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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Belleville Middle School teachers Joseph Rotonda and Gary Politano present a professional development, "Writer's Workshop," this month at School 10. Teaching staff from schools 9 and 10 were in attendance.

Board members split over super search

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

Belleville's school board president said that the interim superintendent can continue in the capacity into the 2010-11 school year, but while one other board member strongly supported giving Persi another year, other school board members said they think the search for a permanent replacement should be ongoing.

Interim Superintendent Melindo Persi's temporary tenure officially ends at the end of June, but Board President Joseph Longo said that involving New Jersey School Boards Association in a search for a permanent replacement is not necessary at this time.

"We haven't begun a search [for a permanent replacement] yet," Longo said. "There is no particular rush. The guy we have can be extended to continue for up to two Bucco said. "He's done more in a superintendent. years. He's doing a good job getting things organized and putting together a lot of things.

Longo said former superintendent Edward Kliszus explained to September that the interim label could be good for two years.

"There is nothing improper; we have a contract with Mr. Persi, and the board can vote to keep him," Longo said. "We're in the business. The man has walked the takes months, and we're definitely middle of putting together a bud- walk. He's going to help us get at the cutoff point where we have

get and have a lot of other things 'There is no particular in place."

current board member Arlene Schor did not endorse holding up the process of search for a replacement, saying, "Finding a permanent replacement is one of the key responsibilities of the board, to search for, interview and select a Joseph Longo permanent superintendent. It is appropriate at the time of the resignation of a sitting superintendent. It usually takes a long time and involves the state School Boards Association.

"Nowadays a superintendent can be hired for up to three years. You want continuity."

Board member Carmen Bucco, on the other hand, said he supports giving Persi a second year as interim superintendent.

"If I could afford him in my business, I'd hire him tomorrow," short time than the last superindoing strategic planning, answering all our questions.

"The district's morale was beathim another three years. As it is, he can lay the groundwork. It's like looking for the best for your

Former board president and rush. The guy we have can be extended to continue for up to two years.

President Board of Education

started with the hard part and the help us find a super just like him to take over."

Former board president and 12year board member William Vilthe superintendent search.

Board member Vincent Strulook for a permanent replacement. He said it was "crazy" not to have

"Overall, the guy we have is tendent did in three years. He's doing a good job, and trying very hard," Strumolo said. "But it's our obligation to look for someone permanent. We don't want to wait now it's phenomenal. We want to one guy leave one day and anothdo a better job. If I could, I'd give er come in cold, like what hap-They didn't even talk.

This is a long process that

to keep Persi for another year. My big thing is that we don't want the next one to come the last day. We want a smooth transition, so the new person can say what they want to choose to continue and what not to."

Board member Eric Schwartz said he is not as sure as Longo that allowing the search to go undone is the proper move.

"The search should be going on," Schwartz said. "I don't know what's going on with it. The gentlemen in place is doing a pretty good job, but he's only supposed to be here for a year."

Board Vice President Bill Freda lano said he had no comment on could not be reached for com-

Last September, just two days molo Jr. was clear in his desire to before Kliszus left the district for a job in Hackensack, the board selected Persi to serve in the posibegun a search for a permanent tion until a permanent replacement is chosen. Persi is being paid at a rate of \$750 per diem for each day he serves, while collecting a full state pension, according to Board Administrator Edward Appleton. Appleton said the interhim before he left at the end of last en up the last couple of years, and until the eleventh hour, and have im tag could continue into the 2009-10 school year.

The last-minute pick came pened with Persi and Kliszus. because a divided school board could not agree on who should lead the district.

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Feb. 22

■ Police arrested and charged Frederick Collins III, 27, of 품Belleville with driving while intoxicated at 2:45 a.m. The suspect's motor vehicle was stopped for a ਛੋ violation on Belleville Avenue. He was suspected of being under the

influence of alcohol and failed sev-Seral field sobriety tests, according to police. He was released on his Nown recognizance.

■ Police arrested and charged Miguel Cirne, 23, of Union with # driving while intoxicated at 9:13 p.m. The motor vehicle that the suspect was driving was involved in an accident near DeWitt and ELittle streets. Police observed the pects and suspect to be under the influence continuing.

of alcohol and said he failed several field sobriety tests. He was transported to the hospital for treatment, at which time blood was drawn to determine his blood alcohol level. He was then released on his own recognizance.

■ The superintendent of apartments in the 290 block of Union Avenue reported damage to the lobby intercom system and door at 1:18 p.m. Police had no suspects and an investigation was continu-

■ A homeowner in the 170 block of Tappen Avenue reported that their aluminum storm door had been smashed. Police had no suspects and an investigation was Feb. 21

■ Police arrested and charged John Franco, 41, of Belleville with possession of "crack" cocaine and eluding at 1:07 a.m. After police observed the suspect driving his vehicle carelessly, police attempted a motor vehicle stop. At that time, the suspect accelerated away from police and led them on a chase for several blocks before being stopped. A subsequent search of the suspect turned up the cocaine, police said. He was also charged with several motor vehicle violations. He was released on his own recognizance.

■ A resident in the 310 block of DeLuca Road reported a fraud at 11:05 a.m. The victim said someone has opened a Sears credit card account in their name. Police had

no suspects and an investigation to be counterfeit. Police said an was continuing.

Feb. 20

■ An attempted burglary was reported to a motor vehicle at 11:18 p.m. The 1998, four-door, red Honda Civic was parked in the 190 block of Heckel Street. The victim said someone tried to enter the vehicle through the driver's side window. Nothing was reported missing. Police had no suspects and an investigation was continuing.

Feb. 19

■ A fraud was reported by Provident Bank, 208 Washington Ave., at 3:17 p.m. A male entered the bank and deposited a check for \$4,000. He then withdrew approxamount. The check was later found

The United States Senators representing Belleville in Washington are Robert Menendez, 201-558-0800, and Frank Lautenberg, 973-639-8700. Congressman Bill Pascrell may be reached at 973-523-5152.

investigation was continuing.

Feb. 18

■ A homeowner in the 160 block of Belmont Avenue reported a burglary and theft at 4:08 p.m. The victim said that a 27-inch television was missing. There were no signs of forced entry. Police had no suspects and an investigation was continuing.

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BHS student looks forward to her journey

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

Fantashiyaa Rivera has a chance to see the world, but needs help from here at home to make her dream come true.

Rivera, a Belleville High School freshman, was accepted in December into the People to People Student Ambassador class of 2009.

As a student ambassador, she has the chance to join "the effort to bring the world together through education and friendship while experiencing a wonderful journey of discovery," according to Mary Jean Eisenhower, president and CEO of People to People Interna-

Rivera will travel to Italy, Austria, Germany and France, and said that Paris and the Eiffel Tower, are the city and landmark she is most excited about seeing, respectively.

She said that after the trip she might consider a life living and working abroad.

Her mom Wanda said she has printed letters to teachers about sponsorship, and as a single mom, she needs financial help to make the trip happen.

"Times are difficult, and the trip is expensive, but I want her to see what is out there," Wanda said. "There is so much more out there in the world to experience than what she has seen in Belleville and

The ambassador group has meetings once a month to get the students ready, one of which includes learning four verses in each of the four languages of the countries they are to visit. There will be three days of home visits in each country.

"They will learn how these people experience life, from food to culture, and make friends internationally," Wanda said. "She will be there for 19 days, something most adults could never afford."

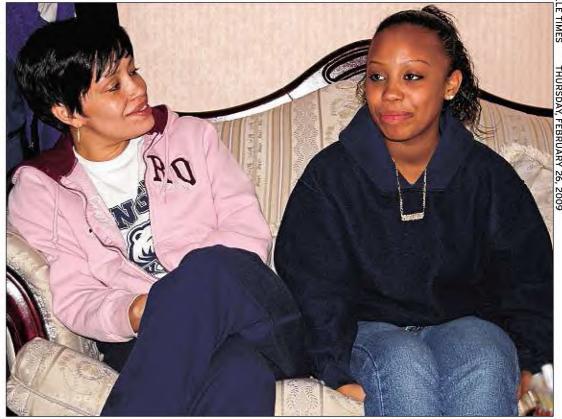
Fantashiyaa said, "I am really anxious to learn about other cul-

One exercise in preparation involves grabbing a handful of M&M candies, and revealing something about yourself for each candy chosen, something she is practicing now to better share American culture with her new friends abroad.

Her mom said she expects her daughter to come home more mature and attuned to what is happening around the world.

In the meantime, both mom and daughter have nice things to say about their adopted hometown of Belleville, which Fantashiyaa said has been a good experience, "especially the social aspect," with people being welcoming and friendly.

Wanda said they have lived here about 12 years.



Wanda Rivera, left, is excited about her daughter Fantashiyaa's acceptance into the People to People Student Ambassador program. A European trip is in the works.

town, and it's close to where I community." work. There's a feeling of knowing the neighbors and knowing you "It reminds me of growing up in can go to them for help and give and bounds, with people's help." Nutley. I'm excited, and I'm not Summit," Wanda said. "It's a small help to them. It's a real sense of

For her daughter, her concept of a community will group by leaps

Anyone wishing to sponsor Fan-

tashiyaa can contact Wanda at 973-444-9177.

For more information on People to People, go to www.ptpi.org

PUBLIC SAFETY

Bystander rescues others from three-alarm blaze

Belleville firefighters battled a Authorities received tough fire in an occupied multifamily dwelling in the south end of 9-1-1 calls at 1:22 p.m. the township, driven by high winds, threatening near-by houses. A civilian working in a rear yard was credited for his quick actions to alert the occupants, and bring them to safety.

Authorities received 9-1-1 calls at 1:22 p.m. on Feb. 12 reporting a house fire at 26 Van Rensselaer St. with the possibility of people inside. Battalion Chief No. 1 and Engine No. 2 arrived within two minutes and reported heavy smoke coming from the eaves of the building. The building on fire was sizedup as a three-story, wood-frame, occupied dwelling in close proximity to a house of similar construction.

Firefighters stretched a hoseline smoke damage. and initiated a quick attack from Engine No. 2. Truck No. 1 and began a primary search for any trapped occupants, and found that everyone escaped the building. Engine No. 3 stretched additional hose lines to cover the first crew, and established a water supply from a nearby hydrant.

The third floor was heavily charged with thick black smoke, and well involved in fire on the right side. Wind-whipped flames were extending outward, and threatening an adjoining house at debris.

on Feb. 12 reporting a house fire at 26 Van Rensselaer St.

24 Van Rensselaer St., separated by a 4-foot alleyway. Firefighters had to breach walls on the third floor to extinguish the flames.

The fire spread quickly due to gusting winds, upwards of 30 mph from the west, and the building construction, with a concealed attic space. The house at 24 Van Rensselaer suffered exterior water and fire damage, and interior

EMS No. 1 arrived on scene and imity to adjoining houses, additional alarms were called for by Incident Command. Firefighters from the neighboring towns of Nutley, Bloomfield, Newark and North Arlington responded to the scene. They rotated in crews to top third floor and heavily damattack the blaze, and protect the exposed buildings from catching fire. At one point, the roof collapsed inward, and firefighters had to reposition their interior attack to avoid being trapped within the

Initially, 11 Belleville firefighters responded with two engines, one ladder, one EMS unit and a battalion chief. The fire ultimately went to three alarms, and Essex County mutual aid was put into effect.

Fire departments from the county responded to Belleville to cover the fire stations and to the scene to assist extinguishing the blaze.

A Rapid Intervention Team was called, a duty assigned to the Nutley Fire Department. Its sole purpose is to stand ready with special equipment to go in and rescue any firefighter or civilian found to be trapped inside the burning building at any point during the fire.

The fire was declared under control at 2:30 p.m. and extinguished by 4 p.m. The Belleville Fire Department's Fire Investigation Unit remained on scene until Due to the intensity of the fire, 12:30 a.m. to investigate the fire weather conditions and the prox- and assist residents in retrieving any belongings they could salvage Off-duty firefighters were recalled and responded with Engine No. 1 for fire-watch duties, checking for hot spots within the building.

The blaze burned through the aged sections of the second floor. The first- and second-floor apartments had water and smoke damage. Fire officials identified the three-story structure as having

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TRAFFIC

Council hopes permits will help parking around BHS

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

High School are finding parking more and more difficult, so township officials are granting permit parking to different stretches of road involving Greylock Parkway, Austin Street and the high school.

At the Feb. 10 Belleville Township Council public meeting, an ordinance was introduced establishing a parking areas on the north and south sides of Greylock Parkway, between Avenue and Nolten Street. The rules are also specific to the eastside of Austin Street, between Greylock Parkway and Mitchell Street. The third area encompasses the westside of Austin Street, between BHS and Mitchell Street.

The changes involve the hours only one-hour parking is permitted in these areas because school is in session.

that due to one-hour parking dur- months. ing school hours on Greylock Parkway and Austin Street having corner of the rear window. difficulty in obtaining parking spaces near their home for more than one hour," the ordinance

Greylock Parkway resident Florence Pentol said she supports the move.

"They should have parking,"

Pentol said. "They pay taxes there, and they live there."

The police department con-Neighborhoods near Belleville ducted a traffic study, and officials said they determined that many residents on those two streets do not have access to driveways and parking is difficult. So residential parking permits would be granted for all the above-mentioned areas, with signs to be posted advising the public that those locations are designated for permits only during

Township Manager Victor Passaic Canning is authorized to issue the parking permits, exclusively for Grevlock Parkway and Austin Street residents in those specific

Having a permit would not "constitute a guarantee to the person to whom the permit is issued that a space will be available for between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., when the designated motor vehicle," according to the ordinance.

The permits can be issued for a full year or six months, and are The council "has determined \$50 for a full year and \$25 for six

Every permit is supposed to be Parkway and Austin Street, it has affixed as a decal in the motor resulted in residents of Greylock vehicle in the lower right hand

> Any person violating any provision of the ordinance, if convicted, could be punished by a fine not exceeding \$50 for each violation. The ordinance will become law 20 days after being published in the newspaper following a public hearing in March.

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Keeping our neighbors and their houses

There are no easy answers to our economic crisis. In fact, no one is sure any answer given is the right one. But something has to be done.

State Assemblyman Ralph R. Caputo (D-28th) of Belleville made a move that will hopefully assist homeowners facing imminent foreclosure. Gov. Ion S. Corzine recently signed his bill into law.

According to Caputo, the law appropriates \$40 million from the state's Long Term Obligation & Capital Expenditure Fund to provide homeowners with two different options to help them stave-off foreclosure.

The first option is non-amortizing – or no monthly payment - second mortgage loans of up to \$25,000 to encourage homeowners and their lenders to refinance first mortgages to lower amounts.

The second option provides financial inducement, up program, the properties must be owner-occupied to \$25,000, for "lease-purchase" agreements. The latter would last no more than 36 months between homeowners and non-profit sponsors, whereby homeowners sell their homes to the sponsors, but are able to remain in their homes in exchange for paying reasonable rents to the sponsors until they are able to buy them back.

The non-amortizing loans will be offered via a \$25 million Mortgage Stabilization Program/Fund, while financing in support of the "lease-purchase" agreements will be available through the \$15 million Housing Assistance and Recovery Program/Fund.

Both programs will be administered by the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency. According to Caputo, to be eligible for either

primary residences, the homeowners may not hold interest in any other residential real properties, and the homeowners' incomes may not exceed 120 percent of the area median household income.

This should help some families potentially facing financial ruin due to the mortgage crisis. It should also help keep our neighborhoods intact and not becoming blighted.

Homeowners facing foreclosure and in need of information and counseling can visit www.nj.gov/ foreclosuremediation or call 1-888-989-5277 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

100th birthday bash planned for Silverlaker Madeline

The Silver Lake Community Association has many events planned for 2009.

One of them is the raffle to raise monies for the 2009 SLCA Scholarship. At our oldies dance on Friday, May 15, the raffle will be pulled.

The entertainment will be The Yesterdaze performing music of the 1950s and 1060s.

We have a Silver Lake resident named Madeline Rovelli ,who



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lives on Lake Street and will celebrate her big day on March 10. How big of a day, do you ask?

Well, try 100 years young. Yep, you heard me right.

So Silverlakers, get ready for our birthday party in honor of Madeline on Tuesday, March 3, at the Moose Lodge. Make sure you all wear your party clothes because we will have your party hats waiting and horns to ring in her 100 years.

Pay a visit to our SLCA signboard, where Madeline will have her name in lights. See you on

He may not be a Silverlaker, but we wish George Lynch a very happy 80th birthday. My wife calls George her "boyfriend," but I don't get mad because she admits

Mr. Lynch is a lifelong resident of Belleville and a devoted husband to his lovely wife Mary Lou. They have six wonderful children and many grandchildren. He worked at ADT and retired after

44 years of service.

He is an active member of the Knights of Columbus Council 835, a member of the Police & Fire Organizations, and a founding member, treasurer and trustee of the Belleville Irish American Association.

Silver Lake wishes you well on vour 80th.

And remember, we love Silver Lake.

LETTERS

Passionate soul

TO THE EDITOR:

On Monday Feb. 16, Belleville lost one of its greatest natural resources.

Freddie Judge passed away at way too young an age. He was a man of tremendous passion and

Over 10 years ago, I met Freddie on Belleville's baseball fields when our sons started playing for the Belleville Baseball Commission. Freddie coached our community's children in baseball, football, roller hockey and soccer.

For over five years, he umpired our kids' baseball games as well. He coordinated all the umpires for the Belleville Baseball Commission for many of those years.

His positive influence on and off the field during that time is noteworthy.

There is no way to calculate the number of Belleville athletes that owe Freddie for their passion of the game.

Over the last few years, I would meet Freddie at the Belleville High School games. Sometimes, he would be sitting

on top of the hill overlooking the George Zanfini Varsity Baseball Field holding court and making commentary on the game.
God forbid an umpire made a

bad call against our Belleville Buccaneers. The hill would come alive with Freddie's critique of the call.

He never sugar coated anything. He told it like it was. There was no pretense in this man. We all loved him for his honesty and candor.

Freddie loved his family, Belleville's kids, sports and his

I had a chance this summer during the block party on Ligham Street to see him in action with his neighbors. He exuded a passion for our community and its children that will sorely be missed.

I would like to publicly thank Freddie for his many gifts to our children and our community.

I would like to thank his wife Barbara, sons Chris and James for sharing him with us. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.

Steve Rovell

The writer is Belleville Township's Second Ward councilman.



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REMEMBERING MLK

Clara Maass Medical Center in Belleville celebrates the life of Martin Luther King Jr. by recognizing the achievements of employees. Pictured, from left, are Dr. Edwin A Amirata, president of the Clara Maass medical staff, with award winners Dr. James Orsini, medical director and chairman of The Cancer Center, registered nurse Hector Elfante of the Clara Maass PACU, and Justin Harvey of the Shipping and Receiving Department. Also pictured is Executive Director Thomas A. Biga.

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District tries to get foundation on its feet

of Belleville Times

At the most recent Board of Education meeting, the progress of the district's educational foundation was discussed, and then clarified in separate interviews.

Discussions about the Belleville school district's fledgling educational foundation were made by the school board president, who said that the district is "continuing to reach out" to appropriate private sources for donations.

The foundation is a private entity meant to raise funds for programs, supplies and repairs that the district is struggling to raise after years of school budget defeats and what officials say is shortfalls in state funding.

Board President Joseph Longo said, "We are not running the foundation, it is run by a separate board, but as it gets up and running, we continue to look outside the usual sources.'

Board member Carmen Bucco brought up the subject, referencing a recent foundation meeting.

"There are a lot of movers and shakers who could have an interest, and this should be looked at," Bucco said.

Lisa Kistner, president of the Consolidated Home and School Associations, which encompasses all the associations, told the school board she had not been made aware of the foundation's

'It's a nice way to help students get some things that taxpayers can't pay for. It's amazing the way people are moving forward with a great outlook on what students can do.'

Carmen Bucco

Board of Education

existence.

Board member Arlene Schor acknowledged that the board had made a mistake in not alerting Kistner about the foundation's existence.

"Mrs. Kistner is one of the key people in town," Schor said. "She communicates with people throughout the town. should've informed her. She qualifies as a key communicator."

One of the components of the foundation is to identify the socalled key communicators in town and involve them in the founda-

In subsequent interviews, Longo and Bucco talked in greater detail about the foundation.

Longo said the educational much better. foundation was being put together

as a non-profit corporation for the purpose of raising money outside that raised through property taxes. What is raised will be applied to different areas of the district. He said the corporation is awaiting state approvals to make things

"We invite prospective trustees to look at what the district might be," Longo said. "Operating independent of the school board, they have been meeting about a mission statement and planning events. It's essential, especially in these economic times. It's going very well and has strong support by a group that is working hard."

Bucco said the foundation is part of a plan to make the district

"It's a nice way to help students

get some things that taxpayers can't pay for," Bucco said. "It's amazing the way people are moving forward with a great outlook on what students can do."

For example, he said extracurricular activities could be funded through the foundation, many of which are now threatened by budget constraints.

"It can help move the town forward," Bucco said. "It was brought up by Mr. Longo, and we're really looking to raise money instead of digging deeper into taxpayer pockets. Everybody wants more, and the only way is to raise more

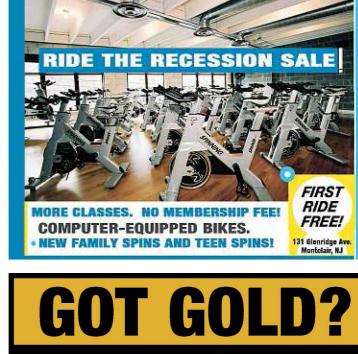
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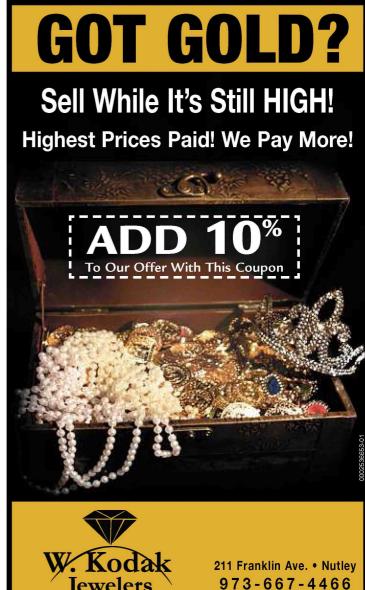
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On Dec. 18, 2008, c 119 was signed in to law, which increases the income eligibility limits for the Property Tax Reimbursement Program, which reimburses senior and disabled persons for property tax increases

The income limits for 2007 increased to \$60,000 or less for all applicants whether single, married or in civil union. The previous

Belleville Mayor Raymond Kim- income limits for 2007 were less due to the increase in income limble and the Township Council has announced that senior citizens and and less than \$45,135 for single applicants and less than \$55,344 (combined income) for married and civil union couples.

As a result of this increase, some senior and disabled New Jersey residents, who did not previously qualify because their 2007 income was too high, are eligible for a 2007 reimbursement, provided they meet all other eligibility requirements.

The New Jersey Division of Taxation is doing a special mailing of 2007 reimbursement applications to residents who may be eligible

In addition to the change in income limits for 2007, the income limits for 2008 have been raised to \$70,000 or less, and 2009 have been raised to \$80,000 or less.

Homeowners should soon be receiving applications for the 2008 property tax reimbursement.

Taxpayers may contact the Division of Taxation with questions regarding PRT at 1-800-882-6597 or www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/propfrez.html.

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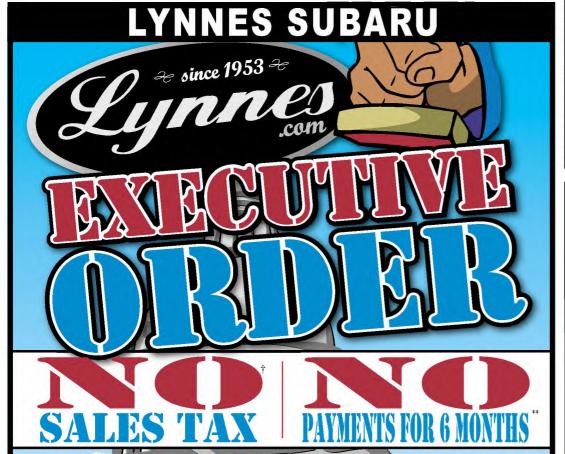
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Helen (Di Maio) Mangieri

A funeral Mass for Helen D. Mangieri (Di Maio), 88, of 로 Belleville and formerly of Orange, will be held today, Thursday, Feb. 26, at 10 a.m., in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 103 South Center St., Orange; the funeral will %be conducted at 9 a.m., from the ≧ S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, \$267 Centre St., Nutley. Interment will follow the funeral Mass in [™]Glendale Cemetery, Bloomfield.

Mrs. Mangieri passed away on Feb. 22 at Green Brook Manor in Mrs. Mangieri passed away on Green Brook.

Mrs. Mangieri was a retired personnel assistant for Chubb Corp. 15. for 22 years.

husband, Nicholas A. Mangieri; and is survived by her daughters, Annette Franklin and Joanne Beck; her sister, Mary Caposino; her grandchildren, Janine Badillo and her husband Ruben, Richard Plate and Danielle and Nicole

Franklin; and her great-grandchildren, Sara, Alex and Julia Badillo.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 400 Morris Ave., Suite 251, Denville, NJ 07834-1365.

MaryAnn DeFalco

A funeral Mass was held for MaryAnn DeFalco (née Terlizzi), 95, on Feb. 19, at 10:30 a.m., in Holy Family Church, Nutley, followed by entombment in Hollywood Memorial Park, Union. The funeral was conducted from the Biondi Funeral Home of Nutley, 540 Franklin Ave.

Mrs. DeFalco passed away Feb.

Born in Andrretta, Avellino, She was predeceased by her Italy in 1913, Mrs. DeFalco immigrated to Newark on Jan. 12, 1940 to care for her aunt and family. On June 9, 1946, she married a local butcher, Alfredo A. DeFalco in the Ironbound section of Newark and in June 1949 she gave birth to a son. In July 1949, her husband

passed away. Now widowed, she persevered through the years, raising her son and working as a seamstress and dressmaker. She was a thoughtful, kind and compassionate friend to many and enjoyed the comfort of her faith at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, the Montevergine Society, the Mantredonia Society and the friendship of many at the Independence Park Seniors

She awaited the birth of her first great-granddaughter to Rachel and Brian Tonkovich expected in June.

Her life was centered around her son, Rudy and his wife, Evelyn; grandchildren, Rachel Tonkovich and her husband Brian; Richard DeFalco and his wife Alayna; Ryan DeFalco and his wife Kristine; and most recently, the birth of her first great-grandson, Brian Joseph Tonkovich, who was born on June 1, 2007, the same date as her birthday.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Grace Health-Care Service, 105 Fieldcrest Ave., Edison, NJ 08837.

Officials dispute **School 1 problems**

At the recent school board meeting, the district's top administrator responded to criticisms of the maintenance and heating of the underutilized School No.

Resident Vincent Frantantoni has been saying for years that improper maintenance and use of the school is a sign of poor management by district officials.

He has said that broken windows are allowing heat to escape from the building.

At meeting, Interim Superintendent of Schools Melindo Persi said that complaints that broken windows have been allowed to go without repairs at the underused School No. 1 building, located at Rutgers and Cortlandt streets, are not true.

Another complaint involved heating the building's third floor.

Persi said, "The third floor heat is turned off, and the heating in the building is minimal."

- Richard Dickon





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FLU ALERT

Colds are ten times more common than the flu, and you can catch them all year. The flu generally strikes from late October to mid-April. A cold is an upper respiratory infection usually associated with a runny, stuffy nose with thick greenish-yellow discharge, and a scratchy throat. Unlike a cold, the flu causes a fever of 102-104 degrees F. that lasts 3-4 days; chills; and an all-over sick and achy malaise, a bad cough, and severe fatigue and weakness. The exhaustion can last for weeks: a cold rarely hangs on that long. A flu test allows a fast diagnosis, which is important because the flu can lead to pneumonia, especially in older people and those with weakened immune systems.

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FIRE

FROM PAGE 3

three apartment units, one on each

Five adults and one child from three separate families were displaced as a result of the fire; some were relocated with the assistance of Red Cross disaster teams.

The cause of the fire has yet to be determined, but appears to be accidental. The Belleville Township Building Department was requested to the scene to evaluate the damage, and the house was declared uninhabitable.

There were no reported injuries to firefighters or residents. Two cats were removed from one apartment after the fire and turned over to their owners for care.

Fire officials are crediting a civilian who was doing work at 24 Van Rensselaer St. with saving the lives of two occupants. He saw smoke and fire coming from the roof and knew the third-floor tenant was home. He called 9-1-1, and then ran into the house. Reaching the third floor, he forced open the apartment door, and found the 75year-old resident, who was unaware of the fire. He assisted the man downstairs, stopping at the second floor and kicking in that door, awakening a tenant. All three escaped as smoke filled the house.

Submitted by the Belleville Fire Department. For more information, call 973-450-3368.

SUPERINTENDENT

FROM PAGE 1

Longo reiterated in September that he was part of a three-person board committee that first interviewed the candidates, but the committee's recommendation did not have the necessary votes, and that unnamed candidate was not

Since Persi took over, however, Longo has worked closely with the interim administrator on a number of initiatives, including a strategic planning process with committees helping decide the district's future. The board is also expected to hire an architectural firm to outline the specific needs of building repairs and the costs of those repairs.

Reflecting the split, board member Carmen Bucco still voted against Persi's hiring, the only board member to vote no. However, Bucco said Persi's actions have changed his mind about the vote.

Villano recused himself because his brother, Dennis Villano, is assistant superintendent and was presumed to be a candidate for the interim superintendent's position.

In a biography included in his selection as 2007 Distinguished Service Award Winner from the American Association of School Administrators, the Web site states, "Melindo A. Persi has been involved in public education in New Jersey for the past 50 years."

Scholarship breakfast

The Kevin Kennedy Civic Association will hold its 16th annual scholarship breakfast at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 19, at The Chandelier in Belleville. Tickets are \$30; write to Kevin G. Kennedy Civic Association, 45 Hornblower Ave., Belleville NJ 07109.

United Way to downtrodden: Help on its way

BY MARK S. PORTER for Belleville Times

As the nation's economic quagmire worsens, an increasing number of area residents confront job losses and diminished wealth.

The United Way of North Essex, headquartered in Montclair, is co-sponsoring free tax preparation assistance for area residents. Right now, organizations in Glen Ridge, Cedar Grove and the Caldwells have made arrange-Montclair to receive the free tax through the loss of a job, the loss services

Coupled with the tax-prep help

program, in collaboration with other local nonprofits.

The efforts will help residents who must conserve every dollar, for help.' and assist some folks who have depleted their savings.

"It's the first time many people will be asking for help," noted Larry E. Glover, a consultant for the United Way of North Essex.

economic downturn, many residents are "one step away" from of investments or a health crisis.

will be an array of other aid pro- Michaelson, who chairs the Finan- and adult education. She noted Montclair Times. vided by the United Way through cial Stability Partnership, said, that the United Way can provide

its Financial Stability Partnership 'It's the first time many people will be asking

> Larry E. Glover, **United Way Consultant**

"The United Way is the place Glover said that, during this where people need to come to start the process of finding help.

"Financial education is what we ments to bus senior citizens to financial calamity, whether can offer," said Michaelson, who cited topics such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, financial man-United Way Trustee Joyce agement, home-buying seminars

some emergency financial assistance.

"This financial stability program ≦ is an entry point to get into the system," United Way of North Essex Executive Director Roger Costa

"It's a long road for people to_ reposition themselves, to find jobs, ₹ to pay off debt, to keep the furnace of running, to keep the landlord happy," Costa said. "The process isn't just paying a utility bill for some-one. It's understanding someone's below the landlord happy." situation. We want to help with long-term solutions.

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or e-mail cw4djf@aol.com.

The Bloomfield Civic Band's final 2008-2009 season concert is scheduled for Sunday, May 2 at 3 p.m. at Bloomfield Middle School. The program will pay tribute to Elvis Presley and feature highlights from "Jersey

Youth Band in concert

The Bloomfield Youth Band will Broad Street. General admission is "Pastime with Good Company" on Saturday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Bloomfield Middle School.

As reflected in the concert title a work of the same name from King Henry VIII – the audience will be in the company of great concert literature performed with friends of the Youth Band. Highlights include a return appearance by the Montclair State University Singers; Heather Buchanan, director; and Youth Band member Michael Mahadeen performing the solo for Don Muro's unique band piece, "Badlands Overture for Synthesizer and Band (1978)." The band will also perform renowned American composer Samuel Hazo's "Hennepin County Dawn: Shrouds of Snow" and "East of the Sun (John Prescott)," "Alligator Alley (Michael Daugherty)," "Deir'in De (Warren Barker)" and "A Cowboy Symphony (Pierre LaPlante)."

Bloomfield Middle School is located at 60 Huck Rd., off of

\$8, and children under age 12 may attend for free. For more information, visit the band's Web site www.bloomfieldyouthband.org or e-mail patrickburnsmusic@gmail .com. In the event of inclement weather, this performance will be rescheduled for Saturday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m.

This performance is part of a year-round concert series featuring five diverse community music groups based in Bloomfield. The series is sponsored by the Bloomfield Federation of Music, under the auspices of the Bloomfield Recreation Commission.

About the **Bloomfield Youth Band**

The Bloomfield Youth band was founded by Patrick Burns, its present director, in 1986. Burns brings a breadth of academic knowledge and experience to the podium. He teaches music theory and compo-

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Theatre Festival enters final days

BloomfieldArts.org is presenting the North Jersey New Found Theatre Festival throughout February. The festival showcases original works by writers from across the tri-state area as read-

"This festival is a chance for authors to hear their work come alive off the page," says festival chairman Chris Budinich. "We were very pleased with the amount of submissions we

Bloomfield."

The festival is being held on weekends in February at several different Bloomfield arts locations: Broad Street Playhouse (36 Broad St.), Broadway Performing Arts School (357 Broad St.), New Jersey School of Dramatic Arts (593 Bloomfield Ave.) and the Westminster Arts Center (Franklin and Fremont streets, on the Bloomfield College campus). The readings and received and hope this is just the workshop performances are open

first of more events like this in to the public for \$5. Each performance ends with a talk-back with the creative team, allowing audiences an opportunity to discuss the pieces they have just heard.

Remaining festival calendar:

Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. (tonight): "Bugles" by George Winship at Broadway Performing Arts School.

Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m.: "Divine," a musical by R.J. Lewis and Ralph Carbone at Westminster Arts Center.

Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m.: "From Ashes to Glory" by Raymond Jordan at New Jersey School of Dramatic Arts.

Feb. 28 at 5 p.m.: "The Blairsburg Family Picnic" by Ben Clawson at New Jersey School of Dramatic Arts.

Feb. 28 at 3 p.m.: Four sketch plays: "Heaven is a Waiting Room" by Andrew Ward, "Sexual Harassment Training" by Mike Fresta and "Roomies" and "Terminal" by Dave Valiante at Broad Street Playhouse.

Feb. 28 at 7 p.m.: "Miss Mary Dugan" by Manuel Grejas at Broadway Performing Arts School.

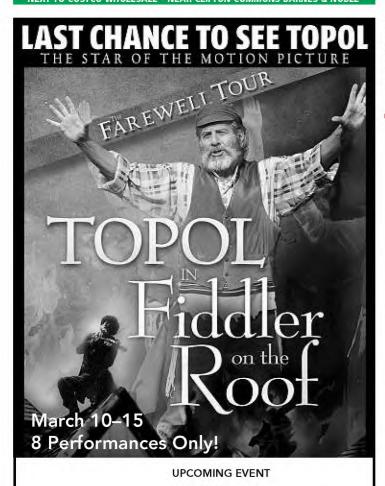
Feb. 28 at 8:30 p.m.: North Jersey New Found Theatre Festival meet-and-greet a party for all cast members and writers at Pianos Bar & Grill.

About BloomfieldArts.org

BloomfieldArts.org was formed this past summer by existing Bloomfield arts organizations to advance the arts in the Township of Bloomfield.

"Promoting the value of the arts during the country's financial uncertainties and showing how it can still aid in overall economic growth is very important to us, says co-founder Gregory Allen. "This festival not only allows writers an excellent opportunity to showcase their work, but it brings more people to our town to see all that we have to offer."

- For more information about this festival, links to locations and author bios, visit the Web site info@bloomfieldarts.org.



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Multi Media Arts Center event calendar

After a winter break, the Multi Media Arts Center (a/k/a TheMMAC) in Bloomfield has announced pre-spring concert offerings.

- Friday, Feb. 27 at 9 p.m. The Yohimbe Brothers featuring Vernon Reid & DJ Logic.
- Sunday, March 8 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Steu (showcase featuring Ashley Straw, Tiffani Greene, 7 Profitz, Heavy Vee, Elijah Brown, Future, Arthur Carlock and more).
- Friday, March 13 at 9 p.m. Cornerpockit.
- Saturday, March 14 at 9 p.m. The Awakening.

- Friday, March 20 at 9 p.m. Victor Jones Cultureversy Band.
- Friday, April 10 at 8 p.m. Just A Lil
- Thursday , April 16 at 7 p.m. Landmine Marathon.
- Thursday, April 30 at 6 p.m. Dr Manhattan, Duck Duck Goose, Let Me Run. ■ More to be announced.
- Advance tickets available online only at www.TheMMAC.net.

The Multi Media Arts Center is located at 562 Bloomfield Ave., in center of Bloomfield. For more event and other information, visit www.TheMMAC.net or call 973-748-MMAC.

YOUTH BAND

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sition at the John C. Cali School of Music, Montclair State University, and instrumental music in the Caldwell-West Caldwell public schools. His music for symphonic band is performed by bands of every level throughout the country and is published by G. Schirmer, Daehn Publications, Wingert-Jones and TRN Music Publisher. He is active as a guest conductor, having led public school, community, university and honor bands in six states and the District of Columbia.

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musicians, many of whom have achieved great careers as performers, composers and music educators. Recognized by the Township of Bloomfield, the New Jersey General Assembly and the United States House of Representatives for its civic and cultural contributions to the township and the State of New Jersey, the Youth Band strives to maintain its reputation as an outstanding musical ensemble.

The band's mission, as with the four other music group that comprise the Bloomfield Federation of Music, is to provide great and affordable concerts to the local community and to provide its members an enriching and chal-

See 'Divine Recollections'

from Europe to America, is portraying one of the most famous in a one-woman musical on Friday, Feb. 27 (tomorrow) at the Westminster Arts Center.

life in this new show, "Divine Recollections of Sarah Bernhardt," making its world premiere as part of the North Jersey New Found Theater Festival.

Bernhardt was the toast of France and achieved worldwide fame in a career that spanned the 19th and early 20th centuries. She was truly one of the most famous celebrities of her generation, known not just for her talent but more for her eccentricities.

She had many lovers and kept a veritable zoo in her fashionable

to her enemies.

With book by published author divas in history, Sarah Bernhardt, R.J. Lewis and music by composer Ralph Carbone, the musical depicts Bernhardt at a crossroads, where she must face her many Bernhardt's story is brought to loves and losses. Her life unfolds with wit and music as it tells the adventure of this woman and anyone who has loved too well.

Heimall has appeared with hardt's menagerie of pets. many opera companies, starring in Tosca, Salome, Carmen, Santuzza, Madama Butterfly, Amneris and

Opera" and sang with the New York City Opera, as well as the New Jersey State Opera, where 9008, ext. 279 or visit the Web she played 11 leading parts.

With the production

Renowned opera singer Linda Paris apartments. She could be "Divine," Heimall chose to take on Heimall, whose career extends loving to her friends and volcanic the demanding role as the only character on stage for the entire show. With herself and pianist Mara Waldman, she takes the audience through Bernhardt's life and the 11 songs in the show's score. She sings haunting love songs such as "I Can Remember ₹ the Moment I First Met You" and Kaboodle," N which elaborately describes Bern-8

> The show will be fully staged, soprano and mezzo roles such as complete with one intermission, and presented on Friday, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Westminster Arts Center, corner of Franklin She is listed in "Who's Who in and Fremont streets, Bloomfield.

> > For tickets, call 973-748site www.bloomfieldarts.org.



ATLANTIC CITY

By Ellen Burke Rawls



Joy Behar, Frank Caliendo, The Mummers & Melissa Manchester all on deck

For more than 100 years, the City of Brotherly Love has been dazzled each New Year's Day by sequins and feathers in an incredible spectacle of showmanship. The Mummers Parade in Philadelphia attracts visitors from around the globe to line the curb along the parade route each New Year's morning to watch the 12-hour extravaganza - often in freezing temperatures. Now AC visitors can catch some of the very best parade participants in an abbreviated 90minute version in the comfort of Boardwalk Hall. The 2009 "Show of Shows" featuring the Philadelphia Mummers' String Band Association will be presented by Trump Entertainment Resorts for two performances Saturday at 12:00 noon and 5:00 p.m. in Boardwalk Hall's arena. The 16 String Bands reprising their New Year's Day show and more include the Avalon, Broomall, Duffy, Durning, Ferko, Fralinger, Greater Kensington, and other leg-

endary Philly neighborhood associations. If you've never been to Philadelphia on New Year's Day, but would prefer to see the giddy celebration without shivering in the snow and sleet, take this opportunity Saturday at the Boardwalk Hall. Tickets are \$25, \$21 and \$18, with a limited number of VIP seats available for \$35.

Two of TV's wittiest personalities will be playing AC this weekend, so here's an opportunity to see one of your favorites live and up close, unfettered by FCC restrictions.

Joy Behar, whose barbs have brightened "The View" for 12 years now, comes to Harrah's for a single show at Harrah's Saturday. Armed with an M.A. from S.U.N.Y. Behar abandoned a teaching career to pursue comedic recognition playing the hot New York clubs including Catch a Rising Star and Caroline's. She has enjoyed a successful showbusiness career with a series of TV specials and guest appearances where her sardonic humor has consistently uncovered pomposity and stripped victims of any perceived attempts at pretension. She's done a series of big-screen roles, working with comedy geniuses including Nora Ephron, Woody Allen, Peter Falk and Joe Bologna. Born Josephina Victoria Occhiuto in Brooklyn and raised in the Catholic faith, she is frequently mistaken for being Jewish, for which she proudly claims the title of "Shiksa non-grata." Joy takes the stage at Harrah's Saturday at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$35-\$55.

Comedian/actor/impressionist Frank Caliendo plays The Music Box at Borgata Saturday for two shows at 7 and 10 p.m. From his many appearances on the "Late Show with David Letterman" to his weekly picks segment on the FOX NFL pregame show with Terry Bradshaw, Frank has

been all over television the past few years. Known for dead-on impressions of famous actors (Al Pacino, Robin Williams, Robert DeNiro), politicians (George W. Bush, Bill Clinton) and broadcasters (John Madden, David Letterman, Jay Leno, and Jim Rome), Frank, a 7-year veteran of television sketch comedy (MadTV, Hype) is back for yet another season of his hit show "FrankTV" on TBS. Onstage, Frank's high energy act is a blend of observations, impressions, characters and anecdotal stories that build to a frenetic pace. Described by the Hollywood Reporter as "a combination of Robin Williams and Jim Carrey," Frank's occasional visits to AC are consistent sellouts. Tickets for his shows at Borgata are \$40 and \$50.

Singer/songwriter Melissa Manchester opens Sunday for a five-show run at the AC Hilton. The New York-born prodigy attended Manhattan's famed High School of Performing Arts, while recording commercial jingles at age 15. She later went on to NYU, where she studied songwriting with Paul Simon. Working the NYC club scene, she was discovered by Bette Midler and Barry Manilow who signed her on as one of the Harlettes in the '70s.

Over the years, Manchester has enjoyed a hugely successful concert and recording career, hitting the charts with enduring favorites like "Midnight Blue," "Whenever I Call You Friend," "Don't Cry Out Loud" and "Through The Eyes of Love." She won a Grammy for Best Female Vocal Performance for her single "You Should Hear How She Talks About You," and in 2007 she recorded a duet with Barry Manilow on a cover of the Carole King classic 'You've Got A Friend." Her songs have become classics and her fan base is enormous, hence a strong turnout is expected for the weeknight shows as well as Tuesday's matinee. Showtimes at Hilton are Sunday, next Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7 p.m., next Tuesday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

Sunday is the opening of Restaurant Week, to showcase AC's plentiful fine dining establishments. Sunday, March 1 through next Saturday, March 7, some 70+ restaurants in the area, both casino and non-casino, will be offering threecourse lunches for \$15.09 and dinners for \$33.09 per person. Here's an opportunity to lunch or dine like a hiroller at budget prices in some of the top restaurants in town, including the Knife & Fork, Ram's Head Inn, Dock's Oyster House, Mia's at Caesars lobby. The Reserve at Bally's, Polistina's at Harrah's and the exclusive private club House of Blues Foundation Room at Showboat, opened to the public for just this week. For additional details, visit www.acrestaurantweek.com.

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Carmine John Corino

A second child, a son, Carmine John, was born to Alexis and Carmine Corino on Jan. 16, 2009, at Mountainside Hospital. Birth weight was 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and he was 21 inches long. He joins his sister Mia, who is 19 months old.

Maternal grandparents are Phyllis and the late John Florie of Nut-

Paternal grandparents are Cathy and Carmine Corino of Nutley.

Great-grandparents are Dolores and Rocco DePersio and Isabel Loprieto, all of Nutley.



Skylar Jae Florie

Jae, was born to Melissa and Rocco Florie on Jan. 9, 2009, at Mountainside Hospital. Birth weight was 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and she was 19.5 inches long. She joins her sis- and the late John Florie of Nutley.

A second child, a daughter, Skylar ter Shea, who is 23 months old.

Maternal grandparents are Robin Faley of Hopatcong and Keefe Ostertag of Lafayette.

Paternal grandparents are Phyllis



Ashley Paige Wendling

A third child, a daughter, Ashley Paige, was born to Melisa and Frank Wendling of Belleville on Jan. 16, 2009, at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston. Her birth Belleville. weight was 8 pounds, 6 ounces, and she was 19.5 inches long. She

joins her sister Brianna and her brother Frankie.

Maternal grandparents are Susan and Nicholas Muscara of

Paternal grandparents are Irene and Frank Wendling of Lakewood.

WEDDING



Stephanie Rizzo married to David Nocé

David Nocé of Bayonne were Todd Koropsak, Keith Olander, married on Nov. 7, 2008, at St. Matthew Calleo, Joshua Calleo, Lucy's Church, Newark.

ley. David is the son of Theresa and Anthony Nocé. and the late Nicholas Nocé of

Father Thomas Nicastro performed the full mass and ceremony. A reception followed at Nanina's in the Park.

The bride's father escorted her. teacher in Newark. Matron of honor was Kimber-ly DiVincenzo-Root. Maids of Bayonne High School. He is a honor were Krista and Tracy Reilly. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Fernicola, Susana Barbagallo, Tina Jersey. Critelli, Roxanne Tsairis, Melissa Chichelo and Madison Neri.

Best man was Nicholas Nocé. home in Clifton.

Stephanie Rizzo of Nutley and Ushers included Nicholas Juliano, Andrew Waldron, Robbie Critelli Stephanie is the daughter of and Kenny Sachs. Junior ushers Vincenza and John Rizzo of Nut- were David Strus, Patrick Nocé

Ring-bearer was Nicholas Nocé, and the flower girl was Lynzi Strus.

The bride is an alumna of Nutley High School and Caldwell College. She is a kindergarten

construction worker for Port Authority of New York and New

The couple honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico, and resides in a

ANNIVERSARY



D'Aloias celebrate a golden year

their vows at Saint Lucy's Church in Newark on Jan. 22, 2009.

In attendance were their three children, Serafina Rogers, hus- Restaurant in Newark.

Nicola and Filomena D'Aloia band Steve, Grace Rodgers, husof Belleville celebrated their 50th band Doug, Nick D'Aloia, wife wedding anniversary by renewing Pam, and their four grandchildren, Steven, Nicolas, Jessica and Nicole.

A reception followed at Iberia

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Only about a year old, poor Rikki was recently abandoned at the shelter gate in a carrier caked with dirt and grime. From inside the carrier, out walked Rikki, this stunning gray and white young cat. Very puzzling, but we're glad she made it to the shelter, where she will be on her way to finding a good home. Rikki is just an exquisite cat, lean with the softest fur. This girl not only has good looks, but she is also good-natured. Stop by the John A. Bukowski Shelter, 61 Bukowski Place, or call 973-748-0194.

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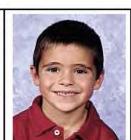
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Fusco records big upset wrestling at 125 pounds

BY MIKE LAMBERTI for Belleville Times

Belleville native Matt Fusco, a freshman wrestling at Rutgers University, won a big match last Friday when he defeated nationally ranked Ian Moser of Bloomsburg University, 10-7 in a dual match at Bloomsburg, Pa.

Fusco, who wrestles at 125 pounds, improved to 14-11 on the season for Rutgers, which is enjoying an outstanding campaign with 20 dual victories.

Moser was ranked 25th in the nation at 125 pounds and Fusco knew it would be a tough assign-

"I had him in a cradle at one point and tried for the pin," Fusco said. "I knew Moser would be very good, but I felt confident I could

Fusco and Moser were tied at six after one, but Fusco's defense proved to be the difference for the remainder of the match. Fusco took a 9-6 lead after two periods on a take down and escape, then wrapped it up with a third period

Fusco, a graduate of Queen of more technical."

Peace in North Arlington, had a tremendous high school career. He started wrestling at St. Mary's in Rutherford before transferring to Queen of Peace in 2007. Last year, he finished third in the state at 125 pounds after winning the District 14 and Region 4 titles.

"I guess I'll be staying at 125 for a while," Fusco said with a laugh. "At my size, it looks like the right weight class. I'm really enjoying the college experience. Now that I'm settled in, the academics are going well and I'm getting the chance to wrestle for a (NCAA) Division I program. Most of the guys on the team are from New Jersey.

With the regular season concluded, Rutgers will begin post-season competition next week at the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association Tournament in two weeks. If Fusco finishes in the top portion of his weight class there, he'll move on the NCAA champi-

"Wrestling on the college level is a lot different than high school in that every match is a battle," Fusco said. "Those guys keep coming at you the entire match. It's a lot

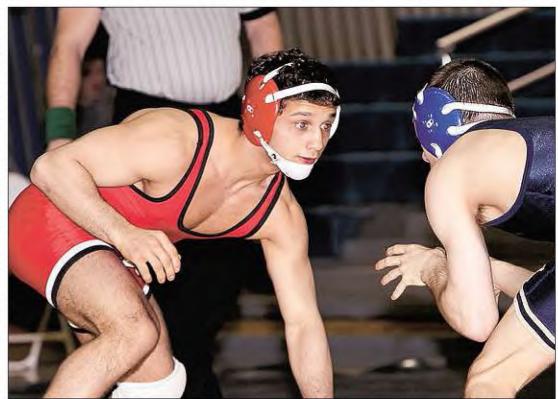


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Belleville native Matt Fusco won a big match wrestling for Rutgers University, beating a nationally ranked opponent in a match last Friday.



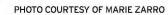
PHOTO BY MIKE LAMBERTI

'MEET' THE CHAMPIONS

Belleville indoor track coach Scott Herman is flanked by star runners Victoria Barrett (I) and Sherece Shabazz. Last weekend, Shabazz was the second girl in Belleville's history to compete at the indoor Meet of Champions, in Toms River, where she ran the 55 meters in 7.39. Both Shabazz and Barrett were selected to run at the Eastern Championships, which were held last Tuesday in New York City.

WRESTLING FOR 'REC'

This year's successful Belleville Recreation Wrestling Team included Coaches Frank Zarro III. Frank Zarro, Jr. and Rob McConnon. The wrestlers included Owen, Justin Munoz, Joseph Buonanno, Clifford Dekle, Santino Imperato. Chandlier Apple, Matthew Perez, Connely, David Bach, Frankie Zarro, and Jacob Apple. Not pictured is Zayd Rahim.





Colon wins title; Murgueytio, Hamilton advance in districts

BY MIKE LAMBERTI for Belleville Times

Make that five straight district titles for the Colon family.

Justin Colon continued the tradition by winning the 103-pound District 14 wrestling championship last Saturday at Livingston.

In addition to Colon, James Murgueytio and Chase Hamilton took third in their respective weight class and were slated to compete at the Region 4 preliminaries last Tuesday at West Orange. By virtue of his district title, Colon got a first round bye and will not have to wrestle until tomorrow night.

The regions continue tomorrow night at West Orange with the quarterfinals and conclude on Saturday with the semifinals, wrestlebacks and 14 championship bouts. The top three wrestlers in each weight class at Region 4 will move on to the NJSIAA championships from March 6-8 at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City.

Colon's older brother, Filiberto, quick to credit his brother for getting Bloomfield in 1:45. him mentally ready for the districts.

"He told me to do my best and work had in every match," Justin Colon said. "My brother won four straight district titles, so he knows what he's talking about."

Seeded third at 103 pounds, Colon (33-4) pinned Lamont Davies of Newark East Side in 48 seconds to start the action last Friday. He then avenged a pair of earlier losses on Saturday, defeating Nutley's Sam Souza, 14-4, then

stopping Bloomfield's Chris Rosetti, 13-7, in the title bout. Souza had defeated Colon, 9-0, when the two met in a dual meet three weeks ago and Rosetti had edged Colon, 10-9, in the county semifinals on Jan. 31.

'Coming back to beat two guys who beat me earlier in the year feels good," Colon said. "I made some mistakes in those earlier matches and was hoping to get a chance to wrestle those guys again." Murgueytio (25-12) pinned Akil

Baptiste of Montclair in 54 seconds in the first round before losing to Michael Ferinde of Nutley, 5-2, in the 112-pound semifinals. He then came back to defeat Keith Arlotta of Livingston, 9-5, to clinch a bid to the regions.

"My goal was to get to the regions," Murgueytio, a senior, said. "You have to take these matches one at a time and I think I did a good job."

Hamilton, a junior, pinned Naquela Wright of Newark West Side in the first round, then lost a close bout to Michael Silverberg of won four straight District 14 titles Livingston, 11-7, in the 215-pound from 2005-2008, en route to a semifinal. Like Murgueytio, Hamil-Region 4 title and three NJSIAA ton battled back for third place, medals. The younger Colon was pinning Christian Marinaro of

Belleville coach Joe Nisivoccia was pleased that three of his wrestlers were moving on to the

"I was very impressed with the way Justin wrestled," Nisivoccia said. "And I give James and Chase a lot of credit for coming back in the third place matches and moving on. It's not easy, but those guys really wanted to advance and I'm happy they'll get to extend their season at the regions."

Regions should provide excitement for Belleville, local schools

BY MIKE LAMBERTI for Belleville Times

With apologies to the NJSIAA championships in Atlantic City, this weekend's regional championships are considered by many fans to be the most exciting two days of the high school wrestling

The regions will be held at eight different sites throughout New Jersey, with the quarterfinals set for tomorrow night and the semifinals, wrestlebacks and regions slated for this Saturday. The top three wrestlers in each weight class at the regions will qualify for the NJSIAA championships from March 6-8 at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City.

While Boardwalk Hall provides a huge venue and can hold as many as 17,000 fans for the three days of wrestling, the regions have a certain charm. The intensity will reach a fever pitch beginning tomorrow and will hit the summit on Saturday, especially during the final round of wrestlebacks, where grapplers will battle for third place and the final piece to state qualification. Those who reach the region finals are assured a trip to Atlantic City, and while those finals are indeed exciting, it's those third place wrestlebacks that determine whether a wrestler's season still has another week left.

In 2001, Joe Dubuque of Glen Ridge, a defending state champion, lost in the Region 4 semifinals when he was knocked unconscious. Dubuque was able to get a doctor's clearance to return to the wrestlebacks and had to win twice, later that day, to continue his dream of a state title. He did just that and a week later, he had completed an improbable assignment by winning a second straight NJSI-AA title at the Meadowlands.

Dubuque's story was unique, but the wrestlebacks have that kind of intensity. Most wrestlers who take third at a region probably won't earn a medal in Atlantic City, but the ability to qualify and compete at Boardwalk Hall is indeed an honor and the culmination of many months of hard work.

Belleville, Nutley, Bloomfield and Glen Ridge will wrestle at Region 4 in West Orange tomorrow and Saturday. Let's take a look at the 14 weight classes and make a few predictions.

103- Very interesting weight class where Belleville's Justin Colon, the District 14 champion, will probably see Sam Souza of Nutley and Chris Rosetti of Bloomfield somewhere along the line. There are also talented wrestlers in Kevin Manthi of Passaic Tech, Harwin Wong of West Orange and Adam Swift of Secaucus. The choice: Manthi.

112-Chris Lantz of Bloomfield is a very talented wrestler, but he'll face stiff competition from Jimmy Ciampi of West Essex and Cory Monteforte from Cliffside Park. The choice: Lantz.

119- Anthony Polidore of Queen of Peace dominated at District 14 last weekend. Alex Richardson of St. Peter's Prep will be a tall order at the regions, as will Nick Pezzano of Passaic Valley. The choice: Richardson.

125- A loaded weight class features Frank Cagnina of Queen of Peace, a 2007 state champion, as well as Rich Lavarato of Caldwell and Bryant Lighty of Passaic Tech.

The choice: Cagnina.

130- James McGann of Newark Academy has been having an outstanding season and he's the choice here.

135-Barring a major upset, you have to like Nutley's Anthony Damico, who is closing in on the school record for career victories and is 34-0 this year.

140- Another one of those weight classes that appears to have a clear cut favorite in Passaic Valley's Ryan Dunphy. A little trivia, Dunphy's dad, Jim, was a tremendous baseball and football player during his high school days at bout between Nutley's Vin Mauril-

Belleville, Nutley, Bloomfield and Glen Ridge will wrestle at Region 4 in West Orange tomorrow and Saturday.

Belleville.

145- Wide open weight class features Brandon Bright of Livingston, Passaic Valley's Frank Steve Klein Crocco. Becton/Wallington and Emmet Gregory of St. Peter's Prep. The choice: Crocco.

152- A top notch championship

lo and Andrew Greco of Passaic Valley could be in store, but don't discount a very talented wrestler in James Dugan of Becton/Wallington. Even O'Keefe of Glen Ridge hopes to crack the top three as well. The choice: Maurillo.

160- Bob Roesing of Secaucus appears to be the favorite.

171- Jamie Westwood of Queen of St. Mary's (Ruth.)

of Peace gets the nod in a very balanced division.

189- If there's any chance of a District 13 championship rematch ≦ in the region final between Nick Vasquez of West Orange, the gym should be rocking. The choice: DePhillips.

215- Kevin Innis of St. Peter's ₹ Prep gets the edge over Passaic Valley's John Irwin.

HWT- Robbie Schwalbenberg
of Glen Ridge is a two-time District El
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Bloomfield Knights of Columbus, general meeting Thursday, Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. (tonight) at their headquarters, 190 State St., Bloomfield. All members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Rajiv Fernando, recording secretary, at 201-341-1539.

Book drive, hosted by Sun National Bank, Thursday, Feb. 26 (today) and Friday, Feb. 27 at 400 Broadacres Drive, Suite 1, Bloomfield. New and used books will be collected and donated to children from kindergarten through eighth grade in local communities. The drive supports the National Education Association's annual Read Across America Day, to be held Monday,

Bus ride to Showboat Casino in Atlantic City, sponsored by the Belleville Irish American Association, Saturday, Feb. 28.

Bus leaves at 9 a.m. from K of C Hall, 98 Bridge St., Belleville. Coffee, tea and donuts served between 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. \$30 per person with \$25 back at the casino. For tickets or more information, call Beverly at 759-1298 or Janet at 759-6476.

Lenten Quiet Day: 'The Cross at the Crosswords of our Lives,' hosted by The Rev. David Bryan Hoopes, interim rector of the Episcopal Church of St. Edward the Martyr in East Harlem, N.Y. The event is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. James' Episcopal Church, 581 Valley Rd., Montclair. There will be time for worship, silent mediation and reflection, coffee, lunch and informal conversation. A \$5 charge covers all costs, including coffee and lunch. To register, call Michele at 973-744-0270.

St. Patrick's dinner dance, hosted by St. Mary's Church, Nutley, Saturday, Feb. 28 from 7 p.m. to 12 midnight in the school gym. Tickets are \$35 per person and include corned beef 'n cabbage (by Baskingers), beer, wine, soda and dessert. Entertainment includes Slipped Disc DJ, the South Park and Essex Emerald Pipers and the DeNogla School of Irish Dance. Call the parish center for tickets at 235-1100.

'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.

The Humdingers, to perform at the Belleville Optimist Club meeting, Wednesday, March 4 at 1 p.m. at 125 Franklin Ave., Belleville. New members are welcome. For more information, call Ann Stumpe at 973-777-4223.

Ladies Auxiliary to Stuart E. Edgar Post 493, Veterans of Foreign Wars to hold a business meeting on Wednesday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Post Home, 271 Washington Ave., Nutley. Membership is open. Write to: Stuart E. Edgar Post 493 Auxiliary, 21 Spurr Place, Nutley.

Passaic Rive Boat Club, to hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 4 at 8 p.m. in the Nutley VFW Hall, 271 Washington Ave. Club projects to restore Passaic River boat access facilities and upcoming boating events on the river will be discussed at the meeting. The meeting is open to all local area boaters and anyone interested in boating. Boat ownership is not required. For more information, call the club at 973-779-6283.

EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS...

Montclair YMCA, to host an open house, Saturday, Feb. 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 25 Park St. and Helen and Bill Geyer Montclair YMCA Family Center, 159 Glenridge Ave. There will be speakers on various health and wellness topics; activities for children, teens and families; facility tours; program sampling and raffles for free memberships, 'Y-wear' and personal training sessions. The open house at the YMCA Family Center is open to children 12 and under, along with their parents and families; the event at the YMCA on Park Street is open to children 12 and over and their parents and families. For more information, call 973-744-3400.

Fish 'N' Chips Supper, sponsored by St. Valentine Church, Friday, March 6 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Church Hall, 125 North Spring St., Bloomfield. Take out, fish or chicken will be available. Tickets cost \$12 for adults and \$10 for children under age 10. For tickets, call Joan Conroy at 973-748-6460 or Cathy King at 973-429-7567.

Pasta Comedy Night Fundraiser, hosted by the Lincoln School Sixth Grade Committee, Saturday, March 7 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the Parks and Rec. Building, 44 Park Ave., Nutley. This is a B.Y.O.B. event. Tickets are \$30 each and must be pre-purchased. For more information, call Fran at 973-517-0684.

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The Library also has the Small Business Resource Center which offers how-to information on small business planning, bookkeeping, human resource management, financing, marketing, regional tax laws and starting a homebased business.

Another exciting service the Library is offering is MyLibraryDV, a unique video on-demand service where patrons can access hundreds of DVD quality programming on topics such as cooking, travel, and learning about collectibles. All you need for this free service is a library card and highspeed Internet access.

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

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The first meeting of the Anime/

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Want to make a funky bracelet or sophisticated necklace? Come month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. to the Teen Center on Wednesday, March 11 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and create one!

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넓ing products and personal hygiene items to persons with Families First cards. The parish is always 8 receiving gifts of individually wrapper paper towels, facial tissue and

packages of paper products, clean-

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. For more information please phone the parish.

New members

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.

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

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 on Saturday, Feb. 28 from 7 p.m. are welcome.

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

St. Mary's Church

St. Patrick's dinner dance

St. Mary's Church will hold their St. Patrick's Dinner Dance

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SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 08013190
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY,
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DOCKET NO. F1276508

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.

-vs-JOSE G. VELASQUEZ, ET AL

JOSE G. VELASQUEZ, 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
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any. The approximate amount of the Judgment to be satisfied by said sale is the sum of \$340,680.45, together with the costs of this

\$340,080.49, together sale.

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Newark, NJ. January 22, 2009

Armando B. Fontoura, Sheriff

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Belleville Times 2537816 February 26; March 5, 12, 2009 SHERIFF'S SALE
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The approximate amount of the Judgment to be satisfied by said sale is the sum of \$295,398.05, together with the costs of this

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Superior Court of New Jersey Chancery Division ESSEX County Docket No. F-2270-09 NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: Marvelia Salinas; Rafael Picado

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:
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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 The Bank of New York Mellon fi/ka the Bank of New York as Trustee on behalf of CIT Mortgage Loan Trust, 2007-1 is plaintiff, and Juan Rodriguez, et al are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, ESSEX County, and bearing Docket F-2270-09 within thirty-five days after February 26, 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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