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FIRE SLOWS RUSH-HOUR TRAFFIC

Several fire departments respond to a three-alarm fire in a warehouse complex off Belleville's Main Street. No injuries were reported. See story and additional photographs on page 3.

Tentative budget: \$60.5 million

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

The bad news for taxpayers was revealed for the first time Monday night, with a \$60.5 million 2009-10 tentative school budget that will likely increase taxes for a home assessed at the municipal average approximately \$160. The district's top administrator called hope for any relief "an impossibility."

Interim Superintendent of Schools Melindo Persi said he wanted to stress that numbers are tentative, based on state aid remaining flat from last year and a reduction in federal aid. State aid numbers were to be outlined by Gov. Jon Corzine late Tuesday.

On the positive side, Persi said the district is looking to improve the delivery system for education,

concentrating on improving literacy and math instruction for children in grades K-2 and focusing on more staff development to help teachers better instruct students.

As for the tax increase, Persi said Tuesday, "Of course we'd like a zero increase, everybody would, but we're doing the best we can, saving where we can, reallocating services and offering a better delivery system. The name of the game is to improve test scores. Our main focus is on staff development."

He said last year's zero tax increase was "an anomolay," because of a one-time infusion of \$4 million in additional state aid.

"It's pay me now or pay me later," Persi said Tuesday. "We have to make up for last year."

While no state aid increase "puts us behind the eight ball," Persi Monday night said that majority

"Of course we'd like a zero increase, but we're saving where we can, reallocating services and offering a better delivery system."

Melindo Persi
Interim Superintendent

of the budget, approximately two thirds, is staff salary and health benefits, and salaries will rise approximately \$1.2 million for 2009-2010.

With schools desperately in need of repairs, there is little money allocated for capital improvements to facilities, although \$800,000 is available to fix the

middle school and high school roofs, which will cost at least \$1.2 million, some coming from other sources. That is according to architectural estimates quoted by School Administrator Edward Appleton.

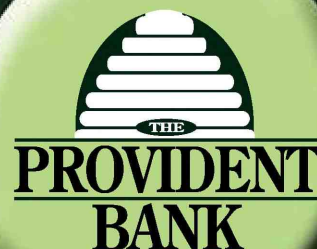
On the spending side, Belleville continues to have one of the lowest per pupil costs for any of the 104 school districts under the C/D district factor group (DFG). The DFG is a grouping of schools based on size, socioeconomic status and other criteria. Persi rounded off the cost at \$10,000 per pupil while the median average for C/D DFG's is about \$12,000, putting Belleville 10th from the bottom in spending.

"You can look at that two ways," Persi said. "Either we are at

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March 7
 ■ Police arrested and charged Jennifer Nazario, 23, of Belleville with disorderly conduct at 1:40 p.m. After police responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 30 block of Belmont Avenue, police said they found the suspect laying on the front steps of the residence, with a nearly empty vodka bottle nearby. When police said they tried to interview her, she began screaming and yelling obscenities at them, and later raised her middle finger to passing traffic. She was arrested after she continued to be uncooperative and was unable to answer any questions, according to police. She was released on her own recognizance after being transported to the hospital.

March 5
 ■ Police arrested and charged Evelyn Millan, 49, of West Orange with driving while intoxicated at 7:59 p.m. After police responded to a report of a vehicle with front-end damage in the middle of the intersection of Mill Street and Franklin Avenue, they found the suspect at the wheel. After interviewing the suspect, police said they found her to be under the influence of alcohol,

and she was arrested. She was not injured and was released on her own recognizance.

■ Police arrested and charged Rebecca Naumoff, 20, of Montclair with shoplifting approximately \$180 worth of DVDs from the Pathmark, 726 Washington Ave., at 12:38 p.m. She was stopped by store security and later arrested by police.

March 4
 ■ Police arrested and charged Harry Hernandez, 19, of Belleville with possession of a rolled, brown marijuana cigarette at 2:20 p.m. Hernandez was the passenger of a motor vehicle stopped for being driven in an unsafe manner. Police said they observed the suspect attempt to hide the cigarette in the vehicle's center console. The driver was given motor vehicle summonses.

■ A theft of services was reported by the Getty gas station, 310 Belleville Ave., at 7:27 p.m. The attendant said a white vehicle pulled in driven by a Hispanic female. The driver gave the attendant a credit card to pay for \$23 in gasoline, and the card was denied. In the meantime, the driver had left the station.

March 3
 ■ A burglary and possible theft were reported from a residence in the 350 block of Belleville Avenue at 2:46 p.m. The victim said they returned home to find that the jewelry box in the bedroom had been dumped out. Entry was reportedly gained through a bedroom window. Police said they left the victim with an inventory sheet and were awaiting the victim's report of what may have been stolen.

Editor's note: Accounts that indicate charges pending against an individual do not imply guilt or innocence.

MEGAN'S LAW

Kennedy defends notification

BY RICHARD DICKON
 of Belleville Times

Keeping parents and all residents informed about potential sex offenders in their neighborhoods is very much on the minds of Belleville officials.

At-Large Councilman Kevin Kennedy defended the need to keep Megan's Law the same. It calls for the notification of residents when a convicted sex offender moves nearby and publishes the names of sex offenders online. Kennedy sponsored a resolution about attempts to change the law.

At the Feb. 24 council meeting, Kennedy said he urged surrounding towns to join him in sponsoring a similar resolution.

The resolution states that, "Because of the New Jersey Department of Corrections study, defense lawyers, the American Civ-

il Liberties Union and others are trying to discredit the effectiveness of Megan's Law."

Kennedy paraphrased the resolution, saying the law is not meant to deter sex offenders from re-offending but rather is a system of registration of sex offenders to provide law enforcement with information critical to prevent and resolve incidents involving sexual abuse and missing persons.

"We want people to know that this council continues to support the state and national Megan's Law," Kennedy said.

By now the story is familiar to many about how Megan's Law came into existence. In July 1994, 7-year-old Megan Kanka was sexually assaulted and killed by a child molester, who had moved into the house across the street from her family in Hamilton.

As a result of Megan's death, the

state Legislature enacted Megan's Law on Oct. 31, 1994. It provides for registration of sex offenders and offenders who commit other predatory acts against children. That permits law enforcement officials to identify and alert the public when necessary for public safety.

ACLU officials continue to raise concerns about the violation of civil rights and privacy of convicted sex offenders, and a study by the National Institute of Corrections found, "It appears that Megan's Law does not decrease the rates of new first-time sex offenses or repeat sex offenders."

Kennedy said the study had nothing to do with notifying neighborhoods. "We're trying to give parents and residents a way to know that if a sex offender lives next door, you shouldn't let your child play in the yard unattended," he said.

TRAFFIC

How many 4-way stops are needed?

BY RICHARD DICKON
 of Belleville Times

Five intersections were designated as four-way stops by township officials, but not before concerns about whether the decisions were made in haste and if they will lead to an over-proliferation of such crossings throughout Belleville.

The Belleville Township Council approved Hornblower Avenue and Rossmore Place; Terry Street and Stephens Street; Heckel Street and Jeraldo Street; Liberty Avenue and Jefferson Street and Belmont Avenue and Lawrence Street/Alva

Street all to receive four-way stop signs.

At-Large Councilman Michael Nicosia was the first to raise questions about the move at a recent public meeting. He asked if Police Sgt. Gerard Corbo had thoroughly investigated and studied traffic at the Liberty Avenue and Jefferson Street.

"I understand that we want to stop speeding on Liberty," Nicosia said. He then mentioned Wigham and Little streets, where a four-way stop is being considered that would take away needed parking.

"I think we should eliminate some of these changes," Nicosia

said.

Mayor Raymond Kimble then questioned if research had been done that showed many accidents at these intersections that made the changes necessary for safety reasons.

Township Manager Victor Canning responded that the council could table the four-way stop ordinance and ask for additional information.

It was also suggested that the entire ordinance pass, and then individual stops could be eliminated if officials determine that they are not necessary.

"I could see where this could have a mushroom effect," Kimble said, explaining that many residents might start insisting on exploration of their particular intersection being made into a four-way stop.

CHARITY

Wine contest will benefit parade

The Nutley-Belleville Columbus Day Parade Committee will present the Fourth Annual Columbus Wine Competition at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Nutley Parks and Recreation Building 44 Park Ave. Proceeds benefit this year's parade.

Tickets for the buffet dinner are \$30. For winemakers interested in entering a homemade wine, the entry fee is \$20 per bottle. A panel of professional wine judges will award gold, silver and bronze medals.

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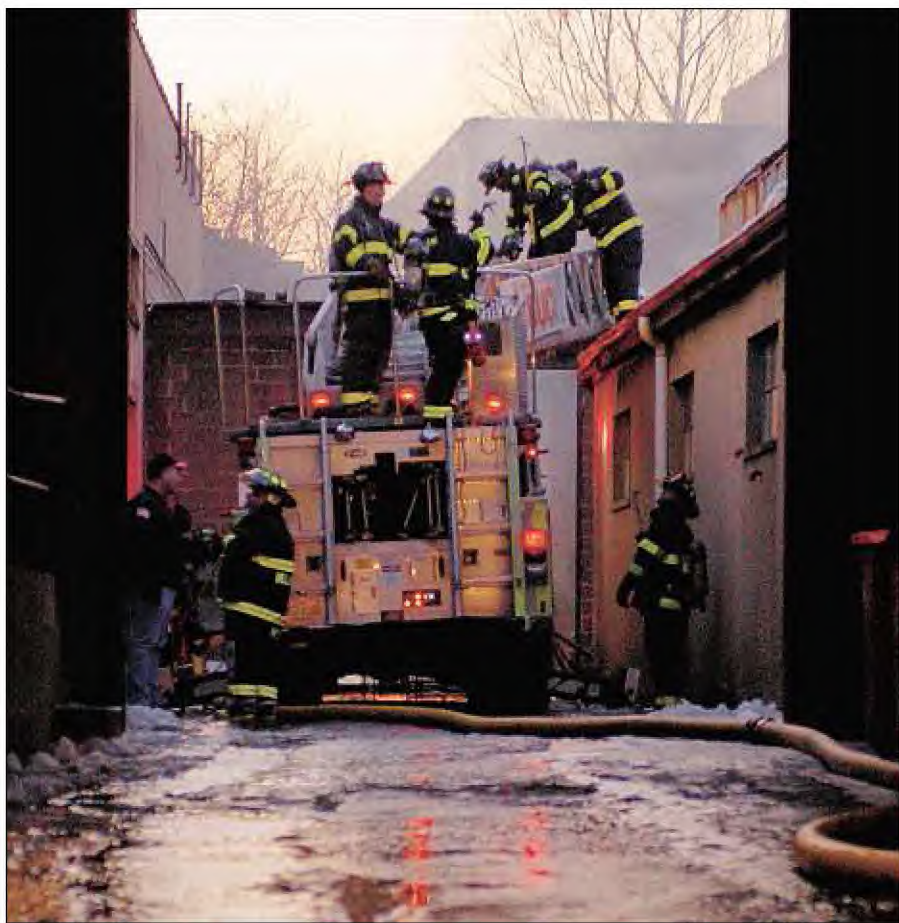
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Up to 80 firefighters arrive on the scene off Main Street in Belleville. They assessed what materials were stored before taking the firestorm head on.

3-alarm blaze destroys building

BY MEGHAN GRANT
of Belleville Times

A major fire broke out last Thursday in the warehouse district off Main Street in Belleville. Fire crews from at least five towns responded.

Belleville police received the call at 4:20 p.m. Traffic was diverted off Main to allow fire engines to reach the scene. Motorists on Route 21 added to the rush-hour problem, pulling over to catch a glimpse of the billowing smoke.

According to the Belleville Fire Department, the fire began at Paradise Auto Body in the complex. Engines arrived from Belleville, Nutley, Newark, North Arlington, and Kearny, as well as EMS squads from several municipalities as a precaution.

The department estimated 75 to 80 firefighters on the scene. They were initially cautious until they could determine the materials stored in the warehouse and the fact that vehicles were inside.

After getting bird's eye view from a fire bucket, the firefighters began to bring the blaze under control around 5:30 p.m.

The fire also caused a gas leak when the roof collapsed, breaking pipes. Utility workers shut down the gas within an hour.

The majority of the damage was confined to the auto body shop, but a few nearby roofs also sustained damage, according to fire officials.

No injuries were reported, and the incident is still under investigation, according to Belleville Fire Battalion Chief Pat Nufrio.



Essex County officials join firefighters from Belleville, Nutley, Newark, North Arlington and Kearny in response to the fire.

Man dies after van plunges into the river off Route 21

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

A van crash left a Passaic man dead in the mid-afternoon on Saturday, March 7, after the van apparently jumped a guardrail and plunged from Route 21 into the Passaic River.

The body of Juan Diaz, 54, of Passaic was recovered by a Newark police scuba diving team, according to Belleville Capt. Mark Minichini.

The crash occurred at 3:15 p.m. Saturday, when the 12-seat passenger van was traveling southbound on Route 21.

The van approached exit 5, and apparently the driver decided not to take the exit, swerved and hit the wall, Minichini said. The van ended up between the north and

south bound lanes, and Newark divers were called in to search for the victim. The body was recovered before 5 p.m. on Saturday, the captain said.

Since it was not immediately clear whether anyone else was in the vehicle, authorities continued to search the waters Saturday night, but have since given up that part of the investigation, according to police.

According to the Associated Press, witnesses reported five passers-by diving into the water moments after the crash, but their efforts to help any victims were unsuccessful. Firefighters and police arrived on the scene shortly thereafter, and Newark divers were soon called in when it was apparent the van had submerged into the river.



Steve Zagoritis of Nicolette Towing Co. in Belleville uses a crane wrecker to lift a commuter van out of the Passaic River last Saturday. The fatal accident involved heavy rescue service from the Belleville and Newark fire departments.

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NICOLETTE TOWING CO.

Sometimes, settling is the best option

Few lawsuits have simple solutions.

Belleville Township is settling a lawsuit filed against it for \$320,000.

The litigation claimed that police officers Anthony Weedo and Joseph DeRose falsely arrested Belleville tavern manager Daniel Ehler on a drunk-driving charge in June 2002.

According to the police incident report, Ehler repeatedly changed lanes, did not pull his vehicle over when the police lights flashed,

and had difficulty walking when he exited his vehicle. He also refused to take a chemical breath test, according to the report.

Ehler alleged he was arrested in retaliation for dating the estranged wife of another Belleville police officer, Phillip Canning.

Township Attorney Thomas Murphy said the municipality did not want to settle, but the township's insurance carrier pushed the number. Stating taxpayers will not pay for it, he

said the settlement "was the smart business thing to do."

Litigation can take on a life of its own. Legal issues can drag on for years, costing thousands of dollars to defend.

Sometimes, even though it may not be what the township wants, it's best to settle to stop the bleeding coffers, particularly in the current state of the economy.

The chicken from Belleville who did not fly the coop



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHARLES BURKE

Not your typical suspect hauled into police headquarters.



LIFE IN
SILVER LAKE
CHARLES BURKE

The other evening, I turned on my police radio, and I heard something quite strange.

Car 401 was being dispatched to Belmoor Street on a suspicious person. Wait that's not completely accurate; it was a suspicious chicken.

When Officers Kane and Long arrived on the scene, the perpetrator, the chicken, was nesting on a porch.

At first glance, they thought it was a duck, but upon inspection,

it was a "chubby chicken." Picture this: Officer Long running down the street chasing the chicken with a cardboard box in hand to scoop him up.

They arrested the chicken, who they later named Ralph, and placed him in the back of the patrol car. Even a mug shot was snapped by Officer Long.

When they arrived at headquarters, Ralph was not treated any differently than any other alleged criminal. He was placed in the holding cell.

Usually you are given one phone call and a meal. Since a chicken can't place a call, they did feed him. Unfortunately, chicken feed was not a menu item, but cat food was available.

The chicken was content, and

the officers were pleased that they could help their new found friend Ralph. They then bid farewell to him.

As I said before, you can't make this stuff up.

Since we had to cancel Madeleine Rovelli's 100th birthday party, the new date will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the Moose Lodge. Come celebrate.

We will have a presentation from Gail Chimento from the Division on Aging for all seniors and disabled people.

In this economic crisis, there are programs that are available to residents.

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LETTERS

Right direction?

TO THE EDITOR:

So President Obama, in your last speech that I watched on television, I realized that you do intend to go forward with the idea of "overtaxing" the rich. Since when has it been OK to over tax without considering the effect upon people, a proper road to follow?

I thought over the years that by not overtaxing the people considering the effect upon them and the total effect upon the economy was the correct way to represent the will of the people.

Apparently, I was wrong in thinking that you, President Obama, would be the answer to the problem facing us now.

In past history, I recall the words of Martin Luther King, in which he said be good. Further, I will add that I am against abortion.

The "good" part of means things that have been made into the laws of the land laws can also be thrown out and removed from the laws of the land.

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Catherine Malavarca
Belleville

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STORY TIME WITH OFFICER

Detective John Trabucco joins Ms. Rengel's third-grade class from Belleville School No. 3 for Read Across America, celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. In addition, the class did Drop Everything and Read at the end of the day.

BHS announces its honor roll for period 2

Belleville High School has announced its honor roll for the second-marking period. Making the high honor roll were:

Ninth grade

Cyrus Anguita, Shaina M. Co, Kimberly E. Guzman, Elisa H. Kam, Ciarra McGee, Adriane Nicole G. Montemayor, Pooja Patel, Stephanie A. Steimel, Jose Tabago, Stephanie Tran and Ana V. Villaruel

11th grade

Jeremy B. Buhain, Kristen D. Gavidia and Alexander W. Valentin

12th grade

Michael J. De Notaris, Samantha J. Filangieri, Tiffany C. Kodare, Robert J. Ramirez and Jaskaran Singh

Making the honor roll were:

Ninth grade

Kristy R. Bono, Jamie Lee B. Buhain, Rodrigo Bunay, Abigail R. Bustamante, Christina C. Carminucci, Angeli Mae B. Celestial, Sussy Celi, Vincenza L. Cordasco, Stephen A. Daroy, Marc A. De Blasi, Deanna M. De Maio, Pria Desai, Viviane R. Do Nascimento, Kimberly G. Domingo, Melissa N. Espin, Cindy J. Farino, Brenda Garcia, Karla S. Granja, Alison P. Haight, Shakeera Hooker, Jesse Lantigua, DeAna P. Laudicina, Deborah M. Lopez, Shyane A. Lozada, Erica L. Manansala, Dalila Mariscal, Cynthia N. Montalvo, Theresa M. Murante, Angela Pangilinan, Bhumi H. Patel, Elizabeth I. Pemberton, Dwight L. Pitts, Frangely Rodriguez, Victoria N. Rosas, Stefanellie A. Saavedra, Joseph D. Servidio, Rahniel Simon and Jaelynn Vizzi

10th grade

Nestor Almeida, Alejandra G. Alomar, Daniel Amadeo, Desanka Apostoloska, Michael J. Arrietta, Jamie A. Balkumar, Nicole Benavides, Tamara Breskic, Ashley A. Brijmohan, Jeffrey A. Chacon, Christina N. Delli Santi, Emily A. Garcia, Jhonatan Gonzalez, Jhasminne Guy, Rebecca C. Guzman, Kaveen Kaur, Keisha J. Maldonado, Ashley Mangroo, Aldo Mogro, Stephanie R. Neira, Hilery P. Ramirez, Javier Rendon, Giselle M. Sebello, Steven M. Smallstey, Gianna M. Veniero, Crissabel Victorio and Joelle J. Viscardo

11th grade

Jann A. Abrenica, Tiana L. Andrews, Anika Fay S. Balmakund, Randa Barsoom, Sandra L. Binkiewicz, Bryan Bruno, John Bui, Brittany A. Butkiewicz, Diana M. Calverado, Amal Chaudry, Christina Colon, Marie Angelie N. Conato, Bryan

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12th grade

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Eldreny, Henry L. Escobar, Ashley Fontanez, Maria M. Gabino, Gianna Giarusso, Jacqueline M. Gomez, Brian Haight, Nomi C. Hernandez, Wolfgang S. Hiller, Jessica L. Hinchey, Christian Holandez, Mohamed Kour, Frances Lawson, Adam Lipps, Juan C. Lisojo, Justine M. Lopez, Samantha A. Lopez, Mark P. Lorenz, Sonia Mandal, Anthony P. Merk, Eric J. Mieloch, Iannico Montemayor, Allison Nachimson, Ngoc Nguyen, Caroline Ogin, Brian O. Padilla, Karan Raja, Alexander P. Rivera, Moises Rodriguez, Elisa Sanchez, Perry V. Santos, Jessica Ann Sesio, Radha Shah, Raul A. Sosa, Freddie Sotelo, William H. Steimel Jr., Elvis Tapia, Miguel R. Vasquez, Alexa Veniero, Jose L. Viteri, Omar Walli, Jessica Yandun and Gabriela Zavala

NJ SHARES assists with heat costs

New Jersey Assemblyman Ralph R. Caputo of Belleville said some 28th legislative district residents who are experiencing hardships in paying winter home heating bills may be able to seek assistance from NJ SHARES, a nonprofit organization that can help families in need of temporary help.

Residents ineligible for any other form of public assistance who can demonstrate hardship and have a history of good-faith payments to their energy providers may be eligible for assistance from NJ SHARES.

NJ SHARES is the only statewide non-profit organization that provides grants to help families facing a temporary financial crisis pay their energy bills.

"When so many New Jersey families face the specter of job loss, even something as necessary as the heating bill can become an unaffordable luxury," said Caputo. "NJ SHARES can help ensure that families caught up in the current recession can still afford to heat their homes and keep their families

warm."

NJ SHARES assistance grants of up to \$700 for gas and \$300 for electric is provided to families and individuals whose monthly income meets certain guidelines. For example, a qualifying family of four could have a monthly income between \$3,976 and \$7,350. Qualified families who use oil heat could receive grants of \$700 or 150 gallons of fuel, depending on their situation.

"This winter has brought a double-whammy of a deepening recession and plunging temperatures, and as a result many families may find they need a helping hand to pay their bills," said Caputo. "This is money that can be a real lifeline for families trying to balance paying their heating bills along with other necessities."

Caputo said staff members in his District Office are available to help residents learn more about the NJ SHARES program. His office is located at 148-152 Franklin St. in Belleville; the phone number is 973-450-0484, although no

appointment is necessary.

Information also can be obtained at www.njshares.org or by calling toll-free 1-866-NJ SHARES (1-866-657-4273).

Caputo noted that New Jersey has a variety of other programs to help elderly and needy residents heat their homes and pay their utility bills.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is a federal program administered in New Jersey through the state's Department of Community Affairs. Individual residents with incomes of less than \$1,950 per month and families of four with incomes of less than \$3,975 per month can receive grants to offset heating bills.

Applicants for the LIHEAP program also will be considered for the BPU's Universal Service Fund, which provides assistance for paying natural gas and electric bills.

LIHEAP and USF-eligible residents also may qualify for free home energy consultation and installation of energy efficiency measures to help lower bills.



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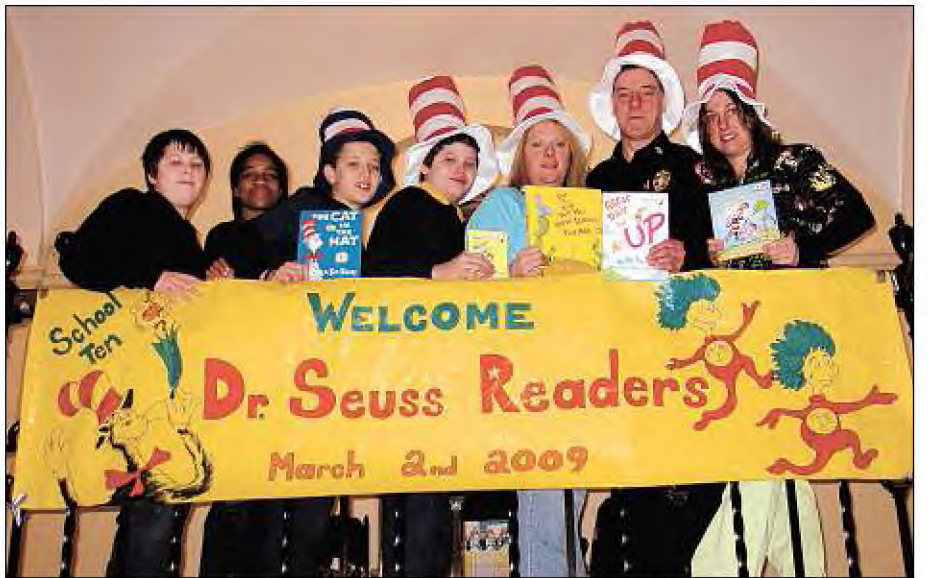
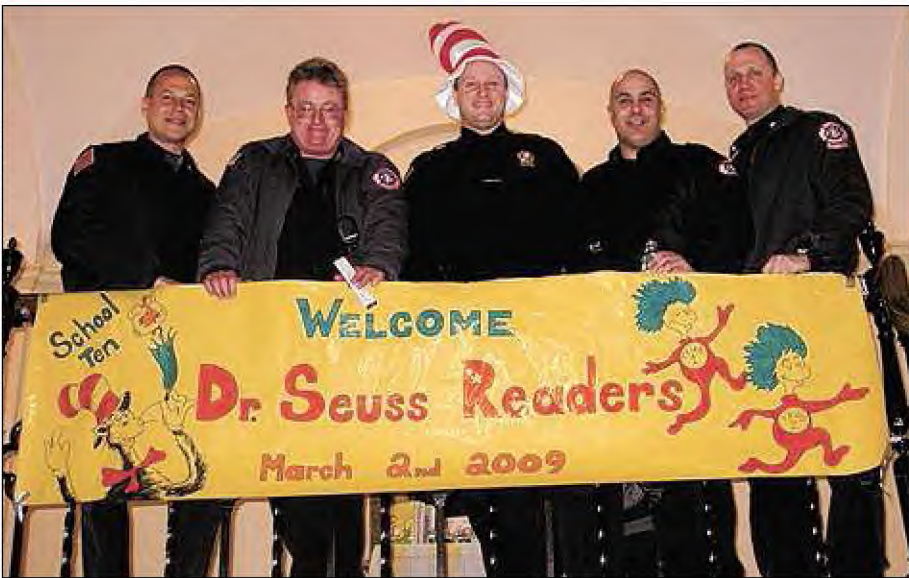

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SHARING DR. SEUSS

Belleville Elementary School 10 holds its annual Read Across America Dr. Seuss Celebration last week. Among the readers, at left, are firefighter Anthony Palermo, firefighter Billy Bruzzechesi, police officer Paul Auremma, Fire Capt. John Borrello and firefighter Mike McGreevy. Other students and readers, at right, included six-graders John Bianchi, Ella Alston, Michael Nicosia and Juan Valencia, HSA President Jeanne Lombardi, firefighter Ralph Castellano and school nurse Nicole Rusignuolo.

COLLEGE

Belleville residents make dean's, president's lists

Caitlyn F. Hahn of Belleville, a junior majoring in history, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2008 semester at Rowan University. Students must receive a 3.45 grade point average, or above to receive dean's list honors.

Pratik Shah of Belleville, a doctor of pharmacy student, has been named to the dean's list for the fall

2008 semester at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. Selection for this award is based on completing and passing all assigned courses with no grade below a "C" and attaining an academic average of at least 3.4 for courses taken in the fall semester of 2008.

The following Belleville residents were named to the Marist

College dean's list for the fall 2008 semester. Dawn Marie Jan is a member of the Class of 2010 and is majoring in communications/public relations, and James E. Kirwin III is a member of the Class of 2009 and is majoring in criminal justice.

Rebecca Cadena of Belleville has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2008 semester at the University of New Haven in West Haven, Conn. Full-time undergraduate students must have a 3.50 or better cumulative grade point average for the semester to be eligible for the dean's list.

Bloomfield College President Richard Levao has announced the following Belleville residents have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2008 semester, for high honors and honors.

Josephine Gencarelli, a liberal arts major; Ramon L. Ortiz, an ani-

mation major; and Michael C. Welter, a game development and design major; have achieved high honors. Roberto Alicea Jr. a secondary education major and a business/general management major; and Leanne M. Haynes, a psychology major; have achieved honors status.

Full-time students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above to be eligible for high honors and full-time students earning a GPA of 3.5 or above are eligible for honors.

Berkeley College President Dario A. Cortes has announced the dean's and president's lists for the fall 2008 quarter.

The following Belleville residents have been named to the president's list: Lydia Escribano, Pablo Maza and Grisanna Mora. The following Belleville residents have been named to the dean's list: Weny Acuna, Yashoda Annirood,

Melissa Falzone, Stephanie Nieves, Yannette Rosa and Juliann Santiago

Berkeley College students who achieve a grade point average of 4.0 with a minimum of 12 academic credits qualify for the president's list. Students who achieve a GPA of 3.50 or better with a minimum of 12 academic credits qualify for the dean's list.

Drew University has named Marissa Bezerra, Alicia Forero and Steven Rogers, all of Belleville, to its dean's list for the fall 2008 semester. In order to qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a GPA of 3.4 or above, which is equivalent to a B+ or better.

Jared J. Vizzi of Belleville has been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the fall 2008 semester.

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Belleville to get \$80,359

Two weeks after President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act into law, U.S. Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-8th) announced that states and local governments may begin to apply for funding under the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant program.

Pascrell also announced a list of Byrne JAG grant allocations that will become available to municipalities throughout the state and in New Jersey's Eighth Congressional District, including \$80,359 for Belleville.

"During difficult economic times, public safety services are often among the first to be slashed in municipal budgets," stated Pascrell. "There is no better time for the federal government to invest in America's police than right now. This investment will help deter the consideration of municipal layoffs and improve safety in our neighborhoods."

"The JAG program has a long history of providing departments in my district and all across the country with critical equipment, train-

ing and resources that would otherwise be unaffordable. I applaud this investment and urge every department in my district to apply for funding. In this economy there is no better way to improve public safety without further burdening local taxpayers."

JAG, administered by the Office of Justice Program's Bureau of Justice Assistance, allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system. Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, OJP will administer \$2.76 billion in program funding intended to develop the nation's capacity to prevent and control crime, administer justice and assist victims.

The procedure for allocating JAG grants is based on a formula of population and violent crime statistics to ensure that each state receives an appropriate share of funding. Sixty percent will be awarded to the state and 40 percent to local governments.

Questions AD hire

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

Amidst a civil discussion of the 2009-10 school budget, one area of contention pitted a former school board president against the interim superintendent of schools and the current school board president.

The tentative budget calls for the hiring of a director of athletics, and former school board president and current board member Arlene Schor argued that the large salary for such a hire was not fiscally responsible in the current economic time.

She said that the money should be used to help ensure that students meet state standards for the minimum amount of gym/health time.

Schor also called for updating older textbooks, something she has consistently advocated for during her nearly six years on the board.

Interim Superintendent Melindo Persi said the new physical education/health hire is necessary to help combat childhood obesity.

School Board President Joseph Longo said the new hire is necessary to offer greater oversight of physical education and health. He told Schor that the need for new school books should have been better addressed last year, when the district received an additional \$4 million in state aid and did not raise the tax rate.

Persi said the director of athletics would be separate from the health supervisor, a necessary step.

"The president has talked about an obesity problem, and we need to develop a wellness program and improve physical education," he said. "For that we need better supervision."

The state requires 150 minutes of physical education/health instruction per week per student, and officials said despite hiring additional physical education teachers the district is still about 30 minutes short per week.

Schor countered, "You are proposing a non-essential supervi-

"The president has talked about an obesity problem, and we need to develop a wellness program and improve physical education. For that we need better supervision."

Melindo Persi
Interim Superintendent

sory position when we are already way above the median costs for administrative salaries. We are in an economic crisis and have serious budget issues. This is the first time I'm hearing about this as a budget priority."

At the same time, Schor said the district ranks lower in institutional supplies and replacing books, and "math supplies aren't there."

Longo said, "The textbooks should have been addressed in previous budgets. You had \$4 million in additional aid and didn't fix the problem."

Schor said it is on the public record that she has lobbied for greater fund allocation for textbooks, and she was told that last year's budget was going to "get us up to 150 minutes" of physical education/health instruction. She said she cannot "micromanage" gym and health classes to make sure changes have been carried out.

Persi said the tentative budget allocates \$1 million for new textbooks out of revenues of more than \$60 million.

Schor argued, "This is a non-essential position and we are in a unique situation" with budget problems and a very serious economic downturn."

Persi then told Schor he was moving on with his budget presentation.

BUDGET

FROM PAGE 1

the bottom or we are very economical?"

Looking at the district as a whole, Persi said research found district strengths include an experienced staff, quality special education, excellent student services and cultural diversity. Weaknesses were found in not having up-to-date technology, poor school facilities, an inadequate total number of staff, and a lack of communication among staff.

One budget highlight is pre-school beginning on a small scale, with three or possibly four classrooms housing a small percentage of children who qualify for

reduced or free lunches as a criteria for inclusion. If the program continues into 2010-2011, Persi said the district would have to lease trailers to house additional children expected to be required in the program.

While technology improvement is a priority, Persi said that all that is possible in this budget is to "refresh what we have. We cannot make an appreciable dent" in new computers and hardware.

Upgrading services is a priority, for example adding more cameras and updating existing cameras for greater school security, Persi said. In instruction, Gifted and Talented programs will be expanded to K-6 without hiring any new staff, Persi said, since the existing three teachers will be asked to handle

an expanded workload.

New instruments for the music department and athletic equipment are to be lease/purchased, to defray costs over a longer period of time, and replace outdated equipment.

A new hire to help out in the area of athletics drew harsh criticism from a former school board president (see related story).

A tentative budget must be passed at a school board meeting on March 16 to make sure the budget is received by county educational officials by the March 18 deadline, Appleton said. The final budget will be voted upon by residents on April 21, when two school board members will also be elected.

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Uniform dress code coming to BHS, BMS

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

It's official – some type of school uniform dress code is coming to the middle and high schools in the fall.

While school officials said the official announcement was coming at the March 16 school board meeting, Interim Superintendent of Schools Melindo Persi said the decision has been made, and addressed complaints that some parents simply can't afford to pay for uniforms and their children should not be penalized for that.

The decision must be officially announced very shortly so that there is a 60 school day period for the change to be implemented, school board member Arlene Schor said.

"We need to make sure there are enough notifications, since there have been some misunderstandings," Schor said of the uniform process so far.

Persi said he would like to avoid having to suspend a child for failing to comply with the uniform policy "if the parents are negligent or belligerent."

"We would like to take a reasonable approach, and are looking for our vendors to help supply some shirts to those parents who legitimately can't afford it," Persi said. "But some are negligent."

When he said it might be necessary to report a negligent parent to DYFS, it drew criticism from the audience, with a plea that some parents really can't afford the uniforms and others do not believe their children should have to wear a school logo.

School officials continue to say that elementary school uniforms are popular with parents, and now the plans to expand some sort of dress code to the middle school and eventually the high school are on tap, with high school students to be asked their opinions on the changes.

'We would like to take a reasonable approach, and are looking for our vendors to help supply some shirts to those parents who legitimately can't afford it.'

Melindo Persi
Interim Superintendent

Questions were previously raised about help for parents who cannot afford to buy uniforms, whether less expensive shirts without the Belleville logo were acceptable and whether other clothes could be worn on monthly school pride days and on two days a week when students have gym.

The uniforms are now required for all students, kindergarten through grade six.

The plan was to offer parents an opportunity to go to two or three different locations throughout the township to purchase the proper clothing, to accommodate people in all sections of town.

The district distributed a survey to parents regarding school uniforms, and officials said more than eight out of 10 parents favored the change.

Officials have said a package of five, three-button collared shirts and three chino-style pants could

be purchased for \$100 and would make for 10 different outfits, a huge cost savings for parents during tough economic times.

After a concerned parent brought up the subject in October, school board members and the administration came up with the survey.

One survey per parent was sent home, and they were numbered but anonymous. One side of the

survey card was in English and the other side in Spanish.

The survey asked parents whether they favor uniforms, how many children they have, and in what grades their children currently are.

Specifically, the survey said the school uniform would consist of collared, three-button tops and chinos, with several deviations allowed from the basics.

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From left, Paul La Caruba and Donna Vaicels join Tom Haneke, Eric Legband, Michael Meyers and Shaun Bartels for the final act of February's Beatles Jam at Fitzgerald's 1928 Tavern of Glen Ridge. The next Beatles Jam is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25.

THE GO GUIDE

'Beatles Jam' now held monthly in Glen Ridge

When approached about possibly hosting the inaugural "Beatles Jam," Paul Brewster, proprietor of Fitzgerald's 1928 Tavern, could only rely on intuition.

The whole premise of the idea was based on musicians showing up to play and patrons enjoying the music and the experience. Brewster knew there was no guarantee either would succeed, since there was no track record. But in his gut he believed the Beatles Jam would work.

The Beatles Jam is a unique open mic night where only Beatles songs are performed. Musicians or bands who sign up to play perform four songs each. The evening's last half-hour to 45 minutes features a jam where everyone sits in and plays. All performers need to bring are their instruments. All amps, microphones, cables and sound equipment is supplied. The next Beatles Jam is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25 from 9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at Fitzgerald's.

When Brewster was mulling whether to add the Beatles Jam to the restaurant's monthly events schedule, he felt its popularity would have to originate with The Beatles and their music. He was confident, knowing the four lads from Liverpool were one of the most commercially successful and critically acclaimed bands in popular music history.

Brewster also liked what he heard from Beatles Jam promoter Vince Cartier and quickly made him an offer. Brewster would provide Fitzgerald's, while Cartier would produce the first Jam. If the initial event went well, they would then discuss hosting the Beatles Jam on a monthly basis. The inaugural Beatles Jam in January was indeed a resounding success, and Brewster, honoring his word, penciled in the jam on Fitzgerald's February and March calendar.

For more information or to sign up to reserve a spot, contact Vince Cartier of Cartier Productions at 201-323-2899 or e-mail vcartier@verizon.net. Alternatively, contact Fitzgerald's 1928 Tavern at 973-748-4702.

— Fitzgerald's 1928 Tavern is located at 13 Herman St., Glen Ridge.



ATLANTIC CITY

By Ellen Burke Rawls



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'Cross over' to AC with John Edward, Johnny Mathis at Tropicana

To counter the effects of our national economic slump, the casinos continue to offer a menu of unique and diverse attractions to lure visitors to the resort. Here are just three drastically different offerings coming up!

This weekend Trump Plaza presents internationally acclaimed psychic medium John Edward, who will presumably connect audience participants with their deceased family members and loved ones. This will be Edward's AC debut, but the controversial field of parapsychology is nothing new to the Boardwalk. For over half a century gypsy fortune-tellers have plied their trade at booths along the Wooden Way, and more recently the Taj hosted British psychic Sylvia Browne who drew SRO crowds to the 2,000-seat Xanadu, many hoping to be among those to be chosen for a spiritual "connection."

Long Island native John Edward (nee McGee), former phlebotomist, has developed his own style which is deeply compelling, often startling and occasionally humorous. His down-to-earth approach has earned him a vast and loyal following, with his syndicated TV shows Crossing Over and John Edward Cross Country and several hot-selling books. During his readings Edward shares with his audiences information presumably communicated by their deceased friends and relatives. Edward says he receives images and clues from "the other side" which the audience must assist him in interpreting. Audience subjects respond to Edward's statements and questions, frequently adding their own details.

John Edward appears at Trump Plaza Friday at 7 p.m., and Saturday at 2 p.m. The \$175 ticket attests to the wildly popular demand.

Shifting gears, casino circuit favorite Johnny Mathis returns to his long-time haunt at Tropicana for two shows this weekend. He'll be joined by Gary Mule Deer in a fairly unusual show format. Johnny discourages stragglers who wander into the theater in disrespect of the struggling "opener," and so he opens his own show. Mathis appears alone onstage, under a baby spot, opening with a soft ballad before a curtain opens to reveal an impressive full orchestral backing.

He's a gracious performer, who'll run through a selection from his many hit singles and Grammy-winning albums. A half-hour into his show, Johnny introduces his guest artist, and Gary opens with a sure-fire laugh-getter to the effect that he's honored to have Johnny Mathis as his "opening act." The comic performs a half-hour of standup, then Johnny comes back to close the show. It's a really classy act! Showtimes at Trop are Friday and Saturday nights, 9 p.m. both evenings. Tickets are \$35, \$50, \$65, and \$75.

For a truly unique gastronomic excursion, Resorts is definitely the place to be next weekend for the most sophisticated dining experience this side of La Tour D'Argent. An exclusive "Spirited Dinner with Jon Ashton" will be held in the Resorts Ballroom next Saturday, March 21, at 7 p.m. This interactive dining experience will highlight a line of Van Gogh premium vodkas in an assortment of cocktails as well as infusion of the flavored vodkas in the preparation of three courses of the gourmet gala. Throughout the evening, TV celeb chef Jon Ashton will introduce a succession of flavored Van Gogh Vodkas to complement the various dishes. He'll even mix up a few original cocktail creations which guests can sample on the spot then recreate back home. Culinary aficionados will recall Jon's frequent appearances on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno as well as NBC-TV's Today Show. The very personable Briton can be seen on ABC, NBC, CBS and FOX affiliates across the nation as he travels doing media tours and presentations.

Guests at the event will enjoy a gourmet feast prepared by Jon Ashton and Resorts' talented culinary team led by Resorts Executive Chef Barry Markowitz. As each course is presented, Ashton will conduct a cooking demonstration onstage and discuss with the audience the details of the food preparation and how to pair cocktails with food. Dishes include: Asian Chop Salad with oriental vegetables and seasonings, topped with Daikon curls and an oriental dressing infused with orange-flavored Van Gogh vodka; Jon Ashton's Boneless Braised Beef Short Ribs, with a coffee-flavor Van Gogh vodka demi-glace, served over a celery root puree, with fingerling potatoes and asparagus; and a Pomegranate Vodka Trifle-Tini dessert served with double-espresso Van Gogh vodka.

Throughout the evening, guests will also enjoy tastings of super premium Van Gogh Vodka and Van Gogh's flavored vodkas. The flavored vodka choices include Espresso, Double Espresso, the new Acai Blueberry and Banana vodkas, complemented by the well known Dutch Chocolate, Pineapple, Pomegranate, Wild Apple Vanilla, Raspberry, Orange, Citroen, Coconut, Melon, Mango, Black Cherry, and Mojito Mint vodkas.

This promises to be a fun evening and a very unique opportunity to sample such an extensive selection of cocktails and flavored spirits. Attendance is limited, so order your tickets now! Tickets to "A Spirited Evening" with celebrity chef Jon Ashton are \$100 and can be purchased by calling Ticketmaster at 1-800-745-3000 or by logging onto www.ticketmaster.com or www.resortsaac.com. Guests must be at least 21 years of age to attend.

Multi Media Arts Center event calendar

- The Multi Media Arts Center (a/k/a TheMMAC) in Bloomfield has announced pre-spring concert offerings.
- Friday, March 13 (tomorrow) at 9 p.m. — Cornerpocket.
 - 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 Bit.
- Thursday, April 16 at 7 p.m. — Landmine Marathon.
 - Thursday, April 30 at 6 p.m. — Dr Manhattan, Duck Duck Goose, Let Me Run.
- 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.

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

Comics ready to converge on Bloomfield

Who is the funniest comic in New Jersey?

No, it's not Jon Corzine. Find out the answer as Lunatic Fringe, a highly acclaimed improvisational comedy troupe in New Jersey, hosts the finals of its New Jersey standup competition on Saturday, March 14 at 8 p.m.

Following Lunatic Fringe's 8 p.m. performance, the audience will be treated to the final round of a standup comedy contest. Comics who survived last month's preliminaries will attempt to win the comedy crown in a "Standup Smackdown."

The event takes place at the

Broad Street Playhouse, 36 Broad St., Bloomfield.

"Okay, it isn't American Gladiators – (but) it's still a pretty cool competition," says Lunatic Fringe director Deborah Maclean. "I promise that between the improv comics and the standup comedians, you'll get more than your share of laughs."

Lunatic Fringe has been entertaining audiences since 1996. The group combines music, audience suggestions and inspired lunacy to create a one-of-a-kind comic experience. Lunatic Fringe is believed to be the longest continuously performing improvisational

comedy group in New Jersey.

Lunatic Fringe appears on the second Saturday of every month at the playhouse, located inside Pianos Bar and Grill.

In addition to regular appearances at the Broad Street Playhouse, Lunatic Fringe is making guest appearances throughout New Jersey this year, including stops at Playwrights Theatre of Madison and Garage Theatre, Teaneck.

Tickets to the March 14 show are \$10 apiece. For reservations, call 973-429-1527. Tickets to the 9:30 p.m. standup show are likewise \$10 apiece; call 973-429-

1527 to RSVP.

Lunatic Fringe features performers Adria Baratta, Harvey Chipkin, Sean Day, Glenn Duphiney, Brooke Hoover, Beth Johansson, Jerry Lazar, Deborah Maclean and Paul Murphy. For more information about Lunatic Fringe, e-mail lunaticfringeimprov@yahoo.com or visit the Web site www.lunaticfringeimprov.com.

– For more information about the Broad Street Playhouse, call 973-743-7208 or visit the Web site www.pianosbarandgrill.com.

Youth Band concert

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

Bloomfield Middle School is located at 60 Huck Rd., off of Broad Street. General admission is \$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.

Tribute to the King

Former child star, current nightclub entertainer and recent recording artist Les "Doc" Barbanell is also a psychologist and author. During his performances he sings and chit-chats with the audience about being a celebrity.

"The Doc Sings Elvis" by Barbanell is the main course at Pianos and Grill, 36 Broad St., Bloomfield on Sunday, March 15 at 7 p.m. RSVP by calling 973-743-7208.

Hillside Café to showcase singer-songwriters

The Hillside Café, a non-profit acoustic music venue in Nutley that showcases up and coming singer/songwriters, will host John Scarpulla and Robby Hecht on Saturday, March 21 at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

John Scarpulla

Raised in New York City, Scarpulla began playing in Subway stations and bars in and around Manhattan during his early 20s. His songwriting has evolved over the past 15 years from intimate walks through blue-black city streets and bar rooms of New York City to autumn brown country roads paved with gratitude. Scarpulla has developed a loyal grassroots fan base and recently released a studio recording entitled "Blue Ruin."

For more information about John Scarpulla, visit the Web site www.johnscarpullamusic.com.

Robby Hecht

Robby Hecht's music represents a return to the early 70s golden era of acoustic pop, when thoughtful, well-crafted lyrics were blended with timeless melodies to impact

mainstream music and culture. A 2008 Kerrville New Folk winner, Hecht has played folk/roots festivals and venues across the country, sharing the stage with such legendary artists as Richie Havens, Greg Brown and Patty Griffin, and garnering comparisons to early James Taylor, Paul Simon and Amos Lee. For more information

about Robby Hecht, visit the Web site www.robbhecht.com.

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

Admission is \$10, and reservations are suggested. Childcare is available by reser-

vation, and the café is handicapped accessible.

– For more information and/or to RSVP, call 973-667-7055 or visit the Web site www.hillsidecafe.com.

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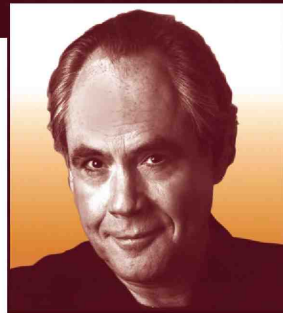
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ENGAGEMENT



Jillian Pizzi engaged to Robert Bertolini

Linda and Joseph Pizzi of Belleville announce the engagement of their daughter, Jillian, to Robert Bertolini, son of Pamela and Robert Bertolini of Bergenfield.

Pizzi is an alumnus of Belleville High School, the University of Delaware and Mountainside Hospital School of Nursing. She is a registered nurse at Clara Maass Medical Center.

Bertolini is a graduate of Bergen Catholic High School and

The College of New Jersey. He is a physical education teacher and football coach in the Clifton school system.

The wedding is planned for July 10, 2009.

Plan for the wedding and life in any economy

Planning for a wedding can be challenging, especially when money is tight. But as you plan for the big day, have you thought about life after the wedding?

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1) Come up with a Budget

If you combine your income and expenses, you will need to combine your budgets as well. For further tips on creating a sustainable budget read "Become Your Own Financial Advisor: Tips on Planning a Budget and Sticking to It" at www.sbliusa.com.

2) Begin an Emergency Fund

An emergency fund helps ensure that you and your partner are secure should something happen, such as a job loss or serious health issue. It's a smart idea to save between 5 and 10 percent of your salary in a joint savings account.

3) Purchase Life Insurance

Purchasing life insurance will give you the peace of mind of knowing your loved ones will have money to help maintain their standard of living should anything happen to you. To learn more about life insurance, or for a free, no-obligation quote visit www.sbliusa.com.

4) Create a Plan for the Future

Take the time to create a written financial plan with clear goals. The plan should include specific and realistic steps to achieve your dreams, including buying a home, starting a family, taking vacations and retirement.

5) Pay Down Debt

Credit card debt is the number one obstacle to a secure financial future, and knowing both of your credit scores is essential. You're allowed one free credit check annually with each of the major credit bureaus: Experian, TransUnion and Equifax. Order reports and go through and correct any inaccuracies.

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RECIPE

Irish Soda Bread

2 cups unsifted flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons caraway seeds (optional)
3 tablespoons margarine
1 cup buttermilk
2/3 cup dark or golden raisins, coarsely chopped
1 tablespoon melted margarine

1/4 tablespoon cinnamon

Heat oven to 375-degrees. Grease 8 or 9 inch round layer cake pan. Add flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and 3 tablespoons sugar. Add shortening to flour mix and cut with pastry blender until in fine pieces. Make a well in flour mixture; add buttermilk and raisins and caraway seeds. Mix lightly.

Turn onto floured board and knead gently a few times. Shape into a 5-inch round loaf and place in prepared pan. Using a sharp knife, score dough crosswise into quarters about 1/3 of the way through. Brush top with melted butter and sprinkle with remaining sugar and cinnamon. Bake 35 to 45 minutes until golden brown.

St. Paul's Cookbook

HOPING FOR A HOME



This little lass is Erin, a 3-year-old Bulldog mix. She is just darling, very sociable, and would make a great family pet. Erin relishes her time with the shelter volunteers, and they've found that she loves to be bathed and is a ham in front of a camera. She is scheduled to be spayed and will be available for adoption in a couple of weeks. In the meantime, you can meet Erin at the John A. Bukowski Shelter for Animals, 61 Bukowski Place, Bloomfield, or call 973-748-0194. Erin Go Bragh and a Happy St. Patrick's Day to you!



Cinnamon is an adorable dachshund mix who was surrendered by someone who was no longer able to care for her. Super-friendly and always ready to give kisses, She loves belly rubs and eats up any attention the John A. Bukowski Shelter volunteers give her. Cinnamon is looking for someone who would be willing to work with her a bit - she is not yet housebroken; but with a little training, she will be fine. Why not celebrate this St. Patrick's Day with a new friend? Cinnamon will be spayed before she is adopted, but the shelter is accepting applications. Telephone: 973-748-0194.

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. Sending the info to anyone else only delays things.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Elementary school lunch menus for March

Menu subject to change

All meals include milk
Bread and fruit basket available daily

Weekly Deli Specials (D) -
Monday – Ham & Cheese
Tuesday – Turkey & Cheese
Wednesday – Bologna & Cheese
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

March 12
Breakfast –Bagel with cream

cheese and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup

Lunch – Egg, cheese & Canadian turkey ham on bun or oven baked chicken patty on a whole wheat bun
Oven baked potato tots and a fruit cup

March 13
Breakfast – Large muffin and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup
Lunch- Pizzeria pizza or oven baked chicken patty on a whole wheat bun
Tossed salad with dressing and pure fruit juice

March 16
Breakfast – Cereal bowl, snack cheese and pure fruit juice or fruit cup
Lunch - Pizza bagel or Rib-B-Que on a whole wheat roll
Green Beans and fruit cup

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day
Breakfast – Buttered roll and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup
Lunch –Grilled chicken patty on a whole wheat bun or Rib-B-Que on a whole wheat roll
Pot O'Gold corn, a shamrock frozen fruit juice cup

March 18
Breakfast – Cereal bowl, snack cheese and pure fruit juice or fruit cup
Lunch – Mozzarella sticks with dipping sauce, assorted bread or Rib-B-Que on a whole wheat roll
Peas & carrots and fruit cup

March 19
Breakfast –Bagel with cream cheese and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup
Lunch – Spaghetti with Meatballs and dinner roll or Rib-B-Que on a whole wheat roll
Tossed salad with dressing and a

fruit cup

March 20
Breakfast – Large muffin and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup
Lunch- Pizzeria pizza or Rib-B-Que on a whole wheat roll
Baby carrots and pure fruit juice

March 23
Breakfast – Cereal bowl, snack cheese and pure fruit juice or fruit cup
Lunch – Cheeseburger on a whole wheat bun or oven baked chicken nuggets
Carrot coins and fruit cup

March 24
Breakfast – Buttered roll and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup
Lunch – French toast sticks or oven baked chicken nuggets
Oven potato tots and pure fruit juice

March 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
Corn niblets, fruit cup and baked Doritos

March 26
Breakfast –Bagel with cream cheese and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup
Lunch – An all-beef hot dog on a whole wheat roll or oven baked chicken nuggets
Baked beans and a fruit cup

March 27
Breakfast – Large muffin and pure fruit juice or a fruit cup
Lunch- Pizzeria pizza or oven baked chicken nuggets
Tossed salad with dressing and pure fruit juice

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Colon wins match at state tournament

BY MIKE LAMBERTI
for Belleville Times

Justin Colon's first, of what will hopefully be many visits to the NJSIAA wrestling championships, resulted in one victory for Belleville's freshman 103 pounder.

Colon, the District 14 and Region 4 champion this year, had earned a first round bye at the states last weekend in Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City.

In the pre-quarterfinal round last Friday evening, Colon faced Avelino Jacinto of Kittatinny Regional and lost a 4-1 decision, moving Colon into the wrestle-back round.

"I thought Justin wrestled well, but he wasn't as aggressive as he had been in the districts and regions," Belleville coach Joe Nisivoccia said after the defeat. "Jacinto is a good wrestler, but I think Justin was capable of beating him."

Colon came back the following morning and won his first match over the state tournament by defeating Anthony Madonia of Brearley, 11-5. The win moved him into the next round of wrestlebacks, where Colon faced Tyler Fraley of Colts Neck. Fraley's speed was a factor in that match as Colon fell behind early and lost a 12-3 decision.

Justin Colon had a tremendous season for Belleville, finishing 36-6.

Both wrestlers who defeated Colon went on to win state medals, a feat Colon hopes will become reality next season.

The top eight wrestlers at 103 pounds this year were either freshmen, or sophomores, so the competition figures to be stiff in the lower weights for years to come.

Colon had a tremendous season for Belleville, finishing 36-6. After a relatively slow start, Colon came on strong in February by winning the District 14 and Region 4 titles at 103 pounds.

"I thought he did a very good job," Nisivoccia said of Colon. "Obviously, the next step is to get a medal at the state tournament and I think Justin realizes now he's capable of that. He was in a tough weight class, but for that matter, they're all tough, and now he'll need to prepare himself even more next year for what lies ahead. I think he sees now what it takes to be standing on that (state level) podium and I'm sure he'll be standing there next March."

Indoor track team had excellent winter season

BY MIKE LAMBERTI
for Belleville Times

The Belleville indoor track team had an outstanding season, setting a number of school records and advancing athletes to the state championships and Meet of Champions.

The girls team finished fourth in the county relays. It was led by Sherece Shabazz, a junior, who finished second at the county finals in the 55 meters and fourth in the 200. She was second at the league championships and sectional championships in the 55 and fifth at the group championships, which qualified Shabazz for the prestigious Meet of Champions, where she finished 12th. Shabazz was just the second girl in Belleville's history to compete at the indoor Meet of Champions.

Shabazz also set three school records in the 55 meters (7.37), 200 meters (26.29) and 300 yard dash (38.7), in which she ran the fastest time in the state this year.

Victoria Barrett, a senior who ran the 200 meters, was fifth in the county championships and sixth in the sectionals, as well as fourth in the league finals. Crissabel Victorio, a sophomore, set a new school record in the 600 yard dash with a time of 1:42.1. The girls 4 x 200 relay team of Barrett, Shabazz, Vanessa Ackon and Makeda Marshall and the 4 x 400 relay team of Shabazz, Ackon, Barrett and Victorio both took sixth at the group championship race and both teams set new school records in their respective events of 1:50.64 for the 4 x 200 and 4:15.60 for the 4 x 400.

In addition, the distance medley team of Christina Colon, Victorio, Mary Diaz and Rhea Nigli set a new school record with a time of 14:40.77.

The freshman girls 4 x 800 team of Stephanie Carrasquillo, Diaz, Jamie Bono and Kristy Bono finished first at the Essex

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Sochaski optimistic about boys' basketball team future success

BY MIKE LAMBERTI
for Belleville Times

The Belleville boys' basketball team finished 4-17 this winter, but coach Ted Sochaski sees a lot of reason for optimism for the 2009-2010 season.

Sochaski, a former Belleville standout player and the program's all time leading scorer, saw some good things from his team, but also knows that consistency will be needed if the team is to get better.

"There were games when we came out flat and at times, we were inconsistent," Sochaski said. "We were also a young team, so I have to think that we'll get better in that area."

Junior point guard Santiago Lopez led Belleville in scoring with a 9.2 ppg average. He also led the team in steals with nearly four per game and was named second team, all NNJIL.

"Santiago did an excellent job for us," Sochaski said. "He ran the point well and was very consistent."

Despite missing the first six games because of injury, Justin Winchester, a junior forward, had an excellent season, averaging 9 points a game. He was named Honorable Mention, all NNJIL.

A strong junior class also fea-

Coach Ted Sochaski, a former Belleville standout player and the program's all time leading scorer, saw some good things from his team, but also knows that consistency will be needed if the team is to get better.

tured Will Woodley, who averaged 7 points a game. Woodley scored 23 points in Belleville's overtime win against Ferris this past December.

Chad Barnes, a guard, played both JV and varsity and made steady progress. Sochaski feels that Barnes will be a key player on next year's varsity team.

Amir Clinton, a sophomore, did a good job in the paint while Reynol Ferrer, a sophomore forward, also has potential as a scorer and rebounder.

The senior class featured Matt Nguyen, who averaged 9 points a game. Nguyen had a couple of big scoring efforts, including a 31 point game against Barringer and a 24 point effort in a win over Paramus.

Ray Lainez had a high game of 12 points against Paramus Catholic while Rudy Hernandez was one of Belleville's best defensive players.

Akim Dolor made steady

progress for the Bucs in his two years of organized basketball.

"I wish Akim had another year with us," Sochaski said. "He really came around this season and was a solid player. Rudy was an outstanding defensive player who did the things that don't reflect in a box score, like taking charges. Matt was a very good offensive player and Ray was an excellent leader for the younger kids."

Sochaski is very optimistic about the progress of the freshman program.

"We have some kids there who, if they continue working on their game, can be really good for us," Sochaski said. "I was able to bring up Keith Everett late in the season to see some varsity competition and I'm hoping those other guys, as well as our JV players, continue to improve. We have some talented kids in the program and I think our better days are ahead of us."

So now it's time we all get outside



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The wrestling championships last weekend were the official end of the winter sports season at Belleville High.

think about. Generally, the spring campaign is usually the quickest. Practice began last Friday and the first games, matches and races will commence on, or about April 1, except for crew, which begins its season in about 10 days. By the middle of May, the seasons are beginning to wind down, so there's only about seven weeks of actual competition.

Belleville High began practice last week for baseball, softball, track, boys tennis, golf, crew and boys volleyball. The spring campaign has been pretty good to Belleville over the past few years. The baseball team has been very competitive while the softball program, which has had plenty of success for a quarter century, appears to be in good shape in 2009.

The Belleville crew program,

long a staple of consistency at Belleville, should be solid once again, as will volleyball, a relatively new program, but one that has been a consistent winner. The track teams continue to amaze, mainly because those athletes have not had a facility to run on since the Reagan Administration. Despite lousy facilities, Belleville's runners and throwers have done a very good job.

The tennis and golf programs should also be formidable in 2009. Over the last few years, the boys tennis team has put together winning seasons which have included a trip to the state tournament while the golf team has, for over 30 years, been a solid program.

The weather might not be saying it's spring, and the official start of the season isn't until next week, but all the signs are pointing toward warmer weather. Pretty soon, we'll be talking about baseball and softball scores, crew results, tennis and volleyball matches, track times and golf scores. And, in two short months, it'll be time to talk about the unofficial start of summer with Memorial Day.

It does go by quickly, doesn't it?

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

Valerie Fund to hold second annual Walk-A-Thon, 5K June 13

The Valerie Fund will hold its second annual Walk-A-Thon and 5-K run on Saturday, June 13, at Verona Park. Steve Bartelstein, a news anchor at WCBS, will emcee the event, which is sponsored for the second straight year by JAG Physical Therapy.

Mairead Chern, who graduated Bloomfield High in 1991 and was a member of the Bengals 1989 state championship basketball team, is on the Organizational Committee for this year's event at Verona Park. Chern, the former Mairead Nolan, is also a teacher in the Bloomfield school system.

Nolan's daughter, Lizzie, was diagnosed with leukemia when she was nine months old in 2006. According to her mother, Lizzie,

now 3, is doing very well and in remission.

"She had a bone marrow transplant in 2007 (at Sloan Kettering) and is thriving today," Nolan said. "She was treated at the Valerie Fund Center in Morristown Hospital for children with cancer and blood disorders. The center makes it possible for families not to have to travel to large places for treatment. They're amazing."

Nolan also credited the Town of Bloomfield for their support in her daughter's recovery.

"I can't thank the community enough for their support," Nolan said. "They've been incredible."

Those competing in the walk, or run, will be supporting comprehensive health care services for

children with cancer and blood disorders, which has been the mission of the Valerie Fund since 1976.

While the event supports a serious cause, there will be a festive atmosphere with plenty of food and competition.

Walkers and runners can register for the event at www.thevaleriefund.org, or call 973-761-0422. Registration is free for all walkers with a recommendation of \$30 in sponsorships. The fee for runners is \$25.00.

All participants receive a free tee-shirt and refreshments will be served. The 5-K race will have prizes for both runners in different age categories.

Area 5K Fun Run is stepping off this May 3

On May 3 at 9 a.m., the Nutley Chamber of Commerce will host its 11th Annual 5K Fun Run through town.

The athletes range in age from 7 to 80. Every full paid 5K registered runner is a winner, taking home a T-shirt, medallion and goodie bag stuffed with special promotional items from sponsors and runner's products suppliers.

This is a USATF-NJ certified event and a 500-point Grand Prix

event.

Got a younger runner in the family? They can register for the Fun Run (.25 mile) around the outside of the Oval (\$5 or free with full adult registration.) Or Nutley Elementary School students can register for \$5 to run/walk the entire 5K (3.1 miles) and earn points for their Mayor's Fitness Exercise Log.

Registration forms can be found at the chamber office, located at 299 Franklin Ave., rear entrance;

Nutley Town Hall; Nutley Free Public Library and Nutley Parks and Recreations. Participants can also download the application at www.active.com, www.runner-world.com, www.compucore.com or www.nutleychamber.com.

There is no parking on Vincent Place on the day of the race.

For more information, contact the chamber at 973-667-5300 or chamber@nutleychamber.com.

Senior softball prepares for 2009 season

North Jersey Senior Softball is preparing for the upcoming season and is looking for additional players to add to its 30 teams.

If you will be 50 or over during the year and are interested, please call Tony Ciavatta at 973-593-0059.

Also looking for men who will be 60 or over during the year to play in the 60 and over league.

TRACK

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County relays

The boys team was ninth at the county relays while Zeeshan Khan took a fourth place medal at the county championship race by running the two mile in 10:25.7. Brian Antonio, a senior, was fifth in the county shot put with a throw of 43'10" and later, Antonio was sixth at the sectionals with a throw of 41' 3 3/4".

The boys 4 x 400 relay team of Matt Cabrita, Edward Feliciano, David Barber and Terrance Boyce was sixth in the sectionals with a time of 3:41.13.

Later, the 4 x 400 team of Cabrita, Feliciano, Barber and Steve Sanabria set a new school record with a time of 3:39.7.

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Special offer tickets will be available for the March 20th Nets game and the April 3rd Devils game with proceeds from ticket sales to benefit the Komen Affiliate.

Komen Night with the New Jersey Nets will be held on Friday, March 20.

Komen night with the New Jersey Devils will be held on Friday, April 3.

The Devils and the Nets have teamed-up with the breast cancer organization to help create awareness and promote the Komen Affiliate's April 26th Race for the Cure to raise funds for research and life-saving programs for uninsured women.

Komen Night with the New Jersey Nets will be held on Friday, March 20 when the Nets host the Miami Heat. The evening will also feature a free post-game concert by four-time Grammy Award winner Yolanda Adams. Reduced price tickets for the March 20th game are available by visiting www.komennorthjersey.org/race or calling Nets Group Sales, 201-806-7273.

Komen night with the Devils will be held on Friday, April 3rd when the Devils face-off against Tampa Bay Lightning. Tickets, at

a special price for Komen night only, are available by calling Devils Group Sales at 973-757-6250 or ordering online by emailing jtierney@newjerseydevils.com.

The North Jersey Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure was founded in 1997 and serves nine counties in northern New Jersey – Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren.

The Affiliate's Race for the Cure® will take place on Sunday, April 26 in Essex County Branch Brook Park, Newark, from 8 am – 12 Noon with Honorary Chairs, Joseph DiVincenzo, Essex County Executive, and Jeffrey Vanderbeek, Chairman, New Jersey Devils.

For information on the North Jersey Race for the Cure, visit: www.komennorthjersey.org/race or call 908-277-2904 X14.

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Celebrating St. Patrick's Day



Belleville Knights of Columbus march with a Jeep in the parade.



The Nutley High School Flag Squad and Marching Band perform at the parade.



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Belleville Middle School Stompers participate in Nutley's St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday.



Nutley Irish American Alliance trustee Frank Costenbader puts the sash on this year's Deputy Grand Marshall Kevin Nally at St. Mary's Church during the Investiture Mass.

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Managing Your Arthritis with Healthy Joints

Joint protection techniques are an effective way to prevent arthritis pain. Lecture will address these techniques, arthritis and joint pain. Presented by Thomas Phipps, MD, Fellow-Primary Care Sports Medicine, Mountainside Hospital.



Date: March 27 Time: 10am to 11am
Location: Mountainside Hospital Family Practice Associates
799 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, NJ

Obesity in Children

Discussion will address the causes of obesity in children, the signs to look for when your child can be at risk and how to help them in a supportive and positive way. Presented by Dr. Nga Vu and Dr. Sunil Kurup.

Date: April 7 Time: 6pm to 7pm
Location: Mountainside Hospital Family Practice Associates
799 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, NJ

Defensive Driving

Sharpen your driving skills, identify problems and learn guidelines to avoid collisions and other preventable driving situations at this 6-hour classroom course.

Date: March 28 Time: 9am to 3:30pm
Location: Mountainside Hospital Fee: \$60.00/person
To register, please call 1-888-277-3671.

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Date: March 18 Time: 7pm to 9pm
Location: Mountainside Hospital
Fee: \$70.00/person

Becoming a Parent

The class is designed to prepare you for the realities of becoming a parent, with special emphasis on coping during the first three months of your baby's life. A tour of the Birthing Center is included in the class. Fee: \$80.00/couple.



Date: March 29 Time: 3pm to 6pm
Location: Mountainside Hospital

Becoming a Grandparent

Explore your new role as grandparents and some of the changes in parenting and childbirth today. You will learn how to be effective and creative grandparents while enjoying your new grandchild. A tour of the Birthing Center is included in this class. Fee: \$40.00/couple.

Date: March 29 Time: 5:30pm to 7pm
Location: Mountainside Hospital

Especially for Siblings Class

Becoming a big brother or sister is an exciting time, but also a confusing one. This class is designed to reduce children's anxiety when they are separated from their mother at the time of their siblings' delivery. Your children are invited to see where Mom will be staying, view a film, and talk about feelings and learn that they are special, too. Bring a doll or stuffed animal to diaper. Fee: \$40.00 for 1st child with parents, \$5.00 for additional child.



Date: March 29 Time: 1pm to 2:30pm
Location: Mountainside Hospital

Diabetes Support Group Meeting

Support group meetings for adults with Diabetes and their families and friends. Topics relevant to Diabetes Self-Management will be discussed. No registration is required.

Date: March 26 Time: 10am to 11am
Location: Mountainside Hospital
For more information, please call 973-429-6392.

Diabetes Alert Day

Free glucose screenings and informational displays about Diabetes. Sponsored by the Diabetes Center at Mountainside Hospital.

Date: March 24 Time: 11am to 2pm
Location: Mountainside Hospital, Main Lobby
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Screenings

Please visit www.mountainsidenow.com or call 1-888-973-4MSH for a complete list of screenings.

Colorectal Cancer Education & Take-Home Kits

E-Z Detect take-home kits to detect blood in the stool is one way to detect colorectal cancer. Along with education and instructions, these free kits will be provided. Refer to locations for more information. Registration is not required.

Date: March 23 Time: 10am to Noon
Location: Montclair Health Department
205 Claremont Avenue, Montclair, NJ

Cholesterol Screenings

Learn your total cholesterol, HDL and ratio with a simple, non-fasting finger stick test. Registration is required. Fee: \$12.00/\$8.00 for those 55 and older.

Date: March 24 Time: 1pm to 3pm
Location: Nutley Health Department
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HAPPENING THIS WEEK...

Fish 'n' chips dinner, hosted by Argyle of Kearny, Friday, March 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Grace Church, 200 Highfield Lane, Nutley. Continuous seating at the event. Eat in or take out. Advanced tickets are \$14 for adults and \$8 for children. Ticket sales at the door are \$18 for adults and \$12 for children.

Fish or chicken 'n' chips dinner, by Argyles of Kearny at Sacred Heart Parish, Saturday, March 14 at the school cafeteria, 683 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield. Two seatings are available, one at 5 p.m. and the other at 6:30 p.m. Take-out or eat in. Walk-ins are welcome. Tickets are \$15 per adult and \$8.50 per child. Beverage and dessert included in the price. To purchase tickets, call Maryanne Proch at 973-743-7024.

Workshops on 'The Alchemy of Love,' hosted by Linda Zitelli, CPC, MBA and Siggy Bonnevie, CPC, certified professional life coaches. They will present

custom workshops and a support group to facilitate the practice of the Alchemy of Love and help individuals to enrich their lives and relationships. Participants will experience life-coaching, transformational viewpoint shifts, heart-felt connections and ongoing support. Workshops offered individually or as a series; they include two personal coaching sessions. Workshop dates: March 15, April 19 and May 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call Being in Balance, Inc., 602 Franklin Ave., Nutley, at 235-1012 or visit BeingInBalanceInc.com.

Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Groups, to meet Wednesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. in the Nutley Public Affairs Building, 149 Chestnut St. For more information, call the Alzheimer's Association, Greater New Jersey Chapter Caregiver Helpline at 1-800-883-1180.

EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS...

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

The Weekenders Golf Club, looking to fill four spots for the

2009 season. Based in Belleville, the club plays on Sundays from April through mid-October at courses in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Dues are \$150 for the year. If interested, call Jerry Sica at 973-222-1875 no later than Thursday, March 19.

Annual Chapter Awards Dinner, hosted by Bloomfield UNICO, Saturday, March 21 at 7 p.m. at The Chandelier, 340 Franklin Ave., Belleville. The chapter will honor former Bloomfield Police Chief Michael Sisco as its 2009 Unican of the Year, Bloomfield High School Principal Christopher Jennings as the chapter's annual Millie Grazie Award Winner, and American Bank of New Jersey CEO Joseph Kliminski as this year's Business Recognition Award winner. General admission is \$75 per ticket and includes a family-style dinner with beer, wine, soda, dessert, coffee and tea. One ticket per patron to enter a drawing for a 32' flat screen television. RSVP to Dr. Robert Ruffalo at 973-429-3001.

'Mary Poppins' on Broadway, Sunday, March 22. Bus will leave Nutley at 5 p.m. for a 6:30 p.m. show. Price includes bus transportation and ticket for show. \$99 per person for orchestra seats/\$76 per person for mezzanine. Call Marie at 256-0499.

District 4 blood bank, hosted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 493, to be held Thursday, March 26 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at VFW Post 493, 271 Washington Ave., Nutley. All blood types needed. Your support is appreciated. Call 235-9661 for directions.

Pancake breakfast, hosted by Bloomfield Boy Scout Troop 23, Saturday, March 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bethany Church, 293 West Passaic Ave., Bloomfield. Half of the proceeds will be donated to Bloomfield Police Officer Billy Schwindt, who is battling cancer. The scouts plan to sell tickets on Saturday, March 14 at Hot Bagels Abroad and Brookdale Shop-Rite. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors and children ages 6 to 12. No charge for children 5 and under.

Belleville Knights of Columbus, to hold its eighth annual tricky tray, Saturday, March 28 at 6 p.m. in St. Peter's School Gymnasium, 152 William St., Belleville. Tickets are \$15 per person and include coffee, tea, assorted desserts and one sheet of tickets. For additional ticket information or to purchase tickets, call Joe at 862-220-1160 or 973-759-9656.

Beefsteak and Jazz night, sponsored by the Bloomfield Babe Ruth League, Sunday,

March 29 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Branch Brook Manor, 13 Washington Ave., Belleville. Catering provided by Baskingers of Clifton. The cost is \$40 per person and includes dinner, salad, desert, beer, wine and soda. Entertainment provided by the Roger Bryson Jazz Quartet. Tickets may be purchased by calling 973-743-4440. Proceeds are intended to help defray operating costs for the 2009 season.

Nutley Jaycees, 38th annual Distinguished Service Awards dinner, scheduled for Wednesday, April 1 at the Valley Regency, Valley Road, Clifton. \$40 per person. Call Michael Paolino at 667-7315 for nomination forms and Steven Clarke at 235-1515 for dinner reservations.

Women's Club of Belleville, to hold its annual fundraiser, "Shop Into Spring," on Thursday, April 2 at The Chandelier, 340 Franklin Ave., Belleville. Tickets are \$30, which includes a full-course dinner. The cost per table for vendors is \$25. To purchase tickets or become a vendor, contact Marie at 973-759-3912. All are welcome.

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

Collection drive, hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Glen Ridge, Saturday, April 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Glen Ridge High School parking lot. All donations benefit Covenant House. For more information, call Joe Connolly at 973-743-1726 or Mal Kelly at 973-743-4612.

Annual 50s dance, hosted by the Bloomfield Knights of Columbus, Saturday, April 18 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Knights Clubhouse, 190 State St., Bloomfield. Tickets are \$25 each and include a classic buffet meal, drinks and music. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Dan Strollo at 201-725-3698.

Branson Show Extravaganza, presented by the Nutley Park Side Association, to be held April 18 through April 26. \$765 per person, double occupancy, includes motorcoach transportation, eight nights lodging with four nights in Branson, eight breakfasts and six dinners and admission to seven Branson shows. For more information, contact Louise Iovino at 661-0096.

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

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NJ Peace Action, annual dinner, Sunday, April 26 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the Regency House, Rt. 23 North, Pompton Plains. The keynote speaker is Rabbi Michael Lerner, editor of Tikkun Magazine and chair of the Network of Spiritual Progressives. Lerner plans to speak about "Memos to Obama." A special video message from Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-OH) will be shown. The event will also honor Military Families Speak Out of Bergen and Essex counties and NJ Peace Action's Person of the Year, Nadia Akbar.

Ninth annual Walker-Thon, to be held Saturday, May 9. The five-mile walk begins at 10 a.m. Participants will walk from Yantacaw School to Centre Street and back. Participants meet on the blacktop behind Yantacaw School between 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. To sponsor a sign, register in advance or for more information, call Peggy Windheim at 973-661-2287. There will also be on-site registration at Yantacaw School on the morning of May 9. An official Walker-Thon T-shirt is included with each registration. \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.

One-hundredth anniversary celebration, for Brookdale Elementary School, Bloomfield, scheduled for Friday, May 29. The festivities kick off at 10 a.m. with a parade at the school. An assembly featuring a presentation of decades follows the parade. For more information, call the school at 680-8520 or e-mail brookdalecentennial@gmail.com with your address to receive a formal invitation. All alumni,

former teachers and retirees are welcome to attend. Brookdale School is located at 1230 Broad St., Bloomfield.

Essex County's Housing and Community Development Division, is offering financial assistance to low and moderate income homeowners who need to make improvements to their one to three-family homes. The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Community Development Block Grant program. For more information or to obtain an application, contact the Essex County Home Improvement Program (HIP) at 655-0200.

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

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

Free transportation, to medical appointments for Montclair, Glen Ridge and Nutley, for residents 60 years of age or over who are mobile or require minimal

assistance. Sponsored by the Montclair-Glen Ridge-Nutley chapter. All rides are by reservation at least one week in advance. Call 667-3818 for more information.

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

REUNIONS...
Nutley High School Class of 1954, 55th reunion planned for Wednesday, Sept. 16 at the White Sands Resort and Spa, 1205 Ocean Ave., Point Pleasant. Contact Judy Nalbandian Wilson at 973-667-1854.

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

FAIRS, FLEA MARKETS, ETC...

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

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

Nutley Family Service Bureau thrift shop, 172 Chestnut St., open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and every other Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All proceeds

benefit the Nutley Family Service Bureau. Donations are welcome. To volunteer, call Jolinda Griwert at 667-6322 or Kathy Coughlin at 284-1208.

HEALTH & FITNESS...
Nutley Singles 3-mile Walk, for ages 40 to 55, hosted by the Nutley Singles Walking Group, 6 p.m. every Thursday at Yantacaw Park, Nutley, Centre Street and Park Drive. Use the Centre Street entrance. Bring money for optional dinner after walk. Call 667-0379.

Essex Running Club (ERC), now in its 26th year, welcomes runners of all levels of ability. The group hosts runs (Thursday evenings, June through August, and weekend mornings in the winter), participates in local races and shares experiences about running. Monthly meetings take place at Church Street Kitchen in Montclair. In addition to offering many running-related activities, the group also enjoys non-running activities such as bus trips, skiing and wine tasting parties. Visit www.essexrunning.com for more information.

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

Stroller class, meets Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Reclaim your body and shed post-baby pounds while exercising in the

fresh air and bonding with other moms. Class designed to tone and strengthen. All equipment provided. Led by a personal trainer. E-mail: happennise@aol.com or call 661-3283 for more information.

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

Free blood pressure readings, by registered nurse, 10 a.m. to 12 noon every Friday, Montclair-Glen Ridge-Nutley Red Cross, 169 Chestnut St. No appointment necessary. Call 667-3818. Blood drives held on the third Tuesday of each month.

MEETINGS...
Disabled Vets, of Belleville and Nutley, meetings held on the first Monday of the month at 11 a.m. at the Belleville senior building, Mill Street and Franklin Avenue. Call Joe Fornarotto at 759-1492.

Belleville Knights of Columbus #835, council meetings every first and third Monday at 8 p.m. Vocations breakfast every first Sunday from 7 p.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Woman's Club of Belleville, meets 7 p.m., second Mondays, clubhouse, 51 Rossmore Pl., Belleville. Prospective members are welcome. Call Judi Nucci at 751-2960.

Belleville Senior Citizens Club, Inc., 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Senior Building, Franklin Avenue and Mill Street.

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This informative column has been brought to you by ROSSMORE PHARMACY. Protecting children from the toxic exposure of drugs, chemicals and other potential household hazards is an important role for parents. We're located at 338 Washington Avenue, where our pharmacists can offer a wealth of information. We offer personalized attention, along with helpful, professional service. We can be reached at 973-759-1968 or 973-759-1956. We are Medicare and Blue cross approved. We are opened 7 days a week, including Sundays from 9am to Noon. Greeting cards, cosmetics, toiletries, cameras and film, timex watches, radios, baby needs, Russell Stover candies, and other gift items are available. We also offer Free delivery. Your Doctor Knows U- Your Doctor Trusts Us.

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OBITUARIES

MaryAnn (Dino) Muzzicato

A funeral Mass for MaryAnn (Dino) Muzzicato, 70, of Lakewood, was held on March 6, at St. Mary's Church, Nutley, interment was private. The funeral was from the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley.

Mrs. Muzzicato passed away on March 6.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Muzzicato lived in Belleville before moving to Lakewood in 1996. Mrs. Muzzicato was a retired sales representative for K-Mart in Belleville.

Mrs. Muzzicato is survived by her husband, John Muzzicato; her sons, Nicholas and his wife Donna, Jude and John Jr. and his wife Anna; her brother, Charles Dino;

and her grandchildren, Maria, Nicholas, Natalie and Nina.

Joyce A. (Everitt) Jones

A funeral service for Joyce A. (Everitt) Jones, 84, of Belleville, was held on March 10 at the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Nutley, followed by interment in the Glendale Cemetery, Bloomfield.

Ms. Jones passed away on March 7 at Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge.

Born in Newark, Ms. Jones lived in Belleville before moving to Toms River in 1981. Ms. Jones was an assistant buyer for Hahnes, Newark.

Ms. Jones is survived by her

sons, Richard E. Jones and his wife Valerie and Phillip G. Jones Jr.; and her grandchildren, Brian and Maura.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

Camillo Peter Rispoli Sr.

A funeral Mass for Camillo Peter Rispoli Sr., 75, was held on March 10 in St. Lucy's Church, Newark, interment was in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Montclair. The funeral was conducted from the Biondi Funeral Home of Nutley.

Mr. Rispoli passed away on March 5.

Born in Madison, Mr. Rispoli

resided in Belleville for 50 years. He earned a bachelor's degree from Seton Hall University. Mr. Rispoli was self-employed in the restaurant industry for many years before retiring.

Mr. Rispoli was predeceased by his brother, Dr. Phillip A. Rispoli; and is survived by his wife, Marie G. (née Russomano) Rispoli; his children, Dr. Frances M. Rispoli and his wife Lisa. He is also survived by his brother, Anthony M. Rispoli CPA; and his grandchildren, Vincent Joseph and Anna Lisa.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to St. Gerard's Shrine at St. Lucy's Church, 118 Seventh Ave., Newark, NJ, 07104. To send online condolences, visit the Web site www.biondifuneralhome.com.

Foundation offers trees to celebrate Arbor Day 2009

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

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

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Kelly Nash is Municipal Clerk. Her number is 973-450-3310 or fax 973-759-1631. Victor Canning is township manager. His number is 973-450-3322 or fax 973-759-8022.



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Further help and information can be gotten online at the Library's website at www.bellepl.org. Be sure to check out the Vault database for information about careers and industry backgrounds.

St. Patrick's Day concert

The Banjo Rascals are back and ready to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a lively concert at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center on Monday, March 16th at 1 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, with refreshments.

Book discussion classes resume

Join the Belleville Public Library and Information Center Book Discussion with our next discussion of "Wicked" by Gregory Maguire on March 25th at 1 p.m. When Dorothy triumphed over the Wicked Witch of the West in L. Frank Baum's classic tale, we heard only her side of the story. But what about her arch-nemesis, the mysterious witch? Where did she come from? How did she become so wicked? And what is the true nature of evil? All this and more will be discussed.

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Teen advisory council

All teens are invited to join the Teen Advisory Council, which meets the last Monday of every month. As a member, teens are given the opportunity to assist in creating teen programs, participate in special projects, create teen book displays, select and review books, music, movies and more. Membership looks great on resumes and college applications and counts towards community service. Snacks served, too!

Teen Center activities

Join us in the Teen Center every Tuesday and Thursday from 3 -5 p.m. for Wii, Guitar Hero, DDR, board games and fun.

Beads! Want to make a funky bracelet or sophisticated necklace? Come to the Teen Center on Wednesday, March 11th from 3:30-4:30 p.m. and create one-of-a-kind beading delights.

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Library has databases for all interests

The Belleville Public Library and Information Center has recently added several new databases for our patrons. These include the Vault Online Career Library. This database is the reason *Fortune* recently called Vault "The best place on the Web to prepare for a job search." Job seekers, students and professionals have discovered that Vault is the Internet's ultimate destination for insider career and education information. Vault's unique content and services include insider information on over 5,000-plus companies and 70 industries, information on top education programs, a career library, a job board, and Career Services and Admissions Services. Vault provides customized help on resumes, cover letters and admissions essays for job and education program applicants.

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 home-based 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 high-speed Internet access.

For more information about these and other databases offered by the Belleville Public Library, please speak to a reference librarian or call us at 973-450-3434.

Join Friends of the Library

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

Visit NYC museums for free

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

Open Mic Night

Show off your talent at the library on the last Tuesday of every month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

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The *Belleville Times* strives to provide complete coverage of Belleville.

Since the staff can't be at every event, we welcome photographs taken by our readers.

Here are guidelines to follow when submitting photographs for our consideration.

Photographs submitted to *Belleville Times* must be well lit and in sharp focus.

A short explanation of the event must be included. Everyone in the picture must be identified by first and last name.

Pictures may be submitted electronically in JPEG format, with a resolution of at least 200 dots per inch, to bellevilletimes@northjersey.com.

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Paul in Ephesians chapter 1 verse 2 confirms the fact that grace and peace come from God and

the Lord Jesus Christ. The scripture states, "May grace (God's unmerited favor) and spiritual peace [which means peace with God and harmony, unity, and undisturbedness] be yours from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ (AMP)." God wants us to be in a constant state of receiving His grace and living in His peace.

This scripture is so relevant for today with so many things changing and failing on a daily basis. We need God's unmerited favor, peace, harmony, unity, and undis-

turbedness. Instead of focusing on the unpredictable economy we can focus on how God is yet keeping us in these trying times. Instead of being unsettled and unsure we can have peace.

Jesus told the disciples in John 14:17 "Peace I leave with you; My [own] peace I now give and bequeath to you." What an awesome consolation. We can look to God and the Lord Jesus Christ for spiritual peace that passes all of our understanding and guards our hearts from despair and our minds from confusion. We can cast all of

our cares upon Him because we know, without a shadow of a doubt, how much He cares for us.

So during this Season of Lent we can fast, pray, reflect on the sacrifice that Christ made for us in going to the cross. His sacrifice does not compare to any hardship that we may be experiencing. We can rest knowing that He has extended to us grace (unmerited favor) and peace that we all can freely receive as we look to Him as Lord and Savior.

Pastor Crystal Griffith
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Fewsmith Memorial Presbyterian Church

Lenten breakfast series

On Wednesday, March 18th, Fewsmith Memorial Presbyterian Church, will host its 4th Lenten breakfast. The guest speaker will be Pastor George McCulloch of Montgomery Presbyterian Church, Belleville. Pastor McCulloch was born in Scotland and came to the USA in 1949. After retiring as an executive with The Boy Scouts of America, he answered his calling and became pastor of Montgomery Church in June 2002. He will offer us a short meditation on "Lead Us Lord."

Everyone of all denominations and beliefs are invited to come and hear a spiritual message and receive a hearty breakfast each Wednesday during the Lenten Season. Breakfast consists of eggs, bacon, sausage, cold cereal, toast, sweet cake, coffee, tea and juice. All of this for a suggested donation

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Fewsmith Memorial Presbyterian Church is located at 444 Union Ave., Belleville. For more information call 973-759-6869.

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

Promised Land Christian
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ley. Visit www.njplcc.org.

Holy Family Church

Rosary Society

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

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

Christ Episcopal Church

Five Fridays of Faith Series during season of Lent

Christ Church has announced "Five Fridays of Faith," a family-oriented program on the five Fridays of Lent. The programs will begin at 6:30 P.M. with a simple meatless

meal in keeping with the call to fasting during the season of Lent. Programs for both children and youth will be offered. Each week there will be a 10 minute video shown about a variety of issues of faith and will be followed by a period of reflection and discussion. The evening's activities will close with a very simple Eucharist and be finished by 8 p.m. The program is open to anyone who may be seeking a closer relationship with God.

Lenten movie series

Christ Church has announced a series of movies to be shown on Sunday evenings at 6:30 P.M. in the Undercroft of the church during the season of Lent. The four movies look at faith through the eyes of films and will include a time for reflection on the films at the end of the viewing. The series will include "Strangers in Good Company" (March 15), and "Into Great

Silence" (March 29). The series is free and open to the public.

Call to a renewed life of prayer

Christ Church has announced a call for a renewed regular life of prayer during the season of Lent. Lent is marked as a season of prayer, fasting and the giving of alms. Eucharist will be offered every Sunday at 10 a.m. and every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. during the season. In addition every day on Monday through Saturday in the Chapel of Our Lady of Walsingham in the church Morning Prayer will be offered at 9 a.m. and Evening Prayer will be offered at 6 p.m.

Members of the parish are being urged to regularly take time for prayer daily during the season.

New York Opera forum to return to Belleville

The New York Opera Forum,
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The concert performance will be given at Christ Episcopal Church in Belleville. The suggested donation is \$10.

St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner

Christ Church has announced a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner to honor St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, March 14 from 6 to 8 P.M. at the church.

The tickets are \$15 and may be purchased by phoning the parish 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.

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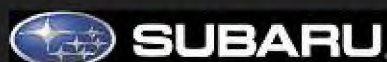
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Members vote against fireworks contract

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

The township council defeated a contract for a fireworks company for the July 4 event over problems with the company's insurance, one of several actions taken at a recent public council meeting. Township Attorney Thomas Murphy advised the council to defeat a resolution to enter into an agreement with the International Fireworks Manufacturing Co. of Douglasville, Pa., over "insurance,

policing and retrieval of fireworks."

"We can't enter into the contract unless they can be in compliance with the insurer," Murphy said at the Feb. 24 council meeting. The township has a Fourth of July celebration that includes a fireworks display each year.

Elsewhere, the council approved the leasing of two Harley Davidson motorcycles for the police department, after First Ward Councilwoman Marie Strumolo Burke questioned the need

for new motorcycles, given the poor economic climate.

After it was said that the motorcycles rack up a lot of miles in official township police business, the resolution passed unanimously. Williams Harley Davidson/Buell of Lebanon had the lowest quote, in the amount of \$219 per month. The township would lease two 2009 Harley Davidson FLHPI Road King motorcycles under the resolution.

Finally, the council approved having the township participate in

the Educational Cooperative Pricing Council, entering into a cooperative pricing agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County, known as the lead agency for a cooperative pricing system for the purchase of work, materials and supplies.

The idea is to purchase work, materials and supplies at the lowest possible price to save on costs to taxpayers, officials said.

Clara Maass offers 'Get a Grip on your Arthritis' session

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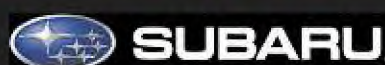
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Township decides to cut public defender's salary by \$3,000

BY RICHARD DICKON
of Belleville Times

Officials lowered the salary for the township's public defender after much discussion at a recent public township council meeting.

The public defender's salary had been \$18,119 from 2007 on, and

was scheduled to remain at the level through 2010.

Township Attorney Thomas Murphy, who was once the township's public defender, said a resident's contention that Essex County provides public defenders for free to Belleville was not completely correct.

Resident Vincent Frantantoni said, "The county provides the service to anyone who wants it," and questioned the need for a public defender and assistant public defender "during tough economic times."

Murphy said the county only provides public defenders for per-

sons indicted, not people appearing in municipal court on charges like traffic summonses or being a disorderly person.

He said that years ago the state Supreme Court said municipalities had to hire a public defender for cases involving misconduct not covered by the county.

"There used to be only one, but now that we have a second court, and a judge, we needed a second public defender," Murphy said.

"The volume is so heavy, this was approved by the assignment judge of Essex County. This is instead of hiring one at a much higher salary."

The positions receive medical insurance benefits pursuant to a township ordinance, he said.

Township Manager Victor Canning said he wanted to point out that the salary has been at \$18,000 without a raise since 2001 "and you just cut it to \$15,000."

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The group will be departing during the last week of June for Shikoku Island, Japan, where families of Japanese Rotarians will host them for three weeks. During their stay, participants will visit Kyoto

and Hiroshima, as well as cultural, entertainment, business and government sites in southern Japan.

A like number of Japanese students will be visiting northern New Jersey Rotarian families in August.

The group will be limited to 30 people plus three Rotarian leaders.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY,
CHANCERY DIVISION,
ESSEX COUNTY,
DOCKET NO. F67808
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS
TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS
OF THE ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE
TRUST
Plaintiff
-vs-
TAIWO S. ABDULLAH
Defendants
Execution for Sale of Mortgaged Premises
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tion, to me directed, I shall expose for sale
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(Prevailing Time)
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IN CERTIFIED FUNDS IS REQUIRED AT
THE TIME OF SALE.
TAX LOT NO. 34
FKA 34 & 35 IN BLOCK 3053.02
DIMENSIONS: APPROX. 36 X100 X 45 X
100 FT
NEAREST CROSS STREET:
SHAW AVENUE
SUBJECT TO ANY OPEN TAXES,
WATER/SEWER, MUNICIPAL OR TAX
LIENS THAT MAY BE DUE.
TAX AND PRIOR LIEN INFO.: AT THE
TIME OF PUBLICATION TAXES/
SEWER/WATER INFORMATION WAS NOT
AVAILABLE - YOU MUST CHECK WITH
THE TAX COLLECTOR FOR EXACT
AMOUNTS DUE.
SURPLUS MONEY: IF AFTER THE SALE
AND SATISFACTION OF THE MORTGAGE
DEBT, INCLUDING COSTS AND EXPENS-
ES, THERE REMAINS ANY SURPLUS
MONEY, THE MONEY WILL BE DEPOSIT-
ED INTO THE SUPERIOR COURT TRUST
FUND AND ANY PERSON CLAIMING THE
SURPLUS, OR ANY PART THEREOF, MAY
FILE A MOTION PURSUANT TO COURT
RULES 4:64-3 AND 4:57-2 STATING THE
NATURE AND EXTENT OF THAT PER-
SON'S CLAIM AND ASKING FOR AN OR-
DER DIRECTING PAYMENT OF THE SUR-
PLUS MONEY. THE SHERIFF OR OTHER
PERSON CONDUCTING THE SALE WILL
HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE
SURPLUS, IF ANY.
The approximate amount of the Judgment to
be satisfied by said sale is the sum of
\$534,408.38, together with the costs of this
sale.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn the
sale from time to time as provided by Law .
Newark, N.J. January 23, 2009
Armando B. Fontoura, Sheriff
ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN,
ATTORNEY(S)
1-908-2383-8500, FCZ-96256
Belleville Times 2547618
Fee \$77.37
March 12, 19, 26, 2009

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 08013190
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY,
CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY,
DOCKET NO. F1276508
CITIMORTGAGE, INC.
Plaintiff
-vs-
JOSE G. VELASQUEZ, ET AL
Defendants
Execution for Sale of Mortgaged Premises
By virtue of the above stated writ of Execu-
tion, to me directed, I shall expose for sale
by Public Auction in SHERIFF'S OFFICE,
Essex County Courts Building in Newark, on
Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at one-thirty P.M.
(Prevailing Time) Commonly known as:
212 NORTH 15TH STREET
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A full legal description can be found in the
office of the Register of Essex County.
A DEPOSIT OF 20% OF THE BID PRICE
IN CERTIFIED FUNDS IS REQUIRED AT
THE TIME OF SALE.
LOT: 15 BLOCK: 24
DIMENSIONS: 100 FT X 37.50 FT X 100 FT
X 37.50 FT
NEAREST CROSS STREET: BEARDSLEY
AVENUE
Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens
or other charges, and any such taxes, charg-
es, liens, insurance premiums or other ad-
vances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All
interested parties are to conduct and rely
upon their own independent investigation to
ascertain whether or not any outstanding in-
terest remain of record and/or have priority
over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the
current amount due thereon.
**If the sale is set aside for any reason, the
Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a
return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser
shall have no further recourse against the
Mortgagor, the Mortgagor's attorney.
***If after the sale and satisfaction of the
mortgage debt, including costs and expens-
es, there remains any surplus money, the
money will be deposited into the Superior
Court Trust Fund and any person claiming
the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a
motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and
4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that
person's claim and asking for an order direct-
ing payment of the surplus money. The Sher-
iff or other person conducting the sale will
have information regarding the surplus, if
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
sale.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn the
sale from time to time as provided by Law.
Newark, N.J. January 22, 2009
Armando B. Fontoura, Sheriff
PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, P.C.,
ATTORNEY(S)
Belleville Times 2537816
Fee \$72.21
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SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFFS FILE NO. 09000056
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY,
CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY,
DOCKET NO. F219208
HSBC BANK USA, N.A. Plaintiff
-vs-
WAGNER PINEDO Defendants
Execution for Sale of Mortgaged Premises
By virtue of the above stated writ of Execu-
tion, to me directed, I shall expose for sale
by Public Auction in SHERIFF'S OFFICE,
Essex County Courts Building in Newark, on
Tuesday, March 24, 2009, at one-thirty P.M.
(Prevailing Time)
Commonly known as:
18-20 LAKE ST BELLEVILLE, NJ 07109
A full legal description can be found in the
office of the Register of Essex County.
A DEPOSIT OF 20% OF THE BID PRICE
IN CERTIFIED FUNDS IS REQUIRED AT
THE TIME OF SALE. TAX LOT NO.: 15 & 16
IN BLOCK NO. 1307
DIMENSIONS OF LOT APPROX: 25 X 100
NEAREST CROSS STREET: HONISS
STREET
BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE SOUTH-
EASTERLY LINE OF LAKE STREET, SAID
POINT BEING DISTANT 159.43 FEET
SOUTHWESTERLY FROM THE INTER-
SECTION FORMED BY THE SOUTHEAS-
TERLY LINE OF LAKE STREET AND THE
SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF HONISS
STREET, RUNNING THENCE;
PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES
TOTAL AS OF DECEMBER 5, 2008: \$ 00
IF AFTER THE SALE AND SATISFACTION
OF THE MORTGAGE DEBT, INCLUDING
COSTS AND EXPENSES, THERE RE-
MAINS ANY SURPLUS MONEY, THE MON-
EY WILL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE SUPE-
RIOR COURT TRUST FUND AND ANY
PERSON CLAIMING THE SURPLUS, OR
ANY PART THEREOF, MAY FILE A MOT-
ION PURSUANT TO COURT RULES 4:64-
3 AND 4:57-2 STATING THE NATURE AND
EXTENT OF THAT PERSON'S CLAIM AND
ASKING FOR AN ORDER DIRECTING
PAYMENT OF THE SURPLUS MONEY.
THE SHERIFF OR OTHER PERSON CON-
DUCTING THE SALE WILL HAVE INFOR-
MATION REGARDING THE SURPLUS, IF
ANY.
The approximate amount of the Judgment to
be satisfied by said sale is the sum of
\$275,637.80, together with the costs of this
sale.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn the
sale from time to time as provided by Law .
Newark, N.J. January 23, 2009
Armando B. Fontoura, Sheriff
FEIN, SUCH KAHN & SHEPARD,
ATTORNEY(S)
Belleville Times 2542942
Fee \$69.09
March 5, 12, 19, 2009

Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
ESSEX County
Docket No. F-1381-09
NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:
Peter Oriavwote
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND
REQUIRED to serve upon Udren Law Offi-
ces, P.C., plaintiff's attorneys, whose ad-
dress 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 LaSalle Bank National
Association, as Trustee for the registered
holders of GSAMP Trust 2005-AHL2, Mort-
gage Pass-Through Certificates, Series
2005-AHL2, is plaintiff, and Peter Oriavwote,
et al are defendants, pending in the Superior
Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, ES-
SEX County, and bearing Docket F-1381-09
within thirty-five days after **March 12, 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,
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cordance with the rules of civil practice and
procedure.
This action has been instituted for the pur-
pose of 1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated
September 23, 2005 made by Peter Oriav-
wote as mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic
Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for
Accredited Home Lenders, Inc. recorded on
October 3, 2005 in Book 10772 of Mortgages
for ESSEX County, Page 738; said mortgage
was assigned to LaSalle Bank National As-
sociation, as Trustee for the registered hold-
ers of GSAMP Trust 2005-AHL2 recorded on
December 31, 2008 in Book 12172 of Mort-
gages for ESSEX County, Page 4846; and 2)
to recover possession of, and concerns
premises commonly known as 10-12 Banta
Place, Irvington, NJ 07111, Block 191; Lot
No. 9.
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may contact the Lawyers Referral Service in
the county of venue by calling 973-622-7753.
If you cannot afford an attorney, you may
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of the county of venue by calling 973-622-
1513.
You, Peter Oriavwote, are the mortgagor
and Real Owner of the premises.
Theodore J. Fetter
THEODORE J. FETTER, Acting Clerk
Superior Court of New Jersey
Belleville Times 2547462
Fee \$22.00
March 12, 2009

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SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 09000259
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY,
CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY,
DOCKET NO. F 1292508
CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC Plaintiff
-vs-
MERCEDES SMITH Defendants
Execution for Sale of Mortgaged Premises
By virtue of the above stated writ of Execu-
tion, to me directed, I shall expose for sale
by Public Auction in SHERIFF'S OFFICE,
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Tuesday, April 07, 2009, at one-thirty P.M.
(Prevailing Time)
Commonly known as:
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EAST ORANGE, NJ 07018
LOT 68, BLOCK 220
DIMENSIONS: 150.32 FT X 25.57 FT X
150.09 FT X 30.32 FT
NEAREST CROSS STREET: HAWTHORNE
AVENUE
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CERTIFIED FUNDS IS REQUIRED AT THE
TIME OF SALE.
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LIENS, INSURANCE PREMIUMS OR OTHER
ADVANCES MADE BY PLAINTIFF PRI-
OR TO THIS SALE. ALL INTERESTED
PARTIES ARE TO CONDUCT AND RELY
UPON THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT INVE-
STIGATION TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR
NOT ANY OUTSTANDING INTEREST RE-
MAIN OF RECORD AND/OR HAVE PRIORI-
TY OVER THE LIEN BEING FORE-
CLOSED AND, IF SO THE CURRENT
AMOUNT DUE THEREON.
**IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY
REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE
SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY A RE-
TURN OF THE DEPOSIT PAID. THE PUR-
CHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RE-
COURSE AGAINST THE MORTGAGOR,
THE MORTGAGOR'S ATTORNEY.
***SURPLUS MONEY: IF AFTER THE SALE
AND SATISFACTION OF THE MORTGAGE
DEBT, INCLUDING COSTS AND EXPENS-
ES, THERE REMAINS ANY SURPLUS
MONEY, THE MONEY WILL BE DEPOSIT-
ED INTO THE SUPERIOR COURT TRUST
FUND AND ANY PERSON CLAIMING THE
SURPLUS, OR ANY PART THEREOF, MAY
FILE A MOTION PURSUANT TO COURT
RULES 4:64-3 AND 4:57-2 STATING THE
NATURE AND EXTENT OF THAT PER-
SON'S CLAIM AND ASKING FOR AN OR-
DER DIRECTING PAYMENT OF THE SUR-
PLUS MONEY. THE SHERIFF OR OTHER
PERSON CONDUCTING THE SALE WILL
HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE
SURPLUS, IF ANY.
The approximate amount of the Judgment to
be satisfied by said sale is the sum of
\$334,634.26, together with the costs of this
sale.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn the
sale from time to time as provided by Law.
Newark, N.J. February 10, 2009
Armando B. Fontoura, Sheriff
PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, P.C.,
ATTORNEY(S)
Belleville Times 2548887
Fee \$108.64
March 12, 19, 26; April 2, 2009

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 09000263
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY,
CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY,
DOCKET NO. F 49608
LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIA-
TION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOL-
ING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DAT-
ED AS OF AUGUST Plaintiff
-vs-
NELSON GARCIA, JR. Defendants
Execution for Sale of Mortgaged Premises
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tion, to me directed, I shall expose for sale
by Public Auction in SHERIFF'S OFFICE,
Essex County Courts Building in Newark, on
Tuesday, April 07, 2009, at one-thirty P.M.
(Prevailing Time)
Commonly known as:
764 SOUTH 16TH ST
NEWARK, NJ 07103
LOT: 40 BLOCK: 2635
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 100 X 25
NEAREST CROSS STREET: 352.0
FROM AVON AVENUE
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office of the Register of Essex County.
A DEPOSIT OF 20% OF THE BID PRICE IN
CERTIFIED FUNDS IS REQUIRED AT THE
TIME OF SALE.
SURPLUS MONEY: IF AFTER THE SALE
AND SATISFACTION OF THE MORTGAGE
DEBT, INCLUDING COSTS AND EXPENS-
ES, THERE REMAINS ANY SURPLUS
MONEY, THE MONEY WILL BE DEPOSIT-
ED INTO THE SUPERIOR COURT TRUST
FUND AND ANY PERSON CLAIMING THE
SURPLUS, OR ANY PART THEREOF, MAY
FILE A MOTION PURSUANT TO COURT
RULES 4:64-3 AND 4:57-2 STATING THE
NATURE AND EXTENT OF THAT PER-
SON'S CLAIM AND ASKING FOR AN OR-
DER DIRECTING PAYMENT OF THE SUR-
PLUS MONEY. THE SHERIFF OR OTHER
PERSON CONDUCTING THE SALE WILL
HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE
SURPLUS, IF ANY.
The approximate amount of the Judgment to
be satisfied by said sale is the sum of
\$333,243.09, together with the costs of this
sale.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn the
sale from time to time as provided by Law.
Newark, N.J. February 10, 2009
Armando B. Fontoura, Sheriff
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ATTORNEY(S)
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