

An ounce of prevention Special police program focuses on stomping out gang crime

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Belleville police officers Steve Linfante (left) and Joseph Trabucco are seen here at Belleville Middle School Monday, when a graduation ceremony was held for students who had completed a program to learn how to say no to gangs.

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POLICE BLOTTER

THURSDAY,

Taji Walker, 21, of Bloomfield and Adrian Madera, 21, of Newark with robbery at 7:30 a.m. on Jan. 20. Police said the robbery victim was walking north on Washington Avenue near Van Houten Avenue when two black men approached him and punched him, demanding that he hand over his cell phone.

The victim then gave police a description of the men, who were apprehended and positively identified by the victim. The cell phone was recovered, but had been 25, smashed to pieces. JANUARY

■ A strong-arm robbery was reported by a juvenile victim at 9:30 p.m. on Jan. 20. Police said the victim was walking in the vicin-

■ Police arrested and charged ity of Heckel and Honiss streets the day before when he was approached by several males, including two Hispanic and one black male, when the black male told him to give him everything he had and he wouldn't get hurt. He handed over a cell phone and one dollar in cash.

The victim said he didn't report the robbery earlier because the cell phone was old. Police are investigating.

■ A strong-arm robbery was reported at 10:40 p.m. near Heckel, Honiss and Clover streets on Jan. 19. Police said the victim exited his vehicle and one of three Hispanic males punched him in the face. They stole his Motorola cell

phone, \$500 in cash and his wallet. Detectives are investigating.

Police arrested and charged Francis Marino, 38, of Bloomfield with possession of three wax folds of heroin, plus summonses for possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle and being a revoked driver. Police conducted a motor vehicle stop on the suspect after they recognized him as having outstanding warrants and being a revoked driver.

After the stop revealed him to be a revoked driver, the heroin was found in his vehicle's center console. He had outstanding warrants totaling \$2,925, including warrants for \$1,000 and \$500 from Belleville, for \$125 and \$250 from Newark, \$500 from Fairfield and \$50 from Bloomfield. He was held on the Belleville warrants.

Police arrested and charged a

A teacher noticed a small bag of what they thought was marijuana on the floor of her classroom.

They notified the school resource officer, who investigated, and found the juvenile to be in possession of the marijuana. The juvenile was then turned over to the police juvenile bureau, who charged the juvenile with possession of marijuana.

■ Police arrested and charged Harold Perez, 30, of Newark, with theft and criminal trespassing at 4:40 p.m. on Jan. 17. Employees at Twin Towing on Mill Street observed the suspect on surveillance cameras attempting to steal three tires valued at \$1,500. They were able to detain the suspect until police arrived. The owners of the towing company then signed complaints against the suspect.

■ Police arrested and charged Raymond Kapps, 30 of Kearny with possession of a controlled

dangerous substance and destruction of evidence at 5:45 p.m. Police observed a silver Acura with the driver throwing items out the window when they saw police.

Police then conducted a motor vehicle stop. The driver was very nervous and admitted to being drug dependent. He said threw two wax folds of heroin out the window and was subsequently arrested. He was released on his own recognizance.

■ Police arrested and charged Anna Rivera, 39, of Newark with shoplifting at 8 p.m. on Jan. 16. Store security at the K-Mart on Main Street said they observed the suspect attempt to leave the store with \$264 worth of cosmetics products. She had two outstanding Newark warrants, one for \$5,000 and another for \$350. Bail was set at \$200.

■ Police said an elderly woman was the victim of a scam reported at 1:26 p.m. on Jan. 16. The Adelaide Street resident said a Hispanic woman claiming to be a home health aide was let into her home, and she later realized she heard other footsteps while the woman was speaking to her.

It was determined later that a second suspect went upstairs to the bedroom and stole \$3,000 in cash and \$12,000 in jewelry.

Police urge all residents to use caution in screening persons who enter their homes. Elderly residents and their families should be especially wary of anyone claiming to be a health care professional who attempts to enter the home uninvited. In this case, the Hispanic woman was described as being about five feet, two inches tall and in her 30s.

Anyone with information on the suspects is asked to call the Detective Bureau at 973-450-3360.

All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Towns still working to resolve parade flap

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

Belleville Columbus Day Parade members will meet Feb. 8 to consider a letter meant to end the controversy between parade groups in Nutley and Belleville. The controversy centered on whether the Columbus Day Parade should continue to be a joint project of the two neighboring towns, or be run by Nutley, with Belleville invited to participate.

Nutley's mayor has sent a letter she said she hopes will resolve differences between the two sides.

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Lowe's, new firehouse on the council agenda this past Tuesday

BY DAVID HINRICHS of Belleville Times

Several projects in Belleville that are beginning to move forward were discussed at the Jan 23 Township Council Meeting while some ordinances were put on hold.

project and reported that progress was being made. "Lowe's seems to be on the verge of becoming a reality. We recently had a meeting with representatives and it appears that the development could finally be nearing its beginning," said Notari. "I believe that Lowe's will create a great source of tax revenue for the town as well as jobs and commerce. That area of town has been neglected for years and I think it is must justify why NJ Transit is time we get something there." The home improvement chain is expected to build a store in Belleville pending approval by state environmental officials.

Township Manger Victor Canning and Mayor Ray Kimble both agreed with Notari that progress in the planning stages was finally coming to light, but a date for construction commencement was not given despite a request from Coun-cilman Steven Rovell. "We have been given a date about when construction could conceivably start but we do not want to go on the record as setting a date for that. We don't want to create any expectations at this point because we have seen expectations fail in the past," said Canning.

Canning also spoke on the issue of the new firehouse to be built in the Silver Lake District, telling the council that justification was needed for why the house has not been built over the last 10 years in order

to get the monies required. "There are several issues still involved with the construction of that building. Our PILOT (Payment in lieu of Taxes) payment has still not been received to compensate for monies lost in clearing sion of pre-meeting executive sesspace for the building. We also

'I believe that Lowe's will create a great source of tax revenue Councilman John Notari addressed the public on the status of the Lowe's Department store That area of town has been neglected for years and I think it is there.'

> John Notari **Belleville Councilman**

appropriating money to build us a new fire house now and not 10 years ago," said Canning.

Councilwoman Marie Strumolo Burke voiced her displeasure with NJ Transit and indicated that the firehouse may only be wishful thinking. "I think NJ Transit has been stringing us along for years. That area is a disaster with the traffic and the zigzag roads. The least they could do is build us a firehouse, but who knows at this point."

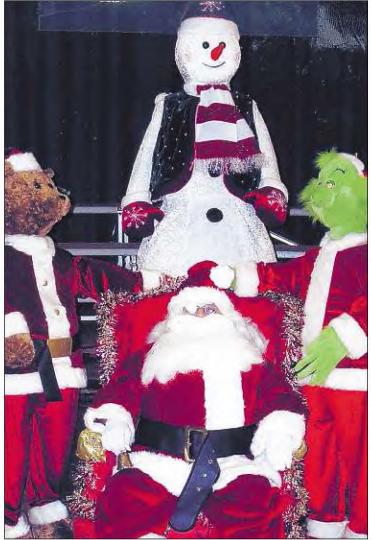
Belleville resident Vincent Frantantoni also spoke several times at the meeting and pointed out possible contradictions to the council in their Rent Leveling Board Revised Ordinances that was on the agenda that evening. "There are parts here that go against other statements in this ordinance. A lawyer would have a field day with this. I ask that you table this for further discussion and consideration," said Frantantoni.

The council voted to table the ordinance and also voted against a resolution that would have possibly changed the starting times of future council meetings to a floating time dependent on the conclusions



LIGHTING UP THE NIGHT

Students at School Nine are seen here during the school's fourth annual Christmas tree lighting last month. Nanette Rotonda, principal of School 9, thanked several people for their help, including the Striano family, Pat Bruno, Mike Perrone, Carol Mateyka, Santo Faronea, the Costigan family, Barbara Marino, Mrs. Tabarez, Ms. Shital Patel, faculty and students. PHOTOS COURTESY OF SCHOOL 9



Reval process entering next, possibly contentious, step

BY RICHARD DICKON

of Belleville Times

Belleville's Tax Assessor had this take on the next step in the revaluation process.

"All of the revaluation letters have gone out," said Tax Assessor William Merdinger. "It's the fourth or fifth round of a boxing match."

He said the company handling the revaluation has turned over its records to the township. Any resident who has missed the dates for appealing to the township should no that the assessor's office will be available in early February for hearings.

"Residents should bring along any information that they think will affect their value," Merdinger said.

For example, if a home has leaks, or water in the basement, the

photographs, along with the done, and have the appraiser show sional appraisal or revaluation next payments. address, block and lot, he said. up at the hearing. firm. Merdinger sa Also, if they have to get something done, like fix up their kitchen or bathroom, the owner should provide estimates for the work, Merdinger said.

If a property owner isn't happy with the tax assessor's decision, the next step is the more formal hearing before the county Tax Board, he said. They have until April 1 to file, and can call 973-395-8525.

"They will not start accepting petitions until mid-February, and there will be a fee charged," Merdinger said. "They (the board) will expect some evidence. The owner should provide some comparable property sales numbers for at least the last 12 months, or if it was bought recently, more recent numbers'

He said if they want to "get fanowner should bring along color cy," they can have an appraisal

For any appeal to be heard, the owner must be up to date paying their county taxes, Merdinger said. They should also have copies of all pertinent information provided at least one week before, at his office and the county board office.

For any questions or complaints, Merdinger said, residents can call his office. "I return phone calls," he said. If they feel there is something they need to know, even if the answer makes them unhappy."

A revaluation program seeks to spread the tax burden equitably within a taxing district by appraising each property according to its true value and assessing it based upon such value. This is accomplished by the mass appraisal of all real property in the taxing district conducted by an outside profes-

Municipalities often wait as long as possible to perform a revaluation because the action is so

unpopular politically. Therefore, the Essex County Board of Taxation sent stern letters to the township ordering it to complete a revaluation.

Many residents fear the revaluation will increase their property tax burden.

As for the appeal to the county, the county will mail out a petition, and the tax assessor's office will even help a resident fill the form out, either by phone or in person, he said.

The cases will be heard in May and into June, if there are enough of them, he said.

He said any reductions will be retroactive to Jan. 1, and the county will probably credit the owner's

Merdinger said the whole idea behind a revaluation is to find the truth, but that is still subjective.

Market Value Appraisal Services was hired at a cost of \$657,000 to perform the revaluation.

Belleville was one of four municipalities that received a letter several years ago from the Essex County Board of Taxation threatening legal action if the township did not conduct a reval. Municipalities often wait as long as possible to complete a revaluation because they are politically unpopular with residents who fear property tax increases.

As for the company hired to do the revaluation, Merdinger said they are one of four firms pre-qualified by the state who work mostly in North Jersey, and were chosen because they met all of the criteria.

AND FURTHERMORE. . . . BELLEVILLE TIMES, THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2007

There's still hope for the Passaic River -and you can do your part next week

the Passaic River was a dumping ground for industries that produced some of the most toxic substances known to man. Textile factories in Garfield spewed waste products from dyeing and other processes. Leather makers in Newark and environs used the Passais as the final resting place for tannins. The riverbed is reportedly chock-full of dioxin, a byproduct of the manufacture of the Vietnam War-era defoliant Agent Orange and one of the most potent toxins

■ LETTERS

State government 'scam'?

TO THE EDITOR:

Senate President Richard Codey and Assembly Speaker Ioseph Roberts have just announced their latest scam on New Jersey taxpayers. They are convinced that we are all ignorant and actually believe they are going to cut our property taxes

towns ends up in the water too, and according to critics, is not sufficiently treated (a claim hotly disputed by the towns).

So much for the bad news. Now here's the good news: the river is, slowly but surely, coming back to life. Sewage treatment plants are being built to higher standards, and even critics concede that the outflow is much cleaner than it was a few years ago. Many of the big industrial polluters are gone for good, and what industry remains,

For more than a hundred years, ever created. Sewage from several thanks to tougher laws, can no ing back ton the once dead lower longer dump into the Passaic with near-perfect impunity. The Federal Bureau of Investigation chose to build a headquarters along the waterfront in Newark, quietly signaling the federal government's desire to see the gray, abandoned factories replaced. Board clubs founded more than a century ago but closed down decades ago have made a comeback along the Passaic; several high school rowing teams methodically plod back and forth. Recreation and life are com-

Passaic.

Still, many members of the public fail to see the river's potential, and have already written it off, believing the damage has been done. This is simply not the case. Waterways across the country and around the world have, given enough effort, been able to make a comeback. The Thames in England is actually cleaner now than it was in 1950. The same can happen here in the waterway whose course includes Belleville.

But more is needed, starting with an expression of concern from the people who line the river's banks. Next Tuesday the League of Women Voters will be hosting a meeting about the future of the river in Nutley (visit www.ourPassaic.org for more information). Everyone who is able should attend. Great waterways can be saved, but only with the public's help.

twenty percent in 2007. Their insulting plan is to eliminate our Homestead Rebate checks and replace them with a credit on our tax bills. Codey and Robert did not propose a single dime in spending cut at the state or local

level. The Homestead Rebate program has morphed several times since its inception in 1976. Originally proposed as a temporary program to facilitate the transfer of our local school taxes to the state income tax, it soon became a political tool for the Trenton

gang of 120. To amass the billions needed to send us rebate checks or tax credits the gang has raised state taxes and instituted hundreds of new fees and regulations to suck every last penny out of our pockets. They increased spending in our state budget from \$21.4 billion in 2001 to over \$33 billion in 2006, just five years!

Eliminate the rebate gimmick and reduce our state budget and the respective taxes. Return to the original budget caps placed on municipalities when the income tax was instituted. Enact some of

The program addresses how cer-

vical cancer is becoming a disease

of the past through advances in

Pap screening and the introduc-

tion of the HPV vaccine, and how

women can relieve pelvic pain

caused by fibroids and ovarian

"With the approval of the HPV

vaccine by the FDA only in June

of last year, many women may be

asking, who is eligible to receive

the vaccine. 'Is it for me and/or

for my daughter?" said Annette

Cozzarelli-Franklin, M.D., med-

cysts.

the recommendations of the task force on government salaries, pensions and benefits. Deny pensions to convicted legislator and government employees. Cut

spending and give us real property tax cuts! And, oh yes, stay out of bed with union leaders.

Vincent J. Frantantoni

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Santa was special guest at dinner

was a memorable night for 20 Belleville Middle School students who attended. The attending students had the opportunity to enjoy a gala to which they are not frequently exposed.

An invitation extended by the Newark Police Benevolent Association through Newark Detective school. Three teachers, Lenny D'Armiento, Joseph Rotonda, and drawing and selected the students. The teachers attended the celebration, along with Carmine Guinta, umpire Phil Cuzzi.

Dinner with Santa, on Dec. 18, the Belleville Middle School prin-

cipal. Each student in attendance received a free meal and a free gift. The music and dance filled night included guest appearances by Sponge Bob, Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Dora, Elmo, Batman and Santa.

Dr. Edward Kliszus, superinten-Pete DeCapua was given to the dent of Belleville Public Schools, and Belleville Middle School sent a thank you to Joe and Barry Mau-Jane Sestilio conducted a random rillo of Nanina's, DeCapua and the many volunteers who donated their time, including major league

Women's health issues subject of talk at Clara Maass

The Women's Health Center at ical director of the Women's Belleville and Kearny. Clara Maass Medical Center will Health Center at Clara Maass. "Our OB-GYN experts will present "Girl Talk-Information You Need," Wednesday, January answer that question and more 31, 2007, from 6 to 8 p.m., in about women's health? To register for "Girl Talk" or for Greifinger Lecture at Clara Maass.

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For a physician referral or more information about Clara Maass, call 1-888-SBHS-123 or visit www.saintbarnabas.com.

LWV holding meeting about Passaic River

The League of Women Voters will hold a public meeting on The Lower Passaic River Restoration Lower Passaic River. Project on Jan. 30 at the Nutley Museum on Church Street.

A landmark regional partnership of state and federal agencies, consisting of the U.S. Corps of for the program. Engineers New York District, the U.S. Environmental Protection tion followed by a question and Agency (EPA), the New Jersey answer period. Department of Transportation (NJDOT) and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection saic.org.

(NJDEP), have concluded a joint study to clean up and restore the

Lisa Baron, Project Manager, Office of Maritime Resources (NJDOT), who has been supervising the dredging, will join the LWV

There will be a slide presenta-

For additional information on the project contact www.ourPas-

Campione earns dean's honors at Monmouth

Belleville resident Nicholas G. Campione was recently named to the dean's list at Monmouth University for the fall 2006 semester.

Library board meeting date changed

Board of Trustees of the Belleville 5 at the regular meeting time of 6 Public Library and Information p.m.

The Feb. 14 meeting of the Center has been changed to Feb.

Baker, Henry earn dean's honors

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Council chooses partner in another crack at senior homes

BY DAVID HINRICHS AND RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

A vote during the Jan. 9th Belleville Township Council meeting has allowed the Episcopal Diocese of Newark to move forward on their senior housing project in Belleville.

Belleville, which remains one of the few municipalities in Essex County without subsidized senior housing, is looking to change that this year with their newly proposed senior housing project. Despite rumors of a past fallout between the council and diocese they have been awarded the responsibility of building senior citizen housing in the town. The diocese will now submit an application to the federal Department of Housing and Belleville will receive federal money to construct an affordable housing project.

This is the second application we will be sending through and third time we will be going out for this money. The first time we missed the deadline so we never got our application in, there were complications on both sides," said Second Ward Councilmen Steven Rovell. "The last time supposedly they changed it to an electronic procedure and we weren't able to get our application in line with the standards. This time I believe we have everything in place and will have success with our application."

The failed application occurred because technical information required to be electronically submitted failed, which led to HUD denying the application. "I believe Urban Development (HUD) for a we have failed in the past because second time to determine if people have had personal agendas

get in the way of what is best for this town," said Rovell. "We need to set all our personal differences aside and start making decisions that are best for this town and its people. I believe that everyone the council wants to see this happen."

Senior housing has been a point of concern in Belleville for the past five years and long before that and is something that many council members and residents alike would like to see completed.

"Belleville seniors have the right to get senior housing, many of them can't afford the taxes and costs of living here anymore," said Rovell. "We consider them our greatest generation but we don't even make the effort to care for them."

Should Belleville be granted the funding to go ahead with the project, the diocese would construct the apartment complex next door

to the Senior Recreation Center on Franklin and Mill Streets. "This is something that the people of this town really need and I think we are moving in the right direction to get it done. Our positive vote here tonight shows that our trust has remained with diocese and that this council is committed to getting this project done," said Belleville Township Manager Victor Canning.

Construction on the facility, barring any further set backs, would not begin for another 12 to 16 months.

70 units, but Canning said getting 🖁 the full allotment is problematic.

"We don't know the exact num-Canning said. "But based on the past decisions of the Bush Administration, it will likely be a small number."

So that leaves Belleville competing with municipalities with the same or more pressing needs than Belleville, like Camden, that may have stronger legislative backing, he said.



For listings of upcoming events, fundraisers, organization meetings, trips, support groups, check the Events in the Area section of this newspaper.

Phone scam uses PBA as cover

Belleville Police Local #28, the police union, is warning Belleville business owners and residents to once again beware of phony phone solicitations.

According to officials, the New Jersey State PBA, as well as all local police departments will never solicit donations of any type over the telephone.

If someone gets phone calls stating that they are police officers or are working for certain police organizations, hang up and call the Belleville Police Department to make a written report of the illegal activity, police said.

Residents are reminded that Local 28 will only solicit for donations by mail. If someone receives a mailer and are concerned about its authenticity, they are urged to call police. The main police number is 973-450-3333.



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EARNING HIS WINGS

Robert Cozzarelli Jr., a Boy Scout and a member of Boy Scout Troop 350, was recently named an Eagle Scout, the highest honor in Scouting. He is seen here being honored by the Bellevile-Nutley Disabled American Veterans.

Recreation department sponsoring a youth arts workshop

The Department of Recreation & Cultural Affairs is proud to announce the start of its ART WORKSHOP program for the Winter of 2007. This six-week program is designed to provide an opportunity for children to use their creativity and to complete several arts & crafts projects.

Camden County Community College

William H. Rohrer Center- Auditorium

School #3 on Wednesday nights, beginning January 24 and ending on March 14. Children in Grades 1 - 3 will start at 6:00 p.m., while children in Grades 4 - 6 will meet at 7:00 p.m. PRE-Registation is required and will be accepted on a first come - first served basis.

The program will meet at Registration is limited to the first 15 children who apply for each session.

A nominal fee for projects may be required to help offset the cost of materials. Fur further information or to register, please visit the Recreation Department at 407 Joralemon Street.

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IN THE SCHOOLS

Lights, camera and lots of action at BHS television studio

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

The school board's community relations committee had nothing but raves for the first of a series of shows where high school students complete their own television productions regarding what's happening in all the district schools, according to school board member Anthony Sessa, who chairs the board's community relations committee.

The first of the series, called "Fast Focus," premiered in December. Sessa called the show, "a tremendous success," and said the coverage was "very diversified."

The program centered on what's been happening in Belleville schools from the beginning of the year in September until the show was finished in December, he said.

"It was a major undertaking," Sessa said. "They are now in the process of formulating their second show. It is supposed to feature a Board of Education segment."

David Simonetti, WBHS director, mentioned other projects in the works.

"We have an "American Idol"type show coming up, called "Belleville's Idol," Simonetti said. "We're having auditions on Jan. 23 and 24, with the finals and stage show in the school auditorium on Feb. 8.

The show will have teachers as judges, and will be aired on WBHS

Also, WBHS will have "The Valentine Show" on Feb. 14.

Simonetti said the show will have original films again, which he has already begun to shoot.

One film is called "Valentine," which he described as a romance/tragic film, more adultthemed and more daring. Simonetti is in this one with two other teachers and students Lia Sprechini and Danielle DeMaio in "good roles."

As for Fast Focus, the program covers not just the school board, but the entire district, including each and every school, Sessa said.

The television station received a facelift last year making it state-ofthe art. Hi-tech mass communications supplies have been implemented into the Belleville High School television studios through the school board's technology committee.

Two years ago, the Board of Education placed a question on the ballot, along with school board elections and the \$44 million school budget, asking for \$47,900 to fund the gear. Residents passed the measure.

Those items included in the new set up are racks, a sound mixer, audio cassette decks, editing decks, recorders and monitors, according to School Board Administrator Edward Appleton. He said the equipment is basically anything there would be in a professional television studio, so that students can get top-notch instruction.

PARADE

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A long-standing member of the Belleville committee, Antoinette "Toni" Marone said the committee will meet Feb. 8 to consider the proposal, but said it "doesn't make sense?

"She wants us to work by ourselves and them to work by themselves, and then get together," Marone said. "You can't run a parade that way."

She denied any discord between the two sides.

"They said there have been lots of fights," Marone said. "I don't remember any arguments. If they did, why didn't they say so at the meetings? This is a couple of disgruntled people. I think its disgusting, and I've been on the committee for quite a few years?

Even so, Marone said she wants the parade to continue as it has for 25 years.

"I hope it all works out," she said. "It's been a really great parade."

Nutley Mayor Joanne Cocchiola said if the Belleville side can't work out their differences, it will become a Nutley parade, with a Belleville contingent invited to participate as much it wants. She said the date, Sunday Oct. 7, has to be reserved soon.

Cocchiola met with Belleville

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Library board case could set statewide precedent

BY DAVID HINRICHS of Belleville Times

The court case involving the town of Belleville and the former Belleville Library Board trustees took another step forward on Monday when both parties met that morning in court.

Prior members of the Belleville Library Board, including former Board President David Hinchey, have filed a lawsuit against the town of Belleville in an attempt to overturn the ordinance the council adopted on Nov. 24th allowing them to make new appointments to the board on Nov. 28th. Belleville Mayor Ray Kimble replaced four of the seven members on the library board with new appointees following the adoption of the ordinance.

ordinance and get the old members back into their positions," said Attorney Michael Cerone, who is representing the ousted library board members. "The mayor and

council had no authority to act as court are the oath of office conthey did, they are contending that the trustees who were appointed had not taken an oath of office, so the offices were deemed vacant for replacement. The vacancy statute, however, states that an office is vacant only if someone refuses to take an oath of office upon being requested to do so, which none of the removed parties did."

According to Cerone, legally the town clerk is supposed to file the oath of office and an office of an appointed official can only be considered vacant if the parties refuse to take an oath upon being asked, are absent from meetings without excuse, or are deemed unqualified to serve. "Unless a party refuses to take an oath, their office can not be deemed vacant because they have not taken an oath. Had someone "We are looking to overturn that come to them and requested that they take an oath and had that request been denied by the appointed official, then the office would be vacant," said Cerone.

The two issues being debated in

cerns and the autonomy of the Library Board, which is recognized statewide as an autonomous board separate from the municipality. The ordinance in question passed by the Belleville Township Council allegedly declares that the library board is answerable to the municipal government.

"Many towns view libraries as another agency in the town and they are, in my opinion, an autonomous body. Even though the mayor appoints people to the board, the town should have no more say on the operations of a library board. The trustees hire and fire employees, make the budgets, set term conditions and perform actions as they see fit for the better of the library," said Cerone.

The court session on Jan. 22nd was cut short when attorney Lynn Miller, who was retained by the New Jersey Library Association, requested permission of the judge to enter the case as a friend of the court and adjourn for the day to

prepare the necessary paperwork. Her request was welcomed by Cerone and contested by Township Attorney Thomas Murphy, who is representing the town of Belleville in this case, and ultimately accepted, by the Honorable Judge Walter Koprowski. Miller will prepare the appropriate paperwork for her request to enter the case and present it at the newly scheduled court date of Feb. 16th. "I believe that she [Miller] will give an independent opinion on the issues library boards in New Jersey as a whole because she represents a group of individuals who are not involved with Belleville. She carefully described her stance to the judge as if she was like the bar association for lawyers, being able to give general opinions and experience with various library issues state wide," said Cerone.

This case may have strong statewide implications for library boards all over New Jersey as a ruling either way could establish a precedent for all boards to follow.

The peneve this case does have the statewide implications because there are very few reported cases regarding libraries. Should the judge rule in favor of the town, wholesale changes could become a concern for libraries all over the concern for libraries all over the \exists state," said Cerone. "My expectations are that no matter how the s trial judge rules, the ruling will be appealed."

The autonomy of the library boards in the state may also be in geopardy as a ruling in favor of the town could declare that the library would now be considered part of would now be considered part of

the municipality moving forward. The current Belleville Library Board has hired attorney Vincent Nuzzi to file a request that the library board be withdrawn from the case. Township Attorney D Thomas Murphy has filed a Motion to dismiss the complaints of former library board members \Im and will both be present at the upcoming court date of Feb. 16th.

Area woman takes the reins at TV watchdog group

BY DAVID HINRICHS of Belleville Times

For those who are tired of feeling like they can't turn their backs on the television set without having their children view something inappropriate, help is on the way.

The Parents Television Council (PTC), a nation-wide organization aimed at informing audiences of television program content, has recently opened a new chapter in New Jersev in an attempt to further stretch their reach. "We are like a watch dog organization for the networks. Our goal is to protect our children from smut, which is gratuitous scenes of sex and violence," said Crystal Madison, PTC North Jersey Chapter Director and Nutley resident. "We want to make sure that parents are informed of what is being shown on network TV during primetime hours."

The PTC categorizes programs into "winners" and "losers" every week, with winners being shows that parents can leave on the television while they are not around and losers being programs filled with smut. Along with the lists, which can be found at the organizations online site at www.parentstv.org, are quotes from the show with dates and times of its airing. "Sadly, there are a lot more losers than winners on cable TV but we try and give parents the knowledge to make the right choice for their children," said Madison. "Almost everyone has basic cable and we need some kind of decency standard for the shows that are put on these channels."

One show in particular that Madison feels completely breaks the standard is Nip/Tuck, a drama on the channel F/X about two plastic surgeons and their day to day affairs. "This show is actually what got me started with the PTC. I was watching it with my husband one night while I was pregnant and the episode we were watching alluded to a woman sexually seducing her dog. The program was on basic cable during primetime and it made me sick to my stomach. I thought to myself that

my child would be able to watch this someday and I knew I had to try and do something," said Madison. "Another episode featured a boy who was begging his mother to have sex with him while she was having an affair with his best friend, just wild themes that I would not want my child watching. It seems as though nothing is out of bounds for these networks. It used to be shocking to see two people in the same bed?

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shows such as Nip/Tuck and Fox's of the country. "The state of MTV late night cartoon comedy "American Dad" and told them that they will no longer be supporting their products as long as they continue to associate themselves with those programs. Another tactic the PTC uses is constant communication with state senators and congressmen, something that can be done by all through their website.

The MTV network is another channel that the PTC feels violates standards of programming and sends poor messages to the youth

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now is sad because I grew up on it but it has changed so much now you wouldn't even know it was the same network. Most people from my generation grew up on MTV too and they think it is ok to leave it on but a lot of the time it's not," said Madison.

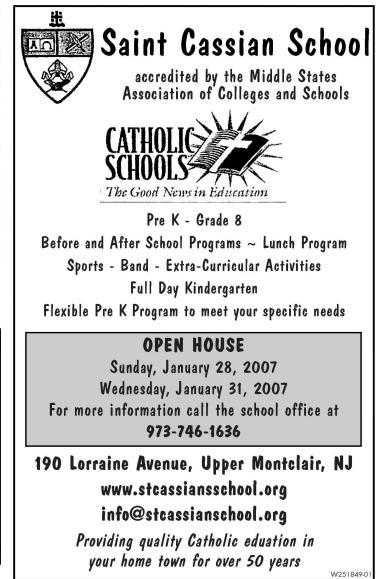
According to information compiled by the PTC in a recent study, 171 hours of consecutive MTV programming yielded 1,548 sexual scenes containing 3,056 scenes of sexual content of various types of nudity. Viewers of MTV during

that period were subjected to roughly 9 sexual scenes per hour. "Their Spring Break special is one of the biggest offenders and it airs during the afternoon," said Madison.

Although the PTC is aimed at trying to bring standards back to television, it is by no means an anti-television organization or religiously driven. "I am not against television, I have DirecTV and I don't know what I would do without it but I want to be able to turn

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SCHOOLS Five year plan still being mulled

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

Despite very tight money constraints, the school board is still looking to maintain an on-going five-year building repair and maintenance plan.

That was the consensus among school board members Monday after discussions about what repairs need to be done, and in what order.

School board member John McManus reported on the latest buildings and grounds committee meeting.

He said repairs to parts of the high school and middle school roofs "need to be accomplished soon."

Other repairs included roofs at Clearmon Field at School 8, and new bleachers for the high school gym.

Discussion then turned to replacement of School 5's lentils, the metal strips above the windows that allow water to run off and not cause plaster and bricks to be damaged when the water freezes and then melts. Replacement is sometimes easy, but in this case the structural steel is at a serious point of deterioration, according to officials.

That discussion prompted a spirited discussion of the need for a clear, prioritized list of repairs and maintenance projects.

School board member Dawson Bloom, himself an engineer, asked if the repairs to the Adelaide Street side of School 5 were based upon money previously set aside for repairs or whether all of the problems with the lentils were going to be fixed.

School Board Administrator Edward Appleton said, "It's based on funding available from the state."

Bloom then asked, "What's the implication? How long will it go? I just want to make sure we do our due diligence. I will not agree to any of this until I know that after we do the project, we won't have to go back in four years."

He said he wants a whole list of recommendations, and to see where that project falls on the list.

School board member William Villano, who is in his third term on the board, said the project was slowed years ago when the first firm hired by competitive bidding took the district into litigation.

McManus said, "The feeling I got from this is that we probably should do the whole building, but the other side is not so bad."

Bloom responded, "But someday we have to do this. I don't want us to stick a finger in here,

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Essex County unveiling disaster mitigation plans

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

Plans have begun to make potential disaster situations go away before they have a chance to start.

A representative of the county's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) demonstrated plans for what he called "pre-disaster mitigation" for the entire county at the Jan. 16 Board of Commissioners meeting in Nutley. Another meeting is planned in Belleville soon.

The plan comes from a \$1.1 million Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) grant, county OEM.

The plan may not be very costly to individual towns, Coltre said. He said the plan is costing each

of the 21 participating county municipalities \$17,500, which will

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Rep. Bill Pascrell Jr. (D-8) hosts a "mobile office" program at several area locations on a monthly basis

Dates, times and locations for nearby mobile offices are as fol-OWS:

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■ In Belleville: Belleville Town Hall, second Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

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■ In Glen Ridge: Glen Ridge Town Hall, second Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Belleville is included in the Eighth Congressional District.

PARADE

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Mayor Raymond Kimble and Belleville Parade Committee Vice President Mario Drozdz, outlining her proposal.

She said the Nutley commissioners she had contacted agreed with her plan. All five commissioners had said previously they would support having control of the parade in Nutley.

Drozdz, a former Belleville mayor, is the Belleville parade vice president. He said he hopes the two sides can resolve all of the issues, and he "will do what I have to do to get the 25th anniversary parade off the ground." He said the problems all stem from "pettiness and its become "a personality issue," be he is in favor of getting it resolved, as Belleville's most active, longest-standing member.

Belleville's Michael Perrone, the parade committee chairman for Belleville last year, said he was not as optimistic that the differences can be worked out. He said is planning to go on as usual, although it may be "a bumpy ride," and the committee won't agree to let Nutley pick its own grand marshal.

come in the form of "in-kind" services rather than the actual payment of funds.

The firm of Hatch Mott McDonald is putting together the actual plan, Coltre said.

There will be four public meetings, including one in Belleville in the coming months to explain the plan

"Once the plan is written, we will come back to each municipality for approval before FEMA gives its approval," Coltre said.

At that point, the county can apply for a second round of funding, which involve FEMA paying 75 percent and the county matchaccording to Jesse Coltre, of the ing 25 percent of that number, he said.

The most likely pre-disaster mitigation for Belleville, Nutley and much of the area will involve potential flooding. Other possibilities are also in play, like a winter storm, hurricane, mosquito borne ting the approvals of the individual disease or drought and the failures of dams, bridges, roadways, and hazardous materials and terrorism incidents, according to the presentation.

Under the program, homes have been bought out in Wayne, Lambertville and Atlantic City near likely flood zones, and will be razed and made into parks.

"We would rather buy them up front instead of paying for damage over and over," Coltre said.

By law, every county was supposed to have a plan in place, which hasn't happened. Now, Coltre said, Essex County is taking the initiative, through County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo and Sheriff Armando Fontoura.

We're about 38 percent complete on the plan, and we hope to have it done by June 1," Coltre said. "The biggest problem will be get-

municipalities."

As an example of what might eventually be done under the plan, the Third River, which causes flooding problems in Belleville, Nutley and Bloomfield might receive a certain number of dollars, since all three of those towns

would be casting votes to have the Hflooding mitigated.

Nutley Mayor Joanne Cocchiola asked if the possible sites would be listed by priority countywide. Coltre said the county representatives from each town "would sit

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down and rank the projects."





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THE GO GUIDE

'Measure for Measure' to debut

its latest production, the William Shakespeare comedy "Measure for Measure," on Friday, Feb. 2 at the NLT Barn, 47 Erie Place, Nutley.

Following opening night, "Measure for Measure" will run Feb. 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16 and 17. Curtain time is 8 p.m. (except for 2 p.m. matinees on Feb. 4 and 11). Ticket are \$12 each.

Purchases may be made by call-ing 973-667-0374. Opening night is a benefit performance for the Franklin Reformed Church Pillar Fund.

The show is directed by Alex Oleksij of Nutley, who also designed the set, lights and sound. The cast includes Scott Guzzo and Anne Kenny, both of Nutley, Peter Curley and Julie Jin, both of Maple-

Nutley Little Theatre will open wood, Fred Bernardi of Wyckoff, Richard Byquist of Montclair, Rick Hathaway of West Orange, Jack Hipkins of Rutherford, Kathryn Lombardy of Clifton, Tim Murphy of Morris Plains, Bill Schineller of Kinnelon, Clinton Scott of Hawthorne, Liz Sheber of Jersey City, Jim Simpson of Brooklyn, Yelena Sobolevska of Weehawken, Cindy Summers of Bogota, L. Douglas Weed of Plainfield and Ted Wrigley of Lodi. Janis Wolfe of Nutley is stage manager, Marion Brady of Little Falls is costume designer and Brigitte Decaudain of Nutley is choreographer. Sound editing is by Joe Ribaudo of Belleville.

"Measure for Measure" takes For directions, visit the Web place in old Vienna. Vincentio, Duke of Vienna, takes a leave of

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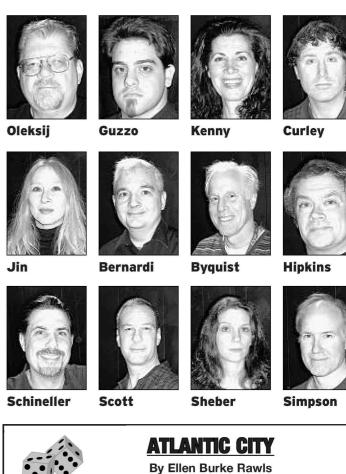
absence. While he is gone, the city is run by his lieutenant, Angelo, well-known as the most honest man alive.

Once in power, however, Angelo institutes a harsh regime, cracking down on all lawbreakers, big and small. "Measure for Measure" is an examination of the corruption of power, the definition of honor and the necessity of justice tempered by mercy.

Nutley Little Theatre stages its productions at the NLT Barn, 47 Erie Place, Nutley, located off Brookfield Avenue (one block east of Franklin Avenue) in the heart of the Erie Place Historic District.

site www.nutleylittle theatre.com.

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What a weekend! **Tony Bennett at Harrah's Robin Williams at Borgata**



During a season that in years past had been considered the doldrums for the resort, Atlantic City reasserts its new theme "Never turned off." Over the past few weeks the unseasonable warm weather has drawn crowds to the Boardwalk, weekdays as well as weekends, and A.C. casinos have posted new record earnings for 2006, despite the 3-day closing last July. The casino stages are brightened by a flurry of new production shows, and the parade of headliners would seem to suggest mid-summer bookings, certainly not January!

The fabulous Tony Bennett makes a two-night stopover this weekend at Harrah's on his 20-city tour celebrating his 80th birthday. We've lost track of Bennett's tally of Grammys and other prestige awards, but his recent win of four Billboard Awards are evidence that the artist Frank Sinatra dubbed ""the greatest saloon singer in the business" is still very much on top of his game. And of course the projected sellout of Harrah's 1200-seat Concert Venue for both Friday and Saturday nights at a \$100 ticket is further proof that he's still a major concert draw. Incidentally, the newly-reconfigured venue offers one of the more intimate settings of his current tour. Showtime is 9 p.m. both evenings.

Yet another mega-star headlines at Borgata this weekend. Wildly popular Oscar winning actor and comedian Robin Williams makes his first appearance in AC in over 20 years with a single show at Borgata's Event Center Saturday at 8 p.m. This marks Williams' first appearance in AC in over 20 years. In fact his earlier gig here - predating his "Mork & Mindy" breakthrough - was probably a standup engagement at one of the resort's comedy clubs. Tickets for Saturday's show reflect his superstar status and the rarity of his appearances in venues as intimate as Borgata's 3000+ capacity Event Center. Even at \$225, \$245, \$260 and \$275, the folks at Borgata have projected a sellout crowd.

Broadway aficionados will get their fix with Tropicana's test offering, the return of last spring's smash production show "Best of Broadway." As with the earlier edition, the new show brings us one of the Boardwalk's best entertainment buys - in fact, this splashy new show is probably one of the best entertainments along the Boardwalk, regardless of price!

Boasting selections from twenty-seven top Broadway musicals spanning over half a century, the show opens with the rousing anthem "There's No Business Like Show Business" from Ethel Merman's Annie Get Your Gun, followed by a raspy-voiced Louis Armstrong soundalike "Hello Dolly," then steps back in time to the Fred and Ginger ballroom scene from Barclays of Broadway.

With the enormous content of Best of Broadway, one of the most amazing aspects is the lightning-fast costume changes. This is a firstclass presentation, with clever sets and props, a spirited company of featured singers and mic'd dancers executing some spectacular choreography; but best of all, it's all live! Unlike so many shows these days performed to pre-recorded tracks, Best of Broadway has a live on-stage band, captivating featured singers, and a cast of nearly 20 exuberant dancers.

"Best of Broadway" runs at Tropicana trough March 1, with show times Monday through Thursday at 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 9 p.m., and Sunday at 5 p.m. There are also 3:30 matinees on Monday Tuesday and Wednesday. Tickets are an affordable \$20 and \$25. Special Advertising Feature

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Rumsfeld's famous response to the looting of Baghdad during a press conference provides the title for David Hare's recent history play, entitled "Stuff Happens." This show involves the extraordinary process leading up to the invasion of Iraq.

12 Miles West Theatre Company, Bloomfield, is presenting a staged reading of this controversial new play. The performance is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 25 at 8 p.m. (tonight) at 12 Miles West Center for the Arts.

'Stuff Happens" was originally produced at the National Theatre in London in 2004. Real speeches, meetings and press conferences are blended with fictionalized versions of private meetings. The play poses the following questions: how does the world settle its differences now that there is only one superpower? What happens to leaders who risk their credibility with a skeptical public? From events that have dominated international headlines for the last few years, David Hare fashions both an historical narrative and a human drama about the frustrations of power and the limits of diplomacy.

New Jersey Peace Action (NJPA) will be on hand for the 12 Miles West performance of "Stuff Happens." The suggested donation is \$10. A portion of the proceeds from the 12 Miles West performance will benefit NJPA. 12 Miles West Center for the Arts is located at 562 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield.

- For reservations or additional information, call the theatre at 973-259-9187 or visit the Web site www.12Miles West.org.



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Ava Jolie Falick

A second child, a daughter, Ava Jolie, was born to Scott and Jeanne Falick of Nutley, Dec. 26, 2006. She joins Elyssa Kate.

Grandparents are Danny and Jean Cabrera of Bloomfield and Anne Falick of Coconut Creek, Florida.



Ryan Mark Ruthman

A first child, a son, Ryan Mark, was born to Diana and Mark Ruthman of Cedar Grove Oct. 20, 2006 at Chilton Memorial Hospital. Birth weight was 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

Grandparents are Robert J. and Lauretta Ruthman of Nutley and Victor and Christine Cordasco of Wayne. Great grandmother is Hil-da Ipolysagi of Paterson.

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Gina Ferguson to wed Matthew Finamore

Paulette and Michael Ferguson of Springfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Gina, to Matthew Finamore, son of Ann and Ken Schautz of Bloomfield.

The wedding is planned for December. The troth was made known Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at the family homes.

Miss Ferguson, an alumna of Dayton High School, Springfield and Union County College, is with Washington Mutual Bank, Chatham. Mr. Finamore, a graduate of Bloomfield High School and William Paterson University, is a registered nurse in the emergency room at St. Barnabas Hospital, Livingston.



Nikki A. Casale to marry Charles Piro

Susanne Casale of West Caldwell announces the engagement of her daughter, Nikki A., to Charles S. Piro, son of Patricia Piro of Nutley and the late Charles Piro.

The wedding is planned for Sept. 28. The troth was made known at a family dinner party.

Miss Casale, an alumna of Montclair State University, with a master's degree in speech pathology, is a speech therapist for children with special needs, at Park Lake School, Rockaway.

Mr.Piro, who has a degree in criminal justice, is a union carpenter.

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couple of weeks before we get the pictures back from production so please be patient.



Benedek-Christmann troth is announced

Lucy and Chris Mastakas of Nutley announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Benedek, to Brian Christmann, son of Albert

and Rose Christmann of Ogdensburg, Miss Benedek, an alumna of Nutley High School and Ramapo College, is a teacher in Passaic County.

Mr. Christmann, a graduate of Wallkill Valley Regional High School, is employed by a local excavating company. The wedding is planned for this June.

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Greta is a large spayed female Rottweiler mix who has been micro chipped. She came in as a stray and is comfortable with the shelter routine. Greta walks well on a leash, but can be tempted by a passing squirrel. We are looking for a home for her without small children as we don't know her history. Please meet Greta at the Bloomfield/Bukowski Animal Shelter. 973 259-0016 Hours: Tuesday through Sunday noon to 4 p.m.

January is a month of birthdays!

January 19 is a very special day. First, it is the birthday of my wife's son, Anthony Fiore Gammaro, who will turn 42 years old. Second, it is the birthday of our James Grant of Alva Street in Silver Lake who will turn 17. I'm sure you all remember, James. He is the young man who was selected the Prince of Homecoming at Belleville High School. I understand, from a little bird who chirped to me, that he really misses his name in lights on the signboard on Franklin Street. And don't let me forget my wife's "second son" who makes her feel good when he calls her mom. His name is Det. Gary Souss and he will turn 42 on January 23. Gary is a one of Belleville's finest and has recently landed a job in the Department of Administration & Planning . Wait, there is one more birthday. Anthony Gammaro, or Blacky, as he is referred to, will cel- Dennis Wilson, is looking for any-



ebrate his day on January 28. How old is he, you ask? Well, as my wife puts it, age is only a number. So father and son will celebrate their big days. And by the way, get well soon, Mr. Gammaro. Now I am not a good singer but will try to stay in tune as we sing these guys a birthday tune. I hope you all can hear it because boy, we are surely singing our hearts out.

Did you hear that Clara Maass Medical Center will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the hospital? Public Relations Director

one who remembers the area before the hospital was built. Give a call to The Angel at 973 759-2703, if you can recollect anything pertaining to the area where Clara sits, along with any pictures. For example, The Angel remembers picking mulberries and playing in the field

Good news! Helen and Michael Infusino's son, Michael of Center Street, has won a scholarship to Berkeley College in West Paterson, in business management and accounting. He is a student at BHS and is in his senior year. Michael is a good kid and deserves it. Thought of the Week

Write a poem or a song about something or someone you are happy about. Let your mind express its joy! You can give it as a special gift to someone. And always remember, we love

Silver Lake.

Church's annual antiques show planned for Feb. 1 The 61st annual Glen Ridge ntiques Show will open Thursantiques show planned for Feb. 1

Antiques Show will open Thursday, Feb. 1 with a showcase of antiques offered by 28 fine dealers, including Pat Gironta of Elegant Heirlooms, Glen Ridge.

New and returning dealers from three states will bring coun-try and formal furniture and accessories, turning Glen Ridge Congregational Church into an enchanted life-size dollhouse of memories. It is an event unique to the area; it is the oldest churchsponsored antiques show in Essex County.

The show opens with a preview reception Feb. 1 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and continues Friday, Feb. 2 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Thursday reception, catered by church volunteers, is intended as a thank-you to the show's many sponsors and advertisers. Profits from the Thursday evening reception will go exclusively to the Human Needs Food Pantry of Montclair. Public atten- p.m. in the main room.

the community who rely on the pantry for assistance.

The chairs for this year's show are all new volunteers. They include: Ellen Auborn, dealer manager; Norma Batastini, business manager; and Kevin Curtin, treasurer.

Glen Ridge Congregational Church is located at 195 Ridge-wood Ave. at the corner of Clark Street, Glen Ridge. DeCamp and NJ Transit buses serve the area and stop at the corner of Bloom-field and Ridgewood avenues, O Glen Ridge.

Tickets for admission at the door Feb. 1 will be \$10. Admission on Friday and/or Saturday will be \$7 (\$5 with card or for seniors).

Show tickets enable visitors to return for multiple visits with a return pass from the admissions desk at the entrance. Portable appraisals will be offered Saturday, Feb. 3 from 12 noon to 4

SCHOOLS

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and a toe in there. We need to be in this as a whole. We need to get back to planning, not just reacting."

Board President Arlene Schor explained that there is a serious funding issue, with the high school and middle school roofs needing replacement, and voters having rejected 2005's \$55 million referendum that would have paid for repairs, upgrades and a new School 4.

the board needed to have a phased approach to repairing School 5.

Appleton said that, unfortunate-ly, the original bid specifications were not reliable, but that the new architect can be asked to compose a complete plan.

Bloom said not just with School 5, but with the entire district, there needs to be an ongoing, changing, five-year plan, the same way the Superintendent needs to supply a five-year plan for improving the curriculum.

"We need to know which ones are a priority, and what the cost is Villano agreed with Bloom that - so everything is not just an emer-

McManus agreed that the board should go back to the architect on School 5 and ask for a complete package.

gency," he said.

"We need to know how many phases there are, what goes into it this year, next year, and have a priority list," he said.

Villano said of School 5, "We don't want it to look like a patchwork?

Because of the way the work was originally started, asbestos abatement had to be done on the inside, where children were exposed, Appleton said.

For listings of upcoming events, fundraisers, organization meetings, trips, support groups, check the Events in the Area section of this newspaper.



BHS WRESTLING

Bucs captures Buc Classic

Belleville takes home title at Red Bank Tourney on five gold-medal performances

BY MIKE LAMBERTI for Belleville Times

It's been a while since Belleville has won a tournament title, so when the team came away with the Buc Classic crown on Jan. 13 at Red Bank Regional, it was a big step for a young team that is beginning to find its way this season.

Joe Nisivoccia's team took a 5-4 mark in dual competition into yesterday's match with St. Joseph (Mont). Tomorrow, the Bucs are at Paramus Catholic in a 7 p.m. start. On Saturday, it's off to Bloomfield to face a very good Bengals squad at 1 p.m. Later on Saturday, Belleville ventures to Montclair to face Montclair Kimberley Academy at about 4 p.m. Next Wednesday, Teaneck comes to town for a 5 p.m. match.

"It was a big boost for our team to get the team points." to win that tournament," Nisivoccia said of winning the Buc Classic (no relation to Belleville's nickname). "We haven't come home both of whom remained undefeat-

'We wrestled hard, we competed, we found ways to win. That's what made this win very satisfying. We took 10 kids there, and they all found ways to get the team points."

Belleville head coach Joe Nisivoccia on Red Bank Tournament win

with a tournament championship in a few years, so this was nice. I think it helped our team's confidence."

The coach was especially pleased with his team's effort.

"We wrestled hard, we competed, we found ways to win," Nisivoccia said. "That's what made this win very satisfying. We took 10 kids there, and they all found ways

Five Buccaneers took home gold medals, beginning with James Soprano and Robert Cozzarelli,

ed on the season. Soprano, who won the 119-pound title at the Minuteman Tournament on Jan. 6, won the 112-pound crown last weekend.

Due to the new rules of dropping weight in high school wrestling, Soprano couldn't drop to the lower weight without the necessary hydration policies that are now employed by the NJSIAA.

"He's certified to wrestle 112," Soprano said. "But since he wasn't there earlier, we opted to keep him at the higher weight until he lost the weight within the time period. match.

I think it's made him stronger, since he was wrestling bigger kids and doing well."

Cozzarelli has been a regular at 152 pounds all season, and the senior captain has continued to impress, winning his third tourney crown this season at Red Bank.

"Robert works so hard," Nisivoccia said. "He must sweat through more shirts in practice because he's constantly pushing himself. That work ethic in practice carries over to the matches, and he's been very effective."

Filiberto Colon, Belleville's talented junior 119 pounder, won his second tournament title this season. Colon's lone defeat came at the Minuteman Classic final when he wrestled up a weight class.

"He's wrestling very well," Nisivoccia said of Colon, a twotime state place finisher.

Matt DeFrance captured the 135-pound championship and continues to get better with each

"Matt has really developed into a talented wrestler," Nisivoccia said of the junior. "Watching what he's done since his freshman year, it's a testimony to his hard work."

Belleville's fifth gold medal came from Angel Cuevas, who has worked himself down from the 160 pound class and is now in the 145-pound weight slot.

Second place finishes were turned in by heavyweight Alex Cordero, 140 pounder Brandon Griffitt and Nick Cuevas at 130 pounds. James Murgueylito, a 103 pounder, turned in a solid performance in finishing third and Danny D'Agostino took fifth at 160 pounds.

"We're a young team in that the kids are still learning a lot of basics," Nisivoccia said. "But win-ning that tournament shows that there is some talent, too. Our top four kids (Cozzarelli, Soprano, Colon and DeFrance) are setting the pace and the other guys are starting to come around as well."

BHS INDOOR TRACK

Hogan, Saavadra finish fifth at County relays for the title. **BY MIKE LAMBERTI**

for Belleville Times

Belleville's Allison Hogan and Christianne Saavadra set a new school record in indoor track when the two combined to throw the shot put 60'3 1/2" at the Essex County Relays on Jan. 15 at Nutley High.

The new record was also good enough for fifth place at the relays and eclipsed the old mark of 59'1 1/2", set during the 2003-2004 campaign by Maive Lopreiato and Lourdes Bernabe.

"We're really proud of the way they threw the shot," Belleville head coach Scott Herman said. "That wasn't an easy record to break." On Jan. 18, Belleville participated in the county relays at Seton Hall University.

of juniors Rebecca Cozzarelli and of 1:30.3, set eight years ago. Sarah Elimiligi and sophomores Thorne ran 6.7 in the novice 55 Adriana Tandazo and Naomi Her- meters and the 4 x 200 boys team nandez garnered a sixth place medal.

Also taking sixth was the girls sprint medley team of seniors Nichole Fields and Joanne Campiand freshman Sherece Shabazz, who edged Montclair Kimberley

The girls 55-meter shuttle hurdle team of Sherry Tigrath, Michie Sprague, Samantha Soto and Duanya Barnes took seventh place.

The boys 4 x 800 relay team of Huan Tran, Dennis Manning, Fabian Cortez and Mike Pared also took seventh while the boys sprint medley team of Tran, Bradley Thorne, Manny Antonio and Cedric Hall finished eighth in 3:52.40.

On Jan. 19, the Bucs traveled to the Jersey City Armory to compete at a developmental meet. Hall finished third in the 55-meter dash, running 6.5 and Tran was fourth in the varsity 600 meters, running 1:30.2.

Tran's time set a new school record in the 600 meters, eclipsing The girls distance medley team the indoor record of Jose Moreno of Hall, Thorne, Matt Herrmann and Antonio finished first in 1:40.5

In the 55-meter dash, Fields and Vicky Barrett each ran 7.8 while one, sophomore Ashley Rodriguez Hogan threw the shot 30'8 1/4" and Soto finished the 55-meter hurdles in 10.8.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BELLEVILLE BOWLING TEAM

HIGH ROLLERS

After a quiet week, the Belleville boys' bowling team (pictured left to right: Joey Learo, Brian Haight, Marquis Byrd, Jon Crespo, Mike Baldonado, Shawn Gonzalez) faced a key match yesterday when it battled arch rival Nutley in a match that could decide the conference championship. The boys' team recently finished second at the Essex County Tournament and have their sites set on the league title and possibly a run in the state sectionals next month.

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Young girls basketball team showing improvement

BY MIKE LAMBERTI for Belleville Times

The Belleville girls basketball team might have just two wins to its credit so far this year, but the Bucs have shown steady improvement, according to its coach, Dilma Hernandez.

Belleville took a 2-11 mark into a game with Hackensack last Tuesday. This afternoon, Belleville plays at Teaneck and next Tuesday, Clifton comes to town for a 4 p.m. tip.

"I liked what I've seen from the kids," Hernandez said. "We're just not that big, or strong, to play better against some of the teams in this conference. But I've seen some good things from the team. They're working hard in practice and it's starting to reflect in the games."

Belleville's two wins have come against Barringer. Its latest game was a tough loss to a good Irvington team, a game which Belleville played with a lot of intensity.

We came out and played with energy," Hernandez said. "We

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rebounded well and played pretty good defense against a very athletic team. We also got a good effort from our offense

Versus Irvington, Belleville was led by Samantha Baker, a junior, who scored 18 points and had seven rebounds.

"Samantha has shown a lot of improvement in her overall game," Hernandez said. "She had a good effort against Irvington."

Senior guard Rebecca Colon is Belleville's leading scorer, averaging 16 points a game.

"She's our go-to player offensively," Hernandez said. "She's been very consistent."

Seniors Tiffany Deeubol and Akilah Robinson have been Belleville's most consistent rebounders. A pair of freshmen, Velardi and Nicole Leah Benaquista have adapted well to the varsity game. Velardi, the starting point guard, had 12 points in the second win over Barringer while Benaquista's game has become more aggressive on the boards.

plased with the J.V. team, which was 2-10 heading into the week, but consists of nine freel sophomore and junior.

"(Coach) Colleen Myers has mostly freshmen playing against kids with high school basketball experience," Hernandez said. "They've adapted well to the RS game"

game." Freshman guard Sandra Binkiewicz and sophomore guard Alexa Veniero have been playing well for the J.V. team.

SPORTS UPDATES

10U softball league

The North Jersey Angels girls fast-pitch softball team is looking for dedicated 10u players for the 2007 tournament season. For tryouts and general information. please contact Gary Tullo at 973-980-3503.

Essex County Babe Ruth League

Essex County will have a Senior Babe Ruth League in April 2007. The league will offer organized baseball for 16-18 year olds in Essex County and will play its games at Wright's Field in Bloomfield.

All registered players will be drafted on to teams and play a 14-game schedule. Games will be played in the late afternoon and evening on Saturday and all day on Sunday.

The weekend schedule offers the high school student with an afternoon job the opportunity to play organized baseball as well as the high school player additional playing time.

Registration will be held on Friday, February 9th from 7:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. and February 10th 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. at the Bloomfield Civic Center located at 84 Broad St.

An original birth certificate and three proofs of residency will be required. The cost \$150.00 per player with a \$240.00 maximum for families with two or more players.

Anyone with questions or anyone interested in coaching or managing should contact Anthony Todaro at 973-748-0599.

Senior softball

North Jersey Senior Softball is preparing for the 2007 season and is looking for additional players to add to its 29 teams.

If you will be 50 or older during 2007 and are in interested, contact Tony Ciavatta at 973-593-

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Referees wanted

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Interested candidates may obtain an application by sending a self addressed/stamped envelope to:

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Cops working to keep gangs out of schools

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

Gangs are a major source of crime, and especially violent crime in Essex County. Belleville has so far been spared any real problems, **m** and Police Officer Steven Linfante is out to make sure things stay that

way Through the nationally accredited Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) program for

seventh graders at Belleville Middle School, students spend 13 weeks, or one semester, on the training, Linfante said.

"The focus is more on the development of students, more than specific information about the Bloods or the Crips [two of the nation's largest gangs]," Linfante said. "It's about self-esteem building."

The program has a 100 percent graduation rate. Before that day, students must complete a year-end

project, which has just happened with this year's group, Linfante said.

"The projects range from dioramas to original songs to posters," he said. "Whatever the student's

strength is." The official graduation ceremony was Monday, Jan. 22 at 1:30 p.m. at the middle school.

As for actual gang activities among middle schoolers, Linfante said. "There are no 'wannabees.' Chances are, if they're dressing that way, there is a problem."

In the middle school, he said there is basically "a zero presence."

As for the township in general, Linfante said police have seen signs, but nothing worse than what has been seen in recent years.

"I definitely have not seen an increase," he said. "There is prob-ably an out of town presence from Newark that shows up?"

Gangs have been blamed for Newark setting a record for homicides in Newark in 2006.

Linfante said the county's Gang Intelligence Unit seeks out signs of gang presence all over the different municipalities.

"It's information sharing that

counts," he said.

G.R.E.A.T. in Belleville has been around for four years now, and is regarded nationally as a highly successful gang awareness and reduction program, according to police officials.

The U.S. Department of Justice is responsible for awarding Belleville \$12,521.42, with the township putting up a \$5,000 matching grant, police said.

The money is for the 2007 program, with the 2006 program having already been funded, according to police.

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For students on non-academic track, labor union has answer

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

The first step has come in providing another alternative for those high school students who are not planning to attend a two- or fouryear college or university after graduation.

Belleville High School was long known for preparing students for other opportunities upon graduation besides just going to a two- or four-year college, but now more help is one the way.

Belleville's School Board President Arlene Schor announced earlier this month that an apprenticeship in diesel mechanics has been finalized with the AFL-CIO.

The American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) is a voluntary federation of 66 unions in the United States, according to its Web site.

many, and we can develop a relationship with the other trades," Schor said.

The apprenticeship is a great opportunity to pair interested students with an apprenticeship in a building trade that would give BHS students one more option for those not choosing or able to go to college, she said ..

"If accepted, they would actually earn money right away," Schor said. "After six months, they would get a slight raise, and then, when approved, they would do quite nicely."

Schor has discovered through her efforts that each apprenticeship has a different representative, so each must be secured separately.

She said the connections have the potential benefit to some teens, who, instead of going to a private school, at significant cost, could have an apprenticeship at no cost. The AFL-CIO represents 13

"Hopefully, this is the first of million working women and men

of every race and ethnicity and from every walk of life: teachers and teamsters, musicians and miners, firefighters and farm workers, according to its official website..

It also represents bakers and bottlers, engineers and editors, pilots and public employees, doctors and nurses, painters and laborers-and more, according to the organization's Web site.

Schor said previously that the program would be a BHS schoolto-work program.

For example, a student might have an interest in becoming an electrician, Schor said.

That student could work in electricity for four years, at a cost to the electrical union of about \$50,000. When they completed the four-year program, they would be paid about \$40,000, plus full health benefits.

Schor said they would then get a license so they are nationally recognized, and could even work in an international job.

Belleville man pleads innocent in robbery spree

The man charged in a string of the region late last week. Dunkin' Donuts holdups pleaded not guilty Monday to seven counts of robbery.

Wearing a bright-orange jail jumpsuit that hung loosely on his thin frame, Joseph Sweeney, 24, of Belleville entered the plea in state Superior Court, Hackensack, two days after police arrested him following a high-speed chase that began outside a Paramus doughnut shop.

The holdups – which officials say stretched from Nutley to Emerson - prompted Bergen County officials to create a multi-agency task force that fanned out across

Sweeney was arrested at Exit 155 of the Garden State Parkway on Saturday after officers in Paramus said they saw him staking out another Dunkin' Donuts.

Authorities said officers found binoculars, a hunting knife, rubber gloves and a ski mask in his car.

Sweeney faces seven counts of armed robbery and one count of attempted robbery of the Paramus doughnut shop, said Assistant Bergen County Prosecutor James Donohue. Sweeney struck at least four Dunkin' Donut shops and hit three convenience stores, Dono- for The Herald News. hue said.

Donohue said Sweeney committed the robberies to finance his heroin habit. He was videotaped on surveillance cameras and also gave police a "full confession," Donohue said.

Police departments in seven including Paramus, towns, Garfield, Rutherford and Lodi, have filed charges against Sweeney. He was being held Monday at the Bergen County Jail on \$750,000 bail.

- Carolyn Salazar

Carolyn Salazar is a staff writer

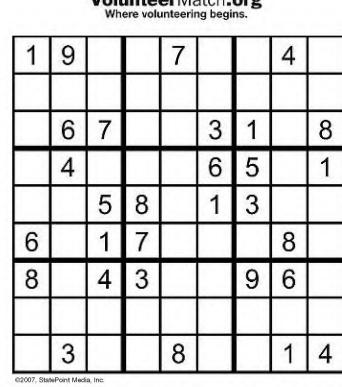
Volunteer gets grant from Prudential Insurance company

premier agent for Prudential Insurreceived a Prudential ance, CARES Volunteer Grants Award of \$250 for Sport Club Portugus. Alves volunteered 120 hours of service in 2005 to Sport Club Portugus, as a member of the directors executive board. He helped to organize various cultural and educational community service events, enlisting local businesses to give their support and involvement. These events included a bus trip to Liberty Science Center for local a Prudential Financial retiree,

Alberto Alves of Newark, N.J., a children, an annual Christmas par- received a Prudential CARES Volty with gift distribution to community kids and a blood drive. Sport Club Portugus is designed to provide general support to the many cultural activities of the Portuguese community. Its mission is to help create a high quality cultural environment, advocate for artists and cultural institutions and act as a liaison to businesses, schools, foundations, media and the government.

Dolores Hank of Belleville, N.J.,

unteer Grants Award of \$250 for the Belleville Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Hank volunteered 60 hours in 2005 to CERT where she worked crowd control at town events, such as the annual fireworks display at the municipal stadium, the summer concert series, the annual St. Patrick's Day parade, and the "It's Just a Party" summer evening. The Bellville Community Emergency Response Team assists the Police Department and Fire Department.



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March of Dimes preparing to launch WalkAmerica

March of Dimes will be holding a as we have a fun morning planned networking breakfast hosted by Mayfair Farms, West Orange, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. to launch WalkAmerica in Essex County. The breakfast provides an opportunity for individuals to network with major corporations and schools in Essex County and will feature special guest speaker Dina Matos McGreevey. Attendees will enjoy breakfast and have a chance to win great prizes such as New Jersey Nets tickets for the 2006/2007 season. All are welcome to attend to learn more about the March of Dimes and WalkAmerica and need to RSVP to Maggie Memoli at 973-882-07000x14.

"We are very excited for our

On Wednesday, February 7, the WalkAmerica Kick-Off Breakfast, and I would like to extend an invitation to the community to come out and find out more about how they can get involved in WalkAmerica in Essex County," said Dina Matos McGreevey, Essex County WalkAmerica spokesperson. "I have been involved with the March of Dimes for over ten years and the organization's mission became even closer to my heart when my daughter Jacqueline was born premature. Today I still have a strong commitment to the organization and our breakfast provides a great opportunity for the community to learn how they can be part of one of the most loved walks in the country," she added. More than half a million babies

are born too soon every year. Many die. More than 120,000 babies are born with serious birth defects that can mean a lifetime disability.

That's why WalkAmerica has been the country's best-loved walking event since its beginnings in 1970. As the first national walk, it has become the March of Dimes largest fundraiser.

To date WalkAmerica has raised more than \$1.7 billion takes place in 1,100 communities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Now in its 37th year, WalkAmerica is expected to draw 1 million walkers. Overall, more than 7 million men, women and children will participate as sponsors, volunteers and walkers this vear.

"Last year Essex County raised an impressive \$290,000 to help find the causes of premature birth. We have an ambitious goal this year but we are confident that we will be able to meet this goal with the support of the Essex county community," said Jorge Cardenas, Essex County WalkAmerica chair and Vice President of Gas Delivery at PSEG. "I invite the community to attend our breakfast to network, have fun and learn more about WalkAmerica. I am truly excited for our 2007 campaign

To RSVP for the Essex County WalkAmerica Networking breakfast or for more information, including volunteer opportunities, please contact Maggie Memoli, Essex County Community Director at 973-882-0700x14.

Also you can register for WalkA-merica, which will be on Sunday, April 29, at Brookdale Park in Bloomfield, visit www.walkamerica.org.

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality.

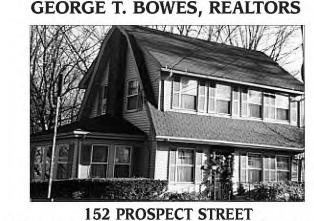
Founded in 1938, the March of Dimes funds programs of research, community services, education, and advocacy to save babies and in 2003 launched a campaign to 2003 launched a campaign to address the increasing rate of premature birth.

For more information, visit the March of Dimes Web site at mar-chofdimes.com or its Spanish Web site at nacersano.org.



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NEW THIS WEEK

Iraq War Peace Vigil, in front of the Glen Ridge Post Office, Saturday, Jan. 27 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Contact Alice and Steve Golin at 973-743-3110 for more information. Branson Show Extravaganza, sponsored by Hilda Watessing Seniors of Bloomfield, in Branson, MO, from May 19 to 27. Price: \$775. Fourteen meals, including eight breakfasts and six dinners. Admission to six fabulous shows. For more information, call Hilda Roni at 973-743-5642.

Tricky Tray, sponsored by

Friends of the Bloomfield/Bukowski Animal Shelter, at the Chandelier in Belleville Wednesday, March 14. Doors open at 6 p.m. Advance sale tickets \$45 include family style dinner. For tickets and/or information call 732-350-7502 or e-mail fobas@comcast.net.

Mini-reunion, for crewmen who have served aboard the U.S.S. Coral Sea cvb/cva/cv-43, at Sir John's Restaurant in North Brunswick Saturday, April 28. Additional information is also available about the U.S.S. Coral Sea cva-43 Association and its yearly reunion in Las Vegas, NV, on Oct. 3 through 7. Contact Jack Weber at 299a Yardley Drive, Monroe N J 08831 or by phone at 609-860-0224; or Robert Nerbetski at 4 Atkins Terrace, East Rutherford, NJ 07073, by phone at 201-438-5269 or e-mail at cvb43@comcast.net.

Open house, at the Angel Academy at St. Michael's in Lyndhurst for the 2007-08 school year, on Wednesday, Feb. 7 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Registration for open house is required. Come visit and ask about Pre-K-3 and Pre-K-4 programs. Use the door on Page Avenue near Ridge Road. For more information, call 201-438-3809.

Blood Drive, hosted by Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green, to be held in the church gym at 147 Broad St. (across from the Bloomfield High School) Sunday, Feb. 4 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. When coming to donate, know your social security number and bring a signed photo identification. During the lunch hour, a deacon will provide a free lunch to those who donate.







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EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS ...

Trip to the Renault Winery in Atlantic City, sponsored by the Bloomfield Knights of Columbus Saturday, Feb. 24. The trip will take place on a chartered bus and leave the K of C Hall, 190 State St., at 9 a.m. Cost of trip is \$60, including all-you-can-eat lunch at the Renault Winery. Free wine tasting at lunch followed by winery tour. After lunch, the bus will depart for Showboat Hotel & Casino where \$14 in coins will be distributed to each passenger. The bus will leave for Bloomfield at 7:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the trip will be rescheduled. For more information, contact Henry Salvadore at 973-743-7031 or 973-748-5867.

Haircut fundraiser, sponsored by Sport-a-Cut Barber Shop, 148 Franklin Ave., Nutley, throughout February. Sport-a-Cut will donate 10 percent of each student's haircut to the Nutley school district. Fundraiser flyers are available through the schools; students must bring their flyers with them so Sport-a-Cut can keep track of each haircut. For more information, call Maria Afonso at 542-1102.

Programs sponsored by the AARP Chapter #2051, Belleville: March 7, "The

Humdingers" singing group. Also a trip to Platzlbrauhaus in Pomona, N.Y. on May 22 for a "Seafood Festival." Cost of trip is \$65. Call Muriel at 973-759-8768. January program: "Laughter Is the Best Medicine" by the Belleville Health Dept. Feb. 7 program: "Belleville Then and Now" by Mayor Raymond Kimble.

'Luck of the Irish' Trip, sponsored by the AARP Chapter #2051, at the Brownstone, Thursday, March 8. Dinner and dancing, with one hour of open bar and entertainment. Call Muriel at 759-8768.

Mobile office of Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr. at Belleville Town Hall, 1 Kennedy Dr., Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 9 a.m. Those needing help before then may contact field representative Ann C. Mega at the Bloomfield office. Office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The phone number is 680-1361.

An evening with Bobby Byrne, presented by the Nutley Elks Lodge #1290 Youth Activities Committee, Saturday, March 3 from 8 p.m. until 12 midnight. Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and beverages. Make \$25 reservations early before Feb. 1. After Feb. 1 reservations are \$30. For reservations, contact Leading Knight Louis S. Lusquinos, Jr. at 201-341- 3079 or Chaplin Robert J. Mulligan, Jr. at 449-7579.

Conference on Human Trafficking, sponsored by the American Association of

American Association of University Women (AAUW) at Brookdale Community College Saturday, Jan. 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Speakers include Linda Rinaldi, director of the criminal justice division of NJ State Dept. of Justice; Ted Romankow, Union County prosecutor; Chiaki Nishijima, director of the Polaris Project; Mark Kelly, special agent for the US Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Professor Terry Coonan of Florida State University. Membership in the College Women's Club, a branch of the AAUW, includes residents from Bloomfield, Cedar Grove, Montclair and Verona. For further information, call 239-2625.

Fitness class, begins Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Nutley. \$10 class or \$75 for eight classes. Class taught by nationally certified personal fitness trainer. Cardio moves to music, floor exercises, clisthenics, Pilatesbased moves, stretching. To register, e-mail smdunnfit @optonline.net or call 201-294-5493.

Statewide food drive, underway by the Association of New Jersey Chiropractors, a non-profit organization. Food can be delivered to Dr. Nicholas Stabile, 265 Franklin Ave., Nutley. It will be donated to local food banks. For more information, call 661-0500.

Gateway Pregnancy Center, of Irvington and Elizabeth helps needy women and their babies. Nutley women collect the following items regularly for this organization: car seats, infant seats, strollers, cribs, bassinets and gates (no clothing or toys). Call Nancy at 661-4779 and she will pick up the items.

FoBas, (Friends of the Bloomfield/Bukowski Animal Shelter) seeks volunteers to help at the shelter. The fall orientation for new volunteers is approaching. Anyone interested should call Pat at 732-350-7502 or e-mail Fobas@comcast.net for an application and/or information.

Free transportation, to medical appointments for Montclair, Glen Ridge and Nutley residents 60 years of age or over who are mobile or require minimal assistance. Sponsored by Montclair-Glen Ridge-Nutley chapter. People of any age may get transportation to radiation, dialysis, physical therapy or same-day surgery. In Nutley, transportation services are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All rides are by reservation at least one week in advance. Call 667-3818 for more information.

Elks monthly breakfast,

Belleville Lodge 1123 to host "all you can eat" breakfast every third Sunday at Belleville Elks Hall, 254 Washington Ave., Belleville from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Full breakfast menu. Adults \$5, children under 10 \$3 and children under three are free. Public is welcome.

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Nutley Recreation Senior Citizen Programs and Meetings: AARP meets every second Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. Old Guard: 9 a.m. Fridays, Parks and Rec.; Senior Service Club: 1 p.m. Fridays, Parks and Rec.; AARP: 1 p.m. second Thursday, Parks and Rec.; Golden Age Club: 1 p.m. Tuesdays; Senior Service Club for men and women meets every Friday at 1 p.m. Self help program: Tai Chi, Qigong, yoga, stress technique and meditation Mondays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Senior circle dancing aerobics county program: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursdays, Parks and Rec.; exercise program: 10 a.m. Wednesdays, Parks and Rec.; Line Dance program: 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Parks and Rec.; Senior Citizen Recreation Center; exercise, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. recreation gym; bingo, 1 p.m. Senior Citizens Center.

Voter registration nights,

absentee ballots, change of party affiliation, Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Bloomfield Republican headquarters, 38 Broad St., Bloomfield.

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

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

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

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

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

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Treasure Chest at Cerebral Palsy Center, 7 Sanford Ave., Belleville (opposite Clara Maass Medical Center). Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 751-0200.

Nutley Family Service Bureau thrift shop, located at 172 Chestnut St., is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and every other Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Nutley Family Service Bureau. Donations are welcome. To volunteer, call Jolinda Griwert at 667-6322 or Kathy Coughlin at 284-1208.

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.

REUNIONS ...

Bloomfield High School Class of 1947 will hold a reunion Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007 at Doolan's in Spring Lake. For more information or to be added to the mailing list, call Dorothy Eadie Johnson at 338-1763 or e-mail Djoh688204@aol.com.

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NHS 50th reunion, Class of 1957 is planning a 50th reunion for October 2007. Contact Elizabeth Zito Gingerelli at 667-1462 or Lizzyginger@optonline.net; or Julia Seibert Sabadics at robusta@worldnet.att.net or call 667-4826.

Class of 1956 reunion, for Belleville High School is being planned. Call Pat at 751-5308 or e-mail patn139@aol.com.

Belleville High School Class of 1952, to hold 55th reunion April 22, 2007 at the Ramada Inn, Toms River. Call Mildred at 732-506-0019 or Phyllis at 732-736-8368.

MEETINGS ...

Nutley Irish, meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. at the VFW hall on Washington Ave., Nutley. New members are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Tom McEnery, president, at 493-0029.

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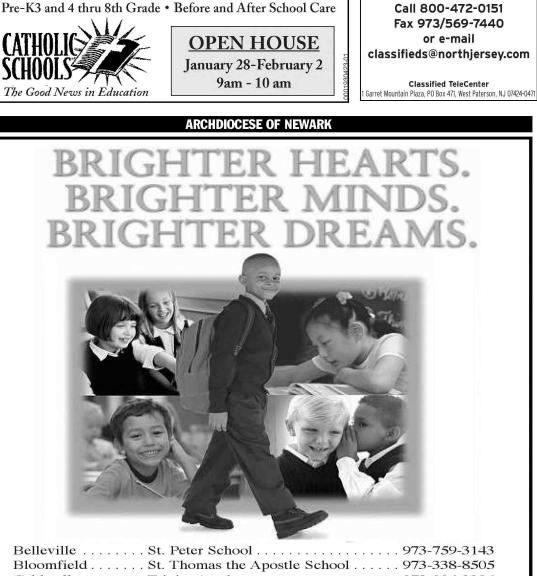
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The Reverend Nancy S. Moore, pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church on Joralemon and New Streets in Belleville, conducts Bible Study classes on alternate Tuesdays at Bethany and at First Lutheran Church on Oakwood Street in Kearny. Pastor Moore leads classes on the first and third Tuesdays of every month from 12:30 p. m. until 2 p.m. at Bethany (enter via the New Street door). On the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, she can be found offering spiritual insights during Bible Study from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p. m. at First Lutheran in Kearny (please enter through the back parking lot).

Iglesia Luterana

Bethany Lutheran Church celebrates a unique and popular Lutheran Latino service – "Iglesia Luterana" - every Sunday at 6 p.m. Diaconal ministers Pedro Dulanto, Jorge Bazan and Evelyn Bazan preside over the Lutheran liturgical service spoken entirely in Spanish. This community of worshippers hosts many different religious and social activities every week - from Bible Study, music and dance classes to aerobics and even a pastry workshop. The congregation encourages anyone to join these gatherings.

Free English classes

Gwen Sanchez of Bethany Lutheran Church has resumed teaching weekly English-as-a-Second-Language classes at the church, now at a later time. The next class will run from 8:45 p.m. to 10:15 p. m. on Tuesday, Jan. 30. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please call the church for further information.

Healing prayers

Pastor Nancy S. Moore of the Bethany Lutheran Church will administer healing oil to all interested worshippers during prayers following each worship service on Sunday, Feb. 4. This brief, special practice is held at Bethany on the first Sunday of every month directly after the regular 9 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. worship services. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please call the church for further information.

Bethany Lutheran Church is a "Reconciling in Christ" parish of Lutherans Concerned, welcoming and including gay and lesbian persons. It is the stated policy of this congregation to welcome and fully include persons of every race, age, gender, marital status, ability and sexual orientation. Worship services are held vear-round at 9 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Child care is available. The church is located at 188 New Street. Belleville, and the phone number is 973-759-1555.

Fewsmith **Memorial** Presbyterian Church

Feb. 4 is a very special Sunday at Fewsmith Memorial Church. We will be having our annual S-O-U-P-E-R Bowl Sunday. After the service, the Sunday School children will be holding soup pots for the members and visitors to put money in to be donated to the Mary and Martha Food Pantry at Christ Episcopal Church, Washington Ave., Belleville. This is a great cause because it helps to feed the many hungry families in our community. All our invited to come out and make this a very successful endeavor. We welcome all visitors every Sunday at 10 a.m. Our minister is Rev. Dr. Jim Horn.

Fewsmith Memorial Presbyterian Church is located at 444 Union Ave., on the corner of Little Street in Belleville. For more information or directions, e-mail us at fewsmithchurch @juno.com or call 973-759-6869.

Christian **Apostolic Church**

Christian Apostolic Church offers free English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) classes every Monday at 7:30 p.m. Tony Mazzola teaches the class.

The Rev. Grace Alfieri teaches a free Bible study class for adults, and a youth Bible study is taught by the Rev. Stephen Alfieri.

Prayer meetings are held every Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. Also on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. is a Bible study for women entitled "Women of Character," which is taught by Mary Kieffe. The focus is to help those who have family members with addictions.

A free senior luncheon is held at noon the first Thursday of every month.

Bible study is offered the first and third Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

A prayer meeting is held at 7:30 p.m. The second Friday of the month is Extreme Youth Group for all ages.

Sunday worship services begin at 9:45 a.m. Sunday classes are available for babies to college-age. These free programs are

open to all. You do not have to be a member of the church.

Christian Apostolic Church is wheelchair accessible and is located at 88 Wallace St., Belleville. Rev. Grace Alfieri is the pastor. To reach the church office, call 973-751-2290. Visit the Web site at www.Bellevil*lechurchNJ.com.*

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Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Gratia 751, meetings are held on the first and third Mondays at St. Mary's Lafayette Room, Nutley at 8 p.m. For more information, call Mary Jane at 667-3876.

Nutley Lions Women's

Auxiliary, dinner meetings held the first Thursday every month at 7 p.m. from September to June at Washington Park Restaurant, 174 Washington Ave., Nutley. New members welcome. Call Louise at 661-2906 for more information.

Nutley Jr. Woman's Club, meets at 8 p.m. first Mondays at Vreeland House, 216 Chestnut St. (next to police station) and seeks new members, ages 18 to 40. Refreshments. For more information, e-mail Theresa Loch, membership chair, at nutleyjuniors@hotmail.com.

Panic Relief, Inc., group forming in Belleville, Bloomfield, Nutley and Glen Ridge on Mondays from noon to 1 p.m.

and Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Program is geared to help those who suffer from panic, anxiety and agoraphobia gain control. To attend, call 732-940-9658.

VFW Ladies Auxiliary, to Stuart E. Edgar Post meets monthly at the post home, 271 Washington Ave., Nutley. Membership is open. Write to: Stuart E. Edgar Post Auxiliary, 136 Centre St., Nutley, NJ 07110.

Powerful You! Women's

networking, Meetings are held on the second Tuesday monthly at Just Jake's, 30 Park St., Montclair. \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. To RSVP, call 748-5100.

Bradbury-Van Riper House

Inc., is conducting a membership drive. Meets fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Nutley Museum on Church Street. For more information, call 667-5700. Mailing address: P.O. Box 110031, Nutley, NJ 07110.

Cancer support group, for patients and survivors meets second and fourth Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. at Center for Oncology Care, Columbus Hospital, 495 North 13th St., Newark. Call Carol Mustillo for more information at 268-5849.

AARP Chapter 2051 Belleville, meets first Wednesdays at 1 p.m. at the senior center, 125 Franklin Ave., Belleville except during July and August. Dues \$3 plus national membership. Open to anyone over age 50.

Belleville Old Guard, seeks new members to meet first and third Wednesday of every month for coffee and donuts at 9 a.m. Group also sponsors bus rides to Atlantic City and other trips. Call Emil Casale at 759-7284. Meetings are held at the Belleville Senior Center, corner of Mill Street and Franklin Avenue.

AARP Nutley Chapter 2052,

meets 1 p.m. every second Thursday, 44 Park Ave. (new senior citizens building). New members welcome with paid AARP National card to join. Annual dues: \$5, payable now. No meetings in July and August. For more info, call Jo Brylinski at 667-2514.

BOOKMARKS

Tax forms available at library

The Belleville Public Library and Information Center has federal and state tax forms available. The library's reference staff can print out special from the state and federal Web sites at no charge.

Internet classes

Learn to do basic searches on the Internet using search engines and other databases on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 10 a.m. at the library. Learn about the library's ancestry and heritage databases, through which you can explore your family history.

Register by calling the circulation desk at 973-450-3434.

Wednesday reading club

The new season of book discussions at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center promises to be an exciting one. The newly named "Wednesday After-

noon Reading Club" takes its name from the original name of the library. Meet with discussion leader Cindy LaRue, head of refer-ence, on Wednesdays once a month at 1 p.m. On Wednesday month at 1 p.m. On Wednesday, Feb. 14, the group will discuss "Practical Magic" by Alice Hoffman. Join us.

Poetry from all angles

The Friends of the Library and the Literature Department of the Woman's Club of Belleville present a series of poetry workshops with poet and teacher Salvatore Buttaci. The series, which is free and open to the public, will take place on Saturdays at 1 p.m. throughout the a series of poetry workshops with winter season. Register by calling the circula-

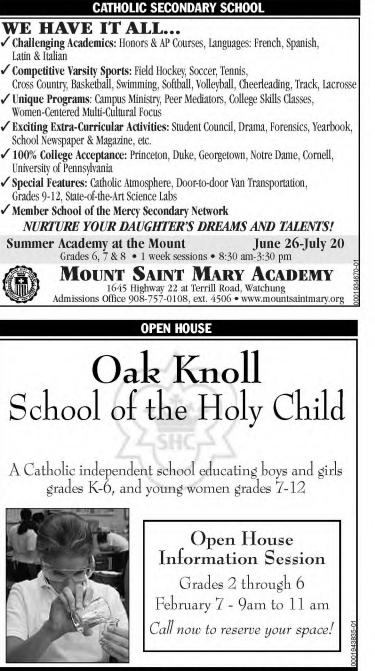
tion desk at 973-450-3434.

The Belleville Public Library is Of located at 221 Washingt Ave., Belleville.

E-mail news and photos to bellevilletimes@northjersey.com.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK





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A memorial service was held for Robert L. Bonham, 88, of East Rutherford Jan. 18 in the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home.

ELLEVILLE TIMES Mr. Bonham died on Jan. 15, at the NJ Veterans Memorial Home m in Paramus.

Mr. Bonham lived in Nutley and 2007 Belleville before moving to East Rutherford in 1994. He worked as a truck driver for G.O.D. Trucking 25, in South Kearny and served in the nieces and nephews. RY

U.S. Army during World War II. He is survived by his children, JANUA Sarah Lepis and her husband, Joseph, Robert J. Bonham, Carol Andree, Rosetta and Ralph Cardi-THURSDAY, nale; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sister, Beatrice Newman, and his brothers, Merle, Jessie, Richard and Donald Bonham

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Mildred Repac

A funeral service was held for Mildred Repac (nee Dzierzyc), 86, of Bloomfield Jan. 15 in S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home. Mrs. Repac died on Jan. 12.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Repac lived in Belleville before moving to Bloomfield nine years ago. She was a former assembler at Wagner Electric in Newark.

Mrs. Repac is survived by her sister, Adele Sutton, and several

Josephine M. Tanzola

A funeral Mass for Josephine M. Tanzola (Mazzillo) was offered Jan. 20 in Holy Family Church, Nutley after the funeral in S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home.

Mrs. Tanzola passed away on Jan. 17, at the Pocono Medical Center, E. Stroudsburg, Pa.

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Born in Newark, Mrs. Tanzola lived in Belleville for the past 51 years. She retired from Wallace & Tiernan and was previously employed by Walter Kidde, Belleville. She was a member of the Wednesday Senior Citizens of Belleville.

Camille Tanzola and Rosanne Price; a sister, Antoinette Rossi; three granddaughters, Melissa Grives and Catherine and Kimberly Price, and a great-granddaughter, Makayla.

Antoinette "Ann" Biondi

Funeral services for Antoinette "Ann" Biondi, 78, of Belleville, formerly of Nutley, were held Jan. 23 at the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley. Funeral Mass was offered at Holy Family Church, Nutley.

Mrs. Biondi died Jan. 19 at Columbus Hospital, Newark.

Nutley and North Arlington before moving to Belleville 53 years ago. She worked as a shipping clerk for Ivers-Lee in West Caldwell.

sisters, child.



Robert L. Bonham

Born in Meadow Grove, Neb.,

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Surviving are two daughters,

how to live for Christ in a hectic "Crossroads of the World" environment in our "Corinthian Letters 2" studies each Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m.

Born in Glen Ridge, she lived in

husband Lewis J.; her daughters, Rosemarie Biondi, and Linda Temple and her husband Richard; her Josephine Damiano, Angelina Barbos, Ronnie Brennan and Donna Morelle; and her grandchildren and great-grand-



Food pantry available

Little Zion UAME Church conducts an emergency food pantry every third and fourth Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. Proof of income is required.

Little Zion UAME Church is located at 154 Stephens St., Belleville. For more information, call the church at 973-759-7358.

St. Mary's Church

Calendar Party Tricky Tray news

The Rosary Society's next prefect meeting is set for Monday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. We will discuss, among other things, our very popular Calendar Party Tricky Tray that will take place on Friday, March 23. We are still looking for a few more table sponsors who will decorate a table to reflect a month or season. If you would like to sponsor a table, please contact Noreen at 973-667-6706. Tickets will be going on sale early next month.

Catholic Schools Week

Good Shepherd Academy is kicking off Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, Jan. 28 with an open house at 11 a.m. All prospective students and their families are invited to tour the school and enjoy refreshments. Good Shepherd, located at 24 Brookline Ave., Nutley, is the school our parish sponsors with the two other Nutley parishes.

A spiritual retreat

The Institute for Christian Spirituality is sponsoring a retreat for teachers, counselors and chaplains on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 9:30 a.m. at Seton Hall University. Fee: \$15, includes lunch. To register, call Robert Miller at 973-313-6335.

Casino night at San Carlo

St. Michael's Angel Academy is hosting a "Casino Night" on Saturday, Jan. 27 at San Carlo in Lyndhurst. The cost is \$60 and includes a full buffet dinner, beverages, coffee, tea and dessert, plus \$100 in playing money to use at the gambling tables. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For tickets call Stephanie at 201-939-0350.

Great gift for Devils fans

Tickets are available for the Sunday, Feb. 11 Devils vs. Tampa Bay game at 3:30 p.m. in the Meadowlands. Seats are in a private, luxury glassed-in booth. The donation is \$90 per seat and includes food and beverages. The proceeds will go to LIFENET, a New Jersey pro-life education organization. To reserve your tickets, call 201-804-8331 or email lifenetok@vahoo.com.

Remembrance tree

St. Mary's Church welcomes the parish to purchase a leaf for the "Remembrance Tree." The cost of each leaf is \$1,000 and will be inscribed when a \$400 down payment is received. The remain



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church at Corinth. The books of

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were written to a church that

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people and ideas that came from

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meets at 174 Homes St., Belleville.

For more information about the

church, call 973-759-0726.

phone the parish.

Annual parish meeting

Christ Episcopal Church has

announced that the annual meet-

ing of the parish will be held on

Sunday, Jan. 28. The polls will be opened for voting at 10 a.m. The

business meeting will be held at

noon following the regular 10

a.m. Mass. All parishioners in god

standing - those who are regular

in attendance and who are con-

tributors of record for the previ-

The Saint Barnabas Behavior

Health Network, Institute for Pre-

vention has announced a series of

smoking cessation classes to be

held Wednesday evenings at 6:30

p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church.

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Soup kitchen open three days

The Mary and Martha Soup

The soup kitchen is open Tues-

Donations of non-perishable

day, Thursday and Saturday from

canned goods are always wel-

come at the soup kitchen and vol-

unteers are encouraged to help,

especially on Tuesday and Thurs-

day. Interested persons should

call the parish at 973-751-0616.

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located at 393 Washington Ave.,

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information about any of these

and Essex streets). For more

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packages of paper products, cleaning products and personal hygiene items to persons with Mrs. Biondi is survived by her Families First cards. The parish is always receiving gifts of individually wrapper paper towels, facial tissue and toilet tissue. Additionally volunteers are always welcome both for the preparation of the bags and on distribution day. For more information please



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ing \$600 can be paid over two years. Four Masses a year will be said for the individuals or intentions named on the tree. For more information, contact the parish.

St. Mary's Parish is located at 17 Msgr. Owens Place, Nutley. Pastor is Rev. David Hubba. Visit the parish Web site: www.stmarysnutley.org.

Holy Family Church

The Good News in Education

The opening of Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday, Feb. 28. You are invited to join us at the 10 a.m. Mass at Holy Family Church and then to our open house at Good Shepherd Academy immediately following Mass. Parishioners of Holy Family, St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel are invited to bring and joy that is daily married life. prospective students and their families, relatives and friends into the sary, divisible by five, are asked to

school for tours, refreshments and to view displays of students' artwork and academic work. Everyone is invited to come see what we offer and what our students have accomplished.

Save General Mills Boxtops for Education, used printer cartridges and used cell phones. The school will receive rebates for them. Please drop them off to the school or rectory at your convenience. Thank you for your support!

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Quinquennial Mass

We honor husbands and wives as the head of their families, the basic unit of our society. Marriage salutes the faithfulness, sacrifice Couples celebrating an anniversign up for Holy Family's special celebration on Sunday, Feb. 11 at the noon Mass. This is not to be confused with the Archdiocesan celebration listed in the next column. Please return the form in the church bulletin no later than Feb. 5 in order for your name to appear in the Feb. 11 bulletin.

Theology on Tap

All young adults of the parish are invited to "Theology on Tap" meeting at The Office, 619 Bloomfield Ave., Montclair, on Sunday, Feb. 11 at 8 p.m. "Theology on Tap" is open to married and single individuals in their 20s and 30s. At "Theology on Tap," you can expect a warm and friendly greeting from our core team, a chance to meet people with values similar to your own, good food and drink, a dynamic speaker ready to challenge you and make you think, and meaningful discussion where you have a chance to share your thoughts. Numbers in the restaurant are limited, therefore events are by registration only. For more information, or to be added to a mailing list for program reminder, e-mail Luisa Witter, perform-girl@yahoo.com or call Nancy

Plate, 973-743-4061. Learn more is approximately \$2,600, which 25 about "Theology on Tap" by visiting www.renewTOT.com.

Catechesis of the Neo-Catechumenal Way

Beginning Monday, Jan. 29 at 8 p.m. at the Church, you are invited to attend "Catechesis of the Neo-Catechumenal Way." Here is an opportunity to rediscover your faith. We offer you an experience that will answer some of the deepest questions of life such as "Where is true happiness for me?" and "What is the meaning of my life?" This is a catechesis for adults and young adults 13 years old and over. If you are interested in coming into the Catholic Church, you will find this most informative. For more information, call Fr. Giovanni.

Religious retreat in Assisi, Italy

The Church is sponsoring a 10day trip from July 2 to 12, including a four-day religious retreat in the city of St. Francis. There will be Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis and sightseeing in Umbria. Then it's three days of sightseeing in Rome and Mass at the Vatican. Also attend concerts at the Assisi Music Festival. The cost of the trip

includes air, hotel and meals. Msgr. Paul Bochicchio is the spiritual director. For more info visit

director. For more info visit www.assisifestival.com or call Select Travel at 800-752-6787. Food pantry in need The food pantry of Holy Fami-ly Church feeds approximately 12 families per week. The following items are needed: instant mashed potatoes, stuffing, bread crumbs, rice, pasta, pancake mix syrup hot rice, pasta, pancake mix, syrup, hot and cold cereals, sugar, powdered milk or creamer, salt and pepper, bottled seasonings, salad dressings, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, oil, vinegar canned fruits, vegetables, tomato sauce fish meat ham tomato sauce, fish, meat, ham, poultry, stews, soups, peanut but-ter, jelly macaroni and cheese, cookies, snacks, chips, pretzels, popcorn, beverages, pudding and cake mix, icing, Jello, coffee and tea. tomato sauce, fish, meat, ham,

To reach the rectory at Holy Family Church, 28 Brookline Ave., call 973-667-0026. To reach the Religious Education office, call 973-667-6018 or Good Shepherd Academy at 973-667-2049.

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This Week In History: Jan. 18, 1951

EVILLE TIMES **BY TERESA EDMOND Belleville** Times

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THURSDAY, JANUA

As town officials arranged to make the necessary cuts in the 1951 budget, the tax rate climbed 110 points to reach \$6.67, thus marking the largest tax rate increase in Belleville history. May-

or Tully, who was also the director of revenue and finance, spoke with town commission members on Jan. 17 about adjusting the budget. He wanted reductions but knew that the reductions weren't enough to curb the 110-point raise. Unless deliberate cuts were introduced, Tully said he might announce an

emergency meeting with the board of education and the town commission to tackle the budget modifications.

A public hearing was scheduled for Jan. 25 at No. 8 School to talk about the school budget. The anticipated sum of the budget was \$1,378,989 for educational purposes; local taxation alone was expected to bring in \$986,367 of that sum. The school board was going to outline the budget plan for presentation on Feb. 13, when the township was going to approve or deny the plan. In an attempt to increase the voters' turnout on the issue, the district set up polling

places not only at the High School, but also at Schools Three, Five, Eight and 10.

Two of Belleville's top bankers expressed cynicism over the national economy for 1951, influenced by tax hikes and the Korean War. Frank McFadden and Albert F. Luscombe, executive vice presidents of the First National Bank, and the Peoples National Bank and Trust Company respectively, said that inflation might be also detrimental to the economy's dire state

The vice presidents also believed the federal government's efforts in regulating the economy through credit restrictions wasn't enough to indicted for stealing from DeWitt rectify the situation, and that people needed to better manage their money

The FBI arrested an assistant bank cashier at his Heckel Street, Belleville, home on Jan. 15 on charges of stealing \$9,000 from his employer the Union National Bank in Newark. According to a bank representative, assistant cashier Douglas V. Kirk stole the money to pay for his ailing wife's medical bills. He was brought before a U.S. commissioner in court and bail was set at \$2,500.

According to a report released by the Fire Department, the township's fire loss in 1950 was \$35,812, or \$1.12 per capita. Although firemen answered more alarms, 447 compared to 422, the loss was considerably below that of 1949, when a \$100,000 plant fire boosted the per capita loss. Even the number of false alarms dropped from a year ago, from 24 to 16 in 1950.

Chairman Norman Lauterette announced the completion of Belleville's master plan for civil defense, which included functional air raid alarms, on Jan. 17. The plan also included the best and most reasonable features established by federal and state authorities. Lauterette said the township citizens and officials knew the alarms worked well because tests were carried out locally for the previous three months. There were also expectations to hire a new coordinator and one deputy director within the next seven to ten days.

Belleville resident Marian Goodford agreed to work with prosecutors to testify against her ex-boyfriend Paul Juryla, who was Savings and Loan Association, then running away to Florida with at least \$16,000. As a result of her cooperation, Goodford, who was also indicted for her involvement and jailed, got her bail to shrink from \$25,000 to \$5,000. Juryla not only denied his involvement in the robbery, but also denied he knew Goodford.

Dorothy Nell Darby, the executive director of the Red Cross, requested for additional volunteer blood donors to participate in the Jan. 18 blood donor assembly at the Belleville High School gym. It was expected that a record number of donors were going to partake in the event. Elizabeth Thompson, president of the Belleville Teachers Association, united with Darby to encourage more teachers and Belleville residents to get involved. The Belleville Teachers Association sponsored the assembly.

Walter Loesner, chosen by Mayor James Tully, was going to succeed school board president Ralph Allaire, whose tenure was going to end Feb. 1. Allaire encouraged residents to work together with the new school board, which planned to hold its reorganization meeting in February. Allaire was part of the board since 1945.

Hugh J. Waters, brother of Public Works Director Patrick Water, Supervisor of Public Works James Waters and the late Mayor John H. Waters, died Jan. 17 at St. Michael's Hospital after a lengthy illness. He was 67.

The Board of Education chose William Chapman to succeed Paul Jones as Principal of School No. 1. The board gave Jones a military leave of absence for the Army, made effective Feb. 1, 1951.

St. Peter's Prep announces honorees for first marking period

among the 295 students at St. for outstanding achievement for Peter's Preparatory School, Jersey the first marking period. They are:

Several Belleville residents were City, who earned academic honors

college preparatory school for boys

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on my set and have more than 5 or 6 shows to choose from to watch with my child," said Madison. "We aren't a Christian or Catholic group either, we are simply just out to try and send a message to these networks that we are tired of the

low standards they keep setting for recorded by the PTC. their programs. It is an ongoing battle but one we are prepared to fight."

A new study by the PTC called "Dying to Entertain" revealed that violence on prime time broadcast television has increased by 75% since 1998 and the television season that began in the fall of 2005 was one of the most violent ever

In addition to research studies and online information guides, the PTC sends its members to organizations around the country to inform parents of the content being shown on today's basic cable prime time lineups. Madison is scheduled to speak to the New Jersey MOMS group this March about censoring what your chil-

dren watch and the violence and sex that can be found on TV. "Parents, in particular mothers, are a key audience to speak to because they are usually the ones who stay at home with the children. I will hold a question and answer, give a presentation and hand out fliers about the PTC and what we do," said Madison. "The more members we could have the better. People

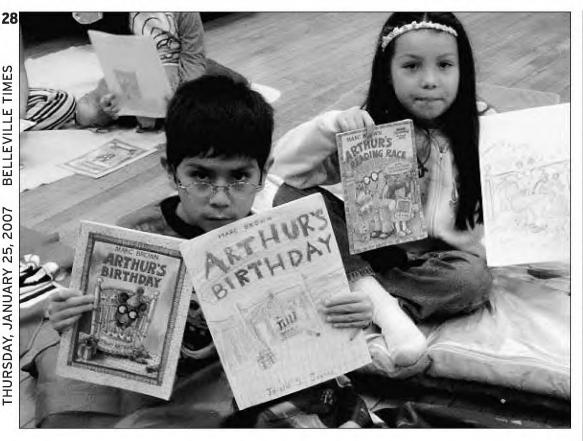
are out there that agree with us, we 27 just need to lift up their voices so that they can be heard."

Currently, Madison is the only Currently, Madison is the only volunteer member of the North Jersey Chapter but is looking for more support. To join the PTC or to find out how to make an impact on this issue, visit their website or call 1-800-TVCOUNTS.

Got news?

The deadline for press releases, photos and letters to the editor for publication is 1 p.m. Thursday before the following publication date. Typed material can be mailed or delivered to our office at 90 Centre St., Nutley, New Jersey 07110. Please include a name and telephone number with all submissions.







CLASS ACTS

Students at School 8 are seen here partaking in a number of activities. Above, Jerald Juarez (left) and Leslie Pazmino share their book reports with their classmates; at left, Yaxel Levin cooks up some tasty s'mores.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY,
CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY,
DOCKET NO. F1413706 HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III PLAINTIFF -vsROLANDO NEPOMUCENO AKA ROLAND
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Execution for Sale of Mortgaged Premises
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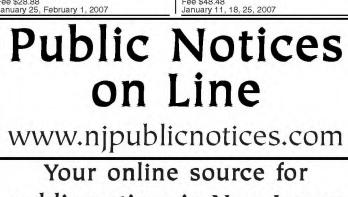
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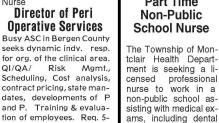
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