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SIGN OF WHAT'S COMING

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 22 Vice Commander and Adjutant Billy Steimel presents Joe Marra and Sam Vendola with the 2008 DAV Appreciation Award for their donation of a sign for the new DAV Building on Mill Street. Dedication of the building will take place on Feb 16.

Speakers target town employees

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

One council member's suggestion that town employees give back one day's pay each month for 10 months highlighted some contentious debate among council and audience members regarding the 2009 municipal budget at the most recent public township council meeting.

An audience member suggested that the council threaten to lay off lower-tenured employees if local unions demand salary increases. Another accused the council of not providing municipal services, eliciting an angry response from the mayor. Other comments centered on a tax increase pushing out neighbors already in danger of home foreclosures.

All the comments led Mayor Raymond Kimble to angrily defend the township's providing of services, and At-Large Councilman Kevin Kennedy to mention a \$400,000 to \$500,000 increase in garbage fees as just one of budget increases making it difficult for the council to avoid a tax increase.

It started with First Ward Councilwoman Marie Strumolo Burke proposing that each employee give back 10 days salary, one day a month for 10 days.

"We need to save seniors, and people who are struggling," Burke said. "We can give the days back to

employees when they retire."

An agitated Kimble reminded Burke that pay is locked in contractually with the Belleville Municipal Employees Association, the township employees' union, and the local PBA and FMBA for police and firefighters.

"I don't think it's legal," Kimble said.

Township Attorney Thomas Murphy then jumped in, explaining that, "Only if both parties negotiate it out can it be done. This is for any change in working conditions."

Kimble told Burke he was not disagreeing with her idea, just that it had to be done through collective bargaining.

Later, resident Vincent Frantantoni told the council that it should freeze the budget, and threaten to lay off employees if they go to binding arbitration. "Tell them you'll have to let go two, three or four to pay for their raises," Frantantoni said.

In binding arbitration, the arbitrator must either select the higher union salary increase number of the lower municipal officials' offer, with no chance of selecting a number in between.

Frantantoni said the council should consider freezing salaries or negotiating pay cuts.

Township Manager Victor Canning responded that he had frozen the salaries of the town's adminis-

'We need to save seniors, and people who are struggling. We can give the days back to employees when they retire.'

Marie Strumolo Burke
First Ward Councilwoman

tration, including himself, for three years, something not previously done in recent history.

"For three years, we haven't gotten raises, and we've taken away (township) cars from employees who had them in the past," Canning said.

Kimble said the township has effectively eliminated jobs by not replacing people who left or retired.

He told an audience member who complained that his high taxes were not paying for services, "Look at the county numbers (on taxes) and see where we stand. You're not happy, I'm not happy with the national and state levels, but you can't talk to them."

Kennedy then used the nearly half million dollar increase to illustrate the challenges that the council is facing again this year in enacting a municipal budget, and

then muttered something under his breath.

Another resident suggested that the township start charging people for township recreation programs, something that officials resisted for many years, and said he took his teenage son out of senior recreation leagues and took him elsewhere because the leagues were inferior.

Resident Phyllis Frantantoni said she wanted to make a plea on behalf of her neighbors.

"I hope to God you really tighten things up," she said. "On my block, there are already a few foreclosures. It's time employees start paying some of their health premiums. It wouldn't hurt them and it would give us taxpayers a little break."

As the council deals with the fallout from the woeful economy, one council member spoke for the first time recently about spending cuts while others talked about their expectations for trimming costs.

Third Ward Councilman P.J. McDonald said he can't deal with excuses from township department heads making \$60,000 to \$100,000, and that they need to produce, or officials should find someone else to do their jobs.

He said with the 2009 municipal budget, he said he would sub-

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Jan. 29
■ Police arrested and charged Ruben Colon, 50, of Nutley with driving while intoxicated at 10:50 p.m. After police responded to a report of a possible DWI situation near Franklin and Belleville avenues, police observed the suspect's vehicle driving in an unsafe manner, including running a red traffic light.
Police the conducted a motor vehicle stop. At the stop, the suspect was asked to perform a number of sobriety tests. Police said he failed each one. He was then placed under arrest. The bail for the suspect was unknown by police.
■ A malicious mischief was reported at 4:49 p.m. The victim reported that their motor vehicle was parked in the 50 block of Bre-

mond Avenue. Someone had written on the outside of the vehicle with permanent black marker. Police had no suspects and an investigation was continuing.
■ Police answered a call about possible suspicious activity at 9:22 a.m. The police were dispatched to a residence in the 60 block of Branch Brook Drive. The resident said they had heard a loud bang coming from the back of the residence. After conducting a search of the area, police determined that there was no suspicious activity.
Jan. 28
■ Police arrested and charged Daniel Demarro, 44, of Lodi with possession of heroin at 12:40 p.m. The police said his gold motor vehicle was observed swerving through traffic on Route 21. A motor vehicle stop was then con-

ducted by police. A subsequent search of the suspect turned up a quantity of heroin, according to police. The suspect was released on his own recognizance.
■ Police arrested and charged George Buckner, 49, of East Orange with theft at 9:53 p.m. The suspect was an employee at the City Park Café, 250 Mill St. On their arrival, police said they watched a surveillance tape that showed the suspect and a second person stealing equipment from the café. The suspect was held on \$1,030 bail.
■ Police arrested and charged Dawn Bronner, 49, of Bergenfield with being a revoked driver at 10:45 a.m. After police observed the suspect's motor vehicle driving erratically near the 10 block of Malone Avenue, a vehicle stop was

conducted, police said. A computer check turned up that the suspect was on the revoked driver's list. She was released on her own recognizance.
Jan. 27
■ Police arrested and charged Dean Vallario, 44, of Pequannock with possession of heroin at 10:20 a.m. After police observed a van stop abruptly and then continue at a high rate of speed on Route 21 North, police attempted to make a motor vehicle stop. At first, the suspect refused to pull the van over, but eventually did, after throwing a cigarette box out the window, police said. The pack was recovered, and found to have 15 wax folds containing heroin, police said. The suspect was held on \$1,030 bail.
■ Police observed new graffiti marking near 3 Honiss St. at 6:58 p.m. The police took photos, but

had no suspects at the time. The investigation was continuing.
■ Police arrested and charged Daniel Jarowoi, 22, of East Orange with being on the revoked driver's list at 11 a.m. The police observed a male not wearing a seatbelt as he drove a vehicle near Rutgers and Main streets, and a motor vehicle stop was conducted. The suspect was then taken into custody after a computer check found him to be a revoked driver. The suspect was released on his own recognizance.
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.

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170 Washington Ave. 973-751-2241

Belleville Board of Education to hold special meeting next Tuesday

The Belleville Board of Education will hold a special public business meeting at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at Belleville High School. The purpose of the meeting is to evaluate proposals and interview architects for a Comprehensive Facilities Plan. Formal action may be taken at this meeting.

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Obama brings hope for township projects

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

America's new president and Congress may bring money to Belleville for infrastructure projects.

With the township having secured more than \$200,000 that may be used toward the installation of a synthetic turf field at Municipal Stadium, officials talked about using potential federal money from President Barack Obama's economic stimulus package to fund millions in other projects around town.

Also, the question of maintenance of the existing football field and the varsity baseball field were each discussed at the most recent township council meeting.

Township Manager Victor Canning said, "Obviously, with the

new president there is a lot of buzz about money to be spent on infrastructure. The key is that the projects, like the turf field, must be shovel-ready. We're already receiving press [coverage] from state organizations on the subject."

He said Township Engineer Thomas Herits already has plans for submission of applications regarding \$3 million in work on new water meters, \$1.3 million in improvements to municipal stadium, resurfacing of Liberty Street for \$1 million, new water hydrants for \$530,000 and a Clara Maass water main project for \$300,000. A second project for the Liberty/Chestnut streets area near the high school would cost \$300,000, Canning said.

"We want to be shovel ready and be on top of the process," Canning said.

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Victor Canning
Township Manager

A separate conversation about water main break problems sparked stories about problems from several council members, along with Canning (see related story below).

While focusing on future projects, Canning said he is still awaiting guidance from the council on what to do with the football field for the fall 2009 sports season.

"We have to decide shortly what to do with the stadium, since we're not going to know for the good

part of a year about the money for the turf field," Canning said. "I need for you to get back to me."

Mayor Raymond Kimble said all decisions about the field depend on soil testing to see if the turf project is feasible.

Canning said Kimble had "a good point," and that the money coming in could be used to rehabilitate the existing field if it is determined that the turf field will not work on the swampy stadium field. "The \$225,000 would put us in the ballpark" to redo the field, he said.

First Ward Councilwoman Marie Strumolo Burke said she understood that the soil test borings were done and "they look very good. If we can get any money from Green Acres, we can do it (the turf field)."

Belleville plans to use \$225,000

for open space preservation from the county as the first piece in the puzzle to spend more than \$1.5 million for new synthetic turf for the Municipal Stadium's main field.

Belleville's piece of the \$5 million county pie is to be combined with as much as \$400,000 to \$500,000 from the county Community Development Block Grant program and hundreds of thousands in grants through the state Green Acres open space program.

The county money was announced as part of an economic stimulus package unveiled by County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo.

While those plans may be moving forward, At-Large Councilman Michael Nicosia said he was concerned about the ongoing maintenance of the varsity baseball field.



LOUIS CAMPOS/BELLEVILLE TIMES

Vandals strike at the intersection of Holmes and Union, on a sign, and painting the back of a stop sign black. The Belleville Township Council is proposing changes in the way that property owners report and remove graffiti.

VANDALISM

Calls to stop graffiti problem

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

Evidence of Belleville's graffiti problem is visible for anyone driving through town. The area from Bloomfield to Newark avenues in Silver Lake appears to be hardest hit, but officials recently named other spots in town that are getting defaced.

Marie Strumolo Burke is Belleville's First Ward Councilwoman, and her ward includes Silver Lake.

She began a dialogue at the most recent township council meeting that led to other officials and residents naming areas in need of help from graffiti vandals.

Burke said, "We spend too much in taxes to allow for this. There was one mural that must have taken vandals three days. We need to step up [police] patrols."

At-Large Councilman Michael Nicosia said the site of the new Disabled American Veterans hall has constantly had graffiti cleaned, only to have it vandalized again. The dedication of DAV hall is coming, and Nicosia said he wants

the area patrolled to prevent a repeat of the vandalism.

During the public portion of the meeting, a few residents also commented on the problem of graffiti throughout Belleville.

Third Ward Councilman P.J. McDonald said he has seen the dugouts at Clearmon Field on Union Avenue victimized by graffiti artists, and police should be on the look out at that location as well.

An ordinance was proposed by council that alters the way graffiti is removed by local property owners.

Following a meeting held by members of the council and police department, it was concluded that the reporting and removal of graffiti will now fall under the "Clean and Lien" township ordinance.

Burke said previously that officials felt that the language in the ordinance as it was did not properly address the graffiti issue, so they came up with a new ordinance to better prevent graffiti exposure. Residents will have a certain amount of time to remove

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INFRASTRUCTURE

Officials address 'main' topic

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

Discussing crumbling infrastructure has never been a popular topic among elected officials, but township council members and residents talked about problems with rupturing water mains and even sewer lines at a recent public meeting.

The idea of improving infrastructure has been high on President Barack Obama's early agenda, and money may eventually trickle down to Belleville to fix roads, bridges, water mains and sewer lines.

In the meantime, Second Ward Councilman Steven Rovell began a dialogue about Belleville's infrastructure problems, saying sewer

mains in places the BridgeBrook condominiums need proper maintenance.

"We need to shake them out yearly," Rovell said.

Township Manager Victor Canning said, "We have to make them flush them out. Carmer Avenue is an example of an area where we've been very fortunate to keep sewer backups down."

Canning said with items like sewers and water mains, it's a case of "out of sight, out of mind." He said roads are addressed first, because they appear to be more of a priority.

"But now is the time to address sewer lines and water mains," he said.

Resident Vincent Frantantoni said Belleville should investigate a

plan executed in Bloomfield, where officials told residents that they were going to repair sewer and water main infrastructure over a six-year period before repaving streets.

"Otherwise, it's like putting up sheet rock for a wall before the plumber comes in and puts in the pipes," Frantantoni said.

On the same subject of crumbling infrastructure, officials talked about the horrendous winter weather's negative effects on local roads.

Rovell said the weather "has not been advantageous" for fixing potholes, which continue to pop up and reappear with each freezing and thawing of roads.

CORRECTION



PHOTO COURTESY OF BELLEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Due to a submission error, the name of Karan Raja, pictured back row right, was misspelled in last week's Edward J. Bloustein scholars story and picture on page 3. Deborah Perri of the Belleville school district's Student Services Department also joins Edward J. Bloustein scholars Ariel Boldero, Christine Bustamante, Sonia Mandel and Cory Kondreck.

Bringing communities closer together

One could argue that, during simpler times, neighborhoods were stronger communities. Places where, if someone needed help, people would literally pour into the street to assist. This related to an emergency as well as just little ways to help out.

Now, with two income households and children away at daycare or numerous scheduled activities besides school, sometimes it seems home is only a place to go to sleep. But that's not always the case.

Fourth Ward Councilman John Notari wants to revive a program that he calls Adopt-A-Senior. He has discussed with Interim Superintendent of Schools Melindo Persi the possibility of recruiting high school students to assist senior citizens with household chores. This could include shoveling snow, raking leaves or minor repairs.

Supposedly, such a program once existed but stopped a few years back.

It's time to start it again. Some senior citizens

need help with everyday or extraordinary chores. You once could pay a neighbor boy or girl to help out. But these days, so many other activities occupy the young.

There seems to be a shift of late for getting kids involved in community service. This program could help revitalize such a commitment. The township and school district should actively pursue matching senior citizens with students to get the ball rolling.

Silver Lake Block Watchers show their love



LIFE IN SILVER LAKE
CHARLES BURKE

Hi, it's the Angel again. I hope by the time you read this Charlie will be home.

February for me has always been the month of love. Of course, Valentine's day is the 14th so why don't we all promise to go out there and be good to each

other, and in fact, give a hug to someone you hold dear to your heart.

Speaking of love – how about neighborly love. A few weeks back, a couple was assaulted on Heckel Street after leaving the Valley National Bank on Bloom-

field Avenue. The man's hollering was heard, and a few men in the neighborhood went in chase of the thieves holding them until the police came.

So hats off to our Silver Lake Block Watchers. Don't be shy – stand up so we can applaud you.

So welcome home to Charlie, and remember we love Silver Lake.

Filling in for Charles Burke is Angela Cuzzo-Zarro.

LETTERS

Rich people part of dream

TO THE EDITOR:

Congratulations Mr. Obama on becoming the President of the United States of America. I hope you have changed your mind about overtaxing the rich. These are immigrants who have left their homeland to come to America with the hope of getting rich.

By overtaxing, that dream will go down the drain. The rich are the ones who provide jobs for the people and help the general economy. If you overtax the rich, that American dream will go down the drain. God bless America which gives us the freedom of speech.

Catherine Malavarca
Belleville

Thank you

TO THE EDITOR:

On Jan. 20, I had another senior moment. The house alarm was on, the door was locked and I was walking to my car, when I realized I had left my keys in the house.

To make a longer story short, I called the police. When they couldn't get in, they called the fire department.

These were the nicest, greatest, most helpful guys ever. Belleville police and firemen are the best in New Jersey. They're always there to help in every way and get the job done – with a smile.

Jeanne DeFabrizio
Belleville

In appreciation

TO THE EDITOR:

On Sunday morning, Jan. 4, our world fell apart when our husband and father died suddenly and unexpectedly. We realize that so many people were involved in this tragedy that we must thank.

The Belleville police and fire departments did their very best to try to prevent the death, but it was out of their hands. The Clara Maass Emergency Department not only did what they could for Frank, but for the entire family who were there hoping for the best and being told the worse.

Father Jack was there for emotional support and prayer, and the security guard on duty gave us the understanding and cooperation that was needed at that time.

Pat and Mike Megaro and staff guided us with compassion during

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ing the entire funeral from arrangements to burial.

Richard Haug will never know the pleasure provided to the family by seeing to it that Frank was buried with the ring he earned for his 300 game. For him, a lifetime achievement.

To each and every one of you who stopped by to express your condolences, we appreciate the time you spent with us. We loved Frank dearly and were so happy to learn that so many of you did

too.

It was only with the support of each one of you that we were able to see a small bit of light at the end of a very long dark tunnel.

The Roselli Family
Belleville

Scheduled public meetings for Township of Belleville boards

The following is a schedule of some upcoming meetings:

Rent Leveling Board

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.
Dec. 14, 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.

Manager getting quotes for laptops

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

The Belleville Township Council addressed a number of issues, from laptop computers for council members to save on the use of paper to the status of construction projects for the Recreation House and a concession stand at Municipal Stadium.

Other topics included the upcoming demolition of the former Ice Factory on Washington Avenue to make room for a retail/residential project, and the restarting of a program for high school students to help senior citizens.

Next, there was a request for an area bank to pitch its services to the town and plans to tighten up regulations for summer block parties.

Finally, a council member suggested a need to change the way the traffic light is timed at the Rutgers Street side of the bridge linking Belleville with Kearny.

The personal computers for council members are closer to becoming a reality, with Township Manager Victor Canning saying he is obtaining price quotes from Sue Whelan of the Purchasing Department. Second Ward Councilman Steven Rovell said he would not need one since he can use the computer he owns for township business.

The idea of the laptops is to eventually cut down on the

amount of paper used to print ordinances, resolutions and other official papers used by the governing body.

As for some construction projects, pre-construction meetings have taken place for Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility for the Recreation House on Joralemon Street and for the building of a concession stand at municipal stadium. The concession stand will likely have to be built without any county or state grant money, Mayor Raymond Kimble said at the Jan. 27 council meeting.

The much-anticipated retail/residential project on the former ice factory property on Washington is still a go, according to Canning, with the demolition now being delayed by severe winter weather. "There are no snafus that I'm aware of," Canning said at the Jan. 27 meeting.

Then there is the "Adopt-A-Senior" program that Fourth Ward Councilman John Notari is trying to resuscitate with the help of interim Superintendent of Schools Melindo Persi. "Mr. Persi is working on it at his end," Notari said. "We have a meeting Monday (Feb. 2) where I will be attending as one of the former school board presidents invited to talk about our time on the board, and it will be discussed."

The program, which has existed on and off in the past, attaches a high school student willing to volunteer with a senior citizen.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KAREN KIRK

COMBATING ABUSE

Marie Kimble, president of Woman's Club of Belleville presents a check to Donna Roman Hernandez, Elaine Teemer, Ryan Sheridan and Sal Mauriello, Belleville High School mass communications teachers, in appreciation of the staff and students producing a video on teenage dating abuse. Those interested in viewing the video can contact Elaine Teemer at 973-751-2089.

RECOGNITION

Civic group plans its scholarship breakfast

The Kevin Kennedy Civic Association will hold its 16th annual scholarship breakfast from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, April 19, at The Chandelier in Belleville. This year the scholarship will be given in memory of Michael Nardiello and Virginia DiCarlo.

The Humanitarian of the Year 2009 is Joseph Maurillo for his hard work and commitment to

the people of Belleville, Essex County and the state of New Jersey. Hon. Marie Strumolo Burke is the recipient of the Community Service Award for 2009.

The association will give out its annual scholarships in memory of Lt. Edward J. Kennedy, and Marguerite and Edward Kennedy, the standards bear's brother, mother and father, and Fabiola "Fab"

Piombo, a friend of the association from the start.

There will also be the annual Township Clerk Mary Lou Hood Memorial Scholarship, as well as other scholarships.

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Dr. Leonard Russo, with his wife Adriana and daughters Isabella and Sofia, is Fairfield Unico's 2008-09 Man of the Year. He graduated from Belleville High School.

BHS alum is Man of the Year

Fairfield Unico will be honoring Belleville native Dr. Leonard Russo with its 2008-09 Man of the Year Award at a dinner on Saturday, Feb. 7, at Ravello's Restaurant.

During the year he presided as president, the group raised and donated more than \$20,000 to such causes as college scholarships, special needs groups for chil-

dren and adults, recreation and travel sports teams, educational projects, and fundraisers for children and adults with illnesses.

Russo was raised in Belleville and graduated from Belleville High School. He resides in Fairfield with his wife Adriana and daughters Isabella and Sofia.

BHS Music Boosters plan Atlantic City trip fundraiser

The Belleville High School Music Boosters Association is planning a fundraising trip to Atlantic City from the high school at 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21.

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BUDGET

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mit a list of names, particularly those employees who have "company cars," paid for by the town for their personal use, with 11 individuals estimated to have such vehicles.

Fourth Ward Councilman John Notari said previously he expects to see reductions soon from the council budget committee, and will not support the next temporary budget unless he sees significant cuts, including those that he will offer.

VANDALISM

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the graffiti before the town will step in and do it.

Should business owners or res-

Canning, putting together a preliminary budget for the council to review and change said he is having daily budget meetings that have already yield hundreds of thousands in cut and that, for the third straight year, the operating budget for the police department has been reduced.

He has complained that the township must by law introduce a tentative budget in March but will likely again this year not know what the state aid number is "until July." If town officials don't get what they expect, Canning said, additional reductions would be necessary at that late date.

He previously called for an equitable way of cutting municipal aid, where each of the 566 state municipalities receives the same reduction, but said he knows that will never happen. Second Ward Councilman Steve Rovell has spoken specifically about tightening up the allowance of overtime.

In December, the council compelled each municipal department director to come before the governing body. Each was asked what they were doing to trim costs, and then asked to find more to cut. Canning said he speaks with department heads daily about the progress of those cuts.

idents find graffiti marks on their property, the ordinance calls for residents to, "Contact the Belleville Police for a report, at this time, the police will take a report and photograph the graffiti. Remove or cover the graffiti by power washing

or painting. You can do this yourself, hire an outside contractor, or in the near future request the assistance of the D.P.W. for a minimal fee. Keep all bills for graffiti removal."

Property owners will be held responsible for not removing the graffiti within the allotted time frame of 10 days. A second graffiti sighting on the property will be allotted 30 days for removal. Failure to comply within these time restraints will result in a court summons. Owners of graffiti-marked property will then have to appear in court and will be subject to a fine. The graffiti will then be covered or removed by the town and the cost will placed as a lien on the property.

Other steps to combat graffiti in the recent past include the town purchasing a machine to remove graffiti, which would be available to residents at a nominal fee if they choose to have the DPW come and remove it for them.

Another possible option for business owners is to have the suspects involved with the incident pay restitution to the owners. Any persons caught spraying graffiti would have to pay the cost of cleaning it up.

If police arrest graffiti artists responsible for marking a property, the township prosecutor's office would contact the owner so that he or she may seek restitution for cleanup costs. Owners must keep all receipts of their clean up costs and report the markings to police at once, since it is the only way for officials to follow through with a restitution payment.

Belleville officials reacted with anger and expressed opposition to a new state ordinance that increased the amount of time allowed for the removal of graffiti to 90 days.

State legislation dictated that townships could adopt the state's own vandalism ordinance, but since Belleville already has one in place, officials were able to amend the existing ordinance. The changes water down the ordinance considerably, according to officials.

While most local ordinances allow for a maximum of 30 days for graffiti to be cleaned up, that number was changed to 90 days.

State owned areas such as highway overpasses, according to the new ordinance, would have 120 days to clean spots that are defaced.

The existing Belleville ordinance required a property owner or manager to remove graffiti within 10 days the first time such an event occurs, and within 30 days if the same area is defaced again in the same calendar year or six months, whichever is applicable.

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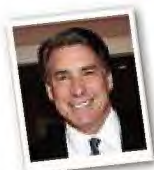
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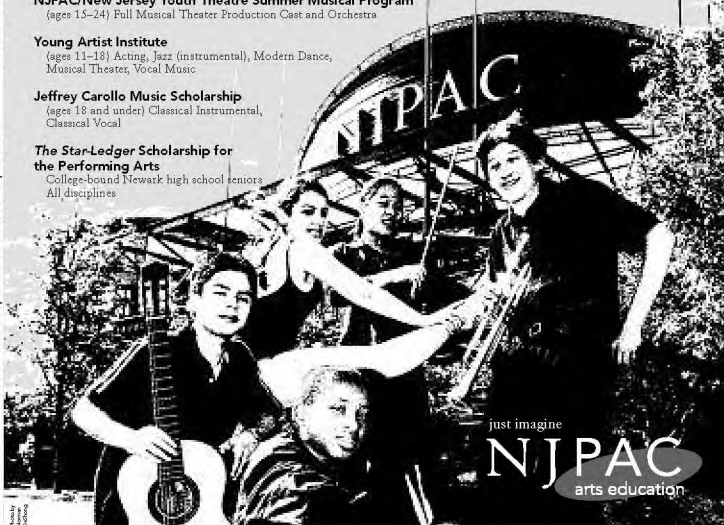
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Checking musical notes for Nutley Little Theatre's upcoming production of "James Joyce's The Dead" are, from left, stage manager Janis Wolfe of Nutley and musical director Linda Ribauda of Bloomfield.

THE GO GUIDE

'The Dead' to premiere tomorrow night at NLT

Nutley Little Theatre will open its next production, "James Joyce's The Dead," a play about Christmas in Dublin with music and dance, on Friday, Feb. 6 (tomorrow) at 8 p.m.

The dates for evening performances (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 for Feb. 8, 14 and 15. The opening night performance will benefit the Nutley Family Service Bureau.

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

The show was adapted by Richard Nelson and Shaun Davey for the Broadway stage in 1999, and earned a Tony nomination. Nelson wrote the book and Davey, the music; both conceived and adapted the lyrics.

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 Gambaro of Nutley, Jeanmarie 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. Elyse Halloran of Somerset is technical director. James Martino of Glen Ridge is set and light designer. Joe Ribauda of Bloomfield is sound designer. Laura Iacometta is responsible for props and set décor, and Marion Brady of Little Falls is costumer.

Nutley Little Theatre has engaged SmartTix.com to handle ticket sales by phone and through the Internet. Patrons can still order 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 can go directly to www.SmartTix.com.

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The Westminster Arts Center is located at the corner of Franklin and Fremont streets, on the Bloomfield College campus. For additional information, visit the Web site www.bloomfield.edu/westminster.

'Nutty By Nature' returns Saturday

Nutty By Nature, a North Jersey improvisational troupe now in its 12th year, is scheduled to perform its monthly comedy show on Saturday, Feb. 7 at Piano's Bar and Grill, Bloomfield.

Nutty By Nature has been making audiences laugh throughout the metropolitan area for the past 11 years. The group has performed at The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC), South Street Seaport, 12 Miles West, Theater Under the Stars, the Black River Playhouse, Luna

Stage, Barnes & Noble and Borders; and has been featured on the E! Television/Style Network's reality TV series, "Try My Life." Members of the troupe include Paul Acocella, Jen Bukovec, Elaine Brodie, Jody Eiden, Laura Hartin, Robin Lewis, Shelly Miller, Cindy Summers, Mark Szep, Jackie Valeo and Ted Wrigley.

Nutty By Nature originates from the New Jersey School of

Dramatic Arts. Shows are based entirely on audience suggestions. In addition to providing material for the show, audience members are encouraged to bring their own crazy "props" for the actors to use.

Piano's Bar and Grill is located at 36 Broad St., Bloomfield. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 apiece. Tickets may be reserved by calling 973-566-9700, ext. 4.

'Doubt' auditions at Nutley Theatre

Nutley Little Theatre has scheduled auditions at the NLT Barn on Sunday, Feb. 8 and Monday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. both nights for its April production of "Doubt," a drama by John Patrick Shanley.

Evening performances are scheduled for April 17, 18, 24, 25, 26, 30 and May 1 and 2, all at 8 p.m. Matinee performances at 2 p.m. are scheduled for April 19, 25 and 26. Additional dates may be added within this range. Rehearsals for the production begin immediately after auditions.

Directed by Penny Potenz Winship of Montclair, "Doubt" is a lean, powerful drama that won Shanley a Pulitzer Prize. It tells the story of Sister Aloysius, a Bronx school principal who takes matters into her own hands when she suspects a priest of improper relations with a young male student.

Casting requires four actors: a woman able to portray a Catholic nun in her 50s or 60s, a woman able to portray a nun in her 20s, a man able to play a priest in his mid to late 30s (using a slight Bronx accent) and an African-American woman able to play a woman in her 30s. In all cases, age is not a strict concern, as long as performance is convincing. Audition readings will be from the script.

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For the answer to this week's puzzle, turn to the classified section.

St. Valentine's Day luxury for less

Valentine's Day inspires some of the most expensive and luxurious gifts. But in an economic downturn, what do you do when you have champagne taste, but a beer budget?

Luxurious doesn't necessarily mean expensive and with some creativity you can give lavish gifts on a limited budget. Some of the most popular Valentine's Day gifts are jewelry, gourmet food and personal indulgences and all of them can fit into a small budget.

■ A toast to love:

Many couples pop the cork on a celebratory bottle of champagne, but a bottle of the real French spirit can run you a costly \$40 to \$120 or more. Instead, look for domestic sparkling whites or an Italian Prosecco, an inexpensive, crisp sparkling white wine.

■ Gourmet chocolates:

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■ Jewelry:

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■ Dinner for two:

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■ The gift of time:

Time is the ultimate luxury and giving the gift of your undivided attention for an entire weekend, running a relaxing bubble bath or giving a foot massage is the best and most heartfelt gift of all.

Whatever you're shopping for this Valentine's Day, don't wait until the last minute. Shopping ahead can save big money. Look for sales at your favorite stores and surf around for great deals online. PearlParadise.com, for example, offers pearls up to 80 percent off retail price. Remember, putting some thought into your gift and thinking ahead truly shows you care.

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RECIPE

Chocolate Angel Food Cake with Espresso Glaze

Makes 10 to 12 servings

For the cake

1/2 cup granulated sugar
5 tablespoons best-quality cocoa powder, such as Valrhona or Droste
1/2 cup sifted cake flour
1 1/2 cup egg whites (from about 12 large eggs)
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 teaspoons cream of tartar
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

For the glaze (optional)

3 tablespoons brewed espresso or strong coffee
1 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar

Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Combine 3/4 cup of granulated sugar with the cocoa and the flour and sift together 3 times.

In a clean, dry bowl, whip the egg whites and salt until foamy. Add the cream of tartar and whip until soft peaks form. Add the remaining 1/2 cup of granulated sugar and whip just until

stiff but not dry. The peaks should be slightly glossy. By hand, fold in the vanilla. Gradually fold in the dry ingredients.

Spoon the batter into an ungreased tube pan and smooth the top. Bake for 35 minutes, or until dry and springy. To cool, turn the pan upside down and hang it around the neck of a bottle. After the cake has cooled completely, run a butter knife around the walls of the pan to cut off to cut off the outside layer of crumb and leave it stuck to the pan. Turn the cake out and brush off any loose crumbs.

If using, make the glaze by whisking the coffee and confectioners' sugar together. Drizzle the glaze over the top of the cake, letting it run down the sides. Let it set for at least 1 hour before serving.

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HOPING FOR A HOME



Corky is a mellow kind of guy. He was found as a stray just hanging out in the hallways of a condo complex. Very approachable and friendly, Corky seems very at ease at the John A. Bukowski Shelter for Animals. He seems to just go with the flow and is very tolerant of his surroundings. Corky is cool, calm, collected and composed. This is one great cat. And that beauty mark on his chin not only makes him look cool, but also suave. Ease on down to 61 Bukowski Place, Bloomfield and chill a little with Corky - or give him a ring at 973-748-0194.



Let's be honest - Pudgy, a rather stout gray and white shorthair, could benefit from an exercise program. But it's difficult to be active when you are confined to a cage. Pudgy could sure use a home in which to start his own workout regiment to help lose those extra pounds he's been packing on at the shelter. Not a lap cat by conventional standards, but Pudgy loves to have his ears and chin scratched and has an unusual sleeping position - flat on his back with his paws straight out. It is really amusing to see. Come and meet Pudgy at the John A. Bukowski Shelter for Animals, 61 Bukowski Place, or call 973-748-0194.

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.

Please send Birthday Club info to Debbie Tripoldi

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

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

Shelter makeover contest

The John A. Bukowski Animal Shelter located at 61 Bukowski Place, Bloomfield asks for help to win a shelter makeover contest on Zootoo.com, a fun place for pet owners and animal lovers.

Go to www.zootoo.com/reg/aff/bloomfieldanimal and help the shelter earn points. You just need to join (free) Zootoo. Each person to join Zootoo using this link becomes affiliated with the John A. Bukowski Shelter and earns the shelter 50 points.

Help the shelter get closer to winning the shelter makeover contest on Zootoo.

Shelter needs volunteers

The John A. Bukowski Shelter for Animals, Bloomfield is desperately in need of volunteers (18 years and older), particularly for the cats it shelters - especially cleaning and feeding on weekend mornings. Please call if you can help. Any amount of time is welcome. For more information call (973) 748-0194.

Lunch menus for elementary schools

Menu subject to change
All meals include milk
Bread and fruit basket available daily

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Monday - Ham & Cheese
Tuesday - Turkey & Cheese
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Thursday - Italian Sub
Friday - Tuna Salad Sub

Salad menu offered daily (S)
Bagel Bag Lunch (X)
Bagel with cream cheese, cheese snack pack, fruit and milk

Yogurt Bag Lunch (Y)
4 oz. Yogurt, cheese snack pack, pretzel rods, fruit and milk

Feb. 5
Breakfast- Bagel with cream cheese and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup
Lunch - Pizzeria pizza and baby carrots or French toast sticks and sausage
Fruit cup

Feb. 6
Breakfast - Large muffin and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup
Single Session - No Lunch Served

Feb. 9
Breakfast - Cereal bowl, snack cheese and pure fruit juice or fruit

cup
Lunch - Cheese ravioli, garlic bread or cheeseburger on a whole-wheat bun
Green beans and fruit cup

Feb. 10 - Lucky Sticker Day - winners receive a free snack
Breakfast - Buttered roll and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup
Lunch - Mozzarella sticks with sauce or cheeseburger on a whole-wheat bun
Oven fires and pure fruit juice

Feb. 11
Breakfast - Cereal bowl, snack cheese and pure fruit juice or fruit cup
Lunch - Baked macaroni and cheese or cheeseburger on a whole-wheat bun
Garden peas and fruit cup

Feb. 12 to Feb. 17 - No School Winter Recess

Feb. 18
Breakfast - Cereal bowl, snack cheese and pure fruit juice or fruit cup
Lunch - Oven fried baked

chicken or cheese steak on a roll
Carrot coins and fruit cup

Feb. 19
Breakfast- Bagel with cream cheese and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup
Lunch - Grilled chicken patty or cheese steak on a roll
Oven baked potato tots and a fruit cup

Feb. 20
Breakfast - Large muffin and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup
Lunch - Pizzeria pizza or cheese steak on a roll
Baby carrots and pure fruit juice

Feb. 23
Breakfast - Cereal bowl, snack cheese and pure fruit juice or fruit cup
Lunch - Pizza bagel or oven baked chicken nuggets and assorted bread
Carrots coins and fruit cup

Feb. 24
Breakfast - Buttered roll and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup
Lunch - Rib-b-que on a bun or oven baked chicken nuggets and

assorted bread
Oven baked potato tots and pure fruit juice

Feb. 25
Breakfast - Cereal bowl, snack cheese and pure fruit juice or fruit cup
Lunch- Fiesta Nachos with meat and cheese or oven baked chicken nuggets and assorted bread
Corn niblets and fruit cup and baked Doritos

Feb. 26
Breakfast - Bagel with cream cheese and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup
Lunch- Baked rotini or oven baked chicken nuggets and assorted bread
Green beans and fruit cup

Feb. 27
Breakfast - Large muffin and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup
Lunch- Pizzeria pizza or oven baked chicken nuggets and assorted bread
Tossed salad with dressing and pure fruit juice

Caldwell College honors students

Caldwell College recently named 369 students to the fall 2008 dean's list, according to Paul Douillard, vice president and dean of Academic Affairs.

In order to achieve this honor, students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher and complete at least 12 credits during the course of the semester.

The following Belleville residents were named to the dean's list:

Joshua Baker, Samantha Baker, Stephanie Brodo, Nicole Burrell, Joanne Campione, Jennifer Castner, Emilio Cesario, Jenna Constantino, Selena DiIorio, Toni Ann Ferraiolo, Kathy Foster, Peter Giunta and Elizabeth Lembo.

Free rabies clinic offered in town

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Bowling team doing well, looking to future

BY MIKE LAMBERTI
for Belleville Times

It's been a good season for the Belleville boys and girls bowling teams as the state tournament approaches.

Mike Early's team had its final position matches yesterday. This Saturday, the girls will compete in the sectionals at Bowler City in Hackensack.

On Feb. 13, the boys will bowl at the sectionals at Eagle Rock Lanes in West Orange.

Early, who has been at the helm of the program for 29 years, has been getting consistent performances.

"The kids have been doing a good job," Early said. "We're facing some good competition and I like the way we're competing."

Heading into yesterday's league position matches, the boys were in sixth place with a 51-75 overall

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Mike Early
Bowling coach

record. Shawn Gonzalez, a senior, leads Belleville with a 198 average.

Gonzalez also has Belleville's high game this season, 274, and the highest series for a Belleville bowler this year at 732.

Adam Hamdan, a junior, has a 169 average while seniors Brian Haight and Karan Raja have also done well. Haight has a 161 aver-

age with a high game of 236 and a series of 672. Raja's average is 150, with a high game of 231. The boys team also has promising underclassmen in John Valdez and Aldo Mogro.

For the girls, sophomore Dana Sinkevich leads the team with a 135 average.

Senior Caroline Ogin, a co-captain, was at 129 with a high game of 172.

Two juniors, Rhiana Ratta and Olga Boldero, have both averaged 122 while seniors Ashley Panek (111) and Sonia Mandal (110) round out the starting lineup. The team's manager this year is Frances Lawson.

"The future of the girls team is in the hands of Sinkevich, Ratta and Boldero," Early said. "They've all shown steady improvement."

Mike Lamberti's *Buc Shots* will return next week.

Nguyen leads Belleville past Paramus in hoops

BY MIKE LAMBERTI
for Belleville Times

Matt Nguyen scored 24 points to lead the Belleville boys' basketball team to its third win of the season, a solid 55-32 victory over Paramus last week in Belleville.

Ted Sochaski's Bucs took a 3-10 record into a game with Hackensack earlier this week. Tomorrow, Teaneck comes to town for a 5:30 p.m. tip. On Saturday, it's off to Kearny for a 12:30 p.m. game and next Tuesday, Belleville visits Clifton in a 7 p.m. contest.

Sochaski saw some good things from his team against Paramus, especially after a wave of tough NNJIL games.

"We were up against some really tough teams in Paterson Kennedy and Paterson Eastside,"

Sochaski said. "I felt Paramus would be a good match up for us and our kids responded with a good effort."

Sochaski's continuing theme of good defense was the key to victory.

"We keep telling the kids that good defense is the way to be successful," Sochaski said. "We were able to keep pressure up against Paramus and what I liked the most was the way we worked on the defensive side of the ball. You don't have to be very big along the front line, but you need to play smart, aggressive defense, and that's what we were able to do."

Nguyen was able to take advantage of a good press to score layups, en route to a very good performance.

"Matt is a good offensive player," Sochaski said. "He was able to convert layups off the press and that's what we want to accomplish."

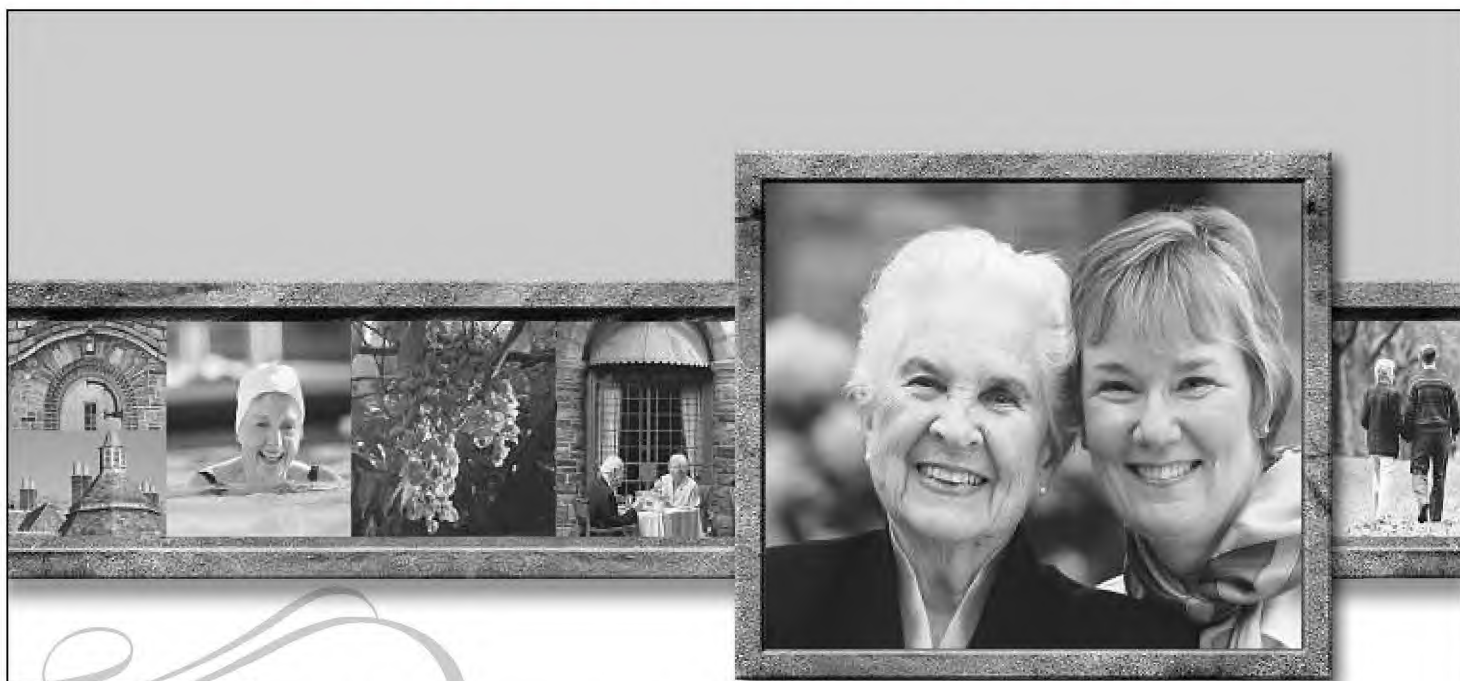
Point guard Santiago Lopez scored five points, but more importantly, he had five steals and six assists.

"Santiago didn't score as much as he has done in other games, but he did the other things that are key," Sochaski said.

Ray Lainez scored 11 points and had six rebounds while Justin Winchester came through with a 13-rebound effort. Will Woodley scored six points for Belleville.

"I want to see the kids looking for one another on fast breaks and to work the ball up the floor," Sochaski said. "If they can do that, good things will happen."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

High School Rugby registration

The Essex County U-19 Rugby Club is looking for new members for the spring 2009 season. In advance of that the club plans to have four practices this fall to introduce the game to new players.

The practices will teach rugby skills and rules with light contact. Practices will be on Saturday mornings followed by the Montclair Men's Club matches which the players can watch to see how the game is played and how much fun it is.

The club is open to all high school age boys from freshman through seniors regardless of the school they attend. No experience is necessary.

If you cannot attend the fall practices you are still encouraged to join.

For more information call evenings at 973-239-1616.

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Colon takes third at county wrestling tournament

BY MIKE LAMBERTI
of Belleville Times

A young Belleville wrestling team struggled a bit at the Essex County Tournament last Saturday in West Orange.

Joe Nisivoccia's team had one wrestler, Justin Colon, finish in the top three of his weight class when the freshman took third at 103 pounds.

Belleville resumed its dual match schedule last Monday at Paramus. The Bucs are tentatively scheduled to travel to Millburn tomorrow at 5 to wrestle against Nutley. The match was originally scheduled for home last week, but the snow storm canceled the match. According to Nisivoccia, Nutley is slated to wrestle at Millburn tomorrow and the Bucs would probably travel there as well to get the match in against the Raiders. On Saturday, the Bucs vis-

it Chatham in a 1 p.m. match. Next Wednesday, it's off to Paramus Catholic for a 5 p.m. bout.

Belleville, which holds the record for most Essex County champions in the 34-year history of the tournament, failed to gain a gold medal for the first time since 2001.

"We would have liked to have a better overall performance, but this is a season where a lot of young kids are just learning the sport," Nisivoccia said. "It takes time, and you can't expect a kid to be able to compete for a county title right away. Occasionally, it happens, but now, we're working hard and I'm hoping by the time the districts come around in a few weeks, we'll be a little closer to reaching our peak."

Colon did a good job at 103 pounds. After pinning Lamont Davies of Newark East Side in 54 seconds, he blanked Andrew

Adams of Columbia, 16-5 before losing a tough 10-9 decision to the eventual champion, Chris Rosetti of Bloomfield, in the semifinals. Colon (21-3) then rallied back to edge Eamonn Gaffney of Seton Hall Prep for third place, 3-2.

"I thought Justin wrestled well," Nisivoccia said. "He did a good job against Rosetti, hitting some good moves. I'd like to see those two meet up in the districts. I think they're evenly matched."

James Murgueytio finished fifth for Belleville at 112 pounds. Murgueytio (15-9) defeated Keith Arlotta of Livingston, 7-3 in the first round, then lost in the quarterfinals to Michael Ferinde of Nutley, 4-1.

Murgueytio then battled back for a pair of victories, defeating Nathan Keenan of Columbia, 10-8, then beating Brandon O'Rourke of Cedar Grove, 16-2, to wrap up fifth place.

"I was very happy with the way James came back to beat (Keenan)," Nisivoccia said. "He lost to that kid in a dual match earlier in the week and he avenged that loss. When you see a kid do that, you realize he's learning and making the necessary adjustments."

At 160 pounds, Frank Perez also took fifth. He started the tournament by blanking Dan Souritzidis of Caldwell, 6-0. Following an 8-4 loss in the quarters

to Ottis of Wright of Montclair, Perez (19-4) won two bouts, defeating top seeded Sebastian Crespo of Bloomfield, 9-5, then beating Eric Washkewicz of West Orange, 11-6, to finish fifth.

"Frank's win over a very good wrestler in Crespo was a big lift for him," Nisivoccia said. "He's a young man who I think can do well in the districts, and a guy like Crespo is someone he'll probably see again."

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Baseball players wanted

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Christ Episcopal Church

New York Opera Forum

The New York Opera Forum, under the direction of their Music Director, Richard Nechamkin, will return for a concert performance of 'Faust' by Charles Gounod on Saturday, Feb. 7 beginning at 2 p.m. The concert performance will be given at Christ Episcopal Church in Belleville. The suggested donation is \$10.

Public Service of Healing

Christ Church has announced its quarterly Public Service of Healing with anointing and the Laying-On-Of-Hands on Sunday, Feb. 8 at its regular 10 a.m. Mass. The Rev. Paul Walker, Vicar of Christ Church, will officiate and preach at

the service. The Public Service of Healing is open to the public.

New members

Christ Church will receive new members into the family of faith at Christ Church at its regular 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Feb. 15. Persons wishing to unite with the community of faith are asked to contact The Rev. Paul Walker, Vicar of Christ Church, at 973-751-0616.

The 263rd birthday of Christ Church

Christ Church has announced its annual observance its 263rd birthday on Sunday, Feb. 15 at its regular 10 a.m. Mass. Christ Church was established by the giving of the direct royal charter from King George II on Feb. 10, 1746, which founded the parish of Christ Church in Belleville, and called it to serve all Christians in northern New Jersey from Newark northward. The Rev. Paul Walker, Vicar of Christ Church, will officiate and preach. Christ Church is one of the oldest communities of faith in northern New Jersey, and the 'Mother Church' for many of the Episcopal parishes north of Newark.

An all-parish luncheon will follow the festival 10 a.m. Mass.

Anniversary of Rev. Paul Walker

Christ Church is planning to observe the ten years of ministry at Christ Church and to the people of the Township of Belleville of their Vicar, The Rev. Paul Walker, during the coming weeks. Father Walker began his ministry at Christ Church on Feb. 17, 1999. The parish plans to honor him at their regular Sunday morning service on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 10 a.m. and at a special reception that afternoon at the church at 3 p.m.

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

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.

Promised Land Christian Church

Sunday Service

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Promised Land Christian Church is located in the AMVET's building at the corner of Park Ave. and Walnut St at 184 Park Ave, Nutley. Visit www.njplcc.org.

Holy Family Church

St. Lucy Filippini Sodality

The monthly meeting of the St. Lucy Filippini Sodality of Holy Family Church will be Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. at the St. Joseph's Center. All ladies are invited to attend.

World Marriage Day

On Feb. 7 and Feb. 8, Holy Family Church will celebrate World Marriage Day as part of its Centennial celebration. All couples who were married at Holy Family (at any one of the three churches - Harrison St., Brookline Ave. or the present church) are invited to attend Mass and a reception in their honor after the Mass. The Mass schedule is as follows: Saturday, Feb. 7 at 5:30 p.m. in English and at 7 p.m. in Italian; and on Sunday, Feb. 8 at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 noon. Call Pat Attanasio at 973-667-2991 if you would like to attend.

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

Temple Ner Tamid

Peter Osnos to speak

On Sunday, Feb. 8 at 11:30 a.m., Peter Osnos, the prominent editor and publisher, will talk about his trip to Jerusalem while attending the wedding of the daughter of his long-time friend, Natan Sharansky. It happened to take place the same week that Israel began its Gaza offensive.

Body Image workshop

Join other concerned parents/caregivers for a discussion on 'Fostering A Positive Body Image' led by Beth Berns, LCSW, TNT Social Worker and Dr. Jennifer Carlin-Mathis, PhD on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. The workshop will focus on how to talk to your child

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Cavallo's also features hot and hearty soups, such as traditional Minestrone and Italian Wedding soup, either for eating in or for taking home to reheat. They also sell sandwiches and Panini's made with only the finest and freshest ingredients, including what owner Anthony Cavallo describes as the "best prosciutto in the world, Gaglione's." The meals at the restaurant are traditional Italian, prepared fresh and to order using the finest ingredients, and are a great value - lots of delicious food made the old-fashioned way, which will surely leave you full and happy. The pizza is famous in town for just the right balance of cheese, tomato and crust; in fact, the sausage pizza is close to perfection!

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Mr. Riker passed away Jan. 25 at Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York City.
Born in Newark, Mr. Riker lived

in Irvington before moving to Belleville 36 years ago. Mr. Riker was the CFO at Somerset Hills Bank, Bernardsville.


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30 yr fixed	5.500	0.000	\$395	20%	5.522	30 yr fixed	4.625	1.000	\$495	20%	4.738	30 yr fixed	5.750	0.000	\$690	20%	5.820															
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5 STAR National Lender rated by Consumers. FDIC Insured Bank (C) 10611 Deerwood Park Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32256						App fee refunded most programs, loans to \$2.5M, Police/Firemen (C) 630 Godwin Ave, Midland Park, NJ 07432																										

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK...

'Fun in Atlantic City' fundraiser, to benefit the Belleville High School (BHS) Marching Band, Saturday, Feb. 21. \$35 per person, which includes transportation to and from

Atlantic City and \$20 in coins to use in the casino. You must be 21 years of age to attend. A deposit of \$20 is required by Friday, Feb. 6 (tomorrow). The bus will depart from BHS at 8 a.m. If you have any questions, contact Linda Bridge at 632-4937. Checks may be mailed to the BHSMB, P.O.

Box 132, Belleville, NJ 07110.

Foxwood Casino bus trip, to depart from Nutley at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8 for six hours of gambling, free buffet at casino, \$10 return in bets, refreshments served each way. \$25 per person. Call Marie at 256-0499.

AARP free tax help, at Nutley Parks & Rec. Building, 44 Park Ave., Mondays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday, Feb. 9 through Monday, April 13.

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. Next meeting is Feb. 10.

Free seminar, how to lower your blood pressure and cholesterol in six weeks without medication, Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m., 187 Washington Ave., Suite 2B, Nutley. Dr. Nick will give valuable information that can have a huge impact on your health and well-being. Space is limited. To sign up, call Wanda at 661-0500.

Lincoln Day dinner, hosted by the Nutley Republican Club, Thursday, Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Diamond Spring Café, 39 Evergreen Ave., Nutley. Guest speaker will be NJ State Senate Minority Leader Thomas H. Kean Jr. Buffet dinner. \$25. Cash bar. For more information, contact Patti Williams at 567-5229 or Ruth Bedford at 667-0249. Checks may be sent to Rosemary Teeple, 43 Terrace Ave., Nutley.

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NOTICE OF IN REM FORECLOSURE OF TAX LIEN TITLES
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
ESSEX COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-36915-08

BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE a Municipal Corporation of the State of New Jersey, Plaintiff in the above matter:

TAKE NOTICE, that an action In Rem has been commenced in the Superior Court of New Jersey by the filing of a Complaint on September 22, 2008, and Amended Complaint to foreclose and forever bar any and all rights of redemption to the parcels of land described in the Tax Foreclosure List below from Plaintiff's tax lien titles.

1. The action is brought against the land only, and no personal judgment may be entered.

2. Any person desiring to protect a right, title or interest in the described land and/or any parcel thereof by redemption or to contest Plaintiff's right to foreclose must do so by paying the amount required to redeem as set forth below, plus interest to the date of redemption, and such costs as the Court may allow prior to the entry of judgment therein, or by filing and serving an Answer to the Complaint setting forth the Defendant's defense within **forty-five (45) days** after the date of the publication of this notice.

3. In the event of failure to redeem or answer by any person having the right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all his right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcels of land described in the following tax foreclosure list.

4. If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the Lawyer Referral Service in the County of your residence or the Essex County Lawyer Referral Service or communicate with the Legal Services Office of the county of your residence or the county in which the action is pending. The Essex County Lawyer Referral Service is (973) 533-6775 the Essex County Legal Services/Aid Office is (973) 622-0063 or (973) 622-1513.

5. The following is a copy of the Tax Foreclosure List showing the lands against which this action is brought. Notice that in addition to the amount required to redeem as of the date of publication of this Notice, the tax collector must be contacted for the precise amount calculated to arrive at a redemption amount that will include additional interest, taxes and/or penalties that may become due and owing at a future date. The municipal tax collector may provide the exact redemption amount calculated to, either the date of redemption or the council or township meeting in which is presented the resolution for redemption.

TAX FORECLOSURE LIST
TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE

SCHEDULE	DESCRIPTION OF LAND AS IT APPEARS ON TAX DUPLICATE AND IN THE CERTIFICATE OF SALE	CERTIFICATE NO.	DATE OF TAX SALE	DATE OF RECORDING AND BOOK AND PAGE ESSEX COUNTY REGISTER'S OFFICE	AMOUNT OF SALE	AMOUNT OF TAX LIENS ACCRUING SUBSEQUENT TO TAX SALE INCLUDING INTEREST, PENALTIES AND COSTS	AMOUNT REQUIRED TO REDEEM AS OF 9/1/2008	AMOUNT REQUIRED TO REDEEM AS OF 2/1/2009	NAME OF OWNER AS IT APPEARS ON LAST TAX DUPLICATE
	Block Lot			Book Page					
1	1401 34.1 70-74 Florence Ave Int	3751	12/28/1988	6184 516 3/30/1993	\$ 124.35	\$ 3,437.25	\$ 3,561.60	\$ 3,948.95	Ross, Joseph, Gerard and Christine 12 Princeton Terrace Belleville, N.J. 07109
3	4801 18 28 Princeton Terrace RR	04-04923	12/9/2004	10289 752 2/10/2005	\$ 31.05	\$ 344.79	\$ 375.84	\$ 474.15	Sozek, Kevin 24 Lasalle Road Upper Montclair, N.J. 07043
4	5802 21 46 Wilson Place	4184	4/18/1995	6828 456 6/31/1997	\$ 340.54	\$ 45,646.90	\$ 45,987.44	\$ 48,530.44	Youssef, Hammad H.M. 46 Wilson Place Belleville, N.J. 07109

**NOTE: THE AMOUNT REQUIRED TO REDEEM IS SUBJECT TO ACCRUING INTEREST, PENALTIES AND FORECLOSURE FEES, LEGAL EXPENSES AND COSTS, CALCULATED TO THE DATE OF REDEMPTION.

I, Joan Conway, Tax Collector for the Township of Belleville, New Jersey, hereby certify that the foregoing schedules of Tax Sale Certificates are eligible for foreclosure.

STUART B. KLEPESCH, ESQ.
Attorney for Plaintiff
Township of Belleville
25 Lindsley Drive, Suite 200
Morristown, NJ 07960-4454

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SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 2008 011222
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY,
CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY,
DOCKET NO. F3483307
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST
COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FFMLT
ETC. Plaintiff -vs- VIPUL B.VARMA, ET AL
Defendants
Execution for Sale of Mortgaged Premises
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The approximate amount of the Judgment to be satisfied by said sale is the sum of FIVE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE AND 29/100 DOLLARS (\$15,559.29), together with the costs of this sale.
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TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY		
The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Township of Belleville, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey on January 13, 2009 and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows: Title: "Ordinance Reappropriating \$38,649.03 Proceeds of Obligations Not Needed for Their Original Purposes in Order to Provide for Generator and Roof Repairs at the Fire Houses and the Acquisition of a Document Management System for the Code Enforcement Department in and by the Township of Belleville, in the County of Essex, New Jersey." Purpose: \$38,649.03 of the proceeds of obligations originally made available pursuant to the following bond ordinances of the Township of Belleville, in the County of Essex, New Jersey is no longer necessary for the various purposes for which the obligations previously were authorized and is reappropriated to provide for generator and roof repairs at the fire houses and the acquisition of a document management system for the Code Enforcement Department, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.		
Ordinance Number	Improvement Description and Date of Adoption	Amount to be Reappropriated
#06-3124	Acquisition of snow equipment for fire engine, finally adopted April 10, 2007.	\$8,000
#06-3102	Acquisition of an ambulance, finally adopted October 24, 2006.	\$27,322.71
#07-3152	Acquisition of a power generator for the Fire Department, finally adopted October 9, 2007.	\$3,326.32
Re-Appropriation: \$38,649.03 Bonds/Notes Authorized: N/A Grants Appropriated: N/A Section 20 Costs: N/A Useful Life: N/A		Kelly Cavanagh, Clerk
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