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## Despite avenue improvement, the neglected look remains

### Could property maintenance code fight Washington Avenue blight?



By Christopher Bifani

Compared to most legal documents it's a piece of cake. Rather than a legal document, this document gets right to the point. Words like "hereby" and "thereof" are kept to a minimum. Best of all, it's brief — only about 10 minutes' reading in all.

It's Belleville's property maintenance code. Unlike many laws at all levels of government, the Belleville property maintenance code appears to have been written up free of loopholes.

"Every residential and non-residential building and the premises on which it resides shall comply with the provisions of this code," the document reads.

The code further states that even if a building is acceptable by some other law, it must still meet the property maintenance code.

The wording of the code appears even to have closed the loophole of absentee ownership. Both owner and operator are jointly responsible for the maintenance of a structure.

There is no provision in the code which relieves any owner, operator or occupant from complying with the code.

**Exterior maintenance.** The owners, operators and occupants of many storefronts along Washington Avenue might find the Belleville property maintenance code to be a particularly stimulating read, especially Section 21-3. This section deals with the maintenance appearance and character of commercial establishments.

The code states, "The exterior of the premises shall be maintained so that the appearance of the premises and all buildings reflect a level of maintenance in keeping with the standards of the neighborhood... and shall not constitute a blighting factor nor an element leading to progressive deterioration and downgrading of the neighborhood."

And what does that cover?

• Signs which are weathered, faded, cracked or sporting ex-

cessively peeled paint.

- Electrical signs that don't work.
- Awnings which are tipped, weathered, discolored or pierced with holes.
- Loose shingles.
- Broken glass.
- Crumbling stone or brick.
- Any other condition "refrigerator of deterioration or inadequate maintenance."

Belleville Redevelopment Agency.

In 1981, about two years after the property maintenance code was revised and in place, the township government decided to seriously address Washington Avenue's ills. The commissioners forged a committee called the Belleville Redevelopment Agency.

"The Belleville Redevelopment Agency was an official agency created by the township commission by ordinance in May 1981. It was charged with the responsibility of redetermining those sections of Belleville that fell under blighting criteria," Joe D'Amico, a founding board member, recalled.

"It focused on the southern part of Washington Avenue," he added.

One of the first moves the Belleville Redevelopment Agency made in the early eighties was to hire a company called Township Associates to create a Washington Avenue plan.

The resulting Belleville Township plan recommended several improvements that many townspeople wanted to see on the avenue: greenery, nice facades, more parking. It also contained a couple of recommendations many townspeople opposed: a costly municipal complex and a formal declaration of blight.

Opposition to the municipal complex has been a major topic on the local news front recently.

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Business is booming on Washington Avenue — Iced tea entrepreneur, Lorraine O'Hara, of Division Avenue said sales have been very good since opening her stand in front of the post office. Satisfied customer pictured is Tom Rabinovich of Austin Street. O'Hara has no plans at this time to join the Washington Avenue Merchants Association or the Belleville Chamber of Commerce. (Photo by Christopher Bifani)

## Town gets \$266K grant from Essex for repairs

By Maureen Conway

Essex County Executive Peter Shapiro announced July 21 that Belleville will receive the entire \$266,000 the township applied for through the Community Development Block Grant program.

Wilson Place, Bridge, Clinton, Dow and King Streets will be resurfaced with \$100,000 of the grant money. The rest will be used for the cleaning and cement lining of water mains on Ralph and Holmes Streets.

Using the water mains with cement will cut down on the particles in the water which will result in cleaner water for township businesses and residents.

The Belleville Board of Commissioners didn't want to ask for a lot of money this year, Belleville Mayor Michael Marotti said. "We knew the program was going to be cut and there wasn't going to be much money to go around."

Nationally, the block grant program suffered a 10% cut and a half billion dollars deferred from the program. Essex County received a 30% cut compared to last year's allotment.

"I believe Belleville is in a state of transition," Maureen Tucci, director of the county Division of Housing and Community told the Times. "My office oversees the use of grants and I can see the positive signs the program has brought to Belleville."

"We came into the township and did road and sewer work in St. Peter's area, down Washington Avenue and through the Valley. Our program focuses on visual impacts in neighborhoods. We come to an area, do work, then our staff goes door-to-door with information about county

programs for homeowners. A lot of the time, residents get caught up in the renewal they see going on around them and neighborhood pride is instilled in the area," Tucci added.

Belleville first entered the program in 1977. "The board of commissioners was reluctant to apply for the funding," Marotti said. "The first year we only loaned our population to the county in order for them to qualify for more money. When board members saw that no strings were attached to the money, the commissioners applied for the first grant in 1978."

In the 8 years the township has applied to the program, it has received nearly \$3 million in grants. The money has been used mainly for street and sewer improvement as well as playground rehabilitation.

"If we weren't eligible for the program, the money for the work would have had to come from township taxpayers," Marotti said.

The mayor continued, "The money still comes from the taxpayers since the grant is funded through federal taxpayers, but Belleville doesn't have to shoulder the entire bill."

Marotti discussed the possibility of applying for money for proposed municipal parking lots on Washington Avenue. According to Marotti, that decision has to be discussed further through the board of commissioners.

The township was officially notified that it would receive the entire grant, last week by Shapiro's office. Belleville Department of Public Works officials will start working in the areas for which funds were allotted within the next few weeks.

## Township has 2 weeks to act

## August 15 deadline for recycling grant

Grants for recycling activities, totaling \$1.7 million, are available in Belleville along with counties, other municipalities, and non-profit organizations which qualify for a program administered by the Department of Environmental Protection (DPE) of the New Jersey Recycling Act of 1981, the competitive grant program awards are ex-

clusively for the establishment, maintenance or expansion of community recycling programs in the state.

The two types of grants available are program grants and education grants. Belleville and the County of Essex are eligible for both types of awards while groups certified as non-profit organizations are eligible for education grants only.

This year the third round of the program, the established minimum monetary allotments are \$5,000 for program grants and \$3,000 for education grants. Depending on the type of grant awarded, funds may be utilized for a variety of purposes pertaining to recycling, including public education or funding of capital equipment and facilities for collection and processing of recyclable materials.

Mary T. Sheil, administrator of the Office of Recycling, said "Program grant awards have significantly enhanced regional recycling efforts throughout the state."

Since the program was instituted, community recycling projects have been initiated and refined in Essex, Monmouth, Camden and Middlesex counties to name a few. Last year, for example, Camden County used its grant award to implement a multi-material recycling center where residents or neighboring towns deposit reusable resources such as aluminum cans, glass bottles, and tin cans.

Similarly, education fund awards have benefited efforts to increase recycling awareness in Essex County and towns such as Morris Plains, a recent grant recipient. That Morris County community is using its allocation to modernize its facilities and to hire a part-time recycling coordinator who will further develop recycling education programs in the community.

The financial assistance provided by this program helps existing recycling programs throughout the state to keep their momentum and give a much needed boost to regional newcomers. The net benefit to all New Jersey residents of this recycling activity is a marked decrease in the material flow to already overburdened landfills," Mrs. Sheil said.

Belleville's completed grant application must be received by the Office of Recycling no later than 4 p.m. on August 15, 1986. More information on funding guidelines is available by contacting Althea Spang, assistant administrator, at (201) 648-6295.

## Going up!

## New Belleville police station is to be built behind Town Hall

Belleville's long-awaited public safety building moved one step closer to fruition July 28 when the board of commissioners voted 3-1 to erect the building behind Town Hall.

The alternative site favored by Commissioner of Public Works Joseph Grande, was alongside Town Hall on Washington Avenue. Grande argued that the intent of the building was to help stimulate the redevelopment of Washington Avenue. Hidden from view, Grande believes, the building will not have the same effect.

However, Public Safety Commissioner Ralph DiRuggiero, Revenue and Finance Commissioner Joseph McGreevy, and Mayor Michael Marotti voted in favor of building "in the back" because costs would be lower and there is more room there.

Health and Welfare Commissioner Michael Pizzi was on vacation.

The site vote came during a special work session with Beckhard Richan Associates, the project architects. On hand were partners Herbert Beckhard and Frank Richan as well as another architect from the firm, Jim Tyner.

This vote gives the architects some thing to work with. Township Clerk Mary Lou Hood told the Times, "Now they can come back in two to four weeks with a preliminary plan — office layouts, floor plans, that sort of thing."

However, a preliminary plan is not enough to go out for bids on Hood added. That step is still a bit farther down the road.

— Christopher Bifani

## New judge appointment slated for September

By Christopher Bifani

Following the death earlier this month of Municipal Judge Edward Abramson, Belleville has been retaining the services of two other Essex municipal judges to keep the court in service.

Judge Carl Stier, municipal judge for Bloomfield and Judge Roman Pitio, municipal judge for Irvington have been hearing the township's cases until a new municipal judge is appointed in September.

"I understand they're doing a terrific job," Mayor Michael Marotti said of the two acting justices. "The court cases are being heard and rapidly disposed of."

Commissioner of Public Safety Ralph DiRuggiero had similar praise for Stier and Pitio.

"They've been filling in and are doing a very fine job," DiRuggiero told the Times. Pitio is running the Wednesday night court session while Stier is handling the Thursday morning sessions.

In the meantime, Commissioner DiRuggiero said he hasn't

authorized any formal deliberations on who the new official township judge will be. He declined to speculate on any local candidates who may be considered for the post in September.

However, DiRuggiero did point out that retaining two judges part-time is actually saving the town money during the interim since their combined pay is less than that of a salaried judge.

"It's pretty expensive," the public safety commissioner said. "We pay the judges \$100 per session which comes out of the municipal court budget."

Belleville has been utilizing the services of Stier and Pitio since the death of Judge Edward Abramson on July 21. Abramson, who was 81 at the time of his passing, was the town justice since the mid 1980's — a career that spanned six decades.

Abramson died at St. Barnabas Hospital in Livingston after going into a coma on July 18. According to family sources his death was described as being of "natural causes."

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# BELLEVILLE briefly...

## Art exhibits wanted

Are you an artist, photographer, who would like to exhibit, or an exhibitor who has a special collection of display that you would like to share with the Belleville Public Library? The Library has some openings left for 1986 and is currently looking for exhibits for 1987.

Call Adrea Cohen at 759-9210

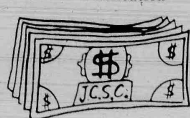
## Marion Crecco legislation would limit utility rates

Belleville's Assemblywoman Marion Crecco (R-30 District), has sponsored legislation which would effectively limit neighboring Newark's contribution to rate base for the Pequannock water system.

Her Assembly bill (A-2941) would cap at \$16 million the amount the city of Newark would be permitted to put into Belleville residents' rate base for the capital construction costs associated with its proposed water filtration plant.

The project has been under court order for over 20 years.

"My intention in proposing the bill was to limit the amount the city of Newark could charge its water customers in suburban Essex and Passaic counties to recover the capital costs of the new filtration plant to the original 1966 engineering and design estimates," Crecco said.



## Scholarships available for needy Bellevillites

The Opportunity Scholarship Program (OSP) of Jersey City State College is accepting applications from Belleville students who wish to enroll at the College for full-time study in September.

OSP provides financially-needy students with individualized academic, financial, and personal counseling, free tutoring in any academic area, a non-repayable Equal Opportunity Fund grant to help pay tuition, books, and living expenses, assistance in obtaining the maximum state and federal financial aid packages, and deferred billing for books and supplies purchased on campus.

The program is geared to assist motivated students who show potential although they are educationally disadvantaged and may not reflect their potential through indicators such as the traditional marking system and standardized tests.

To qualify for consideration a candidate must hold a high school diploma or a graduate equivalency degree and must show financial need.

College staff will assist applicants with admissions and financial aid procedures. To apply for the Opportunity Scholarship Program or for further information call Andy Platisky, associate director of OSP, at (201) 547-3356.

## Mystery benefactor gives library huge Egypt collection

An anonymous Bellevillite has donated to the Belleville Public Library an "exceptional" collection of books on the subject of ancient Egypt.

"It's a fabulous collection," David Bryant, library director, told the Times. "A wonderful addition to the library."

According to Bryant, the fully contained collection of more than 100 exceptional books "was carefully purchased and handled by a Belleville reader who wished not to be identified."

Upon outgrowing the space needed to house these books he decided to give them to the library.

Bryant said that a special display of the Egyptology collection will be arranged at the main library at 221 Washington Avenue where they can be appreciated and borrowed by the people of Belleville.

— Christopher Bifani

## Condominium guidebook available at library

With all of the condominium activity going on in the township, Bellevillites thinking of purchasing their apartments or one of the condo units going up, may want to check out a new book at the Belleville Public Library.

Entitled "The Condominium and Cooperative Apartment Buyer's and Seller's Guide," the David W. Kennedy book covers

## Clara Maass Medical Center appoints a new director

Gabriel J. Nawojczyk of Piscataway has been appointed director of plant operations at Clara Maass Medical Center.

Belleville Nawojczyk comes to Clara Maass with over 11 years of professional expertise in the management of the hospital's

physical plant, and particularly in overseeing the \$9.9 million renovation and modernization of the hospital.

He will also direct the staff of maintenance, engineering, and plant operations.

## Belleville's assemblyman plans Essex railroad link

Belleville's assemblyman, John V. Kelly (R-30), met with officials of New Jersey Transit earlier this month concerning the "Montclair Connection" proposal.

The Montclair Boonton line which is currently used by New Jersey Transit will require major repair work. The repair work will include reconstruction of two bridges along the line to Hoboken. The capital outlay involved with the construction of the bridges has forced New Jersey Transit to investigate other route alternatives which may be less costly.

New Jersey Transit originally proposed 22 alternatives and has since narrowed the choices down to five plans which would reroute the current rail line through the southern section of Montclair, nearer to the Belleville borderline.

However, if one of these options is selected a loss of up to 50 homes in that area is possible. New Jersey Transit officials note.

## Library videos are now available to card holders

Videocassettes available at the Belleville Public Library, 221 Washington Ave., include:

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- The Cotton Club
- Curious George Volume 2
- The Datsun Z Tune Up
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- Mask
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HAND-HINT

It is recommended that liniment and muscle rubs be used with massage products.

## The Belleville beat



### New condos broken into at Mill Street job site

Two buildings under construction at 700 Mill Street were broken into during the evening before Monday, July 28.

Charles Cerami of Cerami Construction Company of Belleville told police that on Monday morning he arrived on the building site to find apartment doors kicked in, locks knocked out of doors, broken window panes, and window frames pried into.

Cerami further told police that nothing appeared to be taken from the apartments which are part of a forthcoming condominium development.

No one has been arrested in connection with the incident.

### Lovers quarrel leads to 'ironing' out differences

An argument between a 19-year-old Belleville and his juvenile girlfriend resulted in the man being struck in the head with a clothes iron, Belleville Police report.

Carlos Velez of Mill Street told police that he did not want medical treatment or charges filed against his girlfriend.

A Newark resident, the girlfriend was released in the custody of her mother.

### Brunswick Olympic Lanes the scene of break& entry

The Brunswick Olympic bowling alley was the scene of a break-in during the wee hours of Sunday, July 27, according to Belleville Police.

The report states that at 1 a.m. two employees left the bowling facility. Two hours later, one of them returned, finding a light in the playroom on and the storage room lock (which is next to the playroom) broken.

The employee called his manager, informing him of the incident. The manager then reported it to police at 10 a.m.

Belleville Police have no suspects in connection with the break-in. At present, Manager Martin Christiano was unable to report what had been taken.

### Razor-tipped arrows found on township lawns

A razor-tipped arrow was found on the lawns of two Van Houten homes Friday, July 25, by Mondo DiFranzo and James Cienagahan.

Between 10 a.m. and noon DiFranzo of 89 Van Houten Place found a razor-tipped arrow that "looked as if it were shot from across the street," according to Belleville Police reports. Cienagahan of 92 Van Houten Place also found an arrow on his lawn.

Both arrows were identified by a "Butts and Bows" marking. Butts and Bows is a Washington Avenue archery supplier.

Police believe the incident to be an isolated prank. No suspects have been apprehended.

### Marijuana bust

John Joseph Davis, 23, was arrested with possession of under 25 grams of marijuana in an incident which occurred at the corner of Mill Street and Franklin Avenue Wednesday, July 16.

According to police reports, the suspect was searched by police during an unspecified field investigation.

Also found in Davis' possession was a pipe, believed to be used for smoking marijuana.

Officers Meese and Cienagahan made the arrest. No date has yet been set for a hearing.

### Criminal mischief

Gerard Gialenella was arrested as a result of a family fight Sunday morning, July 20.

According to police reports, Gialenella, 23, was attempting to kick in a door when he was apprehended by police.

The incident occurred at 18 Sycamore Drive. Names of complainants were withheld because they wish to remain anonymous.

# State will change Mill Street signs

Signs for Route 21 access ramps which direct Belleville motorists into a crime-ridden section of Newark before reaching the highway, will be changed by the state to direct Belleville traffic to the Main Street access ramps safely within the township.

Commissioner of Public Safety Ralph DiRuggiero told The Times that Police Chief George Lister contacted the New Jersey Department of Transportation and that they agreed to the sign switch, and would do the work.

The original intent of the

township was to simply notify the state of Belleville's intent to change the signs, but apparently this is a state responsibility.

The signs in question appear at the south end of Washington Avenue and on Mill Street. They direct traffic bound for Route 21 (also known as the New Jersey Freeway) one-half mile into Newark, past housing projects at the corner of McKarter Highway and Grafton Avenue. It is at this site that unsuspecting motorists have been repeatedly ambushed by youths in stolen cars.

The technique, according to Newark police and victims' own reports, is reminiscent of the wild west. First, a carload of baseball bat armed youths cuts off an unwary driver, just before the access ramp, literally "heading them off at the pass." Before the driver can reverse, a second car cuts the besieged vehicle off from the rear. Trapped, the driver is then pulled from the car, beaten and robbed.

Following a particularly savage incident of this nature early last month, The Belleville Times ran an editorial called "Urban Am-

bush" which called for the immediate changing of all Belleville Route 21 direction signs, so that New Jersey Freeway-bound traffic would instead flow to the Main Street ramps near K mart.

Both Commissioner DiRuggiero and Police Chief Lister endorsed the idea and planned to have the signs changed immediately.

However, a snag was reached when it was learned that the township may not make, the change itself, the state must do the work.

Fortunately, the state agreed.

\*Capt. Robert Russomanno, under the direction of Chief

Lister, notified the state department of transportation and they said "OK," DiRuggiero said, "but they haven't done it yet."

The commissioner explained that the state is often slow to move on small matters such as street signs, and he added that the sign change was nevertheless a priority for the town that the chief was following up on.

"The chief is going to remind them again," the commissioner said, "Hopefully it will be done shortly."

In the meantime, DiRuggiero reminds Bellevilleites to continue using the Main Street access ramps, especially at night.

## Belleville man shot in foot during township home heist

A Bloomfield man was shot in the foot and a Belleville man was pistol-whipped as a result of a daytime robbery on Reservoir Place in Belleville July 23.

The robbery took place at the home of Steven Anderlora around 10 a.m. last Wednesday. Joseph Anderlora of Bloomfield was visiting his uncle when he heard the doorbell ring. Joseph answered the door and a short, stocky white male who spoke with an unknown foreign accent was at the door inquiring about limousine service. Steven Anderlora runs a limousine service out of his home and Joseph told the gentleman in leading him to an office.

Shortly after the gentleman entered the house, two other men wearing ski masks entered the premises with weapons drawn and announced a holdup.

Steven and Joseph Anderlora were told to lie face down on the floor and were bound with adhesive tape. The suspects took an undetermined amount of money and tore a gold chain from Steven Anderlora's neck.

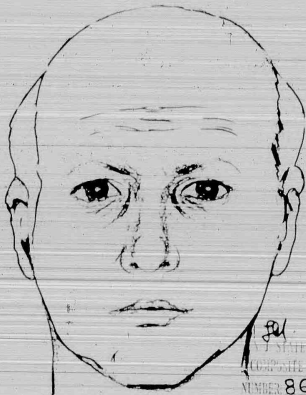
At one point during the robbery, a commotion arose and one of the three suspects shot Joseph Anderlora in the foot. During the scuffle, Steven Anderlora was able to break loose from the adhesive tape bindings and fought with all three suspects.

During the fight, the elder Anderlora was pistol-whipped but maintained consciousness. He told police that he was able to break free and run out the front door for help.

The suspects then left in a small vehicle that headed northbound on Reservoir and East on Division Avenue. After the suspects were out of sight, Steven Anderlora entered his house and called the police.

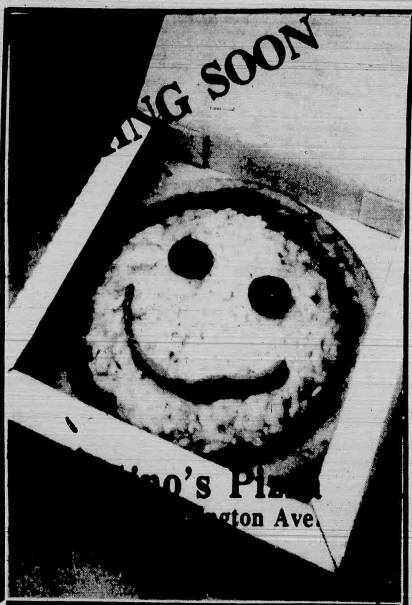
Joseph Anderlora was brought to Clara Maass Memorial Hospital where the bullet was removed from his foot. He was released July 25. Steven Anderlora was brought to Columbus General Hospital in Newark where he was treated for head injuries. He was released late last week.

Anyone with information about the robbery is urged to call Detective Vincent Capetta at the Belleville Police Department at 450-3354. All calls will be kept confidential.



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## Judge Antonin Scalia

President Ronald Reagan has nominated Federal Judge Antonin Scalia to be a member of the Supreme Court. If Scalia makes it, the Judge will be the first Italian American to be appointed and serve on the highest court in the nation.

Scalia is supremely qualified for the post. His peers give him the highest rating possible.

Judge Scalia has been classified as a Conservative — whatever that means. We are pleased that a member of another minority is finally making it to the Supreme Court. Based upon his credentials, it is with confidence that one can predict that Judge Scalia will be a credit to the ethnic group that gave him birth and to the nation that he will be serving.

## Shopkeeping

Generations ago, when our forefathers immigrated to America, many chose to set up shop here, in the cities and towns of North Jersey.

The shops were modest, salumarinas, shoemakers, corner restaurants... but they were kept up. In fact, no matter how decrepit the neighborhood, these little shops of our ancestors, we're told, were clean as a whistle. You could go outside and "eat off the sidewalk" as the story goes.

These little shops of yesteryear weren't big money-makers by any means. Often the proprietors barely eked out a living, while possibly putting a little aside for their children's education. But they were proud of their shops just the same — their spotless, well-kept little shops.

Today, shopkeeping seems to have lost its luster. Modern-day shopkeepers are proud only if their shop is making lots of money.

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Like a breath of "Fresh Air," it was such a pleasure to read in today's Sunday Star Ledger the article about our neighboring town of Nutley, and the concern for a "brighter and more upscale image" of the Downtown area of Nutley.

If none of our Commissioners happened to read the article, it goes on to describe how the redevelopment of their downtown sector will include major changes, but not major construction. There will be additional parking, new sidewalks with brick facing, new trees and shrubs, changes to draw sophisticated shoppers from shopping malls.

"We don't want the town to deteriorate," was the statement made by Claire Fennell of the Department of Parks and Public Properties. What a far cry from what we hear and read about our town of Belleville. All commissioners are in accord. The merchants are backing it. They are getting financial and from the Economic Development Corp. (EDC). The EDC has grants and low interest loans available.

Could Nutley be doing something right? We in Belleville have to look up to their form of government, their school system and all other levels of government. Rather than pick up a paper and read derogatory articles about our neighbor, too many times I have read complaints from our merchants about losing customers who go into Nutley, because shopping conditions are better, quality of stores are better, etc. If the merchants of Nutley have the foresight to sit down with the commissioners and to invest in bettering the image to bring in outsiders to shop as the article states, then why all the bickering in Belleville?

Why do the merchants on Washington Avenue want the taxpayers to pay \$10 million for a new Town Hall or Police station on Washington Avenue, to keep the Belleville customers in Belleville and to "shop in Belleville"? Maybe we are not seeing all the underlying facts, maybe we cannot read between the lines, maybe we are wrong in our summation but if what we read in the Ledger is correct then "Shame on our commissioners, shame on our merchants, and shame on the ugly publicity to our town continues to draw in the local and weekly publications."

The Concerned Citizens of Belleville are on the right track. Give them your support, clean up Belleville, rebuild the shopping areas, BUT rebuild in a more sensible way. Look at Nutley, it is a much more model town.

COULD and SHOULD be its equal if not MORE!!!

Michael Capanera  
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## Father Blake's brother appreciative to people

To the editor:

Father Frank Blake arrived at Holy Family Church in Nutley, 44 years ago as a young priest, ordained only the year before. The years he spent with his parishioners and the town people of Nutley and Belleville were filled with joy.

He took a particular interest in the Holy Family School and was constantly filled with hope due to the enthusiastic wonder-filled children who studied and grew there.

Father Blake's family would like to thank the hundreds and hundreds who bid him farewell last week. The expressions of love and respect for him were comforting to us and a warm, caring tribute to him that he would probably be overwhelmed by.

We are grateful to all the people of Nutley and Belleville who over so many years, responded to Father Blake and his work with a generosity of spirit that was inspirational.

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**Golden  
Comments**  
By James R. Golden

Belleville has long been a hot bed of political turbulence and unrest — as any student of its controversial history will attest. It is one of the few remaining municipalities, which like Nutley, its contiguous neighbor to the north, functions under the commission type of local government.

It was shortly after the Faulkner Act was enacted that we first became acquainted with a bright, perspicacious young man who became active in a Young Men in Government movement to establish a charter study committee to evaluate the advisability of changing the commission form of Belleville's government. The movement failed, although a later undertaking did succeed.

We were much impressed by this Belleville youth who displayed a keen concept of the law which was the profession of his choice. We had followed his career, although he had left Belleville, and what a convincing success it had been.

That gentleman Judge John J. Gibbons of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, embracing New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and the Virgin Islands, noted for the cogency of his landmark decisions, recently rendered a dissenting opinion in a case that ruled the media does not have a right under the First Amendment to obtain public access to certain documents and other information which a government agency refuses to divulge.

The court found that the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources could deny a Wilkes-Barre newspaper, the Times Leader, access to records in its possession dealing with contaminated drinking water.

In effect, the majority held that while the First Amendment guarantees the freedom to speak and publish, it does not similarly guarantee that there is, under all circumstances, a right to access of information from government.

The facts of the case involved water use restrictions imposed by Pennsylvania Gas & Water Co. on 250,000 customers after an outbreak of intestinal illness traced to contamination of drinking water. Over 400 customers got sick.

The newspaper investigated the cause of the illness and published hundreds of articles, some dealing with political influences, and others with possible improper enforcement by the company with regard to sewerage discharge problems.

Three members of the court joined with Judge John J. Gibbons of New Jersey in holding that the majority's ingenious invention of a new First Amendment pleading rule is bad law and, even if it is not bad law, in this case it is misapplied law. The dismissal of Times Leader's First Amendment claim should be reversed.

Judge Gibbons, in his dissent, noted that Pennsylvania law does not prohibit the disclosure of the records sought by the newspaper. Moreover, Gibbons wrote that "no factual assertion has been made, much less considered and resolved, that the remaining withheld information would prejudice an ongoing investigation, endanger a witness, disclose the identity of a confidential informant or breach a contract."

We concur with Judge Gibbons' opinion and would like to see the combined strength of the Fourth Estate marshal their forces to appeal this case to the Supreme Court to preserve the First Amendment rights of a free American press.

Judge Gibbons' strong dissent opinion convincingly establishes the need to expunge this "bad law" which must be erased, if the "free press" principles are to be preserved.

### Letter policy

The Belleville Times encourages residents to express their views about township, national and international events in the Letters to the Editors' column.

All letters submitted to the Times must include signature, address and telephone number. No letters will be printed without confirmation.

## Belleville Public Library

### August Calendar of Events

**Art Exhibits:** The art of Michelina Zatorski will be on exhibit in the Meeting Room of the Belleville Public Library, 321 Washington Avenue, during library hours in August.

The art of Ann DeReiner will be on exhibit in the Adult Reference area of the library during library hours as well.

Watercolors by the students of Joan Samset will be on exhibit, as will the art of John Stumpe.

**August 1** — Human Book Bingo will take place at 10 a.m. in the James J. Cozzarelli Children's Room at 10 a.m.

**August 4** — Painting on T-shirts will take place at 10 a.m. in the Meeting Room of the Library for teens and adults.

Popcorn Pictures, a craft for children at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room.

"Introduction to Calligraphy," a special Monday evening happening at 7 p.m. at the Library. Registration is open for grade 5 through adult level. Call the library at 359-9200.

**August 5** — Holly Hobbly decoupage for teens and adults will take place at 10 a.m. in the meeting room of the library.

Flax-Jocelyn Brown's "Storytime" will take place at 10 a.m. in the children's Room and at 9:40 a.m., 10:40 a.m. and at 2:30 p.m. in the preschool and toddler storytime will take place at the Silver Lake Branch, 1000 N. 2nd St.

**August 7** — Trivial Pursuit for teens and adults will take place at 10 a.m. in the meeting room of the library.

Cookless Cooking-making "Peter Rabbit Salsa" at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room of the library.

**August 8** — Jelly Bean Book Bingo at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room of the library.

**August 11** — Norman Rockwell Decoupage at 10 a.m. in the meeting room of the library for teens and adults.

Teddy Bear Wall Hangings, a craft program for children at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room.

A Puppet Show given by Alice O'Connor, children's librarian, a part of the Library's Summer Monday Evening Homespun, will take place at 7 p.m. at the Library, 321 Washington Avenue. Call 359-9200 to register.

**August 12** — A Sat. Half teaching program will take place 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Children's Room.

Making Tie Magnets, a craft program for teens and adults, will take place at 10 a.m. in the meeting room.

**August 13** — Rainbow Room Mobiles, a craft program for teens and adults at 10 a.m. in the meeting room.

A puppet show at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room.

**August 14** — "Learn to Play Bingo," a program for teens and adults at 10 a.m.

Graham Cracker Pie, a craft program for children at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room.

**August 15** — A Seating Bear at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room.

**August 18** — "Paper Bag Puppets," a craft program for children at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room.

Burlap and Flower Wall Hangings, a craft program for teens and adults at 10 a.m. in the meeting room of the library.

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The Summer Reading Club Party will take place at 10 a.m. at the library.

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**August 25** — Watercolor Designs, a craft program for teens and adults will take place at 10 a.m. in the library.

Slides of Great Britain, a program for all ages will be shown by Cindy LaRue, reference librarian, as part of the Library's Monday evening happenings.

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## Court reporter

compiled by Maureen Conway

### Charges dropped against teen because he joins Air Force

I hope you realize what this court wants to do for you. Judge Stier said to defendant 19 year old Victor Capetta of Belleville.

Capetta was charged with giving false police information in connection with a stolen car.

Assistant Prosecutor Frank Cozzarelli spoke to the Judge in behalf of Capetta. "It seems that Mr. Capetta has been straightening himself out," Cozzarelli said. "He has joined the Air Force and is going to be inducted today."

However he is worried about having this incident hang over his head indefinitely. On the recommendation of Officer Frank Manno, I move to dismiss this case on the understanding that Capetta be inducted into the Air Force in the next ten days.

Judge Stier granted a dismissal without the 10 day stipulation. He commended the court and Officer Manno on the "willingness to help Capetta organize his life."

### Maintenance code violations make homeowner \$125 poorer

Zoning Board Inspector Joseph Formoratto charged the McCusker family of Cortland Street with several zoning violations.

Formoratto testified that he inspected the McCusker house on April 18, June 13 and July 22 of this year. He found the front door window broken, a damaged side door, missing glass and debris on the property. He further testified that the backyard pool looked

ready to collapse.

Formoratto continued that he did notice a substantial improvement during his inspection on July 22. Helen McCusker testified that the work was being done at a slow but sure pace.

Judge Stier addressed Mr. McCusker about taking pride in her home. The Judge fined McCusker \$125 and ordered another inspection of her home in 2 weeks.

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### Caught redhanded with drugs and stolen K-mart products

William Haynes of Newark was sentenced to six months in the Essex County Correctional Facility after being found guilty of shoplifting and possession of a controlled substance.

Haynes was arrested by Belleville Police, June 7, in K-mart at Jordenham, Aysenue and Main Street after being caught shoplifting approximately \$125 worth of merchandise. Following his arrest, he was searched and police found 2 small packets of a white powder substance in his possession. Police believe the substance was either cocaine or heroin. A lab report has not yet been completed.

Haynes is a multiple offender. He was also charged with failure to appear before the court on a previous offense.

### Civic-minded citizen praised; his parking charge dropped

Belleville Municipal Court has an on the record detention of parking.

Judge Stier set the record straight during testimony heard by Gerard Ferns versus Officer Eleanor Nye.

"If the key cut on the ignition, the motor isn't running and the wheels aren't turning, a car is parked."

The necessity for the definition arose when Gerard Ferns of Prospect Place in Belleville argued

that his car was not parked illegally, it was disabled. Ferns testified that when he was finally able to move the car, he did clear the street in front of his house.

Judge Stier commended Ferns on his civic-mindedness and suspended all fines.

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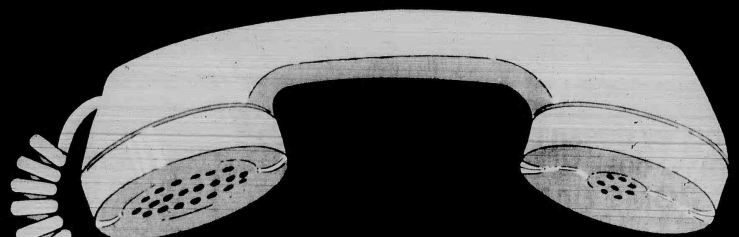
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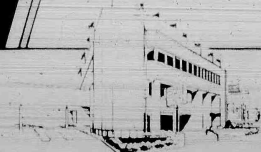
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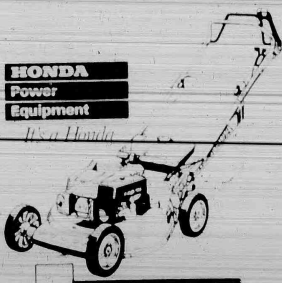
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Scalia is supremely qualified for the post. His peers give him the highest rating possible.

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Sincerely,  
Cornelis P. Vander Zwan

## It's better in Nutley?...

To the editor:

Take a breath of "Fresh Air" — it was such a pleasure to read in today's Sunday Star-Ledger the article about our neighboring town of Nutley and the concern for a "brighter and more upscale image" of the Downtown area of Nutley.

If none of our Commissioners happened to read the article, it goes on to describe how the redevelopment of their downtown sector will include major changes but not major construction. There will be additional parking, new sidewalks with brick facing, show-ice, and image changes to draw sophisticated shoppers from shopping malls.

"We don't want our town to deteriorate," was the statement made by Clare Fennell of the Department of Parks and Public Property. What a far cry from what we hear and read about our town of Belleville. All commissioners are in accord. The merchants are backing it. They are getting financial aid from the Economic Development Corp. (EDC). The EDC has grants and low interest loans available.

Could Nutley be doing something right. We in Belleville have to look up to their town of government, their school system and all other levels of government. Ranch do you pick up a paper and read derogatory articles about your neighbor. Too many times I

have read complaints from our merchants about losing customers who go into Nutley because shopping conditions are better, quality of stores are better, etc. If we cannot read but we have the foresight to sit down with the commissioners and to invest in bettering the image to bring in outsiders to shop as the article states, then why all the bickering in Belleville?

Why do the merchants on Washington Avenue want the taxpayers to pay \$5 to \$10 million for a new Town Hall, or Police station on Washington Avenue, to keep the Belleville customers in Belleville and to shop in Belleville? Maybe we are not seeing all the underlying facts, maybe we cannot read but when the lines, maybe we are wrong in our summation but if what we read in the Ledger is correct then "Shame on our commissioners, Shame on our merchants," and shame on the ugly publicity to our town continues to draw in the local and weekly publications.

The Concerned Citizens of Belleville are on the right track. Give them your support, clean up Belleville, rebuild the shopping areas, BUT rebuild in a more sensible way. Look to Nutley — it is a much more model town. Our town COULD and SHOULD be as good if not MORRIS!

Michael Capinera  
Belleville

## Father Blake's brother appreciative to people

To the editor:

Father Francis Blake arrived at Holy Family Church in Nutley 44 years ago as a young priest, ordained only a year before. The years he spent with his parishioners and the towns people of Nutley and Belleville were filled with joy.

He had a particular interest in the Holy Family School and was constantly filled with hope due to the enthusiastic wonder-filled children who studied and grew there.

Father Blake's family would like to thank the hundreds and hundreds who bid him farewell last week. The expressions of love and respect for him were comforting to us and a warm, caring tribute to him that he would probably be overwhelmed by.

We are grateful to all the people of Nutley and Belleville who over so many years, responded to Father Blake and his work with a generosity of spirit that was inspirational.

John Blake  
Union

## Golden Comments

By James R. Golden

Belleville has long been a hot bed of political turbulence and unrest — as any student of its controversial history will attest. It is one of the few remaining municipalities, which like Nutley, its contiguous neighbor to the north, functions under the commission type of local government.

It was shortly after the Faulkner Act was enacted that we first became acquainted with a bright, personable young man who became active in a Young Men in Government movement to establish a charter study committee to evaluate the advisability of changing the commission form of Belleville's government. The movement failed, although a later undertaking did succeed.

We were much impressed by this Belleville youth who displayed a keen concept of the law which was the profession of his choice. We had followed his career, although he had left Belleville, and what a crowning success it has been.

That gentleman, Judge John J. Gibbons of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, embracing New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and the Virgin Islands, noted for the cogency of his landmark decisions, recently rendered a dissenting opinion in a case that ruled the media does not have a right under the First Amendment to obtain public access to certain documents and other information which a government agency refuses to divulge.

The court found that the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources could deny a Wilkes-Barre newspaper, the Times Leader, access to records in its possession dealing with contaminated drinking water.

In effect, the majority held that while the First Amendment guarantees the freedom to speak and publish, it does not similarly guarantee that there is, under all conditions, a right to access of information from government.

The facts of the case involved water use restrictions imposed by Pennsylvania Gas & Water Co. on 250,000 customers after an outbreak of intestinal illness traced to contamination of drinking water. Over 400 customers got sick.

The newspaper investigated the cause of the illness and published hundreds of articles, some dealing with political influences and others with possible improper enforcement by the company with regard to sewerage discharge problems.

Three members of the court joined with Judge Joseph J. Gibbons of New Jersey in holding that "the majority's ingenious invention of a new First Amendment pleading rule is bad law and, even if it is not bad law, in this case it is misapplied law. The dismissal of Times Leader's First Amendment claim should be reversed."

Judge Gibbons, in his dissent, noted that Pennsylvania law does not prohibit the disclosure of the records sought by the newspaper.

Moreover, Gibbons wrote that "no factual assertion has been made, much less considered and resolved, that the remaining withheld information would prejudice an ongoing investigation, endanger a witness, disclose the identity of a confidential informant or breach a contract."

We concur with Judge Gibbons opinion and would like to see the combined strength of the Fourth State marshal their forces to appeal this case to the Supreme Court to preserve the First Amendment rights of a free American press.

Judge Gibbons' strong dissent opinion convincingly establishes the need to expunge this "bad law" which must be erased if the "free press" principles are to be preserved.

### Letter policy

The Belleville Times encourages residents to express their views about township, national and international events in the Letters to the Editors' column.

All letters submitted to the Times must include signature, address and telephone number. No letters will be printed without confirmation.

## Belleville Public Library

### August Calendar of Events

**Art Exhibits:** The art of Michaela Zatorski will be on exhibit in the Meeting Room of the Belleville Public Library, 221 Washington Avenue, during library hours in August.

The art of Ann DeRemer will be on exhibit in the Adult Reference area of the library during library hours in August.

Watercolors by the students of Joan Saniscl will be on exhibit, as will the art of John Stunpe.

**August 1** — Human Book Bingo will take place at 10 a.m. in the James J. Cozzarelli Children's Room at 10 a.m.

**August 4** — Painting on shirts will take place at 10 a.m. in the Meeting Room of the Library for teens and adults.

**Popcorn Pictures** — a craft for children at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room.

"Introduction to Calligraphy" — a special Monday evening happening at 7 p.m. at the Library. Registration is open for grade 5 through adult level. Call the library at 751-9200.

**August 5** — Holly Hobby decoupage for teens and adults will take place at 10 a.m. in the meeting room of the library.

"Encyclopedia Brown" storytime will take place at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room and at 9:40 a.m., 10:40 a.m. and at 2:40 p.m.

A preschool and toddler storytime will take place at the Silver Lake Branch Library at 10 a.m.

**August 7** — Krypt-Kon for teens and adults will take place at 10 a.m. in the meeting room of the library.

"Cookless" cooking, making "Peter Rabbit Salad" at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room of the library.

**August 8** — "Telly Bear Book Bingo" at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room of the library.

**August 11** — Norman Rockwell Decoupage at 10 a.m. in the meeting room of the library, for teens and adults.

**Teddy Bear Wall Hangings** — a craft program for children at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room.

**Puppet Show** given by Alice Cronin, children's librarian, a part of the Library Summer Monday Evening Happenings, will take place at 7 p.m. at the Library, 221 Washington Avenue. Call 751-9200 to register.

**August 12** — A Self-Help reading program will take place 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in the Children's Room.

**Making Tie Magnets** — a craft program for teens and adults will take place at 10 a.m. in the meeting room.

**August 13** — Rainbow Room Mingles — a craft program for teens and adults at 10 a.m. in the meeting room.

A puppet show at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room.

**August 14** — Learn to Play Boggle — a program for teens and adults at 10 a.m.

**Barabam Crackers Pie** — a craft program for children at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room.

**August 15** — A Spelling Bee at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room.

**August 18** — "Paper Bag Puppets" — a craft program for children at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room.

**Burlap and Flower Wall Hangings** — a craft program for teens and adults at 10 a.m. in the meeting room of the library.

**5:00 p.m. Beautiful** — a family night program as part of the Monday Evening Happenings at 7 p.m. Call the library at 751-9200 to register.

**August 19** — "Cotton Crochet Mugs" will be shown at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room.

**Americana Painting on Wood** — a craft program for teens and adults at 10 a.m. in the meeting room of the library.

**August 20** — Boggle-Drinker Boves — a craft program at 10 a.m. in the meeting room of the library for teens and adults.

**August 21** — A Boggle Tournament at 10 a.m. in the meeting room of the library for teens and adults.

The Summer Reading Club Quiz will take place at 10 a.m. at the library.

**August 22** — A Summer Reading Club Quiz will take place at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room.

**August 25** — Watercolor Designs — a craft program for teens and adults will take place at 10 a.m. at the library.

"Slides of Great Britain" — a program for all ages will be shown by Emily LaRue, reference librarian as part of the Library's Monday evening happenings.

**August 26** — "Watercolor Designs" — a craft program for teens and adults at 10 a.m. in the meeting room.

## Court reporter

compiled by Maureen Conway

### Charges dropped against teen because he joins Air Force

"I hope you realize what this court wants to do for you," Judge Stier said to defendant 19-year-old Victor Capetta of Belleville.

Capetta was charged with giving false police information, in connection with a stolen car.

Assistant Prosecutor Frank Cozzarelli spoke to the judge in behalf of Capetta. "It seems that Mr. Capetta has been straightening himself out," Cozzarelli said. "He has joined the Air Force and is going to be inducted today."

However he is worried about having this incident hang over his head indefinitely. On the recommendation of Officer Frank Marino, I move to dismiss this case on the understanding that Capetta be inducted into the Air Force in the next ten days."

Judge Stier granted a dismissal without the 10 day stipulation. He commended the court and Officer Marino on the "willingness to help Capetta organize his life."

### Maintenance code violations make homeowner \$125 poorer

Zoning Board Inspector Joseph Forman charged the McCusker family of Cortland Street with several zoning violations.

Forman testified that he inspected the McCusker house on April 18, June 13 and July 22 of this year. He found the front door window broken, a damaged side door, overgrown grass and debris on the property. He further testified that the backyard pool looked

ready to collapse.

Forman testified that he did not notice a substantial improvement during his inspection on July 22. Helen McCusker testified that the work was being done at a slow but sure pace.

Judge Stier addressed McCusker about taking pride in her home. He fined McCusker \$125 and ordered another inspection of her home in 2 weeks.

### Caught redhanded with drugs and stolen K-mart products

William Haynes of Newark was sentenced to six months in the Essex County Correctional Facility after being found guilty of shoplifting and possession of a controlled substance.

Haynes was arrested by Belleville Police June 7 in K-mart at Jorammon Avenue and Main Street after being caught shoplifting approximately \$125 worth of merchandise. Following his arrest,

he was searched and police found a small packet of a white powder substance in his possession. Police believe the substance was either cocaine or heroin. A lab report has not yet been completed.

Haynes is a multiple offender. He was also charged with failure to appear before the court on a previous offense.

### Civic-minded citizen praised; his parking charge dropped

Belleville Municipal Court has an "on the record" definition of parking.

Judge Stier set the record straight during testimony heard by Gerard Ferns, court officer. Ferns was charged with parking in the "no parking" zone in front of the court.

The necessary for the definition arose when Gerard Ferns of Prospect Place in Belleville argued

that his car was not parked illegally. It was disabled. Ferns testified that when he was finally able to move the car, he did clean the street in front of his house.

Judge Stier commended Ferns on his civic-mindedness and suspended all fines.

The next session of Belleville Municipal Court will be covered in next week's Court Reporter in the Belleville Times.

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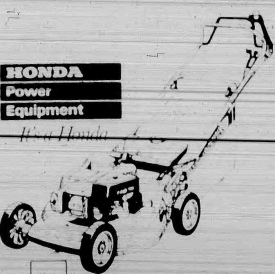
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# Times gets good marks from Bellevillites

With comments and suggestions as varied as the people who make up the township of Belleville, dozens of Times' questionnaires have flowed into the newsroom since we began our reader survey earlier this month.

"Please publish the results of this survey," wrote one regular reader. "It will be interesting to read of the suggestions made by others."

That reader, by the way, said the Times "could be better," but added that "there is definite improvement in just the last few weeks. Keep it up."

And what do the rest of the survey respondents think? 28% gave the Times a rating of

"excellent." 31% delivered a "very good" mark. 38% checked off "adequate" and, fortunately, only 3% felt "poor" was the appropriate grade.

"Given the paper up," complained one survey respondent who gave the Times a poor grade. That reader suggested more out of town news, which is not our policy, and more letters "which reflect the interest of citizens." We do try to print as many letters as possible, however.

The majority of readers who answered the Times' questionnaire listed "more local news" as the item they would like to see more of. Perhaps that is why

more than 75% of respondents checked off "Belleville Briefly," our new local news brief section as one of the features they read regularly.

Many readers, suggested features that would cover the activities of township police and court goings-on. This was something the staff was working on even before the readers' survey was launched, and during July "The Belleville Beat" and "Court reporter" emerged on our pages.

The most widely read feature, however, appears to be the Times' editorials. Whether Bellevillites agree or disagree with our positions (most of you didn't say) was

quite gratifying to learn that nine out of ten readers digest our editorials.

Letters, like editorials, are also widely read by Bellevillites. Nearly nine out of ten respondents peruse our letters section weekly.

Golden Comments, however, has not fared so well. Nearly 50% indicated they are regular readers of Jim Golden's commentary, written in a spicy, rhetorical vein that is, perhaps, an acquired taste.

"Religious Viewpoint," was another feature that appears to be split down the middle. While many readers scrawled "less Religious viewpoint" in answer to question 3, many other readers pleaded for "more Religious viewpoint" in answer to question 2. Many found the writings of our two religious columnists, Rev. Gerald Fortunato and Rev. Robert Paul to be "inspirational." Other readers wrote that our weekly prayers were "uplifting." Overall, about 45% of regular readers support our spiritual feature, more than enough, we feel to keep it going.

About seven out of every ten readers enjoy "Social news," our recently expanded feature covering the township's weddings, graduations, engagements and the like. Everybody it seems likes to "make the paper," and "Social news" is one of the features where everyday people can headline.

Like "Social news," about seven out of every ten readers check the obituaries.

Only 40% of survey respondents listed sports as a regularly read feature. But then again, foot-

ball season is still more than a month away! One reader wrote "How about more coverage on sports teams other than varsity?" To that we say "see us in September!"

Our two regular advertising features "classifieds" and the occasional supplement "Accent Suburbs" are both read regularly by about half of our readers. Other good news for advertisers: about more than 8 out of every 10 readers refers to the Times for their shopping needs.

We averaged out the amount of people who read each copy of The Belleville Times and we learned that about 3 people share each one. That amounts to more than half of the reading population of Belleville.

Additionally, the overwhelming majority of survey respondents indicated that regardless of their opinion of our product, they are loyal readers. 9 out of 10 said they purchase the Times every week.

Some readers' comments:

"I would like to see less of your has attitude in... condoning citizens who are trying to offer suggestions on town economy, efficiency, good and welfare."

"I would like to see better coverage of what the commuters are doing and then handling of matters before them at town meetings."

"I would like to see more on how to save our young from alcohol, drugs and crime."

Your pictures are very good. Everything is satisfactory. Your paper is doing a fine job. Keep up the good work.

"I like to see Rev. Fortunato's column appear weekly. They are very inspirational. I enjoy them immensely."

"Less religious viewpoint news."

"The paper has excellent information on local news and people's personal achievements."

"Have something for youth. Maybe have teenagers write from experience and get the youth involved in reading and getting involved in the community."

"How about returning 'Eyesore of the week?' It would help improve our community. Also, how about a 'teacher of the week' or 'student page?' How about a monthly feature 'Belleville then and now?'"

"I would like to see less slanted comments on articles over the past two weeks. They're negative, not necessary or appreciated."

"I would like to see more real estate transactions in Belleville Prices, and who is buying?"

"I would like to see less political bull."

So there you have it. If there was one common thread the editorial staff discovered while sorting out the steady stream of returned questionnaires, it was that all of you, it appears, care about your community and your community paper.

From time to time we will reprint the Times questionnaire. The editorial staff thanks all survey respondents for taking the time and effort to reply, and encourages those of you who haven't to fill out the one which appears above and send it in.

## Questionnaire

The editorial staff of The Belleville Times has compiled the following survey to better serve the community. Please kindly complete and mail to: The Belleville Times, P.O. Box 56, Belleville, N.J. 07109.

1. Which features do you read regularly? Check off as many as apply:

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  - 2. Control Your Keys.** Keep vehicle keys and house keys on separate rings. Never have an identification tag on your key ring. This only helps the thief locate your vehicle should your keys be lost or stolen. Never hide an extra key under the hood. Thieves know where to look for hidden keys.
  - 3. Secure Your Registration.** Do not leave your registration in side your vehicle. Carry it with you, perhaps with your driver's license.
  - Secure Valuables And Parcels.** Never leave your checkbook, credit cards, or other valuables unattended in a vehicle. When shopping, lock parcels and other valuables in the trunk. If your vehicle does not have a trunk, make sure parcels are not left in plain view.
  - 4. Discourage The Thief.** Some thieves specialize in lifting the door lock buttons with a coat hanger. Consider purchasing smooth, nonflared lock buttons for your vehicle doors.
  - 5. Park In Well-Lighted And Busy Areas.** This is important for your personal safety as well as for the protection of your vehicle. If you usually park in an unprotected area, consider installing an in-fender hood release. If you use a commercial parking lot, be sure you receive a claim check. If required to leave your key with the parking attendant, leave ONLY your ignition key — take all other keys with you.
  - If You Are The Victim.** Report stolen or lost property to the police as soon as possible. Police need specific information to identify the vehicle parts and accessories. Take the time to record detailed information. If a thief has replaced your tags or altered the vehicle, other points of identification should be available. You should have a record of the following:
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Travelers he said, can arrange for first-class mail to follow them for up to 18 months, 60 days for second-class publications and 12 months for third- and fourth-class items. Except for fourth-class parcels, there is no charge for forwarding.

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# Evans brothers' trial will again be heard in September

By Maureen Conway

A double trial involving charges against Glen and Michael Evans of Belleville involving criminal mischief, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest will resume in September. Judge Judge Amosato announced.

The Evans brothers were arrested and charged following a July 1985 shooting in the parking lot of the Evans family home on 11th and 10th Avenues. Nine people were injured in the shooting, which took place along with six police officers, posed the charges.

Glen and Michael Evans, who reside at 11 Rutan Place, Belleville, were arrested on the charges of first-degree murder, the charges.

## Seniors could save on property taxes

Assemblywoman Marion Creech (R-30th District) has cosponsored legislation that would increase the annual deduction from certain real property taxes for senior and disabled citizens.

Bill A 736 would increase the deduction from \$250 to \$300 to help mitigate the effect of increasing property taxes.

The bill is intended to relieve the financial burden that rising property taxes have placed on these citizens, Creech said.

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Tent sale — Two of Washington Avenue's several car dealerships recently joined together for a tent sale event. The ongoing affair is being held at Mead Ford and Crown Chevrolet located on the Avenue across the street from each other. (Photos by Jave Laramina)




broken glass and a damaged door. Glen said he was trying to retrieve the tavern to retrieve his jacket and money.

Later, when Glen and Michael were taken to Nutley Police Headquarters by investigating officers, a night before, complaints filed by six Nutley officers allege that Glen and Michael resisted arrest and started a fight in the police station.

Judge Amosato said he could find the brothers guilty, but could not force them to pay for damages to the tavern. Judge Amosato suggested that Worensky might file a suit in civil court to recover costs for damages.

The trial will resume in September.



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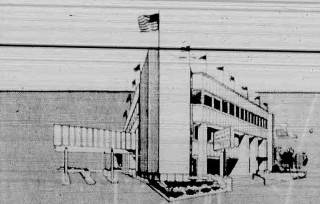
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# Times gets good marks from Bellevillites

With comments and suggestions as varied as the people who make up the township of Belleville, dozens of Times' questionnaires have flowed into the newsroom since we began our reader survey earlier this month.

"Please publish the results of this survey," wrote one regular reader. "It will be interesting to read of the suggestions made by others."

That reader, by the way, said the Times "could be better," but added that "there is definite improvement in just the last few weeks. Keep it up."

And what do the rest of the survey respondents think?

28% gave the Times a rating of

"excellent." 31% delivered a "very good" mark. 38% checked off "adequate" and, fortunately, only 3% felt "poor" was the appropriate grade.

"Given the paper up," complained one survey respondent who gave the Times a poor grade. That reader suggested more out-of-town news, which is not our policy, and more letters "which reflect the interest of citizens." We do try to print as many letters as possible, however.

The majority of readers who answered the Times' questionnaire listed "more local news" as the item they would like to see more of. Perhaps that is why

more than 75% of respondents checked off "Belleville. Briefly," our new local news brief section as one of the features they read regularly.

Many readers suggested features that would cover the activities of township police and court goings-on. This was something the staff was working on even before the readers' survey was launched, and during July "The Belleville Beat" and "Court reporter" emerged on our pages.

The most widely read feature, however, appears to be the Times' editorials. Whether Bellevillites agree or disagree with our positions (most of you didn't say) was

quite gratifying to learn that nine out of ten readers digest our editorials.

Letters, like editorials, are also widely read by Bellevillites. Nearly nine out of ten respondents peruse our letters section weekly.

Golden Comments, however, has not fared so well. Nearly 50% indicated they are regular readers of Jim Golden's commentary, written in a spicy, rhetorical vein that is, perhaps, an acquired taste.

"Religious Viewpoint," was another feature that appears to be split down the middle. While many readers scrawled "less Religious viewpoint" in answer to question 3, many other readers pleaded for "more Religious viewpoint" in answer to question 2. Many found the writings of our two religious columnists—Rev. Gerald Fortunato and Rev. Robert Paul—to be "inspirational." Other readers wrote that our weekly prayers were "uplifting." Overall, about 45% of regular readers support our spiritual feature, more than enough, we feel, to keep it going.

About seven out of every ten readers enjoy "Social news," our recently expanded feature covering the township's weddings, graduations, engagements and the like. Everybody it seems likes to "make the paper," and "Social news" is one of the features where everyday people can headline.

Like "Social news," about seven out of every ten readers check the obituaries.

Only 40% of survey respondents listed sports as a regularly read feature. But then again, foot

ball season is still more than a month away! One reader wrote "How about more coverage on sports teams other than varsity?" To that we say "see us in September!"

Our two regular advertising features—"classifieds" and the occasional supplement "Accent Suburbia"—are both read regularly by about half of our readers. Other good news for advertisers is that more than 8 out of every 10 readers refers to the Times for their shopping needs.

We averaged out the amount of people who read each copy of The Belleville Times and we learned that about 3 people share each one. That amounts to more than half of the reading population of Belleville.

Additionally, the overwhelming majority of survey respondents indicated that regardless of their opinion of our product, they are loyal readers. 9 out of 10 said they purchase the Times every week.

Some readers comments:

"I would like to see less of your bias attitude in condemning citizens who are trying to offer suggestions on town economy of efficiency, good and welfare."

"I would like to see better coverage of what the communities are doing and their handling of matters before them at town meetings."

"I would like to see more on how to save our young from alcohol, drugs and crime."

"Your pictures are very good!"

"Everything is satisfactory."

"Your paper is doing a fine job. Keep up the good work."

"I like to see Rev. Fortunato's column appear weekly. They are very inspirational. I enjoy them immensely."

"Less religious view point news."

"The paper has excellent information on local news and people's personal achievements."

"Have something for youth. Maybe have teenagers write from experience and get the youth involved in reading and getting involved in the community."

"How about returning 'Evesore of the week.' It would help improve our community. Also, how about a 'teacher of the week' or student page? How about a monthly feature 'Belleville' then and now?"

"I would like to see less slanted comments on articles over the past two weeks. They're negative, not necessary or appreciated."

"I would like to see more real estate transactions in Belleville. Prices, and who is buying."

"I would like to see less political bull."

So there you have it. If there was one common thread the editorial staff discovered while sorting out the steady stream of returned questionnaires, it was that all of you, it appears, care about your community and your community paper.

From time to time we will reprint the Times questionnaire. The editorial staff thanks all survey respondents for taking the time and effort to reply, and encourages those of you who haven't, to fill out the one which appears above and send it in.

## Questionnaire

The editorial staff of The Belleville Times has compiled the following survey to better serve the community. Kindly complete and mail to: The Belleville Times, P.O. Box 56, Belleville, N.J. 07109.

1. Which features do you read regularly? Check off as many as apply:

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OBITUARIES \_\_\_\_\_ SPORTS \_\_\_\_\_  
CLASSIFIED \_\_\_\_\_ ACCENT SUBURBIA \_\_\_\_\_

2. What would you like to see more of in The Times?

3. What would you like to see less of in The Times?

- Where do you purchase The Belleville Times? If subscribing, please indicate.
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- How many people are likely to read your copy?
- How long do you keep your copy?
- Do you refer to The Times for your shopping needs?
- What is your opinion of The Times, overall?  
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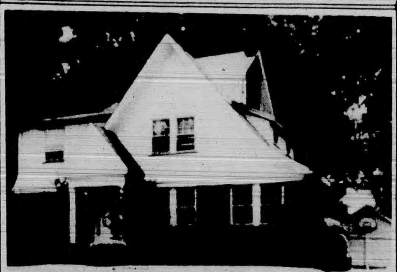
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- 2. Control Your Keys.** Keep vehicle keys and house keys on separate rings. Never have an identification tag on your key ring. This only helps the thief locate your vehicle should your keys be lost or stolen. Never hide an extra key under the hood. Thieves know where to look for hidden keys.
- 3. Secure Your Registration.** Do not leave your registration in side your vehicle. Carry it with you; perhaps with your driver's license.
- 4. Secure Valuables And Parcels.** Never leave your checkbook, credit cards, or other valuables unattended in a vehicle. When shopping, lock parcels and other valuables in the trunk. If your vehicle does not have a trunk, make sure parcels are not left in plain view.
- 5. Discourage The Thief.** Some thieves specialize in lifting the door lock buttons with a coat hanger. Consider purchasing smooth, nonflared lock buttons for your vehicle doors.
- 6. Park In Well-Lighted And Busy Areas.** This is important for your personal safety, as well as for the protection of your vehicle. If you initially park in an unprotected area, consider installing an interior hood-release. If you use a commercial parking lot, be sure you receive a claim check. If required to leave your key with the parking attendant, leave ONLY your ignition key—take all other keys with you.

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- Year, make, model, color
  - State and County tag numbers
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  - Tire size, brand, name and tread design
- Before you pack up and leave for vacation, contact us and ask us to hold your mail. Walton said, "or arrange with us to have your mail forwarded for a specified time, then held again while you're enroute home." Travelers, he said, can arrange for first-class mail to follow them for up to 18 months, 60 days for second-class publications and 12 months for third- and fourth-class items. Except for fourth-class parcels, there is no charge for forwardings.

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Troopers honored: Assemblyman John V. Kelly presents New Jersey General Assembly Resolutions to Detective David Salzmänn, and Detective Sergeant George Douglas for outstanding work in resolving a series of armed robberies on the Garden State Parkway. Pictured (l-r) are R. Richtnath, supervisor of troop investigative unit; Salzmänn, Douglas, and Kelly.

## Evans brothers' trial will again be heard in September

By Maureen Conaway

A court trial involving charges against Glen and Michael Evans of Belleville involving criminal possession of weapons, criminal possession of a controlled substance, and criminal possession of a controlled substance, will resume in September.

The Evans brothers were arrested in March 1985 following a search of their home at 1001 N. 10th Street, East Avenue, Newark.

The Evans brothers were charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance, and criminal possession of a controlled substance.

Glen and Michael Evans, who reside at 1001 N. 10th Street, Belleville, were at Carl's Tavern, the

bar's owner, Carl Worensky, testified this past Wednesday that Glen became unruly after one drink and was refused another.

Glen then grabbed the bartender and the scuffle was broken up by Michael, according to Worensky's testimony.

The two brothers then went outside to "cool off," while Worensky tried to lock the tavern's front door.

Glen told Judge Amosato that Worensky was "obnoxious" and what followed next, the tavern owner said, was Glen's trying to get back into the bar by kicking in the front door. The result was

broken glass and a damaged door. Glen said he was trying to reenter the tavern to retrieve his jacket and money.

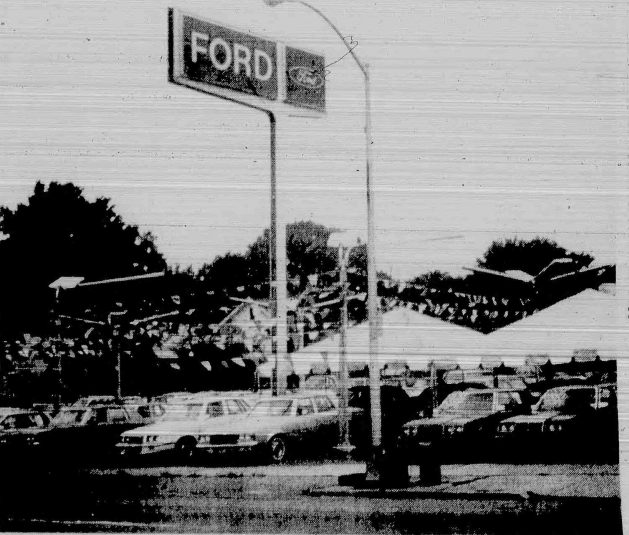
Later when Glen and Michael were taken to Nutley Police Headquarters by investigating officers, a fight broke out. Complaints filed by six Nutley officers allege that Glen and Michael resisted arrest and started a fight in the police station.

Judge Amosato said he could find the brothers guilty, but could not force them to pay for damages to the tavern. Judge Amosato suggested that Worensky might file a suit in civil court to recover costs for damages.

The trial will resume in September.



Tent sale — Two of Washington Avenue, several car dealerships recently joined together for a tent sale event. The ongoing affair is being held at Mead Ford and Crown Chevrolet located on the Avenue across the street from each other. Photos by Jane Tarantino.



## Seniors could save on property taxes

Assemblywoman Marjorie Crecco (R-9th District) has co-sponsored legislation that would increase the annual deduction from certain real property taxes for senior and disabled citizens.

Bill A-736 would increase the deduction from \$250 to \$300 to

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The bill is intended to relieve the financial burden that rising property taxes have placed on these citizens. Crecco said.

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# Township naval officer in Liberty celebration

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Matthew Martin, son of Margaret Martin of Union Avenue, recently participated in the International Naval Review in New York Harbor July 4 as part of the Statue of Liberty Centennial Celebration.

During the celebration, twenty-one ships from 14 countries joined 11 U.S. Navy ships in the review, only the fifth such gathering of military vessels in U.S. history.

The ships sailed into New York Harbor on the morning of July 3 and paraded up the Hudson River before anchoring throughout the harbor and river. Review began on the morning of July 4 when the battleship USS Iowa exchanged honors with the visiting ships.

Martin is currently stationed aboard the battleship USS Iowa homeported in Norfolk, VA.

A 1981 graduate of Belleville High School, he joined the Navy in February 1983.

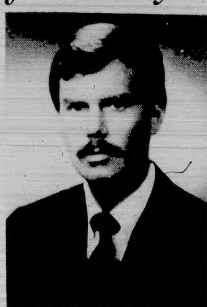
# Michael J. Collins new head of Van Dyk

Michael J. Collins, a former assistant general manager of Mallinckrodt, Inc.'s Drug and Fine Chemicals Division, has been named president and general manager of Van-Dyk & Co. Mallinckrodt's Belleville-based manufacturer of sunscreens and other cosmetic chemicals.

Collins joined Mallinckrodt in 1976 as staff assistant to the general manager of the Medical/Narcotics Division. He succeeded Leonard B. Garbin as head of Van Dyk.

A graduate of Northwestern University, Collins holds a B.A. degree in economics and an M.B.A. in accounting finance from that institution.

Mallinckrodt, Inc., a subsidiary of International Minerals & Chemical Corp., is a St. Louis, Mo., based manufacturer and marketer of health care products, specialty chemicals and flavors and fragrances.



Michael J. Collins

# Bellevillite selected to run Upsala College athletics programming

The Upsala College athletic department has announced the hiring of Eileen F. Shafer as coordinator of women's athletics. Ms. Shafer will officially begin her duties on Sept. 1.

Ms. Shafer, of Belleville, is also a physical education and health teacher at Orange High School, where she also served as girls' varsity softball and basketball coach. She also served temporarily as chairperson of Orange High School's physical education department.

Ms. Shafer completed her Master's Degree at Slippery Rock State University in 1981 and received her B.S. degree from Montclair State College in 1980.

Eileen Shafer is an excellent addition to our department. Upsala athletic director Ed Lyons said. "From an administrative standpoint she'll be running the women's program and coordinating scheduling of games and practices."

# Social News

## Six township students graduated from Kean

Six Bellevillites have received degrees from Kean College in Union, including one who has graduated with honors.

Lynn Delia-Johnson, majoring in elementary education, graduated cum laude with a BA degree.

Other Belleville students

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## Assemblyman John V. Kelly presents awards to troopers

Assemblyman John V. Kelly of Nutley, R-10, presented two New Jersey State Police Officers with resolutions from the New Jersey General Assembly. Detective David Salzmann and Detective Sergeant George Douglas, both of Troop E which is stationed on the Garden State Parkway in Bloomfield, received resolutions from Kelly for their extraordinary work in solving a series of armed robberies on the Garden State Parkway.

The robberies occurred in the Vauxhall area of the Parkway in Union and Elizabeth. Detective Sgt. Douglas and Detective Salzmann worked tirelessly on this case which resulted in the early apprehension of the suspect Kelly said.

Both Salzmann and Douglas should be commended for their dedication and actions which were above and beyond the line of duty, the Nutley Assemblyman said.

Salzmann has been a State Trooper on the Garden State Parkway for six and a half of his nine years on the force. Douglas has been a State Trooper for 22 years.



Graduate — Paula Racine of Belleville graduated June 2 from the Saint Barnabas Medical Center's Program of Diagnostic Medical Ultrasonography, Livingston.

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# Nursing careers have come a long way

Careers in nursing have come a long way from the days when nurses were expected to cook, do laundry, scrub floors and prepare meals in addition to their nursing duties. Today nurses are highly skilled professionals who can look forward to a wide variety of opportunities as they pursue their careers.

Mrs. Sarah Sherlock, director of The Mountsinde Hospital School of Nursing says, "Nursing is an adventure. It is a career that will keep you interested for the rest of your life; there are always changes, something new to get excited about."

Mountsinde Hospital's staff is a perfect illustration of the many opportunities that are available to nurses. Bernard G. Koval, president and chief executive officer, began his career as a nurse. Other registered nurses at Mountsinde have become patient care coordinators, in-service educators and clinicians.

Betty Lagitish is an RN who was recently hired to initiate a guest relations program. Mary Zayachek of an RN who was recently promoted to assistant vice president. Mrs. Zayachek is responsible for many areas of the hospital including the quality assurance program which she helped to implement, and Mountsinde's patient representative program.

Nursing opportunities outside of the hospital setting have grown as well. Nurses are now working internationally in the Armed Forces, the Department of Health, the space program, world health organizations and business and industry. Some nurses who like to travel are in programs that allow them to move on a rotating schedule to a new location every six weeks.

This is particularly appealing to a young nurse who wants to see a bit of the world before settling down with a spouse and family. Sherlock added.

Mrs. Sherlock emphasizes that the most important quality of anyone who thinks they might be interested in a career in nursing is the capacity to care.

That's the difference that hasn't changed since the early days of nursing. Nurses are people who like working with people. She added that Cheryl Schmidt, who was graduated from The Mountsinde Hospital School of Nursing in 1985, was one of the first winners of Mountsinde's CARE Award which was implemented to recognize employees demonstrating caring qualities.

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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. Mountaineer 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. 743-3737.

### 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**, tall and single adults 8 to 10 p.m. second Tuesday, Meadowlands Hilton, 2 Harmon Plaza, Secaucus. Height requirements. \$3 per guest, members free. 298-0664.

**Jewish Singles Friday night dance**, 20's and 30's. 797-6877.

**A New Beginning** pub mixer at Allan's Place, 522 Franklin Ave. Nutley, second and fourth Wednesdays after 9 p.m. Lite music, drinks, conversation. 661-3357 or 667-9848.

**Singles dance**, 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Springburn Manor, 2900 Springfield Ave., Union. Social, ballroom dancing, Orchestra, DJ, big band sound.

### Freescap exhibit at Oakeside

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

### Upcoming class reunions listed

**Bloomfield High School**, Class of 1961 seeking class members for 25 year reunion. Sept. 26, Sheraton, Fairfield. Send info on how to be contacted to Floretta Friedman, 150 Franklin St., Bloomfield.

**Belleville High School** classes of 1930 and 1931: Sept. 21, Glen Ridge Country Club, Ralph Casale, 11 Emmet St., Belleville. 07109 or Ruth Lloyd Baily, 14 Reid St., West End, N.J. 07740.

**Belleville High School Class of 1976**, November, 1996, Anthony Nicotia, 751-6474, Debbie Current, 751-8584, Kathy Gipo, 429-7347, Diane DeMayo, 736-2426.

**Nutley High School Class of 1966**, Alan DeFabio, 661-2110 or Russell Catanzarite, 661-2093.

**Belleville High School, Class of 1946** Oct. 24, Friar Tuck Inn, Route 23, Cedar Grove. The Reunion Committee, Class of 1946, c/o Nino's Candy and Cards, 548 Union Ave., Belleville. 07109.

**Belleville High School, Class of 1966** Nov. 29, The Aspen, Parsippany, P.O. Box 666, Belleville.

**Nutley High School Class of 1956** this November, Rose LaDolcetta Helm, 338-8614.

**Nutley High School Class of 1941** Nov. 15, Friar Tuck Cedar Grove, Lloyd Newsome, 85 Hawthorne Place, Montclair, 07042, 783-9162.

**Barringer High School, Newark**, Classes 1940 through 1945, mid-November. 226-5470 or 239-7385.

**West Side High School, Newark**, Classes of January and June 1936 seek members for reunion. Names, addresses and telephone numbers to Guidance Dept., West Side High School, 403 South Orange Ave., Newark, 07103.

**Belleville High School Class of 1937**, looking for classmates for a 50th reunion. Call class president Frank June, Carraig, 759-5820. Box Gausepohl, 748-5297. Bob Shaughnessy, 659-2506 or Audrey Ural, 226-1872.

### Festival in the Park Sept. 7

The 13th Annual Festival in the Park, sponsored by the Kingsland Trust and the Nutley Historical Society with the Nutley Parks and Recreation Dept., will be held 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 7 in Memorial Park between Vreeland Avenue and Chestnut Street. Rain date, Sept. 14. Dealers: call Douglas Eisenfelder at 667-3037 for information on renting space.

### Thunderbolts' reunion Aug. 13

The 11th Armored "Thunderbolt" Division will hold its 40th reunion Aug. 13 to Aug. 17 at Loew's Glenpoint Hotel, Teaneck. For more information, call Ray Schroeder at 338-5667.

### School planning family picnic

Washington School, Nutley, is planning a family style picnic Sept. 20 in honor of its 75th anniversary. Former students are asked to contact Annmarie Nicolette at 667-6824, Marilyn A. Weiss at 661-4971 or Kathy Ritacco at 235-9492.

### Vacation church school opening

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 158 Vreeland Ave., Nutley, will run a vacation church school 9 a.m. to noon, Aug. 4 to Aug. 15. 3 years to 6th grade. For more information or to register, call 667-0255.

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### Yard sale Aug. 1, 2 in Belleville

Belleville Reformed Church will hold a yard sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 1 and 2, at 48 Rossmore Place, Belleville. Proceeds to the church.

### Outdoor flea market next month

American Legion Post 106, 621 Washington Ave., Belleville (near McDonald's and Pathmark) is holding an outdoor flea market Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24. Call Barbara at 991-3674 or 759-9650.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Marino — nee Pamela Muraglia

## Pamela Muraglia bride of Michael F. Marino

St. Mary's Church, Nutley, was the setting May 31 for the marriage of Pamela Muraglia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ornizio Muraglia of Belleville, to Michael Frank Marino Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Frank Marino Sr. of Kearny.

The Rev. Robert Carlson performed the ceremony which was followed by a reception at Town & Campus, West Orange.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a white-organza gown trimmed with seed pearls and fashioned with an off the shoulder bodice and a ruffled cathedral train embroidered in Madeira lace.

Her headpiece was a matching hat and she carried a cascade of gardenias and white roses.

Carmine Grasso of Belleville was her sister's matron of honor. Bridesmaids included another sister of the bride, Marie Dibilio of Belleville, the groom's sister, Janet Dunn of Kearny, Ginny Lee of Livingston, Laurie Cifone of North Arlington, Cheryl Disordi of Lyndhurst and Virginia Carnevale of Nutley. Flower girl was the bride's niece, Giovanna Grasso.

They were attired in peacock blue satin gowns with matching

hats. The honor attendant carried a cascade of spring flowers with miniature tea roses while the others carried spring flowers.

Bob Tooker of Kearny was best man. Ushering were Joseph and Carmine Muraglia of Belleville, brothers of the bride. Thomas Dunn of Kearny, brother-in-law of the groom, Joji Yamaguchi, Chester Staron, Mitchell Mahant and Danny Montgomery, all of Kearny. Ringbearer was the groom's cousin, Richard Armond Donato of Kearny.

Mrs. Muraglia chose a light periwinkle blue two-piece gown while the groom's mother was in a teal blue gown. Corsages were of gardenias.

Mrs. Marino, a graduate of Belleville High School, is with Tri-County Industrial Supply, Belleville.

Mr. Marino, an alumnus of Kearny High School, DeVry Technical Institute of Technology, Woodbridge and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, is with Konica Business Machines, Pinebrook.

The couple honeymooned on a cruise to Bermuda and have made their home in Kearny.

## Stork Club

Jordan I. Hijazi

A first child, a son, Jordan Iman, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Husam Hijazi of Newark July 9 at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville. Birth weight was 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

Mrs. Hijazi is the former Gina Ventola, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Ventola of Newark. Mr. Hijazi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ali Hijazi of Amman, Jordan, is a graduating student at Rutgers University, Newark.



Donna Slonim

## Donna Slonim on dean's list at Seton Hall

Donna Slonim of Belleville, a junior at Seton Hall University, South Orange, was named to the dean's list for the 1985-86 academic year.

A graduate of Belleville High School, she is majoring in business.



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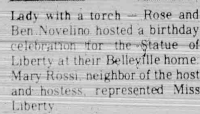
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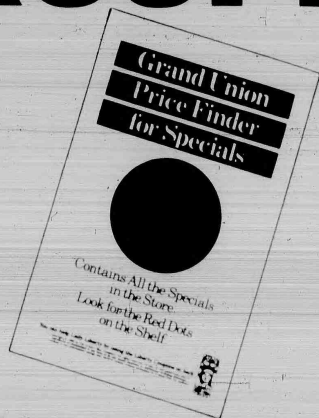
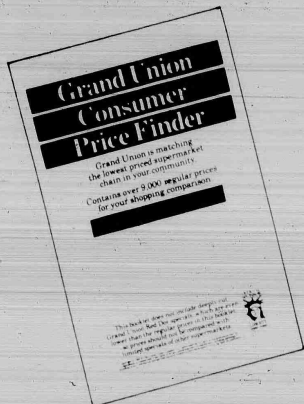
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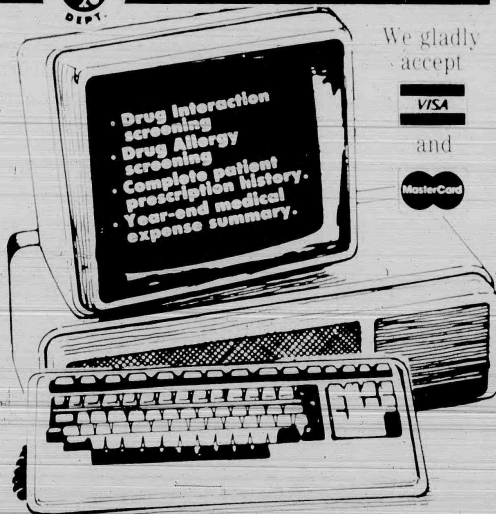
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# Belleville Times SPORTS

## Buc Shots

By Michael Lamberti



He first appeared on the Belleville basketball court as an unknown assistant in November of 1980. It doesn't seem that long ago, however, in November 1980, Jimmy Carter was still President of the United States, the hostages were still in Iran, the Phillies were champions of the baseball world and the Belleville football team was led by John Melillo and Frank Fazzini.

Joe Papasidero was in his second season as varsity basketball coach and he had a new assistant, a quiet man who was learning the coaching game and would be the junior varsity coach. His name was Rocco Colucci and he would be associated with the basketball and golf programs at BHS for six years.

Last week, Colucci had the task of telling his young players that he would not be back for the 1986-87 season. The coach had accepted a teaching offer in the Rahway school system, an offer that Colucci feels will benefit his professional career.

"It's a good opportunity for me," Colucci said of his new job, which he will assume in September. "I have to think of my family as well. I don't have a coaching job, yet, and I'm hoping that eventually I'll be back coaching at Rahway."

For those of you who didn't know Rocco Colucci, you missed a guy who enjoyed coaching, loved to win and worked long and hard to try and teach his players how to win and what kind of hard work it took to achieve success.

Colucci never looked for the easy way out. A product of Essex Catholic High School, he played basketball for four years before attending college. Upon graduation, he worked in a Parochial system for one year before coming to Belleville for the 1980-81 season.

I'm very grateful to the Township of Belleville for giving me the opportunity to teach and coach," Colucci said. "I would like to thank the administration, Joseph Cicone (BHS Principal), Jimmy Silvestri (BHS Athletic Director) and Al Lo Balbo. Al helped me out a great deal and I'm very grateful."

Colucci noted some memorable games in his career at Belleville High. His first win came on the junior varsity level, on January 30, 1981, when the Bucs defeated Seton Hall Prep, on the road. That was the same night that the "Cardiac Kids," the varsity basketball team, lost a heartbreaker in double overtime to state-ranked Seton Hall. Belleville had been humiliated 77-35, earlier in the season by the Hall at BHS and the Bucs were looking to make a better impression. After falling behind early, Belleville regained the lead and seemingly had the contest won in regulation time. However, Seton Hall tied it on a full court pass that a player converted for a layup as the buzzer sounded.

Colucci's first varsity win came in the Morris Knolls Christmas Journey, in December, 1984. His first season as coach, the Bucs were 2-22.

"We didn't do too many things right that year," Colucci said. "We were very young and were taking our lumps."

Colucci had coached the junior varsity in 1981, '82 and '83. He took a hiatus from JV coaching in the 1983-84 season, running the seventh and eighth grade program. All he did there was lead the team to a 17-1 record and the Suburban League championship.

On that team, among others, were Ted Sochaski, Leon Puentes and Chris Chiamonte. After the '83-84 year, Papasidero resigned his post as varsity coach and Colucci was named successor. However, he didn't get the nod until two weeks before the start of practice and working with a young team, needed to teach a lot very quickly.

Last season, the Bucs improved to 5-19 and most importantly, were much more competitive. The team played a lot of close games and showed the ability to battle some of the state's best teams.

Last year, we had Paterson Eastside on the ropes," Colucci recalled. "We were beating them by five points (37-32) in the fourth quarter and they were ranked seventh in the state. They rallied in the final minutes (Eastside won, 43-39), but it showed our kids what they're capable of doing."

Colucci said his biggest win of the season was the 62-35 victory over Kearny at the Meadowlands Arena. (See this week's Flashback story on February 11.)

Working with Coach Papasidero in the earlier years was a big plus," said Colucci. "He taught me a lot and it was enjoyable working with him."

Colucci's only disappointment is that basketball hasn't caught on in Belleville with the interest he thought it would.

"I'm sorry that basketball hasn't caught on in Belleville. There are some good players, but because the team hasn't been winning, we didn't have a very big following."

However, Colucci is quite optimistic about the 1986-87 team.

"These kids are ready to make a run," he predicted. "They're ready to win. They've worked so hard over the past two years. They're juniors and seniors now and have the experience. I think they'll do well next season and I'll be rooting for them."

Colucci also leaves as head golf coach, a job he did very well. His overall record from 1981-85 was 57-34. He guided the 1985 team to the NNJIL championship and helped guide the '81 team to a second place finish in the highly competitive Essex County tournament.

What Coach Colucci also leaves is a reputation as a class person and winning coach. He gave Belleville six strong years and leaves with the respect and admiration of his players, both past and present. On a personal note, Good Luck, Rocco. Best of luck in your new job and thanks for all the good things you did for sports at Belleville High.

### Last Weeks Quiz

Reggie Jackson, Harmon Killebrew, Roberto Clemente and Johnny Bench were among the players who hit a home run in the '71 All Star Game.

## BHS basketball coach resigns; replacement search underway

The search is underway for a new Belleville varsity basketball and golf coach following the resignation of Rocco Colucci last week.

Colucci, who has been teaching and coaching in the Belleville school system for six years, will be assuming a new teaching role in Rahway this fall. He has not accepted a new coaching role as yet.

"It was a difficult decision for me," Colucci said. "I had a lot of fond memories at Belleville. The people there were very nice to me. It's a good opportunity for me in Rahway. I have to think of my family as well."

Colucci is married with two young sons. He has coached the varsity golf team for six years and has been involved with the Belleville basketball team for the past six years. He was the head coach of the team for the past two seasons, guiding the young Bucs to a 7-41 mark with the development of the younger players, such as Ted Sochaski and Leon Puentes, the Bucs are expected to field a strong unit this winter.

"I hate to leave now, especially with the kids developing into a good squad," said Colucci. "I wish them the best of luck in their future. They have the tools necessary to be good players. They've taken their lumps over the past two years and now I think they're ready to be winners."

A successor to Colucci has not been determined. Among the candidates is current assistant coach Don Roll, who has been the assistant at Belleville High for the past three seasons. Before coming to Belleville as

an assistant, Roll coached at Kearny High in a similar role from 1981-83. He is a 1978 graduate of Belleville High.

Colucci coached the golf team for six years, finishing with a career coaching mark of 57-34. His biggest accomplishments in coaching golf were leading 1985 team to the NNJIL championship and the 1981 team to a second place finish in the prestigious Essex County championships.

There is more about Colucci in this week's issue of Buc Shots.

## Belleville squeaks past Irvington squad 56-55 at Elizabeth Dunn arena

Displaying the important ability to win the close game, the Belleville basketball team took a big step toward the winning hurdle by stopping Irvington 56-55 last Wednesday night at Dunn Arena, Elizabeth.

Don Roll's team had a night off last Monday and resumed play last night with a game against Elizabeth. Next Monday, the team will face St. Pat's of Elizabeth, starting 7:30 p.m. and next Wednesday, closes out its regular season with a game against Don Bosco Tech, also at 7:30. All games are played at the Dunn Arena.

The Bucs are now 2-5 in the Elizabeth Summer League and the victory over Irvington was an important game because it showed the maturing players they can battle with good teams and win close games.

"This was a good win for us," Roll said. "The kids now know they can win these close games. We jumped out to an early lead and then were able to hold on."

The Bucs came out smoking in the first half. The team jumped out to a 17-7 first quarter lead and extended that margin to 30-17 at intermission.

"We opened up with a man to man and switched to a 2-2-1 zone at mid court," Roll explained. "It confused them (Irvington). They threw the ball away a few times and we were able to convert them for layups. We went with a box and one on their top player, with Leon Puentes, and Craig (Burden) doing the job on him."

The Bucs extended the lead to 44-30 after three quarters, then held its breath as Irvington made a furious rally in the final eight minutes. The Campers cut the lead to 56-53 with '03 remaining.

"We gave them the final two points," Roll said. "We didn't want to foul and two points was not going to hurt us there. They made a run on us in the final quarter, but we hurt ourselves with missed layups. If we hit a few of those chippies, we would have put it away a lot sooner."

Ted Sochaski led the way for Belleville with 22 points. Leon Puentes tallied 10, Frank Morel finished with eight, Chris Chiamonte and John Morel tallied seven and Steve Schwed closed the scoring with two points. Craig Burden did not score, but he did a nice job on defense and is getting himself in shape for the upcoming season.

"We're finding ways to win, not to lose," said Roll. "That's the difference with this team. They're getting older now and gaining more confidence. This game shows we have the ability to play well."

NOTES: After the regular season finale next Wednesday, the Bucs will get ready for the playoffs, which begin on August 11. Last year, the Bucs pulled a upset in the first round, beating powerful Columbia before losing in the semi-finals. Players expressed surprise and some sadness at the resignation of head coach Rocco Colucci. Colucci had a good rapport with the team and will be missed by his players. Bucs were hoping to give Elizabeth another battle in last night's game. Earlier this season, they played the Minutemen even in the first half before falling in the late stages of the third quarter.

### Community band concert tonight at 8 in Rutherford

The Rutherford Community Band tonight at 8 presents its fifth concert of the summer season at the Hutzler Band Shell in Lincoln Park on Park Avenue across the street from Borough Hall. The series of concerts is sponsored by the Rutherford Department of Recreation and is free to the public.



Footstuff — The international sport of soccer has gained quite a foothold in Belleville in recent years. Pictured above and below are three young Belleville players who are enjoying this age-old European game. (Photo by Chris Lawlor, more photos next page.)



# Flashback — Colluci's varsity squad takes Kearny in Byrne Arena game

This weeks "Flashback" is dedicated to coach Rocco Colluci, who stepped down as Belleville basketball coach last week and will assume a teaching position in a different city. Colluci coached at Belleville High for six years, the last two as head coach. He had some fond memories while coaching, but perhaps none fonder than last February, when the Bucs played at the Meadowlands Arena and beat Kearny, 62-35. This article appeared in the February 20, 1986 issue of the Times. The game was played on February 11.

A big step in the development of the Belleville basketball program took place last Tuesday afternoon. On a snowy day, the

team took a bus trip to the Meadowlands Arena. The purpose of the trip was to play a game against the Kearny Cardinals, as a prelude to the Nets-Pistons game.

While it was just another regular season contest, this game had special meaning. The Bucs and Cards were playing on a special court, where many NBA heroes do their thing on a night to night basis. While the large arena looked imposing, the Belleville basketball players certainly seemed at home.

"I had to call time out in the fourth quarter," said head coach Rocco Colluci, "to tell the kids to stop fooling around. Everyone was so loose, it was like they belonged here."

For the record, Belleville won the game, and did so with a resounding effect. The final count was 62-35 and it was a game that many players will remember for years to come.

There was Donald Washington, doing what few Belleville players have ever done. In the past, Washington came through with a slam dunk in the waning minutes of the game. His dunk came on a fast break and was the caper to a tremendous afternoon.

How about Bob Hutchison who led the Bucs in scoring with 16 points, 12 of which came in the first half, when Belleville built up a big 32-13 lead.

There was Loung La, who scored the first two points of the

game on a jumper that was all net. Frank Morel scored the first time he touched the ball. Bobby Willis scored the final two points, at the buzzer, on a jump shot.

"This was the biggest win of the year for us," said Colluci. "It was one of the best moments this program has had in a while."

Not since the Bucs defeated Weequahic in the 1983 state tourney has Belleville posted such an impressive win. What made the game so enjoyable was that Belleville played with supreme confidence. They just didn't believe they could lose.

Ted Sochaski played a strong game, scoring 15 points. Leon Puentes scored six points and

directed the Belleville offense. Pete Gerst scored a point late in the game on a foul shot. Chris Goldrick had three points. This was a special moment for all the members of the team, playing in the Meadowlands and winning by 27 points.

"I want to come back here again," said Sochaski, making reference to the state championships in future years. The state finals are often played in the Meadowlands Arena.

Colluci, who has endured a 4-14 season in which Belleville has lost a number of close games, could not mask his happiness after this game. It was such a positive moment in the programs history and gives hope that this kind of effort can be

repeated with more regularity in future seasons.

Certainly, congratulations are extended to coach Colluci, coach Donald Roll and the entire team for not only the victory but the way in which it was accomplished.

**EDITORS NOTES:** The Bucs finished the 85-86 season with a 5-19 record. Colluci's two year totals at BHS were just 7-41, but he had the team heading in the right direction. The Bucs are gaining confidence for the 1986-87 campaign, which begins in late November. The players enjoyed a good basketball camp and are playing well in the rigorous Elizabeth Summer League.



Stealing the ball — pictured above an aggressive young ballplayer wrestles control of the ball from a surprised opponent.



Dribbling down the field — here, a young player demonstrates the dribbling technique. Unlike basketball you can't use your hands.



Defensive strategy — player at right tries to prevent player with possession from outflanking him or getting into scoring position.

(All photos by Chris Lawlor)

## Despite 3-10-1 record, Legion made strides

Despite a 3-10-1 record, the Belleville legion baseball team made some positive strides during the hot summer months of

June and July.

3-10-1 doesn't sound too successful," said head coach Joe Papasidero, "but a lot of kids

got better as the season progressed.

Buccaneer baseball coach Ralph La Conte determined that his team would improve with the return of the legion baseball program. The team took a two year hiatus from the competition after the 1981 season, returning in the summer of '84.

La Conte contends the varsity teams improvement in the spring had a lot to do with the players competing in a legion program.

This summer, some familiar

names played important roles to the team.

Alan Ruopp, recently graduated from Belleville High, hit 528 this summer, leading the team in doubles. The versatile Ruopp, who will be playing college baseball in Florida, played outfield, infield and was a good pitcher.

He knows situation baseball," Papasidero said. "When Alan got on base, he had the green light. He knew what to do out there."

Ruopp struck out just three

times in over 30 at bats. He powered a homer this summer and will be remembered in the annals of Belleville baseball as a consistent, hard nosed ball player.

Lou Lucante, who will be a senior at BHS this September, started 324 m legion play.

As a lefty," said Papasidero, "Louie developed into a pretty good catcher. He has a good arm and is a good hitter."

Lucante can also pitch and has been a starter for the Buccaneers baseball team since the middle of his sophomore year.

What more can you say about Jim Dunphy. As was highlighted in last weeks issue, the upcoming BHS senior hit 588, a team

high, and was the team leader in extra base hits.

Another important statistic is Jimmy led the team in walks. Papasidero said, "He also learned the strike zone as a hitter. He developed into quite an offensive threat during the summer."

Dunphy has been an outstanding pitcher for Belleville since his sophomore year in 1985. He had a great summer on the mound both as a starter and reliever.

When Dunphy wasn't pitching, he played in the outfield and also worked at first base.

At Best, an upcoming senior hit a powerful 361 and played et

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# Religious Viewpoint



## You are employed

By Rev. Robert Paul  
Brookdale Baptist Church

Only twenty three years old a Gloucester youth saw an advertisement in a Boston newspaper. "Wanted, young man as an under study to a financial statistician P.O. Box 1720."

He answered the advertisement, but received no reply. Then he went to the Boston post office and asked the name of the holder of Box 1720. The clerk refused to give it to him. He saw the postmaster. He also refused. It was against the rules to tell him the number of the box.

Early one morning an idea came to the young man. He rose early, hurriedly prepared his own breakfast, took the first train to Boston, went to the post office, and stood sentinel near Box 1720.

After a long interval, a man appeared, and opened Box 1720, and took out the mail. The young man trailed him to his destination, which was the office of a stock brokerage firm. The young man entered and asked for the manager.

The youth told the manager how he had applied for the position of under study to a statistician, that he had written three times and never received any

response, and had been refused the box holder's name at the post office.

"But," queried the manager, "How did you find out that I was the advertiser?"

"I stood in the lobby of the post office for several hours, watching Box 1720," answered the young man. "When a man came in and took the mail from the box, I followed him here."

The manager said, "Young man, you are just the kind of a persistent fellow I want, you are employed."

"And you shall seek me, and find me, when you shall search for me with all your heart," Jeremiah 29.

One of the many reasons people never experience the new life in Jesus Christ is because they are like the thief who does not seek a policeman. God will never force anyone to place their trust in Jesus Christ. When you make a choice, and don't make it, that is not a choice. I say along with Joshua, "but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Are you employed in serving God, or are you wasting away your life? Seek the Lord, while He may be found. Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation.

## PRAYER FOR TODAY

### For Those Growing Old

Lord, Thou knowest I am growing older.  
Keep me from becoming talkative and possessed with the idea that I must express myself on every subject.

Release me from the craving to straighten out everyone's affairs.

Keep me from the recital of endless detail. Give me wings to get to the point.

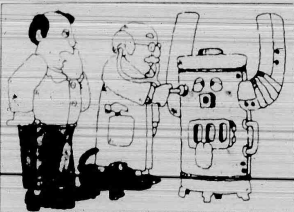
Seal my lips when I am inclined to tell of my aches and pains. They are increasing with the years and my love to speak of them grows sweeter as time goes by.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong. Make me thoughtful but not nosy, helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom and experience it is less seen a pity not to use it all. But, Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

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## Obituaries

### Chester Przewodek, 72, was Continental worker

Chester Przewodek, 72, of Belleville died July 26 in the Community Memorial Hospital in Toms River.

A Mass was offered July 28 in St. Joseph's Church, Toms River, following the funeral at the Quinn Hopping Funeral Home, also in Toms River.

Przewodek had been a plant

worker for the Continental Can Company of Jersey City for 30 years, retiring 9 years ago.

Born in Jersey City, he lived in Belleville before moving to Toms River, three years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Helen; a daughter, Mrs. Joan Kuczmarski; a son, Chet; four sisters, a brother, and two grandchildren.

### Miss Pauline Shapiro, was School 4 teacher

Miss Pauline Shapiro of South Orange, formerly an elementary school teacher in Belleville, died July 28 in the St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Graveside services were held July 29 in B'nai Abraham Memorial Park, Union. Arrangements were by the Suburban Chapel of Philip Apter & Son, Maplewood.

Miss Shapiro had been an elementary school teacher with School 4 in Belleville before her retirement 10 years ago. She was a 1961 graduate of Seton Hall University and received her master's degree in education from Seton Hall in 1966.

Miss Shapiro was a member of the Hadassah in Newark.

## Local Legion team

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Jeff Spisbury began to show signs of becoming a fine short stop during the high school season this past spring. Coach La Conte brought him into varsity action as a sophomore and Spisbury responded with good fielding and a potent bat.

This summer, the upcoming junior hit .250 and displayed an excellent glove. He was a spectacular fielder. Papasidero said "He has the tools necessary to be a good player."

Second baseman Dean Mauro had an injury plagued summer. After earning all conference honors this spring for his excellent play, Mauro separated his shoulder and saw limited action. He is reportedly in good health now and should be 100 percent for the varsity baseball season in '87.

Upcoming sophomore Anthony Rodriguez turned in a stellar performance at third base. He hit .303 and did a nice job of fielding.

Anthony did a very good job. Papasidero said "He was battling with guys older than him who had more experience. However, he never stepped down. He played hard and determined. He got his swings and really improved."

P. J. Grande played in the outfield and saw time on the pitchers mound. Grande, a good athlete, has the tools necessary to be a fine baseball player.

Dave Silletti played outfield

this summer and had some key hits. Chris Canarella also saw time in the outfield and Tony Narciso worked behind the plate.

I would like to express thanks to a lot of people who made this season possible. Papasidero said "The Belleville baseball parents were a big help. They lent their support, provided refreshments for the kids and were always there. They helped with donations and equipment as well."

The Belleville optimist club was a big help to the team. I would like to thank the Belleville Recreation Dept. for its help in maintaining the field. And also, I'd like to thank the fans in general for their help and support.

### Joseph V. Grosso, 71, lifelong paint mixer

Joseph V. Grosso, 71, of Belleville died July 26 in his home.

A Mass was offered July 28 in St. Peter's Church, Belleville, following the funeral from the Kiernan Funeral Home, Belleville.

Mr. Grosso had been a paint mixer for the Moss & Waldstein Paint Co., Newark, where he worked for 12 years before retir-

ing in 1981. Previously, he had been a mixer for the Pittsburgh Paint Company in Newark for 33 years.

Surviving Grosso are his wife Grace; two sons, James Flounders and Joseph R.; two daughters, Mrs. Helen Van Syckel and Mrs. Joan Walsh; 19 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

### Jean Pouliquen, 77, was French immigrant

A Mass for Jean Pouliquen, 77, of North Arlington was offered at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, North Arlington, following a funeral from the Barrow Funeral Home, also in North Arlington.

Pouliquen died July 21 in the Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville.

He wired navigational equip-

ment for the Wallace & Tiernan Co. in Belleville for 30 years before retiring 12 years ago.

Born in Gournay, France, Pouliquen settled in North Arlington 45 years ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Georgette Dorber and Mrs. Christine Szpyhulsky; four sisters, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

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# Washington Avenue

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with a new tax-conscious group called the Concerned Citizens of Belleville, Inc., leading the fight against.

But, according to DaSaro, the complex would have acted like a "magnet" for Washington Avenue, drawing new business and development while preventing neighboring Newark's woes from crossing the Belleville line.

The blight declaration, on the other hand, was originally opposed by a group called the Belleville Revitalization Committee. This group believed that such a declaration would cast a negative light on the entire township.

The Belleville Redevelopment Agency, however, maintained that such a plan would have enabled the township to apply for special urban renewal grants while giving its governing body powers that could have quickened the redevelopment process.

"It would have given the

Belleville Redevelopment Agency and the township the power of eminent domain," DaSaro told the Times. Eminent domain means a governing body may buy up any property at fair market value for purposes such as urban renewal.

With opponents and supporters locked in battle over these two key elements of the "Townplan," progress on Washington Avenue came to a virtual standstill, although many vacant storefronts did in fact become occupied despite four years of stalled plans.

Finally, in May, 1985, the blight proposal was defeated in a board of commissioners meeting that attracted hundreds of volatile citizens.

The commission rejected the proposal of blight put forth by the Belleville Redevelopment Agency and the planning board and as of now the issue is dead," DaSaro said. "There's nothing on the agenda."

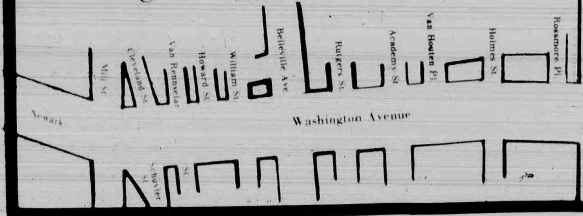
More recently, the issue of a

municipal complex "magnet" on the avenue appears to be dead as well. The Concerned Citizens of Belleville, which has among its leadership former members of the now defunct Belleville Revitalization Committee, effectively organized opponents of the \$10 million complex and the resulting pressure convinced the board earlier this month to downgrade their municipal construction plan to include only a new public safety building.

Meanwhile — a code of silence? Throughout the long battles over controversial "Townplan" recommendations, and while citizens and officials alike pointed fingers and lamented the avenue's condition, Belleville's property maintenance code was firmly in place — a municipal blight-fighting sword resting in a silent sheath of bureaucracy.

While opposing groups, all with the best interests of Belleville and Washington Avenue at heart,

## Washington Avenue Map



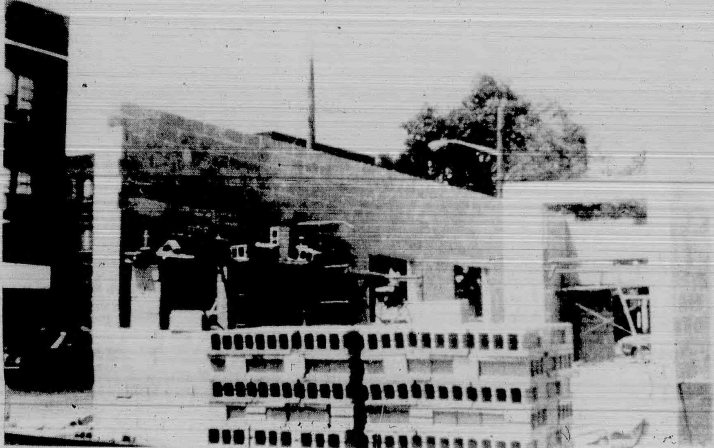
A downtown revival? Unlike other "main drag" shopping thoroughfares such as Bergenline Avenue in West New York or Washington Avenue in Bergenfield, Belleville's Washington Avenue does not have an unbroken line of stores. Rather, the street boasts three "hub" areas, largely separated by non-retail establishments,

blamed avenue decline on lack of parking, proximity to Newark shopping malls, and each other's inaction. The property maintenance code was clear evidence that much of the blight at least could be blamed on the "owners" — operators — and occupants — who were just plain breaking the law.

Washington Avenue now A recent Belleville Times in section of the avenue reveals several clear violations of the property maintenance code, highly visible violations which appear to add to the rundown overall look of the block. As evidenced by photographs which accompany

this part of the Washington Avenue series, these current violations include ripped awnings, broken signs and peeling paint. Other possible violations, which may or may not fall under "conditions reflective of deterioration or inadequate maintenance" are the weeds and dirt which currently plague Washington Avenue's side.

The good...New construction on Washington Avenue like the rapidly rising J.P. Cleaners pictured... is a signal that the business community has continued faith in the township. (Photo by Christopher Bifani)



## GRAND OPENING SALE

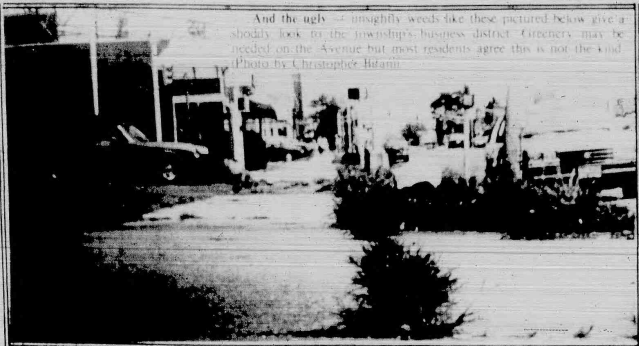
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And the ugly — unsightly weeds like these pictured below give a shoddy look to the township's business district. Citizens may be needed on the Avenue but most residents agree this is not the kind (Photo by Christopher Bifani)

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# At the crossroads

Works, affirmed the mayor's contention that the owners should take care of their storefronts.

"It's the property owner's responsibility to remove the weeds and be responsible for the maintenance in front of his property," Soldo told the Times.

But the public works supervisor added that "Each issue is individual and we'd have to make an on-site inspection." He further stated that the department would look at any place brought to its attention.

## Penalties

The fine for each separate violation of the Belleville property maintenance code — be it for a broken sign that is an obnoxious violation or an unsightly weed display that may or may not be a violation — is the same, \$200.

Thus, for Washington Avenue businesses that have, say five concurrent violations, the punishment if enforced, would be \$1,000. Further, the code states that "each day's failure to com-

ply shall constitute a separate violation."

Finally, if multiple offenses are determined to be "willful and inexcusable," the offending business or property owners may be tossed in jail for up to ninety days.

## New blood for old stores

Today a whole new generation of Bellevillites are joining the thousands of long-time families here. They include upscale condominium owners, young apartment dwellers, and Portuguese, Indian and Latin immigrants who have chosen a Belleville home as their first piece of American real estate. For the businesses and merchants of Washington Avenue, these newcomers represent a sizeable potential market for their services and products. Yet for many of these newcomers — and longtime citizens too — some businesses and merchants on the avenue have helped to create an unwelcoming eyesore.

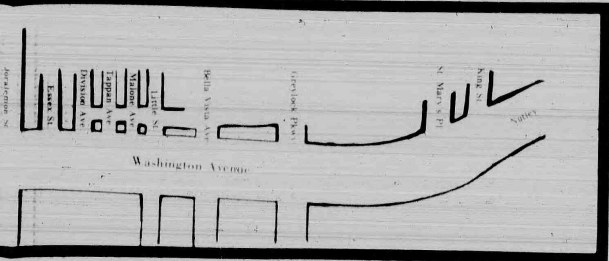
As Washington Avenue lingers at a crossroads between further

renewal and continued decline, avenue businesses, officials and residents still debate the facets of a four-year-old urban "Town plan" that might possibly could have acted as a magnet for attracting customers and development to the street.

However, a nagging question remains:

Would a strictly enforced property maintenance code, resulting in a cleaner, prouder Washington Avenue, act as a magnet too?

**Next Week:** Beyond the crossroads. Citizens, officials and avenue merchants offer their suggestions and solutions for a better Belleville business block. Learning from the "Townplan." What's next on the avenue front for the Belleville Redevelopment Agency. The Belleville Chamber of Commerce and The Washington Avenue Merchants Association. And the hurdles that must be cleared before the weeds are replaced by trees.



es and a school. Referring to the above eat Mill Street and thus out at around hub area clusters around Joramion street. The third and northernmost hub parkway and includes the McDonald's

restaurant, Brunswick Olympic Lanes and the Pathmark Supercenter. Of the three hub areas, only the third features adequate off-street parking, considered by retailers and township officials to be a crucial factor in the revival of Washington Avenue. (Graphic by Christopher Bifani)

walks and curbing.

"I don't see why they can't sweep these sidewalks and pull the weeds," Mayor Michael Marotti told the Times. He said that in "the old days," things were different and he recalled a store that was so spotless you could "eat off the floor."

## Township getting tough?

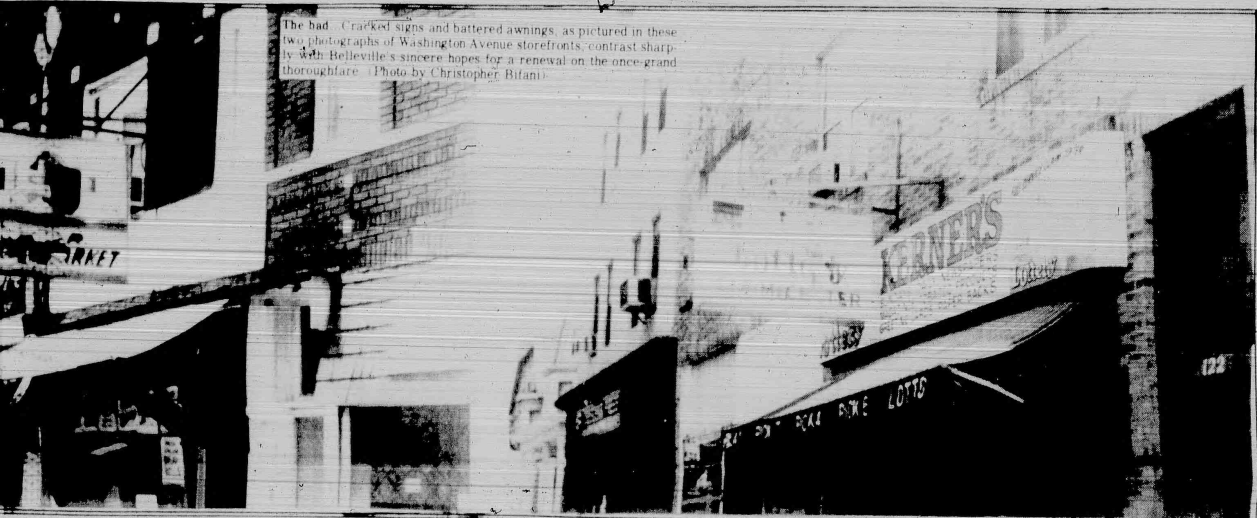
The mayor indicated that when township officials "get back from vacation," action would be taken to enforce the property maintenance code.

"We're going to have to do something. We have to go around and cure these people," Marotti said of the Washington Avenue

storeowners who do not comply with the code.

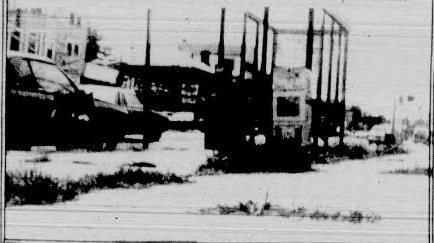
Marotti added, "I think they storeowners should take care of their storefronts. Weeds, broken signs, anything that makes it less desirable should be taken care of."

Jim Soldo, a supervisor with the Belleville Department of Public



The bad: Cracked signs and battered awnings, as pictured in these two photographs of Washington Avenue storefronts, contrast sharply with Belleville's sincere hopes for a renewal on the once-grand thoroughfare. (Photo by Christopher Bifani)

Not just the merchants. The sidewalk in front of some public buildings, like the Belleville Post Office pictured here, are crumbling under the pressure of weeds just as the sidewalks in front of many Washington Avenue stores are. (Photo by Christopher Bifani)



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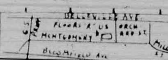
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