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Resident questions school sale vote Attorney General asked to investigate possible conflict of interest

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

A township resident has filed a formal complaint with the state Attorney General's Office regarding the proposed sale of School 1, claiming that one board member had the appearance of a conflict of interest that should have prevented him from voting to approve the sale.

The proposed buyer of the school, Daniel Alvarez, said it is "just a coincidence" that a cousin of School Board Vice President Vincent Strumolo, Jr. is also his partner in a cleaning business run out of the same Blomfield location as the property management company owned by Alvarez. Christian Strumolo is the cousin of School Board Vice President Vincent Strumolo, Jr and the partner of Alvarez in the commercial cleaning business.

The two businesses are D&C Commercial Cleaning and Proper-ty Management, LLC, owned sole-ly by Alvarez and the firm pur-chasing the school, and C&D Commercial Cleaning and Proper-ty Management LLC, which lists ty Management, LLC, which lists Strumolo under "officers/direc-tors/members." Alvarez said that the "property management" part of C&D's title was mistakenly inserted by his attorney.

Both businesses are located at 111-117 Franklin St. in Bloomfield. The information comes from the state-run Web site, New Jersey State Business Gateway Service, which provides information on the status and business addresses of registered business entities. A third business, a car wash, is also located at the address and is also owned by Alvarez.

Resident Vincent Frantantoni said that on Feb. 8 he went to the Attorney General's Office in Trenton asking for an investigation into

the proposed sale of School 1 by the Board of Education for \$2,401,000, alleging a conflict. In the bid specifications for School 1, it states specifically that "no board member should take part in a vote" if there is "either a direct or indirect conflict of interest."

Frantantoni said the Strumolo involvement "is at best an indirect conflict."

"Vinny (Strumolo) should have abstained," he said.

Alvarez, however, said that he has no connection to anyone on the board. "I don't know anybody on the school board. I moved out of Nutley about five years ago. I've never had a conversation with a school board member in Belleville, just a few brief encounters," he said.

Christian Strumolo, Alvarez said, "is opening another business with me. I don't believe he had any influence on the sale. This was a closed bid. In fact, I think I overbid in this market."

He said that, "D&C I own myself. I wanted to invest in real estate myself. I run another business out of there (the car wash), and there is always somebody there to answer the phones."

Alvarez said the C&D company is a commercial cleaning company he is in the process of starting up with Strumolo.

Both Vincent and Christian Strumolo were unavailable for comment.

To further clear up whether Strumolo is involved in both companies, whose names are similar. Alvarez said he did not want there to be any confusion about what the "C" in D&C and C&D stand for: Alvarez's wife's name, Catherine.

Along with an alleged conflict, Frantantoni also questioned the

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JOHN MONTALVO/BELLEVILLE TIMES SNOWED IN - AND LOVING IT Victorya Carter, 7, is seen here last Sunday in the midst of a snowball fight in Branch Brook

Park. About a half a foot of snow fell on Belleville last Friday, Feb. 22.



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POLICE BLOTTER

Feb. 24

 $\stackrel{\text{G}}{=}$ A burglary and thet were reported from a garage in the 40 ∃block of Heckel Street at 10:04 p.m. Police said the homeowner left earlier in the evening, and

returned to find the lights on, the juvenile was arrested and charged shoplifting charge. door jam damaged and a vacuum valued at \$190 missing. Police are investigating. Feb. 23

■ A seventeen-year-old male



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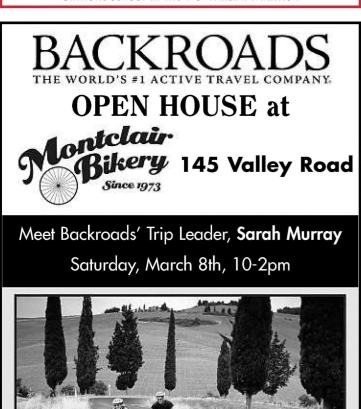
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with possession of nine plastic bags containing less than 50 grams of marijuana, 16 pills believed to be "Ecstasy," possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, and possession of Ecstasy with intent to distribute at 5:39 p.m. A motor vehicle stop was performed by police on a tan Honda for failure to use a blinker. The juvenile was a passenger. When police asked if he was carrying any concealed weapons, he said, "No. I just have some weed." A search turned up the illegal substances. He was released to his parents. Feb. 22

■ Police arrested and charged Edwards Henderson, 37, of Newark with shoplifting deodorant and washing soaps totaling \$75.19 in value from the Pathmark at 115 Belmont Ave at 4:35 p.m. He had outstanding warrants from the Essex County Sheriff, Irvington, Orange, East Orange and was held on \$200 bail on the ing. Police are investigating.

Feb. 21

■ A burglary and theft were reported from a vehicle parked in the 20 block of Cleveland Street at 7:33 a.m. The owner said the car was parked overnight and they came out to find the front driver side door lock punched out. Reported missing were a Playstation and various games of unknown value. Police are investigating.

■ A burglary and theft were reported from a 2003 BMW in the 10 block of Cleveland Street at 9 p.m. The driver's side lock was reported punched out and reported missing were a car phone, a six-CD changer and a computer, all of unknown value. Police are investigating.

■ A burglary and theft were reported to a 2005 Lexus in the 140 block of DeWitt Avenue at 7:09 a.m. Police said a door lock was punched out and digital camera West Orange totaling \$4,680. He valued at \$150 was reported miss-

Police arrested and charged Juan Perez, 36, of Newark with shoplifting nine packages of cheese from the Pathmark at 115 Belmont Ave. at 7:45 p.m. The cheese was valued at \$33.42. Bail was set at \$200

Feb. 20

Police arrested and charged Robert Davey, 46, of Nutley with driving while intoxicated and possession of two clear vials containing "crack" cocaine at 11:05 p.m. After a motor vehicle stop for a violation, police smelled a strong odor of alcohol, and the suspect failed field sobriety tests. A subsequent search turned up the cocaine. Bail was set at \$500.

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Precious trail leads to jewelry thieves, police say

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Police arrested and charged Ostrove, 36 and Warren Hope, 32, Demetrius Owens, 35, Julien all of Teaneck, with burglary and theft and possession of burglary tools after the three were caught fleeing a home with jewelry at 7:57 p.m. on Feb. 24.

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two black men flee the scene by jumping a fence and heading toward New Street. The three upstairs bedrooms had been ransacked, after entry was gained through a window.

The suspects had apparently placed the jewelry stolen in a bag that had a hole, and they left a trail of jewelry leading to a Nissan Altima that was leaving the scene. A motor vehicle stop was conducted on the vehicle near Joralemon and Main streets, and the remaining jewelry was found in the vehicle's back seat. The three suspects were then arrested after the homeowner identified the jewelry.

Police said all three had prior arrests.

Richard Dickon



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Official wants all-day kindergarten

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

A Board of Education administrator and a board member charged with enacting the 2008-2009 school budget offered few details of the spending plan still being put together, but spoke in more general terms about what needs to be done.

The budget will be brought before the public in a few weeks, with a chance for residents to comment at a public hearing before the final version is passed by the board.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools Dennis Villano, speaking on behalf of the school administration, said, "We're still in the process of putting the budget together. We're looking at what we have, what we can afford and what we need.

tough decisions about what to not a done deal, but I know it's day kindergarten would be his first include and what to leave out, he said

trying to see what works," Villano have it in every school. But there said. "We have nothing definitive are many programs we are looking

yet." School Board President William Villano, speaking on behalf of the school board budget committee, said, "Right now, we're in the process of putting the budget together. We're deciphering where things stand, and what programs we want to include."

The budget committee also includes School Board Vice President Vincent Strumolo, Jr. and board member Carmen Bucco.

While nothing will be official until the full board meets and approves the spending plan, Villano did say there is one program that he wants the board to give strong consideration to adding. The district is expected to get an increase of approximately \$4 million in state aid, bringing the total amount to more than \$25 million.

'I want to look hard at all day Part of the process involves kindergarten," Villano said. "It's something I want to do. We'll have to go to the full board and talk "We're prioritizing things, and about the additional aid. I'd like to lano said.

The budget committee was

scheduled to meet Monday night. "We need to see where we stand," Villano said of the meeting. "We're going to whittle the numbers a little bit more and then share the information with the full board."

He said by law the board has to pass a temporary budget by a certain date in March. Villano said he wants to have a workshop meeting where the public could listen to the deliberations but not comment, in addition to the required public hearing, which takes place before the final budget that will go before voters on April 22 is passed.

'It's getting harder and harder to have both meetings, because the deadlines are so tight," he said. "There is so little time, but we want to have a workshop?

With the extra state aid, the full priority, but other programs will also receive a thorough look, Vil-

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PULLING RANK – UPWARDS

John Torluccio, left, of the Belleville Police Department, was recently promoted from sergeant to lieutenant; Peter Fraone, meanwhile, earned the rank of sergeant.



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Library health insurance a head-scratcher

Earlier this year municipal officials were quoted in this newspaper saying the Belleville Public Library "owes" the township hundreds of thousands of dollars dating back to 2006. The Belleville Public Library, not surprisingly, disputes this. Since then, however, both sides have agreed to work out a solution that would be both beneficial to the town and to the library board. Representatives of both sides have also said that there is no point in examining past policies in an attempt to figure out who is at fault here.

But we beg to differ, especially given the circumstances. Several months ago the township government began demanding money to help pay for the library's health insurance costs. Apparently, the

library for a number of years had been paying a flat and expansion projects, as it has in the recent past. \$100,000 annually for health insurance - a ludicrous payment structure given how rapidly health insurance costs rise. So the first question is this: Who agreed to handle health insurance payments this way?

Ludicrous policy though it may have been, however, the library did build its budget around the assumption that it has just to pay \$100,000 for health insurance. To expect the library to suddenly reverse that policy - or even worse, to say that the library "owes" the town money for which it was never asked until recently - is patently unfair.

That said, though, the library never had any business pursuing frivolous and costly renovation

If the library was not paying its full share for health benefits, what business does it have even thinking of adding - of all things - a greenhouse, as it had proposed just a few months ago? The library board should have been preparing for the inevitable day when cash-strapped Belleville started demanding a realistic amount for health insurance costs.

What's called for going forward is a library budget based on real costs and with realistic expenses in mind. In the meantime, though, officials owe the voters an explanation of how this situation arose in the first place.

LETTERS

Defends candidate Vellon

TO THE EDITOR:

I read what was printed about my former boss. I worked with Mr. Ralph Vellon for more then 15 years at Columbus Hospital. Disregard the Belleville Times letter submitted by the Cornells. They do not know Ralph the way I do

He is a great person to work with. We all loved and respected Mr. Vellon. He was able to provided leadership that brought about effective results with a multicultural group of people.

I know that the operating budget for the \$52 million Board of Education is less than the \$92

million operating budget which we were a part of at Columbus Hospital for years. He was given \$200,000 and alone at an auction purchased hospital equipment for Columbus from Hospital Center at Orange in 2005. Ralph deals with surgeons, nurses and patients under life-and-death circumstances. As the Senior Director of Surgical Services he was responsible for the highest revenue generating department of the organization. Mr. Vellon handled four department budgets of \$8 million dollars. Ralph was a member of the strategic planning committee responsible for the Luciano Pavarotti Pavilion a \$35 million dollar expansion project in 1993. His responsibilities included evaluating and purchas-

ing all the equipment, establishing

policies and procedures, successful surveys for licensing and accreditation from the Department of Health, Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care and the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Ralph's experiences, skills, and abilities to lead have been tested before and I have witnessed this first hand.

I support and will vote for Mr. Ralph Vellon for the Board of Education this April 15 and I am urging my family, friends and all of you to do the same thing. If you want qualified, dedicated, compassionate and open-minded leadership at the board of education this is your man.

Andrew Favata

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Kennedy Association names 2008 humanitarian, service honorees

On Sunday April 13, 2008 the memory of Anthony Mullen and Kennedy Association will hold its Jerry Lemongello. 15th annual scholarship breakfast from 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon at the Chandelier in Belleville. This year year. the scholarships will be given in

13 years old

14 years old

12-15 years old

An annual scholarship in memory of Edith DeFeo will start this

The Humanitarian of the Year 2008 is P.B.A President Anthony Wieners for his hard work and commitment to the people of Belleville, Essex County and the State of New Jersey.

Senator Ronald L. Rice is the recipient of the Community Service Award for 2008. The Association will give out its annual scholarships in memory of Lt. Edward J. Kennedy, Marguerite and Edward Kennedy, the standard bearer's brother, mother and father, and Fabiola "Fab" Piomba, a friend of the Association from the start, and the annual Township Clerk Mary Lou Hood Memorial Scholarship.

Please support our organization by joining us on April 13th. Tickets are \$30 (tables of 10 are available).

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Scholarship applications are now at the Belleville High School Guidance Office.

tryouts scheduled Tryouts for the Belleville Little held on the following dates: League (9-12) years old will be Saturday March 1 Sunday, March 2

Belleville Little League

	lay, March 1
1PM	- 9 year olds
2PM	- 10 year olds
3PM	- 11 year olds
4PM	- 12 year olds

ed at the Belleville Middle School Bovs Gym on those days. Entrance will be on the Washington Avenue side of the school.

You must wear sneakers and notified several days later. bring your baseball glove. Each in the evaluation process.

gym parents will not be allowed in players. the gym during the tryouts.

been concluded the Little League questions at 973-450-3422.

12PM - 11 year olds 1PM - 12 year olds These tryouts will be conduct- coaches will make their selections to fill the rosters of their respective teams for the 2008 season. The boys who have been selected for the Little League teams will be

10AM - 9 year olds

11AM - 10 year olds

The boys who are not selected applicant will be assigned a num- will then be placed on the Junior ber at the tryout sessions to assist Rec (9-12) teams by the Director of Recreation. There will be no Due to the lack of space in the other tryouts for the Junior Rec

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7:00PM

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Registration forms are available

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at the class. For further information contact ment at 973-450-3422.

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Residents outline their priorities

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

With the Board of Education still formulating the 2007-2008 school budget, some of the residents who frequent school board meetings offered their opinions on what needs to be done with the spending plan.

Lisa Kistner is the president of the Consolidated Home and School Association. She said her focus in on having the best education for students.

"I'd love to see more things for the kids to be involved with, so they stay off the streets," Kistner tol said. "I was really hoping, with said. "I'd like to see a few more clubs at the high school."

She said with all of the funds being expended, more needs to go directly to students.

'I'd like to see a little more of the money go back to the kids," Kistner said. "If there are more activities, there will be more to keep them involved, and less chance of them getting into trouble. That's our goal."

Resident Florence Pentol said she has been paying school taxes since 1961 despite having no children in the district, but doesn't mind the costs as long as taxpayers are taken into consideration.

"With the extra state aid (\$4 million, bringing the total to more than \$25 million), I hate to hear that the board doesn't feel that it will be used for tax relief, but that they need other programs," Pentol said.

She said the problem remains the increases in costs for contractual obligations and especially for health benefit costs, which continue to skyrocket.

"They have to raise millions, and they are killing taxpayers," Pentol said. "They have to get employees to

"We have some additional fund-

ing, and I think it goes great for

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'I'd love to see more things for the kids to be involved with, so they stay off the streets.'

Lisa Kistner

President, Consolidated Home and School Association

contribute to health benefits. Everybody must pay their fair share."

She said she has to pay for suplemental health insurance benefits while living on a fixed income. "The costs are out of sight," Pen-

the state aid, to get a little tax relief." Resident Vincent Frantantoni

said he has had the same problems with the budget process for 20 years, an issue with officials "not helping children."

As for this year's crop of four school board candidates running for two, three-year seats, Frantantoni said, "No candidate has the guts to tell it like it is, that the state has destroyed the educational system?

He targeted programs like bilingual education and English as a Second Language (ESL) as being "politically correct" but not in the best interests of children.

"Twenty years ago, the slogan was 'Back to Basics,' but that never happened," Frantantoni said.

He cited the example of the Apollo 13 space flight, when the computers failed to work and the astronauts had to go back to using pencils and slide rules to steer them back to earth.

"I had a good, basic education," Frantantoni said. "Kids now know how to use a computer, but their grammar and spelling are atrocious. Their meaning gets lost

garten, there are still space issues

must look at what is the best allo-

cation of the new state aid, and

one area he feels it could be best

Officially, he said, the full board

that haven't gone away."

because they don't know how to clearly express a thought."

He said from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edward Kliszus on down, "nobody has the guts to say that's wrong."

Another sore point for the longtime self-proclaimed "naysayer" is the claim that state aid did not increase for the past five years. He quoted his own research as showing an increase in cumulative aid of more than \$2 million from 2000 through 2006, and an increase from \$1 million in state aid in 1991 to \$20 million now, which is more than a 1,700 percent increase.

Frantantoni said that in 1976 the state instituted the personal income tax that was supposed to eliminate the need for property taxes to fund schools.

"It didn't work, and now it's a bottomless pit of tax increases," he said.

For example, Frantantoni said that all-day preschool, which Kliszus said he wants to begin in the district, is not necessary.

"A mother's natural loving care is the best pre-school," he said. "Pre-school is one size fits all, and kids are not like that?

Eliminating all-day kindergarten from the plans would also save valuable tax dollars, Frantantoni said.

"The priority should be kids first, not cars and TV's," he said. "The mother's love all this because it's like a babysitting service, but luxuries should not take priority over the kids."

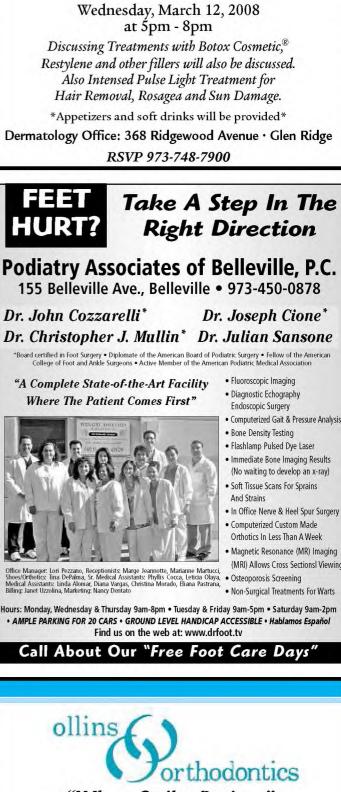
Frantantoni said it will take somebody to push against the prevailing attitudes for things to change.

"We need a board member, who would be called a 'maverick,' to come in and tell the truth," he said.

While the aid will be used for both adding new programs and to reduce the tax increase, it will

mostly go for new programs. "We're targeting using it for maintaining and adding programs," Villano said.





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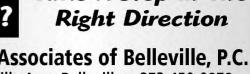
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This class will be held on

Belleville Recreation Youth Sports Research Council, ident. However there is a \$26.00 charge for a non-resident of Belleville.

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The nervous system controls all our movements, and our overall health. When the spinal vertebrae become misaligned through trauma or repetitive injury, two health issues manifest themselves: pain, and illnesses such as

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member of the National Registry of Who's Who. Currently she serves as the president of the Nutley Chamber of Commerce and serves as committee member on several Nutley community service committees.

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Library, town trying to come to terms over library costs

BY DAVID HINRICHS of Belleville Times

The debate over money owed between the library and town council is still continuing, but both sides have agreed that cooperation is the best solution.

According to Belleville Public Library Director Joan Taub, the debate started back in July of 2007 when the township informed the library that they wanted more money from them toward their health benefit packages. "For the past five or six years we have been in agreement with the township to pay \$100,000 of our total health benefits costs. This agreement had been made with prior administrations and we have upheld it in the past. In July of last year they [township council] wrote us a letter explaining that they wanted us to pay more money toward our health benefits," said Taub. "We were told that this was being worked out between the board and council?

The library later adopted a proposal to build a conservatory and according to Taub had reached a cil in regards to the monies requested. "While we were drafting up the conservatory project we

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maintaining at our current payment level and putting the extra budget money into the project, not to the town," said Taub. "If we moved forward on the project it was our understanding at the time that we could continue to pay the same rate on our benefits."

The library and council seemed to be on different pages, though, and the township again drafted a letter to the library requesting additional funds last month. "Arguing how things were done in the past gets us nowhere. The communication between the library and the council was never really there and many assumptions were made that wound up causing all this confusion. I am trying to correct this and build a strong, healthy relationship between the council and the library board," said Belleville Township Manager Victor Canning. "I don't want people to think that the library is totally in the wrong here. There have been mistakes on both sides and hopefully we can move forward and get a clear understanding of what is owed and how to go about it from here on. The library board has spoken with me and they are more than willing to pay whatever mon-

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had spoken about the possibility of maintaining at our current pay-

Taub agreed that cooperation and communication between the council and board was essential and would prevent unexpected happenings from occurring. Taub stated that the town had taken \$98,000 from the 2008 library budget of \$1,206,939 without their knowing. "The library wants to cooperate

"The library wants to cooperate with the manager and the council on this issue. I have asked for a formal benefits request in writing and am still waiting for it. I was a bit surprised when I saw that the town had extracted that money out of our budget without consulting us but I remain committed to cooper-

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'The library wants to cooperate with the manager and the council on this issue...' Joan Taub

Belleville Public Library Director

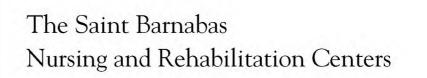
ating with the township. I don't figures that don't i want this to turn into a fight or a war of words. The board is willing to cooperate with the town and from the talks I have had with the town manager I believe the council feels the same way," said Taub. The township had also asked for the numbers but a stress that the like town manager I believe the council feels the same way," said Taub.

HEALTH CARE

the library to pay monies owed from 2006, but Taub said that would be impossible since that money would have to come out of that year's budget, which they don't have anymore.

Currently, Canning and Taubre are comparing numbers of what the money owed is, what years it for a cumulated from and what the provide the timetable should be for paying it back. "Mr. Canning gave us a list of figures that don't match what we have so we are going to try and get them to match. We need to clarify and the numbers but again I want to provide the numbers but again I want to provide the how and is looking forward to resolving this matter," said Taub.

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[∞] 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.



Rent leveling board meeting schedule is set

Leap Year celebration to benefit

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 Washington Ave. at 7 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

February 25, March 24, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17 and December 15, 2008.

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'LET THE INSANITY BEGIN'

Nutty By Nature and On The Spot, two of New Jersey's premier improvisational comedy troupes, are scheduled to perform alongside each other on the first Saturday of every month at the new Pianos Bar and Grill, 36 Broad St., Bloomfield. Show times are at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7 apiece. Audience members are encouraged to bring their own "crazy props," to be used by the actors during the show.

ATLANTIC CITY By Ellen Burke Rawls

Classic Car Show returns to AC

merica's largest indoor Classic Car Show and Auction returns to Atlantic City this week for a frenzy of classic car auctions and sales. Opening at the AC Convention Center Thursday, the 35th annual mega-show runs through Sunday with more than 1,100 vintage cars on display each day of the auction. Cars that aren't sold during the auction will be available at a post-sale lot where representatives from G. Potter King, the event sponsor, will market them to potential buyers.

Additionally, more than 250 cars will be available in the Car Corral for direct sales by the owners. The Car Salon will feature direct sales of vehicles valued at \$50,000 and up, as well as specialty cars in the \$25,000 to \$50,000 range. Direct sales of vehicles from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s will be held in the Car Canopy, and a Hot Rod section will feature customs, modified cars, pro street machines and street rods, also available for direct sales.

Organizers expect crowds in excess of 48,000 this year, with collectors from around the nation gathering to seek out new classics for their personal fleets. Hot cars attract celebrities, and last year Reggie Jackson showed up and Boston Red Sox star Manny Ramirez offered his Lincoln for sale. Again this year you can expect a liberal sprinkling of showbiz and sports luminaries, both browsing and bidding. An antiques flea market will feature approximately 500 booths offering a broad range of auto accessories and memorabilia.

On Thursday evening the auction activity moves to the Borgata for "The Best of the Best," a premiere presentation of 50 world class autos including such gems as a 1952 Muntz Jet Convertible (fewer than 10 are in existence) complete with a 1952 Muntz TV in working condition, a 1937 Bentley Salon with 76,949 original miles and a 1957 Thunderbird Convertible (a CTCI Gold Award winner) with just 45,000 original miles. The rarest car is an original untouched 1913 Buick Truck.

Hours for the AC Classic Car Show & Auction at the Convention Center are Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission is \$20 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. Shuttles will be available from the Bernie Robbins Stadium on the Black Horse Pike and sev eral other locations in Atlantic City.

Premium players at Trump Marina have a new perk with the opening of the new Chairman's Club in the the glitzy \$4-million facility which had formerly housed the gourmet Italian restaurant Finestra. Definitely a notch or two above the clubs around town, Trump Marina's new Chairman's Club has a sprawling circular bar seating over 20 guests, plus an intimate lounge area just off the antipasta bar, serving up top-shelf liquors and exotic beverages as well as a selection of artisan pizzas and signature sandwiches from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays and 10:30 a.m. to 1 a.m. weekends. It's a sure bet that word-of-mouth will be attracting significant numbers of AC highrollers to this spectacular new amenity.

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Bloomfield Library presents free film screenings weekly

Monday at the Movies

The Bloomfield Public Library is hosting "Monday Afternoon at the Movies" in March. Films start at 12:15 p.m. in the barrier-free library theatre.

Admission is free and all are welcome. Parents are advised to check movie ratings before bringing children.

March 3 – The Crucible

A group of teenage girls are caught dancing in 17th century Salem. When they blame the Devil, accusations of witchcraft set neighbor against neighbor. Arthur Miller's play about this shameful episode is as timely now as it was in 1953. Daniel Day-Lewis, Joan Allen, Winona Ryder and Paul Scofield star. (1996 - Color - 123 minutes - PG-13)

March 10 - Songcatcher

A musicologist (Janet McTeer) visiting the Appalachian Mountains is astonished to hear the locals (Pat Carroll, Aidan Quinn, Emmy Rossum) singing folksongs in the style of their Elizabethan British ancestors. This film won a Sundance Film Festival Special Jury Award for Outstanding Ensemble Performance. (2001 -Color – 105 minutes – PG-13)

March 17 – True Grit

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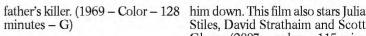
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Young Mattie Ross (Kim Darby) hires an over-the-hill lawman (John Wayne won an Oscar for his performance) and a Texas Ranger



March 24 - Funny Girl

Singer/comedienne Fannie Brice (Barbara Streisand's Oscarwinning debut role) won the hearts of American audiences despite personal heartbreak with the love of her life, gambler Nick Arnstein (Omar Sharif). Bob Merrill/Jule Styne songs include "People" and "Don't Rain on My Parade." (1968 - Color - 155 minutes - G)

March 31 - Shirley Valentine

When a saucy young girl marries her "fella" (Bernard Hill) she ends up as a bored middle-aged housewife (Pauline Collins) who talks to her kitchen wall. Can a trip to Greece and a fling with a sexy tavern keeper (Tom Conti) bring back the real Shirley Valentine? (1989 - Color - 108 minutes - R)

Thursday at the Movies

The Bloomfield Public Library is hosting free movie screenings on Thursday afternoons in March. Each movie begins at 12:15 p.m. in the library theatre. Admission is free and all are

welcome. Parents are advised to check

movie ratings before bringing children.

March 6 - The Bourne Ultimatum

Jason Bourne (Matt Damon) dodges new, superior assassins (Glen Campbell, who sings the title from his unknown past while a song) to help her track down her government agent tries to track



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- PG) March 20 - 3:10 to Yuma A small-time rancher agrees to hold a captured outlaw awaiting a

train to go to court in Yuma. A battle of wills ensues as the outlaw tries to psych out the rancher. This movie stars Russell Crowe, Christian Bale, Logan Lerman and Peter Fonda and is rated R for violence and some language. (2007 - color – 117 minutes – Ř)

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When his new father-in-law,

King Harold, falls ill, Shrek is seen

as the heir to the land of Far, Far Away. Not one to give up his

beloved swamp, Shrek recruits his

friends Donkey and Puss in Boots

to install the rebellious Artie as the

new king. Princess Fiona, howev-

er, rallies a band of royal girlfriends

to fend off a coup d'état by the jilt-

ed Prince Charming. This delight-

ful animated tale features the voic-

es of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy,

Cameron Diaz and Antonio Ban-

deras. (2007 - color - 92 minutes)

March 13 - Shrek the Third

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March 27 – Coney Island

At the turn of the last century, smooth-talking con man Eddie Johnson (George Montgomery) weasels his way into a job at friend and rival Joe Rocco's (Cesar Romero) Coney Island night spot. Eddie meets the club's star attraction, Kate Farley (Betty Grable), a brash singer with a penchant for flashy clothes. Eddie and Kate argue as he tries to soften her image. See what happens next. (1943 - color - 96 minutes - NR)

- Admission is free for all movie screenings. For information and/or directions, call 973-566-6200.

r Tamid 1 series

bration of Israel's 60th Ner Tamid is inviting all usiasts to enrich their srael's social and culturity through film. Ner resenting award-winning films, acclaimed in Israel and elsewhere.

Ner Tamid's Israeli Film Series, "From Real to Real," features "The Syrian Bride" on Sunday, March 2 and "Under the Domim Tree" on Sunday, March 9 (the series began with a screening of "Walk on Water" Feb. 24).

Each screening begins at 2 p.m. Admission is \$5 and includes refreshments and a discussion led by Ner Tamid's noted "cinephile," Rabbi Steven Kushner.

'THE SYRIAN BRIDE': Mona's wedding day is the saddest day of her life. She knows that once she crosses the border between Israel

'Rapunzel' on stage at Westminster Arts Center

Center at Bloomfield College are presenting Running Rabbit Family Theatre's production of "Rapunzel" on Saturday, March 15 at 11 a.m.

This performance is part of the 11th annual Family Week at the Theatre, a yearly event that provides free and discounted theatre programming during the second week of March. This performance is being offered at a "buy one child's ticket for \$8 and get one for free" rate. Adult tickets are \$10 each.

The Westminster Arts Center's Family Series has been going strong for the past year and a half, entertaining children and families from Bloomfield and the surrounding area.

"Rapunzel" tells the story of an impoverished peasant and his wife who, without permission, take crops from a garden belonging to the Witch next door. In return for sparing his life, the Witch demands the peasant's first born child. Three years later, the debt is paid; the child is given the name Rapunzel and carried off. Locked high in her tower by her overbearing sorceress of a stepmother, Rapunzel longs to experience the outside world.

the maiden away, and the misadventures begin.

This clever rendition of the Brothers Grimm fairy tale features an enchantress who is herself in search of love, a bumbling valet who awkwardly attempts to assist the Prince in his rescue attempt, and a heroine whose first time encounters with the outside world provide numerous laughable predicaments.

Family Week at the Theatre is an annual statewide event that offers free and discounted tickets to attendees. It was developed to encourage families to attend professional theatre together by making the experience affordable, educational and exciting. In all 21 New Jersey counties, youngsters (ages 5 to 18) are to receive free tickets to over 100 performances and special events; they include free classes, workshops and backstage tours.

Since its 1998 inception, the program has served over 45,000 people with professional theatre performances and activities. In honor of its 11th year, the New Jerprogramming beyond one week in Rapunzel's opportunity presents hopes of making this the most

The New Jersey Theatre itself on her 16th birthday with the accessible and enjoyable year to Alliance and the Westminster Arts arrival of Prince Brian. He whisks date. This year, the New Jersey Theatre Alliance is inviting residents to experience the month of March in "STAGES (Sharing Theatre Arts with Generations through Events Statewide)."

Although these performances are offered with buy-one, get-onefree tickets for children, there is a nominal admission charge for adults. Reservations are highly recommended. For more information and/or to RSVP, call the Westminster box office at 973-748-9008, ext.

The Westminster Arts Center is located at the corner of Franklin and Fremont streets, Bloomfield. To receive a full schedule of events for Family Week at the Theatre (Saturday, March 8 through Sunday, March 16), call 1-800-THE-ARTS or visit the Web site www.familyweek.com.

Family Week at the Theatre is a co-sponsored project of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts and Discover Jersey Arts. Visit the Web site www.JerseyArts.com for more sev Theatre Alliance is expanding information about other arts programming around the Garden

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Cassie Carelli stars as "Rapunzel" at the Westminster Arts Center.

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Groundbreaking production 'Day After Day' at Van Fossan Theatre

(POAC) has announced a revival production of "Day After Day," deemed the first-ever musical to comprehensively address the sensitive subject of autism. The show is scheduled for Saturday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Bloomfield College's Robert Van Fossan Theatre. Four years ago, POAC's board

of directors chose to commission a play about the trials and joys of raising a child with autism. Several POAC members spoke with a young writer/composer named Steve Allen and told him of their experiences raising a child with autism. What resulted was an emotional journey of three separate families and their daily struggles raising and communicating with

Parents of Autistic Children their autistic children. Last year, challenges faced by those with POAC President Gary Weitzen asked Allen to re-assume his role of director and musical director for a new run of "Day After Day" throughout the state. The two agreed to make modifications and enhancements to the show.

Open auditions were held, with actors and actresses from all over New York and New Jersey responding. The current cast includes seven performers, all of whom have a relative with autism.

"Day After Day" has been in rehearsal since it was cast November 2007. It is expected to be staged for limited engagements in cities throughout New Jersey during March and parts of April. The production touches on many of the 1000.

autistic family and friends.

"This is not a fundraiser," said Gary Weitzen. "It is strictly to raise awareness and to give back to the community who has been so supportive of our work. I hope this production will bring a sense of unity to the autism community. While every child is different, we share common struggles and joys. This will help put a face on the experience of raising a child with autism."

- Tickets for "Day After Day" are \$15, with a \$12.50 discounted price available to all POAC members. To purchase tickets, call POAC at 732-888-

FILM SERIES

FROM PAGE 10

and Syria to get married, she will never be allowed back to her beloved family in the Golan Heights, occupied by Israel since 1967.

After crossing the border there is no way back, and at the end of a long day the family, the government, military officials and all those gathered on both sides of the border find themselves facing an oned by their memories, and viluncertain future, trapped in a no- lage staff - some who provide the site www.nertamid.org. man's land between Israel and Syr- nuturing their charges need, and

ia. The film starts at 2 p.m. on Sun- some who do not. "Under the day, March 2.

film is based on Gila Almagor's childhood in post-Holocaust Holocaust experiences with the Israel. Almagor is one of Israel's ramifications of her own maturamost noted actresses. Aviya - the character based on Almagor - is sent to live in a youth village because of her mother's emotional instability following her migration to Israel as a displaced person. Other characters include child Holocaust survivors still impris-

Domim Tree" is a poignant film, 'UNDER THE DOMIM TREE': This portraying Aviya's struggle to reconcile the horror of her mother's tion into adulthood. Suitable for high school-age children and up. The film starts at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 9.

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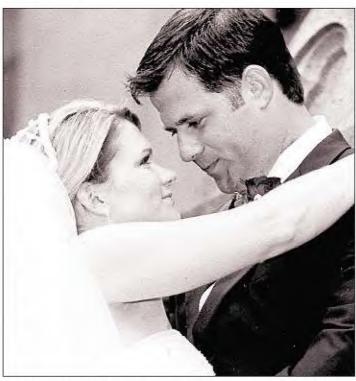
But it only delays things if you send your good news to the editor of the paper.

Social news goes on the Lifetime page which is a common page. That means that the same page appears in all four of our papers, Nutley Sun, Belleville Times, Bloomfield Life and Glen Ridge Voice.

Please send all social news, arrivals, engagements. weddings, anniversaries, etc. maguire@northjersey.com or mail it to Helen Maguire, 90 Centre St., Nutley. NJ 07110. She is the Lifestyles Éditor and the general editor will only send it on to her. We will gladly accept jpeg pictures. Questions? Call Helen at 973

667-0645 and leave a message.

WEDDING



Cindy Scornavacca bride of Vincent DeSimone

Cindy Scornavacca, daughter was flower girl. of Joseph and Karen Scornavacca of Bayville, and Vincent DeSimone, son of Mario and Angela Belleville, DeSimone of exchanged wedding vows Aug. 10, 2007, in Immaculate Conception Chapel at Seton Hall University

The Mass was celebrated by the is a software engineer. Rev. Kevin Hanbury. A reception followed at The Wilshire Grand Hotel. West Orange.

The bride was escorted by her father. Her sister, Debra Kelly, was la. matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Lisa Harvey, sister of the after honeymooning groom, Tara Corbo, Erin Lebert and Nicole Kelly. Angelina Kelly

Brian Harvey was his brother-in-law's best man. Ushering were James Pomaco, James Murray, Joe Molinaro and Brandon Kelly.

Mrs. DeSimone, an alumna of The College of New Jersey, attends Stevens Institute of Technology for a master's degree. She

Mr. DeSimone, a graduate of Seton Hall University and Seton Hall School of Law, is an attorney with Giordano, Halleran & Cies-

The couple is living in Bayville on Caribbean cruise.

RECIPES

Saucy Sirloin Surprise

11/2 lbs. boneless sirloin steak 2 tbsp. shortening 1 can Campbell's golden mushroom

soup 3/4 cups water 2 tbsp. sherry wine 1 large clove garlic, minced 1 medium bay leaf 1 pkg. frozen whole or cut green beans

Trim fat from meat. Cut into 1-inch cubes. In skillet, brown meat in shortening. Pour off fat. Add remaining ingredients, except beans. Cover and cook over low heat for one hour; stir now and then. Remove bay leaf. Chill overnight.

In skillet, combine meat mixture and beans, Cover and cook over low heat 10 to 15 minutes until beans are tender. Stir now and then.

St. Paul's Cookbook

Tuna Supper Dish

1/4 cup shortening 2 tbsp. flour

Melt two tablespoons shortening. Add flour. Blend well. Add milk gradually, stirring constantly. Continue stirring until thickened. Add cheese, stirring until cheese is melted and blended. Melt remaining two tablespoons shortening in frying pan. Add onions and cook until yellow. Spread onions in greased baking dish. Arrange tuna fish on onions. Sprinkle with salt and paprika. Pour cheese sauce over fish. Bake in 400 degree oven for 20 minutes or until delicately brown.

St. Paul's Cookbook

ENGAGEMENTS



Alicia M. Coppola to wed Anthony DiPrimio

Marie, to Anthony DiPrimio of Nutley, son of Anna and Antonio DiPrimio of Belleville.

The Rachel Ray Show which Parsippany. aired Christmas Eve. A party was held Feb. 17 at Via Brera, Nutley. Nov. 30. Miss Coppola, an alumna of St.

Marie and John Coppola of Mary's High School, Rutherford, Belleville announce the engage-and Seton Hall University, is a ment of their daughter, Alicia special education teacher at Radspecial education teacher at Radcliffe School, Nutley.

Mr. DiPrimio, a graduate of Belleville High School and Mont-The couple was engaged on clair State University, is with ADP,

The wedding is planned for



Catuncan-O'Donnell troth announced

Nutley announce the engagement HIV/AIDS, a non-profit in New of their daughter, Carla Michelle, to Brendan O'Donnell, son of Edward and Carol O'Donnell of Cincinnati, Ohio.

April 5.

Miss Catuncan, an alumna of Nutley High School and Ford- school in the fall. ham University, she is with Asian

Alan and Josie Catuncan of & Pacific Islander Coalition on York City and will enroll in law school in the fall.

Mr. O'Donnell, a graduate of ncinnati, Ohio. Talawanda High School in The wedding is planned for Oxford, Ohio, and Rutgers University, Newark, is with GAF, Wayne. He will also enroll in law

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The babies are a-comin' in twos to Silver Lake



it's twins.

Her daughter, Nicola, and Anthony Gonnella of Belleville are the parents of twin bovs. named Anthony Philip who weighed in at 3 lbs. 13 oz. and Giovani Joseph who beat his "bro" by 2 oz., weighing in at 3 lbs. 15 oz.

They join their big sister Antonia who is two. Carole's other daughter, April of Heckel Street has a son named Daniel, who attends School #4. April is

expecting again in April. Carole, your grandchildren are mounting.

We have a resident named Madeline Rovelli who lives on Lake Street. And guess what? She will celebrate her big day on March 10. Now the great thing about this is that she will be, ready for this, ninety nine (99) vears old.

So Silverlakers get ready for next year when we will celebrate her 100th. We will tie a banner across Lake Street in

celebration. But Madeline, we here in Silver Lake wish you the bestest 99th ever, to one helluva lady.

Our February 19th meeting went well. The evening was bone chilling cold, but our Silverlakers are somewhat like postmen. Neither rain, nor sleet nor cold will keep them down.

About 40 showed up and a discussion was held on permit parking. Det. Gary Souss asked for volunteers to comb the neighborhood to see if the majority of residents are in favor of it. Officer

sugarloaf

Bobby Kane, a/k/a, Batman arrived on the scene to say hello to our members.

That's what we need in The Lake, community spirit and policing.

Our next meeting of the Silver Lake Civic Association will be held on Tuesday, March 18 at the Moose Lodge.

St. Joseph zeppoles will be served. See you there to celebrate St. Joseph's Day.

And remember, we love Silver Lake.

Mar. 7, 8, 9 Fri. & Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5

Pascrell representative visiting Nutley next month

Wednesday, March 5 at 9:00 a.m. Bloomfield.

Silver Lake has some great

news. Carole Colasurdo of

Heckel Street, has become a

grandmother again. This time

Field Representative Ann C. to assist the residents of Nutley. The phone number is 973-680-Mega from Congressman Bill Those needing help before then 1361 and office hours are Monday Pacrell, Jr.'s office will be at Nutley can contact Mrs. Mega at Bloom- and Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 Town Hall, 1 Kennedy Drive on field Town Hall, Room 200A in p.m.

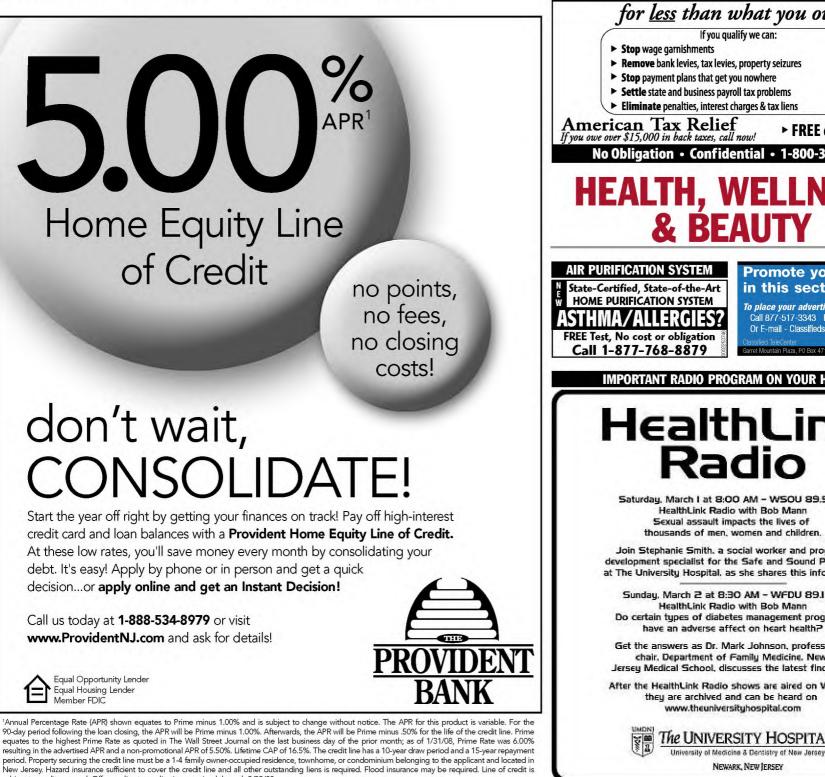
Old Guard collecting names of troops serving overseas

Recently the Nutley Old Guard serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. has sent 200 packages of cookies Belleville and Bloomfield that are their name and address to the:

subject to credit approval. Offer applies to applications received through 2/29/08.

Nutley Old Guard, ATTN: Dan If you know of anyone serving Marese, PO Box 195, Nutley NJ servicemen from Nutley, in Iraq or Afghanistan please send 07110.

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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SPORTS

DISTRICT 14 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Colon, Cordero win districts; Bucs advance 5

BY MIKE LAMBERTI for Belleville Times

Filiberto Colon continued to set records while Alex Cordero provided the biggest surprise for the Belleville wrestling team at the District 14 championships last Saturday at Livingston.

James Soprano, Angel Cuevas and Nick Cuevas assured themselves a berth in the Region 4 championships, which began last Tuesday with preliminary round action at West Orange High. Wrestling continues tomorrow with the quarterfinals and concludes on Saturday with the semifinals, wrestlebacks and 14 championship bouts. The title bouts should commence around 3 p.m. Wrestlers who finish in the top three of their respective weight class will advance to the NJSIAA championships at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City from March 7-9.

Because they won the districts, Colon and Cordero won't wrestle until tomorrow. Soprano and Angel Cuevas, who both finished second at the districts and Nick Cuevas, who was third, needed to win their preliminary round bouts on Tuesday to assure themselves a shot at tomorrow's quarter finals. As a team, Belleville finished a solid third at the districts while its coach, Joe Nisivoccia, was named the District 14 Coach of the Year.

Colon continued his marvelous season last Saturday, dominating

two pins and a 15-0 technical fall in 4:29 over Justin Estevez of Livingston in the final to become the first wrestler in four years to win four straight District 14 crowns.

He was also named the tour-Colon and Cordero, along with ney's Outstanding Wrestler, the fourth time this season he's been afforded such an honor. And on top of his other accomplishments last weekend, Colon won his 150th career match in the final, tying Tyler Milonas of Jefferson for second, all time, in state history for victories. Milonas, a 2007 NJSIAA champion, was graduated last spring, so Colon's next victory, possibly tomorrow in the quarter finals, will move him into second place, just seven victories shy of Mike Grey's all time record of 158. Grey was a four-time NJSIAA champion at Delbarton from 2003-2006.

certainly Nisivoccia was impressed, but also warns that the focus must not waver.

"Filiberto did a tremendous job," Nisivoccia said. "One hundred fifty wins is unbelievable, and his performance last weekend was outstanding. I know all the kids who are competing in the regions know how important it is to take one match at a time. Filiberto has been focussed all season long, and he has his sights set on the ultimate finals." goal of winning a state title."

Colon agreed with his coach.

the 119-pound weight class en ment," Colon (150-12 for his route to his fourth straight District career), said. "I'm proud of what 14 crown. Colon (37-0) recorded I've accomplished, but there's still work to do."

Cordero (23-12) recorded two pins, including a fall over Eric Harding of Newark East Side in 3:10 of the finals, to win the heavyweight championship at the districts.

"Alex has been working hard all season, and I'm not surprised by what he accomplished," Nisivoccia said. "I'm really happy for him. To see the look on his face when he won the title is what coaching is all about. He's very deserving?

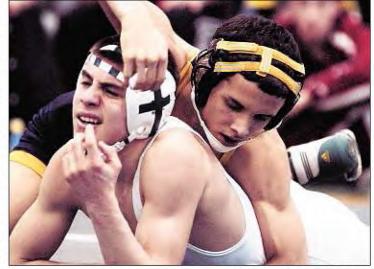
Soprano (36-1) breezed through his first two matches before the highly anticipated 125-pound final opposite Mike Fusco of Queen of Peace, a Belleville native. The two wrestled a tough six minute match with Fusco winning a 3-2 decision.

"I'm confident James will do a good job in the regions and I'm pretty sure he'll see Fusco again, perhaps in the finals," Nisivoccia said. "It was a good match between two solid wrestlers."

Fusco (30-1) was pretty sure he'd see Soprano in the regions, too

"We were wrestling partners in the (Belleville) recreation through eighth grade," Fusco said. "He's tough. I tried to be aggressive and was able to get a few moves in. Hopefully I'll see him in the region

Angel Cuevas did a good job at 145 pounds, advancing to the final "It's all about the state tournable before losing to Nutley native make the states."



MARTIN GUMB/BELLEVILLE TIMES

Belleville senior Filiberto Colon captured the 150th victory of his career on the way to capturing a fourth district championship at Livingston High School last weekend.

Dominic Maurillo of Oueen of Peace. Cuevas (28-9) had recorded a pin over Alex Jilia of Newark Academy and a 7-4 victory against Alex Atamian of Livingston to reach the final. Maurillo, the top seed, was impressive, winning a 23-7 technical fall in 5:43 for the championship.

"Angel ran up against a very good wrestler," Nisivoccia said. "But he did a great job in the tournament and hopefully, he has a chance to be wrestling this weekend at the regions with a chance to their seasons.

Nick Cuevas, Angel's younger brother, finished third at 130 pounds. He lost to three-time district champion Zach Kane of Livingston in the semifinals, but then came back to finish third and earn a berth in the regions.

Belleville's James Murgueytio (103), Louis Olivera (112), Marc Corino (135), Matt DeFrance (140), Frank Perez (152), Michael Perez (160), Dan Grosch (171) and Chase Hamilton (189) did not qualify for the regions, thus ending

REGION 4 PREVIEW Colon vies for first region title

BY MIKE LAMBERTI For Belleville Times

With apologies to the three days of wrestling at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, this weekend's region championships might be the most exciting of the high school wrestling season.

Wrestlers throughout the state will battle this weekend for the right to compete at Boardwalk Hall from March 7-9 for the ultimate crown, a NJSIAA championship. While the trip to Atlantic City is certainly a big time experience for those who qualify, the day, with the finals to commence at state tournament is contested in about 3:30 p.m. Those wrestlers front of large crowds encompass- who finish in the top three in their Heights/Wood Ridge. But Colon, a ing eight mats. It can get a little respective weight classes this weekconfusing for those fans looking for their favorite grappler.

This weekend's regions are held at eight sites, generally high school gyms, in front of frenzied fans in a close setting. Perhaps the most intense part of the regions are the third place bouts, which precede the championship tilts. Why? Because those who win the third place matches are assured a berth in the states while the loser bids farewell to the ultimate dream for a wrestler. The wrestlers in the

assured a trip to Atlantic City, win or lose, with the only difference being the loser has to wrestle an extra bout next Friday night in A.C.

Belleville, Nutley, Bloomfield, Montclair and Glen Ridge will compete at Region 4, which is being held in a new venue at West Orange High after a long run at Passaic Valley of Little Falls. Wrestling began last Tuesday and continues tomorrow evening with the quarterfinals. The semifinals, wrestlebacks and 14 championship bouts will be contested on Satur-Hall, beginning next Friday night.

Here's a look at the 14 classes, with some predictions.

103- Could be a wide open weight class, with Mike Spangler of Hasbrouck Heights/Wood Ridge and Gerson Deleon of Montclair among the favorites. Deleon is one of those rare athletes who is competing at 103 as a senior. His experience and strength could turn the tables this weekend. could be the difference.

112-Hard to pick against Frank

championship bouts are already Cagnina of Queen of Peace. As a freshman last year, Cagnina won the 103-pound NJSIAA title at Bergen Catholic of Oradell. He's now at QP, which has an up and coming program, and looked dominant last weekend at District 14 in beating a very good wrestler in Nutley's Anthony Cifelli. Nelman Cuevas of East Orange Campus could be in the mix, too. The choice is Cagnina, who could see Cifelli again in the region final.

119- Belleville's Filiberto Colon will be challenged by the likes of Rich Delanno of Passaic Valley, Justin Cabrera of North Bergen and Jose Vega of Hasbrouck four-time District 14 champion end will move on to Boardwalk with 150 victories and counting, should finally win his first Region 4 championship.

125- Belleville native Matt Fusco, who wrestles for Queen of Peace, could find himself in a District 14 rematch with long time friend James Soprano of Belleville in the region final. Fusco won last weekend, 3-2, dealing Soprano his first loss of the season. Soprano

DISTRICT 14 CHAMPIONSHIPS Nisivoccia named Coach of the Year

BY MIKE LAMBERTI for Belleville Times

was named District 14 Coach of tant coach for the Blue and Gold. the Year at last weekend's A tremendous high school wrestling championships at Livingston.

In his 23rd season as head coach, Nisivoccia led Belleville to in the state a year earlier. a 20-5 season and a berth in the tournament.

onships.

won his 300th match as Belleville's head coach.

"It's an honor to be recognized by the other coaches in the district," Nisivoccia, who came to Belleville as an assistant to Gene D'Allesandro in 1979, said. here, and any credit I get for this assistant coach on Nisivoccia's year's success goes to the kids staff. who put in the time and effort on

the mat."

Nisivoccia was promoted to head coach prior to the 1985-86 Belleville coach Joe Nisivoccia season after six years as an assiswrestler, Nisivoccia was a state champion at J.P. Stevens of Edi-son in 1972 after finishing second

He's coached all five state North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 champions in Belleville's history, four as a head coach. Nisivoccia He also guided Belleville to a was an assistant when Chris Musthird place finish at the Essex manno became Belleville's first County and District 14 champi- state champ in 1980. He was head coach in 1988 when Earlier this season, Nisivoccia Armando Nardone won the title and also coached Emilio "Junior" Nardone to two crowns before John Perna won a state championship in 1995 and Anthony Conte captured gold in 1996. Conte, the only wrestler in Belleville High history to win four "We've had some great wrestlers NJSIAA medals, is currently an

REGIONS

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130- A good weight class, with North Bergen's Bobby Dabal, a three-time Region 4 champ, the favorite over Livingston's Zach Kane, a three-time District 14 winner.

135- Maybe the toughest weight class in Region 4. Glen Cannici of Queen of Peace is a slight favorite, but Andrew Greco of Passaic Valley, Vince Perry of Passaic Tech of Wayne, John Donaleski of St. Peter's Prep of Jersey City and Joe Christovao of Montclair Kimberley should all be in the mix. Christovao could be a big surprise. He lost a tough match to Cannici in the District 14 final and the two could face off again. The choice: Cannici.

140- A big time final could be in store here between Rvan Dunphy of Passaic Valley and Mike Trasso of Queen of Peace. (Dunphy is the son of Jim Dunphy, a former Belleville High standout on the gridiron and baseball diamond). Trasso won their previous meeting, but this time, a slight edge to Dunphy. 05 Secaucus, perhaps in the final. 171- Mo Vasquez of West

145- Sal Tobia of West Essex won a Region 4 title last year at 140 pounds and gets the nod here over Nutley native Dominic Maurillo, who is now at Queen of Peace, and Jim Lombard of St. Mary (Ruth.). A Tobia-Lombard final could be very interesting.

152- Passaic Valley's Joe Wassell will be challenged by Vinnie Maurillo of Queen of Peace, a Nutley resident, and Kendall Davis of Paterson Eastside. Wassell is the choice here.

160- John Sternlicht, the pin-ning machine from Newark Academy of Livingston, is the favorites here. Sternlicht enters the regions with 108 pins, two shy of the state record of 110. He could face a tough test from Bob Roesing

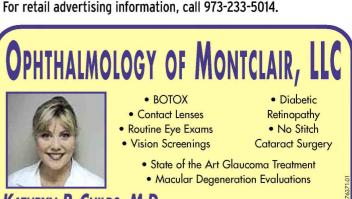
Orange and Marc Peck of Hasbrouck Heights/Wood Ridge are among the favorites. The choice: Peck.

189- Could be a big time final between Ryan Ackerman of Bloomfield and Nick DePhillips of Glen Ridge. DePhillips won the county championship and is a two-time District 13 champion. Ackerman is a three-time District 14 champ. Ackerman gets the nod. 215- Dillon Lawler of Verona is the favorite.

285- Jerome Otis-Harris of Bayonne lost a tough 3-2 match to Jon Hernandez of Cliffside Park in the District 16 final. The two could meet again in the region final, with Otis-Harris the winner this time.

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NEW THIS WEEK...

Nutley Old Guard, to welcome Dr. Robert Rento, pediatrician, Friday, Feb. 29 (tomorrow) at 9 a.m. at the Nutley Recreation Center, 44 Park Ave. Rento plans to discuss his medical missions in Nepal, China and Brazil.

Rummage sale, sponsored by the Women's Society of Wesley United Methodist Church, to be held Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at W.U.M.C., 225 Washington Ave., Belleville. Household items, clothing, books, toys, movies, games and more.

Ladies Auxiliary to Stuart E.

Edgar Post 493, Veterans of Foreign Wars meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Post Home, 271 Washington Ave., Nutley. Membership is open. For more information, write to Stuart E. Edgar Post 493 Auxiliary, 136 Centre St., Nutley, NJ 07110. The Auxiliary sponsors many important programs benefiting veterans and their families. The next meeting will be held Monday, March 10 (instead of Tuesday, March 11).

Pot O' Gold Food Drive, an

ongoing food drive contest benefiting the United Way of Bloomfield, currently accepting entries until Thursday, March 13, with prize winners announced March 14. The winner is whoever picks the closest number of gold coin candies in the "Pot O' Gold" contest without going over the actual number. Anyone who donates three cans/packages of nonperishable food at Advanced Chiropractic Institute, 170 Broad St., Bloomfield, can participate. Canned soup is preferred. One entry per person. For more information, call 738-3888.

Spring Spectacular, hosted by the Bloomfield Recreation Department, Saturday, March 15 at 1 p.m. at the Bloomfield Civic Center. This event is free and

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BELLEVILLE CLERGY ALLIANCE

Choosing which direction to travel

Are" is a book I enjoyed reading and a phrase which helps to guide us through our lives. To 'go' somewhere does not mean physically alone. It can mean mentally, spiritually, emotionally and attitudinally. What I enjoy about the thought is that we often have a huge choice in how we see our lives and situations.

The story in the Bible about the woman at the well (John 4:5-42) is revealing in this regard. This Samaritan woman goes to Jacob's well to draw water at noon. Important to note is that most women go to that well for water early in the ever again, she would not hesitate

"Wherever You Go, There You day. The Samaritan woman, how- to draw water for Him. ever, was one of the 'outcasts' of her town and preferred to draw water when others were not present. Our unidentified woman is surprised to find a man named Jesus resting at the well. Amazing was the fact that He talked to her because Jesus, a Jew, should not be talking to a Samaritan. Jesus asks her to draw Him some water, for He has no bucket and the well is deep. The woman cannot understand Jesus treating her as worthy of conversation. Jesus says that if she knew His ability to give her

A short ending to this spiritual encounter is that Jesus convinces her that He is the "Messiah." She cannot believe that He knows all about her life as an outcast in her community. It gives her confidence and boldness to back to her people and say, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done." So this woman became the

people flocked to Jesus and believed because of His words that He was the Savior of the world. In our own lives let's be aware that the 'now' (the present) is where we are. Knowing this, we have the power to choose our beliefs and our direction.

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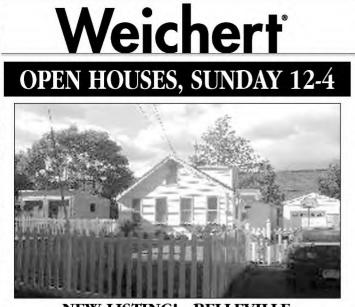


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Mr. Russomanno passed away Feb. 18 in the Clara Maass Continuing Care Center, Belleville.

OBITUARIES

Giovanni Vacca

ni Vacca, 23, of Nutley Feb. 21 at

Holy Family Church, Nutley, after

the funeral from the Biondi Funer-

Mr. Vacca passed away Feb. 17

Mr. Vacca was born in Belleville

and was a lifelong resident of Nut-

lev. He was a graduate of the Nut-

ley High School Class of 2003 and

the School of Audio Engineering

Class of 2004, New York City. He

was employed as an audio engi-

neer for Fox Radio in New York

He is survived by his parents,

Pasquale and Mirella (nee Cifelli)

Vacca; his sister, Pasqualina, and

his brother, Vito and his fiancee,

Diana Zaucha. He was the mater-

nal grandson of Velia Cifelli;

maternal great-grandson of Nicola

Cifelli; the nephew of Lucille and

Nicholas Cifelli, Antonio and Maria Rosaria Vacca, and Quinti-

no and Nicolina Venditti. Mr. Vac-

ca was predeceased by his mater-

nal grandfather, Achille Cifelli, and

paternal grandparents, Giovanni

and Giovannina Vacca.

at Robert Wood Johnson Universi-

ty Hospital, Rahway Campus.

al Home.

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A Mass was offered for Giovan-

Newark and lived in Belleville for Giovanni; over 55 years. He was a Navy vet- Mongiello, and sister, Luigina

eran and served as a sonar techni- Pasquale. Surviving are her daughcian aboard the USS H.W. Butner during World War II. He was employed as a supervisor for Artisan Electronics, Parsippany, for over 20 years, before retiring many years ago. He was a member of the Branch Brook Park Senior Citizens Middle Club, Building 24, Newark, where he served as president and vice president over the years. He was also a member of the Sheffield Pleasure Club at St. Gerard's Church, Newark, for many vears.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Rose Russomanno (nee Nicoletti); his sons, James Russomanno and Frank Russomanno and his wife, Linda; his brothers, Rocco Russomanno and his wife, Rose, Anthony Russomanno and his wife, Julie, and Vito Russomanno; his sister, Connie Casale, and his grandchildren, Michele and Kimberly. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Rosina Pasquale

A Mass of Christian burial was offered for Rosina Pasquale (nee Mongiello), 86, of Belleville Feb. 23 at St. Lucy's R.C. Church, Newark, after the funeral from the Zarro Funeral Home, Bloomfield. Mrs. Pasquale passed away Feb. 19 at University Hospital, Newark.

Mrs. Pasquale was born in Cassano Irpino, Avellino, Italy to the late Maria (Malancone) and Giuseppe Mongiello, and lived in Newark before moving to Belleville in 1965. She was a machinist for Liberty Optical in Newark, retiring 16 years ago.

She was predeceased by her Mr. Russomanno was born in husband, Pompeo Pasquale; son, brother, Alfonso

ters, Luigina Varone and Rosina Dalla Terza; son, Bartolomeo and his wife, Matilde; sister, Nina Petriello and her husband, Bartolomeo; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Alfred Russo Sr.

A Mass of Christian burial was offered for Alfred Russo Sr., 73, of Belleville Feb. 23 at Holy Angels R.C. Church, Little Falls, after the funeral from the Gaita Memorial Home.

Mr. Russo passed away Feb. 20. Residing in Belleville for 37 years, Mr. Russo was an iron worker with Local 11, Bloomfield.

He was husband of the late Florence (Espinera); father of Alfred Jr., Angela Nicosia and the late Carol Ann Russo; brother of Tony Russo, Emilia Maselli, Rosa Ciottariello, Tina Campanile and Philomena Ciottariello; grandfather of four grandchildren, and companion of Pina Scielzo.

Frank J. Digdon Jr.

A service was held for Frank John Digdon Jr., 52, of Newark Feb. 19 at the Irvine Cozzarelli Memorial Home, Belleville.

Mr. Digdon passed away Feb. 16 at home.

Mr. Digdon was born in Belleville and was a longtime resident of Newark. He was a sanitation worker for the city of Newark for 34 years.

He was the son of Virginia M. Digdon and the late Frank Digdon. He is survived by his siblings, Robert and Gloria Jean, and was predeceased by a brother, David Digdon.

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February 21, 28, 2008: March 6, 13, 2008 SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2007 011516

SHEHIFT'S FILE NO. 2007 011516 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F1268307 COMMON-WEALTH UNITED MORTGAGE, A DIVI-SION OF NATIONAL CITY BANK PLAIN-TIFF +vs- ANDRES B. TORRES; ANGELA RODRIGUEZ, OCCUPANT; ET ALS. DE-FENDANTS FENDANTS

FENDANTS Execution for Sale of Mortgaged Premises By virtue of the above stated writ of Execu-tion, to me directed, I shall expose for sale by Public Auction, in SHERIFF'S OFFICE, Essex County Courts Building in Newark, on Tuesday, March 04, 2008, at one-thirty P.M. (Prevailing Time). Commonly known as: 21 HILL ST BLOOMEELD, N. 107003.

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Lot: 20 Block: 336 Size: APPROX.35 x 139 feet Nearest cross street name: BLOOMFIELD AVENUE

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current amount due thereon. The approximate amount of the Judgment to be satisfied by said sale is the sum of TWO HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FOURTEEN AND 55/100 DOL-LARS (\$210,814.55), together with the costs of this sale.

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SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2007 012027 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F1711907 U.S. BANK NA-TIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CSMC MORTGAGE, ETC. PLAINTIFF -vs-CLEMENTE BLANCO, ET AL. DEFEND-ANTS

DOCKET NO. F1711907 U.S. BANK NA-TIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CSMC MORTGAGE, ETC. PLAINTIFF -vs-CLEMENTE BLANCO, ET AL. DEFEND-ANTS Execution for Sale of Mortgaged Premises By virtue of the above stated writ of Execu-tion, to me directed, I shall expose for sale by Public Auction, in SHERIFF'S OFFICE, Essex County Courts Building in Newark, on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at one-thirty P.M. (Prevailing Time). Commonly known as: 134 FOREST ST BELLEVILLE, NJ 07109 Lot: 5 Block: 5605 Size: 32.26 x 100.01 x 34.11 x 100.00 feet Nearest cross street name: OVERLOOK AVE A full legal description can be found in the office of the Register of Essex County. A deposit of 20% of the bid price in certified funds is required at the time of sale. "Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding in-terest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon. The approximate amount of the Judgment to be satisfied by said sale is the sum of TWO HUNDRED SIXTY TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY EVEN AND ASHMANDO B. FONTOURA, Sheriff PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC, ATTORNEY(S) Belleville Times 2267610 Fee \$71.52

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SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2007 011557 SHEAFF STILE NO. 2007 OT1557 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F1356407 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUST. EE FOR MORGAN, ETC. PLAINTIFF -vs-RICHARD FRANKLIN, ET AL. DEFEND-ANTS ANTS

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Zoning approval for project delayed

This week there was much discussion over the \$3,000 appropriation to underwrite salaries for the proposed summer school program in Belleville. Evan Thomas, of

salaries in the summer program. The summer school program will be self-sustaining with students paying assessed tuition fees. There were several board members who felt the entire \$3,000 could be cut, some favored elimination of the \$3,000 from the budget and one board ember recommended cutting only \$1,000 from the summer school figure. But the final outcome was to leave the \$3,000 appropriation in the new budget.

budget this week was \$25,000 less than the one presented to the electorate a week ago. The new amount to be raised by local taxes \$2,126,739 reflects an increase of only a single tax point over last year.

SCHOOL SALE FROM PAGE 1

amount Alvarez bid for the school, which was just a fraction higher than the next highest bid. Frantantoni has copies of the three bids submitted for the purchase of the school, one of which is from John Rescinti "or an LLC to be named later," which bid \$2,254,400. Another was from an attorney, Michael A. Taromina, on behalf of Julina Development Company, a California-based company, which bid \$2,400,000. Alvarez's price was \$2,401,000.

The winning bid was just \$1,000 more than the second highest bid, much less than even one percent of the cost of the total bid. Alvarez said the miniscule difference between the two bids resulted from Alvarez's practice of adding a small amount onto what he believes may be a good price for the property to ensure his is the winning bid.

"I always put an extra thousand on the bid, because it might make the difference in winning the bid. I had no idea what the other bids were. I had no idea who the other people are. I put in a closed bid, and you don't know if you're going to get it," he said.

Taromina, whose client lost the bid by just \$1,000, said he could not comment on anything to do with the bid process.

The reason why Frantantoni said he is so concerned about the ossible conflict of interest is that if Strumolo had abstained from voting in favor of the sale, it might not have gone through. When the sale of School 1 was

approved in December, there were only the minimum four votes needed for the sale to be approved. An official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said, however, that school board member Eric Schwartz missed the meeting because of a family emergency. Had Strumolo abstained from the

The cut was \$10,000 for ₹ architectural fees associated with an anticipated building program in ⊒ Another Belleville. \$15,000 was taken from the school board's surplus and applied to the 1960

expense accounts.

week forced another postponement in the application for a 52-unit garden apartment development. The apartments are to be erected in the stadium area off Passaic Ave. and between Division Ave. and Greylock Parkway. The project's cost is estimated at \$400,000, according to its developer, Signe Mascera of Belleville.

This week members of the Washington Avenue Merchants Association met to discuss the final plans for two Belleville bus routes. The organization hopes to have the lines finished soon.

Nearly \$700,000 is being spent on a project to provide housing for student nurses at the Clara Maass Memorial Hospital.

vote, the matter merely would have been postponed until the next meeting, when the possibility of four affirmative votes would have existed, the official said.

Christian Strumolo has not just been involved in business in Bloomfield, but has also been active in politics in two separate towns. In 2005, Christian Strumolo and running mate Ryan Graham spent \$41,000 on an unsuccessful run for council in Verona, and last year ran unsuccessfully for council in Bloomfield. His father, Peter, is the Democratic Party leader in Bloomfield.

The potential conflict of interest alleged by Frantantoni is not his only complaint about the sale. Frantantoni, who has said the board should hold onto valuable property and rehab School 1, also said he believes there may be a deed restriction on the property that prevents its sale.

He said he was allowed to see several separate deeds for the square block of property on the corners of Cortlandt and Rutgers streets that houses the former elementary school and is being used to store school buses, police cars and various other items for the schools and township.

He said there is one deed for the front area facing Rutgers Street, another for the part facing Academy Street and a third and fourth lot. None of the deeds describes the land where the school sits, Frantantoni said, and one deed shows the property line going all the way down to what is now Valley Street, some 480-plus feet of property. The deeds are dated from the years 1852, 1919, 1921 and 1922.

"It leads me to believe somebody may have donated the property for school purposes only, and there is a deed restriction," he said. "(School Administrator) Eddie Appleton said he would have to look into it."

Appleton could not be reached for comment.

superintendent schools, told the school

board that the \$3,000 appropriation was in-cluded to guarantee teachers' Zoning Board of Adjustment this salaries in the summer program

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