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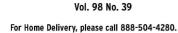
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Edward Kliszus, the superintendent of schools, is seen here during a special meeting of the board Monday night. The focus of the meeting was alleged instances of misconduct by staff during a contentious June meeting regarding the district's health insurance provider.

A real barn-burner Board of ed. meeting gets heated over insurance

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

among the school board and district teachers ended Monday night with the board considering policy changes after four district employees were supposed to publicly answer charges of improper conduct.

The allegations were made by claimed the school board adminis- ent. trator should not have publicly allegations involved incidents that individual board members claim happened in the aftermath of the last meeting in June.

The four employees waived their right to a private meeting and in public and on local cable access television.

meeting, teachers hooted and with Appleton's and school secre- Kliszus comments about continto switch from longtime insurance Another contentious meeting firm LDP Consulting of Lambertville, one of the largest school insurance firms in the state, to the much smaller IMAC agency of Belleville.

The board had previously had representatives of each company speak publicly about what it could offer the township, in an effort to school board members, who make the process more transpar-

Superintendent of Schools Dr. board's choice to switch from a ed Board Administrator Edward longtime insurance firm for district Appleton's expertise and right to other district employees and resiemployees to a Belleville-based, voice his opinion publicly, and also much smaller firm. The other three defended the local teacher's union president and a school secretary's right to speak publicly, expressing concern that other employees will now fear "reprisals" and be afraid to speak out.

School Board President Joseph asked that the questioning be done Longo, board vice president Bill Freda, board member Arlene Schor and board member Carmen At that highly charged June Bucco all expressed unhappiness

made catcalls as the board voted tary Joanne Conway's public comments. Freda alleged that Anthony Salese, president of the Belleville teachers union, made a potentially threatening remark to him as he left the meeting.

The final allegation was made by board member Eric Schwartz, but since he was unable to attend the special meeting, the allegations against a teacher were not discussed.

of blistering comments about how teacher personnel be formed to dents would now fear "reprisals" if they speak up at a public meeting. He said he feared that the board is sending the message that it is not "sensitive" to their concerns, and that he is "very concerned" about teachers' morale.

"I'm concerned that next week those who speak at this meeting may be called before the board, Kliszus said.

Schor angrily responded that

ued reprisals "are not appropriate."

Only three people spoke publicly at the meeting, even though Education Association (BEA), the there were approximately 40 teachers and residents present.

One board member spoke about reconciliation for the two sides, while another defended the teachers' rights to speak publicly, but not abusively, and to demonstrate lawfully. Board member William Villano, who in his fourth term as a board member is the When the questioning was com- most senior trustee, suggested a stated his stance against the Edward Kliszus staunchly defend-pleted, Kliszus calmly made a series committee of school board and repair relations and allow both sides to "move forward."

Board member Vincent Strumolo, Jr. repeatedly sought clarification from school board attorney Frank Pomaco that neither Appleton's, Salese's or Conway's remarks were unlawful, nor was the teachers lingering in the hallways outside the library after the meeting took place. Pomaco confirmed the legality of



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Executive Director

Police arrested and charged Eleanora DePasquale, 28, of Nut-Hey with possession of marijuana less than 50 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia at 7:20 p.m. of drug paraphernalia at 7:20 p.m. HThe suspect's Ford Taurus was

brake light out in the 300 block of given six motor vehicle summons-Washington Avenue. In addition to finding the small bag of marijuana, police said they also found a purple metal cylinder with a black mouthpiece, commonly known as "onehitter," used to ingest controlled stopped for having its left rear dangerous substances. She was

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es and released on her own recognizance. July 12

■ A burglary and theft were reported to a home in the 10 block of Vremont Street at 1:25 a.m. The occupant said they left in the early evening and came home around midnight to find the bedroom door had been kicked in, but there was no sign of forced entry to the front door. Two laptop computers valued at \$1,200 and a DVD player valued at \$300 were reported missing. A safe had been moved but not opened. Police are investigating. July 11

Police arrested and charged Vincente Salas, 41, of Newark with driving while intoxicated, careless driving and having an open container of alcohol in a vehicle at 11:40 p.m. The suspect was found

hol from the suspect, who they said failed field sobriety tests and was arrested. He was released on his own recognizance.

■ Police arrested and charged Frank Danduone, 42, of Belleville with possession of nine envelopes of heroin at 3:25 p.m. The suspect was under police surveillance when he came out of a known narcotics trafficking location. He told police "I'm trying to quit," and a search found the heroin. He was released on his own recognizance. July 9

■ Police arrested and charged Christian Apicella, 22, of Montclair with shoplifting and hindering prosecution from the Pathmark on Washington Avenue at 4:32 p.m. According to police, he attempted to leave the store with a basket released to the press at the disfilled with seven bags of frozen shrimp valued at \$121. He was

with shoplifting from the Food Basics on Main Street at 3:03 p.m. He was the co-manager of the store and police said he had stolen \$100 worth of merchandise over two months. He was released on his own recognizance.

■ Police arrested and charged Wilfredo Perez, 30 of Newark with shoplifting and hindering prosecution after taking nine bags of frozen shrimp from the Pathmark on Belmont Avenue at 12:56 p.m. According to police, the suspect used a phony name upon his arrest. He had a \$500 outstanding warrant out of Bloomfield.

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BIG ISLAND, LITTLE KIDS

On Friday, May 16, 2008, School #5 held a Luau/Family Fun Night for students in grades K-3. Many children came

dressed in Hawaiian skirts, Hawaiian shirts, and multicolored Hawaiian leis which set the mood for the evening. The night was filled with a variety of Hawaiian music and dancing, hula hoop games, a team obstacle course and the limbo.



Cooling centers to be open during heat emergencies

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Gregory Ilaria of Belleville has College, Mass. for studies comearned a Master of Science degree pleted in May 2008. in psychology from Springfield

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

AND FURTHERMORE... Page 4 BELLEVILLE TIMES THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2008

Board was right in seeking less costly insurance

Earlier this week there was a contentious board of education meeting during which accusations of improper conduct by district personnel flew. But that was just a schools. Like many other school districts across the sideshow to the real issue at hand - whether the board of education was in the right in seeking out a new health insurance company in a bid to cut costs.

Teachers and other staff are understandably concerned about the switch, and if doing so ultimately results in significantly reduced levels of service, then yes, the board should switch back. But the board is right to try in the first place.

Boards of education have little room to maneuver when it comes to cutting costs, squeezed as they are

between mandated expenditures and an electorate that has little appetite to spend even more money on state, Belleville is exploring a way to save money on health care costs. Belleville's move is hardly unprecedented, and in fact may be overdue.

School staff are of course nervous about the switch but then again, they are only being asked to contend with a situation faced by millions of workers in the private sector all the time. Private companies routinely switch insurance providers, and yes, that often means that preferred doctors are no longer covered, among other inconveniences.

But this speaks to a larger point. New Jersey has notoriously high property taxes, largely because taxpayers must support thousands of public workers who enjoy pensions, gold-standard health insurance, generous salaries and other perks (including tenure and other employment guarantees; many families are a pinkslip away from financial ruin) that many taxpayers in the private sector don't enjoy themselves. In other words, there is a huge and growing gap between what many taxpayers get in wages and benefits and the benefits they're paying for. This is an inherently unjust, untenable state of affairs. School district employees must simply bite the bullet, just like everyone else.

Belleville taking part in speeding crackdown this month

the Belleville Police Department Traffic Safety. "Last year, 22,839 will be cracking down on speeding motorists this summer, as part of the "Obey the Signs or Pay the fatalities? Fines," initiative.

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 450-3405.

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studies he conducted independent research in organic chem-

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Law enforcement officers from New Jersey Division of Highway crashes were speed-related, and 166 of those crashes resulted in

Speeding reduces a driver's The program began July 1, in ability to steer safely around advance of the July 4th holiday, 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)

Franklin

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Chapter 22 of the Disabled American Veterans recently presented their 2008 Appreciation award to Henry and Michael Safer of Bell-Ridge Plumbing Supply for their support, generosity and assistance to disabled veterans and the Belleville-Nutley chapter in particular. Pictured from left (in top photo) are Dennis Barlow, DAV Chapter 22 Member, Henry Safer, Michael Safer, and Ray Gambacorta, Vice Commander DAV Chapter 22. In the photo below are Bill Steimel, Adjutant, DAV Chapter 22, Henry Safer, Michael Safer and Ray Gambacorta, Vice Commander DAV Chapter 22.

ci, graduated cum laude on May scholarships to pursue his doctorate degree in chemistry from the sey with a Bachelor of Science University of Pennsylvania, degree in chemistry. As part of his Boston College, the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Chicago and the University of Illiistry, which earned him the nois-Urbana-Champaign, he has instead decided to pursue a career Synthetic Organic Chemistry. In in medicine. He will be attending addition the results of his research UMDNJ - Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in Piscataway in

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In latest twist, judge bows out of false arrest case

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

The judge presiding over a case involving a Belleville tavern manager who claims local police falsely arrested him has removed himself from the case. This comes after defense lawyers for the police said a remark the judge made about being in danger from Belleville police makes it impossible for the judge to remain neutral in the proceedings

Superior Court Judge Paul Vichness sent a letter to attorney John O'Reilly announcing the recusal. O'Reilly said even though Vichness said he did not take the threat seriously, the fact that it was made public to O'Reilly and others means he must not be the judge of record in the case.

The judge's association with attorney Vincent Nuzzi, with whom he once worked, was the other main reason given, O'Reilly confirmed. Nuzzi is now a defense lawyer in the case for one of the defendants.

Superior Court Judge Donald Coleman is now hearing the case. O'Reilly said the new judge would hear a motion to reconsider the case on July 25.

O'Reilly is asking that the five additional police officials recently included in the suit be removed because the statute of limitations has passed. He represents Belleville Police Chief Joseph Rotonda, one of the five new police officers allowed to be brought into the suit.

O'Reilly said Vichness's contention that he thought the threat was "a joke" shows that the judge was "waffling," and it doesn't matter if the threat was merely a county sheriff's officer "being cute." The judge reportedly was told by a

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"I said in court, "In God's name tell us (about the threat)," O'Reilly said Monday. "It should be reported to the State Police. He didn't say 'Oh I'm kidding' What would happen if I didn't report it?"

He said a similar situation with a threat being made was not reported, the person went through with the threat and killed the person, and the lawyer who withheld the information was disbarred.

As for talk by the plaintiff's lawyer of a possible settlement, O'Reilly said, "There are always settlement offers. There has been no mention of whether the numbers have gone higher or lower."

After a recent decision by the Superior Court Appellate Division overturned the township's attempts to have high ranking police officials taken out of the case, the lawyer for plaintiff Darien Ehler spoke about the victory and what may happen.

Police Chief Joseph Rotonda, Capt. Nicholas Krentz and the officer at the center of the case, Anthony Weedo, could all stand trial now, Ehler's lawyer, Timothy Alexander, said.

He said previously that he could prove in a trial that his client was falsely arrested.

O'Reilly has previously said of Rotonda that for as long as people have known Rotonda, they know he has never covered up anything, and it's very unfortunate that he has been brought into this case.

Speaking generally about the case, he said it is always difficult when it is "he said, she said."

sheriff's officer that he should and Police Officer Joseph DeRose both the township and the police reversed Merkelbach's decision, falsely arrested Ehler on a drunk driving charge in June 2002, at the same time Ehler was dating the estranged wife of another Belleville police officer, Phillip Canning. The defendant has claimed that the arrest was made in retaliation for him engaging in that relationship, according to records.

Weedo's report said Ehler repeatedly changed lanes, did not pull his vehicle over when police lights were turned on and had a great deal of difficulty walking when he exited the vehicle, and subsequently refused a chemical breath test.

The case took the first of many turns when Belleville Municipal Court Judge Frank Zinna dismissed the charges two months after the arrest.

Zinna watched the tape from the video camera mounted on Weedo's squad car and ruled that it did not match Weedo's report.

Rotonda suspended Weedo five days and referred him to a psychiatrist, who found Weedo needed therapy. This was after the county Prosecutor's Office wrote to the town saying that Weedo had previously falsified a different police report. Next, Krentz dismissed Ehler's Internal Affairs claim, saying that Weedo had probable cause to pull Ehler over for two violations.

Rotonda dismissed Ehler's internal affairs complaint in October 2002 after the department had received the Prosecutor's Office report of Weedo's previous false report, according to officials.

Ehler's lawsuit was first filed in 2003, and his lawyer before The lawsuit claims that Weedo Alexander came aboard named

officials said put the plaintiff at a disadvantage. That is because municipalities are shielded from any liability for the willful misconduct of an employee, unless it can be proven that the township and department tolerated the behavior, officials said.

That led to the lawsuit being dismissed by a Superior Court Judge in 2006, with the finding that Belleville could not be held responsible for Weedo and DeRose allegedly engaging in wrongdoing. Superior Court Judge Donald Merkelbach also ruled at that time that it was too late for Ehler's lawyer to add other officers as defendants in the suit.

Next, the appellate division

department as defendants, which stating in a written opinion that the actions of the senior police offiseen as condoning alleged wrong-doing by Weedo and DeRose, their subordinates.

From there, the appellate panel referred the case back to Supe- क्रु rior Court trial court, where a judge ruled in October that Ehler's lawyer could add four others, ≥ Rotonda, Krentz, Weedo, DeRose and Canning, as defendants. Relleville attorneys sought to 8 appeal the last decision, but were most recently denied by the Appellate Division, officials confirmed.

Without a settlement, the case could proceed to trial sometime in the fall, officials confirmed.





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Township schedules summer concert series; next event, Kenny Vance & The Planotones, is July 17

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"Emil Stucchio & The Classics" on August 14;

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being accepted. Applications are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Girls who are available at the Recreation House going into grades 3-8 in September ed after that date.

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Board of Education announces meeting dates for 2008-09

The 2008-2009 Board of Edu- August 25 cation meeting schedule is listed below.

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July 21

5:30 p.m. Private Executive Session 7:00 p.m. Public Business Meeting

August 11

5:30 p.m. Private Executive Session 7:00 p.m. Public Business Meeting

5:30 p.m. Private Executive Session 7:00 p.m. Public Business Meeting

Sept. 8 5:30 p.m. Private Executive Session 7:00 p.m. Public Business Meeting

Sept. 22 5:30 p.m. Private Executive Session 7:00 p.m. Public Business Meeting

Oct. 20 5:30 p.m. Private Executive Session 7:00 p.m. Public Business Meeting

Nov. 3 5:30 p.m. Private Executive Session 7:00 p.m. Public Business Meeting

Nov 17

5:30 p.m. Private Executive Session 7:00 p.m. Public Business Meeting

Dec 15

5:30 p.m. Private Executive Session 7:00 p.m. Public Business Meeting

Jan. 12 5:30 p.m. Private Executive Session 7:00 p.m. Public Business Meeting

Jan. 26 5:30 p.m. Private Executive Session 7:00 p.m. Public Business Meeting

Feb 9 5:30 p.m. Private Executive Session 7:00 p.m. Public Business Meeting

March 9

5:30 p.m. Private Executive Session 7:00 p.m. Public Business Meeting

March 23

5:30 p.m. Private Executive Session 7:00 p.m. Public Executive Meeting

March 30

7:00 p.m. Public Executive Meeting April 13

5:30 p.m. Private Executive Session

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5:30 p.m. Private Executive Session 7:00 p.m. Public Business Meeting

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June 22 5:30 p.m. Private Executive Session 7:00 p.m. Public Business Meeting



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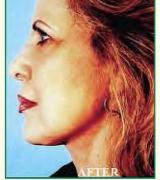
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Judge upholds absentee votes, GOP leaders stay

BY PAUL MILO of Belleville Times

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A Superior Court judge in Newark last week allowed chal-ਸ਼੍ਰੋ lenged votes cast in the June 3 pri-

mary for two Republican Party disgtrict leaders to stand, although a R plaintiff in the case has vowed to r appeal the decision.

∃ Husband-and-wite contents Joan and Al Schmitt were elected ≩GOP district leaders in a race against Jerry Del Guercio and Car-≦ ol Politz by a tally of 21 to 16, a fig-[∓]ure that included 13 absentee bal-

lots for the Schmitts. Richard Yanuzzi, a prominent Belleville Republican, said the high number of absentee ballots cast for the Schmitts aroused his suspicion, prompting him to challenge the votes in court.

"In every other district the absentee ballots were much lower," Yanuzzi said this week. "When you see a concerted effort to round up absentee ballots, well, there's nothing wrong with that, but it has to be done correctly and it has to be done under the guidelines of the state statute."

Yanuzzi argued in court that Husband-and-wife candidates two of the ballots were delivered by Al Schmitt, while three others did not have required signatures on the envelopes containing them. The Schmitts flatly denied tampering with any of the ballots.

"He brought in one lady to testify that Al had helped her circle the choices on her ballot," Joan Schmitt said this week. "In court, the woman said in a really stern voice, 'No, he did not? [Yanuzzi's] own witnesses worked against him."

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Richard Yanuzzi

Belleville Republican

and other so-called nonpartisan towns - where mayors and other local elected officials do not run as members of political parties - have a less significant role than their counterparts in partisan towns. In Belleville, district leaders cast votes for the local and county party leadership and attend occasional meet-

Party district leaders in Belleville ings. The districts they lead are small, often consisting of little more than a neighborhood.

The Schmitts, both longtime local volunteers, said that Yanuzzi informed them of his intention to challenge some of their votes even before the polls had closed on Election Day. A few months before that, Yanuzzi sought to get the

nominating petitions for the Schmitts and several other candidates thrown out, which would have forced the removal of the affected candidates from the ballot.

The Schmitts and the other candidates Yanuzzi challenged a few months ago were aligned with former Belleville GOP leader Toni Marone, who was defeated by former Belleville mayor Angie Paserchia in the June 3 contest for the Belleville Republican Party chairmanship. Had Yanuzzi, who supported Paserchia, been successful in his attempt to throw out the five absentee ballots last week, Paserchia would have had to break the resulting tie. The Schmitts believe she would have chosen Politz and Del Guercio.

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The Podiatry Associates building and site were designed by owner Dr. Cozzarelli with much convenience and efficiency. In practice for more than 20 years, the business has been located there for seven years. They have a staff of 14, including Office Manager Lori Pezzano, plus four DPMs (Doctors of Podiatric Medicine), Dr. John Cozzarelli, Dr.

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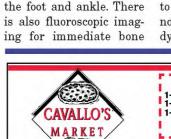
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A ceremony was held early in the morning July 4 at the Dutch Reformed Church, in whose cemetery several veterans of the Revolutionary War are buried. Members of the township council, students from Belleville High School and others participated in the event.

Residents earn Berkeley College degrees

Berkeley College is proud to announce the names of the men and women from Belleville who have received degrees at the 2008 Commencement.

Brenda Molina - AAS business administration - management Natalie Munno - BS business

administration – accounting Madeline Rodriguez - BS busi-

ness administration Tara Sheppard - AAS fashion

marketing and management Stanley Soriano - BS business administration

Belleville Times deadline

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

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THE GO GUIDE

Chicago, Billy Joel tribute bands in concert

The public is invited to attend roots in rock 'n roll and Doo Wop, Upcoming Concert Series g the 2008 Essex County Free Sum-RerMusic Concert Series. A right diverse mix of musicians and ≥ entertainers is playing at locations resent the music that helped define ∃throughout the historic Essex ₹County Park System.

The next performance at Brookdale Park features the Chicago and Billy Joel tribute bands Beginnings Billy Joel tribute bands Beginnings will play

cover versions of Chicago's greatest hits, while Big Shot will bring Billy Joel's songs to life. Tribute Night is scheduled for

Friday, July 18 (tomorrow) at 7:30 p.m. at Brookdale Park, Watchung and Bellevue avenues, Bloomfield/Montclair.

Then on Friday, July 25 at 7:30 p.m. Larry Chance & The Earls located at Watchung and Bellevue and Kenny Vance & The Planotones, two popular groups with

are partnering for a night of golden oldies at Brookdale Park

Larry Chance & The Earls repthe rock 'n' roll era. They have been pleasing audiences with flawless harmonies for over half a century. Their hits include "Life is But a Dream," "Never" and "I Believe."

Meanwhile, Vance began his music career with Jay and the Americans. He originally formed Kenny Vance & The Planotones to recreate the sounds of the 50s and 60s for the movie "American Hot Wax," and they are known for their signature song "Looking for an Echo?

Essex County Brookdale Park is avenues, Bloomfield/Montclair.

schedule

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 Irving-

ton Park: Gradie Stone Quartet - Friday, July 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Brook-

dale 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 Yanti-

caw 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 Brook-

dale 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 Watsess-

ing 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

SummerMusic Concerts are held at accessible sites. Persons who require special accommodations or assistance are asked to call

at least two weeks prior to the concert to alert staff as to their needs. Admission to the concerts is free, however 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.

Civic Band concerts outdoors

opened its 62nd consecutive season of free outdoor concerts. This summer's concerts are held on the town green (on Broad Street) across from the Bloomfield Public Library.

The green, utilized as a colonial militia training ground during the American Revolution of 1776, is a National Historical Landmark and located in the Bloomfield Historical District.

The Civic Band's next concert,

The Bloomfield Civic Band has of Leroy Anderson from 1908 to Violetta, in Giuseppe Verdi's La 2008. Many of his popular Traviata. She expects to perform melodies will be featured: Syncopated Clock, Waltzing Cat, Belle of the Ball, Blue Tango, Sleigh Ride, Serenata and Bugler's Holiday and the Irish Suite (which includes The Girl I Left Behind, Rakes of Mallow, Minstrel Boy and The Irish Washer Woman).

The July 28 concert includes Andrea Covias performing a return engagement with the Civic Band after returning from a tour in scheduled for Monday, July 21, is a Rome. While in Rome she percentennial concert in recognition formed the principal soprano role,

Quando Men Vo (from Puccini's opera La Boheme), O Mio Babbino Caro (from Puccini's opera Gianini Schicchi), Ah! Je Voux Vivre (from Gounod's opera Romeo and Juliette), Matinatta (by Leocanvallo), Volare (by Domenico Modugno) and Time To Say Goodbye (by Francesco Sartori).

Audience members are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. In the event of rain on any of the aforementioned dates, concerts will be held at the Bloomfield High School auditorium.

- For further information, call 973-743-9074.

Jazz, etc. at Pianos

Jazz night

Pianos Bar and Grill, 36 Broad St., Bloomfield, plays host to a variety of entertainment. Wednesday is Open Mic Night, Friday is Cabaret Night, Saturday is Dueling Pianos Night and Sunday is Karaoke Night. Thursday nights at 8 p.m., however, are Jazz Nights.

In the past, Pianos has showcased such ensembles as the Pedro Rodriguez Jazz Quartet, Golden Bridge, Richard Reiter and the Tricia Slafta Jazz Trio, the Outerbridge Jazz Ensemble and Dave Arndt Jazz.

There is no cover charge. All azz band buffs are welcome. A dinner menu available.

Open Mic night

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Pianos is seeking a variety of talent for Open Mic Night, held every Wednesday night. Sign-up begins at 8 p.m. A live piano accompanist is available for singers, while karaoke is available for singers who prefer to sing with track music. Victoria Steele of Glen

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ATLANTIC CITY By Ellen Burke Rawls

'The Wedding Singer' at Harrah's through August

 \mathbf{F}^{or} decades, Harrah's has established a reputation for presenting extravagantly-mounted tab versions of classic Broadway musicals. The roster includes favorites from "Oklahoma" to "Annie Get Your Gun,""Chicago,""Me and My Gal" and "The Producers." In what would appear to be an outreach to a younger crowd of visitors, Harrah's has now opened a new production of "The Wedding Singer." Based on the 1998 hit film of the same title, starring Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore, the loosely-adapted musical had 9-month run on Broadway in 2006.

Despite its relatively brief run on the Great White Way, the musical gathered a slew of Tony Awards for Best Musical, Best Choreography, Best Original Score, and Best Actor. The 20-member cast performing at Harrah's delivers a sparkling interpretation of the original, with a score that pays tribute to the '80s rock era in Ridgefield NJ. Songs include a lot of takeoffs on popular rock anthems of the era, including gems like "Somebody Kill Me, Please," 'Casualty of Love" and "Come out of the Dumpster." They even do a panel of impersonations of newsmakers of period: Mr. T, Tina Turner, Cyndi Lauper, Nancy Reagan, and Imelda Marcos. There's quite a bit of raunchy dialogue and randy choreography, plus of course the flaming androgynous character who figures prominently in the action. There is no age restriction for audiences, but there are signs outside the showroom warning of "mature content."

The Wedding Singer runs at Harrah's through August 31, with showtimes Tuesdays at 8 p.m.; Wednesdays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Thursdays at 8 p.m., Fridays at 9 p.m., Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. (Theater is dark on Mondays.) Tickets range from \$30 to \$50.

Bodies The Exhibition at the Taj through August 22, offers a unique opportunity to view the human body beneath the skin - a collection of actual human cadavers and organs preserved in silicone polymer to offer a closeup look at our muscular, skeletal, nervous, respiratory, digestive, reproductive and circulatory systems. A number of the preserved cadavers are posed in athletic positions to illustrate what goes on beneath the skin, others are actually sliced in thirds, front-to-back and side-to-side to reveal the position of internal organs.

One display mounts an actual black lung discolored by carcinogens – enough to convince anyone who sees it to give up smoking NOW! Another distressing exhibit is an actual human breast with advanced breast cancer. The reproductive display includes human fetuses at various stages of development. Little is known about who these specimens were in life, merely that they were Chinese, unclaimed at their (natural!) death, and preserved at a Chinese university for the exhibit. Currently there are some 17 exhibitions traveling the US and the world, attracting millions of visitors. The overall impression can be off-putting to the squeamish, but all in all has been lauded as a unique anatomical education. The Exhibition at the Taj is on display in the Xanadu, open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets range from \$20 to \$27, with an optional self-conducted descriptive Audio Tour for an additional \$6.

THE GO GUIDE

Singer-songwriters to play at Hillside Café accessible.

The Hillside Café, a non-profit inspired, while his lyrics are distinctive phrasmusic venue in Nutley devoted to acoustic music, will feature Andrew Hoover and Patty Blee on Saturday, July 19 at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Andrew Hoover

Singer/songwriter/guitarist Andrew Hoover hails from Fairfield, CT. Though he prefers not to characterize his

music, his style is Andrew Hoover Nu-Blues: a fresh

genre that combines soul, R&B and blues with a touch of pop. His vocals are energetically soul-

described as magnetic with soul and blues insight. What makes Hoover's style especially innovative is his unique R&B style guitar playing, driven by a percussive, slap technique with traces of flamenco. For more information

about Andrew Hoover, visit the Web sites www.andrewhoovermusic.com or www.myspace.com/ andrewhoovermusic.

Patty Blee

Patty Blee's husky voice, confessional songs and rootsy sound have earned her numerous comparisons to the likes of Bonnie

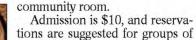
ing and rhythmic guitar style playing lounges and casinos along the Jersey Shore, she released her solo debut, "Disguise," in recently celebrat-



2002. She Patty Blee

ed the release of a new CD, "Acoustic Vibe," featuring a collection of fresh acoustic songs. For more information about Patty Blee, visit the Web site www.pattyablee.com.

The Hillside Café is located at 45 Hillside Crescent at the corner Raitt, Patty Griffin and Shawn of Church and Prospect streets, in Colvin. After years developing her the Franklin Reformed Church



Admission is \$10, and reserva-

four or more. Childcare is available by reser- visit the Web site www.hill-

- For more information or to RSVP, call 973-667-7055 or



Monologue Mania' at Pianos

ater 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.

There are no props, no scenery just great writing read by great actors. Producer Kate Daly calls it "bare knuckles theater," and anything can happen.

Inspired by the long-running "Monologues and Madness cabaret series at the Cornelia Street Cafe in New York City, "Monologue Mania" is viewed as an innovative brand of theater for this area and a very new concept for northern New Jersey.

All monologues performed are original pieces. Some actors write their own material, while others team up with local authors. Actors will sign up in advance for a place in the lineup.

"It's not an open mic night," said Daly, "but anyone who'd like to be part of the show is welcome."

For more information – including how to sign up to participate -

PIANOS LIST FROM PAGE 10

Ridge serves as emcee, and Bruce Phillips accompanies singers on piano. Gary Brown spins the karaoke tunes.

All types of talent are welcome, including comics, poets, singers, guitarists, magicians, belly dancers and more.

The most versatile Open Mic Night performers are expected to participate in an upcoming variety show at the Broad Street Playhouse.

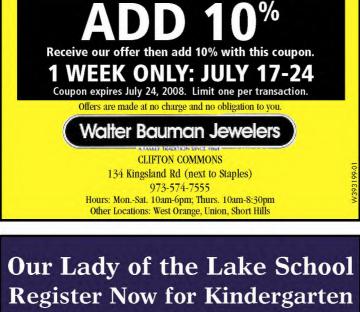
The best singers will also be considered for Cabaret Night, held Friday evenings at Pianos.

Cash prizes for best performances. Dinner and drinks are served. No cover.

- For more information about Pianos Bar and Grill, 36 Broad St., Bloomfield, call 973-743-7208 or visit the Web site www.pianosbarandgrill .com.

There's a different kind of the- visit the Web site monologuemania.blogspot.com or call the Mania" at Pianos Bar and Grill "Monologue Mania" hotline at takes place Monday, July 21 at 7 973-324-9235.

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ARRIVAL



Olivia Morgan DeVita

A second child, a daughter, Olivia Morgan was born to Michele and Frank DeVita of Nutley June 13, 2008 at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston. She joins Nicholas Anthony.

Grandparents are Marianne Lanno and Gary Roe of Nutley. Godparents are Alyssa Angotti and Christopher Roe of Nutley.

Please send Birthday Club info to Debbie Tripoldi

Because of the large number of pictures sent in, the Birthday Club is only able to accept pictures of children who actually live in the four towns of Belleville, Bloom-field, Glen Ridge and Nutley. The popularity of the page has made this restriction necessary Sorry, there can be no exceptions to this directive.

Info and pictures should be sent to Debbie Tripoldi, NJMG, 90 Centre St., Nutley, NJ 07110, or dropped off at our office. Her phone number is 973 667-2100. email address Her tripoldi@northjersey.com. Pictures will be accepted of children from one to 12 years. Sending the info to anyone else only delays things.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Shelter needs volunteers

The John A. Bukowski Shelter for Animals, located in Bloomfield, is desperately in need of volunteers, especially for the cats it shelters, and for its Petco monthly events.

The phone number is 973 748-0194.

Please call if you can help. Any amount of time is welcome.

WEDDING



Samantha Vitetta wed to Raymond Reid

Samantha Anne daughter of Alexis and Michael Vitetta of Nutley, was married

Delaware performed the ceremony in St. Catherine of Sienna Roman Catholic Church, Cedar Mrs. Reid is a hairstylist at Grove. A reception followed at the Westmount Country Club, West Paterson.

The bride was escorted by her father. Her sister Brandee Fether- the One & Only Palmilla in Cabo man was the matron of honor. San Lucas, Mexico and is living in Bridesmaids were Alexis Corino, Little Falls. Jordan Iannitelli, Chari DePersio,

Vitetta, Christina DePersio, Dana Reid and Heather Reid.

Alan Soriano and Brian April 25 to Raymond Reid of Lit-tle Falls, son of Mary Ann and were Alexander Vitetta, Rob Ray Reid of Cedar Grove. Crozier, Dave Lappe and Bishop Michael Salterelli of Dominick Caracappa. Taylor Fetherman was the flower girl and

Antonio's Salon, Livingston. Mr. Reid is a general contractor with **RNR** Construction.

The couple honeymooned at

ENGAGEMENTS



Jenny Golding to wed Ralph Scognamillo

Judy and Ralph Scognamillo of tional, New York, NY. West Orange, formerly of Glen Mr. Scognamillo, and Ridge, announce the engagement ny Margaret Golding, daughter of Hampton Bays, NY.

CW Post in Long Island, is Hampton, NY. employed with R-Pac Interna-

Mr. Scognamillo, an alumnus of Glen Ridge High School and of their son, Scott Michael, to Jen- Wesley College, Delaware, is a client service associate with UBS Nancy and James Cariello of Financial Services, Florham Park.

ampton Bays, NY. The wedding scheduled for Miss Golding, an alumna of August 9, 2008 will be held at St. Hampton Bays High School and Andrews Dune Church in South



Nicole Mullen to wed Angelo Murano

announces the engagement of her Inc. daughter, Nicole, of Butler, to Angelo Murano of Butler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Biagio Murano.

William Mullen, Miss Mullen is ADP, Inc. an alumna of Belleville High School and Monmouth Universi- planned.

Carol Mullen of Belleville ty. She is a pricing analyst for BP,

Mr. Murano is a graduate of Belleville High School and Ramapo College. He is a Pro-Daughter also of the late grammer/Security Analyst for

A May 2010 wedding is

HOPING FOR A HOME



Tara finds herself at the shelter because she has outlived her owner. She now waits for a home, where she can just lay in the sunshine (through a window, of course!) or lounge around watching the tube with her new owner. Tara is around 10 years old, but still has several years of life to enjoy. You can meet Tara at the John A. Bukowski Shelter for Animals in Bloomfield. Please call 973-748-0194 or e-mail basanimals@yahoo .com.



mary, the Schmitts said they had been subject to a series of bizarre incidents. Just a few hours after the polls closed late on the evening of June 3, an anonymous poster in an online chat room said that the Schmitts "cheated" in the election and were "going to jail." The Schmitts also claim that their mailbox has been stuffed with documan came to the Schmitt home

to Al Schmitt, who refused it and entire challenge. asked the man who had sent him. According to a police complaint Schmitt filed, the man, who did not appear to speak English, pointed to

"I don't even know why he did

this. His side won," Joan Schmitt said.

however.

ments under election law in siding $\overline{\omega}$ Yanuzzi said this week he with the Schmitts. Yanuzzi said intends to appeal Judge Thomas that appellate judges, "outside the McCormack's decision, saying that emotion of a courtroom," would



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A wonderful day for a great group of ball players

BY MIKE LAMBERTI for Belleville Times

The five busses pulled out of the

parking lot in Belleville across the street from the Chandelier shortly after 9 a.m. last Thursday. Everyone on board knew the destination, but there was still a certain amount of mystery attached to the ride.

On board those busses were a group of ball players, their parents, buddies, coaches and fans, close to 200 in total. They were headed to Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, New York, to play a game against a team from the Bronx. Yes, you read that correctly. They were headed to Yankee Stadium to play a game on that hallowed field.

The Essex County District 8 Challenger baseball team, featuring players from all over the county, including Belleville, Bloomfield, Nutley and Glen Ridge, were making a once-in-a-lifetime journey to perhaps the most popular venue in all of American sports. And in about two hours, they would take the field to kick off Major League Baseball's All-Star week festivities against the Astor Challenger team.

"I can't believe we're actually on our way," a noticeably nervous Marge Franco, the director of Essex County's Challenger league, and a resident of Belleville, said as the bus pulled onto Franklin Avenue. "I couldn't sleep last night, I was so excited. I've known about this for months, but still, to actual-

ly be on the way to the game puts this in another perspective."

Franco prefers to be called a parent, as opposed to the mastermind of the league, which clearly she is. While Franco puts in so much time and energy to assure her kids the ultimate playing experience, she's quick to deflect the credit. "It's about the kids," she must have said about 20 times last Thursday. "The coaches (Michael and Vinnie Carfagno, Barbara Costa and Anthony Panza) do a great job, and they deserve the credit as well."

The ride to Yankee Stadium was relatively traffic free. A beautiful day was breaking in the Metropolitan area, with plenty of sunshine and low humidity. It was a welcome relief from the previous few days and Franco took that as a positive sign for the day.

"It was so hot yesterday," Franco said. "I'm glad it cooled off."

And then, like a kid, she joked, "are we there yet?" as the bus drove cleared the George Washington Bridge and began a short trek on the Major Deegan Expressway toward 161st Street.

The youngsters who would take the field last Thursday ranged from ages 5 through 18. The Challenger league offers children who have disabilities the opportunity to play baseball, as well as other sports. There are no outs in this league. Everyone comes to the plate, everyone gets a hit, and everyone scores. There are no strikeouts, no

Some of the kids play in a wheelchair, but they bat and round the bases as well. Some children hit off a tee while others face live pitching. Again, no one misses out. It's what sports should always represent.

While everyone knew they would be playing at Yankee Stadium, they weren't sure of the set up and how the Yankee organization would handle the game. Well, it was handled in as classy and professional manner as possible.

Upon entering the stadium, the main scoreboard behind the centerfield bleachers had both team names listed in the typical box score set up. The main board, as well as the boards on the first and third base line read "Welcome to the 2008 All-Star Challenger Game." The video board showed each player batting. Every player's name was displayed on the board and every player heard their name on the mammoth P.A. system.

The Essex players wore white jerseys with Yankee pinstripes, their name and number on the back. The Bronx team wore Yankee-blue jerseys, also with names and numbers on their backs.

I had the honor of announcing the Essex player's starting lineup and later announced each Essex batter over the P.A. system, which has been legendary at Yankee Stadium for over 80 years. While no one will confuse me with Bob Sheppard, it was indeed a big

foul balls and no disappointments. moment for me. My first visit to however, honoring these kids. Yankee Stadium was in 1968 and one of my first memories was hearing a player's name being announced there. To be able to stand on that field and announce a very special group of players to the crowd was a big moment for me.

A number of television stations covered the game, including the YES Network, the Yankees' cable broadcast station, which will be telecasting it on their air sometime this week.

It was a one-inning game, with each team batting, and every player on the roster getting a chance to hit, then play the field. The game was played in the left field corner, where a makeshift diamond was prepared. At the end of the game, everyone heard Frank Sinatra's famous version of "New York, New York", which is traditionally played after a Yankee victory on the P.A. system.

It was appropriate, because in this game, both teams were winners. (And it was another example of how the Yankee organization went out of its way to make the experience perfect).

The players and coaches shook hands with each other in as poignant a moment as I've ever witnessed in nearly 33 years of covering sporting events. The smiles on the player's faces told the entire story, as did the tears of pride that welled in many eyes, Essex County, along with their mine included.

The Yankees weren't done,

After a photo session on the field, the Yankees gave all the players a box lunch at the picnic tables behind the left field fence and directly in front of Monument Park, where the players had a chance to talk about the game.

If this sounds like it was a good time, believe me, it was that and much more.

"This was incredible," Marge Franco said as the busses headed back to Belleville. "The Yankees were tremendous. They made our kids feel like professionals."

Bob Pozner, who umpired the game for Essex County, was overwhelmed by the experience.

"These kids are unbelievable," Pozner said, his voice cracking a little after the game. "What a great day?

Gene Schack, who serves as a buddy in the Challenger League, was interviewed on NBC-TV and gave an excellent perspective of what this day was all about.

"I love the game of baseball and it's a chance for me to give back,' Schack said. "Something told me I should be here."

Back in Belleville, the kids celebrated again, this time at Michael's Roscommon with pizza and soda. "It couldn't have been any better

for these kids," Rich Franco said. "I'll never forget this day."

Here's the lineup of players for

SEE CHALLENGER, PAGE 15

Belleville wins; waits for playoff assignment

BY MIKE LAMBERTI for Belleville Times

Chris Judge pitched a one-hit shutout to lead the Belleville senior legion baseball team past Verona, 6-0, on Monday night in Verona. The victory closed out a 13-9 regular season for Belleville, which now waits to learn its playoff fate.

Belleville was in first place in the American Division following the Verona game, but Bloomfield, Cedar Grove and Newark Academy are also in the running for the division crown, and those teams had a few make up games to play earlier this week.

"If Bloomfield wins its remaining games, they would win the division," Belleville coach Joe Sorce said. "Bloomfield is playing Cedar Grove, twice I believe, this week, in," Sorce said. "That's all we can so if they split, that would give us we can ask for. I'm really proud of a good chance to win the division, the way our guys played this sumsince we have the tiebreaker over mer. We came into the season ludge struck out nine and walked Bloomfield. If not, we have to hope for one of the playoff berths."

The American and National Division winners will play for the county title this Saturday night at George Zanfini Field in Belleville, starting at 7 p.m., with both those teams assured advancement to the state tournament, which begins next week. Obviously, that's where Belleville would like to be on Saturday. However, if Bloomfield wins innings and allowing one earned the division and plays for the coun-

'If Bloomfield wins its remaining games, they would win the division.' Joe Sorce

Belleville baseball coach

ty title, then Belleville would most likely qualify as a playoff team with three other squads, and would play two contests this weekend with the hope of winning out and qualifying for the state tournament. The top four teams, past the division winners, gain a playoff spot this weekend, and three of those teams move on to the states.

"We have a good chance to get wanting to improve and have a chance to compete in the playoffs, and we've done that."

Belleville started its final week of the season by defeating Newark Academy, 6-5, on July 7. Shawn Gonzalez was 3 for 4 while Kris Bosea had a pair of hits. Matt Sanabria hit a key two-run double. Steve Rovell was the winning pitcher in relief, throwing 3 2/3 run.

On July 8, Belleville lost a 5-4 decision to Nutley. Belleville led, 4-1, through five innings before Nutley rallied back. Judge pitched well, striking out six in 6 1/3 innings. Judge also had two hits while Gabe Rivera had a hit and RBI. Belleville was limited to one hit,

a single by Gonzalez, in a 2-0 setback to Livingston. Rivera pitched a solid game for Belleville, yielding four hits in a complete game effort.

Last Saturday, Belleville won a big game over West Orange, 4-3, in eight innings. Gerard Smallstey started for Belleville and pitched the first seven innings, giving up four hits and striking out five. Rovell pitched a scoreless eighth inning and was the winning pitcher. Dylan Steitz's sacrifice fly scored Judge, who had walked, with the winning run in the eighth.

In Monday's win over Verona, six. Belleville scored four times in the first inning on run scoring singles by Chris O'Donnell and Bosea and a two-run double from Steitz.

"We've been playing well," Sorce said. "We had some good games last week, and even though we lost two, we played pretty well in those games. We also won three big games and I know our kids are looking forward to playing a few more games in the playoffs, and perhaps into the state tournament."

Jays split four games

BY MIKE LAMBERTI for Belleville Times

The Belleville Blue Jays split four games last week, defeating Teaneck, 3-1 and Jersey City, 8-4 while falling to Wayne, 11-5 and base. Allendale, 15-9. Ba

Bruce Daddis' team took a 5-14 mark into a game with the Bergen Cardinals last Tuesday. Tonight, the Jays will host the Jersey City Sunday, the Jays stay home to play the Teaneck Stars at 6 p.m. and next Tuesday, it's off to North Belleville team lost to Allendale, Haledon to play the Reds in an 8 p.m. contest.

dis said. "We have 11 regular season games left, and we trail Allendale by one game for the final games now."

Against Teaneck, Mark run. Dolaghan gave up one earned run walked one and also had an RBI final two innings and was credit- wide margin. ed with the save. Craig Binkiewicz and Rafael Cordero Dave Caruso have paced the

Binkiewicz led Belleville with the winning track by stooping Jer- to allow an earned run.

sey City, 8-4. Cordero had an excellent game, going 2 for 3 with a double, two RBI, three runs scored and two stolen bases. Joe Zembryski hit a solo homer and had two hits along with a stolen

Balbach started this game and pitched five innings. He didn't allow an earned run while scattering four hits with five strikeouts and two walks. Ryan Staub Brewers in an 8 p.m. game. This earned the save with two scoreless innings.

Last Sunday, a depleted 15-9

"We didn't have a lot of players "We had a decent week," Dad- available for that game," Daddis said. "We were short on pitching, but our offense did a good job."

Brian Cimmet and Zembryski playoff spot, so they're all big both had two hits and every player in the Belleville lineup scored a

NOTES: As a team, Belleville is through five innings of work to 59 for 66 in stolen bases, with gain the victory for Belleville. Binkiewicz and Angel Gaud each Dolaghan struck out six and stealing 12 of 14 and Cordero a perfect 10 for 10. Belleville leads single. Mark Balbach pitched the the league in stolen bases by a

Balbach, Mark Dolaghan and had two hits each to pace the Jays. pitching staff. Balbach has a 1.62 ERA with 22 strikeouts in 21 two hits in a loss to Wayne. Two innings of work. Caruso has a days later, Belleville got back on 1.91 ERA while Dolaghan has yet

He struck out five and walked two.

All-Star festivities should not include game; Mets are lucky to be a National League team mention the fact that today's play- especially at the half way point of home, over Colorado and San 4 in the last 12 World Series, ers couldn't carry those players the season in July. But playing the Francisco, two teams that are bare- including five sweeps



Without question, celebrating this year's Major League All-Star game at Yankee Stadium was a no brainer. Very few cities can celebrate an occasion like the Big Apple, and the past few days, including the Bon Jovi concert last Saturday and the parade along Sixth Avenue on Tuesday, not to mention the pre-game ceremonies mark a wonderful dedication to a great game and a fitting tribute to a classic venue.

However, it's a shame they actually have to play the All-Star game itself. In another words, if you have insomnia, try watching a few innings of an All-Star game and that should do the trick.

There isn't a more boring spectacle in sports, this side of the Pro Bowl, than watching the full nine innings of a MLB All-Star game. The reason is simple. The game no longer has a luster, despite the attempts of Major League Baseball to make this an important contest. I've been to a few of these in person, as well, and can tell you there isn't much buzz in the stadium, past the pre-game itinerary and the introductions, which have always been exciting.

It's a glorified exhibition game, which we've always known, but over the past 20 years, it's really worn itself out. This isn't 1971, with Reggie Jackson hitting a mammoth homer that struck the light tower at Tiger Stadium. This isn't Johnny Bench, Hank Aaron and Roberto Clemente hitting homers for the National League while Jackson, Frank Robinson and Harmon Killebrew went deep for the American League.

That was a different era, when players pretty much stuck with their respective team, or league, for much of their career. Bench never left Cincinnati, Clemente was a legendary Pirate and Aaron, for much of his career, played for the Braves, both in Milwaukee and Atlanta. Killebrew was a Senator and Twin while Jackson spent his entire career in the American League. Only Robinson played in both leagues, where he was MVP in Cincinnati and Baltimore. (Not to

CHALLENGER

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home towns. 1-Dawson Bloom, SS, Belleville. 2-Quentin Ausby, RF, Irvington. 3-Joseph Catalfamo, RF. Belleville. 4-John Panza, 2B, Glen Ridge. 5-Tiffany Ostella, LF, Verona. 6-Raymond Bernal, 3B, Cedar Grove. 7-Markus Fonvil, 1B, West Orange. 8-Daniel Boettinger, P, Belleville. 9-Jesse Bruno, CF, Belleville. 10-Christopher David, RF, Nutley. 11-Donnie Chiap-pinelli, LF, Belleville. 12-Jevon Stockhouse, RF, Newark. 13-Larry Spiro, LF, Livingston, 14-Christian Plummer, C, East Orange.

cleats, but that's another story).

Back in those days, when the National League played the American League, it was a battle for pride between players who rarely competed against each other. Today, with free agency, interleague and constant player movement, the All-Star game has run the gamut and is relegated to spring training status, despite MLB's resuscitation attempts of attaching the World Series homefield advantage to the winner of this game.

game seems to take the luster off the rest of the agenda, including the Home Run Derby, which appears to have a lot more popularity with the younger fan.

The New York Mets should be glad they play baseball in the National League. Without question, the brand of baseball being played in the senior circuit in 2008 is terrible, and that's saying something considering the quality of baseball in the N.L. has been lousy for over a decade.

The Mets' nine-game winning Celebrating baseball is great, streak included six straight, at

ly Major League eligible. Let's put it this way. If the Mets played in the American League East, they'd be noncompetitive. For that matter, the only National League team that could break .500 in the A.L. would be the Chicago Cubs, and they would be no better than maybe 84-78.

The American League dominates the National in interleague play on a regular basis, has won 10-straight mid summer snooze fests, a.k.a. the All-Star game, (1997-2007, not counting the famous tie game of 2002) and is 8- mike051893@aol.com

The 2008 World Series should I probably feature Boston and the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, but that obviously can't happen, so let's hope the Cubs somehow get in, because they might actually win Y a game, or two, in the Series.

Next week, I'm going to look back at my top 10 moments at Yankee Stadium spanning some 40 years. The following week, I'll talk about my top 10 at Shea Stadium. I'd love to hear what your favorite moments at those venues were. Please write me at



BELLEVILLE

County College offering dietary management certification

Essex County Conege wind Flaunch a Dietary Management cer-Htificate program this fall in conjunction with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New 닖 Jersey.

Students will be able to comgplete the 33 credit certificate pro-Rgram in about a year and secure ⊵work in various health care facili-≥ ties, said ECC Allied Health Chair-**∃**person Martin Asobayire. These ≩ facilities include hospitals, rehabilitation centers and senior citizen

Essex County College will residences. He said he expects students who enroll in the certificate program to have some knowledge in both science and general nutrition

Existing courses in biology, math, English and psychology totaling 18 credits will be offered at Essex, with the dietary courses and clinical work taken at UMDNJ.

Information about the certificate is available by calling ECC's Division of Allied Health at 973-877-3354.

E-mail news and photos to bellevilletimes@northjersey.com.

BFD: Belleville fire hydrant testing is now underway

Submitted by the Township of To avoid Belleville

The Township of Belleville will inconveniencing be testing fire hydrants beginning in June of 2008.

Why do we test fire hydrants?

gram was designed to ensure that begin until 10 PM our hydrants are ready should our each evening. fire services need to use them. Testing ensures that hydrants are in full working order and verifies their flow capacity.

How do we test a fire hydrant?

In order to determine that a hydrant is capable of meeting fire flow requirements, fire crews must open the hydrants and discharge water from the hydrant at a very high flow rate.

How does this affect the street where the testing takes place? While fire hydrant testing is a

the general public the testing will not

may result in temporary inconveniences.

High flow rate discharge during testing disturbs sediments in the water distribution system. This often results in brown or rusty water.

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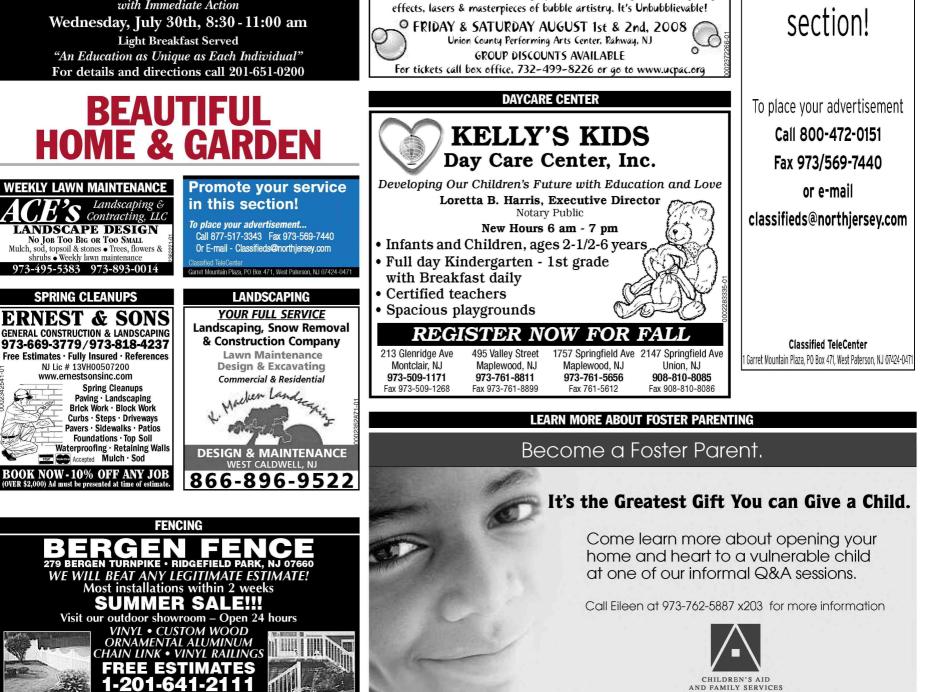
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those actions.

"The issue is the conduct of the professional staff after the meeting concluded," Pomaco said. "I want to be clear that there was no problem with Mr. Salese's remarks in public. He acted in a professional manner."

Pomaco questioned Kliszus about whether he expected his staff to act professionally, and Kliszus curtly replied that such allegations were for the schoo board to deal with.

One scheduled item never even took place. The meeting's agenda called for a video recording of the previous meeting to be shown, but Kliszus refused to start the recording, and none of the board members ever played it.

The school board first discussed Appleton's public comments at the previous meeting, with Longo and Freda both saying they felt "blindsided" by the remarks.

Kliszus responded to questions about the appropriateness of the comments by saying "it was a valid opinion of the board" that members felt the comments were "springing" on them unexpectedly. He said the board's role is to vote yes or no on a recommendation.

First, however, Kliszus said Appleton "is an expert in the area, very successful, very honest." He said in his history in the district , no one has ever been constrained from speaking, and it is not uncommon for things not included on the agenda to still be commented upon by himself or Appleton. Longo said Appleton's comments "got the ball rolling" on what was a "raucous meeting," something that Strumolo and Pomaco disagreed with, saying the meeting would have been highly charged anyway.

Longo called the alleged incidents after the meeting "incendiary" and said was "under the board's decision" to call the four before it.

Schor and the board all agreed that the questions about Appleton had nothing to do with his performance, but rather the timing of his comments.

Freda said he felt the board already had been given sufficient information and "didn't feel it was necessary" for him to comment.

Kliszus responded that "He (Appleton) doesn't need my permission. That's what we pay him for." He said Appleton was doing his job by giving an honest opinion, and it was not inappropriate to say something contrary.

During this confrontational discussion, Villano called himself "the old-timer" on the board, and said he wanted to figure how not to repeat the incident and move forward, "to build bridges." He said in the past when something of this nature happened on either side, some form of committee was formed. For example, he cited a subcommittee of board and BEA members that "got pretty good results" discussing the dress codes in schools for six months.

During the Appleton conversation, Villano also said the board needed to look at intent, and that Appleton was not trying "to get anybody excited." He said that having served with Appleton for 12 years, he usually acted in the best interests of the board. He volunteered his services to be part of such a committee.

Longo then asked Kliszus "who works for who," and Kliszus responded that he had concerns that were twofold. First, he did not want the board to seek to inhibit the administration from giving recommendations or to prevent the administration from digressing from the agenda.

"You pay me and Mr. Appleton for our expertise," Kliszus said. He called Appleton "extremely competent, one of the best business administrators in the state."

At this point, Bucco said he was bothered by the fact that everyone already "knew what was going on," and that Appleton may have been trying to "undermine the board." He said it was about who is in charge, what's going on, that the public voted the board in, and he was looking for "a little respect."

Schor then questioned teachers using district letterhead to send letters imploring the board to keep the existing insurance firm, saying she had concerns of the appearance of "orchestration," and at least the allowance of the administration for the letterhead's use.

Kliszus said there is no policy in place to limit such use, but if a majority of the board felt it should be restricted, he would write a memo about the change.

Villano said he wanted to clarify that it was not about "saving a nickel" on the use of paper, but "the impression it gives."

Freda repeatedly compared the district to his experiences in the corporate world, and said at his company the code of conduct states that any statement made using the company logo was "a statement on the part of the company."

At one point in the meeting, an audience member shouted out that the schools were not corporate America.

Next, Longo said Conway's discussion of a family member's medical condition ended up in two newspapers and on television, and Freda said he was "very uncomfortable" with such disclosures. Conway said after the meeting that she cleared her comments with her family member and was comfortable with them being aired in the media.

Pomaco clarified that the board is prohibited from discussing personnel in public but understood that Conway's comments were in the context of explaining why she liked the previous insurance broker. He said, "You can't control what the public says," but that the board might want to consider a policy about personnel discussing other personnel in public, even though that is not what happened in this instance.

"Unless someone waives their right, personnel can't be discussed publicly by the board," Pomaco said.

Kliszus said of the Conway comments, "My understanding is that the public can say anything they wish as long as it is not verbally abusive."

Pomaco said medical histories are a special case, and the board should have a disclaimer regarding the public discussing anyone's medical history, because people bring lawsuits much more now than in the past. Longo said, "Freedom of speech doesn't mean you can say anything, anywhere, anytime," citing not being able to should Fire! in a crowded theater as an example.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, resident Vincent Frantantoni mocked the proceedings, saying, "I didn't know if I was in Salem or Belleville," a reference to witch hunts. He then said according to the school board's policy regarding disorderly conduct, the board was guilty because they had caused "public inconvenience" and "annoyance" as spelled out in the code of conduct to him by calling a special meeting. He was forced to leave his job early to attend the unscheduled meeting, he said.

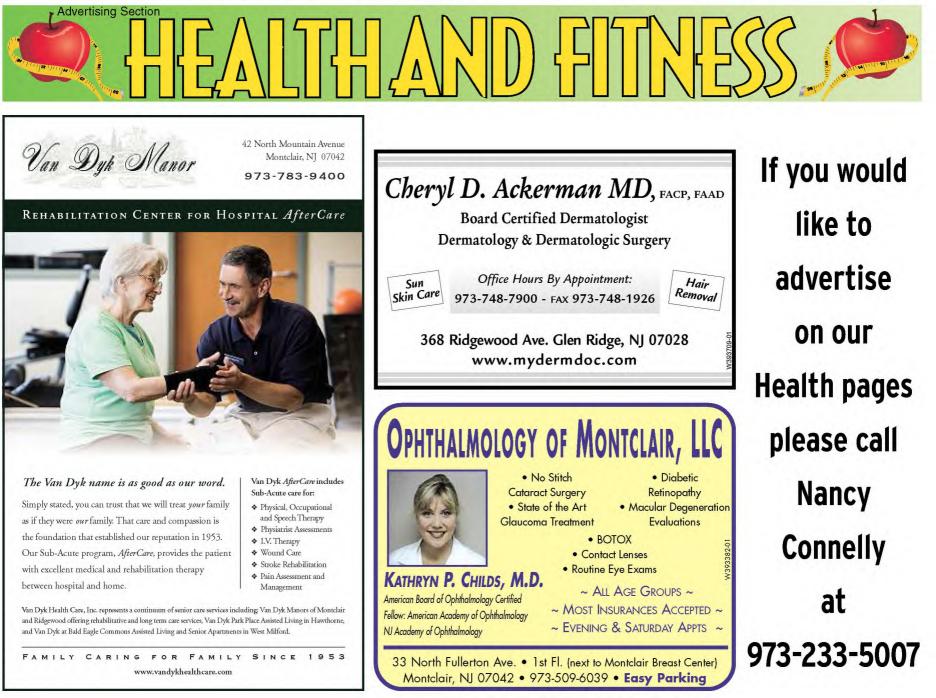
He told Freda he had "a lot to learn" about the differences between the corporate and public sectors, and told the board, "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen."

Lisa Kistner, consolidated home and school president and a school employee, asked the board not to "tie my hands" by restricting public comment.

Retired teacher Lois Servidio offered the sharpest criticism of the board . "I'm a retiree of 29 years. I'm now glad I'm no longer in the system. You should be very ashamed."

She said Appleton's comments may have come out of "left field," but the previous boards and business administrators argued all the time, but were friends at the end.

"You have one valuable employee here," Servidio said. "Grow a little thicker skin."



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Stroller class, meets

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Reclaim your body and shed post-baby pounds while exercising in the fresh air and bonding with other moms! Class designed to tone and strengthen. All equipment provided. Led by personal trainer. E-mail hapennise@aol.com or call 661-3283 for more information.

First annual charity softball tournament, hosted by the Nutley Elks, Saturday, Aug. 23 and Sunday, Aug. 24. The entry fee is \$300 per team. There is a 15-man roster max. Single elimination format. Prizes based upon entries. Limited to first 24 teams. For more information or to enter, contact Robert J. Mulligan Jr. at 449-7579 or Adam Jernick at 580-4246.

EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS...

Children and adult tennis lessons, now through July 18 (tomorrow), 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. or 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. \$15 per day, plus registration fee. All ages and levels are welcome. For more information or to sign up, contact the Nutley Tennis Club at 495-8077 or e-mail shelb10s@aol.com.

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 Watsessing Seniors, Tuesday, July 22. The cost is \$24. For more information, call 743-5642.

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

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.

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 lovino 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.

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 or call 201-294-5493 for more information.

Nurse Family Partnership

(NFP), a free, voluntary program, is available to women who are pregnant with their first child and live in Essex County. A nurse regularly visits the first time mother-to-be in the comforts of her home. Services continue until the baby's second birthday. This program is not associated with protective services, and all information is kept in confidence. For more information, call 482-2774, ext. 138 or e-mail or nfp@ycs.org.

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

Free transportation, to medical appointments for Montclair, Glen Ridge and Nutley, 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.

REUNIONS...

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

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Reading Buddies

The 2008 Reading Buddies program, which pairs teens with children in grades K-2 to help their reading skills, will continue week-

ly through Wednesday, August 23. Placement of Kid Buddies with Teen Buddies will depend on availability of teen volunteers. Reading Buddies is a teen-child partnership that will enable the child to practice reading and listening skills in an encouraging atmosphere; it is not a remedial program.

For information, call the library and ask for Louise Yan. Parents are asked to come to the library to fill out an application. Space is limit-

ed, so sign up soon.

Summer book discussion

monthly book discussion is having a special session during the summer on Wednesday, Aug. 27 at 1 p.m

"The Other Boleyn Girl" by Philippa Gretory. 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 discus-For the teens... sion 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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Bethany Lutheran Church

Worship services

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

Healing prayers

Bethany Lutheran Church administers healing oil to all interested worshippers during prayers following each worship service. This brief, special practice is held at Bethany on the first Sunday of every month directly after the regular 9 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. worship services. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call the church 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 Pastor Nancy S. Moore of p.m. in the church hall (please

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HealthLink Radio with Bob Mann Spread the news!

There are new developments for the hearing impaired Join Lisa Bell, audiology director for the Cochlear Implant Center of New Jersey at The University Hospital, as she and one of her patients discuss the latest advancements in cochlear implants.

Sunday, July 20 at 8:30 AM - WFDU 89.1 FM HealthLink Radio with Bob Mann Groundbreaking research continues to improve the therapies used to treat HIV.

Don't miss Dr. Sally Hodder, medical director of the Infectious Disease Practice at The University Hospital. as she discusses these therapies and how they are helping people live longer with HIV.

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973-338-7500 www.bloomfieldnewsmiles.com 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

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Ryan J. Armstrong

A Mass was offered for Ryan J. Armstrong, 19, of Belleville July 9 at the Church of St. Mary, Rutherford, after the funeral from the Memorial Home, Megaro Belleville.

Mr. Armstrong passed away July 4 at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville, with his family at his side

He recently completed his freshman year at the University of Arizona, where he majored in Business Administration. He was a creative young man who enjoyed writing and was an avid Mets fan. He was the editor of his school newspaper at St. Benedicts Prep in Newark.

He is survived by his parents, Brian M. and Cynthia (nee Cordasco); brothers, Brandon and Colin; grandmothers, Kathleen 10 at her home in Belleville.

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Armstrong and Josephine Cordasco; godfather, John DelliSanti; aunts, Maureen Armstrong, Eileen Balfour, Therese Gallagher and her Christopher Pedone; fiance. uncles, Anthony Cordasco and Robert Cordasco and his wife, Amy; cousins, P.J., Scott and Chase, and many other relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his grandfathers, Anthony Cordasco and Michael Armstrong, and by his uncle, Ken Balfour.

Camille M. Hoffman

A Mass was offered for Camille M. Hoffman (nee Morriello), 93, of Belleville July 14 in the Church of St. Peter, Belleville, after the funeral from the Megaro Memorial Home

Mrs. Hoffman passed away July

Born in Newark, Mrs. Hoffman lived most of her life in Belleville. She was active with the Church of St. Peter in Belleville as a member of the Rosary Society, Senior Citizens and Catholic Daughters. She was also a member of the Senior Citizens Group of Mill Street in Belleville.

Predeceased by her husband, Frank, on Dec. 24, 1976, Mrs. Hoffman is survived by her daughters, Arlene Drellock, Carol Hoffman and Barbara Agostino; grandchildren, Michael and Carol Drellock, Frank and Robert Agostino, Laura D'Elia, and great-grandson, Paul Michael Drellock.

Evelyn Valante

Services were held for Evelyn Valante (nee Ilaria), 97, of Belleville at the Megaro Memorial Home,

Belleville. Mrs. Valante passed away on

Saturday, July 12. Born in Newark, Mrs. Valante lived in Belleville since 1943. She was an active parishioner of St. Mary's Church in Nutley.

She is survived by her husband of 77 years, Anthony; son, Harrison and his wife, Diane; daughter, Joy and her husband, Earl; son, William and his wife, Arlene; son, Russell; son, Ronald and his wife. Hilda; daughter, Judy and her husband, Ted; daughter-in-law, Verna, wife of Evelyn's son, Allan, who passed away on Feb. 8, 2000; grandchildren, Larry, Arlene, Karen, Chris, Michael, Tara, Steven and Joy; great-grandchildren, Angela, Maria, Luke, Olivia, Catherine, Ashley, Lorelai, Sara, Sophie and Jack; sister, Viola Carbone, and brother, William Ilaria.



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sistent pain still makes the performance of daily activities difficult a year later. Specifically, nearly two-thirds of major trauma patients reported moderately severe pain twelve months after being injured. The areas of the body that were most often reported to be painful were joints and extremities, followed by the back, then head. Curiously, pain was found to be more common among patients ages 35 to 44 (69.4%) than among 75 to 84 year olds (39.8%). This finding contrasts with previous studies that revealed more pain in older patients. In any case, patients who suffer major trauma should know they can expect persistent pain that requires effective management

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Learning to listen and just lay it down Jesus appears to have a one-track mind (John 21:15-19). Jesus

 \mathbf{W} appears on the shore at the Sea of love Me? Galilee cooking fish and bread. 8 The disciples are coming near the Shore in their fishing boat, after a

'fish-less' night without sleep. Miracle: Jesus calls to them to S throw the nets off the right side of

the boat. They did and, wow! So many fish were in the net they had trouble pulling it in to shore. ⊢ Jesus then feeds the discipler

before He asks the 'big' question

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of Simon Peter.

"Simon, son of John, do you

"Yes, Master, You know I love You."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs" Jesus asks the same question a second time. Simon Peter

answers, "Yes, Master, You know I love You". Jesus said, "Shepherd my

sheep." Then a third time, "Simon, son

of John, do You love Me? Peter

the summer in addition to the reg-

was upset that this was a third time for the same question, so he answered, "Master, You know every thing there is to know. You've got to know that I love You."

Jesus said, "Feed My sheep." Surely Jesus was emphasizing something about our lives as well. Simply put: If we love Jesus and wish to do what He came to tell us, we will: Feed (care for) the little ones. Guide (encourage) the mature ones. Feed (care for) all.

two services that will be offered for offered at 5 p.m. on Sunday. At 6 p.m. a 'Come as you are' service ular 10 a.m. Mass in English. A will be offered, beginning with Mass in Spanish, 'La Misa,' will be sung Evening Prayer (or Even-

What a huge task – to be loving and forgiving of all peoples. We have such a difficult time doing this in a frantic, hurried, busy world of people frustrated in our daily lives. A perfect example appears each day on our highways. Road rage.

Too much to do – too little time. We are far from caring about, loving or feeding others physically or emotionally. If only we would relax a little, pray a little and put our lives in God's

song) and Communion. The services will be offered on The Great Lawn when the weather permits and in the candle-lit Nave when

hands, others might be fed with our 'trust' in God, and follow God, too.

Hear the words from an old hymn, "Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me, All His wonderful passion and purity, O thou spirit divine, All my nature refine, Till the beauty of Jesus be seen in me."

> Pastor Nancy Moore Bethany Lutheran Church

the weather does not. The Rev. Randy Webster, Curate at Christ

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BOOKMARKS

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Library's teen summer library program from now until Aug. 31. Registration is ongoing. Teens are invited to come to the library, read for prizes and participate in special events throughout the summer.

Free museum passes

Free passes to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City are available to library cardholders on a reserve basis from the circulation desk at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center. Call the library to make your reservation and pick up the membership cards for up to two adults and four children. Visit the museum's

to find out about exhibits. The card also allows free visitation to the Cloisters in Fort Tryon Park, New York.

Library Board meeting

The Library Board of Trustees of the Belleville Public Library announces the addition of summer Library Board meetings on Wednesday, August 13 at 6 p.m.

See the movie... then read the book

There's a new twist on the book discussion group at Belleville Public Library. First the group will view and discuss a movie, and the next week will discuss the book on which the movie was based.

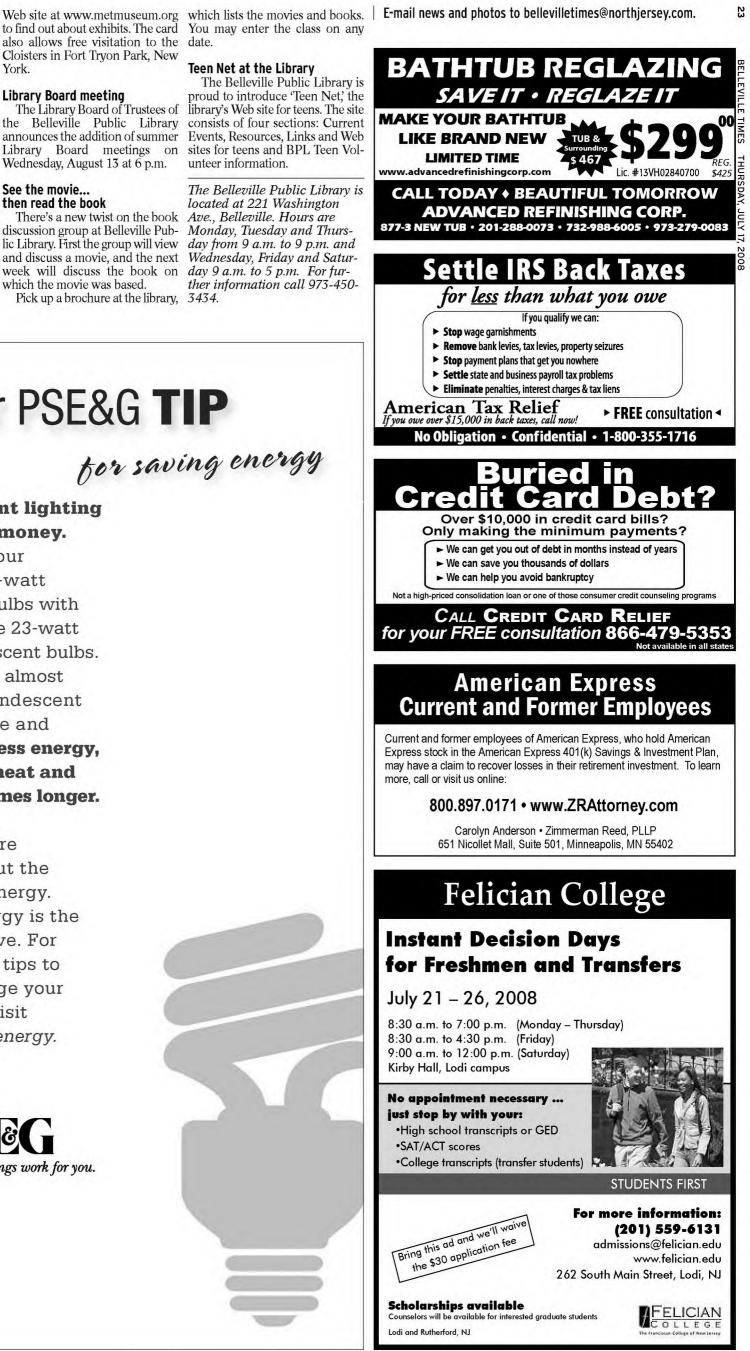
Pick up a brochure at the library, 3434.

You may enter the class on any date.

Teen Net at the Library

The Belleville Public Library is proud to introduce 'Teen Net,' the library's Web site for teens. The site consists of four sections: Current Events, Resources, Links and Web sites for teens and BPL Teen Volunteer information.

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



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Church, will officiate at both ser-≓vices.

Summer Quiet Day Christ Church has announced ਸ਼ੁੱits Summer Quiet Day for Saturday, July 19. The Quiet Day will grun from 10 a.m. through 2 p.m. R and will be led by The Rev. Randy ⊵Webster, Curate at Christ Church. ≥ Called 'Finding Community in a ∃Crayon Box,' the reflections will Ecenter on how community develops within a diverse community. Quiet Days allow us to take the away from our busy lives to look at interal 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.

Public Service of Healing

Christ Church has announced its quarterly Public Service of Healing with anointing and the Laying-On-Of-Hands on Sunday, July 27 at its regular 10 a.m. Mass.

Christ Church, will officiate and preach at the service. The Public Service of Healing is open to the public.

Individuals can request anointing and the Laying-On-Of-Hands at any time for healing. In addition, Christ Church offers at least four times each year a Public Service of Healing with anointing and the Laying-On-Of-Hands within the context of the regular 10 a.m. Mass.

Care Closet

The Care Closet, an outreach program of Christ Episcopal Church, has announced its July distribution day for Monday, July 28, beginning at 3 p.m. until all of the supplies are exhausted.

The Care Closet distributes packages of paper products, cleaning products and personal hygiene items to persons with Families First cards. The parish is always receiving gifts of individually wrapped paper towels, facial tissue and toilet tissue; the program also is in need of brown grocery bagging for packing the supplies each month. Volunteers are always welcome both for the preparation of the bags and on distribution day.For more information please

The Rev. Paul Walker, Vicar of phone the parish.

Flea Market

Christ Church has announced its annual August Flea Market for Saturday, Aug. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. In the event of rain, the Flea Market will be held the following Saturday, August 16.

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

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

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

Temple Ner Tamid

Saturday morning services

Saturday morning services, July 19, begin at 10 a.m., led by Cantor Greenberg followed by a Kiddish luncheon sponsored by Steve Rosen and the Ner Tamid Brotherhood. New and prospective members are always welcome.

The community is invited to attend the Friday evening service conducted by Rabbi Appell and Cantor Meredith Greenberg and participate in the discussion at the temple.

The Ner Tamid Summer Speaker Series

Rabbi Victor Appell will speak and lead a discussion following Temple Ner Tamid's Kabbalat Shabbat service as part of their summer speaker series on Friday evening, July 18 at 6:30 p.m. His topic, "The Daughters of Zelophehad: When Torah Gave Women Their Day In Court" is one of several presentations that is part of the congregations' year-long theme of 'Tzedaka - Justice' Rabbi Appell serves as the Director of Small Congregations and Co-Director of the Joint Commission on Synagogue Management and travels throughout the United States and **Čanada** presenting workshops on various aspects of synagogue management. In addition, Rabbi Appell is the author of the 'Think Small' sections in the publications of the Department of Synagogue Management. His writings have appeared in "Achim" Magazine, "Torat Chayim," "Ten

Minutes of Torah," "Kulanu Handbook," "The Gender Gap," and "The Still Small Voice - Reflections on Being a Jewish Man."

Rabbi Appell and his partner Colin Hogan have been members of the Ner Tamid community since 2006. They live in Metuchen.

Summer camp

Shoresh Pre-school summer camp is still accepting children for the last four weeks. Call Arlene Sherman, the new director of Shoresh, for additional information. There is a different theme each week including 'animal mania' with a visit from Turtleback Zoo, 'the land before dinosaurs,' 'green thumb week' and a visit from the local fire station with a fire truck. The pre-schoolers sing, play, read stories and participate in art projects and games as they enjoy their first experiences as summer campers.

For further information, contact the temple office or visit the Web site.

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



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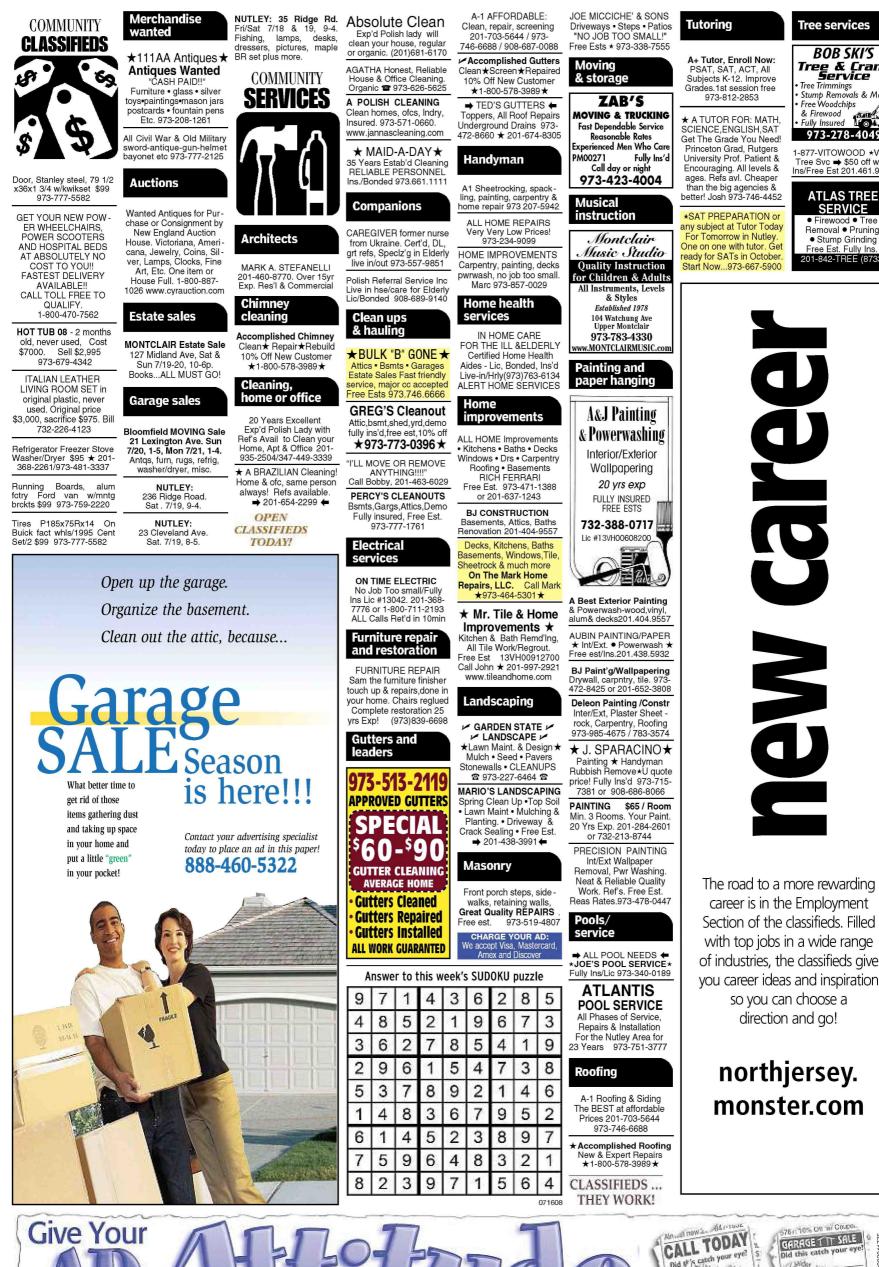
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