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Following the failed attempt to sell the former School No. 1 for \$2.4 million sale several months ago, school officials are once again exploring possibilities for the property, including the Belleville Township Council in discussions.

Public/private mix for School 1?

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

Belleville's interim superintendent of schools shared ideas about a possible public/private partnership use of the long under-utilized former School No. 1 at a special meeting with Belleville Township Council members on Jan. 7.

One of the township council members in attendance in the joint board of education/council meeting said that she liked the idea except for the senior citizen housing element, while another said he was still digesting the information.

A resident who is a frequent critic of the use of the property called the plan "another back door attempt to give the school over to developers."

Belleville's township manager lauded the superintendent for sharing plans, but said he had doubts about any plan that might involve spending public money.

The sale of the property for \$2.4 million officially died several months ago, and school officials are planning the next move for the property.

Interim Superintendent Melindo Persi said the purpose of the meeting was to review what a public/private partnership was, and

'It's an interesting concept. We're not tied to any developer.'

Melindo Persi
Interim Superintendent

that a consultant for a developer was on hand at the meeting to discuss possible options. Among the options are building senior housing units on top of a retail development, or the use of the property to build board of education or council offices, Persi said.

Persi said the advantages of a public/private partnership for the property include the school district retaining ownership of the property, something that critics of the property's sale had cited as a reason against a one-time only revenue for selling the large piece of property.

If retail is built at the site, then the township would receive tax revenues, and 20 years later the property would revert back to the school district. If senior housing units were built, the money from the sale would be used to pay off debt service on any bonding needed to fund the project, Persi said.

"It's an interesting concept [the

public/private partnership]," Persi said. "We're not tied to any developer. I had the meeting because this is a new idea to us."

He said the plan is no different in many ways than a developer going through the township to develop a property.

A key element is that revenues from whatever is done with the property would be used to pay off bond indebtedness, Persi said.

First Ward Councilwoman Marie Strumolo Burke called the plans "a pretty good idea, but as for senior citizen housing, we should just do that on our own."

Fourth Ward Councilman John Notari said of the meeting that a lot of ideas were thrown out without any concrete printed information, so he was not prepared to comment. "There was nothing put in front of us, just a lot of ideas," he said.

Resident and frequent critic Vincent Frantantoni called the plan "a back door maneuver" to allow developers to make money at the expense of taking school property that should be kept for use by the schools.

He questioned why the district would give up the land when officials admit they have no space for the possible mandated pre-school

program which the state may require beginning next year.

Frantantoni said the reason for including the council is because the board of education cannot build anything without approval through a referendum by voters, unless the council designates the property as an area in need of redevelopment.

He questioned why the meeting was to be closed, and officials eventually opened the meeting to the public after a few minutes of private session.

Township Manager Victor Canning said he could not make the meeting, but said, "At least the board is including the mayor and council this time. Any plan would likely require bonding and a referendum. I can't see it happening with the economy the way it is."

Canning said of the school board, "I thought they were crazy to make things so hard for the previous developer. I thought it was a very good offer."

The due diligence period for the proposed sale passed at the end of June 2008, and the developer of a possible townhouse or other residential project on the existing site had been given several extensions

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Jan. 11
■ A burglary and theft to a motor vehicle was reported at 7:03 p.m. The victim said their 1980 Buick was parked in front of a residence in the 380 block of North 10th Street, and a neighbor saw what they described only as a black male enter the vehicle and steal loose change from the ash-tray. The vehicle had an anti-theft Club device that was not on the steering wheel, and the vehicle door was left open. Police had no suspects, and an investigation was continuing.

Jan. 9
■ Police arrested and charged Irene Barker, 47, of Belleville with possession of two vials of cocaine and issued her several motor vehicle summonses at 1:20 a.m. The suspect's red 1990 Toyota was pulled over when a computer check discovered she was an unlicensed driver. A subsequent search turned up the illegal narcotics, according to police. She was released on her own recognizance.

■ An attempted shoplifting was reported from the Pathmark at 115 Belmont Ave. at 3:48 p.m. The suspect ran out of the store after being discovered by store security, dropping numerous items that had been stuffed under his coat, with a total value of \$144. Police had no suspects, and the

investigation was continuing.

■ Police arrested and charged Rosa Remon, 32, of Newark with shoplifting from the Walgreens at 325 Washington Ave. at 11:44 a.m. The suspect left the store without paying for several items, and was stopped nearby with the proceeds, police said. The suspect was then charged with possession of narcotics paraphernalia, which was said to be a crack pipe, and possession of a hypodermic syringe, after police searched her person. The suspect was held on \$500 bail and also had four active warrants out of Newark.

Jan. 8
■ A burglary and theft was reported to a residence in the 250 block of Branch Brook Drive at 10:39 a.m. The victim said they left to go on vacation to Jamaica. Upon returning, they found their Wii entertainment unit, valued at \$250, was missing. No signs of forced entry were reported. Police had no suspects, and an investigation was continuing.

Jan. 7
■ Police arrested and charged Albert Garcia, 31, of Belleville with possession of a small bag of marijuana, and having an open container of beer in a motor vehicle at 3:18 p.m. The suspect was seen with a can of beer in plain view in a black Honda Civic near Belleville and Garden avenues. A

subsequent search found the bag of marijuana, according to police. He was released on his own recognizance.

■ Police arrested and charged Frankie Oliver, 35, of Newark with possession of a hypodermic syringe at 7:38 p.m. The suspect was observed acting suspiciously near Cortlandt and Bayard streets, and was found to have a tremor in his hands. Police stopped him, and he dropped a pouch containing the syringe, authorities reported. Bail was set at \$200, and he had an outstanding Newark warrant for \$500.

Jan. 6
■ A burglary and theft were reported from a residence in the 50 block of Branch Brook Drive at 5:05 p.m. The victim said they left for work at 5:30 a.m. and returned to find a cell phone, Playstation unit and games missing. The total value was put at \$950. There was no sign of forced entry. Police had no suspects and were investigating.

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

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

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Funeral directors lose licenses over scheme, state says

Editor's note: Due to a production error, this story, teased on page 1 last week, did not appear in last week's Belleville Times.

BY BOB GROVES
for Belleville Times

Two Essex County funeral directors have lost their licenses for helping a former Fort Lee dental surgeon harvest and sell body parts to medical companies without family consent, officials said Tuesday.

Stephen K. Finley of Newark and Robert J. Maitner Jr. of Belleville agreed to permanent revocation of their licenses to practice mortuary science for participating in the tissue-marketing scheme operated by Michael Mastromarino between 2001 and 2005, said Jeff Lamm, spokesman for the state Division of Consumer Affairs.

Finley also agreed to pay \$40,000 in civil penalties and the Essex County prosecutor's office is investigating his case, Lamm said.

Maitner received six months in prison and five years probation and paid \$100,000 to settle a civil claim, Lamm said.

The two morticians' actions were "abhorrent and violated common decency," and they deserved to lose their licenses, said state Attorney General Anne Milgram.

Finley said Monday he still has his license, and would not comment further on the revocation agreement or the penalties.

"The funeral home will stay open for many years to come," said Finley, who owns Beradinelli Forest Hill Memorial Home, Cremation at a Low Cost and Funeraria Santa Cruz, all in Newark.

Maitner could not be reached for comment. He owned Kiernan Funeral Home and Maitner Cremation Services in Belleville, both of which have closed, Lamm said.

Mastromarino, 44, pleaded guilty in New York to corruption, body stealing and reckless endangerment, and is serving an 18- to 54-year prison term. He also pled to similar charges in Pennsylvania and was sentenced to 25 to 58 years in prison, to run concurrently, Lamm said.

Mastromarino harvested more than 1,600 bodies — including that of "Masterpiece Theatre" host Alastair Cooke — without consent from next of kin, or proper medical screening. He sold skin, bone, tendons, ligaments and cardiac valves around the country for dental implants, knee and hip replacements and other procedures received by 10,000 people, authorities said.

The author is a staff writer at The Record.

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'Keep budget at the forefront,' Persi says

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

At a time of economic difficulty, with state aid amounts in question, Belleville's interim Superintendent of Schools Melindo Persi presented potential ideas to produce cost savings and increase revenues for the upcoming 2009-10 district budget.

At a work session Monday

night, Persi said he "wants to keep the budget at the forefront of every meeting," given the gravity of the potential problems.

He said that the Board of Education is supposed to receive state aid figures by March 10 and ultimately present the school budget to voters on April 21, the same day of the school board elections.

The goal, Persi said, is always to lower costs, and toward that end

he is looking at what other school districts are doing to bring in revenues. One major possibility is leasing everything from computers to textbooks, with an option to purchase, instead of simply purchasing the items and paying the full price up front.

Persi said he wants the district to "beef up" instruction while "reducing and reallocating" support services. For example, he said

wealthier school districts such as Glen Ridge and Ridgewood charge for extracurricular activities, including athletics. Such a plan could raise anywhere from \$20,000 to nearly \$90,000, depending on the fee charged, he said.

In the area of collectively bargained salary and benefit packages for district employees, Persi said he is examining a "sick leave incentive

plan" to reduce costs.

Placing special questions on the ballot is another idea for programs like freshman and junior varsity athletics, leaving voters to first accept or reject the spending and then the township council possibly restoring the item if it is voted down. Again, Persi stressed that none of these ideas were yet close

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DEBORAH ANN TRIPOLDI/BELLEVILLE TIMES

Anthony Buccino catches the bus on Franklin Avenue in Belleville. He recently published "Voices on the Bus," a book of poetry.

LITERATURE

Resident publishes book of poetry

BY MEGHAN GRANT
of Belleville Times

A local author and blogger has chosen a unique subject for his latest collection of poetry, and one very familiar to a number of residents, the public transit commute.

Anthony Buccino has been a business news editor for nearly a decade in Jersey City, and a regular rider of northern New Jersey's many transportation options. "Voices on the Bus: Train, Subway, Sidewalk and in my Head" looks to capture the commuter experience, the places, the people, and the mindset of those who endure the grind.

Selections touch on well-traveled places like the light rail station in "Branch Book," "To Maria on the PATH," "The Seventy-Four Runs Through It" about the NJ Transit bus, "Sometimes on the Train," and even "NY Water Taxi." Others are more subtle allusions to the northern part of the state's tracks and roadways, "White Knuckle Traveler," "Riding Backwards," "Out the Window" and more.

The author reflected on the book and his choice to turn the daily routine into literature.

"Voices on the Bus" is written for the hapless commuter," Buccino

"The book 'Voices on the Bus' is written for the hapless commuter. That's the person who gets up everyday, waits for the bus or train or light rail through the wind, rain, snow, heat, ice and boredom, to get to work everyday, then home at night."

Anthony Buccino
Author
"Voices on the Bus"

no said. "That's the person who gets up everyday, waits for the bus or train or light rail through the wind, rain, snow, heat, ice and boredom, to get to work everyday, then home at night. It's written for the friends I've made, whether or not I ever learned their names."

"It's written for everyone who's in this commute together."

"We tend to lose sight of what we see every day," he said. "Your office window could look out over

a beautiful harbor, but after working there a while, you don't notice the view until a visitor points it out. That's the way it is with riding the same route each day."

Buccino recalls two animated people he's encountered during his trips over the years, such as a vocal man he characterized in the poem Mr. Tourette's, who language he summed up as "would make a sailor blush," and another rider he dubbed Preacher Man, who "preaches like John the Baptist" between the Jersey City and Newark PATH train stations.

He has written essay collections about growing up in the area, such as "A Father's Place," "An Eclectic Collection," "Sister Dressed Me Funny," and two biographies published with his daughter about the fallen servicemen from Nutley and Belleville.

His poetry has received recognition in literary journals, and in 2008, his poem "Hands in Socks" was selected as an Editor's Choice in the Allen Ginsberg Poetry Awards contest. Buccino also blogs by the name Uncle Tonoose.

"Voices on the Bus" is published by Cherry Blossom Press. For more information on the author and for links to online ordering, visit www.anthonybuccino.com.

More people rely on public library

Funds are threatened

BY MEGHAN GRANT
of Belleville Times

Tough economic times are being felt across town in different ways, and one such place that is seeing a notable difference is Belleville Public Library.

According to Library Director Joan Taub, more and more patrons are using the facility as a result of the slumping economy. Circulation of materials is up, and she anticipates a larger demand for Internet usage.

Residents hoping to save money might use the library instead of subscribing to Internet companies for their homes, and those looking for jobs use the computers as a job-hunting resource. The library has adult, teen, and children's computer centers available for public use.

In response to difficult times, the library is starting a career and resume-writing sessions that will run between mid-January to the end of March on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings. Those interested as asked to register by calling the main circulation desk at 973-450-3434.

"The library is more important to people in a bad economy," said Taub. The library runs a number of social programs as well, including free passes to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Natural History Museum in New York City during the summer.

But even with an increased demand for library services, a resolution is making its way to the state that could drastically cut funding. In November, the New Jersey League of Municipalities, a voluntary association created to help communities self-govern by pooling information resources, adopted a resolution to lower the minimal funding for municipal public libraries.

These facilities are funded through a state formula for the existing 200-plus town libraries. For every \$100,000 in a home's value with a given municipality,

\$33 in taxes is allocated for the public library. Referred to as 1/3 mill, this is the minimum funding.

The league's formula proposal would reduce that to 1/6 mill, slashing library budgets statewide by close to 50 percent.

"This would be devastating to the library," said Richard Yanuzzi, director of the Belleville Library's Board of Trustees. "It's not possible to operate at that rate."

He told the Times he doesn't believe it will pass in its current form, considering how much it would cut. He said that a new lower-funding law would most likely pass.

Yanuzzi said that, in years past, New Jersey libraries have received a good amount of funding due to the rise in housing prices, which by way of the 1/3 mill formula, set aside more for the facilities, especially in the expanding shore towns.

But he said he believes Belleville hasn't seen excess funding, saying "there's not a lot of fat in our budget," and that the local library relies mainly on tax funding, since additional fundraising throughout the year doesn't cover enough of its operating costs.

He also noted Belleville doesn't have a civic center, and that the library often offers the public social programs for residents of all ages and services such as Internet accessibility, which is not present in the homes of all residents.

Yanuzzi said he's asked the town's state senator and assemblyman not to support the resolution proposed by the League of Municipalities when it's voted on in the State Legislature.

Currently, the League of Municipalities claims 566 municipalities as members, and publishes a magazine on administration and new laws, called "New Jersey Municipalities."

The Belleville Public Library operates a main facility on Washington Avenue and a Shafter Branch in School No. 4 on Magnolia Street.

CORRECTION

The Times misidentified Mark Kramer in a birth announcement on page 12 on Nov. 27. The

announcement with the correct information appears on page 12 this week.

When the holiday is not enough time off

Taxpayers in some towns were surprised to go to their local post office on Dec. 26 and find the doors closed. Many offices had shortened their hours substantially on that day.

OK, Christmas, Dec. 25, is a federal holiday. Since when did Dec. 26 become one? It goes along with the trend for government offices to close their doors the day after Thanksgiving. While many citizens are scheduled to work those

days, they wonder why people, to whom they pay salaries, get the day off. And citizens also wonder why they are being shortchanged on service that day.

There was a time when such perks wouldn't have been as scrutinized, back when public servant wages were low. But lately, the salary gap between the public and private sector has tightened up. As taxes rise, citizens expect better ser-

vice, certainly not less.

As the general public suffers in the recession, government is still awarding 3 to 4 percent raises to its workers.

The reins need to be pulled back at all levels – federal, state and local. The idea of doing more with less needs to be instilled.

Nobody should get a free ride in 2009.

Pinch hitter notes association's 2008 donations



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CHARLES BURKE

Hi, this is the angel pinch hitting for my friend, Walter Winchell, a.k.a. Charlie Burke.

When Charlie does something he does it in a really big way. He broke his femur bone in his left leg. Just to let you know, the femur is the largest bone in your body.

Because he has been in the hospital for a few weeks and not able to perform his duties, he asked if I could help him out. So people, here it goes.

During 2008, the Silver Lake

Association donated to many Belleville High School sports and activities. Again this year, we donated \$500 to the School No. 4 Home and School Association to benefit our children.

Other donations were made to the Belleville Athletic Council, Belleville PBA Local 28, the Belleville graduation celebration, Belleville Music Boosters, BHS Baseball Parents, the Carl Paser-

chia Scholarship, St. Barnabas Medical Center, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Tommy DeVito banner, the Duke Classic, a plaque for Mary Gialanella, a memorial at School No. 4, and a \$1,000 scholarship to a BHS and School No. 4 graduate, who still lives in Silver Lake.

The Silver Lake Civic Association has been organized for the purpose of preserving that quality

of life within the borders of our community. It will continue work to enhance the community through the efforts of its members. This year will mark our 16th anniversary.

Charlie and I would like to wish everyone a healthy and happy new year. Let's wish Charlie a speedy recovery.

And remember, we love Silver Lake.

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Jan. 26, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.
Feb. 23, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.
March 23, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.
April 20, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.
May 18, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.
June 22, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.
July 27, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.
Aug. 24, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.
Sept. 21, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.
Oct. 19, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.
Nov. 16, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.

Planning Board

Feb. 12, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.
March 12, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.
April 9, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.
May 14, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.
June 11, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.
July 9, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.
Aug. 13, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.
Sept. 10, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.
Oct. 8, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.
Nov. 12, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.
Dec. 10, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Ave.



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WATCHFUL OF THE WEB

Belleville Police Officer Steve Linfante speaks to sixth-grade students at Belleville School No. 10 about Internet safety. He is joined, in the foreground, by Sara Hermida, Michael Nicosia and Connor Smith.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAWN BUCCINO/BMS

Representing the Belleville Middle School winning team in the Junior Interact Club canned food drive are, from left, Michael Popovich, Brian Gorosito, Katie Dolan, Robert Somma and Anthony Ferrara.

BMS collects food for needy

The Belleville Middle School Jr. Interact, under the direction of Stephanie Gallo, threw down the gauntlet to the seventh- and eighth-grade students. The Jr. Interact sponsored a food drive to assist the Bessie Green Community Food Pantry of Newark.

In order to sweeten the deal, the Jr. Interact offered a desirable prize. The BMS team to bring in the most cans during the December food drive would win a full-page group photo in the upcoming BMS yearbook. In that way, everyone would benefit from the charitable event. Students and faculty alike pitched in to bring canned food in to their respective teams.

The middle school is made up of six teams of teachers who share

approximately 100 students. The core teachers cover English, reading, science, social studies and math and are joined by special subject areas like music and physical education. There are three teams of the seventh grade and three teams of eighth grade. The rooms were flooded with canned goods. One room looked like a supermarket with bags full of donated food for the food pantry. The contest ended at the Christmas break.

The winning team was the Period 1 8th grade led by core teachers – Gina Conte, Lori Whittom, Anthony Ferrara, Mike Popovich, and Dawn Buccino and special teachers – Bob Gizzi, Rick Maucione and Cory Koransky. The team collected a record setting 406

cans to win the group photo for their yearbook.

BMS collected 736 cans in total for distribution through Bessie Green Community at 510 Broad Street in Newark.

The cartons and bags of food were accepted by Joe Thomas and his assistant, Bob Barrowclough, to be used at the food pantry for its many outreach programs. The food pantry provides groceries to clients once a month. They also provide senior day care once a month.

Thomas expressed his joy at seeing the bounty given by the BMS students and told them how much good their generosity would do. The students were proud of their accomplishment and pleased with themselves for a job well done.

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BLOOMFIELD NJ: Who says you can't sell brand new vehicles at pre-owned prices? In an automotive market where anything is possible, one area dealership group has decided to do just that. Lynnes Nissan/Subaru, located on 318 Bloomfield Avenue, in Bloomfield, is taking the economy into their own hands. During a one-day-only sales event, Saturday, January 17th they're marking select new Nissan and Subaru vehicles well below some of their pre-owned inventory.

Tony Halley, General Manager of Lynnes Nissan/Subaru, says the current state of the auto industry is the reason behind this unique sale. "Right now, as a car dealer, you want to do two things. You want to help your customers drive, because they're feeling the effects of this economy just as much as we are if not more. And you want to create your own momentum, because if you don't no one else will."

The idea to sell new cars at pre-owned prices came to Mr. Halley

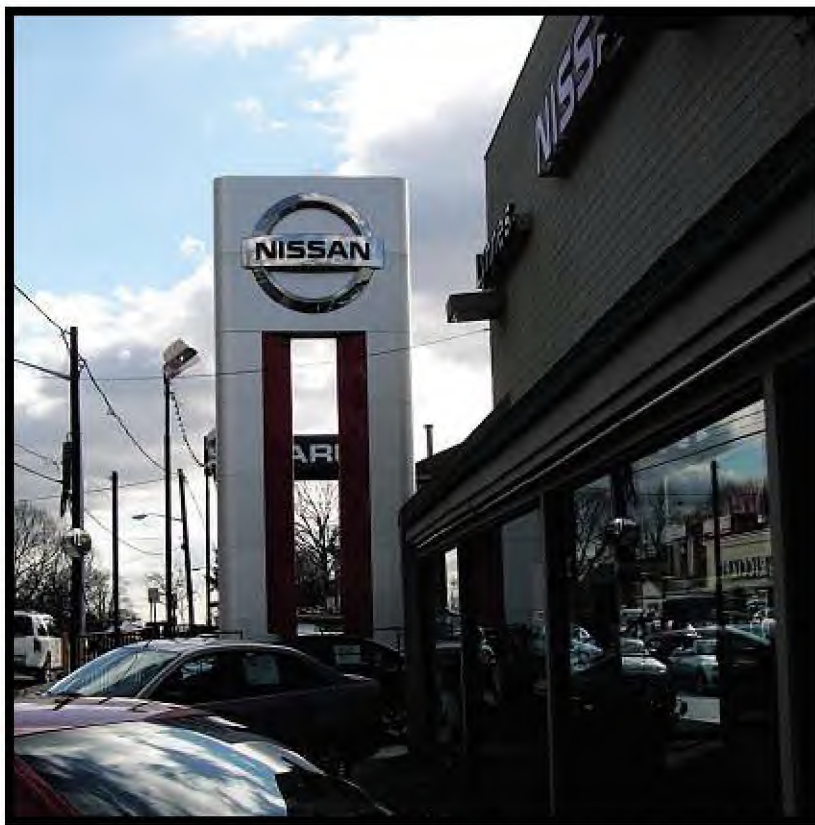
and his team when they realized that Lynnes had a big surplus inventory to work with. After some creative pricing, they were able to offer vehicles at aggressive prices, below even some of his pre-owned vehicles.

Customers attending this one-day-only sales event will have the chance to purchase a brand new **Nissan Versa for just \$9,995. That's \$5,293 less than a 2007 Honda Fit with 11,480 miles!*** Or the chance to purchase a brand new **Nissan Altima for just \$17,995. That's \$4,000 less than a 2007 Toyota Camry with 31,638 miles!***

Plus the chance to purchase other new vehicles at pre-owned prices.

"Events like this are the bright side to being a dealer right now. You have a little fun and get people interested in driving again. We're expecting positive things to come out of this sale," said Gene Robinson, General Sales Manager.

Customers are encouraged to arrive as early as 9 am and inspect the entire inventory to find the car that is right for them. All vehicles will be displayed on the lots by both dealerships' main entrances. At 10 am, Mr. Halley and his team will mark the special sale price



* All offers to qualified buyers. Prices include all applicable rebates. Plus \$1,000 Owners Loyalty. Does not include MV Fees, Tax & Tags Additional. Prior sales excluded. Comparable prices found through Kelly Blue Book at www.kbb.com on 1-5-09. See dealer for complete details. ** Negative equity carries forward. Offers expire Close of business January 17th, 2009

on each and every vehicle. Lynnes Nissan/Subaru is expecting a high volume of customers for this sale, so be sure to reserve your spot early.

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QSAC pinpoints areas for improvement

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

An update on the new evaluation methods being used to measure the Belleville school district's progress was outlined Monday night by Belleville's top administrator.

Interim Superintendent of Schools Melindo Persi updated residents on the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum, which replaced the Quality Assurance Annual Report a couple of years ago.

Persi said the QSAC allows the district to perform more self-evaluation for several years, but there is still a visit from county Department of Education officials.

"They look at different segments," Persi said. "Certain things were found not to be in place, so we had to come up with a remedial plan, which is now in place."

For example, lesson plans needed improvement. Then there is the expansion of the Gifted and Talented program to grades kindergarten through 3, which is now a

requirement for all schools districts, but not where it needs to be.

"We have a resolution in place to have that in all grades next year," Persi said. "It will be voted on at our next meeting."

Another area of insufficiency is the updating of curriculum guides, which a school board committee has been re-examining guides and working on changes for months. Finally, there is a need for agendas for all administrators' meetings, which is being put together to comply, Persi said.

The county is scheduled to return on Jan. 29.

Belleville was selected as one of six districts to be reviewed during the 2007-08 school year under QSAC.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools Dennis Villano said at the time that QSAC is a form of self-evaluation, but that doesn't mean that the district is not going to get a visit from county or state school monitors. The district must prove various aspects of its evaluation are correct.

According to the letter from Thomas Dowd, then the interim county superintendent of schools, QSAC is different from QAAR in that it is primarily a self assessment and measures a district's effectiveness and capacity in five key areas: instruction and program, personnel, fiscal management, operations, and governance. A Self Assessment Committee, under the charge of the superintendent, was established to review indicators in the five areas.

The committee members are then asked to rate the district's performance in those areas.

County officials confirmed that, at any time, the Essex County Board of Education may request an overview and or update on the QSAC process, and that would have to be presented in public at a regularly-scheduled board of education meeting. Although this measurement tool is different from the QAAR, it measures districts' effectiveness in more detail than before.

Also, officials said it is important to note that the report will be available to the public on the Internet

after it receives full approval from the state Commissioner of Education.

Villano previously said that under QSAC, the district still had to fill out a lot of information, but officials now don't need to accrue volumes, as long as the county and state know where the information is.

For example, minutes of all faculty meetings are on file, but the QSAC saves a lot of time, since there was previously so much "busy work."

As for the district not reporting honestly about any one area, Villano said officials are not going to take a chance with what the state is going to ask, so there is compliance. He said it isn't an honor system, it's just that the state doesn't really have the manpower to check every district completely. There can be a spot check, at which time the district better be able to produce.

Once approved, QSAC is to be available to all citizens. The first 100-plus page report for 2007-08 was made available as a computer file to the Times.

A sample page under "licensed personnel" contained an item which said "the Chief School Administrator (CSA) notifies the board of education or advisory board of all final personnel recommendations." The review suggests as documentation "board policies, regulations, and procedures; annual hire lists" and a "fall report (and) certified staff report."

Later on, under "personnel policies," an item states, "District policies and procedures for the evaluation of tenured and non-tenured staff adhere to established timelines" and suggests as documentation, "(a) schedule of evaluations, policy, regulations and procedure manuals, (and a) sampling of evaluations."

Officials said previously that the state would look at Belleville's review, and make a comparison with its data, and then send back ratings and recommendations. The new reporting system would be more comprehensive in several respects, including the evaluation of buildings.

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Board moves forward on kindergarten card

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

Bringing all-day kindergarten to Belleville was a controversial move last spring, with questions about continuing state aid to fund the program even more of a concern given the state's fiscal woes.

With no answers forthcoming yet about future aid, the progress and future of Belleville's fledgling all-day kindergarten program were outlined at Monday's Board of Education work session.

Susan Rovell, supervisor of elementary education for the district, brought a PowerPoint presentation to school administrators and the four out of seven school board members in attendance. The school board needs to approve the new kindergarten report card as soon as possible, since the cards will be going out soon, interim Superintendent of Schools Melindo Persi said.

After hearing the presentation, the four school board members agreed to place the report card res-

olution on the Jan. 26 school board meeting agenda.

Rovell said staff had to schedule curriculum for all-day kindergarten for the first time this fall. She said that, historically, there has been a nationwide early literacy initiative that has found reading to be one of the most important elements of kindergarten instruction.

Studies have shown that many young students classified as learning disabled in second and third grade are instead really "reading disabled."

The focus then is to help the most students achieve reading success, and have many fewer reading disabled.

Problems like gaps in instruction and learning need to be addressed, and re-taught, Rovell said.

The National Reading Panel of Experts has researched and found "the best practices," she said, with a report given about early literacy practices.

Rovell said balanced literacy for grades kindergarten to 3 is the

goal, so students can ultimately be successful on the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge. She said students "need to be ready to perform strategies."

There are now Core Curriculum Content Standards in reading, math, science and social studies, but students need to be "differentiated," Rovell said.

She said that means that not all students attain the same skill sets at the same time.

To help teachers in all schools remain on the same page with instruction, curriculum mapping has become a key component, Rovell said. For example, she said if a student changes school in mid-year, they should find the same programs from September through June.

"It leads to a continuity of instruction," Rovell said. Still, teachers may find that teaching something works better at a different time in the school year, so the curriculum mapping is ever evolving and being revamped.

As for the report card revisions,

Rovell said they were a collaborative effort to find how best to align them with the best practices for children. "Some things can be adjusted, but some have to stay solid," she said.

Communication and collaboration are the keys, Rovell said, and the actual language has been changed in specific ways. For example, students will now be said to be "developing," not "in need of improvement," since the new language is more positive for young students.

Rovell said that with children this young, something like handwriting "is going to develop when it develops," so negative comments need to be minimized.

With the state mandating that Gifted and Talented instruction begin in kindergarten, Rovell said that all students will be exposed to higher levels of critical thinking from the beginning. "If they start early, they develop better," she said.

The model being used is one of inclusion, with all students learning at our above their grade level and the ones identified as gifted and talented taken out for lessons at much higher levels of learning.

With professional development of kindergarten staff, all full-time teachers have time spent on that element each month.

The focus again is on best practices, with literacy education and math, and the "infusion" of science and social studies as much as possible.

"They're really sponges at that age," Rovell said of the reasons for including so much.

Finally, there are parents, who need to receive the information necessary to provide assistance to the child's continuing school success, she said. That can be done through home and school associations, curriculum mapping and guides, so "they know what to reinforce at home."

Elementary menus for January

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Breakfast - Bagel with cream cheese and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup

Lunch - Open-face turkey sandwich or an all-beef hot dog on a whole-wheat roll

Mashed potatoes and gravy

Jan. 16

Breakfast - Large muffin and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup

Lunch - Pizzeria Pizza or an all-beef hot dog on a whole-wheat roll
Baby carrots and pure fruit juice

Jan. 19

No school; Martin Luther King Day

Jan. 20

Breakfast - Buttered roll and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup

Lunch - Oven fried breaded chicken or cheese steak on a roll
Corn and pure fruit juice.

Jan. 21

Breakfast - Cereal bowl, snack cheese and pure fruit juice or fruit cup

Lunch - Mozzarella sticks with dipping sauce or cheese steak on a roll

Jan. 22

Breakfast - Bagel with cream cheese and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup

Lunch - Oven baked chicken nuggets or cheese steak on a roll
Oven baked potato tots and a fruit cup

Jan. 23

Breakfast - Large muffin and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup

Lunch - Pizzeria pizza or cheese steak on a roll

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The campaign will follow the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety's Pedestrian Decoy Program.

New Jersey has one of the nation's highest rates of pedestrian fatalities. Despite laws to protect pedestrians, 20 to 25 percent of traffic deaths involve people on foot.

Pedestrian enforcement is a vital tool for reducing deaths because rules not enforced are often ignored, according to authorities.

It also gives credibility to engi-

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

The focus will be on drivers who are expected to meet a higher standard.

Pedestrians include youth, students, persons with disabilities and senior citizens who cannot drive. They are the most vulnerable road users.

Physics dictates that in a crash between a motor vehicle and a pedestrian, the pedestrian will lose.

Pedestrians can't be expected to use crosswalks if drivers do not yield at crosswalks.

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

PBA Local 28 warns of phony solicitation

Belleville Police Benevolent Association Local 28 is warning business owners and residents to beware of phony phone solicitors.

Officials said the state PBA, along with local police, never solicit donations of any type by telephone.

If someone receives phone calls, where the caller claims to be a police officer working for certain

police organizations, hang up and call the Belleville Police Department to make a written report of the illegal activity, police said.

Residents are reminded that Local 28 will only solicit donations by mail. If someone receives a mailer and are concerned about its authenticity, they are urged to call police.



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Volunteers from Christ Episcopal Church collect toy donations for the children of the Care Closet Ministry.

ESSEX COUNTY

Sheriff offers winter driving tips

Essex County Sheriff Armando Fontoura has issued an alert to motorists, advising them to have their vehicles properly serviced and maintained for the winter months and to drive cautiously.

"It's the season for snowstorms and icy roads," Fontoura stated, "so it is imperative to make the necessary upgrades on all vehicles to reduce the dangers of winter driving. Tires, lights, batteries, anti-freeze and all engine fluid levels should be thoroughly inspected and serviced."

Sheriff Fontoura also advised

motorists to observe posted speed limits, to obey traffic pattern warning indicators and to not drink and drive. "Recommended speed limits apply when road conditions are ideal. To avoid skidding, hydroplaning and to prevent accidents, I urge motorists to slow down when streets are wet or icy, or when visibility is poor. Many motorists fail to recognize that driving can be particularly dangerous at this time of the year."

In New Jersey, a person is guilty of drunk driving if his or her Blood Alcohol Concentration is

0.08 percent or greater. "Law enforcement has zero tolerance for driving under the influence of alcohol," Fontoura noted. "The penalties for drunk driving are severe and include fines, jail time, mandatory in-patient alcohol education classes and the loss of one's driver's license."

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Tips for helping teens explore career opportunities

"What do I want to do with my life?" For generations, parents of high school and college students have struggled to help their children ponder and answer that million-dollar question. With second semester underway and many scholarship and college-entrance deadlines fast approaching, here are some tips for parents and students taking stock of their future opportunities.

First, don't wait until senior year to begin considering how you can help guide your high schooler into a gratifying, profitable career. High school students need to consider the question early because it will help determine where they should apply for college. Having an idea of their career interests will also help decide what scholarships to apply for and what grade point average they will need to snag the attention of college recruiters.

College students must delve deep into their souls to decide the direction of their life; how they want to enter the work world and make a positive contribution to society and become productive citizens. After all, if mom and dad are expected to fork over thousands of dollars in tuition, room and board, they are expecting a degree in something at the end of a four-year program.

These are major decisions that teens and young adults face during this pivotal time in their lives. So as a parent, how do you help them tackle this issue? Dr. Charles Mlynarczyk, campus dean of the College of Education at Argosy University, Sarasota campus, offers some advice:

'Test drive' a career

Hands-on experience not only helps students learn if they will like a career, it can provide them with marketable skills later on if they do decide to enter a certain field. There are several ways to "test drive" a career.

Some schools provide testing to help students identify areas of interest and demonstrated skill for a career, vocation or trade. Another option is to research internship opportunities in a profession of interest. Internships provide valuable opportunities for hands-on experience in a field and interaction with practicing professionals.

High school and college students can make arrangements to shadow someone in the career of interest. This also provides one-on-one interaction and personal experience that can be helpful in selecting a career.

Some schools have career days when executives from a variety of fields are invited to a school for "show and tell" and to chat with students about their careers and opportunities for advancement.

Keep options open

Students should not rush through the process of selecting a career and should understand that they might change their mind several times, Mlynarczyk said.

"Students need to balance between working on the present and preparing for the future," he adds. "It's important to keep their options open because they will not know the condition of the workforce when they are ready to graduate. For example, look at all the new developments with Internet and technology over the last 20 years. Approach the career selection process with an entrepreneurial spirit."

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Pre-K to hold tours, registration

The Montclair Community Pre-K (MCPK) will hold tours and registration for the school year beginning in September 2009. The school program is now open to out-of-town students. The tours are scheduled for Jan. 12-16 at 10 a.m. and Jan. 15 at 7 p.m., or by appointment.

Registration for 4-year-olds (age 4 by Dec. 31, 2009) will take place on Jan. 21 and 22 from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration for 3-year-olds (age 3 by Oct. 1, 2009) will take place on Jan. 27 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The model MCPK program has received national recognition. It

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Directed by Ken Moore of Glen Ridge, the cast includes Cheryl Alessio of Nutley, Fred Bernardi of Wycoff, Vicky Chalk of Nutley, Luke Franklin of West New York, Honor Friberg of Weehawken, Jainine Gambarro of Nutley, Jean-

marie Garver of River Edge, Laura Iacometta of Rochelle Park, Rich Maloy of Cedar Grove, John Mulcahy of Cedar Grove, Don Sheffrin of Little Falls, Anne Kenny Simpson of Bloomfield and Sally Walker of Cedar Grove.

Linda Ribauda of Bloomfield is musical director, Marvin Krieger of Hoboken is choreographer and Janis Wolfe of Nutley is stage manager.

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(8 p.m. curtain) of "James Joyce's The Dead" are Feb. 6, 7, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21. Matinees at 2 p.m. are scheduled on Feb. 8, 14 and 15.

"James Joyce's The Dead" takes its title from the famous story ending of Joyce's "Dubliners." The play itself is not at all gloomy; it celebrates the Irish tradition of holiday hospitality with exuberant music and dance.

Nutley Little Theatre has engaged SmartTix.com to handle ticket sales by phone and through the Internet. Patrons can still order tickets by phone by calling a new number: 1-877-238-5596. To order online, patrons can visit the NLT Web site www.nutleylittletheatre.com and click on the "Click for Tix" icon, or go directly to the Web site www.SmartTix.com.

Nutley Little Theatre stages its productions at the NLT Barn, 47 Erie Place, Nutley.

— For more information, call 973-667-0374.

Singing in the new year

The Hillside Café, a non-profit acoustic music venue in Nutley, will feature The Alice Project on Saturday, Jan. 17 at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

The opening performer will be Poet Jill Fenske.

The Alice Project

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For more information about The Alice Project, visit the Web site www.thealiceproject.com.

Jill Fenske

Jill Fenske is making her spoken word debut at the Hillside Café. Coming off a six-month sabbatical from her regular gig as pastor of Franklin Reformed Church (where she read, wrote and studied poetry) Fenske will be reading her original works in Hillside's first spoken word performance. Her poetry runs the gamut of the human experience, from spirituality to sexuality. As she says of her immersion into the world of poetry, "It has been a hell of a ride that I wouldn't trade for the world."

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 \$10.

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ATLANTIC CITY

By Ellen Burke Rawls



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Jerry Stiller debuts his one-man show at the Hilton

The Hilton is presenting "An Evening with Jerry Stiller" this Saturday night. Of course it's not Stiller's first visit to AC, but it will be his debut here as a one-man show. His earlier appearances have been in tandem with his wife and partner Anne Meara, with frequent gigs along the casino circuit both here and in Las Vegas. The brilliantly successful duo sparked the airwaves for decades with their clever repartee, scoring a record 36 appearances on The Ed Sullivan Show, and creating memorable commercials for Blue Nun Wine, United Van Lines and Amalgamated Bank among many others. Later, Jerry appeared as Vince Lombardi in Nike ads, AT&T commercials with his "Seinfeld" wife, Estelle Harris, and for Total Cereal, Glad Bags and America Online. He's also shot two videos for the band Rush which were used during the live performances.

In a recent telephone conversation from his long-time home on Manhattan's Riverside Drive, Jerry recalled a long-time desire to "go it alone." Of course Anne will be in AC with me," he assures us. "She'll probably be sitting in the audience at the Hilton to cue me!" Asked what his new act will comprise, he suggests that his appearances may be largely spontaneous. "I'll be talking about life in the theater and how I got there. There'll also be a lot of audience interaction, and I'll be happy to take questions." He quotes Paul Muni, "An actor has to act, and I was happy to do anything necessary to pursue my career in showbusiness. His early "sidelines" included stints as a Good Humor Man, mixing cement and selling hot dogs at Nedick's.

Probably best known to current generations as Frank Costanza, it should be of interest that he was originally called to play Jerry Seinfeld's father Morty. "At the time I was in New York in rehearsals with Tony Randall and Jack Klugman for a production of *Three Men on a Horse*, he recalls, "so I wasn't able to accept (Seinfeld producer) Larry David's invitation to come out to California." Some while later, the producers decided to add the character of George Costanza's father, and Jerry was free to create what was to have been an occasionally recurring role. So brilliantly conceived was Jerry's interpretation that Frank quickly became a major player in the ensemble comedy, with several episodes actually written to feature him.

With an international reputation for his comedic talents and timing, Stiller's lesser-known dramatic work both on the Broadway stage and feature films includes his selection for the first season of Joe Papp's New York Shakespeare Festival, and dozens of classic stage roles and major motion pictures. He's been a frequent guest on dramatic

TV series including *Murder She Wrote*, *Law and Order* and *LA Law*, as well as PBS *Great Performances*, and he will be seen later this month in the Hallmark TV drama *Ice Dreams*. Among his myriad awards are the star he shares with Anne on Hollywood's Walk of Fame and his confreres' accolade as honoree at the New York Friars Club roast.

Catch "An Evening with Jerry Stiller" at the Hilton Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25.

This weekend Motown legends The Temptations return to Resorts to "Do The Things They Do!" The hottest group ever to come out of the Motor City, the Tempts continue to shine some four decades later with their incomparable harmonies, classy choreography and infallible instinct for repertoire. With Otis Williams the only remaining original member, selections for other replacements have been stringent, and The Temptations have stayed true to tradition and respectful of their unique formula no matter the changes in the group. Launched with original compositions by Smokey Robinson, the hits have proceeded to roll with chart-toppers including "The Girls Are Alright With Me," "It's Growing," "Get Ready," "Since I Lost My Baby," and "My Girl." The Temptations will perform at Resorts Superstar Theater Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40.

LaBelle, the exciting R&B/Soul group comprised of Patti LaBelle, Nona Hendryx and Sarah Dash, will be stopping at the Mark G. Etes Arena at Trump Taj Mahal on Saturday for a single concert at 8 p.m. On tour in support of their new CD *Back to Now*, the newly reunited trio shows off their distinct sound, fusing disco, funk and glam rock. Together, as well as in their individual solo careers, the ladies have become famous for their high-energy performances and gospel-inspired harmonies. You'll catch their original rendition of "Lady Marmalade" and a string of hits which have become classics as well as their most recent hot singles from the new CD, including Hendryx' original "Without You in My Life." Showtime at the Etes Arena at the Taj is Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$95, \$65 and \$49.50.

Manic prop comic Gallagher does a single show at Harrah's Sunday at 9 p.m. His signature sketch is the "Sledge-O-Matic," a large wooden mallet that he uses to smash a variety of objects, including containers of cottage cheese, cartons of chocolate milk, tubes of toothpaste, Big Macs, and, most famously, watermelons. Attendees and fans seated in the first two or three rows usually bring their own additional protection (raincoats, umbrellas). Tickets for Sunday's show are \$35-\$55.

Special Advertising Feature

'Sound of Music' at Westminster Arts Center

MOC Musical Theatre is coming alive this month with "The Sound of Music" at Bloomfield's Westminster Arts Center. Running through Sunday Jan. 18, this classic and endearing musical is based on the book, "The Story of the Trapp Family Singers." It features an unforgettable Rodgers and Hammerstein score, including "My Favorite Things," "Do-Re-Mi" and "Climb Every Mountain." MOC is celebrating the 50th anniversary since "The Sound of Music" opened on Broadway.

The Rodgers and Hammerstein musical is based on the true story of the Trapp family singers who fled their native Austria to escape the Nazi regime. Vincent Donehue, an American TV and Broadway producer/director, believed the story to be a perfect vehicle for a musical, especially if tailored to fit theater star Mary Martin.

Martin and her husband, producer Richard Halliday, embraced the project and sought assistance from producer Leland Hayward. Hayward brought on Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse to write the libretto, and Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II to write the music and lyrics. Finally in late 1959, "The Sound of Music" opened on Broadway to rave reviews from both audiences and critics.

Playing the role of Maria is Mandy Feiler. Mandy's varied roles on MOC's stage include Sister Amnesia in "Nunsense," Marion in "The Music Man" and Cinderella in "Into the Woods." The stalwart Captain Von Trapp is played by Tom Schopper, marking his MOC debut. He was last seen in 4th Wall's "Assassins."

In the role of the Mother Abbess is Lisa Lockhart, a critically acclaimed soprano who has thrilled opera and concert audiences across the United States and in Europe. She recently sang the roles of Bess and Serena for the Tulsa Opera Outreach Program, and covered Bess for their production of "Porgy and Bess."

Also featured are Barbi McGuire as Sister Berthe ("Titanic," "Nunsense"), Kathi Iannacone as Sister Sophia ("Titanic," "Nunsense"), Autumn Tilson as Sister Margaretta ("Titanic"), Mitchell Olsen ("Titanic") as Franz, Michael Rush as Max, Charles Riley as Herr Zeller ("Titanic"), Chelsi Stahr as Elsa Schraeder, Tommy Waltz as Rolf ("Titanic") and Janet Swaim as Frau Schmidt.

The talented Von Trapp children are portrayed by Jennifer Smith, Jake Stepansky, Marin Contini, Gabriel Dardik, MaryKate Kelly, Kaylie Rubinaccio and Ava DeMary.

The supporting cast includes Jennifer Shue, Marian McGinty, Susan Ryall, Carly OHagan, Cindy Owing, Isobel Menard, Daniell Pennisi, Maria Brodeur, Andrew Michelson and Todd Schumpert.

Leading the production staff is director and choreographer Bob Cline, a New York City casting director who casts for the national tours of "Annie," "Rent," "Hair-spray," "The Wedding Singer" and "The Drowsy Chaperone," to name a few. Cline returns to MOC after directing the successful "Titanic" and "Nunsense."

Bringing the unforgettable Rodgers and Hammerstein score to life is music director Ken Magos, who maintains active voice studios in New York City and New Jersey, has performed on stages throughout the United States and Italy in professional opera and concert productions, and who recently served as musical director for PV Theater's New Jersey premiere of "Rent: School Edition."

The production crew also includes producer Kathi Iannacone, stage manager Martha Thalheimer, president of MOC Musical Theatre and production designer Richard O'Conner, lighting designer Nik Marmo, costume designer Dan Schulz, program designer Susan Ryall and publici-

ty/marketing director Barbi McGuire.

Tickets are \$25 for general admission, \$22 for senior citizens and \$15 for students and children. Tickets for Bloomfield College students with ID are \$4. For groups of 20, tickets are \$20 each.

Remaining performances will be

held Friday, Jan. 16 (tomorrow) at 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 17 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 18 at 2 p.m.

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ARRIVALS



Gianna Nicole Buckley

A daughter, Gianna Nicole, was born to Diana and Jerry Buckley of Belleville on Nov. 18, 2008, 9 a.m. at Saint Barnabas Hospital. Her birth weight was 7 pounds, 8 ounces, and her height was 20-1/4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Rosalie Muratschew of Flemington and Walter and Donna Muratschew of RiverVale.

Paternal grandparents are Debbie and Jerry Buckley of Nutley.

Great-grandmothers are Frances Milone of Bayside, N.Y., and Angelina Muratschew of Glen Spey, N.Y. The great-grandfather is Anthony Tremarco of Newark.

Godparents are Tonimarie Buckley of Nutley and Joseph Ciliberti of Lake Hopatcong.



Caitlyn Elizabeth Kramer

A third child, Caitlyn Elizabeth, was born to Lauren, formerly of Nutley, and Mark Kramer, of State College Pa., on June 24, 2008, at Mount Nittany Medical Center in State College, Pa. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 21 inches long. She joins her sister Alyssa, 3, and her brother Dylan, 20 months.

Maternal grandparents are

Carol Olmsted, formerly of Nutley, of State College, Pa., and David Olmsted, formerly of Nutley, of Vero Beach, Fla.

Paternal grandparents are Kathy and Jeff Flickinger of Spring Grove, Pa., and Dennis and Karla Kramer of Salisbury, Md.

Godparents are Kristy Olmsted of State College, Pa., and Todd Kramer of York, Pa.

Got news?

Want to submit a news item to *Nutley Sun*? For quickest results, press releases and photos can be e-mailed to this address: nutleysun@northjersey.com. Typed material can be mailed or delivered to our office at 90 Centre St., Nutley, New Jersey 07110. Copy can also be faxed to the attention of the Sun editor at 973-667-3904. The deadline for submissions to *Nutley Sun* for publication is 1 p.m. Thursday before the publication date. Please include a name and telephone number with all submissions.

WEDDING



Heather Moss married to Ralph Conca

Heather Moss of Owings Mills, Md., was married to Ralph Conca of Nutley on July 26, 2008. Heather is the daughter of Janet and Stephen Moss of Owings Mills. Ralph is the son of Anna and Michael Conca of Nutley.

The bride's father gave her away at Shadowbrook in Shrewsbury. The ceremony and cocktail hour took place outside in the formal gardens, followed by the

reception in the Oak Room in this Georgian Mansion, built around 1902. A Sunday brunch was held the following morning at Osteria Dante in Red Bank. The wedding was preceded by a barbeque at the family beach house for guests, on Friday evening in Bradley Beach.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii, visiting Oahu (Honolulu), Maui and the Big Island of Hawaii.

HOPING FOR A HOME



Deena and her daughter, Midnight, are nearing their one-year anniversary at the John A. Bukowski Shelter. These girls have lost hope of ever finding a home and are getting depressed. They are existing from day to day in a cage, and to the volunteers' amazement, have been passed over time and time again for adoption. Deena is about 4 years old, and Midnight is around 2 years old. These cats are still young and have a lot of years left. The shelter would love to see them at the least in a foster home. They are both very gentle and sweet, not to mention elegant. Do you have room for either Deena or Midnight, or both?

Valentine's request

Attention readers, Valentine's Day is around the corner. Have an interesting story on how you found that special someone? Submit a brief story to us with a photograph.

Stories should be no longer than 200 words. Digital photos should be in the form of JPEG files at a minimum of 200 dpi and should be e-mailed to Tripoldi@northjersey.com.

If you prefer to mail yours, send to Debbie Tripoldi, 90 Centre St., Nutley, NJ 07110. Stories will run on first-come, first-serve basis throughout the month of February, depending on submissions.

HOPING FOR A HOME



Chris was featured months ago with his good friend, Brooks. Since then, Brooks was adopted to a great home, leaving Chris behind. Although the shelter misses Brooks, Chris really has adjusted to being on his own. In fact, he has come out of his shell more since Brooks has left. An avid fan of catnip and the laser toy, Chris manages to keep himself busy in his cage, but he needs a home — preferably one with a laser toy and a person willing to spend time with interactive laser games. And how about some catnip and a comfortable sofa after a long laser play session? Not too much to ask for a cat who has been waiting at the shelter for almost a year. Come to the John A. Bukowski Shelter and have a play session with Chris, and bring some catnip. Telephone: 973-748-0194.



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FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Dr. Manny Alfano, Belleville Unico president, collects food for Christmas. Also of assistance were chapter members, Costco of East Hanover and Branch Brook Manor, which donated hot dinners. To help feed the hungry, call Alfano at 973-429-2818.



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RIBBON CUTTING

Dr. John Fontanetta, director of Emergency Medicine, registered nurse Lea Rodriguez, director of Emergency Services, Dr. Michael A. Pontoriero, president of Clara Maass Medical Center's medical staff; and Thomas A. Biga, executive director of Clara Maass Medical Center, make a dedication at the Belleville hospital.

FEDERAL FUNDING

Pascrell announces FIRE grant for Belleville

U.S. Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-8th), the author of the Firefighter Investment Response Enhancement grant program, has announced that the Belleville Fire Department has been awarded a \$60,087 FIRE grant from the Department of Homeland Security.

The money will be used to invest in new bailout kits and training for each of its firefighters.

"The firefighters in Belleville are well deserving of these federal dollars," Pascrell said. The department continues to put together outstanding applications and the results speak for themselves.

"The FIRE Act was written right here in the Eighth Congressional District, specifically to help communities like Belleville support its first responders. I am pleased that Belleville FD has remained active in pursuing these grants and has demonstrated such great success in securing them," the congressman added.

Specifically, the grant will allow the Belleville department to invest in 74 bailout kits to outfit each firefighter. The equipment will provide each firefighter with a harness and rope set that will provide a virtual escape system to navigate in limited visibility situations and to efficiently egress from multistory structures.

The grant will also allow the department to invest in the appropriate training materials to best utilize the equipment.

This grant marks the fifth FIRE grant awarded to Belleville since the program funding began in 2002. As recently as last year, Belleville was awarded \$50,000 to invest in a hydraulic rescue tool often referred to as the "jaws of life," low-pressure and high-pressure lifting bags, a cutting torch, state of the art cribbing, elevator rescue keys, and a hydraulic rabbit tool.

The township has received a total of \$396,908 in federal funding under the FIRE grant program, according to Pascrell.

Fire departments across America have received grants under the

"I know that every dime of grant funding from the federal government provides important relief to the local taxpayers who sustain essential public safety operations."

Bill Pascrell
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program (a.k.a. the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program), which was created by Pascrell's FIRE Act in 2000. The act, first introduced in

March of 1999, is the first comprehensive national legislation dedicated to meet the special needs of America's 32,000 volunteer, paid and partly paid fire departments.

Pascrell said the program has grown from \$100 million in fiscal year 2001 to \$490 million this year.

"As a former mayor, I know that every dime of grant funding from the federal government provides important relief to the local taxpayers who sustain essential public safety operations like fire departments," he said. "During these trying economic times, federal assistance is a particularly worthy way to ease the local tax burden."

The FIRE grant program is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which

falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Homeland Security.

As part of the FIRE grant application, applicants had to demonstrate financial need and articulate the benefits to be derived from the grant funds.

Funding priorities for the grant

program were established utilizing recommendations from each of the nine major national fire service organizations.

For more information regarding the FIRE Grant (Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program), visit www.usfa.fema.gov.

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BHS WRESTLING

Colon, Perez win gold at Minuteman

BY MIKE LAMBERTI
for Belleville Times

A less than sterling effort by the Belleville wrestling team in a dual match at home against Passaic was followed by a good win over Paterson Kennedy and subsequently a solid performance at the Minuteman Tournament last weekend in Elizabeth.

Joe Nisivoccia's team will take a 2-3 mark into a match at Bayonne this afternoon in a 5 p.m. start. Tomorrow, Bloomfield comes to town for a 5 p.m. match and on Saturday morning, Columbia visits for a 10 a.m. match. Next Wednesday, the team is at Hackensack.

Belleville was dominated in its match with Passaic last week, but the team rebounded with a solid 54-26 win over Paterson Kennedy.

"We needed to get a win in a dual match," Nisivoccia said. "More importantly, I liked the way some of our younger wrestlers responded."

Versus Kennedy, Justin Colon continued his winning ways with

a pin at 103 pounds while James Murgueytio (112) and Nick Cuevas (125) also recorded falls. Joe Anello (145), Dean Nalouv (152), Frank Perez (160), Mike Laboy (189) and Chase Hamilton (HWT) gained victories and Marc Corino (140) turned in a solid effort.

"Nalouv was a surprise at 152," Nisivoccia said of the freshman. "He's been wrestling junior varsity, but we brought him up and he won a 15-12 decision. He looked pretty good."

At the Minuteman Tournament this past Saturday, Colon and Perez gained gold medals. Colon won the 103-pound championship in impressive fashion, including a pin in the title bout. It was the second tournament title of the season for Colon, a freshman.

"He wrestled very well," Nisivoccia said of Colon. "He was smooth on his takedowns and very confident on the mat. He's wrestled very well so far."

Perez was also solid in winning the 160-pound championship for his first tournament crown. The

junior won two bouts by decision, including a 10-3 final and also had a technical fall.

"I was very pleased with Frank's performance," Nisivoccia said. "He was aggressive with his moves and his follow through was good."

Louis Olivera took third at 125 pounds while Murgueytio, Cuevas and Hamilton were fourth in their respective weight classes. Anello came back from a first round loss to win two matches and finish fifth at 145. Belleville finished sixth as a team in the Minuteman.

The Bucs also fielded a JV team at the Minuteman and got some good performances there. Anthony Avino, a freshman, won the 125-pound title while Corino took third at 135. Zach Zitani finished fourth at 130 pounds and Daniel Giangrande (171) and Chris Colon (189) took seventh/eighth.

"It was good for the J.V. kids to get some work in," Nisivoccia said. "That's the key to this sport and some of the J.V. wrestlers could get the chance to wrestle on the varsity."

A.C. fundraiser; Anderson disgrace and bowlers doing well



BUC
SHOTS
MIKE LAMBERTI

The Belleville High School Athletic Council will hold a Cosmic Bowling Fundraiser this Saturday, Jan. 17, between 6 and 9 p.m.

The event will be held at Brunswick Lanes in Belleville, on Washington Avenue. The cost is \$25 per person, with six people on a lane. The price includes three hours of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and soda.

For more information, contact Frank at 973-751-5119, John at 973-759-1816 or Keith at 201-681-4165.

Under the category of "what a disgrace" comes this tidbit from a recent visit to the Belleville High School trophy case, which stands adjacent to the high school gymnasium. Among the items in one of the cases is a plaque that was presented to former Belleville High School standout basketball player Abdel Anderson back in 1975. The plaque, which was presented to Anderson during a student assembly in April of '75, was for Anderson's selection as a high school All American basketball player.

Keep in mind that attaining All

American status back then was much harder than it is today. For those who might not know, Abdel Anderson was the first Belleville basketball player to eclipse the 1,000 point mark and that was in the days when freshman weren't allowed to play on the varsity.

Anderson was a 6'7" forward who would earn All State honors in 1975 in leading Belleville to a 13-10 record. He would later play at Rutgers University, leading the Scarlet Knights to four winning seasons and a trip to the Final Four in 1976, arguably Rutgers' best season in school history on the hardwood.

Most importantly, Anderson was a class act who represented his team and his township, with a great deal of dignity. However, in the Belleville High School trophy case, the only mention of Abdel is that plaque, which is showing severe aging, with frayed edges.

I understand that, over time, paper can lose its quality, but the fact that nothing has been done to accentuate Anderson's accomplishments is a shame.

Abdel Anderson was the best basketball player Belleville High ever produced, bar none. His number 15 should have long been retired, a photo of him should be in the trophy case, as well as the basketball he scored that 1,000th point with.

And that All American plaque, which was a huge honor when it

was bestowed upon Anderson some 34 years ago and prompted a five-minute standing ovation from the student body on hand that day, should have been better maintained. It was Anderson who, upon receiving that plaque from principal Ray Smith, promptly donated it back to the school, so that it would be remembered for decades to come.

Time does go on, but the accomplishments of one of the school's best players doesn't need to be forgotten. Shame on whomever dropped the ball on that one.

The Belleville High bowling teams are doing well. Heading into this week's action, the boys team was 32-24 while the girls were 21-35. The girls have been led by Olga Boldero, who has moved up from the J.V. team and rolled a high game of 174.

The boys, which had a 7-0 win over Hackensack last week, were led by Brian Haight, who had games of 202, 234 and 236. Karan Raja had a season high of 220 and Adam Hamdan tallied a 212 in the Hackensack win.

The bowlers faced Bloomfield earlier this week and will battle Paramus Catholic this afternoon at 4 p.m. Next Wednesday, the team will take on Montclair. All matches are held at Bowler City in Hackensack.

BHS BOYS BASKETBALL

Boys drop three on the courts

BY MIKE LAMBERTI
for Belleville Times

The progress has been steady, but at times arduous, for the Belleville boys basketball team.

Ted Sochaski's Bucs dropped three games last week to Bloomfield, Barringer and Livingston, and in all three, Belleville held a lead but weren't able to finish the game effectively.

Belleville took a 2-5 record into a game with Montclair on Tuesday. This evening, the team visits St. Joseph of Montvale in a 7 p.m. tip, and next Tuesday, Bergen Catholic of Oradell comes to Belleville for a 5:30 p.m. game.

Off a good win over Ferris in the Passaic Valley Holiday Tournament, Sochaski was hoping his team could win a few games last week, but the Bucs ran into a good Bloomfield squad to start off and didn't fare well, losing 59-36. "We had a 15-4 lead in that game," Sochaski said. "But Bloomfield ran off 16 in a row to close out the first quarter and we never regrouped."

The Bengals led 20-15 after one and extended the lead to 39-21 at halftime. After a 15-5 Bengal run in the third quarter, Belleville played well in the final frame, but was

only able to shave five points off the deficit. Ray Lainez led Belleville with nine points. Versus Barringer, the Bucs lost a close 77-75 decision in double overtime.

"It was a very good game," Sochaski said. "Both teams played hard and it came down to a bucket in overtime. We had a 10 point lead in the third quarter of that game, and that's something we need to work on. We've shown we can play with these teams, now we have to finish the games off."

Barringer erased a 24-20 half-time deficit with a 21-14 third quarter, but Belleville, behind the shooting of Matt Nguyen, tied the game in the fourth quarter to force overtime. Nguyen hit four 3-point baskets in the fourth quarter and overtime and finished with a career high 29 points. James Colson had 17 points and Santiago Lopez finished with 12.

Last Saturday, the Bucs lost a 60-47 contest to Livingston. Once again, the Bucs had a lead, this time an eight point advantage at halftime, but Livingston dominated the third quarter with a 24-3 run and never looked back after a 12-12 fourth quarter. Lopez led Belleville with 11 points while Nguyen finished with 10.

BHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Benacquista girls lead Bucs to first win

BY MIKE LAMBERTI
for Belleville Times

Leah Benacquista scored 10 points while her younger sister, Jessica, had nine to lead the Belleville girls' basketball team to its first win of the season last week, a 63-18 triumph over Barringer in Belleville.

Jill Fischman's team, which lost to Bloomfield, 43-22, and Livingston, 45-26, last week, took a 1-5 mark into a game with Montclair earlier this week. This afternoon, the team is host to Holy Angels of Demarest in a 5:30 p.m. start and next Tuesday, it's off to Immaculate Heart Academy of Westwood in a 5:30 p.m. game.

Fischman liked what she saw from her team against Barringer.

"What I liked most was we were able to put four solid quarters together," Fischman said. "Everyone got a chance to play and we made some good decisions in our offensive game."

Belleville took control early, taking a 16-1 lead after one quarter and extending that margin to 33-3 at halftime. The Bucs outscored

Barringer, 30-15, in the second half to secure the win.

In addition to the Benacquista sisters, Naomi Perez and Nicole Velardi scored eight points each. Vanessa Gomez finished with seven, Brandi Borke and Alexa Veniero scored six each, Erika Giangrande tallied three and Crystal Ortiz and Amanda Perez scored two points each.

In Belleville's loss to Bloomfield, the Bengals took a 26-8 lead by halftime and never looked back. Leah Benacquista and Amanda Perez led Belleville with six points each while Jessica Benacquista scored four.

Versus Livingston, Perez played a solid game to lead the Bucs.

"We need to establish consistency," Fischman said. "I know it's tough for the kids to learn a new system, but I like the way they're working in practice and playing in the games. Our four seniors (Amanda Perez, Giangrande, Veniero and Naomi Perez) have done a good job and I'm hoping we can start putting together more consistent game efforts."

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Thomas A. Biga, executive director of Clara Maass Medical Center; registered nurse Dawn Bibbo, manager of Orthopedic Product Line; Crystal D. Branch, nurse manager of Orthopedics; and Dr. Frank Femino, medical director of The Joint and Spine Institute are among those making a dedication at the institute.

SCHOOL 1

FROM PAGE 1

to decide whether or not to move forward with the project. The \$2.4 million price to acquire the property may have been too steep in the terrible real estate market, some have speculated.

While a decision on the school property has not been made, the money that was supposed to fund badly needed school improvements is not coming, and Board of Education President Joseph Longo has said that also must be addressed.

He said there are some ideas out there based on what are the

greatest needs, and that also needs to go back to buildings and grounds. The committee has to figure out how to complete the projects that really need to get done.

Frantantoni has led a small but vocal opposition to the school's sale, saying real estate is too valuable to sell and that the land might be needed for use as a school if the student population in the Valley area increases enough.

Frantantoni's filed a formal complaint with the state Attorney General's Office regarding the proposed sale of the school, claiming that one board member had the appearance of a conflict of interest that should have pre-

vented him from voting to approve the sale.

Along with an alleged conflict, Frantantoni also questioned the amount bid for the school, which was just a fraction higher than the next highest bid. Frantantoni has copies of the three bids submitted for the purchase of the school, and the winning bid was just \$1,000 more than the second highest bid, much less than one percent of the cost of the total bid.

Frantantoni, who has said the board should hold onto valuable property and rehab School 1, also said he believes there may be a deed restriction on the property that prevents its sale.

ESSEX COUNTY

Nanina's places in holiday contest

Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo Jr. presented awards to the children and families who participated in the Essex County Environmental Center's Fourth Annual Gingerbread Homes and Habitats Contest.

"Our Gingerbread Homes and Habitats Contest was a wonderful project that incorporated our mission to raise awareness about nature with a holiday theme. This hands-on family-oriented contest lets children and their families learn about the environment in a fun way," DiVincenzo said. "I was impressed with the imagination and creativity in all the entries. Everyone who participated in this contest was a winner."

A list of award winners is as follows in the following categories.

Professional adult

First place was given to Chelsea Van Houten and Neddy Nazario of Bloomfield. Second place went to The ShopRite of West Caldwell - Sunrise Bakery Shop. Nanina's in the Park, Belleville, received third place.

Non-professional adult

First Place went to Andrea Saul and Bryan Rudderow of Bloomfield. Second place was given to Coleen Klabim of Montclair. Third place went to Renee and Wilda

Resky of Livingston.

Honorable mention honorees were the Essex County Vocational-Technical Schools West Caldwell Campus students Eliu Bosque, Adriana Cordon, Nadia Narine, Ayanna Swan, Katie Rombola, Angela Urquizo, John Breland and Yoshua Cott, taught by Victoria Atfield.

Group/Family

First place was given to the Con-Francesco Family of Caldwell. Second place went to Kathy and Kara Johansen of Verona. Third place winner was The Kret Family of Maplewood.

Honorable mention honorees were the Coughtright Family of Caldwell, the Leach Family of Roseland, the Spitz family of Caldwell and Maria Concillio and Ava Glassar of South Orange.

Special acknowledgement to the Essex County Environmental Center's Let's Get Growing Garden Club, Little Explorer's Tot and Pre-School classes.

Individual

First place was Janine Sweetman of Pompton Plains. Second place went to Ariane Schoenwiesner of Montclair and third place was Brianna Semeraro of Verona.

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to becoming a reality, but are just meant to start a dialogue.

Leasing rather than buying textbooks could bring savings, as could consolidating services with other districts. For example, Persi said he has had preliminary conversations with Nutley schools regarding sharing costs of sending special education students to schools outside the district.

He said the district currently buses 37 special needs students to

other districts.

Persi said renegotiating existing salary increases with school personnel is “unlikely,” but needs to be mentioned as a possibility.

Gaining revenue by charging in some way for courtesy or other types of busing is on the table, Persi said.

“We’re looking at all types of alternatives,” he said.

The prospect of offering preschool classes to 20 percent of the students who qualify for free or reduced lunches seems to be dimming with the state’s fiscal crisis having deepened, Persi said, but

the district is ready with the three classes if necessary. If the program gets off the ground next year and continues into the 2010-11 school year, however, there is simply no extra space in the existing elementary schools to add more classes, he said.

Despite the fiscal problems, Persi said one area that the district intends to push forward with is a comprehensive technology upgrade “as quickly as possible.” He said there are less than 1,000 computers currently to serve some 4,400 students, an unacceptable number.

“We will look to lease as many as possible, spending \$200,000 post haste,” Persi said. “We need to be sure the technology offerings are consistent in all our schools.”

Other likely spending would include:

- kindergarten through grade three math textbooks
- expanding the Gifted and Talented program
- professional development of school staff
- roof replacements for the middle and high schools, with bids to be accepted soon, after architects have been hired to draw up

specifications

- establishing a supervisor of health and physical education
- looking at establishing instrumental music instruction earlier than fifth grade, as early as third or fourth grade, with the possibility lease/purchase for instruments or asking parents to pay to rent instruments

Discussion of the budget process is expected to continue at next month’s work session, with all board members weighing in on the possibilities. Three board members were absent Monday night, and another left early.

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Council raises questions over board revamp

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

A move designed to ensure that the Rent Leveling Board can hold scheduled meetings even if the board secretary cannot attend has stirred controversy. A Belleville Township Council member and a resident say that the move would mean that all other boards would look to add paid assistant positions at a cost to taxpayers.

The council recently voted to reappoint Rose Marie Tuosto as rent leveling board secretary and Adelaide Otto as secretary alternate.

Township Manager Victor Canning said revamping the board has improved it from a board that barely met to one that has brought in more than \$50,000 in revenues in 2008.

Township Attorney Thomas Murphy agreed, saying an alternate secretary would help, "since the

revenue is based on the board's ability to meet."

Canning said that as recently as two years ago, "the board didn't meet for six months."

Resident Vincent Frantantoni said the appointment of an alternate would lead to bodies like the planning and zoning boards spending more on assistants or alternates. Canning said the price for the alternate or the regular secretary is still less than a few hundred dollars, and the money would be spent either way when the board meets.

First Ward Councilwoman Marie Strumolo Burke said she pushed to have changes made to the rent leveling ordinance that has allowed the new revenues, but agreed with Frantantoni that the appointment of an alternate sets a precedent that could cost taxpayers. "We might now have assistants to the two boards, zoning and planning," Burke said in a separate

interview. "I don't think it's right."

At the meeting, At-Large Councilman Kevin Kennedy said that if the person is already making more than \$60,000 from the town, the secretary's post should be part of the job. "It should be part of their duties," Burke said.

Burke said that during the many years when she was zoning board secretary, if she could not make a meeting, a member "would jot down notes" that would later be used to keep the meeting's minutes, and that system would be good enough now.

As for the rent leveling board's success in raising revenue, Burke said she insisted that the registration fees for apartments be raised from the low amount of \$1 per apartment to \$10.

"That, along with rent decontrol, make us a lot of money," she said. "Before that, you could only raise rents by the consumer price index."

She said going "line by line" with the lawyers before the new ordinance was passed has literally paid off for taxpayers.

Longtime rent leveling board member Florence Pentol said appointing the alternate was a good, necessary move.

"Rent leveling was dying out," Pentol said. "We never met, we couldn't find the forms, and we couldn't meet if the secretary was sick."

"This costs no more. It's the same \$150, yet we can carry out our duties. We've gone from peanuts to \$50,000. Just having the statements for people to register their apartments has made a big difference."

As for the statement that the meeting dates can just be changed, we are scheduled well in advance. There is no way to postpone with seven members. It's a good idea to have an alternate secretary."

HOSPITAL

Clara Maass announces promotion to COO

In addition to her role as vice president for Patient Care Services at Clara Maass Medical Center, registered nurse Mary Ellen Clyne has been appointed chief operating officer for the Belleville hospital.

In her new role, Clyne will continue to provide leadership, direction and vision for the medical center to ensure and enhance the quality of patient care and deliverance of quality health care services to meet the needs of the local community.

"For the past nine years, Mary Ellen has helped create and foster an environment of excellence and quality care for our patients," said Thomas A. Biga, Clara Maass executive director. "In her new position, she will have even more of an opportunity to positively impact the medical center."

Clyne has served as vice president for Patient Care Services since 1999. She has also taught graduate level courses at the Seton Hall University College of Nursing since 2000. Prior to joining Clara Maass, she held numerous nursing director positions at New Jersey hospitals.

Clyne is a member and former director and treasurer of the Organization of Nurse Executives/New Jersey, the American College of Health Care Executives, the New

Jersey Hospital Association Patient Care Advisory Group, Sigma Theta Tau, and the Health Care Advisory Board.

She is also a doctorate candidate in nursing at the College of Nursing at Seton Hall University and a Fellow for the J&J/Wharton Nursing Program at the University of Pennsylvania. She obtained her master's of science in nursing administration and her bachelor's of science in nursing from Seton Hall University.

School band clinic set for Jan. 24

The Caldwell College Music Department, 120 Bloomfield Ave., will host a Junior High School Region Band Clinic for students in grades 7 through 9 on Saturday Jan. 24, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Students who plan to audition for the Junior High School Region Band in February should participate in this activity.

Caldwell College professors and Gramercy Brass Orchestra members will perform Junior High Region Band music excerpts and coach junior high school students in their preparation of the works in a group master class.

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BOOKMARKS

Career counseling & resume writing

The Belleville Public Library is offering one-on-one classes for career counseling and resume writing on Saturday mornings from January 17 through March 28, and on Tuesday evenings from January 20 through March 31. Call the library to register. Each class will be scheduled for approximately half and hour.

Internet classes

The Belleville Public Library and Information Center invites you to learn about navigating the Internet with Head of Reference Cindy LaRue. An in-depth Internet class consisting of three one-hour sessions covering the basics will be held from Feb. 2 through Feb. 4.

Call the library to register and find out about other upcoming Internet sessions. All classes start promptly at 10 a.m. in the teen center.

Book Discussion classes

Join the Belleville Public Library Book Discussion classes as they resume on February 25, with "The Perfect Summer: England 1911, Just Before the Storm" by Juliet Nicolson. Topping the bestseller charts in Britain and published to much acclaim in the United States, "The Perfect Summer" chronicles a glorious English summer a century ago when the world was on the cusp of irrevocable change. To register, call the library.

Join Friends of the Library

Take advantage of the biggest bargain in town and join the Friends of the Belleville Public Library and Information Center. Individual membership is \$5, family membership is \$7, student membership is \$1, business is \$25, organization is \$25, and for \$50 you could be a member for life. All proceeds from Friends programs benefit the library.

Visit NYC museums for free

Free passes are available at the Belleville Public Library for the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Museum of Natural History. Call the circulation desk for more information or to reserve passes.

Teen programs

The Belleville Public Library offers many fun and educational programs for teens. Students in grades 7-12 are invited. Come and check out the Teen Center located on the first floor of the library.

Games: Every Tuesday and Thursday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Come and relieve some stress with Wii, Guitar hero, DDR and board games.

Autism collection & resources

The Belleville Public Library has increased its collection of books on autism. A resource list is available, which lists all the latest books and also provides addresses for Web sites of interest. See a librarian for more information.

Belleville Library blog

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Vault Online Career Library

The Belleville Public Library has acquired the Vault Online Career Library, the leading source of career information on the Web. It makes researching employers, industries and career subjects much easier and more efficient. This new online resource contains downloadable guides on careers, employers and career topics. There are over 3,500 company profiles, over 1,100 career advice articles, and industry and occupational profiles.

This database is available on the library's homepage. Go to www.bellepl.org and click on the Vault logo.

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

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Florence Sisbarro

A Mass was offered for Florence (Gugliotta) Sisbarro, 98, of West Orange Jan. 9 at Holy Family Church, Nutley, after the funeral from the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sisbarro passed away Jan. 5 at Canterbury at Cedar Grove.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Sisbarro lived in Belleville and Nutley before moving to West Orange eight years ago.

The wife of the late Louis Sisbarro, she is survived by her children, Carole Gilliard and her husband, Warren, Louis and his wife, Patricia, and Frederick and his wife, Ann; her son-in-law, James Canty; her siblings, Fay Sebilis, Helen Smith, George Gugliotta, George and James Pontrella; 10 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her daughter, Florence "Ginger" Canty.

Helen E. "Bette" Amiano

A Mass was offered for Helen E. "Bette" Amiano (nee Ross), 80, of Belleville Jan. 8 at St. Mary's Church, Nutley, after the funeral from the Biondi Funeral Home.

Mrs. Amiano passed away Jan. 4 at The Gardens at Monroe Healthcare Nursing Home, Monroe.

Mrs. Amiano was born in Philadelphia, PA, and lived in Belleville for 40 years where she

raised her family. She was a former member of the Rosary Society at St. Mary's Church.

She is survived by her two daughters, two sons and five grandchildren. She is predeceased by her husband, Fred Amiano; her brother, George A. Ross and sister, Jeanne Ross.

Daniel C. Fritts

A Mass was offered for Daniel C. Fritts, 82, of Belleville Jan. 10 at St. Peter's Church, Belleville, after the funeral from the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mr. Fritts passed away Jan. 5 at Bey Lee Village, Toms River.

Mr. Fritts was a Registered Nurse for St. Michael's Medical Center, Newark. He was a Navy Veteran of WWII.

The husband of the late Larna (Desposito) Fritts, he is survived by his nieces, Barbara Fernicola and Lyne Webb.

the funeral from the Biondi Funeral Home of Nutley.

Mr. Testa passed away Jan. 5 at his home in Bloomfield.

Mr. Testa was born in Newark and lived in Bloomfield for 38 years. He was employed as a sheriff's officer in the Probation Department of the County of Essex for 18 years before retiring. He was very active in the community and belonged to organizations such as the Belleville Chapter of UNICO National, Bloomfield Knights of Columbus and the Sons of Italy. He was also a member of the Newark Columbus Day Parade Committee, a member of the county committee and a district leader in Bloomfield.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Geraldine Testa (nee Iannuzzelli), and many nieces and nephews.

Patricia Ann Scalingi

A Mass was offered for Patricia Ann Scalingi (Romano), 61, of Belleville Jan. 12 at St. Lucy's Church, Newark, after the funeral from the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mrs. Scalingi passed away Jan. 7

at her home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Scalingi lived in Nutley before moving to Belleville 23 years ago. She was an administrative assistant for F M Global, Parsippany and was previously employed by 3M. She was a member of the St. Lucy's Church Rosary Society in Newark.

She is survived by her husband, Eugene Scalingi; her son, James Smith; her daughter, Cynthia Ruffo and Nicole Evans; her brothers, John, Angelo and Michael Romano; her sisters, Angela Blasi and Maria Friedella and her five grandchildren, Kiersten, Nicole, James, Tyler and Ricky.

Mary A. Argyros

A Mass was offered for Mary A. Argyros, 84, of Columbus Jan. 10 at Holy Family Church, Nutley, after the funeral from the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home.

Ms. Argyros passed away Jan. 7 at Virtua Memorial Hospital, Mt. Holly.

Born in Orange, Ms. Argyros lived in Belleville, before moving to Columbus, 19 years ago. She was

an administrative assistant for Prudential Insurance Co., Newark.

She is survived by her brothers, Harry James and Frank Argyros, and her sister; Terri Spatola.

Morris Pilchman

A Mass was offered for Morris Pilchman, 79, of Belleville Jan. 10 at Church of St. Peter, Belleville, after the funeral from the Megaro Memorial Home.

Mr. Pilchman passed away Jan. 8 at home.

Mr. Pilchman was a printer for the Ever Ready Label Corp. in Belleville for 43 years, retiring in 1991. He was also a salesman for Electrolux for 34 years. He was also a devoted family man who loved and adored his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is survived by his daughters, Deborah Osman, and Martha McClellan and her husband, John; brothers, Hyman and William; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Theresa (nee Constantino); brother Max, and sisters, Ruth Smith and Sophia Stiso.

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If you are reading this article that means God has blessed you to live this day and He wants you to rejoice and be glad in it. As it pertains to this week, God has already won the battle and the Devil is defeated. The last book of the Bible (Revelation 12:10) confirms this fact. You might be faced with obstacles in this month or the one to come, but do not fret because you will triumph over them.

"Trust in the Lord with all our heart, and lean not to our own understanding."

Proverbs 3:5

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Bethany Lutheran Church

Worship services

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

Kids' fun night

Pastor Nancy S. Moore and the members of Bethany Lutheran Church are 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

Meeting of the Parish

Christ Episcopal Church has announced that the annual meeting of the parish will be held on Sunday, Jan. 25. The polls will be opened for voting at 10 a.m. The business meeting will be held at 12 noon, following the regular 10 a.m. Mass. All parishioners in good standing - those who are regular in attendance and who are contributors of record for the previous year - may vote.

Care Closet

The Care Closet, an outreach program of Christ Episcopal

Church, has announced its January distribution day for Monday, Jan. 26, 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 bagging for packing the supplies each month.

Additionally volunteers are always welcome both for the preparation of the bags and on distribution day.

Food Drive

Christ Church has announced a food drive to replenish and restock the pantry of The Mary and Martha Soup Kitchen. Gifts of non-perishable items are needed to keep up with the demands of the soup kitchen, which now serves meals each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Individuals and organizations wishing to make contributions of

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Volunteers are also always needed to maintain the soup kitchen's ongoing operations. Persons wishing to volunteer are asked to phone the parish.

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

Temple Ner Tamid

Services and more...

Erev Shabbat services begin on Friday, Jan. 16 at 8 p.m. and Shabbat morning worship begins at 10 a.m. and concludes by 12 noon; both will be led by Rabbi Steven Kushner and Cantor Meredith Greenberg.

A second Saturday morning service will take place as members of the congregation gather for the casual minyan, a wonderfully informal and participatory service with an in-depth discussion of the weekly Torah portion.

Martin Luther King Celebration

Join Ner Tamid's members on Monday, Jan. 19 at the St. Paul Baptist Church, 119 Elm Street, Montclair, for a community-wide celebration of the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This event is sponsored by both the Montclair Clergy Association and the Montclair African-American Clergy Association. Bring your children to affirm our shared blessings when the service begins at 12 noon.

January Havdalah cafe

Comedy Legend and Emmy Award Winner Alan Zweibel will star in his one man show, 'An Evening With Me,' on January 24 at 7:30 p.m. Alan is an original

Saturday Night Live writer and has worked on 'It's Garry Shandling's Show,' 'Monk' and 'Curb Your Enthusiasm.' He collaborated with Billy Crystal on '700 Sundays.' Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Sponsor's dinner at 5:45 with Alan is \$125, including admission to show. Call the temple office for ticket information or visit the Web site.

Demystifying the sanctuary

Ner Tamid has started an Interfaith Support Group in an attempt to reach out to members of the community who are of different faiths. There are many questions non-Jews have about the service, sanctuary and clergy. The goal of

this one hour session is to help demystify the prayers and service that goes in the sanctuary and help everyone feel more at home during the service. Join Cantor Greenberg on Sunday, Jan. 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For moms & babies

Mom & Baby Yoga - For moms and their babies 0 - 8 months. A six week session beginning Feb. 12 on Thursday mornings at 9:15 a.m. Tuition is \$70. Call today for a free sample class. The class will be taught by a certified baby yoga instructor.

Baby Talk - For moms and their babies 0 - 11 months. Meet other mommies and special guest speakers to discuss the daily ups and downs of bringing home baby. Tuesday morning 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., beginning Jan. 13. Fee: \$36 Beth Berns, TNT Social Worker will facilitate this class.

Mommy & Me - A gentle introduction for preschool children between the ages of 15 and 24 months and their caregivers. Taught by Shores Director, Arlene Sherman, this class meets Wednesday mornings starting Jan 14 through March 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuition is \$150.

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.

Holy Family Church

Rosary Society

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

The Rosary Society will hold its next meeting on Monday, Jan. 26 at 7:45 p.m., in the St. Joseph's Center. Our members are asked to pray the Rosary for all our Veterans now serving in the military.

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

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.

Right to Life March

St. Mary's Parish will once again participate in the annual Right to Life March in Washington D.C. on Thursday, Jan. 22 (the 36th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade). We will gather at the 6:30 a.m. Mass on this day and leave immediately following. A donation of \$30 is requested to cover bus expenses.

St. Mary's Parish is located at 17 Msgr. Owens Place, Nutley. Call the church at 973-235-1100.

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK...

Artists Night, café and discussion group for artists networking, chat and planning projects, beginning Friday, Jan. 16 (tomorrow) at 8 p.m. at Trapezio Café, 120 Franklin Ave. (near Harrison St.), Nutley. Call 661-1580.

'All You Can Eat' breakfast, hosted by the Belleville Elks Lodge #1123, Sunday, Jan. 18 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon at the Belleville Elks Hall, 254 Washington Ave., Belleville. Adults: \$5. Children under age 10: \$3. Children under age 3: free. Includes pancakes, French toast, eggs, bacon, Taylor ham, potatoes, juice, coffee, tea and donuts. The public is invited.

'The Sound of Music,' presented by MOC Musical Theatre at the Westminster Arts Center, Bloomfield College (BC), Bloomfield, until Sunday, Jan. 18. General admission: \$25. Senior citizens: \$22. Students: \$15. BC students with ID: \$4. For reservations, call 744-3133 or visit the Web site www.mocmusicals.org.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Open House at Senior Care and Activities Center, The Bacot Building, 110 Greenwood Ave., Montclair, Monday, Jan. 19 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tours, prizes and refreshments. To register, call 783-5589, ext. 14.

District 4 blood bank, hosted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 493, Thursday, Jan. 22 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at VFW Post 493, 271 Washington Ave., Nutley. All blood types are needed. Call 235-9661 for directions.

Girl scout cookies, being sold in the area from now until the end of January. Priced at \$3.50 a box, the 2009 product line features traditional favorites Thin Mints, Trefoils and Tagalongs along with five other offerings. Following the conclusion of order taking, troops will be out in the community staging booth sales beginning in late February and lasting until the end of March.

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

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Nutley UNICO 50th Anniversary Gala, to be held Thursday, April 23 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.

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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.

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

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

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

REUNIONS...

Bloomfield High School Class of 1969, 40th reunion planned for Saturday, Oct. 10 at the Hilton in Woodbridge. Contact Jay Baumgardner at 809-6191 or jasbuddy@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.nutleyhistoricalsociety.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: hapennise@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...

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.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Gratia #751 meet on the first and third Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in St.

Mary's Parish Center, Nutley. For more information, call 667-7851.

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.

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Honor roll

Paramus Catholic High School has announced that the following students from Belleville have been named to the first quarter honor roll at Paramus Catholic High School.

Students must have a 95 overall average and no grade below 90 to make the Principal's List, 90 overall average and no grade below 85 to make first honors and 85 overall average and no grade below 80 to make second honors.

Students named to the Principal's List were sophomores Jessica Perez and Kristen Stefanelli and freshmen Larry Serquina, Kaitlin Valerius and Catherine Vu.

Students who made first honors were seniors Maria Caccavella, Rhona Catleya Estrada and Erika Pineda, sophomores Sara Cortez and Trisha Serquina and freshmen Samantha Mae Cajilig and Cath-

lynne Valmores.

Students who made second honors were seniors Samantha LaMorgese and Justin Roberts, junior Pauline Tarife, sophomores Jenna Anne Chan, Pilar Ferdinando and Monica Lisa Reyes and freshman Leandrea Roncallo.

Seton Hall grads

The following Belleville residents recently graduated from Seton Hall University:

Michelle Judy Baldwin, Nicole DeMarzo, Laura Scarola, Elven John A. Espinar, Kristy Marie Carroll, Maeve C. Lopreiato, Alicia M. Mariconda, Thomas Joseph Ciuba, Jessica M. Paredes, Maria Perez and Michael Schetlick.

Youth exchange

Rotary clubs in our area are joining together in a search for

young adults to represent the region in a cultural exchange with Japan. The Rotary Short-Term Youth Exchange Program, now in its thirty-first year, offers students ages 15 to 23 the opportunity to experience life in another country.

The group will be departing during the last week of June for Shikoku Island, Japan, where families of Japanese Rotarians will host them for three weeks. During their stay, participants will visit Kyoto and Hiroshima, as well as cultural, entertainment, business and government sites in southern Japan. A like number of Japanese students will be visiting northern New Jersey Rotarian families is August on a similar adventure.

Interested parties should contact their local Rotary Club of Rotary Short-Term Youth Exchange Program chairman, Jim Allison at 610-438-0845 or jra188@aol.com.

Foundation offers trees for Arbor Day

The New Jersey Tree Foundation is offering free 2-year-old trees, 1- to 2-foot tall, to celebrate Arbor Day 2009 in New Jersey.

Schools, local governments, tree groups, non-profit organizations, scout groups and volunteer organizations may apply for the trees. All planting must occur on public lands, be done by volunteers and maintained for two years. A variety of evergreen and deciduous trees will be available.

For more information or to request an application, e-mail Lisa Simms at njtf1@juno.com or download an application at www.newjerseytreefoundation.org. The deadline for application materials is Feb. 13. In 11 years, the foundation's Celebrate Arbor Day

program has planted more than 98,000 trees in parks, schools and public spaces across New Jersey.

There are many ways the trees can be used to beautify a neighborhood. Trees can be planted in a vacant lot to create an urban forest, planted as a windbreak for a community garden or at a school, planted in a nursery, or trees can be planted randomly throughout a park, school or cemetery.

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:
C & F Real Estate Investments, LLC and Tyrone Gilchrist
Superior Court of New Jersey
Essex County
Docket F-36253-08
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon Udren Law Offices, P.C., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Woodcrest Corporate Center, 111 Woodcrest Road, Suite 200, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003, telephone number (856) 669-5400, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Wells Farge Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-OSI is plaintiff, and Tyrone D. Gilchrist, et al are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, ESSEX County, and bearing Docket F-36253-08 within thirty-five days after **January 15, 2009**, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint . You shall file your Answer and proof of service with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, 25 W. Market Street, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.
This action has been instituted for the purpose of 1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated March 20, 2007 made by Tyrone D. Gilchrist as mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for BNC Mortgage, Inc. recorded on April 3, 2007 in Book 12042 of Mortgages for ESSEX County, Page 3476; assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-OSI and 2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 1093 Grove Street, Irvington, NJ 07111, Block 216; Lot No.21.
If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may contact the Lawyers Referral Service in the county of venue by calling 9730622-7753. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the county of venue by calling 973-622-1513.
You, C& F Real Estate Investments, LLC, are the holder of a docketed judgment in the Superior Court of New Jersey. Your lien is subordinate to that of plaintiff.
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Docket: F-10993-08
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon Udren Law Offices, P.C., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Woodcrest Corporate Center, 111 Woodcrest Road, Suite 200, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003, telephone number (856) 669-5400, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for The CIT Group/Consumer Finance is plaintiff and Cheryl P. Edwards, et al are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, ESSEX County, and bearing Docket F-19093-08 within thirty-five days after **January 15, 2009**, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, 25 W. Market Street, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.
This action has been instituted for the purpose of 1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated June 13, 2007 made by Cheryl P. Edwards and Joseph C. Edwards as mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for The CIT Group/Consumer Finance recorded on July 17, 2007 in Book 12071 of Mortgages for ESSEX County, Page 8487; and 2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 21 Commonwealth Avenue, Newark, NJ 07106, Block 4105; Lot No. 31.
If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may contact the Lawyers Referral Service in the county of venue by calling 973-622-7753. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the county of venue by calling 973-622-1513.
You, Cheryl P. Edwards and Joseph C. Edwards are the mortgagor and Real Owner of the premises.
Theodore J. Fetter
THEODORE J. FETTER, Acting Clerk
Superior Court of New Jersey
Belleville Times 2508846
Fee \$19.94
January 15, 2009

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:
Tawannala L. Robinson
Superior Court of New Jersey
Essex County
Docket F-40405-08
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon Udren Law Offices, P.C., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Woodcrest Corporate Center, 111 Woodcrest Road, Suite 200, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003, telephone number (856) 669-5400, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of New Century Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2005-B, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates is plaintiff, and Anthony Parker and Beverly Parker , et al are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, ESSEX County, and bearing Docket F-40405-08 within thirty-five days after **January 15, 2009**, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, 25 W. Market Street, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.
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pose of 1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated August 24, 2005 made by Anthony Parker and Beverly Parker, his wife as mortgagor(s), to Home 123 Corporation recorded on November 28, 2005 in Book 10890 of Mortgages for ESSEX County, Page 454; said mortgage was assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of New Century Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2005-B, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates recorded on October 6, 2008 in Book 12161 of Mortgage for ESSEX County, Page 2690; and 2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 27 Laventhal Ave, Irvington, NJ 07111, Block 245; Lot No. 8.
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You, Tawannala L. Robinson, are the holder of a docketed judgment in the Superior Court of New Jersey. Your lien is subordinate to that of plaintiff.
Theodore J. Fetter
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Superior Court of New Jersey
Belleville Times 2508995
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SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2008 010160
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY,
CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY,
DOCKET NO. @F1838806
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED, ETC. Plaintiff
-vs-
JORGE GAVILANEZ, 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, January 20, 2009, at one-thirty P.M. (Prevailing Time)
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Nearest cross street name: DELAVAN AVENUE
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ARMANDO B. FONTOURA, Sheriff
PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC
ATTORNEY(S)
Belleville Times 2509357
Fee \$25.44
January 15, 2009

SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2008 010158
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY,
CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY,
DOCKET NO. @F1991407
US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CSAB 2006-3 Plaintiff
-vs-
ROSELITA SILVA; et als.
Defendants
Execution for Sale of Mortgaged Premises
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PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC
ATTORNEY(S)
Belleville Times 2509403
Fee \$25.10
January 15, 2009

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 site plan approval with flexible "C" variances for parking space length, buffer to adjacent property and driveway width for **VAC-U-MAX, APPLICANT**, for property at 41 William Street, Block 8506, Lot 4, Belleville, New Jersey. This property is in the R-B Two Family Residential District;
WHEREAS, the Applicant proposes to improve the existing lot to allow for parking to benefit its area business, conditionally permitted for the lot with "C" variances requested as noted above. It is anticipated that the lot will ultimately be combined with adjacent lot 3, which is currently municipally owned and if the Applicant succeeds in its attempt to purchase, will be merged into the subject lot and used through improvements to be proposed and agreed to between the applicant's Engineer and the Township's Engineer;
WHEREAS, the justification for the variances was established through review of the plans submitted, and professional testimony supplied detailing the proposal and discussing the benefits to improve the lot, addressing the safety and design to add needed parking in the area, and establish the support for the variances which is outweighing any detriments;
WHEREAS, the 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 8th day of January 2009, approves the site plan to Vac-U-Max as Applicant including Flexible "C" variances based on the evidence and testimony submitted, with the following conditions:
1. The Applicant agrees to comply with the required number of handicapped spaces and will realize that number at its existing site.
2. The Applicant will work cooperatively with the township engineer and comply with the requests from his report dated July 25, 2008. If the additional adjacent lot is obtained, and merged, this condition will allow the Applicant to work cooperatively with the Township Engineer as it will likely cure some of the current variances to develop and include that property.
3. The fence type shall be vinyl coated, and the parking area will be used exclusively for and during business hours of Vac-U-Max and closed to the public at all other times.
Sebastian Papa, Chairman
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