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The final poem was "God Please Give Me Hope, with Cristina Malva, Maria Cruz, Daisy Urgiles, Kavleen Kauer, Veronica Tejada and Sotomayor. They talked about trying to find hope in a desperate situation, with lines like, "I want to run away. I hope I don't end up like those who have died. The war

I'll never be right. Too many people have fought their last fight?

After the class finished their poems came the short play, "One Candle," which was performed with Israeli music in the background. It started with a "Letter from a Young Girl" read by Shelby Diaz.

The letter starts, "It was terrifying! I cannot breath, and my legs are weak. We have gone into hid-

is almost over. I'm finally free, but ing because the Nazis are after us." Later, the girl states, "I am already missing home and home cooking. I am so cold...I am alive for now, but I don't know how long I will survive."

> The play starts with a latter-day Jewish family whose members wonder why they have to buy a potato for Hanukah. Nana, played by Victoria Andreola, explains that in the concentration camp she smuggled a potato and some mar

garine and made them into a that) the past has taught a lesson." 11 makeshift Hanukah candle.

"It was the worst prison you could ever imagine," Nana tells her family. "I remember all the names of the women...I'm thankful to light potatoes for all who perished. La'chim, To life!" The play ends with all of the characters raising a

toast and exclaiming "La'chim." At the conclusion of the play, Andreola said, "This (play) gives us hope for the future and (shows

The rest of the cast of the play included Dana Sinkevich, Crystal Antonio, Diaz, Nicolette D'Amico, Evelyn Puenta de la Vega, Knafo, Melissa Miele, Jose Eschevarria, Granados and Patel. The stage

crew was Soto and Polite Certainly all who witnessed the remembrance agreed with those sentiments, and were reminded of the worst - and the best of humanity.



2 POLICE BLOTTER

Thursday,

■ Police arrested and charged Michael Angelo, 22, of Toms River with driving while intoxicated at 3 a.m. on May 12 after his Jaguar hit a telephone pole and bridge abutment in the 700 block of Mill Street. He had a strong odor of alcohol, was slurring his speech and swaying. Bail was set at \$250.

Police arrested and charged Matthew James, 19, of Belleville with possession of a bag of marijuana less than 50 grams after police received an anonymous tip that people were smoking marijuana near Cortlandt and Holmes streets. James ran and threw the bag of marijuana, which was recovered.

Police arrested and Angela Weston, 33, of Belleville with possession of two wax folds of heroin on May 10 that had "Infinity" stamped with red ink on them. Her white Hyundai failed to stop at a stop sign at Bridge Street and Belleville Avenue and police stopped the car. Bail was set at \$250.

■ Police arrested and charged Michelle Douglas, 27, of Carlstadt, with possession of heroin, possession of a hypodermic needle and possession of prescription medication at 7:30 p.m. on May 13. Police also arrested and charged Autumn Miller, 27, of Carlstadt with possession of heroin, possession of a hypodermic needle and numerous outstanding warrants from Newark and Belleville. Bail for Douglas was set at \$530.

Police arrested and charged Michael Delguercio, 40, of Bloomfield with possession of a controlled dangerous in a glass vial in his shoe after a traffic stop for a motor vehicle violation at 8 p.m. on May 11. Bail was set at \$250.

Police arrested and charged Elena Vasquez, 33, of Newark with possession of a hypodermic needle after she was stopped for walking in traffic at Cleveland Street and Washington Avenue. She had outstanding warrants totaling \$800 from Newark and several from Paterson. Bail was set at \$200 and she was turned over to Newark police.

Residents complain town didn't do enough to lower 2005 budget costs

BY ANNA SPIEWAK of Belleville Times

Although municipal officials feel they've created a responsible budget, it would be out of character for Bellevilleites to accept it sitting down. So a number stood to complain at last week's Township Council meeting.

The 2005 municipal budget was passed 4-3 by the council last week, calling for a nine point tax increase, which means an additional \$36. Together with the county's \$45-tax increase and the school board's \$173 increase, that raises taxes to \$254 for the year for an average home assessed at \$39,857. That's a 1.1 percent tax increase.

This year's budget totals \$43,860,587, of which \$25,472,000 will be raised through taxes.

Township Manager Mauro Tucci said he's very proud of the "sound" budget that was passed.

He said he went over actual expenditures and had conversations with various department heads about what their needs

won't be "huge spikes" down the \$100,000 in surplus. road.

"My belief is that people will accept small increases, and this increase amounts to \$3 a month, most folks pay more than that for coffee," he said.

As with most municipal budgets in Belleville, a number of longtime residents complained about the tax increase, questioning why it isn't set at zero and citing perceived excesses in plan.

Vincent Frantantoni questioned vacation days for employees, which amounted to \$1,287,653 in this year's budget, stating that days off cannot be carried over from year to year. Based on state regulation, no employee can carry two years of vacation.

"I'm bringing it up because it's very costly," he said. "It's a waste of tax dollars. People have to take it the year they got it."

Frantantoni also questioned why there is a nine-point increase when the town has a \$5.8 million surplus.

Municipal Accountant Joseph Faccone responded that there was

Nevertheless, Frantantoni reiterated his disappointment with the increase.

"We have to start cutting, the state just put a cap on Board of Education surplus," he said refer-ring to law S-1701 that limit school board spending. "So cut, cut, cut and give us tax relief. All you do is put more people on payroll."

According to Tucci, there's about six or seven positions in this year's budget that have not been filled. He is still going through an evaluation process to see if those positions are actually needed. At the Department of Public Works, the council is looking to hire more inspectors to make sure there's no garbage on the streets, etc. One full time position will be redirected to a couple of part time positions instead to get more people on the streets to adjust quality of life issues, he added.

Resident Florence Pentol complained about township employee health benefits.

"We can't afford paying a full premium, they should pay a portion," she said.

Lifelong resident Edith DeFeo chimed in on all of the above, adding that there are too many municipal positions.

'We have to pay for employees who don't even live here. It's not fair and it's not just," she said. "Everyone in the state and in the private sector is letting people go. Give us a zero increase, the school is zapping us."

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TV crew moved by annual School 3 tolerance program

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

At first glance, it appears like any other elementary school play, with students milling about nervously as the curtain is close to rising. But there, sketches of Menorahs and candles and horrifiedlooking people looking hung on either side of the stage, and watchers soon realize the excitement from the gravity of what is about to unfold

This is School 3's 11th annual Holocaust Remembrance, where sixth grade viewers and actors alike learn tolerance and to embrace differences by first seeing mankind at its absolute worst.

The performance began with one of the students portraying a teacher and instructing different groups of students to read their poems aloud. That was followed by a short play, "One Candle," about a Holocaust survivor explaining the significance of a potato to her surviving the death camps and alwavs celebrating Hanuka h.

The Holocaust saw the destruction of some 6 million Jews by the Nazis and their followers in Europe between the years 1933-1945. Other individuals and groups were persecuted and suffered grievously during this period, but only the Jews were marked for complete and utter extinction.

"Classroom Close-up," a six-

time Emmy winning show produced by the New Jersey Education Association and NJN Public Television, visited the school to tape a story featuring what the producers called "an amazing program," which this year commemorates the 60th anniversary of the end of the Holocaust.

The show filmed the May 9 performance.

"Wanda Swanson, from the among the young actors comes show, was crying, she said she'd never seen kids do such a great job," and Isobel Villano, a sixth grade teacher who started the remembrances in 1994.

The other sixth grade teacher, Marilyn Lo Coco, is also instrumental in the Holocaust Remembrance.

At the May 11 performance student Michelle Knafo started the proceedings, saying things like genocide "is hurtful to ourselves and the world around us.'

That led to the poem "Why," with victims questioning their fates. It was spoken with great drama by Matthew Metzler, Jose Echevarria, Vaughn Grandados, Joseph Grosch, Mihir Patel, Jeramie Torres, Luis Soto and Brandon Pham.

Some of the devastating lines included, "Why were we taken from our homes like criminals? What will happen to us? I don't want to die. I'm too young to die. It's like our lives just disappeared into nothing?

Derrick Cortes and Pavel

PHOTO/CHRISTOPHER SADOWSKI

Left, Nicolette D'Amico, plays a deceased victim of the Holocaust looking on to her relatives played by Victoria Andreaola and Dana Sinkevich. The play "One Candle" was performed during the Eleventh Annual Holocaust Remembrance assembly at Belleville's School 3.

Almonte read "Words for Hope," which didn't offer much hope, but a lot of reality.

Cortes said, "There are not enough tears for the many lives," while Almonte said, "I know five languages, but only one for death." Next was "I was Afraid," and

Pham, Sonia Sotomayor, Melissa Miele, George Martin, Brian Rojas and Fred Padilla brought forward

the fears of Holocaust victims.

Some of the key lines were, "I cry tears that leave me empty. I stay dead inside. I'm afraid I will remember, and forget too much. I was afraid no one would care. We were so afraid."

"Lost in a Concentration Camp" featured Irving Pena, Miguel Pellicia, Joshua Polite, Stephen Gavenas. Wenner Nunes and Pavel

Almonte. The poem featured the lines from the standpoint of those committing the atrocities, "I am fear, I am death. No one knows my pain, my hope. I'm the worst that can be in a person. I am death and destruction. ... the redemption of those who have been wronged. This must come to an end."

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Community members also find presentation inspirational

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

School 3's 11th annual Holocaust Remembrance had a profound effect on audience members and cast members alike, reinforcing the message of hope for a better future while acknowledging the atrocities of the past.

Barbara Wind of the Jewish Education Association located in Whippany, said, "You enlighten us, you encourage us to swallow our fear if we want to make a difference?

She said genocide continues today, that in Darfur in the Sudan, "as many people will die as are sitting in the room will die from disease, starvation and wounds today. We still haven't learned the lesson."

According to the web site "Save Darfur," "A preventable humani-

tarian crisis, affecting more than rid of School 10 because they're two million people, is raging in the Darfur region of western Sudan. Not since the Rwanda genocide of 1994 has the world seen such a calculated campaign of slaughter, rape, starvation and displacement. Government-backed militias, known collectively as the Janjaweed, are systematically eliminating entire communities of African tribal farmers. Villages are being razed, women and girls raped and branded, men and boys murdered, and food and water supplies targeted and destroyed. Victims report that government air strikes frequently precede militia raids."

Joseph Kraemer, the district's director of curriculum and instruction, brought the topic of genocide home for the students.

different from us and eat different foods," he said. "Let's clear the world of them. Today they call that ethnic cleansing, which is an oxymoron. They want to eliminate them from the planet. It's called ignorance, but its still happening 60 years later, and has really been happening since the beginning of mankind."

Kraemer said a student might be white and has a friend who is Hispanic, Italian or Irish who is being picked on for their ethnicity. That student has a choice to make.

"You can defend them or you can take the easy way out," he said. "It's a sad state of affairs that you still have to do this (the remembrance). We need everybody to step up?

Rev. Nancy Moore of Bethany "What if someone said let's get Lutheran Church said the alive, which we have to do in this

demeanor of the students tells a lot.

"They're so sensitive," she said. "They show by their actions and their words that they're serious, and understand what happened. The teachers are getting their message across."

The makeup of the student body at School 3 makes the message that much more important, and Moore that much more happy.

They're so diverse, and they're teaching us, because they get along," she said. "I'm proud to be in Belleville?

School board member and senior citizen Antoinette "Toni" Marone said she feels good about the coming years after seeing the program.

'Our future is safe with kids like this," she said. "I get very emotional. The teachers keep the memories

day and age."

Students enlightened

Two of the stars of the play weighed in what the experience meant to them.

Dana Sinkevich, who played Sarah, said, "It was awesome. It was a good feeling to understand what the people went through."

Victoria Andreola, who played Nana, said, "It was a good experience to know how people felt in that time. I really appreciate being put in such a great play with great teachers."

Crissabel Victoria, who played the teacher in the poetry reading part of the show, had a unique take on her role.

"I enjoyed being someone older," she said. "I want to be a teacher when I get older."



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AND FURTHERMORE... Page 4 BELLEVILLE TIMES, **THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2005** How is New Jersey still offering rebates?

bly are up for grabs this November, and that can mean only one thing: New Jerseyans are going to get property-tax rebates this year, regardless of the state's failing financial health.

Political expedience, anyone? Last week, the rebate drumbeat pounded louder and louder. First came word from Assembly Democrats that they had miraculously pinpointed \$450 million in spending cuts - so the state could once again send out the popular checks later this summer.

Then acting Governor Codey announced that a better-thananticipated revenue forecast would mean an additional \$1 billion - and could be partly restored.

But Mr. Codey also warned of escalating state debt and a \$2 billion budget deficit facing the next governor. And he acknowledged that the state now has the thirdhighest total debt in the nation (behind only the far bigger states of California and New York).

How can New Jersey restore these rebates when the state is in such a financial hole? These rebates are the equivalent of a company giving all its employees bonuses for a good sales period even though its overall financial picture is abysmal. In other words, this is lunacy.

This page praised the acting gov-

from the popular NJ Saver property tax rebates when he announced his budget two months ago. Mr. Codey also said then that he planned to reduce the Homestead rebates for senior and disabled residents from \$1,200 to \$800. While one can see a need to restore the Homestead rebates for needy seniors and disabled residents, it is disheartening to see him give in on the NJ Saver rebates.

Yes, Mr. Codey must work with the Assembly's Democratic majority to get his budget approved, and compromises are no doubt inevitable. But to give rebates at a time when the state is in financial straits is irresponsible. Assembly

All 80 seats in the state Assem- agreed that property tax rebates ernor for trying to cut \$1.1 billion members want the rebates because they believe a check from state government - particularly a check earmarked for property tax relief is the best piece of campaign literature around.

> Taxpayers should not be fooled. The budget for the upcoming fiscal year still has some enormous financial holes that need to be filled. The budget currently includes a pie-inthe-sky plan to sell off \$500 million in unidentified state land and other assets. Another \$175 million in revenues is projected for non-existent lottery terminals in the Meadowlands. How can the state give out rebates at a time when it is relying on make-believe revenues to balance the budget?

What's more, there appears to be a good chance that after the budget is passed at the end of June, discussions will begin on converting Horizon-Blue Cross from a non-profit insurance company. A conversion could generate \$1 billion in revenue for the state, but as the Rutgers Center for State Health Policy has noted, the switch has "huge potential consequences for poor, rural, high-risk and elderly people."

The state should not be offering rebates when it has so many other pressing priorities and financial obligations. Until New Jersey is on firm financial footing again, rebates are ridiculous.

- From The Record (May 15)

School board, council now work together

For years in Belleville, the town- amazing is that officials from both ship council and the Board of Edu-sides actually agree that the settlecation were at odds over many things, most notably the attempted repairs of Municipal Stadium. In 2005, however, there is a mutual respect and willingness to work average, \$39,857. together that has been missing for a long, long time.

With the school budget defeated by voters April 19, the school board and council have agreed that \$234,000 will be cut from the budget, a reasonable amount. Most

ment was satisfactory.

The reduction cut the tax increase from \$205 to \$183 for home assessed at the township

This year, residents came out to the polls in extremely low numbers, with many blaming the unusual lack of a school board contest for the abysmal turnout and defeat of the budget.

With barely 1,000 voters partic-

ipating, less than 6 percent of reg- ital improvements, but means from a defeated school budget. istered voters came out, and the budget still failed by only a little more than 20 votes, hardly a mandate.

The \$49.8 million school budget for 2005-2006 did not deserve to be drastically cut, and the council saw that and cut a reasonable amount. The school board now can use funds from the capital reserve fund to make up the difference.

That leaves less money for cap-

there will be no layoffs of teachers and the schools will have all of the same programs as last year.

So both sides agree it was fair, and that the two sides worked well together. The council might have wanted to cut more, but did not do so after seeing the entire situation clearly. The school board would have like to have seen less cut, but accepted the amount because members knew the council was charged with cutting something

How far the two sides have

come from the acrimony of past years, when issues like renovating the stadium brought nothing but disagreement. The fairness and ability to work together should now carry on into other mutually shared issues, and residents should look forward to two governing bodies that look together toward making a better future for everyone.

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Council plan hits you in the wallet

TO THE EDITOR,

Open wide, Belleville residents! No, not your mouths to receive food or medication, but your wallet to feed the insatiable appetite of your Township Council.

Three years ago we elected Mayor Digori as the township's first mayor elected directly by the people. Last year we elected four new ward council members, all who were supported by Digori.

It now appears we created a "cabal" that is serving their own special interests and the hell with the taxpayers. Last year, Digori and his majority councilmember support gave us a large tax increase, despite the fact that we had a budget surplus of \$3.7 million

This year we have an even larger surplus. \$5.8 million. and the Digori majority is giving us a nine-point tax increase. It the only used \$400,000 of the \$5.8 million surplus, we could have had a zero increase in our municipal budget.

The cabal also has members on the Board of Education. After the

voters rejected the BOE budget, the council supposedly met with the BOE (date and time were unannounced) and agreed to a meager cut which is leaving us with a \$2 million increase in the local tax levy for the BOE. On May 9, the council majority approved the BOE budget without allowing citizen input.

These inflated budgets are being used to provide patronage jobs and maintain free benefits and dozens of \$100,000-plus salaries. In addition to the economic burdens inflicted on the taxpayers, this administration is creating a legacy of destroying the quality of life in Belleville.

The council has appointed members to the Planning and Zoning boards who have thrown our zoning ordinance out the window. Basement apartments are being approved, despite the fact that a township ordinance prohibits them. Large, three-bedroom two-family homes are being approved on 25-foot lots that are not even legally large enough for a one-family home.

Side yard variances of only two feet are approved, creating a problem for maintenance and a severe imediment to our firefighters in the event of a fire. If a developer wants to exceed our density requirement, no problem, jam 'em in, make millions, and the buy a mansion in a town that respects its zoning laws.

One former board member sold his house in town, is moving to Fairfield, but of course he is keeping his business in Belleville, where anything goes.

While the township can't fill potholes properly or collect bulk waste on schedule, they are extremely punctual showing up early in the morning to issue parking tickets while you are getting your children ready for school and preparing to leave for work to earn dollars for their onerous taxes and fees

When you receive your new tax bill, realize that Digori and crew are using the largest budget surplus in Belleville's history to cater to their special interests. Vincent Frantantoni

Send letters to our troops

TO THE EDITOR:

For some months now, the Belleville Public Library and Information Center has been collecting items needed by our troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, and passing them on to Fairfield Chapter of the American Red Cross for dispersal. The citizens of Belleville have been most responsive in providing items like travel size shaving cream, bath soap, shampoo, international calling cards, wet wipes, small bottles of hand sanitizer, twizzlers, individually wrapped, granola bars, small cans of fruit, crystal light power drink, double edge disposable wrapped razors, sun block, writing tablets, and cold packs. We encourage your continued generous response.

As Memorial Day draws near, the Library would like to invite Belleville residents to respond in another way, as well. The library will have a table set up in the lobby with writing paper and pens for those who would like to let our troops know what they are thinking of them with a note of encouragement and thanks. Write a note and we will send it for you. We hope that you feel free to write weekly. We thank you, in advance, for the generous show of support for those fighting for all of us.

Richard P. Yanuzzi

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Donors help put new roof over church hall

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

More than 14 months after part of a drop ceiling fell in on the small but dedicated congregation of the Old Dutch Reformed Church at the corner of Main and Rutgers streets, the room has been completely repaired.

The 307-year-old church's Fellowship Hall had its rededication on May 15, with everyone who donated money, supplies or contracting expertise invited to attend, according to Joseph Schwenk, vice president of the church.

The congregation was meeting in March 2004 when the hall's drop ceiling fell in on some of the parishioners. Ironically, the members had been gathered to try and find ways to improve the fortunes of the church and its shrinking

congregation.

A cable in the drop ceiling snapped, causing a chain reaction that sent lighting fixtures and ceiling tiles hurtling toward the floor. The rare and valuable stained glass window nearby was almost damaged. Four parishioners were injured and were treated and released from Clara Maass Medical Center.

Schwenk, who with his wife, Elizabeth, has been a member at the church for 35 years, described the damage as "pretty bad."

The repairs cost \$18,000, much less than the \$25,000 to \$30,000 estimated, thanks to some donations of materials and a generous contractor, Schwenk said. The work included electricians and painters, as the whole ceiling had to come down.

"It took us a long time,"

Schwenk said. "But thanks to the ceiling, and like most everything donations of many good people we've come full circle

There is no more drop ceiling, and the higher ceiling has been plastered and painted. The floor and kitchen have been fixed as well, Schwenk said.

"The contractor did more than what he told us he would do, a lot of extras," he said. Still, Schwenk said he would not name the benefactors

"There were a lot of small donations," he said. "It's hard to pinpoint any one company or person. They're all good, whether it's one dollar or a thousand, it was all for a good cause."

The contractor gave the congregation a really good price and said he would do more "because it was a church," Schwenk said.

New chandeliers hang from the

used in the repairs, they come from Belleville. "We stayed in town for most of

the work," Schwenk said.

As for the May 15 rededication, he said it was to honor all who helped.

"We recognized the people," Schwenk said. "We hoped they would all attend, and see what their donations meant to the church. They know, and we know, what they did."

Schwenk would not give an exact number of members in the congregation, saying only it was "very small."

The main threats to the church all involve upkeep. There is a need for painting, carpeting and reupholstering seats. The bell tower also needs to be repaired, since high winds have damaged the aluminum siding, Schwenk said.

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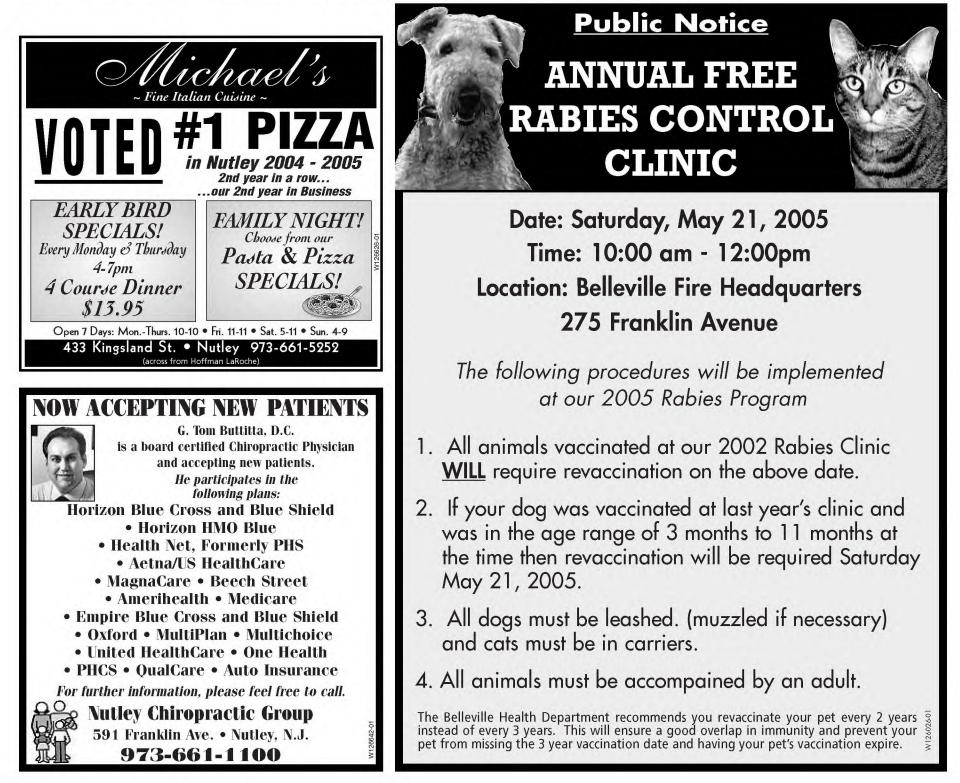
Free blood screens coming up at Clara Maass

ment at Clara Maass Medical Cen-ter has announced its 2005 month-and Dec. 22. ly comprehensive blood screenings. Screenings will be held from 7 to 9 a.m. in Essex Room A, located adjacent to the main lobby of 13 elements and a complete blood the medical center, on the follow- count. Overnight fasting is neces-

The Community Health Depart- ing dates: May 26, June 23, July 28,

The screening provides a com-plete cholesterol profile, comprehensive metabolic panel including sary prior to screening to ensure accurate results. Cost for the screening is \$35.

Pre-registration is required. Contact the Community Health Department at Clara Maass at 1-888-SBHS-123 to register.



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'Officer Voodoo' investigates rituals and cults

BY THOMAS E. FRANKLIN Special from The Record

Police Officer Paul Long parked his car next to the old cemetery behind the Dutch Reformed Church in Belleville, took a look

ual cleansing," carefully concealed

in a ShopRite grocery bag. At the foot of the stone wall that sur-rounds the 1697 burial ground,

Long cut open the bag to find a

dead chicken and turtle. Heads chopped off. Polaroids, candles

and a T-shirt were scattered near-

by. All signs of a Santeria or Palo

Mayumbe ritual. Whatever it was,

Officer Voodoo was on the case.

police veteran who has cultivated a longtime interest in the occult into an expertise. He is one of the foremost experts on the occult, and is often invited to conduct seminars at police academies around the state. He recently educated police officials at the Bergen Counaround and knew instinctively that a spell had been cast. Where one ty Police Academy about grave might see nothing but scattered litrobbings, Santeria, Palo Mayumbe, ter on a city sidewalk, he saw the black magic and white magic. sacrificial remnants of a pagan "rit-

"The class gives everyone an understanding of these religions and takes the edge off the unknown," Long explains.

Long says that people are often scared of pagan religions, which are not widely accepted in Judeo-Christian society and usually involve rituals and other untraditional forms of worship. "Anytime you see anything ritualistic, you think it's satanic," he says. "What Long is a 21-year Belleville I'm trying to do is open their

minds.

And Long says that these mysterious religious rituals are on the rise. Bill Moheit, pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church, whose grounds are often littered with the sacrificed animals, is fed up. "It's sacrilegious," he says. "I don't like it. In a church like this, with its history and all. I believe in freedom of religion, but it denigrates my religion. There have been a few dozen [incidents]. Paul has explained to me about the chickens and why they have rituals. It's very complicated, but he's helped us recognize what it is."

Long says the only thing illegal about the act is the dumping. "When people see that, they think it's evil. It's not evil, it's their religion, they need sacrifices to feed their Gods. It's an integral part. It's their belief."

Long studied under high priests in Wicca, Santeria and Palo Mayumbe to learn more. "I respect what they believe in. The reason some people are scared of the occult is because it's unknown. If you found crucifixes and rosaries, does that make it a Christian crime?"

THOMAS E. FRANKLIN/THE RECORD

Belleville Police Officer Paul Long on "voodoo" patrol at the Dutch Reformed Church cemetery.



Friends of the Valley Civic Association is hosting "USA on Watch" a presentation by Detective Gary Souss of the Belleville community police unit crime prevention/training department. The community is invited on Thursday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. at School 9.

Winemaking flourishing in **Belleville and Nutley homes**

BY MICHAEL PERRONE Special to Belleville Times

Few people know that New Jersey, not California, is the winemaking capital of America. There are more winemakers in the Garden State than the Golden State, due to huge immigration of Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and eastern European with their strong winemaking tradition.

While California is our nation's premiere grape growing region and home to the majority of large commercial wineries, the enormous number of individual home winemakers in New Jersey gives the state the top national spot for the winemaker title. This according to Richard Schum, Chairman of the Essex Chapter of the American Wine Society and author of the book, "90 Years of Wine Making." Schum is employed by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture and Rutgers University.

Schum served as head of the panel of judges last week who sampled 57 wines produced by local winemakers at the First Annual Winemaking Competition. The event, a fundraiser for the local Columbus Parade was held at the

DeFeo added if the township

ous mistakes."

Nutley Parks building, 44 Park Ave., and was attended by more than 300 people. Winemaking partners Martin Lutz, a Belleville firefighter and John Gabriele of Gabriele Construction in Belleville were the first prize winners. Schum pointed out that Essex County and especially Belleville and Nutley is an area flourishing with excellent winemakers.

Jimmy Corrado, owner of Corrado's Wine Center in Clifton, one of the largest grape distributors in New Jersey, estimates that there are about 500 winemakers in the Belleville-Nutley area. Corrado has watched winemaking blossom in recent years with the old timers being joined by a younger generation looking to keep the tradition alive and return to their roots. Corrado has a mailing list of wine grape customers with more than 10,000 names.

Schum said that the judges were extremely impressed with the wines entered in the recent competition, calling them among the finest the judges had ever sampled.

"Belleville and Nutley should be extremely proud of the fine wines produced by their local winemakers," Schum said.

After public participation was over, Councilmen Steve Rovell and George Ritacco, Deputy Mayor Louis Pallante and Mayor Gerald Digori passed the budget, while Councilmen Kevin Kennedy, John Notari and Councilwoman Marie Strumolo Burke, unsuccessfully voted against it.

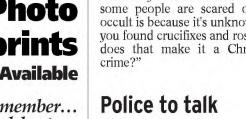
Burke had asked how many votes were needed to pass the budget. When told four, she voted against it. After the vote she said she agrees that vacation days should not carry over to the next year and that municipal employees should pay a portion of their premium.

Next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24 at 7 p.m.



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Friend's effort reveals gap in burial process

Belleville Times BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

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Kathy Collins just wants her longtime friend to be interred with dignity. With no next of kin and very few assets, Elizabeth Bruining, 82, may end up being buried anonymously. So Collins is reaching out to anyone who'll listen.

The circumstances of Bruining's death are sadly unique. With no family members stepping forward "She always talked about to pay for her funeral, she had, as music," Collins said. "The piano

of press time, gone into her third week without burial. Her body lies and violin were her life." Bruining also worked in storage at a Bloomfield funeral home. And since Collins is not a relative, she cannot even have her old friend interred by the county.

Bruining was born April 17, 1923 and lived most of her life in Garfield.

An accomplished pianist and violinist, she earned a living teaching piano.

Bruining also worked for Chase

Manhattan Bank when she was younger.

Over 20 years ago, she moved to Branch Brook Garden apartments in Belleville and became a neighbor to Collins.

She could be very sociable, according to Collins, always attending church socials and play-ing tennis, and could often be seen riding the grounds of Branch Brook on her bicycle, with her "old grandma shoes" in the basket.

"My kids used to ask me if Toto was in the basket on the bike," Collins said.

But Bruining could also be intensely private, especially on certain matters.

She was never married, and would talk vaguely about having family someplace, though no one ever came to visit, Collins said.

"Now she's dead and she has no family," she said. "I'm the type of person who grew up in the church, and I try and help everyone."

Two years ago, Bruining came down with cancer, according to Collins. This past March she had a brief stay a Clara Maass Medical Center before moving to Park Manor Nursing Home in Bloomfield where she died April 28, eleven days after her 82nd birthday.

Collins said she attempted to find out if Bruining, or anyone else, had made arrangements for her funeral, but came up empty. She was told by the director at VanTassel Chickene Arthur K. Brown Funeral Home in Bloomfield, which picked up the body from Park Manor, that no arrangements had been made.

Collins feels like she is family to Bruining, even though she eventually moved to a single family home.

"I took care of her for 15 years," she said. "I helped her with heating problems. I used to do her shopping, take her to the doctor, complain when there was no heat ... "

If Collins had been an actual blood relative to Bruining, she could at least apply for a welfare burial. In that instance, the county pays up to \$1,971 for the funeral costs while the family and friends must pay about \$1,570. Total costs cannot exceed \$4,000, according to Marvann Carroll, director of government and public affairs for the New Jersey State Funeral Directors Association.

Carroll confirmed that Collins' being unrelated is what's prohibiting her from getting county or state help. She said that for a family member, if they have no assets, bank accounts or life insurance, the welfare burial works.

There are other options for families.

"Most times, a family can negotiate a payment plan, and be honest about their ability to pay" she said. "The funeral director works on a case-by-case basis."

While New Jersey doesn't exactly have a "potter's field," a place to bury the lone poor, Carroll said that the county will offer over \$400 to area graveyards to bury someone who fell between the cracks. If there are no takers, the person is cremated and the ashes interred unmarked.

"I just want her to be buried with dignity," Collins said. "I'm sad and drained. I feel

helpless. She was a wonderful, wonderful human being."

Collins said she has tried to get help from the county Division on Aging and the county police, but they were not equipped to help her with this somewhat unique problem because she is not a family member.

She called WOR Channel 9 and Channel 12, the Star Ledger television station, and neither could help.

They said this happens all the time," Collins said.

Bruining's doctors, and especially Park Manor Nursing Home were very helpful, sharing person-

JOHN MONTALVO/BELLEVILLE TIMES Kathy Collins in front of Apartment 335 at the former-Branch

Brook Gardens where her friend Elizabeth Bruining lived for over 20 years.

> al information that Collins needs to try and bury her dear friend, like Social Security numbers and any possible life insurance that might have existed. There wasn't.

> Janet Cataldo, social activities director for Nutley Parkside Apartments, a senior citizen residence, said in her 20 years on the job, she has seen a lot of situations, but never encountered one where someone was so poor they couldn't be buried.

"I've never had someone not claim the body to bury," she said.

To add insult to injury, Bruining's empty apartment was ransacked two weeks ago and some of her medications appeared to be missing, said Collins.

But even though she's only allowed to help in a limited way, Collins has received some support from the Belleville community.

Pastor Nancy Moore of Bethany Lutheran Church has offered to perform the ceremony for Bruining when arrangements are finally made.

Collins also credited Belleville Police Officers James Melillo and Kyle Kondreck, Det. Thomas Gazzo and Capt. Mark Minichini for helping her acquire some crucial information on Bruining.

First Ward Councilwoman Marie Strumolo Burke also helped Collins in the research.

Anyone wishing to help can call George Silva or Joseph Fantasia at VanTassel Funeral Home at (973) 743-1234.

Collins said this experience raises a very important point about planning for a funeral.

"My mom died two and a half years ago, and everything had been taken care of," she said. "Flowers everything. It was a great relief to my family?

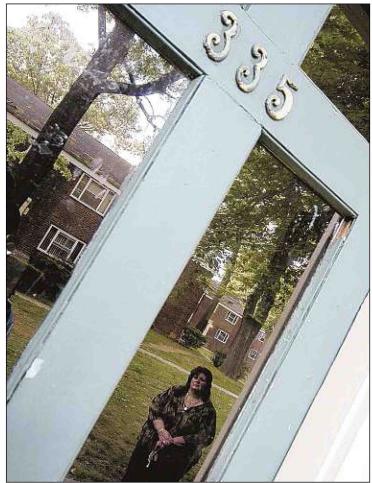


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What's in name? A major pain, say Audubon tenants

BY ANNA SPIEWAK of Belleville Times

With new management, new renovations and a new complex name for the troubled Branch Brook Gardens Apartments, municipal officials want to change the street name to complement the complex and remove the stigma of the old name. But many residents feel it will be too much of a hassle.

Up until last month, the 404unit building complex, the largest one in town, was known for it's slum-like conditions, such as lack of heat in the winter time, disrepair, and a number of health and safety violations which infringed on the residents' quality of life. After new owners recently bought the complex for \$40-million, officials have been looking to get rid of the old reputation to bring property values back up in the surrounding areas.

The new owners, Manhattanbased Praedium Group LLC and Audubon Communities Management LLC, changed the complex name to "Audubon Place."

At neighborhood block meetings and on the Township Council, the suggestion has been raised to 'It will put an extreme burden on the public.' Vincent Frantantoni

Resident

change Branch Brook Drive, where the complex sits, also to "Audubon Drive."

Councilwoman Marie Strumolo Burke, one of the officials who has pushed for improvements at the complex, called the name change "a new renaissance in town."

But some residents, who have no problem with the new name for the complex, are speaking against the street change, noting a number of hurdles it would create for them.

"It would be an enormous problem for us to change our addresses," said resident Jim Messito, at a recent block meeting.

Mayor Gerald Digori responded that changing a driver's license should not be a big issue for residents, and the owners would take care of the rest of the work, such as changing the mailing address for everyone, etc.

At a subsequent council meet-



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St. Anthony's feast runs from June 10 to 12

The Feast of St. Anthony of Silver Lake will be held Friday, June 10, from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday, June 11, from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday, June 12, from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Franklin Street. There will be food, like zeppoles, sausage and peppers, hot

dogs, steaks, drinks and ice cream. There will be rides for the children and teenagers, games of chance, and a grand raffle to be drawn on Sunday night.

p.m. to 10 p.m. on Franklin Street. Featured for entertainment will There will be food, like zeppoles, sausage and peppers, hot the Wanderers on Friday night,

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ing, longtime Belleville residents also spoke out against officially changing the name of the street.

"We're going to have a headache with this, it doesn't make sense," said Phyllis Frantantoni, noting that she just went through address changes with her father, who moved, and the process was arduous.

"I don't know if you know the ramifications of such a change," said resident and former town commissioner Vincent Frantantoni. "It's not just driver's license, it's stock certificates which are held in cyberspace, these things are not done so easy. It was a nice gesture, but I don't think it was thought through. It will put an extreme burden on the public."

Longtime resident Edith DeFeo said that the mail sometimes goes to the wrong place when street names change. The United States Postal Service

uses a database that can include both addresses using the words "either/or," or a dominant street name is given, but the mail still goes to the old address, according to USPS spokesperson George Flood in Newark. He said the mail usually gets lost

when street names sound similar, such as Main Street or Main Court, otherwise it's not a common problem.

About six years ago, under Mayor Angie Paserchia, the council changed the name of Montgomery Street, by the Little League Field, to Marotti Place, to honor former longtime Mayor Michael Marotti. But after residents packed the council chambers protesting the change due to the burden it placed on them, the council changed it back to Montgomery Street.

There's currently a four-foot wide by approximately three-foot high sign at the complex that reads "Audubon Place." Some residents say they don't see a need to replace a three-inch street sign to change the former atmosphere at the site.

Strumolo Burke said there's no imminent plans to change the street name. She doesn't think changing a street name is a big deal and doesn't cost the town any money, but she said the council would discuss the matter further.

"I would love to do it," she said. "I want the aura of Branch Brook Gardens and the Branch Brook Drive to go away." She added that if the residents

were very adamant about the change, the town would just put a sign up without actually changing the postal address.

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

Raja wins at science fair

Karan Raja won a trophy and received a certificate of outstanding achievement for his first place science project "The Cause, Effect and Prevention of Tsunamis," submitted in a science fair sponsored by University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

Raja used a fish tank a vibrator machine, an air-bubble tube, a potato and fire to construct his tsunami project. He received his award from Dr. Eric Weichaus, the 1995 Noble Science Prizewinner.



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The final poem was "God Please Give Me Hope, with Cristina Malva, Maria Cruz, Daisy Urgiles, Kavleen Kauer, Veronica Tejada and Sotomayor. They talked about trying to find hope in a desperate by Diaz. situation, with lines like, "I want to

I'll never be right. Too many people have fought their last fight."

After the class finished their poems came the short play, "One Candle," which was performed with Israeli music in the background. It started with a "Letter from a Young Girl" read by Shel-

The letter starts, "It was terrifyrun away. I hope I don't end up ing! I cannot breath, and my legs like those who have died. The war are weak. We have gone into hid-

is almost over. I'm finally free, but ing because the Nazis are after us." Later, the girl states, "I am already missing home and home cooking. I am so cold... I am alive for now, but I don't know how long I will survive."

> The play starts with a latter-day Jewish family whose members wonder why they have to buy a potato for Hanukah. Nana, played by Victoria Andreola, explains that in the concentration camp she smuggled a potato and some mar

garine and made them into a that) the past has taught a lesson." 11 makeshift Hanukah candle.

"It was the worst prison you could ever imagine," Nana tells her family. "I remember all the names of the women...I'm thankful to light potatoes for all who perished. La'chim, To life!" The play ends with all of the characters raising a

toast and exclaiming "La'chim." At the conclusion of the play, Andreola said, "This (play) gives us hope for the future and (shows

The rest of the cast of the play included Dana Sinkevich, Crystal Antonio, Diaz, Nicolette D'Amico, Evelyn Puenta de la Vega, Knafo, Melissa Miele, Jose Eschevarria, Granados and Patel. The stage

crew was Soto and Polite Certainly all who witnessed the remembrance agreed with those sentiments, and were reminded of the worst - and the best of humanity.



THE GO GUIDE 'Monday Night at the Movies'

Movies" in June.

June 6: 'Breaking Away' (100 min.)

Four young friends try to escape their aimless lives in an Indiana college town by competing in an international bicycle race.

June 13: 'Norma Rae' (113 min.) Sally Field won an academy award for Best Actress for her performance as a spirited Southern

The Bloomfield Public Library is mill worker who fights for the right hosting "Monday Night at the to a labor union. Martin Ritt directs co-stars Beau Bridges and Ron Leibman (1979).

June 20: 'Escape from Alcatraz' (112 min.)

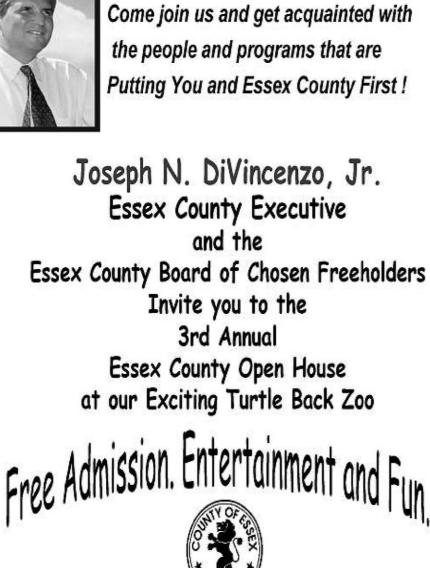
Don Siegel directs Clint Eastwood, Blossom Roberts and Patrick McGoohan in this vivid retelling of the true story of the only three men to ever escape from the infamous Alcatraz prison (1979).

June 27: 'Carousel' (128 min.) An innocent girl (Shirley Jones) falls in love with a swaggering carnival barker (Gordon Macrae) in this timeless Rogers and Hammerstein masterpiece. Songs include "June is Bustin' Out all Over" and the inspiring "You'll Never Walk

Alone" (1956). All films start at 7 p.m. in the Library Theatre, 90 Broad St. Admission is free and all are welcome.

The library is barrier free.





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Mandolin orchestras to welcome spring

Bloomfield's unique tradition of greeting spring with lively, mandolin playing will strike up under the baton of Maestro Gabriel L. Nevola on Sunday, June 5.

The concert, with featured tenor Tom Smargiassi III, will take place at Bloomfield's Sacred Heart Church at 3:15 p.m. on June 5. New York's LIMAGO (Long Island Mandolin and Guitar Orchestra), conducted by Antonina Nigrelli, will join the 63-year old Bloomfield orchestra (BMO) on stage. The two groups shared batons once previously, at Hofstra University in 2002.

The orchestras feature a variety of instruments: mandolins, mandolas, guitars, mandocellos, mandobass, accordion, woodwinds and percussion.

Several vocal accompaniments by Smargiassi will highlight the afternoon. Smargiassi recently toured with the Manhattan Lyric Opera, performing the role of The Duke in "Rigoletto."

The BMO, counting some 30 volunteer musicians, has per-formed at numerous New Jersey venues of late, including the Italian American Heritage Foundation convention at Rutgers University in October; Columbus Day festivities in Clifton; and a

Sept. 11 memorial ceremony at Bloomfield Township Hall. Nevola's orchestra is regularly invited to entertain at libraries, senior centers, civic events and

community gatherings. Nevola has directed the Bloomfield Mandolin Orchestra for the past 32 years.

Both orchestras operate as notfor-profit artistic societies and depend on funds from public grants for their continued existence, to provide enjoyment for area communities and an appreciation of "old world" musical folk instruments.

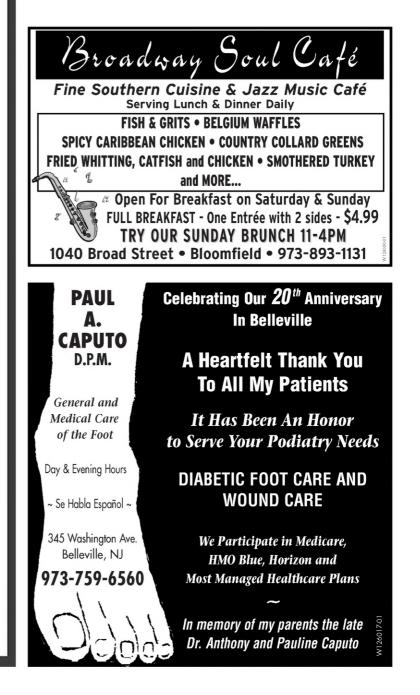
Sacred Heart Church is located at 76 Broad St. in Bloomfield.

Donations at the door will be \$8 per person (children under 12 are free). To discuss seating matters or group attendance, call Sherry Stafford-Loibl at (973) 697-8099.

For directions to the church or further information, visit the Web site

www.nj.mandolins.home.att.net.

This performance is part of a year-round concert series sponsored by the Bloomfield Recreation Commission, under the auspices of the Bloomfield Federation of Music.



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THE GO GUIDE

ACOUSTIC MUSIC Holcombe & Wictor to headline at Café

music venue in Nutley dedicated to outlook towards life, politics and bringing quality live acoustic music to the Essex County area, will feature a guest emcee at its next evening of music.

WFDU on-air personality Bill Malcolm Holcombe and opening act Pat Wictor.

The Hillside Café is located at 45 Hillside Crescent, Nutley, at the corner of Church and Prospect streets, in the Franklin Reformed Church "community room."

The performance will be held Saturday, May 21 at 8 p.m. (Doors open at 7:30 p.m.) Admission is \$7. Reservations are suggested for groups of four or more. Call (973) 616-0106 for more information.

Bill Hahn

WFDU radio personality Bill Hahn arrived in this country as a tiny tot, and growing up during by Grammy winner Bil Vorn Dick.

NUTLEY LITTLE THEATRE

The Hillside Café, a nonprofit World War II greatly impressed his where one has roots. Like all his peers growing up, Bill was fed a steady diet of great radio programming.

For more information about Hahn will emcee for headliner Hahn, visit the Web site www. wfdu.fm.

Malcolm Holcombe

Singer-Songwriter Malcolm Holcombe's music is a blend of country and folk. His moody poetry, country blues guitar and rumbling baritone has garnered comparisons to notable musicians such as Tom Waits. Malcolm has toured nationally with Shelby Lynne and opened for artists such as Richard Thompson and Wilco.

He continues to write prolifically, appears regularly on radio and has been involved with the "Return To Cold Mountain" CD, produced

Since Malcolm's star is rising fast, this is likely one of the last chances to see him in such an intimate setting and at such a low cost, according to the Hillside Café.

For more information, visit the Web site www.malcolmholcombe. com.

Pat Wictor

Pat Wictor, who is touring to promote his new album "Waiting for the Water," sings in a pure voice and makes his instrument, the lapstyle slide guitar, "sing" back to him. He can bring a room to silence, weaving several parts on his guitar and reaching quietly into each listener's heart. And his songs, drawn from the deep wells of rural blues, gospel and country music linger in the mind long after he's done.

For more information, visit the Web site www.patwictor.com.

Garage sale to aid NLT

Nutley Little Theatre will continue its 2005 fundraising campaign on Saturday, May 21 with "Another Person's Treasure," a garage sale at the NLT Barn, 47 Erie Place, Nutley. The event, to run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., will feature sales of baked goods, arts and crafts and donated household items.

The sales event is another in a fundraising series called "NLT = New Life for Our Theater," which is raising capital for the theater to make repairs and improvements for the comfort of its patrons.

The sale will offer new and old items donated by NLT's members and supporters, including clothing, CDs, videotapes, housewares, sporting goods, toys and a limited number of books. Donations are still being accepted. To volunteer items, e-mail Melissa Surow,

organizer of the sale, at mss@jeremiahassociates.com.

We're counting on the generosity of our many members and supporters to make this a onestop supersale," Surow said. "It will be the best of 50 garages all in one place."

Unsold items will be donated to Vietnam Veterans of America. The rain date for the event is Sunday, May 22.

Nutley Little Theatre stages its productions at the 100-year-old NLT Barn, located off Brookfield Avenue (one block east of Franklin Avenue) in the heart of the Erie Place Historic District. For directions, visit the Web site www.nutleylittletheatre.com.

For information about NLT productions, call (973) 667-0374



to "A Chorus Line" lyricist Edward Kleban, will be the next production at Nutley Little Theatre.

The cast includes Brigitte Decaudain of Nutley, Claudia Huegel of Sea Bright, Gus Ibranyi of Parsippany, Jeffrey Norman of Lincoln Park, Peter Oliff of Nutley, Jessica Sporn of Glen Ridge, Beth Valenti of Oakland and Paul Zeller

"A Class Act," a musical tribute Wayne is musical director, and Jennifer DiMinni of Hoboken is choreographer.

Directed by Ron Mulligan of Bloomfield, "A Class Act" opens Friday, June 10. Performances are scheduled on June 11, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25 at 8 p.m., and June 12 and 19 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each. To purchase tickets, call (973) 667-0374. Opening night will serve as a of Jersey City. Sue Chandler of benefit performance for New Jer-

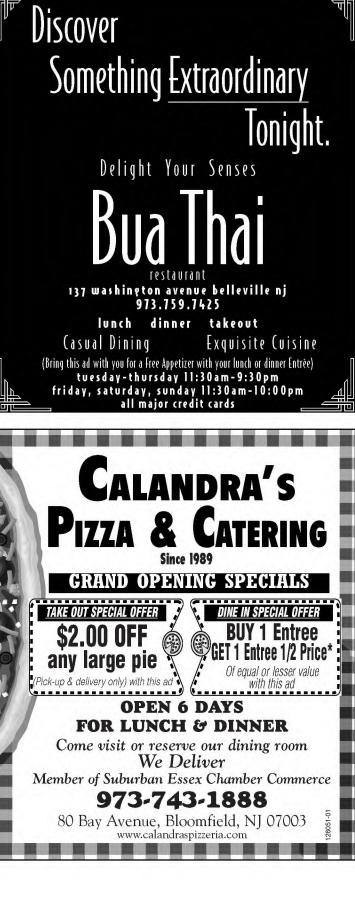
The Sunday, June 12 matinee will feature a special event following the performance. "Words & Music: The Making of 'A Class Act" will be a panel discussion moderated by Peter Filicia, New

columnist.

Jersey theater critic for the Star-

Ledger and Theatermania.com





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RECIPES

Zucchini Appetizer

3 cups thinly sliced zucchini 1 cup Bisquick 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese 2 tbsp. parsley 1/2 tsp. salt 1/2 tsp. oregano Dash pepper 1 clove garlic, minced 1/2 cup oil 4 eggs, slightly beaten 1/2cup grated Cheddar cheese Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 13 x 9 x 2 inch pan. Mix all ingredients and spread evenly in pan. Bake 25 to 30 minutes. Cut into small squares and serve warm.

St. Paul's Cookbook

Crab Meat Wedges

6 1/2 oz. can crab meat

1 stick butter or margarine (room

temperature) 1 tsp. garlic powder

1 tsp. mayonnaie

1 jar Old English Cheese spread (5 0Z.)

6 English muffins Mix above ingredients. Arrange opened muffins (12 halves) on a cookie sheet. Spread mixture on muffins and place in freezer on cookie sheet.

When frozen, cut each muffin half into eight wedges. Arrange wedges on cookie sheet and broil three to five minutes or store wedges in freezer in Ziplock bag until ready to use. St. Paul's Cookbook



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WEDDING



Nicole Marie Pepe bride of Jason Aiello

Nicole Marie Pepe, daughter of Cathy Pepe and James Pepe, both of Bloomfield, was married Aug. 14, 2004 to Jason John Aiello, son of Bruce and Anne Aiello of Nut-

Bethwood, Totowa. A reception followed.

The bride was escorted by her father. Jaimee Pepe, sister of the bride was maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Laura Bettelli, Jenai Gaccione, Denise Castro, Erica Iannucci and O'Livia DelPiano.

Brad Michael Aiello was his brother's best man. Ushering were Matthew Aiello, Pete Santora, Keith Dryburg, George Castro and Jeff Agnoli.

ty.

Mr. Aiello, a graduate of Nutley High School, is also a student at Montclair State University. The couple is living in Clifton

after honeymooning at Disney World.

ENGAGEMENT

Stephanie Ann Rotino, Ralph Gallo engaged

Judy and Michael Rotino of Belleville announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Ann, to Ralph Douglas Gallo, son of Mary-Ellen and Ralph Gallo of Saddle Brook.

The proposal took place at the top of the Barnegat lighthouse on Long Beach Island. The wedding is planned for July 21, 2006.

Miss Rotino, an alumna of Belleville High School and The College of New Jersey, is an art teacher at Belleville Middle School.

Mr. Gallo, a graduate of Saddle Brook High School and Rutgers University, is a teacher at Teaneck Community Charter School.

On cats, kids and a collapse



John and Erin, with two cats sharing their home, installed a cat door leading from the kitchen to the

basement. And they taught Frank, now a little over one, how

dirty shirt and pants through the door and into the basement where mommy will pick them up for washing. Fine and dandy. Frank took to the idea with great enthusiasm. Too much enthusi-asm in fact. Waits for mommy to hand him his shirt and pants every night after supper, toddles over to the "door" and pushes the usually food-covered items

"If you're looking for anything in this house," said Erin the other night, "look in the cellar. He's also thrown the phone, the remote control, toys and his shoes through the 'cat door."

looking child. Well, you've got one, complete with attitude."

in-law exactly what he meant by that statement but he was safe at NJIT, taking final exams. And the next night, he was

caught in that horrendous traffic jam after part of a wall collapsed on the Henry Hudson Parkway and I didn't think that was the time to take him to task for his disparaging remark about the Irish.

But I haven't forgotten. My grandchild roster is about to increase. The southern branch of the family is producing a little one in the fall. That will make six.

Ella told them she didn't like either of the names they have picked out. She has a preference for something more dramatic as evidenced by the name she bestowed on one of the kittens in her house, "Barbie Swan Lake."

The kittens came from the Bloomfield/Bukowski Animal Shelter via a foster mother who, since they were found behind Gencarelli's Bakery, had christened them Cookie and Cannoli. Those names soon gave way to Barbie S.L. and Squirt.

The "kittens," now fully grown, are gorgeous. Barbie is a true Calico with fur like velvet and a very serene and laid-back personality. Squirt, who reflects his Maine Coon Cat ancestry, has a tail like a feather duster. He is not serene or laid-back. Just the opposite. They have adapted well to sharing their home with a huge dog, a ham-ster and an occasional fish.

Lauretta Freeman to speak at Hadassah meeting Members of the Bloomfield-Nutley Chapter of Hadassah will hear Lauretta B. Freeman of Montclair describe her experi-

ences traveling around the world as part of a University of Pittsburgh Semester at Sea program 1:30 p.m. May 24 at Temple Ner Tamid, Bloomfield.

Freeman took course work aboard the ship, "Universe Explorer," and spent 100 days studying and interacting with peo-ple in Canada, Japan, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Thailand, India, Tanzania, South Africa, Brazil and Cuba.

Freeman is an adjunct instructor at Montclair State University and an educational consultant with the Center for Educational Services in Glen Ridge. She is also the founding director of the Montclair Cooperative School, program chair for the Women's

Forms available

Engaged, getting married, had a baby, celebrating a special anniversary? We have forms available for all these occasions. International League for Peace and Freedom, Essex County branch and co-authored the book "Daisy," a text for teachers of young children which was com-missioned by International Playthings. She is listed in the 1997-98 edition of "Who's Who Among American Women."

The meeting is open to the pub-lic. For more information, call (973) 338-4025.

Hadassah, one of the nation's largest volunteer women's organizations, recently celebrated its 93rd birthday by dedicating a new Center for Emergency Medicine in Israel. The Hadassah Medical Organization has been nominated for a 2005 Nobel Peace Prize for its equitable treatment of all patients, regardless of religious or ethnic background.

Call the office at (973) 667-2100 and ask for the form you need. **Questions? Call Helen Maguire** direct at (973) 667-0645.

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through. But that's not all he does.

US Our Sony digital camera is among the missing!



LIFE IN **SILVER LAKE** MARIE **STRUMOLO** BURKE

It's history, our "Just to be With You" featuring the Passions. And, yes, we had a blast. But, I must send this plea out to someone who may have seen the association's Sony digital camera. Our roving photographer, Gary Souss, did a good job on the photo session. The only thing that put a damper on the evening was when the camera was among the missing. So if anyone saw it or knows anything about its whereabouts, the SLCA would appreciate an anonymous note or info leading to its capture. Upon return, there will be no questions asked. We just want the camera and the memorable photos. So please, please, have a heart and return it to its rightful owner. More on the dance in another column.

Did you know that Pro Wrestling (N.W.A.-C.S.) is coming to the Belleville, Nutley area? Well, it will be held in the Holy

Rec department offers summer fun

The Belleville Recreation Department is now accepting registration for its seventh annual "Camp Belleville" program this summer, a structured, self-contained, six-week program for children now in kindergarten through sixth grade.

The camp will be held at the Rec House, 407 Joralemon Streeet and will be supervised by certified instructors and college and high school student assistants.

The program will run from Monday, June 27, through Friday, Aug. 5, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For flexibility, children may join in one-week intervals and have the option of joining any of the six weeks of the programs.

Pre-registration is required and participation is limited to the first 100 children to apply per session. Registration began May 9 and ends June 10. Nominal program fees may be required. Late applicants will be placed on a waiting list. Applications are available at the recreation office.

In addition to "Camp Belleville," the township will also host its free summer playground program. The program will be held at the stadium and possibly at the Friendly House from Monday, June 27 through Friday, Aug. 5. The hours are from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., but playgrounds will be closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. These playgrounds are open to children who are currently in grades K-8. All programs will be closed on

rainy days.

For further information regarding either program, call (973) 450-3422.

Family gym on Saturday, June 11 at 7 p.m. The coordinator of the event is none other than Giovanni the "Rock" Capalbo. The Rock will be defending America against the evil forces of the Middle East. Also featured on the bill, like that wrestling term?, is Anthony 'The Flash' Sessa from Silver Lake and Vinny, The Law, Strumolo, my cousin. The proceeds from this event will go to a good cause, the Cerebral Palsy School in Belleville. Mark your calendars for June 11

I've said it over and over again. But I will repeat it. Congratulations to the Belleville High School Marching Band on win-ning the USSBA Central New Jersey Regional and All States Championships. Way to go kids. And what do you receive when you do good. Well, the Belleville Town Council is rewarding your efforts for all the time and good work put in to the marching band by hosting a dinner on Friday, May 20 at 7 p.m. at the newly renovated Branch Brook Manor.

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my good friends, Emil Narda-chone. This gentleman is a resident of Belleville and a great attorney. I understand that a surhis wife Annabel. His birthday is May 19, but the party was given on May 6 to throw him off. We hope it worked. But anyway, we missed you and your gang at our

And remember, we love Silver Lake..

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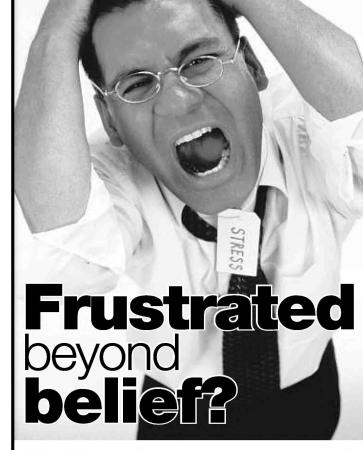
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prise party was given to him by oldies show, but there is always next time.



Atlantic City bus trip

The Belleville Public Library and Information Center will host a bus trip to the Showboat Casino in Atlantic City Monday, June 6. Tickets are \$20 per person with \$18 back in coins. Tickets will be reserved at the circulation desk when payment is made.

will host its "Fun Auction" again with auctioneer Joan Taub and her Friends of the Belleville Public Library and Information Center, Thursday, June 16 at 1 p.m. to bid on items which make suitable gifts for all occasions.

Donations of new and gently used items are welcome until May 31.

Regular \$849.95 **\$4499**5

A Small Deposit Will Hold Until Wanted

Patio Book Sale

The Friends of the Library will hold its annual "Giant Patio Book Sale" Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11 on the Academy Street patio of the Belleville Library. Bargains will be available for the whole family.

Cherry Blossom photo display On display at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center are beautiful pictures taken by library archivist Diana Price during cherry blossom season in Branch Brook Park.

WI-FI available outside library

Spring is here, the temperature's rising and it's beautiful outside. Why not take advantage of the weather and bring your laptop or Ibook to the Belleville Public Library's patio area and access the advance reading copies of books not due out until later this spring. These titles include: "The Historian" by Elizabeth Kostova, "Empire Rising" by Mary Higgins Clark, "Acts of Faith" by Philip Caputo, "The Waterless Sea" by Kate Constable, "The Inside Ring" by Michael Lawson, "Wait Until Midnight" by Amanda Quick, "Star of Gypsies" by Robert Silverberg, "The Crazyladies of Pearl Street" by Trevanian, "Freddy and Fredericka" by Mark Helprin, "Death's Little Helpers" by Peter Spiegelman, "The Mermaid Chair" by Sue Monk Kidd, and "Never Let Me Go" by Kazuo Ishiguro.

These and other great titles are available at the main library, 221 Washington Ave. For more infor-

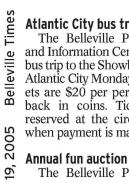
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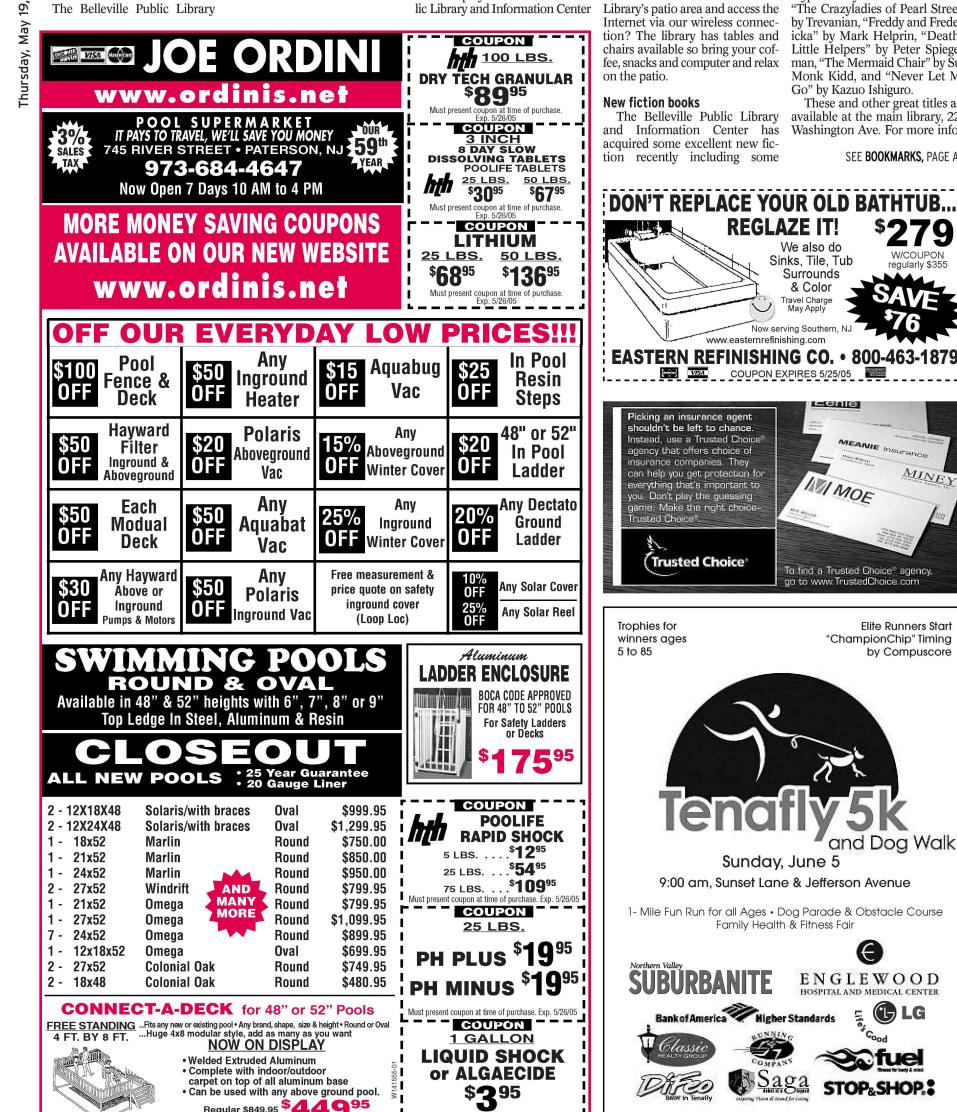
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searching for pictures and family histories of all Belleville firemen past and present to be remembered in history. Call Diana Price at 973-

450-3434 to have items scanned and returned immediately.

Library/Red Cross collect for troops

The Belleville Public Library and Information Center is collecting supplies for the Red Cross for The Belleville Public Library is shipment to New Jersey troops being deployed to Iraq. Items requested are: travel size shaving cream, bath soap, international calling cards, wet wipes, small bot-

tles of hand sanitizer, Twizzlers hand lotion, cold packs. (individually wrapped), granola bars, small cans of fruit, Crystal Light powder, double-edge, disposable razors (no loose razors), unscented, small bottles of foot powder, eye drops (no contact supplies), ladies' hygiene items, new music CDs, new video DVDs writing tablets, black in pens, envelopes, bug guard, sun block SPR 45 or higher, travel size bottles of shampoo, travel size bottles of

The Belleville Public Library is open Mon., Tues., Thurs. from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Wed., Fri., Sat. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The children's room is open Mon. and Tues. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Wed. to Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (973) 450-3434 for more information.

Belleville Times deadline

The deadline for press releases, photos and letters to the editor is 1 p.m. Thursday before the following edition. E-mail copy and photos to bellevilletimes@northjersey.com. Send info to 90 Centre St., Nutley, N.J. 07110. Fax us at (973) 667-3904. Have a name and number with submissions.



Columbus committee corrects names of home wine gala winners

Due to an error, the Columbus Day Parade Committee has had to resubmit the names of the winners of its first annual Columbus Wine Competition for homemade brands. Over 300 area residents crowded into the Nutley Parks Buildings May 6, to watch 57 Nutley and Belleville winemakers compete for top bottle. Proceeds will go to help with this year's Columbus Day Parade of Nutley and Belleville.

Winners for red wine included Marty Lutz and John Gabriele, first place; Gennaro Contella, second place; and George Smith, third place.

Winners for white wine included Pat Conturso, first; Damiano Corino, second; and Don Delli, third.



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From left, Gennaro Contella, pictured with the first place winner Marty Lutz, took second place for homemade red wine.



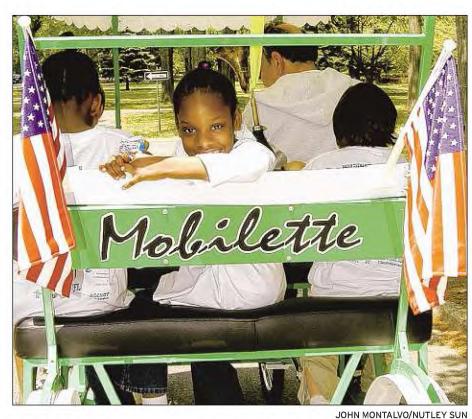
Marty Lutz and John Gabriele were the first place winners for red wines.

Belleville's 1st Cerebral Palsy Center holds Wheel-a-thon in Brookdale Park over weekend



JOHN MONTALO/BELLEVILLE TIMES

The 1st Cerebral Palsy Center of New Jersey, located in Belleville, held a "Wheel-a-thon" May 14 in Bloomfield's Brookdale Park to raise money for its programming. Above, Gerard Catalfamo, 6, brought his inline skates and bicycle to the event then managed to get a Spiderman makeover from the face painter.



Edith Codringcon enjoys a ride on the "Mobilette" during the event. Participants were sponsored to ride around the park as many times as they liked.



OBITUARIES

Romanie Bray

A service was held May 12 in the Biondi Funeral Home of Nutley for Romanie Bray, 87, of Belleville who died May 10 in Clara Maass Medical Center. Mrs. Bray, a florist,

owned and operated Don's Flower Shop, Belleville, with her late husband, Donald, for 40 years before retiring in 1986. A 55-year member of the Order

of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Bray was a member and past matron of Areme Chapter 73 of Belleville and in Union City and Whitehouse Home, Nutley for Anthony

District for the statewide grand chapter. She was a member, past matron and secretary of Nutley Chapter 121 and a grand representative from New Jersey to the State of Montana in 1992-93 and was also a trustee at the Eastern Star Home in Finderne for many vears

She was a past president of the Lady Lions of the Belleville Lions Club.

Born in North Bergen, she lived

1946.

Surviving are sons, Donald P.V., Robert R., Roger, Melvyn and A. Scott; a daughter, Barbara L. Veltre; a brother, Paul Van Steenberghe; 19 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Anthony Graziano

A service was held May 7 in the S.W. Brown and Son Funeral

a past district deputy of the 21st before moving to Belleville in Graziano, 74, of Belleville who died May 4 in Clara Maass Medical Center.

He was an operating engineer with Local 825, Springfield, for 30 years. From 1962 to 1974, he was a partner in Rotosin Contractors in Belleville. He then returned to the operating engineers and retired 15 years ago.

Mr. Graziano served in the Merchant Marine in the 1940s. Born in Nutley, he also lived in

Newark before moving Belleville 52 years ago.



Surviving are his wife, Joan M.; a daughter, Joanne Touw; a son, Jim; sisters, Juliette Loihle and Esther, and three grandchildren.

Laura Roche

A Mass for Laura Roche, 91, of Woodbridge was offered May 9 in Holy Family Church, Nutley, after the funeral from the Corey and Corey Funeral Home, Rahway.

Mrs. Roche, who died May 5 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway, was a sales clerk at Hahnes Department Store and Orbachs Department Store for 45 years before retiring.

Born in Newark, she lived there and in Belleville for most of her life before moving to Woodbridge a year ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia Berardi; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Joseph Messina

A Mass for Joseph Messina, 66, of Bloomfield was offered May 10 in St. Anthony's Church, Belleville. Arrangements were by the Zarro Funeral Home, Bloomfield.

Mr. Messina, who died May 4 at home, was the owner of Secrets Hair Salon for many years.

Rossmore Pharmacy Footnotes Vincent Cozzarelli Reg. Ph. **ORPHAN DRUGS** In most cases, drug companies recoup the huge investment they make in research and development of a drug by selling it in large quanties. However, there are drugs that will never earn back their research-and-development costs because they are only suited to a very limited group of users. Medicines that treat fewer than 200,000 individuals are designated as "orphan drugs" by the government. Incentives incorporated in the Orphan Drug Act have helped with the clearance of over 250 such medications over the past two decades. In aggregate, these medications treat more than twelve million people. Without the research grants, tax benefits, protocol assistance, and other benefits provided by the government user of orphan drugs would have no treatment. When your physician gives you a medication, as part of your treatment, for friendly, helpful service bring your prescription to us at ROSSMORE PHARMACY, 338 Washington Avenue, (973-759-1968 or 973-759-1956).We are Blue Cross and Medicare approved. Baby needs, cosmetics, toiletries, and many other items are carried.

> HINT: "Orphan" drugs enjoy seven-year marketing exclusively in the United States

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Belleville UNICO welcoming those of Italian descent

The Belleville Chapter of UNI-CO National, the largest Italian American service organization in the United States, is conducting its annual membership drive. The and individuals married to Italian Americans (18 years and older) willing to foster a positive image by

ing the negative portrayal of Italians and Italian Americans. The chapter has been active in collecting petitions for war hero John chapter seeks Italian Americans Basilone's stamp, has taken an means "Only One of a Kind." active role in making the Belleville/Nutley Columbus Day Parade a success, donated books to

performing good deeds and fight- the Belleville library and high school. It has also raised funds for local and national charities, scholarships and food baskets.

The name UNICO, in Italian, Additionally the letters are inter-

preted as U-unity, N-neighborliness, I-integrity, C-charity, and Oopportunity.

President Chapter Kathy Masone and the chapter will hold its annual membership drive at the Palmisano at (973) 585-7278. Branch Brook Manor, 132 Wash-

ington Ave., Belleville at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 13.

Those individuals wishing to be a part of the chapter may call UNI-CO membership chairman Charles



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Belleville UNICO Chapter President Kathy Masone calls for membership drive.







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SPORTS

Bucs continue magical run

BY MIKE LAMBERTI for Belleville Times

History continues to be made on the tennis courts at Belleville High.

Last week, the Bucs won its first-ever NJSIAA match, defeating North Bergen 4-1. The victory earned Belleville the opportunity to play top seeded Ridgewood last Tuesday in the second round. Belleville also posted league wins last week against Paramus Catholic, 5-0 and Teaneck, 3-2. Belleville's lone setback this week was a 5-0 league loss to Ridgewood.

Tony Salese's team faces a busy week. The Bucs (10-5 entering the week) faced Bloomfield, Ridgewood and Nutley earlier this week. It will be at Paramus today at 4 and travels to Don Bosco

Prep tomorrow at 4. Next Mon- this season.' day, Paterson Eastside comes to town for the Bucs' final regular season home match. Belleville finishes the season with matches at Montclair next Tuesday and Hackensack on Wednesday, May

BHS TENNIS

On June 3, the first doubles team of Jordan Manlapig and L.J. Cecilio will compete at the state doubles championships at Mercer County Park.

The win over North Bergen was clearly the highlight of the week.

"The kids were really happy," Salese said. "You can tell they're really enjoying all the success of

Cirio DeJesus won at first singles, 6-3, 6-2, Kevin Santos prevailed at second singles, 6-4, 6-0 and Mikko Sunico won at third singles, 6-1, 6-0. The second doubles team of David Kang and John Thai wrapped it up with a straight sets victory, 6-4, 6-4.

Against Teaneck, Santos, Suni-co and the second doubles team of Kang and Thai were victorious while DeJesus, Santos, Sunico, the first doubles team of Manlapig and Cecilio and the second doubles of Kang and Thai all won against Paramus Catholic.

"We have a big week coming up," Salese said. "We get the chance to face Ridgewood again in the states, and have some tough league matches as well. Overall, I can't be happier with the way we're playing."

BHS BASEBALL Bucs bounce back, prep for states

BY MIKE LAMBERTI for Belleville Times

The Belleville baseball team came back from a tough loss at Nutley in the Greater Newark Tournament to post key NNJIL wins last week against Paramus Catholic, 7-5 and Teaneck, 11-10. Alan Frank's team lost one game last week, to Ridgewood last Friday, 7-0.

Belleville took a 15-9 mark into a game with Bloomfield last Monday. The Bucs were host to Nutley yesterday and will be home to Don Bosco Prep tomorrow at 4. Next Monday, Belleville will either host Paterson Eastside, or play a first round, NJSIAA contest. If the state game is on Monday, then the Paterson Eastside contest will probably be moved to May 24.

be flat heading into Paramus Catholic after that Nutley game, Frank said, referring to Belleville's defeat at the hands of the defending GNT champions on May 7. "But we did a good job and got back on track.'

Belleville took a 3-0 lead against Paramus Catholic, but the Bergen school rallied to take a 4-3 lead in the top of the fourth. In the last of the fourth, the Bucs came back with three runs. Anthony Marinello drove in a run with a perfect suicide squeeze bunt, Jason Luzzi singled in a run and Jonathan Serrano hit a sacrifice fly to score a run.

Luzzi, Matt Roman and Michael Cassese had two hits each to lead Belleville. Serrano (3-0), in relief of starting pitcher David Caruso, gained the victory. the pitcher, in relief.

"I didn't know if our kids would Andrew Brenneman was credited with the save.

Against Teaneck, the Bucs fell behind 10-2 after 3 1/2 innings, but came back with three in the fourth, highlighted by Luzzi's tworun homer, and five in the fifth to tie the game, then won it on Roman's game-winning hit in the last of the eighth.

"Teaneck needed the game to make the states, so we knew they'd be tough," Frank said. "Actually, the way we started that game was the way I thought we'd be after the Nutley game. We were flat and made some errors. But our kids hung in there and found a way to win." Roman led Belleville with three

hits. Brian Cimmet, Brenneman and Marinello had two hits each. Brenneman was also the winning

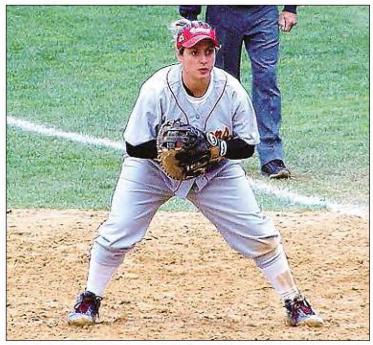


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SOPHOMORE SENSATION

Jackie Velardi had another outstanding season for the Caldwell College softball team, leading Caldwell to its second straight Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference regular season and post-season crowns and the NCAA Northeast Region Championship. Velardi hit .296 for the season with a homer, 35 RBI, nine doubles and 16 runs scored as Caldwell finished with its second best season in school history with a 40-11 mark.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Newark Bears to host "Belleville Night"

On Tuesday, June 7 the Newark Bears, a professional minor league baseball club playing in the Independent League, will host the 2nd annual "Belleville Night" at **Riverfront Stadium in Newark.**

Pre-game festivities will start a half-hour before the 7:05 p.m. game and a full slate of activities honoring Belleville and its residents will take place. Mayor Jerry Digori will throw out a ceremonial first pitch and Belleville Recreation little leaguers will take the field with the Newark Bears as the Belleville High School marching band performs the National Anthem.

Discounted tickets will be offered to Belleville residents for

\$5 and can be purchased at the **Belleville Recreation department** located at 407 Joralemon St. Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Additional information about the Bears and directions can be obtained by calling (973) 848-1000 or logging on to www.newarkbears.com.

Cheerleading advisors sought

The Belleville Recreation Department is currently seeking cheerleading advisors for its 2005 Jr. Bucs cheerleading program. Advisors must be 18 by July 2005 or older and cheerleading experience and leadership ability is a priority.

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Belleville natives shine on diamond during collegiate careers

It's been four years? Can't be! Was it May 31, 2001 when Belleville's Kristin Wilson led off the top of the first inning with a homer, propelling her team to a 3-0 upset of Morris Knolls and a North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 softball championship?

4-0 victory over West Milford in cian College. the Group 4 semifinals and a berth in the championship game against Cherokee?

Yes, it's been nearly four years, and while the memories of that championship run still burn brightly, the truth is those two are about ready to graduate college. Wilson and Green both enjoyed successful collegiate careers, Wilson starring



Was it June 4, 2001 when at Monmouth University and Danielle Green led Belleville to a Green a four-year standout at Feli-

Now, with graduation on the immediate horizon, it's time for those two to look ahead to the next stage of their lives. But this also seemed a nice time to say thank you to both for the enjoyment they provided their family and friends with their outstanding play on the diamond during their high school and college days.

Greeny, was a fixture at third base during her four years at Belleville. She was a slick fielder who had a penchant for key hits. Greeny took her game seriously, but always took the time to say hello. She had a big smile but a tenacious manner on the field.

At Felician, she was a four-year starter at third base. This year, Green played in all 36 of her team's games, hitting .284. She scored 13 runs, had five doubles and struck out just 12 times in 102 at bats.

What can I say about Kristin Wilson? After earning All-State honors in 2001 and being named the Essex County Player of the Year in her senior campaign at

Green, or as I always called her, Belleville, Willy went on to Monmouth University, where she had a phenomenal career. According to the Monmouth Web site, she earned her third All-NEC citation this season after garnering firstteam honors as an outfielder in 2003 and second-team as a utility player in 2002.

Wilson capped her illustrious career at Monmouth with one of the finest seasons in school history. Despite missing 10 games due to a shoulder injury, she finished second in the conference with a .423 (55-for-130) average, which is 17th in the most recent NCAA Division I rankings and is the third highest in school history. She also finished fourth in the NEC in runs scored (31) and on-base percentage

(.454), while ranking seventh in slugging percentage (.569). She stole a career-high and team-best 16 bases, hit five triples with two home runs and 16 RBI. Willy leaves West Long Branch

ranking third in career average (.367), fourth in career hits (203) and fifth in runs scored (106) and stolen bases (50)

Most importantly, she was set to graduate Monmouth yesterday y with avBachelor degree. It seemed like yesterday when she was in her cap and gown at Belleville High.

And now, it's time for them to move on. But here's a note to two Belleville standouts that gave it all that they had on the athletic field. Thanks very much.

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For more information contact the Belleville Recreation Department located at 407 Joralemon Street at (973) 450-3422.

Recreation leader sought

The Belleville Recreation Department is currently seeking applicants for various part-time recreation leaders for the summer season. Applicants must be high school graduates and reside in Belleville with priority given to college students and teachers.

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Christian Apostolic Church

Vacation Bible school

The Christian Apostolic Church located at 77 Wallace St., Belleville, will once again offer a free Vacation Bible School.



Holy Land Adventure" and will feature the Jerusalem Marketplace. The workers will be wearing costumes similar to the clothing worn in Biblical times. The crafts and activities will feature those things found in the Bible.

The program will be held every Saturday in June from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for children four to 11 years old.

Bible studies and other events

Christian Apostolic Church of Belleville offers two Bible studies every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. One led by Rev. Grace Alfieri is for adults; the other is led by the youth pastor and youth group leaders. On Wednesdays, the church opens at 9:30 a.m. for a prayer meeting. The first and third Thursday of the month is Bible Study 101 at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The church

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Christ Church

Solemnity of Corpus Christi

Christ Church will observe the Solemnity of Corpus Christi with a Solemn Mass and Benediction of the Most-blessed Sacrament, Sunday, May 29 at 10 a.m. Rev. Paul Walker, Vicar will officiate and preach. The parish will host a luncheon following the morning Mass and benediction.

Corpus Christi, literally meaning, "Body of Christ," is celebrated on the first Thursday following Holy Trinity Sunday. The day may be celebrated on the following Sunday. The feast day celebrates the doctrine of the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Corpus Christi is

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one of Christ Church's "parish feast days" or "patronals;" the oth-ceiling and they are having their er two are the Feasts of the Transfiguration and Christ the King.

Care Closet Distribution

The Care Closet, one of the outreach programs of the Jubilee Community Development Corporation at Christ Church, has announced that its May Distribution Day will be Monday, May 23 at 3 p.m. The church is always in need of volunteers to assist with the outreach project, now in its eighth year of operation and welcomes donations.

Annual spring fair and flea market

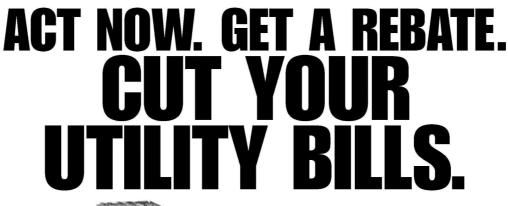
Christ Church will hold its Spring Fair and flea market Saturday, May 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Belleville Reformed Church

Spaghetti Dinner/Tricky Tray

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first fundraiser in it. A combination spaghetti dinner and Tricky Tray will be held Saturday, June 4. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 p.m. Prizes will be called at 8 p.m. sharp. Dinner consists of meatballs, sausages, turkey sausages and bread. Tickets are \$10 for the Tricky Tray alone; \$15 includes dinner. There will also be a 50/50. For tickets, call Carol at 762-5419 or Betty at 751-2262.

St. Anthony Church

Family Festival

St. Anthony's will hold its family festival on Franklin St. in the Silver Lake section of Belleville, June 10 through June 12. The festival is open Friday night from 6 to 11 p.m.; Saturday from 3 to 11 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 10 p.m. Processions will be Friday after the 5 p.m. Mass and Sunday after the noon Mass.

There will be rides, games, food, crafts and fun. Friday "Sandy and the Wanderers" will perform. "Sunset Soundz" is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday DJ Freddie will play.

Bethany Lutheran Church

Open Mike night

Making It Count TV (M.I.C.TV) will host an open microphone session at Bethany Lutheran Church at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 21 and Saturday, May 28. Anyone who is interested is welcome to sing, dance or recite to the audience.

The performances will be videotaped and may be aired on television. A donation of \$5 is requested, and refreshments will be available. For more information, call Robin at 973-450-1503.

River of Life Assembly of God

Holy Land Jerusalem Marketplace

River of Life Assembly of God Church in Belleville will hold its Vacation Bible School July 25 to July 29 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The sessions will be led by children's Pastor Joe Rodriguez from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The program is free and open to children from six to 12 years of age. Some of the activities include: traveling back 2000 years; becoming an apprentice at a variety of marketplace shops: helping the baker make bread; grinding herbs and spices at the Spice Shop; creating jewelry at the Jewelry Shop; playground games; building a toy or musical instrument, carpentry, costumes and live stories.

To register, visit the church at 174 Holmes St. or call 973-759-0726.

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NEW THIS WEEK...

Garage sale, Saturday May 21 (rain date May 22) at Nutley Little

Theatre Barn, 47 Erie Pl. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sale features baked goods, arts and crafts and donated household items. To donate items, email mss@jeremiahassociates.com.

VFW Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 30. Members and Ladies Auxiliary of Stuart E. Edgar Post to march following services at 8 a.m. at Nutley's 13 monuments. Opening ceremonies begin 11 a.m. at Nutley Oval.

Casino Night, May 21 at St. Peter's School, 153 William St., 6:30 p.m. \$40 per person; \$70 per couple. Call Kimberly Ruiz at 862-703-6586 or Isabel Kitzman at 634-5507.

Carnival, June 1 to June 5, Sacred Heart Church school grounds, 683 Bloomfield Ave. Games, rides, food, 50/50. Hours: June 1,2 from 6 to 10:30 p.m.; June 3: 6 to 11 p.m.; June 4 2 to 11 p.m. and June 5, to 10 p.m. Call the rectory at 748-1800.

Parkinson support group to meet May 21 at 10 a.m. at private dining room, Mountainside Hospital, Montclair. Speaker: Brandon Fisk, CLTC, financial specialist. Topic: long term care insurance. Call Wilma McKay at 694-2759.

Ballroom/Latin Dancing, Friday, May 20, U.S. Amateur Dancers Assoc. 8 to 11:30 p.m. 7 High St. Open to public. Call 235-9835.

MOMS Club of Meadowlands, 50/50 raffle to benefit Hunter Michael Morris Fund for a baby with digestive disorder. Tickets are \$5. Drawing June 22, 9 p.m. during Tricky Tray at Nutley VFW.Call Ellen Carbone at 201-507-5115.

Art classes, begins May 24: The Clay Totem, 7 to 9:30 p.m. \$40. May 31: "Goddess Hands: A Self-Portrait Collage, 7 t 9:30 p.m. \$40. Preregistration required. Call 783-0962 or visit www. sacredcreativitycom.

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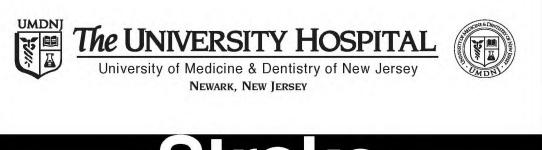
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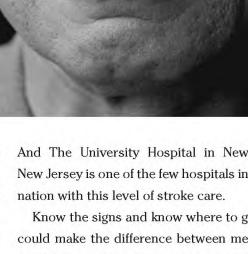
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Thursday,

Blood drive June 22 from 4 to 8

p.m. Office of Dr. Ron Silver, 326 Broad St., Bloomfield. Call 743-7575.

Single Catholics, wine and cheese social at St. Thomas, 60 Byrd Ave., Bloomfield June 3, 7:30 p.m. \$5. Dance Saturday, June 18 at Starlight Dance Studio, 7 High St., Nutley. \$12 with RSVP. Call Leonora at 743-1600 or email century153@yahoo.com.

Belleville Knights of Columbus events: May 30 Big Band night with Somers Dream Orchestra, 8 to 11 p.m. \$5 with cash bar. June

5: Vocations breakfast 7 to 11:30 a.m. June 11: Chicken dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. \$10 adults; \$3 children. June 18: Blood drive 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call Blood Center at 676-4700, ext. 144 or Ron Byers at 201-991-8718. Council meetings first and third Mondays at 8 p.m. All events held at 98 Bridge St.

Belleville Irish American Association, trip to Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Sept. 21. \$63 includes dinner. Call 751-5308.

Trip to Yankee Stadium, Aug. 23 at 5 p.m. by Nutley Police Youth Alliance. Leaves 44 Park Ave. \$60 includes bus, reserved seating and snacks. Call Marion Cundriff, 8 to 4 p.m. at 284-4900

ext. 2154.

Hadassah, joint meeting of Belleville-Nutley and Bloomfield Chapter, Tuesday, May 24 at 1:30 p.m. at Temple Ner Tamid, 936 Broad St., Bloomfield. World traveler Lauretta Freeman to speak. New members welcome. Call Elaine at 338-4025.

Jewish Cultural School and Society, Sunday School Open House, May 22 10 a.m. to noon, 755 Northfield Ave., W. Orange. Call 783-7897.

Open House, at Jewish Cultural School and Society for grades 1 to 7 Sunday, May 22 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. 760 Northfield Ave., W. Orange. Call 783-7897.

NHS Class of 1995 to hold 10-year reunion. Friday, Nov. 25 at Victor's Chateau, Rte. 23, Little Falls. Visit www.geocities.com/nutley95/

Walk the Labyrinth for peace and healing, Thursday, May 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. Christian, Jews, Moslems and peoples of all faith. Allwood Community Church, 100 Chelsea Rd., Clifton. Call 777-6360.

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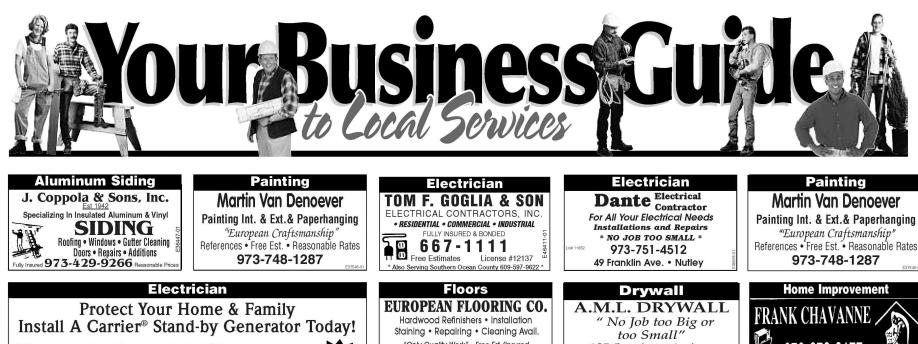
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Broad St., Bloomfield. Lauretta Freeman, adjunct instructor at Montclair State University, will describe her experiences traveling around the world. Prospective members welcome.

Parkinson Support Group, at

Mountainside Hospital, Montclair and Glen Ridge, May 21 in private dining room. Free parking in nurse's lot. Speaker will discuss long-term care insurance and provide breakfast. Short presentation on new FDAapproved "Apokyn."

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Neighborhood Wide Yard Sale: Watsessing Heights (Bloomfield) neighborhood "Trash to Cash" yard and garage sale, Saturday, May 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stop by Lackawanna Plaza (across from the Bloomfield Train Station) to pick up a map of over 40 participating houses. Call 973-680-WHNA. 50/50 and raffles at Lackawanna Plaza.

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.

Women's Auxiliary Thrift Shop, to benefit Nutley Family Service Bureau, 172 Chestnut St. Open Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday eves. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, 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.

Vendor sales At Clara Maass, May 27 Sleepwear. For more info, call 450-2151.

TRIPS....

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

Ellis Island trip, sponsored by the Belleville Irish-American Association. Visit Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Sept. 21. \$63 includes dinner. Call Pat Nichols at 751-5308.

Singles cruise, "Catholics Who Happen to Be Single" club is sponsoring a weekend cruise to Halifax, Nova Scotia, July 7 to 11. Call Leonora at 743-6100 or email century135@yahoo.com.

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 AND OTHER EVENTS...

Outdoor Movie Night May 20 at First Baptist Church, 1 Washington St., Bloomfield. 7:30 p.m. family activities; 8 p.m. "Road to Redemption." Bring a blanket or chair. Free. Call 743-2400.

Blood drive, sponsored by St. Francis Xavier youth group, 243 Abington Ave., Newark, in conjunction with the Blood Center of New Jersey. Sunday, June 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 743-9796.

Nutley Little Theater, presents "A Class Act," a musical, Thursday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Nutley Lions Auxiliary. Tickets are \$25 and include wine and cheese. Call Mary Ann at 667-9349 or Louise at 661-2906.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NOTICE is hereby given that Ordinance No. 3063 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 May 9, 2005, entitled: "An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Chapter X of the Revised General Ordinan-ces of the Township of Belleville to Provide for Water and Sewer Connection Fees" Kelly A. Nash, Municipal Clerk Township of Belleville Belleville Times 1363209 Fee \$5.44 May 19, 2005

May 19, 2005

SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2005 002865 SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F769104 EASTERN SAVINGS BANK FSB PLAINTIFF -vs- RALPH M. SAL-ZANO AND LYDIA L. SALZANO, H/W 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 Public Auction, in SHERIFF'S OFFICE, Essex County Courts Building in Newark, on Tues-day, May 24, 2005, at one-thirty P.M. (Pre-vailing Time) Commonly known as: 102 FRANKLIN ST., BELLEVILLE NJ 07109 Lot: 1 Block: 756 for 102 Franklin Street, Bel-levile, NJ Lot: 11 Block: 698 for 130 Brighton Street, Belleville, NJ Dimensions of Lot: n/a Nearest cross street to Franklin Street: Bel-mont Avenue Number Feet to Nearest Cross Street: 69.39 feet Nearest cross street to Brighton Avenue:

Number Feet to Nearest Cross Street: 69.39 feet Nearest cross street to Brighton Avenue: Acme Street Number Feet to Nearest Cross Street: 53 feet A full legal description can be found in the office of the Register of Essex County. A deposit of 20% of the bid price in certified funds is required at the time of sale. Tax delinquent on 102 Franklin for 3rd and 4th Ctr. 2004 and 1st Qtr. 2005 for a total \$7,029,12 through 4/1/05. Please contact the Township of Belleville for updated figures. The approximate amount of the Judgment to be satisfied by said sale is the sum of NINE-TY FIVE THOUSAND TWENTY EIGHT AND 49/100 DOLLARS (\$95,028.49), together with the costs of this sale. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn the sale from time to time as provided by Law. Newark, N.J. April 18, 2005 ARMANDO B. FONTOURA, Sheriff MICHAEL A. ALFIERI, ATTORNEY(S) Belleville Times 1342702 Fee \$70.72 April 28, May 5, 12, 19, 2005

April 28, May 5, 12, 19, 2005 SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2005 003092 SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F1788504 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. PLAINTIFF -VS- BROOKE G. HARRY: 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 31, 2005, at one-thirty P.M. (Pre-vailing Time) Commonly known as: 38 JOHN ST APT. 3C BLOOMFIELD NJ 07003 Lot: 62 CA023 Block: 482 Size: CONDOMINIUM A full legal description can be found in the office of the Register of Essex County. A deposit of 20% of the bid price in certified funds is required at the time of sale. Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, mu-nicipal or tax liens that may be due. The approximate amount of the Judgment to be satisfied by said sale is the sum of ONE HUNDRED FORTY ONE THOUSAND SEV-EN HUNDRED TWELVE AND 09/100 DOL-LARS (\$141,712.09), together with the costs of this sale. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn the Net for the the of the reserved with the costs

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LARS (\$141,712.09), together with the costs of this sale. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn the sale from time to time as provided by Law. Newark, N.J. April 25, 2005 ARMANDO B. FONTOURA, Sheriff ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN 1-908-233-8500 XWZ L-37259 Belleville Times 1349058 Fee \$57.12 May 5, 12, 19, 26

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AVENUE A full legal description can be found in the office of the Register of Essex County. A deposit of 20% of the bid price in certified funds is required at the time of sale. Twp of Irvington holds a claim for taxes due and/or other municipal utilities such as water and/or sewer in the amount of \$7625.44 as of 12/17/2003.

of 12/17/2003. The approximate amount of the Judgment to be satisfied by said sale is the sum of ONE HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED ONE AND 97/100 DOLLARS (\$109,201.97), together with the costs of this sale

sale. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn the sale from time to time as provided by Law. Newark, N.J. May 02, 2005 ARMANDO B. FONTOURA, Sheriff POWERS KIRN, LLC, ATTORNEY(S) Belleville Times 1365499 Fee \$45,90

Belleville Times 1365499 Fee \$45.90 May 19, 26, June 2, 2005

May 19, 26, June 2, 2005 TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 152 Washington Avenue Belleville, New Jersey 07109 NOTICE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Peter A. Cunniff and Ellen C. Cunniff have applied to the Belleville Zoning Board in the Township of Belleville To AC @ bulk variances to con-struct a 2-family dwelling on property located at 40 Maple Avenue, Belleville, New Jersey also known as Lot 8 in Block 470 on the Tax Maps of the Township of Belleville. The sub-ject property is located in the R-B Zone and is a permitted use. The applicants request the following AC@ (bulk) variances:

1. Lot area: 5,000 sq. ft. required vs. 3,300

Lot area: 5,000 sq, ft. required vs. 3,300 sq, ft. proposed
 Front yard: 20 ft. required vs. 19 ft. proposed
 Lot coverage: 30% maximum vs. 40% proposed
 Lot width: 40 ft. required vs. 30 ft. proposed
 Side yard: 5/14 total required vs. 3.5 and 5.5 proposed
 Maximum height 2 2 stories required vs. 3 stories proposed

In addition to the above, applicants seek any

In addition to the above, applicants seek any and all other variances, use or bulk, excep-tions and/or waivers as may be required by the Township of Belleville Zoning Board and/or the Municipal Land Use Act of the State of New Jersey. This application is now scheduled for public hearing on June 2, 2005 before the Belleville Zoning Board of Adjustment at 7:00 p.m. at 152 Washington Avenue, second floor (courtroom), Belleville, New Jersey at which time you may appear either in person or by agent or attorney and present any objections which you may have to the granting of this application. Copies of all documents related to this Ap-plication are available for public inspection at the Office of Planning & Development, 152 Washington Avenue, Belleville Zoning Board sends this notice to you.

SAVINO J. RUSSONIELLO, JR., ESQ. Attorney for Peter A. Cunniff and Ellen C. Cunniff 622 Eagle Rock Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052 (973) 325-0020

Belleville Times 1365565

May 19, 2005 TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the fol-lowing proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Bel-leville, N.J. held on Monday evening, May 9, 2005 and further notice is hereby given that the second and final reading of said ordi-nance will be considered by said Municipal Council at a meeting held at the Town Hall, Washington Avenue and Belleville Avenue, on Tuesday evening, June 14, 2005 begin-ning at seven o'clock p.m. when all objections to the passing of same will be heard and considered. considered.

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ristable by a "a fine of not more than one thousand two hundred and fifty (1,250.00) dollars", rather than by "a fine of not more than two thousand five hundred (2,500.00) dollars" dollars. Belleville Times 1363184

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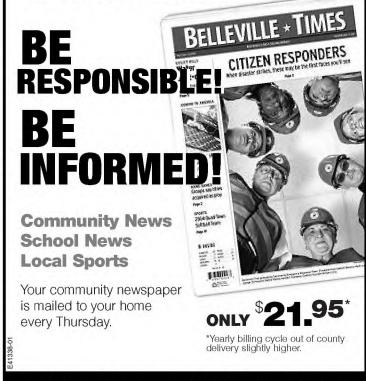
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