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## Community Has 2 Dates With OTB

Eastern Queens residents opposed to OTB parlors in residential neighborhoods have two critical dates: today in court in an action to stop the Glen Oaks parlor, and Tuesday in Borough Hall for a meeting with OTB chief Paul Screvane.

The outcome of both meetings are critical to the battle to stop OTB from going anywhere it pleases.

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The court date and the Borough Hall meeting come in the wake of a weekend of protests. On Saturday a band of OTB opponents demonstrated outside the Bellerose OTB parlor to show Screvane that if he continues to ignore protests, pressure will be applied to operating parlors.

On Sunday, a caravan of cars rode from the site of the Glen Oaks parlor on 260th Street and Union Turnpike to Screvane's house to drop off a community letter spelling out why parlors aren't wanted and asking Screvane to hear the voice of a community rather than seeing a

leaders, including:

Sue Noreika and Julius Weber for Community Planning Board 13; the Rev. Danis Dore, apstor of Our Lady of Snows, Rabbi Alvin Poplack of Bellerose Jewish Center; the Rev. Wallace Kemp, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Al Brooks, chairman of the Glen Oaks Tenants Association; Adeline Becker, a member of Temple Sholom, and the Glen Oaks News.

The court case is an attempt to slow the move of OTB into Glen Oaks until the bill filed by padavan, giving communities a say in proposed OTB site, can move through the Legislature.

In the papers filed, the community charges OTB with fraud in signing the lease for the site weeks before telling the community it was negotiating for the 260th Street store front.

Also charged is that the parlor would disrupt life, traffic and parking in the area. Said Padavan: "Self-determination is an inherent and fundamental precept in our democratic society...government in any form does not have the right to impose...an activity which by its very nature is unsettling and a negative force in terms of community stability." The

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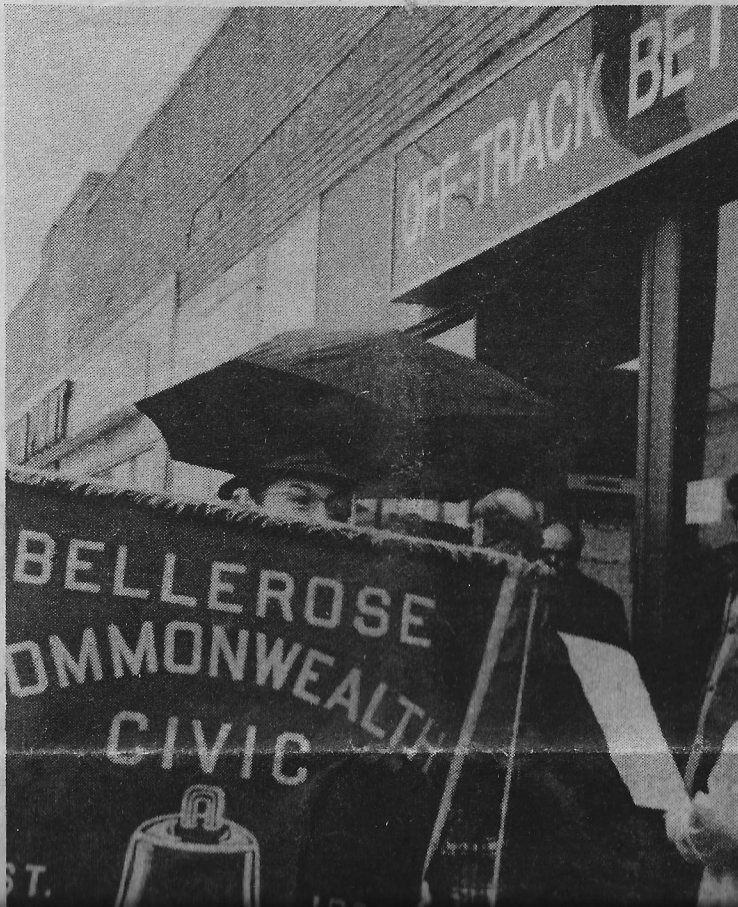
Assemblyman John Esposito wanted to know what Mays Department store thought about having an OTB parlor in the Glen Oaks Shopping Center, so he wrote to Max L. Shulman, president of the store.

Esposito this week got his answer: Mays said OTB would hurt business, hurt the shopping center and hurt the city.

In his letter to Esposito, Shulman said:

"We too, are deeply distressed by the unrestrained expansion of gambling parlors operated by the O.T.B. into residential areas of this City. We have, heretofore, expressed our views in opposition to such proposed installations in other non-commercial sections of this City that would suffer due to the unfavorable conditions caused by patrons of these parlors.

"It is inconceivable that







Protestors march outside the Bellerose OTB parlor in a demonstration designed to get a message through to OTB chief Paul Screvane. The message: no more OTB parlors in residential neighborhoods.

## Family Court Judges Hail Bellerose Project

In what was hailed as a major breakthrough in helping troubled youngsters, judges of Queens Family Court, officials of Queens Children's Psychiatric Center (formerly Queens Children's Hospital in Bellerose) and the State Division of Youth have worked out a pilot project.

What it means is that youngsters in trouble with the court who can be helped through psychiatric care will be placed with the Bellerose hospital.

After thorough testing, hospital officials will determine if the child belongs in a psychiatric center or belongs in a home for problem youngsters who have no mental problems.

The pilot program involves 20 youngsters. Dr. Gloria Faretra, director of the hospital, said that some children can waste away their childhood and their adult life in centers designed solely to keep them away from society.

Under this program, they can get the type of help they need to cope with their problems.

The project was unveiled at a meeting, which the Family Court judges called "a step in the right direction" to deal with the growing problem.

Dr. Faretra has requested of the State Department of Mental Hygiene that 59 hospital positions be created for this purpose.

"We're talking about 20 children, who have been the 'most difficult type of kids,' Dr. Faretra told the judges and representatives of mental health and State Division for Youth groups. "These are the ones no one knows what to do with."

She noted that descriptions of these youngsters have been listed as "turnstile children."

The latter reflects the course of these children within the existing

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community only as a piece of geography.

The court action was filed by Sen. Frank Padavan and John Leccese, chairman of the Coalition Against OTB in Residential Communities. Supporting affidavits were filed by a wide range of community

community stability..." The plaintiffs seek an injunction blocking further constructing of the parlor pending a hearing of the issues.

The meeting on Tuesday will be between Screvane, Borough President Manes, Sue Noreika

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the position of Paul Screvane of flood the City with gambling parlors, regardless of the effort upon local communities and businesses, should receive the en-

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Dr. Gloria Faretra, left, director of Queens Children's Hospital in Bellerose, gives Family Court judge a tour of the wards.

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services network involving repeated court appearances," she said.

Dr. Faretra cited the "conflict and anguish" these youngsters cause in society.

"This is not only due to the serious harm they can and do inflict on others, but also to the discouraging realization that months and even years of detention or hospitalization, within the presently constituted network of services, may not, for some, produce any real change in their destructive patterns," she said.

The judges, including Family

Court Administrative Judge Joseph Williams and Assistant Administrative Queens Family Court Judge Saul Moskoff, agreed the need was there for the establishment of such a program.

Moskoff said, "This is necessary. There is no question that this will have some effect on changing the anti-social attitudes of these adolescents and to minimize the possibility of recurrent acts in the communities."

Among other judges attending were Judges Joseph Deutsch, city-wide chairman of the Family Court's mental health committee; Simeon Golar, Alphonse Guardino; Leo Dikman; Isidore Levine and Yorka C. Linakis.

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and a few community representatives. It represents the first time Screvane has actually met the opposition face to face.

His OTB Vice President Edward Katcher met the opponents on Saturday -- he was inside the Bellerose parlor while the pickets marched outside in the rain. Some 40 people, including residents of Woodhaven, showed up to show anger at OTB's unlimited power to go where it wants. There was no attempt made to tie up betting; rather there was an implied suggestion that if the controversy is not resolved, more authoritative action would be forthcoming.

On Sunday, 13 cars traveled up to Screvane's home to post a letter. Mr. OTB wasn't home to greet his visitors, but, as Assemblyman John Esposito said "We are here as a representative group--representing Eastern Queens people who don't want OTB dollars sucking the lifeblood of the community."

In their arguments, the opponents of OTB parlors in residential communities cite Nassau county which has bowed to the very same protests and will only establish parlors in strictly commercial areas.

### LONG TRIP

Navy Electrician's Mate Fireman Apprentice Gesner Bruno Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Gesner Bruno Sr. of 221-12 112 Ave., Queens Village, visited Hong Kong as a crewmember of the attack aircraft carrier USS Midway.

## On The Ballfield

The time has come for our Annual Winter Registration for the coming baseball season for all boys and girls in our area.

The registration is scheduled for Friday, January 24th from 7-10 p.m.; Saturday, January 25th from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. & Sunday, January 26th from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

The registration will be held in the Clubroom of the Glen Oaks Athletic Association, located in the rear of 247-11 Union Turnpike.

Registration is open to all boys from the age of 8 years to 18 and girls from the age of 8 years to 15. The girls are eligible to register for either baseball or softball.

The organization would appreciate as many applicants as possible in these three days so that we can formulate our future plans for 1975.

Sy Shimmel  
Publicity Chairman

## Ambulance Corps Puts on Show

The Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps will put on a demonstration and explanation of services in the foyer of the Manhattan Savings Bank at 257-15 Union Turnpike, Glen Oaks, on Saturday, at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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dorsement of the Mayor. In effect, the City is jeopardizing its own income through sales and other taxes when O.T.B. siphons off dollars for gambling in exchange for sales whereby the City collects 8 percent of every sales dollar plus fringe tax benefits of improved sales and earnings of its merchants.

"We trust that our city councilmen and state legislators can restrain the activities of O.T.B. to reasonable limits for the best interests of the people of this City."