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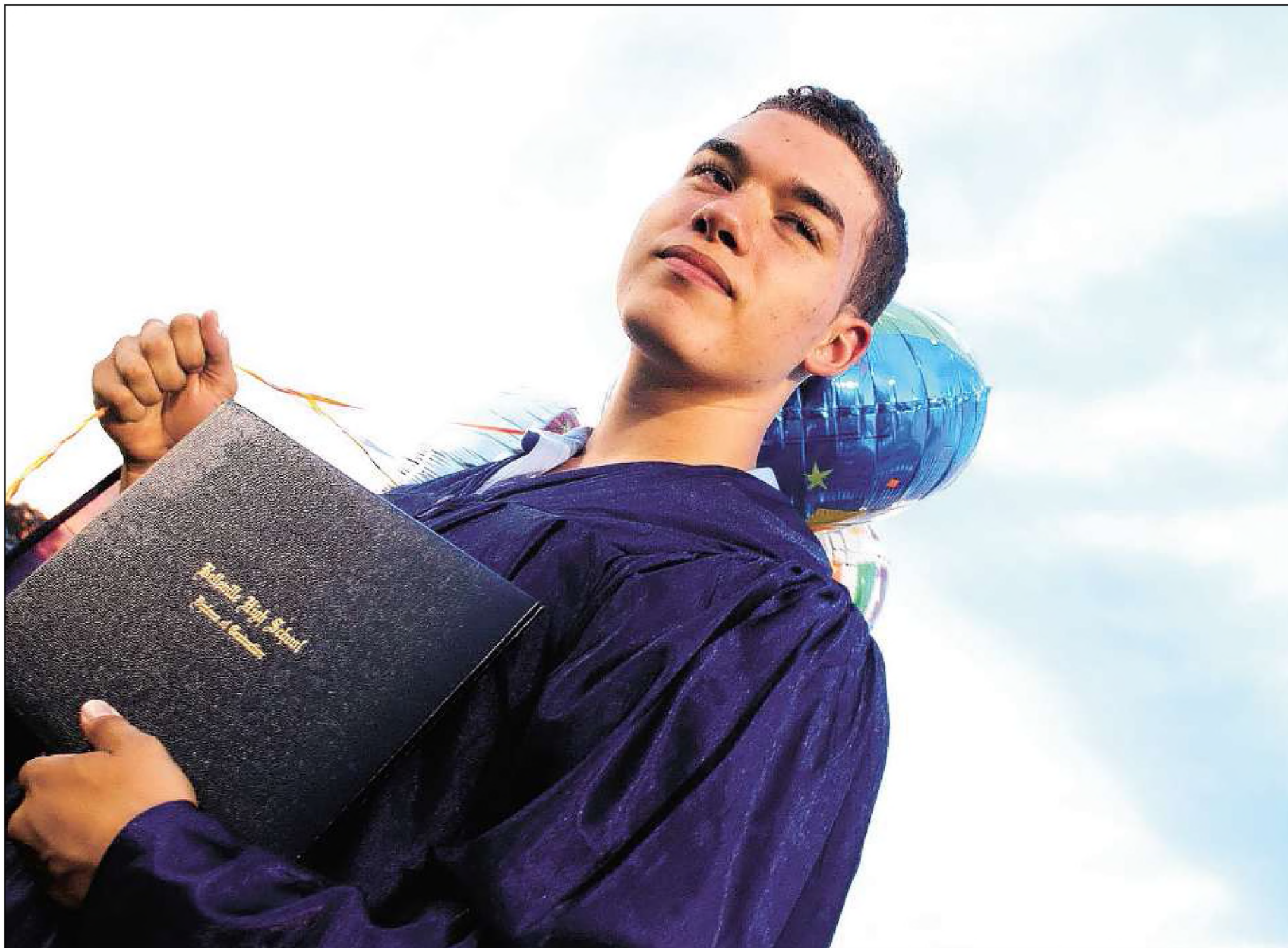
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**June 29**

■ A theft was reported from a motor vehicle at 8:02 a.m. The front bumper and license plate were reported stolen from a 2002 Nissan Sentra in the 10 block of Carner Avenue. Police are investigating.

**June 28**

■ A burglary and theft was reported from a residence in the 70 block of Branch Brook Drive at 6:42 p.m. Entry was reportedly gained through the rear door. Reported stolen were two laptop computers, a digital camera, a portable PlayStation game player, and three gold rings. The total value of the items reported missing was not given. Police are investigating.

**June 27**

■ Police arrested and charged Adam Espara, 19, of Belleville with possession of a weapon and disorderly conduct at 9:20 p.m.

A motor vehicle stop was conducted on the suspect's vehicle near 501 Washington Ave. for a motor vehicle violation. After his vehicle was pulled over, the suspect began yelling and screaming at the police officers, and after repeated requests by police that he

stop yelling, he was arrested. A subsequent search of the suspect turned up a knife in his possession. Bail was set at \$530.

**June 25**

■ Police arrested and charged Robert Guerrero, 20, of Belleville with burglary at 1:20 a.m. The suspect was arrested after police said they got a call from a homeowner in the 140 block of Little Street. The homeowner said they first heard the sound of glass breaking, which awakened them. Next, they saw a man fitting the suspect's description trying to break into the residence.

Police found the suspect in the driveway, and he was taken into custody. He was released on his own recognizance.

**June 24**

■ Police arrested and charged Luis Vega, 29, of Belleville with possession of 27 small plastic bags of marijuana, possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute, and possession of marijuana with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school.

The arrest was made at 11:40 a.m. He was taken into custody after police conducted a motor vehicle stop on his vehicle near

285 Belmont Ave.

After speaking to the suspect, it was determined that he was driving with a suspended license. A subsequent search turned up the bags of marijuana and he was arrested. Bail was set, but the amount was not given.

■ Police arrested and charged David James, 24, of Kearny with burglary and theft from six separate motor vehicles in the area of 117 Rutgers St. at 3:10 a.m. Police received several reports of break-ins to vehicles in the early hours of the morning, and James was arrested. In each case, the suspect stole whatever loose change was visible in the vehicles.

Bail was set at an unknown amount.

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

## Belleville taking part in speeding crackdown this month

Law enforcement officers from the Belleville Police Department will be cracking down on speeding motorists this summer, as part of the "Obey the Signs or Pay the Fines," initiative.

The program begins July 1, in advance of the July 4th holiday, and runs through July 31, in more than 180 northern New Jersey municipalities.

Police agencies in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, and Warren counties will participate in the campaign, which resulted in more than 10,800 speeding citations during the 2007 crackdown.

"Excessive speed, particularly on local roads, is one of the leading contributors to traffic crashes," said

Pam Fischer, Director of the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety. "Last year, 22,839 crashes were speed-related, and 166 of those crashes resulted in fatalities."

Speeding reduces a driver's ability to steer safely around curves or objects in the roadway. It also extends the distance necessary to stop a vehicle, and it increases the distance a vehicle travels while the driver notices and reacts to a dangerous situation.

"If you're speeding in New Jersey, you will be stopped and you will be fined," Fischer added. "Police will not give warnings. They will be writing tickets."

For further information contact, Sgt. Gerard Corbo at 973-450-3405.

## We welcome your pictures!

Although we try hard, our intrepid photography staff can't be everywhere all the time - that's why we encourage you, our readers, to send us photographs of people and events that are Belleville-related. Pictures from the schools, sporting and community events are most welcome, and we also accept slice-of-life snapshots of residents.

While pictures don't have to be of professional quality, they should be in focus, not too dark, and the subject(s) should be distinct and plainly visible. Anyone in the picture should be identified (first and last names, please), and there should also be a brief description of the picture (all submitted information is edited, so don't feel pressured to write like Hemingway - we only need the basic who-what-

when-where and why). A phone number should also be included in case we need additional information.

Please note that while most pictures will be used, we can't guarantee that every submitted picture will make it into print. And most importantly, please, be patient! We receive a very large number of submissions and it may take a few weeks to find space for any material you submit.

Pictures can be hard copies (i.e., prints) and can be hand delivered or mailed to our office, which is located at 90 Centre Street, Nutley. Or pictures can also be e-mailed - our preferred method - to [milo@northjersey.com](mailto:milo@northjersey.com).

Pictures should be in JPEG format. Please submit copies, NOT originals, of pictures, as we can't guarantee that we'll be able to return submitted items.

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Pictured are some of the students of Sandy Lane Nursery School with their teachers, Amal Hegazy and Linda Vella.

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF SCHOOL 9

School 9 students recently participated in the school's fifth annual Fun Day. In the photo at left (from left) are Jimmy Rodriguez, Jr., Jessica Jacho and Krystal Rasczyk. In the photo at right are DARE Officer Steve Linfante, Principal Nanette Rotonda, Chief Joseph Rotonda, Sergeant Gerard Carbo, DJ Fauzi Jardros and Erika Jacho, HSA President.

# Area youth to make a Major League debut

BY RICHARD DICKON  
of Belleville Times

The baseball league founded to allow special needs children to compete is playing the big stage – Yankee Stadium, and the Belleville founder wants residents to come out in support.

The league plays its games in Bloomfield on a state-of-the-art turf field, thanks to grant money

secured by the Bloomfield Council and Recreation Department.

Belleville's Marge Franco said that on Thursday, July 10, the New Jersey District 8 Challenger Little League has been chosen to play at game at the "house that Ruth built," with game time at 11 a.m. against a Challenger team from the Bronx.

"Our children are so excited about this honor and have been

preparing for this event for the last month," Franco said. "New uniforms have been ordered and buses hired to transport our players and their families to the stadium, courtesy of the 'Danny Fund' from out friends at the Chandelier and the Folk Foundation."

She is asking residents to attend the game and cheer the children on to victory, hoping to attract a large following to show them how

proud the area is of them. There is no cost to attend the game and buses available for all spectators free of charge.

If you would like to attend the game, contact Franco by Friday, June 27 at 973-758-5612.

Buses will be leaving from the Chandelier parking lot on Franklin Avenue at 8 a.m.

## E-mail is quicker

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 copy and photos can be e-mailed to [bellevilletimes@northjersey.com](mailto:bellevilletimes@northjersey.com).



## A useless, costly legal battle comes to a close

Last week a judge proved that sometimes, the law jibes nicely with common sense. The judge ruled that the township of Belleville had no standing to dismiss several members of the library board nearly two years ago, a fight that brought embarrassment as well as untold financial costs upon the community.

A few years ago the sitting library board members were removed from their posts by the township council because they had failed to take oaths of office. Never mind that most of these members had served on the library board for several years, that no one had offered to administer the oath of office or even notified the board members that it was required, or that the board

members would gladly have taken an oath if asked. Never mind that the state library board threw its support behind the old library board, or that this case, if the ruling was in the town's favor, would have set a major precedent in state law (it would have affected not just library boards but zoning, planning, recreation and a host of other bodies consisting of appointed members). No, the Belleville council was determined to get rid of the existing board, fallout be damned.

And why? In a word, politics. At least some members of the council wanted "their" people on the board of the library, which, like all appointed boards, works best when it is kept out

of the political fray. Boards are supposed to remain independent to provide a check on the power of any individual elected governing body; that's why board terms are generally timed so that only one or two may expire in a given year. Otherwise, a newly elected council could be in a position to change the entire board – something the rules were designed to prohibit.

If only this were an isolated instance. The fact is, though, the council has pursued other costly lawsuits of dubious merit for strictly political reasons. Meanwhile, Belleville residents are getting taxed out of their homes and services suffer. Hopefully, the judge's ruling last week will provide some serious food for thought.

### LETTERS

#### Lousy weather, great people

##### TO THE EDITOR:

Two weeks ago our area was hit with one of the worst storms we have seen in a very long time. First the anticipation of waiting until the storm was over to see what damage, if any, it had brought with it. Then after going outside and looking around we found we were very fortunate that no trees had fallen on our property and caused the devastation that they did in some areas. Next we were waiting along with everyone else to see when would we get our power back on.

Wednesday morning the police were driving around trying to assess all the damage and notifying everyone when we would possibly get our power back. One detective told us it could be four days! He said, "Now would be a good time to go on vacation". With no plans of vacation we figured we needed to do something quick.

We called our family in Saddle Brook that wasn't affected by the storm. Russell Kelley, from Russell J. Kelley Builders, immediately came over with no hesitation and took four boxes of food from our house to his to keep refrigerated so we didn't lose all our food. Then he called back and

said he would see if he could get a couple of generators so we would have some power at our house in Nutley and one for our gas station in Belleville so we would be able to operate the business. He showed up with one of his workers, Danny, bringing us two generators lent by Lou, from A-1 Heating and Cooling in Saddle Brook. We hooked the one up at the house no problem, that gave us two outlets to hook power up to. The other one we took to the gas station and called Harold Goglia, Jr. from Linwood Electric in Nutley to come and hook it up. It was only 3000 watts and Harold said, "I have an 8000 watt generator I'll loan you that you could run the whole station on." So that's exactly what he did. He hooked up his generator directly to the electrical panel and we were in business again! It was very much needed because we supply gas to the Clara Maass Medical Center for their transport vans. And in a crisis like this they really needed their vans in service.

So, through the help of family and friends and our good customers we were able to run our business. We were one of the only gas stations open Wednesday pumping gas and we would just like to thank everyone who played a part in making that happen.

It's nice to know in a time of

need that we can all depend on each other. Thursday we had power back from the town in Belleville and Friday we had our power back in Nutley. A sincere thank you also to all the DPW workers in our town, to the Police Departments who did a fantastic job at protecting our properties and keeping us safe and to PSE&G for getting our power back. We take some of our luxuries like "electricity" for granted but it takes a storm like that to really make us appreciate what we have.

Thank you from Pasquale & Gale Palumbo and we hope you all weathered the storm through family and friends and the hard and dedicated workers we have in our towns. Once again it proves; "Belleville and Nutley are great places to live"!

**Pasquale and Gale Palumbo**

The writers are owners of Pasquale's Service Station

*Editor's note: This letter contained an error when it was first published last week.*

#### A grateful family

##### TO THE EDITOR:

March 31st was probably the worst day of our lives. On that day, our daughter Janelle was diagnosed with leukemia. Since

then so many people have touched our lives. We would like to thank everyone for all the kindness, thoughtfulness, and generosity that has been shown to our daughter and our family.

On June 5th a dinner was held for Janelle at Nanina's in the Park. We would like to thank everyone who came to the dinner and we would also like to thank all the families, friends and businesses who made a donation. A special thank you to the committee who worked so hard to put the dinner together in such a short period of time. Our sincere gratitude to Mike and Lisa Agrifolio, Dr. Lenny Russo and the Fairfield UNICO, Gail and Joe Mauriello, Tony Pompei, Rick the DJ from Fairfield, Angelo and Lori Agrifolio, Frankie and Karen Agrifolio, Ralph Marotti and the Belleville Police Department, Gert and Brittany Daidone,

Roseanne Lampariello and Peter Franzi.

Thank you to the sisters Gamma Phi Beta, who came to the hospital to swear Janelle into her sorority and the Team Janelle Wristband Fundraiser. Thank you to Aaron Scabra and Teresa Spada for the Staying Strong Wristband Fundraiser at Rutgers. Thank you Elisa Conde for organizing the prayer group.

Thank you to all our families, friends, neighbors, coworkers and local and out of town business who made a donation.

Please keep Janelle in your prayers. All our love and sincere appreciation.

**Gina and Anthony Romandetto**

Fairfield

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## Belleville recreation announces July 4 activities

The Belleville Recreation Department announces that this year, Independence Day celebration here in town will be held on Friday, July 4th, 2008.

The festivities will start with the Recreation Department's annual field day for youngsters, ages 4 – 12 at the Municipal Stadium starting promptly at 9:30 AM.

The events, which will be open

to all young Belleville residents, will be divided into three categories. There is a Junior division for ages 4 – 6; an Intermediate division for ages 7 – 9; and a Senior division for ages 10 – 12.

Events will include the 25, 50 and 100-yard dash, an agility race, a three-legged race, sack race, a girl's tug-of-war and a boy's tug-of-war.

All activities will be conducted by the members of the Belleville Recreation playground staff. Ribbons will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers and all will share in slices of watermelon.

On Friday night, July 4th, a fireworks display will be presented at the Stadium starting at sundown (approximately 9:15 PM). The rain

date for these events will be Saturday, July 5th.

On July 4th, there will also be a Pre-Fireworks show beginning at 6:30 PM at the Municipal Stadium. This year's entertainment will include continuous music by a disc jockey, as well as the following performances:

**Kids in Motion**

**7:15 PM**

**Magic Show - Featuring Joe Fischer**

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Sand Art and Spin Art will also be offered for a nominal fee, as well as refreshments / concessionaires.

"In all, it promises to be an exciting holiday and Bellevillities young and old are invited to share in the glitter of our country's historic day," the rec department stated.



# Library board wins in lawsuit with township

BY DAVID HINRICHS  
of Belleville Times

After more than 18 months of court appearances, hearings and trial work the court case between the Belleville Township Council and former Belleville Public Library Board members has been resolved. On the afternoon of June 27th the Honorable Judge Walter Koprowski ruled in favor of the ousted library board members and determined that the ordinance adopted by the Belleville mayor and council that was amended in June 2007 was vague and ambiguous. "This was a complete and total win for my clients and was a vindication of everything my clients said. When I first went into court I asked for a stay on what the town had done and it took me over a year and a half to get the vindication but we got it," said attorney Michael Cerone, who represented the ousted board members. "My clients have been restored to the board and will remain there for the

duration of their terms." Koprowski also ruled that Janice McManus, who had submitted a letter of resignation from the library board following the appointment of the new members, could retain her position on the board. Koprowski stated that McManus' letter of resignation only gave her right up to serve on the newly created board, not the original one. This case began back in November of 2006 when Mayor Ray Kimble and the township council passed an ordinance that allowed Kimble to appoint new members to the board to replace the existing ones because the existing members had not taken an oath of office. "Any person who is elected to any municipality in the county or state must take and subscribe to an oath as stated in Chapter 41-1," stated Township Attorney Thomas Murphy at that meeting. Murphy then clarified that law further by directly addressing the Township Clerk for clarification

"It was very obvious that Judge Koprowski had reviewed all the documents and cases involved, had gone over everything very carefully and put a lot of time into this decision. He gave great detail with his ruling."

**Michael Cerone**  
Attorney representing former Belleville Public Library Board members

that none of the current library board members had taken any kind of oath following the reading of their names collectively by Kimble. The Township Clerk stated that there was no such record of any current member taking or subscribing to any form of an oath and Murphy instructed Kimble that he could appoint whomever he saw fit to fill the position, as the library board seats were then deemed vacant. Following this clarification Kimble appointed seven individuals to the board, three of whom were

already serving. Thomas McCrohan, Margery Lordi and Janice McManus all retained their current positions while Yolanda Sanchez, Marie Kimble, Francine Paserchia and Jill Bruzzano were appointed. They replaced David Hinchey, Rev. Shirley Harris, Frank Perry and George McManus. The ousted board members would remain off the board until October of 2007 when they would be reinstated, a decision the town formally appealed the next month. The trial moved on for another eight months before it reached its

conclusion. "This has been a very long process but I am happy that it has reached the conclusion it has reached and that my clients have retained their positions," said Cerone. "Hopefully the township will see the error in their ways, especially after spending an unknown amount of money on this trial." The two sides met approximately 9 times throughout the course of this trial and officials close to the case estimated that upwards of 20 hours has been spent in court. The last time the case was heard in court before the June 27th hearing was in March when Koprowski declared he would review the facts and make his summary judgement at the next hearing, which came three months later. "It was very obvious that Judge Koprowski had reviewed all the documents and cases involved, had gone over everything very carefully and put a lot of time into this decision. He gave great detail with his ruling," said Cerone.

## Vizzi named to Boston University dean's list

Jared J. Vizzi, a resident of Belleville, has recently been named to the Dean's List at Boston University for the Spring semester. Boston University is the fourth

largest independent university in the United States, with an enrollment of more than 29,000 students in its 17 schools and colleges. The university offers an exceptional grounding in the liberal arts,

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BY DAVID HINRICHS  
of Belleville Times

Changes to the Belleville Township Municipal Budget may be coming shortly as officials have learned that municipal aid numbers could be incorrect.

Belleville Township Manager Victor Canning stated that a change in the municipal aid could throw off the already delayed budget again. "We have been told by our State Senator and Ralph Caputo that it is possible our aid numbers have changed. I wanted to see if I could get an exact number before this week started but I couldn't," said Canning. "Hopefully at the July 15th scheduled meeting we can introduce the budget accurately. The state aid numbers may change but there is still a chance they may not."

The current budget has those numbers allotted into it and a change could result in further

modifications. "We are trying to find every nickel and dime that we can so that we can minimize the impact on the taxpayers with this budget. We have made several delays so that we could search for further sources of monies to lower the impact," said Canning. "With fuel at the cost it is and the economy going in the direction it is traveling though it would just not be realistic to expect no increase in taxes."

An exact number on the increase remains unknown, but it appears inevitable. "Regardless of where we stand we have to get this budget out so sooner or later we have to just bite the bullet and post it where it is. Believe me, we are trying and have tried almost everything possible to keep the impact as low as it can be," said Canning. "Our overall revenue has dropped \$4.4 million and our surplus is down to \$380k, there just is not much room to play with."

The council has cut 19 town employment positions. "We cut those positions and did what we could. We wanted those positions eliminated so that we can prevent layoffs, but that is regrettably the next step," said Canning. "That is something we would do only as a last resort though because that has a direct impact on our services and those would just be layoffs that we would have to bring back in the future so what would the point really be?"

Some residents realize that an increase in taxes is imminent, but still wonder if all that could be done has been. "I don't know, I know very little about numbers but I do know that we have been promised lower taxes or no increases yet they continue to happen. If it is impossible than it is impossible but don't tell me it can be done if it can't," said Belleville resident Paul Killian, a senior citizen who admitted he has not

attended a council meeting in almost 13 years. "I don't go to the meetings anymore because getting around isn't exactly easy for me but I read the papers and the fliers and I hear about it so I know pretty well what is happening. If things continue on this path we are going to lose our residents, which would be a sad thing."

In an effort to reverse population trends and bring more money into Belleville, Canning and the council closed last Friday on the property located at 10 Valley Street where two homes and expanded municipal parking will be placed. "That purchase has moved along nicely and we will erect new homes and expand our parking significantly. It should help the area dramatically," said Canning.

Another area that Canning is looking to dress up is the old Williams Street garage. "If I can get approval I will auction off the four lots to developers that could turn

that area around into housing. The area now is such an eyesore and it really brings down the area, if we can develop there that would be great," said Canning.

The Lowe's development is also in the last stages, but Canning and the council are beginning to show some frustration with the lack of progress. "We need the water treatment plan finalized and then we are officially done with all the planning for Lowe's," said Canning. "This has gone on far too long though and we are disgusted with the amount of time it has taken to make this happen. The level of frustration is at high as it could be and we know we keep saying it is coming and it never comes but you have to believe us that it is coming. We have invested too much time in this to not see it come to fruition."

## Incumbents and a newcomer council member sworn in

BY DAVID HINRICHS  
of Belleville Times

The Belleville Township Council held their reorganization meeting Tuesday afternoon at Town Hall in front of a packed audience.

The council chambers offered standing room only to many viewers at the proceedings. Reverend Joseph Girone of St. Peter's Church gave an invocation and then the four elected councilmen were sworn in with First Ward councilwoman Marie Strumolo Burke being the first to take the oath. "Marie, I have known you for many years and I want to congrat-

ulate you on this election. You have served your people admirably in the past and I know you will continue to do so in the coming years," said Assemblyman and Freeholder Ralph Caputo, who administered Burke's oath.

Second Ward councilman Steven Rovell was next to take his oath; he became the first incumbent in Belleville history to be re-elected to back to back terms in the Second Ward in May.

Following Rovell was the only non-incumbent elected to the council this year, Paul J. MacDonald, who took his oath and joked with the audience. "This is a great

occasion but I'm here now wearing flowers and kissing men. What is going on around here?" joked MacDonald as the audience laughed and his fellow councilmen welcomed him in.

Fourth Ward councilman John Notari was next to take his oath and later, he thanked the residents of Belleville for their support and assured them that more hard work was coming. "We have a lot to address in the coming years and all the work I intend to do is for the people. It has always been about the people for me and the people of my ward know that. I will be there for those who supported me and for those who did not. I serve everyone," said Notari. "It has been an honor to serve as your Deputy

Mayor and the honor remains to serve as your Fourth Ward councilman."

Councilman Kevin Kennedy was then sworn in as the new Deputy Mayor, replacing Notari, and was given a chance to say a few words to the anxious audience. "First I want to congratulate everyone who was re-elected and welcome in Mr. MacDonald. I look forward to working alongside all of you again," said Kennedy. "I wish my mother and father were still alive to see me as Deputy Mayor of this town. This is a great honor and something I look forward to doing."

Kennedy continued to say that although times are tough, the council would continue to strive to

make times easier for their residents. "Everyone on this council works together and we work with the best interests of our people in mind. People say that we line our pockets I can tell you the only thing that lines our pockets is lint," said Kennedy. "We are going to continue to fight for you."

All council members were given a chance to speak at the meeting and all echoed the same message that continued progress, hard work and commitment would remain the themes of the council. Belleville Mayor Ray Kimble also spoke and thanked the town for keeping the council together. "I would like to congratulate our newly elected members and incumbents and would also like to thank the voters. This town has spoken by re-electing all three incumbents and the residents have shown that they want stability and agree with the direction we are taking this town," said Kimble. "We have shown we will work together and we will continue to do so. We have paved many streets, improved our infrastructure, attracted development and made this town a safer time. For the first time Belleville was named one of the top 100 towns in New Jersey to live. Things are getting better and even better times lie ahead."

Several appointments were also made, including appointing Thomas Murphy as the Township Attorney and Alfonse DeMeo as the Public Defender. "If there is one thing I can say about this whole thing, it is that at least we know who we are dealing with. We know what these guys are capable of and we know what we should expect," said Belleville resident Julian Dortini. "It takes some time to get things done with the way things are now so keeping these guys together should bring more results. I know I am setting the bar higher now so hopefully so are they."

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# School staff's big losses are also their gains

BY RICHARD DICKON  
of Belleville Times

They were all "losers," but all feel like winners.

That's the case with the group of teachers and school personnel who participated in the first Belleville school district "Biggest Loser" competition.

While the winners expressed pride in their achievements, the improved health and fitness hard won by everyone involved was stressed.

With childhood, teen and adult obesity a major concern in Belleville and throughout America, a local version of the television program "The Biggest Loser" seemed a natural idea to teacher Paul Aiello.

Now, the nine teams of four teachers each lost approximately 376.50 pounds, from a total weight of 7,445.50 to 7,008.

Aiello said that the teachers involved were all eating healthy at lunch, and persuading each other not to cheat.

Members of the winning team spoke about their experiences. They were to earn 60 percent of the total money pot, while 20 percent went to the winning individual and 20 percent for second place. Every pound gained during

the competition meant a dollar added to the total pot, Aiello said.

The three contestants from the winning team all said they were happy with their weight loss and would continue to work on the healthier lifestyles begun during the competition.

Diana Guardabasco, a high school secretary, was the overall winner, dropping 57 pounds, or 17.57 percent of her body weight, the measuring stick for winning the biggest loser competition.

"I feel great," she said. "I never lost weight like this before. It was a more competitive thing. It ended up being a lot of fun. We sent pizza boxes to try and tempt each other. But now, I want to lose 25 more."

Ryan Sheridan, who teaches television production, lost 25.5 pounds, or 11.64 percent of his body weight, as part of the winning team.

"The key to success for me was low carbohydrates and running three to four miles per day," he said. "I'd like to lose 20 more."

The third team member, guidance counselor John Flynn, lost 18 pounds, and said he has changed his eating habits, "hopefully for good. This is going to continue in the summer and through the fall.



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Pictured from left are Ryan Sheridan, John Flynn and Diana Guardabasco, who collectively lost huge amounts of weight during a school fitness competition.

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Sheridan said the competition was great for teacher morale, and Flynn agreed with Guardabasco that there were "attempts at sabotage," all in good fun.

Russell Pagano, who came in second, was sent pizza and fried calamari, among other things, but resisted it all, Flynn said. Pagano was attending a charity event on the day of the interview, but the three all said he was a big part of the competition's success. He came in second, losing 16.89 percent of his body weight. Sheridan was third, Stephanie Arena fourth at 9.47 percent and JillMarie Pat-

erson fifth at 9.33 percent.

Patterson teaches physical education and drivers education, and can be found at School #8 most days. Aiello is a friend who invited her to participate, and she said she previously she wanted to "get into a healthier lifestyle." Normally, skiing all winter helps keep her in shape, but she did not have her normal time on the slopes this year, and wants to get back into form.

She said she wanted to show kids what they can do, using her involvement, and her goal was to lose 25 pounds.

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# Several educators bid farewell to schools

BY RICHARD DICKON  
of Belleville Times

Most people can point to that one or two educators that helped set them on the course for their successes in life. Just days before Belleville High School said goodbye to its graduating seniors, the Board of Education bid a fond farewell to a group of educators who spent decades being difference makers in the lives of the township's youths.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edward Kliszus read a resolution at the June 23 public Board of Education meeting. He said the district "recognizes the esteemed staff ... for many years of dedication to their craft ... that has contributed to creating an optimal learning experience ... We wish you many years

'Many of you were here when I was here ... We appreciate the work and labor, and the hours of aggravation, especially in these changing times and attitudes.'

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of happiness and health."

School Board President Joseph Longo, speaking on behalf of the entire school board, said, "Many of

you were here when I was here. I hope that doesn't make you feel too bad. We appreciate the work and labor, and the hours of aggravation, especially in these changing times and attitudes."

Then, each retiring teacher's name, school and number of years were read, with many on hand to accept their commendations. The total number of years of service by the retirees approaches 500. They are:

Eileen Brown, Elementary Teacher, School Seven, 37 years; Joseph Burns, School Counselor, High School, 37 years; JoAnn Alfano Coppola, Supervisor of Language Arts, 29 years; Joanna DeNoia, Elementary Teacher, School Eight, 17 years; Immaculate Finetti, Elementary Teacher, School Three, 37 year; Linda

Fochesato, Speech Therapist, 35 and a half years; Carolyn Fuscald, Elementary Teacher, School Seven, 36 years; Frances Galloway, Elementary Teacher, School Ten, 25 years; Nicholas Grande, Supervisor of Mathematics, 39 years; Beatrice Grossberg, High School Counselor, 19 years; Luanne Iannaccone, English Teacher, Middle School, 12 years; John Iradi, Elementary Teacher, School Eight, 43 years; Nadine Janik, Elementary Teacher, School Three, 31 years; JoAnn Murphy, Secretary, High School, 26 and a half years; Emanuella Rondelli, Teacher of the Handicapped, School Five, 39 years; Josephine Ritacco, Basic Skills Teacher, School Four, 26 years; and George Turtoriello, Mathematics Teacher, High School, 32 years.

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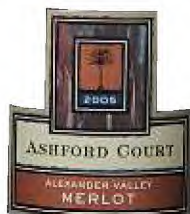
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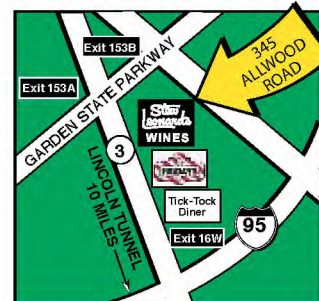


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The public is invited to celebrate the Fourth of July with a performance by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and a spectacular fireworks display at Essex County's Brookdale Park.

The event is scheduled for Thursday, July 3 (tonight) at 7:30 p.m. at Brookdale Park, Watchung and Bellevue avenues, Bloomfield/Montclair. The mid-summer extravaganza is part of the 2008 Essex County Free SummerMusic Concert Series.

This year, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, led by Conductor Jeffrey Grogan, is offering an all-American salute to summer. The concert features patriotic and nostalgic favorites from Leroy Anderson, Aaron Copland, George Gershwin and Richard Rogers. The fireworks show follows the concert.

The New Jersey Symphony

Orchestra's performance and fireworks at Brookdale Park are sponsored by Essex County, Pfizer, The Horizon Foundation of New Jersey, The Star-Ledger and Rose Squared Productions.

### An Evening with Dionne Warwick

Highlighting this summer's free SummerMusic Concert Series is a performance by internationally acclaimed entertainer Dionne Warwick. An Essex County native, Warwick is scheduled to make her SummerMusic Concert Series debut on Friday, July 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Essex County Brookdale Park.

Concerts are held at accessible sites. Persons who require special accommodation or assistance are asked to call at least two weeks prior to the concert to alert staff as to their needs. Concert admission is free, but there is a \$2 parking

donation for concerts held at Brookdale Park. For more information, call the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs at 973-268-3500, TDD #711.

The SummerMusic Concert Series is sponsored by Filippo Berio Olive Oil and Commerce Bank. Additional support is being provided by Hoffman LaRoche, New York Waterway and News 12 New Jersey. The series is made possible in part with grants from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

### Upcoming Concert Series schedule

- Tuesday, July 8 at 7 p.m. at Monte Irvin Orange Park: Melvin Davis
- Wednesday, July 9 at 7 p.m. at Independence Park: La Fuerza Positiva

- Thursday, July 10 at 7 p.m. at Kip's Castle Park: Tarantella Under the Stars featuring Coro e Scuola d'Italia
- Friday, July 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Brookdale Park: An Evening with Dionne Warwick
- Tuesday, July 15 at 7 p.m. at Ivy Hill Park: Denise Hamilton
- Friday, July 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Brookdale Park: Tribute Night featuring Beginnings and Big Shot covering Chicago and Billy Joel
- Tuesday, July 22 at 7 p.m. at Verona Park: Main Gazane
- Wednesday, July 23 at 7 p.m. at Irvington Park: Gradie Stone Quartet
- Friday, July 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Brookdale Park: Larry Chance and The Earls, and Kenny Vance and The Planotones
- Tuesday, July 29 at 7 p.m. at West Side Park: Lonnie Youngblood
- Wednesday, July 30 at 7 p.m. at Yanticaw Park: Marty DeRose
- Friday, Aug. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at Brookdale Park: The Infernos
- Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. at Vailsburg

- Park: Bradford Hayes
- Friday, Aug. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Brookdale Park: Jazz Under the Stars with Kim Waters and Carrie Jackson
- Sunday, Aug. 10 at 10 a.m. at Monte Irvin Orange Park: the City of Orange presents a Spanish-Latin Festival
- Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. at Watsessing Park: Carrie Jackson Quartet
- Friday, Aug. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Brookdale Park: Johnny Maestro & The Brooklyn Bridge
- Sunday, Aug. 17 at 10 a.m. at Monte Irvin Orange Park: the City of Orange presents a Caribbean Festival
- Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. at Grover Cleveland Park: the Edmund Brothers
- Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. at Weequahic Park: Vince Ector
- Thursday, Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. at Riverbank Park: Carlos Francis Sextet

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## ATLANTIC CITY

By Ellen Burke Rawls



### Celebrate our Independence on the beach in AC

Atlantic City is definitely the place to be this holiday weekend! The AC Hilton is throwing the biggest Fourth of July weekend celebration ever! Co-sponsored with its sister property, Resorts AC, the joint presentation, to be held on the beach in front of the Hilton, will comprise three days of great music.

Heading up the festivities will be a FREE beach concert by The Beach Boys. There's a great precedent for this event. In 1983 then-Interior Secretary James Watt cancelled a scheduled Beach Boys concert on the Mall in Washington. Without mentioning the group by name, Watt announced that all rock bands attracted "the wrong element" - which might presumably "encourage drug abuse and alcoholism" - and instead opted for a "wholesome" program with Wayne Newton. At the last minute, The Boys were convinced to perform their Independence Day concert on the beach in Atlantic City, creating a huge success and drawing some 300,000 to the beach to mellow out to the group's surfing anthems. This weekend The Beach Boys will perform on Friday, July 4, at 6 p.m. Guests will be treated to classic Beach Boys surf rock classics such as "I Get Around," "Help Me Rhonda," "Good Vibrations" and "Kokomo." Plan to come early and bring your beach chairs; prime location for the concertgoers is of course Hilton's Beach Bar, but there's a huge stretch of beach from the Boardwalk right down to the water's edge.

The fun continues Saturday as Philadelphia favorite Shorty Long takes the stage at 5 p.m., followed by Three Dog Night, who'll perform their rock favorites like "One," "Mama Told Me Not To Come" and "Never Been to Spain." The free, open-to-the-public party carries on through Sunday, featuring another free concert at 10 a.m. with "Bruce in the USA" - a tribute to New Jersey icon Bruce Springsteen. This high-energy musical experience is a note-perfect and visually accurate recreation of a Bruce Springsteen & The E. Street Band show. In addition to live music, attendees will enjoy numerous activities, including beach games, volleyball, face painters, henna tattoo artists, and more. There'll be live broadcasts with local radio stations and a fun-filled "Jersey Girl" bikini contest, with a \$1,000 grand prize.

Throughout the weekend and on through the summer, visitors will be flocking to the Hilton Beach Bar, an ultimate summer hotspot offering live entertainment, tropical drinks, delicious summer snacks and non-stop summer fun, open 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily through Labor Day.


What's Fourth of July without fireworks? Harrah's and Borgata have joined forces to sponsor a freedom celebration fireworks display, promising the largest and most elaborate show on the entire East Coast. Orchestrated by Fireworks by Grucci of New York, the display is choreographed to music broadcast over a local radio station. Spectators can bring their boom boxes and radios and tune in to enjoy the perfectly synchronized fireworks show without any sound delay. The fireworks, which will be discharged from a barge off-shore, are scheduled for Thursday night, July 3, to begin at approximately 9 p.m. Weather and wind conditions may affect the timing of the fireworks show. The fireworks will be discharged from a barge off-shore, and can be viewed best from various sites at Harrah's and Borgata, as well as the northernmost Boardwalk properties such as Showboat, Taj, and Resorts.

Major headliners appearing at casino showrooms over the holiday weekend include Melissa Etheridge, Jay Leno, John Legend and Michael Bolton. See local listings for schedules and ticket info.

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## Pianos duel

Pianos Bar and Grill, 36 Broad St., Bloomfield, hosts "Duelling Pianos" every Saturday night.

Duelling Pianos involves two singing piano players, Joe Regan and Steven Lowenthal, who play face-to-face on two upright studio pianos. They reach out to every age group in song as they enter the bar.

Regan and Lowenthal play simultaneously, taking requests from patrons, covering American standards, 50s, 60s, 70s, country and Broadway tunes. The audience is encouraged to sing along. A microphone is provided by sound-

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## Cherry Blossom Players auditions

The Cherry Blossom Players are calling all musicians, poets, performers and those interested in the arts to the group's first-ever "Open Mic Night," scheduled for Friday, July 11 at 7 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, 393 Washington Ave., Belleville. Admission is \$5 and refreshments will be sold. If interested in performing, contact Allison Hogan at 973-902-6739. For additional information, e-mail [cherryblossomplayers@hotmail.com](mailto:cherryblossomplayers@hotmail.com).

Got some free time you'd like to fill? For listings of upcoming events, fundraisers, organization meetings, trips, support groups, check the Events in the Area section of this newspaper.



# 'Monologue Mania' at Pianos Bar & Grill

There's a different kind of theater event coming to Bloomfield.

What happens when you combine good actors, original monologues and a live mic? You get "Monologue Mania," held on the third Monday of every other month at Pianos Bar and Grill on Broad Street.

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thing can happen.

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**Kate Daly**

for northern New Jersey.

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For more information – including how to sign up to participate – visit the Web site [monologuemania.blogspot.com](http://monologuemania.blogspot.com) or call the Mania" at Pianos Bar and Grill "Monologue Mania" hotline at 973-324-9235.

The inaugural "Monologue

## PIANOS

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man Gary Brown of Bloomfield for those interested in singing.

Regan, of Cranford, is a pianist and singer who plays for piano bars, cabaret rooms, corporate events and private parties in the New York area. He has served as musical director for individual and cabaret shows, revues and benefit performances. He has played in the orchestra pit for off-Broadway shows, and he opened for Steve Ross during the 75th anniversary celebration for the Chrysler Building. He is a 2007 MAC (Manhattan Association of Cabarets) Award recipient for Best Revue: "Johnny Mercer Sings" with Ricky Ritzel and Leslie Anderson.

Lowenthal, of New York, is also a singing piano man, known as the

"granddaddy of showtune sing-a-long bars." He has played at the Five Oaks Restaurant in Greenwich Village, and was the relief pianist for legendary entertainer Marie Blake. He has also played at Marie's Crisis Café Bar in New York, Judy's Chelsea, Ristorante La Rivista, Hotel Guanahani at St. Bart's Island and for Holland America Cruise Lines.

The last Saturday of each month, Rachel Kaufman of New York works the keyboards until 12:30 a.m. Kaufman, a Brooklyn native, is a multi-instrumentalist, having played at piano bars and restaurants in New York City since 1992. She has also directed and/or played for over 200 musicals and cabaret shows worldwide. Still, Pianos is the first place where she has ever performed in a "dueling pianos" format.

Dueling Pianos takes place

every Saturday night at Pianos Bar and Grill. Regan, Lowenthal and Kaufman begin playing at 8:30 p.m. There is no cover charge.

### Free poker night

Pianos Bar and Grill hosts a free poker night every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. Poker buffs can now play Texas Hold 'Em for points instead of money. Professional tables and dealers are set up. Players interested in learning how to play the game can come early at 6:30 p.m. Players who arrive early are also given extra chips to play longer. The game is handled by the New Jersey Free Poker Association.5

– For more information about Pianos Bar and Grill, 36 Broad St., Bloomfield, call 973-743-7208 or visit the Web site [www.pianosbarandgrill.com](http://www.pianosbarandgrill.com).

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The shelter is housing several cats (about 12) from a house fire in Nutley for the past six months. They are now available for adoption, although they are shy and some are semi-feral. If you know of anyone who would be willing to foster or adopt any of these cats, please call the shelter. They really need a lot of love and attention to bring them around.

Also, the shelter is still in need of volunteers (18 years or older) - especially for their monthly PetCo adoption days! The shelter may be reached at 973-748-0194.

## Domestic violence book available

Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ), which coordinates the legal services system of non-profit, no-fee legal aid providers in the state, has published "Domestic Violence: A Guide to the Legal Rights of Domestic Violence Victims in New Jersey."

The 72-page handbook is available in both English and Spanish and single copies are available free of charge from LSNJ. Write to LSNJ, P.O. Box 1357, Edison, NJ 08818-1357 or call 732 572-9100.

## ENGAGEMENTS



## Theresa Montanino to wed Mark Amato

Bob and Linda Montanino of Bloomfield announce the engagement of their daughter Theresa Marie to Mark Amato, son of Arthur and Lenore Amato of Clifton, formerly of Bloomfield.

The wedding is planned for August 22, 2008.

Miss Montanino, an alumna of Bloomfield High School and the University of Delaware, received

her masters in education at William Paterson University. She is an English teacher at Saddle Brook High School.

Mr. Amato, a graduate of Bloomfield High School and William Paterson University, is a claim representative in the Centralized Total Loss, Fire and Theft unit at State Farm Insurance.



## Maria Powasnik will marry Michael Suto

Fredrick and Maria Powasnik of Nutley, announce the engagement of their daughter, Maria Virginia, to Michael Suto, son of Dennis and Julieann Suto of Clifton.

The wedding is planned for October 2008.

Ms. Powasnik, an alumna of

Lacordaire Academy and Montclair State University, is a faculty member at Berdan Institute in Wayne.

Mr. Suto is a graduate of Clifton High School and is a graphic designer with Sandy Alexander in Clifton.



## Erin Rudnicki to wed Cpl. Henry Angulo

Rita and Richard Rudnicki of Bloomfield announce the engagement of their daughter Erin Elizabeth Rudnicki, to Corporal Henry Francisco Angulo of Belleville, son of Amaris Morales of Margate, FL, formerly of Belleville.

Miss Rudnicki, an alumna of Bloomfield High School and

Kean University, is a first grade teacher for Belleville Number 5 School.

Cpl. Angulo, a graduate of Belleville High School, has been in the Marine Corps since 2005. He is a rifle range coach stationed in Parris Island, SC and will be discharged in January 2009.

## WEDDING



## Maria Molinari wed to Jesse LeBlanc

Maria Molinari, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Annuziato Molinari of Nutley, was married June 29 to Jesse LeBlanc of Mansfield, Pennsylvania, son of Barbara Mitchell of Mansfield and Gary LeBlanc of Alexandria, Louisiana.

The wedding ceremony was held at St. Peter's Church in Belleville. A reception followed at The Madison Hotel in Morris-

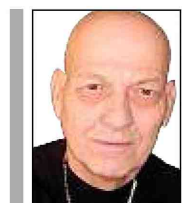
town. Mrs. LeBlanc is a 2004 graduate of Pace University, New York, recently received her master's in English literature from California State University and is currently employed as an adjunct instructor.

Mr. LeBlanc is a 2004 graduate of Pace University and currently attends San Antonio College.



# A poetical Happy Birthday wish for me

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**LIFE IN SILVER LAKE**  
CHARLES BURKE

Well, I hit the big 68 mark on June 28th. I try to forget my birthdays, but a good friend of mine,

The Angel, always reminds me of it. Now The Angel should have been a poet because she is good! Every year, like clockwork, a poem arrives in recognition of my Special Day. So listen up, guys...

Charlie, Charlie, you are so great, Gosh, Can it be, you will be 68 On Heckel Street is where you can be found, On the front step you sit, never

making a sound. You're courteous and polite, a real gentleman for sure, You always have on a big smile when I come through the door. All the Angels in Heaven are practicing a tune, Happy Birthday- Happy Birthday to Charlie For your Birthday in June!

Well, you did it again, Angela Cuozzo Zarro, that poem really

made my day. I actually look forward to hearing your next poem.

It is my time to wish someone special a Happy Birthday. Her name is Lois Trabucco from Eugene Place. Her big day was June 23rd and her husband, Nick, is sworn to secrecy on how old she is. But Lois, you look great no matter how old you are.

Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus Baseball Team for winning the Little League Cham-

pionship.

You know, I really forgot two other residents of Heckel Street on their birthdays. They were both in May, but I can't recall the dates. So, Tom Bowers and Pat Hughes, Silver Lake wishes you the best belated birthdays, ever.

And Remember, We Love Silver Lake. . .

## Several graduate from Essex County College last month

Essex County College graduated 1,018 students at its 39th Commencement on June 1, 2008 at the Prudential Center in Newark.

Graduates earning a 3.85 to perfect 4.0 grade point average graduated with highest honors; those earning a 3.64 to 3.84 average graduated with high honors and those with an average of 3.45 to 3.64 graduated with honors.

In addition to earning associate degrees from Essex County College, Belleville residents Lisa Ann Gammara, Jamil Graham, Michael Perez and Sandra Yasneski received special recognition for outstanding, academic achievement.

Gammara served as one of four Assistant Marshals at commencement. She graduated with a 3.95gpa in Business Administration and will attend Rutgers-Newark this fall. She also received the college's Presidential Scholarship and the Business Division Award.

Graham will also attend Rutgers-Newark this fall after graduating with a 3.97gpa in Accounting. He also received the college's Sciorzo/Weber Academic Excellence Scholarship, the Community and Continuing Education Scholarship and the Educational Opportunity Fund Next Step Program Scholarship.

Perez, who graduated with a 4.0gpa in classes taken at ECC, was also an Assistant Marshal. He earned his degree in Business Administration. He has been working at a local engineering firm and is considering a return to Essex to pursue additional engineering studies.

Yasneski also graduated with a 4.0 average in ECC courses and a degree in Liberal Arts. She will attend Caldwell College this fall where she will major in special education. She says she is a special education classroom aide and is looking to advance. Yasneski received the Janet May Memorial - West Essex Advisory Board Scholarship as the West Essex student with the top gpa.

The following residents of Belleville were graduates of the Class of 2008 at Essex County College:

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Ana Alejandro	A.A.	Education	James Frasch	A.S.
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Gilberto Baez	A.A.S.	Accounting	Jamil Graham	A.S. (Highest Honors)
Patrick Bangcaya	A.S.	Biology, Pre-Medicine	Lisa Guntner	A.S.
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Jeffrey Capalaran	Certificate	Licensed Practical Nurse	Dat Khong	A.S.
Maria Jose Carrion	A.S. (Honors)	Business Administration	Diego Lafuente	A.S. (Highest Honors)
Jay Cases	A.A.S. (Honors)	Nursing		Computer Information Systems
Andrea Celin	A.A. (Highest Honors)	Liberal Arts		Business Administration
Salvatore Centanni	A.A.S. (Honors)	Radiography		Accounting
Matthew Cherian	A.A.S.	Nursing		Criminal Justice
Martha Chicaiza	A.A. (Honors)	Spanish Language		Criminal Justice
Donald Climaco	Certificate	Licensed Practical Nurse		Business Administration
Jessica Cobianchi	A.A.	Early Childhood Education		Biology, Pre-Medicine
John Esposito	A.S.	Business Administration		

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# Nick Grande retires after 39 years

BY MIKE LAMBERTI  
for Belleville Times

Nick Grande didn't want last Friday to be anything more than just the final day of another school year at Belleville High School. But Grande knew it would be different, because last Friday marked his final day as an educator after 39 years, all of which were spent at the high school.

"I tried to keep it low keyed," Grande said last weekend. "But it was tough. When it was time to leave last Friday, the nostalgia really built when I was loading the car up. I had these magnets in my office, and I spelled out the word 'bye' with them and left it there. That was my way of saying good bye. It's been a great run."

Grande grew up in Belleville and was graduated from Belleville High in 1965. He played football for Ed Berlinski and Tom Testa and baseball for Charley Travers and later, Nick Petti.

"My class was the first to graduate at the new high school," Grande said, referring to the building on Passaic Avenue which first opened in the fall of 1964. "I guess I never went too far away."

Grande had been offered an appointment to attend West Point, but he turned it down and eventually attended Glassboro State College, today known as Rowan University.

"I had gone to Glassboro, but they didn't have the major in secondary education I was hoping for, so after a year, I transferred to Montclair State," Grande recalled.

While in college, Grande received a call from Sy Grossman, the Belleville Junior High principal, who had an interesting propo-



PHOTO COURTESY OF NICK GRANDE

Nick Grande and his wife Claire celebrate Nick's recent retirement as a teacher at Belleville High School after 39 years. Grande was also the head varsity baseball coach at Belleville from 1988-1993 and an assistant football coach for the Bellboys from 1969-1973.

sition for him.

"Sy called me in the fall of 1968 and asked if I could teach a print shop class," Grande said. "I was still in college at the time, but they had a need for a teacher to finish out the school year, so I gave it a shot. A year later, after I graduated (in 1969), I got a job at Belleville High, and I was there ever since. I was originally supposed to be a wood shop and print shop teacher, but that later changed to auto shop and print shop."

Grande's love of sports landed him an assistant coaching position

with the football team, beginning in the fall of 1969 for Don Amabile. A year later, Rocco Caffone replaced Amabile and Grande stayed on as a coach during Caffone's tenure, which lasted until 1973.

"We had some great times during those years," Grande said. "I coached with guys like Vin Harris, John Senesky and Joe D'Ambola. We really enjoyed working together."

While he was establishing his career as a teacher and coach, Grande was also becoming a fam-

ily man. He and his wife Claire were married in August, 1969 and a year later, their son, Paul Jerome, known to most as P.J., was born. In the 1980s, Grande became an assistant baseball coach to Ralph LaConte and George Zanfini. In 1988, he was promoted to head baseball coach at Belleville. One of the seniors on that team was P.J.

"I loved coaching my son," Grande said. "But it was tough, because I was probably harder on him than anyone else on the team. (The late) Sam Giuffrida once told me that the toughest thing I'll ever

do is coach my own son, and he was right. But that first year as head coach was really something. We won the NNJIL, Essex-Passaic division and had some tremendous players. I can remember a kid like Ernie Brodie pitching his heart out that year in a GNT game against Verona and talented players like Jeff Spilsbury and Jay Marchese."

Grande remained head coach through the 1993 season, and recalls with pride the play of such athletes as Steve Tice, Brian Dena, Joe DePeri, Frank Orrei, Steve Ianuzzi, Charlie Giachetti and his God son, Chris Cantarella.

"Not many people knew then that Chris was my God son," Grande said. "Chris got hurt in his senior year (1989) while playing basketball. I always remind him of that."

Cantarella, the current softball coach at Belleville High, also remembers his early days working with Grande.

"Claire Grande and my mother were good friends who were nurses," Cantarella said. "Eventually the families became close, and that's why Nick is my Godfather. I enjoyed playing for him. We're still close today."

Grande's teaching years at Belleville developed some strong friendships.

"There were teachers I had as a student who welcomed me as a teacher," Grande said. "People like John Klotz, Ann Schneider and Bob McDonough come to mind. As a kid, I was a basketball manager to Al LoBalbo. As a teacher, I had some great relationships with educators like Mike Lally, Sam Giuffrida, Joe Ciccone, Mike

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PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ROGERS

## SOARING TO THE TOP

The Belleville Hawks, a U14 boys soccer team, part of the Belleville Soccer Association, were champions again, for the third consecutive season. The team plays in the Northern Counties Soccer League and finished first in their flight, with an impressive 7-1-2 record. This was the team's fourth season in the league and overall their record is 32-5-3. Back Row: Head Coach Steve Rogers, Nicolas Rogers, Eric Mykietyn, Tyler Zielinski, Jose Coba, Jerry Lazo, Paul Chafart, Steve Rodriguez, Christian Toledo, Asst. Coach Phil Ferrari. Front Row: Chris Fiorenza, Bobby Baylock, Rodrigo Bunay, Frank Molinaro, Christian Hernandez, Harry San Martin, Leo Liberato. Not pictured: Ramon Prendas.

## Senior legion squad in first place

BY MIKE LAMBERTI  
for Belleville Times

Dominant pitching and clutch hitting have the Belleville senior legion baseball team in first place through 14 games.

Joe Sorce's team took a 9-5 mark into a game at Newark Academy last Monday. This evening, Belleville hosts South Orange at 5:45 p.m. and on Monday, Newark Academy comes to George Zanfini Field for a 5:45 p.m. game. Next Tuesday, July 8, Belleville visits Nutley, also at 5:45.

Belleville moved into first place, a game ahead of Cedar Grove and two in front of Bloomfield by defeating West Orange, 4-0, and Cedar Grove, 11-1 last week. Belleville lost a tough 2-1 decision to Vailsburg and gained a pair of wins by forfeit over Montclair Kimberley.

Sorce, obviously, has been very pleased with what he's seen from his team this summer.

"We're encouraged by the pitching, of course, but the entire team has really stepped up and played well," Sorce said. "We're playing with a lot of intensity and the kids come into these games expecting to win."

If Belleville holds on to win the division, it would play for the league championship, at Belleville on July 19, and would also be assured of a berth in the state playoffs. The two division winners gain automatic state berths while the four teams with the best records after the division winners will compete in a playoff that sends three of those teams to the states as well.

Belleville started the week with another outstanding pitching effort

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# Summer sports banter



**BUC SHOTS**  
MIKE LAMBERT

It was good to see Major League Baseball take action against umpire Brian Runge after Runge bumped Mets manager Jerry Manuel during last week's New York-Texas Rangers game at Shea Stadium. Runge got a one-game suspension for what seems to be a more common practice of umpires being confrontational with players and managers. Had the roles been reversed, I'm sure Manuel would have gotten a longer suspension, but so be it.

For the most part, umpires do a very good job of calling Major League games. There has been some criticism of their calls, especially this year with the rash of home run calls that were missed during that 10-day period earlier this season. But I'd have to say that the umps get it right a lot more than not and in this day of Ques Tec, constant review and breaking down every play over and over again, the umpire's job becomes that much tougher. There's a possibility that MLB will institute instant replays for home run calls, and that can only help the game.

I enjoy watching how umpires work a game, and have a lot of respect for the way veteran guys like Tim McClelland, Ed Rapuano and Jerry Meals control a game. The question is how the next level of umpires, the younger guys who are coming up, will carry the torch of professionalism that their predecessors have maintained for many years. The best umpire, to me, is the one you never notice during the course of a game.

Carl Corino, the long-time softball coach at Belleville High who won over 500 games in 25 years, is now a high school softball umpire, and he's the first to admit that umpiring is a whole different world than what he saw in coaching.

"There are so many things you have to learn about the game that never occurred to me while I was a coach," Corino said recently. "I worked a lot of high school games this spring and learned about the game from a different aspect."

Guess what I got in the mail the other day? My 2008 Cleveland Browns season tickets. I know, it's early July, but the NFL season is just two months away, if you can believe that. So while this month is about getting to the shore, watching and listening to baseball games and enjoying the summer, before you know it, the football season will be upon us. I guess as you get older, things happen quicker. When I was a kid, it seemed like the summer lasted forever.

Belleville High held its graduation last Friday night and it was great to see such a good turnout of parents and friends at Municipal Stadium to honor the class of 2008. Best of luck to the students who made up the recent graduation class in their future endeavors.

## GRANDE

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Salzarulo, Rich Ruffalo, Carl Corino, Ray Smith, Jack Ayers, John Westlake, George Nucera, Sy Grossman, Jimmy Silvestri, John Tosato and Karen Fucello. John Senesky and I went to School #8 as kids and later worked together."

He speaks volumes of Joe Petrillo, the long-time Belleville High principal who is still in the Belleville school system. "A truer friend no one ever had," Grande said of Petrillo.

Grande's affection for Annmarie Perna, a long-time employee in the school system, was also heartfelt.

"She's a true friend, someone very special to me," he said.

Still a young man, Grande, 61, is looking forward to the next phase of his life.

"These 39 years have been great, but I knew it was time to go," Grande said. "I have four wonderful grandchildren and I'm looking forward to spending more time with them, as well as my wife. When you're a teacher and coach, a lot of times the family goes to the back burner. Now, I want them on the front burner. My daughter-in-law, Mia, has plenty of things for me to do and I want to watch my grandchildren grow up while I have my health. Claire and I will get a chance to travel more as well. It's going to be a nice time."

As someone who knew Nick as a student at Belleville High and later developed a good friendship with him, I'd like to say congratulations and good luck to Nick Grande on his retirement. You did a great job as a teacher and coach. Now, it's time to reap the benefits of four decades of hard work. Enjoy it, pal.

## LEGION

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from Chris Judge, who followed up a no-hitter against Montclair with a one-hitter versus West Orange. Judge, who will be a senior at Belleville High this fall, struck out 10 and walked three.

"He's been throwing the ball very well," Sorce said.

John Brondo led the offense with two hits and two RBI. Brondo, who will be a sophomore this fall, has played third base and is also a designated hitter.

A 13-hit attack paced Belleville past Cedar Grove, 11-1, avenging a 5-3 setback to Cedar Grove a week earlier. Gabe Rivera improved his record to 3-0 with a complete game three-hitter. Rivera, who will be a sophomore in September, struck out five and walked one.

Shawn Gonzalez led Belleville

with two hits and two RBI while Judge was 2 for 4 with two RBI. Joe O'Donnell and Dylan Steitz also had two hits for Belleville.

Last Friday night, Belleville lost a 2-1 decision to Vailsburg, a team made up mostly of players from powerful Seton Hall Prep. While Belleville played well, Sorce noted his team wasn't taking consolation in a close loss.

"It was an excellent game," Sorce said. "But I'll tell you what, our kids were really down after that game. They wanted to win and weren't about to be told they played well, but lost to a good team. That's the kind of attitude we need going into the remainder of the legion season and into next spring."

Gerard Smallstey pitched very well for Belleville, scattering five hits and striking out four in six innings of work.

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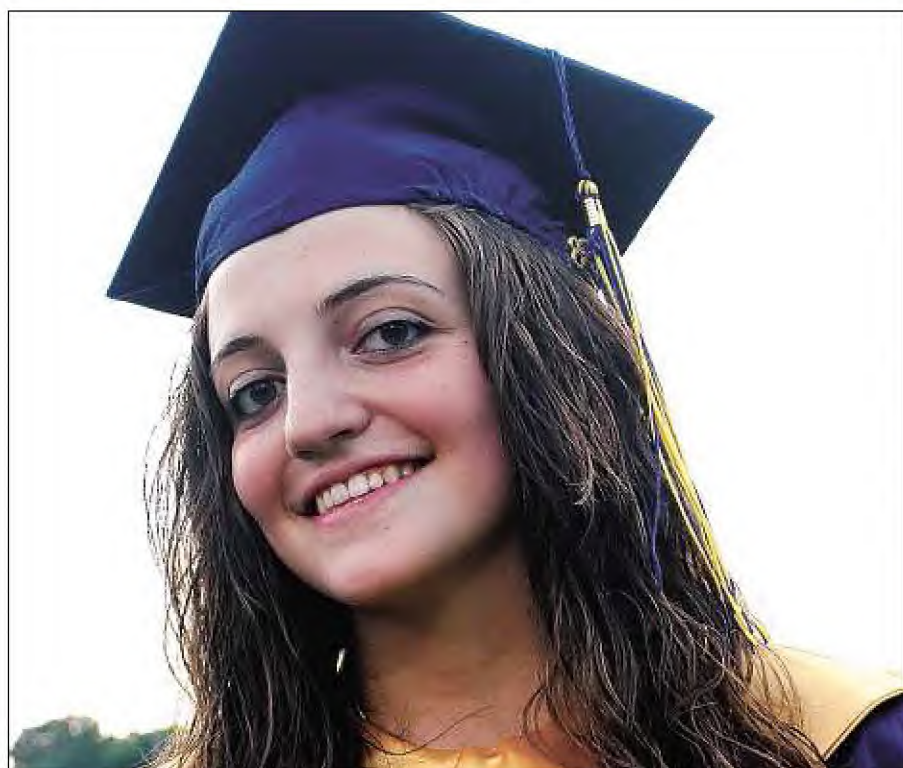
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Commencement exercises were held at Belleville High School last Friday, June 27. Among the students who will be embarking on the next phase of their lives are (clockwise from top) Wendy Garcia, Daniel and Jennifer Mercado and Lauren Nicole Giuliano.





(Clockwise from top left) Kelly Lynn Blair; Valedictorian Roshan Ann Ardhasseril; and Gerard Hendrick Reamer.



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## BHS GRADUATION

# Pomp, circumstance and school policy last week

BY RICHARD DICKON  
of Belleville Times

For Belleville High School's 366 graduating seniors, last Friday's delayed commencement was hailed as the beginning of the limitless possibilities of rest of their lives, but also a time to look back on their time at BHS. The class Valedictorian, however, gave a nontraditional speech that tackled head-on some of the day's most pressing issues.

On Friday night, Belleville High School's 111th Commencement was held at Municipal Stadium on a sultry early summer evening.

Valedictorian Rashan Ardhasseril's speech veered off the normal subjects of remembering his time at BHS and his hopes for the future, touching on concerns about mandatory testing weakening the school experience.

"Because the federal government requires testing, that's all school seems to be about recently - especially for the years that follow us," he said. "School hardly seems to be about learning - and for that I worry."

He further moved from traditional valedictory speeches, talking about the treatment of teachers and the many negative influences the graduates will face in the world.

"The teachers here - and in many other schools - receive so little respect," Ardhasseril said. "They do try so much for us, their students, and they deserve so much more."

His listing of outside forces at

work in the world, from wars, tsunamis, the economy, high gas prices and differences in culture and belief "that seem overwhelming to those that don't understand," was tempered with optimism.

"But we know, our generations knows the meaning of tolerance better than the generations before," he said. "We talk and understand the people from other parts of the world better than our parents and grandparents. But we have more to learn. We can be more tolerant of the people around us."

He quoted Oliver Wendell Holmes in challenging his class to overcome all differences by listening to one another, saying "One's mind once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions."

In imploring his fellow graduates to "make a difference," Ardhasseril finished his speech quoting Leo Rosten. "The purpose of life is to be useful, to be responsible, to be compassionate. It is, above all to matter, to count, to stand for something, to have made some difference that you lived at all."

"What will you do?" he asked. "You are the deciding factor."

Salutatorian Lisa Bui captured the spirit of commencement with the line, "Every exit is an entrance to somewhere else."

She looked back at the class's experiences and what they mean for the future.

"Although this is goodbye, the lessons we have learned and the bonds of love and friendship that we have forged on our journey will

"You are here today because of accomplishment. Your educational experiences in Belleville have built a foundation that will serve you well as you move on to the work place, college, military or other of life's endeavors. Certainly, you will remember these important growing-up times, times of childhood that no one ever forgets. The Belleville community has impressed memories that you will always treasure."

**Dr. Edward Kliszus**  
Superintendent of Schools

stay with us forever...They will help define who we are and provide us with courage and strength," Bui said.

Showing a true grasp and a perspective of her school experience, she said, "Memories are treasures that no one can ever take away from me, and I do cherish them, because once everything is said, done and complete, all I have left are the memories of time long gone. So treasure every minute of your lives."

Perhaps summing up the feelings of many of her classmates Friday night, Bui talked about what BHS gave her.

"The experience has been worthwhile because this is where I have grown the most and had the most fun, and I hope every one of you sitting here did as well," she said.

Class President Ana Martinez talked about specific memories of the football team's successes and being on MTV, and the pride she feels for her class. She observed that, "It is amazing how our most prized memories have come from simple moments; A teacher may have made your years a bit easier by helping in all that they could, or maybe you met a friend that has stayed by your side for all four years."

Still, she looked forward, saying, "It is time to begin to spread our wings and fly to a path unknown...As this portion of our lives comes to a close, a new beginning full of excitement will commence. Today is not an ending, it is merely the first day of a new chapter full of what ifs and unknowns."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edward Kliszus told the class,

"You are here today because of accomplishment. Your educational experiences in Belleville have built a foundation that will serve you well as you move on to the work place, college, military or other of life's endeavors. Certainly, you will remember these important growing-up times, times of childhood that no one ever forgets. The Belleville community has impressed memories that you will always treasure."

He quoted Robert Frost's poem "The Road Not Taken," that speaks about the paths chosen in our life, and where decisions take people. "In the last stanza he says, I shall be telling this with a sigh, Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference," Kliszus said.

He then provided his own words of wisdom, telling the graduates, "Don't try to accomplish everything at once. Instead, reach for one goal at a time and be prepared to work hard to achieve it. Cultivate your mind and never stop learning and wondering about the world around you. Don't ever forget that there are so many things about each of you that are wonderful, rare, and unique. Strive to maintain the many friendships and positive relationships that you have formed at Belleville High School and cherish your pleasant memories."

## Junior Police Academy seeks applicants for summer session

Essex County College Police Academy is accepting applications for its annual Junior Police Academy the week of July 14 at the academy in Cedar Grove.

The junior academy is for boys and girls ages 13 through 16. Hands-on activities will be augmented with lectures and presentations including a physical training component in order to provide the atmosphere experienced by police recruits undergoing training.

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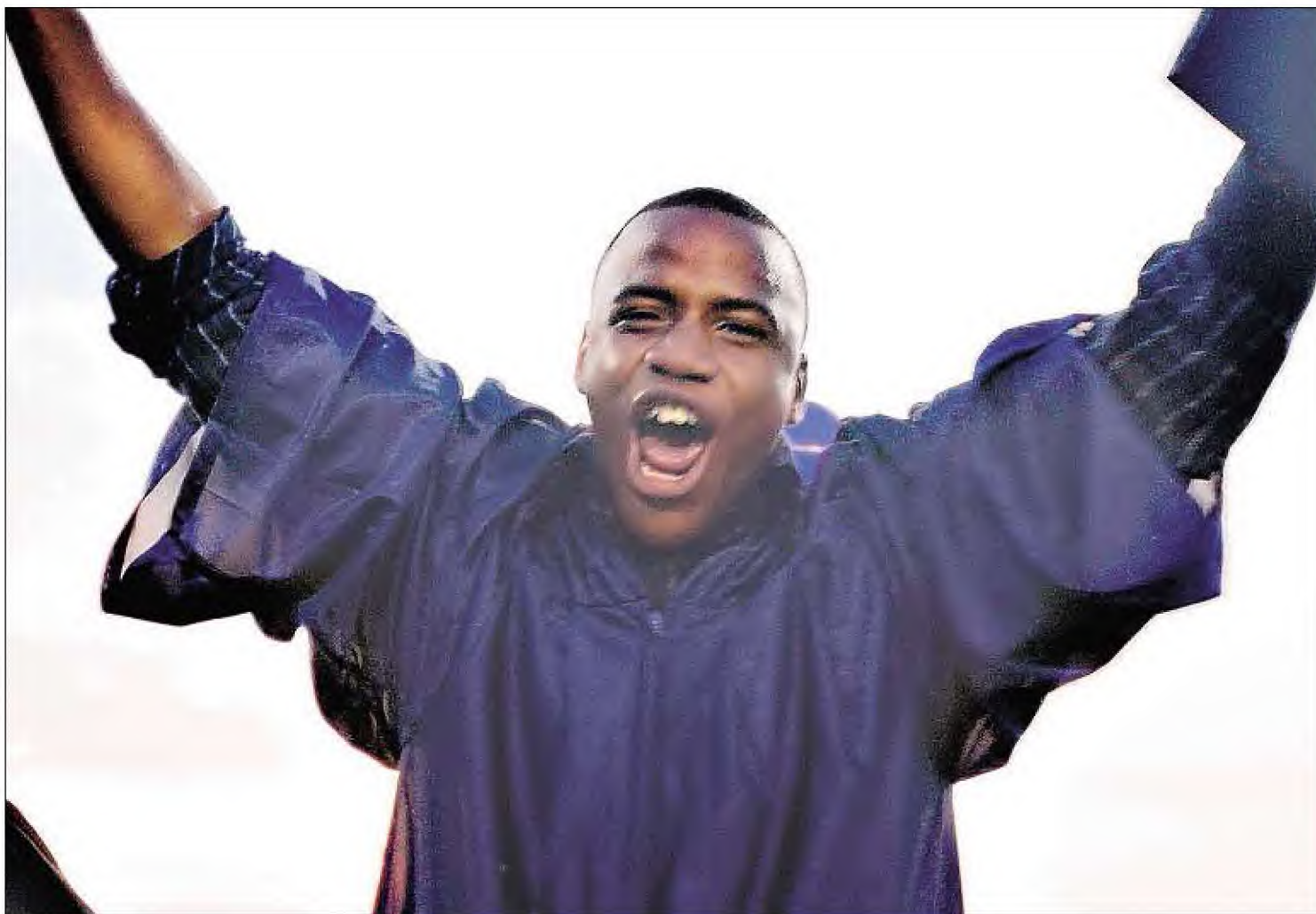
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**SALUTING GRADUATES**



20 **BMS eighth grade promotion ceremony held June 26**

Belleville Middle School held its 8th grade Promotional Ceremony in the air-conditioned auditorium of Belleville High School on Thursday, June 26. The annual event was well attended by parents and family members of the Class of 2008.

BMS students walked down the long auditorium aisle in gold graduation robes with BMS blue and gold ribbons.

The procession, sung by the 7th grade special chorus, was "A Dream To Follow", written by BMS faculty member Ron Hackling especially for the festive ceremony.

The flag salute and national anthem were led by Student

Council President Robert Serrano. BMS Principal Carmine Guin-ta gave the welcome address. Speeches were also given by Assistant Superintendent Dennis Villano and Home and School President Mrs. Giangrande.

A solo, "For Good," was performed by 8th grader Jaelynn Vizzi.

The High Honors Award was presented to Hazel Maghitang for her outstanding record of 8 semesters of reaching High Honor Roll. That meant that Hazel made High Honors for every marking period of both 7th and 8th grade, a rare achievement indeed.

The Class of 2008 then was

called forward and received blue leather certificate holders as names were read by faculty members Joseph Rotonda, Cory Koranski, Gary Politano, Teresa Ventura and Yahaira Rosario. The holders were handed out by school board members present at the ceremony.

The recessional was sung by the BMS 7th grade special chorus, and the students happily exited the stage on their way to the Chandelier Restaurant for an 8th grade promotion party sponsored by the BMS Home and School Association.

The promotional ceremony was organized and run by Vice Principal Robert Silvera and faculty member Dawn Buccino.

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Thanh Nguyen	A.A.S.	Nursing
Janice Nieves	A.A.S. (High Honors)	Business Administration
Raymond Pepito	Certificate	Licensed Practical Nurse
Michael Perez	A.S. (Highest Honors)	Computer Information
Juan Pineda	A.S.	Mathematics
Evangelina Ramirez	Certificate	Licensed Practical Nurse
Randolph Ramirez	Certificate	Massage Therapy
Carmen Santiago	A.A.	Liberal Arts
Alejandro Siron	A.A.S.	Nursing
John Tully	A.S. (Honors)	Business Administration
Sandra Yasneski	A.A. (Highest Honors)	Liberal Arts
Daniel Zapata	A.A.	Liberal Arts

**Kaufman earns high honors at Johnson & Wales**

Kristin Kaufman, Belleville High School class of 2007 has completed her first year at John-

son & Wales University in Charlotte, NC with high honors. She is majoring in the field of baking and

pastry and international hotel management.

**Conway earns degree from Boston University**

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**Belleville Middle School fifth annual extra-curricular and academic awards**

Belleville Middle School recently presented the fifth annual extra-curricular and academic awards. The awards ceremony, which was scheduled for June 10, was canceled due to excessive heat. The winners' names were announced over the school's public address system and students were awarded their certificates and prizes by Vice-principal Robert Silvera in the BMS office. The awards program was coordinated by Mrs. Kara Suttora, a member of the middle school faculty.

Here, the extra-curricular awards.

Student Council Award: Robert Serrano and Angela Pangilinan.

Junior Interact Club: Pooja Patel.

Journalism Award: Anna Marie Mamaradlo.

Drama Club: Victoria Rosas.

Stage Crew: Monique Sardinha.

Builder's Club: Daniela Ramos.

Science Club: Hans Christian

Legaspi, Pablo Romero.

Mathathon: Erica Manansala.

Stompers: Yasmeen Thomas,

Stephanie Nascimento.

The National Career Development - Career Poster Contest:

Elaina Alessio, Stefanelle Saavedra,

Susan Ramirez.

Congressional Youth Leadership Council's National Young

Leader Award: Angelica Idrogo.

Here, the academic awards:

Award Language Arts English:

Elizabeth Pemberton.

Women's Club of Belleville

Poetry Contest Award: First place

Danielle Graham, Second place

Malikah Collins.

Reading: Katrina Velez, Gur-

simran Singh, Hazel Therese Mag-

bitang.

Mathematics Academic Math:

Erica Manansala.

Algebra I: Pooja Patel.

Performing Arts Jazz Band:

Shakeera Hooker.

Concert Band: Ana Villaruel.

Orchestra: Steven Suchdolski.

Physical Education Female

High Achiever: Analee Delgado,

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**Yard sale**, to benefit a missionary of Riverside Community Church of Nutley, 50 Union Ave., July 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Furniture, dishes, clothing, electronics, toys, etc. For more information, call Emily Johnson at 201-321-4670.

**Blood drive challenge, 'Battle of Brothers,'** presented by the Montclair-Glen Ridge-Nutley American Red Cross chapter and Engine 9 Foundation, Sunday, July 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Montclair State University.

**Trip to Showboat in Atlantic City**, sponsored by the Tuesday Watessing Seniors, Tuesday, July 22. The cost is \$24. For more information, call 743-5642.

**Art show and concert,** benefiting the Parish of St. Valentine, 125 N. Spring St., Bloomfield, Sunday, Aug. 10. Paintings and art photography exhibit from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and concert begins at 2 p.m. Tickets available at St. Valentine Religious Ed. Office. Contact Josephine Sarno at 743-6122 for more information.

**Summer Academy program,**

offered by St. Peter's School, 152 William St., Belleville, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Offering everyday mathematics and language arts for all grade levels and phonics, reading comprehension and math (hands-on) for pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, first and second grade levels. For more information, call 759-3134.

**Open Mic Night**, hosted by the Cherry Blossom Players, Friday, July 11 at 7 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, 393 Washington Ave., Belleville. Admission is \$5. If interested in performing, contact Allison Hogan at 902-6739.

**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.

**Trip to Ottawa and the Thousand Islands**, presented by the Nutley Park Side Association, Sunday, Sept. 28 through Thursday, Oct 2. \$465 per person, double occupancy, which includes: motorcoach transportation, four breakfasts and three dinners, guided tours, a cruise on the St. Lawrence River, gaming at the Casino Du Lac Leamy and more. Contact Louise Iovino at 661-0096 for more information.

**Amish Country bus tour**, in Lancaster County, PA, sponsored by the Bloomfield Knights of Columbus, Saturday, Oct. 4. The tour will provide an opportunity to shop at Amish markets, old fashioned hardware stores and

tour the countryside, which includes a train museum visit. The tour ends with family-style food at Good & Plenty Restaurant. Call now to reserve tickets. Contact Rajiv Fernando at 201-341-1539 for more information and ticket prices.

**Parish Life's Oktoberfest,** dinner dance and Time, Talent and Treasures silent auction fundraiser, to benefit Parish Life's scholarship fund and Mission and Outreach's support to Integrity House and Heifer International, Saturday, Oct. 18 from 7 p.m. to 12 midnight at the Women's Club of Glen Ridge, 219 Ridgewood Ave. Music by Clancy's Ghost. Food and beverages will be served.

**Western Mediterranean Cruise,** from Nov. 2 through Nov. 9. From Barcelona to Sicily, Rome, Naples, Nice. Prices start from \$1,759 per person and up. Call Marie at 256-0499.

**Essex County's Housing and Community Development Division**, is offering financial assistance to low and moderate income homeowners who need to make improvements to their one to three-family home. The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Community Development Block Grant program. For more information and to obtain an application, contact the Essex County Home Improvement Program (HIP) at 655-0200.

**Nutley Singles 3-mile Walk**, for ages 40 to 55, hosted by the Nutley Singles Walking Group. 6

p.m. every Thursday at Yantacaw Park, Nutley, Centre Street and Park Drive. Use the Centre Street entrance. Bring money for optional dinner after walk. Call 667-0379.

**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.

**Nurse Family Partnership**  
(NFP), a free, voluntary program,  
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**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, for 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 for more information.

**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.

**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 Cuozzo-Zarro at 759-2703 or e-mail

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## Christian Apostolic Church

### Summer Vacation Bible School

Christian Apostolic Church will be featuring Vacation Bible School for this summer called 'Power Lab.' The program will run every Sunday from 9:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. until Aug. 30. It is free and open to those children up to 13 years old. There will be games, crafts, Bible stories, videos and music. For more information or to pre-register your children, call the church and leave a message.

### Services and more...

Worship Services are held on Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Every Monday at 7:30 p.m. there is an ESL class.

Every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. there is Bible Study.

Every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. is the Prayer meeting.

Every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. is Overcomers Outreach and also Women's Bible Study.

The first Thursday of each month is a free Senior Luncheon. Just call to reserve a place.

First and Third Thursdays are a Bible Study at 9:30 a.m.

First Friday at 7:30 p.m. there is a Prayer meeting.

Second and Third Friday at 7:30 p.m., Youth Group meets (13-20 years old).

Third Friday at 7:30 p.m. is Fabulous Friday (For Youth 4-12 years old).

*These free programs are open to all. You do not have to be a member of the church.*

*Christian Apostolic Church is wheelchair accessible and is located*

*at 88 Wallace St., Belleville. To reach the church office, call 973-751-2290.*

## Wesley United Methodist Church

### Free Vacation Bible School

Wesley UMC is offering their free Vacation Bible School from Monday, July 7 to July 11 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The theme for this fun, learning experience is 'Take the Plunge!' Each day will be filled with music, stories, crafts, snacks and recreation.

Registration begins Monday, July 7 at 9 a.m., or call the church office at 973-751-2741 and leave a message.

*Wesley United Methodist Church is located at 225 Washington Ave., Belleville, across from the public library. To reach the church office, call 973-751-2741.*

## 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.

### Healing prayers

Pastor Nancy S. Moore of Bethany Lutheran Church will administer healing oil to all interested worshippers during prayers following each worship service on Sunday, July 6. This brief, special practice is held at Bethany on the first Sunday of every month direct-

ly after the regular 9 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. worship services. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call the church for further information.

### 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 Friday. They are a welcoming and active congregation that warmly encourages everyone to join them at their reverent and joyous gatherings. Call the church office for further information.

### 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

### New Summer Services

Christ Church has announced two services that will be offered for the summer in addition to the regular 10 a.m. Mass in English. A Mass in Spanish, 'La Misa,' will be offered at 5 p.m. on Sunday. At 6 p.m. a 'Come as you are' service will be offered, beginning with sung Evening Prayer (or Evensong) and Communion. The services will be offered on The Great Lawn when the weather permits and in the candle-lit Nave when the weather does not. The Rev. Randy Webster, Curate at Christ Church, will officiate at both services.

### Observances for Independence Day

Father Randy Webster will offer Mass on Friday, July 4 at 12 noon for the commemoration of Independence Day. Proper for the day were first appointed for this national observance in the Proposed Prayer Book of 1786, but they were deleted because so many of the clergy of the Church of England had remained loyal to the British Crown as a result of their ordination vows.

The revision of the Book of Common Prayer in 1928 made provision for the liturgical observance of the day and can be found in the current 1979 edition.

A Fourth of July BBQ will be held on the Great Lawn of the church on Sunday, July 6 following the regular 10 a.m. Mass. The luncheon is free and open to the public.

### Summer Quiet Day

Christ Church has announced its Summer Quiet Day for Saturday, July 19. The Quiet Day will run from 10 a.m. through 2 p.m. and will be led by The Rev. Randy Webster, Curate at Christ Church. Called 'Finding Community in a Crayon Box,' the reflections will center on how community develops within a diverse community. Quiet Days allow us to take time away from our busy lives to look at our spiritual lives, and usually involve directed quiet spiritual direction, Eucharist and a light lunch.

The event is free to the public, but reservations are requested by phoning the parish office so that adequate materials can be prepared.

### 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 now serves meals each 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 always needed to maintain the soup kitchen's ongoing operations.

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

## St. Mary's Church

### Family Mass

St. Mary's Family Mass is every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in Msgr. Walsh Hall (church basement). Come worship with contemporary music in the spirit of community.

### Marriage Encounter Weekend

The next worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is July 11 through July 13. Come and renew your sacrament. For more information, call 1-800-823-5683.

### Bereavement support program

St. Mary's Church will be holding an eight-week bereavement support group on Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. until July 23, in the Parish Center. Contact

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# Your integrity; taking the true test

Have you ever wondered what people think about you when they hear your name? Do people say that you can be trusted, that you are reliable, that you can be counted on, that you are a man or woman of integrity? These things should be important to us because our lives speak volumes to those around us.

The word 'integrity' means 'uprightness of character, honesty'. In our country today we have been suffering from a lack of integrity. It has gotten to the point where we expect the worst of people. We just do not expect people to keep their word anymore. Politics has gotten to the point where we expect our leaders to have a lack of integrity.

Ted Engstrom gives us a succinct definition of integrity. "Integrity is not only the way one thinks but even more the way one

acts. Simply put, integrity is doing what you said you would do. It means you keep your promises."

When you promised to be faithful to your mate, integrity says you'll stay with that person no matter what - for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health. If you promised the Lord that you would give Him your life and give Him the glory, integrity means you keep on doing that whether you're reduced to nothing or exalted to the highest pinnacle on earth. If you promised a friend that you would return a call, integrity means you return it. If you promised your child that you would spend Saturday together, integrity means you keep that appointment. A promise is a holy thing, whether made to a chairman of the board or to a child. In other words, you practice what you

preach.

As someone has said, "Integrity is the foundation stone of eternal life." In ancient China, the people desired security from their barbaric neighbors on the north so they built the Great Wall of China, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. It was too high to climb over it, and too thick to break it down and too long to go around. Security was achieved. The Chinese then settled back to enjoy their security. But during the first 100 years of the wall's existence, China was invaded three times. Not once did the enemy break down the wall or climb over its top or go around it. How did they get into China? The answer lies in human nature. They simply bribed a gatekeeper and then marched right in through a gate. According to the historians, the

Chinese were so busy relying upon the walls of stone that they forgot to teach integrity to their children.

People will judge our God by the way we act toward others. We must be people of integrity. Our belief in Jesus should affect how we conduct ourselves. When we say we are going to do something, it is as good as done! Proverbs 20:7 states, "The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him."

Jesus says that if we are going to be a part of His kingdom, then we must be people of our word! Be a person, a man, women or teen, which people can count on.

The greatest test of our integrity is whether we will do what is right... even at our own expense.

Rev. Grace Alfieri  
Christian Apostolic Church

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Elaine Tanimura at 973-667-0335 to register.

**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.

## Holy Family Church

**Rosary Society**

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

**Religious Pilgrimage**

There will be a Religious Pilgrimage to the City of St. Francis, Assisi, Italy, from July 5 through July 15. Enjoy Masses at the Basilica of St. Francis, excursions to

Florence and Orvieto, Siena, three days of sightseeing in Rome, a Mass at the Vatican, Papal audience and attend concerts at the Assisi Music Festival. Call Gregory Scime at 908-277-1145.

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

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The Belleville Public Library's monthly book discussion is having a special session during the summer on Wednesday, Aug. 27 at 1 p.m.  
The title we will be reading is "The Other Boleyn Girl" by Philippa Gregory. This is the critically acclaimed story about Anne Boleyn, her sister, Mary and Henry VIII, who loved them both. It was made into a movie last year starring Natalie Portman, Scarlett

Johansson and Eric Bana.  
Those interested in joining in on what is sure to be a lively discussion should contact the library no later than July 15 to register, so that the proper number of copies can be ordered. Ask for Cindy LaRue for further information.  
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Special events this summer will

include Wii Fridays, a magic workshop, duct tape wallet/handbag/cell phone case craft, T-shirt transformation craft, pizza and book discussions, and movie matinees.  
Stop by the Teen Center reference desk at the Belleville Public Library or call the library to register.  
**Library Board meetings**  
The Library Board of Trustees of the Belleville Public Library

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AREA EVENTS

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Kathy Bendel at 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@insightbb.com.

**Nutley High School Class of 1953**, 55th reunion planned for Friday, Sept. 26 at Forest Hill Field Club, Bloomfield, from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. \$75 per person. Contact Audrey Librizzi at 667-4547 or Cynthia Fischer at 667-0569 for more information.  
**Belleville High School Class of 1958**, 50th reunion planned for Saturday, Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Fairfield Executive Inn (Best Western), 216-234 Route 46 East, Fairfield. Cocktail hour with an open bar followed by dinner with a cash bar. \$90 per person. Call Tom at 228-8503 for more information.  
**Nutley High School Class of 1963**, 45th reunion planned for Friday, Oct. 31. To convey classmate information, call 398-0911.

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**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. Next meeting: Tuesday, July 8.  
**Roche Retiree Club**, meetings resume Saturday, Sept. 13. at 1 p.m. in Bldg. 77 (frequently called the chapel), 340 Kingsland St., Nutley. Parking 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.  
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# County honors some superlative senior citizens

Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. presented nine Essex County residents with Outstanding Senior Citizen Awards during the 33rd Annual Senior Citizen Luncheon at The Chandelier in Belleville on Thursday, May 8th. More than 200 Essex County seniors attended the annual celebration, which recognizes members of Essex County's various senior clubs for their dedication and commitment to the program.

"Essex County has a very diverse and active senior citizen population. Our senior club program provides an outstanding opportunity for our older adults to stay involved in their community, socialize, make new friends and enjoy our beautiful County Park System," DiVincenzo said. "Our clubs are self-sufficient and the meetings, trips and activities are organized entirely by the members. During Older Americans Month, we are proud to recognize our seniors who have taken the responsibility to lead their clubs, assist other members and volunteer in the community," he added.

Receiving the Outstanding Senior Citizen Awards this year are as follows:

Lucy Insalaco is a resident of Newark and a member of the Belleville Park Monday Club. She has been very active in the Club, has served as secretary and currently is the president. A member of several committees, Lucy does an outstanding job. "I enjoy all the club activities and I am glad to be here today to accept this award for my club," said Insalaco.

Jerry Sansone is a resident of Belleville and a member of the Branch Brook Park Middle Club. Club members said this of their president: "Our members have benefited tremendously from Jerry's years of experience and knowledge. His hard work has not gone unnoticed and we hope his presence will remain with us for many years to come." "The club is like a second family and we have a great time together," said Sansone.

Rosa Farina is a resident of Newark and a member of the Independence Park Monday Club. A club member for 14 years, she speaks Spanish, Portuguese and English fluently and serves as an interpreter, especially during the financial meetings. Farina has a gentle personality, is well liked and helps keep her fellow club members informed about current events. "I'm known as the 'club translator' and I enjoy being able to keep everyone informed so they can all participate in our activities because that's important," said Farina.

Lucy Scherzo is a resident of Newark and a member of the Independence Park Friday Club. She is a longtime club member who currently serves as secretary. She is always willing to lend a hand and her friends recognize her helpfulness. It's so nice to be honored by your peers. I thank them all and the County Executive for this award," said Scherzo.

Margarita Tosado is a resident of

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Essex County Executive

Newark and a member of the North Ward Center's Casa Israel. She graduated from the Catholic University of Puerto Rico with a Bachelor's Degree in nursing and worked at the Public Health Center of the Hospital Juana Diaz as a registered nurse. After immigrating to the United States in 1966, she worked at the New York Eye and Ear Hospital and Beth Israel Hospital in New York. Since joining the Casa Israel Adult Medical Center in June 2004, Tosado has been a valued participant. "I love Casa Israel and I love the senior citizens. I am a nurse and my commitment to help people any way I can is what keeps me going," said Tosado.

Anna Miola is a resident of Roseland and a member of the Roseland Senior Citizens. She has been a member of the Roseland Senior Citizens for 16 years, is a member of the Damiano Nittoli Association, Caldwell Transportation Committee and works for the Essex County Board of Elections. She volunteers countless hours at Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation and St. Mary's Guild. "It is important to be involved in your community and to help people," said Miola. "I've been active in this club for 16 years and it's always exciting to participate. I am happy to be here today and grateful to my club for honoring me," she added.

Mildred Leone is a resident of Fairfield and a member of the Verona Park Senior Citizen Club. She is always willing to assist the club at a moment's notice and has enlisted many new members. When the club was advised it had to pay rent to hold its meetings in a church, Leone obtained sponsorship from Lakeland Bank where her son worked to help with the fee. "I love being part of this club and I'll do whatever I can to help out," said Leone. "When we were faced with the problems about the rent, I immediately contacted my son for help because this club is so important to me," she added.

Doris Elmer is a resident of Bloomfield and a member of the Watsessing Park Tuesday Club.

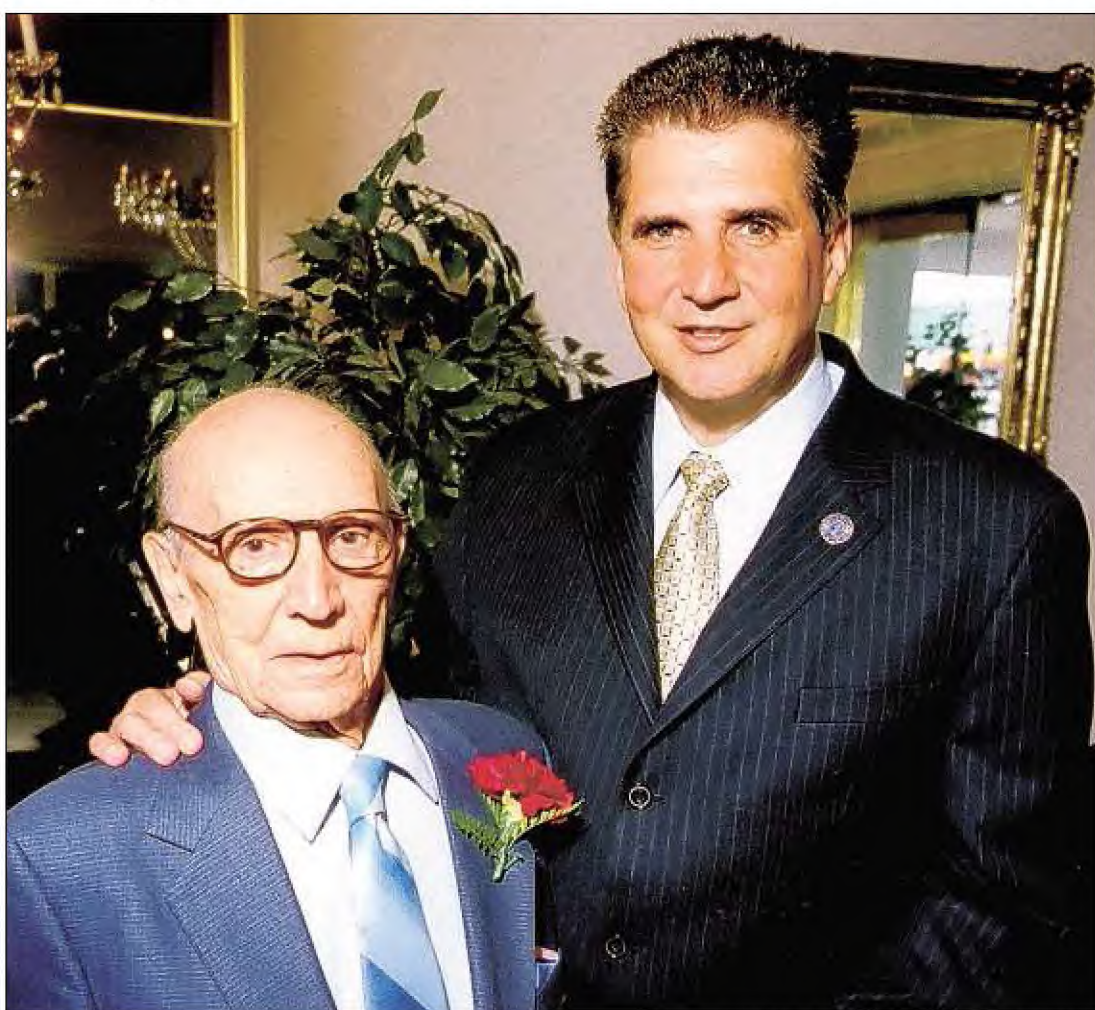


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Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo (right) with Belleville resident Jerry Sansone.

Retired from Chase Manhattan Bank, Elmer has been a club member for two years and serves as the treasurer. She also is a member of the Bloomfield & Montclair Civic Center and volunteers at a local soup kitchen and food pantry. "I'm happy to be here today, surrounded by so many friends," said Elmer. "This award means a lot to me," she added.

Frances Laudati is a resident of Bloomfield and a member of the Watsessing Park Thursday Club. She is a "wonderful individual with great leadership ability. She has proven time and time again that her willingness to achieve any task is possible," her club members state. "I enjoy the social aspect of being a club member because it keeps us all young at heart," said Laudati. "I am excited to be here today," she added.

The Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs sponsored the annual award program. Essex County hosts 12 senior citizen clubs, and each one has the opportunity to nominate someone from their club or the award. This year, nine clubs participated in the awards ceremony.

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**Mary Nucci**

A Mass was offered for Mary Nucci (nee DeFranza), 92, of Bloomfield, formerly of Belleville June 26 in St. Peter's R.C. Church, after the funeral from the Irvine-Cozzarelli Memorial Home, Belleville.

Mrs. Nucci passed away June 23 at Job Haines Home, where she was a resident for the past four years.

Mrs. Nucci was born in Belleville in 1915 and resided there until moving to Bloomfield four years ago. She was an active participant in the St. Peter's Rosary Group, the St. Peter's Senior Group, the Belleville Senior Group, both Tuesday and Friday Clubs, and the Regent of Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court, Santa Maria No. 61.

She was the wife of the late Alexander; the mother of Joseph and his wife, Susan, and Maryann Graham and her husband, John; the grandmother of Christopher, Sean and Marc, and the great-grandmother of Aidan, Elizabeth, Mary and Gabrielle. She was predeceased by her siblings, Rose, Helen, Gus and Vito.

**Marie Louise Sharkey**

A Mass was offered for Marie Louise Sharkey, 61, of Oak Ridge, formerly of Belleville June 30 at St. John Vianney R.C. Church, Stockholm.

Mrs. Sharkey passed away June 24 at home, surrounded by her family.

Born on Aug. 11, 1946, in Newark, she was the daughter of James R. and Marie R. Mullery McConnon. She attended St. Joseph School of Nursing, graduating in 1967, and started her 40-year career as a registered nurse. She was a member of St. John Vianney R.C. Church and a Eucharistic minister. She was also a vital member of many organizations dedicated to assisting young mothers and families, including Birth Haven of Newton, Birth Rite of Dover and Natural Family Planning with Saint Clare's Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas J. Sharkey Jr.; her daughter, Kathleen Sharkey; a son, Thomas Sharkey; a son, Michael Sharkey and his wife, Kerry; a daughter, Erin Sharkey; her mother, Marie R. McConnon; siblings, Regina Grabowski, James McConnon, Kathleen Bidleman, Michael McConnon, John McConnon, Margaret McConnon, and Joseph McConnon and three grandchildren, Sean, Nora and Marguerita.

**William Joseph De Rose**

A Mass was offered for William Joseph De Rose, 57, of Belleville June 28 at St. Lucy's Church, Newark, after the funeral from the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mr. De Rose passed away June 25 at Clara Maass Continuing Care Center, Belleville.

Born and raised in Newark, Mr.

De Rose lived in Belleville for the past 30 years. He was a garment cutter for United Sports Apparel in Fairfield.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara (Fantasia) De Rose; children, Denyse Gialanella and her husband, Frank, Sandra Nicolette and her husband, Nick, and William De Rose Jr. and his wife, Lani; seven sisters, one brother, and three grandchildren, Danielle, Nicholas and Gianna.

**Florence P. Donnamaria**

A Mass was offered for Florence P. (nee Macchiello) Donnamaria, 69, June 26 at St. Lucy's Church, Newark, after the funeral from the Biondi Funeral Home of Nutley.

Mrs. Donnamaria passed away June 22 at her home in Randolph.

Mrs. Donnamaria was born in Newark and lived in Belleville before moving to Randolph four years ago. She was the manager of Plaza Cards, Belleville, for 20 years before retiring five years ago.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Knable and her husband, John, and Debra Bani and her husband, Robert; her brother, Philip (Sonny) Macchiello; her sister, Mary Evangelista, Fannie Pellegrino, Angelina (Bae) Capriglione, Phyllis DeLorenzo and Anna Capozzi. She is also survived by her granddaughters, Kristina M., Stephanie L. and Jennifer L. Knable. She was predeceased by her husband, Carmine Donnamaria and her sister, Minnie DeAngelo.

**Jayme Anne Palma**

A Mass was offered for Jayme Anne Palma, 37, June 27 at Holy Name of Jesus Church, East Orange, after the funeral from the Biondi Funeral Home of Nutley.

Ms. Palma passed away June 22. She was born in Newark and lived in Belleville. She was a graduate of the Katherine Gibbs School of Business, New Brunswick, where she earned an associate degree in business. She was employed in the accounting department of the Carrier Foundation, Belle Mead, and was previously employed in the accounting department at the Princeton Marriott, Princeton.

She is survived by her parents, Frank J. and Julia (nee Alongi) Palma; her daughter, Bianca Stephens; and her former husband, Marc Stephens. She was the niece of Anna Jean Zack, Paul and Toni Alongi, Sebastian and Marianne Alongi, Anthony Alongi and Ralph and Linda Casale. She is also survived by her cousins, Paul and Kim Alongi, Gina and Tom Ring, Angela and Jim O'Brien, Sebastian and Christine Alongi, Michael Alongi and Apryl and Ralph Casale.

**Joseph T. Ruggiero**

A service was held for Joseph T. Ruggiero, 62, of Nutley June 27 at the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mr. Ruggiero passed away June 23.

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

Nutley six years ago. He retired as the depot master at NJ Transit, Big Tree Garage, Nutley.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine (Colandro) Ruggiero; his children, Joann De Cristofaro and her husband, Fred, Phyllis Ruggiero, Carol De Angelis, and Raymond Ruggiero; a sister, Rae Rivera; and his grandchildren, Andrew, Lea, and Amber Ruggiero, David De Angelis, and Niko De Cristofaro.

**Vera B. Urban**

Services were held for Vera B. Urban, 97, July 1 at Cochran Funeral Home, Hackettstown.

Mrs. Urban passed away June 26 in Newton Memorial Hospital, Newton.

Mrs. Urban lived in Great Meadows for 10 years, coming from Nutley, and was born in Newark April 20, 1911 to Philip and Christina Nasevich Burack. She was a telephone operator for New Jersey Bell Telephone Co., Belleville, for 44 years retiring in 1976. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers and a member of the Communication Workers of America.

She was the wife of the late Jacob Urban. She is survived by her son, Richard and his wife, Ellen Urban; daughter, Beverly; sister, Helen Karpson; grandchildren, Gregory and his wife, Melissa Urban, and Dawn and her husband, Thomas Smith, and five great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by a son, Robert, two brothers and three sisters.



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FENDANTS

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**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.

**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.

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**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.

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**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 Avenue, 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.



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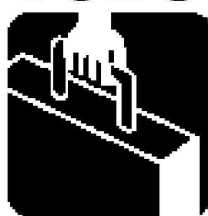
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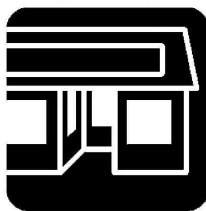
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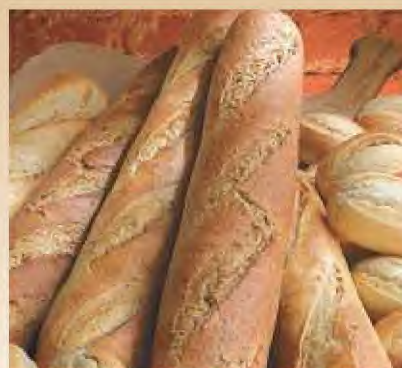
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