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## SCHOOL IS TOPIC 'ONE'

As 2008 begins, the Board of Education will move forward with the controversial sale of the former School 1, seen here on the corner of Rutgers and Cortlandt streets. The board says the money to be raised from the sale is needed to pay for school repairs elsewhere, while some residents say the school property may be needed if enrollment spikes.

## DPW system drives reduced fuel usage

BY DAVID HINRICHS  
of Belleville Times

Township Manager Victor Canning is continuing his surge to upgrade technology in the town of Belleville by implementing a new system at the town Department of Public Works station.

The station, which is located on Cortland Street, has not seen upgrades in over a decade and Canning believes the time is now for a new system. "The system we have is old, over ten years old and I think it needs an upgrade. It can still do its job, but I want to get new servers in there to make life easier for everyone," said Canning. "The way the system works now,

I have to send someone down there to gather reports on the fuel that has been used by the township vehicles, everyone needs to log the fuel they extract and it can lead to inaccurate reports or excess fuel being used."

The new system that Canning is proposing would work similarly to the new water meter system he is planning on implementing next month. "The new system would work with an Exxon Wand that is extremely easy to use. The vehicles would pull up to the fuel pump on Greylock, wave the wand at the machine and it would dispense the appropriate amount of fuel. No one would have to enter numbers or passwords like they do now. It

would all be predetermined," said Canning. "The new system will also allow me to place restrictions on vehicles through the wands. Every vehicle will be designated a certain amount of fuel and trips to the DPW station. No one will be able to cheat the system."

Although Canning said he doesn't believe there is any foul play going on right now, he feels it is better to have a fool proof system than one that is vulnerable. "It is just another way to guarantee that we are not losing money here and there. I am sure everyone is doing the right amounts but this makes it certain," said Canning. "This also allows me to do all the recordings from my office and

allows me to send my people elsewhere than having to have them go down to the station and report all the fuel usage."

The new system would cost the town approximately \$6,000 and would be in place by the end of January. "I have studied how it works in surrounding towns that use it and they all have had success with it. The cost is not much at all when you think of how much safer and more efficient it will make the station. Not to mention how much less hassle it will be for everyone," said Canning.

The vehicles that are permitted to use the pump are town employee vehicles such as buses, police cars and fire trucks.



# Looking back at what made news in 2007

## JANUARY

■ New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine announced the signing of a bill that provided the state of New Jersey with \$270 million in state aid toward stem cell research. The announcement, which came at the beginning of the month, provided monies to research centers all around the state, including the Garden State Cancer Center in Belleville, which received \$10 million.

Stem cell research is aimed at curing ailments that are currently deemed permanent such as paralysis. The cells can act as a repair system for the body and have the ability to mimic many different cells.

■ Belleville officials came to an agreement this month with their crossing guards, signing a four-year contract extension.

The new contract gave the crossing guards an increase in pay of \$2 for this year and then an increase of \$1.50 for each of the next three years.

Negotiations between the crossing guards and the town had been ongoing for several months and many town officials and employees

were pleased to see it come to an end. "This has been something I have wanted to settle for some time. I am happy that we have made progress and this is something that we can work on in the future years," said Belleville Township Manager Victor Canning.

■ The Belleville Police Department apprehended two suspects in an armed robbery at a liquor store early this month following a brief but tense car chase.

The armed robbery occurred at the White Oak Liquors on Union Ave where a man saw another man enter the store with a handgun and relieve the store clerk of money from the register and lottery machine after firing a shot in the air.

The man then fled into his car with his accomplice to Newark where Belleville Police found the man and chased him down before he crashed his vehicle and surrendered.

The two men charged with the robbery were also the men suspected of committing another armed robbery at the Mobil gas station on Washington Ave in Nutley the day before.

■ The Belleville Post Office officially closed its doors this month and took a seven-month hiatus to conduct repairs and renovations to the building.

The building, which has stood along Washington Ave for almost

90 years, was suffering with failing electrical systems and poor infrastructure.

Some of the improvements slated for the building included new electrical wiring for the lights, bulletproof windows and a more spacious lobby for post office patrons.

During the seven months that the post office was closed, all business was rerouted to the Nutley post office.

■ The lawsuit between the Belleville Township Council and the Belleville Library Board began its court debate this month when both parties appeared in court to state their cases.

The lawsuit, which was filed against the town by board members who felt they were improperly removed, would see months of legal action before being resolved.

Belleville Mayor Ray Kimble and the council passed an ordinance that gave the mayor the power to remove board members on the basis that they never took an oath of office in November of last year. Kimble went on to replace four of the then current members with his own appointments. Those appointed members would remain in office at the library board through the duration of the court proceedings, which would not end till October.

■ The Belleville wrestling team was victorious this month when they seized the title at the Buc

Classic on Jan. 13th.

This tournament win was the first for the Belleville wrestling team in over three years and was an exciting moment for head coach Joe Nisivoccia. "It was a big boost for our team to win this tournament. We haven't come home with a tournament championship in a few years, so this was nice," said Nisivoccia. "We wrestled hard, we competed and we found ways to win."

■ Belleville Middle School students finished their run through the G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) program this month, which was carried out by Belleville Police officers.

The program is designed to help students become aware of the dangers of gangs and keep them in school and out of trouble. "The focus of the program is more on the development of students, more than specific information on gangs. It is about self esteem building," said Belleville Police officer Steven Linfante.

Students in the program must complete several tasks and projects before graduating and then present them to officers that appear before them in school. The program has a 100 percent graduation rate.

■ Belleville firefighters combated one of the largest fires in Belleville history this month when a blaze broke out on 353 Cortland Street in a commercial complex.

The fire broke out around 7:00 p.m. on Jan. 27th and was classified as a three-alarm fire. Fifty firefighters in all responded to the inferno that moved from the third floor to the fourth floor of the building despite the efforts of the fire departments.

Fire engines from Belleville, Newark, Cedar Grove and West Orange all were on the scene as the fire spread from room to room, causing a partial collapse of the roof on the fourth floor.

The fire was not deemed under control until 12:50 a.m. the next day and was not totally extinguished until 2:00 a.m. that morning.

The final damage to the building was extensive and a video production company located inside the building was deemed a "complete loss" by the fire department.

## FEBRUARY

■ While America was still deciding who would be the next American Idol, Belleville crowned their own "Belleville Idol" this month.

In the most highly anticipated event of the year, WBHS sponsored the first ever "Belleville Idol" competition at Belleville High School on the night of Feb. 8th. The auditorium was packed with anxious viewers wondering what teacher David Simonetti and the "Sim Gang" had to offer. "We worked very long to put this thing together and I personally edited over six hours of video tape for this production," said Simonetti, head of WBHS and co-director of the Belleville Idol show. "Those kids poured a lot of effort into this as we all did and I think it was worth it. It turned out great in my eyes."

Show producer and Belleville student Rachel Liver could be seen running around the school making last second adjustments before the premiere. "This was just an idea we had a few months back that seemed to gain steam the more we talked about it. We finally got it to become a reality and I am so pleased we did," said Liver. "A lot of kids in this school hold back from showing their true talents but kids really went for it with this. We got over 70 kids to try out for this. It has been an awesome run. We even contacted Fox about this!"

Hosts Alex Valez and Amanda Goscinski introduced the contestants and added some of their own

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## To Your HEALTH



**Dr. Donna A. Pontoriero**  
Chiropractor

### EAT FOR HEALTH

One way to improve or maintain your health is to eat right. Here are some tips on eating from the American Chiropractic Association:

- Eat more raw foods. Cooking and canning eliminate much of the nutrition in foods.
- Choose organically grown foods when possible. They have lower levels of contaminants like pesticides and heavy metals.
- Consume 25 to 30 grams of fiber every day. Sources include whole-grain breads, nuts, vegetables, fruits and beans. A high-fiber diet can help prevent heart disease and colon cancer.
- Drink eight to ten eight-ounce glasses of water every day. Don't substitute coffee, tea, soft drinks or an alcoholic drink. They will actually dehydrate you.

And lifestyle changes will also give your health and your life in general a big boost: Exercise at least 20 minutes four days a week. Quit smoking. Limit your intake of alcohol. Smoking and drinking, aside from the other problems those habits cause, impair your body's ability to absorb nutrients.

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# Christ Church reverend honored 50 years ago

This week the Reverend Peter Deckenbach, Rector of Christ Episcopal Church, was named "Citizen of the Year" in Belleville. Rev. Deckenbach stated that he didn't do anything outstanding to deserve this honor, and can only take any place with the interested and devoted citizens of Belleville. A Belleville resident since 1924, he baptized 980 people, presented 609 for confirmation, married 430 couples and had 1,105 funerals since his time of becoming Rector of Christ Church.

When Superintendent of Public Works, Harry C. Paxton assumes office this week, his first assignment is to draft an engineering report for the Essex County case against the Bloomfield tollgate on the Garden State Parkway. County Engineer, Curtis Colwell called for the report as soon as it can be compiled. His target date for presenting the case to Nutley, Belleville, Bloomfield, East Orange and Irvington is in February.

An evening school course in Airframe Mechanics has been planned to be added to the program at Essex County Technical School in Bloomfield. This course is designed for those in the field of aircraft work, who would like to increase their knowledge or qualify for a Civil Aeronautics Authority License. The instructor and course have been approved by the C.A.A.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

TONI ANN SABATO

JANUARY 3, 1958

Under the leadership of General Chairman, James J. Tully, Belleville volunteer workers are getting ready the 20th annual March of Dimes drive kicking off this week. This year the month-long campaign is dedicated to the theme "Survival is not Enough." Tully said that

the Salk vaccine has dramatically cut the incidence of polio in the past two years, but there are still many children and adults who are in need of help to overcome the many handicaps caused by the disease.

This week children of Public School Number 7 and James Shawger School made their 1957 contribution to UNICEF in a very special way. Instead of just mailing a check to UNICEF at their headquarters in the United Nations, a representative for each school presented the money in Christmas stockings and gave it to Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt at her town house in New York City.

On New Year's Eve there were three burglaries reported within four blocks in Belleville. An undetermined amount of cash and bonds were taken from the homes, along with silver dollars, watches, jewelry and a diamond engagement ring. The theft was discovered on the evening of New Year's Eve when one resident went to put on her jewelry.



## HOLIDAY GIVING

PHOTO COURTESY OF BELLWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The Bellwood Civic Association gathered at City Park recently to celebrate its annual Christmas gathering. Those attending brought food for Christ Episcopal Church's food pantry and the animal shelter. Pictured are left to right Helen Antolini, James Cundari, Joan Schmitt, Victor Maffucci, Susan Rovell and Councilman Steve Rovell.

## Belleville Times deadline

The deadline for press releases and photos submitted to the *Belleville Times* for upcoming community events is the Thursday before the publication date. For quicker results, e-mail copy to [bellevilletimes@northjersey.com](mailto:bellevilletimes@northjersey.com). Copy can be mailed or delivered in advance to 90 Centre St., Nutley, New Jersey 07110, or faxed to the Editor at 973-667-3904.

## REVIEW

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flair to the program. "I thought they did a great job up there. They both really feed off each other and Alex is someone who I believe is destined to be on TV. When you put him in front of a crowd and give him a microphone you can see his adrenaline go up," said Simonetti.

The show went on for two hours and when the dust settled, three finalists were chosen to perform to decide who would be Belleville's first Idol. Those three finalists were Tionna Richards, Carly Valentin and Rey Sentina.

Tionna Richards would go on to win the competition and be crowned Belleville's first ever Idol.

The show generated \$1,700 in money for WBHS, which was put toward buying new equipment for the studio. The return of the program this year is in jeopardy with the departure of Simonetti from the school.

■ The Belleville boys basketball team pulled off one its' biggest upsets in school history this month when they defeated the eighth seeded Colombia High School team 50-47.

The Belleville team was seeded 25th in the Essex County Tournament and won the game behind a monster effort from DeShawn Eagle, who scored 25 points and 14 rebounds. The last time Belleville won a preliminary tournament game was in 1993.

■ Earlier this month Belleville was hit with one of its worst crime sprees in years when seven apart-

ments in the Davidson Street apartment complex reported burglaries or attempted burglaries in a span of one hour.

The items stolen were a laptop computer, digital camera and multiple items of jewelry, totaling over \$3,000 worth of stolen goods.

The burglar entered the apartments differently in each case by either going through the fire escape, outside windows or prying open the front door.

■ NJ Transit announced this month that they would be putting new security devices on 74 of their buses that operate out of the Big Tree Garage in Nutley, just across the way from Belleville.

The program was introduced back in October of last year and is a response to increased reports of violence and incident on NJ Transit buses.

The camera system will only go on when initiated by the vehicle driver or if something should happen that triggers it such as a drastic change in speed or direction, a collision or if the bus is idle for too long.

The new systems will cost NJ Transit \$424,000 to implement. The cameras will also be featured on all the newly acquired buses in the future.

■ Belleville High School junior Filiberto Colon got his 100th career win this month when he defeated Evan Miles of Montclair in the semi-finals of the Essex County Championship.

Colon, who would go on to win the tournament, notched his place in history by reaching the century mark in wins and obtaining his third straight county crown in his

weight class, putting himself in position to become just the sixth wrestler in Essex County history to win four county crowns.

■ Belleville school officials and board members outlined plans for new academic tactics this month, assuring parents that changes were coming to the curriculum.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gerard supplied the information to the parents and faculty, outlining a month-by-month plan of how they were going to address the school needs in all fields of academics.

More than 30 curriculum revisions were submitted and the implementation of three new textbooks to classes was discussed.

This meeting marked an official beginning to changes in Belleville school curriculum, something that many had been requesting for months.

It was also announced that Belleville schools would be receiving the IDEAL (Initiative for Development of Early Achievement in Literacy) grant, which came from the state and gave Belleville schools an extra \$130,000 for books and materials to help expedite an increase in test scores.

■ The Belleville Police Department and schools joined forces this month to make the route to schools a safer one for parents and students.

Belleville received a \$240,000 grant from the NJ Department of Transportation/Division of Local Aid and Economic Development Safe Routes to Schools Program that was used to increase bicycle, pedestrian and traffic safety. "We

want to reduce air pollution by having fewer parents driving their children to school, and improve the health of children by having them walk or ride their bikes to school," said Belleville Police officer Gary Souss.

The programs main initiative is to promote self-transportation to school and cut back on the amount of drop-offs and increase the amount of students walking to and from school. This was accomplished by widening cross walks and installing new ones leading to the school.

■ The court case between the Belleville Public Library and the Township of Belleville took another step forward this month when a judge ruled that the case could proceed in court.

The case could have potentially been thrown out at the Feb. 26th hearing, but an Essex County judge ruled that the case was legitimate and could proceed forward.

The case would go on for the next eight months before being resolved.

## MARCH

■ When Belleville Police Officers stormed Belleville High School this month to apprehend an armed assassin, everything was as real as possible, except for blanks being fired instead of real bullets.

The demonstration was part of a joint effort among local, county and state law enforcement personnel to dramatize the need for local police first responders to all be prepared with proper training and equipment for armed shooters in all public places, not just schools.

Detective Nicholas Briener, lead

instructor for the better-prepared first responders, narrated the scenario from start to finish.

Two Belleville Police cruisers sped up to the front of the high school entrance. The officers then donned their special equipment.

"Wearing this equipment, you can see why we want to get this for every officer," Briener said. "It would certainly be advantageous."

The first responders would be required to carry Level IV protective vests, assault rifles, combat helmets and breaching tools to safely and effectively encounter such scenarios, according to the county Prosecutor's Office. The training encompasses proper techniques to enter a school facility, encountering an active gunman in a classroom, hallway, stairway and other school settings, the office stated.

This was the first drill of this magnitude performed at the school and allowed police and school officials to evaluate their tactics and procedures.

■ Members of the Belleville chapter of the Knights of Columbus marched this month in the annual Nutley St. Patrick's Day parade, holding their banner high.

They were not the only ones from Belleville who could be seen at the parade as many made the trip across town to march either in the parade or alongside. "It is a great day, it brings everyone together. We need to be represented in something like this and I know the more the merrier in a parade like this one," said Belleville resident Joanne Menendez.

■ Former WBHS director

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## As holidays end, gift of blood still needed

Christmas is over and the rush to return or exchange presents is in full swing. But a gift of another kind can still be given — and is desperately needed.

The blood banks that supply North Jersey hospitals are running dangerously low and face a critically short stock of life-saving whole blood, platelets and red blood cells.

They are eagerly seeking donors at what is traditionally the slowest time of the year for donations, which can drop by as much as onethird around the holi-

days. Winter weather can also affect bloodmobile drives and cut short anticipated donations. Overall, blood banks in the state fall short about 100,000 units each year and often have to import blood from other states to meet the need.

Community Blood Services, which has blood banks in Paramus and Oradell, supplies more than 30 hospitals in this region. The American Red Cross, Penn-Jersey Region, supplies hospitals throughout the state and in the Philadelphia area. Both

sources are reporting supplies as low as one or two days' worth.

Many people who could give blood never do. While 60 percent of the nation's population is eligible to donate blood, only 5 percent does.

While there is a small and dependable core group of generous people who donate blood regularly and see it as a civic duty, the donor pool as a whole is aging. Efforts are being made through high schools and colleges to attract younger donors, who

must be at least 17.

The donor pool is also largely white. Black Americans make up about 13 percent of the population but just under 8 percent of blood donors. Hispanics make up nearly 15 percent of the population but only 4 percent of donors. Latinos are being increasingly sought as donors since they are more likely than the average American to have Type O blood, the "universal" type valued most because it can be used by so many patients.

Please consider donating

blood during this holiday season, perhaps as one of the last things you do as the old year ends or one of the first things as the new year begins.

You will be giving the gift of life to someone who may never thank you personally but will be eternally grateful.

For more information on who is eligible and where to donate, visit the Web sites of Community Blood Services ([communitybloodservices.org](http://communitybloodservices.org)) or the regional Red Cross ([pleasegiveblood.org](http://pleasegiveblood.org)).

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### REVIEW

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David Simonetti released this month what would prove to be his last production at Belleville High School.

Entitled "Valentine," the movie was a tragic tale about a sexually abused young woman exacting revenge on her stepfather.

Parents spoke at a board meeting that month and called the film an "outrage" which prompted officials to launch an investigation into the film and its contents.

Simonetti stood behind the film following the parental comments and continues to stand behind it, citing that many faculty members and students spent countless hours of their free time to create this movie and others throughout the year.

This investigation marked the beginning of the end of Simonetti's time at Belleville High School, where he made his mark by producing the first ever "Belleville Idol" contest and short film series that aired on Halloween and Christmas of last year.

A new ordinance that was passed this month by the Belleville Township council altered the way graffiti is removed by local property owners.

Following a meeting held by members of the council and police department, it was concluded that the reporting and removal of graffiti would now fall under the "Clean and Lien" Township Ordinance. "We felt that the language in the ordinance as it was did not properly address the graffiti issue," said Councilwoman Marie Strumolo Burke. "We came up with a new ordinance that will be added on to the existing one to better prevent graffiti exposure. Residents will have a certain amount of time to remove the graffiti before the

town will step in and do it."

Should business owners or residents find graffiti marks on their property, the ordinance calls for residents to, "Contact the Belleville Police for a report, at this time, the police will take a report and photograph the graffiti. Remove or cover the graffiti by power washing or painting. You can do this yourself, hire an outside contractor, or in the near future request the assistance of the D.P.W. for a minimal fee. Keep all bills for graffiti removal."

Property owners will now be held responsible for not removing the graffiti within the allotted time frame of 10 days. A second graffiti sighting on the property will be allotted 30 days for removal. Failure to comply within these time restraints will result in a court summons. Owners of graffiti-marked property will then have to appear in court and will be subject to a fine. The graffiti will then be covered or removed by the town and the cost will be placed as a lien on the property.

If police arrest graffiti artists responsible for marking a property, the township prosecutor office will contact the owner so that he or she may seek restitution for cleanup costs. "Owners must keep all receipts of their clean up costs and report the markings to police at once," said Canning. "It is the only way we can follow through with a restitution payment."

The Belleville Public Library Board approved this month the construction of a Teen Center to be placed in the library.

The approval was unanimous amongst board members and it called for the creation of a room that would be slated as a place for children to go and play video games, surf the net, do homework and congregate.

The room is intended to hold 14 new computers along with a pro-

jection screen that will be hooked up to the new Nintendo Wii system. There will also be tables and chairs inside the room for kids to sit and talk at. "This room will give the kids somewhere to go to do their homework, research for school, play games or just hang out," said Library Director Joan Taub. "They have never had a place they can call their own in the library and this will be a great thing for them."

The room eventually made its debut in May and has been a hot spot for teens ever since.

#### APRIL

The election this month gave the school board in Belleville a shake up, as incumbent School Board Vice President Vincent Strumolo, Jr. and newcomers Carmen Bucco and Eric Schwartz defeated three other challengers to gain three, three-year terms on the school board. Residents voted down the \$54 million budget by nearly 250 votes, along with all six separate budget questions.

The turnout was 11.2 percent of all registered voters this year, down from about 11.7 percent in 2006 but up from 2005, when turnout was just 5.8 percent in an uncontested board race.

Newcomers Atillio "Jerry" DelGuercio, Thomas McCrohan and Mario Pettineo, all trailed, coming in fourth through sixth, respectively. Strumolo topped the tally with 1,028 votes, while Bucco garnered 950, Schwartz 822, DelGuercio 682, McCrohan 680 and Pettineo 408.

The vote went as follows:

In addition to the regular \$54 million budget, a total of six additional budget questions were on the ballot. The regular budget would have raised taxes \$124 for a home assessed at the township average, according to School Administrator Edward Appleton. The budget was defeated by a vote

of 928 to 686.

The additional questions placed on the ballot were:

- Raising \$65 to fund keeping the second elementary school counselor. There are currently two, and one is funded. This question would fund the second. It failed by a vote of 1,078 to 531.

- Raising \$25,668 to maintain the present level of clubs, from the high school and middle school to the elementary schools. It failed by a vote of 971 to 623.

- Raising \$60,000 to fund an instrumental music teacher position for the elementary schools that currently exists. It failed by a vote of 992 to 598.

- Raising \$55,000 to continue the services of the middle school resource officer, which is a police officer that is in attendance at the school. It failed by a vote of 1,027 to 568.

- Raising \$60,000 to continue courtesy transportation to and from school using buses for students who live a certain distance from their school. It failed by a vote of 1,069 to 500.

- Raising \$57,000 to keep the second of two Central Registration domicile investigators now employed that seek to detect and remove students illegally attending Belleville schools. It failed by a vote of 964 to 625.

Belleville schools endured a tragedy this month when School 8 second grader Kathleen Juarez passed away.

One school official said they believed the child died of a brain aneurysm. School Board President William Villano, speaking on behalf of the Board of Education, addressed the tragedy. "Any time we lose a child at such a young age, our hearts go out to the family. Our hearts and minds are with the family. This is a terrible day for Belleville when we lose a member of our community at such a young age."

The nor'easter that hit the area this month caused one death, home evacuations and even caused some water to back up into Clara Maass Medical Center as residents struggled with waves of water in Belleville and Nutley.

Nicholas Pennucci, 70, of Bloomfield was found floating face down in floodwater a little over three feet deep near HVAC Supply at 701 Main St. in Belleville. He was about 20 feet from his 1995 green Saturn. Emergency officials tried to perform CPR, but were unsuccessful. Officials were still awaiting the results of an autopsy Tuesday, according to Belleville Police Sgt. Carl Castellano.

Clara Maass Medical Center suffered water leakage as a down spout overflowed, bringing some water down into a stairwell and an elevator shaft, according to Clara Maass spokesman Dennis Wilson. No one was trapped in the elevator and patient care was never compromised, he said.

Belleville officials said 10 inches of water had accumulated near the down spout. The Fire Department was pumping the water off of the roof on Monday afternoon. Meanwhile, Donna Court in Nutley was evacuated, according to officials.

Residents were being removed by boat from the dead end of Fairway Avenue in Belleville by emergency personnel on Monday as well, Minichini said, as the floodwaters overwhelmed the street, yards and basements of homes.

In Nutley, Commissioner Peter Scarpelli, director of the Department of Public Works, said, "This is more rain than I've seen in my 25 years."

In Belleville's Fourth Ward, which encompasses most of the Valley section below Washington Avenue up to Main Street, where the Passaic River overflowed, a lot

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of flooding took place. Fourth Ward Councilman John Notari said, "The Valley was hit very hard. I had 40 calls while I was trying to pump out my basement. I called everyone back, and the township manager (Victor Canning) said every pump was in use."

Notari said some residents in his ward had four or five feet of water in their basements. New Jersey Governor Richard Codey called this storm the "worst to ever hit New Jersey since 1882" and indicated that some of the most severe flooding was yet to come in some areas. State officials have indicated they are especially concerned with areas along the Ramapo-Passaic, Raritan and Delaware rivers, which continue to rise. Officials are also concerned that people may be trapped beneath a 50-foot high wall that collapsed in Union City near the entrance to the Lincoln Tunnel.

A state of emergency has been declared in New Brunswick and over 40,000 homes have been left without power because of the storm throughout New Jersey. State Climatologist Dave Robinson said in an interview with The Star Ledger that this storm was the second worst storm in the history of New Jersey, only behind Hurricane Floyd, but could cause far more damage because it is more widespread and lasting.

Several towns in Bergen and Passaic County recorded as much as 7 inches of rainfall, shattering past records.

■ The Belleville Public Library held their first ever "Taste of Belleville" this month to help raise funds for the new Teen Center scheduled to open sometime in May. More than 20 restaurants exhibited their food in the main library hall for visitors to sample. There were also desserts and drinks provided. "It was really unbelievable, it was bigger than we had ever expected. We had well over 200 people there, just a phenomenal success," said Belleville Library Board trustee Richard

Yanuzzi. "This was the largest fundraiser this library has ever had. We raised approximately \$2,000 from this event that can go toward paying for the Teen Center. These funds alone will cover the cost of all the furniture, it was a stunning success."

The crowd created a standing room only atmosphere in the library as people came and went all night, eating, conversing and singing.

There were 100 tickets sold before the doors opened with another 100 buying tickets at the door. "This showcased some great things that this town has and the community responded by coming out the way they did. This town really came together, it was united for the first time in a long time. Everyone rallied behind the library and a great cause. We had town council members, the mayor and board members all there," said Yanuzzi.

All the proceeds netted from the event will go directly toward the Teen Center, funding furniture purchases and computer installations.

Taub and Yanuzzi both believe that this went down as the first of what will be many events like this one. "Judging from the success this was, I would say this event will more than likely become an annual function here at the library," said Taub.

All the food, tables and services for the "Taste of Belleville" were donated to the library, keeping costs at a minimum.

■ The Disabled American Veterans of Belleville and Nutley conducted a ceremony this month commemorating their new future home at 612 Mill Street in Belleville.

The ceremony was spearheaded by Joseph Fornarotto, commander of the DAV. "The center is open to all able and disabled veterans from all wars," said Fornarotto. "This is a great day for us and a great thing, we can really help our returning veterans with this new facility."

In addition to providing veterans with a place to relax and socialize, the facility will be their new headquarters to conduct meetings and business functions.

The DAV has a 99-year lease for

Mill Street where the new hall is being built. The township council approved the lease for one dollar a year.

MAY

■ In the wake of one of the worst storms to ever hit New Jersey, Belleville residents at 7 Rutgers Court had to deal with more disaster as one of the biggest fires in Belleville history struck.

A four-alarm fire ravaged the two and a half story apartment building at 7 Rutgers Court, leaving it virtually destroyed and displacing more than 50 residents.

The fire started when one resident used a match to illuminate the space under a bed, resulting in the mattress catching fire. "He thought he put it out with his hand and he was sitting on a futon a few minutes later when he noticed smoke under his bed," said Battalion Chief Anthony DeBerto.

Sadly, the resident did not contact the fire department and attempted to handle the situation on his own. A resident below contacted the fire department about the situation, which prompted trucks to speed to the scene.

The fire had already spread out the window and up the roof when units arrived six minutes after they were summoned.

Despite the effort of many firefighters from all around, the blaze grew with every passing minute and engulfed the building in a bright ball of fire that could be seen from blocks away.

Although the building was left in ruins and many people lost their homes, no one was seriously injured and the town has held several fundraisers to help the victims.

■ The Belleville Township Council laid the groundwork down this month for a drug-testing program for township employees.

Testing had not been practiced in the past in Belleville, but it was something that Township Manager Victor Canning wanted implemented. "This is important for me and for the town. It is not that we do not trust our employees, we just want to be safe. Many of our employees handle expensive and dangerous equipment and we need to make sure they are main-

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taining a sober lifestyle," said Caning.

The testing did not become formal till later this year, but so far results have been good for the town with all tested employees passing.

■ Belleville Police officers found themselves in the middle of one of the craziest police chases in years this month when they assisted Nutley Police in apprehending a suspect on the run.

Belleville Police, along with officers from Nutley and Newark, chased down two teenage suspects who had allegedly stolen a vehicle. The suspects fled from police and drove through Nutley, Belleville and Newark before exiting the vehicle and jumping into the Passaic River where police eventually cajoled them to swim out and sur-

render.

■ The numbers on student test scores were announced this month and Belleville schools enjoyed a positive increase in many areas.

The numbers for the High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA), a test that all high school students must pass in order to graduate, showed students overall made a "quite significant" gain and made AYP in Language Arts scores.

More specifically, students classified under General Education were 88.4 percent proficient and advanced, a difference of 3.7 percent from last year's 88.4 and the highest percentage since 2003.

Five other groups made "Safe Harbor," which means they improved enough from the year before to get a reprieve. If a group makes Safe Harbor for two consecutive years, they are considered no longer in need of improvement. If they miss one year, they go back

to in need of improvement status.

The groups making Safe Harbor included Special Education, at 19.6 percent, an increase of 13.5 percent from 2006. Hispanics and economically disadvantaged students scored 76.2 and 70.6 percent, respectively, a large 13.7 and 15.8 percent increase, respectively. Total students, at 76.4 percent, made Safe Harbor and increased by 4.7 percent. The African American students 65.7 percent rate also qualified, but they are considered a subgroup too small to count toward AYP, according to NCLB.

On the math side, only Hispanics, at 59.1 percent, up 4.7 percent, qualified for Safe Harbor. Asian students, at 76.7, and white students, at 70.1, both made AYP, despite dropping 3.3 and 8.7 percent, respectively.

For the middle school, students' scores gained 5.2 percent in language arts and 5.5 in math. Anything more than two percent either

way is statistically significant, according to school officials.

In the NJASK7 for grade seven students, for the first time in five years, 90.7 percent of students were proficient in language arts, which officials called "phenomenal scores."

For BMS Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment (GEPA) scores in Language Arts, General Education, White and Total Students all made AYP, with percentages of 81, 77.2 and 68.6, respectively, increases of 6.4, 9.7 and the overall Total Student increase of 5.1 percent.

Special Education, LEP, Hispanic, and Economically Disadvantaged students all made Safe Harbor, with three of the four achieving double-digit increases.

For math, General Education, White, Asian and Total Students all made AYP, with percentages of 62.7, 57.4, 72.8 and 52.1. African American students made Safe Harbor, with an 11.7 percent increase

to 37.5.

For the NJASK (Assessment in Skills and Knowledge) in Language Arts, 90.7 of General Education students and 80.9 percent of total students, a five percent increase, both made AYP, and Special Education students made Safe Harbor by increasing scores 16.6 percent to 40.7.

Similarly, for math, General Education students, at 75.8 percent, a 14.3 increase, and total students, increasing 14.1 percent to 65.5, made AYP, and Special Education students, with a 9.8 percent increase to 20 percent, made Safe Harbor.

■ This month, the Federal Emergency Management Agency sent six assessment teams to Bergen, Passaic, Middlesex, Essex and Burlington counties to tally the damage caused by the flood.

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route 23, 46, 80, 280 and 20, remained closed well into the month and more than 13,500 homes were impacted significantly because of flood damage with the amount of businesses impacted in the thousands.

The storm, which was more relentless than any other storm seen in the northeast, left New Jersey in a soggy state of affairs even four weeks after it hit.

Damages were assessed this month at near half a billion dollars, a number that would rise in the coming weeks, making this storm the most financially devastating storm in the history of the state.

■ Belleville Middle School was struck with an unthinkable tragedy this month when 13-year-old student David Ramirez lost his life to a fatal virus on May 6th.

The school mourned his death and Ramirez's parents and teachers spoke highly of him, calling Ramirez "a great person and a great student, someone we can all look up to."

Doctors were not sure exactly what happened to Ramirez, but they confirmed that it was a virus that took his life, spreading through his liver, lungs and heart, classifying it as a "very quick moving pneumonia." Ramirez had been complaining of feeling under the weather for about a week before being admitted to the hospital on May 5th, one day before passing away.

## JUNE

■ This month, the Belleville Public Library unveiled their highly anticipated Teen Center as kids anxiously waited in line to experience the new room, loaded with computers and games.

The center had been in development since early March. "We are very excited here at the library about this. This is something that will provide this age group with their own space, which they have never had in the past. We believe this is something they will greatly enjoy," said Belleville Library Director Joan Taub.

Although the wait was long and

at times overwhelming, many at the library are more than pleased with the results. "It took us longer to get everything together than we thought it would. There was a lot that went into getting this room completed but in the end, it was definitely worth it," said Taub. "Rooms such as this one are a trend with libraries today. There is a Teen Center in the East Orange library that we modeled ours after. They have had success with their room and we believe we will share the same outcome."

Library board member Richard Yanuzzi, who represents the mayor on the board, was noticeably excited about the center's opening moments after the ribbon cutting. "This is a wonderful addition to the library. It gives this library a whole new dimension and allows us to accommodate a new segment of the population," said Yanuzzi.

The room, which has been crowded since the day it opened, has 14 computers and a projection screen that is hooked up to the Nintendo Wii gaming system for the kids to use. It operates after school hours on weekdays and also serves as a meeting room for library board meetings and other functions.

■ Newark Mayor Corey Booker paid a visit to Belleville this month to announce that the city of Newark intended to give Belleville the property it owned along Joralemon Street.

The property, which was used as a water reservoir and has long since been abandoned, has been a target of Belleville officials for years, even decades. It is currently owned by Newark.

Booker met with members from the Belleville Township Council and discussed his plan to turn the land over in hopes of erecting an athletic facility to be used by Belleville residents and the high school track team, which currently practices at various locations in surrounding towns.

"Our children need a place to go and this land is as good as any. This meeting shows the commitment that both the town of Belleville and the city of Newark have to making this a better place not only for us, but for our children and the gener-

ations to come," said Belleville Township Councilwoman Marie Strumolo Burke.

Although the meeting in June between officials seemed promising, talks have since deteriorated and the press conference actually marked the last time that the two sides were on the same page in regards to the land.

The issue being dealt with currently is the remaining water system that lies below the land and the security conflicts an athletic facility could bring to the area if constructed.

■ Belleville High School said goodbye to a legend this month when George Zanfini announced his retirement following 41 years of service at the school.

Zanfini, who is referred to by all as simply "Z" was one of the most popular teachers to ever walk the halls of Belleville High School and is also a Hall of Fame baseball coach at the school. "It's been a wonderful 41 years. I wouldn't trade the memories for anything. I've enjoyed myself immensely," said Zanfini.

A graduate of Belleville High School, Zanfini first arrived on the scene in 1966 at the age of 23 and was brought on as a history teacher, a subject he would teach for the next 41 years.

Zanfini would be named the Belleville High School varsity baseball coach in the fall of 1974 and would later become the only coach in Belleville history to win a Greater Newark Tournament in baseball, a feat he accomplished in 1981.

Zanfini leaves behind a legacy of excellence, winning and most importantly to those who knew him, generosity.

■ Many Belleville residents lost their homes in May when a fire decimated the apartment complex on Rutgers Court. This month, residents responded by helping their fellow citizens.

One Belleville student in particular came to the aid of her fellow Belleville residents, tenth grade student Abreu, who personally organized a dance fundraiser to raise money for the fire victims. "I just figured that if something like that happened to me, I would hope

people would come out and help. They need our help and we should give it to them," said Abreu.

The dance party raised just over \$500 and was a scene of hope for many of the residents as young and old gathered for a night of fun and charity.

Abreu's example of generosity set the bar for many others as future donations and fundraisers were sparked largely in part because of her efforts.

■ Longtime Belleville recreation director Dennis Buckley was arrested and charged with official misconduct this month after he allegedly pilfered activity fees collected for a variety of town-sponsored programs.

Fellow town employee Kathy Skinner, 45, was also arrested and charged with official misconduct.

The investigation that led to Buckley's arrest was said to have stemmed from the Skinner investigation, according to Township Manager Victor Canning. "After an investigation it was clear that something was not appropriate," said Canning. "It is sad when you see this happen to your own people but it is something that we just have to deal with and move on. We must learn from mistakes like this."

Buckley was recreation director for 23 years prior to his arrest. "You just never know with some people. I was as shocked as anyone, this was really a sad, sad thing," said Canning.

The main clue in the investigation came when Canning discovered that an ATM card was linked to one of the government accounts with several cash withdrawals, something that is not practiced with government accounts.

Buckley could be looking at as long as ten years in prison if convicted.

# FDU's Thai award NSF scholarship

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The scholarship recipients have agreed to share their knowledge with others and will enrich the university or their communities with their service.

The NSF scholarships are funded by a \$400,000 grant administered by Dr. Gertrude Levine, FDU professor of computer science.

The criteria for student selection are financial need and documented evidence of aptitude in mathematics, she said, adding that the NSF noted the development of a statistics program which, combined with computer science coursework, could lead to high-paying jobs in the U.S. for people with bachelors degrees.

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The program is administered through the college's Women's

Center in partnership with the Essex County Vocational Technical Schools.

Program information is available at 973.877.3395.

YouthBuild is for young men and women who have either never graduated from high school or are in need of basic skills improvement

despite having a high school diploma or GED certificate. Prospective students must be available all day Monday through Friday for the 27 weeks.

The college provides GED instruction and preparation for the test.

Women's Center workshops

include job and life skills training, entrepreneurship training, conflict resolution, and leadership development training.

Participants will earn \$100 a week stipends during the 20 week classroom instruction phase of the program and \$200 weekly while on the job-site.

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## SWEETS ARE OFF THE LIST

On December 17, 2007 the kindergarten and first graders at Belleville's School Number Four celebrated their annual "Breakfast with Santa," a tradition that promotes the holiday spirit and awareness of the season. In keeping with the "no sugar" rule, the teachers felt a nutritious breakfast was a better choice than the usual holiday festivities. The children had a great time and were able to speak and cajole with Santa.

# Markets unite to fight hunger

After five years of economic recovery, nearly 37 million people are still living in poverty, according to the latest Census Bureau report released at the end of August. Here in New Jersey, three-quarters of a million residents live in households earning less than the federal poverty level of \$20,614 a year for a family of four. Stagnant wages, along with rising costs for food, health care, gasoline, and rent mean that any economic growth the country has seen hasn't reached the bottom half of Americans.

As a result, emergency pantries served by the Community FoodBank are struggling to keep up with the requests for help from elderly people on limited incomes and working poor families whose paychecks don't stretch to the end of the month. Anti-poverty advocates in the state say that New Jersey's high cost of living means that 1.6 million people are poor even though many of them work full-time.

"Too often, low-income families have to make difficult choices between paying the rent and buying food, or paying for medicine and buying food," said Kathleen DiChiara, Executive Director of the Community FoodBank of New Jersey. "Hunger is a devastating problem, and no one in a country as affluent as ours should be faced with these choices."

To help address this problem, the Community FoodBank of New Jersey partnered with several leading supermarket chains to create the **Check-Out Hunger** campaign. This fall, in every A&P, Food Basics, Foodtown, Kings, Pathmark, ShopRite, Wawa, and Wegmans, shoppers will find \$1, \$2, \$3 and \$5 donation slips on Check-Out Hunger placards at the cashier aisle. Thanks to the generosity of the participating supermarkets and NRG Energy's corporate sponsorship in New Jersey, 100% of every donation goes to the Community FoodBank of New Jersey or to one of the associated food banks statewide.

The Community FoodBank and the four other food banks in the NJ Food Bank Federation provide food assistance to charities serving almost one million low-income people, many of whom are children and the frail elderly. New Jersey residents can assist local emergency pantries, senior meal programs, shelters, low-income day care centers and soup kitchens by supporting Check-Out Hunger at their local supermarket from October through January.

The Community FoodBank of New Jersey, the state's largest distributor of food to non-profit organizations serving people in need, distributed over 21 million pounds of groceries last year, ultimately reaching more than 530,000 low-income people in 18 of New Jersey's 21 counties. The FoodBank also operates a free job training program to prepare men and women for careers in the food service industry, and a Kids Café Program.

## Old Guard collecting supplies for troops

Recently the Nutley Old Guard has sent 200 packages of cookies to servicemen from Nutley, Belleville and Bloomfield that are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. If you know of anyone serving

in Iraq or Afghanistan please send their name and address to the: Nutley Old Guard, ATTN: Dan Marese, PO Box 195, Nutley NJ 07110.



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# THE GO GUIDE



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Alexander Kariotis and the Rock Opera Orchestra are scheduled to perform Friday, Jan. 25 at Bloomfield College's Westminster Arts Center.

## Rock-opera mix at arts center

What do you get when you mix songs from operas with the sounds of a killer rock band? A unique experience of classical music performed with a rock orchestra, culminating in a thrilling evening of music. In concert after concert, the Rock Opera Orchestra has been wowing audiences and receiving standing ovations. As the popularity of "classical crossover" skyrockets, Alexander Kariotis and the Rock Opera Orchestra are described as actively redefining the genre.

The group plans to rock the rafters of the Westminster Arts Center with their unique take on opera Friday, Jan. 25 at 8 p.m. Kariotis is a singer/songwriter who has been classically trained in opera by Arrigo Pola (Luciano Pavarotti's voice teacher, Modena, Italy), Gianni Raimondi (Bologna,

Italy), Dan Marek (Mannes Conservatory), John Wustman and Nico Castel, to name a few. He has performed internationally as a leading tenor in various operas, symphony concerts and Broadway tours, both in the U.S. and in Europe. He also spent many years in Los Angeles working in the rock world with his brother, who was a singer/songwriter. The music Kariotis has written is described as original as it is organic; a culmination of working through his grief at losing his brother to Lou Gehrig's Disease. Kariotis and his music are unique in that he is a true crossover artist. He has lived in both worlds and unites fans of both genres with a magnetic personality and the innovative music he writes.

"Part of having a diverse program at the college is to expose

our audiences to very different events," said Managing Director Gregory Allen. "After witnessing the marriage of opera and the rock orchestra on their Web site, I knew I wanted to have them here at our arts center."

Critics in New York and New Jersey have called the show "amazing," "innovative," "stunning" and "astounding." Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$8 for seniors. To reserve tickets, call 973 748-9008, ext. 279. Alternatively, purchase tickets at the door.

The Westminster Arts Center at Bloomfield College is located at the corner of Franklin and Fremont streets, Bloomfield. For more information about Alexander Kariotis, visit the Web site [www.alexanderkariotis.com](http://www.alexanderkariotis.com).



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## SZABÓ IN CONCERT

Glen Ridge Community Concerts resumes Sunday, Jan. 13 at 3 p.m. with Dr. Sándor Szabó playing harpsichord, piano and organ. Hailed by ClassicalNJ magazine as "one of the leading organists in the state," Szabó expects to perform on three contrasting keyboards, featuring music by Couperin, Fauré, Franck, Saint-Saëns, Debussy and Messiaen. Glen Ridge Congregational Church is located at 195 Ridgewood Ave., Glen Ridge. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$8 for students. For more information, call 973-743-5596.

## 'Dueling Guitars' begins

Pianos Bar and Grill, a new local piano bar located at 36 Broad St., Bloomfield, hosts many different theme nights.

Starting Sunday, Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. and every Sunday thereafter, Pianos Bar and Grill is featuring "Dueling Guitars." The event involves two guitarists sitting side by side playing simultaneously as patrons shout song requests and/or sing along to Rock 'n Roll, American standards or whatever may come to mind.

The dueling guitarists are Essex County residents Rolf Strum and Brian Babcock. Strum has performed and/or appeared on CD alongside such noted musicians as Tony Trischka, Loudon Wainwright, Bob Mintzer, Dave Douglas, Billy Martin, David Johansen, Eddy Arnold, Glen Velez, Maggie Roche, Jorma Koukonen, Ike Willis, Pat Boone, Jody Espina, Rob Henke and members of the Grateful Dead. He also leads his own bands Feed The Meter and Just Cause.

Rolf has toured North America and Europe, having performed at the World EXPO 2000 in Hannover, Germany, at Lincoln Center and Town Hall in New York City, and at the Kennedy Center in

Washington, D.C. He has performed on soundtracks for both film and television and has played at numerous festivals. Additionally, his music has been featured on NPR's "All Songs Considered."

Babcock has performed throughout New York in such places as the Crown Plaza and Tavern on the Green. He has also worked with the Langloft Fund, a charitable organization that recognizes and supports local musicians.

Babcock and Strum draw on diverse musical backgrounds. Both Babcock and Strum look to engage the average listener as their musical presentation meets the highest of standards. There is no cover charge for this event.

Pianos Bar and Grill is also supplementing the weekly Sunday event with "Ladies Eat Free Sundays." On Sundays, all ladies eat free with a purchase of two drinks from the bar.

— For more information about daily musical events at Pianos Bar and Grill, call 973-743-7208 or visit the Web site [www.pianosbarandgrill.com](http://www.pianosbarandgrill.com).

## MUSIC

**THE HILLSIDE CAFÉ:** The Hillside Café is a nonprofit music venue in Nutley whose mission is to bring quality, live acoustic music to the Essex County area. Music is offered the third Saturday of each month, September through July. The Hillside Café is located in the

historic community room at the Franklin Reformed Church. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., music begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 unless otherwise noted. Beverages and snacks are available. For more information, visit the Web site [www.hillsidecafe.com](http://www.hillsidecafe.com).



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'Aladdin' coming to Westminster Arts Center

Bloomfield College has been welcoming families to the Westminster Arts Center's Family Series for over a year. One of the staple groups that performs in the series is Bloomfield's Yates Musical Theatre for Children, a family-run, profession-

al-equity theatre company that has been in existence for over 50 years. The series continues Saturday, Jan. 19 at 11 a.m., at which time "Aladdin" makes his wish on the Robert V. Van Fossan stage. The classic story details a boy who longs for adventure and finds it in

the form of an old lamp. This beloved tale is brought to vivid life with music, dance and comedy. The story follows Aladdin as he discovers the genie, triumphs over an evil magician and wins the love of a beautiful princess. Yates has previously captivated

Westminster audiences with "A Christmas Carol," "Pinocchio" and "Beauty and the Beast." "The Yates company knows how to entertain and excite children," said Westminster Managing Director Gregory Allen. "Having done this for so many years, they know exactly what children like and keep their shows moving at a pace that keeps children of all ages engaged in their

stories." All performances are held at the Westminster Arts Center's Robert V. Van Fossan Theatre, located on the Bloomfield College campus at the corner of Franklin and Freemont streets. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children. - To reserve tickets, call 973-748-9008 ext. 279.

Reader's Theatre returns Jan. 13

The Reader's Theater group of Nutley Little Theatre is presenting a reading of "Terra Nova," a dramatic retelling of the ill-fated Scott Antarctic expedition, on Sunday, Jan. 13 at 4 p.m. at the NLT Barn, 47 Erie Place, Nutley. Lee Guest-Moore of Glen Ridge directs the production, which is free and open to the public. Reader's Theater features actors reading scripts of new and established plays, supplementing NLT's regular, fully staged performances. "Terra Nova," by Ted Tally, tells

the story of an English team that fails disastrously in its race with Raold Amundsen's Norwegians to reach the South Pole in 1911-12. The play is based on actual letters and journals retrieved from the trail of the doomed expedition. The cast includes Ken Moore of Glen Ridge, Alex Oleksij of Nutley, Julie Jin of Maplewood, Patrick Little of Belleville, Jack Hipkins of Rutherford, W. Philip Rafferty of Montclair, Frank Blaeuer of Hewitt and Don Sheffrin of Little

Falls. Elyse Halloran of Somerset is the lights and sound designer. 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. For directions, visit the Web site www.nutleylittletheatre.com. - For more information about this or other productions, call 973-667-0374.

Pianist set to perform at Women's Club Jan. 8

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- The Women's Club is located at 219 Ridgewood Ave., Glen Ridge.

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ATLANTIC CITY

By Ellen Burke Rawls

Welcome the New Year with a Luxurious Spa Treatment

After the crush of the holidays, you may want to spend your next visit to Atlantic City luxuriating in the relaxing self-indulgence of one of our magnificent world-class spas. Long a favorite destination for visitors to AC casinos during the winter months is the fabulous Spa at Bally's. Focal point of the first level is the tropical whirlpool park, featuring seven mosaic-tiled whirlpools set in a raised tier of lit fountains and lush plantings, with the Olympic-size pool situated beneath a soaring atrium of immense rooftop skylights. Looking out onto the pool area is a teak social sauna and inhalation room wafting eucalyptus vapors to clear the respiratory system and invigorate the senses. The upstairs fitness room offers an array of treadmills, Nautilus machines, barbells, lifestep and the latest CYBEX multi-station unit, and recumbent lifecycles with video screens offering a choice of courses. Best of all, while you're working out here, the floor-to-ceiling windows present a breathtaking view of both the exotic pool area below and the Atlantic Ocean ahead. (Porpoise-watching is a favorite pastime while working out on the treadmills!) Included in Bally's One Day Spa Package are one Swedish Massage or Aromatherapy Massage, one Herbal Wrap, a choice of 50-minute Body treatments, unlimited use of spa facilities, Pool and Whirlpool Park, 20% discount in the Spa Pro Shop, and one Lunch in the Spa Café. A truly sybaritic indulgence at \$190.00 per person.

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The Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spa, which debuted at Harrah's last May, offers a super-luxury two-day "Relaxation Retreat for Two" package - a comprehensive sampler guaranteed to speed your recovery from the holiday celebrations! Available through January 31, the package includes an overnight stay in deluxe accommodations at Harrah's Resort, a \$250 credit towards any of the Red Door Spa's treatments and skin care or beauty products, complimentary passes to Harrah's Fitness Center and The Pool at Harrah's, the 90-foot-high, glass-dome-enclosed tropical oasis featuring a 23,000-square-foot heated pool, six Jacuzzis, 12 cabanas, indoor and outdoor deck areas. Also included in the package is a \$100 voucher towards food and beverage purchases and 20% off purchases made at the recently opened Waterfront Shops. The complete package price based on double occupancy from Sunday through Thursday is \$389 for two. For Friday or Saturday night stays, the price per couple begins at \$499. Individual spa treatments - including spa and pool facilities - are also available to visitors who are not staying at the hotel.

If you have a pre-teen daughter in your household, you already know all you need to know about Miley Cyrus and her alter ego Hannah Montana, of the blockbuster Disney Channel show. You must know, too, that the 15-year-old daughter of country singer Billy Ray Cyrus is bringing her frenetic concert tour to Boardwalk Hall this weekend. Tickets, originally posted at \$26 through \$66, are long sold out, and parents desperate to placate their 'tweens are falling victim to internet scalpers holding out for more than ten times the original prices. If, however, you are NOT blessed with a teeny bopper, you can thank your stars you'll not be pressured into taking a second mortgage on the homestead for tickets to the manic production - described as resembling a cheerleading competition more than a musical - and of course the requisite on-site adjuncts like a \$20 souvenir program and the trophy \$60 pink HM hoodie. Showtime at Boardwalk Hall is Friday at 6 p.m.

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For the answer to this week's puzzle, turn to the classified section.



## ARRIVAL



### Anthony John Curcio

A son, Anthony John, was born to Daniele Turi of Nutley, formerly of Bloomfield and Anthony Curcio, Jr. of Nutley, Oct. 4 at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. Birth weight was 9 pounds. He joins Alexandra Turi-Ramirez.

Grandparents are Mary Turi of Belleville, Daniel Turi, Jr. of Ridgefield Park, Dee Greenfield of Belleville and Anthony Curcio, Sr. of Stroudsburg, Pa. Godparents are Christopher Curcio of Belleville and Christina Ramirez, also of Belleville.

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## NJAWBO will meet Jan. 8

The next breakfast meeting of the Essex Chapter of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners (NJAWBO) will be held on Tuesday, January 8, between 8 and 9:30 a.m. at Marzullo's Restaurant, 117 Grove St., Montclair. NJAWBO Essex provides a forum for networking, professional development, and education for women business owners. The attendees will each be given time to give their 30-second elevator speech, telling the group who they are and what they do.

There is ample parking in the parking lot behind the restaurant. The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for nonmembers with reservations (\$5 more for those without reservations). For reservations, reg-

ister online at [www.whoscoming.com/njawboessex](http://www.whoscoming.com/njawboessex) or contact the NJAWBO Essex Hotline at 973 746-4404 (option 3) by Jan. 4.

The New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners, Inc. (NJAWBO) is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide tools for women business owners to compete in any marketplace enabling them to operate a financially successful business. NJAWBO is the largest statewide women business owners' organization in the United States. Its primary objective is to support and encourage business ownership by women. Networking, partnering, leadership, education, and political advocacy are the hallmarks of the NJAWBO experience.

## HOPING FOR A HOME



ROCKET

Rocket is a real sweet Rottie mix and a favorite of the volunteers. He is strong, but calm and would do best in the home of a single guy or couple with older children. Rocket would make the perfect companion for a fun afternoon in the country, playing frisbee or just taking a long walk - certainly a man's best friend. Stop in and meet Rocket. It's a guarantee you'll fall in love. See Rocket and Portland at the John A. Bukowski Shelter for Animals in Bloomfield. Phone: 973 748-0194.



PORTLAND

Here's Portland! Portland is a very lovable tiger cat with possibly a little Maine Coon mixed in, which explains his good looks! He is a doll and has been waiting patiently at the shelter for some time now. This hasn't dampened his spirits at all, as he is always eagerly waiting for attention from the volunteers and really is a ham when he sees a camera! Portland is ready and waiting with his hat and scarf to go out in the cold to get to your warm and loving home!

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## Great neighbors on a great block

When Rod and I were looking for a house many years ago, we would have easily qualified for that television show, "Property Virgins." We knew nothing about buying houses, except we wanted to live in Nutley where other family members had happily settled, where my parents had been married and where my mother had worked as a cook for a well-to-do family.

Sheer luck and a limited budget brought us to Alexander Avenue (we paid \$19,500 for the house). We soon discovered that we had chosen a great street with mostly great neighbors and when they moved out, others of like ilk moved in. Our children grew up there and come back with their families for Easter egg hunts, block parties and trick or treating on Halloween, short trips since three of them bought homes in Nutley.

Back to great neighbors. Consider this. After the last significant snowfall, Ryan went out to shovel my sidewalk and discovered that it had already been done by Vicki Longo who lives next door.

And this. Someone knocked on the front door the other evening and when I opened it, it was Steven Bain who lives across the street, bearing his



HERE'S HELEN

HELEN MAGUIRE

mother's annual plate of homemade Christmas cookies. Delicious as always and enjoyed by the whole family. Thank you, Ann.

For a number of years, several families on the block have put out luminaries at dark on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Eve afternoon, Kelsea Longo and Sarah Montes appeared at the door. Both are students

at the middle school. "Would you like us to put your luminaries together?" they asked. Would I? Does the sun rise every day?

One of the best days on Alexander Avenue was the day Jack and Layne Cullen moved in. We quickly became good friends and it would be impossible to list all the things they have done for me. Their two daughters and my four kids are very close, Jack drives me to work each Monday, Layne handled all the medical paperwork after Rod died, and the two of them were guardians of my youngsters until they came of age. "The first thing we'd have to do," said Layne, "is sell both houses and buy one big enough for six kids." Not one word about the extra work, the strain of raising a multitude of teens, the financial problems that might crop up.

The Maguire offspring think every family comes with two extra "parents." Fine with me.

## County college offers computer classes

Registration is underway for a series of information technology courses to be held starting in January at the main Newark campus of Essex County College.

Registration and tuition rate information on all the courses is available by calling 973-877-3079. Classes are held evenings and Saturdays.

People planning to enroll in a Windows-based course should also take a one-evening Microsoft Windows seminar January 17 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The following information technology courses will be offered this spring.

**Four-in-One** is a 12-class course that covers Microsoft software programs including Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint. Classes are Saturdays, starting January 19, from 11:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., or Thursdays, starting January 24, from 5:30 to 9:15 p.m.

**Keyboarding Introduction** is a 10 session course ideal for those with little to no keyboarding experience who want to gain the skills necessary for initial or upgraded employment. The class is held

Saturdays, starting January 19, from 10 to 11:45 a.m.

**QuickBooks** is an eight week, time saving automated accounting program designed for small business owners. Classes will be held Saturdays, starting January 19, from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

**Desktop Publishing Using Microsoft Publisher** is a 10 session program used extensively for producing in-house business communications. The class is scheduled for Wednesdays, beginning January 23, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Exploring Advanced Application in Access and Excel** is a 10 session course designed for the development of advanced spreadsheets and databases. Students will learn to develop applications for use both at home and office. The class will meet Wednesdays, beginning January 23, from 6 to 9 p.m.

**PowerPoint Advanced** is a 10 session class covering all aspects of this computer presentation application with advanced level instruction. Classes will be held Thursdays, beginning January 24, from 6 to 9 p.m.



# Full house at November new year's party

Another New Years in November has come and gone. But the memories still linger. Everyone looks forward to celebrate New Years early and in a way, we get to party twice. So listen up and hopefully, when I'm finished, you will feel like you were there, even if you weren't. We had a full house with the heads of the family, starting with Miele, Minichini, Conte, Gammara, Strumolo, Burke, Lozaw, Veniero, Zarro, Constantino, Cappitelli, Caputo, Drozd, Salzano, DiPopolo, Pribula, D'Ambola, Perez, Elliott, Sanabria, Carselda, Serrano, DelMauro, Caruso, Mongiello, Zangari, Iannia, Fabiano, Caprio, Sorice. Even Belleville's Finest, police and fire were in attendance.

As you entered the room at the Branch Brook Manor, there were mauve and black balloons floating in the air, and a gigantic 2008 balloon hanging from the ceiling. On the tables were beautiful candleholders which looked elegant. We changed the menu a bit and all in all it was delicious. All the hoofers were up strutting their stuff to that fabulous live band, Sunset Soundz. The SLCA's trademark song is Sweet Caroline. And when the people heard it, they went crazy. If you were on Washington Avenue, you probably could hear the partygoers shouting So Good, So Good. Of



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course we never forget the purpose of this dance which is to introduce the 2007 Scholarship Winners. So stand up and be counted, Stacy Sanabria, Natalie Minichini, Jonathan Serrano, Tiffany Muschio, and Amanda Veniero. What great children we have in our area. How proud everyone was of these children.

The Angel Award was next. Sam Papa invented this one for a person who has helped the SLCA prosper. This year the award went to AnnMarie Sanabria who has been a great help to us. Sam then advised that

this year he would give out another Angel Award. And the winner was Helen Infusino who may not live in The Lake, but spends most of her time here as the librarian at the Shafter Branch Library. Boy, were these ladies surprised.

And then the bewitching hour was approaching. Time to ring in the New Year early. The guests collected their noisemakers and bubbles and took out their party hats and masks. They were ready to celebrate. The clock was ticking away and then we heard 10, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, two, one ..... HAPPY NEW YEAR. The band played Auld Lang Syne and everyone was wishing each other a happy new year. What a sight and oh, what a night! See you next year and happy new year to all from Walter Winchell and his wife.

And remember, we love Silver Lake.



## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Mldred Zingaro of Nutley celebrated her 100th birthday at a party at Michael's Riverside in Lyndhurst. Among the guests were her son, Carmine Zingaro of South Carolina; her granddaughter Ann Marie (Brattole) La Corte of Nutley; and her great grandson, Christopher LaCorte of Nutley.

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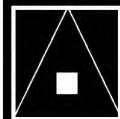
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## BHS WRESTLING

## Colon takes home O.W. honors at Middletown

BY MIKE LAMBERTI  
for Belleville Times

Collectively, Filiberto Colon and James Soprano have provided a potent one-two punch in Belleville's lineup for the past four years. Not since Anthony Conte and Lawrence Martin a decade ago has Belleville had this kind of firepower in successive weight classes and last Saturday, the two were back at it again, winning championships at the Middletown Holiday Tournament.

Belleville, which finished a disappointing eighth in the team scoring at Middletown, resumes its schedule tomorrow afternoon when it travels to Bloomfield for a 5 p.m. match. On Saturday, the Bucs will compete at the Minuteman Tournament in Elizabeth, beginning at 9 a.m. On Jan. 8, the Bucs visit Bayonne at 5 p.m. and on Jan. 9, it's off to Ridgewood for a 7 p.m. start. On Jan. 10, the busy schedule continues with a 7 p.m. match at Becton.

Colon, a senior 119 pounder, was simply dominant in winning his third straight Middletown crown. As he closes in on the school record for most wins in a varsity career, Colon (9-0 this year) recorded three falls and was eventually named the Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament.

"He performed exceptionally,"

Belleville coach Joe Nisivoccia said of Colon. "Filiberto has been focussed and is having no problem making weight at 119. He's been disciplined in his approach and near flawless in his technique."

Colon has 122 career wins at Belleville and will seek to eclipse Conte's record of 124, most likely at the Minuteman Tournament on Saturday.

Soprano (also 9-0 on the season) was outstanding in winning his third straight Middletown crown and second at 125 pounds. He won three matches, all by decision and was very strong on his feet. "He's looked very good," Nisivoccia said. "I thought he went into the tournament with a purpose, to get in the work and to win, and he did both."

Soprano will probably eclipse Conte's mark before his career is through. He has compiled 108 victories through last weekend.

Angel Cuevas finished third last weekend at 145 pounds. He advanced to the semifinals before losing, but bounced back to win the consolation bout.

Also advancing at Middletown was Matt DeFrance, who took fourth at 135 pounds. DeFrance lost a tough semifinal after it appeared he might have gained back points late in regulation time.

"He appeared to have his opponent locked up," Nisivoccia said.

"But the official ended the match a few seconds early. I think the official heard another horn and thought it was Matt's match. If Matt had a chance to finish that move, he probably would have gotten the back points and won. In a tournament setting, that happens sometimes."

Nisivoccia was disappointed that a number of wrestlers didn't advance past the first round. "I don't think we were as prepared as we should have been," Nisivoccia said. "Maybe it's the holidays and the distractions that come from them. Hopefully, now that school is back, our kids will get back into their regular routine. As a team, we could have done better at Middletown. Hopefully, we'll do better. We have some tough dual matches coming up, as well as the Minuteman on Saturday."

NOTES: Because the Bucs are wrestling in a tournament this Saturday, its match with Bloomfield tomorrow is a 5 p.m. start, instead of what would normally be a night match.

"We have to be on a bus at 6:30 on Saturday morning," Nisivoccia said. "I didn't want the kids wrestling the night before, then having to come back for a full day of tournament wrestling. At least with an afternoon match, we can get done earlier and the kids can rest up."

## BHS INDOOR TRACK

## Hall, Shabazz lead indoor track team at Carnival

BY MIKE LAMBERTI  
for Belleville Times

The Belleville indoor track team competed at the Holiday Relay Carnival last week in Jersey City.

Scott Herman's team will return to action tomorrow when it competes at the Tom Zacccone Invitational at Fairleigh Dickinson University. On Jan. 8, the team returns to FDU to compete in the Ridge-wood Winter Games.

Leading the boys team at the Carnival was senior Cedric Hall, who took home a silver medal by finishing second in the 55 meters, with a time of 6.5.

The freshman 4 x 800 relay team of Terrance Boyce, Jeff Chacon, Brian Cure and Luis Fuentes won third place medals with a time of 10:46. Boyce also won a medal in the freshman 800, with a time of 2:20.

The shot put relay team of juniors Brian Antonio and Neemit

Desai finished fourth with a combined throw of 68 feet 1½ inches.

The 4 x 400 relay team of senior Ajani Robinson, juniors Edward Feliciano and Dean Saporito and sophomore ZeeShawn Khan won a third place medal in a time of 3:59.

Other boys who competed and turned in solid efforts included Khan, who ran a 5:08 in the 1600 meters, seniors John Boyle and Daniel Ribeiro and juniors Dennis Rubio and Ray Burgos, who ran the 800 meters in 2:28, 2:29 and 2:30 respectively, senior Jason Calungsod (26.9 in the 200 meters) and seniors Laith Hamdan and Joe Cordasco, who ran 8.6 and 8.8 respectively in the 55 hurdles.

For the girls, sophomore Sherece Shabazz took third in the 55 meters with a time of 7.3, which tied Shabazz's school record. Junior Victoria Barrett also earned a medal with a time of 7.6, which is her personal best.

The freshman girls 4 x 800 team of Crissabel Victorio, Genisis Gualpa, Mikki Jo Bayawa and Vanessa Ackon took fourth in 12:43. The freshman girls 4 x 400 team of Victorio, Jhasminne Guy, Joelle Viscardo, and Ackon won third place medals with a time of 5:00.

The freshman girls 4 x 400 team of Laila Abuelhawa, Nicole Benavides, Gopi Patel, and Gualpa took fifth in 5:44.

Ackon won a sixth place medal in the 200 meter dash (29.4) with a time of 29.4 seconds. Other Belleville runners included Chelsea Rodriguez, Melissa Perez and Tanasia Swamy in the 200 meters, Opeyemi Alade and Rebecca Cozzarelli in the 55 meters, Olga Boldero, Sarah Elmiligi, Nomi Hernandez, Sherry Tirgrath, Caitlyn Vreeland, Christina Colon and Samantha Soto in the 800 and Tirgrath and Adriana Tandazo in the 600.

## DeVito, Corino and Baker are named

Congratulations to seniors Stephanie DeVito, Jaclyn Corino and Samantha Baker, all members of the Belleville High girls' soccer program, who were awarded post-season NNJIL honors.

DeVito, a senior, was selected first team, all league, while Corino was named second team and Baker, Honorable Mention.

All three were key players during their four-year varsity careers. Belleville, which was relatively young and somewhat inexperienced, battled a tough NNJIL schedule this year, posting a mark of 2-13. Thanks to DeVito, Corino and Baker, Belleville made significant strides in 2007 and will hopefully improve as the young players gained valuable varsity experience.

Let's hope that girls soccer in Belleville continues to gain popularity on the grammar school level. If you look at some of the stronger teams in Essex County, programs in Nutley, Montclair and Millburn for example, the success begins with a good feeder program. Soccer, especially among girls, is considered the most popular sport in the state, but for some reason, Belleville hasn't been able to catch the soccer fever. Girls soccer began at Belleville in 1994 and became a varsity entry the following fall, but the program has struggled, never attaining a .500 record, or state tournament berth.

It makes the accomplishments this year by DeVito, Corino and Baker even more noteworthy.

As I write this column, it's (last) Saturday night and I'm at the Sheraton Hotel by Cleveland Airport, my usual place when I come

BUC SHOTS  
MIKE LAMBERTI

to Cleveland for a Browns game. My Browns will play the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday, needing help from the Indianapolis Colts if they are to make the playoffs this year.

By the time you read this, the matter will be settled, but I have to admit that win, or lose, it's been a nice year on Lake Erie for the Browns, which had a chance to finish 10-6 with a win over San Francisco, making it the best record for a Browns team since 1994. I've had season tickets since the team returned to the NFL in 1999, and for most of that time, there's been some pretty mediocre football, which makes this year's results even more gratifying.

Who knows? Maybe the playoffs will be a reality this year. If not, next season isn't that far away, right?

Now that the holidays are completed, the winter sports will be hot at heavy at Belleville High as the basketball, wrestling, bowling and indoor track teams begin a busy two months. I've always said it, the winter campaign is by far the longest, with practices that start in November and seasons which sometimes last until mid March. There should be plenty of interesting contests this winter for the young men and women who wear the Blue and Gold.

## BHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

## Bucs advance to Kardinal final behind Velardi

BY MIKE LAMBERTI  
for Belleville Times

Nicole Velardi scored 18 points, including 12 free throws, to lead the Belleville girls' basketball team past Newark Tech, 38-29, and a berth in the Kardinal Classic championship game last week in Kearny.

Belleville dropped the championship game to Kearny, 66-28, to fall to 2-3 on the season.

Against Newark Tech, Belleville led 8-3 after one quarter and 13-5 at the half. Newark Tech cut the deficit to four points, 20-16, after three quarters, but Belleville regrouped in the final eight minutes to put the game away.

Velardi, a sophomore point guard, hit three field goals and added the rest of her points from

the foul line. She also had five assists, three rebounds and a steal. Alexa Veniero and Jessica Benaquista had six points each while Leah Benaquista finished with four. Raquel Pichardo scored two while Samantha Baker and Lauren Guiliano had one point each.

Head coach Dilma Hernandez has been pleased with her team's performance thus far. Belleville opened the season on Dec. 14, losing to Bloomfield. Four days later, the Bucs faced Barringer and won a 46-38 decision.

"It was a good game," Hernandez said of the Barringer contest. "The girls worked together as a team."

Baker led Belleville with 19 points, including a trio of three-

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# BASKETBALL

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point baskets. Baker also added five rebounds and three assists.

Veniero had 14 points, four rebounds and two assists. Velardi finished with five points and 10 assists.

"Samantha turned in an excellent game," Hernandez said. "Alexa has been putting in a solid effort and she continues to work hard in every game. I am very impressed with her positive attitude and work ethic. Nicole is evolving into an intelligent point guard and a leader, even more so considering she's a sophomore."

Jessica Benaquista had four points while Naomi Perez and Crystal Ortiz had two points each.

Belleville led 17-11 after one quarter and 33-18 at the half. Barringer cut into the deficit in the second half, closing to within three points before Belleville put the game away.

On Dec. 20, Belleville lost to Montclair, 62-27.

"Montclair played good defense and their size was a factor," Hernandez said. They had three six footers in the lineup and we weren't able to contain them on the boards. Our kids put in a solid effort."

Foul trouble kept Baker on the bench for portions of the game. Velardi led Belleville with nine points, five assists and three rebounds. Leah and Jessica Benaquista each had six points and five rebounds while Veniero scored five.

NOTES: In the loss to Kearny on Dec. 29, Velardi had 13 points. Belleville trailed 10-5 after the first quarter, but Kearny put it away with a dominant 25-8 second frame. Baker scored eight, Leah Benaquista scored four and Veniero finished with three.

It was Belleville's first appearance in the final of the Kardinal tournament in at least 10 years, and Hernandez saw some good in her team's overall performance.

"It is a big step ahead for our program because it shows our growth and our potential," Hernandez said. "But yet again we could not put the ball in the hoop. It was an interesting first quarter. We were keeping up with them. They just had too much fire power and that did us in."

## SPORTS UPDATES

### Luongo Dinner

Tommy Lasorda, the Hall of Fame manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers, will be the guest speaker at the fourth Robert Luongo ALS Fund Dinner, set for Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008 at Nanina's in the Park.

The dinner's founder and president, Phil Cuzzi, announced Lasorda's commitment to speak at the dinner, and also noted the change of date, which was originally Jan. 24, 2008.

The dinner is in memory of Robert Luongo, a 1973 graduate of Belleville High School, who later was graduated from Harvard University and was a successful businessman in Florida. In 2000, Luongo was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Luongo battled the aggressive disease with courage, but succumbed at age 49 in 2004. The following January, Cuzzi, one of Luongo's closest friends, organized the first dinner in Luongo's memory, raising money for ALS research, as well as creating a scholarship fund for Luongo's young daughter, Dominique, to attend college.

The dinner, which features a silent and live auction of sports memorabilia, has been a complete sell out the first three years and

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# OBITUARIES

## Elizabeth Farnham

A service was held for Elizabeth (McGlynn) Farnham, 86, of Belleville on Dec. 24 at the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mrs. Farnham passed away Dec. 23 at Forest Hill Healthcare Center in Newark.

Raised in Newark, Mrs. Farnham moved to Belleville 35 years ago. She worked in the shipping and receiving department of Tiffany & Co. in New York for many years. Mrs. Farnham was a member of the Belleville Senior Citizens Tuesday and Thursday clubs.

She was predeceased by her husband, William Farnham, and is survived by a son, William Farnham; a daughter, Mary Gilroy Zoppi; her sister, Rita Kilpatrick; her grandchildren, Robert, Tracie and Jacqueline, and her great-grandchildren, Kylee, Jacob and Makayla.

## Geraldine Montalbano

Services were held for Geraldine Montalbano (nee Bocchino), 80, of Belleville on Dec. 27 in St. Peters R.C. Church, Belleville after the funeral from the Irvine-Cozzarelli Memorial Home.

Mrs. Montalbano passed away Dec. 21 in Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville.

Mrs. Montalbano was born in

Belleville and was a lifelong resident. She was a housewife.

She was the wife of Fred Montalbano; mother of Carmen Montalbano, Jean Percario and Debbie Montalbano; grandmother of seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; loving sister of Caroline Falco, Marie Bardi, and the late Josephine Palma and Jean Malfettano.

## Cosimo Cancelliere

A Mass was offered for Cosimo Cancelliere, 83, of Belleville on Dec. 24 at St. Lucy's Church, Newark after the funeral from the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mr. Cancelliere passed away Dec. 22 at Clara Maass Continuing Care Center at West Hudson in Kearny.

Born in Newark, Mr. Cancelliere lived in the Silver Lake section of Belleville and in Newark before moving back to Belleville. He was a custodian for the Newark Board of Education for over 30 years. He was an Army veteran of World War II and a Purple Heart recipient. He visited the Meadowlands Racetrack often and looked forward to his yearly vacation in Las Vegas.

He was the husband of the late Mary (Napolitano) Cancelliere and is survived by his son, Cosimo, and his wife, Rose Marie; his brother, Nicholas and Joseph, and his grandchildren, Nicholas and Danielle. He was predeceased by

his sister, Louise Garafola, and his brother, Frank.

## Harry N. Lennon

A service was held for Harry N. Lennon, 66, of Bradley Beach on Dec. 27 at the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mr. Lennon passed away Dec. 23 at St. Michael's Medical Center in Newark.

Born in Newark, he lived in Belleville most of his life before moving to Manalapan, Belmar and then to Bradley Beach a month ago.

He was the husband of the late Margaret (Giordano) Lennon and is survived by his children, Gina Guarino, Tiffani, Guy A. and Chad M. Lennon and his grandchildren, Angelo, Lea, Casey, Kelly and

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# Rotary Club of Belleville receives grant for water purification

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nal parasites and illness. The Rotary Club of Belleville has received a \$1000 Rotary grant which they are using to help pay for water purifiers for thirty schools in Haiti. Having recently learned about the devastating state of drinking water in the developing world, the club decided to take

action. They and other Rotarians are making water issues a major focus area, and thanks to a partnership between Rotary Clubs, Rotary Districts and Pure Water for the World, more people who are living without clean, safe drinking water, will be helped. These and other projects that

help people in our own community of Belleville and around the world, are the focus of the Rotary Club of Belleville. The club invites you to help us help others. Please be our guest at our regularly scheduled weekly luncheons, any Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. at Bella Casa Caterers,

2 Acme Place, Belleville. Let us show you the true meaning of community service. For membership information please see our website at [www.bellevillerotaryclub.org](http://www.bellevillerotaryclub.org), and call membership chairperson, Patrick Colligan at 973-751-0200, ext. 204.

## OBITUARIES

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Justin. He was also predeceased by his brothers, Joseph and Pat De Vona.

### Geraldine “Jessie” Raniero

A Mass was offered for Geraldine “Jessie” (Guarino) Raniero, 90, of Belleville on Dec. 24 at Holy Family Church, Nutley after the funeral from the Biondi Funeral Home.

Mrs. Raniero passed away Dec.

20 at Arbor Glen Care and Rehabilitation Center, Cedar Grove.

Mrs. Raniero was born in Newark and lived in Belleville for 50 years. She was a waitress in the doctor’s lounge at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville, for 20 years and was later employed at the Plaza Bakery, Belleville for 10 years before retiring.

She is survived by her daughter, Ethel, and her husband, Joseph Obenauer; her son, Louis Raniero

and his wife, Linda; her brothers, Vito, James and Daniel Guarino, and her sister, Theresa Wasilka. She is also survived by five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

### Albert J. Mancuso

A Mass of Christian burial was offered for Albert J. Mancuso, 63, of Belleville on Dec. 29 at St.

Anthony of Padua Church, Belleville after the funeral from the Zarro Funeral Home, Bloomfield.

Mr. Mancuso passed away Dec. 26 at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville.

Mr. Mancuso was born in Newark and lived in Belleville the past 40 years.

He was a maintenance worker for the Bloomfield Board of Education for 22 years before retiring in October. An Army veteran, he

was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 835 and Amvets in Belleville.

He was predeceased by his father, Albert P. Mancuso. Survivors include his mother, Jeanette (DeFalco) Mancuso; his wife, Joy (Stivali) Mancuso; sons, Steven and his wife, Elizabeth, and Matthew and his wife, Joanne; a brother, Joseph Mancuso, and grandchildren, Stephanie and Gianna.

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**Roche Retiree Club**, next meeting Saturday, Jan. 12 at 1 p.m. in Building 77 (frequently called the chapel), 340 Kingsland St., Nutley. Park in the lot next to the building. After a short meeting, Don Anthony provides entertainment by singing and

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**Super Bowl raffle**, benefiting Bloomfield College Baseball Team programs, can be purchased for \$10 each by calling the college's baseball coach, Matt Belford, at 732-688-0163. The grand prize includes two tickets to Super Bowl XLII on Sunday, Feb. 3; five-day, four-night, first-class accommodations in Phoenix; round trip VIP event transfer; \$500 cash towards airfare; and two tickets to the on-site "NFL Experience" program. Three

runner-up winners receive official Bloomfield College athletic apparel. The drawing is being held at Bloomfield College Monday, Jan. 7. The winner need not be present to receive the prize.

EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS...

**Trip to Showboat in Atlantic City**, sponsored by Watesessing Seniors, Wednesday, Jan. 23. \$23 per person. For more information, call 743-5642.

**Support the troops**, Zarro Funeral Home, 145 Harrison St.,

Bloomfield, is asking participants to provide items for a care package (such as toiletries, food and clothing). Zarro Funeral Home is providing boxes, customs forms, instructions and payment for shipping. Drop by the funeral home to pick up a care package starter kit, or call them at 743-3433 for additional information.

**Girl Scout volunteers**, needed by The Girl Scout Council of Greater Essex and Hudson Counties. Adults interested in becoming leaders or volunteers can contact Maureen Dowd at 746-8200, ext. 131 or e-mail mdowd@gscghehc.org.

**Yoga classes**, Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m. at the Nutley Red Cross, 169 Chestnut St., Nutley. \$15 per one-hour class or pre-register for an eight-class series for \$100. Taught by Melody, a certified yoga teacher registered with the Yoga Alliance. Call 201-774-9041 or e-mail mly517@aol.com for more information.

**Fitness class**, Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Nutley. \$10 per class or \$75 for eight classes. Class taught by nationally certified personal fitness trainer. Cardio moves to music, floor exercises, calisthenics, Pilates-based moves and stretching. E-mail smdunnfit@optonline.net or call 201-294-5493 for more

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**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. 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.

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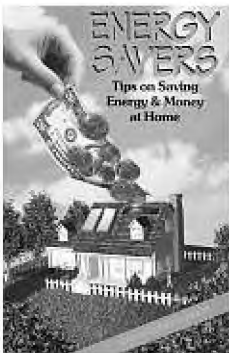
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The dictionary project, as it is called, originated in Savannah, Georgia in 1992 by Annie Plummer, who gave out 50 dictionaries to children who attended a school close to her home. She went on to buy 17,000 dictionaries for the children of Savannah in her lifetime.

Mary French, a Rotarian and former school secretary, admired the original idea developed into the Dictionary Project, a non-profit organization that has provided over 1.25 million children with dictionaries throughout the United States.

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CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY,  
DOCKET NO. F1224807 MORTGAGE  
ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS,  
INC. PLAINTIFF -vs- MARIBEL POSADAS,  
ET ALS. DEFENDANTS  
Execution for Sale of Mortgaged Premises  
By virtue of the above stated writ of Execu-  
tion, to me directed, I shall expose for sale  
by Public Auction, in SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
Essex County Courts Building in Newark, on  
Tuesday, January 08, 2008, at one-thirty  
P.M. (Prevailing Time).  
Commonly known as:  
5 - 7 ARTHUR ST  
BELLEVILLE, NJ 07109  
Lot: 5 Block: 3302  
Size: 50 x 107.72  
Nearest cross street name: FRANKLIN AVE  
A full legal description can be found in the  
office of the Register of Essex County.  
A deposit of 20% of the bid price in certified  
funds is required at the time of sale.  
Taxes are current as of October 4, 2007:  
The approximate amount of the Judgment  
to be satisfied by said sale is the sum of  
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE  
THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY TWO  
AND 59/100 DOLLARS (\$373,592.59), to-  
gether with the costs of this sale.  
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn the  
sale from time to time as provided by Law.  
Newark, N.J. December 03., 2007  
ARMANDO B. FONTOURA, Sheriff  
FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD,  
ATTORNEY(S)

Belleville Times 2217166  
Fee \$56.36  
December 13, 20, 27, 2007; January 3, 2008

SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2006 011246  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY,  
CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY,  
DOCKET NO. F1350206 U.S. BANK NA-  
TIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE  
PLAINTIFF -vs- YESENIA REYES DEFEND-  
ANTS  
Execution for Sale of Mortgaged Premises  
By virtue of the above stated writ of Execu-  
tion, to me directed, I shall expose for sale  
by Public Auction, in SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
Essex County Courts Building in Newark, on  
Tuesday, January 15, 2008, at one-thirty  
P.M. (Prevailing Time).  
Commonly known as:  
337 SUMMER AVE  
NEWARK, NJ 07104  
Lot: 55 Block: 576  
Size: APPROX. 110 X 19.96 feet  
Nearest cross street name: NURSERY  
STREET  
A full legal description can be found in the  
office of the Register of Essex County.  
A deposit of 20% of the bid price in certified  
funds is required at the time of sale.  
Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer,  
municipal or tax liens that may be due.  
The approximate amount of the Judgment  
to be satisfied by said sale is the sum of  
TWO HUNDRED THIRTY NINE THOU-  
SAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY THREE AND  
26/100 DOLLARS (\$239,263.26), together  
with the costs of this sale.  
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn the  
sale from time to time as provided by Law.  
Newark, N.J. December 10, 2007  
ARMANDO B. FONTOURA, Sheriff  
ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN,  
ATTORNEY(S)

1-908-2333-8500, FCZ-78113  
Belleville Times 2221674  
Fee \$60.52  
December 20, 27, 2007; January 3, 10, 2008

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NOTICE OF SALE  
\$9,839,000  
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY  
(Book-Entry Only Bonds)(Callable)(Bank Qualified)

SUMMARY

ISSUER: Township of Belleville, County of Essex, New Jersey

PAR AMOUNT: \$9,839,000

SECURITY: General Obligations of the Township

TAX EXEMPT: Yes

RATINGS AND INSURANCE: To be determined.

TYPE OF SALE: Electronic Open Auction (See Bidding Details Item (7) herein)

AUCTION AGENT: MuniAuction

BID/AWARD DATE: January 16, 2008 at 11:00AM to 11:15AM.

DATED DATE: February 1, 2008

DELIVERY DATE: On or about February 13, 2008

INTEREST PAYMENT DATES: February 1 and August 1, commencing August 1, 2008

CALL DATE: February 1, 2018 @ Par for Bonds maturing on or after February 1, 2019

MINIMUM BID: \$9,839,000 (Par)

BID SECURITY: **Good Faith Check in the amount of \$196,780 will received by Township prior to bidding** or Financial Surety Bond as provided in this Notice

BASIS OF AWARD: True Interest Cost

LEGAL OPINION: McManimon & Scotland, L.L.C., Newark, New Jersey

OFFERING STATEMENT: Preliminary Official Statement available at [www.GrantStreet.com](http://www.GrantStreet.com)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids will be received by the Township of Belleville, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Township") for the purchase of \$9,839,000 original principal amount of the Township's General Improvement Bonds (the "Bonds"). **All Bids (as defined below) must be submitted in their entirety on Grant Street Group's MuniAuction website ("MuniAuction") prior to 11:15 a.m., New Jersey time on January 16, 2008, unless otherwise extended by the two-minute rule described herein (see "Bidding Details"). The auction will begin at 11:00 a.m., New Jersey time on January 16, 2008 (the "Bid Date"). To bid via MuniAuction, Bidders (as defined below) must have both (1) completed the registration form on either MuniAuction or Grant Street Group website (parent of MuniAuction, herein referred to as "Grant Street") and (2) requested and received admission to the Township's auction, as described herein (see "Registration and Admission to Bid") and (3) submitted a good faith check or Financial Surety Bond, payable to the Township, in the amount of \$196,780 prior to the Bid Date (see Bidding Details below). The use of MuniAuction shall be at the Bidder's risk and expense, and the Township shall have no liability with respect thereto.**

**Preliminary and Final Official Statement**  
The Township's Preliminary Official Statement (the "POS"), dated on or about January 8, 2008, is available for viewing in electronic format on MuniAuction. The MuniAuction address is [www.GrantStreet.com](http://www.GrantStreet.com). In addition, broker dealers registered with the National Association of Securities Dealers (the "NASD") and dealer banks with The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") clearing arrangements may either: (a) print out a copy of the POS on their own printer, or (b) at any time prior to January 16, 2008, elect to receive a photocopy of the POS in the mail by requesting it on MuniAuction or by calling the Township's bond counsel, McManimon & Scotland, L.L.C., (the "Bond Counsel"), One Riverfront Plaza, Fourth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102. Calls should be directed to Edward J. McManimon, III at (973) 622-5028 or Sandra S. Colannino at (973) 622-5258. In order to print a copy or request a photocopy of the POS from MuniAuction, click the "View POS" button on the MuniAuction Selections Page and follow the instructions. All Bidders must review the POS and certify that they have done so prior to participating in the bidding.  
The POS is deemed by the Township to be final as of its date, for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(1) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, except for the omission of information concerning the offering price(s), interest rate(s), selling compensation, aggregate principal amount of the Bonds and any other terms or provisions to be determined from the successful Bid(s) or depending on such matters, and the identity of the underwriter(s). The POS is, however, subject to such further revisions, amendments and completion in a Final Official Statement (the "Final Official Statement") as may be necessary.  
The Township at its expense, will make available to the winning Bidder a reasonable number of Final Official Statements, within seven (7) business days following the date of acceptance of the Bid.  
**Types of Bids Allowed**  
Subject to the Bid requirements described below, Bids for the Bonds must be submitted on an "All-or-None" ("AON") basis for the entire amount of \$9,839,000. First, a Bidder must submit a conforming Bid for the entire issue, and if such Bid is accepted by the Township, the Bidder will be required to purchase the entire issue in accordance with such Bid.  
**Insurance**  
All or any part of the Bonds can be insured at the option of the Bidder. The insurance premium, if any, will be paid by the Bidder.  
**Interest Payment Dates; Description of the Bonds**  
The Bonds will be dated February 1, 2008 and will bear interest from such date payable semiannually on each February 1 and August 1, commencing on August 1, 2008.  
**Principal Amortization**  
The Bonds will consist of serial bonds maturing on February 1 in the years 2009 through 2021, inclusive.  
The Bonds shall mature on February 1 as set forth in the following table:

Year	General Improvement Bonds
2009	\$ 50,000
2010	100,000
2011	100,000
2012	100,000
2013	1,000,000
2014	1,000,000
2015	1,000,000
2016	1,000,000
2017	1,000,000
2018	1,000,000
2019	1,000,000
2020	1,200,000
2021	1,289,000
Totals	\$9,839,000

Book Entry Only

The Bonds will be issued in book-entry form only, initially in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their interests in the Bonds. Individual purchases may be made in the principal amount of any multiple of \$1,000 (with a minimum purchase of \$5,000 required). Payments of principal, interest and redemption premium, if any, will be made by the paying agent to DTC for subsequent disbursement to DTC participants to then be remitted to the beneficial owners of the Bonds.

**Redemption Provisions**  
The Bonds maturing prior to February 1, 2019, are not subject to optional redemption prior to maturity. The Bonds maturing on or after February 1, 2019 are subject to redemption on or after February 1, 2018 at 100% of the principal amount (the "Redemption Price"), plus in each case accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.  
Notice of Redemption shall be given by mailing by first class mail in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid to the registered owners of the bonds not less than thirty (30) days, nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption. Such mailing shall be to the owners of such bonds at their respective addresses as they last appear on the registration books kept for that purpose by the Township or a duly appointed Bond Registrar. Any failure of the depository to advise any of its participants or any failure of any participant to notify any beneficial owner of any Notice of Redemption shall not affect the validity of the redemption proceedings. If the Township determines to redeem a portion of the bonds prior to maturity, the bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the Township; the bonds to be redeemed having the same maturity shall be selected by the Securities Depository in accordance with its regulations.  
If Notice of Redemption has been given as provided herein, the bonds or the portion thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable on the date fixed for redemption at the Redemption Price, together with accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. Interest shall cease to accrue on the bonds after the date fixed for redemption and no further interest shall accrue beyond the redemption date. Payment shall be made upon surrender of the bonds redeemed.

**Registration and Admission to Bid**  
To bid by MuniAuction, Bidders must first visit MuniAuction where, if they have never registered with either MuniAuction or Grant Street, they can register and then request admission to bid on the Bonds. Bidders will be notified prior to the scheduled bidding time of their eligibility to bid. Only NASD registered broker-dealers or dealer banks with DTC clearing arrangements will be eligible to bid. Bidders who have previously registered with MuniAuction may call MuniAuction at (412) 391-5555 (ext. 370 Auction Support) for their ID Number or password. Rules governing the sale and the rules applicable to MuniAuction are available in the full Notice of Sale at [www.muniauction.com](http://www.muniauction.com).  
**Bidding Details**  
Bidders should be aware of the following bidding details associated with the sale of the

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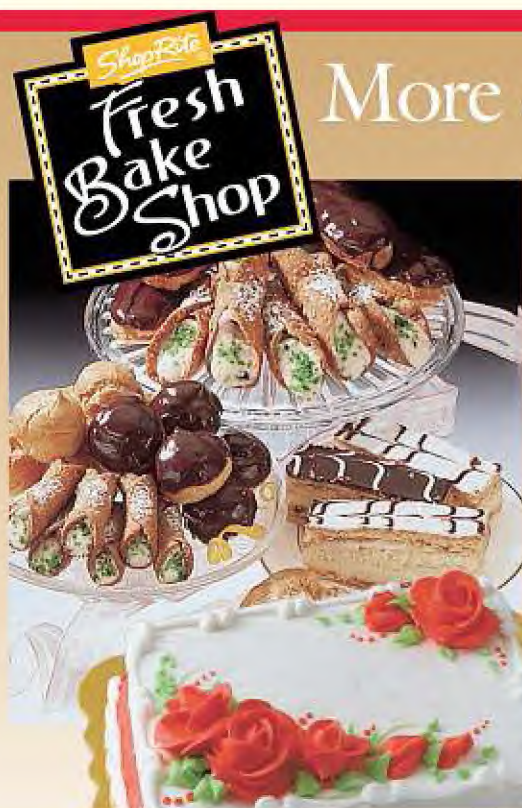




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