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Board of Education meets strong parental protest following teacher transfer

By Maureen Conway

He's a good teacher and we want him to stay at our school, School 4 parents said.

Philip Squatrito, the only male teacher at School 4 is scheduled to be transferred to School 1, and the parents of School 4 children don't like it.

Their discontent was shown by a turnout of over 50 people at the June 30 Belleville Board of Education meeting. Citizens filed the chamber and spilled out into the hallway.

Doreen Sena, one of the many concerned parents, presented the board with a petition to keep Squatrito at the school. It contained the signatures of 120 School 4 parents.

The parents stressed the importance of having such an excellent and well liked teacher as Squatrito and also the importance of having a male role model. School officials declined to comment on the matter.

Squatrito has been employed by the Belleville Board of Education since 1973. He is a 1985 Teacher of the Year.

In other board news, the newly revised \$17.5 million budget was resolved and passed. The two most outstanding cuts in the budget were in Building Improvements and New Equipment.

According to Board President Phil Lufante, the cuts will not adversely affect the schools. All monies for Building Improvements will be used for the Belleville Middle School. The Capital Outlay is basically for the Middle School and no other major improvements are scheduled for any of the other schools.

The Board is currently meeting with an architect for definite plans on the Middle School.

Regarding new equipment, Lufante said that there will be no drastic effect. "We had to trim the budget by a few thousand here and there and that's why we're busy less, for example, audio-visual equipment."

Michael Lally, assistant superintendent of Belleville Schools brought up three points at the meeting. He presented a letter from Doctor Nadel requesting that four School 7 teachers currently involved in peer coaching.

Ms. Hawthorne, Ms. DiLeo, Ms. Follansbee and Ms. Caruso attend a November peer coaching convention in New Brunswick.

According to the letter, the convention will further enhance the professional knowledge of the teachers. Eventually, Lally said, these teachers will be used as a springboard towards spreading the

method throughout the School system.

The board approved 6-1 the high school band's planned trip to Quebec City, Canada, April 30-May 4, 1987. Both the band and the jazz ensemble will perform and be judged at the Quebec City Music Festival. The money for the trip is to be raised by the band and Parent-Teacher Association.

Resignations were accepted last night from band director, Andrew Sobert and high school business teacher, Michael Welsh. Their replacements have not been announced.

Dr. Richard Benninger, Director of Student Personnel Services, was re-elected to his position. Benninger's directorship had previously been a 14-month term, but last night it was recreated to a year-long term.

Later, the board created a new position, that of an assistant gymnastic coach. They are presently seeking applications.

Belleville School Superintendent Michael Nardiello proposed a bi-weekly meeting schedule for the summer. That was unanimously approved.

The next meeting of the Belleville Board of Education is Monday, July 7, at 190 Cortland Street.



Belleville's finest—Awaiting the June 30 swearing-in ceremonies at Belleville Town Hall are (l to r) Capt. Michael Petrillo, Deputy Chief Raymond Kimball, Commissioner of Public Safety Ralph DiRuggiero, Police Chief George Lister, Lieut. Joseph Simonetti and Sgt. Leonard Burrell. (Photo by Jaye Tarantino; more photos on page 16)

BHS students improve in testing

By Daniel Shure

Local ninth-grade students performed better this year on the statewide High School Proficiency Test (HSPT) than their counterparts did on practice-HSPT last year.

The scores of Belleville students rose dramatically and the already higher Bloomfield and Nutley scores increased slightly. This year's freshmen are the first class required to pass HSPT to graduate high school.

In the reading section are 92.9 in Nutley, 91 in Bloomfield and 79.2 in Belleville. Belleville students recorded a mean reading score of 83.6. Bloomfield 85, and Nutley 88.7. The state-set passing grade is 75 for reading.

While a recent Star-Ledger article said that this year's HSPT reading section may have been written on a grade level lower than ninth grade, a Bloomfield school reading specialist denied this.

Percentage of 1986-87 Freshmen Passing HSPT

	Belleville	Nutley	Bloomfield
Reading	79.2	92.9	91
Math	77	84.9	87
Writing	76.2	85.5	78

This year 77.7 percent of Belleville freshmen passed the mathematics section of the three-subject HSPT, up from 37.5 percent last year.

"We feel comfortable with the effort we made, but you can't stop there," said Michael Lally, Belleville assistant superintendent of schools.

In comparison, 87 percent of Bloomfield and 84.9 percent of Nutley freshmen passed the math section. Belleville surpassed Clifton where 71.8 percent passed the math section.

Locally in Nutley, Bloomfield and Belleville more students passed the reading section than the math or writing parts of HSPT, taken in April.

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ing the reading section are 92.9 in Nutley, 91 in Bloomfield and 79.2 in Belleville. Belleville students recorded a mean reading score of 83.6. Bloomfield 85, and Nutley 88.7. The state-set passing grade is 75 for reading.

Last year the readability might have been a little toward the 10th grade level. This year it ranged from eighth to 10th grade, said Adelaide Palmer, supervisor of language arts in Bloomfield.

Palmer said she recently examined several reading samples from HSPT. The measuring standards used by experts quoted in the Star-Ledger article do not always tell the whole story. Their standards deal with length of words, not content.

Palmer said.

On the writing portion Nutley achieved the highest mean score and percentage of students passing. Of Nutley students, 85.5 percent passed, 78 percent passed in Bloomfield and 76 percent in Belleville.

"These are certainly respectable scores. You know the HSPT is a much more challenging test than the MBS," said James Fadule, Nutley superintendent of schools.

MBS or Minimum Basic Skills test was given statewide prior to development of HSPT.

The Belleville assistant superintendent also compared performance on the MBS to HSPT.

Lally said that when the MBS was first administered in 1978, the percentage of students who passed was less than the percentage of students that passed HSPT in Belleville this year.

Bunby 1965 performance had vastly improved. In 1985 94.6 percent of Belleville students passed the reading MBS and 93 percent the math MBS. Lally said this week.

Previously Belleville's curriculum was aligned with the MBS. Lally said it is now geared to emphasize those skills found on HSPT.

A state department of education publication addresses MBS versus HSPT preparation. It explains why students such as Belleville's initially fared poorly on the math section of the practice HSPT last year.

Students achieve much lower scores on the HSPT math test than on the reading and writing portions of the test primarily because the math curriculum of many local districts

are not properly aligned with the skills measured by the HSPT. "Since 1978, many schools have concentrated on teaching the MBS test skills, especially computation, rather than on teaching students how to apply these skills in solving problems," the publication said.

Nutley Superintendent Fadule said, "Essentially, the state of New Jersey is saying that the HSPT test embodies a body of knowledge, information and skills which must be mastered by a youngster in order to become a productive member of our society."

Commissioner wants road signs changed to prevent ambush

Road signs are intended to help motorists, to get them from point A to point B quickly, easily—and most of all—safely. To that end, there are signs which alert a driver to every conceivable road hazard, from slippery bridges to falling rocks.

However, one hazard—one which exists precariously close to Belleville's border—was never foreseen by transportation planners: the hazard of ambush.

No signs exist to warn drivers that down the road there is a good chance they will be "headed off at the pass" and cut off from behind by a carload of criminals who will beat them, rob them, and steal their vehicle.

Instead, Belleville has signs which literally play into the hands of modern-day highwaymen: signs which direct unsuspecting drivers right into an ambush trap.

Last month, three Bergen County residents came into the area via the Mill Street exit off Route 21. Returning home later in the evening, the trio took the same route.

believing that Mill Street would take them right back to Route 21.

But the signs directed them into Newark, past crime-ridden housing projects near Grafton Avenue, seven blocks over the line. A few yards before the Route 21 access ramp, they were cut off from the front and rear by victims in stolen cars. Like other victims in recent months, they were beaten and robbed.

Following the tragic incident, a June 19 Belleville Times editorial entitled "Urban Ambush" strongly urged the township to change the signs, so that Route 21 traffic would be redirected to the Main Street access ramps, safely within the township.

Commissioner of Public Safety Ralph DiRuggiero told the Times that changing the signs is a good idea.

"I agree," DiRuggiero said, "I think it's getting a little nasty down there. I certainly wouldn't go that way and I wouldn't recommend people going that way either."

The commissioner said that he's taking action to change the signs.

"I'm asking the chief to send a letter to the state notifying them of our intent to change the signs," he said, adding that, "we'll try to have the signs changed within the next few weeks."

In the meantime, the public safety commissioner continued, "we encourage residents to use the Main Street ramps, and to make sure visitors do the same."

DiRuggiero said the "Urban Ambush" editorial was positive and constructive, and that it alerted him to the seriousness of the problem.

"It's good that the paper is taking an interest in building the township up," the commissioner said.

Conrail crossing repairs—

A seven-year-long struggle?

By Christopher Bilani

Belleville's railroad tracks and 11 crossings east of Washington Avenue are in serious need of repair, township officials agree. Littered, dilapidated tracks and bumpy, frame-shaking crossings make for a physical barrier between the Valley district and the rest of town.

Most of the crossings are heavily traveled. Township residents must pass over the tracks to frequent the shopping center on Main Street and to get onto Route

21. Industrial and commercial vehicles also cross the tracks constantly, and their heavier weight is further eroding the crossings.

"We've been trying to get Conrail to make them smoother," Belleville Mayor Michael Majotti told the Times. "But so far we haven't accomplished anything."

The problem, it seems, is the formidable Conrail bureaucracy and the difficulty municipalities have in dealing with it.

In nearby Bergen County, the Boro of Bergenfield recently had

all of their railroad crossings repaired. Bergenfield is a municipality about the same size as Belleville. Coincidentally, their railroad crossings also run parallel to their main drag a block away. Their main drag is a Washington Avenue, too.

"A year and a half ago all five of our crossings were completely reconstructed," said Louis Goettling, Bergenfield's Town Clerk, "but we had to go to court first."

Beginning with the hearings, which took place in 1978 and (Continued on page 3)

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BELLEVILLE briefly...

Bifani promoted to editor

Belleville Times Publisher Frank Orechio has promoted Christopher Bifani to the position of editor.

Bifani, who has been a Belleville Times reporter since March, previously wrote for several Bergen County and New York City publications.

A former editor-in-chief of The Gothic Times at Jersey City

State College, Bifani hails from Hackensack.

"The Belleville Times is already the comprehensive source of information for the citizens and businesses of Belleville," Bifani said. "With the help of the entire staff, I look forward to making it even better."

Bifani is presently seeking an apartment in Belleville.

Crown Chevrolet awards free Pocono vacation

Antoinette Andreottola was the winner of Crown Chevrolet's free weekend for two at Mount Airy Lodge in the Poconos. The drawing for the weekend was open to anyone who visited Crown Chevrolet in Belleville between June 1st and 19th. Del DeMontreux, WHN radio personality, was present at Crown on the June 19 to draw the name of the winner.

Ms. Andreottola came to Crown with her daughter hoping

to win tickets to a Mets game or even a Mets umbrella. When all the prizes had been awarded, except for the grand prize, she was sure she'd missed her opportunity — so sure, that when her name was called, she had no idea what her prize was.

Ms. Andreottola, who is a Newark resident and is employed by Plastic Real Corp. in Lyndhurst, says it is the first time she has ever won anything.



Statue of Liberty contest winners

Winners in the Statue of Liberty Trivia Contest, sponsored by the Belleville Public Library have been announced. They are Chris Heaney, Louis Messano, and Heather Kane, first, second, and third place winners respectively. First place winners that were tied with scores of 100 on the staff of the Belleville Public Library were Lorraine Kimmel, Shirley Leardo, and Kathleen Mallica, as part of the Staff Contest.

Adrea Cohen, Assistant Library Director prepared the quiz. The answers were only available to her. Each winner will receive a book on the Statue of Liberty and a Certificate from the Library.

Senator Orechio introduces new legislation to clean up Belleville toxic waste site

Senator Carmen Orechio has introduced a bill which will appropriate \$250,000 to the Department of Environmental Protection for the continued cleanup of hazardous substances at the Organic Inorganic Chemical Corporation site in Belleville.

The Senator also stated that the 1987 budget passed by the Senate last week included the Belleville appropriation.

In 1983 Senator Orechio sponsored a similar bill which was passed by the Legislature on an emergency basis and signed by the Governor to fund initial cleanup activities when the incident first occurred. The original bill also provided \$250,000.

"This bill represents a continued commitment to assure that this area is cleared of any toxic hazards and will assist in funding this process," Senator Orechio said.

Summer art in bloom at library

On exhibit during the month of July, 1986, are the oils, watercolors, and charcoal of Martha Frasco of Belleville. She first became interested in art when living in Rochester and accompanying a little girl to her art class. She also attended adult education classes for watercolors in Belleville.

Originally from Irvington, Martha is a former member of the Irvington Art Association. In 1985 she won Honorable Mention in the Belleville Public Library's Art Show.

"I like to paint scenery and flowers," she recently stated. "Painting gives me a great deal of satisfaction in knowing that I have created something myself."

The art of Ann Lulwitz of Passaic is on exhibit this month at the Belleville Public Library, 221 Washington Ave.

Lulwitz, who originally started painting in pastels, has exhibited in numerous outdoor art shows in Lyndhurst, Kearny, the Bergen Mall and the Belleville Public Library.

In addition to her large oils and watercolors, Lulwitz also paints in miniatures. Her works can be viewed in the library's meeting room.

An exhibit of Soft Sculpture by Jean Wallace of the Woman's Club of Belleville will be on exhibit at the Belleville Public Library, 221 Washington Avenue, during library hours on the second floor of the library.

The sketches of Robert Leardi will be on exhibit at the Belleville Public Library, 221 Washington Avenue, during library hours on the second floor of the library.

Clara Maass Medical Center receives insulin pump; a new medical breakthrough

Rose Ann Farina of Newark is the first diabetic patient at Clara Maass Medical Center to receive the mini-med insulin pump, a new medical breakthrough for the treatment of insulin-dependent diabetes.

According to Dr. Venkat Gandhi, an endocrinologist and member of the medical staff at Clara Maass, the mini-med pump is an ideal method of treatment for those patients who have diabetes that is hard to control. Instead of receiving four to five shots of insulin a day, the pump automatically injects the insulin at designated times around the clock.

The pump itself is about the size of a small pocket computer and runs on wristwatch batteries. It has a digital printout, special programming modes and various alarms which will indicate to the patient if the battery is low or if more insulin is needed. The basic function of the pump is to deliver the required meal bolus, the dose of insulin that is needed at specific

times during the day.

Patients must see their physician periodically to have the pump checked. The pump can hold a maximum of three millimeters of insulin, enough for two days, which the patient loads into the pump.

In order to become a candidate for the insulin pump, the diabetic must have insulin dependent diabetes. Dr. Gandhi said, "Patients must be motivated and responsible and able to check their blood glucose levels on a regular basis."

Dr. Gandhi, who serves as president of the Essex County Chapter of the American Diabetes Association, conducts periodic seminars on the various breakthroughs in diabetes treatment as well as informational lectures on how to live with the disease.

For information on either the mini-med insulin pump or the diabetes lecture series, contact Dr. Gandhi at 5 Franklin Ave., Belleville, or by calling 759-1111.

Junior Women's Club of Belleville installs officers at annual dinner

The JFWC Juniors Woman's Club of Belleville, a sister organization of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, held its annual installation dinner on June 4 at the San Carlo Restaurant, Lyndhurst.

The Executive Board for the year 1986-87 is as follows: President — Julie Paolella, First Vice President — Debbie Beck, Second Vice President — Cathy Watson.

Third Vice President — Terry Wey, Corresponding Secretary — Chris Monaco, Recording Secretary — Julian Ramus, Education Secretary — Lori Matthews, Audit and Board — Mary Ann Florio.

Club members recently attended the annual State Convention at Great George and received numerous awards. Julie Paolella received first place award for

creative writing. Second place craft awards went to Lillian Kiffin, Michele March, Betty Ann Cozzarelli and Debbie Beck. Chris Monaco was awarded third place for the music department.

Women between the ages of 18 and 35 wishing to find out more about the Belleville Juniors are asked to contact the membership chairperson at 759-1111.

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Flood tunnel hearings do nothing to alleviate local municipal opposition

By Phil White

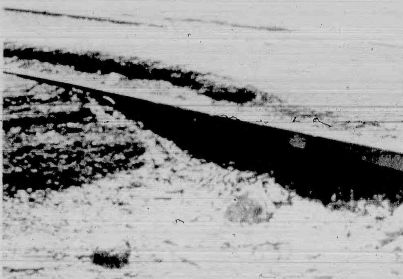


In Belleville's defense — Gabe Nazzola, vice-president of the Concerned Citizens of Belleville, was the township's only representative at state hearings conducted last week on the proposed flood control tunnel. Nazzola said the tunnel would force additional tax increases in Belleville. Seated left are Richard Bixby, tunnel project officer for the Dept. of Environmental Protection and Ezra Bixby of Lovell Associates, financial consultants for the tunnel plan.

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1979, Bergenfield wanted a \$100,000 increase before their crossing were actually started.

Time went through a hearing process before the New Jersey Department of Transportation. Goetting explained. We established that the crossings were unsafe. Conrail was ordered to provide new, rubberized crossings. This rubberized material proved to be very smooth ride.



Rough going — Railroad crossings like this one in Belleville's Valley section damage cars and give a shabby look to surrounding neighborhoods. (Photo by Christopher Bittani)

But Goetting said that although Conrail was ordered to do the work in 1980, they were not ordered to pay for it. This following four long years of living on the money.

The New Jersey Department of Transportation Conrail and federal rail people were all involved in getting the funding — there was no out of pocket expense to Bergenfield, Goetting said.

Once the funds were approved by the state, Bergenfield residents had a while to wait before all of their dilapidated crossings were fixed.

It took until a while from time created about six to eight months. They did various parties at the time. They would shut down two and keep three open, then swap those and work on two more.

It could have been done sooner. Goetting replied. But sometimes the wheels of progress grind slowly. They had these crossings shut down for a minimum of a year.

Goetting added that the 18-month-old rubberized crossings, large metal plates which are believed to be far outlasted, actually seem to be holding up well.

Down the tracks, there is a pair of Belleville may have considerable difficulty in solving its own railroad crossing problems.

The old axiom, "You can't fight city hall" may be amended to: "You city hall can't fight Conrail."

If the giant 13.6 mile flood control tunnel is ever built, Belleville and other communities along the lower basin would not be assessed equally with upstream towns as had been proposed only a week ago.

Following three nights of public hearings, Ezra Bixby, financial consultant to the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection, admitted his original formula of assessing all towns strictly on the basis of taxables was "unfair."

There's no question I'm going to have to go back to the drawing boards on this question, Bixby told the Belleville Times.

It's been clearly demonstrated in the public hearings that we have to look for some way of spreading the payments based on the benefits received.

Only last week Bixby, on behalf of Lovell Associates, submitted a detailed proposal to finance both the construction and maintenance costs of the flood tunnel, assuming the project is actually constructed.

The detailed financial report provided the basis of three public hearings this past week including one in Rutherford last Wednesday which was addressed by several downstream officials including Nutley Mayor Harry Chenoweth, legislators from Lyndhurst and Assemblyman John Kelly. Belleville was not officially represented, although Gabe Nazzola, vice president of the Concerned Citizens of Belleville, did address the meeting.

Bixby in an interview scheduled for this evening on GBC-TV admitted that "the formula that I put in the draft report was a simplistic one — dividing the \$2.7 million dollars representing the non-Federal portion of the tunnel's

construction costs by \$2.2 billion in taxables the total value of the 36 towns bordering the Passaic and Pompton Rivers which produced the assessment of \$12.30 each year for a house worth \$100,000."

Not all communities along the Passaic and Pompton River would share equally in the benefit of a flood tunnel, a fact that was made clear after hours of testimony at last week's hearing. Belleville and other downstream communities would benefit only "from being protected against huge tidal surges including the most severe that occur about once every 100 years, when a hurricane type storm hits the Newark Bay area at the same time of high tide."

Flooding and floodwalls along the Passaic River would also protect Belleville and Nutley from rises in the river level from flood water discharged by the tunnel at its terminus where the Third River empties into the Passaic. Bixby also emphasized that the project included design, construction and maintaining small pumping stations in Belleville which would lift storm water over the floodwalls and into the river.

Clearly, however, most downstream officials say they could care less about tidal surges and ask that the tunnel project itself be scrapped. Belleville Township Commissioners already are on record as unanimously opposed to the tunnel concept.

Nutley Mayor Chenoweth asked the Rutherford hearing to take

the projected \$870 million cost of the tunnel project to state and federal legislators.

Let's ask now whether or not the money for this project are going to be appropriated. If the answer is no, then we're wasting a lot of time and money on continuing to make all these studies. It's already costing us millions," Chenoweth said. He began his remarks by noting he has been in municipal government 38 years "and it was 32 years ago that I attended my first meeting on flood control with the Army Corps of Engineers. The money which is continuously being poured into all of this represents an additional cost on the taxpayer," Chenoweth said.

Bixby's financial report recommends that the State of New Jersey pick up the entire \$250,000,000 non-federal share of the tunnel's construction cost. But the tricky question is how to divide up the tunnel's \$2.7 million annual maintenance cost.

Bixby, however, says he is now convinced that communities like Lincoln Park and Pequannock ought to pay more because those towns would receive a greater benefit from the tunnel than say Belleville or Nutley.

But the issue is more complicated than simply apportioning costs among towns bordering the river. Pequannock officials believe that communities like West Milford and Ringwood, located a considerable distance from the river, also be assessed

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We are not the only ones that think so. Millions of New Jersey residents share our feeling.

Recently Governor Kean nominated Chief Justice Robert Wilentz for another term in office. Almost as soon as the notice hit the press, Chief Justice Wilentz was hit by a haymaker delivered by his home county state senator who practically ordered the chief justice to sit with the state senator, on a one-on-one basis. To issue the call for a one-on-one meeting to interrogate the chief justice was a demeaning action. As a citizen of this great state, we are offended by the audacity of the state senator.

The nomination of Chief Justice Robert Wilentz is subject

to a hearing before the state Senate Judiciary Committee. It is at that time when any question can be asked of the chief justice, even by the arrogant state senator of his home county. But this senator was not satisfied with established procedure — he went out of the way in an attempt to demean and embarrass one of America's outstanding State Chief Justices. From the chief justice, the senator got what he deserved — an emphatic "No!" To Chief Justice Wilentz, we say — well done. To Tom Kean, we say — thank God you had the good sense to renominate Chief Justice Robert Wilentz. From you, Governor, we expected no less. Your ongoing concern for the best in government is demonstrated once again by your support of Chief Justice Robert Wilentz.

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Recently, the whole world, even the countries behind the Iron Curtain, read of Nutley and Belleville, New Jersey. Responsible for their new-found fame is our outstanding corporate citizen, Hoffmann-LaRoche, known fondly to us as HLR. Behind those letters stands a gentleman ten feet tall — its President, Irwin Lerner.

The publicity that comes to HLR was generated by Lerner's disclosure that the U.S. government gave approval to Hoffmann-LaRoche to market a new drug identified as Interferon. This is a miracle drug that either cures or contains certain types of cancer. HLR is one of two American drug companies that were given approval to market Interferon.

Many years of research by HLR scientists went into the production of the product. This required Lerner to commit millions of dollars to develop this life saving vehicle.

HLR has been an outstanding citizen in Belleville. It was responsible for the discovery of Valium and Librium — drugs that have saved millions of lives. Its research facilities and medical science staff are second to none. HLR gives us reason to throw out our chests, hold high our heads and proudly proclaim Belleville as our home. Thank you HLR. Thank you Irwin Lerner. You are responsible for making us feel a little better because we live in the county that HLR calls home.

And then there is 1

Many Belleville residents have stepped up to the microphone at board meetings to question the commissioners on the under-utilization of School 1.

Some want to make it the new Town Hall, others want to make it the police station.

Currently, School 1 houses only the board of education. Some 14 office workers are thinly spread over two floors which could comfortably accommodate dozens. The third floor remains dusty and unused. The basement, with its large multi-purpose room, is used as a scattered storage area.

Because School 1 has an old-fashioned heating system, the entire building must be heated — not just the floors that are occupied. What a waste of taxpayers' money!

Meanwhile, just three blocks away, Town Hall is a bureaucratic sardine can. The police station, clerical offices, and storage areas all suffer from a pathetic lack of space.

Of course citizens want School 1 to be better utilized. Just because the township can't afford a \$10 million municipal complex, it doesn't mean the citizens want their officials working under cramped, inefficient conditions.

As citizens have pointed out,

it wouldn't cost too much money to partition classrooms into office cubicles and maybe give the building a face-lift of landscaping, carpet and whitewash.

The board of education could comfortably occupy one floor. Two floors could be used as a town hall annex, and the basement could provide ample storage for all.

Unlike the municipal annex at 383 Washington Avenue, School 1 is within easy walking distance of Town Hall and the future public works and public safety buildings. Conversion of School 1 to a municipal annex would actually create a "municipal district" of sorts, and serve to continue the revitalization of the Valley.

Later on, as availability of funds dictates, one of School's 1 two stairwells could be gutted and an elevator installed for barrier-free access. Eventually all four municipal buildings could be linked via computers and central switchboard.

We urge the commissioners and board of education to get together on a plan to spruce up and share this wonderful old building, with its stately Romanesque columns and big, airy halls.

For less than the price of one municipal complex, Belleville can have a municipal district!

Concerned Citizens of Belleville in the news

Frantantoni panned...

To the editor:

We thank you for this chance to add to last week's letter. Mr. Frantantoni you originally were for the Town Hall Complex. Then followed all the accusations. First the Complex would be a square modern, then it was a N.Y. firm

even though Frank was raised in Belleville, now living in Nutley. His firm competed with 18 architects before they were chosen.

Then you accused the Commissioners of passing the ordinance illegally. Not so! Read Mr. Golden's column of March 27, 1986.

Mr. Bilani, please allow us to digress from the above to state your editorial "Stick it out" was touching and thoughtful. Hope the young people heed your kind advice.

Sincerely,
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Richlan, Sr.
Division Ave.

...Frantantoni praised

want and need — not what they want.

Getting to our town treasurer, Padula. He said that our revenues are falling down, but he did not mention the taxes coming in from these condos being built in town. I understand that every person who bought a condo is paying approximately \$2000 per year. The condos at Mill Street alone have 138 apartments, let alone all the others in our town. So Mr. Padula don't cry poverty for these commissioners. Report all incomes, not only the expenses.

Our town fathers, residing on School No. 2 on Mill Street, for our senior building, because the board of education did not want to sell it to the town. Well, why didn't we taxpayers vote who should have School No. 2? I am very disappointed with some of our elected commissioners and their attitudes.

Commissioner Joe McGreevey thank

you for seeing it the taxpayers way. We the taxpayers are like elephants. We will never forget.

I have just heard that our bus ride to Ashmun Park is no longer available to us. I am not looking for a free lunch, but what is being done with the amount of money that is in the budget for this affair? I suggest that this money be used for our senior building where we can all enjoy it.

I urge every taxpayer and tenants to join the Concerned Citizen group in Belleville. The committee will need money for use of fighting for all taxpayers.

Thanks again Mr. Victor Frantantoni.

Joe De Labrio
Harrison St.

Frantantoni replies...

To the editor:

I would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Frank Richlan Sr. for writing to the editor to give their opinion on the Town Hall project. I can't understand why they waited six months to do so. I did not know the architect's parents lived in town. But since their letter was published I received phone calls informing me his laws also live in town. Both parents and in laws should be proud of the beautiful building he designed. Unfortunately, he did not realize that the overburdened taxpayers of Belleville could ill afford such a luxury when there are more serious problems requiring our tax dollars.

The Richlans stated the new building will make a difference. How? Will it repair our potholes? Will it replace our curbs? Will it prevent trees from dying all over town? Will it clear up our brown water? Will it get our middle school refurbished? Will it get us competent

management of our tax dollars?

Maybe the Richlans were listening when two of our Commissioners told us we were debt free only to a knowledge at subsequent meetings that they were mistaken and we were in debt. Perhaps the Richlans can explain why the people of Belleville are going to get a 90-100 point tax increase this year WITH OUT the new Town Hall or a police station. Is this what you consider sound financial conduct?

Give me a Yes, it is also and will be. Belleville. The citizens of Belleville have finally recovered from their apathetic attitudes. They have discovered that their voice can make a difference and the voices are beginning to multiply. Still one another town where as many citizens show up at town meetings for months on end to offer their input. Free. This, of course, has not made the point. I am very happy and I am referring to more than just the five commissioners.

Yes, Mr. & Mrs. Richlan is a shame you did not come forth earlier. Your statement "taxes always go up, and must have nothing to show for it," is exactly what we are talking about. We must make our elected officials spend our money prudently and get our priorities straight.

Maybe you would like to join the Concerned Citizens of Belleville and assist us in getting more responsive and productive government from our municipal officials and finding out why our Board of Education budget has gone through the roof even with drastic reductions in enrollment the past decade.

As for your analogy of President Reagan showing his strength — you will recall he did that to reduce the cost of government, not increase it.

Thank you for your input.

Sincerely,
Vincent J. Frantantoni

...Vander Zwan replies

To the editor:

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Richlan in their letter to the Editor in the Belleville Times News of June 26, call me a "ring leader" and a "troublemaker."

They call me this for expressing my opposition to the Town Hall Complex with the price tag of \$10 million. They identify themselves as the parents of the architect and stated that he is "the architect commissioned to build the Town Hall Complex." I could never be sure before, but if this is true, it appears that it is Frank Richlan and Mr. Frantantoni objected to it, the taxpayers are stuck with the bill! Well, we did get a side benefit, in that the citizens became aroused and "together," by joining the Concerned Citizens of Belleville, an organization dedicated to protect their tax dollars; and all it takes is \$2 a year to belong. Surely the bargain of the year, to have a body to protect your pocket

books from every future attempt at being ripped off.

The revelation that Frank Richlan was "commissioned" responsible as in "This is where the buck stops," should change the mind and opinion of a lot of Belleville citizens, who by and large have placed the blame for their "predicament" on the proposed construction of the \$10 million complex at the feet of the Commissioners. It now turns out what the parents of the architect stated is true: they are the commissioners directly placed their faith and confidence in the professional services of Frank Richlan as a design architect. Should we now assume that Mr. Richlan didn't even try to determine first of all what Belleville's needs were? That he didn't realize that his complex, advertised as "futuristic," "ultra modern," "one of a kind in the nation" would be totally out of character with our "historic" present Town Hall building? That the only date he needed to know was that Belleville had approved a \$10 million Bond Ordinance and then tailored our "needs" to that amount? What would your opinion be of a salesman, approached by a customer in need of transportation for his family, advising him, urging him, and insisting on him buying a Mack Truck because he had learned that the family man would have no problem getting a \$50,000 bank loan

to finance the truck, when all he really needed was a basic automobile for perhaps \$10,000? Answer me that one if you will please.

Mr. & Mrs. Richlan inquire about my business and educational background obviously questioning my right as a taxpayer even as a "ring leader and troublemaker" to participate in the architect's proposal.

Regarding the remark in their letter calling you a "home" — You can call me for information when you directly yourself, but never again call me refusing to give me your name. I will give you the same reply: Mr. Frantantoni did, because I also, like him, have had the benefit of 3 years nursery school. How about that?

But for starters, I will give you a hint. It includes POINT College business at Lehigh/The Netherlands, and for the past 12 years I have been engaged, in fulfilling managerial duties, as a Special Agent and Registered Representative member NASD for the Prudential Insurance Co. of America as a financial consultant specializing in Estate Planning Services.

Sincerely,
Cornelius P. Vander Zwan
26 Marion Ct.

And Nazziola replies...

To the editor:

It seems that the time worn caviar, "you can't fight city hall," must be faced by any concerned citizen of Belleville who speaks out against or asks questions of an unresponsive, irresponsible and sometimes outright incompetent government. Inevitably you will be labeled a "town activist," or worse yet, a "town critic," and more curiously in this column, "ring leaders," "trouble makers" and "foul mouth."

Although it is dispiriting, disheartening and disruptive to have such labels cast upon you after having given uncountable hours of your time at great personal sacrifice to speak out for the benefit of all the citizens of Belleville, I do not despair!

Now, to the point. I can certainly understand the exasperation of the parents (and from what I hear, the parents-in-law as well) of the architect hired by the Commissioners to imple-

ment their 10 million dollar "fiscal folly" to see it canceled, and the \$622,000 architect's fee put in limbo.

The officers and the executive board of the Concerned Citizens of Belleville have on several occasions pleaded with their members to extend to the Commissioners and their representatives the same courtesy that we expect while speaking at the podium at public meetings so they too can be heard. But when the Commissioners consistently sit

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(there mute and offer no replies to specific questions by taxpayers about their conduct of our government, and up until recently, appear to totally ignore and give only lip service to the concerns of citizens — you can't expect them to be loved!) It is also unfortunate that some people feel that the C.C.R. must now be responsible for all of the taxpayers attending these heated town hall meetings!

The architect's father made reference to a recent town meeting where I was first at the speaker's podium and was reading directly from the report prepared by the Mayor's hand-picked citizens' committee. After reading the facts and figures from the report, I offered an alternative plan. The plan called for giving the entire 4,000 sq. ft. of the existing town hall to the police department and moving the other ad-

ministrative offices to old School No. 1 and subdividing some of the 14 classrooms into 56 office cubicles separated by free-standing partitions, thereby saving the taxpayers the 4.4 or 4.6 million dollars being proposed to build a Public Safety building. Upon completion of my remarks at the podium, Architect Richlin jumped to the podium and publicly berated me by saying, "he is misinformed and he is misleading the public" and further that my "plan was totally unworkable and it should not be considered at all by the Commissioners."

Whatever my private comments, muttered to myself, while I was being cut up in public by the architect, and happened to be overheard by one of his colleagues seated nearby and eavesdropping, I wonder who ought to be apologizing to whom! It was obvious from the reaction

of the citizens at the meeting that they read the architect's motivations quite clearly. I submit to Mr. Richlin, and his well-intentioned parents, that the 1983 plans for a Public Safety building which were sent in on a federal grant application, allotted only 14,330 sq. ft. to the police department and the police have been operating for years out of less than half of the present town hall's 14,000 sq. ft. Therefore, the only thing that was "unworkable" about my proposal perhaps, was the absence of \$622,000 of architectural fees.

The Concerned Citizens of Belleville have considered the total picture of this matter. Our town fathers have proposed a municipal budget with a tax increase of 56 points (with a hope of reducing that to 33 points); the school budget calls for a tax increase of 20 points; and the county increase is estimated at 20 points.

Therefore, the total tax point increase from 73 to 96 points would cost the taxpayers from \$365 to \$450 per year more (on a \$50,000 assessed value home) WITHOUT the \$115.00 per year for the next 20 years that a 10 million dollar building would cost us, or the \$57.50 per year for the next 20 years that a 5 million dollar building would cost.

Certainly, any citizens who have paid taxes for over 45 years should have some compassion and understanding for those citizens who can't afford, or adjust to, such oppressive taxation and will be forced to sell their homes and leave our town.

Based on the previous architect's figures from the 1983 federal grant ap-

plication, adjusted for inflation, as well as a reliable insurance company reference source, a 24,000 sq. ft. Public Safety building could be built for between a low of \$1,372,192 and a high of 1,834,182, but in no case more than 2 million dollars. I therefore recommend that a 2 million dollar cap be set for the building construction and a separate \$500,000 cap be set for special equipment, furniture and fixtures on this project. You might ask, how the same size building could have prices ranging from \$1.3 million to 4 million! The answer is simple. Those who have a beneficial interest to build perhaps have "champagne tastes." Meanwhile the citizens of Belleville who will have to pay for what they build, are suffering with "beer pockets."

Respectfully submitted,
Gabriel A. Nazzola

Golden Comments

By James R. Golden

The sharp rise in tax rates throughout the country has large revenue sharing money this year that has forced most municipalities to raise property taxes 10 to 15 percent. Officials in 50 percent of the 655 cities surveyed said they

inflation of tax increases and spending cutbacks were necessary because of the loss of general revenue sharing funds.

Mayors and council members strongly protest the reductions in federal aid to local governments in President Reagan's fiscal 1987 budget. Their highest priority has been to revive the \$4.6 billion revenue sharing program, the program of no strings aid to cities that is scheduled to expire this fall.

For half of the cities ranging in population from 10,000 to 50,000, general revenue sharing is their only source of federal funds.

For a majority of American cities, termination of general revenue sharing will mark an end to their symbiotic relationship with the federal government.

The survey of cities and their finances showed a 25 percent tax increase was the average needed to replace revenue sharing money. The impact was greatest among small municipalities that needed a 32 percent tax boost with property taxes making up the bulk of the tax base.

Tax increases combined with spending cutbacks to cope with the lost federal aid and result in neglected street and road repairs and reduction in appropriations for parks, recreation, libraries, public health, welfare and aged programs.

Eighteen percent of the cities reported that police, fire and jails would be cut back 10 percent or more. What a pity that with all the money poured into Washington

the Reagan Administration allows our cities to rot while giving away billions in foreign aid and spending on sky war preparation. It's sad.

A recent article written by David Broder comments about the revolution in political power and philosophy which occurred between the 1960s and the 1980s. Broder writes, "We have seen a triumph not just of conservative politicians but of conservative thought."

He points out that in 1964 Lyndon Johnson overwhelmed Barry Goldwater and there appeared to be broad public support — even consensus — for an active government assault on the problems of poverty and discrimination. That the goal of the Public Interest was to make the Great Society programs as effective as possible

by subjecting them to the skeptical scrutiny of experts who were, by and large, sympathetic to their goals.

In 1974 an issue on the Great Society was so downbeat that an editor noted the disappointment, discontent and disarray among the protagonists of social reform.

Bluntly, Harvard's Daniel Bell writes of Reaganism as "a very strange brew and a peculiar set of contradictions." Mr. Reagan asserts authority in the moral sphere yet attacks authority in his political populism. The populist conservative seeks to instill public tutelage in private moral conduct and to remove all public restraint on private economic conduct. Mr. Reagan wants a strong government undergirded by a strong

minority in foreign affairs; and a weak government (with little social responsibility) in domestic affairs. He recalls the Founding Fathers, the brightest group of intellectuals in American thought, yet speaks an anti-intellectualism in his rhetoric and his attacks on liberalism.

Mr. Broder concludes: "his treatise with a sense that the same critical faculties which led the neoconservatives to break with the Democratic Party in the 1970s are now causing them discomfort. Could a reverse migration be in the offing? Mr. Broder asks and answers by the observation, and if so, would not one expect the political consequences to be as great as the reversal of party fortunes between 1965 and 1985?"

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Step by Step

He does not lead me year by year
Nor even day by day.
But step-by-step my path unfolds.
My Lord directs my way.

Tomorrow's plans I do not know,
I only know this minute.
Let He walk — This is the way.
By faith now walk ye in it.

And I am glad that it is so,
Today's enough to bear.
And when tomorrow comes, His grace
Shall far exceed its care.

What need to worry then, or fret?
The God who gave His Son
Holds all the moments in His hand
And gives them one by one.

Author Unknown

"From her beacon-hand Glow world-wide welcome..."



Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at the sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-brided harbor; twin cities frame
Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp! cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost, to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

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Crime rate in Belleville jumps

By Christopher Bifani

What residents of Belleville have long suspected has been confirmed by New Jersey State Police statistics: Crime is rising in Belleville.

The township's crime rate jumped 15 percent from 1984 to 1985, and both county and local police officials indicate that the crime rate will continue to rise.

"The complexion of the town has changed," Belleville Police Chief George Lister told the Times. "We've gone from an industrial base to supermarkets and chain stores. Naturally you're going to see an increase in larcenies, shoplifting, automobiles stolen from the parking lots."

Larcenies, in particular, have skyrocketed in Belleville. According to municipal profile data furnished by the state police, the township suffered 937 larcenies in 1985, up from 858 in 1984.

Burglaries are also on the rise. From 263 burglaries in 1984, the number leaped to 293 last year. The hike in motor vehicle thefts was even more alarming. While the township suffered a disturbing 318 vehicle thefts in 1984, that figure was dwarfed in 1985 when 441 stolen vehicles were reported.

Serious crime in Belleville, that which places victims in danger, was also up significantly. There were 44 incidents of arson in town during 1985, up from 8 in 1984. There were 109 incidents of aggravated assault in 1985, up from 103 in 1984. Rapes increased 50 percent, from 4 in 1984 to 6 in 1985.

Murder, the most serious crime of all, again reared its ugly head in Belleville. While there was one murder in town during 1984, for 1985 there were two.

Lister explained that much of Belleville's crime is directly attributable to out-of-town suspects. He said "90 to 95 percent" of motor vehicle thefts were being perpetrated by Newark and East Orange residents. Both of those municipalities have also suffered serious crime rate hikes.

In the city of East Orange, which comes within 4 blocks of Belleville's southwest corner, there were nearly 8,000 reported incidents of crime. This compares with nearly 2,000 reported incidents of crime in Belleville. Since East Orange has a population double that of Belleville, it's understandable that the amount of crime is higher. However, in 1985 East Orange had four times the recorded crime that Belleville had in roughly the same amount of area. With all of that criminal activity, spillover is inevitable.

Neighboring Newark, meanwhile, is the crime capital of Essex County. The city, which borders Belleville's entire southern flank, has been devastated by the current crime wave. This, too, has had a spillover effect on Belleville.

Newark's crime rate is up nearly 20 percent — from about 33,000 reported incidents in 1984 to over 39,000 in 1985. Lister pointed out that crime is worse on the south side of town, closest to Newark, especially in the Silver Lake and Soho neighborhoods.

In neighboring Nutley, meanwhile, crime has actually dropped. There were 633 reported incidents of crime in Nutley in 1984, and only 617 in 1985. Nutley's population is about 6,000 less than in Belleville — but for every three reported criminal acts that occur in Belleville there is only one in Nutley. Both townships are

roughly the same size in area.

While Nutley does not border the crime-ridden municipalities of Newark and East Orange, Bloomfield does. Belleville's western neighbor also suffered an increase in crime, lending credence to the

spillover theory.

Bloomfield weathered a 21 percent increase in crime from 1984 to 1985, but the overall crime rate is still lower than in Belleville. From about 1800 criminal acts in 1984, Bloomfield Police reported

over 2000 in 1985. Bloomfield's population, at nearly 48,000, is about 40 percent higher than Belleville's, which is 35,680 according to New Jersey State Police.

Overall, Belleville ranks seventh

among the 22 Essex municipalities for the highest crime rates. Newark, Orange, and East Orange make up the top three, all with crime rates higher than 100 per thousand residents. Next comes Irvington with a crime rate of 92.3, followed by South Orange with a crime rate of 69.0 and, curiously, suburban Fairfield with a crime rate of 67.6.

Belleville's statistical crime rate has now passed 50.0 mark for the first time, with 51.4 mark, up from 44.8 per thousand residents in 1984. Last year, Belleville ranked eighth overall, with Irvington ranking seventh.

Lister said that because of retirements, suspensions and disability leaves, his force is short by several men.

"Right now we're trying to replace those leaving. We're short about six men on street patrol," he said.

The Belleville Police Chief explained that his department is actively seeking new recruits, but that it is a lengthy process. Even though he has five interested candidates, they will not be on the street until Christmas. This is because applicants must be screened, examined, approved by Trenton and sent to the police academy for 16 weeks of training.

Lister told the Times that Belleville's full complement of officers should be 43 men, but that of the 35 men, 12 are off-duty. In the future, Lister said the force could possibly expand to 100 or 110 men, but probably not much more than that since Belleville's population appears to have leveled.



Belleville Police Chief George Lister

Join Neighborhood Crime Watch

The crime prevention unit of The Belleville Police Department will hold a Neighborhood Watch Meeting on Wednesday, July 30, 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Regeneration House, Joramemon and Garden Streets, and is open to all concerned residents interested in forming or expanding their neighborhood block watch programs.

Lister plans 'strike-back' strategy

In the wake of recent statistics showing a distressing rise in both violent and non-violent crime in Belleville, Police Chief George Lister has outlined a plan of action which includes enlisting the aid of the township's citizenry.

First, Lister wants the neighborhood crime watch program expanded and improved.

"We need an increase in people participating in the block watch program," Lister told The Times. "We know we have to beef it up."

"If we could recruit a block watch team on every block, that's our goal," he said. He added that neighborhood crime watch "signs are in place at block level, but that more need to be planted as a deterrent."

"If people see something suspicious going on in their neighborhood we urge them not to hesitate — call us, that's what we're here for," Lister said.

Lister invites any Belleville citizens interested in the crime watch program to attend their next meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, July 30, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting site is the recreation house at the corner of Joramemon and Garden Streets.

In past years, neighborhood watch meetings weren't held during the summer months because many people were on vacation. However, Lister insisted on summer meetings this year because of the alarming hike in reported crime.

Lister said another key to reducing crime in Belleville and every where is a reduction in the maximum age of juvenile offenders. The chief would like to see the age reduced from 18 to 16 because

"they juvenile offenders get picked up for stealing a car and they're released to their parents." The next day they're on the street doing it again.

Lister said other legislation such as mandatory sentencing could also deter crime, but he's too optimistic about that ever coming to pass.

"Because of overcrowding in the jail already I know mandatory sentencing is not going to happen," he said. "They've got 1000 beds going up in Newark, but the attorney general says that as soon as it opens it doors it will be filled."

Another crucial factor in Belleville's fight against crime is the long-awaited public safety building which is scheduled to be voted on at the next board of commissioners meeting July 8, 8:00 p.m. at Belleville High School.

Lister told The Times that "It will help us, definitely. With the

facilities we have now it's difficult processing suspects. A larger police building will aid in interrogation."

"There will be a training room, which we sorely lack. And better jail facilities will help us to monitor and separate prisoners." Lister also said that a public safety building would have a tremendous effect on officer morale. He said that for many years the police have been promised a new building, but that for one reason or another it has yet to be built.

Down the road Belleville will be better able to fight crime with a full, active complement of at least 91 police officers, an efficient, expanded public safety building, and state legislation that keeps criminals off the streets, and, most importantly — the help of Belleville's law-abiding citizens.

It's got to be neighbor helping neighbor," Lister said.

Christopher Bifani

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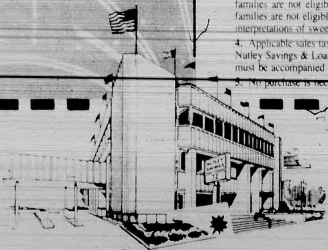
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Crime rate in Belleville jumps

By Christopher Bifani

What residents of Belleville have long suspected has been confirmed by New Jersey State Police statistics: Crime is rising in Belleville.

The township's crime rate jumped 15 percent from 1984 to 1985, and both county and local police officials indicate that the crime rate will continue to rise.

"The complexion of the town has changed," Belleville Police Chief George Lister told the Times. "We've gone from an industrial base to supermarkets and chain stores. Naturally you're going to see an increase in larcenies, shoplifting, automobiles stolen from the parking lots."

Larcenies, in particular, have skyrocketed in Belleville. According to municipal profile data furnished by the state police, the township suffered 937 larcenies in 1985, up from 858 in 1984.

Burglaries are also on the rise. From 263 burglaries in 1984, the number leaped to 293 last year. The hike in motor vehicle thefts was even more alarming. While the township suffered a disturbing 318 vehicle thefts in 1984, that figure was dwarfed in 1985 when 441 stolen vehicles were reported.

Serious crime in Belleville, that which places victims in danger, was also up significantly. There were 11 incidents of arson in town during 1985, up from 8 in 1984. There were 109 incidents of aggravated assault in 1985, up from 103 in 1984. Rapes increased 50 percent, from 4 in 1984 to 6 in 1985.

Murder, the most serious crime of all, again reared its ugly head in Belleville. While there was one murder in town during 1984, for 1985 there were two.

Lister explained that much of Belleville's crime is directly attributable to out of town suspects. He said "90 to 95 percent" of motor vehicle thefts were being perpetrated by Newark and East Orange residents. Both of those municipalities have also suffered serious crime rate hikes.

In the city of East Orange, which comes within 4 blocks of Belleville's southwest corner, there were nearly 8,000 reported incidents of crime. This compares with nearly 2,000 reported incidents of crime in Belleville. Since East Orange has a population double that of Belleville, it's understandable that the amount of crimes is higher. However, in 1985 East Orange had four times the recorded crime that Belleville had in roughly the same amount of area. With all of that criminal activity, spillover is inevitable.

Neighboring Newark, meanwhile, is the crime capital of Essex County. The city, which borders Belleville's entire southern flank, has been devastated by the current crime wave. This, too, has had a spillover effect on Belleville.

Newark's crime rate is up nearly 20 percent — from about 33,000 reported incidents in 1984 to over 39,000 in 1985. Lister pointed out that crime is worse on the south side of town, closer to Newark, especially in the Silver Lake and Soho neighborhoods.

In neighboring Nutley, meanwhile, crime has actually dropped. There were 633 reported incidents of crime in Nutley in 1984, and only 617 in 1985. Nutley's population is about 6,000 less than in Belleville — but for every three reported criminal acts that occur in Belleville there is only one in Nutley. Both townships are

roughly the same size in area.

While Nutley does not border the crime-ridden municipalities of Newark and East Orange, Bloomfield does. Belleville's western neighbor also suffered an increase in crime, lending credence to the

spillover theory.

Bloomfield weathered a 21 percent increase in crime from 1984 to 1985, but the overall crime rate is still lower than in Belleville. From about 1800 criminal acts in 1984, Bloomfield Police reported

over 2000 in 1985. Bloomfield's population, at nearly 48,000, is about 40 percent higher than Belleville's, which is 35,680 according to New Jersey State Police.

Overall, Belleville ranks seventh

among the 22 Essex municipalities for the highest crime rates. Newark, Orange, and East Orange make up the top three, all with crime rates higher than 100 per thousand residents. Next comes Irvington with a crime rate of 92.3, followed by South Orange with a crime rate of 69.0 and, curiously, suburban Fairfield with a crime rate of 67.6.

Belleville's statistical crime rate has now passed 54.0 mark for the first time, with 54.4 mark up from 44.3 per thousand residents in 1984. Last year Belleville ranked eighth overall, with Livingston ranking seventh.

Lister said that because of retirements, suspensions and disability leaves, his force is short by several men.

"Right now we're trying to replace those retiring. We're short about six men on street patrol," he said.

The Belleville Police Chief explained that his department is actively seeking new recruits, but that it is a lengthy process. Even though he has five interested candidates, they will not be on the street until Christmas time. This is because applicants must be screened, examined, approved by Trenton—and sent to the police academy for 16 weeks of training.

Lister told the Times that Belleville's full complement of officers should be 91 men, but that if the budget allowed for it, it would be optimum. In the future, Lister said, the force could possibly expand to 100 or 110 men, but probably not much more than that, since Belleville's population appears to have peaked.



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Join Neighborhood Crime Watch

The crime prevention unit of The Belleville Police Department will hold a Neighborhood Watch Meeting on Wednesday, July 30, 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Recreation House, Joramemon and Garden Streets, and is open to all concerned residents interested in forming or expanding their neighborhood block watch programs.

Lister plans 'strike-back' strategy

In the wake of recent statistics showing a distressing rise in both violent and non-violent crime in Belleville, Police Chief George Lister has outlined a plan of action which includes enlisting the aid of the township's citizenry.

First, Lister wants the neighborhood crime watch program expanded and improved.

"We need an increase in people participating in the block watch program," Lister told the Times. "We know we have to beef it up."

"If we could recruit a block captain on every block, that's our goal," he said. He added that neighborhood crime watch signs are in place at borderlines, but that more need to be planted as a deterrent.

"If people see something suspicious going on in their neighborhood we urge them not to hesitate — call us, that's what we're here for," Lister said.

Lister invites any Belleville citizens interested in the crime watch program to attend their next meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, July 30, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting site is the recreation house at the corner of Joramemon and Garden Streets.

In past years neighborhood watch meetings weren't held during the summer months because many people were on vacation. However, Lister insisted on summer meetings this year because of the alarming hike in reported crime.

Lister said another key to reducing crime in Belleville and everywhere is a reduction in the maximum age of juvenile offenders. The chief would like to see the age reduced from 18 to 16 because

"they juvenile offenders get picked up for stealing a car and they're released to their parents. The next day they're on the street doing it again."

Lister said other legislation, such as mandatory sentencing, could also deter crime, but he was too optimistic about that ever coming to pass.

"Because of overcrowding in the jail already I know mandatory sentencing is not going to happen," he said. "They've got 1000 beds going up in Newark but the attorney general says that as soon as it opens it doors, it will be full."

Another crucial factor in Belleville's fight against crime is the long-awaited public safety building which is scheduled to be voted on at the next board of commissioners meeting July 8, 8:00 p.m. at Belleville High School.

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facilities we have now it's difficult processing suspects. A larger police building will aid in interrogation."

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Down the road Belleville will be better able to fight crime with a full, active complement of at least 91 police officers, an efficient, expanded public safety building, stiffer state legislation that keeps criminals off the streets, and most importantly — the help of Belleville's law-abiding citizens.

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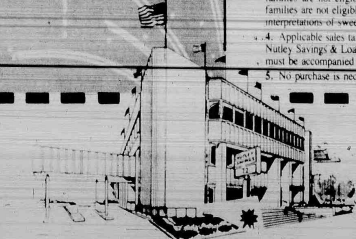
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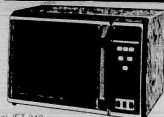
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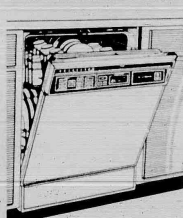


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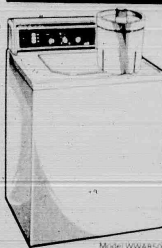


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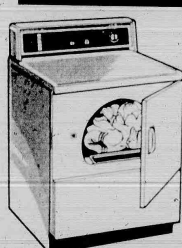


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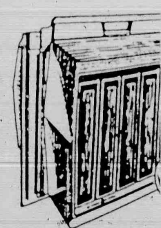
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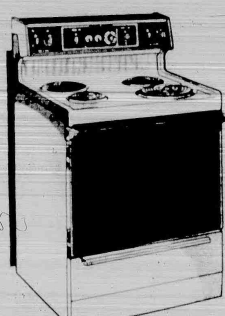

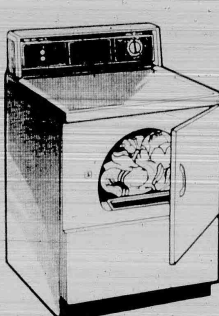

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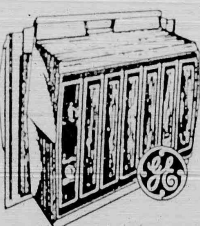
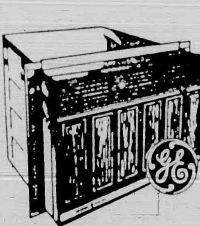
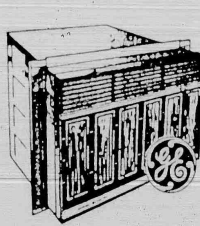
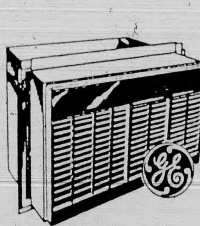
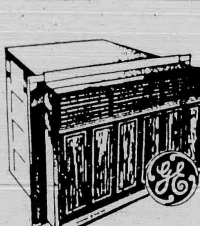
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Also, Gene Rizzolo of Bridge Street with a BA from Newark; Nancy Roberts of Rossmore Place with a BA from Douglass College; David John Roelgen of Washington Avenue with a BA from Newark and Peter Ruccione of Greylock Parkway with a Masters from the School of Criminal Justice in Newark.

Michael Russ of Passaic Avenue received a BA from Newark; Diane Sardin of Washington Avenue received a BS from Cook College and Catherine Tattoli received a BA from the Newark Campus.

Rounding out the list of Belleville residents who graduated from Rutgers this term were Peter Frusio of Mary Street with a BS from the Newark campus and Joseph Zarra of Cuozzo Street with a BA from New Brunswick. School officials and politicians praised the Rutgers University Class of '86 for their achievements.

J. Nicastrì commissioned lieutenant

John Nicastrì, son of Frank D. Nicastrì and stepson of Esther P. Nicastrì of Mount Prospect Ave., Belleville, has been commissioned a second lieutenant through the Air Force ROTC program and earned a bachelor's degree from Rutgers College, New Brunswick.

R. DePuma named trust officer at Summit

Rosann DePuma of Belleville has been named a Trust Officer at The Summit Trust Company. She attended Montclair State College, joining the Bank in 1985. Prior to joining Summit, she was with First Fidelity Bank in Newark.



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Alyssa Ann Theresa Cicala — a Belleville resident, was recently awarded the Edith Conover Smith Award by Mrs. Carol Anchak, R.N., the President of the Alumni Association, upon her graduation from The Mountsinai Hospital School of Nursing. The award commends Miss Cicala's participation in student organizations.

R. Leonidis graduates from Gettysburg College

Belleville High School graduate Rose Marie J. Leonidis, daughter of Mrs. Bridget M. Rinderer, 2302 Pierce St., Hollywood, Fl., graduated from Gettysburg College with a bachelor of arts degree in Exercise Phys. during commencement exercises on May 18.

At Gettysburg, Leonidis was active in Gamma Phi Beta and the Student Activities Council. Gettysburg College, founded in 1832, is the oldest Lutheran affiliated college in the United States. It offers a quality liberal arts education to 1,850 young men and women students.

Lana M. La receives technology scholarship

Lana M. La of Belleville was one of some 100 New Jersey Institute of Technology students who received Educational Opportunity Program awards.

The award was in recognition of her achievements during the 1985-86 academic year. La is studying computer science at the institute, which is located in neighboring Newark.

J. Murphy graduates from Montclair State

James M. Murphy of Belleville graduated from Montclair State College last month through the Second Careers Program.

The program is geared for returning students 25 and older. Murphy is one of fifty-four students who graduated from the program this year.

Olmeda and Sanchez win Hispanic scholarships

Emile Olmeda and Nydia Sanchez, both of Belleville, are two of 154 New Jersey Latin-Americans who have received scholarships from the Puerto Rican-Latin American scholarship fund.

A total of 36,800 has been awarded, and individual scholarships range from \$200 to \$500.

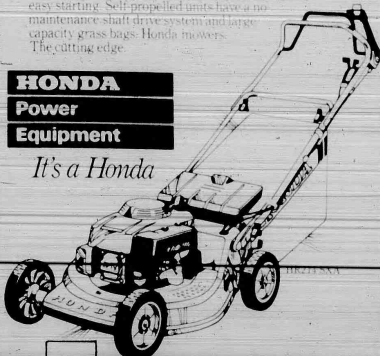
Olmeda plans to attend Essex County Community College, while Sanchez plans to attend the Newark campus of Rutgers University.

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Knights of Columbus install new officers

Knights of Columbus Council 835 of Belleville elected their new officers and their duties will commence from July 1, 1986 until June 30, 1987.

The newly elected officers are as follows: Chaplain, Rev. John J. LaFerrera; Grand Knight, James T. Kiernan; Deputy Grand Knight, Joseph L. Wolf; Chancellor, Richard T. Glogozia; Recorder, Ronald Colligan; Advocate, Tom Cusick; P.G.K., Treasurer, Robert E. Nebeling, P.G.K.

Also, Financial Secretary, Kenneth Murray, P.G.K.; Warden, Charles Nuttall; Inside Guards, Peter Mackiewicz, Sam Scalerio; Outside Guards, Albert Casaleto.

Rocco Markagiano, Trustees, John Ryan, P.G.K., Joseph DeFabbio, P.G.K., Nicholas Di Giovanni, P.G.K.

Also, Delegates to Essex County Federation, James Kiernan, G.K., Ralph Wendler, P.G.K., and Frank Corbo, P.G.K., Alternates, Robert Nebeling and Robert Cusick.

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Clarizio Installed — Seton Hall University's College of Education and Human Services recently sponsored an Induction Ceremony for the Xi Gamma Chapter of the Kappa Delta Pi National Honor Society in Education. Being installed was (left) newly elected Vice President, Marie Clarizio of Belleville; Dr. Claire Barrett, associate Professor of Education at Seton Hall, coordinated the event.

Lou Riccio appointed the legislative liaison for housing association

Lou Riccio of Joralemon Street, Belleville, has been appointed the legislative liaison between the Middle Atlantic Regional Council of NAHRO and the NAHRO national offices in Washington, D.C.

NAHRO is The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, a group which "serves the nation's housing and community redevelopment needs."

In his capacity as legislative liaison, Riccio will meet periodically with the NAHRO executive committee to discuss regional housing programs in New Jersey all the way down to the Caribbean.

Prior to his appointment as legislative liaison, Riccio was the Assistant Director of Staff Operations for the Newark Redevelopment and Housing Authority. He was also a grant administrator for that same bureau.

Presently, Riccio works as a consultant in his own firm and as executive director of the Madison housing authority.

Riccio, a former New Jersey Air National Guard member, has received numerous honors and accolades. He is a member of the National Honor Society, The Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges, and he graduated cum laude from Rutgers with departmental honors.

John J. Sudia, President of The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, congratulated Riccio on his appointment.

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Events in the area

Support groups in the area

Toughlove, for parents who have problems with their teens' behavior, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Parks Dept., 44 Park Ave., Nutley, 743-5511.

Living with Cancer, for cancer patients and their families, 7 to 9 p.m. third Wednesdays, Mountainside Hospital, Montclair, 429-6140 or 429-6128.

Recovery Inc., a community mental health self-help group for nervous persons, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Parks Dept., 44 Park Ave., Nutley, 766-7466.

Make Today Count, a support group for patients and families dealing with cancer and other life-threatening diseases, 7 p.m. Mondays, Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville, 450-2230.

UNHOOKED for drug and alcohol abuse, 643-5060 noon to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday for New Jersey treatment program referrals and substance abuse information. Confidential.

Women's support group sponsored by The League for Family Service of Bloomfield and Glen Ridge. Women's issues and problems. Ongoing, 743-3377.

Organizations for area singles

The Singles Connection, widowed, divorced, separated, first and third Thursdays, 8 to 11 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, 200 Highland Lane, Nutley. Rap groups, music, dancing, \$3, 235-1177.

New Jersey Moonrakers, full and single adults, 8 to 10 p.m. second Tuesday, Meadowlands Hilton, 2 Harmon Plaza, Secaucus. Height requirements: \$3 per guest, members free, 298-0064.

Jewish Singles Friday night dance, 20's and 30's, 797-6872.

A New Beginning pub mixer at Allan's Place, 322 Franklin Ave., Nutley, second and fourth Wednesdays after 9 p.m. Live music, drinks, conversation, 661-3357 or 667-8066.

Singles Again Inc., Friday night dance, Club Bene Rt. 35, Sayreville. Orientation, 8 p.m. dance, 9 p.m. 528-6343 or 721-7162.

Singles Dance, 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Springfield Manor, 200 Springfield Ave., Union. Social, ballroom, dancing, \$10, 353-1177. DJ, big band sound.

Treescape exhibit at Oakeside

Treescape by Dorothy Fischer will be shown Thursdays by appointment through Sept. 26 at Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center, 240 Belleville Ave.

Make-A-Wish forming here

The Make-A-Wish Foundation announces the formation of an Essex County Liaison Program and is looking for volunteers interested in helping children with terminal illnesses. Persons interested in becoming a volunteer or seeking more information about the foundation should call Michael Bushwell, 294-0100 or 992-1817. Parents or friends of children with terminal illnesses who may qualify for the program should call Flo Marino at 759-1708.

Fundraiser for Zampino July 9

Friends to Elect Tom Zampino, candidate for Congress, 6th District, will hold a cocktail dinner, 7:30 p.m. July 9 at the Chandelier, Franklin Ave., Belleville. Donation, \$10. For tickets and information, call Doug Cantarella at 759-6945.

17th Airborne seeks members

The 17th Airborne Division Association, composed of men who served as paratroopers and glidermen in the division during World War II, is seeking former members. If you served with this division, contact Edgar Siergie, 62 Forty Acres Mountain Road, Danbury, Ct. 06811 for details of the Association and information about the 33rd Annual Reunion Aug. 7 to 10 at the Hyatt San Jose, San Jose, Calif.

MIDS meets July 16 in Nutley

The Essex County Chapter of MIDS will meet 8 p.m. July 16 at 15 Clover St., Nutley. MIDS is a self-help support group offering friendship and understanding to parents who have suffered a loss due to miscarriage, infant death or stillbirth. For information, Lisa Calabria, 295-1364 or Bette Smith, 239-8467.

Cosmopolitan Club schedule

The Cosmopolitan Association, a group for foreign born women and their daughters, meets 7:30 p.m. every second Thursday at Bloomfield Civic Center, 34 Broad St. Meetings resume in September. Associates and friends welcome as guests.

Flea market July 13, July 27

American Legion Post 105, 621 Washington Ave., Belleville, (near McDonald's and Pathmark) will hold an outdoor flea market July 13 and July 27. Spaces, \$15. Call Barbara at 997-3671 or 759-9650.

VFW flea market set July 12

VFW Post 493, 271 Washington Ave., Nutley, is planning a flea market July 12. Spaces, 15. Call Barbara at 997-3671. Indoors if raining.

Woman's Club indoor picnic

The Woman's Club of Bloomfield will hold an indoor picnic 5 p.m. July 11 at the clubhouse, 10 Clarendon Place. All you can eat and drink. Tickets, \$4.75 for adults, \$2.50 for children.

Stuart Edgar ladies meet July 8

The Ladies Auxiliary to Stuart E. Edgar Post 493, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet 8 p.m. July 8 at the post house, 271 Washington Ave., Nutley.

Legal Secretaries picnic July 10

Essex County Legal Secretaries will hold a picnic and meeting 7 p.m. July 10 at the West Caldwell home of Jean Battersby. Secretaries in the legal field in Essex County are invited. For more information, call Wilma Williams at 759-2807 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Henrietta McMahon at 674-3124 evenings or Jean Battersby at 226-7595.

(To be included in this column, releases must reach us by the Friday preceding publication. Coverage will be limited to events in the Belleville, Bloomfield and Nutley area primarily. Out of the area events will be covered only if space permits. Send releases to Events in the Area, 800 Bloomfield Ave., Nutley, N.J., 07110.)



Mr. and Mrs. Louis Amoroso, nee Jeannette Follett

Mr. and Mrs. Amoroso honeymoon in Florida

Jeannette Marie Follett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Follett of Nutley, became the bride June 1 of Louis Arthur Amoroso, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Amoroso, Jr. of Ortleigh Beach.

The Rev. Richard Carlson performed the ceremony in St. Mary's Church, Nutley. A reception followed at George's Moulinette.

The bride, escorted by her father, had her sister, Lisa Follett, as maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Maria Guida, Linda Giacalone and Carol Nisiovecchia, all of Nutley.

Tracy Pasick of Stanhope and Cele Marinaro of Hawthorne.

Christopher Amoroso of Ortleigh Beach was best man. Ushering were Claude Follett of Nutley, David Follett of Nutley, Jeff Murphy of Lyndhurst, Thomas Williams of Lodi and Scott Marinaro of Ortleigh Beach.

The couple honeymooned in Ortleigh High School, as with Lodi Kennedy Trucking Co., Kearny.

Mr. Amoroso is a New Jersey state trooper. The couple honeymooned in Florida and have made their home in Nutley.



Joann DelCampo, James Taylor

Joann DelCampo to wed James Taylor this fall

Nancy DelCampo of Clifton and Paul DelCampo of Palisades Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Joann, to James M. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Taylor of Belleville.

The troth was made known Dec. 21 at The Manor, West Orange. The ceremony will be held Oct. 11.

Mrs. DelCampo, an alumna of Clifton High School, attends Morris County College. She is with DeLuxe Check Printers, West Caldwell.

Mr. Taylor, a graduate of Belleville High School and RETS Electronics, is also a student at Morris County College. He is with Singer Kearfoot, Fairfield.

Court Sancta Maria awards three college scholarships

Court Sancta Maria, No. 61, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, has presented its annual college scholarship awards.

Recipients include Elizabeth A. Barrow, daughter of Mrs. Claudette Meehan of Bloomfield; Patrick R. McDermott, grandson of Mrs. Lola McDermott of Belleville; Susan T. Kieferdorf, daughter of Mrs. Theresa Kieferdorf of Belleville.

In addition, Jane Eszy and Kevin Burbank of St. Peter's School received awards for outstanding academic grades.

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Julie and Lisa Gabriele, both of King Street, received BA degrees from the Newark campus. Jeffrey Hollinger of Watchung Avenue received a Juris Doctor degree from the Newark campus, and Christine Layne of Union Avenue received a BA from the Newark campus.

Also, Anna T. Longo of Hornblower Avenue with a BA from the Newark campus; Ralph Miscioli of Wallace Street with a BA from the New Brunswick campus; Michael E. Morris of William Street with a BA from Newark; and John Norton of Bernice Road with a BS from the College of Pharmacy.

Also, Gene Rizzolo of Bridge Street with a BA from Newark; Nancy Roberts of Rossmore Place with a BA from Douglass College; David John Roeltgen of Washington Avenue with a BA from Newark; and Peter Rucione of Greylock Parkway with a Masters from the School of Criminal Justice in Newark.

Michael Russ of Passaic Avenue received a BA from Newark; Diane Sardin of Washington Avenue received a BS from Cook College; and Catherine Tattoli received a BA from the Newark Campus.

Rounding out the list of Belleville residents who graduated from Rutgers this term were Peter Truso of Mary Street with a BS from the Newark campus; and Joseph Zarra of Cuozzo Street with a BA from New Brunswick.

School officials and politicians praised the Rutgers University Class of '86 for their achievements.

J. Nicastrì commissioned lieutenant

John Nicastrì, son of Frank D. Nicastrì and stepson of Esther P. Nicastrì of Mount Prospect Ave., Belleville, has been commissioned a second lieutenant through the Air Force ROTC program and earned a bachelor's degree from Rutgers College, New Brunswick.

R. DePuma named trust officer at Summit

Roseann DePuma of Belleville has been named a Trust Officer at The Summit Trust Company. She attended Montclair State College, joining the Bank in 1985. Prior to joining Summit, she was with First Fidelity Bank in Newark.



The Summit Bancorporation is a \$1.9 billion multi-bank holding company headquartered in Summit, New Jersey.



Alyssa Ann Theresa Cicala — a Belleville resident, was recently awarded the Edith Conover Smith Award by Mrs. Carol Anchak, R.N., the President of the Alumni Association, upon her graduation from The Mountaineer Hospital School of Nursing. The award commends Miss Cicala's participation in student organizations.

R. Leonidis graduates from Gettysburg College

Belleville High School graduate Rose Marie J. Leonidis, daughter of Mrs. Bridget M. Rindner, 2302 Pierce St., Hollywood, FL, graduated from Gettysburg College with a bachelor of arts degree in Exercise Phys. during commencement exercises on May 18.

At Gettysburg, Leonidis was active in Gamma Phi Beta and the Student Activities Council. Gettysburg College, founded in 1832, is the oldest Lutheran affiliated college in the United States. It offers a quality liberal arts education to 1,850 young men and women students.

Lana M. La receives technology scholarship

Lana M. La of Belleville was one of some 100 New Jersey Institute of Technology students who received Educational Opportunity Program awards.

The award was in recognition of her achievements during the 1985-86 academic year.

La is studying computer science at the institute, which is located in neighboring Newark.

J. Murphy graduates from Montclair State

James M. Murphy of Belleville graduated from Montclair State College last month through the Second Careers Program.

The program is geared for returning students 25 and older. Murphy is one of fifty-four students who graduated from the program this year.

Olmeda and Sanchez win Hispanic scholarships

Emile Olmeda and Nydia Sanchez, both of Belleville, are two of 154 New Jersey Latin-Americans who have received scholarships from the Puerto Rican-Latin American scholarship fund.

A total of 36,800 has been

awarded and individual scholarships range from \$200 to \$500.

Olmeda plans to attend Essex County Community College while Sanchez plans to attend the Newark campus of Rutgers University.

Knights of Columbus install new officers

Knights of Columbus Council 835 of Belleville elected their new officers and their duties will commence from July 1, 1986 until June 30, 1987.

The newly elected officers are as follows: Chaplain, Rev. John J. LaFerrera; Grand Knight, James T. Kiernan; Deputy Grand Knight, Joseph L. Wolf; Chancellor, Richard J. Glogozia; Recorder, Ronald Coligan; Advocate, Tom Cusick; P.G.K., Treasurer, Robert L. Nebeling; P.G.K.

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Also, Delegates to Essex County Federation, James Kiernan, G.K., Ralph Wendler, P.G.K. and Frank Corbo, P.G.K., Alternates, Robert Nebeling and Robert Cusick.

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Clarizio Installed. Seton Hall University's College of Education and Human Services recently sponsored an induction ceremony for the Xi Gamma Chapter of the Kappa Delta Pi National Honor Society in Education. Being installed was left to newly elected Vice President, Marie Clarizio of Belleville. Dr. Claire Barrett, associate professor of Education at Seton Hall, coordinated the event.

Lou Riccio appointed the legislative liaison for housing association

Lou Riccio of Jonathan Street, Belleville, has been appointed the legislative liaison between the Middle Atlantic Regional Council of NAHRO and the NAHRO national offices in Washington, DC.

NAHRO is The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, a group which serves the nation's housing and community redevelopment needs.

In his capacity as legislative liaison, Riccio will meet periodically with the NAHRO executive committee to discuss regional housing programs in New Jersey all the way down to the Caribbean.

Prior to his appointment as legislative liaison, Riccio was the Assistant Director of Staff Office for the Newark Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

He was also a grant administrator for that same bureau.

Presently, Riccio works as a consultant in his own firm and as executive director of the Madison housing authority.

Riccio, a former New Jersey American Grand member, has received numerous honors and accolades. He is a member of the National Honor Society, The Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges, and he graduated cum laude from Rutgers with departmental honors.

John J. Sudo, President of The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, congratulated Riccio on his appointment.

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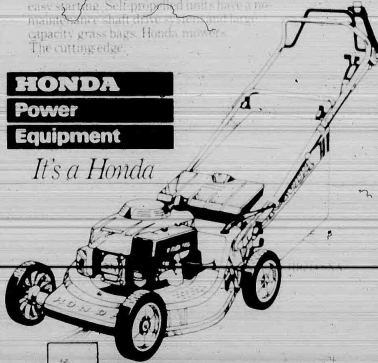


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Living with Cancer, for cancer patients and their families, 7 to 9 p.m. third Wednesdays, Mountsinclair Hospital, Montclair, 429-6140 or 429-6126.

Recovery Inc., a community mental health self-help group for nervous persons, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Parks Dept., 44 Park Ave., Nutley, 766-7466.

Make Today Count, a support group for patients and families dealing with cancer and other life-threatening diseases, 7 p.m. Mondays, Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville, 456-2230.

UNHOOKED for drug and alcohol abuse, 643-5060 noon to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday for New Jersey treatment program referrals and substance abuse information. Confidential.

Women's support group sponsored by The League for Family Service of Bloomfield and Glen Ridge. Women's issues and problems. Ongoing, 744-7777.

Organizations for area singles

The Singles Connection, widowed, divorced, separated, first and third Thursdays, 8 to 11 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, 209 Highland Lane, Nutley. Rap groups, plastic, dating, \$1, 235-1177.

New Jersey Moonrakers, tall and single adults, 8 to 10 p.m. second Tuesday, Meadowlands, Hilton 2 Harmon Plaza, Secaucus. Height requirements, \$3 per guest, members free, 298-0044.

Jewish Singles, Friday night dance, 20:30 and 30:30, 792-6877.

A New Beginning, pub mixer at Allan's Place, 529 Franklin Ave., Nutley, second and fourth Wednesdays after 9 p.m. Live music, drinks, conversation, \$61, 345-0166.

Singles Again Inc., Friday night dance, Club Bene, Rt. 35, Sayreville, Orientation, 8 p.m., dance, 9 p.m., 528-4343 or 712-7162.

Singles dance, 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Springfield Manor, 2800 Springfield Ave., Union. Social, ballroom, dancing, orchestra, DJ, big band, 500-0000.

Treescape exhibit at Oakeside

Treescape by Dorothy Fischer will be shown Thursdays by appointment through Sept. 26 at Oakeside, Bloomfield Cultural Center, 246 Belleville Ave.

Make-a-l-l-fish forming here

The Make-A-Wish Foundation announces the formation of a Fish Family Liaison Team, and is looking for volunteers interested in helping children with terminal illnesses. Persons interested in becoming a volunteer or seeking more information about the foundation should call Michael Bushwell at 994-0100 or 992-1817. Parents of friends of children with terminal illnesses who may qualify for the program should call Flo Marlowe at 759-1708.

Fundraiser for Zampino July 9

Friends of Elect. Joe Zampino, candidate for Congress, will host a fund-raising event, off-site dinner, 7:30 p.m. July 9 at the Chandelier, Franklin Ave., Belleville. Donation, \$10. For tickets and information, call Doug Cantarella at 759-6945.

17th Airborne seeks members

The 17th Airborne Division Association, composed of men who served as paratroopers and glidermen in the division during World War II, is seeking former members. If you served with this division, contact Edward Siegel, 62 Parkway, Mountain Road, Danbury, Ct. 06811 for details about the Association and information about the 33rd Annual Reunion Aug. 7 to 10 at the Hyatt San Jose, San Jose, Calif.

MIDS meets July 16 in Nutley

The Essex County Chapter of MIDS will meet 8 p.m. July 16 at 15 Clover St., Nutley. MIDS is a self-help support group offering friendship and understanding to parents who've suffered a loss due to miscarriage, infant death or stillbirth. For information, Lisa Calabria, 235 Dea or Ethel Smith, 839-8467.

Cosmopolitan Club schedule

The Cosmopolitan Association, a group for foreign born women and their daughters, meets 7:30 p.m. every second Thursday at Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad St. Meetings resume in September. Associates and friends welcome as guests.

Flea market July 13, July 27

American Legion Post 106, 621 Washington Ave., Belleville, near McDonald's and Patumark, will hold an outdoor flea market July 13 and July 27. Spaces: \$15. Call Barbara at 991-0911 or 757-9550.

VFW flea market set July 12

VFW Post 493, 271 Washington Ave., Nutley, is planning a flea market July 12. Spaces: \$15. Call Barbara at 991-0911. Indoors if raining.

Roman's Club indoor picnic

The Woman's Club of Bloomfield will hold an indoor picnic 5 p.m. July 13 at the clubhouse, 10 Clarendon Place. All you can eat and drink. Tickets: \$4.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children.

Stuart Edgar ladies meet July 8

The Ladies Auxiliary to Stuart E. Edgar Post 493, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet 8 p.m. July 8 at the post home, 471 Washington Ave., Nutley.

Legal Secretaries picnic July 10

Essex County Legal Secretaries will hold a picnic and meeting 7 p.m. July 10 at the West Caldwell home of Jean Battersby. Secretaries in the legal field in Essex County invited. For more information, call Wilma Williams at 759-2807, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Henrietta McMillan at 674-3124, evenings or Jean Battersby at 226-7395.

(To be included in this column, releases must reach us by the Friday preceding publication. Coverage will be limited to events in the area of the area events will be covered only if space permits. Send releases to Events in the Area, 800 Bloomfield Ave., Nutley, N.J., 07110.)



Mr. and Mrs. Louis Amoroso - nee Jeannette Follett

Mr. and Mrs. Amoroso honeymoon in Florida

Jeannette Marie Follett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Follett of Nutley, became the bride of Louis Amoroso, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Amoroso Jr. of Orville Beach.

The Rev. Richard Carlson performed the ceremony in St. Mary's Church, Nutley. A party followed at the home of the bride's mother.

The bride, assisted by her father, had her sister, Lisa Follett, as maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Maria Labito, Linda Garsoline and Carol Szwedzka, all of Nutley.

Ray Pasick of Stanhope and Joe Maritano of Hawthorne.

Christopher Amoroso of Orville Beach was best man. Officiating were Claude Follett of Nutley, David Follett of Nutley, Jeff Murphy of Lyndhurst, Thomas Williams of Lodi and Scott Monahan of Orville Beach.

Miss Amoroso, 36, alumna of Orville High School, is with L.J. Kennedy Trucking Co., Kearny.

Mr. and Mrs. Amoroso, a New Jersey state trooper.

The couple honeymooned in Florida and have made their home in Nutley.



Joann DelCampo - James Taylor

Joann DelCampo to wed James Taylor this fall

Nutley DelCampo of Clifton and Paul DelCampo of Palisades Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Joann, to James M. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Taylor of Belleville.

The troth was made known Dec. 23 at The Manor, West Orange. The ceremony will be held Oct. 11.

Miss DelCampo, an alumna of Clifton High School, attends Morris County College. She is with Deluxe Check Printers, West Caldwell.

Mr. Taylor, a graduate of Belleville High School and R.E.T.S. Electronics, is also a student at Morris County College. He is with Singer Kierloff, Fairfield.

Court Santa Maria awards three college scholarships

Court Santa Maria, No. 61, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, has presented its annual college scholarship awards.

Recipients include Elizabeth A. Barrow, daughter of Mrs. Claudette Meehan of Bloomfield; Patrick J. McDermott, grandson of Mrs. Lola McDermott of Belleville; Susan T. Kieferdorf, daughter of Mrs. Theresa Kieferdorf of Belleville.

In addition, Jane Essoy and Kevin Burbank of St. Peter's School received awards for outstanding academic grades.

To be eligible for scholarships, recipients must be children or grandchildren of members of Court 61. New

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Buc Shots

By Michael Lamberti

Coke adds death



Recent events in the world of sports have brought to mind the growing need to attack the dangerous drug problem that has plagued collegiate and professional athletes.

Len Bias and Don Rogers, two exceptionally fine-tuned athletes, had their lives taken tragically and violently by drug overdoses. In both cases, it was cocaine that brought their lives to an end and their sudden deaths have brought to the forefront the need to tackle this problem with vigor.

Bias, the University of Maryland forward, had a marvelous basketball career ahead. He was the second player selected in the recent NBA draft, taken by all teams, the Boston Celtics. He was practically guaranteed a million dollar contract, with incentives and clauses that would have taken care of him for the rest of his life.

The world appeared to be waiting for Len Bias, however he made a tragic mistake when he decided to celebrate his draft selection by taking cocaine. The result was a heart attack and the premature termination of a bright life.

Bias apparently never tried the drug prior to his fatal dosage. Doctors who have appeared on television since this tragedy have stressed that young people are dying of this same problem in alarming numbers. However, a person of Len Bias's magnitude draws more attention to the matter.

With Don Rogers, the scenario appears to be the same. A top defensive player with the Cleveland Browns of the NFL, Rogers was an exceptional rookie with a world of talent. Apparently he was celebrating at a bachelor's party in his honor, and those the wrong way to celebrate. Doctors who performed the autopsy on Rogers' body noted there was enough cocaine in his blood stream to kill an elephant.

As was the case with Bias, Rogers apparently never tried the drug before. It was a one shot deal, and the end result was another tragedy which has caught the national spotlight.

ESPN recently did a show on the perils of drugs in today's world, with special interest to the youngsters of America. George Ravellin, a college basketball coach for a number of years, put it best when he said people consider certain drugs a "recreational" item, rather than what they are, a killer.

Drugs are about as recreational as what an all expenses paid trip to Saigon in 1972 would have been. Ravellin noted that drugs must be put into perspective, that they are killing our young people at an alarming rate. Sadly, it takes the loss of a notable young athlete to bring out the true perils of drug abuse.

Baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth, who imposed strict fines on players who admitted to using drugs, was the first in professional sports to take a stern role. He has suggested mandatory drug testing for players, which has yet to be decided by the Players Union.

What has to be remembered here is the professional and college athletes on a Division I level are playing before millions of youngsters, who adopt these players as role models. When I first started to follow sports in the late 60's and early 70's, I didn't associate my heroes in baseball and football to be involved with drugs.

I looked up to the players for being professional athletes and couldn't wait to go to a game to see them perform. The kids of today are entitled to that same care-free attitude. There will be enough pressure on the youngsters when they go on their own and start their own families one day. They should be happy times, with heroes that will remain for years to come.

Hopefully, our youngsters are being educated to the perils of drug abuse. Hopefully, enough of them are learning that drugs are indeed, a one way street. Sometimes, tragically, there is no return from that street. Last week, we found out the consequences from two young stars who took a chance in a moment of happiness and excitement and lost.

Rich Ruffalo and Dave D'Notaris

Both Ruffalo and D'Notaris competed in the National Championships for the Blind in Long Beach, California and did an excellent job. D'Notaris won a gold medal in wheelchair pinning his man in 73 in the finals. In wheelchair pinning, D'Notaris took gold medals in three events. In the squat, bench and dead lift. In the squat, he lifted 270 pounds, the bench, 220 and the dead lift, 336. D'Notaris holds 31 national records. This year, he competed in the 148 pound class.

Ruffalo, who will compete in the World Championships in Sweden this August, won a gold medal in swimming free style and took a silver in the back stroke. Ruffalo took the gold medal in the javelin and a pair of bronze medals in the discus and shot put. In the discus, Ruffalo had the winning throw on his final attempt, but was cited for a foul, negating what could have been a world record toss.

However, Ruffalo is gearing now for the World Championships where he will throw the shot put on August 7, the javelin on the 11th and the discus on the 14th.

"I'm looking forward to that," the coach said of the trip to Sweden. "I'm hoping to bring home a few gold medals and possibly set some world records."

Last Weeks Quiz

Actually, it appeared in the June 19 issue. Angelo Centanni scored the Belleville TD on a 94 yard run, giving the Bucs the early lead against Kearny on Thanksgiving Day, 1981. Belleville won the game, 28-19 and finished 7-2 on the season.

For This Week

Recently, Don Sutton won his 300th career game. Name the teams Sutton has played for during his career and name the year he won the Cy Young Award. If indeed he ever won the award.

Belleville Legion drops four as record dives to 1 and 5

Running into some powerful teams, the Belleville Legion baseball team lost four straight games last week and saw its record fall to 1-5.

In the first, Alan Ruopp singled and Lou Lucante reached on an error, moving Ruopp to third base. Jim Dunphy fled to center, scoring Ruopp. John

Auriemma walked and Al Best singled, scoring Lucante. Dean Mauro singled home Auriemma with the third Belleville run, but Best was cut down at the plate with Mauro at second base. Jeff Spalsbury singled to drive Mauro home with the fourth run.

Lucante pitched for Belleville, hurling the entire game. He allowed just eight hits, but was hampered by poor defensive plays, passed balls and wild pitches.

On the night, Ruopp, Dunphy and Best had two hits each. Belleville had ten hits in the game, with Dunphy and Best adding triples to pace the attack.

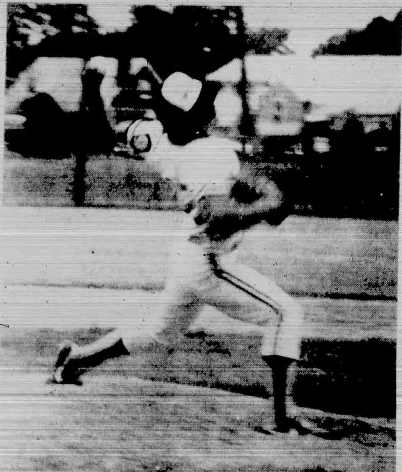
Versus South Orange, Belleville fell behind quickly and could not recover.

Nothing went right. Papasidero found the 14-3 loss. "We couldn't find the answer in that game."

South Orange tallied three times in the first inning and Belleville responded with two runs in its half of the first. Ruopp singled and Lucante drilled a homer, cutting the lead to 3-2.

South Orange was not to be denied, however. The visiting team scored twice in the second inning and tacked on six runs in the third for a commanding 11-2 lead.

Jay Marchese started the game for Belleville. He was relieved by Best and later, Dunphy.



Belleville played host to Bloomfield last Monday and was shot to Cedar Grove on Tuesday. This evening, the locals travel to Newark to face Post 152, starting at 6 p.m. Next Monday, the team will be in Nutley and next Tuesday, play host to Kearny. The week concludes with a home game against Verona next Wednesday. All games start at 6 p.m.

Head coach Joe Papasidero didn't have much to say about his team's performance last week.

"We played some good teams," Papasidero said. "We didn't play up to our abilities. We made some errors and we allowed a lot of walks. Hopefully, we got those bad games behind us now and we can turn things around."

Belleville lost to Vailsburg 11-8, South Orange, 14-3, Montclair, 6-3 and Caldwell, 7-2. In all four games, Belleville fell behind early, then were forced to play catch up ball the rest of the way.

Versus Vailsburg, Belleville faded four times in the top of the first, but Vailsburg came back with seven runs and a win of the inning.

Despite heavy effort (above), Belleville Legion's pitcher Lou Lucante still required pep talk (below). Photos by Chris Lawlor



Hot Buccanettes capture second straight Suburban League softball championship

The Belleville Buccanettes captured their second consecutive Suburban League softball championship by sweeping their opponents in the recently concluded playoff session. The girls' first shutout Milburn 7-0 in the semi-final round. Preacher Stacey Johansen and catcher Ron Moyer, the team's nucleus throughout the season, once again led the girls to victory. Johansen pitched a strong two-hitter, striking out 10 and walking only two batters. She also stroked three singles and drove in one runner. Moyer doubled in a run during a four run fifth inning uprise and also caught a strong game, including throwing out an attempted base stealer in the seventh inning. Treca Donnelly, Melissa Marcantunio, and Michele DeMeo also had RBIs in the game.

With Belleville defeating Milburn and West Caldwell beating Cedar Grove, the championship final was billed as a showdown between the league's two best teams. West Caldwell had defeated the Buccanettes twice during the regular season, and was looking to down the local girls a

third time. However, on this past Friday Day it was not to be as an inspired Belleville squad shut out their rivals by a score of 6-0. Belleville took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning on an RBI walk to Marcantunio and a throwing error on West Caldwell allowing the second run to score. The Buccanettes led the game in the fifth inning by scoring 3 more runs.

Moyer's holders choice scored one run and 2 more scored on Treca Donnelly's big 2 out single to center. The girls closed the scoring

by taking on their last run in the seventh inning when Jennifer Bridge singled, stole second, went to third on Johansen's single, and scored on Moyer's sacrifice fly.

West Caldwell had runners on base in every inning but couldn't score. Stacey Johansen pitched a gutsy game, getting a big strikeout when she needed to. She was backed by a good defense which also made the big plays. Vicki Jarman, Diane Divencenzo, America Salikowski, and the rest of Belleville's defense on the field played an all

around sound defensive game. The girls' aggressive baserunning led to a number of Caldwell throwing errors, and the girls' ability to deliver the clutch hit or fly ball at the right time gave them enough runs to win. Johansen walked 4 in the game, and although West Caldwell collected 8 hits, they also struck out 11 times, most of these strikeouts came with girls on base.

Belleville finished with a final record of 13 wins, 2 losses.

Belleville boys' basketball team defeated by Irvington in Elizabeth League opener

The Belleville boys' basketball team lost its season opener in the Elizabeth Summer League last Monday, bowing to Irvington 59-45.

Don Roll's team will battle Elizabeth next Monday, starting at 7:30 p.m. Next Wednesday, the Bucs will play St. Patrick's of Elizabeth, commencing at 6 p.m. All games are played at the Dunn Arena, in Elizabeth.

Against Irvington, Belleville fell behind early, then rallied in the second half before falling short.

"We were a little nervous at the beginning," said Roll. "Consequently, we dug ourselves into a hole and couldn't get out."

Irvington jumped out to a 25-9 first quarter lead and increased the margin to 41-21 at intermission. Belleville made a spirited third quarter comeback, outscoring the Campers, 20-8 and cutting the lead to 49-41.

However, Irvington got its act back in gear in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Bucs, 10-5 and winning by a 14 point margin.

Ted Sochaki led the Bucs with 17 points. Frank Morrell tallied 15 in the game, 12 in the third quarter. Chris Goldrick and Steve Schwed had four points each. Chris Chiamonte and Mark Huamani tallied two each and John Morel had one.

"We got sloppy in the fourth quarter," Roll said. "Everyone got a chance to play, however. We have a big game next Monday with Elizabeth and the kids should be a little more relaxed for that game."

Lillis and Ruopp do Belleville proud

Continuing our look at senior athletes in the Class of '86, Willie Chandler, Alan Ruopp and Jill Lillis take center stage.

Much has been said of Chandler's tremendous talents in track and field. He set the township on fire with his excellent performances on the cinders this spring. Chandler won the NNJIL championship in the 100 and 200 meters and took second place in the 200 meters in the county championships.

He was the best athlete that I've coached," praised head track coach John Tosato. "Willie has tremendous talents. He was one of the few athletes that I've

seen who has a kick at the end of a 100 meter run. He picked up steam as the race continued."

Chandler was also an outstanding long jumper and was a member of the 1985 mile relay team which set a new school record, eclipsing the 1975 mark.

Chandler also possessed a strong characteristic: that of leadership. Tosato praised Chandler's abilities to motivate the younger runners by stressing hard work.

Chandler first came on the scene in the spring of 1985. As a junior, he made an immediate impact in the sprinting events. He enjoyed a fine indoor cam-

paign this past winter, then had a phenomenal senior year, culminating with an appearance in the All Group championships in early June.

Jill Lillis did her job in a quiet, but effective style. She was the only senior on a gymnastics team that finished with a 6.4 mark last fall. It was the first time that the team had finished with a winning record and was a fitting tribute to Lillis, who had been a member of the team for four years.

She was a pleasure to coach," remembers her coach, Ray Iannuzzi. "Jill was a good athlete and most importantly, a team leader. The younger kids

looked up to her. Nothing came easy for Jill. She worked hard, day in and day out and did her job very well."

Lillis was the captain of the '85 team and will be remembered as the captain of the first winning team in gymnastics history at BHS. While Kelli Glunk and Joell Veltre made headlines for their outstanding performances, you can't overlook the job turned in by Lillis, both on and off the mat.

In the spring, she moved to the crew team, where she was coxswain the last two years. As a junior, Lillis was part of a national championship boat

This season, she was with a younger team, providing leadership and inspiration. Once again, Jill Lillis did her job in an effective manner. She was, indeed, a fine all around athlete.

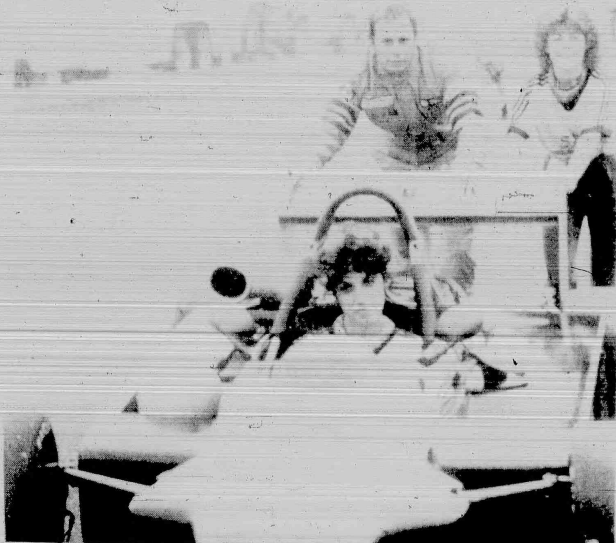
Finally, Alan Ruopp starred for the Belleville baseball team, having an outstanding year in 1986. His offensive performance helped the Bucs to the GNT finals and a 20-11 overall record this season.

He hit .350 with two homers and 27 ribbies. He was the lead off hitter in coach Ralph La Conte's attack and filled the role very well. Ruopp stole 11 bases

and had 41 hits and scored 29 runs.

On the mound, he posted a 1.2 record, however his ERA was a very impressive 0.73. He pitched some big games against Bloomfield over the past two years and turned in a very consistent performance every time out.

Ruopp was the type of player who did his job in a quiet manner. He filled many roles on the team and will be very difficult to replace on next year's roster. As was the case with Lillis and Chandler, Alan Ruopp came to play the game and gave it his all. He was a good leader on and off the field and should do very well in his future endeavors.



Push to the Pits—Moments before the Meadowlands Super Vee race, Steve Yavorski pushes his car toward the entrance of the course. Helping out is crew member Tricia Sorbomine. Yavorski's fiancée, Cindy Mazey, is behind the wheel. (Photo by Greg Maik)

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Local driver makes professional debut

By Chris Lawlor

Steve Yavorski, 34, of Belleville, N.J., made his professional debut in the Meadowlands Super Vee race on Sunday, June 29. Yavorski, who has been racing for several years, finished the race in 11th place, a good showing for a first-timer. The race was held at the Meadowlands Raceway in East Rutherford, N.J., and was part of the annual Super Vee series. Yavorski's car was driven by Cindy Mazey, his fiancée. The race was won by a driver from New York. Yavorski's performance was praised by his friends and family. He is expected to race again in the future.

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Volleyball summercamp

High school students who want to improve their volleyball skills over the summer can sign up for New Jersey Institute of Technology's second annual Volleyball Camp.

Directed by Dave DeNure, NJIT's women's volleyball coach, the camp will be conducted the week of Aug. 25-29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day in the Edwistle Gymnasium on the Newark campus. Coaching will be appropriate for all ability levels. Tuition is \$80.

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Allen, Walsh lead Post 70

Third baseman Mike Mignone's two-run homer in the fourth inning capped a come from behind victory as the Nutley Post 70 American Legion baseball team defeated Newark Post 70, 4-3, in the Park Oval on May 2.

Nutley right-handed pitcher Steve Yavorski struck out six in his first start of the season.

The Nutley Post 70, which played the first four games of the season at the Park Oval, won a 4-3 victory over Newark Post 70 in the fifth game of the season.

In the fifth game, Post 70

Dennis Landola and Sam Gallucci pitched with singles. A walk to John Walsh loaded the bases for Philino, who stroked a fly ball, scoring two runs on a throwing error to first base. That led to Mignone's heroics. After hitting safely for Nutley, he caught Nick Geronzi who singled in the third inning. Nutley's overall record is 3-1.

At the end of the second week of play, right fielder John Walsh, who hit the club with a 400 batting average, followed by George Walsh, 3-2, and Nick Geronzi, 2-1.

Starting out the season in right

Mike Mignone with two and he backs with 7 RBI, followed by George Walsh with four and Rick Kutz with three.

Allen then tossed a five-hitter and John Walsh went 3-for-4 with a double and two singles as the Post 70 team defeated the Vailsburg Legion 5-3 on June 30 at Seton Hall University. It was Vailsburg's first loss in league play.

Nutley jumped ahead in the first inning when John Walsh led off with a double deep to right field. Ken Philino and Mignone walked to load the bases. A wild pitch scored one run. Boris then grounded into a fielder's choice, scoring the second run.

Nutley scored three runs in the fourth as Landola and Don Sarno walked. John Walsh singled home Landola and Philino forced in a run on a ground ball error. Mignone forced in another run when he hit into a double play.

In the meantime, Allen was having a fine day on the mound. After a two-way, one-run, two Vailsburg hitters to hit the ball into the air as he gained his third victory against no defeats.

Right fielder John Walsh continued his hot hitting, and in the third inning made a spectacular catch diving for a ball hit in to the gap.

Also hitting safely for Nutley was center fielder George Walsh, who singled in the third inning to continue his hot hitting.

Yavorski finishes 18th at Meadowlands Super Vee Series

At one time, Nutley's was nationally known for its rich tradition of racing. For racing fans, Nutley resident Steve Yavorski is hopelessly on his way, amongst professional race car drivers in placing the 4-500 Cragg Township on the map once again.

Though there are countless series of auto racing here in the United States, the cream of the crop compete in the CART Championship Auto Racing Series. This is the same four

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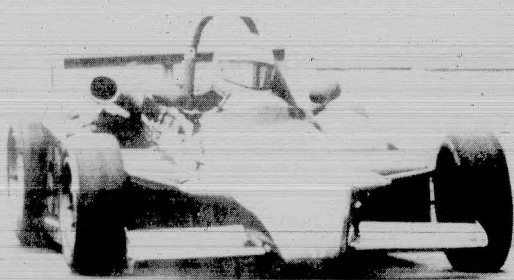
Drivers who have been schooled on this level of competition include Michael Andretti (current leader in the CART series), Al Unser Jr. (1985 Meadowlands Grand Prix winner) and Helio Castroneves (1985 Indy 500 winner).

As the morning sunshine burned through the clouds at the race track for the Super Vee

drivers, it was a relative unknown local driver, Yavorski, who perhaps gained some of the desperately needed exposure to make his mark in the sport.

His metallic blue and fluorescent orange fuel injected British made Ralt RT3 automobile was not perhaps as new as some of the other sponsored teams, but he did qualify despite an "almost disastrous" incident occurring in Turn 2.

"I was right up on the gear box of one of the drivers and then all of a sudden he blew away from me," he commented of the caliber of drivers following the practice track.



crusing the Course. The Meadowlands course was a demanding one for all the drivers. Here Steve Yavorski heads out of the final turn and to the pit area. Yavorski averaged 1.18 per lap time over the 1.6 mile circuit. Photo by Dan Schafer.



Steve Yavorski. Steve Yavorski of Nutley peered through his racing helmet just before the Super Vee Series race. Photo by Greg Mays.

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Proud papa — Sgt. Leonard Burrell takes the oath surrounded by (l-r) Township Clerk Mary Lou Hood, wife, Pat and son, Tony.



Lending a hand — Officer's wife Lindsay Petrillo holds the Bible as Capt. Michael Petrillo is sworn in. Township Clerk Mary Lou Hood witnesses.



All in the family — Lieut. Joseph Simonetti is sworn in at June 30 ceremonies. (l-r) wife, Jennifer Simonetti, Township Clerk Mary Lou Hood and childrens Dawn and Scott.

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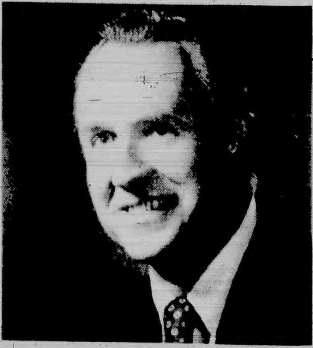
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Carl Orechio appoints Frederic Remington as campaign manager

Carl Orechio, Republican candidate for Essex County Executive, has appointed Frederic Remington as his campaign manager. Remington, a resident of North Caldwell, is a former Essex County Commissioner and a former Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders. He was chairman of the Essex County Republican Committee, which held its annual convention in the State House in Trenton, N.J., last week. Remington is a former Essex County Commissioner and a former Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders. He was chairman of the Essex County Republican Committee, which held its annual convention in the State House in Trenton, N.J., last week.

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Monsignor Francis Blake listed in 'critical' condition

Monsignor Francis Blake, pastor of Holy Family R.C. Church in Nutley, is listed in critical condition at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Paterson after undergoing quadruple bypass heart surgery June 25. Monsignor Blake has been in a coma since the surgery was performed.

Monsignor Blake suffered a heart attack while celebrating an evening Mass May 19. He was treated at Clara Maass Hospital and released a week later. His health failed again last week.

He was scheduled to have been elevated to monsignor in formal ceremonies at Sacred Heart Cathedral of Newark May 21. Ceremonies were tentatively scheduled for sometime in the fall at Holy Family. Though Monsignor Blake was absent from the formal ceremonies, he received his title.

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In a front cover statement by Essex County Executive Peter Shapiro and forewords by U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg and the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the booklet calls for a new sense of citizenship in which citizens and government officials "at all levels" are needed to work together to address the threat of nuclear war.

Titled "The Great Challenge. How You Can Help Prevent Nuclear War," the 12-page

booklet provides information on an extensive variety of actions by citizens' groups and government agencies to avert nuclear war, a directory of peace organizations in Essex County and nearby which welcome citizen involvement, and a list of sources of further information ranging from a selection of books and the U.S. Catholic bishops' pastoral letter on peace to a WTBS cable television series on "Ending the Nuclear Arms Race."

The booklet was written by Jim Barry, executive director of the Essex County Office on Peace, an independent agency supported by the county government. A Vietnam War veteran, Barry is a former West Pointer and former Pentagon researcher for CBS News.

In September, copies of this handbook and other materials on

working for peace will be taken to the Soviet Union for distribution in Moscow. Barry said he will be in Moscow with a delegation of New Jersey residents seeking to expand Soviet-

American citizen exchanges. Copies of the nuclear war prevention booklet may be obtained by writing to: Essex County Office on Peace, Box 199, Montclair, N.J. 07042.

Assemblywoman Crecco addresses radon issue

A bill sponsored by Assemblywoman Marion Crecco, R-Exeter, that would address radon contamination has been approved by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas believed to cause cancer.

Crecco, R-Exeter, said her bill, A 2371, would require the state Department of Environmental Protection to establish a certification program for radon contamination inspections within 180 days after the bill is signed into law.

"We must be sure that those performing these important tests are qualified to do so," said Crecco. "Great expense and concern can result from one of these tests."

Assembly approves Crecco legislation to fund rehab center

The General Assembly June 19 approved bill A 1428, sponsored by Assemblywoman Marion Crecco, R-30 District, that would allocate \$150,000 for the West Essex Rehabilitation Center to expand its facility.

For 25 years the West Essex Rehabilitation Center has assisted mentally and physically impaired individuals to become productive members of the community through vocational rehabilitation and supervised work experience.

According to Ben Vicars, Assistant Director of the Center, "We are expanding our facility in order

to meet the current demand for services; to create a more accessible work environment for the disabled and provide more skilled development programs."

Ms. Crecco said, "It has one of the most successful vocational training programs for the disabled in the state. The Center provides job training and job placement for the disabled and currently places over 180 men and women on a daily basis."

The bill, A 1428, which was approved by the Assembly with a vote of 63 to 0, now heads to the Senate for consideration.



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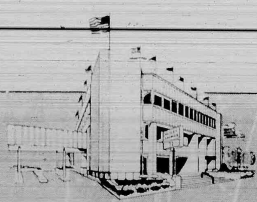
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Middle School Honor Students

Following are the names of students listed for the honor roll of Belleville Middle School.

Eighth Grade

DeAmbrose, Kimberly; Fraone, Christopher; Heaney, Jennifer; Salmon, Dana Young.

Honor Roll

Aello, Natalie; Alessandro, Michelle; Arroyo, Susan; Auliero, Linella; Babuloff, Dawn; Bluff, Konifer; Bridge, Keith; Bucher, Joyce; Burke, Jeanna; Caggiano, Danielle; Carotenuto, Derek; Chullanan, Dana; Joseph, Cecchino; Laurie, Orione; Danielle, Collett; Michael, Connelly; Brenda, Coppola; Toni, Costa.

Also Maria DeCroce, Kimberly Delcastillo, George DelGrande, Susan DiDio, Diane DiVincenzo, Andrew DuHaine, John Enriquez, Amalia Fabiano, Janice Galano, Marcia Galvan, John Gammeter, Lorenzo Gerosio, Claudia, Guglio.

Warren Goodmart, Joan Goodbarry, Jennifer Guarino, Robert Halpin, Mia Hanos, Jennifer Harrison, Victoria Jarrman, Jennifer Josi, Stacey Johansen.

Also Kim Kalena, Thomas Klena, Maria Kondreck, Christopher Krisock, James Krupka, Tommy Lee, Albert Leyson, Michelle LoCoco, Alexandria Lukowiak, Marc Manara, Donna Marione, Melissa Marcanturino, Sherri, Massa, John, Mauro, Richard Matthews, Marc Nakashian, Jessica Nappi, Tadra Nason, Edward Neil, Joseph Ombulsky.

Also Maushumi Parekh, Julieanne Pedalino, Ralph Peria, Dennis Pettilio, Michael Pettilio, Annamaria Petruzella, Jodi Piosper, Adelanda Rivera, Christopher Robe, Michael Rubas, Jocelyn Sansano, Rosanna Sali, Renee Schmidt, Kristin Sebben, Lisa Sulzer, Luigi Tattura, Salvatore Tatti, Mark Tomelli.

Michelle Valenena, Joseph Vascido, Dale Wajkowski, Zoraida Yancey, Jul Zankowicz.

Seventh Grade

Honor Roll: Jennifer Best, Melanie Bonaccorsi, Erica Catinacci, Rosemaria Gentarelli, Amy Gonnato, Danielle Groveling, Judith Krzycki, John McNish.

Honor Roll: Arnell, Alconio, Nicole Annabile, Heather Apruzzese, Stattee, Augustowicz, Albert Bakowski, Joseph Bernuski, Kristy Blaney, Joseph Bernuski, Arthur Caruso, Lisa Capompoli, Sam Walsch, Lisa Capompoli, James Canale, Cayson Gatti, Steven Caputo, Renee Caputo, Vincent DeBenedetto, Anthony DiPuma, William Davis, Lorraine Dulvy, Justine, Linda, Denise, Ferrara.

Also Belinda Capricchi, Lisa Garofanti, Mercedes Garcia, Amber Grzywinski, Victor Hermandez, Kimberly Hosen, Valerie Hudelson, Heather Kane, Scott

Kimball, Linda Lait, Tracey Lockwood, Frances Magallanes, Vincent Marzotto, Catherine Mai, Matthew Marzotto, Danielle Mazzuca, Kim McCreary, Jim McFadden, Ronald Mecher, Heather Meier, Yuri Mekhank, Marc Melinger, Salvatore Miller, Jennifer Murphy, Joseph Morrow, Gary Musell.

Also Arlette Narciso, Jason Nardachino, Lanny Neri, Gina Neri, Danielle O'Brien, Juggin, Paul, Yolanda, Patrice, Philip Parry, George, Pazomino, Deborah Pedroni, Fred Peracci, Jennifer Phelps, Michael Biscopo, Cheryl Pules, Robert Rossumanno.

Also Cynthia Sabatino, Kelly Sasso, Patricia Sisti, Eunjung Stratton, Sonia Tavor, Christine Tanga, Karen Tigelli, Christina Valera, Anthony Veldardo, Kristine Vilano, George Wallace, Jacqueline Warnock, Denise Zec, James Zuparelli.

New books at the library

A variety of non-fiction hard cover and paperback titles are available at the Belleville Public Library, 221 Washington Ave.

They include "The AIDS Epidemic: How You Can Protect Yourself and Your Family Why You Must" by James I. Staff and John K. Brubaker; "America's Seashore Wonders" by National Geographic Society; "The Childwise Catalog: A Consumer Guide to Buying the safest and Best Products for Your Children" by Jack Gills and Mary Ellen Foe; "Children's Medicine: A Parent's Guide to Prescription and Over the Counter Drugs" by Amy and James Kepler with Ita Salakos, M.D.; "The Complete Guide to Advertising" by Lorie Douglas; "College: A User's Manual: All the Important Things No One Else Will Tell You About College and College Life" by Scott Lelkroth.

and "Coping With Your Husband's Retirement" by Roslyn Friedman and Annette Nussbaum; "Creative Reading for Gifted Learners: A Design for Excellence" by Michael Labuda, Ed.; "Financial Independence Through Buying and Investing in Single Family Homes" by David J. Grasic; "How the Military Will Help You Pay for College" by Don M. Betterton; "How to Save Your Teeth and Your Money by Melvin Denholtz and Elan Denholtz"; "Hunger: Strike, The Anorectic's Struggle as a Metaphor for Our Age" by Steve Orbach; "Italian Regional Cooking" by Tony Schmeling; "Mastering Household Electrical Wiring" by James I. Koffle and "Real Estate Quick and Easy" by Roy T. Malone.

For information or to reserve any of these books, call the library at 759-9200.

Disc recordings of magazines available for visually impaired

The Belleville Public Library will be receiving the following disc recordings of magazines for visually impaired patrons: Consumer Reports, Ebony, Queen's Mystery Magazine, and Travel.

The service available to Belleville residents is being provided courtesy of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress.



Springtime Luncheon - Members of the Woman's Club of Belleville recently enjoyed a luncheon at their clubhouse on Rossmore Place. Pictured in the clubhouse kitchen is Sherry Moccia, chairwoman of the luncheon.



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Religious viewpoint

By The Rev. Gerald A. Fortunato
Silver Lake Baptist Church



A devoted born again Christian businessman was struck by an automobile and was seriously injured. He was hurried to a hospital, where he was informed he had two hours to live. To him death was only a gateway leading to a better world to be with Christ eternally. He called his family to him and gave each member a parting message.

he said, "Good-by, Charlie. What a promising boy you were. Your father and mother believed you would develop into a noble man. We gave you all the opportunities we gave to the other children. If there has been any difference, you yourself must admit that the difference was all in your favor. But you have disappointed us. You have followed the broad downward road, not heeding the warning of God's word. You have not listened to the call of the Saviour. (St. Matthew 11:28) But I have always loved you, and love you still. Good-by, Charlie. good-by."

Charlie seized his father's hand and between the sobs he cried out, "Father, why have you said good night to the others and good-by to me?"

"For the simple reason that I will meet the other members of the family in the morning in heaven. But the same promises of God's word (the Bible), assures us of a reunion deny me the hope of seeing you over there. Good-by, Charlie. good-by."

Charlie fell on his knees and by his father's bed, and cried out in agony of soul, praying God to forgive his sins and to give him hope of meeting his father in heaven. (St. John 5:13)

"Do you mean it, Charlie? Are you in earnest?" the father asked.

"God knows I am," said the heart broken young man.

Then God will hear you and save you Charlie. Now I can say good night to you instead of good-by.

If you dear reader, are not sure of heaven, make sure now by inviting the Lord Jesus Christ to come into your life. St. John 1:12

Addressing his wife he said, "You have been the greatest woman in the world to me. Through sunshine and shadow we have walked together. You have been my inspiration in everything I have undertaken especially in our service for God and our church. Good night dear. I'll see you in the morning."

He then turned to his oldest son. "Will you coming into our home has been a blessing. You were a manly boy, you have become an exemplary man. You love God, the God of your father. How proud I am of such a son. Continue to grow in every Christian grace and blessing. Good night. Will good night."

The dying man then spoke to the youngest daughter.

"Gracie, he said, your coming was like the breaking of a new day in our home. You have been a song of gladness, a ray of light. You have filled our hearts with music. When you surrendered your life to Jesus Christ, your father's cup of happiness was filled to overflowing. Good night little girl, good night. (Romans 12:12)

Then the dying man called Charlie to his side, and there was blinding tears in his eyes as

Senior citizens learn how to cut phone bills

Senior citizen leaders from throughout Essex County recently learned how to cut their telephone bills at a seminar sponsored by the county and New Jersey Bell.

The seminar is the first of a series of consumer information

sessions for residents over 65 to be held throughout the state this year.

New Jersey Bell wants to help consumers get the best value for telephone services. Art Guida, New Jersey Bell Community Relations Manager, said, "We've set up a statewide information program designed especially for seniors, many of whom live on fixed incomes."

Senior citizens attending the seminar learned about choosing a long distance company, repairs, controlling their local calling expenses and options of local service usage.

Each senior citizen received information kits to share with their fellow seniors.

The Essex County seminar will be repeated later this year in Morris, Somerset, Hudson, Passaic, Mercer, Middlesex, Union and Burlington counties.



Poster Contest Winner - Lori Aiello of School 3 in Belleville was one of 13 winners in the statewide Clean Water Week 1986 poster contest recently sponsored by the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Commissioner Richard T. Dewling presented the awards during a ceremony at the Statehouse in Trenton. Joining in the presentation were George McAnn, director of DEP's Division of Water Resources (far left) and Woody Owl, the U.S. Forest Service's national symbol for anti-pollution efforts.

George Ross, 63, army veteran

Services for George A. Ross, 63, of Belleville were held June 27 in the Johnesee Nutley Home for Funerals, Nutley.

Mr. Ross died Monday in the Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville.

He was an estimator for the Lummis Engineering Co. in Bloomfield for nine years. Earlier, Mr. Ross worked at the same

capacity for the Sel Rex Corp. in Nutley for 30 years.

He served in the Army during World War II. Mr. Ross was a member of the National Guard, the Army 69th Division Association and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Stuart High Post 493, of Nutley.

Mr. Ross also was a member of the Belleville Senior Citizens Club and the American Association of

Retired Persons of Nutley. Born in Philadelphia, he lived in Hillside and Kyrny before moving to Belleville 33 years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Mary, three daughters, Mrs. Marion Morrone, Mrs. Joy Iannini and Mrs. Grace Collins; two sons, Clair and Roger; two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Annino, and Mrs. Joanne; his stepmother, Mrs. Ida Ross and 11 grandchildren.

Municipal officials remain opposed to flood tunnel plan

(continued from page 3)

because rapidly developing construction in the upcountry area increases storm water runoff and aggravates flooding conditions.

Bixie said he would also study storm water management as a factor in assigning annual maintenance costs among the towns.

Although more than a dozen of officials and groups from Nutley were represented at the hearing, only Nazzola attended from Belleville. He called the financial proposal for the tunnel "the ultimate degree of socialism."

Nazzola said it was apparent the upriver townships cannot afford to deal with this problem and they want the costs spread amongst the rest of the people in the area. It's going to be too late after all this money is spent when we find the deluge of waters that are going to be emptied into the Passaic River that are going to drown us all.

He noted Belleville already is looking at a possible increase of

some 90 points and "God only knows what would happen with our taxes based on the way you have sold this sizzle."

Assemblyman Kelly of Nutley, representing Belleville and the rest of the 30th legislative district, repeated his opposition to the general tunnel plan.

"I'm against this project and I would never vote a penny toward its construction," Assemblyman Kelly said.

Bixie says in his interview scheduled to be seen tonight on OBC-TV news that he will complete his formal proposal for tunnel financing sometime in August.

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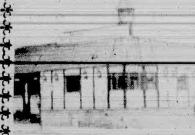
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