Preheat the oven to 250 F. In a small bowl, whisk together the eggs, half-and-half and vanilla. Pour the egg wash into a shallow dish that can hold the 4 slices of bread laid flat. Using a very sharp straight-bladed knife, trim the crusts off the bread. Carefully cut a slice big enough for the chocolate chips to spread out a bit, and not sit in a big lump. Fill each bread pocket with 1 tablespoon of chocolate chips and lay the bread slices in the egg wash. Let them soak for a minute, then turn them over and leave in the dish while you sauté the apples.

Heat a sauté pan over medium heat for three minutes, and then add the butter. When the butter has stoped sizzling, turn the heat to high, add the apples and sauté until they are translucent and caramelized, about five minutes. If the heat isn't high enough, the apples will sweat and steam and will never brown at the edges. Transfer the apples to the oven in an oven-safe dish while you cook the French toast.

Heat the oil in a heavy sauté pan over medium-high heat and add two slices of bread. Cook for two to three minutes per side to a crisp golden brown, adding more oil if needed.

To serve, cut the slices diagonally and set one half on the other so the melted chocolate shows. Place the apples on top and scatter with a little salt.

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Money-Saving Steps to Beautiful Hands and Feet

A manicure and pedicure (or "mani-pedi") is inarguably relaxing, luxurious and indulgent. But, a biweekly (or even monthly) manipedi can become quite a pricey treat. So what's a girl who wants to be pampered to do? With a few tools and simple techniques, you can pretty yourself at home, anytime, for a fraction of the cost.

All you need to do is invest just a few dollars in a pair of nail clippers, a nail file, cuticle oil, a flattipped wooden nail stick and your choice of polish (a clear top and bottom coat are optional, but will add a finer finish), and follow the steps below.

The Pedicure

Start with a pedicure. That way, your feet can stay still while you work on your fingernails afterward.

Wash your feet thoroughly, making sure there is no dirt left under your nails. When feet are dry (wait a few minutes so that nails aren't softened too much by the water), file nails vigorously back and forth until they are just over the curve of your toes. Follow the line of your cuticles as a guide for the best nail shape.

Use your hand to brush away nail dust, and place your feet in a basin of warm water for a soak (don't enjoy the soak for too long -- you don't want prune feet!). Dry your tootsies gently with a towel, making sure that no residue is left on the nails. Rub cuticle oil into your nails, covering the surface of each one, and then let them dry. With the nail file, go over the surface of each toenail gently. This process will smooth the nail and allow polish to stick. Now you're ready to paint! Apply a base of clear or light

vellow polish, smoothing the brush from the bottom of the toenail to the tip. Wait for the base coat to dry (Hint: Speed up this process by blowing toes with a portable nail dryer or a hair dryer set on low), and then apply color, using the same long strokes. Multiple coats are optional -- usually two is enough. Dry your nails again with the hair dryer then add a clear topcoat to help prevent chipping. Be careful when you walk -- you should give your toes a good half hour to dry before you put on shoes. Better yet, stay seated while you move on to step two.

The Manicure

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Clean your fingernails, and then file nails into a desired shape (usually rounded or squared tips). With fingernails (unlike with toes), it's best to file in one direction only -from corners to center. Using your hands, brush any filing dust from your fingers. Apply cuticle oil to each nail before gently pushing back any overgrown cuticles. Allow nails to dry.

A clear base coat smoothes out ridges and provides a flat surface for polish to cling to. Apply base coat to your fingernails in long strokes, and dry it with the portable nail dryer or hair dryer.

Gifts & Collectibles

When you start to apply color, finish one hand and let it dry before starting on the other. Rushing both hands will inevitably lead to frustrating scrapes and bubbles. It's also a good idea to start working on your dominant hand (so if you're right-handed, paint with the left hand first). That way, you have more time for the hand you use more often to dry.

When selecting your polish, make sure it is not old, clumpy or thick; that will make it harder to apply smoothly. Three sweeps from cuticle to tip -- one in the middle and one on either side -should cover each nail. You can use four or five strokes, but the fewer strokes you use, the more pristine your nails will look. If polish strays onto the skin around your nails, remove it with the flat end of a wooden nail stick before vou continue with your other nails. Lastly, apply a topcoat with a shiny finish. Topcoats also help camou-flage streaks and small bubbles while also sealing the polish.

The biggest rule of all -- and the hardest to follow -- is letting your nails dry completely. Even if they feel dry to the touch, they may still be prone to nicks for an hour or so after you've applied your last coat of nail polish. So sit back, relax and leave your hands still for a while. You've got a great excuse to kick back!

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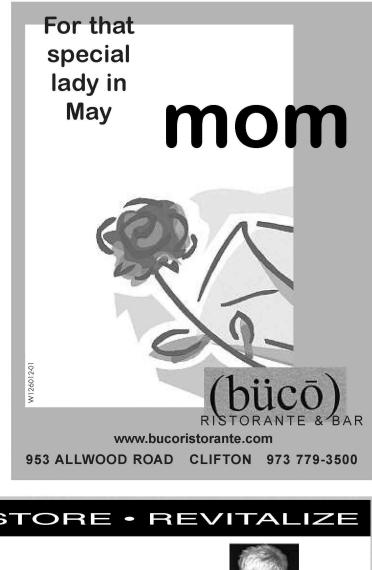
Clothing that makes you look heavier and adds dimension to your profile to bottom and front to back such as bulky sweaters or baggy pants. Try pieces with horizontal detailing or with a hemline.

Wide from top to bottom

Clothing with monochromatic colors. Keep prints to a minimum and avoid accentuating the widest parts of your body. Avoid pleated or gathered clothing and jackets that stop anywhere from the belly button to the hips. Wear scarves and jewelry that draw the eye to the top or center of your torso. Narrow top, full bottom Clothing that keeps the eye away from the hips. Avoid jackets with buttons and other details that hit the hipline. Don't cinch anything at the waist or tuck in shirts. Tops should be fitted at the bust and flare out over the hips and thighs. Jackets shouldn't pull across the hips or bottom area. Wear pants that slightly taper toward the hemline.

Full top, narrow bottom

Clothing that divert the eyes downward such as duster-length jackets, and skirts and pants with details. Avoid wearing big lapels, short sleeves, belts or tucked-in tops, which only make you look fuller on top and cause the eye to linger upward. Stay away from fitted tops, which only accentuate a large middle.





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Bariatric surgery at Mountainside Patients with morbid obesity and enthusiasm for the department. There is a willingness on the part of staff and volunteers to participate in an education process, including empathy training, that benefits every patient opting for surgery."

Strom holds American Society for Bariatric Surgery and Society for Laparoscopic and Endoscopic Surgery memberships.

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School board reorganizes, but all stays the same

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

What if the Belleville school board reorganized and nothing really changed?

That's what happened at the May 2 annual reorganization meeting. Incumbent school board members Dawson Bloom and Antoinette "Toni" Marone, who ran unopposed, were sworn in to new, three-year terms.

John McManus and Arlene Schor were unanimously re-elected as board president and vice president, respectively. Each can serve two years in those posts, and then new members must be elected to take over.

Bloom gave credit to those who did vote, even though the election saw only 5.8 of registered voters participate, less than half of a regular election. He said, "I want to thank all of those voters who came out to vote in an uncontested election. I truly appreciate it. We have a lot of work to do, and we will continue on with some new things that we want to do."

Marone is a senior citizen who has vowed to listen to and represent the needs of seniors. She agreed that there was a lot of work to do. "We can't do it alone," Marone said. "I read a brochure that said kids don't come with instructions. This is a responsibility I take very seriously. I will share my time and talent. For three more years I will do the best I can. We will be here to help you and I hope



you will be there to help us." McManus reflected on the year that past. Last year was an interesting,

challenging year," he said, mensuperintendent of schools Dr.

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Joseph Ciccone with Dr. Edward Kliszus as among the major changes. "All in all, we did a lot of work last year, and I look forward to working with you, and supporttioning the replacement of retiring ing you (the rest of the board) this year."

audience, which included township council members, including Second Ward Councilman Steven Rovell and Fourth Ward Councilman John Notari, a former school and I am glad to see Freeholder board president, and Freeholder Caputo here supporting us."

Schor looked out at the packed Ralph Caputo, and talked about help and cooperation.

"The community has been there to support us," she said. "I look forward to working with the council,

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Women's Health Center hosts 'Spring' event

Clara Maass Medical Center in conjunction with the Glen Ridge Recreation Department will hosts its annual women's health awareness event, "Spring into a better You" 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 11 at the Glen Ridge Community Cen-

ter, 229 Ridgewood Ave. Women of all ages are invited to

The Women's Health Center at a complimentary catered dinner Community Health Department and long-term care through the rehabilitation, The Pain Managewhile listening to medical experts speak on topics including "Sandwich Generation" Stress and Ways to Cope; Colon Health and Irritable Bowel Syndrome; Urinary Incontinence: There's No Need To Suffer in Silence; and an update on gallbladder disease and laparoscopic surgery.

Complimentary blood pressure body fat and screenings analysis will also be provided for all attendees, courtesy of the at Clara Maass.

For more information or to register for this free event, call 1-888-SBHS-123.

Clara Maass Medical Center, an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System, provides a complete continuum of care to residents of northern New Jersey. With campuses in both Belleville and Kearny, Clara Maass offers acute-care services through Clara Maass Medical Center; sub-acute Continuing Care Centers at Belleville and West Hudson; assisted living and long-term care through the Continuing Care Center at Kearny; and home care services through Jersey Care Home Health.

Other centers of medical excellence include the Women's Health Center, Nuclear Medicine, the Cancer Center at Clara Maass, diagnostic cardiac services including cardiac catheterization and

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ARRIVALS



Thomas Anthony Gabriele, Jr.

A first child, a son Thomas Anthony Jr., was born to Thomas and Sandy Gabriele of Cedar Grove April 1 at Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge.. Birth weight was 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

Grandparents are Mary and Angelo Gabriele of Nutley and Kathleen Nemeth of Metuchen.



Angelina Giana Guancione

A third child, a daughter, Angelina Giana, was born to Robert and Joanna Guancione of Bloomfield March 16 at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. She joins Robert, 4 and Jason, 16 months. Grandparents are Judy Gonza-

Grandparents are Judy Gonzalez of Orlando, Florida and Ralph and Constance Guancione of Belleville.

Wheel-A-Thon

The annual Wheel-A-Thon raises funds for the First Cerebral Palsy Center of New Jersey in Belleville. Music, clowns, face painters, costume characters, prizes, entertainment and a chance to help raise money for programs and services.

Anything on wheels, i.e. skates, bikes, strollers, wheelchairs, carriages and wagons go around the pathway at Brookdale Park in Montclair on Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m. to noon.

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ENGAGEMENT



Capasso-Okkema troth is announced

Netta Serio of Nutley announces the engagement of her daughter, Patricia Ann Capasso, to Richard W. Okkema, son of Joyce Okkema of North Haledon and the late Richard Okkema, Sr. The wedding is planned for this

fall. The troth took place April 9 at the bride-elect's surprise 40th birthday party at San Carlo, Lyndhurst.

Ms. Capasso, daughter also of the late Leonard Serio, Sr., is an alumna of Nutley High School. Mr. Okkema is a graduate of Manchester Regional High School, Haledon.







HOMELESS

Hope, a one-year-old white terrier-mix, Precious, a longhaired orange, black and white cat, Sherryl, a young tortoiseshell female cat, and Tulip, a black and tan-colored shepherdmix, are all looking for homes. For more information, call People for Animals at (908) 964-6887. Press 306 for dogs and 307 for cats. For low cost spay/neuter information, call (908) 964-6887. Rabies and distemper vaccinations are included. Costs range from \$40 to \$60.

RECIPES

New York Style

Cheesecake

GRAHAM CRACKER CRUST 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs 6 tbsp. melted butter or margarine 1/4 cup sugar

Combine graham cracker crumbs, sugar and melted butter or margarine. Press into bottom and sides of 9inch or 10-inch springform pan.

FILLING

5 (8 oz.) pkgs. cream cheese, softened

- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 1 3/4 cups sugar 1 tsp. vanilla

3 tbsp. flour

2 tsp. EACH grated lemon and

orange peel (do not substitute) 6 eggs

TOPPING

1/2 cup melted strawberry or currant preserves

Chicken Tetrazzini

5 1/2 lb. chicken Salt, onion, celery tops 3 to 4 chicken bouillon cubes 4 tbsp. margarine 5 tbsp. flour 1/2 cup milk 2 cups broth from chicken 1/2 lb. grated sharp Cheddar cheese 8 oz. pkg. shell macaroni 1 large pkg. frozen peas 4 oz. jar pimentos

4 oz. can mushrooms (or 1/2 lb. fresh, sauteed in margarine) 2 qt. size baskets, large, beautiful strawberries

FILLING: in a large bowl, beat cream cheese with cream, sugar, flour, lemon and orange peel and vanilla until combined. Beat on high speed until fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating smooth.

Pour into prepared pan. Bake in a preheated 400 degree oven for 10 minutes. Lower heat to 250 degrees and bake one hour more. Cool in oven for two hours. Chill at least four hours or overnight.

overnight. TOPPING: Melt preserves over low heat. Press through fine sieve. Brush surface of cheesecake with a thin layer of melted jam. Arrange berries upright on cake and spoon remaining glaze over all the berries. Chill 30 minutes.

St. Paul's Cookbook

Cook the chicken in water to cover, seasoning with salt, onion, and celery tops. Add the chicken bouillon cubes to the water. Let the chicken cool in the broth before picking it off the bones and breaking it into pieces. Prepare cream sauce using the margarine, flour, milk, broth and grated cheese. Cook macaroni in the leftover broth, adding water if necessary. Cook peas. Mix all into the sauce, which can be thinned if necessary. Add pimentos and mushrooms. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes, or until heated through. Can be made the day before and refrigerated. *St. Paul's Cookbook*

Split biscuits, layer ham and cheese on bottom halves. Spread biscuit tops

with preserves and place on sandwiches. Bake at 300

degrees- loosely wrapped in

aluminum foil - until hot,

about 15 minutes.

Cheese and Ham Biscuits

- 1 pkg. (10.8 oz.) extra large biscuits, baked
- 5 oz. ham (thinly sliced) 5 oz. Colby Jack cheese (sliced) 1/3 cup strawberry preserves or
- orange marmalade

Forms available

Engaged, getting married, had a baby, celebrating a special anniversary? We have forms available for all these occasions.

Just a few requests. Include your phone number (for our use only). And make sure any pictures are clear, in focus and not paper prints or polaroids. Also, if submitting a baby's picture for our arrivals column, only the baby please, not any siblings, no matter how cute they may be.

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An evening with 'The Passions'



dering why I'm telling you this. Well, because I received a note from Robert which read, "Hi, my name is Robert Serraro. I am a student at School #4. I am writing to ask for a little help from our town. School #4 is very old and we the students need a better school. In We have a lot of great children our school, we have holes in the in the lake. One that especially floor, mold on the walls and the comes to mind is a boy named foundation is very bad. All we are asking for is a better school. So, Robert Serrano of Heckel Street. Yes, he is the brother of Jonathon please, please be generous enough to help our school out and get us

the same nice school as all the oth-

who I write about a lot. Now, I guess you are all won-

er schools in Belleville." Signed Robert Serraro of School #4. Mrs. Renna's Fifth grade.

Robert, I think it is so sweet that you take an interest in your community. And I hope that your dream comes true.

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'Fringe' returns May 7

premiere improvisational comedy troupe, continues its eighth season at 12 Miles West's new 562 Bloomfield Ave. facility on Saturday, May 7. The show begins at 8 p.m.

Lunatic Fringe is one of New Jersey's oldest and best-known improvisational comedy groups, delighting audiences in northern New Jersey after more than seven years. Audiences enjoy the group's unique mix of original music, audience suggestions and inspired lunacy. The result is a one-of-akind comic experience.

Lunatic Fringe performances are suitable for audiences of all ages

"Hibernation is over!" said Deb Maclean, director of Lunatic Fringe. "It's been a long, cold winter. Now it's time to get out of the house and have some fun. Natu-

Lunatic Fringe, New Jersey's rally, I recommend coming to see our performance."

Lunatic Fringe and 12 Miles West are frequent partners in comedy - Lunatic Fringe has appeared on the 12 Miles West stage more than a dozen times in the last two years.

Tickets for the May 7 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. Tickets may also be ordered online at the Web site www.12mileswest.org.

For more information about Lunatic Fringe, e-mail lunaticfringeimprov@yahoo.com, call (201) 567-4602 or visit the Web site www.lunaticfringeimprov.com.

'An Evening of Nostalgia'

80s will fill the air as the Duprees, the famed singing group with such hits as "You Belong To Me" and "Take Me As I Am" will perform when Nutley's Holy Family Parish hosts its first "Evening of Nostal-gia" on Saturday, May 14 from 4:30 to 11 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the new Parish center.

The evening promises to be a memorable one, with a dance competition, a "Best Dressed of Each Era" contest, antique car show and much more. The DJ for the evening is Jackie Navin (of Jackie Navin's Accent Music Makers). Navin appears at the Crow's Nest and other various nightclubs in the area. Many food vendors

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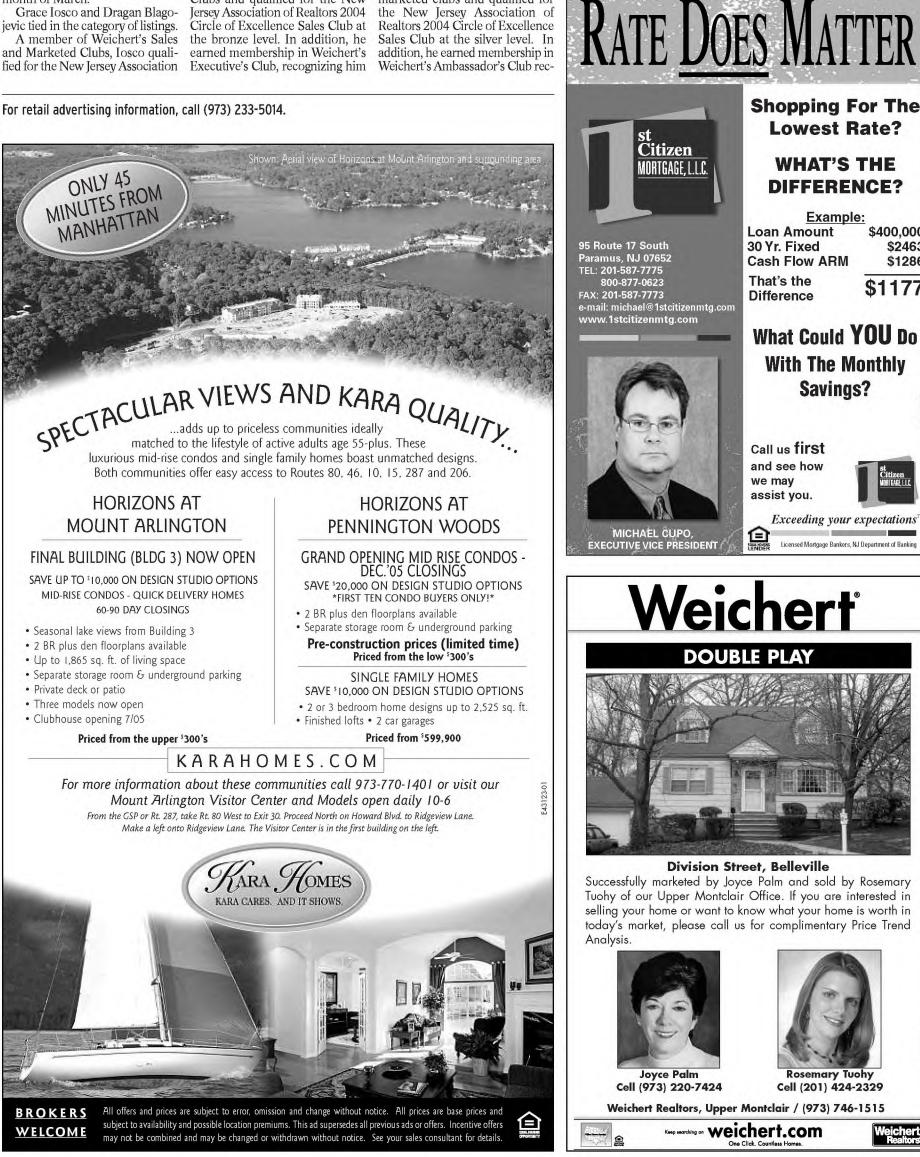
Blagojevic is a member of Weichert's Sales and Marketed Clubs and qualified for the New Jersey Association of Realtors 2004 Circle of Excellence Sales Club at the bronze level. In addition, he earned membership in Weichert's fied for the New Jersey Association Executive's Club, recognizing him

pany's 14,600 sales associates. Carlito Chi was named the

office's overall top producer. Chi is a member of Weichert's sales and marketed clubs and qualified for the New Jersey Association of Realtors 2004 Circle of Excellence Sales Club at the silver level. In addition, he earned membership in

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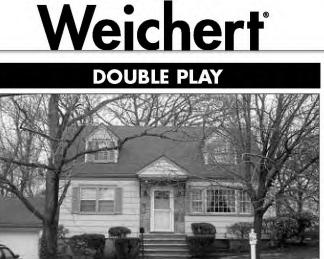
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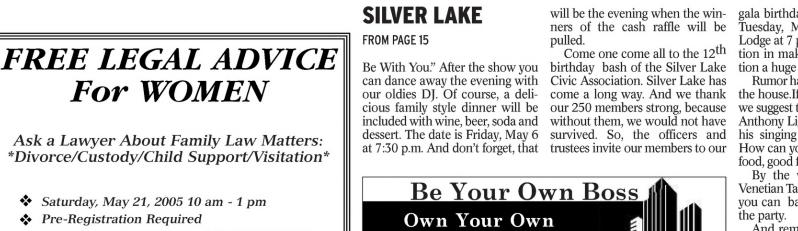


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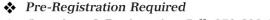
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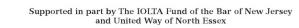
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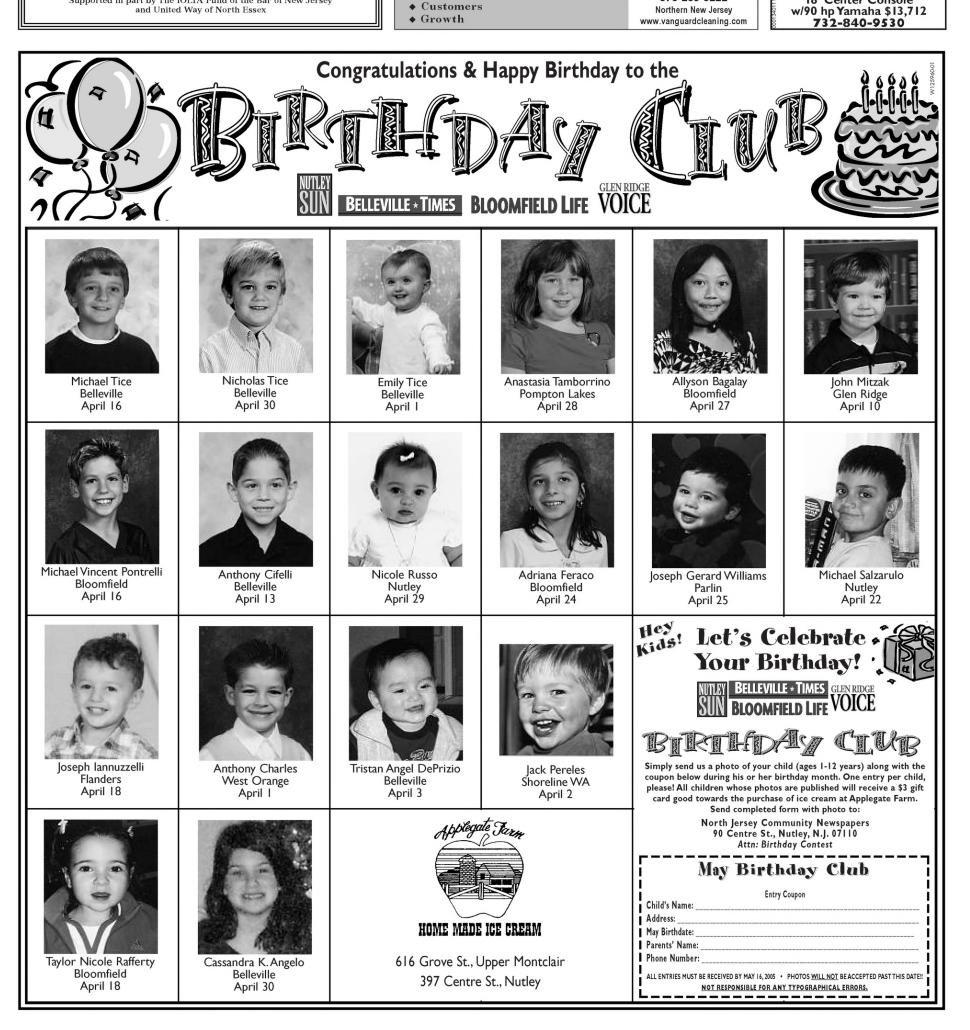
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Marie Cataldo

A Mass for Marie Cataldo, 91, of Fairfield was offered April 28 in Saint Anthony's Church, Belleville, after the funeral from the LaMonica Memorial Home, 299 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield.

Mrs. Cataldo died April 25 in Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge.

She was a member of St. Anthony's Church Senior Citizens and the Belleville Senior Citizens.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Cataldo lived in Irvington and Belleville for 65 years before moving to Fairfield nine years ago.

Surviving are a son, John; a daughter, Rosemarie Rapa; six grandchildren and 10 great-grand-children

Bessie Gaspard

A funeral Mass was offered April 26 in St. Peter's Church, Belleville for Bessie Gaspard who died at Harbor View Health Care Center, Jersey City April 23.

Mrs. Gaspard had celebrated her 104th birthday Jan. 14. Born in Kaplan, La. in 1901, she lived in Newark, then in Belleville since 1978. She was a laundry worker with Imperial Laundry in East Orange for many years and retired at age 65. Her daughter, Rose M. Davis and two grandchildren, survive her.

Edgar E. Lehmann

A Mass for Edgar "Ed" E. Lehmann, 97, of Belleville was offered May 2 in St. Mary's Church, Nutley, after the funeral from the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley. Mr. Lehmann died April 27 in

the Clara Maass Medical Center,

Belleville.

He worked for New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. in Newark for many years before retiring in 1972 as a manager.

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SPORTS

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Wilson reaches milestone on diamond

BY MIKE LAMBERTI for Belleville Times

got her 200th career hit for Monmouth University in a game against Fairleigh Dickinson University last Sunday in Hackensack.

Wilson, a senior, ranks third alltime in hits at Monmouth. She's been enjoying a tremendous year, hitting .475 in the leadoff role. Her batting average also ranks her sev-enth in the country for NCAA, Division I players.

It hasn't been easy for Wilson this year, however. Against Manhattan on April 6, with her team leading 10-5, she dove for a fly ball late in the second game of a doubleheader and suffered a separated stabilized, but she had to sit out nearly three weeks of action.

"It was a tough rehab," Wilson said. "I guess you can say it was disappointing, because I had worked hard from a leg injury to be in good shape for this season. Things were been a great experience for her."

going pretty good, but then this happened." Wilson returned to action a

Belleville native Kristin Wilson week ago and is hoping to lead her team into the conference playoffs, which start next weekend. Currently, Monmouth is fourth in the standings, but needed to finish the regular season strong in order to keep in the playoff hunt. The top four teams qualify for the post-sea-

> While Wilson grinds through the rest of the season playing with a shoulder harness, she might need additional therapy on the arm after the softball season is concluded.

"She'll have to go for an MRI in the next week, or so," Wilson's mother, Mary, said. "I'm hoping she won't need surgery, but that shoulder. She was rushed to the might be a possibility. She's really hospital, where the shoulder was trying, and I'm proud of all she's done on, and off the field. Most importantly, she'll be graduating in two weeks (May 18). To me, that's the most important thing. I'm glad she had the opportunity to play softball on the college level. It's



MIKE LAMBERTI/FOR BELLEVILLE TIMES

"Dominick was outstanding," Frank said. "Our offense had a

good game against Montclair and

we put it all together. We know

Montclair is a pretty good, and

we'll have to play well against them

in the GNT game if we hope to

advance.'

Belleville native Kristin Wilson has batted .475 for the Monmouth University Hawks despite suffering a shoulder injury. Her batting average ranks her seventh in the nation for NCAA Division I players.

against Bergen Catholic, losing an

11-0 decision, but the team came

back two days later to defeat

Luzzi homered and drove in

two runs while Brenneman had

three hits and Binkiewicz and

Cassese had two hits each.

Dominick Malanga was the win-

BHS BASEBALL

Bucs best Barringer and Montclair in light week Belleville wasn't as fortunate innings of three-hit ball.

BY MIKE LAMBERTI for Belleville Times

Jason Luzzi homered twice and Michael Cassese had four hits to lead the Belleville baseball team to a pair of NNJIL victories, downing Barringer 6-5 and Montclair 16-4 last week.

The Bucs took a 9-7 mark into played at Hackensack, Montclair Newark Tournament contest, and

the quarterfinals on Saturday against Nutley, or Livingston, at 2 p.m. Tomorrow, Belleville is at Passaic, in a 4 p.m. game. Next Monday, Paramus Catholic comes to town and next Wednesday the Bucs visit Teaneck. Both of those games start at 4.

The Bucs started last week with a key week of action. Belleville a come-from-behind win over Barringer. Trailing 5-4 in the seventh, and Clifton earlier this week. The Belleville came back with two Montclair game was a Greater runs. Andrew Brenneman singled and Craig Binkiewicz doubled him

if Belleville won, it would play in home. Cassese then singled home

Binkiewicz with the game-winner. James Rovell and Cassese had two hits each and Luzzi hit his first homer of the season. Giancarlo Cifelli (2-3) was the winning pitcher, throwing a complete game. He struck out three and walked one while scattering six hits.

"Both teams played well," Belleville coach Alan Frank said. ning pitcher in relief, tossing 4 1/3 'We played good defense and put

position to win.

ourselves in a BHS SOFTBALL Bucs win three last week

BY MIKE LAMBERTI for Belleville Times

Led by the pitching of Jessica McNally and Crystal Cruz's bat, the Belleville softball team got back on track last week, downing

Montclair.

Barringer, West Orange and Montclair. Belleville took a 6-9 record into an Essex County Tournament matchup with Livingston last Monday. Yesterday, the team battled Clifton and tomorrow, Paramus comes to town for a 4 p.m. game.

"The kids were a lot more focused week," Belleville assistant coach Chris Cantarella said. "We played three good games and got ourselves back into a position where we could qualify for the state tournament.

The cutoff for teams to qualify for the state tourney is May 13. Teams must be at .500, or better, by that date.

Last week, the Bucs stopped Barringer 16-2, West Orange 6-0 and Montclair, 6-1.

Against Barringer, Daphanie Feliciano pitched a four-hitter in a five-inning game. The sophomore struck out four and walked

four. Feliciano also led the offense, hitting a three-run homer and finishing the game with five RBI. Cruz was three for three with three runs scored and three RBI. Candice Serritella and Bianka Cosme hit homers for

Belleville. Versus West Orange, McNally spun a three-hitter, striking out eight and walking two. Belleville scored five times in the bottom of the first to take control of the game, thanks to RBI singles from Amanda Veniero and Cruz and McNally's run-scoring sacrifice fly.

"Jessica pitched an outstanding game," Cantarella said. "We played good defense and got some timely hits.

The same was true against Montclair, where Belleville scored all its runs in the fourth inning and got another outstanding game from McNally, who struck out three and walked three. McNally also got out of a one-out, bases loaded jam in the fifth, inducing a ground out and fly out. Cruz and Veniero drove in two runs each in the fourth and Elise Pace had a RBI.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL Belleville duo excels at Caldwell

BY MIKE LAMBERTI for Belleville Times

Jackie Velardi and Stephanie Brodo of Belleville are both contributing to the successful season the Caldwell College softball team is having this year.

2003, led Caldwell to a 45-7 mark last year and a berth in the NCAA, Division II World Series.

This year, she's continued that success with a .290 average in 39 games. She has a homer and 28 RBIs while striking out just six times in 107 at bats. Velardi also has a .988 fielding percentage.

'My freshman year was a great experience," Velardi said. "Playing on that great team, and seeing a lot of playing time was a big help in preparing me for this season."

Brodo, a freshman who played her high school ball at St. Mary's (Ruth.) is batting

.280. She's seen limited time, but is enjoying the opportunity to play for one of the better

NCAA, Division II programs. Through games of last weekend, Caldwell is 31-8 and has clinched its second straight Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) regular season crown and will be am is having this year. Velardi, a sophomore catcher who earned season tournament. Caldwell should also Il-State honors as a senior at Belleville in gain a berth in the NCAA Northeast Regionals in two weeks, based on its outstanding record.

"I've found the adjustment to college to be pretty good," Brodo said. "Jackie and I have played together for years and it's good to have her as a teammate. I just hope I can contribute to this team."

Caldwell will host the CACC tournament this weekend, beginning with games today. The tournament continues tomorrow and concludes with the championship game on Saturday.

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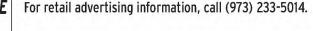
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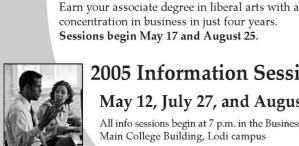
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Yard sale/children's fair,

Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Riverside Community Church, 50 Union Ave., Nutley. Multi-family fundraiser for the senior pastor and his family to go on a short-term missions trip to Russia. Children's fair includes face-painting, games, a craft and hair-braiding. Food and baked goods. To donate money and/or

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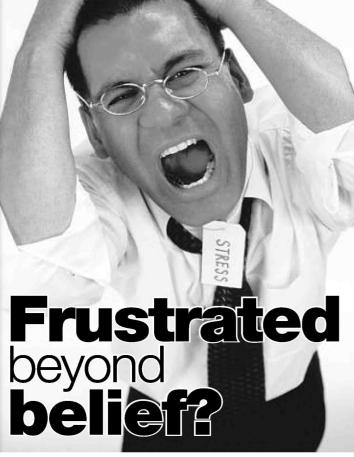
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Rummage sales, Friday May 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church, 225 Washington Ave., Belleville. Household items, like-new clothing, books, games, etc. Bethany Lutheran Church in the church hall, May 6 from 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bargains galore.

Community School Mother's Market and Bake Sale, Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 100 Vincent PI., Nutley. Gently used baby, children's and maternity items, clothing, furniture, gear, toys, books, etc. \$1 donation and raffle at door. AC bus trip, to Sand's Casino May 11 by Rosary Society of St. Clare's, Clifton. Bus leaves 8:30 a.m. Call Margaret at 777-7590 or 779-7545.

AC bus trip, to Showboat Casino, Monday, June 6. Leaves Belleville library 8:30 a.m. \$20. \$18 back in coins. For tickets, call 450-3434 or 751-4729.

Catholic singles, wine & cheese social Friday, May 6 at St.

Thomas the Apostle Parish Center, Bloomfield. 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. **Caribbean cruise party**, Wednesday, May 18 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at parish center. RSVP to Leonora at 743-6100 or email century153@yahoo.com.

Flea market & collectible show, Sunday, May 15 at Yantacaw Park, Passaic Ave., Nutley 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. New merchandise, crafts, collectibles and garage/tag sale items. Sponsored by Nicole Fund. Wallace & Tiernan retirees club, to meet Tuesday, May 10 at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center, Belleville Ave.All former employees and spouses are invited.

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²⁶ Police catch two Belleville burglars in the act on Nutley road

BY ANNA SPIEWAK

of Nutley Sun

After increased police vigilance following a string of break-ins in Nutley, local police caught three burglars in action last week. a rived on the scene, they observed

Melvin Yaah, 18, of Broomfield, Stephen Hamlett, 21, and Stephanie Zaccaro, 18, both of Belleville, were arrested on April 20 at 12:40 p.m. after they broke into a North Road home in Nutley.

Police increased patrols in the east side of town, which was believed to be the next target again for burglaries and their vigilance paid off, said Nutley Police Chief John Holland.

half a block away when a North Road resident called in at 2:20 p.m. about a thin black male, 5'8, who was acting suspiciously in the arrived on the scene, they observed a white, blond female sitting inside a 1989 Toyota parked on Rutgers Place, west of North Road. In the meantime, another set of detectives searched for the black male. As the female began to pull away with the car, the black male, Yaah, jumped out of the bushes near a house. When the police apprehended him, he said that was jogging. But police noticed that he was wearing gloves in 84-degree weather, said

Police were patrolling the area If a block away when a North ad resident called in at 2:20 p.m. out a thin black male, 5'8, who as acting suspiciously in the ighborhood. When police rived on the scene, they observed white, blond female sitting inside 1989 Toyota parked on Rutgers ace, west of North Road. In the

In the meantime, the third accomplice, Hamlett, upon observing police questioning Yaah, jumped a fence and ran west on Rutgers Street with police in pursuit. After running through a number of back yards, Nutley detectives caught up with him. All three suspects were apprehended. Upon being brought into headquarters, the suspects were also found responsible for burglaries to a home on Prospect Street and one on Hopper Avenue, both burglarized on April 15.

Police said the suspects are also allegedly responsible for break-ins to homes in Bloomfield, Cedar Grove, Belleville and Glen Ridge. Police from those towns came to interrogate the suspects in Nutley, said Rogers.

All three suspects were transferred to Essex County Jail with bail set at \$25,000 for each one. A court date is pending.

The Nutley police officers hopefully get some involved in the apprehension and some of the victims.

arrest of the suspects included Det. Anthony Montanari, Det. Bill Paro, Det. Sgt. Gail Ferrera, Det. Gus Formato and Deputy Chief Paul Mascolo.

"This was teamwork at its best," said Rogers, adding that police received 40 emails of gratitude from residents for catching the burglars.

Police retrieved thousands of dollars in stolen goods from the suspects, jewelry and cash from the homes. They are currently sorting through the stolen goods, some of them retrieved from pawnshops to see what belongs to whom and hopefully get some restitution for some of the victims.



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At the same meeting, the Planning Board executed a Memorialization Resolution of its decision to amend the conditions of approval which is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk and will be available for public inspection. GENOVA, BURNS & VERNOIA Attorneys for the Applicant By: Ralph J. Salerno, Esq. Belleville Times 1350102 Fee \$9.52 May 5, 2005	SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2005 002607 SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F1742504 DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS FKA BANK- ERS TRUST COMPANY AS TRUS PLAIN- TIFF -vs- ANNA H. SHOCK; ET ALS. DE- FENDANTS Execution For Sale of Mortgaged Premises By virtue of the above stated writ of Execu- tion, to me directed, I shall expose for sale by
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NOTICE is hereby given that Ordinance No. 3060 was adopted at a regular meeting by the Municipal Council of the Township of Belle- ville, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey on April 26, 2005, entitled: "An Ordinance to Amend the Revised Gen- eral Ordinance to Amend the Revised Gen- eral Ordinance & 6-A, Four Way Stop Intersections" Kelly A. Nash, Municipal Clerk Township of Belleville Belleville Times 1346559 Fee \$5.44 May 5, 2005	Public Auction, in SHERIFF'S OFFICE, Essex County Courts Building in Newark, on Tues- day, May 17, 2005, at one-thirty P.M. (Pre- valing Time) Commonly known as: 10 SMITH ST BELLEVILLE NJ 07109 Lot: 21 Block: 248 Size: APPROX. 33 x 80 FEET Nearest cross street name: UNION TER- RACE A full legal description can be found in the of- fice of the Register of Essex County. A deposit of 20% of the bid price in certified funds is required at the time of sale. Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, mu- nicipal or tax liens that may be due.
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NOTICE is hereby given that Ordinance No. 3061 was adopted at a regular meeting by the Municipal Council of the Township of Belle- ville, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey on April 26, 2005, entitled:	Tax and prior lien info: Taxes: 1,155.08 plus 25.67 interest. Figures good through 2/11/05. Prior Mortgages and Judgments. The approximate amount of the Judgment to be satisfied by said sale is the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY ONE THOUSAND FIVE

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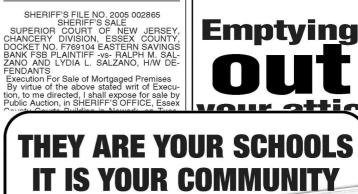
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May 5, 2005 SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2003 014781 SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY, DOCKET NO. @F1118701 WASHINGTON MUTUAL HOME LOANS, INC. SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER ETC. PLAINTIFF -vs- ROBERT BREWER JR. AND SHONDA BREWER, HIS WIFE ET ALS, DEFENDANTS Execution For Sale of Mortgaged Premises By virtue of the above stated writ of Execu-tion, to me directed, I shall expose for sale by Public Auction, in SHERIFF'S OFFICE, Essex County Courts Building in Newark, on Tues-day, May 10, 2005, at one-thirty P.M. (Pre-vailing Time) Commonly known as: 000000026 SCHOFIELD ST NEWARK NJ 07106 Lot: 12 Block: 4079 State: APPBOX 30 EFET WIDE X 90 EFET

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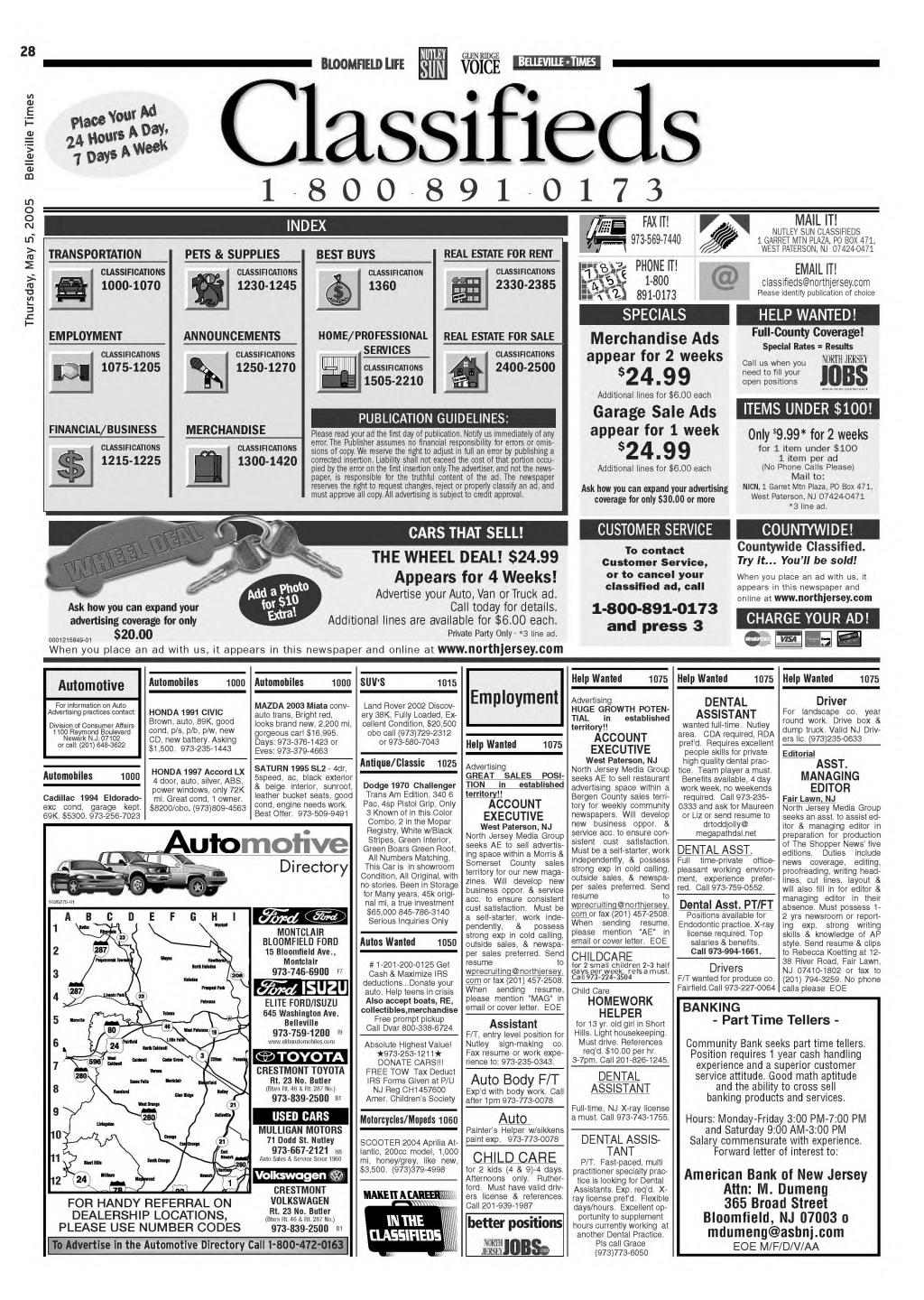
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