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## A GIANT SUCCESS

Carmen Pizzano, who works as a video technician for the New York Giants, recounted his experiences as part of the 2008 Super Bowl champion squad during a talk at the Belleville Public Library last week. The library will be offering a variety of activities during the next few days; see page 2 for a listing.

## Councilman returns after long illness Town recipient of \$32K Clean Communities grant

BY DAVID HINRICHS  
of Belleville Times

The Belleville Township Council welcomed back Michael Nicosia Tuesday night and held a brief council meeting while Township Manager Victor Canning is away on vacation.

Nicosia, who had been in the hospital for an extended period of time, was happy to be back and thanked the council and the public for their support. "I want to thank this council and really everyone for their support through these times. The encouragement from everyone was very uplifting and it made it a lot easier to get through the hard times I was dealing with," said Nicosia. "I received many letters and cards from family, friends and residents and I want to take this opportunity to thank you all."

The meeting lasted less than a half-hour, but the council did announce that the township would be receiving \$32,286 from the 2008 Clean Communities program. The council also acknowl-

edged that Essex County has approved a grant from the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for the Township's Municipal Alliance program in the amount of \$39,000 and appointed a community development block grant representative for the upcoming fiscal year of 2008. An ordinance to amend an ordinance to establish fees for participation in recreation department activities was also passed in its second and final reading.

The council pulled a resolution to re-advertise bids for the design and construction of the concession building and restrooms at the municipal stadium and recreation house and councilwoman Marie Strumolo Burke suggested that the council look into the maintenance of the field. "I was told that the infield of the varsity baseball field was covered in water recently and they could not play or practice. Why do we not have someone responsible for covering the field during inclement weather or what is the situation with the tarp?" questioned Burke.

"The encouragement from everyone was very uplifting and it made it easier to get through the hard times I was dealing with."

**Michael Nicosia**  
Belleville Councilman

Currently, there is no tarp for the field but the council agreed that something needed to be done to preserve the baseball field. "We should definitely try to either acquire a tarp or get some kind of protocol in place for when poor weather hits. We don't want that field to get ruined and we want our kids to get back on the field as quickly as possible," said Belleville Mayor Raymond Kimble.

In other business, the council passed an ordinance to authorize the purchasing of property located

at 10 Valley Street in Belleville to help expand the parking at Town Hall. The council also consented to a resolution awarding the bid for the purchase of ambulance and first aid supplies, leaf bags, plumbing supplies and water supplies and authorized the refund of tax overpayments and certain accounts in the water system.

The resolution authorizing payment to Robert Charles in full and final satisfaction of all claims in the matter entitled, "Robert Charles V. Township of Belleville" workers compensation claim petition case number 2003-19698 was consented. The payment in full to Marsellis Warner in full on all claims in the matter entitled, "Marsellis Warner V. Township of Belleville" was also approved.

The council announced that they would be bringing on James M. Cundari to represent the municipality as special counsel for the Belleville tax reevaluations.

The next scheduled meeting for the Belleville Township council is set for April 29th.



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**April 1**

■ Police arrested and charged John Enright, 34, of Kearny with possession of eight vials of cocaine and resisting arrest at 9:40 p.m. The suspect was observed walking fast near 212 Main St. after seeing police, and then reached into his pocket and began throwing the vials to the ground. After a brief foot chase, he was apprehended. He was released on his own recognizance.

■ Police arrested and charged Mahadeo Etwaroo, 57, of Belleville with driving while intoxicated and failure to obey a traffic signal at 8:39 a.m. The suspect's silver Nis-

san made an illegal turn at Union and Belleville avenues, and the suspect was found to have a strong odor of alcohol after a motor vehicle stop was conducted. He failed field sobriety tests and was arrested. He was released on his own recognizance.

**April 2**

■ Police arrested and charged Michelle Estrada, 26, of Newark with possession of 11 hypodermic needles, numerous wax folds containing heroin, and three glass vials containing a cocaine residue. Also, Charles DiBlasi, 41, of Nutley, was arrested and charged with possession of narcotics paraphernalia

and being an unlicensed driver. Both arrests were made at 5:29 p.m. after a white SUV was stopped for making an unsafe lane change. Estrada had \$700 in outstanding warrants from Newark, while DiBlasi was released on his own recognizance.

■ Police arrested and charged Jessica Alday, 18, of Nutley with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana at 8:03 p.m. She was observed rolling a marijuana cigarette in a car parked on Sanford Avenue and arrested. She was released on her own recognizance.

■ Police arrested and charged David Selby, 32, of Belleville with

driving while intoxicated at 8:26 p.m. He was stopped on Essex Street after police received a tip that a possible intoxicated driver had just crossed over the bridge from Kearny. The suspect had a strong odor of alcohol and failed field sobriety tests. He was released on his own recognizance.

**April 3**

■ Police arrested and charged Jonathan Deak, 20, of Nutley with possession of narcotics paraphernalia at 1:05 p.m. His gray Toyota was stopped on Route 21 North, mile marker 6.8, after being clocked at a high rate of speed. Police observed a straw with pow-

dery residue between his legs, at which point the suspect said, "Please don't lock me up, I have a drug problem." He was released on his own recognizance.

■ Police arrested and charged Daniel Casciano, 18, of Belleville with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana at 2:47 p.m. The suspect was observed walking in heavy traffic on Franklin Avenue near the Hendricks Field golf course. Casciano and a Belleville male juvenile each admitted to having a few bags of marijuana on them. Casciano was

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## Cherry Blossom Concert, many other activities planned for annual National Library Week next week

It's National Library Week, a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide, and the perfect time to discover how you can join the circle of knowledge at your library.

The Belleville Public Library and Information Center is celebrating National Library Week

with activities all week.

On Tuesday, April 15, a by invitation only Luncheon for Volunteers will take place at 12 noon, followed by a flower arranging demonstration by Belleville's own Flowerama at 1 p.m. which is open to the public.

Don't miss the Cherry Blossom Festival Concert on Wednesday, April 16 at 7 p.m. featuring the

Estra Kiroka String Quartet, and The Taste of Belleville (tickets required) on Friday, April 18 at 6:30.

There will be activities for adults and children all week, so be sure to come in and pick up a schedule of events.

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nesses help transform their communities," says Joan Taub, Library Director. "At our library, people of all backgrounds can come together for community meetings, lectures and programs, to do research with the assistance of a trained professional, to get a job, to find homework help or to use a computer."

First sponsored in 1958, Nation-

al Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

For more information, visit the Belleville Public Library and Information Center at 221 Washington Ave., call 973-450-3434 or see the library's Web site at [www.belle-pl.org](http://www.belle-pl.org).

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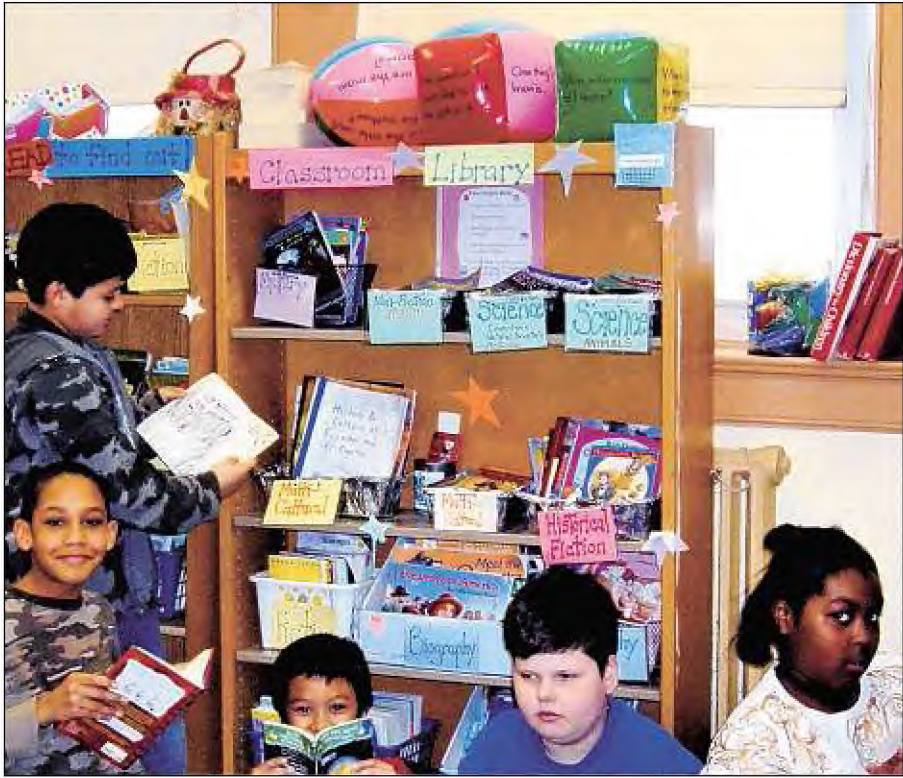
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Pictured are fourth graders at School 4, who have been participating in a variety of constructive reading and writing activities meant to encourage independent reading and study.



Stock car driver and Belleville resident is seen here with members of Cub Scout Pack 350 during the pack's annual Pinewood Derby March 28. The boys, who built their own wooden race cars, were "thrilled" to see an example of the real thing, an organizer said.

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## OUR VIEW

# Just who is doing township's business?

Since the start of the year through the end of March, the Belleville Township Council was scheduled to meet eight times, in regular public and "work" sessions, where there generally is no input from the public but where important, ongoing issues are discussed.

Here's the problem: the council has met only five times, with 3 meetings – nearly half of those previously scheduled – abruptly cancelled.

The meeting schedule for a particular year is determined late the previous year, providing the public with plenty of advance notice about when a meeting is to occur. The schedule is designed to ensure that the public gets a say on what the council is doing in its name. But when the council summarily decides not to convene or

is unable to do so, then the public, at least on those occasions, has been effectively shut out of the process.

For people who don't know much about municipal government, three canceled meetings out of eight might not sound like such a big deal. In fact, it's a huge deal. In many communities, years go by before even one scheduled meeting is cancelled for reasons other than, say, bad weather (and it should be mentioned that since January, weather has not forced one cancellation). This is because vital business is taken care of at these meetings: bills are paid, new ordinances are considered, major initiatives and projects are discussed, various licenses and permits granted (or denied). With all the challenges facing the town, Belleville simply cannot get by with

half-time government.

It should be noted that under municipal law, the council cannot meet unless it has a quorum – a majority – of members in attendance, and one member, unfortunately, has reportedly been suffering health problems. But the absence of just one member is not enough to prevent a quorum from forming, so there must be some other explanation.

This paper tried, and so far has had little success, in finding out what that reason may be, or even in finding out who decided meetings should be cancelled. We think the onus is on the council to explain why it has failed to meet so frequently and to promise to improve its attendance record in the future.

## LETTERS

### School administration needs reform

#### TO THE EDITOR:

The school board recently voted to approve a new contract for the administrators that will provide an annual increase of 4 percent for the next three years. To their credit, Arlene Schor and Toni Maronne were the only two to vote against it. Belleville school administrators are the highest paid in the County of Essex and possibly the state. The average wage is now \$123,000. per year.

In these fiscally challenging times of deep cutbacks in state spending our Governor saw the hardship that high taxes have placed, particularly on, middle class towns who cannot afford to fully fund their children's education, and consequently increased school aid to Belleville by \$4.2 million to help our struggling schools. With our children funded at 68 percent and our teacher's salaries at 90 percent the board has seen fit to raise the bar higher by funding the administrators at a county average of 120 percent. This is irresponsible government at the least. At these costs one would expect our educational statistics to be stellar, which they are not. In addition, most salaries are not commensurate to the employee's educational credentials. While there is no turning back once these contracts are in place there is a solution. Reduce administrative positions.

I propose that we, as a township, have district wide grammar school administration at the highest level. With 2,500 children at this level of education there should be no more than three administrators rather than the seven that is now the case. Further, there is no need for an "Assistant Superintendent" posi-

tion either. This would benefit the taxpayers and the schools on several levels. It would give a comprehensive overview of the strengths and weaknesses of the system overall, allowing for better placement of the teachers and students with special needs. This system would stop cronyism and foster a better environment for new teachers with cutting edge concepts that can be stifled in a complacent environment that our present system fosters. Chronic problematic children could be placed in classes with a higher student to instructor ratio where they would get the attention they need allowing for a less disruptive class environment where these issues exist. These are not revolutionary concepts to the rest of the nation. This is the responsibility of our school board to deliver a quality education to our children within the constraints of federal and state laws and their actions were not in the spirit of the states granting of much sought after additional funding.

Jeffrey Mattingly

### Supporting their candidates

#### TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing in support of Joe Longo and Bill Freda for the Belleville Board of Education. I have personally witnessed the commitment these individuals have to our community and the children of our district. I met Bill Freda approximately 15 years ago when our sons started school together. Bill and his wife Barbara have been active members of the parent organizations of the schools their children attended. Bill helped organize and run a roller hockey league for the children of Belleville where he was a coach for several years. For several years Bill could be found building sets for the annual high school play, even

though his children were not involved with this activity.

Six years ago my son began high school and joined the marching band. This is how I met Joe Longo and his wife Maria. You could not find an individual more dedicated to helping and supporting the children of our town than Joe.

I had the privilege of serving on the Board of Education's Visual and Performing Arts Advisory Council with these two gentlemen. They led the fight for the reorganization of the high school theatre arts program, new ventilation in classrooms with poor air quality and more funding for art supplies in the elementary schools. I have worked side by side with both of these gentlemen in support of the high school bands loading the equipment truck, building props for marching band, fundraising for needed items not available in the BOE budget, etc.

At this time I ask you to consider casting your votes for Joe Longo and Bill Freda for Board of Education trustees. They are committed to helping the children of our district, while at the same time trying to find ways to keep the budget in check.

Patricia Hogan

#### TO THE EDITOR:

On Tuesday, April 15th the residents of Belleville will have the opportunity to elect new trustees to the Belleville Board of Education. The people of Belleville will elect those individuals who they feel are dedicated to our children and to our town.

Barbara Lozaw and Ralph Vellon have a proven track record of devoting years of volunteering to helping children. They have actively been involved in parent organizations at School #4 and School #5. Over the years, they have been given of their personal time to serving as coaches for various children's sports teams.

Barbara Lozaw and Ralph Vellon are homeowners and taxpayers. They are committed to the efficient use of your tax dollars.

Most importantly, Barbara Lozaw and Ralph Vellon care deeply about children.

I urge all Belleville residents to remember to vote on Tuesday, April 15th and elect Barbara Lozaw and Ralph Vellon as Trustees to the Belleville Board of Education.

Eric Schwartz

#### TO THE EDITOR:

Children are our hope for the future. Today's children will become the leaders of tomorrow. Therefore, it is very important that we provide Belleville's children with the foundation to prepare them for the challenges they will face on the job and in this community.

The Board of Education election is April 15th and I urge all Belleville residents to support Barbara Lozaw and Ralph Vellon for Trustees. Both of these residents have proven that they care about our children and our town. They are well known around this town for the generous donation of their time in volunteering to work with so many of our children. On many afternoons and weekend days, you have seen them on the ball fields coaching our children and they have participated in many school events. They are here, not only for their children, but also for all of the children of Belleville.

They are both successful in

their own way. Barbara has her own real estate business and Ralph was the Director of Nursing at Columbus Hospital and is now a supervisor of nursing and surgical services at Hackensack Hospital. They are hard working people who care about their town and the children.

Please get out and vote on April 15th and elect Barbara Lozaw and Ralph Vellon to the Board of Education.

Vinnie Strumolo, Jr.

#### TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to endorse Joe Longo and Bill Freda, for the coming Board of Education Election on April 15th. The criteria for Board of Education Trustee is so demanding. Joe and Bill have already committed their energies to many fundraisers and by participating on many school councils that have benefited our children.

After many one on one conversations we realize that Joe and Bill, as trustees and their professional backgrounds would be a great asset to our children and our town of Belleville.

Do your part by utilizing your right to vote on April 15th and vote for Joe Longo and Bill Freda.

Joyce and Ralph Mazzuca

#### TO THE EDITOR:

Belleville residents are fortunate to have four quality candidates running for the two open

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seats on the Board of Education this year. The responsibility for educating 4,500 of our children and overseeing the expenditure of almost \$60 million tax dollars is a grave responsibility. It is especially critical in these difficult and uncertain times. It is my sincere belief that the two candidates best suited to serve the interests of both Belleville's children and Belleville's taxpayers at this time are Joe Longo and Bill Freda. Joe and Bill have proven their commitment and dedication to the children of Belleville through their many years of volunteer service to our school system and our community. Joe Longo and Bill Freda are both independent and successful professionals who can be trusted to use their energy, enthusiasm and business experience to benefit the school system and our overburdened taxpayers.

## Michael Perrone

## A tour for all 'Seasons'

**TO THE EDITOR:**

It was wonderful to see the Belleville Times' coverage of the

Four Seasons Neighborhood Bus Tour. There is so much history in this area, but for me, it goes beyond that. I started the Tour, along with Walt Gollender and Jim Petrecca, truly as a grassroots project. Like the line in the show, *Jersey Boys* about four guys under a street lamp, this was two guys and a girl who wanted to bring to life a neighborhood that is already alive and well, but ready for a warm spotlight.

For me, the motivation was greater than a Broadway show with unprecedented appeal (yielding sold-out ticket sales eight times every week for the past two years) and a neighborhood that I sensed deserved some overdue attention. I was visiting the neighborhood of my mother's childhood as well!

My mother grew up at 230 New Street in Belleville and I had heard many stories of cutting through yards on the way to school on Union Avenue. One thing I hadn't known before researching the Tour, though, was where my great-grandparents were buried.

Almost by accident, I found their grave sites in the same cemetery where Frankie Valli's daughter and parents were laid to rest.

I guess many journeys in life ultimately end up “bringing us back home” as the organization of this Four Seasons Bus Tour has

done for me. I want to thank you for covering this Tour which is set up to bring pride and an optimistic outlook to Belleville. As Linda Soo Hoo, a tour participant from California said, "Maybe when folks living in the Stephen Crane project see a tour van come through, they'll ponder the path that life took for another Stephen Crane resident." We hope to have two more tours the first and last Sundays in May. For information about the tours or to share some of your neighborhood stories, call me at 908-420-5270.

**Audrey Rockman**

## Resident gets his due

**TO THE EDITOR:**

On April third, Belleville's PBA Local # 28 (Policemen's Benevolent Association) honored Anthony Wieners at their Annual Policemen's Ball. Anthony (Tony) is a fourth-generation resident and Belleville High School graduate who has served on the Belleville Police Department for over 27 years. Tony is also the President of the New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association. This was a very proud moment for Tony, his wife Julia, his family, friends and for Belleville.

In attendance, were many State and Local Government Officials including Governor Corizine. Also in attendance, was Ken Rosato the anchorman from WABC-TV's Eyewitness News. Ken is a resident of Belleville's Second Ward. The event, which

had over 350 attendees from around the State, was held at Nanina's in the Park.

I would like to thank Tony  
Wieners and Ken Rosato.

**Steve Rovell**  
Second Ward councilman

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## Tour de Belleville cycling race planned on April 27

The Belleville Recreation Department and Premiere Cycling Promotions are bringing back a professional cycling event to Belleville after a 30 year absence. The fair and start/finish line are on the corner of Mill Street and Union Avenue.

The event will feature a professional cycling race, with participants from all over the country

competing for the Tour de Belleville championship.

There will be children's rides, festival, refreshments, plus a two mile fun walk through the beautiful cherry blossoms of Branch Brook Park.

The amateur races run from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. April 27 Planned is a citizen race prior to the

start of the pro event which goes off at 11:30 A.M. finishing at 1:30 P.M. The fair will run until 4:00 P.M.

The walk through the park is free. Donations will be accepted by the Branch Brook Park Alliance.

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# Many decisions face the voters next Tuesday

BY RICHARD DICKON  
of Belleville Times

Residents will select from among four non-incumbent candidates to fill two, three-year Board of Education trustee positions on Tuesday, and will vote to either pass or reject the \$58.2 million 2008-2009 school budget that contains no tax increase.

The candidates lines on the ballot are as follows: Barbara Lozaw, 1A; Joseph Longo, 2A; Bill Freda, 3A and Ralph Vellon, 4A. Incumbent board members Dawson Bloom and Antoinette "Toni" Marone are not seeking re-election.

The public question on the ballot states, "Resolved that there should be raised for the General Funds \$31,691,984 for the ensuing

school years (2008-2009)." The cost number represents the amount of property taxes to be raised by the budget, and is exactly the same as 2007-2008, representing a zero percent tax increase.

The budget contains new programs, most notably the introduction of full-day kindergarten in all seven elementary schools. Other major additions to the budget include hiring three more physical education teachers to bring the district into full compliance with state guidelines requiring two periods of physical education per week. Also, the budget restores the guidance counselor for elementary schools, doubling the number from one.

As for the candidates, Longo and Freda are running as a ticket, and Vellon and Lozaw are both backed by the Coalition for Better

Government (CBG).

A handful of residents have spoken out publicly against beginning a full-day kindergarten program using part of the additional \$4 million in state aid the school district received for the budget. They say that if the aid amount remains flat next year or is reduced, then a large property tax increase would be needed to continue to fund the kindergarten program.

School officials have said they would have to look at eliminating the kindergarten program and possibly co-curricular clubs if aid does not increase. This year's aid increase is supposed to be part of a long-term series of increases for the district emanating from a new state school funding formula.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edward Kliszus has said in public

discussions of the budget that full-day kindergarten in all seven elementary schools is considered a top priority. While some residents questioned whether enough space existed at each school to add the classes, Kliszus has assured residents that there is just enough space.

Three new physical education teachers would be added as part of the budget, allowing for the district to be in compliance with the state's recommended two periods of physical education per student per week, Kliszus said.

The budget would restore one elementary school guidance counselor, doubling the number to two and giving the district back the one lost when a ballot question asking to fund the position was defeated last year.

Bilingual education instruction would increase under the proposed budget. The budget also calls for new computers at the high school and middle school, along with at selected special education sites, and the replacement of lockers in the physical education areas of the high school and middle school.

As for the candidates, Longo and Freda have both stated that they feel it takes strong leadership, determination, creativity and hard work to address the school district's challenges successfully. Over the years, they say they have applied these principles to the Belleville Music Program, the Business and Technology Advisory Council, and the Visual and

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# After 25 years of service, Scarpelli steps down

BY RICHARD DICKON  
of Belleville Times

"To ask the best of ourselves, then give so much more...Here's to the winners all of us can be!" Those words were memorably sung by Frank Sinatra in the late 1970s, and for Peter Scarpelli, they help tell the story of his efforts and accomplishments professionally, personally in service to Nutley for 25 of his 70 years. He was elected to the five-member commission in a special election in 1983. Building on his family's landscaping business, Scarpelli has known great success in business and politics, but also the worst loss any parent can ever experience. Still, when the Nutley Commissioner for nearly a quarter century sat down to talk about his life, he said he is very thankful for his and his family's many blessings. His mother's grandfather settled in Nutley in 1881 on the same plot of land he now resides upon on Milton Avenue. His one great grandfather was one of just four Italian landowners before 1900, and he wanted to start a vineyard.

The great grandfather, Antonio Pignataro, ended up fathering 12 daughters, and the family name was not carried on after him. On his father's side, the Scarpellis arrived in Belleville/Nutley around 1902 from the small town Acri, Italy, and he was born the same year his father moved to Nutley for good, 1937. "I've lived here ever since," he said. Taking over his father's landscaping business, Scarpelli grew the business into three separate entities, including the Jo-Lee Nursery and Garden Center at the corner of Passaic Avenue and Chestnut Street on the Belleville border. He ran the family business for more than 40 years after taking over full time in 1960. The businesses were sold because of the most difficult moment of Scarpelli's life – the sudden death from a heart attack of his son, Michael, at age 35, several years ago. Michael was Scarpelli's business partner. "After he passed, I just couldn't run things alone," he said. Scarpelli spoke poignantly about living with the death of his


son. "How does it change you?" he asked. "It changes you that whatever goes on in life – in politics, business, purchasing property, success – none of it means a damn thing without family. It fades away somewhat, but it's still always with you, 24/7." He said his strong faith has sustained him in the years since his son's passing. "If I didn't believe you go to a better place, it would have destroyed me mentally," Scarpelli said. "You have to believe that. I see signs of him on a daily basis." He talked about finding one his son's favorite tools one day, and how it made him smile and feel Michael is still with him. As far as winning goes, Scarpelli counts his golden wedding anniversary as a symbol of one his greatest successes. "Fifty years of marriage," he said. "I met my wife, Helen, in my first year of college in 1955. The summer before we started dating, and I came back from college. We've been dating ever since." Asked the secret of an enduring

relationship, Scarpelli said, "When you get the right person, you'll know. We kind of grew up together. But it's not 50/50, you give 100 percent on both sides. She gives 110 percent." He said Helen has been content to stay in the background, "but whenever I need her – she's there." Anyone who has followed Nutley politics in the past three decades knows that Scarpelli was a fixture, and will be right until he retires following two more Board of Commissioners meetings through next month. His list of accomplishments, even for those who have followed closely, is dizzying. Long before some towns


thought of recycling, Scarpelli initiated a weekly curbside recycling program in Nutley, and was still expanding it in 2007. He takes pride in the DPW's snow removal and plowing, which he brags is the best in the county. Two parking lots were added to the town center during his time, helping keep businesses competitive, and he found something positive out of a fire on Franklin Avenue several years ago that claimed several restaurants, placing a pedestrian walkway behind the west end of the street. Using a lot of grant money, Scarpelli helped improve the Oval

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## 8 Three council meetings abruptly cancelled since start of year

The Belleville Township Council has cancelled two of their last four scheduled meetings so far this year because of a lack of quorum. The council had scheduled meetings for Jan. 8th and 22nd, Feb. 11th and 26th and March 11th and 25th. The council also had work sessions scheduled for March 3rd and 31st. The meetings on Feb. 26th and March 25th were cancelled and the work session on the 31st of March was also cancelled according to a document released by the clerk's office.

A council meeting cannot be

held if there are less than four people in attendance and at the cancelled times the council has not been able to field enough members. "Councilman Nicosia had to take some personal time and we have had some people here and there been unable to attend. When you don't have enough people you simply can't have the meeting," said Councilman John Notari.

The clerk's office did not return a phone call made requesting clarification on meeting cancellation procedures.

— Dave Hinrichs

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# Special needs athletes are sparkling on the diamond

BY RICHARD DICKON  
of Belleville Times

For 12 years, Belleville's Marge Franco has seen the Challenger Baseball League slowly grow to include more and more special needs children, providing them a chance to enjoy the spirit of competition while helping to break down barriers with other children.

This Sunday, the league will rededicate a new field with rubberized turf that is totally handicapped accessible. The field is on the corner of Floyd and Arlington avenues in Bloomfield, and was paid for with \$270,000 in grant money obtained by Bloomfield's Director of Parks and Recreation, Anthony Nesto, with much support from Bloomfield Mayor Raymond McCarthy, according to Franco.

From humble beginnings with 13 children the first year, Franco said she has 46 children signed up this year and expects the number to climb to at least between 50 and 55. She said she wants parents of special needs children to know there is absolutely no cut off date for participation.

"If someone comes in with four games to go, we'll let them register,"

Franco said. "Even if it is for a couple of weeks, as long as they'll be happy."

The league is still chartered under the umbrella of Little League, but the rules are totally geared toward total inclusive for every player, she said.

"My rules are that every player gets up to bat, and plays in the infield and the outfield," Franco said. "There is no three strikes and you're out. Each child goes until they hit the ball. You should see the kids faces when they get a hit."

Then there are the "buddies," non-special needs children who volunteer to stay with the special needs kids all day – on the bench, in the field, running the bases, even accompanying them to the bathroom, she said.

"It teaches acceptance of special needs children," Franco said.

Nesto said the whole project of turning the field from a scruffy grass and dirt field to one of just five state-of-the-art turf fields in the entire state came from his former job as Bloomfield College Softball Coach.

"We were in Myrtle Beach (South Carolina), and we'd just lost a tough game," Nesto said. "We heard some sounds and came

upon kids in wheelchairs laughing and having a great time playing. It brought us some perspective, and I wanted to bring this to Bloomfield."

He said Bloomfield's county Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) coordinator, Glenn Dominick, secured the \$270,000 grant for a handicapped accessible, barrier free rubberized turf field after obtaining some price quotes and pitching it to the CDBG people.

"The rest is history," Nesto said. "The field is beautiful, and its one of the nicest in the country. The township and the recreation commission were extremely supportive. It was a no-brainer. There was not much convincing needed."

So now the Bloomfield Recreation Challenger Field begins a new chapter inviting special needs children from across Essex County to participate.

Franco said her goal, beyond providing a league for special need families, is simple and attainable.

"If I can teach one child that it is okay if another child looks different, and that they all just want to play, then it is all worth it," she said.

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## A FORCE GROWS STRONGER

The Belleville Police Department swore in eight new police officers in a ceremony at Town Hall on March 31. Pictured from left are: Anthony Abate, Gary Giardina, Anthony Potenzzone, Melissa Corrado, Police Chief Joseph Rotonda, Frank Pignataro, Rick Ruggiero, Patrick Formentin and Matthew Dox.

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# Nutley Theatre to furnish Irish tale

Nutley Little Theatre is opening its next production, Martin McDonagh's "The Cripple of Inishmaan," on Friday, April 11 (tomorrow) at 8 p.m. at the NLT Barn, 47 Erie Place, Nutley.

Directed by Penny Paul of Montclair, the show has evening performances scheduled on April 11, 12, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26. Matinees are scheduled for April 13 and 20. The opening night benefit is for the Van Riper House Historic Trust.

The cast includes Philip Rogers of Clifton, Jean Habrukowich of Somerset, Sally Walker of Cedar Grove, Gus Ibranyi of Bloomfield, Jim Simpson of Bloomfield, Roc-co Spoon Hr. of Nutley, Anne Kenny Simpson of Bloomfield, Emily Rees of Montclair and George Winship of Cedar Grove.

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— For more information about this or other NLT productions, call 973-667-0374.

# 'Indie Music Circus' to debut

Michael Aquino is hosting the first installment of "Indie Music Circus," a monthly music showcase for independent musicians on Friday, April 11 (tomorrow) at the Broad Street Playhouse at Pianos Bar and Grill, 36 Broad St., Bloomfield. This month features Alan Orth, Birdsong Project and the Johnny Reyes Trio.

Alan Orth is a solo songwriter from Fort Lee, with influences ranging from Bob Dylan to Beck to LCD Soundsystem. Upon listening to Orth's songs one can find something to satisfy any musical palette. Alan released his first album, entitled "Birdhouse on Fire," in 2004 at the tender age of 21. For more information about Alan Orth, visit the Web site [www.myspace.com/iamalanorth](http://www.myspace.com/iamalanorth).

Birdsong Project features the original music of singer/songwriter Laura Birdsong, with the expert support of guitarist Bru Rossman on lead, guitarist Mike Ferrara on bass and singer Ilsa Rodriguez on backing vocals. Laura's songs combine elements of folk, rock, country and blues for a cosmic American experience. Birdsong has been playing finger-style guitar since her early teens and has been writing songs for three decades. For more information about Laura and the Birdsong Project, visit the Web sites [www.laurabirdsong.com](http://www.laurabirdsong.com) and [www.myspace.com/laurabirdsong](http://www.myspace.com/laurabirdsong).

The Johnny Reyes Trio is best described as "Spanglish Rock." Johnny Reyes has been writing songs and performing for many years since his arrival in the United

States. He has influences ranging from all over the Latin music spectrum and also draws from all eras of American rock music. Add in bilingual singing and the results are distinct and unique. Backing Johnny in his rhythm section is David S. Hilton on bass, having played in a multitude of bands (SIRS, Green to Think, Bored of Ed). Pounding away in the back row on drums is Jason Clark (SIRS, Brandon's Art).

Entrance is \$7 and \$5 for students with a valid ID.

For more information about Michael Aquino, visit the Web site [www.something-artsy.com](http://www.something-artsy.com).

— For more information about Piano's Bar and Grill, visit the Web site [www.pianosbarandgrill.com](http://www.pianosbarandgrill.com).

# Hagen, Delaney at Hillside Café

The Hillside Café, a non-profit music venue in Nutley devoted to acoustic music, will feature Loretta Hagen and Montgomery Delaney on Saturday, April 19 at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

**Loretta Hagen**

Since the early 90s, Loretta Hagen has been writing, recording and performing music that has earned rave reviews for rich vocals and gifted songwriting. With a smooth voice, songs that burrow into the hearts of her listeners and a live performance described as real and personable as the artist herself, Hagen is likely to capture audiences from show start to finish and beyond.

For more information about

Loretta Hagen, visit the Web site [www.lorettahagen.com](http://www.lorettahagen.com).

**Montgomery Delaney**

Not a typical singer/songwriter, Montgomery Delaney comes to the adult contemporary genre with an extremely unique set of credentials. Born and raised in The Bronx, he learned how to sing by listening to James Taylor, Leonard Cohen, John Denver, Crosby Stills Nash & Young, Jackson Browne and Carole King, among others. He spent many youthful nights sitting on Mosholu Parkway with his best friend singing to the Moon...as if the Moon was listening. Montgomery draws from his experiences as a U.S. Marine, a South Bronx patrolman, high


school teacher, coach and trial attorney to compose songs that are both melodically and lyrically captivating. For more information about Montgomery Delaney, visit the Web site [www.montgomerydelaney.com](http://www.montgomerydelaney.com).

The Hillside Café is located at 45 Hillside Crescent at the corner of Church and Prospect streets, in the Franklin Reformed Church community room.

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## ATLANTIC CITY

By Ellen Burke Rawls



### Shuffle off to AC, 42nd Street is playing

"42nd Street" could very well claim title to the quintessential Broadway musical. Opening on Broadway in 1980 starring the beloved Jerry Orbach, the show captured Tony Awards for Best Musical and Choreography, then two more Tonys for the 2000-2001 revival. The second longest running American musical in Broadway history, "42nd Street" recounts the classical showbiz backstage chorus-girl-to-star story line is placed in the Depression-era '30s, and borrows a classic treasure trove of some of the most popular blockbuster songs from the '20s and '30s by many of America's greatest Tin Pan Alley composers.

The production currently playing at Tropicana is nothing less than a triumph! The producers have recruited two dozen outstanding dancers to recapture all the glamour, glitz and nostalgia of the period piece. The staging is spectacular, with fast-changing dramatic sets, dramatic lighting effects and lavish costuming.

All of this creates a frame for the sparkling choreography performed brilliantly by the huge cast — from the nearly balletic "Shadow Waltz" with its whimsical shadow dancers to the dual-set staging of "About a Quarter to Nine" soft shoe, to the classic tap production of "We're In the Money," and a seemingly chaotic run-in with "You're Getting to be a Habit with Me," and an extravagant Ziegfeld-styled showgirls/staircase spectacle. There's an hysterical bit to "Shuffle Off to Buffalo" featuring a pullman sleeper railcar with chorines peeking out from the curtained berths. The also perform a rarely-heard second verse describing the path from honeymoon to a Reno divorce!

The cast is superb, and their execution of the snappy Gower Champion choreography delivers an upbeat, fast-paced piece of theater. Best of all, the production numbers — each more sparkling than the other — take full use of these talents. The big cast fills the broad stage of the Tropicana Theater, and the audience recognizes that they're being treated to the full Broadway-calibre experience.....there are spontaneous bursts of applause during the machine-gun tap dances, and cheers and bravos for several of the numbers' dramatic crescendos.


At an affordable \$25 ticket, "42nd Street" is definitely the best entertainment bargain in AC this Spring. The show runs at Tropicana through the end of this month, with performances . Show times on select dates are Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 8 p.m. and matinees Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 3 p.m. Come and meet those dancing feet, and I promise you'll walk out of the theater singing some of those happy tunes! It's great fun!

Boardwalk Hall is the venue for another major championship fight this weekend. The WBA welterweight title event is sponsored by Caesars Saturday night as undefeated world champion Miguel Cotto defends his WBA welterweight belt against contender Alfonso Gomez. Cotto has beaten a quartet of former world champions in his last five fights, making him the most dangerous welterweight in the world. Gomez, in the biggest fight of his career on July 14, 2007, stopped Arturo Gatti in the seventh round and ultimately sent him into retirement. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$500, \$300, \$200, \$100 and \$50.

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## Feature film times

The following showtimes are valid for films at Williams Center Cinemas, One Williams Plaza, Rutherford, through Thursday, April 17.

**Doomsday — (Universal - R - 109 minutes - Scope)**

Friday: 7:30, 9:45  
Saturday: 12:45, 3 p.m., 5:15, 7:30, 9:45  
Sunday: 12:45, 3 p.m., 5:15, 7:30  
Monday through Thursday: 7:15

**Horton Hears a Who — (Fox - G - 88 minutes - Flat)**

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Saturday: 12:45, 3 p.m., 5:15, 7:30, 9:45  
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— For more information, call 201-939-6969 or visit the Web site [www.Williams-center.Org](http://www.Williams-center.Org).



# Mosaic Theatre visits Westminster Center

Mosaic Dance Theater Company (MDTC), in association with the Bloomfield College Westminster Arts Center, is presenting "Dances of Time and Tradition," a dazzling array of dance works celebrating the rich dance traditions of the Near East.

From the ancient to the contemporary, from the folkloric to the interpretive, vibrant, original choreographies in the program offer a combination of new works and existing pieces from the repertoire. New works include "Red Desert," an interpretive work that explores a woman's conflicting emotions in a restrictive society where women are permitted little freedom; and "The Boating Party," also a new interpretive dance work inspired by an ancient Egyptian text from the Old Kingdom (4,000 B.C.). Raks Assaya (Cane Dance) and Raks al Sagat (Cymbal Dance) highlight folkloric traditions of Upper Egypt. Also featured is one of the company's signature pieces,

El Zar, a ritual dance of exorcism. "Dances of Time and Tradition" features Samara as the choreographer and star performer. An internationally respected teacher and performer, Samara was a protégé of the late, celebrated master teacher and choreographer Ibrahim Farrah, an award-winning innovator in ethnic dance.

Performances for MDTC's "Dances of Time and Tradition" are scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 4. The Westminster Arts Center is located at the corner of Franklin and Fremont streets, Bloomfield. Tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$13 for senior citizens. For ticket reservations and information, call the Westminster Arts Center at 973-748-9008, ext. 279.

— For additional information, visit the Web site [www.MosaicDanceTheater-Co.org](http://www.MosaicDanceTheater-Co.org).



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From left are Mosaic Dance Theater Company performers Morgiana Celeste Varricchio, Samara Abdel, Zahra Gamal, Adriana Rosa, Nina Brewton and Nahoko Sugiyama.

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### Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> : Cherry Blossom Run

This 10K Race through Cherry Blossom Land in Essex County Branch Brook Park begins at 10am from the Essex County Cherry Blossom Welcome Center. A Children's Fun Run for ages 12 and younger is at 9am. A Run for the Disabled is at 10:10am. This event is co-sponsored by Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey. *For more information or to register, call (973) 873-9350.*

### Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> : Cherry Blossom Welcome Center Open House

The Essex County Cherry Blossom Welcome Center has been transformed into a year-round showcase for our Cherry Blossoms. Join us from 6 to 8pm when we officially dedicate a Cherry Blossom Giving Tree and recognize members of the public who have generously contributed to our Cherry Blossom fundraising campaign. *For more information, please call (973) 621-4400.*

### Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> : Cherry Blossom Concert

Relax at a free performance by the Estra Kiroka String Quartet at 7pm in the Belleville Public Library and Information Center on Washington Avenue in Belleville. This event is co-sponsored by the Belleville Public Library and Information Center. *For more information, call (973) 450-3434.*

### Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> : 2008 Cherry Blossom Gala

Support the Branch Brook Park Alliance by attending this enchanted evening of dinner, dancing, and entertainment at *Nanina's in the Park* restaurant in Belleville. *For more information or to purchase tickets, please call (973) 268-2300.*

### Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> : 2008 Cherry Blossom Bicycle Tour

Race through Cherry Blossom Land in Essex County Branch Brook Park from 8am to 2pm. This event is co-sponsored by Premiere Cycling Promotions. *For more information, call (732) 687-7730.*

### Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> : 2008 Essex County Blossomfest

Enjoy a free, family-friendly festival in Essex County Branch Brook Park from 11am to 5pm. A day-long schedule of events is planned, featuring Japanese cultural activities, including demonstrations on origami, bonsai, ikebana, and martial arts. All events will be held around the Essex County Cherry Blossom Welcome Center. *For more information, please call (973) 873-9349.*



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## ARRIVALS



### Julian Robert Bok

A first child, a son, Julian Robert, was born to Jessica and Robert Bok of Nutley, Jan. 16 at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston. Birth weight was 10 pounds, 2 ounces.

Grandparents are Rosemary and Michael Nicosia of Belleville and Jane and Kazimierz Bok of Nutley. Godparents are Michael Nicosia, Jr., of Belleville and Elizabeth Poplawski of Lyndhurst.



### Vincent Serafino Berardi

A son, Vincent Serafino, was born to Sal and Michele Berardi of West Paterson, Dec. 29, 2007 at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston. Birth weight was 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

Grandparents are Carole Ann Galante of Belleville and Paul and Eva Clements of Plainsboro. Godparents are Michele Bolen of West Paterson and Jayson Clements of Belleville.

## Attention Readers

We are always happy to print the news of your new arrival, engagement, wedding, etc. at no charge. But it only delays things if you send your good news to the general editor of the paper.

Social news goes on the Lifetime page, which is a common page appearing 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. to [maguire@northjersey.com](mailto:maguire@northjersey.com) or mail it to Helen Maguire, 90 Centre St., Nutley, NJ 07110. She is the Lifestyles Editor. We will gladly accept jpeg pictures.

Questions? Call Helen at 973 667-0645 and leave a message. Need to talk to her personally? Call on Monday.

## ENGAGEMENTS



## Dina Randazzo to marry Nicholas Mauro

Mario and Sherry Randazzo of Nutley announce the engagement of their daughter, Dina, to Nicholas Mauro, son of James and Elaine Mauro, also of Nutley.

Miss Randazzo, an alumna of

Caldwell College, is a substitute teacher in the Nutley school system.

Mr. Mauro, also a graduate of Caldwell College, is a financial consultant with AXA Advisors.



## Dana DellaValle is engaged to Kyle Peters

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Karwowski and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen DellaValle announce the engagement of their daughter, Dana DellaValle of Bloomfield, to Kyle Peters, son of Patrick and Kathy Peters of New City, New York.

A March 28, 2009 wedding is planned.

Ms. DellaValle, an alumna of

Bloomfield High School and Fairleigh Dickinson University, where she earned undergraduate and graduate degrees, is director of operations with Vision Fitness, Pearl River, New York.

Mr. Peters, a graduate of Clarkstown South High School and Plattsburgh University, is with Sanzari Construction.

## Fleas and skunks and nosy cats

There's a commercial airing at the moment about fleas and ticks. I can't speak about ticks, but the whole family is well acquainted with fleas, thanks to the four-footed creatures we harbor.

Years ago, when the cats were allowed to go outside, they routinely came back in accompanied by those nasty little varmints who multiply more frequently and in greater numbers than rabbits. And they weren't content to stay on their hosts. They soon discovered that overstuffed furniture and rugs were more to their liking and when we all began to itch, we realized that we had been invaded again and began the process of proving to the unwelcome houseguests that they were, indeed, unwelcome.

First, on the deflea day, we had to deflea the cats and put them in the basement. Then we had to tape any open parts of the door, including the key hole, so no fumes would get downstairs, and upend the cushions on the furniture so the mist could penetrate.

After the windows were all closed, we set off the flea bombs and made a hasty retreat out of the house for the next few hours. And then some lucky person (usually me) took a deep breath, ran back inside, opened several windows and ran back out. By the time everyone came home for the day, the house was safe to enter, the fleas were "gone", the



### HERE'S HELEN

HELEN MAGUIRE

cats were back upstairs and peace reigned again.

At some point, sanity prevailed and we determined that the felines would henceforth stay inside, sparing the family both the expense and the aggravation of dealing with fleas.

Of course, one or more routinely escaped the premises, the most notable being the late Bud, who met up with an enraged skunk and came

home well sprayed. I thought he had been poisoned and the twins and I packed him into the car (the boys were both in the Army, one in Germany, the other in Hawaii) and headed off to the emergency vet, where they wiped out his eyes and advised that the surest way to combat the smell was with a solution of white vinegar and warm water poured liberally over Bud. I would have gladly paid them more if they had opted to do the deed, but they didn't.

Picture this: It's 10 p.m., we are all at the kitchen sink, my daughters holding each end of the cat and me pouring cups of vinegar and water over his back, paws and head.

The cruelest blow of all was our neighbor, Roger, looking out his kitchen window and saying to his wife, "Oh look, Maureen, the Maguires are giving their cat a bath." Sure, Roger, we always give a cat a bath and it's always late at night

P.S. It worked.

## HOPING FOR A HOME



Even though Valentine's Day is long over, Newbie is still looking for her forever home. Newbie is a female Pit terrier mutt with lots of love to give her human - not cats!! Newbie decided she doesn't want to share her human with a cat!! She is happy to go for long walks or just to hang out in the sun. Now that spring is here and summer is not too far behind, wouldn't you love to have a best friend to enjoy the nice weather with? If long walks and hanging out in the sun sounds good to you, Newbie would love to be your new friend and asks "Won't you be mine?" You can meet Newbie at John A. Bukowski Shelter for Animals, Bloomfield, NJ. Phone: 973 748-0194.



# More good news from Silver Lake and the SLCA

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**LIFE IN SILVER LAKE**  
CHARLES BURKE

Boy, does Silver Lake have good news! It seems that three boys from The Lake made the 14 year old Belleville Baseball Team. No, I didn't forget to men-

tion their names. So let's give a thunderous applause to Gerard Gilfone of Heckel Street; Robert Serrano of Heckel Street and Nicholas Smalsty of, yep, Heckel Street. Good luck to you all.

May 9 is almost here. That's the evening of our Oldies Dance at the Chandelier Restaurant. You all know how much fun we have at our affairs, so I suggest that you contact the Angel for tickets. Oh, the entertainment? The Cameos. Happy anniversary to Rita and

Lebro Charles who celebrated their big day on April 4. Now, if memory serves me right and if The Angel is right, we think it is their 44th year. Now if we are wrong, I am sure that Rita will let us know. But anyway, Mr. and Mrs. Lebro Charles, have an Anniversary Waltz on the association.

Happy 15th Birthday, SLCA. What a birthday bash we will have at the Moose Lodge on Monday, May 19 at 7 p.m. We

will have a hot dog truck from Donny Dogs, pizza, birthday cake and the music from the Banjo Rascals where we will sing along to those ole tunes like "Silvery Moon" and wait let me sing a bit of the other tune, we were sailing along on "Moonlight Bay." So get your voices ready and we will have song sheets so that you can all join in. Who ever thought that this Silver Lake Civic Association would still be thriving for 15 years! It is unheard of, but that is

why we here in this part of Belleville, keep uttering those four little words, we love Silver Lake.

Hey kids, don't forget to put in your application in for the SLCA scholarship. The prize is \$1000.00. And remember, you have to be in it to win it.

O.K. Walter is getting a bit tired and will sign off for now.

And always remember, we love Silver Lake.

## Ner Tamid joins rally for Darfur; 'Yoga' being discussed

### Torch Walk and Rally for Darfur

Participants are encouraged to walk in solidarity with the people of Darfur on Sunday, April 13 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. to raise funds for humanitarian relief.

The event will campaign for action and an immediate halt to the ongoing genocide in the African region.

The Torch Walk begins promptly at 2 p.m., starting at Montclair High School (at the corner of Park and Chestnut streets) and ending one mile across town at the rally. Pledges should be collected in advance. The rally begins at 3 p.m. on the lawn in front of First Congregational Church, 40 South Fullerton Ave., Montclair. Participants will join professional and Olympic athletes, politicians, genocide survivors and Darfurians to demand action and urge the Unit-

ed States and China to press for the immediate deployment of a United Nations peacekeeping force.

For pledge forms and more information, visit the Web site [www.ecc4darfur.org](http://www.ecc4darfur.org) or e-mail Cheryl Marshall-Petricoff at [apetricoff@att.net](mailto:apetricoff@att.net) or Gloria Crist at [gcrist1@verizon.net](mailto:gcrist1@verizon.net).

All donations benefit "Doctors without Borders," one of the few organizations remaining in camps on the Darfur-Chad border.

### Fear and Yoga in New Jersey

Author Debbie Galant's newest novel, "Fear and Yoga in New Jersey," centers around Nina Gettleman-Summer, an uptight yoga teacher and Unitarian church member who wants nothing to do with her Long Island Jewish upbringing.

Her 13 year-old son Adam wants a bar mitzvah for all the wrong reasons. When Adam feels snubbed by his local Reform synagogue, he goes to the Lubavitchers. (There's also a hurricane, Jewish grandparents in Florida, Homeland Security and much, much more.)

A subsequent reading and temple-wide book discussion is scheduled for Sunday, April 13 at 3 p.m. Galant will sign copies of the book for those who buy a copy in advance. Books will also be sold at the event.

A longtime Ner Tamid member, Galant served as a columnist for the New Jersey section of The New York Times, and founded the online local blog Baristanet in 2004. She remains the editor of Baristanet and is writing a third novel.

### Shoresh Preschool

Ner Tamid's Shoresh Preschool, 936 Broad St., Bloomfield, is accepting registrations for the fall 2008 school year.

The school's licensed, fully modernized facilities offer a nurturing Jewish environment featuring 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 ages 15 months to five years.

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enced, certified staff (CPR and first aid-certified) dedicated to positive learning experiences, designed to foster emotional, social and intellectual childhood growth. Offerings include kindergarten enrichment, summer play camp and "Mommy and Me" programs in a warm and caring environment.

Registration is open to the public and conveniently located to serve the towns of Montclair, Glen Ridge, Nutley and Bloomfield.

For more information or to arrange a tour of the school, contact Diane Gilmore at [dgilmore@nertamid.org](mailto:dgilmore@nertamid.org).

— Temple Ner Tamid is located at 936 Broad St., Bloomfield. For more information, call 973-338-1500 or visit the Web site [www.nertamid.org](http://www.nertamid.org).

## Business group president giving marketing seminar in Caldwell April 30

Rosanna Imbriano, owner of RI Consulting, a marketing consulting firm in Cedar Grove, will be presenting a seminar entitled "Marketing on a Shoestring Budget" in Caldwell this month.

The two-hour seminar will be held on Wednesday, April 30 at Creative Cottage, 287 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

Imbriano's main focus is to help business owners, managers, and executive directors increase their revenues by marketing for little or

no money. Attendees will come away from this seminar with many marketing ideas that can be implemented immediately in their businesses.

Simple concepts presented in the seminar are designed to provide positive results.

"Marketing on a shoestring budget is not impossible," says Imbriano. "In this presentation, you will find out how to grow your business through effective marketing without spending a lot of money."

Imbriano is the 2006-2008 president of the Essex Chapter

of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners (NJAWBO), the 2005 NJAWBO Essex Teal Heart Award recipient, and was a NJAWBO Essex nominee for Business Woman of the Year in 2004.

Cost for this two-hour seminar is \$59. To register, send your name,

address, e-mail address, and phone number with a check made out to RI Consulting to PO Box 241, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009-0241.

Space is limited, so advance registration is required by April 26.

If you have any questions, call RI Consulting at 973-857-9850.

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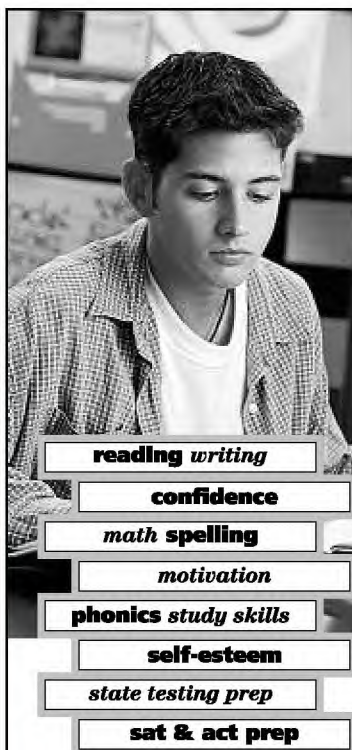


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## BHS BASEBALL

# Strong pitching highlights opening week

BY MIKE LAMBERTI  
for Belleville Times

At any level, pitching is generally synonymous with success in baseball. So, you can't blame Belleville coach Joe Sorce for feeling pretty good about his team after what he saw from his hurlers last week.

Belleville split two games, losing a 6-4 decision to Bloomfield in its season opener before defeating Barringer, 4-1, in the home opener last Thursday.

In what is already a key week in the 2008 campaign, the Bucs battled Montclair and St. Joseph of Montvale earlier this week. Tomorrow, it's off to Bergen Catholic of Oradell in a 4 p.m. start and on Saturday, Kearny comes to town in a 1 p.m. start. Next Monday, Paterson Eastside visits and on Wednesday, the Bucs travel to Paterson Kennedy. Both of those games begin at 4.

Junior left-hander Chris Judge turned in a solid effort against Bloomfield, yielding just one hit in 5 1/3 innings of work.

"Chris did an excellent job," Sorce said. "Bloomfield is a very good team, and I liked the way he worked on the mound. We hurt ourselves with a few errors and walks, but overall, I thought we did a good job."

The Bucs led, 4-2, heading into the bottom of the sixth before Bloomfield rallied back, taking advantage of walks by the Belleville bullpen and a few errors to plate four runs. Belleville did get two base runners on in the top of the seventh, but the game ended with a strikeout.

Sean Gonzalez led Belleville with two hits and made an outstanding catch in right field. Joe



MARTIN GUMB/BELLEVILLE TIMES

**Belleville starter Chris Judge struck out four and allowed just two earned runs in five innings of work on opening day in Bloomfield.**

O'Donnell had a hit, drew two walks and scored a run for the Bucs.

Judge pitched 5 1/3 innings, striking out four and walking four while giving up the one hit. He allowed two earned runs.

A day later, the Bucs were home for the first time and got another effective job on the mound in beating Barringer, despite Sorce having to make a last minute change in the rotation.

"We were hoping to start Rob Vocaturo, but he was sick, so we went with Jon Suchdolski and he came up with a brilliant effort," Sorce said. "Having Jon, Chris and Rob anchor our starting pitching gives us a very good rotation. We also have guys like Gabe Rivera, James Grant and Gerard Smallstey

who are solid in the bullpen and can also start."

Suchdolski scattered two hits in a complete game effort, while striking out nine. Juan Lisojo had two hits, including a RBI double. Eric Mieloch was also 2 for 3 with a RBI.

NOTES: Sorce planned to start Judge in last Monday's contest with Montclair.

"It's a big week for us," Sorce said. "Montclair, St. Joseph and Bergen Catholic are all very good teams and Kearny has had some solid clubs the past few years as well. The seeding meeting for the Greater Newark Tournament is (next) Monday, so we need a good week when it comes to seeding."

## BHS SOFTBALL

# Chimento, Veniero lead Bucs to 2-0 start

BY MIKE LAMBERTI  
for Belleville Times

On a few occasions last Wednesday, the Belleville softball team saw a sure victory being taken away by a good Bloomfield team.

But on those occasions, the Bucs were able to persevere, and the end result was a 7-6 victory that could go a long way in establishing this team's karma for 2008.

Belleville also defeated Barringer, 16-4, and took a 2-0 mark into a game with Montclair last Monday. Yesterday, the Bucs played at Holy Angels of Demarest and tomorrow, Immaculate Heart Academy of Westwood visits Clearmont Field in a 4 p.m. start. On Saturday, Belleville plays in the West Orange Tournament, taking on Verona in the first round at 10 a.m. The consolation and championship games will follow around 12 p.m. West Orange and Columbia meet in the other first round contest.

Next Monday, the Bucs travel to Paterson Eastside and on Wednesday, Paterson Kennedy comes to town. Both of those games start at 4 p.m.

Belleville coach Chris Cantarella was very pleased with his team's effort against perhaps its biggest nemesis in Bloomfield, a team the Bucs hadn't defeated since 2003.

"Bloomfield has an outstanding offensive team," Cantarella said. "We got off to a quick start, but we knew that every run was key. There were a few times I saw us not capitalize on a chance, and I kept thinking that this can come back to haunt us. But our kids showed a lot of resiliency and we ended up with a big win. It was an excellent game."

Cantarella gave the ball to

pitcher Gabby Chimento and the freshman quickly showed her mettle after allowing a lead off triple to start the game. Chimento, who pitched the entire game, retired the next three batters without a ball leaving the infield to keep the Bengals off the board.

"That was big," Cantarella said. "Bloomfield has big hitters everywhere in their lineup, and to get out of the first inning without them scoring a run after a lead off triple got our kids pumped up. Gabby was a little nervous early on, but she was ready to go."

The Bucs responded in a big way, scoring four runs. Alexa Veniero had the big hit, a bases loaded triple that made it 3-0. Leah Benacquista followed with a single for a 4-0 Belleville lead.

In the second, the Bucs extended its advantage to 7-0. Crystal Cruz singled and went to second on a sacrifice by Nicole Velardi. After Ronica Sorce reached on an error, Mariah Lucena drilled a two-run double and Benacquista followed with a run scoring single. The Bengals made a key pitching change after that, and it worked to their advantage as Belleville did not score for the rest of the game.

The lead began to dissipate in the third, when Bloomfield scored twice. In the fifth, the Bengals tallied three more and narrowed the lead to 7-6 with a run in the seventh. Belleville might have bent, but it never broke. Using some key pitches by Chimento and a strong defense, the Bucs staved off Bloomfield's final threat and recorded its first win over Bloomfield in five years.

Chimento struck out four and walked four while giving up eight hits and three earned runs. Belleville's eight-hit attack was

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## BHS CREW

# Bucs gearing up for Saturday's Passaic Sprints

BY MIKE LAMBERTI  
for Belleville Times

Competing against a stacked field at last Sunday's Flicks in Philadelphia, the Belleville crew team came through with some good efforts as it prepares for Saturday's Passaic Sprints.

The Bucs, coached by Gail and Jeff Lahm, will take part in the Sprints on the banks of the Passaic River in North Arlington and Lyndhurst against teams from Nutley, Kearny, Westfield, Montclair, Ridgewood and Teaneck. The races start at 8 a.m. It's one of the few times that the Belleville rowers

will race at their home boathouse and the Bucs are hoping for a good turnout of fans.

Last Sunday, Belleville raced at the Flicks for the second time this season and ran into some excellent teams.

"There were about 486 participants covering 50 teams and two countries," Gail Lahm said. "There were some boats from England there and I have to tell you, some outstanding teams in the field. I thought we did a good job overall. A couple of our boats hit crabs, but the kids bounced back and rowed well."

Basically, a crab is when a shell

misses their stride and the team has to reset its direction. A slight crab sometimes will not affect a boat that much, but a major crab can noticeably slow a shell down.

The varsity four girls boat had an excellent race, finishing second in its heat. The team consisted of Laura Henriquez, Jerica Geronimo, Carrie Borkowski, Sara Elmili-gi and coxswain Reyna Salvatore.

"They did an outstanding job," Lahm said of the girls boat.

The novice eight girls rowed its first race of the season last Sunday and did a good job, finishing fourth. The team hit a slight crab at the 750 meter mark, but was able

to work through it.

"Coach Colleen Myers did a good job in getting that boat prepared for the race," Lahm said.

The boat featured Kasia Szekalska, Kriczet Danta, Daisy Urgiles, Mikki Jo Bayaya, Stefany Farino, Sarah Aristizabal, Ally McNish, Sheri Tom and coxswain Destiny Velez.

The girls JV four finished fifth after hitting a boat-stopping crab. The team was in second place at the time, but was able to regroup and finish the race.

The boys raced four shells in its races and came up with some good results. The novice four, led by

Mike Bell, Erik Cueva, Abdullah Alhorani, Daniel Campos and coxswain Jeremy Balagtas, finished fourth.

The J.V. four, with Canberk Nacir, John Bui, Bryan Villaruel, Ankit Kushwaha and coxswain AnikaSay Balnikund took sixth while the boys lightweight four of Paolo Galvez, Kilian Caliguia, Bonifacio Ramirez, Mario Barahona and Balagtas took fifth. Rounding out the day was the boys varsity 4A and 4B shells, each of which finished fifth.



# Young golf team looks for steady improvement

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**BUC SHOTS**  
MIKE LAMBERT

The Belleville golf team is in a rebuilding stage this spring, but head coach Lucille Cerreto likes what she's seen from her young team.

The team has two returning starters in sophomore Andre Amparo and junior Simeon Knafo. Amparo leads the team with a 43 average over nine holes while Knafo is at 47. The other starters include seniors Samantha Baker

and Fern Lampon, junior James Murgueyio and sophomores Michael Barbosa and Joshua Pinker.

Belleville, which plays its home matches at either Forest Hills Club or Hendricks Field, was 1-4 heading into this week's action. It lost a quad match to league rivals Paramus, Paramus Catholic and Hackensack and split a tri match, defeating Barringer and losing to Bloomfield.

"The season is young and so are the Belleville players," Cerreto said. "They are working hard to improve their scores and gain some needed experience on the links. It's going to be a tough season against some of the finest teams in the state."

Belleville's 8-10 campaign in 2007 was highlighted by the play of Essex County champion Joey Lardo, who is now competing at Felician College in Rutherford.

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Congratulations to the Basketball Hall of Fame on taking 20 steps backward in selecting Dick Vitale as a member last Monday. The biggest self promoter this side of Gary Carter, Vitale spent the last year campaigning for the Hall with his endless promotions, on air, about his website and various other off court work.

His yelling and screaming during broadcasts are entertaining, I'm sure, but don't really provide a lot of insight. It's hard to believe the Hall of Fame now offers admit-

tance to a man who hasn't really done anything for the game, other than a few selected one liners and the ability to take up oxygen in vast quantities and cause most knowledgeable fans to turn the volume down when he's doing game commentary.

Between now and his induction, those tuning into ESPN will get to hear Vitale's phony blubbing about how fortunate he is to be selected and how it's all about the players. Give me a break. It's all about him. His name should be Dick IAAM Vitale, meaning It's All About Me.

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For those fans who enjoy going to different Major League ballparks, make sure to include Wash-

ington, D.C. on a future visit. I had a chance to go to the Nationals' new park for its first game on March 29 and was very impressed. It's a beautiful facility, with plenty of space and good site lines.

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Congratulations to the Belleville softball team on its 2-0 start, including a 7-6 victory over Bloomfield in the season opener. Third year head coach Chris Cantarella has done a tremendous job in bringing the program back to its past successes.

This season could be something special at Clearmon Field, with solid pitching, good hitting and an improving defense for the Blue and Gold.

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### Senior softball

North Jersey Senior Softball is preparing for the upcoming season and is looking for additional players to add to its 30 teams.

If you will be 50 or over during the year and are interested, please call Tony Ciavatta at 973-593-0059.

The league is also looking for men who will be over 60 to play in the 60 and over league.

## SOFTBALL

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paced by Veniero who was 2 for 3 with three RBI and Benacquista, who had two hits and two RBI.

Versus Barringer, Veniero was on the mound and did a solid job in a five-inning game, striking out eight and yielding two earned runs. Kelly Blair had two hits while Benacquista and Lucena each drove in three runs.

"We're off to a 2-0 start and you can't ask for more than that," Cantarella said. "This week will be tough. Montclair, Holy Angels and Immaculate Heart are solid conference teams and the West Orange tournament this weekend will be a real good test."

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## 16 Area doctor is sentenced in fraud case

After months of investigation and a guilty plea, a Nutley chiropractor accused of insurance fraud has been sentenced.

According to Insurance Fraud Prosecutor Greta Gooden Brown, Samuel Sbarra, 49, of Nutley, was ordered by Superior Court Judge Donald J. Volkert, Jr. to serve one year of probation and also perform 25 hours of community service. The sentence was pursuant to a guilty plea Sbarra filed back in September of last year to charges of attempted theft by deception.

Sbarra, a licensed chiropractor in New Jersey, admitted that between the dates of Nov. 2nd and Nov. 18th of 2005, he submitted a phony claim to the Chubb Insurance Company reflecting that he had provided 18 dates of chiropractic services for a total of \$1,844. The claim was denied by Chubb Insurance and referred to the Office of Insurance Fraud Prosecutor.

The Special Investigative Unit of the Chubb Insurance Company assisted the Office of Insurance Fraud Prosecutor in the investigation. "When health care providers commit fraud it is particularly disturbing, because the integrity of the health care insurance claims process depends on the trustworthiness of the licensed professionals involved," said Fraud Prosecutor Brown in a statement released last

week. "The Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor will continue to vigorously investigate and prosecute this type of criminal activity and I would like to also thank the Chubb Insurance Company for their cooperation in this matter."

Insurance fraud is a crime that has steadily been on the rise over the past few years but is something that law enforcement agencies treat very seriously. "Sometimes people will make a false claim of fudge the truth a little to earn a few extra bucks and don't view it as breaking the law, but that is exactly what they are doing," said Nutley Police Lt. Steven Rogers. "Insurance fraud is a very serious crime and when we determine that someone is guilty of it we will prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law. It is sad to hear about it because a lot of the time those who do it are first time offenders who do not realize the magnitude of their crime."

According to a report by the Insurance Information Institute, insurance fraud that goes undetected costs the U.S. economy more than \$80 billion annually and results in more than \$96 billion in yearly premium increases. The net loss for insurance companies due to insurance fraud is estimated at \$30 billion per year.

- David Hinrichs



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## ARTS AND LETTERS

Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo, Jr. (center) presents a certificate to Joan Taub (left) of the Belleville Public Library and Information Center. The organization was among 48 local community arts groups to receive a 2008 Local Arts Program Award during the March 25th awards ceremony at Essex County Kip's Castle Park. The grants are funded through the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the Essex County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs administered the program. Pictured with them is Donna Drew-Pack (right), Director of Essex County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs.

## Belleville Public Library holding book discussion April 17

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

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# Developer deadline extended for School 1 sale

BY RICHARD DICKON  
of Belleville Times

The school board has agreed to extend the deadline for the sale of School #1 to an area developer, while the developer said he has completed a land survey and is considering condominiums or townhouses as one of four options for the site.

There has been nothing new stemming from a township resident's formal complaint with the state Attorney General's Office regarding the proposed sale of the school. The suit claims 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 Monday, "We're still in the due diligence process. To be honest, the original deadline time was short."

The building was last used as a school more than a quarter century ago and is now used for storage.

School Board Administrator Edward Appleton said Monday that the original deadline was the end of February, but that has been extended to the end of May.

Of the process of purchasing the school, Alvarez said, "Everything's fine. We had a land survey done. Everything in the process is going as planned. We'll try to work it out. If not, it won't. I think it's still a good deal."

He said there are a total of four options regarding what to place at the property that takes up the full block at the corners of Cortlandt and Rutgers streets, near the entrance to Belleville.

"I really don't want to say what we're going to do," Alvarez said. "People are still throwing ideas at me."

As for any investigation into the

propriety of the sale, Alvarez said no one from the state Attorney General's Office or anywhere else has contacted him.

Appleton said of the sale, "The developer is still checking, and the end of May is about six or seven weeks away. The developer retains the option to proceed, at which point they will have to put the remaining amount of money to equal 10 percent of the sale, or they can withdraw and lose the \$15,000 deposit."

Alvarez said previously that 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 busi-

ness.

Resident Vincent Frantantoni said previously 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, and Vincent Strumolo should have abstained.

Alvarez, however, said that he has no connection to anyone on the board.

Frantantoni was vacationing on Monday, and said he does not have any new information on his formal complaint.

Along with an alleged conflict,

Frantantoni also questioned the 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, and Alvarez' winning bid was just \$1,000 more than the second highest bid, much less than 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.

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.

## Essex County College offering writing course for ESL students

Essex County College's West Essex campus in West Caldwell will offer an eight session *Effective Writing for the ESL Student* course Fridays, starting April 18, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon each day.

Focus will be on the writing process, including planning, organizing, developing, drafting and revising. Students will craft con-

cise paragraphs and short cohesive essays. Course activities will include vocabulary expansion, sentence development and summarizing.

Tuition is \$216, with a \$5 fee.

Registration and information on this and any other West Essex campus program is available at 973-877-1920.

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In anticipation of spring, the Kiwanis Club of Belleville-Nutley kept its annual tradition and presented Clara Maass Medical Center patients with fresh-cut daffodils on March 28. Pictured (L-R) is Thomas A. Biga, Executive Director, Clara Maass Medical Center, Kiwanis Club members Domenick Tibaldo, Mario Drodz and Sue Kintscher, and Joseph Wojtecki, Director of Food Services, Clara Maass Medical Center.

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# School budget passage has rough track record

BY RICHARD DICKON  
of Belleville Times

School officials say they have high hopes that voters will approve this year's \$58.2 million 2008-2009 school budget, because it does not increase property taxes and includes the inclusion for the first time of all day kindergarten in the elementary schools. History is not on the sides of school officials, however, since only a few budget have passed in recent decades in the district.

Of the past five years' budgets, four have failed, leading the township council to trim hundreds of thousands of dollars from the budgets. Even the one that passed, one of two additional questions failed, but was partly restored by the Township Council.

Going back to 2003-2004, four out of five budgets have been defeated, with more than \$1.8 million in total cut from the spending plans and additional questions, but nearly \$340,000 of the cuts

and/or failed additional questions restored by the council.

Last year, the school board's appeal to the county Superintendent of Schools over the town council's cutting of \$849,000 from its defeated \$54 million 2007-2008 budget was dropped. Officials said the appeal could have jeopardized access to state funding for this year.

The regular budget question was defeated, along with six additional questions. The budget would have raised taxes \$124 for a home assessed at the township average before the council's cuts, and a few dollars were knocked off that number by the cuts.

Earlier, officials had vowed to fight the cuts on three separate levels. First, the plan was to fight in specific cases where the cuts would affect the stability of the budget, School Board Administrator Edward Appleton said at the time. Other parts of the appeal were to focus on the reductions damaging the district's ability to provide a thorough and efficient

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education as required by the state's Constitution.

Still a third front to be argued was that some of the cuts can't be identified, and were misread by the council.

The council restored four of the six defeated ballot initiatives, totaling \$197,668, and restored the existing levels of student clubs, a third elementary school teacher, a middle school resource police officer and a residency domicile investigator. The school district's surplus was cut in half, from \$600,000 to \$300,000.

A year earlier, the \$52.4 million

2006-2007 school budget raised taxes an average of \$174, was defeated by a vote of 1,115 to 574, and the council reduced the spending plan by \$250,000. The money was lost for two curriculum specialists for the middle school. That same year, the council restored \$84,500 requested in a failed additional question to fund improvements to the high school auditorium sound system.

In 2005-2006, the defeated budget had \$234,639 trimmed from the original spending plan.

One year before, in 2004-2005, the general budget question passed, but there were two additional ballot questions. The \$100,000 earmarked for two elementary school counselors was defeated, but the council restored \$50,000, or roughly the cost of one counselor, to the district.

And in 2003-2004, the defeated budget lost \$100,000 after a lengthy settlement negotiation among the school board and council members.

## School staging 'Oliver' next week

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The cast, made up of BMS 7th and 8th grade student thespians includes Joseph Servidio in the role of Oliver, Tara Krusznis as The Artful Dodger, and Ali Hajihaidari as Fagin.

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## ECC hosting open house April 12

Essex County College will host an open house for prospective students Saturday, April 12 on the main Newark campus.

Information about ECC's West Essex campus will also be available at the open house which will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., starting in the Level Two forum on the main campus. Immediate admission decisions will be made and the standard application fee will be waived at the open house.

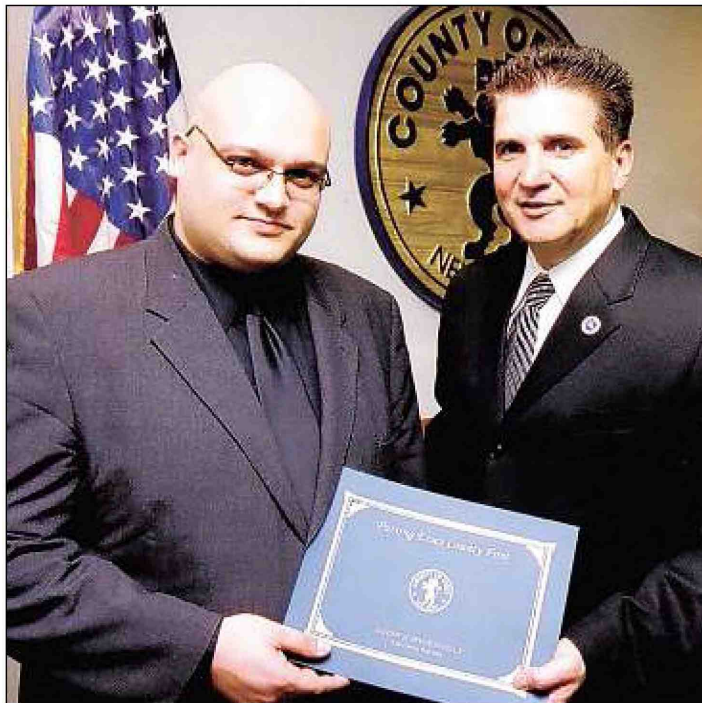
There will be information about admissions, financial aid, academic and continuing education programs, as well as campus tours, and the chance to meet and talk with faculty and staff. Specific sessions include information on the NJSTARS program at 10 a.m.; how to finance your education at 11 a.m., and transcript evaluations for transfer students at 12 noon.

Former students will have the opportunity to attend a special readmission/registration session.

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The Summer I term runs from April 30 to June 18; Summer II is from July 7 to August 14, and the Fall 2008 Semester runs from September 8 to December 19.

For additional information call the Office of Recruitment and Marketing at (973) 877-1941.



## GOOD TEAM PLAYER

Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. (right) presents Belleville resident Ruben Davila, a confidential aide with the Office of the Essex County Commissioner of Registration and Superintendent of Election, with an Essex County Teamwork Award for March. Teamwork Awards are presented each month to employees from the Essex County workforce or it's affiliated agencies and authorities. The award recognizes the hard work, dedication and willingness to provide quality service of employees.

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## 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

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

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

## Belleville Times deadline

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

## Drug abuse lecturers to visit BHS this month

New Jersey Department of Correction's Project PRIDE will visit Belleville High School to discuss the risks of using and abusing controlled dangerous substances on Friday, April 11.

This is the fifth year the Project Pride program has been at Belleville High School. There will be two presentations, the first assembly will be held from 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and the second assembly will run from 9:25 a.m. and 10:25 a.m.

Project PRIDE, Promoting Responsibility in Drug Education, is an initiative of NJDOC. It brings non-violent, minimum custody

offenders from a state correction facility, under supervision of sworn uniformed Senior Correctional Officers, into local high schools to talk about their personal experiences with drugs and alcohol.

The students will be afforded the opportunity to listen to the offenders who are incarcerated because of substance abuse. Students will also be able to pose questions to the offenders.

The main purpose of Project PRIDE is to have the students hear, first hand, the consequences alcohol and drug abuse has had on the offenders lives and to con-

sider these consequences when making personal choices. The goal is to reduce the use of alcohol and drugs by youth and promote responsible decision-making.

To quote former NJ Commissioner of Corrections Terhune, "The Project PRIDE Program offers students an opportunity to hear real-life experiences from inmates who made poor decisions when they were young and are now paying the price. The life experiences the inmates relate will provide our children with the information that all decisions made while they are young carry consequences into adulthood."

Advertising Section

HEALTH AND FITNESS

## Bedbugs have surfaced again

The resurgence of the bed bug is making headlines. High profile hotels and luxury rentals have had their images tarnished by this small creature. If you travel, we have a few tips to reduce close encounters.

- Inspect mattress seams around headboards for "black spot" fecal matter

- Carry and spray Lysol behind headboards to flush hiding bed bugs

- Move beds away from walls
- Stick double sided tape to bed legs

- Bring large Ziploc bags to store luggage and clothes

- Request bed linens to be changed every day

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# Funeral out of private home upsets the neighbors

Deputy Mayor William F. Tully, local municipal chairman in the 1952 March of Dimes, announced that Belleville raised a net total of \$6,100 or \$968 more than 1951. A net total of \$139,248 was contributed throughout Essex County. Half of the total will be used for polio victims in Essex County, and the other half will be sent to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to be used in research, education and emergency aid.

Several members of the Belleville Police Department who recently took the Civil Service written examination for promotion to Sergeant, made the decision from the advice of physicians to pass on the appointment to undergo the physical examination that is

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required. A police officer in Newark collapsed during the physical exam and passed away before ever reaching the hospital. A Verona police officer passed away from a heart attack less than a week after successfully passing the exam.

Six contracts totaling \$102,262 for work to be done were awarded by the Board of Education at a special meeting this week. The awarding of the bids followed an explanation of the alternates described in the specifications by representatives of the architects and engineers. Some things included in the contracts are the School 10 playground with the amount of \$17,199, acoustical tile ceilings for School No. 8 and toilet renovations for Schools No. 5 and 9 at a total of \$19,604.

The designation of Frank A. Spotts, principal of School No. 4 as secretary and treasurer of the Athletic Council was approved by the Board of Education at a special meeting last week. Mr. Potts will be running from May 3, 1952 to February 28, 1953 at a rate of \$600 per year.

The Essex County Tax Board announced this week Belleville's tax rate for 1952. The rate of 6.26 is two points lower than was anticipated here and 32 points lower than the 1951 rate. Belleville's rate drop is one of the largest in the list of the county's municipalities.

Belleville's Civil Defense volunteer forces will be partially mobilized, town streets will be cleared, factory production lines will be brought to a standstill and the community will get the chance to see what a real "sneak" attack would be like in Operation New

Jersey. Operation New Jersey is a statewide air raid test scheduled for an unannounced hour and day sometime in the end of April to test public participation.

Eight ordinances providing for capital expenditures of \$80,000 were introduced to first reading at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners this week. Among the items covered by the ordinances is a traffic light to be installed on Main Street, costing \$1,500; restoring of plumbing in the firehouses and the installation of a new furnace in Town Hall, costing \$35,000; the re-paving of many of the streets, costing \$12,000 and the paving and fencing of the William Street playground.

Belleville is suffering a great deal more as a result of the strike of New Jersey Bell Telephone operators than in neighboring municipalities such as Nutley, Kearny and

Newark, all of which have the dial system. The strike officially began on Monday morning when the manager of the Belleville office of the NJ Bell Telephone Company called the police department and informed the desk sergeant that pickets had started marching up and down in front of the exchange.

Complaints from neighbors were common this week when George F. Kiernan, Belleville Funeral Director, held a funeral from his home on Holmes Street, instead of his place of business on Union Avenue. Mr. Kiernan's request for an exception to the zoning ordinance to permit the use of his Holmes Street house as a funeral home was turned down by the Board of Adjustment at its meeting last summer when neighbors objected.

# Belleville Foundation awarding thousands in scholarships

The Belleville Foundation announced that it would distribute \$23,000 in grants and loans to Belleville High School seniors.

The decision was made at the 66-year-old foundation's recent annual meeting. Officers and trustees were also re-elected at the meeting. Rene Gabbai, President, Steve Rovell, Vice-President, Martha Bowden, Secretary and Al Schmitt, Treasurer will continue to serve along with Trustees Carole Casale, Bob Cassin, Robert Gac-

cione, Lori Ippolito, Judy Rotino and Arlene Schor. All appointments are for one year.

The trustees voted to award a \$2000 scholarship at the Belleville High School awards program in May. This scholarship will be renewable for three additional years upon the student showing acceptable progress toward a degree at an accredited college.

The award will be made on the basis of academic and need. Applications must be made no later than

April 15 and returned to Deborah Perri at the high school Office of Student Services. Application forms can be obtained at the Office of Student Services or can be downloaded at the Foundation's website, [www.bellevillefoundation.org](http://www.bellevillefoundation.org). Applications must be accompanied by two letters of character reference supplied by a person unrelated to the applicant.

The trustees also agreed to provide \$15,000 in interest-free loans to Belleville High School students.

These loans are available to a student who will pursue higher education at a college or an accredited trade school.

The loan application for the first year is also due no later than April 15 and can be received from the Guidance Office or online from the Belleville Foundation website.

The loans are renewable in future years and a payment schedule will be provided upon the student's completion of higher education.

The Belleville Foundation was established as a 501(c)3 organization in 1942. Its early contributions were in support of many civic activities, including a separate student scholarship fund. Among its early priorities were to bring a hospital to Belleville, and later gifts of \$270,00 were made to Clara Maass Hospital.

The Foundation welcomes bequests, its address is Belleville Foundation, Gaccione, Pomaco & Malana, 524 Union Ave., Belleville.

## Area Red Cross chapter is looking for volunteer drivers for seniors

The American Red Cross of Montclair-Glen Ridge-Nutley is in need of volunteers to staff the Nutley office and to drive seniors to medical appointments.

Office tasks involve answering phones, taking reservation requests for medical appointment transportation, and distributing food at their food pantry.

Office shifts run from 9:00 to

12:30 and 12:30 to 4:30.

Drivers are needed to transport seniors to medical appointments in Nutley, Montclair, Glen Ridge, Bloomfield, and Belleville. Shifts for drivers are from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM and 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

"Our transportation services get more requests than there are drivers," says Dave Maichuk, Manager of the Nutley site. "There

are two vehicles for transportation, but we are only able to use one because we do not have enough volunteers to man the second vehicle. With the growing elderly population in Nutley, we are experiencing an increasing number of requests for medical rides. We hate to have to turn down requests for transportation because of the lack of drivers," says Maichuk.

The immediate needs of the Nutley Red Cross office are during the morning shifts, especially Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Volunteers normally work one shift per week, but are welcome to put in extra time whenever possible.

For more information or to apply to become a volunteer, call the Nutley site at 973-667-3818.

## Applications for Testa scholarship available

The family of Thomas A. Testa, long-time Belleville High School science teacher and football coach, is now accepting applications for the annual Scholar-Athlete Scholarship established in his memory in 1999.

Graduating Belleville High School candidates must plan to pursue a college course of study in Science, Engineering or Mathematics fields, or declare a major with a strong connection to these disciplines.

The candidate must possess scholastic and athletic achievement (minimum of one varsity letter senior year) and good character.

The \$500 scholarship must be applied to the cost of a post-secondary education.

Applications are available at the Belleville High School Pupil Personnel Department. The application and corresponding essay deadline is April 18.

The recipient of this award will be announced at the Belleville High School Senior Awards Assembly on May 20, 2008.

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



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# A new perspective on America's first president

BY MICHAEL PERRONE

In American society today, the mention of the name George Washington usually brings to mind a portrait on a dollar bill, a cherry tree or wooden teeth. While as school children all are taught that Washington was the father of our country, few really appreciate the truly remarkable leader the emerging nation had in Washington. Generations of scholars then and now marvel and wonder how Washington was able to transform a ragtag army of farmers, with practically no training, short on weapons, ammunition, food and clothing into a force that was able to defeat the most powerful army in the world. In fact, when Washington and the Continental Army marched through Belleville (Second River) during their retreat in November of 1776 the locals were moved at the sight of the many barefoot soldiers. At the conclusion of the war Washington reflected on the struggle in his farewell address to the army on November 2, 1783 calling it "little short of a standing miracle".

So what was it about Washington? Perhaps a clue can be found in one of his most extraordinary but long forgotten battles. Despite having only the equivalent of an elementary school education Washington showed great leadership skills at an early age, being appointed colonel of the Virginia

militia at 23. In July of 1755, during the French and Indian War, Colonel Washington and 100 militiamen accompanied General Edward Braddock and two regiments of British troops on their mission to force the French from Fort Duquense (Pittsburgh) built on land claimed by Britain. General Braddock's troops were the first substantial British Army force to ever arrive in the colonies. Colonel Washington attempted to explain to the General that the French and Indians did not fight the way the General and his army fought. Washington explained that the French and Indians would shoot hidden behind trees and rocks and that they would shoot the officers. General Braddock could not accept or believe that anyone would dishonor themselves by fighting in such a cowardly way. Braddock fully expected to meet and fight the enemy in an open field, in plain view with the forward troops fighting and the officers directing the movements like a life size game of chess.

The British force of 1300 troops and 67 officers on horseback was led by a company of 250 axmen who slowly cleared a 12 foot wide path for the long line of troops and wagons. The French had been alerted to the presence of their slowly advancing enemy. Seven miles ahead of their fort 800 French and Indians planned an ambush. On July 9, 1755, General

Braddock and Colonel Washington with their 1300 bright "red-coats" marched through the green and brown forest and into military history, The Battle of Monongahela. At one o'clock in the afternoon the British were stunned when a hail of bullets rained down on them from behind every rock and tree. Washington urged General Braddock to allow the men to take cover. The General would not hear of that talk. The men were ordered to keep their lines and fire from their unprotected positions. The French had given instructions that the officers were to be shot first. Sitting high on their horses they were the easiest targets and were picked off one by one causing a panic among the unsupervised troops who were themselves quickly falling. The bloodbath continued for two hours.

Every officer on horseback including General Braddock was either killed or wounded. Except for one-George Washington. For two hours while General Braddock lay wounded and dying Washington somehow was able to deliver the Generals' orders and attempted to rally the troops. Washington was the only officer left on horseback. But try as they might the scores of French and Indian sharpshooters were not able harm him. Washington was eventually able to organize a retreat with his Virginia militiamen who provided cover by wisely taking positions behind rocks

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and trees. When the fighting was over the final toll was sobering. Of the more than 1,500 men of the expedition nearly 1,000 were killed or wounded (keeping in mind that being wounded in the 1700's often meant death or amputation) of the 67 officers 60 were killed or wounded. Washington was unscathed.

On July 17, Washington and the survivors arrived back at their headquarters, Fort Cumberland. In British, colonial, French and Indian circles the talk of the crushing British defeat was quickly followed by talk of Washington's unexplainable survival.

On July 18, Washington wrote letters to both his mother and his brother John detailing the battle. In describing his own physical condition he wrote:

"But, by the all-powerful dis-

pensation of Providence, I have been protected beyond all human probability or expectation; for I had four bullets through my coat, and two horses shot under me, yet escaped unhurt, although death was leveling my companions on every side of me!"

In a sermon shortly after the battle, Reverend Samuel Davis, who later became the president of Princeton University, said "I may point out to the public that heroic youth, Colonel Washington, whom I cannot but hope Providence has preserved in so signal a manner for some important service to his country".

In 1770 an aging Indian leader traveled to meet Washington and told him that he was part of the Indian party that had shot at Washington at Monongahela saying, "I am come to pay homage to the man who is the particular favorite of Heaven, and who can never die in battle". Amazingly Washington, who battled through the French and Indian War, and then battled eight years during the Revolution (usually at the front line) never even suffered a minor wound.

This story of Washington's heroics was once common knowledge, a time past when Washington and his birthday was truly appreciated and celebrated by a grateful American public.

*The writer is a Belleville resident.*

## County College to hold a tasty fundraiser May 2

The Essex County College Foundation will hold its second annual fundraiser, An Excellent Taste of Essex, on May 2 for the benefit of students in financial need.

The event, which will feature a silent art auction, a buffet with a sampling of wines from around the world, and musical performances by professional and student musicians, will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. in The Gallery at the main Newark campus. A \$50 tax-deductible donation is requested.

The ECC Foundation, which is comprised of leaders from the corporate and public domain, serves as the fund raising arm of the college and is dedicated to securing

additional resources to meet various institutional needs. Last year, it provided financial assistance to 103 students from throughout Essex County in the form of scholarship aid.

The art auction on May 2 will feature a kaleidoscope of works by local artists from the community and college. Proceeds from the auction will go directly to the foundation's scholarship fund.

"Our event will also spotlight the college as an outstanding community resource in Essex County and as an integral contributor to the regional economy," said Edna Baugh, Esq., chairperson of the foundation.

Every municipality in the county is represented in ECC's 11,000 student body. The college operates its main campus in Newark, a West Essex campus in West Caldwell, the Essex County College Police Academy in Cedar Grove, and other satellite centers throughout the county. The college offers more than 600 courses and a wide range of associate degree transfer and career programs spanning more than 60 major areas of study. For information on the ECC Foundation and An Excellent Taste of Essex, visit the Essex County College website at [www.essex.edu](http://www.essex.edu) or call the ECC Office of Development at 973-877-3007.

## Kennedy Association names 2008 honorees for April event

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

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 stan-

dard 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.

There will also be the annual Dr. James J. Cozzarelli and Mr. Joseph A Restaino scholarships, in honor of men who gave their hearts to Belleville.

Please support our organization by joining us on April 13th. Tickets are \$30 (tables of 10 are available). Mail check or money order to Kevin G. Kennedy Civic Association, 45 Hornblower Ave., Belleville, NJ 07109.

Ads are \$125 for a full page, \$65 for a half page. Scholarship Applications are now at the Belleville High School Guidance Office.

## Borgo named to William Paterson dean's list

Courtney Borgo, an elementary education major at William Paterson University, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2007 semester.

## E-mail is quicker

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NEW THIS WEEK...

**Rummage & Treasure sale,** at St. John's Lutheran Church, 216 Liberty St., Bloomfield, to be held on the following dates: April 11 (tomorrow) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., April 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 18 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and April 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds to benefit the Organ Repair Fund.

**Yard sale,** Watchung

Presbyterian Church, 375 Watchung Ave., Bloomfield, Saturday, April 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Toys, games, furniture, bric-a-brac, books, household items, etc. There will be coffee and donuts on sale from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and a hot dog lunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds to be divided between the church's Roof Fund and local charities. To donate items or for more information, call the church at 338-4050.

**Bloomfield-Belleville-Nutley Hadassah,** to show the second part of the video "An In-depth Interview with Margit Subak Elsohn" during their meeting on Tuesday, April 15 at 1 p.m. at Temple Ner Tamid, Bloomfield. Members are invited to bring

guests. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 338-4025.

**1950s Dinner dance/Karaoke night,** sponsored by the Bloomfield Knights of Columbus, Saturday April 19 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$30, which includes a hot buffet and drinks. To purchase tickets, call Secretary Rajiv Fernando at 201-341-1539.

**District 4 blood bank,** held by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 493, Thursday, April 24 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at VFW Post 493, 271 Washington Ave., Nutley. All blood types are needed. Your support is appreciated. Call 235-9661 for directions.

**Fish and Chips dinner,** hosted by Vincent United Methodist Church, Friday, April 25 at Vincent United's Fellowship Hall, 100 Vincent Pl., Nutley. Dinner catered by the Argyle Restaurant of Kearny. Take-out service from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Seating for eat-in service from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided. The cost in advance is \$15 for adults/\$8 for children. Prices at the door are \$17 for adults/\$10 for children. Chicken will also be available. For tickets, call the church at 667-5440.

EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS...

**Fundraiser for Adult Behavioral Health Department,** to benefit inpatients at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville, at Sport-A-Cut barber shop, 148 Franklin Ave., Nutley, throughout April. Sport-A-Cut plans to collect DVD movies, art supplies and board games.

**Distinguished Service Awards dinner,** hosted by the Nutley Jaycees, Thursday, April 10 (today) 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.

**Tricky Tray,** sponsored by Belleville Elementary School Three, Friday, April 11 (tomorrow) at 6:30 p.m. at the San Carlo, Lyndhurst. Tickets are \$35, which includes a full dinner and one sheet of lower level tickets. No tickets sold at the door. Contact Gaby at 477-5006.

**Argyle Fish and Chips dinner,** Friday, April 11 (tomorrow) from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 200 Highfield Lane, Nutley. Continuous seating. Eat in or take out. Advanced ticket prices: \$12 for adults and \$7 for children. Tickets at the door: \$15 for adults or \$10 for children. Call 235-1177 for more information.

**Pancake breakfast and sale,** held by Bloomfield Boy Scout Troop 23, Saturday, April 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bethany Presbyterian Church, 293 W. Passaic Ave., Bloomfield. The Scouts will also have a sale of good, used canvas tents in front of the church. Tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are \$5 for adults, with reduced rates for children and those over age 55. For additional information, call Bill Hergenhan at 338-4530.

**AARP free tax help,** for taxpayers with middle and low-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older, now through Monday, April 14, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Nutley Parks and Rec. Building, 44 Park Ave., Nutley. No appointments needed. Mondays only.

**Nutley Board of Commissioners Candidate's Forum,** sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Nutley Area, Wednesday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. at John Walker Middle School, Nutley.

**Fish and Chips dinner,** sponsored by the Catholic

Daughters of the Americas (CDA), Friday, April 18, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Msgr. Walsh Hall, St. Mary's Church, Nutley. \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. Chicken will also be served. Eat in or take out. Proceeds go toward CDA charities. For tickets, call Mary Jane at 667-3876.

**A Taste of Belleville,** to be held Friday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library, Washington Avenue. \$15 per ticket. Taste the specialty dishes of local restaurants and catering establishments. Tickets on sale now. For more information, call 450-3434.

**'Last of the Red Hot Lovers' bus trip,** starring Charlie Prose, Sunday, April 20, with bus departing Nutley at 1 p.m. Dinner at 2:30 p.m. and show starts at 4 p.m. Departure from Hunterdon Hills Playhouse at 6:15 p.m. \$78 per person. Call Mildred at 667-8083 or Marie at 256-0499 for more information.

**Fashion show/tricky tray,** "April Showers Bring Spring Flowers," presented by the St. Anthony's Rosary Altar Society, Sunday, April 27 at 2 p.m. at St. Anthony's School Hall, 25 No. 7th St., Belleville. Spaghetti dinner. \$25 donation.

**Bus ride to Showboat in Atlantic City,** sponsored by St. Mary's Knights of Columbus, Wednesday, April 30. Tickets are \$25 per person, which includes a \$25 cash bonus and \$5 food voucher. At 8:30 a.m. there will be complimentary coffee, bagels and donuts at the K of C building. Bus will leave at 9 a.m. from the K of C parking lot, 150 Chestnut St., Nutley, and return at approximately 7:30 p.m.

**Tricky Tray,** sponsored by the Rainbow Montessori Schools and Academy, Saturday, May 17 at 6 p.m. at the Sacred Heart School auditorium, Clifton Avenue, Clifton. The theme is: "Fiesta." B.Y.O.B and munchies. Open seating available or tables of 10 to 12 can be reserved. Tickets are \$20 per person, which includes one sheet of regular prize tickets, coffee, tea and dessert. For more information, call Staci at 835-1848.

**Cape Cod/Martha's Vineyard/Boston trip,** sponsored by the Belleville Irish, 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.

**Jersey Boys,** Wednesday, Sept. 24. Bus leaves from Nutley at 6:15 p.m. for a 9 p.m. show. Orchestra seats. \$145 per person. Call Marie at Travel with Marie at 256-0499.

**Car Campaign,** for the Boys and Girls Clubs in New Jersey, is underway. Almost any car



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accepted, with no restrictions. Cars are being sold at an auction. Proceeds are used to help the local Boys and Girls Clubs. Call 1-800-246-0493 for more information.

**Support the troops.** Zarro Funeral Home, 145 Harrison St., Bloomfield, is asking participants to provide items for a care package (such as toiletries, food and clothing). Zarro Funeral Home is providing boxes, customs forms, instructions and payment for shipping. Drop by the funeral home to pick up a care package starter kit, or call them at 743-3433 for additional information.

**Fitness class.** Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Nutley. \$10 per class or \$75 for eight classes. Cardio moves to music, floor exercises, calisthenics, Pilates-based moves and stretching. E-mail [smdunnfit@optonline.net](mailto:smdunnfit@optonline.net) or call 201-294-5493 for more information.

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

**Nurse Family Partnership (NFP),** a free, voluntary program, is available to women who are pregnant with their

first child and live in Essex County. A nurse regularly visits the first time mother-to-be in the comforts of her home. Services continue until the baby's second birthday. The NFP nurse advises mothers on how to have a healthy pregnancy and a healthy baby, teaches the skills necessary to enjoy a happy, fulfilling parent/child relationship and helps parents find healthcare, childcare and other support services available in the community. This program is not associated with protective services, and all information is kept in confidence. For more information, call 482-2774, ext. 138 or e-mail or [nfp@yccs.org](mailto:nfp@yccs.org).

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

**Free transportation,** to medical appointments for Montclair, Glen Ridge and Nutley residents 60 years of age or over who are mobile or require minimal assistance. Sponsored by the Montclair-Glen Ridge-Nutley chapter. All rides are by reservation at least one week in advance. Call 667-3818.

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

**Free blood pressure readings,** by registered nurse, 10 a.m. to 12 noon every Friday, Montclair-Glen Ridge-Nutley Red Cross, 169 Chestnut St. No appointment necessary. Call 667-3818. Blood drives held on the third Tuesday of each month.

### REUNIONS...

**Belleville High School Class of 1963,** 45th reunion planned for Saturday, Sept. 6, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall Council 835, 94-98 Bridge St., Belleville. \$40 per person, which includes a hot buffet, dessert, beer and soda. Cash bar. Bring your favorite CDs. Very casual dress. Contact Angela Cuzzo-Zarro at 759-2703 or e-mail [kbendel@aol.com](mailto:kbendel@aol.com) for more info.

**Nutley High School Class of 1948,** reunion planned for Monday, Sept. 8. For more information or to convey names, addresses, phone numbers and/or e-mail addresses of classmates, call Florence Delage Kapuscinski at 751-1323.

**Nutley High School Class of 1958,** 50th reunion planned for Friday, Sept. 19; Saturday, Sept. 20; and Sunday, Sept. 21. Watch e-mail and "snail mail" for details. For more information, e-mail [Nutley.HS.Class.Of.1958@insight-bb.com](mailto:Nutley.HS.Class.Of.1958@insight-bb.com).

**Nutley High School Class of 1963,** 45th reunion planned for Friday, Oct. 31. To convey classmate information, call 398-0911.

## FAIRS, FLEA MARKETS, ETC...

**Rummage sale,** hosted by the Glen Ridge Congregational Church Women's Association, Friday, April 11 (tomorrow) from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, April 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church, 195 Ridgewood Ave. All proceeds are donated to local charities. For more information, call 743-5596.

**Indoor yard sale,** Saturday, April 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Park United Methodist Church, 12 Park St., Bloomfield. For more information, call 429-7745.

**Annual flea market,** at Vincent United Methodist Church, 100 Vincent Pl., Nutley, to be held Saturday, April 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bric-a-brac, clothing, jewelry, furniture, appliances and more. A café will be open for munchies. Call the church office at 667-5440 for directions or more information.

**Nutley Museum,** open first and third Sundays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Call 667-1528 or visit the Web site [www.nutleyhistorical-society.org](http://www.nutleyhistorical-society.org) for more information.

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

**Nutley Family Service Bureau thrift shop,** 172 Chestnut St., open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday

evenings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and every other Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Nutley Family Service Bureau. Donations are welcome. To volunteer, call Jolinda Griwert at 667-6322 or Kathy Coughlin at 284-1208.

### MEETINGS...

**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.

**Roche Retiree Club,** meets Saturdays at 1 p.m. in Bldg. 77 (frequently called the chapel) at 340 Kingsland St., Nutley. Parking is available in the lot next to the building.

**Nutley Old Guard,** meets Fridays at 9 a.m. at 44 Park Ave. Non-military social organization for retired and semi-retired men seeking new members from Nutley and vicinity. Refreshments, guest speakers, bowling, golf and bocci teams, bus trips, luncheons, newsletter.

**MOPS,** (Mothers of Preschoolers), remaining meeting dates are April 17 and May 22 at Montclair Community Church, 143 Watchung Ave., Upper Montclair. A Mom's Night

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## WELCOME, BUDS!

On Tuesday, March 25th, Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. (left), reopened the Essex County Cherry Blossom Welcome Center in Essex County Branch Brook Park after a comprehensive \$840,000 modernization project was completed. The Welcome Center was transformed into a year-round showcase to raise awareness about the Cherry Blossom Trees and features an intricately designed artificial Cherry Blossom Tree in the building. County Executive DiVincenzo and Freeholder Vice President/Assemblyman Ralph Caputo pose with Nutley resident Dr. Lori R. Ippolito under the painting she donated to decorate the Welcome Center.

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## Essex County hosting fishing derby

Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. and the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs invites the public to participate in Essex County's 2008 Fishing Derby. The free events will be held in six locations in the Essex County Park System, with an evening fishing derby in Verona Park. "Our fishing derbies are an excellent opportunity for our children to enjoy the historic Essex County Park System in a different and fun way. You'll have a great time creating your own 'big fish' stories and spending some quality time with your friends and families in some of the most beautiful

parks in the area," DiVincenzo said. "I invite everyone to come out, cast their lines, Experience Essex and take a look at the improvements we are making to modernize and revitalize our parks," he noted. Sponsored by the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, **each derby is free and open to children ages 15 and younger. All children must be accompanied by an adult** and bring their own fishing pole, bait, bucket and chair. Prizes in various age categories for catching the first and most fish will be awarded at the conclusion of each derby. Five of the fishing derbies will be

held on Saturday mornings. The fishing derbies will be held as follows:  
**Saturday, May 3rd:** Grover Cleveland Park Pond, Brookside Avenue and Runnymede Road, Essex Fells. On-site registration begins at 8 a.m., the derby begins at 9 a.m. and awards will be presented at 11 a.m.  
**Saturday, May 10th:** Branch Brook Park Lake (near the Prudential Lions), Park Avenue and Lake Street, Newark. On-site registration begins at 9 a.m., the derby begins at 10 a.m. and awards will be presented at 12 noon.

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# Town alerts residents about passport dates, procedures

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Applicants who are 16-18 years old can appear with only one parent unless they have a valid permanent driver's license. Children 15 and under must have both parents present to execute a passport application. If only one parent is available, proof must be submitted that the applying parent has sole authority or consent to obtain the passport.

ID such as a Driver's License, Government Employee ID card,

or previous US Passport not more than 15 years of from date of issuance. All applicants must have a social security number.

If none of the listed required identification is available, an identifying witness, who has known he/she for at least two years, must accompany the applicant. Said witness must be a U.S. citizen poor resident alien and be able to establish their own identify by one of the above means. Applicant must have 3 forms of identification in addition to an identifying witness. Parents applying for minor children must be able to identify themselves using the listed requirements above.

Two identical photographs (2"x2") with light background and non-glossy finish (full faced only). School photos are unacceptable.

The fees are adults \$75 (expedited fees - \$151.25), children 15 and younger \$60 (expedited fees-

\$136.25) a check or US postal money order payable to U.S. Department of State. The processing fee is \$25 and payable in cash, check or U.S. postal money order to the Essex County Clerk. The processing fees for expedited services are \$41 for adults and \$25 for children and payable in cash, check or U.S. postal money order to the Essex County Clerk. All checks need to be made out separately.

Notary Public oath administered fee is \$15 payable in cash, check or U.S. postal money order to the Essex County Clerk.

Veterans License applicants must have DD 214 form in addition to proof of residency and signature.

The processing fee to file for a Physicians License is \$25 and payable in cash, check or U.S. postal money order to the Essex County Clerk.

## Rivera completes quartermaster training in Virginia

Army Reserve Pvt. Freddy A. Rivera has graduated from the Unit Supply Specialist Advanced Individual Training course at the Quartermaster Battalion, Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va.

The course is designed to train

students to receive, inspect, segregate, store, inventory, issue, deliver and turn-in organizational and installation supplies and equipment; maintain automated supply systems for accountability with use of unit computers; issue and

receipt of small arms, and secure and control weapons and ammunition supplies.

Rivera is the son of Juana Rivera of Laurel Court, Belleville, N.J.

He is a 2007 graduate of Belleville High School.

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.

## Clara Maass hosting golf invitational

The Clara Maass Medical Center Foundation's 2008 Golf Invitational will be held on Monday, May 5, 2008, at Montclair Golf Club. This annual event raises funds for programs and services of Clara Maass Medical Center and in the past has benefited the hospital's Cancer Center, Emergency Department, and Obstetrics. The Clara Maass Medical Center Foundation is dedicated to supporting the Medical Center's promise to deliver accessible and compassionate health care and improve the well-being of the communities it serves.

Over 200 participants will tee-off at one of the metropolitan area's most outstanding golf courses.

In addition to a day of golf, players enjoy brunch, a cocktail and awards dinner reception, a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction. Sponsorship opportunities and journal participation are available.

Golf registration begins at 10 a.m. and festivities continue until 8 p.m. Ticket price is \$650 per person or \$2,500 for a team of four. Cost includes golf, lunch, cocktail, and dinner reception. Sponsorship and journal opportunities range from \$200 to \$20,000.

To register for the Golf Invitational, or for more information call Clara Maass Medical Center Foundation at 973-450-2277 or visit our Web site at [www.claramaassfoundation.org](http://www.claramaassfoundation.org).

## FISHING

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**Saturday, May 17th:** Weequahic Park Lake, Elizabeth Avenue and Meeker Avenue, Newark. On-site registration begins at 8 a.m., the derby begins at 9 a.m. and awards will be presented at 11 a.m.

**Saturday, June 14th:** Orange Park Pond, Center Street and Harrison Street, Orange. On-site registration begins at 8 a.m., the derby begins at 9 a.m. and awards will be presented at 11 a.m.

**Saturday, September 13th:** Irvington Park Pond, Grove Street and Lyons Avenue, Irvington. On-site registration begins at 8 a.m., the derby begins at 9 a.m. and awards will be presented at 11 a.m.

The evening Fishing Derby will start with registration at 5 p.m.

Prizes in various age categories for catching the first and most fish will be awarded at the conclusion of the derby at 8 p.m.

**Thursday, May 15th:** Verona Park Boathouse, Bloomfield Avenue and Lakeside Avenue, Verona.

For additional information, please call 973-268-3500, Ext. 234 or 254.

The fishing derbies will be held rain or shine.

The Essex County Park System was created in 1895 and is the first county park system established in the United States.

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## Bethany Lutheran Church

### Worship services

Worship services for Bethany Lutheran Church are held at 9 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. year-round. Child-care is available. Everyone is welcome.

### Kids' fun night

Pastor Nancy S. Moore and the members of Bethany Lutheran Church are now sponsoring a weekly 'Kids' Fun Night' on Wednesdays, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the church hall (please enter via the New Street door). There will be ping-pong, games, activities and refreshments. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. Call the church office with any questions.

### 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 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 Fri-

day. 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.

### 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

Pastor Nancy S. Moore 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. Call Bethany Lutheran Church for more 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

### Honor to be bestowed on Eleanor Gittens

Christ Church has announced that Eleanor Gittens of Belleville will be among those honored at the annual luncheon of The Episcopal Diocese of Newark's Episcopal Church Women, to be held on Saturday, April 12 at 12 noon at The Episcopal Church of Our Savior in Denville. Each year every parish has the ability to nominate women who have made significant contributions to their parishes or the Diocese.

### Volunteer Appreciation Banquet

The Jubilee Community Development Corporation at Christ Church has announced its annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet for Saturday, April 12. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be held at 5:30 p.m. The officiant will be The Rev. Paul Walker, Vicar of Christ Church.

The Gala Banquet will follow at 7 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling the church.

### A Polish Easter

Christ Church has announced its annual observance of 'A Polish Easter' luncheon on Sunday, April 13, following the regular 10 a.m. Mass. The luncheon recognizes the several members of Christ Church who share a Polish heritage.

### Care Closet

The Care Closet, an outreach program of Christ Episcopal Church, has announced its April distribution day for Monday, April 28, 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.

### Spring Fair and Flea Market

Christ Church has announced its annual Spring Fair and Flea Market for Saturday, May 24. In the event of rain on that date, the Fair and Flea Market will be held the following Saturday, May 31. The Flea Market runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Individuals and groups wishing to become vendors for the Flea Market are asked to phone the parish. Spaces are 10' square and are \$25 each.

The parish is also receiving gifts for its own Flea Market tables. Persons wishing to make donations are asked to call the church or to leave them at the church.

### 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.

*Christ Church is an inclusive church in the Anglican tradition, located at 393 Washington Ave., Belleville. For more information, call 973-751-0616.*

## Holy Family Church

### St. Lucy Filippini Sodality

The monthly meeting of the St. Lucy Filippini Sodality of Holy Family Church will be held on Wednesday, April 16 at 8 p.m., at St. Joseph's Center. All ladies are invited. There will be a slide presentation on the life of St. Lucy.

### Oasis to Villa Walsh

The annual Oasis to Villa Walsh will be on Saturday, April 19. There will be bus transportation from Holy Family Church. Call Erma Mastro at 973-667-4430.

### Cake Sale

Holy Family's cake sale will be held after all Masses on April 19 and April 20.

### Rosary Society

The Holy Family Rosary Society will hold its next meeting on April 28 at 7:45 p.m., in St. Joseph's Center. There will be a priest and a guest speaker.

The Rosary Society recites the Rosary after the 8:45 a.m. Mass on the first Saturday of the month. All are welcome.

### 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.*

## St. Mary's Church

### Fish and Chips Dinner

St. Mary's Catholic Daughters of America is sponsoring a Fish and Chips Dinner on Friday, April 18 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., in Msgr. Walsh Hall. Chicken will also be served. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. Tickets must be purchased by April 15; no tickets will be sold at the door. Eat in or take out is available. For tickets, call 973-667-3876.

### Bingo

St. Mary's Parish hosts Bingo every Tuesday night. Early bird special at 7:15 p.m. and game #1 at 7:30 p.m. Come support our Bingo nights and bring a friend. Any parishioner interested in helping at Bingo may call the parish.

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derful for me, too great for me to know!" God knows everything there is to know about us. We must realize that nothing; no thing is hidden from Him. Every thought, emotion, and action, whether holy or unholy are open to our all seeing and all knowing God. It is therefore pointless to try to hide from Him. Adam and Eve sinned and tried to hide from God but it didn't work. Just picture them trying to hide among the trees that our

omnipresent, omniscient God created. Since God knows us so well it would be wise for us to stop hiding and putting on facades. We are fooling some people but we definitely are not fooling God. He already knows the good, the bad and the ugly parts of us. The wonderful thing is that He still loves and cares about us. We just need to repent and let God have full control of our lives. He loves us so much that he

encompasses us and places His hand of blessing on us. When we get off track, if we let Him, He will put us back on track. God knows us better than we know ourselves so we would be much better off if we would just, let go and let God have His way. Let Him take full

control of our hearts, our lives and our plans. In so doing He will lead us in the path that is right and we will have the opportunity to get to know Him in a more intimate way.

Pastor Crystal Griffith  
O.A.T.S. Christian Assembly

## WORSHIP BRIEFS

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### St. Mary's Food Pantry needs restocking

While the number of families it helps keeps going up, its supply of food keeps going down and needs regular replenishing. Currently, 44 bags of non-perishable food are distributed monthly to local families. Items needed regularly include: juice, crackers, rice, canned vegetables, sauces, tea, Bisquick and syrup, canned chicken, canned stews and canned fruits. Your donations are much appreciated. With your support and prayers, we can help eliminate this local hunger crisis.

St. Mary's Parish is located at 17

Msgr. Owens Place, Nutley. Call the church at 973-235-1100.

### Fewsmith Memorial Presbyterian Church

#### Sunday morning service

Sunday morning services are held at 10 a.m. Visitors are welcome.

#### 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 welcome. Prayers can be sent to fewsmithchurch@juno.com or sent

through the church Web site at [www.fewsmithchurch.org](http://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.

### Temple Ner Tamid

#### 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

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## Robert Caruso

Mr. Caruso passed away March 31 in The Mountainside Hospital.

He was predeceased by his wife, Joan (Buckley) Caruso, and his brother, Oreste Caruso, and is survived by his sons, Robert M. and James Caruso; his sister, Adelaide Ritacco; his brothers, John and Arthur Caruso; his grandchildren, Jennifer Picillo and her husband, Bill, and Anthony Caruso, and friends, Lisa Rose and Pamela Wright.

## Rose E. Petriello

Born in Port Chester, NY, Mrs. Petriello spent some time in Connecticut, lived most of her life in Belleville and moved to Parsippany before moving to Lakewood 15

She was the wife of the late Virgilio Petriello, and is survived by her son, Joseph Petriello and his wife, Sharon; her granddaughters, Danielle Mezera, Joelle Tilton and Brianne Petriello, and her great-grandchildren, Joseph, Shaelyn, Olivia and Jordyn. She was also predeceased by two sisters and a brother.

## WORSHIP BRIEFS

## Torch Walk and Rally

The Torch Walk begins at 2 p.m. at Montclair High School (corner of Park and Chestnut Streets) and ends one mile across town at the Rally. Pledges should be collected in advance.

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*Christian Apostolic Church is wheelchair accessible and is located at 88 Wallace St., Belleville. To reach the church office, call 973-751-2290.*

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"While the cost of some driving expenses declined since the start of 2007, higher gasoline prices have increased tremendously and pushed the overall cost of vehicle ownership and operation higher this year," says Michele Mount, director of public affairs for AAA New Jersey Automobile Club.

In 2008, AAA estimates it will cost \$8,121 to own and operate a new passenger car driven 15,000 miles per year. This compares to \$7,823 per year (52.2 cents per mile) in 2007.

The cost of maintenance, full-coverage insurance; and depreciation are all slightly lower this year, however, the cost of fuel, tires, financing, license, registration and taxes all showed increases.

AAA's study calculates the average costs of owning and operating five top-selling models in three popular size classes: small, medium and large sedans. The results clearly show that consumers have an opportunity to save substantial sums of money by switching from larger models to smaller, more fuel-efficient vehicles.

For example, AAA's research shows the annual average cost of driving a small sedan is \$6,320 per year, while a large sedan costs \$9,769 per year. Similar savings can also be realized by driving a minivan, instead of a larger sport utility vehicle (SUV). AAA estimates the annual expense of owning and operating a typical minivan at \$8,644 per year versus \$10,448 for a four-wheel-drive mid-size SUV.

AAA's study calculates the average costs of all expenses associated with owning and operating a vehicle over five years and 75,000 miles

of driving. Driving costs in each category are based on the average expenses for five top-selling models selected by AAA. The vehicles selected as examples for each size category are as follows:

■ Small sedan – Chevrolet Cobalt, Ford Focus, Honda Civic, Nissan Sentra and Toyota Corolla.

■ Medium sedan – Chevrolet Impala, Ford Fusion, Honda Accord, Nissan Altima and Toyota Camry.

■ Large sedan – Buick Lucerne, Chrysler 300, Ford Five Hundred (renamed Taurus for 2008), Nissan Maxima and Toyota Avalon.

Though not part of the AAA composite average, SUVs and minivans have been included to help buyers estimate operating costs for these types of vehicles. SUV models include the Chevrolet Trailblazer, Ford Explorer, Jeep Grand Cherokee, Nissan Pathfinder and Toyota 4Runner. Minivan models are the Chevrolet

Uplander, Dodge Grand Caravan, Kia Sedona, Honda Odyssey and Toyota Sienna.

AAA members can download a digital copy of the *Your Driving Costs* brochure by logging on to AAA's public affairs Web site, [www.aaaexchange.com](http://www.aaaexchange.com), or, to request a hard copy, email [njacpr@njac.aaa.com](mailto:njacpr@njac.aaa.com).

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Locally, the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club, through offices in Clark, Florham Park, Randolph, Springfield and West Orange, provides automotive, travel, insurance, financial and educational services to residents of Essex, Morris and Union Counties.

## Benefit concert planned at area community center

A benefit concert for Habitat For Humanity and The Valerie Fund is scheduled for Sunday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Glen Ridge Senior Community Center (train station), 228 Ridgewood Ave.

Plugged into the Band, a 10-week workshop of group lessons

that includes forming a band, selecting repertoire, rehearsing, performing and recording culminates with this concert. Plugged into the Band features local, home-grown talent and songs by many of their favorite artists.

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Out is scheduled for June 6. MOPS is a program for mothers of all ages and backgrounds, with children ranging from newborns to six year-olds. The suggested donation is \$6 per meeting. Call 860-1163 or e-mail info@montclairmops.com to reserve a space. The MOPS Web site is www.montclairmops.com.

**Tri-County Camera Club**, meets at 8 p.m. at Nutley High School (Booth Drive entrance), 300 Franklin Ave., Nutley. Visitors are welcome. April 29, annual print competition; May 6, annual nature competition; May 22, annual awards dinner. For details, contact Ken at 908-310-8829 or e-mail tricountycamera@yahoo.com.

**Belleville Optimist Club**, meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at Branch Brook Manor, 13 Washington Ave., Belleville. Call Gabe Nazzola at 696-6562.

**Belleville Rotary Club**, invites guests to their weekly luncheon meetings, Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. at Bella Casa Caterers, 2 Acme St., Belleville. Frank Cozzarelli, 751-4104.

**Belleville AARP #2051**, meetings held on the first Wednesdays of the month at 1 p.m. at the senior center, 125 Franklin Ave., Belleville. Dues are

\$3 plus national membership. Open to anyone over age 50. Call Ann at 777-4223 for more information.

**Nutley AARP #2052**, meetings held on the second Thursday of each month. New members welcome. The chapter is in need of volunteers. Without volunteers, the organization will need to be disbanded after many years in Nutley. Help is appreciated. Call Josephine Brylinski at 667-2514 for more information.

**AARP baby boomer chapter**, for individuals 50+, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at the Bloomfield Public Library, 90 Broad St.

**NJ Association of Women Business Owners**, breakfast meetings held Tuesdays between 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Toast Restaurant, 700 Bloomfield Ave., Montclair. The remaining meetings are May 6 and June 3. \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members with reservations (\$5 more for those without reservations). RSVP at the Web site www.whoscoming.com/~njawboessex.com, call 746-4404 (option 3) or e-mail: rimbriano@optonline.net. NJAWBO Essex provides a forum for networking, professional development and education for women business owners.

**The Belleville Chapter of UNICO National**, the largest Italian American non-profit service

organization in America is seeking members for its local chapter. UNICO strives to contribute to the well being of its local communities by making significant contributions to deserving local and national charities. Call Manny Alfano at 429-2818 or Gene Antonio at 759-9259 for more information.

**Belleville Irish**, meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the K of C Hall, Bridge Street, Belleville. For more information, call Beverly at 759-1298.

**Nutley Irish**, meetings held on the third Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. at the VFW Hall, Washington Ave., Nutley. New members welcome. Refreshments will be served. Call Tom McEnery, president, at 493-0029.

**Nutley Toastmasters Club**, 7:15 p.m. first and third Thursdays, meets at Franklin Reformed Church, 45 Hillside Crescent, Nutley. New members are welcome.

**Poetry Club**, of the Bloomfield Public Library, is accepting new members. The club meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m. in conference room, located on the Mezzanine in the adult library. All are welcome. Call 566-6200, ext. 204 for more information.

**Nutley Lions**, dinner meetings held the first Thursday every month at 7 p.m. from September to June at Michael's Riverside Restaurant, 528 Riverside Ave., Lyndhurst. New members are welcome. Call Louise at 661-2906.

**Bloomfield Lions**, meets 12 noon

to 1 p.m. at the Town Pub on the second and fourth Monday of every month through June.

**Belleville Lions**, 12:15 p.m. first and third Wednesdays, The Grapevine, 190 Passaic Ave., Belleville.

**Women's Club of Nutley**, meetings held at 7:30 p.m., second Tuesdays, Vreeland House, 216 Chestnut St., Nutley. Seeking new members. Call 284-1271.

**Woman's Club of Belleville**, meets 7 p.m., second Mondays, clubhouse, 51 Rossmore Pl., Belleville. Prospective members are welcome. Call Judi Nucci at 751-2960.

**Nutley Jr. Woman's Club**, meets at 8 p.m., first Mondays at Vreeland House, 216 Chestnut St. Seeking new members, ages 18 to 40. Refreshments. E-mail Theresa Loch, membership chair, at nutleyjuniors@hotmail.com.

**Belleville Senior Citizens Club, Inc.**, 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Senior Building, Franklin Avenue and Mill Street.

**Belleville Knights of Columbus #835**, council meetings every first and third Monday at 8 p.m. Vocations breakfast every first Sunday from 7 p.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Nutley Knights of Columbus**, meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Nutley.

**Belleville/Nutley Kiwanis Club**, 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Branch Brook Manor, Washington Ave., Belleville. Mario Drozd, 751-2277 or Susan Kintscher, 661-2623.

**Bloomfield Kiwanis Club**, 7:30 p.m., fourth Thursdays, Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center, 240 Belleville Ave., Bloomfield. Claire Abel, 893-9141.

**VFW Ladies Auxiliary**, Miles A. Suarez Post 711, 1 p.m. first Saturdays, post home, 369 Broughton Ave., Bloomfield. Call Marianne Hart at 338-8513.

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

**Belleville Old Guard**, seeks new members to meet first and third Wednesday of every month for coffee and donuts at 9 a.m. Call Emil Casale at 759-7284. Meetings held at the Belleville Senior Center, corner of Mill Street and Franklin Avenue.

**Nutley AmVets Post 30**, 11 a.m. second Tuesdays, 184 Park Ave. Call 235-9626. Free lunch served at 12 noon.

**Nutley Elks Lodge 1290**, 8 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays, lodge room, 242 Chestnut St. Call 235-1844.

**American Legion Post 448 and Auxiliary**, meetings every fourth Tuesday of each month except July and August, at Essex Manor, 41 Broughton Ave., Bloomfield at 7:30 p.m. on the second floor. New members are welcome.

**Nutley Masonic Lodge 25**, regular meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7 p.m. except for federal holidays and the moths of July and August, at 175 Chestnut St. Call 235-9629 or visit the Web site www.nutleylodge25.org.

**Tri-Town Business & Professional Women's Club, Inc.** of Belleville, Bloomfield and Nutley, monthly dinner meetings fourth Thursdays. New members welcome. Anna Ricciardelli, 939-2960.

**Clara Maass Auxiliary**, 7 p.m. fourth Tuesdays, Belleville Founders Room, Clara Maass Medical Center. New members are invited. Call 450-2150.

**Nutley Community Preservation Partnership**, meets second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Parks and Rec. Building, 44 Park Ave. Call 667-7165.

**NJ Professionals**, networking group welcomes members. Membership is free. E-mail Robin at NJProfessionals@aol.com.

**St. Mary's Knights of Columbus**, meets monthly, second and fourth Mondays at 8 p.m., 150 Chestnut St., Nutley. Call 667-0104. The Ladies Auxiliary is also accepting new members.

**MOMS Club**, Bloomfield-Montclair chapter meets monthly with speakers, play dates, family holiday parties, Moms' night out, etc. Non-profit group for mothers who stay home full time or work part time. Call Diane Clarke at 406-4124 or Lyse at 748-8456.

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## National Library Week 2008

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On Tuesday, April 15, a 'by invitation only' Luncheon for Volunteers will take place at 12 noon, followed by a flower arranging demonstration by Belleville's own Flowerama at 1 p.m., which is open to the public. Don't miss the Cherry Blossom Festival Concert on Wednesday, April 16 at 7 p.m., featuring the Estra Kiroka String Quartet, and The Taste of Belleville (tickets required) on Friday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. There will be activities for adults and children all week, so be sure to come in and pick up a schedule of events.

## English Tea

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Friends of the Library English Tea, run by Friends President and Tea Coordinator Extraordinaire Margery Lordi. The Tea will be held on Sunday, April 27 at 2 p.m., at the Belleville Public Library. Call the Circulation Desk to reserve your seat.

## Tax forms available

Federal and New Jersey tax forms are available at the Library. If you do not see a form that you need, the Reference Librarian will print it out for you at no cost.

## Veteran pictures available

Those veterans who received awards at the 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.

## 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: April 15, "What Should I read Next?"; May 13, a repeat of "Internet Basics" and June 10, "Travel Databases."

## 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 April 17, at 10 a.m., led by reference librarian, Cindy LaRue. For more information, contact the library.

## Teen Net at the Library

The Belleville Public Library is proud to introduce "Teen Net," the library's Web site for teens. The site consists of four sections: Current

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## Belleville Library blog

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All these services are offered free of charge to Belleville Library cardholders, and can be accessed from our Web site at <http://www.bellepl.org>.

*The Belleville Public Library is located at 221 Washington Ave., Belleville. Hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information call 973-450-3434.*

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**Disabled Vets**, of Belleville and Nutley, meet first Monday of the month at 11 a.m. at the Belleville senior building, Mill Street and Franklin Avenue. Call Joe Fornarotto at 759-1492.

**Nutley Veterans Council**, meets third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Nutley AmVets, 184 Park Ave.

**AARP Chapter 57**, 1 p.m. third Thursdays, Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad St. Refreshments 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Community Service/Craft Guild meetings, 1 p.m. first Thursdays, Civic Center.

**Bradbury-Van Riper House Inc.**, meets fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Nutley Museum, Church Street. Call 667-5700. Mailing address: P.O. Box 110031, Nutley, NJ 07110.

**Golden Age Club**, 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Parks and Rec. building, 44 Park Ave., Nutley.

**The Dunworkin Club**, a membership organization founded in 1934, is open to retired and semi-retired business and professional men in Montclair, Glen Ridge and vicinity. Potential members are welcome to attend one of the club's regular meetings as guests of the club on the second and fourth Friday of the month at the Presbyterian Church, 53 Norwood Ave., Upper Montclair. Meetings begin at 11 a.m., followed by a light catered lunch.

**Nutley Amateur Radio Society**, of ham radio operators, meets second and fourth Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Nutley Red Cross building. New members are welcome.

**Tri-county Camera Club**, meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at Nutley High School (Booth Drive entrance), 300 Franklin Ave., Nutley. Directions and the annual schedule available at the Web site [www.tricountycameraclub.com](http://www.tricountycameraclub.com) or call Jerry at 667-9642.

**Essex County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs**, 8:15 p.m. second Thursdays, Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad St., Bloomfield. Call 338-8509.

**MOPS**, (Mothers of Preschoolers) monthly meetings at Montclair Community Church, 143 Watchung Ave., Upper Montclair. MOPS is a program for mothers of all ages and backgrounds. Call Christine at 706-8991.

**Powerful You! Women's networking**, meetings held on the second Tuesday monthly at Just Jake's, 30 Park St., Montclair. \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Call 748-5100.

### SUPPORT GROUPS...

**Alzheimer's caregiver support group**, at the Nutley Public Affairs Building, 149 Chestnut St. Call the Alzheimer's Association, Greater New Jersey Chapter Caregiver Helpline, at 1-800-883-1180.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, 8 p.m. Mondays, St. Mary's Church basement, Msgr. Owens Place, Nutley; 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Vincent United Methodist Church, 100 Vincent Pl., Nutley; Glen Ridge Congregational Church, 195 Ridgewood Ave., Glen Ridge; 8:30 p.m. Fridays, Grace Episcopal Church, 200 Highfield Ln., Nutley; 2 p.m. Sundays, Christ Church, 74 Park Ave., Bloomfield/Glen Ridge; 12 noon, Thursdays, Wesley Methodist Church, 225 Washington Ave., Belleville, 12-step.

**Panic Relief, Inc.**, group forming in Belleville, Bloomfield, Nutley and Glen Ridge on Mondays from 12 noon to 1 p.m. and Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., to help those who suffer from panic, anxiety and agoraphobia gain control. Call 732-940-9658.

**Caregivers Support Group**, 6 p.m. second Mondays, solarium in 3 south annex, Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. For those caring for a loved one with cancer. Light dinner served. Free parking. Call 450-2332 or 450-2286.

**Living with Cancer**, for cancer patients and their families, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays, waiting area of Radiation Oncology Dept., Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge. Call 429-6905 or 429-6128.

**Narcotics Anonymous Meeting List:** Belleville: Monday, 8 p.m., Fewsmith Presbyterian Church, Union Ave. and Little St. Open/book/discussion meeting; Tuesday, 8 p.m., Clara Maass Medical Center, 1 Franklin Ave., Branch Brook Room, Education Center. Men's meeting. Open/discussion; Thursday, 8 p.m., Fewsmith Presbyterian Church, Union Ave. and Little St. Open/topic/discussion meeting; Friday, 8 p.m., St. Peter's Church, rear basement, Williams St. Open/discussion. Nutley: Sunday, 7:30 p.m., Franklin Reformed Church, Hillside Crescent. Open/meditation/discussion; Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, 200 Highfield Lane. Women's meeting. Topic meeting/open discussion; Wednesday, 8 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church. Closed/speaker/discussion. Open to addicts and those who think they have a problem with drugs; Friday, 7:45 p.m., Franklin Reformed Church, Hillside Crescent. Women's meeting. Open/discussion; daily at 12 noon, open meeting, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Vreeland Ave.

**HIV/AIDS** Information Exchange, 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays, Christ Episcopal Church, 393 Washington Ave., Belleville. Call 566-0480 or 751-0616.

**Debtors Anonymous**, Fridays, 12 noon to 1 p.m., Watchung Presbyterian Church, 375 Watchung Ave., Bloomfield. Call Carol at 746-5684.

**Gamblers Anonymous**, 8 p.m. Mondays, 8:30 p.m. Fridays, St. Paul's Congregational Church, Franklin Ave. and St. Paul's Place, Nutley, third floor. Meetings open to anyone with a gambling problem or those who think they might have a problem. Topic/therapy; 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Bethany United Presbyterian Church, 293 West Passaic Ave., Bloomfield. Call 1-800-GA-LIVES.

**Compassionate Friends**, for parents whose children have died, 7:30 p.m. third Mondays, St. Joseph Center, Holy Family Church, 28 Brookline Ave., Nutley. Gina Tamburri, 751-4187.

**Overeaters Anonymous**, self-help group for compulsive overeaters or people with eating disorders, Tuesdays, Presbyterian Church on the Green Parish House, Broad St., Bloomfield, 7:30 p.m.; Fridays, Grace Episcopal Church, 200 Highfield Ln., Nutley, 7:30 p.m.

**Friends For Life**, for oncology patients, family and friends, 6:30 p.m. first and third Wednesdays, Branch Brook Room, Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. Call Ann Shaffie or Donna Rainone at 450-2210.

**Asthma Education Program**, for children ages six through 14, two-part program on second and fourth Wednesdays, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge. \$40 fee includes educational sessions, metered dose inhaler chamber, peak flow meter, diary forms, educational materials. Call the Respiratory

Care Department at 429-6180.

**Share**, a support group for learning to accept and resolve pregnancy or infant loss, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. first Wednesdays, Schering-Plough One Conference Room, Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge. No fee. Call Linda LeCompte, R.N., at 429-6936.

**Essex County Epilepsy Support Group**, 7:30 to 9 p.m. first Mondays, Elks Lodge, 296 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield. Cheryl, 908-688-1467 or Daisy, 675-5332.

**Parents who have lost a child**, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Mondays, The Hospice, Inc., 3 High St., Glen Ridge. Call 429-0300. No charge.

**C.H.A.D.D. of Essex County**, for parents of children with attention deficit disorders, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. third Mondays, Washington School library, 155 Washington Ave., Nutley. 661-2977. Adult support group, second Tuesdays.

**MFFS** (for families and friends of military personnel), 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. fourth Sundays, Grace Church, 200 Highfield Lane, Nutley. Free, open to all. Former military personnel welcome. Call 235-1177.

**Gam-Anon**, to offer hope and understanding to loved ones of compulsive gamblers, 8 p.m. Mondays, 8:30 p.m. Fridays, St. Paul's Congregational Church, Franklin Ave. and St. Paul's Place, Nutley; 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Bethany Presbyterian Church, 293 W. Passaic Ave., Bloomfield. Call 815-0988.

**Eating disorders**, 10 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. second Sundays, Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge. Sponsored by New Jersey Chapter of the American Anorexia/Bulimia Association. \$5 donation per family requested. Call Barbara Reese at 783-2292.

**Parkinson Support Group**, 10 a.m. third Saturdays, private dining room, Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge. Call Wilma McKay at 694-2759.

**American Cancer Society support groups:** stress reduction and guided imagery and relaxation through music, 1:30 p.m. Fridays, 428 Franklin Ave., Nutley. Open to the community. Call 667-1613 or Manny Pena-Perich at 736-7770; Make Today Count, for patients, family and friends, third Tuesdays, and New Beginnings, for breast cancer patients, Essex Oncology Group, 36 Newark Ave., Suite 304, Belleville, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Light refreshments. Call 751-5757 to register; E-CAP support group, open to all cancer patients, techniques of visualization, meditation, stress reduction, discussion period, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays, 363 Centre St., Nutley. Call Mary Jo Dell'Orto at 667-1613.

**Sexual Recovery Anonymous**, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, St. Peter's Church basement, 155 William St., Belleville. A 12-step program for men and women who suffer from compulsive, obsessive sexual behavior. You are not alone. Call 485-8294.

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