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Lively race on tap for council seats

BY DAVID HINRICHS of Belleville Times

election holds the potential to reshape the entire governing body, with several incumbents facing competition from new hopefuls. The candidates plan to run in the May election.

The Coalition for Better Government (CBG) has sponsored three candidates that are all running in different wards who together, believe they have a new vision for Belleville. "We need a real change in this town and the three of us have a common goal. We want to make this place better and work for the people. We want this town to begin heading in a different direction, a better direction," said Tom Salzano, who is running for the Fourth Ward seat currently held by Deputy Mayor John Notari.

Salzano, who was a tax assessor in the town for nearly 15 years, is running not only because he believes change is needed, but because he feels his work experience will allow him to make that change. "Most of my concerns here in Belleville revolve around how the revaluation was handled. I believe there were some errors committed that need to be corrected and procedures need to change so that this does not happen again," said Salzano. "I have been a public servant for many, many years and still am one today. People called me to help them with this and I responded despite being retired."

It was through giving this help that Salzano learned of the support he would have if he ran for council. "People started suggesting that I should run and this town has been my home forever so I thought why not me? Why should I walk away or watch the senior citizens move out or taxes increase?" said Salzano. "I don't have to live here, but this is my home and I choose to live here. I could move elsewhere but I won't. This community has been good to me and I want to give back to it and work alongside the people. Together, we can do better?

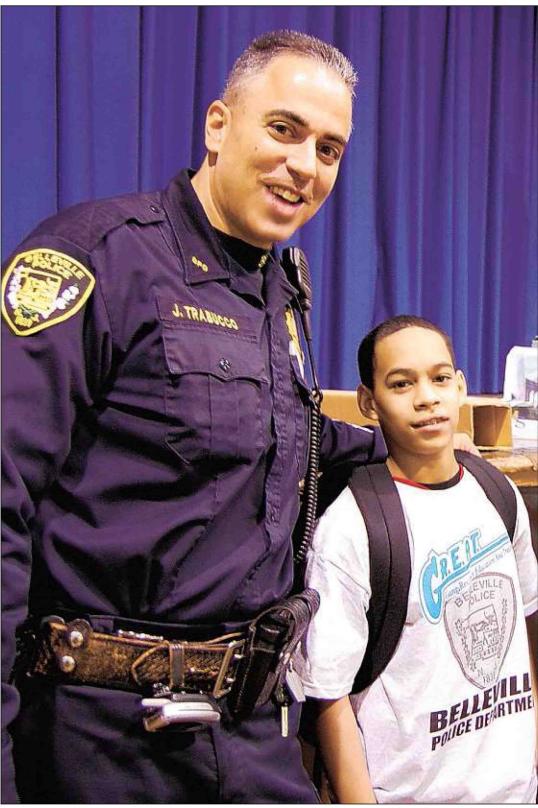
Salzano is challenging Notari, who announced last week that he would be running again to hold his This year's Belleville council seat in the Fourth Ward. "I am running again because I can honestly look anyone in the eye and say that I did my job," said Notari. "Since I have been on the council I had 13 streets paved with new sidewalks and curbs added in my ward. I inherited a major problem with Carmer Ave and the flooding. I took those residents under my wing and had their street fixed and paved while working alongside them to come up with a solution to their flooding?

Notari also spearheaded the renovation of the sidewalks around School 9 where many parents complained of deplorable conditions and was the man behind the push for the construction of the Lowe's department store in town. "I have worked very hard through my first term to get Lowe's to come to Belleville. I had a meeting in November with the senior site development manager where over 200 people attended. He ensured us that Lowe's was indeed coming to Belleville and that the ground breaking could happen as early as this spring," said Notari. "This is something I have worked extremely hard on with the council and the mayor and I want to be in office to see the store become a reality."

Notari also commented on how he has kept his campaign promises, keeping the people of his ward informed and involved. "When I ran for office four years ago, I promised people that they should be part of the process and I wanted to hold ward meetings. Since I have been in office I have run those meetings three of four times a year and at my last meeting I had over 200 people come. There was not a seat in the house," said Notari. "I speak to my residents, the mayor speaks, the chief of police, many prominent town figures attend and then I have the audience write questions or concerns down for me to address.

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A G.R.E.A.T. DAY

FRAN BALTZER/BELLEVILLE TMES

An extension of the popular DARE program, G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) was initiated by Police Chief Joseph Rotonda to help keep Belleville Middle School students out of street gangs. Participants, including Nataniel Martinez, 14, seen here with the BPD's Detective Joe Trabucco, graduated from the program Jan. 24.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Jan. 27

■ A burglary and theft was reported from two Board of Edu-∃ cation school buses in the parking lot of School 1, 190 Cortlandt St. at 11:30 a.m. Two fire extinguishers were reported stolen. Police are investigating.

Jan. 26

Police arrested and charged F Rolando Martinez, 38, of Newark ≿ with driving while intoxicated at $\overline{\leq}$ 2:15 a.m. A motor vehicle stop was conducted on the suspect's vehicle after he was observed driving errat-Lically on Route 21 South. Police 2 noticed a strong odor of alcohol ≩and the suspect failed all field

his own recognizance.

Police arrested and charged Bryan Johnson, 25, of Newark with aggravated assault on a police officer, possession of a weapon for unlawful purposes and driving while intoxicated at 5:50 p.m. After police responded to a report of a vehicle striking a parked car near 364 Main St., police said the suspect threw the car into reverse and attempted to run over the officer. The officer was not injured and the suspect was taken into custody and found to be under the influence of alcohol. He was held in lieu of \$75,000 bail.

sobriety tests. He was released on Kurt Garcie, 19, of Belleville with

"Help is Only A Phone Call Away"

possession of a clear bag of marijuana and possession of assorted drug paraphernalia at 12:39 a.m. After police responded to a noise complaint at room 76 of the Belleville Motor Lodge, 371 Washington Ave., the police knocked and announced their presence. Police noticed a strong smell of burnt marijuana when the door David Bell, 24, of Union with poswas opened. Further investigation turned up the bag of marijuana and the paraphernalia. The suspect was held in lieu of an unspecified amount of bail.

■ A burglary and theft was reported from the third floor of a ■ Police arrested and charged building in the 250 block of Washington Avenue at 3:40 p.m. There

was no damage reported to any of more wax folds were recovered. the doors. Reported stolen were five, 32-inch LCD televisions, a 17inch flat screen computer screen, five Xbox 360 games and three Playstation game players. Police are investigating. Jan. 25

 Police arrested and charged session of four wax folds containing heroin, failure to give CDS to a police officer and careless driving at 3:42 p.m. The suspect's vehicle was observed weaving through traffic on Route 21. Police conducted a motor vehicle stop and the suspect attempted to hide a wax fold in his inner sock. Three

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Bail was set at \$530. Jan. 24

 Police arrested and charged Eliu Bosque, 27, of Belleville with possession of a wax fold of heroin at 4:47 p.m. The suspect was a passenger in a vehicle stopped for running a stop sign at Mill Street and Washington Avenue. The passenger attempted to hide the wax fold under his leg, and it was recovered by police. He was released on his own recognizance.

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Touting goals, a note of gloom from exec too Strides made on county jail and parks, but surplus diminished

BY ERIC KIEFER For Belleville Times

Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo sent a message to his cost-conscious constituents at the 2008 State of the County Address, held Monday at the new Essex County Hospital Center in Cedar Grove .

This is what we spent your money on, and these are the reasons our county is better for it.

A guest list that included State Senate President Richard Codey and the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders gathered at the hospital center to hear DiVincenzo's hour-long address.

Highlighting the county's list of achievements were new construction, improvements to the corrections department, poverty outreach programs and a continued effort to strengthen the budget.

DiVincenzo highlighted a series of construction projects during his address. The largest was the new Essex County Hospital Center. Located on Grove Avenue in Cedar Grove, it is the first new mental health facility to be built in the county in more than 100 years, DiVincenzo said.

Other prominent additions included the first-ever gymnasium/auditorium at Newark Tech, the Passaic Avenue Bridge in Millburn, a revamping of the Jury

Courthouse, the modernization and creation of recreation fields in Vailsburg, West Side, Weequahic, Brach Brook, Independence and Brookdale parks and the building of a 1,000-car parking deck at the County Complex.

Fiscally, the county eliminated a \$64 million inherited budget deficit, earned six bond ratings upgrades from Wall Street agencies and turned the county's junk bond status into an A-1 rating, the county's highest rating in 22 years.

DiVincenzo hinted that some measures of fiscal responsibility might not be apparent to Essex County residents because tax rates and the cost of living have climbed so high throughout Essex and the rest of New Jersey.

"Compare Essex [County] to the other 20 New Jersey counties," he said. "Over the last six years, our tax levy increased just 3.15 percent, the smallest [increase] in the state. Neighboring Passaic County, for example, has seen a five-year average tax surge of 8.17 percent."

DiVincenzo considered improvements to the corrections department to be another of his administration's great success stories.

"I know that jails are not something people want to talk about, but they are a reality," he said.

The agency, which received a

the New Jersey Department of Corrections, saw its federal consent order dismissed this year after a 25-year legal battle. For the first time in a generation, said DiVincenzo, the county is operating without the oversight of the federal court. In addition, the juvenile detention facility is one of two in the state that has a re-entry program, and is the only facility in New Jersey to offer a six-hour school day program.

Another department to receive a perfect score from the state was the division of welfare. The division was one of only eight agencies in the nation recognized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a successful Food Stamp Outreach program. It was also the only welfare division in New Jersey to have a mobile office, the only division to offer Saturday appointments and had a 96.25 percent payment accuracy rate.

DiVincenzo also noted that many projects completed in Essex were not paid exclusively by county taxpayers. For instance, the Essex County Hospital Center cost \$60 million to construct, but the state reimbursed 90 percent of costs, he said

Next spring, a \$4 million grant from the federal government will pay for the renovation of the Bloomfield Avenue Bridge. The

Assembly Room at the Veteran's 100 percent inspection score from preservation of Kip's Castle, an 11acre historic site that straddles the border of Verona and Montclair, was partially paid for with a \$2.8million grant from New Jersey Green Acres.

Hints of belt-tightening and future human resource cuts were also tucked into the address. DiVincenzo mentioned financial demands such as rising mandated obligations, lost revenue due to "the mortgage and lending crisis" and larger than anticipated pension payments and contractual increases.

The loss of revenue hit the administration particularly hard. One of DiVincenzo's proudest achievements - the creation of a \$35 million budget surplus at the end of 2007 - was partially nullified, as he was forced to use \$16 million of that surplus to compensate for the lost revenue.

Joseph is facing tough times," Codey said. "Revenue is down. It's going to be a tough time ahead."

"These are challenging economic times and we can no longer afford to do things as we did in the past," DiVincenzo said.

The message has even been applied to the county's labor force. This year saw non-union employees, including department and division directors, begin contributing to their health benefits. DiVincenzo said that his administration is

currently negotiating with the F county's 21 bargaining units to institute the same policy for unionized employees.

The county has also eliminated Ξ 15 administrative posts and consol-אַק idated several leadership positions. This is not a punishment," DiVincenzo said. "It's a reality, a ≥ fact of life, and a burden that we all must share."

The county is also looking into alternatives to increase revenue, including housing out-of-county prisoners, federal inmates and immigration detainees at the county's correctional facility. DiVincenzo also hopes to increase state reimbursements by accepting more of the state's patients at the Hospital Center.

Another method of cost-saving was to turn the old Essex County Jail into a county office and records storage facility, a move that DiVincenzo said would save the county an estimated \$1.5 million in annual rental fees.

Joyce Wilson Harley, Essex County Administrator, summarized DiVincenzo's work in her opening remark. "Joe came into a county that

was fiscally broke... a county that was the butt of so many jokes. Now we're a model of good government." Eric Kiefer is a staff writer for

the Verona-Cedar Grove Times.

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People call me at my house and I respond by showing up at their door the next day. Personal attention is something I pride myself on."

One time in particular Notari noted that he was in Philadelphia when he received a message from a Carmer Ave resident who was battling flooding problems. Notari arranged for the town manager to visit her home and address the situation that day. "I am here for the people and I want to continue to have the chance to be there," said Notari.

Notari also noted that he has voted against two of the last three budgets, only voting favorably for the budget when it reflected a zero increase in taxes.

Running for the CBG in the second ward is Mario Drozdz, a former council member and mayor. "The reason I am running is because there are a lot of things that need to be addressed in this town right now and I am a town resident capable of doing just that," said Drozdz. "I am concerned about the direction this town is heading in and I am not leaving Belleville."

the council in 1990 and then again to have Belleville's best interests in in '96, has also served as mayor for one year and believes his political background makes him a perfect candidate. "I have been retired for the last five years and I have the time it will take to make things right around here. I have a good relationship with Ralph Caputo and other key political figures that I can call on a daily basis. I know the ins and outs of the job and I am prepared to do it again," said Drozdz. "Even during my time out want to continue refurbishing our of office I have held many seats on athletic fields and roads. We have ing about the complaints from peo-

committees and continued to give to this community. During these times, I feel that having a seat on the council is the best way for me to contribute right now."

There were several issues that Drozdz felt needed immediate attention, including the ongoing problem of rising taxes. "Look at our recreation projects, one failure after another. We keep putting money into it with no advancement. I hear the same thing year after year about senior housing yet nothing gets done. Our taxes go up and up, what I have seen with these taxes is insane. They are completely out of control," said Drozdz. 'Those are just some of the issues that need to be addressed. We need to bring the community back together."

Drozdz also stressed that he will work at 100 percent day in and day out. "Anyone who knows me can attest to my workmanship. I give it my all every day, nothing less and that is what I will give this town if elected."

Drozdz will be challenging incumbent Steven Rovell, who will be looking to serve his second term. "There are a lot of things this council and I have started that I would like to see come to fruition. Drozdz, who was first elected to The majority of this council seems mind and that is a great thing for us," said Rovell.

Some of the issues Rovell would like to continue to address include website updates and infrastructure repairs. "I want to be given the opportunity to continue making the technology updates all around town. I want the website to become a place for document management and create a paperless environment at town hall. I

a lot of projects that we are moving forward on but we need to continue working," said Rovell. "Our baseball field is one of the best in the county and that is a direct result of the work of this council."

Rovell was one of the innovators behind the new communication center at the Belleville Police Department, which allows police to contact residents and officers quickly and efficiently in times of crisis. "Our new communication center is one of the best around. We worked very hard to get that done as a council and it shows what this council is capable of. This council has gotten the summer concert series off the ground and started Just-A-Party which has become one of the most anticipated events of the year," said Rovell. "I enjoy what I do here. It takes a lot of time and it keeps you away from your family but it allows me to give back to this community."

Running for the Third Ward seat for the CBG is Elvin Pereira. That seat is currently held by George Ritacco, who was unable to be reached before press time. "The leadership has not been up to par in this town. There has been money spent, taxes collected and when we are asking why and what for we get no results. The money being put in is not reflecting the money being put out," said Pereira. "I want to address the revaluation that took place in this town. I want to address peoples concerns and stop them from moving out. There are too many people in this town moving out."

Pereira, who moved to Belleville within the last ten years, never thought of running until he began hearing the complaints from fellow residents. "I never had any intentions to run but then I started hear-

ple and I teamed up with a group of residents who had the same problems as I did and we decided to team up and run together. Every ward has their problems but there are some common problems that stretch throughout town that we want to solve," said Pereira.

Those problems include rising taxes and school performance. "The tax issue has gotten way out of hand in Belleville and our schools are simply not performing at the level they need to be. Residents are moving out and no one is moving back in," said Pereira. "The way which people are treated at town hall needs to change. The way individuals are addressed is just not proper."

Pereira has dealt with issues like these before in Newark, where he lived prior to moving to Belleville. "I have been involved with district leadership for years. I have worked alongside police departments and community development agencies. I know what it takes to change a neighborhood and I am going to do that here in Belleville. These people have no idea what is going to hit them if I get elected. I will improve the quality of life in this town," said Pereira. "I am a realtor by trade and I sell houses but I am telling people in Belleville to stay. Changes are coming and better times lie ahead."

Running in the First Ward is incumbent Marie Strumolo Burke, who is seeking her second term. "I have done a lot of good things for my ward and the township of Belleville and I want to continue to do so. I have supported an ordinance that saved taxpayers thousands of dollars. I sponsored a curfew ordinance for our children under the ages of 17 to keep them off the streets and improve our quality of life. I am a strong supporter of our marching band and our place is my number one priority."

schools," said Burke. "Children are our most important investment and I fight for them on a daily basis."

Burke has also been a big supporter of the town senior citizens and has started many town projects and traditions. "I have pushed to have our council meetings shown on TV so that our seniors who can't come can see. I was the innovator for Just-A-Party and helped clean up the town. I brought the MONOC situation to light and have fought to ensure that this town does not lose its paramedic unit and I got the money to have defibrillators placed all throughout the town. I am also a member of the Save Columbus Hospital Committee," said Burke. "I vote independently, not just the way the council sees fit. I take every issue seriously and I give all my time and effort to this wonderful town, not just my own ward."

Burke also commented that she is not pleased with the way the revaluation went in town last year and will look to remedy that problem if elected to a second term. "I'm very displeased with what happened with the revaluation. Things like that can not happen in this town and I will work to stop that," said Burke. "My ordinances and initiatives have saved our residents a lot of money and I want to continue to have the chance to do that?

Burke is also the only woman member on the council, something that she feels is very important. "I think women in politics are very important. We give a different perspective on things and I believe a balance is good for the town. I wish more women would come out and run but I think people are tentative to get involved," said Burke. "Being retired I have plenty of time to devote to this town. This

AND FURTHERMORE. . . . BELLEVILLE TIMES THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2008

Hopefully, the go-go will be a no-go It's paradoxical that a town where go-go bars are ille- the zoning board to grandfather this location too, since Belleville do not want another business in town that is

gal may soon be home to two such adult entertainment establishments. It's also unfortunate. While there is a place for such businesses, the township has already indicated that it does not want to be included in their number.

One such business, located near Union Avenue in a residential area, was "grandfathered" in, having been a go-go bar before Belleville passed the law banning them a few years ago. Now, another former go-go bar, this one on Washington Avenue, is hoping to exploit the same loophole. The owners of the property are asking

it had been a go-go bar several years ago.

Property rights are commonly considered sacred in this country, as well they should be. The ability to profit from your commercial property without undue government interference is a cornerstone along with all the other freedoms we hold dear; it's as important as the right to free speech, religion or the all the rights regarding habeas corpus and a trial before a jury.

But an individual's property rights must be reconciled with the wishes of the neighbors who might be affected if those rights are exercised. Clearly, many in

selling sexual fantasy. These businesses also often attract the kind of clientele that keep a local police force busy. And since this business would be virtually in the center of town, in a row of other businesses - not on a highway or other area not easily accessible to pedestrians - kids will be walking past it.

Whatever the personal wishes of its members, the zoning board will be obligated to follow the law regarding this matter next month, when it is scheduled to come before them. Let's hope the zoning regulations in this instance jibe with the wishes of the community.

Belleville Middle School releases honor roll

7th Grade High Honor Roll, 1st marking period

Carlos Chafloque, Kimberly Dy, Ciara Labay, Rose McNulty, Michelle Nguyen, Nicole Ramos, Jaymmee Recio, Donald Rock, Adriana Strama

7th Grade Honor Roll, 1st marking period

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8th Grade High Honor Roll, 1st marking period

Alison Haight, Kyle Lee, Hazel Therese Magbitang, Pooja Patel, Elizabeth

Pemberton, Stefanellie Saavedra.

8th Grade Honor Roll, 1st marking period

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Seeks reasonable with murder. care rates

TO THE EDITOR:

Quoting from an article printed in the Trenton Times, April 4, 2007, concerning the room rates for private nursing homes in New Jersey, the news is staggering.

The rates in the 12 northern counties for long care are \$269.98 per day or \$98,178 per year. In the nine southern counties they are \$244.82 a day or \$88,162 a year.

The average cost for the New York City area which includes Edison and Newark is \$314.43 or \$104,766.95 a year. This has got to stop

Greed and our legislators are letting these merchants get away

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Presbyterian Church on Mill

Participants must be at least 9

years old by April 30, 2008 and no

Street).

Why should we be wiped out of all our lifetime savings in 3 to 4 years?

As one of many who has fought to get increases in personal allowance for those already in these homes, which hasn't been changed 23 years, I've heard all the excuses why no one can afford to increase the amount -

but raise the rent, no problem. If a person is healthier but just needs oversight and moves into an extended care facility once their finances are drained, they can apply for Medicaid. This means that they cannot have any more than \$2,000,000 in assets.

The going rate for personal allowance is \$94.50 a month. Out of that personal expenses, such as a haircut, toothbrush, shoes, clothing and whatever else you

need to survive, plus medicines, are what that person is responsible for.

Many of these men and women that we visit in these private homes are veterans that for one reason or another found themselves living there.

If the young veterans that are being asked to serve now could see how the country takes care of them when they are the most vulnerable, they would agree the government's priorities again are out of whack.

Yes, there are veterans home throughout the state but put together their capacity would be about 1,000 to 1,300 beds and they are usually filled up. With New Jersey's high population density this is a drop in the bucket.

I am hoping that we can apply

the pressure on the powers that be to start investigating these prices and start legislating controls and alternatives on a larger scale that is more effective in handling these problems.

Also please call your elected representative and the AARP and

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Barona completes basic training at Fort Jackson

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and military justice system, basic first During the nine weeks of aid, foot marches, and field train-

Army mission, history, tradition She is the cousin of Catherine and core values, physical fitness, Uy of Belleville Ave., Belleville, and Sylvia Legaspi of Banner-

Barona is a 2007 graduate of Craven Community College,

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Little League registration begins Feb. 2

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Three vying for BOE seats; Marone on the fence

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

Two seats on the Board of Education are up for election on April 15, and the three challengers are vying for the two, three-year stints, while one incumbent, Dawson Bloom is not seeking re-election. A second incumbent, Antoinette "Toni" Marone said Monday she is not decided on whether to run.

Ralph Villon is running for the school board because he says he wants to change the way that the board deals with concerned citizens

Joe Longo and Bill Freda are running because they say they can bring strong leadership, determination, creativity, and hard work to address the challenges facing the schools

The father of two students - a daughter in second grade and son in pre-school who will start kindergarten in the fall, both at School 5 - Villon said he wants the board to involve residents more in the process of decision making and to increase the information supplied to the public.

"I would like to see a change in the process of how the board institutes programs," Villon said in an interview

He said the issues raised by Parent/Teacher Organizations (PTOs) and Home and School Associations (HSAs) are "a good place" for initiatives to be discussed prior to implementations. While the school administration rightfully considers themselves experts, by hearing from PTOs and HSAs before programs are instituted, the

board of education, who sometimes seem to not be working on the same page," he said. "It seems the administration is in control, and the board is trying to catch up. If they collaborate with each PTO, they can address what might be problems down the road. If we change the process, it might lessen tension that you see at board meetings with the public. Most public comment is complaints, and problems, and the board doesn't seem to have answers."

Villon said he thinks it can be a simple process, where the PTOs and HSAs don't have control, "just a voice."

"We can develop a bridge toward better communication, in

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outcomes," Villon said.

As an example of complaints that have not gotten satisfactory answers, he talked about parents concerns that an outside organization brought in to improve standardized test scores and student achievement was not properly preparing students for the tremendous jump in the difficulty of curriculum from second to third grade.

"The administration met with parents, but the parents still feel that nothing happened as a result," Villon said. "It was just an attempt to stroke them, without any real change."

Another example he cited was questions about lead in the drinkthe hopes that it works for better ing water, where he said the school

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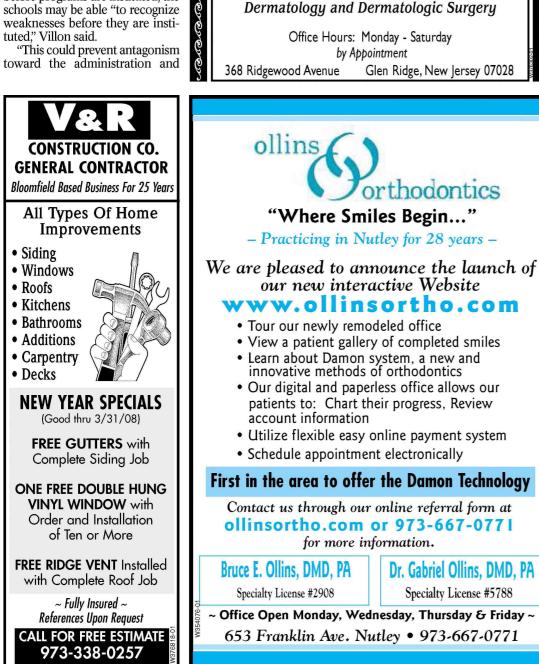
Villon also said with issues like the controversial sale of School 1, parents and residents want access to attachments listed on school board meeting agendas but not readily available to the public.

He said with one issue, there was not "three phonebooks" worth of material for him to sift through, as board members had claimed, but only 12 pages.

"We want to make sure we township council, who referred come up with an educated decision," Villon said. "It's important ≧ that someone get up there and change this philosophy, and not just rely on the business administrator. I don't know all of the legalities, but having that information while on the board to articulate to a the community is needed. That now seldom happens, and residents end up up in arms. I want to be able to change the approach. It's

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almost as though the community is the enemy or the public doesn't the enemy or the public doesn't Hunderstand, so 'let us handle it.' One person can articulate information in an effort to come up ₩ with a more informed decision."

As for why he's running, Villon said, "I care about my kids, and R those kids they play with. I believe m we have an obligation as citizens to ≿ play an active role, whether I win S or lose. We need to all work on the goal to improve the quality of education for students. Homeowners and residents all benefit with high property values. I'm not a politician. I don't understand all that business. But I sense a division in the board. All that animosity, you lose sight of what's important - the

children and the community. I want to bring a new sense of unity, and bring everyone to the table, to make everything transparent," he continued. "I think there is apathy because people have lost confidence. It doesn't seem to matter. It's the same thing over and over. I want to ignite others to get involved."

A resident of Belleville for approximately 12 years, Villon is on the nursing leadership team at

Center. His wife, Carmen Villon, is the School 5 PTO president, and he became involved in the schools through the National PTO committee's Father's Pride program. He said children react differently to fathers and they are much needed in the schools.

For Long and Freda, they said the significant challenges facing the board include aging infrastructure, outdated computers, academic performance pressures, and fiscal responsibility. The board's role is to face these challenges head-on to provide children with a high quality education, extracurricular activities, and safe and secure buildings, while at the same time not overburdening the taxpayers.

Both have applied their leadership skills to the Belleville Music Program, the Business and Technology Advisory Council, and the Visual and Performing Arts Advisory Council, with what they said is positive and measurable results. To accomplish those results, they build coalitions of parents, teachers, administrators, and members of the school board, they said in a joint statement. They cited "creative solutions" in their joint statement, and included these examples:

Hackensack University Medical to build the marching band into those issues?" he asked. state and national champions;

+ Worked with the school board to help pass the school budget and prevent cuts in programs;

* Fought to ensure that the district's art programs were adequately supplied;

* Served on the Visual and Performing Arts Council to restore the school clubs that were cut as a result of last year's failed budget;

***** Led the efforts to upgrade the ventilation system in classrooms with poor air quality;

✤ Found alternative funding sources to fund purchases for the vocational programs, performing arts programs and the marching band.

In a separate interview, Freda said he has "contributed my business and industry knowledge when I realized we really, really need help with equipment purchases to upgrade things, and we can really make a major contribution with our business backgrounds."

Longo echoed that "We felt like in the last few years what we've done we can really make a contribution."

Longo questioned why the board had six separate ballot questions for last year's school budget. "Why elect a board if they're

* Served as volunteers in helping going to let the public decide all of

Longo said the previously men-

accomplishments are tioned "examples of how we preemptively solved issues at the board level."

Freda said some of the handling of student quality of life issues, like the air quality problem in the band and chorus room, "clearly show that kids are not first. You can't cut clubs, and say that the new gym floor trumps air qualities. It seems that the priorities are not there."

As for what they would do as board members, Freda said, "The first thing we would go after is grants. We know there is money out there, at least one grant that was never applied for involving security issues. The point was they didn't know it was there until we brought it to their attention."

Longo said aging facilities have not improved much since the \$52 million school referendum failed several years ago.

It was like they took one shot at the brass ring, they didn't make it, and they had no backup plan," Longo said. "I think we can find strategies that will work without an impact on taxpayers?

For example, he said private sector funding has been garnered in other public school districts.

"We have an idea about how to attack it," Longo said. "There is no need to reinvent the wheel. Colleges have been doing it forever." He said technology needs

"There is a problem when there is more technology on a child's Gameboy than in school," Longo said. "It's hard to keep the attention there, and be competitive in the world without the best technology. There is money out there and we have plans to attack it?"

Freda said the district has highspeed fiber optics with old computers. "It's like driving a Volkswagen on the Audubon," he said.

As for why they're running together, Longo said, "A big part of the reason we're both trying to get elected is that we will be able to put together strategies that have never been done before'

For example, he said his work with the Music Booster Club, etc. is a microcosm for the bigger picture, but the same principles should apply.

Freda has lived in Belleville 12 years, has a daughter who graduated from Belleville High School in 2003 and a son who graduated in 2006. He is the vice president of a major financial institution with an information technology background.

Longo has resided in Belleville for 35 years. He has a son who graduated from BHS in 2005 and a daughter who graduated in 2007. He is employed as an account executive for Offset Impressions Inc.

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Foundation's mission grew over time, records show

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

(This story is the second of two parts.)

The Belleville Foundation's storied history going back to the early days of World War II includes a large gap where there are no known records of its activity. Still, the foundation even now is assisting youths and worthy organizations in 2008, according to information provided by resident Al Schmitt

The foundation presently gives an average of \$8,000 in scholarships and another \$10,000 to \$15,000 in no-interest loans to qualifying students, Schmitt said.

For the scholarships, one new recipient receives a \$2,000 scholarship that will be coming each year for four years, Schmitt said. He said any one going to school, from college to vocational-technical to "barber shop school" is eligible.

Another \$2,000 goes to a student who received that amount the vear before as a freshman, and also for one student who will be a junior and another who is a senior. all of whom have gotten the scholarship money previously, Schmitt said.

The no-interest loans also accumulate over a four-year period, he said.

As for its past, there is virtually no record of the foundation's activities from the time of its founding in 1942 until 1963, Schmitt said. The minutes of Jan. 30, 1963 show that there were six officers, a fivemember finance committee, 20 foundation members and an eightmember scholarship award and loan fund committee. Eliminating duplicate names, 25 individuals played a leadership role in the governance and activities of the foundation at that time.

With the exception of a \$25,000 bequest from the estate of Martin Tiernan in 1969, the records unfortunately show no record of fundraising contributions, Schmitt said. The record of grants made, although sporadic, indicates that there had to be substantial income from contributions in addition to investment income, he said.

Prior to 1963 there is no record of the income generated and grants made by the foundation. Evidence of progress, however, is reflected in 1963 financial statement, the Schmitt said. It showed securities of \$357,000 and cash of \$32,000,

Grants in 1963 totaled \$26,000, which included \$6,000 to the Belleville Chamber of Commerce for a special purpose, \$5,000 for Camp Ro-LI, and \$15,000 split equally among the high school rowing teams of Belleville, Nutty and Kearny as a matching gift toward construction of a boathouse.

for total assets of \$389,000.

The next year, the Oct. 5, 1964 minutes indicate that "the foundation had received contributions of approximately \$390,000, but had contributions totaling made \$460,000, and still had a portfolio plus cash presently valued at approximately \$330,00," per Trea-

Schmitt said ...

Grants from 1964 to 1974 totaled \$296,500, with Clara Maass Medical Center receiving \$270,000. Other recipients included Camp RO-LI, \$11,000; Cerebral Palsy Center, \$9,500; Little Zion Union American Methodist Episcopal Church, \$3,000;YM-YWCA, \$1,500; High School Music Fund, \$850 and Belleville Dental Clinic, \$650.

Those grants are in addition to what was being done for Belleville High School seniors, Schmitt said. The records are unclear, he said,

surer John Kidde's financial report, was \$10,000 in scholarships dation as it exists today," he said. awarded. In 1966, 1967 and 1969, there were outstanding student loans for \$19,000, \$30,000 and \$30,000 respectively, Schmitt said.

In May 1974, a notice called for a special meeting on June 10 to discuss the liquidation of the foundation and the transfer of \$3,000 to the Cerebral Palsy Center, with \$20,000 to Clara Maass. The action taken on June 10 was to make transfers and have the balance of funds remain in the foundation for the use of the Scholarship Fund, Schmitt said.

'This was apparently the transibut they do show that in 1973 there tion to the operation of the foun- to Paul."

Two months later there was a typewritten "Speed Message" from Trustee Norman Thompson to the ₩ President, Thomas Devine, that ₹

read: "Dear Tom: RE: Belleville Foundation - Scholarship Fund. Now that the Scholarship Fund is not z that the Scholarship Land the Scholarship the Foundation, it is my opinion that we should change the 'image' of our committee. We should have some new ideas - such as publicity, obtaining sources of funds from w local business and industry, etc. IN would like your ideas before I write





[°]Despite law, another go-go bar may come to town

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

With the former Red Shingle gogo bar once again open for busiin mess as Wet, near the intersection

of Belleville and Union avenues, By the owner of a building at 588 Washington Ave. is hoping to have mithe location "grandfathered" in as ≿ a go-go bar and to open it for busi-

Aness. The The State The Zoning Board approved a certificate of occupancy for the Wet bar. The approval was based $\frac{1}{2}$ on the fact that the go-go bar was there before the zoning law changed to prohibit such establish-

Chairman Jerry DelGuercio.

He said the owners of 588 Washington Ave. are looking to make the same case, but have not done so vet.

"It's a similar case to the Red Shingle," DeGuercio said. "They have to prove that it was legally a go-go bar before the law was changed making it illegal. If they can prove it, they can open as a gogo bar. If they can't it can't be a gogo bar."

The owners are trying to prove that both establishments were preexisting, non-conforming uses before the law outlawing go-go

ments, according to Zoning Board bars was passed a few years ago, 'The burden of proof is DelGuercio said.

factorily yet."

That is why the hearing was put over to the next meeting on Feb. 7 to possibly decide, DelGuercio said

"The Red Shingle proved it, but I don't even know if this one will be decided on the 7th," he said. "It must be made clear that this is not an application for a go-go bar. They are not allowed. This is an application to see if they can be grandfathered."

"The burden of proof is on the applicant," he said. "In my estima-tion they have not done that satis-tion they have not done that satishave not done that satisfactorily yet.'

Jerry DelGuercio

Zoning Board Chairman

There only needs to be a majority of the seven-member board, or four votes, for approval, DelGueralways on hand, the chances of establishments in the 1980s.

there being less than seven on the board is unlikely, but the applicant can ask for the decision to be delayed if less than seven members are present, he said. In the event of a tie among six members, the applicant is denied, DelGuercio said.

The applicant is D.M.D.M., Inc. DelGuercio said that the Construction Code Official Frank DeLorenzo told the board that the location had been approved for use as a bar or tavern, but not as a gogo bar.

DelGuercio said one resident testified that that there were fights cio said. With two alternatives and other disturbances at the

Nutley residents should write down these important numbers for town departments. Dept. of Revenue and Finance - 973-284-4951; Dept. of Public Works - 973-284-4959; Dept. of Parks & Recreation - 973-284-4966; Dept. of Public Safety - 973-284-4940; Dept. of Public Affairs - 973-284-4976.



Investigation continues in rec director case

of Belleville Times

The case is still pending against Belleville resident Dennis Buckley, 51, months after an official said he stole recreation department funds.

The longtime Belleville recreation director was arrested and charged with official misconduct this past June when he allegedly pilfered activity fees collected for a variety of town-sponsored pro-grams, according to Township Manager Victor Canning.

Arrested days before him was fellow township employee Kathy Skinner, 45, who was Buckley's girlfriend at the time. She was also charged with official misconduct.

The arrest of Buckley came on the heels of another investigation, which led to the arrest of Skinner, a finance department clerk who admitted to using water bill collections for her personal use.

Buckley allegedly set up a "Belleville Recreation Athletic

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Association" account, into which he noticed there was an ATM card police said he funneled money collected from residents participating in adult sports leagues and the township's morning and afternoon preschool program.

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attached to the account established by Buckley from which he made several cash withdrawals, something never done with government accounts

Buckley could be looking at a something was wrong was when jail sentence of as long as ten years





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Auditions next month

Nutley Little Theatre has sched- ster39@hotmail.com. uled auditions at the NLT Barn, 47

Erie Place, Nutley, on Saturday, 8 Feb. 9 at 1 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. for Martin McDonagh's "The Cripple of Inishmaan." Directed by Penny Paul of Montclair, the show has evening Sperformances scheduled for April ₹11, 12, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26. Matinees are scheduled for April 13 and 20. Additional dates may be added Ĕ within this range.

The cast requires nine actors five men: two in their 20s, one in his 30s and two in the 40 to 60 age range; and four women: one in her 20s, one in her 50s or older and two in their 50s or 60s. Irish accents are required. Auditioners directions, visit the Web site read from the script. Backstage help for the production is also needed. For more information other NLT productions, call 973about auditions, e-mail pep-

Set on a remote island off the west coast of Ireland in 1934, this darkly comic tale is written in the great tradition of Irish storytelling. When the town of Inishmann hears that a Hollywood producer is making a film on a neighboring island, Cripple Billy decides to seek his fortune, and all the town's diverse and eccentric citizens watch ravenously to see what will happen.

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 www.nutleylittletheatre.com. For more information about this or 667-0374.



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Neurotic actress Kate St. Clair (Mandy Feiler, left) literally gets to see and touch "God" in the musical comedy "Heaven Knows."

ATLANTIC CITY By Ellen Burke Rawls

SIX Knudsen brothers on stage at Claridge

he biggest surprise of the new season is the delightful new show now running at the Palace Theater in the Claridge Tower of Bally's! The sheer exuberance and charisma of the Knudsen Brothers, who call their show simply "SIX," is infectious, and they start teasing their audience even before the curtain rises. As the name suggests, there are six brothers - REAL brothers: Barry, Owen, Kevin, Lynn, Jak and Curtis - who have perfected a unique talent to vocalize their own "orchestral" accompaniment. There are no instruments, no backup tracks, just the six voices replicating a complete background to the boys' alternating lead singers.

They happen to be six of ten brothers - no sisters - of an Army family, each of the kids born in a different state or country. Their dad started coaching their harmonies from the time the eldest was seven years old, and the kids were discovered and introduced on the Donny & Marie Osmond TV show while still in grammar school. They're all grown up now, but still obviously enjoying a successful career. Between tours, cruises, and gigs at Disneyland and Las Vegas, they are resident players at several Branson Mo. properties.

Opening number "On Broadway" introduces the brothers, with a cleverly choreographed backup for Barry's "trumpet" solo, Jak vocalizing a throbbing "bass," and Owen's incredible interpretation of a full drum set. "When we were kids, we were too poor to buy instruments," Kevin explains. "Now we're too cheap to buy instruments!"

Throughout the show, the brothers go through a series of cleverly pulled-off costume changes from leather bikers' jackets to day-glo blazers to gold sequins. They pull out all the stops with purple glitter tuxedos to spoof the Motown groups in a medley of Motor City hits, replete with a bit of hysterical choreography. Barry leads Frankie Valli & the "Five" Seasons, interpreting "Big Girls Don't Cry" and "Sherry" with Valli's trademark falsetto, and Lynn takes over "It's a Wonderful World," first as Louis Armstrong, then a Sinatra take on second chorus. Curtis dons a fright wig for a takeoff of Wayne Newton, and Lynn recaptures a writhing Tom Jones. Their Beach Boys tribute is accented by gaudy Hawaiian sport shirts and a wonderful routine of surfing moves. There's no end to the Knudsens' talents, from breakdancing to softshoe - all tongue-in-cheek - leaving their audience gasping with laughter. Their interplay with the audience shows brilliant spontaneity, and the crowd is totally captivated by their hijinks. This is one show you won't want to miss! The brothers will perform in the Palace Theater at the Claridge, Sundays through Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Dark Fridays. Tickets are \$25.

Another guaranteed crowd pleaser, The Lettermen open a fiveshow stint at Resorts on Sunday through next Friday. They'll reprise classics like "The Way You Look Tonight," "Theme From A Summer Place" and "When I Fall in Love," when they serenade fans next Sunday, Monday, and Thursday at 7 p.m., next Friday at 9 p.m., and a 2 p.m. matinee next Wednesday. Again, a pocket-pleasing ticket price of \$35.

The latest tour of "Dancing with the Stars" stops off at Boardwalk Hall Saturday at 7:30. Featured are favorites from seasons three, four and five, including Wayne Newton, Marie Osmond, Cheryl Burke, Jonathan Roberts, Joey Lawrence and Edyta Sliwinska. Tickets range from \$49.50 to \$195.

4th Wall to present 'Heaven Knows'

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The original musical "Heaven assortment of hilarious incarna- ues our mission of producing Roller"-coaster ride through her life, loves and lunacies, helping "Father" really does know best.

"Heaven Knows" (chosen from year and were amazed by the over 25 submissions that 4th Wall attendance and feedback from our received) invites audiences to audiences," says 4th Wall Artistic meet Kate, a neurotic New York Director Gregory Allen. "Being actress who thinks she knows it able to expose people to brand all. She gets to spend 24 hours new voices in the theatre world is with "someone" who really does - something that 4th Wall is very "all" as in the "Almighty." In an passionate about. It truly contin-

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Knows" is the next production for tions, God takes Kate on a "Holy those seldom seen shows that deserve to be seen and heard."

> The writer is Charles Bloom, a native Californian who now calls New York home, and who studied theatre and composition at NYU. "We started this new series last Bloom is the son of the late screenwriter Harold Bloom and the late actress Carolyn Kearney. Blooms' cabaret/revue works have been heard in venues worldwide, and a long list of artists have performed and recorded songs from his stylistically diverse catalogue, including Michael Fein-stein, Christine Ebersole, B.D. Wong and Barbara Walsh, among others. His writings have been selected for several festivals, including Melbourne, Australia in December 2007.

The cast of "Heaven Knows" is led by Mandy Feiler of Montvale, Jamal Sawab of Newark, Matt Burns of Plainfield, Christine Orzepowski of Bloomfield, Philippe Levesque of Kearny, Jodi Freeman-Maloy of Cedar Grove, David Simon of Berkeley Heights, Ricki Beth Friedberg of Wayne, Ted Wrigley of Lodi, Lenny Gallo of Verona, Lauren Joyce of Andover, Tom Waltz of New York City and Jennifer Kalajian of Hillsdale. Ricks-Spencer directs, and Rich Lovallo of Upper Saddle River serves as musical director. Allen, of Hawthorne, is the production manager, and Martha Thalheimer of Glen Ridge serves as the stage manager.

"Heaven Knows" is playing at the Westminster Arts Center on the Bloomfield College campus, Bloomfield. Performances are scheduled for three evenings only - on Thursday, Jan. 31 and Friday and Saturday, Feb. 1 and 2, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 only. Bloomfield College students may purchase tickets for \$4 with a student ID. Tickets may be purchased by calling 973-748-9008, ext. 279. Visa, MasterCard and Discover cards are accepted. Additional information is available at the Web site www.4thwalltheatre.com.

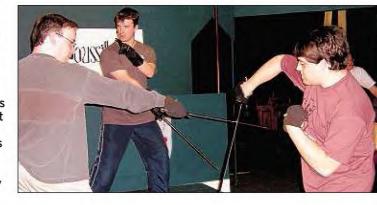
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At left, taking places during rehearsals for "All's Well That Ends Well," are (from left) Fred Dennehy, Jim Simpson, Scott Guzzo, Mark Szep, Alex Oleksij (director) and Rick Brown. At right, fight coordinator Keith Shepard (center) coaches actors L. Douglas Weed (left) and Scott Guzzo in swordplay during rehearsals. "All's Well That Ends Well" opens Friday, Feb. 8 at Nutley Little Theatre. Tickets are \$12 and may be obtained by calling 973-667-0374.

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'All's Well That Ends Well' set to begin

a three-week run of William ta of Rochelle Park is props mis-Shakespeare's comedy "All's Well That Ends Well" Friday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. at the NLT Barn, 47 Erie Alex Oleksij. Place, Nutley.

Directed by Alex Oleksij of Nutley, the show has 8 p.m. perfor-mances scheduled for Feb. 8, 9, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23.

Matinees at 2 p.m. are scheduled for Feb. 10 and 17. Tickets are \$12 and may be obtained by calling 973-667-0374. The opening night performance is a benefit for Angels of Animals, an animal rescue group.

The cast includes Fred Bernardi of Wycoff, Rick Brown of Verona, Peter Curley of Maplewood, Kate Daly of West Orange, Fred Dennehy of Cranbury, Scott Guzzo of Nutley, Jack Hipkins of Rutherford, Emma lacometta of Rochelle Park, Julie Jin of Maplewood, Penny Musco of Montclair, Sandra Rudnitsky of Edison, Keith Shepard of Lake Hopatcong, Jim Simpson of Bloomfield, Anne Kenny Simpson of Bloomfield, Sky Spiegel of Morristown, Mark Szep of Bloomfield, L. Douglas Weed of Plainfield and Josh Wolfe of Nutley.

The stage manager is Janis Wolfe of Nutley.

Costumes are by Marion Brady

tress.

Set and lighting design is by "All's Well That Ends Well" is Shakespeare's tale of unrequited love and love triumphant. It is the

story of Helena, a commoner, the daughter of a poor physician, in love with Bertram, the young Count of Roussillon. At first she believes her love is hopeless, but this or other productions, call her determination and success in 973-667-0374.

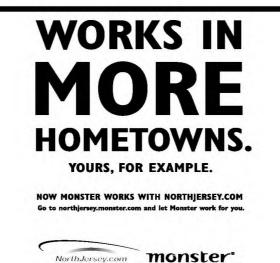
Nutley Little Theatre is opening of Little Falls, and Laura Iacomet- ultimately winning Bertram is the story of the play.

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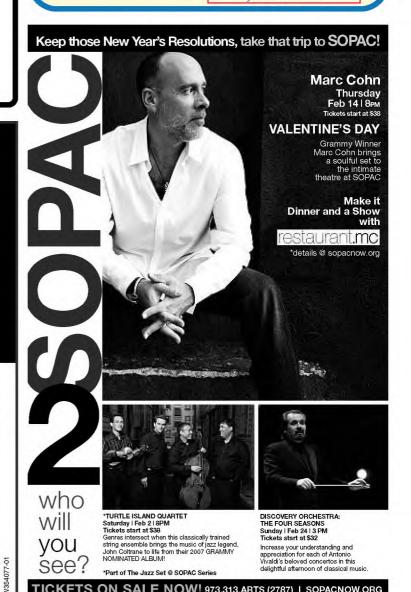
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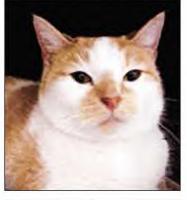
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WEDDING



Michelle D'Agostino bride of Joseph Cook

Joseph Cook, Jr., son of Nancy Cook of Nutley and the late best men. Jonathan Raia was Joseph Cook, were married June groomsman. 15, 2007 in Holy Family Church, Nutley.

The Rev. Thomas Rainforth celebrated the nuptial Mass. A Morristown. reception followed at Westmount Country Club, West Paterson.

The bride was escorted by her Bahamas. father. Mariann Moran was maid

Michelle D'Agostino, daughter of honor. Kristina Yar and Kimof Dr. and Mrs. Anthony berly Giordano served as brides-D'Agostino of Belleville, and maids.

Mrs. Cook is with Morgan Stanley in New York City. Mr. Cook is with Crum & Forster in

The couple is living in Belleville after honeymooning in the



ROTARY CELEBRATION

Philip Nobile, president of the Rotary Club of Belleville, and his wife, Debra, celebrated with 14 of their fellow club members at Rotary's District 7470 Presidents' Ball and Foundation Dinner at Mayfair Farms, West Orange. The active Belleville club joins Rotary clubs around the world in serving others with community and world-wide projects such as eliminating polio. Those wishing to join the Rotary Club of Belleville are invited to attend the 12:15 p.m. Wednesday luncheons at Bella Casa Caterers, 2 Acme St., Belleville.

ENGAGEMENT



Michelle Hart engaged to Daniel M. Arminio

Michael and Frieda Hart of engagement of their daughter, Daniel M. Arminio of Little Falls, son of Josephine Arminio of Glen Ridge and the late Daniel Arminio.

The wedding is planned for July 25, 2009.

Miss Hart, an alumna of Mont-Phillipsburg announce the clair State University, is pursuing a master's degree in reading at Michelle L. of Little Falls, to Montclair State. She is a sixth grade English teacher at Park Middle School, Scotch Plains.

Mr. Arminio, a graduate of Essex County College, West Caldwell, is an assistant store director with Acme Markets. Inc.

Singers hosting Venice night February 3

Although gondola rides will not be available, there will be a on the evening of Saturday, February 3.

Singers' (FONS) major fundraiser London. this year is Venetian Night. St. Mary's school gym will be re-created in a carnevale atmosphere of Venice, Italy, complete with allyou-can-eat Italian food, Venetian tickets or additional information

But after having traveled with the Italian theme this year for a

change," said Michael Cundari, Walker Middle School and Nutfeeling of Venice in the Nutley air ley High School choir director. In addition, there will be tricky tray type gift baskets; 50/50 raffles; The Friends of Nutley and a raffle for a trip for two to

Tickets are \$35 per person; BYOB. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. St. Mary's school gym is at 16 Msgr. Owens Place, Nutley. For

masks, Italian music sung by Nut-ley High School's Chamber 320-8413. "In the past, our major non-profit organization formed to fundraiser was the Madrigal feast. Nutley High School and Walker Chamber Singers last year to Middle School students. All dona-Venice, we were inspired to do an tions to FONS are tax-deductible.

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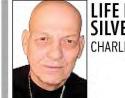
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Valentine's Day events are coming up soon



LIFE IN **SILVER LAKE** CHARLES BURKE

In last week's column, I forgot to congratulate a special young man who celebrated his big day on January 19. So, Mr. James Grant of Alva Street, stand up so we can sing you a birthday tune on your 18th birthday. I hope you can hear it because we are singing our hearts out. James is an avid baseball player on the BHS team and an Altar Server for St. Anthony's Church in The Lake. Oh, what a great kid he is. He helps out at Just a Party and at St. Anthony's Feast. His mom, Diane and his dad Greg should be very proud of him.

The next gent I will speak

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about is not a Silverlaker. But my wife and I have inducted him as one. Hats off to that great man, George Lynch who celebrated his 79th birthday on January 29. He was born and raised in Belleville. George has been the president of the Knights of Columbus for 50 years and a member for 35 years. What can you say about this man other than everyone loves George.

Happy, healthy birthday from me and my wife. And as they say in Italian, Cent Anno.

It was reported to me that St. Anthony's Choir ran a fundraiser for its Organ Restoration Fund on Sunday in honor of Carnevale which means the beginning of Lent. The DJ was Ramon who played a variety of tunes and the food from Daily Catering was great. I understand that the atten-

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dees learned a lot of line dances in the bargain. School #4 will hold its Valentine Day dance at the school all SEE SILVER LAKE, PAGE 20

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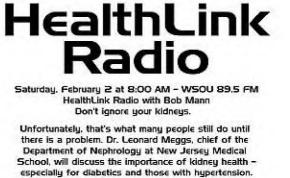
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SPORTS

BHS WRESTLING

Bucs win two of three as **Coach Nisivoccia wins 300th**

BY MIKE LAMBERTI For Belleville times

The Belleville wrestling team defeated Paramus Catholic and Orange last week while falling to St. Joseph of Montvale in an NNJIL match.

Joe Nisivoccia's team took a 12-4 mark into a match with Teaneck earlier this week.

The Bucs will compete in the Essex County Tournament this weekend at West Orange High. First round competition begins tomorrow with the semifinals and finals slated for Saturday. The finals should begin around 3:30 p.m.

Last Friday's 45-24 win over Paramus Catholic was the 300th Nisivoccia's tenure as in Belleville's head coach, which began in 1985 after seven seasons as an assistant to Gene D'Allesandro at Belleville.

"It means something because

weekend's match) said. "It also means I've been here for a while, too. The focus should always be on the kids, and also on the prohappy to have been able to contribute to the program's success over the years." (There's more on top seed at 119 pounds and will be Nisivoccia in this week's Buc Shots).

the week, the Bucs lost a 44-18 decision to St. Joseph.

As the team prepares to com- years ago. pete in the county championship this weekend, Belleville could be among the leaders when the final scores are tallied on Saturday. In what appears to be a wide open field, Bloomfield, Livingston, Seton Hall Prep of West Orange, Caldwell, Montclair and Belleville could battle for the team championship.

"I think we should have a num-I've had some great kids here," ber of kids seeded," Nisivoccia Cordero.

Nisivoccia (301-90-1 after last said. "But all that means is they probably get a first round bye. They still have to get the job done on the mat."

Filiberto Colon, who won three gram here at Belleville High. I'm more matches last week, was 22-0 heading into yesterday's match with Teaneck. He should be the vying for a fourth straight county championship. Only five wrestlers Last Saturday, Belleville in the 35-year history of the tour-downed Orange, 63-9. Earlier in ney have won four championships, with the last being Angelo DiLeo of Seton Hall Prep three

> Belleville's James Soprano (21-0) will be among the top seeds at 125 pounds while Matt DeFrance (17-5) appears to be rounding into top form at 135 pounds.

> Others who should have an impact this weekend include James Murgueytio (13-8) at 103, Brendon Griffitt (13-7) at 140, Angel Cuevas (16-5) at 145 pounds and heavyweight Alex

BHS BOWLING

Bucs split with Paramus, Nutley

BY MIKE LAMBERTI for Belleville Times

Belleville bowling coach Mike Early has been at his job long enough to know a good team when he sees it. So after Nutley steamrolled through the boys version of the Essex County Tournament last week, winning the title going away, Early was quick to credit Belleville's closest rival.

"They're good," Early said of Nutley. "That's a tremendous team. They ran away with the county title?

Early's Bucs also had a chance to see the Maroon Raiders in a regular season, NNJIL boys match, and didn't have much luck there, either, falling 7-0.

Despite the loss, the Belleville boys are having a good season. The team was 57-34 heading into this week's action after sweeping Paramus and falling to Nutley.

Belleville battled Bloomfield earlier this week and will take on Ridgewood tomorrow. Next Tues- had a high game of 136. day, the regular season concludes

with a match opposite Bergen Tech of Hackensack. All matches are at 4 p.m. and are held at Bowler City in Hackensack. On Feb. 9, the team will compete in the state sectional championships.

Against Paramus, the boys were led by Marquis Byrd, who rolled games of 246, 214 and 184. Heading into this week's action, Byrd, a senior, has an incredible average of 211, which leads the team.

Rob Ramirez had a 203 and Shawn Gonzalez rolled a 186 and Chris Diaz's high game was a 168. Versus Nutley, Byrd had a 225

and 214, Mike Baldonado had three solid games of 189, 181 and 159 and Gonzalez finished with a 524 series.

The girls were 31-46 heading into this week, after sweeping Nutley and falling by the same count to Paramus. Versus Nutley, Sonia Mandal rolled a 143 and 142 and Dana Sinkevich's high game was a 141. Against Paramus, Carolina Ogin and Angelica Sliwinski each

300: Quite an accomplishment



He first arrived on the scene at Belleville High during the Carter Administration as an assistant wrestling coach, when disco was still king, everyone had big hair and polyester ruled the wardrobe scene.

Seven years later, when the Cabbage Patch Doll was in its infancy and hair was still big, he was promoted to head coach, and for the last 23 seasons, Joe Nisivoccia has had more than his share of successes in guiding perhaps Belleville's most successful varsity sport in the last 30 years.

Last Friday, Joe Nisivoccia, the man whose hair is never out of Nisivoccia started at Belleville in over the years, as talented place, disco era or current version, the fall of 1978 as an assistant to wrestlers sometimes opt to attend reached a big milestone when his the legendary Gene D'Allesandro. private school after growing up in Bucs downed Paramus Catholic. He was just six years removed 45-24, in a dual match at from winning a state champi- gram. Belleville. It was his 300th career onship as a senior at Edison High victory as head coach, against just after finishing second in the state 90 defeats and one tie.

A day later, Nisivoccia earned number 301 as Belleville downed Orange.

His teams have averaged a 13-

champions to five crowns and has Pascack Hills, 29-25, snapping the led numerous others to the state Bergen school's five-year winning final. There are too many region, district and county champions to believe me, Nisivoccia can probably name them all, without a lot of hesitation.

"It's an accomplishment which feels good, as a coach," Nisivoccia said. "But obviously, we're not talking about this if it weren't for the kids. We've had some great wrestlers here over the years, and we have some pretty good kids this year as well. I've been fortunate enough to coach four state champions (Armando Nardone, two-time champ Emilio Nardone, John Perna and Anthony Conte) and there was a time when we had a kid in the state finals for a have contributed to Belleville wrestling?

After a year at Westfield, a year earlier.

Nisivoccia quickly found out that Belleville wrestling was a big make it to the states with contindeal. It had begun its illustrious run under Jim Silvestri in the mid 4 record since he became head 1970s and reached another level coach and have never had a losing on Valentine's Day, 1976, when season. He's coached four state the Bellboys stunned powerful

streak in dual matches.

D'Allesandro had built powername in a 23-year career, but houses at Essex Catholic and replaced Silvestri when the latter was promoted to Belleville's Athletic Director in the fall of '76. Belleville wrestling continued to flourish with D'Allesandro, and when Nisivoccia arrived two years later, he was immediately witness to a powerhouse in Blue and Gold.

In his second year, he saw Belleville crown its first state champion when Chris Musmanno won the 170-pound title.

By the time D'Allesandro retired in 1985, Nisivoccia was ready to take the reigns, and he has continued the work of his preperiod of 10 years. I'm proud to decessors. In essence, he's coached two generations of Belleville wrestlers.

He admits it's gotten tougher the township's recreation pro-

But he's adapted well, and Belleville is 12-4 this year, with two wrestlers of state quality caliber and a few more who could ued improvement.

All in all, it's been a job well done for Joe Nisivoccia.

Congratulations coach, on a tremendous milestone.

BHS INDOOR TRACK Hall, Shabazz, Hogan earn medals at counties

BY MIKE LAMBERTI for Belleville Times

Cedric Hall, Sherece Shabazz and Allison Hogan garnered medals at the Essex County indoor track championships last Saturday at Seton Hall University in South Orange.

Belleville, which competed at meters in 60.26 while Dean Sapor-the NNJIL championships last ito (2:20.50), Jeffrey Chacon Monday, will run at the Varsity Classic next Monday at the New York City Armory. In the midst of a tremendous

season, Hall had another excellent performance in the 55-meter dash with a record-setting time of 6.61. The previous mark of 6.65 was set by Armon Sample in the 1998-99 season, a year in which Sample was an All-State caliber runner.

Shabazz, a sophomore, won personal best. two medals at the counties. She time of 7.60. She also was sixth in meters while Rebecca Cozzarelli the 200-meters in a time of 27.40, eclipsing her own school record of 27.55 in the process. Hogan, a senior, finished sixth in the shot put with a throw of 32'7".

"They all did a tremendous job," Belleville coach Scott Herman said. "Earning a medal in the counspecial. They should be proud of what they did."

For the boys, solid efforts were turned in by Edward Feliciano and Christina Colon (3:08.46).

Manuel Antonio in the 55 meters, with times of 7.31 and 7.33 respectively. Feliciano and Antonio also ran the 200 meters with respective times of 25.20 and 25.95. For Antonio, it was an impressive return to the track after battling a badly sprained ankle.

Jason Calungsod ran the 400 ito (2:20.50), Jeffrey Chacon (2:26.12) and Dennis Rubio (2:26.84) ran well in the 200 meters. In the 1600 meters, Zeeshaw Khan ran his personal best in 5:01.98 and Ray Burgos turned in a good time of 5:26.51.

In the field events, Feliciano had a personal best 5'3" in the high jump and Brian Antonio (40'1") and Neemi Desai (32'91/2") threw the shot put, with Antonio's toss a

For the girls, Victoria Barrett ran was fourth in the 55-meters with a a personal best of 7.81 in the 55 finished the 55 in 8.35.

Barrett, a junior, also ran her personal best in the 200 meters. taking seventh in 27.67 while Opeyemi Alade ran the 200 meters in 33.35. Sherry Tirgrath (1:13.24), Regina Silvera (1:20.40) and Javragui Geovanna (1:23.17) all ty championships is something ran the 400 meters. In the 800 meters, solid efforts were turned in by Adrianna Tandazo (2:46.45), Vanessa Ackon (2:58.12) and

Tips for our readers on how to submit photos to the Belleville Times

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The New Year has just begun last year that we didn't keep. We and this causes us further discour- thoughts and feelings attached to gives in Philippians 4:8 (ASV), and already our minds are focused started projects we did not com- agement. This "stinking thinking" them. We will not allow them to "Finally, brethren, whatsoever and aready our minutes are locused staticed projects we did not come agenteen things are locused staticed projects we did not will hinder our progress and suc-

Today we will let go of all past gback at the resolutions we made pletes' over and over in our minds disappointments and negative following the instruction that Paul

remain in our minds and hamper our course. From this day forward we are changing our thinking by

things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

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Elizabeth Corcoran

A Mass was offered for Elizabeth (Hourican) Corcoran, 88, of Belleville Jan. 26 at St. Peter's Church, Belleville, after the funeral from the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mrs. Corcoran passed away Jan. 22 at Clara Maass Continuing Care

Center in Kearny. Born in Aughnacliffe, County Longford, Ireland, Mrs. Corcoran lived in Jersey City before moving to Belleville in 1985. She worked for Two Guys in Jersey City as a sales associate, retiring in 1985. She was a member of the Belleville Irish American Club, the Rosary Society at St. Peter's, the St. Peter's Senior Citizens, Friends of the Belleville Public Library and the Monday Group - Belleville Senior Citizens.

She was predeceased by her husband, Bartley Corcoran. She is survived by her children, Betty McFadden, Merrie Fiorentino and Thomas Corcoran; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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LENDER

Vera Frost

A requiem service was held for Vera Frost, 91, of Belleville Jan. 26 at Our Lady of Kazan Russian Orthodox Church, Newark.

Mrs. Frost passed away Jan. 23 at Mountainside Hospital in Glen Ridge

Mrs. Frost was born in Russia and came to Tolstoy Farm in New York in 1949. She then lived in Newark and Kearny before moving to Belleville in 1978. Mrs. Forst served as president of the Sisterhood at Our Lady of Kazan Church from 1970 to 2002.

She was the wife of the late

Memorial Home Inc. Mrs. Matraxia passed away Jan. 20.

Mrs. Matraxia was born and raised in Jersey City and lived in Belleville since 1952. She was an administrative assistant for the American Can Company in Newark and Clayton Environmental Consultants in Edison for several years, retiring in 1985

She is survived by her husband, Guido F. Wee Wee Matraxia; her two children, JoAnn and her husband, Dr. Alexander Cacciarelli and Vincent F. Tanky Matraxia; grandchildren, Anthony, Guy and

Alexander Cacciarelli, Danielle Matraxia and Natalie Campbell and her great-grandchildren, Jack, Joey and Rogie Cacciarelli. She is also survived by her two siblings, Therese Biviano and Gabriel Feltz and his wife, Annette, and many nieces and nephews.

Anthony J. Pallitto

Services were held for Anthony J. Pallitto, 93, of Rossmoor, Monroe Township Jan. 25 from the

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FROM PAGE 17

Galante Funeral Home, Union. Mr. Pallitto passed away Jan. 23 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Pallitto lived in Belleville and Neptune before moving to Rossmoor, Monroe Township, in 1984. He was a purchasing and personnel manager for Lermer Packaging Co. in Garwood for 24 years before retiring.

He was the husband of the late Catherine (nee Carlo); son of the late Anthony and Donata (nee Yacullo); brother of Vincent, Robert and the late John and Joseph Pallitto, and is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Joseph Ralph Pepe

Services were held for Joseph Ralph Pepe Jan. 25 from the O'Boyle Funeral Home, Bloomfield.

Mr. Pepe passed away Jan. 19. Mr. Pepe was born in Newark on Jan. 31, 1920. He attended 1938. He enlisted in the U.S. Army at the beginning of World War II and served in England, France and Belgium. After the war, he joined the U.S. Army Reserve and served until his retirement in 1962 with the rank of captain. After World War II, Mr. Pepe lived in Belleville, where he owned and operated a



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appointment honorary as chairman of Heart Sunday in Belleville. Heart Sunday marks the pinnacle of the Essex County Heart Association's annual fundraising campaign for funds to carry on its fight on heart disease, which claims 800,000 lives in the country

annually. Volunteer canvassers in Belleville will have a goal of \$5,000 when they ask their neighbors for help for cerebral palsy this week for "Helping Hand Day." This local house-to-house movement is part of the \$125,000 residential campaign for cerebral palsy in Essex and West Hudson counties.

Gary Vanderbilt, member of the Board of Education advisory budget committee and candidate for election to the Board of Education in February, urged Belleville voters to take an active interest in the school budget this week. Vanderbilt stated that it is a disgrace that "often in past years, less than 100 citizens would vote in the school budget elections." He went on to say that "the largest portion of our tax dollar goes into supporting our public school system. Over 2 million dollars in Belleville is budgeted and yet a mere handful of voters take an interest in the process."

Ralph Risoli, who is seeking one of the three vacancies to be filled in the February school board election, came out this week in support of constructing a new Junior High School in Belleville. He presented what he calls a "progressive and dynamic" program in his campaign platform.

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in the process.'

Gary Vanderbilt Board of Education candidate

Approximately 2,500 Belleville School children received their first Salk anti-polio vaccine shots the past two weeks in the program conducted by the Town Health Department. Children in local public and parochial schools received the free inoculations after the vaccine was received from the State Health Department.

Police Sgt. Joseph F. Smith of the Belleville Police Department has placed first in civil service examinations for promotion to lieutenant on the force. It has also been announced that Sgt. Frederick A. Singer, also of the Belleville Police Department, placed second on the exam.

Public Notices Public Notices TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Belleville, N.J. held on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 and further notice is hereby given that the second and final reading of said ordinance will be considered by said Municipal Council at a meeting held at the Town Hall, Washington Avenue and Belleville Avenue, on Tuesday evening, Feb-ruary 26, 2008, beginning at seven o'clock p.m. when all objections to the passing of same will be heard and considered. This week Will be heard and considered. Kelly A. Cavanagh, Municipal Clerk An Ordinance to amend the revised general ordinances of the Township of Belleville, Chapter 8-16, Handicapped Parking Spaces, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, NEW IEPSEY. Padula New JERSEY: Section I: that section 8, schedule 16 of the entitled ordinance is hereby amended by <u>ADD-</u> <u>ING</u> the following locations to be designated as a restricted parking space for use by the per-son who has been issued an identification card, or special handicapped plates by the Divi-sion of Motor Vehicles. drive. LOCATION Beginning at a point 203' north of the n/e apex of Franklin St and Napples and continuing to a point STREET 16 Napples SIDE East has Beginning at a point 133.6' west of the s/w apex of Canella and Harrison and continuing to a point 22' west thereof: 1 Canella Ct. South Belleville Times 2251096 Fee \$22.00 January 31, 2008

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Will be heard and considered. Kelly A. Cavanagh, Municipal Clerk "AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, NEW JERSEY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, NEW JERSEY: WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's appropria-tions, subject to certain exceptions; and, WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by or dinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and, WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Belleville in the County of Essex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2008 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting, the health, safety and welfare of its

years linal appropriations, in the interest of promoting, the heatint, stately and wentate of its citizens; and WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby determines that a 1% increase in the budget for said year, amounting \$383,590.53 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and, WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereina-bove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years. NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Belle-ville, in the County of Essex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2008 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Belleville shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$1,342,566.84, and that the CY 2008 municipal budget for the Township of the leville be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance, and, **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropri-ated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in ei-ther of the two succeeding years; and, **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption. Belleville Times 2251087 Fee \$34.38

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Kelly A. Cavanagh, Municipal Clerk
*AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER V, LICENSING OF DOGS, SECTIONS, 5-1.3 AND 5-5.6"
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, NEW JERSEY:
THAT, Chapter V, Licensing of Dogs, Section 5-1.3, Fees, Description, be and is hereby amended to read:
The owner of every dog shall pay the annual license fee to the Department of Health on or before March 31. The Department of Health, upon payment of the license fee, shall issue a license for each dog, which license shall contain the name address of the owner of license and date of issuance, and shall bear the signature of the Director of the Health Department. The township Health Department for Health all also issue together with the license an unbered metal tag which shall be securely fixed or fastened to a strap or collar to be worn around the neck of the dog so licensed, in a manner in which it can be plainly seen and which tag shall have stamped thereon the word "Licensed Dog" Belleville, NJ with the year for which is found to be in violation of the sum of one (\$1.00) dollar.
THAT, Chapter V, Licenses of Dogs, Section 5-5.6 Violations and Penalty, be and is hereby amended to read:
Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provision of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for the first offense and up to one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars for each offense thereafter.
This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its adoption and publication as required by law.
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TIFF -vs- NAOMI RICHARDSON 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, February 12, 2008, at one-thirty P.M. (Prevailing Time). Commonly known as: 48 DODD ST BLOOMFIELD, NJ 07003 Lot: 29 Block: 127 Size: APPROX. 25 x 95 x 22 x 10 x 104 feet Distance to nearest cross street 110.00 feet Nearest cross street name: NORTHEAST-ERLY FROM A STONE MONUMENT 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. Tax and prior lien info: The total amount due for WATER is \$555.27 as of 11/22/2007. The approximate amount of the Judgment to be satisfied by said sale is the sum of TWO

as of 11/22/2007. The approximate amount of the Judgment to be satisfied by said sale is the sum of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY ONE AND 11/100 DOLLARS (\$254,921.11), together with the costs of this sale.

SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2007 011018 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY, DOCKET NO. @F74706 HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST NLC TRUST PLAIN-TIFF -vs- PABLO RAYMIRO JAUREGUI, ET AL. DEFENDANTS Execution for Sale of Mortgaged Premises

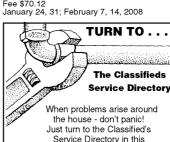
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Nearest cross street name: TAPPAN AVE A full legal description can be found in the office of the Register of Essex County. A deposit of 20% of the bid price in certified funds is required at the time of sale. *Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding in-terest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon. The approximate amount of the Judgment to be satisfied by said sale is the sum of

to be satisfied by said sale is the sum of FOUR HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY AND 96/100 DOL LARS (\$403,960.96), together with the costs

sale from time to time as provided by Law. Newark, N.J. January 14, 2008 ARMANDO B. FONTOURA, Sheriff PHELAN, HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC, ATTORNEY(S)

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Belleville, New Jersey, during regular busi-ness hours. This notice is provided by the applicant by order of the Belleville Planning Board. GACCIONE, POMACO & MALANGA Attorneys for Applicant, 524 Union Avenue Belleville, NJ 07109 (973) 759-2807 Michael and Edward Zippo Belleville Times 2252492 Fee \$15.47 Januarv 31, 2008

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January 31, 2008 SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2007 011133 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F1313407 AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC PLAINTIFF -vs- ZAIRA E. PAZMINO; ET AL. 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, February 26, 2008, at one-thirty P.M. (Prevailing Time). Commonly known as: 346 S JEFFERSON ST ORANGE, NJ 97050

346 S JEFFERSON ST ORANGE, NJ 07050 Lot: 8 Block: 135 Size: APPROX. 26 x 138 x 26 x 137 feet Nearest cross street name: STETSON ST 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 faxes water/sever. Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.

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Fee \$59.12 January 31; February 7, 14, 21, 2008

January 31; February 7, 14, 21, 2008 SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2007 010644 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY DOCKET NO. F113207 THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE GE-WMC, ETC. PLAIN-TIFF -vs- FERNANDO DEJESUS; ET AL. 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, February 12, 2008, at one-thirty P.M. (Prevailing Time). Commonly known as: 178 DE WITT AVE BELLEVILLE, NJ 07109 Lot: 7 (fka Lot 10) Block 6904 (fka Block 198) Size: APPROX. 175 X 33 feet Nearest cross street name: HOLME STREET A full legal description can be found in the office of the Renister of Essex County

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Tax and prior lien info: The total amount due for past due taxes is \$3019.25. All tax figures are good to 8/13/2007.

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Plaintiff has obtained an indemnification let-ter as to prior mortgage recorded 06/28/2005. The approximate amount of the Judgment to be satisfied by said sale is the sum of FOUR HUNDRED FORTY NINE THOUSAND SEV-EN HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE AND 74/100 DOLLARS (\$449,771.74), 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. January 07, 2008 ARIMANDO B. FONTOURA, Sheriff ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, 1-908-233-8500, FCZ-83574 Belleville Times 2247317 Fee \$53.64

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construction company from 1946 to 1962. He then worked for Pre-Cast Products of Somerville, All Work Enterprises of Albrightsville, Pa., and then Sunshine Construction of Fort Myers, Fla. Mr. Pepe lived in Belleville from 1946 to 1975, Albrightsville, Pa., from 1975 to 1991, and Fort Myers, Fla., from 1991 to 2003, and then returned to live in Pennsylvania until his passing.

(Pomponio) Pepe, who prede-ceased him in 1975. He is survived Borr by four children, Julia Cino, Theresa Johnson, Alfonso Pepe and David Pepe. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Carmela Argese

A Mass was offered for Carmela (De Vone) Argese, 81, of Nutley Jan. 23 at St. Mary's Church, Nutley, after the funeral from the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home.

Mrs. Argese passed away Jan. 20 He was married to Filomena at the Arbor Glen Center in Cedar and Dawn Argese.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Argese lived in Belleville before moving to Nutley in 1998. She retired as the program director at Olympic Lanes in Belleville.

She was a member of the Belleville Seniors, the Nutley Seniors and the Nutley Chapter of the AARP.

She was the wife of the late Henry Argese, and is survived by her children, Sandra Guinta and Richard Argese; her sisters, Mary Cavico and Theresa Walski, and her grandchildren, Nicole Guinta



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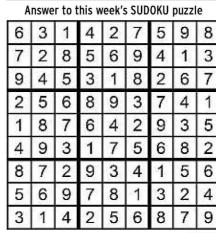
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