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ANOTHER CANDLE ON THE CAKE

Julia Sayna Cacciarelli was honored by the Bellwood Civic Association Feb. 4, when she turned 103 years old. A native of Hungary, she has lived in Belleville for more than 65 years and has three children, five grand children and four great-grandchildren. Seen here is Councilman Steve Rovell (left), president of the association, and Victor Maffucci, the group's treasurer, presenting her with a bouquet and the proclamation issued by the township council in her honor.

So who do you like this year? County party leaders back Hillary, McCain

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

With voters going to the polls on "Super Tuesday" this past week, local Democratic and Republican leaders were urging registered voters to back the candidates endorsed by county party leaders.

For Democrats, the choice was Hillary Clinton. On the GOP side, John McCain was the candidate.

Belleville Democratic Chairwoman and First Ward Councilwoman Marie Strumolo Burke said that despite the county's endorsement of Clinton, all was not harmonious within the party.

"Things have slid a little bit, what with (Newark Mayor) Cory Booker endorsing (Barack) Obama," Burke said. "Everything is a little bit up in the air, but we are endorsing Hillary. We feel she took the lead on issues."

According to Clinton campaign officials, on Super Tuesday in New

York, Hillary's grassroots supporters across the state hit the streets in an enthusiastic effort to get out the vote. Local community leaders, elected officials, union members and legions of volunteers distribute literature, phone-banked, and gathered for visibility throughout New Jersey, officials said.

While the local Democratic Committee was a little bit unsettled about its choice, the Republican chairwoman spoke of her disappointment that the candidate she preferred had left the race before New Jersey Republicans could even get to the polls.

Republican Chairwoman and school board member Antoinette "Toni" Marone said she was hoping to cast her vote for a former New York City Mayor.

"We were all with (Rudolph) Giuliani," Marone said. "We're very disappointed."

She said she had a hard time understanding Giuliani's approach to running for the Republican

nomination for President.

"He was so low-key," Marone said. "Something was wrong."

So, the leadership ended up being left with few alternatives on Super Tuesday.

"We have to go with (Arizona Sen. John) McCain," Marone said. "We don't have much choice. Most people have already put their strength behind McCain."

Still, she said she couldn't help but wonder what might have been with her first choice.

"He (Giuliani) just wasn't up to it," Marone said. "He was expecting a magic ride in Florida (where he came in a distant third). He was counting on so many people having moved down from the north."

She said she admired what the man once dubbed "America's Mayor" for his leadership following the terrorist attack of 9/11.

"I like him," Marone said. "He's a great person. He's done a lot, particularly for New York. He brought them out of a big hole."

Kevin O'Toole, the Essex County Republican Chairman, was more enthusiastic about his support for McCain. He said he has supported McCain "for eight years."

"I just got back from Hamilton and McCain's bus tour," O'Toole said Monday.

Because of Giuliani's dropping out and endorsing McCain, and McCain's recent victory in the important state of Florida, O'Toole said Republicans in the county and beyond are now showing a more united front for the candidate.

"With the latest developments, just about everyone is with him," he said.

The question for the GOP is how McCain would fare in a general election against either Clinton or Obama, and O'Toole said he is confident.

"If the polls are any indication, then McCain can beat either Hillary or Obama in November," he said.

In last week's article on school board candidates, Ralph Vellon's name was spelled incorrectly throughout the story. The Belleville Times regrets the error.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Jan. 29

■ Police arrested and charged Derrick Powell, 34, of Belleville with burglary and theft after an incident was reported from the 30 block of Newark Avenue at 3:44 p.m. The victim came home and found the front door forced open and a safe missing that contained \$3,000 in cash and assorted jewelry. Bail was unknown.

Jan. 30

■ Police arrested and charged Jesus Rodriguez, 29, of Newark, with driving while intoxicated at 3:21 a.m. He was observed by police swerving over the double yellow lines on Washington Avenue, and a motor vehicle stop was conducted. He was arrested after failing several field sobriety tests. He was released on his own recognizance.

■ An attempted armed robbery was reported at 4:32 p.m. The victim said he was walking home from Microtech School on Washington Avenue when he was approached by two Hispanic males, one brandishing a black handgun, and saying in Spanish, "Give me all your money." The other suspect grabbed the victim by his shirt and searched his pockets. The two fled with nothing being taken. There was no further description given and police are investigating.

Jan. 31

■ A burglary and theft were reported from a home in the 60 block of Watsessing Avenue at 10 p.m. The victim arrived home and entered the parents' bedroom, where they observed a safety box was missing from the closet. There

were no signs of forced entry. Contents of the box included an unknown amount of cash and personal belongings, including passports and immigration documents. Police are investigating.

Feb. 1

■ Police arrested and charged Vashawn Walker, 31, of Newark with possession of five tan pills believed to be Ecstasy at 7:17 a.m. After police responded to the report of a street fight near 570 Washington Ave., the pills were discovered following further investigation. He was released on his own recognizance.

■ Police arrested and charged Antonio Ramos, 41, of Belleville with driving while intoxicated and possession of a burnt marijuana cigarette at 8:40 p.m. After police responded to the report of a disabled vehicle facing the wrong way near Academy Street and Washington Avenue, the suspect failed several field sobriety tests and a subsequent search turned up the cigarette in his pants. He was held in lieu of bail.

Feb. 2

■ Police arrested and charged Jonathan Bracero, 23, of Belleville with driving while intoxicated at 12:38 a.m. His vehicle was found

by police to have a flat tire and further investigation revealed him to be under the influence of alcohol. He failed several field sobriety tests. He was released on his own recognizance.

■ An armed robbery was reported at 6:10 p.m. The victim was walking down Belleville Avenue near Cedar Hill Terrace when a black male and black female, both in their early 30s, dressed in black, approached them. They asked to use the victim's cell phone, and then kept it, after the male revealed what appeared to be a handgun in his waste band. Police are investigating.

Editor's note: Police news is compiled from information provided by the police department. The information is released to the press at the discretion of the department and may not represent the total scope of police activity. Accounts that indicate charges pending against an individual do not imply guilt or innocence.

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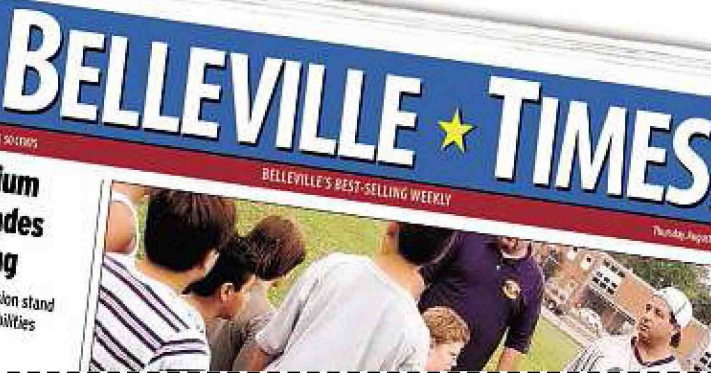
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Mayor Ray Kimble helped kick off Catholic Schools Week Jan. 28 with a visit to Nutley's Good Shepherd Academy, where many Belleville students go to school. Pictured with Kimble is the school principal, Sister Domenica Troina.



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On Jan. 20 the Belleville High School varsity cheerleading squad took first place at the Wallington High School Cheer Competition. Pictured (top row from left) are Ashley Cimmet, Shannen Doherty, Brianna Rany, Carrie Borkowski, Stephanie Auriemma, Elisa Hoehe, Nicolette Riggi, Taylor Taglieri and Tracy Leardo. Also pictured are Reyna Salvatore, Angelica Alvarez, Kelly Blair, Brianna Delucrazia, Alyssa Frank, Jennifer Hemsley, Dena Dente and Coach Jennifer Caputo.

On Jan. 19, a group of students from School 10 attended a New Jersey Ironmen indoor soccer game at Newark's Prudential Arena. A week before the game, soccer great Tony Meola, who was born in Belleville and raised in Kearny, appeared at School 10, where he signed autographs and helped raffle off memorabilia.

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(ABOVE AND RIGHT) FRAN BALTZER/BELLEVILLE TIMES

Cristal Fernandez and Andrea Serrano, both 12, are seen here with Det. Joe Trabucco of the Belleville Police Department. On Jan. 24, the girls and several other students graduated from the G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) program, which was started by Chief Joseph Rotunda. Also pictured is program graduate Stephen Guzman, 12.



Even from here, you can help change the world

This week's presidential primary will help determine who is to be the face of the United States on the world stage during the next several years, a vitally important role, especially given the low standing the nation has in the eyes of so many people across the world.

But it's not just presidents who help craft America's profile, it's also determined by what average Americans can do. It may surprise many people here in Belleville that average Americans can achieve quite a lot.

Most of the world is poorer than the United States, and some corners are so desperately poor that sufficient food and clean drinking water are precious commodities.

Diseases long relegated to the history books here still stalk millions in Asia, Africa and South America.

But some groups right here in the township are doing something about it. The Belleville Rotary Club, for instance, has been part of a sweeping effort by the club's umbrella organization to wipe out polio around the globe- and the success has been nothing short of amazing. Rotarians around the world have contributed \$630 million towards fighting this crippling disease, helping reduce the incidence of polio by 99 percent over the last few decades. Local Rotarians have helped an effort that has literally saved millions of young lives.

Other groups in town, affiliated with churches, schools and other organizations, are part of similar initiatives. On top of being simply the decent thing to do, making a difference in the lives of poor people around the world also serves to boost America's standing in the international community, a display of soft power than in its way is every bit as potent as a mighty naval fleet or the most advanced spy satellite. International diplomacy is not just something for the occupant of the White House to care about. You too can make a difference.

Parent seeks to ensure shock cases treated

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

A mother's concerns about having trained personnel to provide an emergency epinephrine (EPI pen) injection to her son, who has a food allergy, led the Board of Education to promise a swift evaluation of what steps need to be taken to protect children.

At the Jan. 28 Board of Education meeting, Jeanne Lombardi handed out a fact sheet explaining that her son needs a certified person to administer the EPI pen at School 10 in the absence of a school nurse.

She claimed that School 10 does not have a full time nurse, and that it would cost approximately \$75 to train a designee for the three students at the school who have an EPI pen.

School Board President William Villano said he was "under the impression that we have full coverage. Now we are going to check."

Lombardi said the district is not in compliance as of March 2007, when a state law was changed.

"A designee is needed, at lunch, or when the nurse is on a school trip, and they need to be legally trained," she said. "Calling 911 is not enough. It's about minutes, and the kid could die."

Lombardi said under the new law, parents sign off on the

designee, and there is no liability for the school.

Villano said, "If this is the law, then that's what we're going to do. (Superintendent of Schools) Dr. (Edward) Kliszus will meet with (School Board Attorney) Mr. (Frank) Pomaco."

Kliszus said the policy was updated in July.

"I will confer with Mr. Pomaco, and make sure we are in line with the statute," Kliszus said.

Lombardi said the law calls for a child to self-administer the pen when nurses are not available, but her six-year-old is under strict instructions from their doctor not to do so.

She said state law states that designees/volunteers must be trained at each school, in addition to the nurse, and there are responsible volunteers willing to be trained.

Lombardi defined Anaphylaxis as "a sudden reaction to an allergen which can worsen in minutes, and there is no way of knowing what or when it will have its onset."

Anaphylactic shock symptoms include: swelling, hives, a drop in blood pressure, dilated blood vessels, difficulty in swallowing and breathing, and a severe reaction, which means an increased heart rate, shock and ultimately unconsciousness and death.



JOHN MONTALVO/NUTLEY SUN

Derek Lombardi, 6, holds up the injector that would be used were he to suffer a severe allergic reaction. School officials are moving to train someone to administer the injection in the absence of the school nurse.

Later in the meeting, board member Arlene Schor, who chairs the board's policy committee, said she wanted to leave no doubt that the situation would be remedied.

"The policy was designated, but

nothing is ever enough," Schor said. "If there needs to be training, we need to expedite this right away. If you have to exceed the let-

ter of the law to ensure the lives of children, that's we have to do."

Her remarks drew applause from the audience.

Stay cool if your car ices up, auto club advises

With the area now experiencing freezing temperatures, there's a possibility that you might wake up to find your vehicle coated with ice.

"You often get frozen locks and icy windshields when temperatures drop below freezing," said Hank Frank, Jr., a certified master mechanic and external operation manager for the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club in Florham Park.

In order to prevent damage to your vehicle, AAA offers the following de-icing tips:

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■ If you have access to a garage or a covered area, park your vehicle there overnight.

■ If you must park your vehicle outdoors, try to park in an area where the morning sun may hit it.

■ Keep in mind that ice adds extra weight to trees and branches, so park your vehicle away from anything that could possibly fall and cause damage.

■ Have a good ice scraper on hand. If you don't own one, pick one up as soon as possible.

■ When scraping your front and back windshield, side windows and mirrors, make sure to remove all ice from the entire surface to allow for the best visibility and safest driving

■ Windshield washer fluid with antifreeze can speed up the de-icing process. Consider applying it manually to an icy windshield to prevent damaging wipers.

■ Don't force door handles or locks open. Repairs for damaged locks can be costly.

■ It might be easier to open frozen locks by warming the key with a match or lighter first.

Rent leveling board meeting schedule set

A resolution was recently passed by the Belleville Township Council announcing the 2008 meeting schedule of the rent leveling board.

Meetings are held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152

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Cash would be used for roofs, other repairs

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

Saying he wanted residents to be up to date with developments, Belleville's Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edward Kliszus offered more detailed information about a new state school funding formula that could add as much as \$4 million to Belleville's school budget.

He reiterated that programs mandated by the state as minimum requirements can now start to be implemented.

The state Legislature has approved a proposal unveiled in December by Gov. Jon Corzine to boost state aid to Belleville by as much as 20 percent.

Belleville School Board Administrator Edward Appleton said the district, based on the formula, would see aid increase to \$25.5 million, an increase of approximately \$4 million for the 2008-2009 school year.

In a PowerPoint presentation at the Jan. 28 Board of Education meeting, Kliszus said that he met with the Consolidated Home and School associations about the budget reform act.

"I want everyone to be very much aware," Kliszus said. "We do not have specific numbers yet, but when we get them, we will present more to the public."

He said there has been no increase in state aid in the past five years, and that the frozen amounts are to be increased using \$530 million in aid from the state for moderate and middle income districts like Belleville.

This is the first time that kindergarten and Pre-K are considered part of the state's threshold of a thorough and efficient education for children qualifying for a free or reduced cost lunch, Kliszus said.

Also, Belleville's spending per pupil qualifies it for more aid.

"We spend significantly less per student than needed to provide an appropriate level of services," Kliszus said.

Last year, the district spent \$52,980,000 and should spend \$63,852,000, he said.

The increases are supposed to continue for several years until Belleville reaches the adequate level of spending, he said.

Kliszus then outlined needed district maintenance and needed academic programs.

For building maintenance, there are leaky roofs at the middle and high schools, window replacement at many sites, and school security improvements needed, along with new heating and ventilation systems.

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Dr. Edward Kliszus
Superintendent of Schools

Academically, the district is supposed to expand full day kindergarten and pre-K, reduce class sizes, provide bilingual instruction for all that need it, and provide adequate physical education classes, Kliszus said.

He said he wants to offer additional electives, and have a full student support staff, instead of just one counselor for seven elementary schools. The Gifted and Talented program is supposed to start

in kindergarten instead of third grade, where it now begins.

Kliszus said the counselor lost to budget cuts at the high school should be replaced, and there is a mandated K-12 technology program that does not currently exist.

Science labs need to be provided for all students, but now are only available to Advanced Placement and Honors class students, he said.

There has to be sufficient cafeteria space so that the high school can reduce the number of hours needed for lunch from the current three and a half hours.

State-of-the-art computer technology and software for all remediation classes is supposed to be part of the schools, Kliszus said.

To help move these projects along, Kliszus had a simple request of parents.

"Parents need to vote," he said. Last year, only 2,084 residents turned out and the budget was defeated by just 224 votes, Kliszus said.

Knights Of Columbus #835 hosting tricky tray March 29

The Knights of Columbus, Belleville Council #835, is hosting its seventh annual tricky tray on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at 6 p.m. The tricky tray will be held in the gymnasium of St. Peter's School at

152 William St. Tickets for the event are \$15 per person and include one sheet of tickets for first level prizes, coffee, soda and dessert. Everyone is welcome to bring his or her own food.

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Board of ed. veteran getting ready to step aside

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

Dawson Bloom looked back at the successes, disappointments and the changes in the Board of Education as he exits the school board after six years.

When he arrived in 2002, there were three fairly well-established members: Ralph Mazzuca, John Notari and Lou Pallante, with the

latter two leaving the board for spots on the township council and Mazzuca departing as well.

"A lot changed very quickly," Bloom said. "It changed the whole dynamic, although the new members became acclimated very quickly. Still, it took some amount of time for us to gel, and understand each other's personalities. Ultimately, we came together to work well as a board."

He said the board did not always agree, but "agreed to disagree."

"We were very cordial and professional in public, regardless of how bitter the fighting was behind closed doors," Bloom said. "That still continues to this day to be a good thing. We now have a fairly younger generation, with other issues, and we need to attend to all of these. We did try to get them up to speed and move quickly. Things are progressing, and not just with policies, but with changes. Eric (Schwartz) and Carmen (Bucco) have been very involved with the issues."

He said that the new members, and a majority of the board all have to agree for issues to move forward.

"We all have issues we'd like to champion, but you quickly realize that you have to work with people," Bloom said. "You can't push your agenda with people, but still get your point across, while understanding the feelings on the other side of the table."

Despite the difficulties in dealing with other board members, Bloom said that the three newcomers and one incumbent that may be running are all capable of fitting in well.

"There are some very good candidates that would make a good replacement for myself," he said. "Obviously, I've made up my mind, and there are enough quality individuals looking to participate for the board to be benefited."

Bloom was asked to name the board's biggest accomplishments in his six years.

"We successfully transitioned to a new administration, with (Superintendent of Schools) Dr. (Edward) Kliszus, (former assistant superintendent Dr. Gerard) Babo and (current Assistant Superintendent Dennis) Villano," he said. "We turned the corner on the issue of test scores and educational side of the school system. The board as a whole has been very supportive. These changes constitute a series of actions."

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Dawson Bloom
Board of Education

As a board member, Bloom said he has negotiated between 10 and 12 contracts for various district unions.

"They have been fair to both the school district, in substantial modifications to benefits, and with pay raises that are fair," he said. "We've saved sums of \$300,000, \$400,000 or \$500,000 in premium savings without negatively affecting the unions."

Then there is the successful cooperation between the school board and the township council.

"We have worked with it, as opposed to against it," Bloom said. "When I was first on the board, it was very unusual to work with the council, because of the situation at the time. Since then we have established a good working relationship, first with Mayor (Jerry) Digori and then with (Mayor Raymond) Kimble and the various council members. We have been at odds at times, but we've always resolved things amicably, and have had substantive discussions on critical issues."

For example, when last year's budget was defeated, the council took action that showed it understood the needs of the board along with the will of those who voted against the spending plan, he said.

The one big disappointment of his tenure on the board was the defeat several years ago of the \$55 million referendum that would have addressed the buildings and grounds needs of the district, including building a new School 4.

"I still feel strongly it was something needed in the district," Bloom

said. "We need to move forward with something in a referendum for the district, to see why it failed the last time, and not make the same mistakes so it is not defeated next time. That is the biggest disappointment I've had."

Then there is a more general disappointment with the lack of participation by residents in the voting process, both for the budget and the school board candidates.

"We get a very minor turnout for something that means so much to the district," Bloom said. "We need better participation, so we know as board members what residents feel. Passing or defeating a budget by 100 votes each time is not a good sampling, but it has a great effect. We have not been doing a good job reaching out, but that is starting now with Dr. Kliszus."

As for what he will miss least, Bloom had a simple answer.

"Being away from my family," he said. "It's bittersweet, because I've enjoyed what I'm doing for the town, and I can't say it isn't time well spent, but my son is eight years old now, and I've been missing a lot of his growing up. He's begun noticing that. That is a big part of why I'm not running."

Still, he said he will miss dealing with the public.

"I've enjoyed that part of it most," Bloom said. "But it's about the amount of time it takes. I could run and maybe win again and then not participate a lot, but I'm not that type of person. It's either give 100 percent or step aside. Now there are other people who want to give it 100 percent."

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Lifelong resident angling for seat on council

BY DAVID HINRICHS
for Belleville Times

One lifelong Belleville resident has decided to run for council so that he can give back to the community he has loved all his life.

Paul J. MacDonald, who turned 67 last week, has announced his candidacy for the position of Third Ward council member. MacDonald was the first candidate to formally file his petition for candidacy earlier this month. "I have lived in the third ward my entire life and I think this is the beginning of good times for Belleville. A lot of good things are about to break for this township and I want to be a part of it," said MacDonald. "I am not running to replace anyone or to seek

out power. I want to be one of seven and work as a team on this council. I am running for progress."

MacDonald would replace Ritacco, who declared he would not run again for office, as the Third Ward representative and spoke with all the existing council members prior to declaring his candidacy. "I called every single sitting council person when I decided to run and they all gave me their blessing. George Ritacco said he would be on my committee and my first fundraiser was hosted by the town mayor," said MacDonald. "I know a lot of the people on the council and I think I would work very well with them. Unity is how you accomplish progress and that is my main goal, to keep the

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Council Candidate

progress going in Belleville."

Some of the projects that MacDonald would like to see continue include the construction of a new Lowe's Department store and the revitalization of Washington Avenue. "I would love to see Washington Ave. come back to the semblance of what it was in the 60's and 70's when it took a half hour to walk down because of all the shops and people you knew on the sidewalks. I know this problem has been addressed before and I am not saying that I can fix it, but I certainly want to try," said MacDonald. "I also want to be a part of the Lowe's project, something that I strongly believe in and want to see develop here in Belleville."

MacDonald has a lot of history in Belleville, the town where his parents met over half a century ago and the place where his brother served as a policeman. "My family has been here for a long time and this place is my home. I feel like it is time for me to do something for Belleville since it has given me so much," said MacDonald, whose uncle was a former town clerk.

MacDonald currently serves as the president of the Belleville Irish American Alliance and has been on several other committees over the past fifteen years. "I may be retired but I still try to do as much for the town as I can. Running for council is just another way to continue doing that," said MacDonald.

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BASKETS OF CARE

The Belleville Elks assembled six food baskets for local needy families during the holiday season late last year, continuing a tradition that is several years old. Pictured from left are Joseph Meglio, Kathy Elkins, Frank Zatorski and Raymond Sobanko.

Nutley Old Guard collecting supplies for troops

Recently the Nutley Old Guard has sent 200 packages of cookies to servicemen from Nutley, Belleville and Bloomfield that are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. If you know of anyone serving in Iraq or Afghanistan please send their name and address to the: Nutley Old Guard, ATTN: Dan Marese, PO Box 195, Nutley NJ 07110.

Schools' new mission statement stresses standards

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

The school board voted unanimously to approve a new mission statement for the Board of Education and the district. The vote came at the Jan. 7 Board of Education meeting. The new mission statement is longer, adding two new sentences to the existing statement that was still on the district's Web site as of Jan. 8.

The old statement reads: "The mission of the Belleville Public Schools is to provide a positive environment in which children are eager to explore and to learn so that they can develop into active participating and productive citizens. As we celebrate cultures and differences, we look to all...pupils, parents, school, and community...to share in the responsibility of student growth and development."

The revised statement adds, at the beginning: "To teach, to encourage, to challenge...to learn! The Board of Education expects all students will achieve the N.J. Core Curriculum Content Standards at all grade levels."

D'Ademo makes dean's list at East Stroudsburg University

A total of 1,292 students have been named to the Dean's List at East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania for the Fall 2007 semester of the 2007-2008 academic year according to Dr. Peter J. Hawkes, acting provost and vice president for academic affairs. Students eligible for the Dean's List are those who have attained a 3.50 quality point average or better. The letter grade "B" earns 3 quality points per credit, and the grade "A" earns 4 quality points per credit. Nicole D'Ademo, a communications major from Belleville, is among the honorees.

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A second grisly discovery made at local park

Another body found, officials await autopsies

BY DAVID HINRICHS
of Belleville Times

Since last month, authorities have discovered two dead bodies in Belleville, each near Branch Brook Park.

The first body found was spotted on Jan. 17th floating in a Belleville creek that morning. The body was identified as Lionel B. Jordan, 34, a man from Pontiac, Michigan.

According to the Essex County Prosecutor's Office he had been reported missing by a friend on Dec. 15th in Montclair. The cause of death was ruled as drowning but the manner of death is still pending an autopsy report from the Regional Medical Examiner's Office.

Twelve days later officials learned of another dead body in the Belleville section of Branch Brook Park, near the baseball field, that was later identified as Hispanic female Omayra Guzman, 33, of East Orange. She was discovered by a jogger that morning at approximately 10:30 a.m. There were no apparent injuries.

'This is never something you want to see nor is it something I have seen frequently. We currently don't know much but as the autopsy reports come in and more information is revealed we will figure out what exactly happened here.'

Joseph Rotonda
Belleville Police Chief

Guzman had been reported missing by her family on the night of Jan. 28th. Guzman was last seen by her family on Jan. 24th and was last heard from by family on Jan. 25th, according to the Essex County Prosecutor's Office.

The cause of death has not been determined and autopsy results by the Regional Medical Examiner's Office are also still pending. "Her body did not have any obvious wounds and she was

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Flapjacks before the fast at church

BY DAVID HINRICHS
of Belleville Times

The Christ Episcopal Church in Belleville planned to celebrate "Fat Tuesday" this week as it does every year, by feasting on pancakes.

The church planned to hold its annual "Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper" Feb. 5, the day before Ash Wednesday this year, to mark the beginning of Lent and to come together for one last indulgence before the season of sacrifice for many Christians. "This day is the end of ordinary time and the beginning of Lent and discipline for us here at the church. In ages past this day was meant as a day for people to clear their cupboards out of things they could not use during Lent," said Father Paul Walker of the Christ Episcopal Church. "It is like a final feast before Lent begins. The pancake supper we hold is symbolic of this."

The day, which is also referred to as "Mardi Gras," usually was a time for people to eat items that were fried in fat, such as pancakes and sausages. For many Christian denominations, ingredients such as eggs, milk and sugar are traditionally forbidden during Lent, the season leading up to Easter. Making

pancakes and doughnuts was a good way of using up such ingredients and clearing your kitchen of restricted items. "It is a good time for everyone, we always get a big crowd and everyone converses and enjoys the food and company," said Walker. "After we eat, a service is held and we burn the palms in preparation for Ash Wednesday."

People may not be as strict today as they were in the past, but the service is a good way to remind everyone of what "Shrove Tuesday" stands for. "No one is as particular with their sacrifices as they were in times past, obviously, but this is a way of honoring those traditions and reminding everyone of what the day stands for. Historically, people ate pancakes on this

day so that is what we do here," said a Christ Episcopal Church representative. "We practice many traditions that were performed in the past and this is one of them. People may still eat pancakes through the Lent season, but this day reminds them of the sacrifice made by many before them."

Traditionally, this day was called "Shrove Tuesday" because people were expected to seek the services of a priest to confess their sins before the onset of Lent. The term "shrove" means to obtain absolution for one's sins by confessing and doing penance. As time went on, the day became a moment to unload and indulge in all the foods and activities that would soon be forbidden in the coming Lent season.

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Authentic performers from mainland China include Shaolin Monk, Kung Fu artists, Chinese opera performers, folk dancers, stilt walkers and acrobats. The festivals will also feature the traditional lion and dragon dances, as originally performed during religious festivals in ancient China.

Festival guests can browse an Asian marketplace with fine jewelry, crafts and novelties for sale. Chinese face painters, flour doll artists, Chinese paper cutting demonstrations and Chinese "Good-Luck" calligraphers add to the excitement.

Admission to the Asian Lunar New Year festivals at Caesars, Bally's and Showboat is free. The three celebrations will each open to the public Saturday from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. with live performances at 6 p.m., 8 p.m., 10 p.m. and midnight.

For the Tet holiday weekend in AC, why not splurge a bit and visit one of the most elegant and exotic of the exciting dining establishments on the third level of The Pier at Caesars. Buddakan is heir to Steven Starr's hugely successful temples of gastronomy, Morimoto (contemporary Japanese) and Buddakan (Modern Asian) on Manhattan's West Side. Even the entrance to the AC restaurant is breathtaking as guests pass through an enchanted Asian garden lined with rough-hewn wood-covered walls, and a façade of houses with clay tile roofs. The illusion is an ancient Chinese village courtyard, with several well-placed trees piercing the two-story high ceiling - a twilight sky of royal blue velvet illuminated with a million twinkling stars. Dominating the décor, however, is the massive golden Buddha presiding over the illuminated communal table. If the setting doesn't take your breath away, surely the menu will!

In keeping with the seashore locale, appetizer specialties like a king crab tempura, steamed sea bass roll and crab sui mei augment offerings like kobe beef satay or chicken & ginger dumplings.

The chef has created a special menu for this weekend's two-day celebration, including Buddakan Style Moo Shu Duck - chestnut roasted duck breast with duck confit, Chantrelle mushrooms and pancakes, Jumbo Prawn Chow Fun, and a to-die-for Lobster Fried Rice. Unlike most oriental restaurants, Buddakan offers an extensive dessert menu of exotic and exquisitely presented desserts. Try to save room for specialties like the Coconut Lime Parfait, Passion Fruit Caviar, or an eye-popping Chocolate Bento Box.

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Full Count Big Band plans a 90-minute tribute to the innovator and inspirational genius of Nat King Cole with "The House That Nat Built." The 18-piece band performed twice at the college last year and returns Saturday, Feb. 9 at 8 p.m.

With over 2,000 recordings, Nat King Cole was a prolific recording artist of his time. A trail blazer, during the 1940s he was the first African-American to have his own radio show. In the 50s, he was the first African-American to have a TV show, which ran 68 weeks.

Nat King Cole's artistry and versatility spanned several record labels yet greatly influenced Capitol Records producer Johnny Mercer, where his first Capitol recording, Route 66 - also an original Nat King Cole tune - was a major hit. Arrangers such as Sammy Nestico and Nelson Riddle, as well as big band leaders such as Lionel Hampton, were all captivated by his work and collaborated in aspects of his career.

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Directed by Alex Oleksij of Nutley, the show has 8 p.m. performances 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 Iacometta of Rochelle Park, Julie Jin of Maplewood, Penny Musco of Montclair, Sandra Rudnitsky of Edison, Keith Shepard of Lake Hopatcong, Jim Simpson of

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The stage manager is Janis Wolfe of Nutley. Costumes are by Marion Brady of Little Falls, and Laura Iacometta of Rochelle Park is props mistress. Set and lighting design is by Alex Oleksij.


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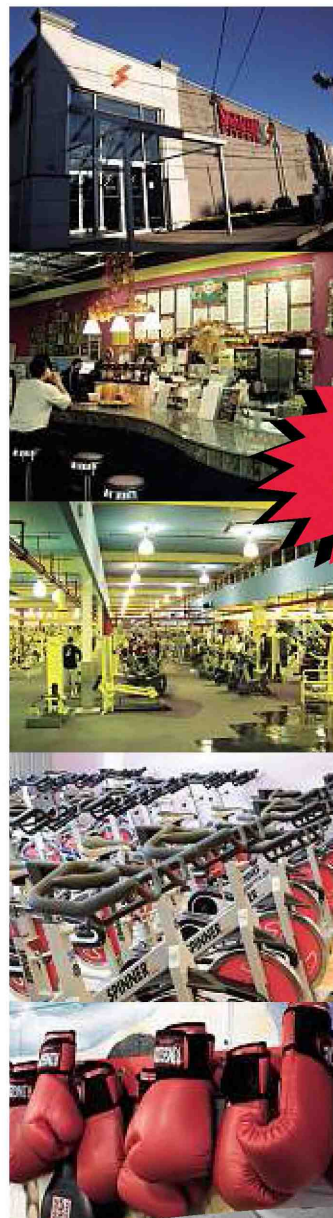
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HOPING FOR A HOME



Dumped from a van with a companion, William, a Chow-Chow mix has not let the experience affect him. He's no stereotypical Chow either. He's got the teddy bear look and a love for all people. His companion has been adopted, so he's all alone now and waiting for your love. He's eligible for a free grooming from Mandy's Groomers (see our home page). William shouldn't go to a home with cats. William was just groomed by Mandy's and they said he was WONDERFUL. Stop by and see his lovely coat!!! John A. Bukowski Shelter for Animals Bloomfield, NJ Phone: 973 748-0194.

Bereavement support groups available

Hospice of New Jersey is welcoming interested persons to attend its bereavement support groups.

The purpose of these groups is to help grieving persons understand what the grief process entails.

Hospice of New Jersey's groups are held at its Bloomfield office, 400 Broadacres Drive, Bloomfield.

Call Michael D. Teague, bereavement coordinator, for group dates and times. All groups are free of charge.

"Many people have two questions on their minds when they seek information from me," said Teague, bereavement coordinator. "One is, 'Am I normal?' Two, is, 'What does it mean to grieve?'"

Hospice of New Jersey has developed its bereavement support groups to answer both of these questions."

Township native's culinary paintings a feast for the eyes

Culinary treasures abound in Carol Fortunato's Montclair studio. Her oil paintings celebrate the exquisite natural colors and textures of all things edible. Pomegranates and artichokes, pears and squash can be found on the tabletops, in the sunny dormer windows and on the walls of this charming space, all a part of her James Beard collection.

The James Beard Foundation invited Fortunato to exhibit her culinary painting in their Events Hall during January and February. Housed in Beard's former townhouse in Manhattan, top chefs and aspiring gourmands will view Fortunato's work as they walk the same halls as such notables as Daniel Boulud, Jacques Pepin and Nobu Matsuhisa, who have all prepared meals for James Beard foundation members.

A former resident of Nutley for nearly 30 years, Fortunato graduated from the School of Visual Arts in New York with a degree in illustration and studied chiaroscuro painting at the Arts

Student League. She has exhibited widely in the northeastern U.S. and abroad in London as well as the Dupre Gallery in Montclair. Fortunato devotes herself full-time to still life painting in her studio in Montclair and plain air painting throughout the northern New England states.

The James Beard House at 167 W. 12th St. in Manhattan is a performance space for visiting guest chefs from around the United State and abroad. As such the house and gallery can be visited during regular business hour, by appointment with curator Izabela Wojcik at 212-675-4984, ext. 248, or at night with a reservation to one of the JBH events.

For more information about the schedule, call JHB reservations department 212-627-2308, ask for the "friends of the artist" members rate and mention Izabela Wojcik.

You can contact Carol Fortunato at 973 509-9512 or carolfortunato@aol.com with any questions about this show of her work.

RECIPES

Banana Nut Bread

1/2 cup shortening
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
3 bananas, crushed
2 cups flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 cup walnuts

Cream together the shortening and sugar. Beat in the eggs and the crushed bananas. Sift together the flour and soda. Add to above. Add walnuts. Mix all together. Bake 40 minutes at 350 degrees in a loaf pan. Well done at 1 1/4 hours.

St. Paul's Cookbook

Cranberry Bread

2 tbsp. shortening
1/2 cup sugar
2 eggs
2 cups flour
1 1/2 tsp. baking powder/2 tsp. baking soda
Salt

3/4 cup orange juice
Grated rind of one orange
1 cup cranberries, chopped
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Cream together shortening and sugar. Add eggs. Add dry ingredients, and then add remaining ingredients. Mix all together. Bake in greased loaf pan in 325 degree oven for one hour.

St. Paul's Cookbook

Family Chiropractic offers chair massages for blood donors

The Montclair-Glen Ridge-Nutley American Red Cross is offering chair massages to all blood donors at the chapter's Nutley location in 2008.

Dr. Nicholas F. Stabile and the staff of Family Chiropractic Center, Nutley, have volunteered time to visit the chapter's Nutley site, 169 Chestnut St., every third Tuesday of the month. Donors are treated to refreshments and snacks as usual, along with chair massages to relieve the weary

who give blood following a long day of work. "It's heartwarming that people in the community want to give something back to those who answer our call for blood donations," said Melanie Hazim, the chapter's blood services director. "I was so pleased to receive a call from the staff at Family Chiropractic of Nutley offering their services. A sincere thanks goes out to all of them."

To schedule an appointment to donate blood, call 973 746-1800.

Good grammar defines the individual

I'm sure my husband and my children often considered me a royal pain in the neck when I corrected their bad grammar or use of an inappropriate word.

But it worked. Call me old-fashioned or whatever you like but I still believe a person is judged by the way he/she speaks and bad grammar is rampant in our society, on television and in advertising among other venues. It wasn't going to take hold in my family, no matter how aggravating I got.

I get particularly annoyed when I see a sign advertising some business (for which the owner has probably forked over a nice piece of change) which utilizes an apostrophe to signify possession and puts it in the wrong place (in front of the "s" instead of after it.) That's fine if you're talking about one person, but not if you're talking about a group. For example, in talking about the Nutley Raiders' season (or the Bengals' or the Bucs' or the Ridgers') the apostrophe goes after the "s" unless there's only one person on the field (and how likely is that?)

Enough of my ranting. I was as equally obnoxious about spelling as I was about grammar.



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Consider this: My husband, on duty as the depot master at Big Tree garage in Belleville, called me in the middle of the night to ask how to spell a word. I'm afraid I wasn't too friendly at that hour. "You've got a dictionary in the office," I said. "Look it up." "Sam," he replied, "if I could spell it well enough to look it up, I wouldn't be calling you."

Touché. As for the Sam part, Rod called all the members of the family "Sam," except his kids. Those he managed to keep straight (although I didn't and still don't). It got very confusing when we discovered our next-door neighbor was really named Sam and reached its peak when our recently adopted dog was promptly christened Sam by its new owner. Sam lived a long and happy life with us, apparently not bothered that he shared his name with so many others.

When my oldest grandchild was born, his parents couldn't agree on a name. She wanted Sean, he wanted Manuel. Fortunately, they both liked Samuel. And when my youngest (for the moment) grandson put in an appearance, he was christened Shaw Allen Maguire. Think of it. Another SAM.

MONTCLAIR-GLEN RIDGE-NUTLEY RED CROSS

Chapter needs five 'Double Red' donors

The Montclair-Glen Ridge-Nutley American Red Cross is seeking five men or women over age 17 and who weigh over 160 lbs. to donate blood to the "Double Red" program.

This process takes one pint of blood from donors like a regular donation but also removes two units of red cells from that pint versus dividing the blood into three separate quantities of platelets, red blood cells and plasma.

Donating blood in this manner can double the lifesaving effect of a donor's gift. With an automated process called double red cell donation, donors can lend just red cells — but two units of red cells. This component of blood is in the greatest demand.

The donation process takes roughly an hour and 15 minutes, however the benefits include a smaller needle and a more valu-

able donation. Each drive is equipped with only one of these machines, therefore, the American Red Cross wishes to schedule individuals who meet the requirements to come in an hour apart over the course of the five-hour blood drive.

To donate to either the double red process or the standard blood collection, the American Red Cross of Montclair-Glen Ridge-Nutley offers blood drives twice a month. Visit the Montclair location at 63 Park St., Montclair, on the second Thursday of every month, or the Nutley location at 169 Chestnut St., Nutley, on the third Tuesday of every month. Appointments for the double red donation process are necessary. For inquiries and/or to schedule an appointment, call the chapter at 973 746-1800.

Broadway outing includes show, brunch buffet, round-trip bus transportation

Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center is presenting a daytime trip to Broadway to see a matinee performance of "The Little Mermaid"

on Saturday, Aug. 2. The price is \$160 per person, which includes orchestra seats, a brunch buffet at 11:30 a.m. and round-trip bus

transportation. No exchanges or refunds. Register early to avoid disappointment. For more information, contact Kim Reilly at 973

429-0960. Checks may be mailed to: Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center, 240 Belleville Ave., Bloomfield, NJ 07003.

Silver Lake Civic Association to honor Mary Gialanella

The Silver Lake Civic Association is planning to honor and remember a teacher who taught at #4 for many years. Her name was Mary Gialanella who was a great teacher and beautiful person. Unfortunately, she passed away some time ago. But the SLCA has never forgotten her and will hold a "Mrs. G Day." While teaching at #4 she became best buddies with another teacher named Mae Murray, who also passed away. The SLCA did a day of remembrance for her and so



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CHARLES BURKE

now it is Mrs. G's time. The event will be held on Wednesday, March 26 at 9:00 a.m. in the all purpose room at #4. The fourth, fifth and sixth graders will be in attendance and the association

will serve bagels and juice to the children. As we did for Ms. Murray, a plaque will be given to her family which will hang next to her best girlfriend, Ms. Murray. To get the entire school involved, a "Count the Jelly Bean Contest" will be sponsored by the SLCA. Three money prizes will be awarded to the winners of the contest and will be announced at Mrs. G's Day. It promises to be a wonderful event in honor of Mary Gialanella.

The president of the Home & School at #4, Shyma Keykurun, is excited about the Valentines dance that will be held on Friday, February 8 in the all purpose room. There will be a lot of dancing by the children and the music will be provided by DJ Pete Strumolo. Lots of food and drink will be available. On Friday, February 15 at Belleville High School, the Belleville H.S. Athletic Advisory Council, will sponsor Belleville Pride Night in the gym of the high

school. Teachers and coaches will play a game with the Wizards and the Wizards will put on a terrific show. Come out and support BHS. Don't forget the SLCA will hold its first meeting of the year at the Moose Lodge on Honiss Street on Tuesday, February 19. And remember, we love Silver Lake.


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







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BHS WRESTLING

Colon, Soprano lead Bucs to third place at counties

BY MIKE LAMBERTI
For Belleville Times

Filiberto Colon added his name to a very exclusive list last Saturday, winning his fourth county championship in dominant fashion, while James Soprano won his first crown in an equally impressive manner at the 34th Essex County Tournament at West Orange High School.

Colon and Soprano's titles propelled Belleville to a third place finish at the county championships, the Bucs' best showing since the 2003 team also took third.

Belleville coach Joe Nisivoccia was very pleased with his team's performance last weekend.

"I thought the kids did an excellent job," Nisivoccia said. "We kept up the intensity for the entire weekend and that was the key to our success. Filiberto and James were dominant. They were flawless in their moves and the way they worked on the mat. And you have to credit guys like Matt DeFrance and Alex Cordero for their third place showings. Those points were very valuable to us. Finishing third in a large field is something to be very proud of."

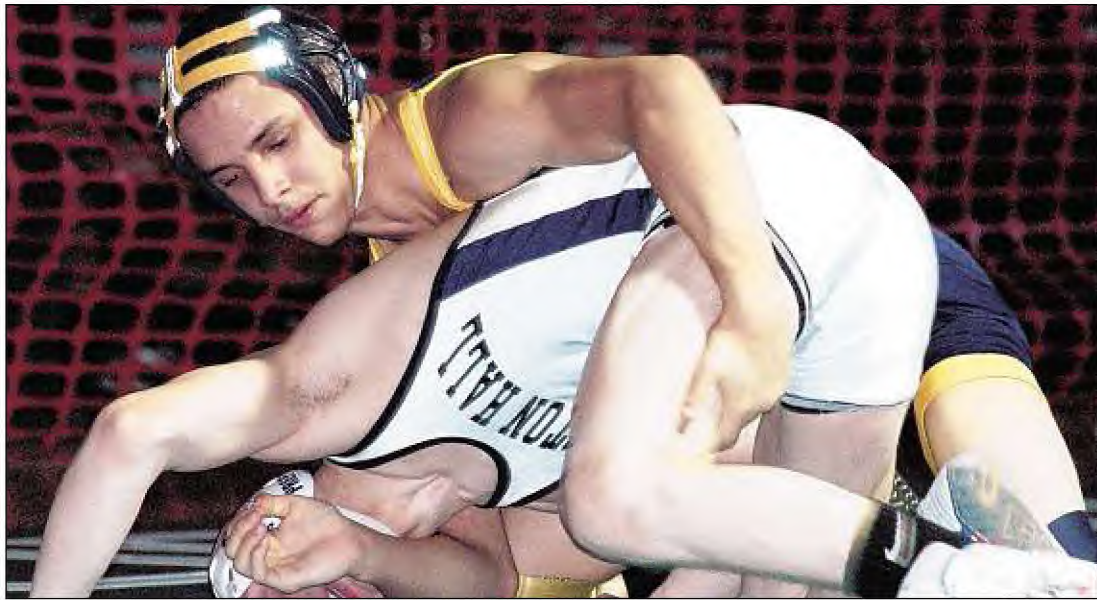
Bloomfield gave the ultimate team effort last weekend, winning the team championship for the first time in eight years with 181.5 points, despite not crowning an

individual champion. Livingston took second with 158 points while Belleville scored 134.5, beating fourth place Seton Hall Prep of West Orange by 10 1/2 points. Glen Ridge, which had two championships for the first time since 2001, finished sixth. Defending champion West Orange was seventh while Nutley had 90.5 points, good for tenth in the 23-team field.

Colon (27-0) garnered the Outstanding Wrestler award after winning his second straight 119-pound title at the counties. The senior also won a county title at 103 pounds as a freshman in 2005 and 112 in 2006. Colon is just the sixth wrestler in the tourney's history to win four straight county championships and the first since Angelo DiLeo of Seton Hall Prep, a Belleville resident, did it from 2002 through 2005. Among the others to win four crowns include Livingston's Pat Trabucco, a four-time Region 4 champion, and two-time state champion Joe Dubuque of Glen Ridge. Both Trabucco and Dubuque won their crowns from 1998-2001.

"It means a lot to be mentioned with some of those guys," Colon, who won his 140th match in the title bout opposite Millburn's Greg Pollock, said. "I felt pretty good out there, and I'm hoping to carry this over to the regions."

Colon recorded three pins



FILE PHOTO

Belleville senior Filiberto Colon continued his perfect season last weekend, capturing a county championship last weekend in West Orange.

before blanking Pollock, 10-0, in the title bout.

Soprano (26-0) had come close to a county title last year before losing a controversial final to Pollock. He went on to a tremendous post-season, including a District 14 and Region 4 championship. This time, he left little doubt as to the validity

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Simple advice for Bucs wrestling fans for the next 5 1/2 weeks

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Enjoy it.

Enjoy watching Filiberto Colon continue to set records. Enjoy watching James Soprano coming through with a monster season of his own. Enjoy watching Matt DeFrance develop into a dominant wrestler, and doing it under the radar.

Plain and simple, enjoy it.

Because soon enough, these three seniors will conclude their high school wrestling careers. We all hope their final matches are held in that venue directly across from the Atlantic Ocean. You know? It's that place in southern New Jersey known for its famous walkway made of many boards.

Let's hope that Colon, Soprano and DeFrance, not to mention perhaps a few other wrestlers wearing Blue and Gold, will be competing under the bright lights of Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City the weekend of March 7-9 in the state tournament.

The threesome are giving Belleville fans its most enjoyable season in a decade. They're showing the current group of fans what the older fans learned in 1998, that Anthony Conte at 119, Larry Martin at 125 and Frank Zarro at 145 were a dynamic trio.

This time, it's Colon at 119, Soprano at 125 and DeFrance 10 pounds lighter, but just as dangerous as Zarro, at 135. And if last weekend's performance at the Essex County championships was any indication, these next 5 weeks or so could be a lot of fun.

Colon continues to dominate. He's 27-0 this year and has 140 victories for his career. He was one pin shy of the century mark for his career heading into this week's action. He just won his fourth county championship, making him just the sixth in the 34-year history of the tourney to do that. He already has three District 14 titles on his resume, three silver medals at Region 4 and two state place medals.

He is, in a word, incredible.

And when Colon leaves the mat, his good friend and long-time wrestling partner, Soprano, is next up. He's 26-0 this year, has 125 wins for his career, along with a

Region 4 championship and that much coveted county crown that he took home last weekend.

He is, in a word, dominant.

And DeFrance, who has battled back from mononucleosis, is hitting his stride, and just in time. He took third at the county championships last weekend and is gaining confidence with every bout.

He is, in a word, ready.

Last weekend, the Buccaneers wrestling team finished a solid third at the county tournament, the first time in five years it placed in the top three. It wasn't just Colon, Soprano and DeFrance who contributed to that success. Let's not forget heavyweight Alex Cordero, who took third at the county, or Angel Cuevas, who finished fourth at 145 pounds.

And there are guys like James Murgueytio at 103, Nick Cuevas at 130, Brendon Griffith at 140 and Frank Perez at 152. Who's to say that one, or more, of those guys won't find a way to make a run at a district title in a little over two weeks, or advance past the regions in early March?

The next few weeks should be a lot of fun on the high school wrestling scene.

BHS INDOOR TRACK

Hogan repeats as NNJIL champ in shot put

BY MIKE LAMBERTI
For Belleville Times

The Belleville indoor track team turned in a good effort at the NNJIL championships last week at the New York City Armory, with the girls taking fourth and the boys fifth in their respective divisions.

For the girls, senior Allison Hogan repeated as the shot put champion in Division B by throwing 34' 2 1/4". In the girls meet, Ridgewood ran away from the competition, piling up 179 points. Paramus finished second with 61 points, followed by Teaneck at 52 and Belleville a close fourth, scoring 50. Sherece Shabazz tied her own school record and finished third overall in the 55 meters with a time of 7.3, while Victoria Barrett took fifth in 7.6. Shabazz had an outstanding effort in the 300 meters, finishing second in 43.50 and breaking her school record of 43.70, set last season. Barrett was also impressive, running 44.0 and taking a fifth place medal. In the 600 meters, another school record was set when Adriana Tandazo ran 1:51.42, shattering the old record of 1:55.35 set by Joanne Campione during the 2004-2005 campaign. Tandazo's time was good for seventh overall.

Caitlyn Vreeland finished seventh in both the 1000 meters (4:00) and 1600 meters (6:43) while Samantha Soto took sixth in the 1600 with a time of 6:32. In the 3200 meters, Soto took fifth in 13:35.40 while Sarah Elmiligi took sixth in 14:36.3. The girls 4 x 400 relay team of Tandazo, Ash-

ley Rodriguez, Melisa Perez and Vanessa Ackon finished a solid third in 4:33.80.

Also taking third in the 4 x 800 relay was the team of Crissabel Victorio, Vanessa Ackon, Christina Colon and Rhea Nigli with a time of 11:57.70. Sherry Tirgrath took fourth in the high jump (4 feet) and Opeyemi Alade was fifth in the triple jump (28' 7 1/4"). In the boys division, Ridgewood was the winner with 144 points. Teaneck took second, scoring 110 while Montclair (44.5), Paramus (42.5) and Belleville (39) were in a tight race for third place.

Belleville's 4 x 800 team of Ajani Robinson, John Boyle, Dean Saporito and Terrance Boyce won the championship in a time of 9:07.6. Brian Antonio, a junior, threw a personal best in the shot put of 41' 11" and took a silver medal in the league. Cedric Hall was third in a photo finish in the 55 meters, running 6.4. The top three runners were all clocked in the same time, with milliseconds the difference in determining the winner.

Zeeshaw Khan took third in the 1000 meters (2:52) and fourth in the 1600 meters (4:57.4, a personal best for the sophomore). Ray Burgos took seventh in the 3200 meters (11:28.2) and the 4 x 400 relay team of Ajani Robinson, Manuel Antonio, Edward Robinson and Saporito took fourth in 3:54.7. In the jumping events, Laith Hamdan was sixth in the long jump (18' 2") and seventh in the triple jump (38') while Edward Feliciano took seventh in the high jump (5' 4").

WRESTLING

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ty of his top seed at 125 pounds, winning by a fall, technical fall and two major decisions, including a 14-5 win over Connor Chauncey of Bloomfield in the title bout.

"James put on a take down clinic in the tournament," Nisivoccia said. "He was tremendous."

Soprano, who won his 125th career bout in the title match, was happy with his effort.

"I came close a few times, so this is special," Soprano said. "This was my last shot at winning in the county, and I really wanted to get it done."

DeFrance (20-6) advanced to the 135-pound semifinals before losing to Bloomfield's Fabian Rosario, 6-1. DeFrance then came

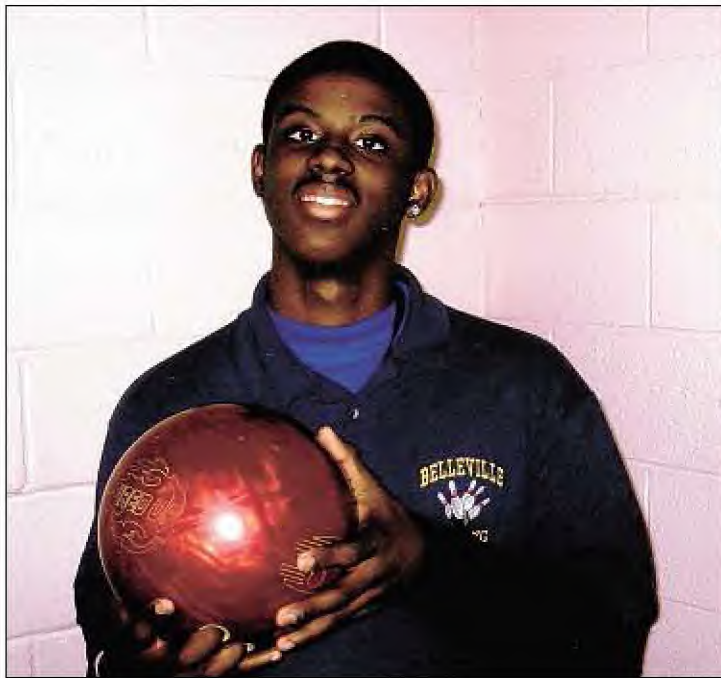
back to take third, blanking Orange's James Valcius, 5-0. DeFrance avenged a loss to Valcius in a dual match 10 days ago.

"DeFrance has been looking very good," Nisivoccia said. "I think he's right on target for a good showing at the districts."

Cordero pinned Bloomfield's Sadmel Feratovic in 1:43 to clinch third place. He had recorded two falls to make it to the semifinals, where he was pinned by Seton Hall Prep's Conor Sweeney.

"I really liked the way Alex wrestled," Nisivoccia said. "He worked hard, came up with some good moves and did a tremendous job."

Angel Cuevas finished fourth at 145 pounds, winning two bouts before losing a close 10-6 battle to Seton Hall Prep's Dan Coppola in the semifinals.



BUCS' TOP BYRD

The Belleville boy's bowling team has led this season by senior Marquis Byrd. The captain has maintained an impressive 211 average for much of this season.

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CAVALLO'S MARKET

My grandfather opened Cavallo's Market in 1930. Before that he had a shoe shine business in the Woolworth building in New York City. He had seven to eight men working shining shoes, and boxing hats. In those times, that was a big thing. When the World Newspaper closed down which was in the same building, he had to close shop too. That's when he decided to open Cavallo's Market. Market meaning he sold many different items. After remodeling several times, and adding more products, I never even considered changing the name. We were in fact, Cavallo's and I have a lot of pride in my name. We have always strived to be the very best, and to make our customers happy.

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Beer Battered Fish and Chips, quarts of "our famous" homemade sauces, homemade Pasta Fagioli, Escarole and Beans, and Lentil Soups, imported pastas, homemade ravioli, manicotti and stuffed shells, specialty pizzas, and fresh grilled veggie sandwiches, wraps and paninis. As always, Anthony promises "lots of great food all freshly prepared to order, with only the finest, freshest ingredients so your guests will be well fed and happy". So come back in time to an era when Italian food meant a hearty meal, well prepared with authentic ingredients that would bring a smile to anyone's face.

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Local theater group has many plays on tap

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

The Cherry Blossom Players continue to emerge as Belleville's community theater group, with its next production coming in March.

"We really want to be the community theater for the town," said Ricky Franco, one of the group's founders and leaders. "That's what we wanted from the start."

Toward that end, the Players will be staging the musical review, "A Night with Jason Robert Brown" at 7:30 p.m. on March 27-29 at Christ Church, 393 Washington Ave. Tickets are \$8 for general admission, and \$6 for students and senior citizens.

Franco said Brown is a "30-something" Broadway composer of such works as "Songs for A New World," and the big Tony Award hit of 1998, "Parade."

"He (Brown) is still hip," Franco said. "We're doing 21 songs from those shows."

He said he is also thinking of reviving the show "10 Little Indians," which the Players performed before Thanksgiving. There is also a spring musical coming up, Franco said.

He said the group's progress

"has gone ridiculously well. We've only been around since June 2005, and we've already been nominated for three awards."

The three nominations came from the New Jersey Community Theater/Perry Awards. One was for Franco's direction of "Tick, Tick, Boom," a one act play from the creator of "Rent," another for Gonzalo Valencio for lead actor in the same play, and Franco and partner Natalie Nachimson as producers of the best original piece.

Franco called "Misfits of Musicals" "Belleville's community play," since he created with the thought of Belleville's residents.

Just recently, a new board member has been added to concentrate on fundraising, while a creative writing group, "Poison Pen," has been started, he said. "Poison Pen" features readings of original scripts being formulated for next theater season, Franco said.

The Players were started by Franco and Nachimson in 2005 with the mission of bringing theater to Belleville.

"Aside from high school productions and summer concerts, there was not a lot happening," Franco said. "We try to do things that are of interest to the audience



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The award-winning Cherry Blossom Players of Belleville.

but are also new and fresh. I solemnly swear never to do 'Grease.' We want people to appreciate theater, not just provide continuous hits."

In addition to his own pieces, which are mostly comedic, there was a production of "Cinderella" aimed at the entire family. "Tick, Tick, Boom" was for college and

teen-aged patrons and there was even a night of television theme songs, featuring the themes from "I Love Lucy" to "Welcome Back Kotter" for older residents. The TV themes show has been requested for performances at a piano bar in Bloomfield, and negotiations are taking place, Franco said.

"We're trying to get everybody

back together for that," he said.

Franco said he'd like to revive "10 Little Indians" because it wasn't publicized enough the first time. To improve publicity, he said he wants to target schools and senior centers.

"We want to bring together all the groups from town to enjoy theater," he said.

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By Dr. Susan Guarino,
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Mock trial team wins big in state contest

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

The Board of Education paused at its most recent meeting to honor the Belleville High School Mock Trial Team, which competed for the fourth consecutive year in the New Jersey Mock Trial championships on Jan. 26.

The team won three of the four verdicts in which it competed, according to advisor Jerry Ross.

Ross is a former practicing attorney who discovered he wanted to teach the law.

He said he wanted people to know how much time the students spend on preparation for trials.

"The state releases the cases in September, and we will go to the first round of Essex County Courthouse on Wednesday (Feb. 6)," Ross said. "They are working extremely hard."

He then asked the students at the meeting if they were ready, and they replied with a hearty "Yeah!"

Ross said the success of the students goes beyond winning or losing cases.

"It was a very impressive showing, not just because we won three out of four, but because of how they represented the team and the school," he said.

School Board President William Villano lauded the students and Ross after Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edward Klisus had presented the students with awards.

"The important thing here is the way you represent us out in public," Villano said. "The professionalism you put forth is impressive. We always see the other side, but here you stepped up to the plate and represented the district intellectually."

He also congratulated the parents of the students for their part in preparing their children to succeed.

Ross said previously that law classes one and two provide the members of the Mock Trial Team. The team is picked based on try-outs, and competes in Superior Court.

The NJ Bar Foundation sponsors the Vincent J. Apruzzese High School Mock Trial Competition.

The New Jersey State Bar Foundation's Mock Trial Competition is now in its 26th year, and Ross said it is one of the nation's foremost contests of its kind for high school students. The Mock Trial Competition has won many national awards for excellence in educational programming. In 2006, 251 schools registered statewide.

The goals of this competition are as follows:

- To increase comprehension of the historical, ethical and philosophical basis of the American system of justice.

- To demystify the operation of the law, court procedures and the legal system.

- To help students increase basic life and leadership skills such as listening, speaking, writing, reading and analyzing.

- To heighten appreciation for academic studies and promote positive scholastic achievements.

- To bring law to life for students through active preparation for and participation in the competitions.

- To win not for the sake of winning, but to learn and understand the meaning of good citizenship in a democracy vis-à-vis our system of law and justice. In this sense, all the students who participate will be winners.

Belleville High School offers a business law-related educational program to students in grades 9-12. The Business Law Program of Study in the Business Education

Technology Department includes Business Law I: Business Law and the Criminal Justice System. In Business Law I students explore the origins of the rule of law, study the state and federal court systems, and study the basic principles of criminal law.

Students also learn how to gather information through research and organize and present their findings through written and oral presentations. Students will study crime and punishment in our criminal justice system and its effects on business and our economy, according to Pamela Hagerty of the Business Law Department.

Business Law II: Business Law and the Civil Justice System, will be a natural continuation of the learning process started in Business Law I. Business Law II continues this learning process by introducing the basic principles of personal injury, contract, and property law, she said.

Students will utilize the research and writing skills, learned in Business Law I, to create mock trials, which students present in class. The Business Law II student will also participate in the Belleville High School Law Day Mock Trial. Teams of students from different Business Law II classes compete against each other in the BHS Law Day Mock Trial, held the first week of May in the BHS Library and televised on WBHS. That year's winner is crowned that year's BHS Mock Trial Champion, Hagerty

said.

Business Law & Advocacy Honors is the final class offered in the BHS Business Law Program of Study. Business Law I & Business Law II are pre-requisites for this class, which will provide the student with a more comprehensive view of the principles of civil and criminal law studied in Business Law 1 and Business Law 2. In addition, the Business Law & Advocacy students will make up the BHS Mock Trial Team and utilize the knowledge acquired in Business Law 1 & Business Law 2 to compete in the New Jersey State Mock Trial Competition.

During preparation for the Mock Trial Competition students work in cooperative groupings students with different skill and ability levels will learn from each other while preparing a case for trial. As a result, the student will develop the critical thinking, problem solving, and analytical skills neces-

sary at higher levels of education and in the business world.

Guest Speakers from law enforcement and the legal profession provide reinforcement of the concepts learned in the BHS Business Law Program of Study. Field trips to the Belleville Municipal Court, Essex County Courthouse and the Federal Courthouse in Newark also reinforce the Business Law Program of Study.

This year's team members are: Julissa Montalvo, Captain; Jose Nazario, Ashley Fisher, Captain; Kaitlyn Werner, Samantha Filangieri, Jacqueline Gomez, Nicole Sandora, Daniel Mercado, Darrell Washington, Stephanie DeVito, Natalie Ackon, Erika Giangrande, Gabriela Abraham, Anne Christina Enriquez, Samantha Lauffer, Bolivar Palacios, Aiyahna Sanders, Arturo Lopez, Puja Gujarathi, Juan Rivera, Yesenia Rodriguez, Michael Ayala, Kaseem Harris, and Abel Gonzalez.

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HEALTH AND FITNESS

Next Pride Olympics scheduled for special needs kids

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

March will bring Belleville's special need students a chance again to get to feel the thrill of competition, as the latest installment of

Belleville's Pride Olympics has officially been scheduled.

School Board President William Villano announced at the most recent Board of Education that the 12th installment of the games will take place at 9 a.m. on March 1 in

the Belleville High School gym. While he did not give specifics, Villano said this year's incarnation may have "some added events."

Since 1998, the games have served as an outlet for competition for special needs children, their families and the students and adults who serve as helpers.

The event's organizers want parents, relatives, and friends of special needs children to know that the event is not scheduled for this

The games will take place on March 1 at 9 a.m. in the Belleville High School gym.

month after the elections, as it had been in past years.

School Board member William Villano, a special needs adult, and Marge Franco, who has a special

needs teen named Nicole, started the event to give those students a place to compete for fun.

Franco said the event will feature all of the usual indoor attractions.

This will be the 12th games, which have taken place twice a year in earlier years.

Franco said that some other attractions, like a Moonwalk, may be included this time around, adding that participation in the event continues to grow.

She said the event had about 20 the first year, and has had as many as 45 in more recent times.

Special needs students get a participation letter for the event, and parents simply have to return the permission slip for them to attend, Franco said. Volunteers can call Franco at 973-759-5612 or Villano at the Board of Education offices.

Villano said of the event's evolution that attendance was low in the beginning and then plateaued in the 40s and 50s.

Even with the success of the event, Villano said he is still not satisfied.

He said the ultimate goal is to get multiple towns involved, like Nutley or Bloomfield, but it's difficult because organizers have to get in the "comfort zone" of the parents.

The games played included a relay race, bowling, bean bag toss, ring toss, basketball shoot and obstacle course.

The main sponsorship for Pride Olympics comes from the estate of an undisclosed man known as "Mr. Folk." All that is known about him is that he wanted kids to play - especially special needs kids, Franco said.

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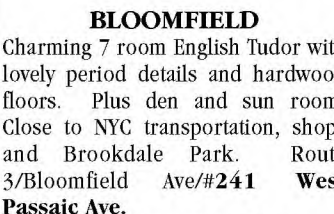
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Nutley AARP 2052, in dire need of volunteers to be officers President, Vice President and Secretary. If we don't get volunteers we will have to disband the organization after many years in Nutley. Your help is appreciated. Call Josephine Brylinski at 667-2514.

Blood drive, sponsored by the American Red Cross of Montclair-Glen Ridge-Nutley, to be held Thursday, Feb. 14. All donors will be eligible to win a "romance package," including a couples' introductory dance package, chocolate-covered strawberries, a certificate towards dinner for two and other romantic goodies.

American Red Cross Night, coinciding with the New Jersey Nets facing the Milwaukee Bucks Thursday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Izod Center, East Rutherford. Tickets are available at a special \$30 discounted rate, with a portion of each ticket sold benefiting Red Cross chapters throughout northern New Jersey. Each ticket sold enters

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Distinguished Service Awards dinner, hosted by the Nutley Jaycees, Thursday, April 10 at the Valley Regency, Valley Road, Clifton. \$40 per person. For nomination forms, call Michael Paolino at 667-7315. For dinner reservations, call Dr. Steven Clarke at 235-1515.

Cape Cod/Martha's Vineyard/Boston trip, sponsored by the Belleville Irish, from Monday, June 16 through Friday, June 20. \$462 per person, double-occupancy, which includes transportation, sightseeing, four dinners, four breakfasts and one lunch. Open to everyone. For a sample itinerary or more information, call Pat at 751-5308.

EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS...

'Falsettos', a 1993 Tony Award-winning musical, is scheduled at

the Broad Street Playhouse at Pianos Bar, 36 Broad St., Bloomfield, Feb. 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 8 p.m.; Feb. 10 and 16 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$17 for students/seniors. Group rates are available. For more information or to RSVP, call 472-9445.

Bus ride to Showboat in Atlantic City, sponsored by the Belleville Irish, Saturday, Feb. 9. The bus departs at 9 a.m. from the K of C Hall, 98 Bridge St. For more information, call Beverly at 759-1298 or Janet at 759-6476.

National Wrestling Super Stars, sponsored by Bloomfield UNICO, Saturday, Feb. 9 at 7:35 p.m. at the Bloomfield High School Main Gymnasium. Proceeds from ticket sales to benefit Bloomfield High School Class of 2008 Project Graduation, profits from on-site concession sales to benefit the Bloomfield High School Key Club, and 75 percent of advertising sales to benefit the Foley Field Revitalization Fund. Grandstand tickets are \$20. For tickets, call Dr. Ruffalo of A T.E.A.M. Approach at 429-3001. Make checks payable to: Bloomfield UNICO.

Red Cross Gala and Awards dinner, hosted by the American Red Cross of Montclair-Glen Ridge-Nutley, Saturday, Feb. 9 to honor local citizens who have made a lifetime commitment to

give back to the community. Silent auction and raffles, Black Tie optional, Red Tie invited and Red Dress encouraged. For details and pricing, call Michelle Esposito at 746-1800.

St. Valentine's dance, hosted by the Belleville Knights of Columbus Council #835, Saturday, Feb. 9 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. to honor past Grand Knight Thomas Doeffinger. Tickets are \$25 per person, which includes a hot and cold buffet, DJ entertainment and an open bar. For more information and tickets, call 390-1477 or 759-9656.

Bus ride to Taj Mahal, sponsored by Belleville UNICO, Sunday, Feb. 10. The day begins with a continental breakfast at 8 a.m. at Piano's (formally Hathaway's), 66 Broad St., Bloomfield. The bus leaves at 8:50 a.m. Games and a 50/50 on the bus. Sandwiches, refreshments and a movie on the return trip. Donation is \$30, with \$25 coin return and \$10 food voucher. Call 759-9259 to reserve seats and follow with a check to confirm reservation. Make checks payable to: Belleville Chapter of UNICO National, and mail them to: Gene Antonio, 436 Joralemon St., Belleville.

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A service was held for Robert A. Hosley, 87, of Belleville Jan. 30 at the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley. Mr. Hosley passed away Jan. 25 at Mountside Hospital, Glen Ridge.

Born in Brookland, Pa., Mr. Hosley lived in East Orange and then in Belleville since 1961. He was an assistant vice president in human resources with PNC Bank, and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a former deacon, elder and treasurer of Fewsmith Presbyterian Church in Belleville. He was also a member of the 8th Air Force Historical Society.

He is survived by his wife, Florence (Gordon) Hosley; his daughters, Ann Pender and her husband, John, and Lynn Hosley; his sisters, Marion Place and Elizabeth Mac Lennan, and his brother, Emerson Hosley and his wife, Joan.

Marie A. Salvatore

A Mass was offered for Marie A. Salvatore, 88, of Belleville Jan. 30 at St. Mary's Church, Nutley, after the funeral from the Megaro Memorial Home, Belleville.

Miss Salvatore passed away Jan. 25 at home.

Born in Newark to the late Vito and Donata Salvatore (nee Cauca), she lived in Belleville since 1957. She was a clerk for eight years at Motor Club Insurance in Newark, retiring in 1985. Previously, she held the same position for 25 years with Continental Insurance Co. in Newark.

She is survived by her niece, Karen Salvatore and her son, Tony; great-niece, Gina D'Amato, her husband, Robert, and their sons, Joseph, Andrew and Nicholas; great-nephew, Rocco Salvatore,

and Linda Salvatore, wife of her late nephew, Alan Joseph Salvatore, and many loving cousins and friends. She was predeceased by her sister, Jennie Salvatore, and brothers, Anthony, Dominic and Joseph Salvatore.

Antoinette Scordo

A Mass was offered for Antoinette Scordo, 84, of Belleville Jan. 29 at St. Lucy's Church, Newark, after the funeral from the Megaro Memorial Home, Belleville. Mrs. Scordo passed away Jan. 25 in Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville.

Born in San Sossio Baronia Avellino, Italy, to Graziano and Carolina Pennacchio, Mrs. Scordo came to the United States in 1938 and lived in Belleville since 1947. She was a member of the Thursday Senior Citizens Club of Belleville and the St. Gerard Ladies Guild of Newark.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph; son, Joseph and his wife, Mary; daughters, Betty Sipley, and Carol Gamba and her husband, Bob; brothers, Joseph and John Pennacchio; sisters, Marie Pronesti and Helen Jennings; grandchildren, Donny and Joe Sipley, Caroline Gamba Walter and her husband, Kevin, Christina Gamba, Alicia and Joey Scordo. She was predeceased by a sister, Evelyn Linarducci.

Daniel DelTufo

A Mass was offered for Daniel DelTufo, 84, of Oceanport Jan. 26 at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, Long Branch. Mr. DelTufo passed away Jan. 24 at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville.

Born in Newark, Mr. DelTufo lived in Belleville before moving to

Oceanport. He owned DelTufo Realty in Belleville, retiring 30 years ago. Mr. DelTufo was an Army veteran of World War II. He served on the zoning board and as president of the Rent Control Board of Belleville.

He was predeceased by his parents, Michael and Grace DelTufo, and a sister, Josephine Ringi. Surviving are his wife, Rose Iacullo DelTufo; four daughters, Carol DelTufo, Barbara DelTufo, Janet DeFilippis and Diane Magliato; three sisters, Rose Pignatore, Jeanette Orsini and Grace Napolitano; two brothers, Leslie DelTufo and Dr. Michael DelTufo, and eight grandchildren, Eugene, Lisa, Natalie, Heather, Danielle, Nicholas, Angelica and Joelle.

Michael Giordano

Michael Giordano, 85, of Englishtown passed away Jan. 18. Services were held privately from the Freeman Funeral Homes, Freehold, Manaplan.

Mr. Giordano was born July 4, 1922 and lived most of his life in Belleville, Newark and Whiting, Manchester Township. He was a beloved father, brother, grandfather and great-grandfather.

He was the bother of Daniel Giordano, Joseph Giordano, Julia Sesta and Mary Cozzolino.

Lorraine Delia Kimmel

Services were held for Lorraine Delia Kimmel, 88, formerly of Belleville and Nutley Jan. 28 at the Irvine-Cozzarelli Memorial Home, Belleville. Mrs. Kimmel passed away Jan. 23 in the Horizon Manor in Upper Montclair.

Born in Newark on March 14, 1919, Mrs. Kimmel lived there for 34 years. She moved to Belleville, where she lived for 43 years, and then to Nutley for 10 years. She lived in Upper Montclair for the past year. Mrs. Kimmel was a longtime member of the Bethany Lutheran Church in Belleville and the church Altar Guild, the choir and the Woman's Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She also belonged to the Friends of the Belleville Public Library and Information Center and the Chorus of Communities. She was a senior library assistant in the children's department of the Belleville Public Library and Information Center for 18 years, retiring in 1989.

She was predeceased by her husband, Charles W. Kimmel, and is survived by her daughter, Patricia L. Schneider and her husband, Nara; a sister, Nelda Smith, and her nieces, Della Smith and Lori Smith.

Alphonse Nufrio

A Mass was offered for Alphonse Nufrio, 71, of Belleville Feb. 2 at St. Peter's Church, Belleville, after the funeral from the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley. Mr. Nufrio passed away Jan. 31 at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Mr. Nufrio served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife, Marie (Conforti) Nufrio; his children, Joanne Camuso, Linda Greener, Deneen Lopez, Alphonse J. and Patrick Nufrio, and grandchildren, Jennifer, Patrick, Alissa, Luke, Daniel, Peter and Nicole.

Janet L. Menegaz

A service was held for Janet L. (Joerg) Menegaz, 81, of Nutley Feb. 6 in the S.W. Brown and Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mrs. Menegaz passed away Feb. 2 at the Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Menegaz lived in Union City before moving to Nutley in 1958. She was a member of both the Women's Group and Altar Guild at Bethany Lutheran Church, Belleville.

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Ash Wednesday
Pastor Nancy S. Moore will lead the Ash Wednesday worship service at Bethany Lutheran Church on Wednesday, Feb. 6. Worship begins at 7:30 p.m. and will include Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes. Everyone is welcome. Call the church office for more information.

Healing prayers
Pastor Nancy S. Moore of Bethany Lutheran Church administers healing oil to all interested worshippers during prayers on the first Sunday of every month directly after the regular 9 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. worship services. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call the church office for more information.

Bible Study
The Reverend Nancy S. Moore, pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church conducts Bible Study classes on alternate Tuesdays at Bethany and at First Lutheran Church on Oakwood Street in Kearny.

The first and third Tuesdays of every month, Pastor Moore leads classes from 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Bethany (enter via the New Street door).

On the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, she can be found offering spiritual insights during Bible Study from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. at First Lutheran in Kearny (please enter through the back parking lot).

Anyone is welcome to attend either or both of these fascinating discussions. The next class will be held on Feb. 12 at First Lutheran. Call Bethany Lutheran Church for further information.

Sunday Afternoons with "Iglesia Luterana"

The popular Lutheran Latino service, "Iglesia Luterana" is now held every Sunday at the new time of 1 p.m. in the sanctuary of Bethany Lutheran Church. The Rev. Nancy S. Moore, pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, presides over the service and the distribution of Holy Communion every week. Once a month, she delivers a sermon that is simultaneously interpreted into Spanish. Diaconal ministers Pedro Dulanto and Madeline Dulanto, assist the pastor in the Lutheran liturgical worship service spoken entirely in Spanish.

This community of worshippers hosts many different religious and social activities every week at Bethany including nightly ESL Classes at 8:30 p.m. during the week and Folk Dances beginning at 7:30 p.m. every Monday and Friday. They are a welcoming and active congregation that warmly encourages everyone to join them at their reverent and joyous gatherings. Call the church office for further information.

Bethany Lutheran Church is a "Reconciling in Christ" parish. It is the stated policy of this congregation to welcome and fully include persons of every race, age, gender, marital status, ability and sexual orientation. The church is located at 188 New Street, Belleville. Call 973-759-1555.

Christ Episcopal Church

262nd Anniversary

Christ Church has announced its observance of its 262nd birthday on Sunday, Feb. 10 at its regular 10 a.m. Mass. Christ Church was established by the giving of the direct royal charter from King George II on Feb. 10, 1746, which founded the parish of Christ Church in Belleville, and called it to serve all Christians in northern New Jersey from Newark north-

ward. The Rev. Paul Walker, Vicar of Christ Church, will officiate and preach. Christ Church is one of the oldest communities of faith in northern New Jersey, and the "Mother Church" for many of the Episcopal parishes north of Newark.

At this service the parish will receive new members into its community of faith. Those wishing to unite with Christ Church are asked to contact Father Paul Walker.

An all-parish luncheon will follow the festival 10 a.m. Mass.

Care Closet

The Care Closet, an outreach program of Christ Episcopal Church, has announced its February distribution day for Monday, Feb. 25, beginning at 3 p.m. until all of the supplies are exhausted.

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

Food drive

Christ Church has announced a food drive to replenish and restock the pantry of The Mary and Martha Soup Kitchen. Gifts of non-perishable items are needed to keep up with the demands of the soup kitchen, which serves meals Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Individuals and organizations wishing to make contributions of canned goods or financial gifts are asked to contact the parish. Volunteers are also always needed to maintain the soup kitchen's ongoing operations. Persons wishing to volunteer are also asked to phone the parish.

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Lawrence P. Menegaz, and is survived by a son, Lawrence W. Menegaz and his wife, Susan. Also surviving is a grandson, Scott William Menegaz.

Muriel B. Cerami

A service was held for Muriel B. (Beresford) Cerami, 91, of Nutley Feb. 5 at Vincent United Methodist Church, Nutley, after the funeral from the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cerami passed away Feb. 1

at her home. Raised in Belleville, Mrs. Cerami moved to Nutley 67 years ago. She was a teacher at Belleville High School, retiring as the head of the business department. A graduate of Boston University in 1938, she was a member of Vincent United Methodist Church and a former

volunteer with the Nutley Red Cross. She was the wife of the late Joseph Cerami and is survived by her children, Linda Williamson and her husband, David, Judith Christopher, and Charles W. Cerami and his wife, Patricia; her brother, Howard Beresford; her grand-

children, Kimberly Meehan, Marc J. Cerami, Suzanne Ozazewski, John J. Christopher and James D. and Michael G. Williamson, and 13 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her brother, Charles.

Kelly Nash is Municipal Clerk. Her number is 973-450-3310 or fax 973-759-1631. Victor Canning is township manager. His number is 973-450-3322 or fax 973-759-8022.



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located at 393 Washington Ave., Belleville. For more information, call 973-751-0616.

Fewsmith Memorial Presbyterian Church

Sunday morning service

Sunday morning services for Fewsmith Memorial Presbyterian Church are held at 10 a.m. Visitors are welcome.

Church World Service Sunday

On Sunday, Feb. 10, Fewsmith will be celebrating 'Church World Service Sunday,' which we call 'Blanket Sunday.' A donation of \$5 will buy a good wool and cotton-

blend blanket for a child or adult who are victims of disaster or left homeless. You can also buy a blanket in honor or memory of a loved one and have a heart with their name on it placed on the blanket.

Lenten breakfast series

On Wednesday, Feb. 13, from 6:50 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., Fewsmith Church will host its second Lenten breakfast. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Grace Chung, minister of Wesley Methodist Church, Belleville. Dr. Chung received her Master of Divinity from Drew University in 1988. She became an ordained minister in 1993. Dr. Chung received her Doctor of Ministry from Drew University in 1998. She has served as pastor at Methodist churches in North Bergen, Lyndhurst and Passaic. She became the Minister of Wesley Church in July 2006. Her husband is also a minister. Dr. Chung will offer a brief meditation on "A Walk

with Jesus."

The members of Fewsmith have been serving these breakfasts with brief meditations by a different speaker each week since 1962. The meal consists of eggs, bacon or sausage, cold cereal, sweet breads, coffee, tea and juice.

There is a suggested donation of \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. All are welcome. For more information, call the church.

Prayer Ministry

Fewsmith Memorial Presbyterian Church holds a regular Prayer Ministry on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Prayer requests from everyone are welcome. Prayers can be sent to fewsmithchurch@juno.com or sent through the church Web site at www.fewsmithchurch.org. Let us know how God is answering prayers for you and your loved ones.

Fewsmith Memorial Presbyterian Church is located at the corner of Union Ave. and Little St. in Belleville. Call the church at, 973-759-6869.

Wesley United Methodist Church

The Seven Feasts of the Lord

From now until Mar. 10, Wesley United Methodist Church will be having a weekly Lenten Bible study. All are invited to attend on Mondays at 6 p.m., in the church office. Bring your personal Bible and notebook. For more information, call the church office and leave a message.

Wesley United Methodist Church is located at 225 Washington Ave., Belleville (across from the Belleville Public Library). Call the church office at 973-751-2741.

Temple Ner Tamid

Shores Pre-school accepting Fall 2008 registration

Temple Ner Tamid's Shores Pre-School, located at 936 Broad Street, Bloomfield, is now accepting registration for the Fall 2008 school year. The licensed, fully-modernized facilities offer a nurturing Jewish environment that features large bright and cheerful classrooms, stimulating indoor and outdoor play space, small classes with an excellent student-teacher ratio, affordable rates and building security. Half-day and full-day programs are available for children 15 months to five years old. Shores offers small classes, music, drama and art programs, math, science and computers, cooking, gym, field trips, Jewish culture, Shabbat and holiday celebrations and lots of play. All programs are taught by experienced, certified staff (CPR and First Aid Certified) dedicated to positive learning experiences so the children can grow emotionally, socially and intellectually. There's kindergarten enrichment, Summer Play Camp, Mommy and Me programs, 2's, 3's, 4's programs in a warm and caring environment. Registration is open to the public and is conveniently located to serve the towns of Montclair, Glen Ridge, Nutley and Bloomfield. Contact Diane Gilmore for more information at dgilmore@ner-tamid.org to set up an appointment for a tour or registration information.

Torah Tish: Shabbat lunch with Rabbi

Join with Rabbi Kushner for Torah Tish ("Tish" is Yiddish for "table") or Shabbat Lunch with the Rabbi on Saturday, Mar. 1, at 12:30 p.m. You do not need to have attended a previous "Tish." The Rabbi will look at the weekly parashah through the eyes of the Hasidic teachers, most notably Rav Kook (R. Abraham Isaac Kook).

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but too small to release a clenched fist. The monkey does not have enough sense to let go of the nuts and escape.

You might be asking what does that have to do with me? Well... everything. We hold on to grudges, to worries, to the past, to the old and the familiar. Just like the monkey, we don't realize that as long as we hold on we are stuck. We are

frozen in the same place, unable to move ahead. It is a trap. And if we are still holding on when morning comes, we will be caught.

There is a saying in our culture that goes like this, "Let go and let God." In order for us to have peace and even eternal life we must let go of all the things that we think we have control over and allow God to have control.

In Richard Taylor's book "The Disciplined Life" he quotes the communist Lenin who once said, "With a handful of dedicated people who will give me their lives, I will control the world!" Just imagine if you and I give God total control of our lives, what could hap-

pen with our families, our neighbors, our community, our town, our state, our country and ultimately the world. Are you ready to let go and let God take control?

Rev. Grace Alfieri
Christian Apostolic Church

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The remaining dates for the lunches will be: Apr. 5 and May 3.

Saturday morning services

The wonderfully spirited Saturday morning service with Rabbi Kushner and Cantor Natov begins at 10 a.m. in the Chapel for worship and Torah discussion. New and prospective members are always welcome. Contact the Temple office.

Temple Ner Tamid is located at 936 Broad St. in Bloomfield. For more information, call 973-338-1500 or visit the Web site at www.nertamid.org.

Holy Family Church

Cursillo 2008: 3-day course in Christianity

Cursillo is an international movement and an experience that can give a renewed understanding of our faith. The Men's Cursillo will be from Mar. 27 to Mar. 30. For more information, contact Msgr. Paul or Fr. John at 973-667-0026, or

Jerry Vernice at 201-300-2826.

Religious Pilgrimage

There will be a Religious Pilgrimage to the City of St. Francis, Assisi, Italy, from July 5 through July 15. Enjoy Masses at the Basilica of St. Francis, excursions to Florence and Orvieto, Siena, three days of sightseeing in Rome, a Mass at the Vatican, Papal audience and attend concerts at the Assisi Music Festival. Call Gregory Scime at 908-277-1145.

Centennial news

In 2009, our parish of Holy Family will be commemorating the 100th anniversary of its establishment. The Opening Mass will be Oct. 25, 2008 and the Closing Mass will be Oct. 24, 2009. The Closing Mass will be followed by a dinner dance at the Landmark, East Rutherford, and tickets will be \$125 per person.

Food pantry in need

The food pantry of Holy Family Church feeds approximately 12 families per week. The following items are needed: instant mashed potatoes, stuffing, bread crumbs, rice, pasta, pancake mix, syrup, hot and cold cereals, sugar, powdered

milk or creamer, salt and pepper, bottled seasonings, salad dressings, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, oil, vinegar canned fruits, vegetables, tomato sauce, fish, meat, ham, poultry, stews, soups, peanut butter, jelly macaroni and cheese, cookies, snacks, chips, pretzels, popcorn, beverages, pudding and cake mix, icing, Jell-O, coffee and tea.

To reach the rectory at Holy Family Church, 28 Brookline Ave., Nutley, call 973-667-0026.

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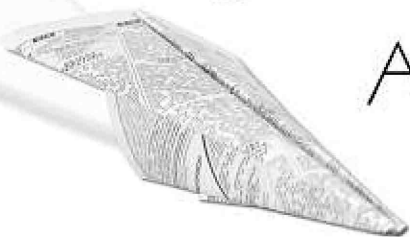
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Fish 'N Chips, sponsored by St. Valentine Church, 125 North Spring St., Bloomfield on Friday, Feb. 15 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. Eat in or take out (fish or chicken). Adults, \$12 and children under 10, \$6. For tickets, call Joan Conroy at 748-6460 or Cathy King at 429-7567.

Pasta dinner, hosted by the Nutley Special Young Adults Program, Friday, Feb. 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Nutley Elks Club, 242 Chestnut St. \$15 per person includes spaghetti dinner or pasta with vodka sauce, salad, bread and butter, all provided by Paul's Deli. Parents of the SYA provide dessert. Children under 7 attend free. DJ and small prizes. For tickets, call Marie DeLorenzi at 667-9035.

Fifteenth Annual Irish Night, organized by the Holy Name Society of St. Thomas the Apostle, Bloomfield, Saturday, Feb. 23 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Parish's Herron Hall. \$25 per person. The ticket sale deadline is Saturday, Feb. 17. Tickets will not be available at the door. Entertainment includes Irish step dancers from the Peter Smith School of Irish Dancing,

bagpiper Scott Sim and a sing-along led by balladeer Mike Albert and the Parish Priests. A corned beef and cabbage dinner, Irish soda bread, choice of beverage and setups (BYOB) included. For more information, call Rich Bever at 338-6444 or Frank Helmstetter at 338-5872.

Rhythmatics, a senior fitness program, is being offered this spring to Essex County senior citizens ages 60 and older. Each class lasts one hour, and each session consists of eight classes to be offered Friday, Feb. 29 through Friday, May 2. No classes Tuesday, April 8 through Friday, April 11. A \$10 fee for the sessions at each location. Make checks payable to: Essex County Department of Parks, and mail them to: Essex County Parks Recreation/Fitness Unit, 115 Clifton Ave., Newark, NJ 07104. Do not send cash. Classes are

filled on a first-come, first serve basis. On the first day of class all seniors must sign a release form stating they have received permission from their doctor to participate. All participants must wear sneakers or rubber-soled shoes. No boots, heels or open toe shoes are allowed. For more information or to request an application, call the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs at 268-3500, ext. 234.

Nutley Elks St. Patrick's Day party, Saturday March 1 from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., featuring Bobby Byrne, corned beef dinner, choice of beverage and dessert. \$30 per person. For reservations, see Lou Lusquinos or Bobby Mulligan or call 449-7579.

Western Caribbean Cruise, from March 2 to March 9. Air, cruise from Florida, \$1,000 and up per person. Call Marie at 256-0499

for more information.

Easter bunny, to appear at Sport-A-Cut barber shop, 148 Franklin Ave., Nutley, Saturday, March 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children can have pictures taken with the Easter Bunny for \$5, to then be credited toward their next haircut. \$2 from each picture taken is being donated to The Purrfect World, a non-profit organization for homeless animals. All children receive a "Happy Easter" certificate.

2008 Girl Scout cookie sale, now through Monday, March 31 throughout all communities within the Girl Scout Council of Greater Essex and Hudson County's jurisdiction. All cookies are priced at \$3.50 per box. Proceeds are applied towards registration, activities, trips and community service. If you have not been approached by a Girl Scout in your area and are interested in purchasing cookies, contact GSCGEHC at 746-8200 or visit the Web site www.gscgehc.org.

Hoops for Health campaign, a free, corporate-sponsored free-throw basketball competition that encourages young women's involvement in sports and physical activity, is underway. Young women ages 8 to 17 are invited to participate. Rules and registration information may be found at the Web site www.HoopsforHealth.com, by calling event coordinator Jon DeSimone at 609-919-9292, ext. 211 or e-mailing jondesimone@hollyrockmiller.com. Finals and a reception are planned in March at the New Jersey Nets practice facility. Prizes and a scholarship will be awarded. The winner's names will be announced during a New Jersey Nets game.



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DATE: March 5, 2008

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

You are warned that even if you fail to appear at the scheduled hearing the hearing will go on without you and your rights to your child(ren) may be ended by the Court without you being present. You have a right to be represented at the hearing by a lawyer. YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER OR CANNOT AFFORD ONE, GO TO OR TELEPHONE ONE OF THE OFFICES SET FORTH BELOW TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU CAN GET LEGAL HELP.

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SERVICES, LLC PLAINTIFF -vs- ZAIRA E.
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Execution for Sale of Mortgaged Premises
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Businesses near Belleville border moving, changing

Local councilman's pub among those being altered

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

There are several changes coming to longstanding businesses in Nutley, including the placing of Rite Aid and the moving of the Burger King restaurant and Plaza Bakery.

Zoning Board Chairman Thomas Sposato spoke about the changes that have come before the board in the last several months.

First, the former Scuttlebutt's Restaurant that occupied the corner of Franklin Avenue and Centre Street has been purchased by Belleville Councilman George Ritacco, who is changing the name of the establishment and moving around the layout of the former eatery.

The new name of the former Scuttlebutt's is the Southside Grill, but Ritacco did not return calls seeking further information about the new business.

Next the Burger King restaurant that has stood at the corner of Franklin Avenue and Harrison Street for many years will give way

to a Rite Aid Drug Store, according to Sposato.

"They (Rite Aid) are taking over the whole building," he said.

Meanwhile, Burger King is building a smaller version of its restaurant in the space in back.

"We have granted a use variance, and they received approval of their site plan," Sposato said. "There are still issues to work out with the state and county, but otherwise they are a go."

Bruce Weiss, director of operations for Burger King, said, "We're hoping to complete construction in March. We have the slab poured for the foundation, and once it gets going, there is no stopping it."

He said there will be still be a drive through window, and that it's simply going to be a smaller restaurant, but better in important ways.

"It should be very nice," Weiss said. "We want to make sure we are adding to the community. We're adding new touches. We're lucky that the company allows us to push things beyond the envelope. There will be new amenities and niceties, so it doesn't feel like a

fast food restaurant. We will get all the details done, get the I's dotted and the T's crossed."

Next, Plaza Pastry Shop now located at 375 Franklin Ave., better known as the Drug Fair mall in Belleville, is moving to Franklin Avenue, next to the American Legion Hall at 45 Franklin Ave. in Nutley, according to Sposato.

"I understand they (Plaza) bought the building and are moving in," he said.

The owner of the pastry shop said the space would actually be a little smaller, but they will be able to do much more. He declined to go into details, because he said the deal is only 99 percent done, and he did not want to interfere with negotiations.

One rumor was quashed by Sposato. It had been making the rounds of Internet chat rooms that a Starbucks coffee shop was going to move into the present location of the Rite Aid at 115 Franklin Ave. Sposato said there is no truth to that rumor and the future of the Rite Aid site on Franklin is unknown.

Police battle mounting drug crime

This week Mayor Michael Marotti officially declared his candidacy for the Board of Commission election. Marotti was first elected to the board in 1971, again in 1975 when he received the most votes ever gathered by a political candidate in Belleville, and he was re-elected to a third term in 1979.

Mayor Michael Marotti announced that the township will fight a \$450,000 increase from the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission. This increase is 68 percent higher than last year. Belleville is just one of 18 communities in Essex, Passaic and Bergen Counties, which have been billed by PVSC with significantly higher rates than last year.

The Belleville Police Department released a report this week of the township's 1982 crime rate, which showed a substantial decrease over the previous year. Public Safety Director Matthew Pica noted a direct correlation in the increase of drug arrests and the decrease of crimes such as larceny and auto theft. Captain Raymond Kimble discussed how the Belleville Police Department formed a special squad to deal with the town's drug problems, particularly in "Newark's North End, which spilled over into Belleville." Drug arrests have increased to 346 from last year's 220.

The New Jersey Can and Bottle Bill Coalition presented Gov.

Thomas Kean with resolutions from 190 municipal councils and 10 county boards of freeholders and also a letter from 52 New Jersey mayors, calling for the enactment of a beverage container deposit law. Resolutions from Belleville were included in the presentation. The bill would require a five-cent refund value on all beverage containers as an incentive for people to keep the trash off the streets and rather return the bottles to stores or redemption centers.

This week thousands of Jews attended a celebration marking the completion of a Unity Sefer Torah written by the Lubavitch movement. This ceremony was part of a worldwide effort started by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson for the purpose of unifying the Jewish people through the Torah.

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Free St. Patrick's Day concert

The Friends of the Belleville Public Library present their annual St. Patrick's Day Concert on Monday, Mar. 17, at 1 p.m. in the library's Carnegie Room. The concert, which is free and open to the public, features talented pianist and vocalist John Gee who will play all the old Irish favorites and invites all to sing along. Refreshments will follow.

To register, call the circulation desk.

New section debuts

The Belleville Public Library has placed all the "Dummies" ("Excel for Dummies," "Chess for Dummies," etc.) and "Idiot's Guides" ("The Idiot's Guide to Soccer," etc.) books in their own section located between the Arco and Barron's test books and encyclopedia's in the Carnegie Room.

If you need help finding a book, ask the reference librarian.

One Book New Jersey program

The One Book New Jersey program is an exciting program sponsored by the New Jersey Library Association with generous support from the New Jersey State Library. The goal of the program is to bring people together by encouraging them to read and participate in discussions and other events about the same book. New Jersey's program is rather unique, involving

not just one community but the whole state, and although the program is called "One Book," there are in fact four books: an adult selection, a young adult selection, a selection for older children and a read-to-me selection. This is to ensure reaching people of all ages.

This year is our sixth year. The selected books are, Adult: "The Plot Against America" by Philip Roth; Young Adult: "Dr. Franklin's Island" by Ann Halam; Middle Grade: "The Sisters Grimm: Fairy-Tale Detectives" by Michael Buckley; Read-to-Me: "Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock" by Eric A. Kimmel, illustrated by Janet Stevens.

As our participation in One Book New Jersey, the Belleville Public Library will have a book discussion featuring the adult selection, "The Plot Against America" by Philip Roth, during National Library Week on Apr. 17, at 10 a.m., led by reference librarian, Cindy LaRue. For more information, contact the library.

Internet classes

Join Cindy LaRue, Head of Reference, for the next series of Internet classes. All classes start at 10 a.m. Call the circulation desk to register. Upcoming classes are: Feb. 12, "Research Databases; Mar. 11, "Genealogy Databases; Apr. 15, "What Should I Read Next?"; May 13, a repeat of "Internet Basics"

and June 10, "Travel Databases."

Veteran pictures available

Those veterans who received awards at last month's Veterans Award Ceremony at the Belleville Public Library are invited to stop by the circulation desk and pick up a free picture of themselves being awarded their medal.

See the movie... then read the book

There's a new twist on the book discussion group at Belleville Public Library. First the group will view and discuss a movie, and the next week will discuss the book on which the movie was based. Pick up a brochure at the library, which lists the movies and books. You may enter the class on any date.

Teen Net at the Library

The Belleville Public Library is proud to introduce "Teen Net," the library's new Web site for teens. The site consists of four sections: Current Events, which lists current activities, seminars, parties and other events; Resources, which links to recent award-winning teen books, book and movie reviews, new books and NextReads, which suggests follow-up reading; Links and Web sites for teens; and BPL Teen Volunteer information, which invites Belleville teens to become a part of the Library's Teen Advisory Council.

Belleville Library opens blog

The Belleville Library is pleased to announce that you can keep abreast of library events, news and happenings from the comfort of your home computer. Visit our Weblog at <http://blog.bellepl.org>. Don't forget the other library services offered online: JerseyClicks, a multiple database search for encyclopedia, magazine, newspaper and journal articles; ListenNJ, a service that allows the user to download audiobooks for listening on their computer or MP3 player; and reference@bellepl.org for all other inquiries. All these services can be accessed from our Web site at <http://www.bellepl.org>.

Baby and toddler storytimes

The Belleville Library Children's Room offers weekly storytimes for children ages newborn to 5. Baby classes are on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., toddler classes are on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m., and Preschool classes are on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. Call the Children's Room at 973-450-3434 or visit <http://www.bellepl.org/croom>.

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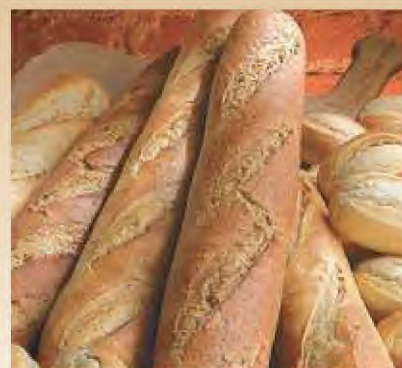
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