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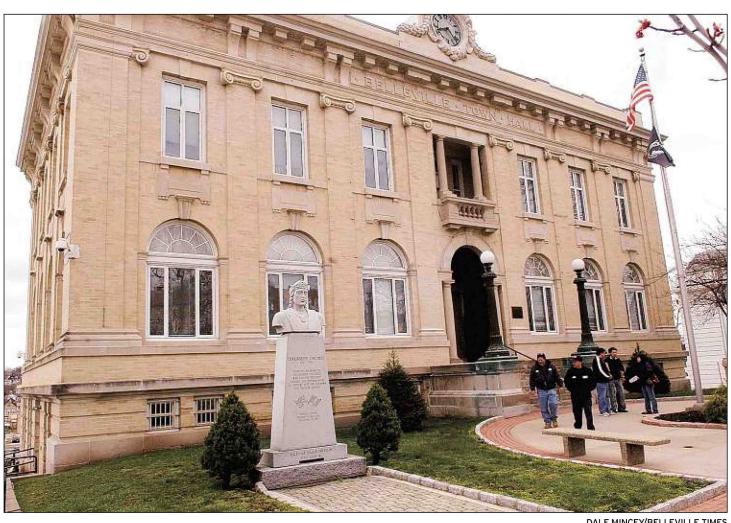


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An effort to put Belleville buildings on a national historic register will start with a survey of Town Hall. Representatives from the New Jersey Historical Society plan to meet soon with the municipal Historical Preservation Commission to help determine what sites may be eligible for the designation.

Is your house a landmark?

If so, the residence may be eligible for a special historic designation

BY RICHARD DICKON

of Belleville Times

in town updated the progress of a new group, which includes sending letters to every resident whose home may be eligible for landmark status.

At recent Belleville Township Council work session, resident 1980s. Now officials from the vidual sites until the township noti-

Vincent Frantantoni said that the New Jersey Historical Society are fies the property owners by letter. A resident who has helped resurrect historic preservation efforts adopting a landmark designation commission "to see that this is done correctly," Frantantoni said. eventually adopt as part of the township's Master Plan.

preservation officials in the mid-they did not want to reveal indi-

Belleville Historical Preservation coming to Belleville in April for a Commission is preparing and special meeting with the Belleville ning said of Frantantoni and the

The commission is looking to put together a tentative resolution As a guide, Frantantoni said the to see what sites are eligible, sendgroup is using a historic sites list ing a survey form to each site, start-

Township Manager Victor Cancommission's effort, that they should send out a letter to see what individual property owner's interests are and compile an itemized inventory.

Frantantoni said the survey he compiled by Essex County historic ing with Town Hall. Officials said has is "basic." "You just fill in the

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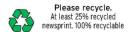
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April 5

Police arrested and charged Jonathan Matos, 18, of Belleville with possession of marijuana at 12:27 a.m. The incident began with police being called to a report of a 불fight in progress in the 180 block of Mill Street.

Upon their arrival, police said Sthey observed a motor vehicle leaving the address. The followed of the vehicle and conducted a motor ₹ vehicle stop. In the course of their investigation, police said they determined that the driver was in 🕏 possession of marijuana. The suspect was then arrested and taken into custody. He was later released on his own recognizance.

■ An attempted burglary was

Church, 393 Washington Ave., at 7:36 p.m. The incident began with police being called to the location on the report of an attempted burglary. Upon arrival, police said a witness told them a tall, black man was seen holding a knife near an entrance to the church. Entry had not been gained. Police have no suspects. An investigation is continuing.

■ A woman reported an assault and attempted robbery. The victim went to Clara Maass Medical Center and asked that police be called, police said. She then told police that she was walking in the vicinity when she was pushed from behind. An unidentified assailant

without actually taking anything. pulled down. Police have no suspects.

April 4

- Police arrested and charged Christopher Dematteo, 21, of Nutlev with driving while intoxicated at 1:41 a.m. The incident began when police observed a black Chevrolet Blazer crash into a Jeep. The driver then attempted to leave the scene. Police conducted a motor vehicle stop on the Blazer. They conducted several field sobriety tests on the subject, all of which the suspect failed, according to police. The suspect was arrested and taken into custody. He was later released on his own recognizance.
- A burglary was reported to a residence in the 10 block of Naples Avenue at 8:51 p.m. The victim told police that they returned home to find all of the furniture in the living room had been moved from one side of the room to the other side. Also, the victim said

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

BY KEVIN G. DEMARRAIS

Special to the Times

reported by an occupant of Christ than demanded money, but ran off that part of the ceiling had been

There were no signs of forced entry and no items have been reported stolen.

April 3

- Police arrested and charged Anthony Michael Zarrillo, 36, of Belleville with being under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance at 9:10 a.m. The incident began when police observed a male unconscious in their vehicle near Rutgers and Main streets. Police said they recognized the suspect from previous incidents. Police said he exhibited signs of being under the influence. custody. He was later released on his own recognizance.
- An assault and attempted robbery were reported by a victim at 9:32 a.m. The victim told police they were walking on the railroad tracks running near Franklin and Heckel streets. The juvenile told

police a black male wearing black clothes punched them in the face and then went through their pants pockets, but did not find anything before fleeing the scene. The matter has been turned over to New Jersey Transit Police.

April 2

■ A burglary and theft was reported at 10:14 p.m. in an apartment in the 580 block of Washington Avenue. The victim said they observed that a cell phone from a family member had been stolen from a bedroom. Nothing else was reported missing. There were no signs of forced entry.

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

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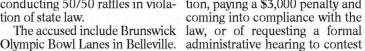
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conducting 50/50 raffles in violation of state law.

State regulators have cited 59 of

could not be reached for comment before press time.

Bowling alley cited for having raffle

the state's 73 bowling alleys for option of acknowledging the violation, paying a \$3,000 penalty and coming into compliance with the

The manager of the local lanes the violations.

The action was taken by the Legalized Games of Chance Con-Each bowling alley has the trol Commission, which regulates raffles and bingo.

> The commission is part of the New Jersey Division of Consumer

Under state law, a variety of non-profits may conduct such raffles, including veterans organizations, religious congregations, charities, civic and service clubs. educational and fraternal organizations, senior citizen associations and clubs, volunteer fire companies and volunteer first aid rescue squads.

But the bowling alleys cited do not meet the requirements, said David Szuchman, Consumer Affairs director.



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Two council members foresee no tax hike

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

Still more reductions have been made to the 2009 municipal budget that should bring the spending plan to a virtual 0 percent tax increase, according to two members of the Belleville Township Council's Budget Committee.

Neither council member could give specifics of the latest cuts that brought the budget down, saying Township Manager Victor Canning is on vacation this week and the specifics of the budget lies within his office.

At-Large Councilman Kevin Kennedy, one of three budget committee members, said one of the main reasons for no increase involves personnel.

"We didn't fill a lot of jobs where people had retired or left, especially in police and fire," Kennedy said.

Another area where savings were found involved garbage collection, but Kennedy said he was reluctant to give an exact figure without the budget numbers at his

It now appears the budget will be introduced at next Tuesday's council meeting, Kennedy said.

First Ward Councilwoman Marie Strumolo Burke is another

She said, "We're doing pretty well. that we can keep the tax increase to zero. It's about time."

Specifics about the attempts to trim department budgets in order to reduce the municipal tax increase were shared by one township council member at the last council meeting.

Fourth Ward Councilman John Notari had promised not to support any further temporary budgets unless he saw "significant" cuts to full budget. He nows says such reductions have been made to his satisfaction, and he supported the temporary budget introduced at the March 24 council meeting.

The run down was given as fol-

- A \$55,000 reduction in the township clerk's office budget

 • A \$5,500 cut in the health
- department budget
- A total of \$53,000 trimmed from the recreation department budget
- A cut of \$63,000 from the code enforcement department
- A reduction of \$18,000 from the planning department
- A \$55,000 cut from the department of public works

member of the Budget Committee. 'We didn't fill a lot of jobs where people had I think it's wonderful for residents retired or left, especially in police and fire.'

Kevin Kennedy

At-Large Councilman

ments, four positions created by persons leaving either through retirement or some other form of attrition were lost in the police department, and five such positions are gone in the fire department.

Notari called the losses the same as layoffs.

Canning said previously that the council and department heads worked to reduce spending as much as is reasonable, and his hopes the school board could trim down to a zero tax increase did not come to fruition. The school budget contains an \$84 increase for a home assessed at the township average. The county budget is rising \$80 or so, meaning the total increase for taxpayers is well below

Kennedy had said initial projections showed a tax increase of more than \$150 for a home assessed at the township average.

Canning has said public officials faced some tough decisions.

Residents have called for firing

In the police and fire depart- employees if they don't agree to forego salary increases or even take a pay cut, and for employees to pay into their own health insurance, among many complaints.

Canning said tough decisions like not filling spaces where retirements have taken place, especially in police and fire, eventually go to a point where it affects services "drastically."

Burke's suggestion that township employees give back one day's pay each month for 10 months highlighted some contentious debate among council and audience members regarding the budget recently, with a resident suggesting that the council threaten to lay off lower-tenured employees if local unions demand salary increases.

Kimble reminded Burke that pay is locked in contractually with the Belleville Municipal Employees Association, the township employees' union, and the local PBA and FMBA for police and firefighters. Township Attorney progress of those cuts.

Thomas Murphy explained that only if both parties negotiate some-thing out can it be done, and that goes for any change in working conditions.

Canning has said he froze the ₹ salaries of the town's administra- tion, including himself, for three \(\) years, something not previously ≥ done in recent history and he has a taken away township vehicles from employees who previously. had them.

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

Second Ward Councilman Steve Rovell has spoken specificalabout tightening up the allowance of overtime.

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

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Sales could bring up to \$600,000

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

Looking to raise revenues to offset tax increases, while trying to improve properties in disrepair, the Belleville Township Council has approved the auction of two lots long neglected, the minimum bids for which could bring in at least \$600,000 to the municipal

At a recent public council meeting, the governing body approved the public auction.

The first property, located at 57 Ralph St., will be auctioned at a minimum bid price of \$120,000. The second property contains St. that would be available starting William St. was granted approval.

for a minimum bid price of \$480,000. The lots are described as "not needed for public use" by the township.

Township Attorney Thomas Murphy said the matter was brought up under new business at the end of the meeting because "time constraints" involving publishing the sales in the newspaper necessitated passing the auction plans that night.

Earlier in the meeting, Township Manager Victor Canning explained that he, Township Engineer Thomas Herits and Mayor Raymond Kimble were among the officials present at the most recent Planning Board meeting, where four lots in the area of 42 William the possible subdivision of 42



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STRIKE UP THE MUSIC

Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo Jr., center, presents a \$2,530 county arts grant to the Belleville Library and Information Center for its Music Together program. Also pictured, from left, are Essex County Administrator Joyce Wilson Harley, Belleville Library Director Joan Taub, and Amy Simon and Sharon Burton Turner of New Jersey State Council on the Arts.



A turnaround through the review process

BY RICHARD DICKON

of Belleville Times

In what school officials called a major accomplishment, the district has satisfied all five areas in a state academic review process, and is now considered "high performing" after failing to meet the criteria the previous school year.

Lucille Davy, State Department Education commissioner, advised the district in a letter that "your district has now satisfied at

indicators in each of the five areas of the QSAC review process. Therefore, I am pleased to designate your district as a 'high performing school district."

The requirements are for the Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum, the relatively new process that school officials say involves self-evaluation followed by a visit from county Board of Education officials.

In April 2008, an evaluation of

least 80 percent of the weighted the school district placed the district on a continuum in each of the evaluated areas, which include instruction and program, fiscal management, personnel and governance, according to Davy.

> Following that evaluation, the district developed an improvement plan, which was approved in July 2008. Staff from the Essex County Office of Education conducted a six-month review of the district's

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EASTER SPIRIT

On behalf of Belleville School No. 4 students, Jared and Nicolette Colandro donate goody-filled Easter baskets for Clara Maass Medical Center patients.

Education not best place to express anger

There are a lot of places to express anger over the current economic climate. The 2009-10 Belleville school budget should not be one of

The \$60 million spending plan raises taxes \$84 for a home assessed at the township average. Keeping the increase below \$100 at a time when everything costs more and there is less money to go around is an accomplishment.

A closer look at the spending plans shows that nearly 80 percent of the budget is earmarked for salaries and benefits for school staff. Whether or not teachers and administrators should be getting a raise under the existing economic climate is a fair question, but the teachers union is not going to unilaterally offer to give anything back. The Board of Education has no leverage other than to lay off staff, never a place it would want to go.

In neighboring Nutley, the increase is much larger, mainly because that town is even more shortchanged on state aid than Belleville is, and officials there are indeed cutting staffing.

Some legitimate questions were raised about this budget, mainly involving spending more to update textbooks and less on newly created administrative positions. Belleville is near the top in administrative spending in Essex County, and one physical education supervisory position was dropped after questions over its necessity were raised. This represented a good and fair discussion and a reasonable compromise.

With the future uncertain, one constant always remains: better public education is the key to a better future for Belleville's youth. Everywhere

else, trimming employees and services can be better justified, with the possible exception of a township's public safety.

Belleville's history does not bode well for the spending plan to pass. Only twice in recent years and a handful of times in the past 15 years has a budget passed. In the most recent case, a zero tax increase budget just barely survived the vote.

So if anyone is looking for a place to vent their anger, there are plenty of places to put blame in the spring of 2009. Bank bailouts that seem to so far have had little effect, the big three auto giants bailout, and a seemingly endless cycle of greed on Wall Street all deserve the wrath of taxpayers struggling to survive.

Students looking for a brighter future do not. Support the budget on April 21.

Back in the swing of things as Silver Lake's columnist

It didn't take me long to get back into the swing, and boy am I enjoying it.

Hip, hip, hooray for Cathy and Raymond Veniero

of Frederick Street in Silver Lake. This happy couple celebrated their 22nd wedding anniver-

SILVER LAKE three beautiful MARIE STRUMOLO BURKE

named Amanda, Alexa and Gianna. Ray told me that he has spent 45 years on Frederick Street. Boy, I

sary on March

28. They have

daughters

know he loves Silver Lake.

He is some kind of guy. He is

very community oriented and has been an executive board member of the Silver Lake Civic Association for many years, along with being a planning board member for the Township of Belleville. If you need Ray, he is always there to help. But now it is time for our anniversary couple to have an anniversary waltz on me.

Upcoming events for the Silver Lake Civic Association:

7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 15 is our Oldies Dance at the Chandelier Restaurant, where the entertainment will be Yesterdaze, a fabulous oldies group. This is the evening when we will pull our cash raffle. Remember, you must be in it to

Tuesday, May 19 is our 16th

Tuesday, April 21 is our regular meeting at the Moose Lodge at Birthday Bash of the SLCA. Food and entertainment will be providand entertainment will be provid-

ed at the Moose Lodge. Hey all you Belleville High School seniors, who still live in The Lake and meet the guidelines, don't forget to get your SLCA scholarship application at the guidance office.

LETTERS

Great job

TO THE EDITOR:

To the town's people of Belleville, I wish to continue to call your attention to the many services we have and the dedicated people from the departments who service us.

To the Department of Public Works, whose people take our trash and our bulk goods away, they clean our streets and also help us in time of flood or sewerage backup. Let us give them a clear sign of appreciation.

Good work all of you. And they deserve a raise too.

Catherine Malavarca

Don't blame the banks

TO THE EDITOR:

On Jan. 22, I wrote a letter entitled, "Where are the Reductions?" I followed up on my letter, attending a township meeting to seek some answers to my questions regarding what steps are

being taken to control the spiraling tax increases.

Councilman Kevin Kennedy said, "We pick up your garbage, what else do you want?" Is this a responsible public official; the same one who campaigned never to vote for a tax increase? So much for promises.

In the last two years alone, we received a 21 percent tax increase when only a few years ago there was a \$5 million surplus. Lots of finger pointing and no township official accepting responsibility.

From Washington to Trenton and Essex County, government is trying to control the taxes, except our officials. It seems like there is no recession in Belleville. It seems like nepotism and favoritism is alive and well in our town. There are many rumors of stipends and salary steps that have been given to political favorites and political patronage of jobs. Maybe our officials should go back five to six years and do a comparison of all the departments and show the taxpayers if any real cuts are being made.

When I purchased my home I knew what my principal and interest on my mortgage was. With the recent high tax increase, it is making it unaffordable for the homeowners to survive. The real reason for foreclosures is property taxes. Don't blame the banks, blame your local officials.

Frank Velez

dropping. Our businesses are fleeing. Our residents are losing their jobs. "For Rent" signs exceed campaign signs. Foreclosures are on the rise, and last May there were more than 300 properties

listed on the Belleville tax sale. While the median household income in Belleville is \$55,000, our Board of Education administrators are receiving salaries double and triple what entire families earn. Some of these administrators deserve their pay, but we can-

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Belleville burns

TO THE EDITOR:

About 2000 years ago, as Rome burned Nero, the Roman emperor sat around and fiddled, as folklore tells us. It seems Nero was more concerned about himself and his personal pleasures than his city and the citizens of Rome. Today, as Belleville burns, our elected and appointed leaders are fiddling and taking care of themselves and their inner circles of buddies. Case in point is the upcoming school budget election. Our Belleville Board of Education just introduced the 2009-10 school budget of \$60.6 million. This budget represents a \$6 million increase in spending in just two years. Our 2007-08 budget was \$54.7 million.

Why is Belleville burning? Just look around. Our home prices are

What do you think?

Give your opinion about the Township of Belleville's fields situation in our weekly poll at thebellevilletimes.com.

What is the best option to our problems with sports fields?

Move forward with the artificial

turf project at Municipal Stadium.

- Leave fields as is with general maintenance.
- Pursue more open space.
- Sharing fields with other communities.

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OWEN PROCTOR

There's 'nothing' like the Lieutenant Governor's Office

BY CHRISTOPHER J. DURKIN **Guest Columnist**

The writers of Seinfeld famously created a television sitcom about nothing. Well, the writers of the legislatively driven public question that has given New Jersey a lieutenant governor have created an office that does nothing...except expand government.

This year, New Jersey will join the ranks of 42 other states with the election of our first lieutenant governor. After the June 2 primary, the gubernatorial nominees will have 30 days to select a lieutenant governor candidate as a running mate.

The duties and functions of the current lieutenant governors from around the United States are varied: The states of Hawaii and Utah amended their respective constitutions so that the lieutenant governor would assume the powers and office of the Secretary of State. Some lieutenant governors chair boards and committees. Texas Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst is America's most powerful, controlling the work of the Texas Senate and the budgeting process as the leader of the Legislative Budget Board.

All 42 of America's current lieutenant governors assume the powers of governor for the

not afford all the assistant admin-

We can no longer afford to provide expensive benefits to

school and government employees that we cannot afford to provide our own families. Of this \$60.6 million budget, \$10.1 mil-

lion is for employee benefits. As listed in the advertised budget, employee benefits are 26.6 percent of salaries. This is a 4 percent

increase since 2006-07 when benefits were 22.5 percent of salaries.

that their students' parents are struggling to survive and need some relief. All we ask is for educators to accept higher co-pays, increased deductibles, and to pay

a small percentage of their premiums. If we want parents to be involved in their children's education, we must give them some relief so they can spend some

time at home with their families. The proposed budget was approved by a 4-3 vote. While we thank the three no votes, they must stand tall and provide the

necessary cuts to the budget we

not if, state aid is cut, Belleville

taxpayers will be asked to fund an

unsustainable tax burden. As we pull the lever or push the buttons

on Election Day, let us think of

the children who will not be able to afford to live in the town or

state where they were educated.

Almost half of our school budget is state aid. We all know the state is in fiscal trouble and when.

need for tax relief.

We are happy to provide benefits to our children's educators, but our educators must realize

istrators and supervisory posi-

tions that have been created

LETTERS

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recently.

year term if the governor vacates the office for any reason. At the federal level, our U.S. Constitution entrusts our vice president to serve out the rest of the term if the president leaves office during his or her term. But the same rules don't apply in New Jersey.

New Jersey's lieutenant governor is endowed without any defined duties in our newly amended constitution. But the Office of Lieutenant Governor, which is fully funded by taxpayers, will undoubtedly require 24hour State Police protection, a large government staff and a welloiled statewide campaign push for the top slot.

And that's not even the kicker.

that will require taxpayers to fund the position of lieutenant governor, but not trust that person to carry out the remainder of the governor's term if he or she vacates the position. Instead, the new law calls for an immediate election of a new governor and lieu-

tenant governor at the next general election in November to serve out the unexpired term.

This begs the question, why? If we weren't satisfied with our current system that allows the senate president to become governor if the office is vacated, then we could have turned to an already established office, the New Jersey Secretary of State. New Jersey's Secretary of State has defined duties and an established government staff.

This year's general election ballot should include the Secretary of State running with the gubernatorial nominees for a four-year term. Or we should, at the very least, transfer the functions of the Secretary of State to the newly elected lieutenant governor. The Secretary of State could serve out the remainder of the governor's term if it is vacated for any reason and would not cost one extra taxpayer dollar.

New Jersey's governor is the only statewide (non-federal) elected official. Along with possessing the line item veto, our governor appoints the entire cabi-

net and two constitutionally created officers, the Attorney General and the Secretary of State. They are all subject to confirmation by the New Jersey Senate, making our governor the most powerful in America.

As it stands now, on Nov. 3, we _ will elect America's weakest lieutenant governor while adding to an already strapped budget. It's not too late to admit the creation of this office, as it stands, is a mistake that needs to be fixed.

The great State of New Jersey can do a lot better than this.

The writer is the Essex County

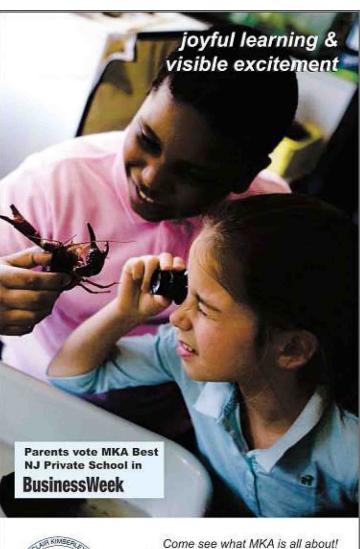


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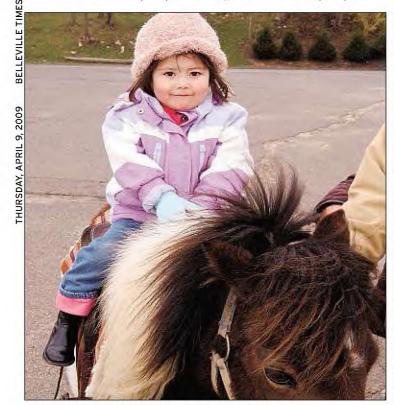
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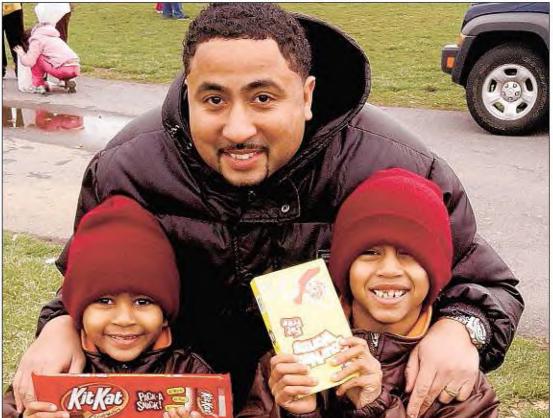
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Hippity, hoppity, egg hunt's underway



Valencia Sanchez, 3, of Belleville rides a pony.



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Michael Gourdine with sons Cesar, 5, left, and Phoenix, 6, display some of the treats they won during Saturday's Optimist Club of Belleville's Easter Egg Hunt at Municipal Stadium.



Charlotte Koski, 3, and Michael Centri, 3, show their winnings.

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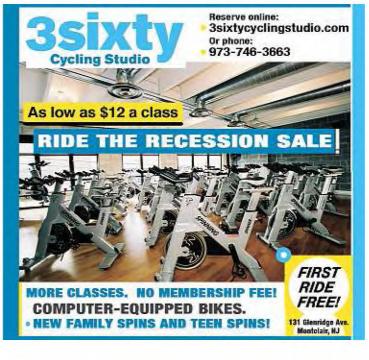
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The Easter Bunny prepares to start the egg hunt, not deterred by chilly temperatures and high winds.



War documentary at public library

The Belleville Chapter of Unico National and the Anti Bias Committee of Unico will host a free screening of "5,000 Miles From Home" at 6:30 p.m. April 20 at the Belleville Public Library, 221 Washington Ave.

The recently released documentary explores the impact of World War II on the Chicago-area Italian-American community. Interviews with two dozen veterans are interwoven with still photos and historical footage to create a film that is both panoramic in scope and personal in nature.

For details or to make reservations, call Manny Alfano at 973-2818.

Tax levy hasn't been easy sale with voters

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

School officials say they have high hopes that voters will approve this year's \$60 million-plus 2009-10 school budget, which contains an \$84 increase for a home assessed at the township average, \$312,459. The Board of Education will attempt to obtain voter approval in the throes of an economic downturn.

school officials, since only a few decades in the district.

Of the past six years' budgets, four have failed, leading the Belleville Township Council to trim hundreds of thousands of dol- slim margin last year with no tax els. First, the plan was to fight in the council restored \$84,500

only partly restored by the township council.

When voters defeat the school tax levy, with usually less than 15 percent of all registered voters participating, the spending plan is passed along to the council. The council is then charged with deciding how to trim from the budget.

Going back to 2003-04, follow-History is not on the side of ing defeats, more than \$1.8 million in total was cut from the spending budgets have passed in recent plans and additional questions, but nearly \$340,000 of the cuts and/or failed additional questions have later been restored by the council.

lars from the budgets. Even with one that passed, one of two addi-board's appeal to the Essex Coun-affect the stability of the budget. tional questions failed, and was ty Superintendent of Schools regarding the council's cutting of \$849,000 from its defeated \$54 million 2007-08 budget was dropped. Officials said the appeal could have jeopardized access to state funding for the following year.

The regular budget question was defeated, along with six additional questions.

The budget would have raised taxes \$124 for a home assessed at the township average before the council's cuts, and a few dollars were knocked off that number by the council's cuts.

While the budget passed by a fight the cuts on three separate lev- the middle school. That same year,

The council restored four of the six defeated ballot initiatives, totaling \$197,668, and restored the existing levels of student clubs, a third elementary school teacher, a middle school resource police officer and a residency domicile investigator. The school district's surplus was cut in half, from \$600,000 to \$300,000.

A year earlier, the \$52.4 million 2006-07 school budget raised taxes an average of \$174, was defeated by a vote of 1,115 to 574, and the council reduced the spending plan by \$250,000. The money was lost

the high school auditorium sound system.

In 2005-06, the defeated budget had \$234,639 trimmed from the

original spending plan. One year before, in 2004-2005, the general budget question passed, but there were two additional ballot questions. The \$100,000 earmarked for two elementary school counselors was defeated, but the council restored \$50,000, or roughly the cost of one counselor, to the district.

And in 2003-04, the defeated budget lost \$100,000 after a Earlier, officials had vowed to for two curriculum specialists for lengthy settlement negotiation among the school board and council members.

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If the shoe fits, and gently worn, donate it



PHOTO COURTESY OF MELANIE ADELMAN

Melanie Adelman, the developer and organizer of MyShoe4U, stands with John Volpe, membership coordinator of Retro Fitness in Belleville. They are holding the box that is collecting gently worn sneakers and other shoes for needy children and adults.





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of calling around, Adelman said she learned that there was indeed a great need for footwear. She said the Salvation Army

could do to help."

BY RICHARD DICKON

Melanie Adelman is a high

school cross country and track runner who said she is trying to

make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate, thanks in part

to the assistance of a Belleville

Adelman started "MyShoe4U,"

an organization that collects gently used shoes, sneakers and boots for

those in need ,and Belleville's

Retro Fitness, located behind the

Drug Fair on Franklin Avenue, is a

When she was a freshman,

Adelman said her coach told her that runners generally replaced

their sneakers every six months to

were so many sneakers that were

still in really good condition that

were not being used anymore," Adelman said. "I knew that there

must be people who could benefit

from wearing them and I was

determined to find out what I

After a lot of research and a lot

"It really bothered me that there

main collection site.

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health club.

generally receives many more clothing donations and is always short on their supply of shoes. Adelman said she is determined to change that.

So, for the past two years, Adelman said she has been hard at work collecting shoes for those in

'It really bothered me that there were so many sneakers that were still in really good condition that were not being used anymore.'

Melanie Adelman Charity Organizer

Once she gathers the sneakers and shoes, Adelman brings them to the Salvation Army, and the organization makes them available to people in need. Adelman, a Wayne resident, has printed materials that she hands out, and she has spoken to many schools and businesses, she said.

When she approached Retro Fitness of Belleville, she said the owners were very willing to get involved.

"I am excited to be able to spread my message to the members of Retro Fitness," Adelman said. "This is an important group of people who take fitness seriously, and they seem very interested in helping. I am so thankful for their willingness to help me make as many shoes as possible go to people who need them."

So Belleville residents are asked to share their discarded footwear and spread the word to everyone they know, in the township and outside, Adelman said.

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

Take a Walk Down Memory Lane

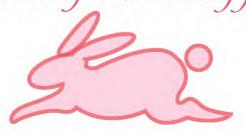


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Date: Saturday, April 11, 2009

Time: 10:30am Start with Arts & Crafts at Family YMCA 11:00am Danna Banana Musical Extravaganza

11:30am Easter Bunny Arrives

11:45am Egg Hunt Begins and more fun with Danna Banana

Place: Crane Park (along Glen Ridge Ave. & across from Family YMCA)

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Another round of 'lunacy' Don't hesitate to in Bloomfield this weekend

Lunatic Fringe, considered a Meanwhile, "Next To Nothing" Tickets to the 8 p.m. show in Stroupe in New Jorgen at the Strong in New Jorgen at t the Broad Street Playhouse on existence. Saturday, April 11. And this time, ₹they're not alone!

Lunatic Fringe's improvisational show will be followed by "Next To Nothing," a one-man extravaganza starring award-winning comedian and writer TC Tanis. Catch all the laughs starting at 8 p.m. at the Broad Street Playhouse, 36 Broad St., Bloomfield.

music, audience suggestions and inspired lunacy to create a one-ofa-kind comic experience.

Formed in 1996, Lunatic Fringe is believed to be the longest continuously performing improvisational comedy group in New

troupe in New Jersey, returns to comedic characters on the edge of

irrational universe," says Tanis. "Relax and enjoy the ride!"

people I know," says Deborah Maclean, Lunatic Fringe director. "Any evening that features TC and Lunatic Fringe is going to be memorable to say the least."

Lunatic Fringe appears on the Lunatic Fringe combines second Saturday of every month at the theater inside Pianos Bar and Grill. In addition to regular appearances at Pianos, Lunatic Fringe makes guest appearances throughout New Jersey, including the Broad Street Playhouse stops at Playwrights Theatre of Madison and Garage Theatre in or visit the Web site Teaneck.

to the 9:30 p.m. standup show are \$15 apiece. For more information "We're rational beings in an and/or to RSVP, call 973-429-

Lunatic Fringe features per-"TC Tanis is one of the funniest formers Adria Baratta, Harvey Chipkin, Sean Day, Glenn Duphiney, Brooke Hoover, Beth Johansson, Jerry Lazar, Deborah Maclean and Paul Murphy. For more information about the company, e-mail lunaticfringeimprov@yahoo.com or visit the company Web site www.lunaticfringeimprov.com.

> - For more information about and Pianos, call 973-743-7208 www.pianosbarandgrill.com.

see 'Doubt' at NLT

open its next production, the compelling John Patrick Shanley drama "Doubt," on Friday, April 17 at 8 p.m. at the NLT Barn, 47 Erie Place, Nutley.

"Doubt" is a lean, powerful drama that won Shanley a Pulitzer Prize and was recently released as a major motion picture. It tells the story of Sister Aloysius, a Bronx school principal who takes matters into her own hands when she suspects a priest of improper relations with a young male student.

Evening performances will be held April 17, 18, 24, 25, 26, 30 and May 1 and 2, all at 8 p.m. Matinee performances at 2 p.m. are scheduled for April 19, 25 and 26. Tickets are \$15. The opening night performance will benefit Angels for Animals, an animal rescue group.

Directed by Penny Potenz Winship of Montclair, the cast includes Jacqueline Schreiber of Parsippany, Ian Murphy of Weehawken, Annie Raczko of Pompton Plains and Brigitte Barnett of Brooklyn.

Alex Oleksij of Nutley is the stage manager, Kirstan Anschuetz of Montclair is assistant stage manager, and Kay Koch of Jersey City is this or other productions, call the production assistant. Lee 973-667-0374.

Nutley Little Theatre (NLT) will Guest Moore of Glen Ridge is lighting designer. Marisa Robertazzi of Nutley is set designer, and Elyse Halloran of Somerset is technical director. Pat LaRocco of Fair Lawn is costumer. Joe Ribaudo of Bloomfield is sound designer and score composer.

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

Tickets for Nutley Little Theatre productions are \$15. Discounts are available for senior citizens and

Nutley Little Theatre stages its productions at the NLT Barn, 47 Erie Place, Nutley, located off Brookfield Avenue (one block east of Franklin Avenue) in the heart of the Erie Place Historic District. For directions, visit the Web site www.nutleylittletheatre.com.

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ATLANTIC CITY

By Ellen Burke Rawls



Boxing in Boardwalk Hall, Seal & Jimmy Fallon at Borgata

Boardwalk Hall, traditionally the choice venue for championship boxing matches going back to Mike Tyson and even earlier, once again plays host to a highly anticipated boxing card with Saturday's "Brawl in the Hall." The evening's card takes place in the Ballroom at Boardwalk Hall.

Philadelphia light middleweight sensation Derek "Pooh" Ennis (17-2-1, 12 KOs) will take on Baltimore's Ismail "The Arsenal" Arvin (15-1-4, 7 KOs) for the USBA Regional Junior Title in a 10 round Junior Middleweight war. The hard hitting Ennis is looking to avenge fellow Philadelphian Anthony Thompson's recent loss to "The Arsenal" and take the belt back to the City of Brotherly Love.

The co-feature on this solid nine bout card features Camden's Luis "Kid Duran" Burgos (10-0-1, 4k KOs) returning to the ring in his first comeback test. Burgos was a highly regarded welterweight prior to his ring hiatus and New Jersey boxing fans will be anxious to see if he can pick up where he left off.

The bulk of the undercard has a distinct Atlantic City home-grown flavor and is highlighted by former 2008 Olympic Alternate and Pan American Bronze Medalist Qa'id "Kidd Dynamite" Muhammad. Since turning pro, "Q", is 4-0-0 with 4 KOs. Muhammad is looking to keep the knockouts coming and the undefeated record rolling. Light heavyweight Lavarn Harvell (2-0-0), and super middleweight Joel Delapaz (2-0-0, 1 KO), join Qa'id on this fight card. Other Atlantic City boxers, including Eugene Soto, Art Parker and William Porter, will make their pro-debuts on the undercard. There'll also be a distaff bout with AC's Jacolyn Nicols vs. Jacqueline Smith of Atlanta GA.

The first fight is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$55, \$45, \$35, and \$20.

Friday night is hot at Borgata! Award-winning vocalist/songwriter Seal will play the Event Center on Friday in support of his chart-topping new album SOUL. This show will be unique for Seal in that it will feature many of his best known hits, alongside songs from the new album, packaged with a dramatic visual experience.

The London-born singer first emerged from Britain's house music scene in the early '90s providing vocals and lyrics for techno artist Adamski's 1990 hit "Killer." The top ten debut single, "Crazy," followed and Seal would go on to earn critical acclaim and worldwide commercial success over five albums. The new album is comprised of twelve soul classics, and has sold more than 2 million copies worldwide since its release in November. Showtime is Friday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$45, \$55 and \$65.

Borgata's second hot ticket at the Music Box Friday is a rare visit from Jimmy Fallon. Achieving his huge national recognition with his role on Saturday Night Live where he did impersonations of everyone from Jerry Seinfeld, Chris Rock, Gilbert Gottfried, and Adam Sandler to Osama bin Laden and Alanis Morissette, Fallon continues to crack up viewers with his vocal impressions in exchanges with guests on his new NBC-TV show Late Night with Jimmy Fallon. Of course, his selection to replace Conan O'Brien has brought a major high point to an already sparkling career, and the multi-talented comedian, actor and musician continues to be a hot draw on the concert circuit. His date at the more intimate Music Box at Borgata affords audiences a more in-your-face experience. This promises to be an early sellout. Showtime is Friday at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$35.

After a really harsh winter, real spring weather has come to the shore. A perfect time to "play hooky" and sneak a mid-week getaway to the Boardwalk! And no more luxurious getaway is there than Trump Plaza, right in the center of the Boardwalk! Not only are they offering fantastic rates for their posh newly-decorated guest rooms, but also invite visitors to live it up with dazzling gourmet dinners in their luxe Five Star restaurants at unbelievable special prices.

Both Roberto's Ristorante and Max's Steakhouse have special menus offering a threecourse dinner for a modest \$35, including appetizer, soup or salad, and entrée. Appetizers at Roberto's include classic Calamaretti Fritti and Melanzane Siciliana, on to a choice of the Chef's soup di Giorno or salad, and entrees that include Chicken Parmigiana, Pan Seared Salmon and a spectacular Osso Buco.

The menu at Max's features spectacular appetizers like Escargot en Croute and Lobster Phyllo. There's French Onion Soup, Lobster Bisque, or Caesar Salad. Entrees include steakhouse classics like Prime Rib, New York Sirloin and Rainbow Trout. For an additional \$5, add a beverage and dessert. Both restaurants have also selected a dozen or so wine accompaniments at an affordable \$15 per bottle. These specials are available Sunday through Thursday only. Weeknight room rates at Trump Plaza range from \$59 to \$79 for two persons, including complimentary breakfast and bonus slot dollars or match play. Don't miss this marvelous opportunity for a sparkling luxury getaway that won't break the budget! 609-441-6777

Songwriters at Café

The Hillside Café, a non-profit Andy Hackbarth acoustic music venue in Nutley that features up and coming singer/songwriters, will feature Malcolm Holcombe on Saturday, April 18 at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

The opening performer will be Andy Hackbarth.

Malcolm Holcombe

Considered an iconic Americana performer and born and raised in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, Holcombe is recognized by the contemporary U.S. and European folk/Americana community as a performer of national stature. Holcombe is an uncommon, unique guitarist/vocalist about whom Rolling Stone Magazine has said: "Not quite country, somewhere beyond folk, Holcombe's music is a kind of blues in motion, mapping backwoods corners of the heart? For more information about Malcolm Holcombe, visit the Web site www.malcolmholcombe.com.

A true student of songwriting, Hackbarth pairs an instinct for melody with gritty, lush vocals, an endless arsenal of fresh pop-country hooks and nationally recognized classical guitar chops. He is quickly establishing himself as one of the most exciting young popcountry songwriters on the touring circuit today. Hackbarth was recently signed to a record label, so this might be the last chance to see this up-and-coming performer in such an intimate venue. For more information about Andy Hackbarth, visit the Web site www.myspace.com/andyhackbarth.

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.

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

CHERRY BLOSSOM PLAYERS

See 'Blood Brothers' at Masonic Lodge

The Belleville Cherry Blossom Players' spring production will be the hit English musical, "Blood Brothers."

Written in 1983 by playwright Willy Russell, "Blood Brothers" concerns twin brothers raised on opposite sides of the tracks after two forge a friendship, unaware of their fraternal roots.

Show dates are Thursday, April 16 through Saturday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. Matinee performances will be held on Saturday, April 18 at 2 p.m. and Sunday, April 19 at 3 p.m. This production takes place at the Nutley Masonic Lodge, 175 Chestnut St., Nutley. Tickets are one is given up for adoption. The \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and senior citizens.

Chorus of Communities to bring 'Paris' to Belleville

under the direction of Maestro William Buthod, will sing its way into its 19th musical season with a concert entitled "April in Paris" this

Featured, in this all-French program will be Gabriel Fauré's Duruflé and Cesar Franck will also be presented. The music will be performed on Sunday, April 19 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Roman nities. Catholic Church, 155 William St., A f

Vocalists for this concert include returning soprano Meray Boustani and bass-baritone Richard Zuch. Winner of numerous competitions, Soloists of Philadelphia, The Hadpianist.

The Chorus of Communities, Boustani's prizes include First donfield Symphony, The Tulsander the direction of Maestro Place in the Amelia Rieman Opera Symphony, The Pennsylvania Competition (2007) and First Place, as well as "Most Promising Advanced Singer," in the South-west Regional NATS Competition

She currently sings profession-"Requiem." Works by Maurice ally for the St. Jean-Baptiste Parish Choir in New York. This performance will be her second appearance with the Chorus of Commu-

> A frequent performer with the appeared as a soloist with The Philadelphia Orchestra, The Buffa-

Symphony, The Pennsylvania Symphonia and The Hilton Head Orchestra.

Maestro Buthod, who came to the Chorus by way of the American Cathedral in Paris and Hunter College in New York, became its artistic director last fall and directed the Chorus' Christmas performance of Handel's Messiah.

Placing first in the Albert Schweitzer National Organ Competition, Maestro Buthod is con-Chorus of Communities, Zuch has sidered an outstanding young director and composer and master of many percussion instruments, as lo Philharmonic, The Concerto well as an accomplished jazz

He is currently an artist-in-resiof music at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church in Brooklyn.

Joining the group is Olivia Buthod as a guest organist. Buthod graduated from the Catholic University of America in 2008 with a Bachelor of Music degree in Organ Performance, and this past fall was appointed organist and church music intern at McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church in Norman, one of Oklahoma's largest and most historic churches. She is pursuing a Master of Music degree in Organ Performance at \$14 for seniors and students. the University of Oklahoma.

Buthod has performed with dence at the Church of Holy Trinity in New York City and director out Oklahoma, New York, Maine and the Czech Republic and Paris. Among the choirs was the Choir of Seventeen, organized to perform = for the Holy Father, Pope Benedict & XVI, during his Apostolic visit to Washington, D.C. last year.

Tickets are on sale at participating churches or by calling 973-615-0737 to RSVP.

Reservation prices are \$15 for 8 adults and \$12 for seniors and stu-

The price at the door on the day of the concert is \$17 for adults and



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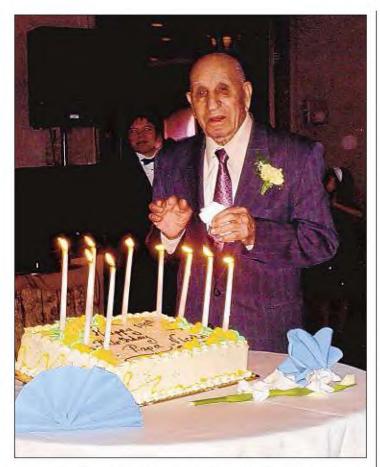


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For the answer to this week's puzzle, turn to the classified section.

LIFETIME



"Papa" Nicola Cifelli celebrates 100th

Nicola Cifelli, known as "Papa" his 100th birthday at the Landmark in East Rutherford on Sunday, March 15, with family and

Mr. Cifelli was born on March 17, 1909, in Castelpetroso, Italy. Department until his retirement.

He was married to Giuseppina Nicola by his family, celebrated for 65 years before her passing in 1996. They had eight children, Velia, Teresa, Antonio, Elvira, Camillo, Giuseppe, Anna and

> He also has 20 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

He came to Nutley in 1955 and worked for the Nutley Parks wine for lunch and dinner every-Mr. Cifelli drinks a glass of red day and enjoys his pasta fagioli.

WEDDING



Susan Romeo married to Thomas Schenke

Susan Romeo of Nutley, daughter of the late Mildred and Louis Vitelli of Belleville and Phil Romeo of Staten Island, N.Y., was married Nov. 7, 2008, to Thomas Schenke, son of Josephine Schenke of Nutley and the late William Schenke Šr. of Nutley.

Mayor Joanne Cocchiola performed the ceremony at the Nut-Nutley High School and a Nutley ley Town Hall. A dinner followed police officer. at the Highlawn Pavilion in West

The bride's three children Mario, Sal and Adrianna stood around as the couple took their

The bride is an alumna of Belleville High School and a Nutley crossing guard with the Nutley Police Department.

The couple resides in Nutley.

How to plan the perfect honeymoon

What do you need to know to plan the perfect honeymoon that goes off without a hitch? Here are some things to consider:

■ Choose a destination togeth-

Pick a destination that you both really want to visit. Each person should choose the top three places they would like to honeymoon and then compare lists.

■ Prep ahead of time.

Make a checklist of things you need to do before your trip. Allow ample time for things like immunizations and passport processing.

Get medical and travel assistance services.

Your health insurance might not cover you while you travel, so a company like On Call International provides access to a 24-hour emergency response center, a 24hour English-speaking nurse line, and coverage should you need to return home for medical reasons.

In addition, On Call can help you with a misplaced credit card, lost baggage or the need to reschedule a delayed or cancelled

■ Pack the right stuff.

Looking chic and dressing appropriately for the location you're visiting might not be the same thing. Do your research.

■ Eat, drink and be merry. Food and water in different countries can be contaminated, so

do your research before celebrating at a local restaurant.

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HOPING FOR A HOME



Fergie was featured a few months back, but she is still waiting for a home. She came to the shelter as a stray about six months ago. Extremely playful, pretty and still a little on the timid side, she is really starting to come out of her shell. Fergie is already showing some striking markings for such a young cat. She will only improve with age in her beauty and charm. Although she is just a young girl, you should rush down to the John A. Bukowski Shelter this Easter weekend before Fergie grows out of that young cat phase. Her transformation from playful kitten into a stunning lady should not take place in a cage at the shelter. Fergie is waiting at 61 Bukowski Place, Bloomfield. Telephone: 973-748-0194.

RECIPE

Chocolate Roll

4 eggs

3/4 cup of sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla

1/2 cup sifted flour

1/4 cup cocoa

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1/4 teaspoon baking soda

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 jelly roll pan, greased and bottom lined with brown paper (grease brown paper also)

Filling:

1 pint heavy cream

1/2 cup confectioner's sugar 1 teaspoon vanilla

Sift flour and cocoa together small bowl and set aside. Mix baking powder, baking soda, salt chocolate frosting. and eggs in large bowl. Beat until

mixture begins to thicken. Add the sugar a little at a time, beating constantly until the mixture is as smooth as marshmallow syrup and all the grains of sugar have vanished. By hand fold in flour, cocoa mix and vanilla. Pour into prepared pan and bake 13 to 15 minutes in 400degree oven.

Remove from oven and invert to a tea towel that has been sprinkled with confectioners' sugar. Remove paper from cake and roll up in towel immediately. Set on rack to cool. Put all ingredients for filling in small mixer bowl and beat until cream is whipped and stiff. Unroll cake and cover with filling. Re-roll cake and ice with your favorite

St. Paul's Cookbook

Shelter asks for donations

Shelter is now accepting donations through Bloomfield's Neighbor to Neighbor Network.

If you would like to donate to Bukowksi Animal Shelter. help the shelter animals, make

The John A. Bukowski Animal your payment to the "Neighbor to helter is now accepting dona-Neighbor Network" and specify on the memo line that this donation is specifically for the John A.

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

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

Announcements and pictures for "Arrivals" should be sent to tripoldi@northjersey.com. direct line is 973 667-2100. Same mailing address as above.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Caputo wants criminal checks on school volunteers

New Jersey Assemblyman Ralph tory check on a volunteer, R. Caputo (D-28th) of Belleville the district can either pay introduced a bill (A-3813) that will mandate criminal history checks for the volunteer to cover the unpaid school district volunteers.

Under current law, these checks shift the cost solely to the are required for paid employees, but school districts have the discretion to either conduct the checks or thing we can to be sure we Ralph R. not when it comes to volunteers. Under the proposed legislation, the checks on volunteers would be conducted in accordance with the same standards and procedures used for paid district employees.

does opt to conduct a criminal his- for school district volunteers to abuse that often occurs outside the

for the check or require expense. Caputo's bill will volunteer.

"We must do everyare not delivering our chil- Caputo dren into the hands of

dangerous predators when we send them off to school and afterschool activities," said Caputo. "This bill will close a gap in the Currently, if a school district current law that makes it possible whose trust they were placed,



essential to the safety of our kids."

Volunteer coaches, tutors, classroom assistants and others who have close and repeated contact with school children are currently exempt from criminal history checks con-

ducted for paid employees. Caputo pointed out that frequently there are horror stories of children suffering physical or sexual abuse at the hands of adults in

imperative that we do whatever we can to prevent these incidents from ever happening again."

The specific language of Caputo's bill will make the crimi-

escape scrutiny that is classroom, after hours and out of tact with pupils (under the age of sessential to the safety of sight. "These stories disgust and 18) ... at any facility, center, school 18) ... at any facility, center, school outrage us," he said, "and make it imperative that we do whatever we vision of the Department of Education and board of education which cares for, or is involved in the education of children ...

If passed, the legislation will nal history record checks manda- take effect for the 2009-10 school tory for any "...individuals who, on an unpaid voluntary basis, provide services that involve regular con-

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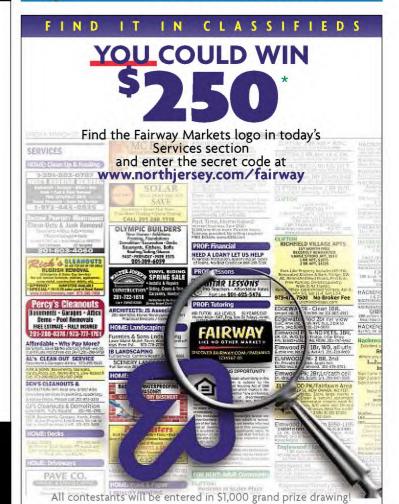
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Crew dedicates boat to ex-coach

BY MIKE LAMBERTI for Belleville Times

It was a typical early spring day last Saturday on the banks of the Passaic River, as the Belleville High crew team bestowed its highest honor to a former rower and coach.

Under overcast skies and a steady wind, a large crowd, many of whom were members of Belleville's proud crew heritage, past and present, gathered at the boathouse in North Arlington to watch as Robert Cassin Jr. christened a new four-seat shell that will forever bear his name.

"I have to admit, I'm really surprised," Cassin said following the announcement. "I have some great memories of my time here, but I never expected something like

Cassin was a 1982 graduate of Belleville High, where he rowed for four years under the guidance of legendary coach Sam Giuffrida. A few years later, Cassin returned to his alma mater, where he coached with Giuffrida, and later Dennis Villano.

Giuffrida, a member of the Belleville High School Hall of Fame, coached the Bucs until 1986, when he suffered a heart attack. The beloved history teacher and coach appeared to make a steady recovery, but in 1989, he died suddenly at the age of 46.

Villano, who was at last Satur-

day's ceremony and today is the Assistant Superintendent of Schools at Belleville, smiled when he recalled the days of coaching crew at Belleville.

"Everyone remembers Sam as the ultimate character," Villano said of Giuffrida. "He was such a competitive guy and everyone loved him. I know he'd be happy to see Bobby Cassin have his name on a new shell."

Belleville's current crew coach, Gail Lahm, appreciates the history that goes with Belleville High School crew.

"Just look at the turnout for this," Lahm said. "It was great to see so many former rowers and coaches here, as well. Dave and Jessica Silletti were there, as well as Dennis Villano. There's a bond that goes with being a Belleville High School rower that goes far beyond the days of competing here, and that's evident by the turnout to see Robert christen the shell?

Following the dedication, Cassin did what comes naturally to any rower. He and eight other rowers hopped onto a shell and took a ride on the Passaic River.

"He would have liked to have gone out on the new shell which bears his name," Lahm said. "But the winds were a little wicked on Saturday, so Robert rowed in a larger shell. Doesn't matter. He and the others had a great time."



Present and former Belleville High crew coaches gathered at the boathouse last Saturday morning to pay tribute to Robert Cassin Jr., who had a shell named in his honor. Featured, from left to right, are former Belleville coaches David Silletti and Jessica Silletti, current coaches Gail Lahm and Jeff Lahm, Cassin and former coach Dennis Villano.

Another year with no track

So, here we are, at the beginning of April, and the spring sports campaign is well underway at Belleville

You might, however, want to sit down when I tell you this next bit of news. The Belleville High School track team will not have a home venue to compete on in 2009, and will have to run, throw and jump in all its meets, on the road.

What a shock, huh? No home track meets at Belleville High.

If this were 1987, that might have been a surprise. But this is 2009, and once again, the powersthat-be who run this community can't, for the life of themselves, find a way to get these kids to compete at home.

It's been 23 years since Belleville last hosted a high school track meet. For you history buffs, I'm going to back to the days prior to Iran-Contra. Back to the days when Michael Iordan and the Bulls could barely win a playoff game. Back to the days when Phil Simms was throwing touchdown passes for the New York Giants,

That was five U.S. Presidents ago, and we've now successfully reached a second generation of athletes who have had to endure this nonsense. Because many of those kids who last wore blue and gold on the home track at Belleville High are now in their late 30s or early 40s, they could verv well have children old enough to be in high school themselves.

Congratulations to the Township Council and Board of Educa-SEE BASEBALL, PAGE 15 tion (BOE) on this one, because continues to dwindle. There was a

SHOTS MIKE LAMBERTI

you both deserve the credit. Oh sure, this mess started when the commission form of government ruled in Belleville, but the statute of limitations on that should be over by now, right?

The council took over on July 1, 1990 and during that run, we've heard everything from the water table being an issue, to not being able to have a track because of a dangerous wall it would border. Then, of course, there was going to be a 300-meter track built in another part of the township, but that's been tabled, for now, as well. (By the way, a 300-meter track, for high school events, is basically use-

There's also a need to be fair here, because the level of under-Board of Education seats. I'm not saying anything is getting done, but perhaps, someone might actually realize what's going on here.

What's really sad is that just one mile away, Nutley is somehow on its second all-weather track, as well as two athletic fields with turf and a third (softball) on the drawing board for 2010.

In Belleville, the infrastructure

time, which now seems so long ago, when a Mayor named Mike Marotti would actually come to Belleville High track practices and assure the runners that the track would be maintained. He never made promises for an all-weather track, but he did promise to keep the current facility in good shape and that there would be home meets. Now, there's a concept, huh? Maintaining the track? Wow.

After the track was deemed not good enough to host varsity meets in 1986, it got worse. In 1998, what was left of the track totally disappeared. Today, the runners, for the most part, practice in the school hallways when the weather is really bad, or the school parking lot when it's nice out. And, despite this idiocy, Belleville's track athletes have excelled, including appearances in the prestigious Meet of Champions.

You think maybe, just maybe, the council or board members know anything about these kids? Do they know about the success of the 2009 indoor track team, and standing, regarding a track, which the new school records that were was non-existent in previous set? Are they aware of the runners administrations, seems to have who have competed at the indoor, found some legs with the current or outdoor. Meet of Champions? group that fill the council and Do they know who the current coach is? Do they even know that these kids, who represent Belleville, have been dumped on for the better part of a quarter century, and nothing, with the exception of putting them on busses year in and year out, happens to help their situation?

Meanwhile, neighboring towns like Bloomfield, Nutley, Montclair,

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Despite 0-2 start, Bucs optimistic

BY MIKE LAMBERTI for Belleville Times

Always a glass-half-full kind of guy, Belleville baseball coach Joe Sorce saw some good things from his team, despite losing its first two

Belleville faced Bloomfield, Nutley and Barringer earlier this week, and will visit Kearny this afternoon in a 4 p.m. start. On Saturday, Montclair comes to town for an 11 a.m. game. Next Monday, the team visits St. Joseph of Montvale, and on Wednesday, April 15, Bergen Catholic of Oradell visits. Both of those games also start at 4 p.m.

edings for the Greater Newark Tournament (GNT) will be determined in a meeting next Monday.

Last week, Belleville opened the season with a 10-0 setback against Ridgewood, then lost a 7-3 decision at Columbia of Maplewood.

"It was night and day as far as our performances in those two games," Sorce said. "We didn't do Their pitcher threw a perfect game at us. Anything that could go wrong in that game, did. Last Sat-

urday, I thought we played very well against Columbia. That game gave me a lot more optimism about what we're capable of doing this

Against Columbia, Belleville got a well-pitched game from Joe O'Donnell. In six innings of work, the junior scattered six hits while striking out seven and walking

"I was very pleased with Joe's performance," Sorce said. "He threw strikes and mixed his pitches well against a good team in

The game was scoreless until Belleville scored three in the top of and Wayne Gretzky played in In addition to a busy schedule, the fifth. Columbia came back to Edmonton. tie it in the last of the fifth, then won it in the bottom of the seventh with a two-out, walk-off, grand slam home run.

"It was a very good ball game," Sorce said. "You have to credit the Columbia kid for hitting a good pitch off of Steve Rovell. Steve did a very good job coming out of the bullpen and threw a good pitch anything right against Ridgewood. on the homer. Their kid went and

Board president will honor baseball umpire Cuzzi

Joseph Longo, president of the tion, Florida State League and the daughter's education as well as the Belleville Board of Education has announced that the Wall of Recognition Committee has chosen Phil Cuzzi as the 2009 Wall of Recog-

nition Recipient.

Phil Cuzzi is a native of Belleville, and a 1973 graduate of Belleville High School. While at Belleville High School, he played baseball and football. Cuzzi is presently employed as a Major League Baseball umpire. His long and winding road to the major leagues began in 1982 when he attended umpiring school. Following umpiring school, he began his professional career in the minor leagues working in the New York-Penn League, Carolina League, South Atlantic League, Southern League, Triple-A Alliance, International League, American Associa-

Eastern League.

In 1999 he joined the majors. Most notably, he worked the 2003-04 National League Division Series and the 2005 National League Championship Series. He was also the home plate umpire for Bud Smith's no hitter on September 3, 2001. He has the distinction of having umpired last year's allstar game at Yankee Stadium. This season he will umpire the opening Yankee game.

Outside of his professional responsibilities, Cuzzi participates in community work as a member of the Italian Fiorenti Club and is involved with the ALS Association, which is working toward a cure for Lou Gerhig's disease. He started the Robert Luongo ALS Fund in 2003, raising funds for Luongo's

ALS Association. He is a deeply religious man with a strong commitment to family.

He and his wife Gilda reside in New Jersey. If there is ever someone who worked his way through the ranks, it's Phil Cuzzi. He could have quit on numerous occasions but he hung in there and achieved his dream.

Phil Cuzzi's can do attitude impressive philanthropic efforts and commitment to his family, friends and community qualify him for this honor.

The Belleville Board of Education Foundation is planning a reception and public recognition program on May 20.

For ticket information, please contact Dr. Anthony Novembre at eduex1@verizon.net.

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Tiffany Deeubol of Belleville is a member of the 2009 Felician College softball team. Deeubol, a redshirt freshman third baseman, has appeared in 16 games, starting eight. She is batting .200 with a home run and three RBI. The Golden Falcons are a member of the Division II Central Athletic Collegiate Conference. Deeubol is a 2007 graduate of Belleville High School.

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Titans to play in **Newark Saturday**

On April 11 at 7:30 p.m., the New York Titans of the National Lacrosse League (NLL) will host the Buffalo Bandits at the Prudential Center in Newark for Essex County Night.

To introduce the community to lacrosse, children under the age of 12 will receive free admission, and discounts will be available for adult admission.

addition, the announced they will work with local school districts and recreation programs to develop lacrosse camps and clinics in areas where the sport is not popular. The team will also have a limited number of summer internships available for area youth.

The Titans are tied for second place in the NLL East Division, and have clinched a playoff spot.

BUC SHOTS

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Passaic Valley, Passaic, Clifton, Glen Ridge, Verona, Cedar Grove, Caldwell, South Orange, Newark and East Orange have either allweather tracks, or decent cinder

And this isn't just about the high school track team. A community track would do wonders for people of all ages to walk, or run on. In that far away land known as Nutley, people are constantly on the track, getting in some exercise.

So again, congratulations to the township leaders on this one. While you weren't there when this disaster began in 1986, you're here now.

Everyone likes to say it's all about the kids. Well, take a look at the track team and you'll see what this township thinks of some of its

In the classic movie 'Field of Dreams', there is a line that says "Build it, and they will come."

In Belleville, when it comes to track, the mantra is "Ignore it, and it will go away." That concept has worked for nearly 25 years.

BASEBALL

Kris Bosea led Belleville with three hits, while Shawn Gonzalez had two. Chris Judge had an RBI double in the fifth inning and Juan Lisojo did a good job behind the plate, throwing out two runners

that often accompanies early April is already playing havoc with Belleville's schedule.

Its game last Friday against Nutley was postponed and the early

prognosis for this week wasn't promising, either, as rain was in the

"We have a busy schedule of games this week, which I'm hoping we'll get in," Sorce said. "I was planning on using Judge in the Bloomfield game, then going with Gerard Smallstey, Irving Pena and then O'Donnell in (today's) game against Kearny. But with the possibility of more cancellations, I might have to make some adjustments in the rotation. We need to get some wins, so by the GNT seeding meeting on Monday, we could be on better position for a seed."

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attempting to steal. The less-than-desirable weather



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"We found that not to be man-

ageable," he said.

As part of gaining "high performing" status, the district had to approve 27 different curriculum guides, Persi said.

School board member Arlene Schor has been a member of the board's curriculum committee for several years. She said, "There were times when we would have loved to expedite the curriculum guides, but we would not have been doing our jobs if we didn't carefully go over everything and read everything carefully."

Schor said there were problems with formats, mapping and adhering to the federal No Child Left

Behind mandates.

"We had to ask for modifications to meet the standards and guidelines," Schor said. "I thank Before QSAC, the old system the administration for the patience

meetings. Belleville was selected as one of six districts to be reviewed during the 2007-08 school year under QSAC as the new program was being tested before being used at all districts.

Persi previously cited examples

of areas that needed improvement,

like with lesson plans, the expan-

sion of the Gifted and Talented

program to grades kindergarten

through three, and the need for

agendas for all administrators'

we have succeeded.

According to the letter from Thomas Dowd, then the interim county superintendent of schools, QSAC is different from the previous quality assessment reports done. A Self Assessment Committee, under the charge of the superintendent, was established to review indicators in the five areas, he said. The committee members are then asked to rate the district's performance in those areas.

Also, officials said it is important to note that the report will be available to the public on the Internet after it receives full approval from the state Commissioner of Educa-

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blanks," he said.

Mayor Raymond Kimble said he is worried that there are more than 100 homes possibly eligible.

"My concern is that I don't want to stop any progress, and if this list is from 1986, we need to see if many of these homes still qualify," Kimble said.

Frantantoni said he agreed that, for example, any home that has updated with aluminum siding would no longer be eligible, but many homes are well more than a century old.

Kimble also said he does not want to cause a stir with residents who may think the township is coming in and telling them they have to accept a historic designa-

"What if I don't my house involved?" Kimble asked.

Frantantoni said he agreed that while letters will be sent to public buildings like schools, a letter should be sent to homeowners clearly stating that they are under no obligation to participate in the process.

"We should send a letter so that they don't complain, before we start getting static," Frantantoni said. "That way we will get all the arrows thrown at us for good and bad, and people can make their decisions. If people voluntarily agree, we don't have to hold a public hearing. People can come forward before we do anything offi-

He said a notice in the newspaper would help draw out those who may be interested.

"If they want to be involved, we are ready, willing and able," Frantantoni said.

The ordinance states that the commission should include some members with architectural and historic preservation expertise, and they need not be residents if they have such technical knowledge, Frantantoni said.

First Ward Councilwoman Marie Strumolo Burke said there are sites in Silver Lake in her ward that should qualify, and lamented the demolition of a stone house on

North Belmont Street that was torn down and the decorative field stone design lost forever.

At-Large Councilman Michael Nicosia said the commission should "prioritize the historical significance" of sites. He said he was concerned that anyone whose home is designated has to comply as closely as possible with the original architecture. "It becomes very expensive to renovate," Nicosia said. "We don't want to just designate them all."

Frantantoni said homeowners may be eligible for grant money to help renovate the structures closeat least "keep the original footprint."

Second Ward Councilman Steve Rovell said he agreed with Nicosia that "we don't want to place a financial burden on any-

Murphy attended the most recent meeting of the historic commission and called the plan "a kind of ambitious undertaking" that must be handled so homeowners don't think they're being compelled to cooperate.

"Î'd be alarmed if the government told me my property was classified," he said, especially in the present economic downturn, "where taxpayers have been beaten up. It might provide an impediment to renovation or sale of a home. We must be clear that this is strictly voluntary."

Murphy said people must really to their original forms, and must ize that the township has a rich Revolutionary War history, so if people don't want to surrender their homes to the government, they don't have to do so.

Kimble ended the discussion, saying the commission should "rework the letters, send them out, Township Attorney Thomas and let's see what happens."

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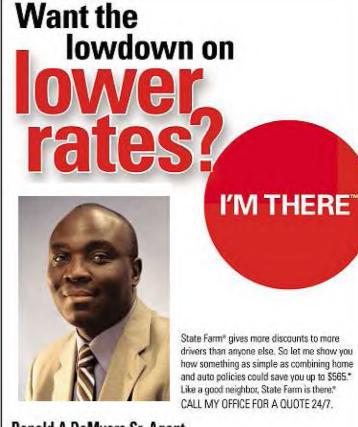
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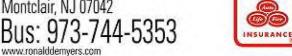




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Funding sought for Union/Holmes signal

BY RICHARD DICKON of Belleville Times

township council addressed many issues, including funding for a new traffic light, accepting a free truck, officially taking more than \$36,000 from Department of Environmental the state to help clean the townan advisory council, all at the March 24 public meeting.

■ The council resolved to authorize applying for additional cials said. money for a traffic signal at the intersection of Union Avenue and that continues the council's Holmes Street.

The township had already sub-Now, the township is submitting an application for the traffic signal because officials said it would vastly improve safety for pedestrian and vehicular traffic in the area. Township Engineer Thomas Herits will complete and submit the application and then await word on whether the application is approved, according to officials.

■ Next, the township has to resolve to accept a 2009 Ford F-350 truck from the Essex County Sheriff's Office of Homeland Security at no cost to the township. The vehicle is to be used for towing the township's Rapid Deployment portable pole light trailer and res- 2013, while Barbara Lozaw is cue boat, officials said.

The resolution states that the the same length. Sheriff's Office of Homeland

Security is in charge of the management of annual grant funding awarded to the county by the federal Department of Homeland Security.

Protection that the township is ship, and appointing members to entitled to receive \$36,529 from the Clean Communities Program. That program helps fund projects that beautify the township, offi-

■ In a housekeeping move attempt to install a turf field at Municipal Stadium, the council mitted 12 applications for Com- approved an application to the munity Development Block Essex County Recreation and Grant funding last December. Open Space Trust Fund 2009 Open Space Local Aid Program. Township officials have said they are hoping for grant money in the hundreds of thousands of dollars as part of the collection of grant money from several sources, all to fund the project.

■ Finally, five residents have been appointed as members of the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Advisory Council for varying lengths of time.

Carlos Marzan will fill an unexpired term, which ends on June 30, 2012. George Krusznis fills an unexpired term of the same length. David Harris fills an Team trailer, unexpired term ending June 30, appointed to an unexpired term of



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NEW MEMBER

The Suburban Essex Chamber of Commerce welcomes Robert Pineiro Tax & Accounting Services to the chamber and community. The business is located on 280 Washington Ave. in Belleville, Pictured, from left, are James Galione, SECC lead trustee; Rami Attieh, agent, State Farm Insurance Cos.; Greg Marsden, Eagle Rock Promotions; Carlos Medina, accountant; Dee Frias, The Provident Bank; Nora and Madison Pineiro; George Rupp, LPL Financial/Rupp Financial Services LLC; Robert Pineiro, accountant and owner; John Hilcher, accountant; Celeste Federico, Belleville Times, Nutley Sun; the Rev. Paul Walker, Christ Episcopal Church; Frank Marmo, Yerg Printing /Accounting Supplies.

MILESTONE

Council notes resident's contributions

BY RICHARD DICKON

of Belleville Times

The name George Lynch has been synonymous with public service in Belleville for more than a half century. Recently, the Belleville Township Council recognized his years of accomplishments with a resolution.

Officials talked about Lynch's life in Belleville and the many areas where he is contributed to making his hometown a better place.

The honor came on the occasion of his 80th birthday, celebrated in January and recognized recently by the governing body.

Lynch is a lifelong resident of

German Hospital in Newark on Jan. 29, 1929, and raised on Walnut Street in Belleville, according to officials.

He was described as "a devoted husband to his loving wife, Mary Lou." The couple has six children, including George, Billy, Jimmy, John, Patty and Kathy, who have given them many grandchildren. Officials said the couple "shower [their grandchildren] with endless love and joy."

Lynch enjoyed a distinguished career with the company ADT, retiring in the 1990s after 44 years and happiness." of service, according to officials.

He has been a member of the

Belleville. He was born in the old Knights of Columbus Council No. 835 for more than 45 years. He has also been a member of police and fire organizations, and has maintained his interest in his heritage by being a founding member, treasurer and trustee of the Belleville Irish American Association, officials

> The Knights recognized Lynch's birthday at a Feb. 7 celebration.

The council stated it "wishes to share in his celebration and thus extends to George Lynch its best wishes on this momentous occasion and wishes him good health

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OBITUARIES

Winifred Graham

Winifred Graham, 88, of Belleville died Saturday, March 28, 2009 at Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge.

Born in Wallsend On Tyne, England, she lived in Belleville for over 60 years. Ms. Graham was a direct marketing research analyst for Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, N.J.

She is survived by her nephew Robert W. Patterson. All services are private.

Phyllis Agresta

Phyllis (nee DiModica) Agresta, 87, passed away on Friday, March 27, 2009 at the Shore Memorial Hospital Somers Point, N.J. The funeral was conducted from the Biondi Funeral Home of Nutley, 540 Franklin Ave., on Thursday, April 2 at 9:15 a.m. There was a funeral Mass in her memory that was held at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Belleville. The interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington. Visitation was Wednesday, April 1. For directions or to send online condolences, please visit our Web site at www.biondifuneralhome.com.

Phyllis was born in Belleville and resided there until moving to the South Fla. area 36 years ago. Phyllis is survived by her loving daughter Joanna Faiola; her brother James DiModica and her sister Mary Cocoziello. She is prede-William Agresta.

Emmanuel Sadaya Mata

Emmanuel Sadaya Mata, 65, from Belleville died on March 30 at Hospice on New Jersey in

He was born in Cebu, Philippines. He resided in Belleville since 2003. He was a security guard at the Lincoln Park Subacute Rehabilitation Center in Lincoln Park for four years, becoming disabled in September, 2008.

He graduated in 1965 from University of San Carlos, Philippines with a bachelor's of science degree in mechanical engineering. Mr. Mata was a parishioner at Holy Family Church, Nutley for many years. Emmanual came to the U.S. in 1995 residing in Bloomfield, Cedar Grove, and Belleville to pre-

From the early 1970's through the 1990's, Mr. Mata was a standout professional short stop recruited by the RP Team, a member team of the Philippine National Baseball League. Additionally, Mr. Mata was employed by the Philippine Government, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Department of Col-

Mrs. Emmalynne Bontuyan is his daughter, and Earl John, Ellery Mark and Egan Jase Mata are his sons. His parents are Mrs. Adela Mata and the late Juan P. Mata. His sisters are Melinda Alipe, Rosario Dave, Maria Luisa Nacorceased by her beloved husband da, Camila Mata and Norma

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Besas. He has four grandchildren. The funeral home is Irvine-Cozzarelli Memorial Home, P.A., Belleville. The services were Friday, April 3, 2009 at Holy Family Church, Nutley. Msgr. Paul Cutler), 82, of Belleville died Bochicchio, Pastor was the offici- peacefully at her residence on

ating clergy.

The cremation was at Rosedale Crematory in Orange.

Millicent Lillian Micchelli

Millicent Lillian Micchelli (nee

Tuesday, March 31, 2009.

chelli was held Saturday evening, April 4 at the Irvine-Cozzarelli Memorial Home, P.A., 276 Washington Ave., Belleville (www.irvinecozzarelli.com or 973-759-1114). Cremation was private at the request of the family. Visiting was on Saturday afternoon and

Millicent was born in Belleville A funeral service for Mrs. Mic- and was a lifelong resident of the community. She was employed as an assistant cook at the Belleville Middle School for 38 years. Millicent was a devoted volunteer of 10 years at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. She can be best described as a person with a strong work ethic, a firm will and love and devotion for her family.

Millicent was the wife of the late Gabriel J. Micchelli, mother of Gabriel and his wife Valerie, Linda and Jo-Ann, and grandmother of

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Jesus was willing to pay the price so that we all can receive forgiveness from sin. We need to be forever grateful that Jesus paid our debt in full. There is no charge and never will be a charge for deliverance from sin because Jesus has paid the bill in full. His love for us led Him to pay the price for us through His

O.A.T.S. Christian Assembly

WORSHIP BRIEFS

Wesley United Methodist Church

Good Friday Service On Good Friday, April 10 at noon, the church will host the 'Belleville Clergy Alliance' Special Service for all communities. The theme of this service is the "Seven Last Words of Christ." The 'Belleville Clergy Alliance' is a group of clergy from the various denominations within the Township that have services on special holidays.

Refreshments and fellowship will follow. Call the church office if you have any questions at 973-751-2741, if no one answers leave a message and someone will return your call.

Welsy United Methodist Church is located at 225 Washington Ave., Belleville, across from the Belleville Public Library.

Bethany Lutheran Church

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 half (please enter via the

ping-pong, games, activities and special practice is held at Bethany refreshments. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

Sunday Afternoons with Iglesia Luterana

The Lutheran Latino service, Bethany Lutheran Church is a 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 Fri-

Worship services

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

Healing prayers

Bethany Lutheran Church administers healing oil to all interested are welcome. worshippers during prayers follow-New Street door). There will be ingeach worship service. This brief,

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.

"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 Church has a service every Sunday at 11 a.m.

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

Holy Family Church

Rosary Society
The Rosary Society recites the Pastor Nancy S. Moore of Rosary after the 8:45 a.m. Mass on the first Saturday of the month. All

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RELIGION

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

Christ Episcopal Church

Local food drive

Christ Church has announced a food drive to replenish and restock the pantry of The Mary and Martha Soup Kitchen. Gifts of non-perishable items are needed to keep up with the demands of

the soup kitchen which now serves meals each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. Individuals and organizations wishing to make contributions of canned goods or financial gifts are asked to contact the parish at 973-751-0616. Volunteers are also always needed to maintain the soup kitchen's ongoing operations. Persons wishing to volunteer are asked to phone the parish.

Triduum observances

Christ Church has announced its schedule of services for the observance of the Triduum or "Three Days." One giant piece of liturgical drama in three acts, each separated by twenty-four hours for prayer and meditation, the liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Great Vigil of Easter retell the great Paschal mystery, and form the very core of the Christian faith. All of the other services of the church's calendar find their core in these three services.

The Proper Liturgy for Maundy Thursday with the Ceremony of Footwashing and the Stripping of the Altar will be offered on Thursday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. From this time until the following evening the Sacrament will be reserved at the Altar of Repose in the Lady Chapel. A prayer vigil will be held throughout the night and continue through the twenty-four hours until the Liturgy of Good Friday.

The Proper Liturgy of Good Friday, with the chanting of the Passion of St. John and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament, will be held on Friday, April 10 at 7:30

One of the most ancient services of the church, The Great Vigil of Easter will be celebrated on Saturday, April 11 beginning at 8 p.m. The Vigil will conclude with the first Mass of Easter, celebrated by the Vicar Of Christ Church, The Rev'd Paul Walker.

April distribution day

The Care Closet, an outreach program of Christ Episcopal Church, has announced its April distribution day for Monday, April

27, beginning at 3:00 p.m. until all & of the supplies are exhausted.

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

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



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Tickets on sale for tea

There will be a Margery Lordi's
Friends of the Library Park ∃at the Belleville Public Library and ∃Information Center on Sunday, May 3. Tickets went on sale at the ☐ Circulation Desk of the Library on

Monday, April 6 for Tea. Call the Circulation Desk at 973-450-3434 for information.

National library week ₹2009 activities

National Library Week, starting week of the year at the Belleville place.

Public Library and Information

Monday, April 13 at 7 p.m. there will be a "International Dance Party." This is a concert for children by selected members of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra.

On Tuesday, April 14 at noon there will be an Annual Luncheon for Library volunteers followed by a performance by juggler Jen Slaw at 1 p.m. This is for invited guests

On Friday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m., ₹this year on April 13, is the busiest a taste of Belleville will be taking

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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 library on the last Tuesday of every towards community Snacks are served, too!

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Register at the Teen Center or call 973-450-3434.

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Open Mic Night

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The Belleville Public Library is located at 221 Washington Ave., Belleville. Hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. further information call 973-450-

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AREA EVENTS

HAPPENING THIS WEEK...

AARP Tax-AIDE service day, at the Newark Public Library, 5 Washington St., Thursday, April 9 (Auditorium), from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS...

Belleville School Number Seven's Annual Tricky Tray Una Bella Notte in Italia Wednesday May 6 at The Brownstone, 351 West Broadway, Paterson, New Jersey 07522 (Handicapped accessible). Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission tickets are \$35 and include a full dinner and one sheet of regular tickets. No tickets sold at the door. For more information and tickets contact Cindy Sica at 973-844-0576 or JoAnn Manning at 973-715-3429.

Traveling Friends, Inc., will host several events throughout April, including a dinner and the show "Behold the Lamb" on Thursday, April 16. The dinner takes place at Shady Maple Smorgasbord in Lancaster County, Penn. The show takes place at the Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre, Lancaster, Penn. Bus leaves Nutley at 7 a.m. and Bloomfield at 7:15 a.m. Another event includes a three-hour cruise around Manhattan and an afternoon touring the new Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum on Saturday, April 25. The bus leaves Bloomfield at 8:45 a.m. and Nutley at 9 a.m.

There will be a trip to Peddler's Village in Lahaska, Pa., and shopping in Flemington Saturday, May 2. Peddler's Village in Lahaska, Pa. every spring hosts a Strawberry Festival. You can buy berry treats and shop at specialty shops. Across the road in Penn's Purchase, a factory outlet village. We'll spend the afternoon at Flemington's Liberty Village Factory Outlets. The bus leaves Bloomfield at 8 a.m. The price is \$44 per person.

There will be a Cranbury Inn Dinner Theatre & Historic Princeton event on Saturday, May 9. The Cranbury Inn, in Cranbury, N.J. boasts historic charm and state-of-the-art technology for its dinner theatre shows. The group will see "True Jersey," a wildy funny revue about the Garden State, while a meal is enjoyed. The group will also take a walking tour of nearby Princeton. The bus leaves Bloomfield at 9:15 a.m.

For more information, call Traveling Friends at 973-748-6406.

Mohegan Sun Casino bus trip, will take place April 26 at 9 a.m. The departure will be from Nutley, with a free buffet at casino, and \$10 back in return. There will be six hours of gambling. Call Marie at 973-2560499 for more information.

"9-5" Broadway play, on May 7 at 8 p.m. This is a showmusical/comedy. Orchestra seats are \$110 per person for the Mezzanine seats. Seats are \$99 per person, this includes bus transportation. Call Marie at 973 256-0499.

"Rock of ages" Broadway play, on May 14. This is an 8 p.m. show. Bus transportation and Orchestra ticket is \$99 per person. Call Marie at 973-256-0499 for more information.

South Pacific Broadway play, on June 4. This is an 8 p.m. show. Orchestra seats and bus transportation is \$145 per person. Call Marie for more

information at 973-256-0499

Jersey Boys Broadway Play, Sept. 23. This is an 8 p.m. show. Orchestra tickets and bus transportation \$99 per person. Call Marie at 973-256-0499.

"All you Can Eat Breakfast," The Belleville Elks Lodge No. 1123 will be holding this monthly breakfast on Sunday, April 19 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Belleville Elks Hall, 254 Washington Ave, Belleville. The menu includes pancakes, French toast, eggs any style, bacon, Taylor ham, potatoes, donuts, juice, coffee and tea. The cost of this breakfast is: adults \$5 children under the age of 10 are \$3, and children under 3 are free. As with all Belleville Elks

functions the public is always invited to join in with them. As a reminder the monthly breakfasts are held on the third Sunday of every month from September until May of every year. If there is three or more inches of snow the breakfast will be canceled.

New show on the Passion Play, with a homage to the 10th anniversary of the Black Jesus controversy. This is a visual homage to Andy Warhol and a stunning crucified savior image by Antonio Masini. This is now on display through April 27.

Artists Nite, hosted by Daniel P. Quinn will be from April 24 and May 22 at 8 p.m. at Trapezio Cafe, Nutley.

An Annual Spring Benefit, will be on Friday June 5. This will take place at Biricchino's Restaurant which is 260 W. 29 St., off 8th Ave. This will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. N.Y.C. Claremont Strings & Ensemble with Vivian Penham, Cellist will be the musical performers after their tour in China. Contact ArtsPRunlimited for more information 973-661-1580 or to RSVP. Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$60 at the door.

The fourth Friday Monthly Artists Nite, this is a cafe and discussion group for artists networking, chat, and planning projects at Trapezio Cafe, Nutley at 8 p.m. Call 973-661-1580 for

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details. This will be at II Trapezio Cafe/Gallery, 120 Franklin Ave., Cafe/Gallery, 120 Franklin Ave., 법(near Harrison St.), Nutley, NJ 된 07110. This event is free.

교 New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners Essex Dinner Meeting, will be April 21. This will take place between 6 to 9 P.M. at the Wilshire Grand Hotel, 350 Pleasant Valley Way, ∰in West Orange. New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners (NJAWBO) Essex ខ្លី provides a forum for networking, Professional development, and education for women business

owners. The program's topic is Profit and Loss Statements and What to Do with Them and will be presented by Alyssa Lebovic, a partner in Keller & Lebovic, CPAs in Fair Lawn; and Brenda Hendrickson, owner of Brenda Hendrickson, CSA in Cedar Grove.

Alyssa and Brenda will lead a discussion to help business owners increase their understanding of the "P&L" statement, and why it is such an important business tool. Drawing upon their decades of professional accounting experience, they will explain how to use the P&L throughout the year to gauge the health of a business, what it's really

revealing about the business, and owners and those interested in how to interpret and act upon the findings to make the best business decisions.

The price for the meeting, which includes the program and a three-course dinner, is \$35 for members and \$45 for nonmembers with advance registration (\$5 more at the door). For reservations, register online at www.whoscoming .com/njawboessex or contact the NJAWBO Essex Hotline at 973-746-4404 (option 3) by April 19. For more information, email donnaslane@balancedenergywork.com.

New Jersey women business

starting a business and all who would like to do business with them are welcomed at meetings of the Essex Chapter of NJAWBO. Every meeting includes ample networking time, and the opportunity for attendees to introduce themselves and talk about who they are and what they do.

Belleville UNICO AC bus ride to the Taj Mahal, on Sunday, April 19. The donation required is \$30, which includes tips. The coin return is \$25 and a \$10 food coupon. A continental breakfast will be at Piano's-formally Hathaway's at 8 a.m. at 36 Broad St. in Bloomfield. The bus leaves

on time at 8:50 a.m. Games and 50/50 will take place on the bus.

The return trip will include sandwiches, refreshments, and a movie. Call to reserve seats at 973-429-2818. To confirm reservation, follow up with a check. There are no last minute cancellations permitted. Checks should be made payable to Belleville Chapter of UNICO National. Mail checks to Manny Alfano, 97 Irving Terr., Bloomfield, 07003.

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.

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.

Taste of Belleville: Tickets for Taste of Belleville 2009 will be available Friday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are just \$10 for each ticket to the most delicious evening of the year, an evening filled with good food, wine, and music. Restaurants who have donated their food in the past include American Bistro and Nanina's in the Park. Space is limited.

REUNIONS...

Reunion, Garfield High School, New Jersey class of 1954 will hold its 55th reunion in September 2009, and is searching for fifteen classmates. If you have not been contacted, please call rjmonte@optonline. net or 973-720-9544.

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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.

SUPPORT GROUPS...

The Parkinson Support Group of North Jersey will be meeting on Saturday April 11 at 10 a.m. The meeting is to be held in the Private Dining Room of Mountainside Hospital, Bay Ave., Montclair, N.J. Valet parking is available.

The April meeting will be a rap session. Richard Schmidt, the N.J. representative for the Parkinson's Action Network in Washington will be in attendance to give the group an update on the National Organization, and the Parkinson Unity Walk on April 15. Refreshments will be served. This support group has an Exercise Group and a Caregivers Group. For more information, call Tom McKay at 973-694-2759 or e-mail parkywil@aol.com.



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Caregiver Helpline at 1-800-883-1180.

We Are Unwritten, a support group for teens with OCD (Obsessive Compulsive Disorder) meets on the first Sunday of every month at the Women's Club of Glen Ridge, 219 Ridgewood Ave., Glen Ridge, at

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY,
CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY,
DOCKET NO. @F1010506
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE
FOR THE MLMI TRUST SERIES 2006WMC-1 Plaintiff
-VS-

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-VsWILLIAM BARBOUR, III Defendants
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AND SATISFACTION OF THE MORTGAGE
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SURPLUS, OR ANY PART THEREOF, MAY
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RULES 4:64-3 AND EXTENT OF THAT PERSON'S CLAIM AND ASKING FOR AN ORDER DIRECTING PAYMENT OF THE SURPLUS MONEY. THE SHERIFF OR OTHER
PERSON CONDUCTING THE SALE WILL
HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE
SURPLUS, IF ANY.
The approximate amount of the Judgment to
S260,052.63, together with the costs of this

be satisfied by said sale is the sum of \$260,052.63, together with the costs of this

\$260,052.63, togerner with the costs of this sale.
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Newark, N.J. February 13, 2009
Armando B. Fontoura, Sheriff
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1-908-233-8500, FCZ-76977
Belleville Times 2564771
Fee \$93.52
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2009

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 09000976
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY,
CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY,
DOCKET NO. @F594207
INDYMAC BANK, FSB Plaintiff

CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY, DOCKET NO. @F594207
INDYMAC BANK, FSB Plaintiff
-vsLLOYD HILLMAN Defendants
Execution for Sale of Mortgaged Premises
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(Prevailing Time)
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SURPLUS, OR ANY PART THEREOF, MAY
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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 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
\$302,161.59, together with the costs of this
sale.
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sale from time to time as provided by Law.

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SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 09000457
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY,
CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY,
DOCKET NO. F1291308
CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff

SANTOS ABREU Defendants
Execution for Sale of Mortgaged Premises
By virtue of the above stated writ of Execution, to me directed, I shall expose for sale
by Public Auction in SHERIFF'S OFFICE,
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Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at one-thirty P.M.
(Prevailing Time)

Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at one-thirty P.M. (Prevailing Time)
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EAREST CROSS STREET: BLOOMFIELD

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be satisfied by said sale is the sum of \$448,564.33, together with the costs of this

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Newark, N.J. February 11, 2009
Armando B. Fontoura, Sheriff
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Belleville Times 2557708 Fee \$91.80 March 26; April 2, 9, 2009

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFFS FILE NO. 009000877
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY.
CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY,
DOCKET NO. F2600907
AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC
Plaintiff
-VS-

-vs-ALVARO B. VARGAS, HIS HEIRS,

Plaintiff

-vs.

ALVARO B. VARGAS, HIS HEIRS,
Defendants
Execution for Sale of Mortgaged Premises
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Essex County Courts Building in Newark, on
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NEAREST CROSS STREET:
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SURPLUS, IF ANY.

The approximate amount of the Judgment to
be satisfied by said sale is the sum of
\$424,702.55, together with the costs of this
sale.

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sale from time to time as provided by Law.

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Newark. N.J. February 11, 2009
Armando B. Fontoura, Sheriff
ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN,
ATTORNEY(S)
1-908-233-8500
XCZ-91573

Belleville Times 2559273 Fee \$94.88 March 26; April 2, 9, 16, 2009

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NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THAT ON MAY 7th, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. a public hearing will be held by the Township of Belleville Zoning Board of Adjustment in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, 152 Washington Avenue, Belleville, New Jersey, on the application of the undersigned to obtain variance approval for construction of a two-story rear addition to the existing one family dwelling located at 47 Belleville Avenue, Block 8605, Lot 11, which is within 200 feet of your property, providing for a 5' side yard on each side of the proposed addition, instead of the required 5' each and total of 14' for both side yards and maximum lot coverage of 44% instead of 30% as well as any other variances deemed necessary by the Board at time of hearing. Maps and documents for which approval is sought in this application are available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Official, Town Hall, 152 Washington Avenue, Belleville, New Jersey, weekdays between 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.
This notice is sent to you by the applicant, by order of the Zoning Board, and when the calendar is called you may appear either in person or by agent, attorney and present any objections which you have to the granting of this application.

Selections william you have to the granting of this application. FAUSTO DELAROSA AND AURA GUERRA Belleville Times 2568410 Fee \$12.03 April 9, 2009

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S FILE NO. 09001600
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY,
CHANCERY DIVISION, ESSEX COUNTY,
DOCKET NO. @F751506
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-vs-RONILTON CORREA

PONILTON CORREA
Defendants
Execution for Sale of Mortgaged Premises
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sale.
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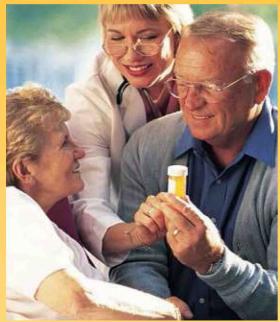
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