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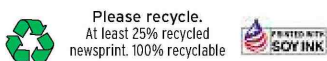
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TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Staff and faculty attend Belleville School No. 9's Tree Lighting Ceremony. Seated, from left, are Maria Zarro, Debbie Farrand, Nanette Rotonda, Arlene Schor and Shital Patel. Among those standing, from left, are Mrs. Kane, Mrs. Hudak, Mrs. Lombardo, Mrs. Gilligan, Mrs. Hermes and Santo Faronea. See an additional picture on page 22.

Police, Fire face budget crunch

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

With the local, national and world economies all in dire straits, local officials are already meeting with township department heads to hear their plans for cost cutting and then demanding even more reductions.

Police and fire chiefs had the longest and most involved conversations with the township council and manager at the Dec. 8 work session. All other departments, including the Department of Public Works, also were given the same treatment (see related story on page 20).

Police Chief Joseph Rotonda talked about losing officers to military service affecting the amount of overtime spending, saving money replacing retiring officers with lower paid new officers, and the expenses incurred by all of the new updated technologies being used.

"As usual, 98 percent of my budget is salaries and benefits," Rotonda said. Those costs are set

through the collective bargaining of contracts between the township manager and police union officials.

He talked about eliminating as much as \$50,000 in changing personnel, but said, "I have two officers in the service and two more leaving for Iraq. If you add in worker's comp [compensation] and retirements, there could be a problem with overtime."

Mayor Raymond Kimble, a former township police chief and manager, said, "If you do replace the officers, you will go from higher salaries to lower."

Otherwise, Rotonda said he had little room for cost cutting.

"I got rid of community policing, so there's not much left in programs to cut," he said. "And with retirements, they can pull their [retirement] papers right up until it's time."

Without speaking about a specific name, Kimble said the township will not replace an individual who used up their sick time. He questioned why the department's equipment rental costs "are up sig-

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Police Chief

nificantly."

Rotonda said there is a new 911 system, cameras for cars, and computers. "We have to pay for maintenance for all that," he said. "We're down overall from last year, except when it comes to technology. Plus we had three radio cars totaled. We try and transfer equipment when we can."

Kimble said not just Rotonda, but all department directors have to find more ways and areas to cut.

"We have to cut taxes," he said.

First Ward Councilwoman Marie Strumolo Burke said she would like to see the department switch to a bi-weekly pay schedule, which can save up to \$80,000.

"The whole state does it, except for Belleville," she said.

Rotonda said he would mention the idea to the union representative.

Of the budget process, Rotonda said, "This is just the first round, I know I will spar with [Township Manager] Victor [Canning]."

Second Ward Councilman Steven Rovell, again speaking in general, said, "All I know is the economy is in dire straits, and we have to find a way to save."

Next up was Fire Chief Robert Caruso, who was told that three new hires would have to be removed from his budget, was asked if fire prevention officers could also be used as firefighters, and was told that overtime was too high.

Caruso started by saying, "The

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Dec. 13

■ Police arrested and charged Robert Dunn, Jr., 45, of Newark with driving while intoxicated at 2:43 a.m. A report of a motor vehicle accident brought police to the area of 112 Mill St. When they arrived they found the suspect having been involved with an accident. He was detected to be slurring his speech and having trouble with his balance. He then was given and failed several field sobriety tests, at

which time he was placed under arrest. The suspect was given several motor vehicle summonses stemming from the accident. There were no injuries as a result of the accident. The suspect was released on his own recognizance and driven home.

Dec. 10

■ A burglary and theft was reported to a residence in the 300 block of Branch Brook Drive. The victim said they left the residence at 7 a.m. and returned at 5:30 p.m.

to find someone had broken in through the rear entrance of the residence. Reported missing was a laptop computer valued at \$650. Police have no suspects and the investigation is continuing.

Dec. 9

■ Police arrested and charged Mustafa Johnson, 20, of Newark with possession of a small bag of marijuana at 10:30 p.m. After police were detailed to the 1030 block of Washington Avenue on the report of males behaving in a disorderly and suspicious manner, one of the males dropped a bag containing marijuana. The suspect was released pending a court date after posting a \$1,000 bail.

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■ A robbery and assault were reported at 9:45 a.m. near 212 Belleville Ave. The victim flagged down a police officer and said they had been robbed by two Hispanic males. The victim was bleeding from the right side of their face. They said they were sitting in their work truck when the males opened the door and pulled them out, with one male striking them on the side of the head with an unknown weapon. The two went through the victim's pockets, taking a wallet with \$300 in cash and removing the global positioning system (GPS) unit from the truck. The victim was taken to Clara Maass Medical Center for treatment and later released.

Dec. 2

■ Police arrested and charged four Nutley men with various charges including marijuana possession after conducting a motor vehicle stop at 10:30 p.m. A white Infinity was observed driving erratically by police, who conducted a motor vehicle stop near Belleville and Fairway avenues. There was a strong odor of burnt marijuana and an open container of alcohol was observed in plain sight, as was a bottle of rum and a scale commonly used for weighing and separating marijuana.

Police arrested and charged

Steven Calvito, 18, of Nutley with possession of marijuana, failure to deliver marijuana to police, violation of a provisional license, and having an open container of alcohol in a vehicle as an underage person. Police arrested and charged Matthew Hildebrand, 18, of Nutley, with possession of marijuana, possession of narcotics paraphernalia, and possession of alcohol by an underage person. Police arrested and charged Eric Perry, Jr., 19 of Nutley with possession of marijuana, and failure to deliver marijuana to police. Police arrested and charged Robert DiGiacomo, 18 of Nutley with possession of marijuana, possession of alcohol by an underage person and failure to deliver marijuana to a police officer.

■ Police arrested and charged Ronald Piacinza, 38, of Bloomfield with possession of three vials of cocaine and one was fold of heroin at 10:10 a.m.

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Babysitter from Belleville accused of stealing rings

On Monday, Dec. 8, Cedar Grove police arrested a Belleville woman on charges that she allegedly stole two rings from a Harper Terrace residence in that township, where she had been employed as a babysitter.

The arrest of 20-year-old Heather Brienza followed a Detective Bureau investigation into the victim's Dec. 7 report that that her wedding band and engagement ring had been missing from her home. Detectives recovered the rings, which have an aggregate value of \$6,100, according to police.

The defendant was processed at police headquarters and released pending Superior Court proceedings. Det. Sgt. John Kennedy and Detective Michael Tower were the investigating officers.

— Verona-Cedar Grove Times

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

Police take part in DWI campaign

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

Anyone faced with the choice of whether to drink and drive this holiday season should consider a local initiative now under way from police.

With the holiday season now in full swing, Police Chief Joseph Rotonda said the police department plans to crack down on impaired drivers, in a program called "Over the limit, Under Arrest 2008 Year End Crackdown."

Officials quoted statistics that say impaired drivers on the nation's roads kill someone every 30 minutes, 50 people per day and almost 18,000 people each year.

Another eye-opening statistics is the fact that 28 percent of vehicle fatalities in New Jersey are alcohol-related. So now, Rotonda said an enforcement crackdown is under way to combat impaired driving, since the season at the end of the year is traditionally a time of social gatherings, which often include alcohol.

The state Division of Highway Safety has asked law enforcement agencies throughout the state to participate in the program, which will involve increased impaired driving enforcement from now through Jan. 2. An increase in impaired driving enforcement and a reduction in impaired driving will save lives on our roadways, according to officials.

Officials provided statistics going back to 2005. The numbers offered indicate that in New Jersey for 2005, 252 of the 748 motor vehicle fatalities, or 34 percent, were alcohol related. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration [NHTSA] reports that nearly 97 percent of Americans view drinking and driving by others as a threat to families and themselves. Barry said Americans

support tougher enforcement and rank drunk driving ahead of healthcare, poverty, the environment and gun control as an important social issue.

Officials remind everyone:

■ Be responsible and don't risk it ... you will be caught.

■ If you plan to drink, choose a designated driver before going out.

■ Realize before going out that every drink you have makes it more difficult to know when you've had too much to drive

■ Take mass transit, a taxicab, or ask a sober friend to drive you home. Spend the night where the activity is held.

■ Report impaired drivers to law enforcement.

■ Always buckle up - it's your best defense against an impaired driver.

Officials said they hope the sobering statistics and advice keep people from making bad decisions

Officials said the end of the year and New Year celebrations are a time for fun with friends and family, not tragedy, and the law enforcement community and safety organizations throughout the state are committed to eliminating impaired driving from roads.

Formerly known as the "You Drink and Drive. You Lose" crackdown, which began in 1999, these efforts combine highly visible law enforcement with a national advertising campaign. Advertising during the crackdown highlights the law enforcement component that will be strictly enforcing drunken driving laws during the crackdown period.

Barry said programs like "You Drink and Drive. You Lose," help to reinforce to local drivers that police still take the matter seriously.

For more information about the crackdown or alcohol-related crash statistics, visit www.StopImpairedDriving.org.



JOHN MONTALVO/BELLEVILLE TIMES

Frank J. Fano plays St. Anthony of Padua Church's restored organ during a dedication concert on Sunday, Nov. 30.

Church organ dedication

Saint Anthony of Padua Church in Silver Lake recently held a concert to celebrate the parish's new "hybrid" organ.

The concert, which took place the evening of Sunday, Nov. 30, featured guest musician Frank J. Fano at the keyboard, performing the works of composers such as

Bach, Durufle, Buxtehude and more.

St. Anthony's organ was initially obsolete, and in dire need of repair. After consulting with companies about whether or not to replace it, the decision was made to restore the original.

Electronic components were

added to convert it to a hybrid electric and pipe organ, with work done by Beaty & Associates Pipe Organ Co. The parish choir, who held events like a Mardi Gras celebration and raffles, raised funding for the restoration.

- Meghan Grant



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YOU CAN GO HOME

Annabelle Ursi and Tommy DeVito outside their childhood homes on Belmont Avenue. Officials recently renamed the street Tommy DeVito Drive after the Four Season singer.

HOSPITAL

Patients move to Clara Maass

BY MEREDITH MANDELL
for Belleville Times

St. Mary's Hospital officials said Thursday that they closed the inpatient psychiatric unit at 211 Pennington Ave. in Passaic and transferred five remaining patients to Clara Maass Medical Center in Belleville.

Hospital officials originally announced they would close the 38-bed facility in September as a cost-saving strategy.

Mental health advocates who feared the closure would mean a decline in services for mental health patients protested the decision.

St. Mary's was the only place in Passaic County where patients could be involuntarily committed. Advocates also worried that Clara Maass, 11 miles from Paterson, would be too far for patients.

On Thursday, officials from St. Mary's and Clara Maass sought to reassure the public that mental health services would not dramatically change.

"There really is no difference in

the care that they will receive," Tom Quinn, vice president of Behavioral Health for St. Mary's, said in an interview Thursday. "It's just going to be delivered in a different county."

MaryAnn Donahue, a spokeswoman for Clara Maass, a division of St. Barnabas Medical Services, said the facility was looking forward to the transfer of patients.

"We really believe we can offer patients the next level of service," she said.

St. Mary's officials said that despite the inpatient psychiatric unit's closure, 12 other psychiatric programs would remain open, including the permanent adult residences at the YMCA, the Adult Patient Hospital Program and psychiatric emergency services.

St. Mary's will still be the state-designated screening center for psychiatric patients in Passaic County. But after initial screening, patients seeking to stay at a hospital for short-term care would be referred to Clara Maass.

The author is a staff writer at the Herald News.

Eat, drink, but do not get too merry

Oh, the office party of yesteryear.

Time to tie one on at the company's expense, tell your boss what you really think, and flirt with your co-workers. At best, you make a fool of yourself. At worst, you commit an offense that has you looking for another job in the new year. But perhaps you had a good time reaching the point of no return.

The company holiday party is not what it used to be. Concerns over harassment and alcohol have led to quieter affairs. Maybe there's a few hors d'oeuvres, but if there is a bar, it's likely a cash one. It's probably all for the bet-

ter. It's an earlier night that gets workers home to their families sooner.

An extravagant gathering should also be taking a backseat to more legitimate business, particularly regarding today's recession. Shareholders expect businesses to keep their expenses down, which also helps keep the prices down for consumers. It's just good business sense to forego catering costs.

No matter where the party, remember there's another reason to behave: you don't have to drink very much alcohol to end up with a DWI offense. As the laws have

lowered the amount of alcohol in your system to be considered drunk, more and more patrols are dedicated to drunk-driving arrests.

The "You Drink and Drive. You Lose" statewide campaign is now "Over the Limit, Under Arrest." No matter what you call it, you don't want to lose or be arrested. And Belleville police have vowed to be a part of the crackdown.

It's all about keeping yourself and others safe, particularly during the Christmas season, when the excuse to party may be more tempting than other times of the year.

LETTERS

Thank you

TO THE EDITOR:

Continuing with an annual tradition, the Belleville Elks Lodge 1123 prepared food baskets for some needy families in the township of Belleville.

The baskets contained a 14 to 16 pound turkey, 5 pounds of potatoes, cranberry sauce, assorted canned vegetables, a throw-away roasting pan, dinner rolls, napkins, gravy and apple pie. All of these food products were packed in a large wash basket, which could be used throughout the year.

The Elks were assisted by members of its handicapped Boy

Scout troop, which collected food. The food baskets were brought to the Belleville Township WIC office, which coordinated distributing them to the needy families anonymously.

Included in each basket was a Thanksgiving Day card wishing the recipients a very happy Thanksgiving. In past years, the Elks have received thank you cards from some of the recipients.

The Belleville Elks will be making the baskets for Christmas, which will have a ham instead of a turkey.

Joseph F. Meglio Sr.
Publicity Chairman
Belleville Elks 1123

TO THE EDITOR:

During the Christmas season, our charity appeal is sent out in hopes of raising the necessary funds to bring happiness into the homes of those less fortunate.

Our Appeal Funds are used to help handicapped children, the youth of our community and our programs at the local Veteran's Hospitals.

Through your generosity at this time of year, our Elks Lodge is able to provide a Christmas Party for the handicapped and to bring some Christmas cheer into troubled homes.

It is most heartening to receive your response in view of the many other sacrifices which I know you are called upon to

make during this season of the year; and remember not to forget those less fortunate.

The Elk's creed is "Relieving Distress - Helping Those In Need." We ask your help, so that we may continue to help handicapped children and the destitute at Christmas time.

Ed Bergamini
Secretary
Belleville Elks 1123

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Annual tree lighting warms the soul on a chilly night



LIFE IN SILVER LAKE
CHARLES BURKE

The Silver Lake Civic Association held its Tree Lighting Ceremony last Saturday in St. Anthony's School Yard in honor of Helen and Joseph Zarro, and Jimmy Delissio.

Ms. Holly looked beautiful adorned with white lights. Yep, Mr. Holly impregnated Ms. Holly and the red berries were apparent. Father Adido blessed the tree and cited some prayers.

And then, the time came to flick the switch. Representing the Zarro family was Lena Zarro and her niece Sandy.

As usual, the evening was frigid, but everyone braved the weather.

Thanks to Mayor Kimble for attending along with the SLCA members. Much praise goes to Grace Constantino for taking care of the refreshments. The coffee was hot and the donuts were yummy.

The ending ceremony closed

with everyone holding hands and wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

Congratulations to Gerard Gilfone for making the freshmen basketball team. Make Silver Lake proud Gerard and make some swishes. I think we can hear them so do it again.

Gerard is a freshman at Belleville High School, a Silver-laker and a good kid.

Wait, we have more news. Francis Hollandez is an altar server at St. Anthony's Church. Of course, he is another Silver Lake child. Way to go, Francis.

News from Belleville...Did you know that we have a celebrity in town. Well, it seems that Lois Servidio went shopping in Secaucus at the Lenox Outlet. And lo and behold, she was interviewed by Channel 9 news while exiting the store.

Not only did Lois make the Channel 9 news but also Channel 5. Way to go Valley Girl.

Just a word of interest. You never know when the Strumolo name will appear.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARIE STRUMOLO BURKE

LIGHTING CEREMONY

Silver Lake President Marie Strumolo Burke, left, attends the community's tree lighting ceremony with Sandy and Lena Zarro.

On Dec. 5, Jefferson High was playing West Essex for the Group 2 State Championship. The game took place at Rutgers Stadium in New Brunswick. Jefferson was

victorious with a 21-6 win.

Guess who was playing on Jefferson. Not one but two Strumolo brothers, Steven and Frankie, both running backs. By the way,

they are our cousins.

And remember, we love Silver Lake.

JIF rep suggests how to reduce lost time

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

Many residents and officials have complained long and loud that too many public employees are allowed to take too much time off for illness or injury, costing taxpayers now more than ever in a failing economy.

Belleville officials are looking to reduce the amount spent on lost employee work time, and the director of the area's joint insurance fund shared steps that the township can take to reduce lost time.

David Grubb, executive director of the Suburban Essex JIF, told the township council at the Dec. 8 work session, "The reason I'm here is to help address the problem of lost time because of accidents involving employees."

He said he could not go into specifics, involving personnel, in a public forum, but Belleville's ratio of lost time accidents per 100 employees is considerably higher than the state average of 2.3 per 100. He said that the lost ratio for 2006 and 2007 should not have been above 85 claims, which it was, and now in 2008 there is "one claim that's going to be considerably expensive."

"The obvious point is that long-

term costs are driven by a high-accident rate," Grubb said. "There are a number of things that the council can do, and I've learned them from practical experience."

He has worked in both Park Ridge and Ridgewood in Bergen County, finding out from dealing with claims first hand.

The first change that needs to be made is to recognize the importance of having a representative from town attend all JIF meetings. This can be ensured by designating an alternate to go when the original designee cannot make a meeting.

"The meetings are like council meetings, dealing with all of the same principals, like hearings on budgets and passing resolutions," Grubb said. "This is one of the basic things that all senior management should do."

This should help lead to the next step, which is to better monitor accidents, which would include the accident data being included monthly in the packets of information that each council member receives before regular meetings, he said.

Grubb compared municipalities to construction companies, where when top officials know accident rates, it can lead to an improved differential of six accidents per 100.

"You know the tendency is that when you clearly communicate improvement as a priority, it motivates other things, so it should be put on a workshop agenda," he said. "The first rule to improvement is to monitor. For example, as soon as you start to monitor a phone bill, the costs come down."

Next, there is a big difference with improved rates where officials push safety training, Grubb said. He said there are approximately 30 courses offered free as part of the town's premium with the JIF, adding up to some 1,400 people attending sessions, and many can be done right in Belleville.

Grubb also asked the council to

look at who is involved in the accident investigations, and said the more senior the official, the better.

"Managers and supervisors should take into account safety precautions every day, and make available the safety changes necessary," he said. As an example, he said employees in public works should learn how to prevent and guard against crush injuries.

Then, officials can control claims by getting employees back to work in some capacity as soon as possible.

"You should push them to return to duty earlier," Grubb said. "They heal faster when kept on the job. DPW, police and fire chiefs

can really make this work."

The bottom line, he said, is that claims across the area have been reduced 60 percent, from being nearly exactly the state average of 5.7 per 100 to 2.3 per 100.

"These things work over time, but you have to be consistent month in, month out," Grubb said. "In the final analysis, you choose your priorities by what you choose to monitor."

Mayor Raymond Kimble said that while claims have not dropped every year in recent years, they are moving down overall.

First Ward Councilwoman

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Health care provider Press Ganey Associates Inc. awarded Clara Maass Medical Center Behavioral Health in Belleville its Summit Award.

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lence in both quality of care and employee and physician satisfaction.

"We try to give our patients the most comprehensive and individualized care possible," said Gale B. de Leon, nurse manager at Behavioral Health Services. "We are so proud that our efforts have been recognized."

A 20-bed acute care unit, Behavioral Health at Clara Maass offers inpatient services to adults ages 18 and over including the geriatric population.

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current medical and psychiatric illness.

The program is comprised of an expert team of behavioral health professionals that include board-certified psychiatrists, a licensed psychologist, licensed clinical social workers, registered nurses, mental health associates, an art therapist, an adjunct therapist, a discharge coordinator and a case manager.

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Church collects ornaments for library tree

Christ Episcopal Church, located at 393 Washington Ave. in Belleville, is collecting donations of old glass Christmas tree ornaments

to decorate this year's Holiday Tree at the Belleville Public Library in Belleville.

Fathers Paul Walker and Randy

Webster decorate the library's tree each year, and this time they wish to use antique or old glass ornaments.

Persons wishing to make donations should know that the ornaments will not be able to be returned to the donors.

Donors also need to know that the ornaments must be brought to Christ Church for keeping until the tree is ready to be displayed, because the library does not have sufficient space for their storage.

Christ Church is an inclusive community church in the Anglican tradition. For more information, call the church at 973-751-0616.

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Classical piano concert at Bloomfield Public Library Dec. 21

Pianist Pia Fiedler will perform works by Bach, Beethoven, Liszt, Rachmaninoff and Granados on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. at the Bloomfield Library's Little Theatre. Since 1993 Fiedler has owned and taught at Olympia Music World, a music studio in Bloomfield. She currently teaches piano and music for children ages 6 to 12. She is a piano student of Gary Kirkpatrick's music education program at William Paterson University, and she recently led piano concerts in New Jersey and Maryland.

She holds a diploma in voice performance from Mannes College of Music and is a member of the National and New Jersey Federation of Music Clubs. She is a graduate of Barnard College, Columbia University. Fiedler is also a published author of "Harvest While the Orchard is Aplenty," a book of



Pia Fiedler

poems available at the Bloomfield Library, BN.com, Amazon.com and at local bookstores such as B-Dalton in Livingston Mall and Watchung Booksellers, Montclair. She has also recently released a second book of poems, entitled "The American Baby Collection: Poems on Motherhood." Both books are available through her publisher at the Web site www.PublishAmerica.com. For reservations or additional information, call 973-566-6200, ext. 220.

Benefit concert planned at Park United Methodist Church

The Park Church Handbell Ringers and friends, under the direction of Nutley composer and pianist Mark Schiffert, are giving a Christmas benefit concert on Friday, Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Park United Methodist Church (PUMC), 12 Park St., Bloomfield. The concert will feature Christ-

mas music with handbells and original compositions on solo piano by Schiffert. Special guest appearances involving harpsichord, piano, guitar and vocals are also planned. The concert will benefit the church's "Build-a-Village" mission project and the bell choir ministry at PUMC.

There is a suggested contribution of \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors and \$1 for children under age 12. Refreshments will be served. For directions, visit the PUMC Web site parkumc-bloomfield.org or call the church office at 973-429-7745.



ATLANTIC CITY

By Ellen Burke Rawls



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Cirque Dreams Holidaze is awe-inspiring at Trump Plaza

All of Atlantic City is swept up in the Christmas spirit, and nowhere is the mood merrier than at the Trump Plaza theater. Cirque Dreams Holidaze recaptures all the fun, imagination and innocence of childhood fantasies. The whimsical set opens on a massive sparkling crystal Christmas tree, toy trains, and a child's merry-go-round. Suddenly all of the elaborate ornaments adorning the tree spring to life and begin to dance across the stage. Much of the action is in mime, perhaps because of the multi-national makeup of the cast, but their incredibly articulate facial expressions and body language more than compensate for the absence of the spoken word. Three exotically costumed singers further contribute to the fun.

The individual acts are varied and impressive, awe-inspiring for the youngsters as well as their elders! A couple of Italian hula hoopsters turn in a twirl which would make any of us want to give it a try! There are identical twin aerialists who deliver a breath-taking act of beauty and symmetry on a circular trapeze overhead, creating a series of mirror-images with the girls reflecting each other's positions in reverse.

There were the expected contingents of superbly skilled jugglers and acrobats, all performing within their "ornament" costumes. It should be noted that Cirque Dreams performers are recruited from around the world, each the very best at his/her specialty, many multi-generational circus performers, Olympic-trained athletes, several of whose resumes include stints with Ringling Bros. or the Moscow State Circus. The clowns and mimes are brilliant, and one of the highlights was a tousle-haired "maestro" who conducts a sextet of cowbells distributed among audience members. It absolutely broke up the crowd!

"Cirque Dreams Holidaze" lights up The Theater at Trump Plaza through Sunday, December 28. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 9 p.m. on Fridays; 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturdays; and 3 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$35 and \$25.

THIS JUST IN: Due to ever-increasing demand for tickets, additional performances have been added at 7 p.m. this Sunday, December 21, and next Sunday, December 18. Make your reservations now!

If you've been hassled and harried in the pre-Christmas bustle, take some time out to relax and luxuriate at Trump Marina's weekly Sunday Champagne Brunch. The festive celebration is held each week in the lovely Harborview Restaurant, which offers the greatest views in town, with the

fabulous yachts moored below in the Marina and the sprawling vista of the AC Boardwalk casinos beyond. It may be cold outside, but there's no more cheerful venue than Harborview, with the winter sunshine glinting on the water, and the warm welcome and service presided over by gracious host Dante Brunelli. Maitre d' Dante manages the restaurant, and Trump Marina Executive Chef Les Bender oversees the weekly feast. And what a feast it is!

You'll start with a flute of imported champagne, or perhaps a Mimosa or Bloody Mary. Regulars frequently choose to nibble over their drinks, selecting from the lavish array of assorted cheeses, Italian cured meats, pastrami salmon and other delicately smoked fish. An elaborate raw bar offers fresh shucked clams and oysters on half shell, baby scallops, New Zealand mussels, and stone crab claws. Asian specialties include a varied display of sushi, sashimi and nigiri, and assorted tempting dim sum. You'll also be tempted by fresh bagels and a dazzling assortment of house-baked artisan breads, rolls, biscuits and pastries.

Salad devotees will glory in the selection of crisp greens, classic Caprese, and myriad accompaniments. Breakfast lovers will find all their favorites from blini to quiche, smoked applewood bacon, chef fresh veal sausage, Lyonnaise potatoes, and of course an omelet station where you'll choose your own filling(s)! Expand your horizons with filet mignon medallions, grilled salmon, chicken Francaise and Chilean sea bass.

There's a pasta station featuring weekly specials like house-made lobster ravioli and rosa sauce. The carving station features extravagant rack of lamb and a beautiful baked Virginia ham.

It's difficult not to sample everything in sight, but once you've spied the dessert station, you're bound to save room! There are magnificent pies, cakes and pastries created just for the Brunch each week by the Marina's talented pastry chef. You'll also discover a tempting selection of sugar-free offerings! The berry-strewn chocolate truffle tart is a special favorite, as are the orange crème brûlée and classic tiramisu. Individual pastries include fruit tarts, éclairs, and assorted petit fours. Don't miss the mixed berry Sabayon martini or the chef's exclusive warm cinnamon bun bread pudding! Trump Marina's Sunday Champagne Brunch is served at Harborview every Sunday, seating from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tariff is \$42, children 12 and under are half price. Truly a modest cost for such a sumptuous indulgence! Reservations are a must: 1-800-777-8477.

Hillside Café to 'open its doors'

The Hillside Café, a non-profit music venue in Nutley devoted to acoustic music, is celebrating Advent and Christmas with "doorjam" on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 4 p.m. Doors open at 3:30 p.m.

The band is comprised of Vicky Chalk and Jainine Gambaro of Nutley on vocals; Linda Ribaudo of Bloomfield on vocals and percussion; Joe Ribaudo, also of Bloomfield, on vocals, bass guitar, mandolin and percussion; Jill Fenske of Pompton Plains on vocals; and Martin Williams, also from Pompton Plains, on rhythm guitar. The six musicians' unique arrangements and four-part, unusual vocal harmonies shape its trademark sound.

doorjam (always spelled lowercase) was formed in 1994 from music leaders of a contemporary worship service known as "a different door." Difficult to define musically, doorjam's original music reflects its members' diverse musical backgrounds and springs from group writing projects. Each member's personal experiences with traditional church music, gospel, madrigals, folk music, rock music, "show" music and even marching band come together to form the distinctive "doorjam sound." Best described as contemporary folk music, these diverse influences find their way into doorjam's original music, as well as music the group covers.

Performing as far and wide as the places their small fleet of mini-

vans will take them, doorjam has performed for local and regional church concerts, worship services, retreats and special events, as well as secular community gatherings and outdoor music festivals. doorjam has performed three years in a row at the New Jersey Red Cross Telethon (broadcast from Princeton) and recently concluded its seventh summer as part of the Ocean Grove Gospel Music Series.

New to the repertoire is the original "A Pilgrim's Psalm," a contemporary oratorio for Holy Week. Focused on events in the Bible that begin with Palm Sunday and end at the empty tomb on Easter morning, the piece aims to bring the story to life in a contemporary musical form.

doorjam is providing a light supper after the concert as a thank-you to friends and patrons for their continued support.

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

Admission is a free will offering (all monies will be donated to the church). Reservations are suggested for groups of four or more.

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For information or reservations, call 973-667-7022 or visit the Web site www.hillsidecafe.com.

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From left are Paul Whelihan as Merlin and Christopher Jones as young King Arthur in "Sword in the Stone."



From left are Paige Sandusky as Guinevere and Christopher Jones as young King Arthur in "Sword in the Stone," now playing at Luna Stage.

'Sword in the Stone' now playing

Running Rabbit Family Theatre (RRFT), a professional theatre for young audiences in residence at Luna Stage of Montclair, continues its current musical, "The Sword in the Stone," throughout December. The show is ideal for celebrating the holidays with family.

Written by Paul Farinella (book, music and lyrics), this adventure chronicles the early days of King Arthur in Medieval England. As an infant, Arthur is chosen by Merlin the Magician to fulfill a destiny of becoming king of the struggling land. "The Sword in the Stone" subsequently follows the Wizard and his charge on many adventures. As Arthur matures, he is taught important life lessons that will prepare him to become a righteous ruler.

Arthur and Merlin explore the magic of the earth, fire, wind and rain. They soar through the skies transformed as birds, swim the waters transformed as fish and battle a fire-breathing, barbecuing dragon in deep, dark caves. An enchanted sword, wedged deep into a huge boulder, is set to foretell the identity of England's true leader: "Whoever pulleth this sword from this stone shall be the rightful King of England."

"The play is an enchanting telling of the moments in time leading up to Camelot," says director Ellen Beattie. "It's a rich story with a beautiful score that will appeal to all children and their families. It's heartwarming and adventurous and thought-provoking and fun!"

Christopher Jones plays young King Arthur. A familiar face on the Running Rabbit stage (Jim Hawkins in "Treasure Island" and Brian in "Rapunzel"), Jones is a senior theatre major at Marymount College of Manhattan. Aside from performing on campus, he was recently seen at the Union County Arts Center as Tony in "West Side Story."

Merlin is portrayed by RRFT artistic director Paul Whelihan, an actor, director, playwright and

producer with extensive experience off-Broadway, regionally and in locally-filmed television and film projects. He is the co-founder of Running Rabbit with his partner, Beattie. Aside from performing regularly with the company, Whelihan has provided books and direction for many of its original musicals. His recent performances include roles at Luna Stage (Montclair) and Premiere Stages (Union).

Guinevere is portrayed by Paige Sandusky, a musical theatre major at Montclair State (MSU) who performs regularly in concerts through the university. Another MSU senior, Roger Casey plays Kai (Arthur's older brother), and as a certified fight choreographer he stages the show's combat sequences. In the role of the Dragon is Judi Thaw, an actress and stage manager whose work has been seen at Forum Theatre, Pushcart Players and Mystic Vision Players. Patrick Starega performs as "Spike the Pike." A Running Rabbit favorite, Patrick is a choreographer and director as well; he is currently directing the Livingston Players' production of "Suessical."

Director Beattie is RRFT's co-founder and producer. She is an actress and singer as well. She has directed productions for Shawnee

Playhouse and A Kid's Forum and has performed in national tours, regional productions and films prior to her extensive work with RRFT.

Musical direction is by James Campodonico, a musical director for over 30 years, teaching music and performing in the Montclair school system for much of that time. He is a composer whose musical "Between the Lines" was presented at Luna Stage.

Tickets are \$14 for general admission with group rates available.

Cast members meet and greet children after each performance to sign autographs and have pictures taken.

For more information, call 973-744-3309 or visit the RRFT Web site www.RRFamilyTheatre.org.

— Luna Stage Company is located at 695 Bloomfield Ave., Montclair, NJ 07042.

Sword in the Stone performance schedule

- Saturday, Dec. 20 at 11 a.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 21 at 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 27 at 11 a.m.
- Monday, Dec. 29 at 1 p.m.
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WEDDINGS



Dara Bocchino wed to John Moscaritola

Dara Bocchino, daughter of Barbara and Anthony Bocchino, of Belleville, was married to John Moscaritola, son of Marianne and Angelo Moscaritola, of Nutley, on July 7, 2007.

The Rev. Pamela Bakal officiated at the ceremony, held at Grace Church in Nutley. The reception followed at The Greycliff in Moonachie.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Dina Bocchino, and the matron of honor was also the bride's sister, Tonia Mullany. Bridesmaids were Danielle DeMichael, Amanda Price, Laura Francis, Jennifer Wilson, Susan Muldoon, Jenny Lucas and Nicole DiVincenzo. The flower girl was the bride's niece, Dani Lyn Ifversen.

The best man was the groom's brother, Jeffrey Moscaritola.

Groomsmen were John Bocchino, Jim Novotny, Christopher D'Alessio, Christopher DeLorenzo, Sean Amen, Jim Byrne, Patrick Pugliese, Jonathan Callahan, Robert Jernick and Brian Mondadori.

Pages in the wedding were the bride's nephews, Matthew and Marc Mullany, and Jake Ifversen. Ring bearer was the bride's nephew, Joey Mullany.

The bride is an alumna of Belleville High School and Montclair State University, and recently received her master's degree from Margrove College. She is a physical education and dance teacher in Nutley.

The groom is a graduate from Nutley High School. He is an electrician with IBEW Local 102.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and Las Vegas.



Nicole Cafone married to Christian Boyce

Nicole Cafone, daughter of Linda and John Cafone, of Nutley, was married to Christian Boyce, son of Carole and David Boyce, of Belleville, on July 12, 2008.

Father Michael Hanly officiated the ceremony at St. Mary's Church in Nutley. The reception followed at the Mayfair Farms in West Orange.

The bridesmaids were the bride's sister, Deanna Cafone, and the bride's cousin, Katie Hanly. Bridesmaids were Jamie Boyce, Lauren Penney, Lauren Petrosino, Elizabeth Courrain, Jenny Idrovo, Lynn Gnoinski, Gabriele Cafone and Cristina Ciampi.

The best men were the groom's brother, David Boyce, and the groom's friend, Richard Maloney.

Groomsmen were Johnny Cafone, John Rodriguez, Daniel Lagoa, Michael Abromaitis, Jevon Wells, Fernando Idrovo, Michael Hanly, Louis Argieri and Christopher DeJesus.

The bride is an alumna of Nutley High School and Montclair State University, and is currently pursuing a master's degree at Marygrove College. She is a teacher in the Nutley school district.

The groom Boyce is a graduate of Queen of Peace High School. He currently works at Viola Bros. in Nutley and is the head coach of varsity boys basketball at Queen of Peace.

The couple honeymooned in Costa Rica.

HOPING FOR A HOME



At just 2 months old, Sally is ready to celebrate her first Christmas. She's hoping to be amongst the presents under some special person's tree this year. This little girl is a great example of a classic tabby and will only get more striking as she grows up. Right now, just a baby, she is enjoying playing in her cage and is full of wide-eyed wonder at all the hustle and bustle at the shelter this holiday season. Stop by and meet Sally at the John A. Bukowski Shelter, 61 Bukowski Place, Bloomfield.

ENGAGEMENT

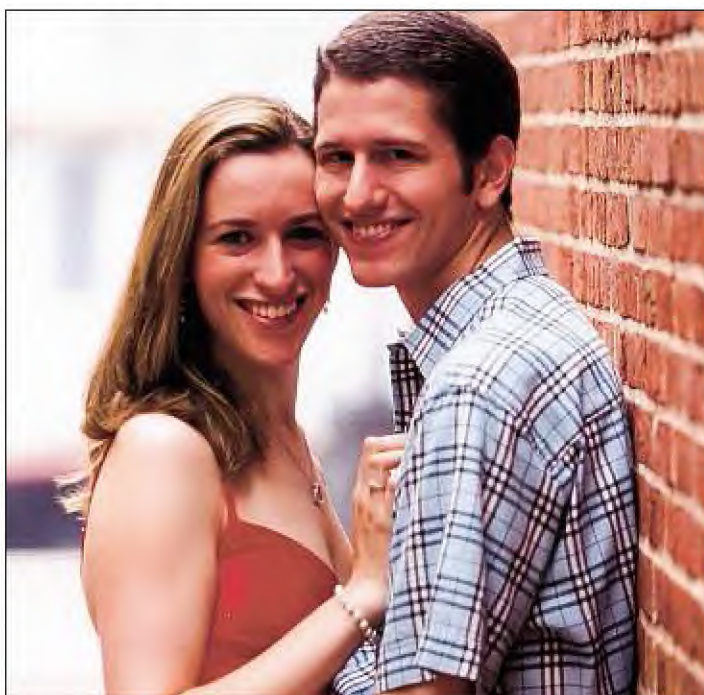
Rebecca Lynn Coleman to wed Evan James Anderson

Judy and Dan Anderson, of Bloomfield, announce the engagement of their son, Evan James, to Rebecca Lynn Coleman, daughter of Ruth and Jim Coleman of Timonium, Md.

Coleman is an alumna of the Bryn Mawr School for Girls in Baltimore, and received a bachelor's degree from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. She is currently employed as a production editor at John Wiley & Sons Inc. in Hoboken.

Anderson graduated from Bloomfield High School and received a bachelor's in Business Administration from Washington University in St. Louis. He is currently employed as an account executive at Allway Tools Inc. in New York City.

A May 2009 wedding in Baltimore is planned.



Casper was a stray who was brought to the shelter by a nice woman. An all white American Bulldog mix, Casper is very affectionate and wags his tail so hard that he has "wag" marks on his sides. His wagging tail, however, cannot hide his sadness. His eyes give him away. Casper misses having a home, and although the volunteers are giving him love and attention, this great dog really needs a home for Christmas. He is between 1- and 2-years-old and is a pro at catching treats in his mouth. Come in and throw a few passes to Casper. He's waiting at the John A. Bukowski Shelter, 973-748-0194.

BHS releases honor roll for first-marking period

Belleville High School has announced its high honor roll for the first marking period.

Ninth Grade

Kimberly E. Guzman
Alison P. Haight
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Samantha A. Lopez
Sonia Mandal

Those making the honor roll for the first marking period were:

Ninth Grade

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Danielle E. Adamkiewicz
Nohely L. Alvarez
Cyrus Anguita
Stephanie J. Barrera
Jamie L. Bono
Kristy R. Bono
Jamie Lee B. Buhain
Rodrigo Bunay

Abigail R. Bustamante
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BHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bucs set to open season against Ridgewood

BY MIKE LAMBERTI
for Belleville Times

A new era in Belleville girls basketball begins tomorrow when new head coach Jill Fischman leads her team against Ridgewood, at home, in the season opener, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The Bucs will play at Nutley on Monday in a 5:30 p.m. tip. The team will compete in the Roselle Park Holiday Tournament with games on Dec. 26 and 29.

Fischman, a former assistant coach at Belleville before coaching on the collegiate level at Caldwell and Ramapo, likes what she's seen from her team thus far in practice. "The attitude has been great," Fischman said of her young team. "The kids really want to learn and have been working hard."

Belleville showed steady improvement in scrimmages against Newark East Side and St.

Vincent.

"They were a little nervous in the early going against East Side," Fischman said. "I was very happy with the way we played against St. Vincent. There was a lot of improvement there."

Twenty-two players are out for the team and Fischman plans to use 11 on the varsity and 11 on junior varsity, which will be coached by Kolleen Myers. Once again, there is no freshman team, but that's something Fischman hopes will change in the coming years.

"We need to get more emphasis on a feeder program with the elementary schools," Fischman said. "Obviously, that's where you build the base and I'm hoping we can start doing that soon."

Among the key players on this year's team is Jasmine Jiminez, a junior transfer from Jackson Memorial. Jiminez, a small for-

ward, will start the season on the disabled list, however, as she recovers from a fractured wrist.

"We're hoping she'll be back in about three weeks," Fischman said of Jiminez. "She's a very good player and will give us a good dynamic once she's back in the lineup."

Belleville's opening day lineup tomorrow should feature Nicole Velardi, a junior, at point guard and Alexa Veniero, a senior, at the two-guard. The front court will probably start Naomi Perez, a senior, at the small forward with sophomore Jessica Benacquista and junior Leah Benacquista at the other two forward spots.

Off the bench, Erika Giangrande, a senior and junior Raquel Pichardo are talented guards. Look for freshman Vanessa Gomez and juniors Brandi Borke and Crystal Ortiz to also be key players.

BHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Fischman takes over girls squad

BY MIKE LAMBERTI
for Belleville Times

The Belleville girls' basketball team will begin the 2008-2009 regular season tomorrow night with a new head coach, but someone who isn't new to the program.

Jill Fischman, a former assistant at Belleville, was named the sixth head coach in the 37-year history of the program and the fourth different coach this decade. She replaces Dilma Hernandez, a former Belleville player who was the head coach the past four years.

Fischman, who played at Bloomfield High School for legendary coach Jim White, was later graduated from the College of New Jersey in 1999 and has been coaching basketball ever since. In addition to assistant jobs at Millburn, Pascack Valley, Clifton and Belleville on the high school level, she was also an assistant coach at Caldwell College and later Ramapo College before being named Ramapo's head coach three years ago.

"I'm really excited about coming back to Belleville," Fischman said. "There are some great kids here and they've been great to work with. They really want to learn and have been working

hard."

The girls basketball program at Belleville has struggled, to say the least. The team's last winning season came 20 years ago, when the 1989 squad finished 13-12 under coach Karen Fuccello. Recently, the turnouts have been low and Belleville hasn't had a freshman team in a number of years. The root problem, however, is the development of a recreation program, something Fischman recognizes well.

"We need to develop a good feeder program," Fischman said. "Having worked at other schools, I know that the varsity coaches have an idea of the potential kids have for this game as early as the third and fourth grades. Right now, I have no idea what the status of recreation basketball is with our younger kids, but that's something I hope to address."

Belleville's best years in girls basketball came when the Suburban program on the youth level produced talented players such as Jennifer Apicella, Rose Leonidis, Dina DeAquino and Loreli Wells. Belleville had seven straight winning campaigns from 1978 through 1984. After a few down

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U.S.S. GARY

Commander Senesky takes the helm

BY MIKE LAMBERTI
for Belleville Times

Twenty years ago, Dan Senesky was at the helm of the Belleville High School football team, barking signals as the team's quarterback.

Today, Commander Dan Senesky, a 17-year veteran of the United States Navy, is back at the helm again, except this time the stakes are just a little bigger. Senesky, a 1987 Belleville graduate, is Commander of the U.S.S. Gary, a frigate which carries a crew of 220 and is currently stationed in San Diego, California.

Senesky, who resides in San Diego, is living a dream.

"I'm loving life," Senesky said recently by telephone. "Ever since I could remember, I was fascinated by the military. I remember when I was nine years old and going to the library at School #5 to read about the big battles of World War II. My interest peaked more when my dad took me to West Point for a coaching meeting and I got a chance to visit the museum there."

Senesky's dad, of course, is John Senesky, the former Belleville High School football coach who now resides, with his wife Carmela, in San Diego. John and Carmela decided to move to San Diego in 2002, to be closer to Danny and his wife, Lorraine, who have two small children, John, 8 and Steven, 7. Danny's younger brother, Michael, continues to reside in New Jersey, as do a number of cousins, aunts and uncles.

Danny played football at



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Belleville native Dan Senesky with his wife Lorraine and sons John (r) and Steven. Dan Senesky is currently a Commander in the United States Navy where is commander of The U.S.S. Gary, located in San Diego, California.

Belleville High from 1984-86. After graduation, he attended Penn State University, where his original plan was to major in Communications.

"Marilyn Mango was a big influence for me in high school to pursue communications," Senesky said of his former teacher at Belleville. "I remember when I was deciding on a college and there was a career day at Belleville. A Naval officer was there and he had some brochures about the Navy

ROTC program."

Since Penn State had a Naval ROTC program, the fit seemed natural and Senesky was soon pursuing a degree and a career with the Navy.

"I didn't know a lot about the Navy, except from a cousin of mine, Mike Fortino, who had enlisted in the Navy after high school," Senesky recalled. "So I called Mike and discussed the

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BHS BOWLING

Bowlers off to a good start

BY MIKE LAMBERTI
for Belleville Times

For two decades, the Belleville bowling team has put together consistently good campaigns, including a county championship and at, or near the top finishes in the NNJIL.

Heading into the 2008-2009 season, coach Mike Early likes what he's seen so far from his team.

The boys team was 9-12 heading into this week's action while the girls were 7-7. The team will take on Passaic tomorrow afternoon and face Paterson Kennedy on Monday. All league matches are contested at Bowler City in Hackensack.

The boys have been led by senior captain Shawn Gonzalez, who is averaging a 208 through the first three matches. His high game, thus far is a 274. He has also rolled games of 267, 214 and a pair of 210 efforts.

"Shawn has been outstanding," Early said. "For that matter, everyone deserves a lot of credit. We

have some new faces this year and the kids have showing promise."

Seniors Brian Haight and Karan Raja and juniors Adam Hamdan (173 average) and Andre Amparo round out the starting varsity lineup for the boys. The boys' J.V. lineup features juniors John Valdez and Elijah Pennix, sophomore Aldo Mogro and freshmen Emil Amparo and Jeramie Torres.

For the girls, seniors Caroline Ogin and Sonia Mandal are the co captains. The other varsity starters are seniors Frances Lawson and Ashley Panek, junior Rhian Ratta and sophomore Dana Sinkevich. The J.V. squad consists of juniors Olga Boldero, Andrea Recinos and Aminah Robinson along with freshman Alicia Recinos.

The boys team has a 7-0 win over Barringer while losing to Bergen Tech of Hackensack, 7-0 and St. Joseph of Montvale, 5-2. The girls blanked Barringer and lost a 7-0 decision to Holy Angels of Demarest.

SENESKY

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options with him and he was very helpful. I applied for the ROTC program, was approved and it became a big part of my college life."

Upon graduation from Penn State in 1991, Senesky was commissioned an Ensign in the Navy and began what has been a tremendous career in the military.

Senesky has traveled the world during his career in the Navy, working in various assignments. He served as an Engineering Officer of the Watch and Surface Warfare Officer on the U.S.S. Pyro and later was the Operations Intelligence Division Officer on the U.S.S. Carl Vinson. He would also serve as an Executive Officer on the U.S.S. Higgins where he completed his third full deployment to

the Arabian Gulf.

Shore assignments included the Surface Warfare Officers School command in Newport, Rhode Island, where he attained a Master's Degree in International Relations from Salve Regina University in conjunction with the Naval War College's non-resident seminar program. He later served on the staff of the Director of Surface Warfare as the Air Defense Section Head. Senesky has earned two Meritorious Service Medals and five Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals.

His dream was to command a ship, and that dream reached fruition earlier this year when he was named the Commanding Officer of the Gary, which was commissioned in 1984 in honor of Lt. Commander Donald Arthur Gary, a World War II hero.

"I was successfully screened to be a ship commander in 2006,"

Senesky said. "I'm on an 18-month deployment as Commander of the Gary. After that, I'll move on to another assignment. Depending on how the ship does with overall inspections, I could get another opportunity to command a larger ship, perhaps a cruiser, later on. But right now, it's an 18-month deployment and I'm really enjoying it. After this, I might go to The Pentagon for shore duty. For someone on my level, this is the ultimate assignment."

According to the ship's website, The Gary's mission includes many roles, ranging from escorting underway replenishment groups, amphibious landing groups and aircraft carrier strike groups. The ship's top-notch crew and array of hi-tech weaponry, along with quick reaction and high-speed capability, make the warship a valuable asset in today's multi-threat environment.

JILL

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seasons, the program regrouped from 1987-1989 as new talents such as Simone Edwards and Laurie Dondarski spurred a pair of winning years.

Fischman, who played in the NNJIL while at Bloomfield, doesn't want to hear about the tough league schedule.

"That seems to be mentioned every year," Fischman, a teacher in the Belleville school system, said. "Yes, it's a tough league, but it's a tough game throughout. Next year,

the schedule will be different with the new league, but there are still going to be good teams to compete against."

Kolleen Myers will be Fischman's assistant coach. Myers served in the same capacity for the past few years.

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With the United States currently engaged in two wars, a military career certainly has its dangers. But Senesky has never questioned his career direction.

"It's been a tremendous experience for me," Senesky said. "If you ask me about my son being in the military one day, I think it would be good, but that's a decision he'd have to make. I would give him the benefit of my experience, of being an officer as compared to an enlist-

ed man, and go from there. The Navy has done so many wonderful things for me and my family."

As we enjoy the holiday season, it seems a particularly good time to say thank you to all the men and women in the military for their service to our freedom. Thank you, Dan, for everything you've done in your career to make our country safe.

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resulting in increased compliance and awareness. Failure to comply carries a \$100 fine.

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Watch out for new diseases

Increasing travel – global travel in particular – is leading to new diseases spreading from country to country. Chronic Wasting Disease, Monkeypox, Avian Influenza – you name it and chances are it moved quickly from one country to the next.

One of the latest diseases starting to show up in the United States is Chagas Disease, a condition that rarely causes early symptoms, but if left untreated, can cause an enlarged heart or an irregular heartbeat which can be potentially life threatening. Here is some helpful information for you, your family or your pets in the event you live in an area of the United States that is currently impacted by the disease – or are traveling to areas of the world where it is common.

What is Chagas Disease?

“Most Americans do not have to worry about contracting Chagas Disease – even if they are traveling to regions where it is more prevalent,” said Dr. Paul Stromberg, veterinary pathologist at Ohio State University and past president of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, a professional organization that studies emerging diseases and works to protect both human and animal health. “However, we are seeing increasing incidence in the southwest United States.”

Chagas Disease is most prevalent in areas of extreme poverty and as many as 18 million people in 18 countries throughout Central and South America may be infected. It is the third largest tropical disease burden today. Only 350,000 people in the United States are estimated to have Chagas Disease.

“The vast majority of those infected in the United States originated from countries in infected areas,” said Stromberg. “Large migrations of people and increasing contact with infected regions help to spread the disease from country to country.”

Insect transmission in the United States, according to Stromberg, is extremely rare. More often this disease has been transmitted through blood-to-blood contact. Blood transfusions and organ donation can both be methods to transmit this disease.

Very common in South and Central America, this disease is most often transferred by the reduviid insect, commonly known as the “kissing bug.” Named for its propensity to bite people’s faces, the kissing bug is a nocturnal insect.

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The holidays are the season for giving and during times of economic downturn, you may have to dig a bit deeper into your pockets. However, you can still end up better off. In addition to the tax breaks year-end giving can bring, as it turns out,

giving is also good for your health.

"Several studies over the years have found links between altruistic behavior and improved physical and psychological health," says Dr. Ann Vincent, an internal medicine physician at Mayo Clinic who researches

the mind-body connection. "In general, I think altruism makes people feel better about themselves, which often translates into improved physical health. Other benefits that have been attributed to positive emotions include: enhanced creativity and ability to cope with stress and broadened cognition. In essence, thinking positively about ourselves is good for our physical and mental health."

But the benefits of giving, whether in the form of volunteerism or making a donation, aren't just a one-time deal. The more you give, the better you may feel, and that means finding ways to give back throughout the year. Generosity is also a wonderful survival skill to help you get through difficult times in your life.

"Recent studies have examined individuals who have survived trauma, natural disasters and being prisoners of war," says Dr. Edward T. Creagan, an oncologist at Mayo Clinic. According to Creagan, people who seem to thrive in adversity have many characteristics in common, but especially a few:

- A sense of connectedness. The recognition that family and community are crucial to survival.
- A sense of altruism, somehow sharing of themselves to make the lives of others a little bit better.
- An optimistic attitude and sense of humor.

If you have trouble motivating yourself to give time, money or goods, focus on how giving back can benefit you. "There is a 'helper's high' that people sometimes say they feel in connection with altruism/philanthropy," says Vincent.

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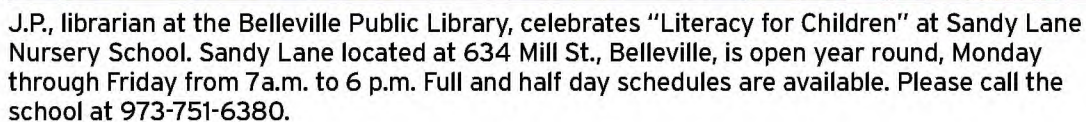
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The luxury of roaming around a department store or strolling through a mall is wonderful, but that can only lead to unnecessary purchases.

Once you've established what you need to buy, plan a driving route for your shopping outing. Establish where you're going, in what order and do a little research to find out the quickest way to get there.

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Council grills DPW director about overtime

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

The national economic woes provided the backdrop for the township council's early grilling of all municipal department heads about what they have already trimmed from their 2009 budgets and an understanding that more cuts will be necessary to relieve financially strapped taxpayers of a large tax increase.

After dealing with the very preliminary budgets of the police and fire departments (see related story on page 1), the council debated with James Messina, a former councilman and mayor, who is now director of the Department of Public Works.

Messina, pressed for money for an ailing roof and a new truck, told the council that some of the biggest increases are out of his control, and sparred with council members about decreasing the amount of overtime paid out.

He began by saying the roof of the DPW's mechanic shop needs replacement, which will cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

Another new expense would be the purchase of a roll off truck for \$149,000.

"We need that truck, it logs a lot of miles, picking up leaves, co-min-gled [recycling], cardboard and newspapers," Messina. He said if it is not purchased as part of the DPW's capital budget, separate from its operating budget, in 2009, it must be done soon.

"We're thinking in terms of the very near future," Messina said. "It's the heart and soul of the DPW."

Otherwise, he said, the budget "is basically the same. Sanitation (pick-up) is up big, but that's contractual."

Mayor Raymond Kimble immediately attacked a subject that has been brought up by other council members - overtime costs.

"We need you to go from \$20,000 to \$5,000," Kimble said of one area of overtime. "You have to live with that. Some individuals, without naming names, are pretty excessive. We can't get involved with personnel, since that's contractual."

Messina said water department overtime, which is part of the

Department of Public Works requests new roof for mechanic shop and truck for collecting leaves and recyclables.

DPW, is stuck when water main breaks happen at the worst possible times.

"The last three major breaks were at 4:30 a.m. on a Saturday morning," Messina said. Both sides said there might be a way to better control how long lunch times last, another time concern.

Officials questioned why overtime was needed to fix vehicles, and why instead, employees could not just wait until the next day to repair the vehicles. That number needs to be cut 50 percent from the \$44,000 total, they argued.

First Ward Councilwoman Marie Strumolo Burke was most critical of overtime expenditures. "I see \$225,000 in overtime," Burke said. "I want to see [where it's going]."

Kimble responded, "That's why we're cutting it."

Otherwise, Messina said of the rest of the budget, "Fixed costs are fixed costs."

Next up was "Chick" Puleo, director of the Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

Officials talked about increases in salaries for coaches going up while other areas of the budget decreased. And an idea was floated about opening up elementary school gyms for Friday nights for students to play.

Puleo said all capital projects at the Recreation House on Joraleman Street have been completed, leaving the Rec House "updated."

Someone questioned why salaries for coaches increased by \$48,000. Township Manager Victor Canning defended why some costs appear to have increased while others have gone down, yet the total budget is about the same.

"A lot was hidden, and not documented, under the previous director," Canning said. "Other areas went down by \$45,000."

He was referring to a scandal involving the former director that led to criminal charges and resignation.

At-Large Councilman Michael Nicosia then suggested to Puleo that elementary school gyms be opened from 6 to 8 p.m. on Fridays, since they have custodians already being paid until 8:30 p.m. It could start maybe once a month, Nicosia said.

Puleo said such a move would require supervision from the Recreation Department, which could be discussed.

Other departments had much less discussion.

The Department of Health and Human Services included a discussion about an increase in the public health nurse going from part-time to full-time with a \$15,000 salary increase, and the council was told that part of the cost would be paid by the Division of Aging.

Future discussions will focus on the best way to pay for prescription drugs and the feasibility of merging the township's animal control department with Montclair and Bloomfield or perhaps another town providing a competing bid.

In the Department of Finance, Canning said he is excited about the "substantial savings" to come from consolidating the chief financial officer and tax collector positions.

Generally, Canning said the township departments would soon all share one copier company and one service contract, at a significant cost savings. "The nickels and dimes we pay now really add up," he said.

Next up was Frank DeLorenzo, representing the Department of Planning and Development as township construction code official. He said he could save \$44,000 in salaries by not hiring four employees to act as property maintenance inspectors in each ward.

"I can live without it," he said, but Canning said, "There's lots of justification for them, but maybe not for this year."

Nicosia said, "The governor is not holding steady, the economy is not being steady. We need to go beyond steady in the operating budget."

Burke questioned the \$750,000 earmarked for a new ladder truck in the capital budget for the fire department.

Caruso said, "The [present] truck is going bad. We need to make a decision. It has to be done," although not necessarily in the 2009 budget.

Kimble ended the discussion, drawing laughs from the council when he said, "See you in the near future," a reference to the long process before department budgets are approved.

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short version is that for the second year in a row, salaries are down because of retirements where officers can be replaced by new officers are on the other [cheaper] level."

Kimble said that the three new hires, which would be two replacements and one additional retirement, "have to come out."

Caruso said two officers are leaving for military service, and that he would like to have 17 officers per shift "across the board."

He said 12 per shift is the minimum, and Kimble asked about the

two fire prevention officers.

"Why can't you put them on the line, and have them do double duty?" Kimble asked.

Caruso said the fire inspectors do "a couple hundred inspections every year, and he scrambles to get them done, so we would lose some efficiency," Kimble said, "With the economy, it's something you have to do, at least temporarily."

Like many departments, concerns about the amount of overtime were raised.

Caruso said the department is still awaiting an arbitrator's ruling about overtime, but Burke said, "the overtime is astronomical."

When Caruso said he was "holding steady" on spending,

American Red Cross volunteers assist in ice storms

New Jersey chapters of the American Red Cross have deployed volunteers from across the state to help those affected by ice storms that have hit the Northeast region.

Over the past weekend, the American Red Cross opened numerous shelters throughout Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York and Ver-

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Anthony and Joseph Cavallo

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TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Students attend Belleville School No. 9's Tree Lighting Ceremony, with Santa Claus of course. See an additional picture on page 1.

DEVELOPMENT

Exploring a clean-up solution for proposed Lowe's site

BY MEGHAN GRANT
of Belleville Times

In school as children, we are taught if you make a mess, you should clean it up.

That is what's happening with the stalled Lowe's Home Improvement Center project on Belleville's Main Street. Former owners, then Walter Kidde Corp., are "dragging their feet," according to Town Manager Victor Canning in the efforts to clean the property for future development.

Lowe's representative Kevin Bulger met with current property owners, Route 21 Associates, along with Kimble, State Sen. Ronald Rice, State Assemblywoman Cleopatra G. Tucker, Essex County Freeholder Ralph Caputo, Belleville Councilman John Notari, Councilwoman Marie Burke and a representative of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection last Friday, in the hopes of moving forward.

The 23-acre land was once used by the Walter Kidde Corp. as a site for testing chemicals in the production of fire extinguishing equipment back in the 1940s. Currently, the company goes by the name Kidde Fire Systems, based in Ashland, Mass., and is being repre-

sented through Millennium in regards to the Main Street property.

"Lowe's is still committed to the project," Mayor Kimble told the Times, calling the meeting "progressive." "But there's still an environmental problem needing to be fixed," he said.

According to Township Manager Victor Canning, an environmental expert at the meeting explained two processes for cleaning the site up for consideration. The first is a chemical treatment, using chemicals to neutralize those already present in the soil. The problem with this method is that it isn't thorough enough, and has the potential for leading to future problems further underground, the specialist said.

Building on land that isn't completely decontaminated would endanger investments, Canning said. The one major benefit to chemical treatment would be that construction of the Lowe's could occur during the cleaning, he said.

The second process is a thermal method, burning off hazardous chemicals deep into the soil. This would eliminate more chemicals and is a permanent solution, according to the environmental specialist.

Lowe's has shown a preference for this process and wants it submitted to the NJDEP, Canning said. One difficulty that would arise from using this method would be that construction would have to be delayed until after the 18-month cleaning process, he said.

The township manager said the environmental expert estimated that the cleanup would run between \$4 million and \$9 million.

"They [Kidde] are economically capable of covering the cost," he told the Times. "The taxpayers suffer, since they can't benefit from this 23-acre site. Since the '80s, it's been in a cleanup stage."

Canning said the former owners have "a professional obligation to clean up the mess."

One outcome of Friday's conference was the plan by State Sen. Rice to hold a meeting with Kidde's representative Millennium in Trenton. If held, one step suggested will be for Kidde to utilize the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfields Initiative.

Through the federally funded program, Kidde could potentially be reimbursed for nearly 75 percent of the money spent on decontamination efforts, eliminating cause for financial concern over the cleanup, according to Canning.

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The Northwest Essex Community Healthcare Network is seeking donations for its annual Consumer Holiday Party, which will be

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Program could be ready, but space won't

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

The good news for parents looking for a pre-school program in the Belleville public school district is that things appear set for the first go round next fall.

The bad news is that there is no space available to expand the program as mandated by the state for the 2010-11 school year.

Interim Superintendent of Schools Melindo Persi reiterated at Monday night's Board of Education meeting that the state has said Belleville must have a program for the 2009-10 school year, with the program having been mandated by Gov. Jon Corzine.

"Under the mandate, we must offer the program to at least 20 percent of the children eligible for free

or reduced lunches," Persi said. "We have three classrooms for next year, which will be enough, but that's all we have. It will be a problem in 2010-2011."

The programs will be available to youngsters ages 3 and 4, Persi said.

Persi said the district has to look at at-risk students, and next year's total would come out to approximately 42 children. They would be split into three classes, and the school day would be six hours long.

How the district will be able to pull this off under existing and anticipated budgeting and spending restraints is the big question, he said.

Persi said previously that the board is looking at options. One option is to outsource the classes to

another place. The district could also look to house the classes within the existing buildings, and may consider modular classrooms as at least a temporary plan, he said.

Persi said that with the economy the way it is, officials also don't know if they will even receive the aid that they would need as an increase to pay for the classes.

A new state law requiring all-day preschool for economically disadvantaged children has the Belleville district, like neighboring

Bloomfield, scrambling to find enough classrooms and teachers, officials said.

While all-day preschool and kindergarten is a great leap forward, how the state will pay for this is still in question, according to area officials. Officials have said many times that there needs to be the proper funding to back up mandated programs.

The requirement for pre-school next year comes on the heels of Belleville instituting all-day kinder-

garten for the first time this fall in all elementary schools. The move came after the district received more than \$4 million in additional aid to fund the program.

Officials have similarly said they are concerned about whether that funding will be coming again next year for the new kindergarten program, and are even more concerned now that the economy has suffered a drastic downturn in recent months.

NEIGHBOR NEWS

Citizen pays in pennies, with court's blessing

BY JEFF FRANKEL
for Belleville Times

Frank Gilberti got to put in his two cents during court - 5,600 cents to be exact.

The Nutley resident was finally able to pay his \$56 traffic fine in pennies to Bloomfield Municipal Court today, after wrangling with the court for the past month to pay his ticket with the currency he chose.

"They should have took it a month ago, but they took it," Gilberti said, who was all smiles after paying his fine, no strings attached. "I thought [the court] was being petty all through out. I'm glad they accepted [my] payment."

In a brief hearing in front of Municipal Court Judge Joseph Connolly, Gilberti pled guilty to his original charge of not wearing a seatbelt, a charge he never disputed.

Even before Gilberti approached the bench, Judge Connolly told the rather large crowd on hand for their own summonses that the court only accepts checks or cash, as it doesn't have to ability to accept credit cards, he said.

"Unfortunately, we don't have that option yet," the judge said.

Gilberti was initially pulled over on Broad Street in Bloomfield and cited for not wearing a seatbelt. When he first attempted to pay the fine on Nov. 12, that's when the trouble began.

The pennies weren't loose but wrapped in 112 separate rolls, each valued at 50 cents, argued Gilberti, a 22-year-old funeral home employee. They were divided into two bricks, \$25 worth each, plus an additional 12 loose rolls, valued at \$6, to round out the \$56 fine.

Court administrator Richard Salierno Jr. originally agreed to accept Gilberti's penny payment as long as he wrote down his 15-digit driver's license number onto all 112 wrappers.

Gilberti refused to do that, arguing he would not have to write down the information on other

currency, i.e. paper money, had he paid that way. Judge Connolly initially decided not to accept the pennies, he said.

When handing over his 32 pounds worth of pennies today, Gilberti was not forced to write his number on any of the rolls.

Gilberti's case is not the only one of its kinds in the state, according to attorney Lydia Cotz of the Mahwah-based law firm Cotz & Cotz.

Cotz, while not involved in Gilberti's case, said she has an Emerson client who's involved with a legal battle with his town as well. But this time it wasn't with pennies, but rather \$100 bills, she said.

Her client has been trying to pay his tax bill with large denomination but without much luck. The municipal judge ruled in favor of Emerson, but Cotz is in the process of appealing the lower court's decision.

After all, echoing Gilberti's previous statement, Cotz said: "Money is money."

"I doubt our founding fathers had credit cards to pay their taxes," Cotz said.

When Gilberti first refused to pay his fine, a warrant for his arrest was issued. Gilberti showed up ready to turn himself in. But his lawyer [who happens to be his uncle] got the \$90 bail revoked after saying Gilberti would be pleading not guilty.

Before facing the judge today, Gilberti agreed to plead guilty after Gilberti's lawyer talked to Municipal Prosecutor Marcella Wilson.

Still, Gilberti insists he isn't trying to make anyone look bad or make a statement against the government. He said he merely went to the bank to get the money needed to pay his fine and decided to pay with 5,600 pennies.

He even said he wouldn't mind if someone paid a \$10,000 funeral bill in pennies.

"That's a lot of pennies but I'll accept them," he said.

The author is a staff writer at Bloomfield Life.

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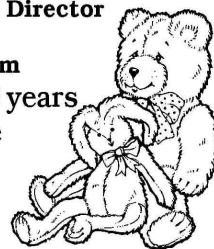
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Chef returns home to open new eatery

BY JEFF FRANKEL
for Belleville Times

Francesco Palmieri never ran away from the circus and he never trained squirrels. Still, that's what he tells everyone.

As owner and head chef of the newly-opened Orange Squirrel, an innovative eatery of contemporary American cuisine infused with European accents, Palmieri tells his customers the not-so-true story of how he came up with the unique name for his new Bloomfield Avenue restaurant.

Being too young to train the lions, he falsely tells his patrons, he was given the task of training little orange squirrels. Depending on his mood, the story may become even wilder.

In reality, Palmieri says orange is his favorite color, as evidenced by the orange-themed accents in his restaurant, e.g. the Italian designed, orange seats. As an added bonus, Orange Street is located nearby, he said.

"It's something everyone can remember," he said. "We have fun with the name?"

Closing out its fourth week of business, The Orange Squirrel, Palmieri's first lead venture, has been a "labor of love" during its year-long construction, he said. He personally designed the 50-seat restaurant, featuring a hand-crafted bar with a "floating" limestone top and other decorations, including Italian tiles, lighting and furniture.

He describes it as a New York City-style restaurant that could have also fit in well in Montclair. He said he is proud to contribute to the revitalization of Bloomfield's downtown instead.

"Being local in town is a plus," he said.

Noting that the restaurant world is a "difficult business," The Orange Squirrel gives Palmieri a creative outlet, allowing him to express his feelings through food.

Putting a new spin on classic recipes is the hallmark of a good chef, Palmieri said.

"Nothing is new," he said. "Most chefs put a flavor on it."

And that is exactly what Palmieri does, he said, talking excitedly about his dishes. He notes that it is important for a chef to enjoy the cooking process.

"If you truly love what you're doing, it makes it so much better," he said.

Signature dishes reinforce the restaurant's character, he said. His four signature creations are served on a cast iron skillet, meant to give them that "extra kick." His four main dishes are Prince Edward Island Muscles, dry age rib eye steak, whole bronzini (sea bass) and chicken pot pie - which "hits the heart and comes right out of the old country," he said.

The new restaurant has been met with rave reviews from its patrons, such as Donna Rose, a Spring Lake resident recently in town on business.

Palmieri considers Rose a regular. He might as well, considering Rose has frequented the restaurant three times in as many days.

The author is a staff writer at



NEW BOOKS

Philip Nobile, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Belleville, distributes dictionaries to Kristina Yar's third-grade class at School 10. Among the students receiving the books were Donna D'Alessio and Taevian Grant.

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MUSIC AT AN EARLY AGE

The Belleville Public Library is able to schedule the Music Together program on Thursday mornings, thanks to a grant from Essex County's Local Arts Program. Clockwise, from top left, Ryan Kelly, 2, plays the drums; children jump during an exercise; and Declan McManus, 2, displays his scarf used in dance.

Tax tips for holiday giving

The spirit of giving seems to grow during the holiday season, and many donations are made to charitable causes at this special time of year. The IRS reminds taxpayers to keep some important points in mind when making donations with the expectation of deducting them on a federal tax return.

Taxpayers can deduct donations only if they make them to a qualified tax exempt organization.

"Taxpayers can search for many charitable organizations online at IRS.gov with Publication 78," said IRS spokesperson Gregg Semanick. "Qualified organizations include nonprofit groups that are religious, charitable, educational, scientific, or literary in purpose, or that work to prevent cruelty to children or animals. Generally, organizations will be able to tell you whether they are tax exempt under the Internal Revenue Code and eligible to accept tax-deductible donations."

Semanick added that it is necessary to file Form 1040 and itemize deductions on Schedule A to receive a charitable contribution deduction. Be sure to keep good records, too.

To deduct any charitable donation of money, a taxpayer must have a bank record, credit card statement or a written communication from the charity showing the name of the charity and the date and amount of the contribution. A bank record includes can-

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County execs show their support

On Monday, Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo Jr., Hudson County Executive Thomas DeGise, Bergen County Executive Thomas McNerney and Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes announced their support of Gov. Jon Corzine's proposal to provide counties and municipalities with the option of deferring 50 percent of their state pension payment.

The three executives also urged state lawmakers to approve the necessary legislation that is being sponsored by Senate President Richard Codey to enact the pension deferrals before the winter hiatus.

County and municipal governments are feeling the same economic pressures that auto makers, banks and financial institutions are experiencing. While big business is looking to the federal government for a bailout, deferring State pension payments is a positive tactical alternative to alleviate budget stress on local governments. Trenton lawmakers are expected to vote on the pension deferral legislation today.

"We are in difficult economic times and the Governor's proposal to allow Counties and Municipalities to defer up to 50 percent of their pension costs will provide substantial budgetary relief. It will help to alleviate the financial pressures we are facing, reduce the tax burden on our property owners and enable us to continue to provide a high level of service to our residents," DiVincenzo said.

"Everyone is being affected by this economic crisis and the State currently does not have the resources to award Counties and Municipalities grants to help us out. Deferring the pension payment by 50 percent is a prudent

plan that provides real budgetary relief," the Essex executive added.

"In these hard economic times, federal bailouts are being given to banks, insurance companies and car companies. It's time we consider helping property taxpayers directly," DeGise said.

"We're all at the breaking point where if we raise taxes we will force more foreclosures. This pension deferral is a tool that will help us control taxes and prepare for the future in an intelligent way," the Hudson executive added.

"We all are experiencing budget problems and decreasing State aid, but our budget problems are being compounded by the rising costs of our pension obligations. This pension deferral option will help us during this economic downturn," McNerney said.

"We're here today to show our support of the pension deferral," he added.

Essex County's annual payment to the state pension system is anticipated to reach \$28 million in 2009, which is an increase of \$6.5 million over last year. DiVincenzo noted that the pension deferral proposal is an important element to balancing the county's 2009 preliminary budget and additional deep cuts will have to be made if it is not enacted.

"We realized 2009 was going to be a challenging year for Essex County when we started our budget process in September. We have made considerable cuts in our operating expenses and developed new opportunities to increase revenue. Unfortunately, it was not enough and we still have to institute layoffs to balance our budget," DiVincenzo said.

"Essex County will be in a crisis situation if the pension deferral plan is not adopted. We anticipate significant layoffs," he added.



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SERVICE APPRECIATION

Essex County Freeholder Vice President Ralph R. Caputo, right, recognizes Belleville native Carlo Gerard Dellorusso for his military service to the country, during the Board of Chosen Freeholder's recent 2008 Veterans Observance at the Hall of Records.

TAX TIPS

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should show the name of the charity and the date and amount donated. Credit card statements should show the name of the charity, the transaction posting date and the amount donated. Prior law allowed taxpayers to support their donations of money with personal bank registers, diaries or notes made around the time of the donation. Those types of records are no longer sufficient.

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To deduct charitable contributions of items valued at \$250 or more you must have a written acknowledgment from the qualified organization. To deduct charitable contributions of items valued at \$500 or more you must also complete a Form 8283, Noncash Charitable Contributions, and

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Marie Strumolo Burke was not as optimistic, saying, "The rate bothers me. There may be some

employees habitually claiming to get hurt."

Grubb addressed the subject of possible false claims, saying that employees are not allowed to go to their own doctor, and that the employer controls who they see.

Burke said that before she retired as a county employee, "I got hurt really bad, and they wouldn't even let me out once. What about putting employees coming back on light duty?"

Grubb said, "Transition duty," another phrase similar to light duty, "needs to be stressed."

At-Large Councilman Michael Nicosia said he believes some doctors are "too lenient."

Grubb said, "Either a doctor performs satisfactorily or they are replaced."

Township Manager Victor Canning ended the discussion, reflecting on his five years working as a permanent disability adjudicator. He said when you bring someone back, there are a lot of things that can't be discussed because of federal patient privacy laws.

Because of the possibility of re-injury of employees brought back on light duty, Canning said, "they need constant monitoring."

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ABSOLUT Vodka 80°	31 ⁰⁹	
CHIVAS REGAL Scotch	49 ⁰⁹	
REMY MARTIN VSOP Cognac	89 ⁹⁹	
JACK DANIELS Bourbon	38 ⁰⁹	
DEWAR'S WHITE LABEL	30 ⁰⁹	
FINLANDIA Vodka 80°	24 ⁹⁹	
HENNESSY VS Cognac	58 ⁰⁹	
DEWAR'S 12 Year Old	57 ⁰⁹	
TANQUERAY Sterling Vodka 80°	28 ⁰⁹	
BACARDI Light, Dark or Select	20 ⁰⁹	
SOUTHERN COMFORT	25 ⁰⁹	
BEEFEATER Gin	29 ⁰⁹	
PINNACLE Vodka 80°	16 ⁰⁰	
LEROUX POLISH Blackberry	18 ⁰⁹	
JOSE CUERVO Classico or Gold Tequila	35 ⁰⁹	
SOBIESKI Vodka 80°	16 ⁰⁰	
JOHNNIE WALKER BLACK	57 ⁰⁹	
RAYNAL VSOP Brandy	21 ⁹⁹	
GLENLIVET 12 Year	64 ⁰⁹	
CROWN ROYAL Whisky	42 ⁰⁹	
JIM BEAM Bourbon	26 ⁰⁹	
GRAND MARNIER	59 ⁰⁹	
KAHLUA Coffee Liqueur	29 ⁰⁹	

1.5 Liter Wine Values		
Altana Di Vico Pinot Grigio	9 ⁹⁹	
Beringer White Zinfandel	8 ⁴⁹	
Mondavi Woodbridge Cab., Chard., Merlot	10 ³³	
YELLOW TAIL All Types	11 ⁰⁹	
BOLLA All Types	10 ⁰¹	
LITTLE PENGUIN All Types	10 ²⁹	
CAVIT Pinot Grigio	12 ⁰¹	
LUNA DI LUNA Pinot/Chard., Merlot/Cab.	14 ⁶⁶	
CONCHA Y TORO Frontera All Types	8 ⁰⁹	
GATO NEGRO Cab., Merlot, Chardonnay	7 ⁰⁹	
BELLA SERA Pinot Grigio	10 ⁰⁹	
FETZER Cab., Merlot Chardonnay	11 ⁰⁹	
BAREFOOT CELLARS Cab., Pinot Grigio Chard., Merlot	9 ¹⁹	
STIMSON BY CHATEAU STE. MICHELLE All Types	9 ³³	
SUTTER HOME White Zin.	6 ⁶⁹	
VENDANGE All Types	6 ⁷⁵	
BERINGER Founders All Types	14 ⁷⁸	
MONDAVI Private Select All Types	16 ⁷⁸	
SUTTER HOME All Types	8 ⁰⁹	
TURNING LEAF Cab., Merlot, Chardonnay	11 ⁰⁹	
COLLE DE FALCO Chianti	9 ⁹⁹	
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Reg. & Black.....**19⁰⁹**

AMARETTO
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DRAMBUIE
Liqueur.....**26¹⁹**

DEWAR'S
12 Year.....**28⁰⁹**

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MARNIER.....**30⁰⁹**

KAHLUA
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JACK
DANIELS.....**19⁰⁹**

TANQUERAY
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PRICHARDS
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SILVER LAKE'S NEW YEAR

Silver Lake celebrates at its recent New Year's party. Clockwise from top left, Association President Marie Strumolo Burke, center, presents James Grant and Giovanna Percio with scholarships; the executive board, Rita Charles, Grace Constantino, Barbara Lozaw, Marie Strumolo Burke, Ray Veniero, Angela Cuzzo Zarro, Sam Papa and AnnMarie Sanabria; Angela Cuzzo Zarro, Marie Strumolo Burke, Sam Papa present Ray Veniero, second from right, with this year's Angel Award; partygoers are out in full force.

ESSEX COUNTY

DiVincenzo proposes to eliminate 150 positions, expand hiring freeze

Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo Jr. announced last week an initiative to eliminate more than 150 positions, do away with travel reimbursement and expand an existing hiring freeze to mandate no new hires or promotions be made in 2009.

The actions are anticipated to

save approximately \$4 million and are part of the cost-cutting measures being made by the administration to bridge a \$105 million gap in the preliminary 2009 budget.

"We have to dramatically reduce our proposed spending for 2009 because of the rising costs and declining revenues caused by the

difficult economic conditions we are all experiencing. In order for us to achieve our savings goals and balance our budget, we must eliminate over 150 positions," DiVincenzo said. "We are asking all our departments, divisions, constitutional officers, agencies and employees to work cooperatively with us and do what is best to move our county forward."

Among the cost-cutting initiatives outlined by the county executive were as follows:

- Forty (40) vacant positions from all county departments, divisions and constitutional offices will not be filled in 2009. This will result in about \$2 million in salary and fringe benefit savings.

- Forty-three employees will be laid off for an approximate savings of \$2 million in salary and fringe benefit savings. The eliminated positions are being made in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (20), Department of Public Works (19), County Counsel's Office (2), Administration and Finance (1) and the Commissioner of Registration/Superintendent of Elections (1).

- Seventy-six part-time seasonal positions in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs will not be filled.

- Approximately five non-union, unclassified employees will be terminated.

- An executive order eliminating all travel expenses will be enacted by the County Executive and will save about \$65,000.

- A hiring freeze enacted in 2007 will be expanded to include a mandate that no new employees will be hired except in essential positions and no promotions will be granted in 2009.

The proposed layoff plan was submitted to the New Jersey Department of Personnel on Monday, Dec. 8, and the state has 30 days to review the plan. The county anticipates sending out layoff in early January 2009. With the required 45-day notification period, the proposed layoffs would take effect on Feb. 15.

The executive also reiterated his recommendation that was announced on Dec. 3 to hold the line on salaries and have union represented employees pay a portion of their medical benefits and prescriptions. Those proposals include freezing all salaries for 2009 and requiring the approximately 3,500 employees represented by unions pay a portion of their medical benefits and prescription drug costs.

The latter will reduce the county's health insurance and prescription drug costs, which are anticipated to increase by \$4.2 million in 2009. The 123 unclassified and non-union employees began paying a portion of their medical benefits

and prescriptions in January 2008.

On Dec. 3, DiVincenzo announced Essex County was facing a \$105 million gap in its preliminary 2009 budget. The gap consists of about a \$72 million increase in salaries and operating costs and about \$33 million in revenue shortfalls that were the result of the troubled economic conditions.

Since work to prepare the 2009 budget began in September, the administration asked all departments, divisions, constitutional offices and county agencies to scale back their funding requests and find new revenue sources.

In addition, the county executive is recommending salary increases be eliminated for 2009 to obtain a savings of \$7.5 million and the county is looking to take advantage of a proposal by Gov. Jon Corzine to defer state pension payments for counties and municipalities, which will save Essex \$14 million in pension costs.

The county still has to overcome a \$26.5 million gap, which the Executive proposes to fill by using surplus, making additional cuts and increasing the County levy (all amounts are yet to be determined). A \$54 million surplus had been built by the end of 2007 and was reserved for emergencies and unanticipated shortfalls. Approximately \$36 million was used as revenue in the 2008 budget.

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Christmas Eve Service invitation

A Christmas Eve Service will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m., at Wesley United Methodist Church, with the Candlelit Service, "The Birth of the Light." This special service will be held with four congregations, Jesus for All Fellowship (Philippines), Mok Yang Korean Methodist Church, Spanish Seventh Day Adventist Church and Wesley United Methodist Church (English).

All are invited. Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship that represents the true meaning of Christmas.

Wesley United Methodist Church is located at 225 Washington Ave., Belleville. Contact the church office at 973-751-2741 or e-mail church@wesleyumcnj.org.

Bethany Lutheran Church

Worship services

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

Kids' fun night

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

refreshments. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

Healing prayers

Pastor Nancy S. Moore of 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.

Sunday Afternoons with Iglesia Luterana

The Lutheran Latino service, Iglesia Luterana, is held every Sunday at 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 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.

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

Ornament collection

Christ Church is collecting donations of old glass Christmas tree ornaments for use in the decoration of this year's Holiday Tree in the Public Library in Belleville. Father Paul Walker and Father Randy Webster at Christ Church decorate the tree for the library each year, and this year they wish to use antique or old glass ornaments. Persons wishing to make donations should know that the ornaments will not be able to be returned to the donors. The ornaments must be brought to Christ Church for keeping until the tree is ready to be displayed.

Care Closet

The Care Closet, an outreach program of Christ Episcopal Church, has announced its December distribution day for Monday, Dec. 22 beginning at 3 p.m. until all of the supplies are exhausted.

The Care Closet distributes packages of paper products, cleaning products and personal hygiene items to persons with Families First cards. The parish is always receiving gifts of individually wrapper paper towels, facial tissue and toilet tissue; the program also is in need of brown grocery bags for packing the supplies each month.

Additionally volunteers are always welcome both for the preparation of the bags and on distribution day. For more information phone the parish.

Observance of Christmas

Solemn Procession and Festival Mass for the Vigil of the Nativity of

Our Savior Jesus Christ, commonly called 'Midnight Mass,' will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 24. The annual lighting of the luminaria will happen at 10 p.m. Festival music for Christmas Eve will begin at 10:30 p.m. and the Solemn Procession will begin at 11 p.m. The Rev. Paul Walker, Vicar of Christ Church, will officiate and preach.

On Thursday, December 25, Christmas Day, Mass with carols will be offered at 10 a.m.

The Mary and Martha Soup Kitchen will serve its annual Christmas Day dinner at 12 noon. Persons wishing to volunteer to assist with the dinner are asked to call the parish office.

Christmastide observances

A Christmas Procession of Lessons and Carols will begin the morning worship at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 28, the Sunday after Christmas Day. Included in the service will be the annual Kwanza celebration and the Greening of the Tree and Four Directions Prayers for the coming of the New Year. The Rev. Paul Walker, Vicar of Christ Church, will officiate at the Mass.

On Thursday, Jan. 1, Mass for The Feast of The Holy Name will be offered at 10 a.m. Father Walker will officiate; The Rev. Randy Webster, Curate at Christ Church, will preach.

The Mary and Martha Soup Kitchen will serve its annual New Year's Day dinner at 12 noon. Persons wishing to volunteer to assist with the dinner are asked to call the parish office.

New Year's Eve celebration

Christ Church has announced its observance of New Year's Eve with a family New Year's Eve celebration on Wednesday, Dec. 31, beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$25 and can be purchased by phoning the parish office. The evening will include a dinner and a variety of activities over the course of the evening. A Watch Night Mass, or first Mass of the New Year, will be celebrated at 12 midnight in The Lady Chapel for those who desire it.

Twelfth Night

Christ Church has announced

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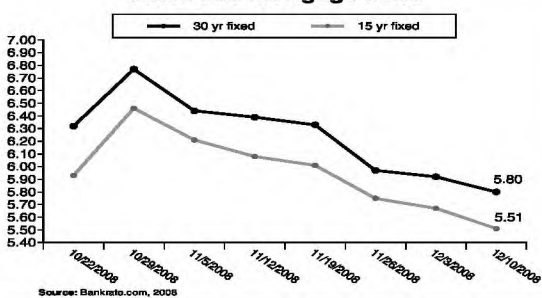
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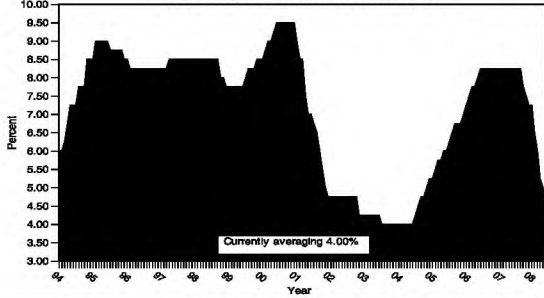
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God gave us the greatest gift - Jesus

We are in the Christmas season and many people are shopping for presents to give to family and friends. Sales flyers and advertisements are everywhere encouraging us to shop. Most recently we had two big sale days, namely Black

Friday and Cyber Monday where prices were slashed to draw as many customers as possible to physical retail stores and online stores. Retailers are desperately hoping that we will ignore the current economic dilemma and con-

tinue to spend money, both paper and plastic, whether we can afford to or not. Is this the real meaning of Christmas? No, it isn't. John 3:16 NKJV states, "... God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever

believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" [emphasis mine]. This scripture is the reason for Christmas. God gave all of mankind the best and most important gift, His Son Jesus and December 25th has been established so that we can celebrate His birth. The best response that we can give to this free gift is to believe in Jesus and in so doing God gives us everlasting life. In addition as the popular hymn "How Great Our Joy" states, "This gift of God we'll cherish well, that ever joy our hearts shall fill." As we receive the Lord Jesus our lives are filled with joy and peace not sadness and unrest.

At the end of our earthly journey we will have to give an account to God for our lives

whether we believe this or not. God is not going to ask us what type of gifts did we buy and give each Christmas. Instead He is going to ask us, "What did you do with the gift I gave you? What did you do with My Son Jesus? Did you receive Him or reject Him?"

I am encouraging you to make this a brand new Christmas by receiving God's best gift to us, His Son Jesus. If you have already done that then my prayer is that you will draw closer to God through Jesus and share this great gift with all who are lost in sin and despair. Only then will it be a Merry Christmas.

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its Celebration of Twelfth Night celebration for Saturday, Jan. 3 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased by phoning the parish office. The dinner and celebration of the Twelve Days of Christmas in the Olde English Tradition, and will include a masque to be performed by the Cherry Blossom Players, Belleville's first community theater organization and a concert of music by the members of the Royal Court.

Food Drive

Christ Church has announced a food drive to replenish and restock the pantry of The Mary and Martha Soup Kitchen. Gifts of non-perishable items are needed to keep up with the demands of the soup kitchen, which now serves meals each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. Individuals and organizations wishing to make contributions of canned goods or financial gifts are asked to contact the parish.

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

St. Mary's Church

Family Mass

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

Bereavement support group

As part of the New Energies program, St. Mary's Church will be holding an eight-week bereavement support group beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Those grieving the loss of a loved one are invited to attend this series and learn more about the grief process. Experience prayer and support in a spiritual setting and grow in faith and hope for the future. Contact Elaine Tanimura at 973-667-0335 to register. Pre-registration is recommended.

St. Mary's Parish is located at 17 Msgr. Owens Place, Nutley. Call

the church at 973-235-1100.

Temple Ner Tamid

Join Rabbi Steven Kushner and Cantor Meredith Greenberg to welcome Shabbat with song and prayer on Friday, Dec. 19 at 8 p.m.; babysitting will be provided.

There will be two Saturday morning services on Dec. 20 beginning at 10 a.m. Rabbi Kushner and Cantor Greenberg will lead the regular Shabbat morning service in the sanctuary at the same another alternative 'casual minyan' will be held. The community is invited to participate in the casual minyan, which is a wonderfully informal and participatory service with an in-depth and spirited discussion of the weekly Torah portion. While parents are engaged in prayer, the youngest children are invited to a 'Tot Shabbat' led by Leora Perlman on the guitar for a fun morning of songs, stories, games and snacks.

Bring in the light by sustaining the light

Ner Tamid is embracing the notion of kindling the light within ourselves and in others this Hanukkah. Mark your calendars for this exciting Hanukkah program to be held on Dec. 21. The community is invited.

10 a.m. - the religious school will be offering meaningful Hanukkah programs in the morning.

3 p.m. - Temple-wide program. Bring an unwrapped gift as the price of admission. The gift will be donated to Ner Tamid's Newark based Team schools. The 33 girls and 24 boys in the fifth through eighth grades will greatly benefit from the gifts you donate.

4 p.m. - Join Ner Tamid for the "Bring in the Light" Zimriya concert and song session.

5 p.m. - Make your own holiday wrapping paper and become 'top chef' in the first latke bake-off. There will be a juried contest to see who can make the best latkes! If you're interested in participating, bring 40 latkes for tasting. Donuts, extra Latkes, and cider will be available to all.

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.

AREA EVENTS

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK...

District 4 blood bank, hosted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 493, Thursday, Dec. 18

(today) from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at VFW Post 493, 271 Washington Ave, Nutley. All blood types needed. Your support is appreciated. For directions, call 235-9661.

Kingdom Karate World Group, 562 Union Ave., Belleville, to test local Black Belt candidates on Friday, Dec. 19 (tomorrow) at 6:30 p.m. Winners will receive their Black Belts at the Christmas Gala on Saturday, Dec. 20 at 6 p.m. at VFW Post 493, 371 Washington

Ave., Nutley.

'The Santaland Diaries,' by David Sedaris, adapted by Joe Montello, a co-production with What Exit? Theatre Company, running through Saturday, Dec. 20, Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. and Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. at Luna Stage, 695 Bloomfield Ave., Montclair. Tickets are \$20. Visit the Web sites www.lunastage.org or www.whatexittheatre.com or call 744-3309 for more information

and reservations. Luna Stage is wheelchair accessible.

EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS...

Holiday Singers Concert, Sunday, Dec. 28 at 1 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, Belleville. There will be a free will offering. Come and enjoy Christmas music played by Chris Sagato, Al Monllor on guitars, George Dudla on violin and Marlies Monllor, vocals.

Nutley Elks New Year's party, to be held Wednesday, Dec. 31 from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Adults: \$60. Ages 13 to 20: \$20. Ages 12 and under: \$10. Casual dress, cocktail hour, upscale buffet dinner, open bar all night, party hats, horns and DJ. Families welcome. For reservations, call Robert Mulligan Jr. at 449-7579.

K of C New Year's party, to be held Wednesday, Dec. 31 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at 190 State St., Bloomfield. \$60 per person, which includes cocktail hour, buffet dinner and continental breakfast. Live DJ, dancing, hats and noisemakers. Contact Dan Strollo at 450-4902.

Michael Amante concert, Feb. 13, 2009, with bus departing from Nutley at 6 p.m. for an 8 p.m. show. Orchestra seats and bus transportation, \$79 per person. Call Marie at 256-0499.

'Mary Poppins' on Broadway, March 1, 2009. Orchestra seats. Bus leaves from Nutley at 6 p.m. for an 8 p.m. show. Call Marie at 256-0499.

'South Pacific' on Broadway, musical, comedy/drama. March 19, 2009. Orchestra seats. \$145 per person. Bus leaves from Nutley at 6:15 p.m. Call Travel With Marie at 256-0499.

Nutley UNICO 50th Anniversary Gala, to be held Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 7 p.m. at Nanina's in the Park, Belleville. Save the date and join this festive commemoration of 50 years of service to the Nutley community. The planned festivities include great food, live entertainment, memorabilia and a series of special presentations. Net proceeds from the event to benefit local and national charities and the Nutley UNICO Scholarship Program.

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 homes. The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Community Development Block Grant program. For more information or to obtain an application, contact the Essex County Home Improvement Program (HIP) at 655-0200.

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@yccs.org.

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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.

REUNIONS...

Bloomfield High School Class of 1969, 40th reunion planned for Oct. 10, 2009 at the Hilton in Woodbridge. Contact Jay Baumgardner at 809-6191 or jasmuddy@aol.com or mvargo@optonline.net.

FAIRS, FLEA MARKETS, ETC...

Nutley Museum, open first and third Sundays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Call 667-1528 or visit the Web site www.nutleyhistorical.society.org for more information.

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

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

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

HEALTH & FITNESS...

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.

Heart2Heart Program, designed for people with early stage congestive heart failure, to begin at the Senior Care and Activities Center, 110 Greenwood Ave., Montclair. This two-day-a-week program provides medical monitoring, meal planning with a nutritionist, exercise and activities. In addition, a family support group is in formation. For more information, call 783-5589, ext. 16 or visit www.SeniorCareCenter.org.

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 a personal trainer. E-mail: happennise@aol.com or call 661-3283 for more information.

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

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.

MEETINGS...

Roche Retiree Club of Nutley, meets every second Saturday of the month in the Building 77 Auditorium at 1 p.m. (parking next to the building). The Jan. 10, 2009 meeting will feature Sal and Michael Cocco, AXA Investment Advisors, to discuss what seniors should know in the current economic environment.

Ladies Auxiliary to Stuart E. Edgar Post 493, Veterans of Foreign Wars to hold a business meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Post Home, 271 Washington Ave., Nutley. Membership is open. For more information, write to Stuart E. Edgar Post 493 Auxiliary, 21 Spurr Pl., Nutley, NJ 07110. The Auxiliary sponsors many important programs benefiting veterans and their families.

W&T Retirees Club, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Recreation Senior Building, in the park on Belleville Avenue. Looking for more retirees to join. For more info, call Ann at 777-4223.

Belleville AARP #2051, meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Mill Street Senior Building, 25 Franklin Ave., Belleville. New members welcome. Call Ann at 777-4223 for more info.

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

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Christ Church is collecting donations of old glass Christmas tree ornaments for use in the decoration of this year's Holiday Tree in the Public Library in Belleville. Father Paul Walker and Father Randy Webster at Christ Church decorate the tree for the library each year, and this year they wish to use antique or old glass ornaments. Persons wishing to make donations should know that the ornaments will not be able to be returned to the donors. Donors

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The applicant, by order of the Belleville Zoning Board, sends this notice to you.
Barry and Rose Hansford
Applicant
Belleville Times 2494021
Fee \$10.66
December 18, 2008

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TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
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WHEREAS, The Open Public Meeting Law requires a Board to advertise its annual meetings; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following meeting schedule be and is hereby, adopted by the Transportation Board of the Township of Belleville, New Jersey, for the year 2009:
TUESDAY JANUARY 6, 2009
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TUESDAY DECEMBER 1, 2009
MEETINGS will be held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 152 Washington Avenue, Belleville, New Jersey 07109, and will begin at 6:00 p.m.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS NOTICE BE PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.
Annette Luzzi
Transportation Board Secretary
Belleville Times 2494120
Fee \$12.72
December 18, 2008

TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
NOTICE OF ACTIONS TAKEN
AT THE DECEMBER 4, 2008 ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING, THE FOLLOWING ACTION WAS TAKEN:
WHEREAS, The Open Public Meeting Law requires a Board to advertise its annual meetings; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following meeting schedule be and is hereby adopted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Belleville, New Jersey, for the year 2009:
Michelle A. Dalbo
Board of Adjustment Interim Secretary
152 Washington Avenue
Belleville, New Jersey 07109
December 15, 2008

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE
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WHEREAS, The Open Public Meeting Law requires a Board to advertise its annual meetings; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following meeting schedule be and is hereby adopted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Belleville, New Jersey, for the year 2009:
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THURSDAY DECEMBER 3, 2009
MEETINGS will be held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 152 Washington Avenue, Belleville, New Jersey 07109, and will begin at 7:00 p.m., except the January meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS NOTICE BE PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.
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ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
NOTICE OF ACTIONS TAKEN
AT THE DECEMBER 4, 2008 ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING, THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS WERE MEMORIALIZED AS FOLLOWS:
APPROVED Application ZB-2008-14 - 59 Willet Street, CRD Associates Use variance and waiver of site plan approval for construction of a residential multi-family building primarily in Bloomfield, subject to conditions in the Bloomfield resolution was approved.
APPROVED Application ZB-99-26 - 83-87 Valley Street, George Taub Enterprises for an extension of the approved variances until June 30, 2009 subject to the original conditions, the conditions of the prior extension and the condition that the applicant shall report back to the board at the June 2009 meeting to seek further extension unless permits have been obtained and development has commenced was approved.
DENIED Application ZB-2003-26 - 11-13 Valley Street, Golden Estates for Final Site Plan with an amended plan has been denied, subject to the option of applicant to apply anew for new variances, including a "D-Use Variance, and approvals consistent with the revised plans.
APPROVED Application ZB-2008-11 - 304-312 Belmont Avenue, Laura Realty Inc/Gangemi for an extension of the approved variances until July 1, 2010 subject to the original conditions, to the condition that no surgical center shall be operated on site and that a decorative open fence shall be installed in front of the open parking area was approved.
Michelle A. Dalbo
Board of Adjustment Interim Secretary
152 Washington Avenue
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December 15, 2008
Belleville Times 2495014
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December 18, 2008

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2008 009345
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY,
CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY,
DOCKET NO. F2457707
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST
Plaintiff
-vs-
JUDITH HULETT ROSE; ET AL.
Defendants
Execution for Sale of Mortgaged Premises
By virtue of the above stated writ of Execution, to me directed, I shall expose for sale by Public Auction in SHERIFF'S OFFICE, Essex County Courts Building in Newark, on Tuesday, December 30, 2008, at one-thirty P.M. (Prevailing Time)
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ARMANDO B. FONTOURA, Sheriff
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Belleville Times 2495089
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SHERIFF'S SALE
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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY,
CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY,
DOCKET NO. F2044807
BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Plaintiff
-vs-
BONNIE SPEARMAN, MR. SPEARMAN,
HUSBAND OF BONNIE SPEARMAN, ET
ALS.
Defendants
Execution for Sale of Mortgaged Premises
By virtue of the above stated writ of Execution, to me directed, I shall expose for sale by Public Auction in SHERIFF'S OFFICE, Essex County Courts Building in Newark, on Tuesday, December 30, 2008, at one-thirty P.M. (Prevailing Time)
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As of 07/30/08 (subject to final reading). Subject to any other municipal or governmental assessments.
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The approximate amount of the Judgment to be satisfied by said sale is the sum of FOUR HUNDRED FORTY ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY THREE AND 15/100 DOLLARS (441,343.15), together with the costs of this sale.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn the sale from time to time as provided by Law Newark, N.J. November 24, 2008
ARMANDO B. FONTOURA, Sheriff
FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, ATTORNEY(S)
Belleville Times 2495113
Fee \$45.38
December 18, 25, 2008

RESOLUTION
BELLEVILLE PLANNING BOARD
BELLEVILLE, NEW JERSEY
RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY:
WHEREAS, an application has been received for a subdivision with flexible "C" variances for lot area, width, coverage and side yard setback violations, including setbacks due to corner lot impact, and driveway location for CARLOS CAMPOS, APPLICANT AND OWNER, for property at 38-40 Centre Street, Block 3403, Lots 1 and 2, Belleville, New Jersey. This property is in the R-B Two Family Residential District;
WHEREAS, the applicant proposes to subdivide the existing lot into two (2) separate lots to allow and construct a new single family residential dwelling on one of the newly created lots with "C" variances requested as noted above. The subdivided lots and construction of the new single family residence will be in compliance with all other zoning requirements except as noted herein;
WHEREAS, the justification for the variances on lot area, width, coverage, side yard setback and driveway location violations was established through review of the architectural plans submitted, and professional testimony supplied detailing the new structure and discussing the benefits to improve the safety and design of the properties in support of variances outweighing any detriments;
WHEREAS, the architectural plans and survey submitted on behalf of the applicant has been reviewed and the Board has determined that relief requested by the applicant can be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantially impairing the intent and purpose of the zoning ordinances of the Township of Belleville, New Jersey;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Board of the Township of Belleville, on this 11th day of December 2008, approves the subdivision to Carlos Campos as applicant and owner including Flexible "C" variances for minimum lot area, width, coverage, side yard setback and driveway location based on the evidence and testimony submitted, with the following conditions:
1. The applicant agrees to limit each structure existing or to be developed to remain single family residential use and will create a deed restriction in each property to pass in the title and be recorded to run with the land.
2. The applicant will work cooperatively with the township engineer and comply with the requests from his report dated July 25, 2008.
3. The approval is subject to satisfaction of any Council of Affordable Housing ("COAH") requirements as applicable and governed by the Belleville Municipal Ordinances and Municipal Land Use Law.
Sebastian Papa, Chairman
Secretary
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