

# THE SPOTLIGHT

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The Voorheesville Fire Department, with a little help from their friends in neighboring departments, "wet down" their new Hahn pumper last Sunday. Firemen from New Salem and Onesquethaw, left, hosed down the new pumper and several Voorheesville fireman in the traditional ceremony to initiate the new



vehicle. Voorheesville firemen, right, returned the favor, wetting down their visitors using the new Hahn pumper. The department took delivery of the new truck, which can pump 1,250 gallons of water per minute, in late June.

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## Galesi offers town water, sewer services

By Patricia Mitchell

A 500-unit development that is expected to be proposed by the Galesi Group could hold two bonuses for New Scotland — a sewer treatment plant and a water company for use by the town.

The Rotterdam developers would establish the utilities to serve their development on the former Tall Timbers Country Club and then turn them over to the town for management, making them municipal services. Company officials said last week it is easier to make the utilities large enough for homeowners and future projects to be included than just to create them for their own use.

The Galesi Group, developers of Top of the World in Lake George,

### New Scotland

Equinox in Manchester, Vt., and three area industrial parks, made an informal presentation on their plans for the 183 acres off Hilton Rd. at last Tuesday's planning board meeting. Company officials said they expect to make a formal proposal in the next month to month and a half.

New Scotland would benefit greatly from the proposal if the utilities include more than the Galesi development. The town has a notorious problem with lack of water, and even though four water districts have been formed and some water is purchased from

Bethlehem, the problem persists. Galesi officials have offered to include the Orchard Park area from the start in its water district. Residents of that development near the eastern boundary of Voorheesville have complained of water contamination or no water at all and have asked the town to form a water district.

Most of the town uses septic systems, except for a sewer district in Heldervale, but homeowners also complain of problems with leaching. The cost of a sewer plant could be prohibitive for the town to build, but could be affordable if a developer were to bear the brunt of expense and then turn it over to the town.

New Scotland officials have already informed the Galesi Group

that they don't want privately owned utility companies in the town because of problems experienced by other towns and villages with private ownership, said Robert Cook, planning board consultant and water resources commission chairman.

Board member John Loucks said he would vote against the project unless the water and sewer plants are made to town specifications and the town takes them over.

Peter Cornell, an executive vice president with Galesi Group, said the utilities will be turned over to the town, with the only question the timing. The sewer plant would be easy to do as developers just need to find a location to build, but he said the water question is more

serious. If a water source isn't found, he said, the development won't be proposed.

Galesi has looked at ownership of surrounding properties that could be developed, such as the land on Hilton Rd. to the north of Tall Timbers owned by the Michaels Group, to see what is being considered there for water and sewer systems. Cornell said Galesi will probably be the only developer of the utilities, so they want to design the water and sewer systems to be able to accommodate not only their development, but also nearby homeowners and future developments.

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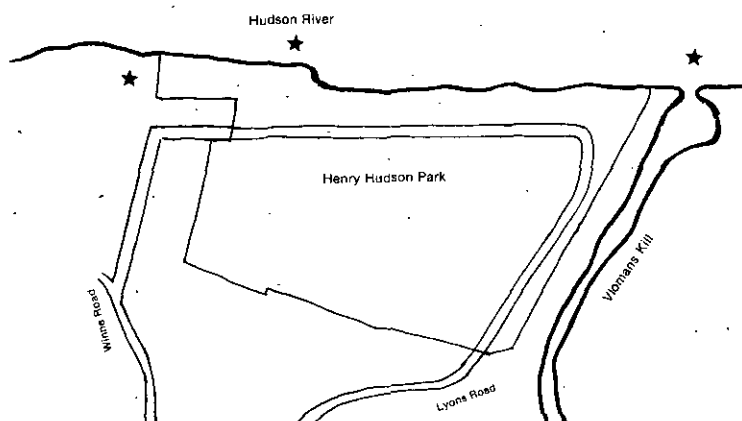
## Boaters want launch ramp

By Cheryl Clary

A petition with 150 signatures asking town officials to build a boat launch at Bethlehem's Henry Hudson Park was presented to the town board last Wednesday.

William Asprion of Selkirk, who presented the petition, said he circulated it primarily to boat owners in the area to demonstrate the actual number of people who would be using such a facility. Some people who signed the petition won't use the existing boat launch area near the park because of the danger of damage to boats, Asprion said.

A launch site at the south end of the park was investigated several years ago by the town but dropped after the Corps of Engineers reported that it would cost \$100,000 to dredge the mouth of the Vlomanskill, according to Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick. He said the corps determined that other potential



Area boaters are asking Bethlehem officials for a boat launch ramp at the town's Henry Hudson Park either at the mouth of the Vlomans Kill, right, or in the park itself (center). The existing boat launch site, at left on the map, is on private property and is not safe, boaters say.

Spotlight map

launch sites at the park might be dangerous because of the waves created by large ships passing by.

The launch presently used is located at the north end of Henry

Hudson Park on private property. There is a dirt and stone ramp that is in poor condition. And with what Asprion estimates as "at least 30 boats on a

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## Police contract drags on — again

Negotiations between the town and Bethlehem's police union have gone well into overtime again this year, but neither side seems to be upset this time.

The town and the Bethlehem Police Officers Union have been without a contract since Jan. 1, but some of the delay appears to have been due to the inability of the two sides to get together at the table. However, the 20-year retirement issue again appears to be the major sticking point in the negotiations.

Last summer, the town and the union ended a one and a half year impasse only when the state Public Employees Relations Board imposed a settlement, ruling that the union had engaged in an improper practice. Those talks were distinguished by an unusual amount of public comment on both sides, much of it centering on the union's wish for what it considered a more equitable disciplinary procedure.

### Bethlehem

After the settlement, the then-Police Benevolent Association affiliated itself with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and changed its name to the Bethlehem Police Officers Union. AFSCME would give the union more support at the bargaining table, union officials said.

When negotiations began for a new contract in late fall, 1986, both sides agreed to a news blackout, and there has been virtually no public comment since.

"We're still negotiating," said union President Marvin Koonz last week.

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# Traffic safety blues sung

By Theresa Bobear

Residents of various neighborhoods throughout Bethlehem expressed concern about traffic safety during the Bethlehem Town Board meeting last Wednesday night.

"I watched a near accident almost happen," said Ann Rymski during a public hearing on the proposed installation of yield signs on Mayfair Dr. Rymski urged the town to identify and take care of possible problem areas as an area expands and traffic increases rather than after accidents occur. She asked, "Why close the barn door after the horse has left?"

No one spoke in opposition to the proposed yield signs.

After considerable discussion with residents of the area, the town board scheduled a special public hearing on Wednesday, Sept. 2, to consider the installation of four-way stop signs on Longmeadow Dr. at Summitt and Grantwood Rds.

"We're unique because of the high school," said John Mahan. "We're being used as a thoroughfare."

Residents of the area said their neighborhood is used as a short route for young people speeding to the high school. They requested stop signs, sidewalks on both sides of Longmeadow Dr. and a speed limit reduction to 25 m.p.h.

"We can only protect our kids so much," said Mahan. "We're doing it."

"I see close calls every single day," said another resident.

Marie Capone of Delmar, who often attends town meetings, said more police officers, not stop signs, are the answer. "You need more visibility from these people," said Capone.

The town referred to the traffic safety committee a memorandum from Police Chief Paul E. Currie in reply to a petition from residents of Brightonwood and Sussex Rds.

A petition to make Brightonwood Rd. a one-way street was referred to the town's traffic safety committee.

Residents previously requested a speed limit reduction from 30 to 20 m.p.h., and the installation of "Children at play signs," stop signs and speed bumps.

Bernard Kaplowitz, town attorney, explained that the speed limit could be set below 25 m.p.h. only in a school zone and could be reduced from 30 m.p.h. to 25 m.p.h. only when solving a particular problem, such as a sight distance problem.

Currie reported that "children at play" signs have been placed in the neighborhood. The board was advised that speed bumps could cause accidents and create a liability, and stop signs may be used to determine right of way at an intersection and not to control speed.

Residents of the Bicentennial Woods subdivision expressed their traffic safety concerns by submitting a petition for stop signs on Jefferson Rd.

In an unrelated matter, members of the Upper Delaware Avenue Neighborhood Association requested that the town enforce conditions of a variance granted to Dave Vandenburg Inc. by the Bethlehem Board of Appeals to allow three living units at 403 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Residents complained of rats in the garbage, no fire escapes and a failure to renovate the building.

The town board forwarded the matter to the board of appeals and the building inspector with instructions to investigate and report back.

Previously, the Appellate Division of state Supreme Court upheld a Bethlehem Board of Appeals decision to allow only three instead of six dwelling units at 403 Delaware Ave.

In other business, the board:

- Received correspondence from John Williamson, chairman of the planning board, regarding the proposed Rt. 9W corridor study. After deciding to obtain public input on the proposed scope of the study with a consultant present, the board instructed Bruce Secor, superintendent of public works, to compile a list of experts capable of conducting the study.

- Received a petition from Francis W. Asprion Jr. for the installation of a boat launch at the Henry Hudson Park. Despite an earlier unsuccessful attempt to obtain a boat launch permit from the Army Corp of Engineers, the board agreed to investigate the possibility of filling the request.

- Accepted the resignation of Scott Anson, animal control officer, effective July 31.

- Accepted the resignation of Brian M. Murphy as special counsel to the sewer division of the Bethlehem Department of Public Works and Highway Department. Murphy is a law partner of Kaplowitz.

- Approved a request from Phil Maher, administrator of the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department, for a telephone survey to determine whether or not the need for a community center could be met by existing facilities in the

town. The survey, which is estimated to cost less than \$3,000, will be conducted by Dr. John Pipkin and graduate students at the State University at Albany.

- Referred to the planning board a proposal for development of the Dowerskill Village, Section 2. Paul Hite, a surveyor representing Kent Jenkins, presented the building project proposal. A public hearing will be held before the planning board.

- Approved plans for Chief Currie and Lt. Fred Holligan to attend the New York State Chiefs of Police training seminar in Syracuse from Aug. 31 through Sept. 3.

- Accepted a strip of land from John Dare and Judith McCarthy to widen the Beaver Dam Rd. right-of-way.

- Accepted the deed for a small parcel of land at the north end of Chricken Dr. from Jay, John and Ellen Jakovic. The land will be used as a turnaround for snowplows.

- Accepted a quarterly franchise fee of \$11,172, for April 1 through June 30, from Adams Russell Cable.

- Cancelled a bond and an amended letter of credit in connection with the acceptance of highways in Section 4 of the Skycrest Planned Residence District.

- Granted permission for the sale at auction of a 1973 International cab and chassis. Martin J. Cross, superintendent of highways, reported that the 1987 cab and chassis had been received and put into service.

- Approved a request from Ken Hahn, receiver of taxes, for the hiring of temporary employees to assist in the preparation of 1987 school tax bills.

- Instructed Secor to obtain bids for the hauling of sludge from the sewage treatment plant at Cedar Hill to the Albany County Treatment Plant.

- Approved a request from John F. Thompson, assessor, to attend a conference at the Nevele in Ellenville, N.Y., from Sept. 20 through 23.

## Driver sneezes, accident follows

A Delmar man's sneeze resulted in a chain reaction collision Friday night, Bethlehem Police said.

Daniel Morin, 19, of Delmar told police he was going straight on Elmsmere Ave. near Kenwood Ave. at about 5:50 p.m. when he sneezed. He looked up but could not stop in time and his car collided with a car driven by 19-year-old Steven Bini of Schenectady, which was stopped in traffic. Police said Bini's car was pushed forward and collided with the rear of a car driven by Rose Weisheit, 36, of Glenmont that was also stopped in traffic.

Morin was ticketed for following too closely, police said.

Bini, who received a minor head bruise, was reportedly taken to St. Peter's Hospital in Albany for treatment, police said.

## Woman injured in crash in "fair" condition

A 56-year-old Delmar woman was listed in "fair" condition Monday at Albany Medical Center, 11 days after she was involved in a car crash that killed her daughter.

Alice Quinn of Wicklow Terr. is being treated for abdominal injuries and multiple trauma, Bethlehem Police said. Her daughter, Cathleen Quinn, 15, died after the Aug. 6 crash from head injuries she received. Another passenger in the car, Dr. Brian Quinn, Alice Quinn's husband, escaped injury.

According to police reports, 36-year-old Deborah A. Moquin of Albany, the driver of the other car, was driving south on Rt. 85 near the Thruway overpass at about 10:25 p.m. when her car crossed into the northbound lane to pass another car. South of the Thruway bridge the road changes from divided four lanes to two lanes. Driving north, Alice Quinn attempted to avoid a collision with Moquin's car. However, the Quinns' car was struck, and Moquin's car then overturned and struck a guardrail on the west side of Rt. 85.

Moquin was charged with felony driving while intoxicated and manslaughter and is being held at the Albany County Jail with bail expected to be set by Albany County Court. She was scheduled to reappear in Bethlehem Town Court Tuesday (yesterday).

## GOP outing today

The Bethlehem Republican Committee will hold its annual Outing and Steak Roast on Wednesday (today) at Picard's Grove in New Salem. Events begin at 1 p.m. and the steak roast will start at 6 p.m. The cost of the event is \$30.

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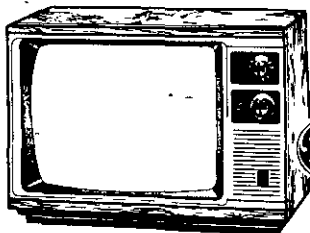
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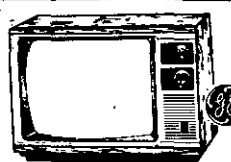
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# Candidates few and far between

The wild card in this fall's Bethlehem elections — the citizens groups that are having an ever-increasing impact on town government — have decided to limit their political role to one of endorsing candidates who support their views.

## Politics

But unless there is a rather dramatic reversal of fortunes for the Bethlehem Democrats, the independent citizens will have very little choice. So far, the Democrats have failed to come up with any town candidates, and prospects for a full slate that can challenge the entrenched Republican organization are not promising.

William Burkhard, chairman of the Bethlehem Democratic Committee, says he would have welcomed an independent candidate in the election, and even offered to provide technical assistance.

But the loose coalition of citizens groups, comprised of neighborhood activists, the Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning and the Glenmont group that successfully fought the proposed Northeast Psychiatric Hospital last year, have apparently declined the offer for two reasons. Both reflect the reality of political life in Bethlehem.

"The last thing we want to do is set ourselves up as the political opposition," said John Finn, a leader of the Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning. Finn said his group has tried to keep itself targeted on specific issues while trying to maintain a working relationship with town officials. That might not be possible, he said, if the group were perceived as being politically partisan.

The other reason is the difficulty of finding qualified candidates for town office. Finn said he and several other members of his group would have considered running, but as state employees in offices that receive federal funds they are prohibited from holding political office. The planning group discussed endorsing an independent from some other group, but decided against it.

Instead, Finn said, the Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning will hold a candidates forum in mid-October. All of the town candidates will be invited to answer questions relating to planning issues in the town, Finn said. A format and an exact date will be set later, he said.

Meanwhile, Burkhard continues to report the same problem finding candidates — many qualified Democrats are either state workers who are prohibited by law or else have full-time jobs that would make it difficult for them to find the time.

The deadline for filing petitions was Tuesday, but the Democrats have until Sept. 22 to nominate candidates in caucus. Burkhard said Monday he had "nothing to report, unfortunately."

Finn, however, said he is confident that the Democrats will come up with a slate. "They're going to be alright, I hope," he said.

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The issue that was responsible for forming Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning — Delmar Village — should be front and center for the election. The 30-day SEQRA review period is up, and the town board is expected to take up the planning board's recommendations on the controversial project next month.

Town officials and the citizens group still appear to be talking different languages when it comes to planning while they continue to squabble over details. The town board recently released a lengthy response to questions posed by the citizens in May, reiterating most of the responses given earlier to the group by Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick and Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor. The response defended the planning process that led to the decision to extend the Delmar Bypass through Juniper Fields and Delmar Village, and repeated assurances that the impact of Delmar Village will be manageable.

The initial reaction of his group, said Finn, was disappointment, but "we don't want to dismiss it out of hand." The group had hoped that the town board members, rather than Secor and planning consultant Edward Kleinke, would respond and take another look at the reasoning behind the decisions; instead, Finn said, they got what appears to be another justification of decisions already made.

Hendrick said the planning board's conditions in recommending approval of Delmar Village — requiring that Fisher Blvd. and its extension remain local until it is linked with the bypass, and also recommending sidewalks for nearby streets — was a direct response to questions raised by the citizens. "There's just no convincing them," Hendrick said.

Tom McPheeters



Members of the Dinosaur Daze reading club enjoyed a lesson on what makes a bubble by making a few bubbles of their own. Dawn Appleby, top, blows a bubble while others get ready to make their own bubbles. Sam White, left, practices the art of making several bubbles at once. On the Cover: Surrounded by bubbles, Sam White makes a huge bubble by waving his arm.

Lyn Stapf photos

## Hahn, Fritts file reports

By Theresa Bobear

Charles Fritts and Ken Hahn, candidates in the Sept. 15 Republican primary for the Bethlehem receiver of Taxes post, have both filed financial disclosure statements with the Albany County Board of Elections.

The filings brings Fritts up to date in reporting his committee's income and spending. He had been late in filing his statement due July 15, and had been criticized by his opponent for that reason. The second statement was due Friday.

According to the statements on file, Fritts has received a total of \$3,354.80 in contributions from June 12 to Aug. 13, including a \$2,500 donation from the Bethlehem Men's Republican Committee. He also received \$100 each from Robert Rice and Brian Murphy of the DeAngelis, Kaplowitz, Rice and Murphy law firm; \$100 from Bethlehem Board of Appeals member Thomas Scherer; \$100

from Kathryn Fritts; \$100 from James C. Ross, a former board of appeals member; and a \$154 non-cash gift of advertising by Bernard Kaplowitz, chairman of the Bethlehem Republican Committee.

In addition to the \$545 in non-itemized contributions and \$2,000 loan from Hahn to the Friends to Reelect Ken Hahn reported in mid-July, Hahn has received a \$100 donation from Carol Cleveland, \$100 from Patricia Tangredi and \$693 in unitemized donations. Donations of less than \$100 need not be itemized. Hahn's campaign contributions total \$1,438.

By law, town political committees cannot support a candidate in a primary election, but Fritts, who currently serves as chairman of the Bethlehem Board of Appeals, has been endorsed by the town GOP committee and most members of the committee appear to be working for him. Hahn, a 24-year incumbent, is on the outs with party leaders

apparently due to his support of Gary Swan rather than Kaplowitz, in last year's Republican primary for the state Assembly.

Both candidates have been spending their funds on signs, advertising and mail.

A total of \$2,491 in expenditures for mid-June to mid-August by the Committee to Elect Charles Fritts include \$568 in newspaper advertising, \$1,205 for brochures, \$599 for signs and \$693 for postage.

In addition to the \$70 in postage, \$67 in advertising, \$100 for petitions and \$102 for stakes spent from mid-May to mid-July, the Friends to Reelect Ken Hahn have spent \$203 for newspaper advertising, \$110 for postage, \$727 for mailing stationery and \$395 for signs.

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# 'New' Spotlight prospers

This is another in a series of articles recounting the ups and downs of *The Spotlight*. The first series described the paper's first two decades, during which it was published as a free-distribution shopper with scatterings of personal news items. The present series, dealing with the problems of converting to a paid-circulation newspaper, is based on excerpts from an autobiographical collection of vignettes of a newspaper career spanning 40 years compiled by Nat Boynton, a former editor-publisher of *The Spotlight*, which will be published in book form later this year.

By Nat Boynton

In the early struggles to restore *The Spotlight's* image as a respectable medium and to get black ink back into its ledgers following the change of ownership, the big push was for advertising. The regulars who had gone over to the *Helderberg Sun* partially or in toto had to be lured back to the fold. New accounts had to be cultivated. The sales staff of three — one holdover and two newcomers — took over that challenge while I concentrated on developing a news format to attract the legion of lost readers.

We knew from the beginning that we could never persuade major chain stores (K-Mart, Sears), discount drug chains (CVS, Brooks Drug) and other mercantile giants to advertise in a pipsqueak weekly. They insulated themselves from our sales reps. They didn't return phone calls or answer letters. But despite these stone walls the paper's ad volume gained steadily. As readership picked up, the progress showed in each week's issues of not only *The Spotlight* but

the rival *Helderberg Sun*. We were slowly getting thicker and they were getting thinner.

Mass-media advertising by the chains posed a problem for Delmar's independent retail stores and businesses with modest promotional budgets. Hilchie's Hardware and the Garden Shoppe had to compete against the local K-Mart as well as the big-name chains in Albany shopping malls. The small, family-owned drug stores had to resist the inroads of out-of-town discount chain outlets, notably CVS and Brooks Drug a block or two away. Local clothing stores, gift shops and appliance stores were going head-to-head with a Denby's department store in the Plaza in Delmar and with Sears barely 20 minutes away. I could relate to all this — here was a small newspaper trying to survive the onslaught of two metropolitan dailies and their predatory zoned weekly, the *Sun*.

What chance did the little fellows, carefully rationing their advertising dollars, have against the bullies who had big-name ad agencies placing full-page blockbusters in the big dailies and expensive commercials on television? The big ad agencies — except two or three friendly locals — had eyes only for circulation numbers in the overall metro market. They couldn't see, or didn't want to see, the demographics of the suburban towns or the quality of the respective media.

We knew that our circulation area had the highest per-capita income of all the nearby suburban population blocs, and even when we could document a higher readership saturation than any other print medium in our market, the chains and the New York ad people were

not interested. Our numbers didn't have as many digits as Hearst and the throwaway shopping sheets could show.

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In standing up to the powerful resources of the discount chains, the local Mom-and-Pop stores had one trump card, not spectacular, but recognizable and modestly effective — personal customer service, one-on-one communication on the sales floor or by telephone. In Hilchie's, Mullen's, Town and Tweed, Crystal Chandelier and other local stores the proprietors, clerks and customers knew each other, many on the first-name basis neighbors use. Go to K-Mart or CVS, the hometown merchant would say, and if you can find a clerk in 15 minutes, chances are it's a minimum-wage teenager who knows little of the product and can't answer basic questions.

And, the hometown merchant is quick to point out, with few exceptions the price differential is either minimal or fictional. Bill Candido, an enterprising pharmacist who had toiled for the Fay's Drug chain before opening his own store in Voorheesville, ran a survey on 200 common shelf items comparing his prices with alleged discount prices at Fay's, CVS and Rite-Aid. He was equal or better on 133 of the items, and less than 5 percent off on the rest.

Less apparent but far more vital to the community is loyal support of local civic and volunteer organizations. Hometown independent businesses habitually respond to every community cause; the chain outlets, with rare exceptions, ignore or reject such solicitations. In 1975 Bethlehem and New

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Radio Shack was one of the few chains to give *The Spotlight* a try, as shown in this 1977 ad.

Scotland had seven independent pharmacies and one chain outlet. Within a few years the score was two-and-two — leaving only one independent in Delmar and one in Voorheesville.

In Delmar the big loss was Mullen's Pharmacy, which was more than a drug store. It was a community resource. Luke Mullen gave his front display window to Girl Scouts, Progress Club, musical and theatrical groups and every neighborhood organization that asked for promotional-help for an upcoming event. Rare was the Saturday there wasn't a bake sale or ticket table on the sidewalk in front of the main entrance. On Sundays before and after church

the parking lot was alive with family cars picking up the Sunday papers. No one blamed Luke for retiring from the business, and he felt as badly as everyone else when CVS took over and the happy conviviality disappeared forever.

That left Vince Rehbit at Tri-Village Drug as the last of half a dozen local independent pharmacies. It wasn't in the nature of this soft-spoken community loyalist to voice resentment of the tactics of chain competitors. Each season of each year finds Vince writing a check to sponsor a Little League baseball team or a Bethlehem Tomboys girls softball team, or for some program ad, or a contribution to Pop Warner football, an ambulance drive, youth

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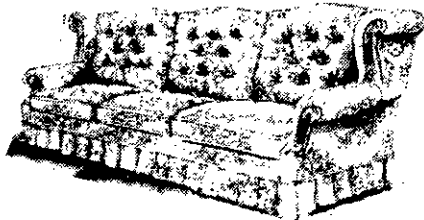
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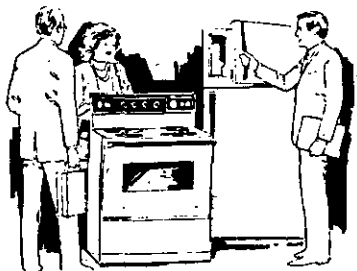
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Locally-owned businesses, such as New Scotland Pharmacy and the Stonewell Market, not only supported *The Spotlight*, but boosted local teams and civic organizations, as this 1977 illustrates.

soccer program, high school booster club for field lighting, Christmas toys for needy children — the list goes on. Then he goes home to find on his TV screen a CVS commercial, spoken by a voice dripping with syrup and stressing the warmth and intimacy of having a prescription filled by "your own personal pharmacist, one neighbor helping another," or proclaiming that Fay's is "not your average drug store." He knows that's pure poppycock, and that neither CVS or Fay's cares one hoot about contributing as much as a dime to any local organization. But does the public know?

The next afternoon when two high school juniors come to the store, Vince, like other local boosters, takes out a courtesy ad in the BC yearbook. It's a pure donation; he knows no one who sees the ad is going to change a shopping habit. On the way home that night he sees a goodly number of cars on the blacktop apron at CVS, where an out-of-town manager was inaccessible to the high school kids that afternoon.

Vince is doing what many other individually-owned business people do for the community, often without recognition. One prominent Delmar merchant enjoyed telling each successive high school yearbook ad solicitors that he would take an ad three times bigger than the nearby K-Mart. Go get their ad, he would say, and when you come back you can have the bigger one.

The kids leave elated and return deflated. He then makes his annual contribution, just one more in a ceaseless succession, trying not to resent the well-heeled chains that take money out of the community while refusing to support local causes.

The realization came with sadness: even the most loyal local residents, ever supportive of their fire departments, ambulance corps, youth athletic programs, service clubs, musical groups and scores of worthy civic organizations, often

forget the perfidy of the chain outlets. Lulled by slick advertising into believing the discount prices are lower, they patronize CVS instead of Tri-Village Drug, K-Mart instead of Price-Greenleaf. But it's hard to beat the image: the public still thinks they save money with the discount chains.

Not all the big chains are heartless. On our sales rounds that first year it was encouraging to find in this pattern several notable exceptions. At the top of the list was McDonald's, always ready to provide free coffee and Big Macs for volunteer firemen fighting a wintry blaze, soda for perspiring athletes at a grade-school track meet and gift certificates for winners of local contests.

Another large chain that recognized the pulling power of the weeklies was Stewarts, a Saratoga-based ice cream maker with a network of bread-and-butter "convenient" stores. When its Delmar store won a company-wide contest for sales of ice cream by the half gallon three years in a row, the company gave most of the credit to *The Spotlight* ads. That was borne out the fourth year when a mail foul-up caused the ad copy to miss *The Spotlight* deadline and the Delmar store finished far down the list of some 80 stores in half a dozen counties. In

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the years since, Stewart's, with several additional stores in the circulation area, has been a consistent advertiser in local weeklies supplementing their regular TV spots.

Even Radio Shack, with two outlets in our area, tried *The Spotlight* a few times. The local manager in Elsmere, who had persuaded his district boss to let him advertise in the hometown weekly, was astonished at the response, much to his commissionable profit, but he couldn't buck the system. Today the Radio Shack policy is mass media only.

Recently State Photo had a similar experience, but the firm has been sold several times lately, each time to a larger company further away. One can only guess how many more customers would be lured into Bethlehem stores of Radio Shack and State Photo with a high-visibility low-cost ad campaign in local weeklies.

Next week: Progress is slow but sure as the push for advertising continues.

## A full moon

A Delmar man was scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court Tuesday (yesterday) on charges that he exposed his rear at Delaware Plaza, Bethlehem Police said.

The 22-year-old man allegedly dropped his pants to two people and then "mooned" them in the parking lot at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, police said.

## Police

Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick also declined to discuss details of the negotiations, but did confirm that the union's desire for a 20-year retirement option has been at the center of this year's negotiations. He said the town has no objection to the concept, but there has not been agreement on how the plan would be implemented. He said the town would tie a 20-year retirement plan into other wage issues on the table.

However, Hendrick said, the cost to the town of a 20-year retirement plan appears to be substantially less than had been thought last year, mostly because the police retirement system has "come into the chips, so to speak," in the bull market.

## State hears case for area creeks

A public hearing will held at the Albany Public Library on Thursday, Aug. 20, beginning at 7 p.m., to consider the designation of the Coeymans Creek and Normans Kill as significant fish and wildlife habitats.

The hearing is one in a series being sponsored by the state Department of State, which administers New York's Coastal Management Program.

Each of the habitat areas are designated based on one or more of the following characteristics: ecosystem rarity, species vulnerability, species population and human use.

## Bragle in concert

Meg Bragle of Slingerlands recently performed in a World Youth Symphony concert, directed by Loren Maezel. The concert was part of the 60th anniversary celebration of the National Music Camp at Interlochen, Mich.

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# Voorheesville school taxes up

By Sal Prividera

Town of New Scotland residents will be paying increased school taxes as expected under the rate set by the Voorheesville Central School District Board of Education last week.

The 1987-88 rate for New Scotland was set at \$322.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value, an increase of \$56.25 or 21.13 percent. The district's austerity budget of \$6.802 million was approved by voters in a third budget vote two weeks ago.

Superintendent Louise Gonan informed the board that the district has been selected to join a study of staff involvement in management decisions. The study by Capital Area School Development Association (CASDA) will "begin to look at how teachers can get involved in decision making," said Gonan.

The board approved district involvement in the study. Gonan said that the teachers union president approved of the study.

The two to three-year study would involve the high school, the superintendent said, and would have the staff study different models of shared decision making. The staff members would then choose the model that they think is best. The model would be studied for a year in the Voorheesville district.

In September, High School Principal O. Peter Griffin and one high school teacher will attend a seminar on the study, Gonan said.

"There will be no cost to the district at this point," Gonan said. However, she added, that there may be some "peripheral costs."

In other business, the board:

- Approved several personnel appointments after a discussion in an executive session. Appointed to full time positions were Kelly Sue Crite and Patricia A. Flynt. Flynt's appointment was the center of some controversy as some district parents wanted the probationary teacher who had been serving in that position to continue. Also appointed was Robin Bingham to a part time health teacher's position.
- Set a special budget committee meeting for the purpose of changing the committee's format.
- Changed the October board meeting date to Tuesday, Oct. 13.

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# Galesi offers water

(From Page 1)

More tests on water in the area will be done before the formal proposal is made, but Cornell said the developers made the informal presentation because they feel they have an adequate source. They are exploring on land now owned by William M. Larned and Son, Inc., which is now mining it.

Two wells on the northwest corner of Larned and Son's property were dug in 1981, and while the yield is not enough to meet the developer's needs, a detailed exploration of the water will be done shortly, said Eric Hansen of Dunn Geoscience. In addition, five other holes were drilled in July, and he said one could be at a "very good" aquifer. The water will be tested for methane, which has contaminated some wells in the Orchard Park area.

Larned and Son are expected to mine the northwestern corner of their property first, so Galesi can then have access to develop wells there, Cornell said, adding that his company has a good working relationship with the miners.

However, Pat Bulgaro, president of the newly-formed Orchard Park Neighborhood Association, questioned the town's role if Galesi's wells draw from their wells and make their water problems worse. And a resident of Rt. 85A asked what would happen if his well went dry because of the new development.

The planning board has no responsibility for water concerns, which are referred to the Albany County Health Department, said zoning attorney John Bailey. However, there may be more input from the town in this case because of the size of the development, he said.

Hansen said he doesn't think the development will have a major impact on Orchard Park wells, but the question will be studied. If it does impact on neighboring wells, it

will be the developer's problem, he said, adding he is sure Galesi would not go ahead with the development without having a good, clean source of water.

If all goes well with the water exploration, Galesi will petition the town to form a water district and then a water company will be created, Cornell said. If Orchard Park homeowners want to become part of the district at its beginning, they would have to approach the developers and they would be allowed to tap in before the development is completed.

The area Galesi is looking at to drill for water is known to the water commission, Cook said, adding that he thinks it is a natural place to develop. He said he is sure that the town board will meet the concerns for water from the Orchard Park area, but it appears Bethlehem does not have the water to sell. Without another source, he said, the chances for a water district in Orchard Park are not great.

Cook said that from what he has heard about Galesi's potential source he was "encouraged."

For the sewer treatment plant, Galesi is looking at two to four locations on the site using old Department of Transportation maps, said Richard Eats, a principal in the Environmental Design Partnership of Clifton Park. The plant will be designed to include capacity for future developments and presented to the town for a municipal system.

The Galesi Group has been looking into developing the area for about six months, Cornell said. It purchased 109 acres on the east side of Hilton Rd. from Munchkin Enterprises, Inc. about four months ago, and has a contract to purchase the remaining 73 acres on the west side from Larned and Son within five years or when the mining is completed.

Munchkin Enterprises and its principal, Robert Iovenella, purchased the 109-acre parcel from Larned and Son when Key Bank foreclosed on the former country club in 1984. Larned and Son kept the acreage on the west side of Hilton Rd. and is in litigation with New Scotland over its plans to mine 27 acres on the property. The company was originally planning to mine the area over nine years, but have recently changed their plans to mine for five years.

Cornell said the outcome of the litigation will not have an effect on the development.

Galesi plans a system of homes that would be a "marriage" of units into the overall development, Eats said. Plans call for 426 to 500 units with an overall density of 2.3 to 2.9 units an acre. There will be 82 to 92 single family homes, 234 to 360 townhouses and 60 to 68 four-plex units. Prices will range from \$85,000 to \$110,000 for the attached

units to \$135,000 to \$185,000 for the unattached units.

The depression caused by the mine will be used to make a pond and homes will be built around it, Eats said. Other existing ponds will also be incorporated into the overall scheme and recreation areas are also planned.

The development will be built in two phases; the first on the west side of Hilton Rd. will be owned by Voorheesville Ventures, a company to be formed by Galesi. The second phase on the east side of Hilton Rd. would start in five years.

The area is presently zoned Industrial and Low Density Residential. The Galesi Group will need to apply to the town board to amend the zoning ordinance for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) — the first such proposal for the town. The town board will refer the application to the planning board for a recommendation, but the planning board's action will not mean approval of the building project for the area. After the planning board's recommendation, the town board will hold a public hearing on the proposed PUD and then act on the proposal.

According to the town's zoning ordinance, a PUD is designed to give a choice in the type of environmental, home and quality of residential land. It also allows for an efficient use of land resulting in smaller networks of utilities and streets, a more desirable environment than would be possible through normal development.

At least 25 percent of the PUD should be used for open space. The PUD designation will allow for a pattern of development to preserve the unique natural features such as outstanding natural topography, and geologic features and will allow for an environment in harmony with the surrounding development.

In other business, the New Scotland Planning Board:

- Gave final plat plan approval to Scotland Hills on Swift Rd., a seven-lot subdivision north of the town park by Swift Rd., Inc. Approval is contingent on its developer and Peter Baltis, who is proposing another subdivision nearby, coming up with a final agreement on the extension of the water district.
- Agreed to recommend approval to the zoning board of appeals on granting a sideyard variance to Robert Johnson of Heldervale to enlarge his kitchen and add a family room. The zoning board will meet at 7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 28.

The next meeting of the planning board is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 25.

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# Longshots return home

No matter what the weather on Sunday, Aug. 23, things will be "hot" in the Village Green behind the Voorheesville Village Hall as Voorheesville's favorite country quintet returns for an anniversary concert. Billy Montana and the Longshots, formerly Southbound, will present a concert in their home town from 6 to 8 p.m.

The five young musicians have performed at several fairs and opened for Ricky Skaggs at the Colonie Coliseum this summer. They have also released their second single on the Warner Brothers label, entitled "Baby, I was Leavin' Anyhow."

Included in the group are Billy Montana, Kyle Montana, Dave Flint, Bobby Kendall and Doug Bernhard.

The free concert is being sponsored by the Village of Voorheesville. All are welcome.

## Summer ends at library

Summer fun comes to a close next week at the Voorheesville Public Library. On Wednesday, Aug. 26, the final family movie of the season will be held at 2 p.m. in the lower level of the library. *The Phantom Toll Booth*, a 90-minute animated feature film, tells the story of a bored San Francisco boy and his trip through the Kingdom of Reason. All are welcome.

Members of the Dinosaur Daze reading clubs will celebrate the end of an exciting summer. Grand Parties to be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 25, and Thursday, Aug. 27, at 1 p.m. for younger students and at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 28, for upper grade students. Marigold the Clown will attend the primary grade parties.

The final summer story hours for pre-schoolers will be held on Friday, Aug. 28, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Story hours will resume on Monday, Sept. 14.

## Firemen plan carnival

Summer may soon be over but area residents still have some outdoor fun ahead, according to fire chief Bill Hotaling. At a recent Kiwanis meeting Hotaling announced the upcoming events for the long awaited Albany County Volunteer Firemen's Convention to be held this year in Voorheesville.

The firemen and the ladies auxiliaries will hold their annual meetings on Sept. 16 and 17. On Friday, Sept. 18, the entire community will join in the fun as a two-day carnival opens behind the firehouse. The fair will continue until 11 p.m. on Saturday. A Mardi Gras Parade will begin at 7 p.m. A dress parade will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19.

All residents are urged to mark this exciting weekend on their calendars.

## Cub Scouts visit lake

Voorheesville Pack 73 will have some fun times this weekend when the Cub Scouts and their families

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head for Water World in Lake George on Saturday, Aug. 23.

Interested scouts may call their den leaders or Cubmaster Bob Panthen at 861-6806 for information.

## Girl Scouts to go camping

Girl Scouts from the Voorheesville area are looking forward to good times when they visit Camp Little Notch during the first weekend in October.

Leaders are planning not only for that weekend but for the year ahead as well. Volunteer coordinators are needed to assist in scheduling events. For information call Beth Timmis at 765-2421 or Bea Richardson at 765-4651.

## Area represented at Altamont Fair

The Altamont Fair is in full swing and those visiting the yearly event are sure to see a good many Voorheesville residents represented at the fair.

Most visible of all will be the members of Voorheesville's 4H Clubs who will be exhibiting their group and individual projects at the fair. According to President Robert Mudge of Voorheesville, the Albany County Conservation Alliance will also be exhibiting at the Fair. All are invited to view the exhibits.

## Alliance sponsors teacher education

The Albany County Conservation Alliance recently sponsored a local teacher at the New York State Conservation Council Education Workshop.

Nancy Ahola, a Voorheesville resident who teaches fifth grade in Duanesburg, attended the workshop at the State University College at Cortland's outdoor education center at Raquette Lake.

Ahola received instruction in every phase of conservation education.

## Chamberlain wins scholarship

Vicky Chamberlain, a future teacher, was recently awarded a Congressional Teacher Scholarship. The scholarships are presented to a students in the top 10 percent of their high school class who are committed to service in teaching after their graduation.

Vicky, a 1987 graduate of Clayton Bouton Junior-Senior High, is the daughter of Gladys and Earl Chamberlain of Voorheesville. She plans to study business education at Nazareth College in Rochester.

## Students win honors

Among junior high students to be awarded a pin and certificate for showing improvement in their studies were: Byron White, business; Erin McClelland, Traci Bidwell and Adam Rose, foreign language; Robert Stapf, Brigid Corcoran and Erin Alonzo, chorus; James Kane and Sarah Wilkes, art; Megan Brennan, Christine Blanchard and Tina Panting, band; David Washburn, Alex Englander and Paul Novak, industrial arts; Emily Hibbert, Andrew Shearer and Karie Hammond, home economics; Tom Keigle, Jennifer Fisher, Michelle Paraso and Dan Coons, physical education; Andrew Symula, Debra Green and Kevin Jaundoo, social studies; Christine LaBelle, Jill Sala and Marianne Passarelli, science; Dorinda Gifford, Jill Freyer and Jeff Houle, math, and Kathleen Csiza, Michelle Paraso and Tom Ravida, English.

## Albany man injured in Rt. 85 accident

An Albany man was taken to an area hospital after his car was struck by another car on Rt. 85 Friday morning, Bethlehem Police said.

Treated and released from St. Peter's Hospital was David Couchman, 19, a hospital spokesman said. His injuries were not reported.

Police said Couchman was driving south on Rt. 85 at Mahar Rd. at about 6:50 a.m. when another car, driven by Dennis Murnane, 30, of Albany, traveling north failed to keep right going around a curve and struck Couchman's car.

Murnane was ticketed for failure to keep right, driving without insurance and driving with his license suspended, police said.

## Extension offers tips on choosing day care

As the summer draws to a close, many working parents' thoughts are turning towards selecting adequate care for their children.

To assist parents, the Cooperative Extension has two publications available: "What to look for in a family day care home," and "What to look for in a day care center." The brochures discuss how to identify quality caregivers, the questions parents should ask of the providers and safety precautions to look for.

The brochures are available for 35 cents each by sending a check made out to the Albany County Cooperative Extension, and sending it to: Home Economics Program, Albany County Cooperative Extension, P.O. Box 497 Martin Rd., Voorheesville 12186. Please specify publication.

For information, phone 765-3550.



Billy Montana and the Longshots, from left, Dave Flint, Kyle Montana, Billy Montana, Bobby Kendall and Doug Bernhard will be playing their home town Aug. 23 in the Voorheesville Village Green.

## Motorcycle driver charged with DWI

An Albany man has been charged with driving while intoxicated and leaving the scene of an accident after a motorcycle accident Wednesday on Rt. 102 in Feura Bush, state police reported.

No one was injured in the incident.

The 16-year-old Albany man was driving south on Rt. 102 when he apparently lost control of his vehicle, went off the right side of the road and into a ditch. Troopers said he allegedly left the scene, but was apprehended a short time later.

## Maria College accepts weekend students

Applications are now being accepted for the next session of weekend college at Maria College in Albany.

Degree programs are offered in several subject areas, including accounting and business administration. Associate degrees can be earned by attending classes every other weekend for the same two year period required of day students.

Classes begin on Aug. 29. For information call 438-3111.

## Golf to benefit March of Dimes

The first March of Dimes Pro-Am Golf Classic will be held on Monday, Aug. 31, at the Normanside Country Club in Delmar. Local golfers can team up with a PGA professional to play as a foursome in a modified scramble format.

The day's events will include lunch, golf, a cocktail hour, dinner and awards. To register for \$125, call 783-9363, by Friday, Aug. 24.

## State Police issue warning

State Police Major John W. Herriage, the Troop "G" commander, is warning area residents to be on their guard against con men. The warning comes after several incidents involving fraudulent contractors.

In a typical case, the fraudulent contractor gains entrance to the home, then while he or she talks to the homeowner, a second or third party will steal money or jewelry from the home. These people frequently offer roofing, lawn care, driveway sealing or septic tank work, usually to elderly residents.

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## News from Selkirk AND SOUTH BETHLEHEM

Cheryl Clary

767-2373



### Firefighters plan clam steam

The picnic pavilion at the South Bethlehem Fire House will be filled with satisfied diners next Saturday, Aug. 23, as the Selkirk Co. No. 3 sponsors a clam steam.

The firefighters will be serving up raw and steamed clams, barbecued chicken, sausage and hot dogs from 1 to 9 p.m.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the Country Casuals. Bingo and door prizes will be included in the days events.

The tickets are \$23. Proceeds will go to the fire company.

To purchase tickets people 21 years and older may call 767-9513, 756-8303 or 767-9141.

### Pop Warner holds registration

Football season is just a few weeks away, believe it or not; and, it's time to sign up for Pop Warner teams.

Young people ages 9 to 14 who weigh between 65 and 135 pounds may register between 5 and 8 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays at Mosher Park in Ravena.

### Elks hold flea market

The first annual Bethlehem Elks flea market will be held on Saturday, Aug. 29. The cook shed opens at 7 a.m. for all you early birds. The sale runs from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The Elks will have several inside booths and are hoping for a big turnout regardless of the weather.

### Garage sale items needed

The Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Squads are seeking

donations of household items, furniture or any usable items for their September garage sale.

If you have a box full or an attic full of items and you'd like to have the profits go to this deserving group, call Linda Schaht at 767-2924.

### Survey reveals public opinions

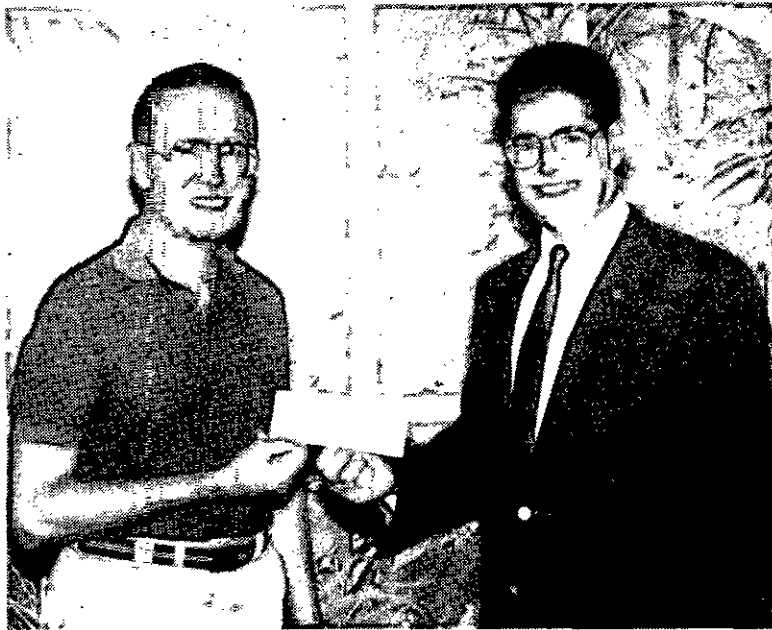
Assemblyman John J. Faso has announced the results of a non-scientific survey of residents in the 102nd Assembly District, including Greene County and parts of Albany and Columbia Counties.

The survey results showed that 54 percent were against the banning of radar detector units, while only 39 percent of those polled were in favor of raising the speed limit to 65 miles per hour.

A state law requiring residents to separate household garbage would be supported by 64 percent of those surveyed.

The survey showed 81 percent were in favor of requiring women who receive welfare and have children between 2 and 6 years to work or be trained for employment as long as adequate child care was provided. Surrogate parenting should be outlawed in the state, according to 50 percent of the survey responses.

A total of 60 percent thought the state government should act to restrict or ban smoking in the work place.



A check for \$100 from the Delmar Kiwanis Club will help the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council make needed repairs at its summer camps. Kiwanis President David Sawyer presents the check to Karl Gohlke of Slingerlands, a long-time member of the council. *Spotlight*



Learning to read can start at any age, and the Literacy Volunteers of America is helping to make sure that more adults learn how to read. Here a volunteer tutor works with a student two hours a week in a place convenient to both of them. Persons who wish to volunteer may call the Bethlehem Public Library or the Literacy Volunteers of America at 449-8074.

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## Launch

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Saturday," there is considerable congestion.

The property being used actually belongs to two different owners, the access point to the water to one and the parking area to another. Asprion suggested that perhaps the town could seek an easement from the property owners and make improvements to the existing site.

"We're not looking for anything fancy, just a concrete ramp and adequate parking," he said.

Apparently there has been some damage to boats at low tide because of rocks and underwater debris. There are reportedly several large rocks with paint marks from small crafts.

Asprion, a member of Selkirk No. 1 Fire Company and the Bethlehem Ambulance Squad, said that in case of an emergency situation on the river near the waterfront park "the town has no real means of providing emergency service by boat."

### Delmar boy charged in local burglaries

A Delmar boy has been charged in connection with two breakins in the Tri-Village area this week, Bethlehem Police said.

The boy also confessed to burglarizing a Dumbarton Dr., Elmsmere, home twice, police said.

Police said at 6 a.m. Thursday they received a call reporting a robbery going on at a Berwick Rd., Elmsmere, home. When they arrived, police said, the boy could be seen through a window in the back of the house. The boy tried to get out in the rear of the house and then ran to the front. Police said they climbed through the same window as the boy did and found him in the kitchen of the house.

The boy later confessed to also burglarizing a Greenock Rd., Elmsmere, home Wednesday night. In that incident, police said a woman awoke at 3:45 a.m. to see a boy standing by her bed looking over a dresser drawer. The woman screamed and the boy ran from the house, police said.

### Motorcycle rider flips, lands in field

A Glenmont man was ticketed for driving without a license and speeding after he failed to negotiate a curve on Meads La. in Delmar and crashed, Bethlehem Police said.

Michael Rock, 20, of Glenmont, was driving a motorcycle south on Meads La. at 2:30 a.m. Sunday. Police said because of excessive speed and inexperience, Rock failed to negotiate a curve in the road and the motorcycle crossed into the oncoming lane, flipped over, and finally stopped in a field.

Rock was treated at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany for an arm fracture and later released, a hospital spokesman said.

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# New airport lot said 'temporary'

By Sal Prividera

It's only temporary. That's the latest word on the proposed new parking lot for patrons of the Albany County Airport.

The confusion, stemming from Albany County Executive James J. Coyne's proposal of a new 10-acre parking lot on the west side of Albany Shaker Rd., across from the airport, has become a battle ground for partisan politics in the county legislature.

Last month, Coyne sought and was given approval by county legislators to swap for 10 acres of county-owned land for a similar parcel owned by British American Development Corp. and Shaker Ridge Country Club. The land, the

## Albany County

legislators were told, would be used for airport parking facilities.

Coyne and the legislature's majority leader, Harold Joyce, were quoted in several published reports as saying the new parking lot would replace the present facility, which is adjacent to the airport and is being eyed by several developers as the site for a new hotel. Shuttle buses would be used to get patrons from the new lot to the terminal. There was no mention made that the new parking lot would be temporary.

"As a county legislator, I have absolutely no understanding... neither Mr. Coyne or Mr. Joyce have seen fit to discuss this with the legislature, only with the media," said Republican minority leader W. Gordon Morris Jr. about the parking facility.

Last week, Joyce attempted to clear up the "confusion" by saying that the new lot was always meant to be temporary. A 2,400-space parking garage is to be built during the airport rehabilitation, he said.

Attempts to reach Coyne and Joyce Monday were unsuccessful. However, Howard Goldstock, appointed by Coyne to oversee economic development of the airport area, said Friday the lot on

Albany-Shaker Rd. was meant to provide parking while construction work took place at the airport. "That had always been the case," he said of the plan for a temporary lot, although he admitted he "wasn't around" when the project was explained by Coyne.

While the parking garage and main terminal refurbishment projects are in progress many parking spaces would be lost to equipment and material, according to Goldstock. Under the proposal, buses would be used to transport patrons from the lot to the terminal — a three or four minute trip, he said.

"Mr. Coyne wanted to make sure there were no difficulties in parking at the airport," Goldstock said. The parking lot proposal showed "good planning and good thinking," he added.

Morris called the airport parking lot a "boondoggle." He said several legislative committees that should be discussing the project have had no information and requests for a "blue ribbon committee for airport development have been declined."

"I find it difficult to understand why the county's governing body has to ask for information," Morris said, adding the only information he has came from articles in newspapers.

Morris said the county executive is "catering to the pocketbook rather than the people."

Figures on the cost of the garage were not available, but Goldstock said it would not be a "dramatic number." He said that when completed, there would be over 3,000 parking spaces at the airport. The garage is expected to be completed inside the 1988 County fiscal year.

"It's the first of many steps to make the airport more modern and efficient," Goldstock said.

*In Delmar The Spotlight is sold at Handy Andy, Tri-Village Drug and Stewarts*



A. R. Caputo II

## Participates in model government

A. R. Caputo II of Delmar recently attended Boy's State at LeMoyne College in Syracuse.

The program, which is sponsored by the American Legion, provides citizenship training to develop individual responsibility to the community, state and nation. The two-party system was modeled on the government organization existing in New York State.

## School bus hits car in suspect intersection

No one was injured when a car and a Bethlehem Central school bus collided at the intersection of Longmeadow Dr. and Grantwood Rd. in Delmar Thursday, Bethlehem Police said.

The night before, the Bethlehem Town Board set a public hearing for Sept. 2 to consider placing stop signs along Longmeadow Dr. at Summit and Grantwood roads.

The driver of the car, a 76-year-old Albany woman, told police she did not see the bus until she was in the intersection. The bus driver told police he did not see the woman's car until after the collision. The woman was ticketed for driving without insurance and failure to yield the right of way, police said.

# AIDS educator to be hired

By Patricia Dumas

Albany county will hire a full-time health department staffer to help its citizens learn about the dangers and prevention of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

The county legislature at its Aug 10 meeting authorized the position, unanimously approving a \$4,758 appropriation to pay the educator's salary for the remainder of the current fiscal year. The annual salary was set at \$19,000.

Eleanor Billmyer, an Albany Democrat who is chairman of the legislature's Health Committee, sponsored the authorizing resolution and said she hopes to see the position continued in the 1988 budget year.

"The appointee, Billmyer said, 'will have to be a sensitive person, not necessarily a health professional.' She said the position probably will be filled in the fall after candidates are interviewed by county Health Commissioner Dr. William Grattan. (Grattan presently is on vacation.)

"Until science produces a cure for this tragic condition," Billmyer said, "our only hope is in education on preventing it. We must warn drug abusers against shared needles, for instance, and advise young people who may soon become sexually active."

She said the AIDS education will soon be extended to nurses, dental

technicians, paramedics, corrections staff and others whose work may bring them into contact with AIDS patients.

The county's educational program will be worked out in cooperation with private and state organizations in order to avoid duplication of effort or neglect of the needy, Billmyer told her fellow legislators.

Republican legislators Margaret Schwarz, Colonie, and Michael Ricci, Voorheesville, spoke in support of the legislation. Ricci said "this is one area where we can be our brother's helper and our brother's keeper."

The AIDS education, legislation was among 11 items approved by the legislature during a 10-minute meeting. One item, the sale of three land parcels to be used for "economic development" involved property to be used for the expansion of Modern Printing, a business owned by Michael Ryan of Albany. Republicans Peter Pyan of Guilderland and Kenneth Macaffer, Jr., Colonie, repeated protests they make whenever similar sales are authorized, saying the county should dispose of the land at public auction.

The other legislative action authorized the following contracts:

- Callanan Industries of South Bethlehem, \$619,795 for building three 3,000-ton salt storage sheds in the towns of New Scotland, Rensselaerville and Westerlo.

- William J. Keller & Sons Construction Corp., of Castleton, \$155,491 for repair of the Cook Road Bridge on County Road 357 over Ten Mile Creek in the town of Rensselaerville.

- Tioga Construction Co. of Herkimer, \$116,000 for repair of a the Huntersland Road bridge on County Route 10 over Little Schoharie Creek.

- August Bohl Construction Co. of Glenmont, \$324,750 for construction of a new ash lagoon at the county sewage treatment plant.

- Walter Truck Corp. of Guilderland, \$69,124 for supply of replacement cabs for snow removal equipment.

- Electronic Business Systems Corp., \$4,800 for consulting services related to planning telephone systems at the Department of Social Services and the Department of Public Works.



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**Town of Bethlehem,** Town Board second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Board of Appeals, first and third Wednesdays at 8 p.m. Planning Board, first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Town offices are open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Town of New Scotland,** Town Board meets first Wednesday at 8 p.m., Planning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals meets when necessary, usually Fridays at 7 p.m. Town Hall, Rt. 85.

**Village of Voorheesville,** Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board, second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

**Bethlehem Board of Education** meets first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

**Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education** meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. at the board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

**Voorheesville Board of Education** meets second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the district offices in the high school, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville.

**Bethlehem Landfill** open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sundays and holidays. Resident permit required; permits available at town hall, Elm Ave. Park office and town garage, Elm Ave. East.

**New Scotland Landfill** open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays only. Resident permit required; permits available at town hall.

**American Legion,** meets first Mondays at Blanchard Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

**League of Women Voters,** Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at the Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information, call Linda Marshall at 756-6421.

# THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

**Playground Bus Schedule:** Becker Playground Route, starts June 23, pickup at 8:15, noon return, or pickup at 12:30 p.m., 4 p.m. return. Pickup at the Jericho School, north on Albany County Rt. 55, left on Rt. 32, left on Quarry Rd., left on Bell Crossing Rd., south on South Albany Rd. to South Bethlehem School, left on Bridge St. (Rt. 396) to Lasher Rd. (YMCA), left on Lasher Rd. to Rt. 9W, North on 9W to Elm Ave., left on Elm Ave. to Jericho Rd., right on Jericho Rd. to Rt. 9W, south on Rt. 9W to Beaver Dam Rd., left on Beaver Dam Rd. to Rt. 144, north on Rt. 144 to Clapper Rd. and turn around. South on Rt. 144 to Rt. 396 to Thatcher St. to Rt. 9W, Rt. 9W to Cottage Lane to Beaver Dam Rd., left on Beaver Dam Rd. to Rt. 9W and Becker School.

**Welcome Wagon,** newcomers and mothers of infants, call 785-9640 for a Welcome Wagon visit. Monday-Saturday 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

**LaLeche League of Delmar,** meets one Thursday each month to share breast-feeding experiences, 8 p.m. For meeting schedule and breast-feeding information call 439-1774.

**AARP,** Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter, is offering free tax counseling for seniors, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Wednesdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursdays 1-4 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

**Feura Bush Funsters,** 4-H group for youths between 8 and 19 years, meet every Thursday, Jerusalem Church, Feura Bush, 7-8 p.m.

**North Bethlehem, South Bethlehem and Selkirk Bus Route to Elm Ave. Park,** begins July 6. Leave Bethlehem Central bus garage at 10:45 a.m., to North Bethlehem Fire House via Cherry Ave., Rt. 85, Blessing Rd., Krumkill Rd., Schoolhouse Rd. and return to Elm Ave. Park, south on Elm Ave. to Houcks Corners, south on Feura Bush Rd. to Rt. 9W, north on Rt. 9W with stop at Glenmont School, Rt. 9W South to Dowerskill Village to Rt. 396 to Beaver Dam Rd. to Rt. 144, north on Rt. 144 to Clapper Rd. to Halter Rd. via Rt. 144 - turn around. South on Rt. 144 to Maple Ave., west on Thatcher St. to Rt. 9W to Rt. 396 to South Albany Rd., north on South Albany Rd. to Bell Crossings Rd. to Quarry Rd. to Rt. 32 to Albany County Rt. 55, Long Lane east to Elm Ave. west to Fairlawn to Elm Ave. Park. Bus will return from Elm Ave. Park via same route at 4 p.m.

**Food Pantry,** Selkirk and South Bethlehem area. Bethlehem Reformed Church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, call 767-2243, 436-8289 or 767-2977.

**Project Hope,** preventive program for adolescents and their families, satellite offices for Bethlehem-Coeymans, 767-2445.

**Project Equinox,** Delmar Satellite office, professional counseling for substance abuse problems, all contact confidential. By appointment, call 434-6135.

**Town of Bethlehem Youth Employment Service,** summer hours for youths interested in part-time work, Bethlehem Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-2238.

WEDNESDAY 19  
AUGUST

**Salute to Funny Films,** "Mothra," Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Tickets, 439-9314.

**Glenmont Homemakers,** third Wednesday, Selkirk Fire House No. 2, Glenmont Rd., 8 p.m.

**Bethlehem Lions Club,** meets first and third Wednesday of month, Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m.

**Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233** meets at lodge, Rt. 144 Cedar Hill, first and third Wednesdays, 8 p.m.

**Onesquethaw Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star,** first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

**Delmar Fire District,** regular meetings third Wednesdays, Delmar Fire Station, 7:30 p.m.

**New Scotland Senior Citizens,** every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, 439-4039.

**Normansville Community Church,** Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

**Bethlehem Archaeology Group,** provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturday mornings. Information, 439-4258.

**Farmers' Market,** Wednesdays through mid-August, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, followed by plant diagnostic clinic, 3-6 p.m.

**Salute to Silly Cinema,** "Mothra," Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Tickets, 439-9314.

**Time-Shortened Admissions** to Hudson Valley Community College, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**Bethlehem GOP Steak Roast,** Picard's Grove, New Salem, \$30, 1 p.m. Reservations, 439-3276 or 439-6724.

**Bethlehem Channel Cablecast,** "Not Really Page One News," 5:30 p.m.; "At the Library this Week," 6 p.m.; "Astrology," 6:30 p.m.; "To Your Health: The Older Generation," 7 p.m.; "Snakes of the World," 7:30 p.m.; "Improve Your Tennis II," 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 20  
AUGUST

**New Scotland Kiwanis Club,** Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

**Bethlehem Senior Citizens,** meet every Thursday at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

**American Legion Luncheons,** for members and guests, Post Rooms, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Thursday, noon.

**Overeaters Anonymous,** meet every Thursday at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

**Silver Bullets Square Dance Club,** mainstream class, 7 p.m., workshop, 9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Information, 439-3689.

**Softball Games,** sponsored by the Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-4986.

**Surprise Visitors,** special guest appearance by popular cartoon characters and heroes, Thursday nights, Delaware Plaza, 5-9 p.m. Information, 458-1600.

FRIDAY 21  
AUGUST

**Recovery, Inc.,** self-help for those with chronic nervous symptoms. First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, weekly at 12:30 p.m.

**Youth Group Meetings,** United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4410.

**Farmers' Market,** St. Thomas Church parking lot, Fridays through October, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Duplicate Bridge,** all levels welcome, every third Friday, St. Stephens Church, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-5772.

**Bethlehem Channel Cablecast,** "The Spotlight," 5:30 p.m.; "At the Library this Week," 6 p.m.; "The Bethlehem Heritage Series: Ice Harvesting," 6:30 p.m.; "The Comedy Club," 7 p.m.; "Our Children/The Future," 7:30 p.m.; "To Your Health: The Older Generation," 8 p.m.; "Improve Your Tennis III," 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY 22  
AUGUST

**Bethlehem Archaeology Group,** provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience at Monday, Wednesday and Saturday morning meetings. Information, 439-4258.

**Project WILD Workshop,** introduce teachers and youth leaders to conservation and environmental activities emphasizing Wildlife in Learning Design, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 1-4 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

SUNDAY 23  
AUGUST

**Delmar Presbyterian Church,** worship, 8:30 a.m.; family worship, first Sundays at 10 a.m.; adult education, 9:15 a.m.; senior high fellowship, 4:30 p.m.; junior high fellowship, call 439-3052. Baby care provided; information, 439-9252.

## area arts

A capsule listing of cultural events easily accessible to Bethlehem-New Scotland residents, provided as a community service by the General Electric Co. plastics plant Selkirk.

### THEATRE

"Oklahoma," by Roger and Hammerstein, Live at the Lake House, Washington Park, Albany, Aug. 19-22, 8 p.m. Information, 434-2035.

"My One and Only," Mac-Hayden Theatre, Chatham, Aug. 19-30, Wed.-Fri., 8 p.m.; Sat., 5 and 8:30 p.m.; Sun., 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets, 392-9292.

"Snow White," Mac-Hayden Theatre, Chatham, Aug. 19-30, Fri. and Sat., 4:50, 11 a.m. Tickets, 392-9292.

"Adagio West," Art Awareness, Rt. 42, Lexington, Aug. 20-23, 8 p.m. Aug. 23, 3 p.m. Information, 989-6433.

### MUSIC

Hunter Mountain Festival, featuring Emmulou Harris, Forester Sisters and Brenda Lee, Hunter Mountain, Hunter, Catskills, Aug. 21-23, 10 a.m. Information, 263-3800.

Maplewood Music Festival, Lake Placid Center for the Arts, Aug. 23, 8:30 p.m. Information, 523-2512.

Christine Lavin, Cafe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, Aug. 21 and 22, 8:30 p.m. Information, 583-0022.

Tom Rush, Cafe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, Aug. 23, 6 and 9 p.m. Information, 583-0022.

### DANCE

Merce Cunningham Dance Company, Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, Ted Shawn Theatre, Rt. 20, Beckett, Mass., through Aug. 22, Tues.-Thurs., 8 p.m.; Fri. and Sat., 8:30 p.m.; Sat., 2 p.m. Information, (413) 243-0745.

David Parsons with the Pillow Jazz Ensemble, Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, Ted Shawn Theatre, Rt. 20, Beckett, Mass., Aug. 25-29, Tues.-Thurs., 8 p.m.; Fri. and Sat., 8:30 p.m.; Sat., 2 p.m. Information, (413) 243-0745.

### ART

"Pennsylvania Painted Wares," exhibit of tin and wooden household items used prior to 1900, Historical Society of Early American Decoration, 19 Dove St., Albany, through 1987, Wed.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., noon-3 p.m. Information, 462-1676.

"1987 Artists of the Mohawk-Hudson Region," works of artists within 100 miles of Capital District, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through Sept. 6, Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m., Sun., 2-5 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

Artworks of Larry Price, Harmanus Bleeker Center, 19 Dove St., Albany, through Aug. 22. Information, 465-2044 or 463-4478.

"American Paintings, Furniture and Decorative Arts of the 18th and 19th Centuries," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through Oct. 11, Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m., Sun., 2-5 p.m.

Pastel drawings by Len Tversky, theme of "fire," Art Awareness Gallery Building, Rt. 42, Lexington, through Sept. 7.

"The Ice Age," State Museum, Albany, permanent exhibit. Information, 474-5842.

"Hot and Cool Jazz," exhibit, Art Awareness Gallery, Rt. 42, Lexington, through Sept. 7, Wed.-Sun., noon-5 p.m. Information, 989-6433.

"Dinosaurs Alive," exhibit of prehistoric creatures, State Museum, Albany, through Dec. 28, daily, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 474-5877 or 474-5842.

"The Private Eye," exhibit showing importance of subjective element in art today, Art Awareness, Rt. 42, Lexington, through Sept. 7, Wed.-Sun., noon-5 p.m. Information, 989-6433.

### FILM

"Laura," romantic murder mystery, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Aug. 19, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Information, 382-1083.

"Seventh Heaven," 1927 silent film, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Aug. 20, 2, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Information, 382-1083.

"Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan," Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Aug. 21-24 Friday, 7 and 9:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 2, 7 and 9:30 p.m.; Monday, 7:30 p.m. Information, 382-1083.

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**Normansville Community Church**, Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

**Bethlehem Community Church**, morning worship service, 10 a.m., nursery provided; evening fellowship, 7 p.m. Information, 439-3135.

**Onesquehaw Church**, worship, 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., Sunday school.

**Bethlehem Historical Association**, open to public every Sunday during summer, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 2-5 p.m. Information, 436-8289.

**Hudson-Mohawk Bonsai Association**, meets fourth Sundays at Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martin Rd., Voorheesville.

**Concert in the Park Series**, Billy Montana and the Longshots, Village Green, 6-8 p.m.

## MONDAY 24 AUGUST

**Delmar Kiwanis**, meet Mondays at Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

**Al-Anon Group**, support for relatives of alcoholics, meets Mondays at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

**Quartet Rehearsal**, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

**Bethlehem Archaeology Group**, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience at Monday, Wednesday and Saturday morning meetings. Information, 439-4258.

**Summer Travel Treat Film**, "Sleeping Car to Trieste," Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**Hunting Course**, bowhunter education classes, covering techniques and equipment, those who complete course will be certified to hunt in New York State with bow and arrow, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7-9:30 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

**Bethlehem Channel Cablecast**, "Great American Horses," 5 p.m.; "The Reader's Digest," 5:30 p.m.; "At the Library this Week," 6 p.m.; "A Children's Storytime," 6:30 p.m.; "Our Children/The Future," 7 p.m.; "Astrology," 7:30 p.m.; "Improve Your Tennis I," 8 and 8:30 p.m.

## TUESDAY 25 AUGUST

**Delmar Rotary**, meets Tuesdays at Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6 p.m.

**"Inside Your Schools,"** educational programs for children and adults, Adams-Russell Cablevision, Channel 31, 3:30 p.m. Information, 283-6159.

**Dusk Walk**, outdoor study of twilight, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

## WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST

**Slingerlands Fire Co. Auxiliary**, fourth Wednesday, Slingerlands Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

**New Scotland Elks Lodge**, meets second and fourth Wednesdays, Voorheesville Post Office, 8 p.m.

**New Scotland Senior Citizens**, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, 439-4039.

**Normansville Community Church**, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

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**Farmers' Market**, Wednesdays through mid-August, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, followed by plant diagnostic clinic, 3-6 p.m.

**Registration**, for new students to Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 439-4921.

**Family Film Series**, "The Phantom Toll Booth," Voorheesville Public Library, 2 p.m.

## THURSDAY 27 AUGUST

**Elsmere Fire Company**, meets last Thursday of each month at the fire house, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

**New Scotland Kiwanis Club**, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

**Bethlehem Senior Citizens**, meet every Thursday at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

**Overeaters Anonymous**, meeting every Thursday at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

**Silver Bullets Square Dance Club**, mainstream class, 7 p.m., workshop, 9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Information, 439-3689.

**Softball Games**, sponsored by the Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-4986.

**Surprise Visitors**, special guest appearance by popular cartoon characters and heroes, every Thursday night, Delaware Plaza, 5-9 p.m. Information, 458-1600.

**Open House**, for parents attempting to find day care for children 8 weeks through 5 years, Knuffles Children Center, 1 Bethlehem Court, Elsmere, 7-9 p.m. Information, 475-1019.

## FRIDAY 28 AUGUST

**Recovery, Inc.**, self-help for those with chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, weekly at 12:30 p.m.

**Youth Group Meetings**, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4410.

**Farmers' Market**, St. Thomas Church parking lot, Fridays through October, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Morning Walk**, "Mammals and Food Plants," Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 453-1806.

**Bloodmobile**, St. Thomas School, 1-7 p.m. Appointments, 439-2575.

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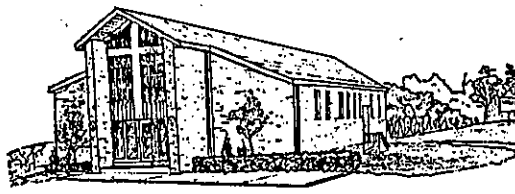
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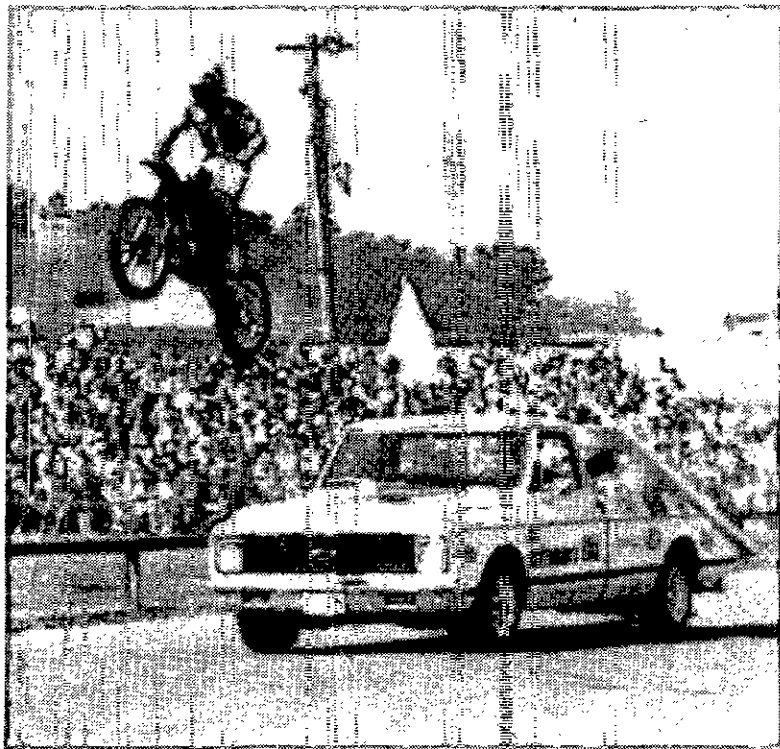
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**MONDAY 31**  
**AUGUST**

**Golf Tournament**, for professionals and amateur foursomes, Normanside Country Club, Delmar, \$125 package, 11 a.m. registration. Information, 783-9363.

**Summer Travel Treat Film**, "From the Ocean to the Sky," Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**TUESDAY 1**  
**SEPTEMBER**

**Delmar Rotary**, meets Tuesdays at Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6 p.m.

**Bethlehem Sportsmen's Club**, first Tuesdays, Dunbar Hollow Rd., Clarks-ville, guests welcome, 7:30 p.m.

**Bethlehem Lodge 1096 F&AM** first and third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

**Medicare Form Aid**, sponsored by AARP, first and third Tuesdays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Appointments, 439-2160.

**"Inside Your Schools,"** educational programs for children and adults, Adams-Russell Cablevision, Channel 31, 3:30 p.m. Information, 283-6159.

**WEDNESDAY 2**  
**SEPTEMBER**

**Bethlehem Lions Club**, meets first and third Wednesday of month, Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m.

**Bethlehem Business Women's Club** meets first Wednesday of month, Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Albany, 6 p.m. social hour.

**Normanside Community Church**, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

**Bethlehem Archaeology Group**, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience at Monday, Wednesday and Saturday morning meetings. Information, 439-4258.

**Farmers' Market**, Wednesdays through mid-August, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, followed by plant diagnostic clinic, 3-6 p.m.

**Dinner Meeting**, Bethlehem Women's Club, Albany Motor Inn, Glenmont, new members welcome, 6 p.m.

**Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233** meets at lodge, Rt. 144 Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays.

**Onesquethaw Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star**, first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

**New Scotland Senior Citizens**, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, Martha Navilia at 439-4039.

## AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

**WEDNESDAY 19**  
**AUGUST**

**Animal Signs**, investigation of animal tracks and hiding places, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs, 10:30 a.m.

**Information Session**, at Empire State College, Capital District Regional Center, 155 Washington Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 587-2100.

**All-American Low Fat Pigout**, instruction on how eating right can reduce the risks of cancer. Location of nearest program, 438-7841.

**Open House**, for anyone interested in graduate and evening continuing studies, College of Saint Rose, 420 Western Ave., Albany, 6:30 p.m. Information, 454-5144.

**Altamont Fair**, through Saturday, Altamont, gates open 8 a.m., poem readings, 1-3 p.m. Information, 861-6671.

**Farmers' Market**, Erie Blvd. and Bobenstab La., Albany, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Information, 372-5656.

**Fashion Show**, to benefit Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council's, Holiday Inn, Rt. 9, Latham, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4936.

**FRIDAY 21**  
**AUGUST**

**Tennis Tournament**, sponsored by Community Sports Association and Las Vegas Golf and Tennis, Central Park, Schenectady, \$10, through Aug. 23, 5 p.m. Information, 438-2597.

**Farmers' Market**, Erie Blvd. and Bobenstab Lane, Albany, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Information, 372-5656.

**SATURDAY 22**  
**AUGUST**

**Clinic**, Saratoga Spa State Park Ranger Bob Zentz will instruct children on proper fishing techniques, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs, bring own gear, 1-3 p.m. Information, 584-2000.

**Picnic**, for alumni of LeMoyne College and their families, Kaydeross Amusement Park, Saratoga Springs, \$15 adults, \$6 children, 7:30 p.m. Reservations, 1-315-445-4564.

**Magic Show**, Robert Olson will perform 19th century magic tricks, Martin VanBuren Historic Site, Kinderhook, 3 p.m. Information, 758-9689.

**SUNDAY 23**  
**AUGUST**

**Baseball Card Convention**, featuring more than 100 exhibitors, Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Extension, Albany, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 377-0219.

**Concert**, traditional Bavarian, Austrian and German brass band music, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 6:30 p.m. Information, 473-0558.

**MONDAY 24**  
**AUGUST**

**Mohawk Road Runners Club**, European-style cross-country race, 4.5-mile course for adults, one-mile race for children, Tawasentha Park, Gunderland, 5:30 p.m. Information, 456-6020.

**TUESDAY 25**  
**AUGUST**

**Information Session**, for anyone interested in programs and degrees offered at Empire State College, Capital District Regional Center, 155 Washington Ave., Albany, 5:30 p.m. Information, 447-6746.

**Orientation Program**, for adult students returning to college life, Maria College, 700 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 489-7436.

**WEDNESDAY 26**  
**AUGUST**

**Animal Signs**, investigate animal tracks and hiding places, Warming Hut, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs, 10:30 a.m.

**THURSDAY 20**  
**AUGUST**

**Electronic Filing**, program for tax preparers, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, 10 a.m.-noon. Information, 472-3636.

**Capital District Resolve**, program, "Couple Communication: Sexual and Emotion," College of Saint Rose, 432 Western Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 381-7048.

**Hudson Mohawk Runners Club**, participants circle track as many times as they can in one hour, State University at Albany, Physical Education Building, \$2, 6 p.m. Information, 456-4952.

**Concerned Friends of Hope House**, support group for parents of substance abusers, rear of Christ Lutheran Church, 155 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30-10 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

**Meeting**, Capitol District Chapter of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Assn., St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-0887.

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## Back To School



### Picking a pre-school: know what you want

By Polly Hartman

When Debbie Hoefs moved to Delmar in April, it was her first big move with children. "I was totally lost," she says.

Getting her three older children enrolled in public school turned out to be far easier than finding a nursery school for Anna, then almost four. "I had hoped to get her in when we first got here," Hoefs says. "But there were no openings and nursery school was almost over for the year."

According to a March *Times-Union* story, twice as many children attend nursery school now in this country as in 1970. Debbie Hoefs was just beginning to find out how difficult it is for newcomers to find a nursery school for their youngsters in the Tri-Village area. She joined Mothers' Time Out, a group that meets weekly during the school year at the Delmar Reformed Church, where she learned the names of local nursery schools and that most of them hold an open house in February.

This is a time to visit the school and make application. Often enrollment quotas for the following September are filled at this time and getting on a waiting list is the only alternative.

"I couldn't believe that things were so full already," says Hoefs. She finally did find a school for Anna, but if she had to do it over again she says, "I would try to visit the school and not just rely on friends' recommendations. I would watch the class my child would be in

and especially want to observe the teacher my child would have."

There are more than half a dozen nursery schools in the Tri-Village area at the present time. Sorting out the differences between them involves personal observation, but parents can get a start by knowing about the organization and philosophy of each school. Most are non-profit, and parents can find cooperatives as well as religious affiliation and Montessori. Two were organized specifically to meet the needs of working parents. Each has its own philosophy.

#### Cooperative nursery schools

Cooperative nursery schools have been in this area a long time. Tri-Village nursery school was started in 1946. Originally housed in the Blanchard American Legion hall in Elsmere, the school had been in its present location in the First United Methodist church on Kenwood Ave. since the 1950s. Tri-Village, or TVN as it is nicknamed, is the largest of the cooperatives with seven classes and four classrooms. Each class has a paid aide.

Around 1960, Slingerlands Cooperative nursery school began its operation in the Community United Methodist church in Slingerlands. Another cooperative, the Hamagrael Pre-School, was begun in 1957 by a group of Hamagrael elementary school parents who wanted a kind of extended play group for their young children. Now located in the Delmar Reformed church, the school

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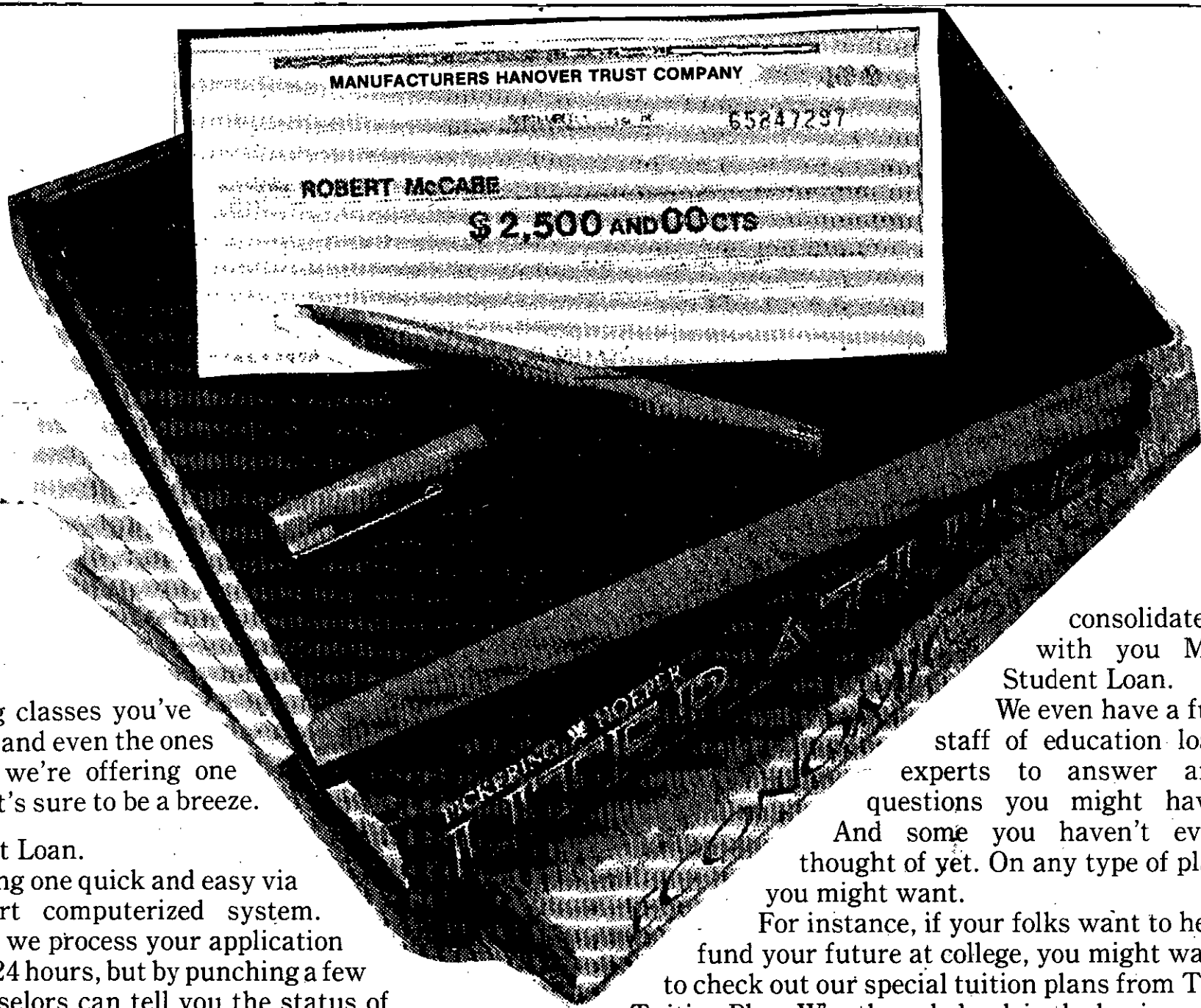
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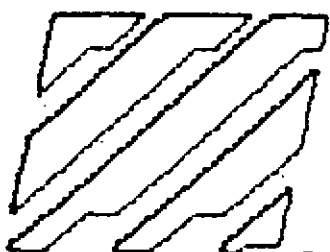
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Dr. Leslie Loomis has had time to settle into his office at the Educational Service Center on Adams St. before school starts Sept. 10.

## BC's Loomis plans to lead the way

By Patricia Mitchell

If, as it seems to many people, the Bethlehem Central School District has been waiting for leadership, the future is here and his name is Dr. Leslie Loomis.

The soft spoken yet subtly authoritative 42-year-old took over as superintendent in July after a 10-month search to find a replacement for former Superintendent Dr. Lawrence Zinn.

Loomis has been characterized as a "Renaissance man." A native of Rochester and a graduate of Harvard, he came to Bethlehem from the Andover, Mass., public schools, where he was an assistant superintendent. He has also held positions as a principal, assistant principal, social studies teacher and as a foreign language instructor and professor of organizational development in Colombia, South America.

He is also fluent in Spanish and has traveled extensively throughout Europe and South America.

In a recent interview on the Bethlehem Central district and on some of his ideas on education, Loomis said the variety of his experience and roles should help prepare him for his new job.

What it has all meant, he said, is he has gained much experience in a short span of years.

### Bringing the district together

Loomis' appointment comes at a time when factionalism and special interests are playing a stronger role in the district. For the past two years, voters have stayed away from the polls at budget time, while school board elections have taken on "negative" overtones. The board itself has been embroiled in a number of difficult issues that have produced heated discussions and split votes.

As superintendent in the Bethlehem Central community, Loomis said he thinks his major responsibility is to effectively manage the decision-making process and to provide leadership. The right balance in decision making consists of moving the district forward and including the viewpoints and participation of those groups who have the greatest at stake, he said.

Loomis said he thinks BC, like other districts, has a variety of constituents and their views can conflict. It is the responsibility of the superintendent to bring the various groups together and help them see legitimate viewpoints. Loomis said everyone has valid points and he thinks it is important to be able to listen and value

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# After-school programs reflect parent needs

By Sal Prividera

Many communities are searching for solutions to a problem faced by working parents — supervision for younger children at the end of the school day, which rarely coincides with the end of the work day.

Locally, the solution to the problem has come from parents themselves, who have been in the forefront of the move to establish supervised after-school programs. And the success of these programs in Bethlehem and New Scotland only shows that there is an increasing demand for this type of service.

In the Bethlehem Central School district there is School's Out, Inc., and in the Voorheesville Central School District it is the Kid's Club. Currently, there is no after-school care program operating in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District, although a group of parents is working to organize one.

School's Out, Inc. gives children a

place to socialize and have fun under qualified supervision. The program meets the needs of 60 children per day in four classrooms.

"I believe all the kids are here because they need after school supervision," said Terry Osterhout, executive director of School's Out. She added that there is a list of 45 children waiting for an opening in the program. There is an expansion plan "in the works" said Osterhout.

"It's an idea who's time has come," she said.

School's Out operates five days a week from 3 to 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar. The cost of the program varies with the number of days attended ranging from \$35 per month for two days each week to \$80 per month for five days each week (a discount is offered for siblings).

"We try to offer a variety of activity," Osterhout said. The

children, ages kindergarten through grade 5, are asked about the kinds of activities they want. These activities include movies, arts and crafts and piano lessons, but no television.

There is a planned activity each day but the children are given some control over what they do. "We try to offer choices," Osterhout said, "so, the kids feel responsible for their afternoon."

The main emphasis of the after-school program is to provide the youngsters a chance to socialize with their peers, she said. "The age range doesn't seem to be a barrier," she said. "The kids do a lot of interacting."

While some children are hesitant to enter the program, "Kids tend to tell parents, 'please don't pick me up early,'" said the executive director.

School's Out, Inc., a private not-for-profit organization, first opened its doors in 1983 with a staff of two, (Turn to Page 17)

## Getting started early for college

By Theresa Bobear

"A lot of people overlook the astounding richness and variety in American colleges," says Stephen M. Fletcher of Glenmont.

Fletcher began researching the topic of colleges and college admissions three years ago when his daughter began looking at colleges. Unlike most parents, he didn't drop the subject when she was admitted. He had gained an appreciation of the difficulties parents face in helping their children find the right college, and he decided to do something about it.

Fletcher started the College Admission Counseling Service to counsel students and parents seeking admission to colleges that will best suit their needs.

A senior financial analyst for the state Department of the Budget, Fletcher said he is not a guidance or career counselor. He describes himself as a specialist in admissions to selective colleges and universities. "I will also provide counseling for

clients on the financial end of attending college," said Fletcher. His research has included discussions with students, parents and admissions officers.

Despite the decline in the total number of college students, Fletcher said the competition to get into certain respected institutions is tougher than ever.

"The difficulties in choosing a college that you can both get into and afford is more acute than ever," said Fletcher.

Fletcher downright disagrees with some advice in the college admission guidebooks. "No single guidebook is wholly adequate," said Fletcher. "Guidebooks assume people have limitless time."

"You usually need to do a lot of looking and a lot of research," said Fletcher. "That's what I'm offering clients. I've done that research."

Fletcher said he has been providing college admission counseling informally for friends and colleagues for several years. At the

request of colleagues he decided to run a formal part-time counseling service for a limited number of clients from his Journey Lane home.

Fletcher said parents and students often underestimate the complexity of mastering the college admissions process. One common mistake is that students apply to schools that are too easy or too difficult for them to gain admission, according to Fletcher.

He identified timing as another common mistake. Fletcher said he focuses clients so that they do the right things at the right time without wasting time.

He recommends that students visit the colleges during spring vacation of their junior year, when the college semester is in progress.

Fletcher begins the counseling process with two or three meetings with the family. After reviewing high school transcripts and standard test scores and discussing other

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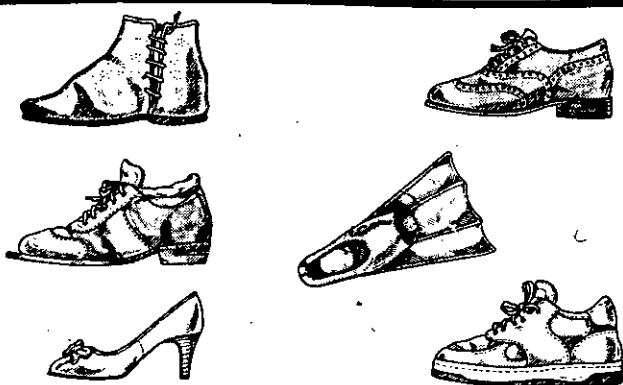
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# □ Picking a pre-school

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originally was housed in one of the family's basement for the year. That child was given free tuition.

All of the cooperatives have the same basic structure. There is a parent board or committee that is the governing body of the school. This group hires the teacher and sets the budget guidelines for the school. Each parent is expected to participate in the school experience by being a parent helper in the classroom on a regular basis.

Debbie Gall, a teacher at Slingerlands nursery school, says that there is a real benefit for parents when they help out in the classroom. "It's a chance for them to watch their own child, how they communicate, how they play. And you can see how they interact with another adult," she says.

Joining a committee is another requirement when your child is in a cooperative. Peg Bausback, teacher at Hamagrael Pre-School, tells about the cooking committee. "Their responsibility is to collect all of the ingredients for a particular cooking activity by assigning parents. We cook every two weeks."

## Religious affiliation

Although Tri-Village, Slingerlands and Hamagrael Pre-School are all located in church buildings, only one nursery school in this area has a religious affiliation. That is the Bethlehem Community Church Pre-School on Elm Ave. The school was founded 16 years ago as a part of the church's ministry, according to Karen Ainsworth, director and teacher. Reaching out to the children of the congregation was its original task.

To this day, the director must be a member of the church and observe its biblical doctrine. "It is important for the children to know the God loves them," says Mrs. Ainsworth. Bible stories are an integral part of the program. "And," she says, "I pray with the children every day before they leave."

## Montessori

Blossoms Montessori Pre-School is a newcomer to the nursery school field here. Noreen Cadieux, its founder and teacher, started the school four years ago. Based on the works and methods of Dr. Maria Montessori, Italian physician and educator, Blossoms' two teachers have been trained in Montessori

techniques. The school moved last year into its own house on Hudson Ave. where the rooms have been adapted to the nursery school-aged child. Blossoms is a not-for-profit school with an eight member governing board. Starting this fall, a portion of the tuition it charges will be used to help educate young children in Central America, through programs to train teachers and the donation of supplies.

"From the hand to the mind," is the way Mrs. Cadieux characterizes the philosophy of a Montessori school. Special materials such as beads for teaching the decimal system and a division board are examples of objects used to teach concepts. The role of the teacher in a Montessori school is to work with individual children when needed and to be constantly alert to the direction that a child is headed so that she can help the child achieve his or her goals. For example, when a child has completed a particular simple task, she might point out one that would be more complex.

## For working parents

Twelve years ago, two former nursery school teachers, Pat Swanson and Eleanor Howell, founded the Bethlehem Pre-School to meet the needs of working parents who wanted a full-day, 12-month program for their children. In the 1960s and 1970s, Bethlehem Central held its kindergarten classes in the old Bethlehem Center school building on Rt. 9W, and it is well suited to pre-schoolers.

Bethlehem Pre-School is a non-profit corporation with a board of directors comprised of community leaders, attorneys and educators. Its nursery school program lasts from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and includes lunch. Most of the children have been in the day care program. They may be brought to the center as early as 7 a.m. and stay as late as 5:30 p.m.

There is a ratio of five children to one adult and the high staff-to-child ratio is helpful in determining and meeting the child's needs, according to Swanson. The program is highly individualized, she says.

The school always has a long waiting list because, as she says, "the need for day care is so acute."

Just a few days ago, Knuffels (pronounced "k-nuff'els") opened its doors in the former Dormitory Authority building on Bethlehem



Sept. 9 — First day of classes

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Voorheesville, Bethlehem Central.

Court, near the Delmar Car Wash. Knuffels is a 12-month, full day care and nursery school.

"What we've been set up for is to meet the needs of working parents," says Doreen Signorelli, who with her husband, Dr. Anthony Signorelli, started the program. The Signorellis spent nine years in Brussels, Belgium, and during that time learned through their own children's experiences how effectively day care works in Europe.

Knuffels accepts infants from eight weeks through kindergarten. As the children grow, the program becomes more structured. Activities in a typical, traditional nursery school program of two and a half hours are spread out over the longer day that most children with working parents will spend at the center. Full or part-time care is available and Knuffels is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"Learning through play" responds Debbie Gall when asked about the philosophy of Slingerlands Nursery School. "When children are playing they are in command. When they play with blocks, they are comparing shapes. Everything we do here is readiness, but in a non-academic way." A favorite activity of both three and four year olds is going into the "Big Room" to play on the slide, ride bikes and use their developing large muscle coordination.

"A place for children to be comfortable with their peers and for them to learn to like going to school" describes Hamagrael Pre-School's philosophy. Lots of field trips, outdoor play and cooking round out the program, according to Peg Bausback.

"School should be a place for the children to interact socially and learn acceptable behavior in a loving and warm atmosphere" says the Community Church's Karen Ainsworth. "They should be challenged to learn but it should be fun at all times."

TVN's director and teacher Jerry Teresi considers social skills a very important goal for nursery school children also. "Learning to listen to others and follow routines with flexibility are skills to work on. Readiness is exposure. When they are ready it will come." All of the teachers counted the ability to "put yourself in the child's place" to be an essential quality for a nursery school teacher.

Little Anna Hoefs recently completed a happy and successful year in a local nursery school. When a family with a pre-schooler moved into the neighborhood, her mother Debbie walked over to welcome them. Along with warm greetings, she carried with her a copy of "Pre-School Possibilities" a pamphlet published by the Bethlehem Public Library and updated yearly. It is available at the library along with the following books to help parents choose a first school experience for their child.

*A Parents' Guide to Nursery Schools*, Jean Curtis, 1971

*Education Under Six*, St1, Denison Deasey, 1978

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Lauren Ginsberg, left, and Nicole Redmond enjoy the Halloween party festivities at School's Out after a day of classes.

## □ School's Out

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and has a staff of 22 for the approaching school year. "It mushroomed as people caught on," said Osterhout.

In addition to working staff, there is a 15 to 18-member board of directors, including parents of program children, that assists in running School's Out.

There are currently three teachers on the staff, although teaching credentials are not required. The staff is "qualified and dedicated," said Osterhout. When hiring staff, she said, she will look for "someone who has a genuine love of children, a lot of patience and creativity."

### Before school

For parents who have to be at work before their children have to be at school, School's Out also offers assistance. Two years ago, a before-school program was started at Hamagrael Elementary School, and the demand for this program has grown as well. This fall, 110 children at four elementary schools (Hamagrael, Glenmont, Elsmere and, for the first time, Slingerlands) will be dropped off by their parents. The before school care starts at 7:30 a.m. and runs until school opens.

### Special needs

In April, 1985, Charlyn Saltford, a School's Out staff member, began a special needs respite program for developmentally disabled children because she "felt there was a need for the children to have the opportunity to socialize." Five children are in the program, which offers them a opportunity to develop a relationship with their peers, said Saltford, who supervises the program. She said the program is important to the disabled

children because often they attend classes in other schools and do not get a chance to socialize within their own neighborhoods.

The program was started in 1985 with help from a state grant, Saltford said. The disabled children participate in most of the same activities as the rest of the children. She said the "normal kids" have become more sensitive and aware of handicaps. They also learn to understand handicaps and lose their fear of them she added. "Both sets of kids have had an equally positive effect on each other."

The special program will continue at School's Out this fall. Saltford said other after-school programs should consider meeting the needs of handicapped children. "The results of the program are certainly worth the effort," she said.

### Regents plan changes language requirements

The Regents Action Plan to strengthen elementary and secondary education has meant changes in school subjects to be studied.

Students entering grade nine in 1988 and 1989 must complete a unit of study in a foreign language before the end of ninth grade. The requirement will be increased to two units for students who enter grade nine in 1990 and after.

One unit of technology education and three quarters of a unit of home and career skills must be completed by students in grades seven and eight. These courses replace industrial arts and homemaking courses and are geared to life in the later years of this century.

## Voorheesville's Kids' Club to nearly double in size

Children in the Voorheesville School District with working parents have a place to spend their afternoons when school ends. Kids' Club is entering its second year of operation and is growing along with the community's needs.

"We expect to nearly double enrollment and staff," said Nancy Basal, president of Kids' Club's board of directors. For the approaching school year there will be 30 full-time openings in the program.

As the Kids' Club idea evolved, a needs survey was conducted finding that a need existed for both before and after-school programs, said Basal. During the last school year, an average of 20 children attended the program daily, including "a number of kids from single parent families," she said.

"I think if we re-did the survey, we would find a greater need now than one and a half years ago."

Kids' Club operates on school days providing after school care for children in grades one to six from 3 to 6 p.m. A before-school program is in the works, with a target date of January, pending Voorheesville School Board approval, said Cindy Manguitli, Kid's Club director.

The program operates in donated space (two classrooms, gym and playground) at the Voorheesville Elementary School. It offers activities such as indoor and outdoor sports as well as "in house" field trips, where special programs are brought in to the children.

"I think what the kids like about the program is the opportunity to interact with classmates in non-structured activities," said Basal.

This year the program's offerings will be expanded to include gymnastics and karate (one half hour per week, for an additional fee). More off-site field trips are expected as well, said the board president.

The cost of the program varies with the number of days per week attended and is based on \$82 a month for full-week attendance. A scholarship fund will be established to help offset fees for eligible families.

Kids' Club had the assistance of a grant from the state Department of Social Services and a legislative grant to get the program started financially said Basal. To shape the fledgling program, Kids' Club "drew upon the experience of School's Out and a child care program in East Greenbush as well other programs," she said.

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The Kids' Club Board of Directors, seated from left, board member Bonnie Meservey, Vice President Dorothy McDonald and Secretary Chris Blackman. Standing from left, board member Jack Wilson, President Nancy Basal and Treasurer John Brownell.

## After-school for RCS?

Although previous attempts to start an after-school program in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District have failed, another effort is being made by area residents.

Cheryl Clary of Selkirk has begun to organize the effort along with school district resident Cathie Searles. Clary said she has spoken to "different groups of people... who thought it was a good idea."

"I think the time has come for it," said Clary, who is the Selkirk/South Bethlehem columnist for *The Spotlight*. "There seems to be interest, but no one's doing it." She wrote about her organizational efforts in a recent column, but received only one response.

Clary has contacted Voorheesville's Kid's Club representatives and received information on each step of the program starting process. Start-up funding will be sought from the state Department

of Social Services, which will have funding available next April, and from large area businesses, she said.

In starting the program, the women will seek support from the district's Parent-Teacher Association and the school board.

RCS Superintendent William Schwartz said that when interest in an after school care program was shown last year a possible location was found at the middle school.

A survey of interest through the PTA is planned for September, said Clary. If enough interest is shown then the board of education will be approached for assistance and approval.

"There's hope for next September," she said.

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law. City districts are only required to provide transportation to the handicapped, however, many city boards of education elect to provide transportation for non-handicapped pupils.

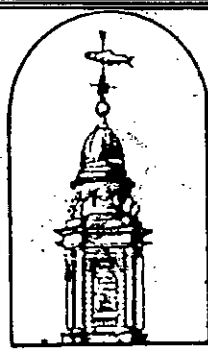
The construction of school buses is highly regulated by the federal government and the state imposes even more stringent construction standards. All school buses manufactured after 1976 are designed with a feature known as "compartmentalization" which is intended to reduce injuries in the event of an accident. As of July 1, 1987, all school buses manufactured for use in the state must also be equipped with seat safety belts.

In spite of improvements in bus construction, deaths have occurred among children who are disembarking from school buses at the end of the school day. Last year, three fatal injuries were suffered by children in the state outside the bus. The majority of these fatal accidents involve children from four to 10 year old and children in grades Kindergarten to two are five times more vulnerable to being run over by their own bus than children in other grades, and are three times more vulnerable to being struck by a passing motorist.

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other opinions.

For example, as assistant superintendent for secondary education at Andover, Loomis said, he concluded that parents felt excluded from the decision-making process to an extent. To help counter that, he formed a secondary parents group who identified a number of limited projects to work on and to focus on improving relationships in education.

The group got parents, teachers and students from the high school and the two junior high schools together, and they defined the responsibilities of each group in getting outstanding academic education, Loomis said.

Loomis said the group was an example of opening up decision-making to various groups with the result that each better understood the other's viewpoints and that the discussions created momentum for working together.

## Goals at Bethlehem Central

Since the beginning of his term at the district, Loomis said he has been spending a lot of time talking with people to get their perceptions and suggestions and an idea of the issues at BC. He said he has talked with school board members, administrators and principals, community leaders and union representatives, and he also hopes to talk with parent-teacher association presidents.

He is now working on establishing goals for the year with the school board, but Loomis said it is clear from his conversations that the major issue is arriving at accurate projections of future enrollment and facilities needed at the elementary and middle schools.

"That really is the overriding issue," he said. Loomis will be working with the school board and other groups to reach the most intelligent decision for this issue.

Another area that Loomis said he feels he can make a contribution to is consolidating the community's confidence that education at Bethlehem Central represents quality. He said it is clear that the district's schools are some of the best in the state and it is time to pause and recognize that fact.

At the same time, Loomis said, his role requires him to join the staff and students to identify areas to improve the education program and to act on them.

He would also like to work with the PTAs to set up a series of

neighborhood coffees to continue talking with district residents. Loomis said as superintendent it is important to be visible and accessible within the schools and the community. That is the part of the job that he sees as exciting and fulfilling, Loomis said, and he will do everything possible to keep from getting "stuck" in his office.

## Loomis' experiences

Not only does Loomis come to BC with a long list of educational and career accomplishments, he has had plenty of experience outside the classroom, too. From 1968 to 1972, Loomis lived in South America, partly while serving in the Peace Corps in Colombia and partly on his own. He said he had many opportunities to travel, by hitchhiking, bus, plane, and some by train and boat throughout the continent. He also went from the top of the Andes Mountains by horseback to the tributaries of the Amazon in Indian dugouts.

"It was great. It was like living all my boyhood adventures," Loomis said.

Though he is considered a young man to have achieved a superintendent's position, Loomis said he spent the time to get training and experience and feels BC is the right setting for him. Between his education and experience in other school districts, he said, he has been prepared for his considerable responsibility at BC.

## Contact with students

Loomis' youth may also help him relate better to students who are less than half his age. Though some people view moves towards being superintendent as a promotion, Loomis said it is steps farther and farther away from contact with students. There is no more fulfilling role than being a teacher, he said.

As superintendent, Loomis said, it will be important to be in touch with its students and perhaps work with them through student leaders or with those who are troubled. Loomis said he may also be putting in guest appearances as a teacher and come September, he would also like to spend a few days in the schools.

While he has not had the opportunity to meet many students, Loomis said he has been impressed with what he has heard about BC students. "I really look forward to meeting as many as possible," he said.

Loomis grew up in the 1960's during some turbulent times, especially for young adults. But he said the youth of today should be given a lot of credit because they face a complex and demanding world with some decreases in opportunities. He said he thinks they are facing the world with maturity, good judgement and solid values. The are a stimulating group to work with, he said.

## AIDS and sex education

The state Regents have recently agreed that an Acquired Immunity Deficiency System (AIDS) curriculum be taught throughout all grades and is now formulating courses. Loomis said he thinks there is an effective health program at BC, but with AIDS and other problems and pressures on students, it is important to be constantly discussing the job that the schools are doing.

It is important that health courses and the entire education program represent the values of the community and the school board, Loomis said.

## Living in Bethlehem

Barely a month after becoming superintendent, Loomis said he and his wife Betsy are enjoying living in the town and he likes the mixture of the small town atmosphere with the quality of services and closeness to Albany.

Their four-year-old daughter, Kate, has been learning to swim at the town park. Betsy Loomis worked as a vocational rehabilitation counselor in New Hampshire before their move to Bethlehem.

Looking around his large office at the Educational Services Center, Loomis said he thinks there is a tremendous advantage to having started his new job on July 1, but he is looking forward to September and the first day of school.

"That is what it's really all about," he said.



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## Oct. 21 — RCS parent-teacher conference day

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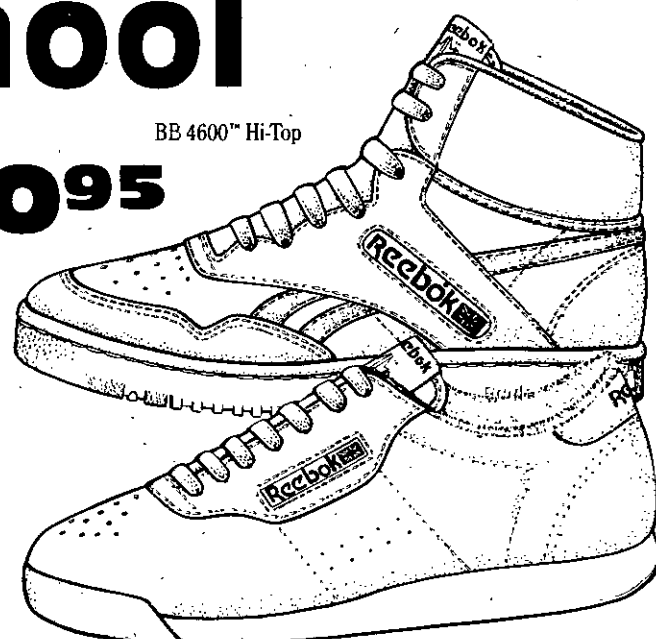
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# Resources for college-bound

By Fay Lewis

After the first exciting days back at high school in the fall, upperclassmen come face to face with a major decision, "What is the right college for me?"

A question like this takes some careful study and research for a good result. The Career Resource Center at the Bethlehem Central Library had resources to help students with many of the considerations involved when choosing a college: the admission process, financial aid facts and information on adjusting smoothly to college life.

A common starting place is the general college guides such as *Barron's Profiles of American Colleges* (R378B) or *Lovejoy's College Guide* (R378L). These include facts on majors offered, tuition, financial aid, admissions and much more. *Peterson's Annual Guides* (R378P), a seven-volume set of information on two and four year, graduate and undergraduate programs in American colleges, offers similar information plus in-depth looks at colleges and other more general comparative descriptions.

Some students enjoy considering "insider" information while making

their decision. Although based on facts and statistics, guides on this topic are subject to the author's own bias and impressions. *The Insider's Guide to the Colleges* (R378.73Y), published by the Yale Press, was written by students and contains their impressions of the campus atmosphere of a variety of popular colleges in the country. *Lisa Birnbach's College Book* (378.73B) is a social assessment of college life on 189 campuses. Many people look to the *Gourman Report* (R378.01qG) for a rating of college programs on both the undergraduate and graduate level.

Prepare yourself for the admissions process, including the application, the interview, and the campus visit with special titles from the Career Resource Center. *Essays That Worked* (R808.042), a collection of essays from students who successfully applied to the nation's top colleges, can be a helpful set of examples to you as you compose your college entrance essay. *College Admissions Face to Face* (378.105u) or *Getting In!* (378D) can help you keep in mind the important steps of this process and the best way to handle each one. These books include some information about financial aid, also.

For more in-depth reading on the financial aid possibilities, make use of the *College Money Handbook* (378.3C) which lists U.S. colleges, their costs and aid profiles, and a directory of colleges offering specific scholarships and loans. *The College Money Book* (378.3qH) offers strategies on planning the cost of education and getting financial aid through scholarships, loans, grants and work-study programs. The Career Resource Center has many more reference books listing available scholarships, grants and loans which are available to the college student. It is advisable to make a study of these resources to learn if any of them apply to your circumstances.

Once these involved steps are finished and you have received that "long awaited" acceptance, you can take some time to learn how to cope with campus living. *College 101* (378.198F) answers many of the most-asked questions by college-bound students. *Conquering College Life* (378.198G) presents similar information on how to adjust to grading systems, writing papers, and getting a job on campus.

There is also help for students with special situations. One example is *The Guide to Colleges for Learning Disabled Students* (378.73G), which gives advice on selecting the right accredited college and who to contact for assistance. The older adult returning to school needs to select books that address their own special considerations. Books designed for this purpose include *Back to School* (374.973H) and *College After 30* (374C).



## Nov. 11 — Veteran's Day

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## Nov. 26 and 27 — Thanksgiving Vacation

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The Career Resource Center has an up-to-date collection of complete college catalogs on microfiche for two and four-year institutions in the U.S.

## Health Care Shared by Parents, Schools

Upon the first day of school, your child's health will become a shared concern as you begin working with school staff members who will care for your child on a day-to-day basis.

There are several ways in which parents can help their children get ready for school: an early bedtime is important if your child will attend morning kindergarten; a good breakfast will help your child be nutritionally prepared for learning; help your child learn to dress for the weather; keep your child home is

signs of illness are present; and give your child a hug and kiss before leaving for school. It helps to start the day in a positive way.

help your child learn about good health by taking an interest in the school's health education activities or look for ways to reinforce or supplement health learning at home, in the neighborhood, or community. Interpret health messages your child receives from television and other sources. Discuss health issues with your child at a level appropriate to the child's interest. Above all, be aware of how your own health habits and behavior influence your child.

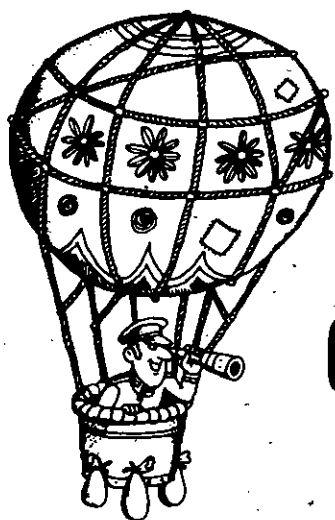
The law requires that children receive a physical examination when they first enter school as well as in first, third, seventh, and tenth grade. Parents may have their family doctor give the examination and provide a certificate to the school. If this is not done, an examination will be provided at school. Parents who want to be present during the school physical should ask to be notified of the date, time and place when it will be conducted.

All children must show proof of immunization before entering or attending school and the law is very strict about immunization. If you do not know what the requirements are, call the school early or check with your doctor on whether your child has had the required shots.

Vision and hearing play important parts in the learning process. Early in every school year, each child's vision is checked. Every year through seventh grade and again at tenth grade, every child's hearing will be checked. Parents of older children (ages 8-16) also may hear that they have had a scoliosis screening each year to check for problems of the spine.

Parents with older children may hear about health examinations for working papers, sports participation or other activities. These examinations also are required by law.

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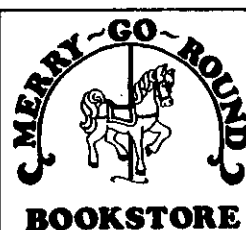
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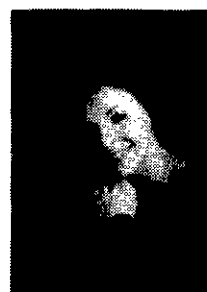
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financial, geographical and other individuals considerations, the problem of admission to the desired colleges is tackled.

"There should be a number of colleges that students could be successful at," said Fletcher. "We're talking about multiple applications."

Fletcher mentioned the fact that

many excellent colleges in states such as Ohio are eager to admit students from new areas, such as the Capital District. "It's very difficult for colleges to crack new admission areas," he said.

While Fletcher will provide addresses for obtaining college and scholarship information, recommend a book on college admission essay writing or offer advice on interviews,

he will not complete applications or write essays for clients.

He will offer information about programs at particular colleges. For example, where college admission officers may be willing to offer only information on the percentage of their pre-med graduates who are admitted to medical school, Fletcher will, when possible, recommend a source that provides the percentage of freshman pre-med students who graduate as pre-med majors at a college.

Fletcher earned a graduate

degree in public administration with a full scholarship from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He has been employed by the state Department of the Budget for the past 18 years.

His daughter Susan, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is attending Hobart-William Smith College in Geneva.

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## Enrollment Down

Total enrollment in the State's elementary and secondary schools — including public and private — will decline about one percent this year, according to estimated figures released by the state Education Department.

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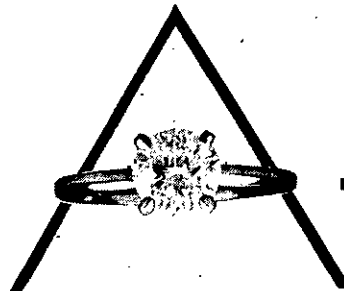
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# Handicapped programs administration chaotic

On May 13, *Spotlight* columnist Jim Nehring wrote of a parent of a handicapped pre-school age child and his frustration in monitoring the schooling his child was receiving. Even more frustrating and disillusioning was the realization that neither the state, which was paying for the schooling, nor the county, which had authorized it, had any ability to monitor the child's program. Nehring's column received widespread attention, prompting him to look deeper into the issues surrounding this complex subject.

By Jim Nehring

Each year the people of New York State invest hundreds of millions of dollars in the education of handicapped pre-school age children through a program administered jointly by the Family Courts and the State Education Department.

Yet according to high ranking government officials, program administration is chaotic and funding is provided with little assurance of quality care. Despite efforts at reform over the program's 10-year history, little has changed, and in light of new Federal legislation which further complicates program

administration, there seems little hope for improved service by government bureaucracy over the next several years.

The issue that has paralyzed public administration has not been so much a question of more or less regulation as it has been the inability of public officialdom to mediate contentious forces with in state government.

Under the program, established in 1977, individuals may petition the Family Court on behalf of a handicapped child to pay for the child's education in a pre-school offering appropriate services. Since 1977 reimbursement of special pre-schools by New York State and its counties has risen dramatically from approximately \$10 million in 1977-78 to nearly \$200 million in 1985-86. Projections forecast continued growth as pre-school tuition rates rise and the number of children served increases.

Despite large and growing public expenditures, there exists no effective mechanism in state or county government to insure that money is wisely spent and that quality care is indeed provided to

the children who attend publicly funded pre-schools. In fact, according to Dr. Joseph Coccozza, executive director of the New York State Council on Children and Families, "Under the present program no one is monitoring services and no one knows if the kids are getting the services they're supposed to be getting."

Lawrence Gloeckler, state Education Department assistant commissioner for education of children with handicapping conditions, recently told the *Knickerbocker News*, "The administrative structure is really not efficient. Nor does it allow for the confidence of safeguarding the rather large expenditure of public funds."

Over the program's 10-year history, efforts at reform have been made, but because of contending forces unable to agree and political turf disputes, no real change has been made. Every year since 1979, bills have been introduced in the state Legislature to reform the program. In most cases legislation has been referred to the Senate or Assembly committees on education, which either took no action or failed to report. According to Jocelyn Dax, legislative associate for the Assembly Committee on Education, bills have been stalled because, "Basically there has been no consensus. There's been a question of whether the State Education Department and the education establishment should have responsibility for



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children under five years of age."

That question has been characterized by one interested observer as a "turf issue for (former) Commissioner of Education Gordon Ambach". This observer, a member of a state council who requested anonymity, said that the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation has supported legislation that would take responsibility for the program away from the state Education Department and create a new agency to administer it.

Behind other proposed legislation have been reform efforts by numerous interests within state government. In 1984, the Legislative Commission on Expenditure Review, a watchdog agency within state government which performs periodic audits of state programs, found "little evidence of fiscal or programmatic oversight of the (family court) petition process by family court judges, state Education Department, the counties or school

district committees on the handicapped." The commission proposed legislative reform to address its concerns. Appropriate bills were introduced in the 1985 legislative session and died in committee.

In response to the commission's findings, the state Education Department also recommended legislative reform, specifically, legislation that would transfer responsibility to local school districts subject to oversight by the state Education Department. Bills introduced in the 1985 Legislative Session that grew out of this recommendation were referred to the Education Committee and no further action was taken.

During the most recent legislative session, Assemblyman Jose Serrano of the Bronx introduced at the request of the state Education Department a bill (A. 7689) which proposed that the responsibility for the education of handicapped pre-schoolers ages three to five be shifted to local boards of education. Once again, this bill, along with its Senate companion bill, died in committee. The reason this time, say assembly sources, is that new Federal Legislation has been enacted which may bring great change to the current program, thus superceding any state-level reform initiative.

What of this new federal program?

Public Law 99-457 enacted by Congress in 1986 makes available to states that qualify funding for the education of handicapped pre-schoolers from birth to five years of age. While the new federal law promises more money for a much needed program, it also further complicates the delivery of a service already in chaos.

Administration of the new program, as it has been adopted by New York State, will be split between the state Health Department, responsible for handicapped children from birth to two years of

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age, and the state Education Department, which will take responsibility for five year olds. The state Education Department, apparently not ready to commit fully to the program, has not yet requested funding for three and four year olds.

According to Legislative Associate Dax, who recently attended a series of meetings in Washington D.C. on the new program, it is not clear how the new program will mesh with the current family court program. Also, suggests Dax, there are questions as to how service will be shifted from Health Department to Education Department as a child grows older, how the program will address the continuing shortage of professionals skilled in the care of handicapped youngsters, and what impact an enlarged administration will have on delivery of services.

Amidst the political infighting, turf squabbles and general program confusion stand New York State's handicapped children, who deserve better, and their parents who struggle to make sense of it all.

According to one parent who is active in the Albany County Association of Parents of Handicapped Children and who has served on the advisory board to the Early Childhood Direction Center, "The parent must be an advocate for his/her own child. The best recourse for a parent who is dissatisfied with a preschool program is to find an alternative program. Then, get the word out."

While this parent's outlook may be the most realistic under present circumstances, it is a sad comment on the ability of our elected officials and our public administrators that New York State which has invested so many of its resources in the care and education of children with handicapping conditions, cannot develop a coherent and vigilant program administration despite ten years of reform effort.

### Learning skills that lead to employment

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Or school districts of a BOCES need to plan how to start a high school of excellence, but very few school districts can afford to assign one of their school administrators to do the kind of planning necessary to search out programs. BOCES can employ a planner who can help the districts review the needs of their communities to determine how to improve programs for gifted pupils. And, if there are experts who can help school districts understand how to work with gifted pupils, BOCES can contract with those experts to present their views.

A third example of how BOCES helps districts with uncommon problems is in the area of shared instructional materials. An English class needs to see a film or an elementary teacher needs to use a science kit with his or her class, but the film or kit is expensive to buy and is not needed all the time. BOCES can maintain a collection of films that are available for an English class in one district this week and in another district next week. Or, BOCES can maintain science kits which they loan to an elementary school on a short term basis, retrieve it, replace materials and send the kit on its way to another elementary school.

The potential for improving educational opportunities for state pupils through the service and leadership of BOCES has only been partially realized. Community members, parents, pupils, teachers and administrators of school districts should be looking for those uncommon common problems which they share with other districts and use BOCES to help meet the challenges.

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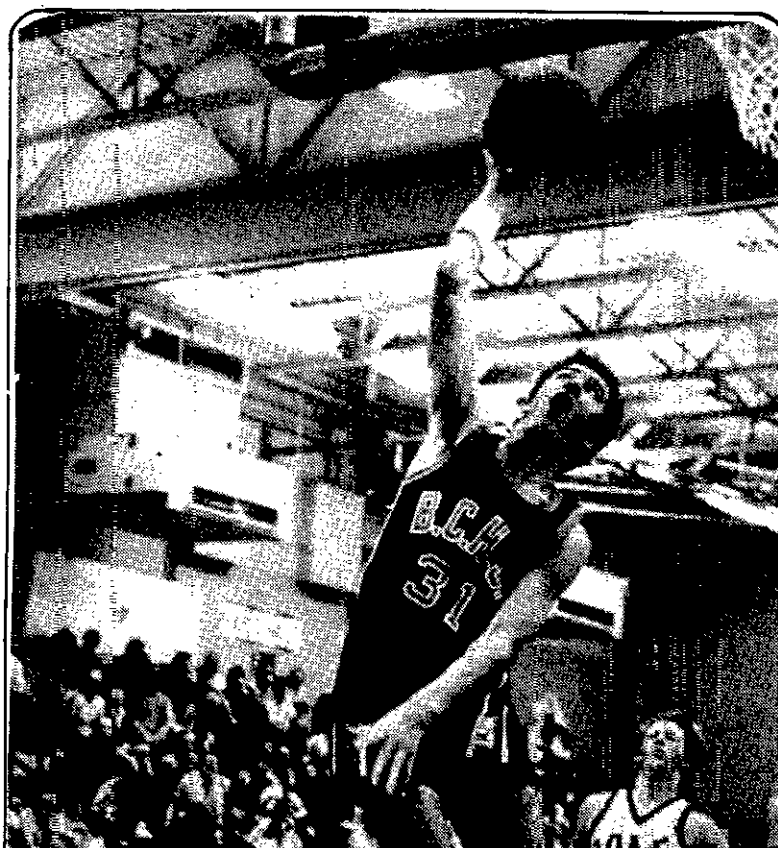
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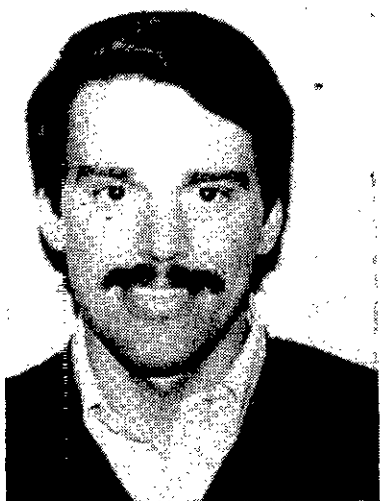
By Patricia Mitchell

When Mark Sengenberger was asked to start a committee looking into facilities and enrollment in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District, he didn't expect it to take much of his time.

"I didn't know it was going to get this involved," Sengenberger said recently. The committee has met for many two-hour meetings after school, prepared and heard reports, formed and re-formed into subcommittees, researched and made several presentations to the RCS school board.

Sengenberger chaired the committee from October to July when he became school board president. Since then, board member Wayne Fuhrman, a member of the committee since its inception, has chaired it.

Now, almost a year after it was formed, the committee is moving toward a long-term recommendation on increasing space at two



**Mark Sengenberger**  
elementary schools, closing another to academic use, and upgrading the junior and senior high schools.

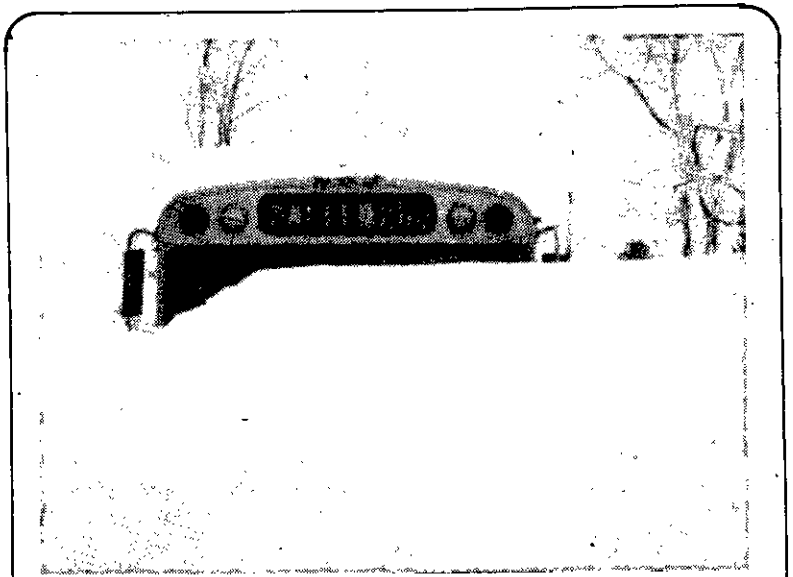
Sengenberger, a Feura Bush resident, said he ran for the school board in 1986 because of over-

crowding conditions in the elementary schools. For the past three years, kindergarten enrollment has topped more than 200 students. Even though this is not expected to continue, RCS elementary schools are now using every classroom and new state-mandated courses are requiring even more room. Classes are meeting in hallways, lobbies, cafeterias and other spaces.

Many school districts are facing space crunches now due to the "baby boomlet," increasing housing starts and development, and increasing state mandated programs. The work a school district does on improving its facilities and planning for growth and future programs is some of its most important. It is also very time-consuming and, as events in the Bethlehem Central School District have shown, usually controversial.

## Preliminary work

After he was assigned the task of chairing the RCS committee, Sengenberger said, four board members, the superintendent, building principals and vice principals, teachers, union representatives,



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parent-teacher organization members and parents were asked to join. About 18 to 20 people attended meetings and Sengenberger said the committee tried for broad-base representation from a district that spans four towns. Meetings are also publicized and updates are frequently given to the school board.

The committee started its task by identifying the problems and short-

term solutions, such as growth, state mandated programs, future requirements and activities in hallways. Sengenberger said the committee brainstormed at many meetings on what issues they needed to address. Subcommittees were formed to study such questions as the feasibility of moving the fifth grade to the high school, the impact of the Regents Action Plan and other requirements, an assessment of population growth, possible state aid for buildings and renovation, an architectural study, transportation and grouping grades.

At full committee meetings, subcommittees made their reports and got feedback, and Sengenberger said he felt this is a good way to work. As information was collected, subcommittees regrouped to get more information. More subcommittees were formed to study such concepts as moving the kindergarten to the junior high, using non-RCS buildings, deficiencies of Ravena Elementary and how the other two elementary buildings could accommodate students and whether they could be added on to.

Reports were prepared on a number of topics, including a report on the need for additional athletic facilities, improvements for the library and improved science rooms at the high school, and some improvements at the junior high school.

"We had a ton of reports," Sengenberger said. "A lot of extensive work was done in subcommittees."

For example, gathering population figures was very easy, as the committee wrote to the four towns and asked for them. However, Sengenberger said, the configuration committee had a more difficult time figuring out what would happen if one class was moved. When the committee was considering moving the kindergarten to the junior high school, for instance, it had to determine how to allocate the five rooms among the elementary schools and what they would be used for. It also had to determine the advantages and the disadvantages of the move on the junior high program.

Sengenberger said considering the move was "kind of like reading a Chinese menu." After looking at the short-term option of moving the kindergartners from Ravena Elementary to the junior high from October to March, the committee recommended to the school board that it keep the status quo in the buildings until the long term solutions come into use. This was probably the most controversial issue the committee considered, Sengenberger said; it was debated at two full committee meetings and two subcommittee meetings before it was eventually accepted by a 12-7 vote. The recommendation to keep status quo was eventually accepted

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by the school board. All committee members vote on decisions.

"The short-term solutions were the toughest," Sengenberger said.

#### Long term solutions

Since then, the committee has determined that closing the Ravena Elementary and putting additions onto Pieter B. Coeymans and Albert W. Becker schools will be the best approach. Those schools were both designed for future additions. While there are no health or safety hazards at Ravena Elementary, Sengenberger said, if the district decided to put an addition onto that building it would have to be brought up to state code and the cost would increase almost to the price of a new building.

The school board has endorsed the idea of closing Ravena and putting additions onto the two elementary schools, contingent on an approved building plan. But a final proposition will still have to be developed and the school won't be closed until the building plan is accepted by the board and the voters. Sengenberger said the subcommittee has not taken a position on what to do with the Ravena school if it is closed, and there is no talk of selling it but "serious concern to keep the building within the district."

Since that first step on the long-term solutions was taken, the committee will be working on its proposal, Sengenberger said. The committee recently met with the district architect for preliminary floor plans and costs. Those costs will influence building needs at the junior and senior high school and how to package the program for the voters.

The committee is also preparing background information on the building plan for a preliminary application to the state Education Department. Sengenberger said this is very extensive documentation, with descriptions, evaluations and application forms. Included are long-term plans, such as organizational plans, educational plans including handicapped education, enrollment projections, a summation statement and floor plans.

After the preliminary submission, Sengenberger said, it will be 10 to 12 months before construction can start following voter approval.

As the board and committee continue to work on long-term solutions, Sengenberger said, there will be ample opportunity for public input. Even though public attendance at committee meetings have not been "overwhelming," Sengenberger said, the committee will continue to operate at an open forum.

#### Tips to other districts

For other districts considering building proposals, Sengenberger advised to set up as broad based a committee as possible, including teachers, administrators and parents, diverse in titles and where they live. This will allow more opportunity for feedback from the community on the committee's work, he said.

During the initial fact-finding and questioning sessions, Sengenberger suggested identifying a number of areas to look into and forming subcommittees. There is an advantage to working with subcommittees, he said, because trying to deal with 20 people at once is difficult. The RCS school board is also divided up into subcommittees. And when forming subcommittees, he said, try to place people in areas they are interested in.

The committee's most difficult issue was a very strong desire to do something to alleviate overcrowding for the short term. Sengenberger said committee members all felt frustrated when they couldn't find a quick fix and a painless way to relieve the problem.



Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School Principal Victor Carrk sits down to work at one of the school's computers.

## Directing students for college or jobs

By Victor J. Carrk, Principal

Today's high school students, those college bound, preparing for the world of work or entering the armed services, are confronted with pressures and a level of peer competition unheard of in the past. Competition at all levels has become intense and in many cases, a nerve racking and emotional experience for many young adults.

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# Merging not solution for financial woes

By Patricia Mitchell

When the idea of merging with Guilderland Central was brought up at a budget hearing earlier this year, it took Voorheesville Central officials by surprise. And while officials in both districts have been playing down the idea, Voorheesville's budget difficulties this spring have kept it alive.

Apparently, the merge concept got its start when Guilderland was considering building a new high school and had chosen a possible site off Rt. 155, near the Albany Country Club — an area that just happens to be in the Voorheesville district.

The proposal, brought up by Voorheesville Central voters from discussions by the Guilderland Central school board, seemed to take the school board by surprise at a time when it faced a large jump in taxes, two defeated budgets, a shortfall in revenue and declining state aid. District officials said the idea had never been formally proposed to them, but residents have asked the board to explore the possibility.

While board members are cautious about the idea they have said they will explore the idea further. However, school board member John McKenna, until recently the board's president, said he is concerned that anytime there is talk of merging it can be an "extremely divisive topic" in the community. When Mohanasen and Draper were considering merging, he said, there were many positive reasons for a merger but there were still high emotions and tensions in the discussions.

If there are compelling reasons or benefits in merging, then it will be unfortunate but necessary, McKenna said. But, he said, in his view there are no benefits for Voorheesville Central in a merger.



John McKenna

"I don't see any real needs at all that will be met by doing this," he said.

Guilderland Superintendent Albert Pultz said his school board talked about merger with Voorheesville once last year in connection with the idea of building a new high school.

Where the school boards will go from here is up in the air. Voorheesville officials said they will explore the idea, but Pultz said Voorheesville has clearly indicated it is not interested in merging, so Guilderland has dropped the subject. Pultz said Guilderland has not thought of merging with any other district.

There is an established state procedure for discussing merger of two school districts, according to Dr. Custer Quick, superintendent of BOCES. Obviously, the financial aspect would be explored, he said. Other areas indicate merger include inadequate programs, school buildings that require a major capital improvement or building project, and the question of whether the school districts are part of a state

"master plan" on mergers. Quick said that all areas must be extreme cases and not just temporary difficulties.

## Financial aspects

A lot of assumptions are made on the financial benefits of merging, McKenna said, but in Voorheesville's case there would be little or no benefit to the tax rate. The idea came up so suddenly that no one had all the facts on merging, he said. While the idea probably did not have any impact on the two budgets that were defeated, the large tax increase probably did make people more conscious of the issue, he said.

While the budget took only a modest increase, tax rates in the first proposed budget were estimated to rise by about 26 percent. With an approved budget on the third vote, the school board will soon set to work on compiling the 1988-89 budget, and McKenna thinks it could be affected if voters think merging has more benefits than staying independent.

McKenna said this year's financial problems caused the school board to think about looking at merging. "It causes you to think about it, but it doesn't lead you to a solution," he said.

An accumulation of financial problems caught up with the school board this year, McKenna said. State aid to the district has remained flat, while costs are going up, and there are increases in expenditures.

"It is not a budget problem, it is a revenue problem," McKenna said. If the school board puts effort into exploring the idea of a merger, he said, he would like to also see some effort made in looking at the tax base and how to improve it, perhaps by development in the district. McKenna said the Voorheesville Central district has practically no



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commercial or industrial property, and most of the burden of taxes falls on residents.

Some residents believe there may be an added financial incentive to merge in the form of increased state aid, but McKenna said that isn't true. A master plan developed by the state Education Department in the late 1940s named a number of small districts to merge with others. If districts in the master plan did merge, they got extra state aid and benefits. If districts were not on the plan, they were not eligible to receive the extra state aid.

Voorheesville and Guilderland are not mentioned in that master plan. While the master plan could be changed to include the districts, it is a difficult process, he said.

"You don't go around changing the master plan willy-nilly," McKenna said.

## Program considerations

Probably the most important aspect of merging is inadequate educational programs in one or both of the districts, Quick said, but this aspect usually occurs in smaller districts.

McKenna agreed that if one district was better than the other and if it would academically be better for students, then it would make sense to consider merging. However, he doesn't believe this applies to Voorheesville Central. "Guilderland is a very good school district. Voorheesville is a very good school district," he said.

Some people think Guilderland has a much broader program than Voorheesville, and McKenna said for its size, Guilderland has a little more variety in programs. For example, Voorheesville offers French and Spanish, while its neighbor offers those languages and one or two more. But, according to a summary of 1986 graduation statistics, Voorheesville was offering six advanced placement courses for college credit, and Guilderland was offering one.

"We have quite a complete program," McKenna said.

McKenna said he has also heard some people point to Guilderland's reputation, but McKenna said he believes Voorheesville Central is one of the best kept secrets around. For example, he pointed to the 1986 graduates' summary, which shows 50 percent of Voorheesville's 114 graduates went on to four-year colleges and 31 percent went on to two-year colleges for a total of 81 percent. Of Guilderland's 353 graduates, 40 percent went on to four-year colleges and 26 percent went on to two-year colleges for a total of 76 percent.

Under programs, McKenna said, class sizes and the community-to-school relationship should also be studied. He said he thinks Voorheesville is large enough to offer a full program with the added benefit that it is more personal. Student identity could be lost in a larger school, he said. Voorheesville Central has classes in the 130-range compared to Guilderland's 350, so if the two districts merged, classes could be around the 500-range. "That's getting to be a big school," he said.

There has also always been a close identification between the schools and the community that would be practically impossible to separate, he said.

"You would lose a good deal," McKenna said.

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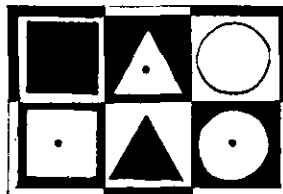


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If Voorheesville and Guiderland were to merge, there is a possibility that a new high school would be built; only through merging would it be economically feasible, said Guiderland's Pultz. The location of the new high school would probably be by the Albany Country Club on Rt. 155 because it would be mutually convenient, he said.

However, Voorheesville Central has no need for a new building, McKenna said. The school board has commissioned an architect's review for a capital improvements project that will probably be proposed this year. He said the buildings are in good shape, but there are some maintenance-type projects that need to be done to upgrade them. The project could total about \$250,000 for updating and repairing the two school buildings, but, McKenna said, that is not a great deal of money in today's world.

## Steps to take

It would take a full year to study the idea of a merger. If the two school districts were to consider merging, McKenna said, they would need to hold formal meetings with each other, something that has not yet been done.

The two school boards would then begin to learn the process of merging, Quick said, including how to petition the state to get on the master plan. Both boards need to agree to go on and a feasibility study is done on all aspects of the school districts, including cafeterias, transportation, extra-curricular activities and curriculum. The survey is usually done by an outside consultant. The results have to be overwhelmingly in favor of benefits, and Quick said districts who are on the state master plan for mergers also have to go through the study.

As soon as the survey is taken, there is usually a clamor for and against merging, McKenna said.

The Scotia and Burnt Hills districts did the study, but then decided not to go further for other reasons, Quick said. After the survey is received, the school boards decide what it says. If it points to the benefits of a merger, then the districts go to the state education commissioner to look at the situation. A straw vote is taken in the community and then a public vote is taken for the final decision.

# VCHS preparation starts early

By Ed Diegle  
and Bob Quackenbush  
Voorheesville High School

The preparation of students for college or work involves a comprehensive approach at Voorheesville. Many methods are utilized to inform students about the options available to them in planning their careers. While seniors naturally receive more employment and college counseling, all students are exposed to career preparation beginning in seventh grade. Career preparation cannot be instantly activated in 12th grade. Rather, it needs to be nurtured and developed over a long period of time.

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Two college planning meetings are held for parents and students each year to offer useful information for those who are considering attending college. Some of the topics covered are the admissions procedure, college costs and financial aid and college curriculum.

Seniors may also attend a college

fair that is held in the fall and spring at the Empire State Plaza. Over 200 colleges are represented at this fair. Students are encouraged to visit this exhibition with their parents in the evening. However, the school does provide a bus during the day to transport students who cannot attend the evening session.

Over 60 college representatives personally visit Voorheesville each year. The representatives are available during the school day to meet with students who want to find out more information about their college.

A career speaker program is another opportunity for students to learn more about specific livelihoods. Individuals from a variety of occupations (law, military, business, education) inform students about their jobs and the necessary qualifications to perform them.

A final source of information that is available anytime is the Guidance Information System (G.I.S.). The G.I.S. is a computer-based system that provides information about occupations (civilian and military), two-year and four-year colleges, graduate schools and sources of scholarships and financial aids. The information is accurate and up-to-date. Students may use this



Ed Diegle

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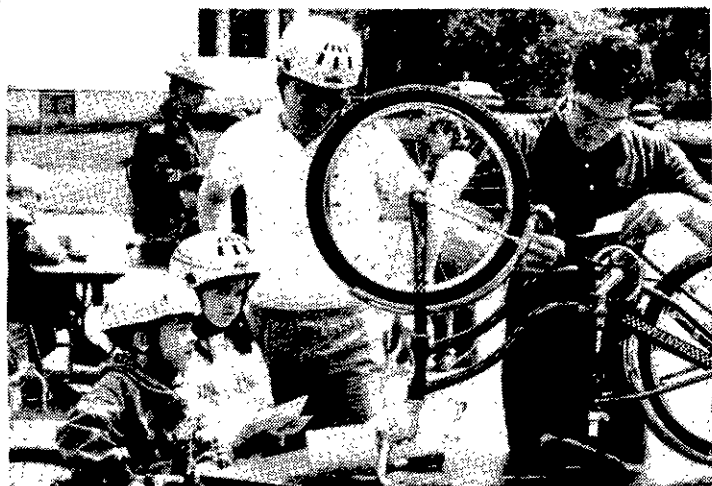
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# Tips on preventing bullying

Authorities on schoolyard bullies and victims have developed a five-point national prevention program on this pervasive problem. Research shows that one in seven students are either bullies or victims of bullies, and that one in 10 students will be victimized by bullies.

The experts convened at the "Schoolyard Bully Practicum," held in May at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., sponsored by the National School Safety Center.

NSSC is a school crime prevention and resource center headquartered in Encino, California and funded by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Practicum participants agreed upon five key issues that must be acknowledged by the public in trying to solve the bullying-victimization phenomenon. They are: that schoolyard bullying is a significant problem; that fear and

emotional and physical suffering is becoming a way of life for bullying victims; that young bullies are more likely to grow up and become criminals and suffer from family and professional problems; that the prevailing attitude that kids fighting each other are just experiencing normal youthful aggressive behavior must be discarded; and that the United States should follow the lead of Japan and Scandinavia whose governments have addressed their bullying problems with national intervention and prevention programs.

The bully-victim issue has gained prominence in recent months partly because merciless bullying has caused several victims to take their own lives. One of these suicide victims, 12-year old Nathan Faris, a 7th-grade student in DeKalb, Miss., fatally shot another student before turning the gun on himself in class last March.

According to practicum participants, five central ideas must be communicated to educators, students and the community:

- Schoolyard bullying is a significant problem. Based on research conducted by practicum chairman Dan Olweus, Ph.D., head of personality psychology at Bergen University in Norway, 15 percent of school children are or will be involved in bully-victim problems. One in 10 students will be harassed or attacked by bullies.

- Fear is becoming a way of life

for bullying victims. Children routinely avoid areas on campuses where bullies hang out — certain bathrooms or other places on the school grounds are considered "unsafe turf." More serious are those students who drop out of school because they fear for their safety. Other students no longer capable of dealing emotionally with being bullied runaway or even commit suicide.

- Schoolyard bullies are more

likely to grow up and have problems with the law as well as suffer professionally and socially.

- The prevailing attitude that fighting is just "kids being kids" or that it is some sort of youthful "rite of passage" must be discarded. Just as adults would not accept abuse either physically or verbally, neither should schoolyard bully-victim problems be treated lightly.

- In Scandinavia and Japan, bullying, referred to as "mobbing" or "ijime," respectively, has caught the attention and resources of their national governments. Intervention and prevention strategies, supported by national public information campaigns, have been successful in reducing bullying incidents in these countries and can work in the United States as well.

Practicum participants identified a wide range of strategies to help educators and others control or prevent bullying. First, assess the scope of the problem through a questionnaire answered by teachers and students; communicate clear and consistently enforced behavior standards; closely monitor playground activity and be visible on campus; and watch for symptoms of bullying victims such as withdrawal, decline in study habits or grades, anxiety, and cuts, bruises or torn clothing. The key, though, is for everyone — educators, law enforcers, parents and students — to better understand schoolyard bully-victim problems and work together to prevent this emotional and physical suffering among our youth.

Ronald Stephens, Ed.D., NSSC's executive director, said "Successful handling of a school bully can change the behavior of the bully and have a direct positive affect on the entire campus climate and ultimately society."

## Books, software loaned through public schools

All children attending non-public schools this year will be able to borrow textbooks, computer software and library materials from public school districts through state funded programs.

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Many textbook loans are handled directly by public and non-public schools. In some cases, parents receive a list of books the child needs and have to get the books from the public school.



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I was reading the Holy Bible recently while waiting for my next appointment. A friend of mine who is not a Christian saw me. The ensuing conversation was interesting. He said that he thought he had broken me of reading that "worthless book." When I told him he ought to try it, he made an interesting comment. He said, "I'm not into fiction."

I'm not into fiction. What an interesting comment in reference to the Bible. Is the Bible fiction? Is the Bible relevant for today? Are the stories in the Bible make believe, something we tell our children to entertain them? The Bible makes the bold claim to be the Word of God. Could this be true?

The Bible is either truth or fiction. God is either real or imaginary. If the Bible is fiction, it is one of the greatest hoaxes of all time. It has deceived millions who have followed it devotedly. It has been the cause of millions who have given their life believing that Jesus truly was the Son of God and they were willing to die for their faith. If it is false, it should be exposed as such, churches should shut their doors and let life go on the best that man can make it.

However, if it is true it ought to be proclaimed from the housetops. Because it proclaims to have the only way of salvation, then all men must do what the Bible says to obtain that salvation. It should be proclaimed as true, and the followers of the Bible should want to tell everyone of the good news that Jesus died for their sins, has risen from the grave to prove He has power over death.

William Albright, a noted archaeologist, stated, "Discovery after discovery has established the accuracy of innumerable details, and has brought increased recognition to the value of the Bible as a source of history." Millar Burrows of Yale stated, "On the whole, archaeological work has unquestionably strengthened confidence in the reliability of the Scriptural record. More than one archaeologist has found his respect for the Bible increased by the experience of excavation in Palestine."

From these two quotes, we see that the Bible is definitely not fiction in the area of being

historically accurate. But what other evidence can there be to show that the Bible is unique, separate from any other work?

The Bible is truly a unique book. It was written by over 40 human writers from many different vocations, over a span of 1,500 years on three different continents and in three different languages. It was written in times of war and in times of peace. It was written in times of despair and in times of joy. It covers scores of controversial subjects and yet there is total harmony throughout the book. Today we can't take one controversial subject and get even 10 men to agree on it. It has sold more copies than any book of all time. It has been translated into more languages than any other piece of literature.

The Bible is also shown to be true in the changed lives of individuals. Many have tried to disprove the Bible. They try this by trying to disprove the resurrection. However, most of those who try to disprove the Bible have encountered so much evidence that they became Christians. *Evidence That Demands A Verdict*, by Josh McDowell and *Who Moved The Stone?* by Frank Morrison, are just two examples of books written by men who set out to try and disprove the Bible and then ended up writing books to show the tremendous evidence for the Christian Faith.

The truths of the Bible have taken many a drunkard and made them a decent family man. The Bible has changed many a harlot into loving mothers and devoted wives. The Bible's truths have changed many a cheating, dishonest business man into pillars of the community. Last of all I know the Bible is true by the change in my life. Thanks to Jesus, I'm not the man I used to be.

I'm glad that when my friend in referring to the Bible said that he was not into fiction, I could confidently answer, "Neither am I!" Why not dust off the Bible and start reading it again. Start in the book of John and let the Word of God warm your heart and change your life. Start going to a church where the Bible is honored and taught. Let Jesus come into your life.



Recently Bethlehem Central High School graduates Carolyn Jonas, left, and Lisa Skultety, right, were named David Nestlen Memorial Scholarship winners by the Rev. Warren Winterhoff of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

## Village helps to fund study for group

The Voorheesville Village Board of Trustees has picked up part of the tab for a water study commissioned by Concerned Citizens of New Scotland.

The report by Groundwater Technology, Inc., of Albany was critical of a report commissioned by the Town of New Scotland last summer to determine if a 27-acre gravel mine now being operated by William Larned and Son of Schenectady would have an effect on the groundwater. The town paid \$5,290 and declined an offer from the miners to pay for the report. At the time, the Concerned Citizens applauded the actions of the town board.

The village board paid about \$380 for the study that cost Concerned Citizens \$1,200. Mayor Edward Clark said the board's major

concern and its responsibility is with the aquifer.

Concerned Citizens Chairman Robert Morrison said picking up a portion of the tab was a responsible thing to do in the important study that had an important finding.

The report by Groundwater Associates, dated in April and released in June, said that the report prepared for the town does not contain the necessary data to support its conclusions and that the existing hydrogeological conditions have not been established during the course of the investigation. Groundwater Technology concluded that the effect of mining on the site cannot be assessed with existing data.

The Fred C. Hart Associates study for the town found the availability and quality of the water

will not be affected by the sand and gravel mine. Surface and groundwater supplies may actually benefit from the mining because the depression of the land will temporarily store storm runoff and provide recharge water during dry spells. It also concluded additional field work should be done.

The Hart study followed a study commissioned by Larned and Son in March, 1986. That report, by Dunn Geoscience Corp. of Latham, determined mining would not hurt the aquifers in the area.

## Births



### St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, William, to Jill and Donald Comtois, Elsmere, July 31.

Boy, Kevin Charles, to Cathy and Robert Hasselbach, Glenmont, July 29.

Girl, Katelin Anne, to Deborah and Timothy Nicholson, Selkirk, July 19.

Girl, Tracy Nicole, to Connie and Keith Kendall, Slingerlands, July 17.

### Collins appointed deputy commissioner

William F. Collins of Glenmont has been appointed deputy commissioner and counsel of the state Department of Taxation and Finance.

Collins previously served as deputy commissioner of the state Department of Labor. He is a graduate of the state University College at Oneonta and Albany Law School.

### Naturalists study night

An outdoor study of twilight will be offered at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 7 p.m. The center naturalists will speak about animals that use the cover of night to carry out their needs for survival.

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## Spotlight ON THE SERVICES

Airman 1st Class Michael J. Sleeper Jr., the son of Michael J. Sleeper Sr. of Cohoes and Jean Turk of Feura Bush, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Sleeper studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations. He also earned credits toward an associate degree through the community college of the Air Force.

Marine Pfc. Rodger T. Downing, the son of William J. and Carol Krause of Clarksville, recently reported for duty at Marine Barracks, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

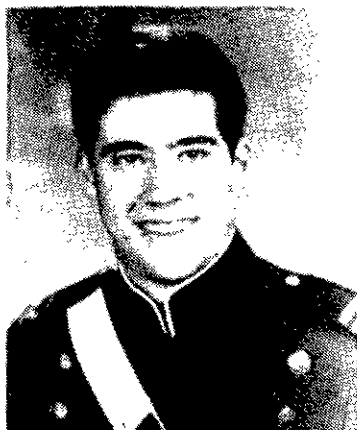
A 1986 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Downing joined the Marine Corps in August of 1986.



Michael J. Sleeper Jr.

Marine Pfc. Steven E. Lawrence, the son of Bonnie C. and Steven E. Lawrence Sr. of Clarksville, recently reported for duty at the Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, CA.

A 1985 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Delmar, Lawrence joined the Marine Corps in January of 1986.



Thomas B. Vichot II

Thomas B. Vichot II has graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., with a bachelor's degree and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

Vichot is the son of retired Col. and Mrs. George Vichot of Glenmont. He is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Marine Lance Cpl. James S. Lewis, the son of Joseph D. and Karin R. Demis of Feura Bush, has been meritoriously promoted to his present rank upon graduation from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Lewis received the early promotion for his superior performance during all phases of the 11-week training cycle, which emphasized physical conditioning, self-discipline and teamwork.

A 1985 graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central High School, he joined the Marine Corps in October 1986.

CoastGuard Lt. j.g. Patrick J. Dwyer, son of Frank J. Dwyer of Delmar, was recently designated a Naval Aviator. Presentation of the "Wings of Gold" marked culmination of 18 months of flight training.

Dwyer's curriculum included basic studies in engineering and navigation, training flights in simulators, aircraft familiarization, basic and advanced instrument training, extended navigation flights and landings aboard an aircraft carrier.

A graduate of Queensbury High School, Glens Falls and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn. Dwyer joined the Coast Guard in July of 1980.

Army Private Anthony F. Trotta, son of Anthony R. and Patricia A. Trotta of Voorheesville, has completed a tracked vehicle mechanic course at the U.S. Army Armor School, Fort Knox, Ky.

Sgt. Stephen A. Hass has completed a U.S. Army primary leadership course.

Hass received training in supervisory skills, leadership principles and small unit training techniques essential to a first-line supervisor in a technical or administrative environment. He is a food service specialist with the 33rd Armor Battalion at Fort Knox, Ky.

Hass is the son of William S. Hass of Crewe, Va., and Tina Biagvotti of Voorheesville. He is a 1981 graduate of Nottaway Senior High School, Va. His wife, Diane, is the daughter of Anita Hinthorn of Tacoma, Wash.

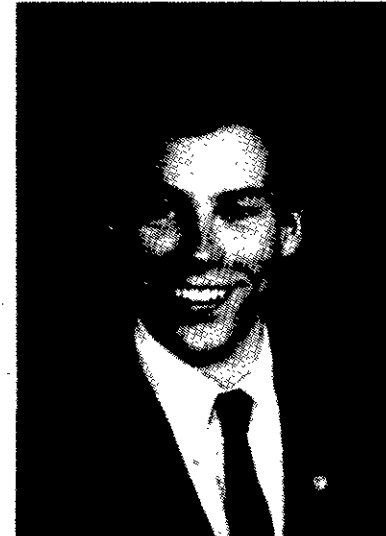
Cadet David J. Brown, the son of Alvin R. Brown of Albany, and Dale Crisafulli of Slingerlands received practical work in military leadership at the U.S. Army ROTC advanced camp, Fort Bragg, N.C.

The six-week camp, attended by cadets between their third and fourth year of college, includes instruction in communications, management and survival training. Successful completion of the advanced camp and graduation from college results in a commission as a second lieutenant in either the U.S. Army, the Army Reserve or the National Guard.

Brown is a student at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Linda M. Hutton, daughter and stepdaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lent of Shady Grove Trailer Park, Selkirk, has been appointed a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

Hutton is an administration specialist at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas, with the 67th Component Repair Squadron.



Thomas Denham  
Student inducted

Thomas Denham of Delmar has been selected for membership in Omicron Delta Kappa, a national honor society.

Denham is an undergraduate at St. Lawrence University. He is the son of Mrs. Maud Denham of Delmar.

## Albany Academy students earn honors

Area students who earned highest honors for the fourth marking period at The Albany Academy are Raymond Endres of Delmar, Eric Oberheim and Peter Pelletier, both of Slingerlands, John Scicchitano of Feura Bush and Michael Cohn of Glenmont.

Students named on the high honor roll included Mark Fasser, Gregory McQuide, Christopher Tobin, Kevin Allen, Samuel Pickands, Craig Fasser and Quimby McCaskill, all of Delmar, Charles Mason and Matthew Fleming, both of Slingerlands, Todd Giombetti of Guilderland and William Mosher of Voorheesville.

Area students who earned honors were John-Erik Amundsen, James Castleman, Stein Amundsen, Benjamin Rosenberg, Kenneth Hawkins, Luke McKneally and Keith Tobin, all of Delmar, James Wood of New Scotland, and Robert Griffin and Joseph Grogan, both of Slingerlands.

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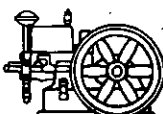
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# Lindstrom retires at First American

Richard F. Lindstrom of Slingerlands retired from his duties as executive vice president and director of the First American Bank of New York on July 31. He is succeeded by William M. Hazlett of Clifton Park.

Lindstrom began his career in banking by joining the First Trust Company of Albany in 1954. He progressed through the consumer loan department and the loan division to become vice president in 1962. Lindstrom was elevated to senior vice president at the Bankers Trust Company of Albany (successor of the First Trust Company) in 1966. He was elected to the board of directors and president of the bank in 1970. After the Bankers Trust Company was acquired by the First American Bank of New York, Lindstrom continued to lead the upstate division.

Lindstrom is a graduate of Colgate University. He received a doctor of humane letters degree from Siena College in 1980.

He has served as a member of the board of the New York State Teachers Retirement System and past president of the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce. He previously served on the boards of Siena College, the Christian Brothers Academy, the Albany Park and Shop Corporation, WMHT Television, the Albany County Youth Bureau, the SUNYA Foundation, the YMCA, the Farmers National Bank (Malone, N.Y.), the Albany County Red Cross, the Downtown Albany Development Corporation, the Albany Medical Center, the Albany Parking Authority and St. Peter's Hospital, where he was chairman of the board.

"Through his knowledge of banking and his outstanding judgement, Dick Lindstrom has been a major contributor to the bank's success. I'm therefore pleased to announce that at the invitation of the board of directors Dick has agreed to continue to serve on the bank's board."



Richard F. Lindstrom

## Weber continues career development

George Weber of Delmar has been recognized by the American Institute for Property and Liability Underwriters and the Society of Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters (CPCU) for requalifying for the Continuing Professional Development Program.

Weber is an account executive for Austin and Co. of Albany. He is a member and past president of the Northeastern New York Chapter of the Society of Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters.

## Owens-Corning earnings up

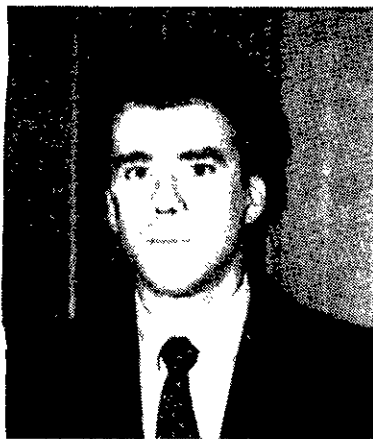
Owens-Corning Fiberglas has reported an increase in its first half operating earnings over last year. The operating earnings were up 69 percent to \$216 million compared to \$128 million during the same period last year.

The company's net income and consolidated net sales dropped from last year due to a one-time charge for fees associated with a bank credit facility and the divestiture of non-core businesses.

## Poetry hour added to Altamont Fair

A new addition to this year's Altamont Fair will be poetry hour in the fine arts building on the fair grounds. Poetry hour will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 19.

# BUSINESS



Charles H. Buchanan

## Practice opened

Charles H. Buchanan D.D.S. of Delmar has opened an orthodontics practice at 1736 Western Ave. Albany.

Buchanan is a graduate of the state University at Albany and the state University at Buffalo, School of Dentistry. He has also studied at the University of North Carolina Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and the Eastman Dental Center.

He has worked as an associate with practices in Albany and Rochester.

## Cornelius attends management seminar

Marty Cornelius, the executive director of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, recently attended the Institute for Organization Management at the University of Delaware.

During the one-week program, Cornelius completed courses in management philosophy, interpersonal processes, government and law.

## Promoted at Norstar

Thomas J. Kraemer of Voorheesville has been appointed assistant vice president and manager of technical services at Norstar Data Services. He has been with the Norstar organization since 1963 when he joined the then Liberty National Bank. His previous position was systems officer and manager of technical services.



Town Supervisor Robert Hendrick, second from left, cuts the ribbon at the recent opening of Stitchery Plus in the Town Squire shopping center. Watching the supervisor cut the ribbon is store employee Maureen Fahey, left, Stitchery Plus owner Judy Tucker and her husband Tom Tucker.

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## Conrail's net income down

Consolidated Rail Corporation has reported a net income of \$72 million for the second quarter of 1987 on revenue of \$819 million. Conrail's net income for the first six months of 1987 was \$158 million or \$2.30 per share a drop from last year's \$205 million or \$3.10 per share.

The corporation expected the decrease due to federal legislation, which enabled Conrail to be transferred to private sector ownership.

## Mulkerne in practice

Donald "Jay" Mulkerne, a former area resident and graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is currently engaged in private practice of counseling psychology.

He holds his doctorate in counseling education and has written two books. He is presently an affiliated Change Program therapist.

## Norstar earnings increase

Norstar Bancorp has reported an increase in its 1987 first half earnings. The corporation earned \$53.4 million, up from \$50.2 million in the first six months of last year. However, second quarter earnings decreased three percent with the net income per share, on a fully diluted basis, was 65 cents. Peter Kiernan, chairman and chief executive officer, said Norstar's net income and earnings per share were at record levels for the first six months.

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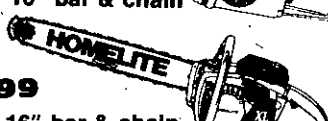
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# Tennis tournament set for town park

There hasn't been a Bethlehem tennis tournament in two years, but the tradition is being revived next month.

A tournament open to residents of the Town of Bethlehem and the Bethlehem Central School District will be held at Bethlehem's Elm Ave. Park courts on the weekends of Sept. 12 to 13 and Sept. 19 to 20. Matches in some events will start on Friday, Sept. 11.

The eight events of the tournament are open men's singles, open women's singles, men's, women's and mixed doubles for players ranked over 3.5, and men's, women's and mixed doubles for players ranked 3.5 or below.

For anyone without a USTA ranking, the over 3.5 events are for "A" players, while the 3.5 or below events are for "B" or less experienced players. A ranking is not needed to enter the tournament.

This tournament is being officially sponsored by the Town of Bethlehem in cooperation with the Bethlehem Tennis Association. The entry fee is \$3 per player per event. Trophies will be awarded by the town to the winners and runners-up in each event.

There have been no BTA-sponsored tournaments since the fall of 1985 because of the difficulty

of obtaining adequate liability insurance, according to outgoing BTA President Mike Hampton. The poor condition of the Bethlehem Middle School courts, soon to be resurfaced, also discouraged the BTA from sponsoring competition there.

Entry forms for this tournament may be obtained at the Elm Ave. Park office, Bethlehem Town Hall, the Bethlehem Public Library and the Sport Emporium at 154A Delaware Ave., Elmsere.

The entry deadline is Thursday, Sept. 3, and forms—with entry fees—may be mailed or delivered to Phil Maher at the Parks and Recreation Department Office, Bethlehem Town Park, Elm Avenue, Delmar, N.Y. 12054. All checks must be made payable to the Town of Bethlehem.

Peter and Susan Nye are tournament co-chairmen, assisted by Chuck and Eileen Snow. Many BTA members will help with the tournament by preparing the draw, scheduling matches, and providing supervision throughout the two-weekend tournament.

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These young soccer players were in a practice scrimmage at soccer camp last week sponsored by the Bethlehem Soccer Club. The

camp, held at the Bethlehem Central High School, taught the youngsters game skills. *Bart Gottesman.*

## 'Nothing but enthusiasm' at Bethlehem soccer camp

By Bart Gottesman

All last week, the fields at Bethlehem Central High School were filled with about 90 young soccer players. They were there learning and practicing skills that could possibly lead them to glory as a member of one of the BC Eagles soccer teams anywhere from five to 10 years from now.

The camp, sanctioned by the Bethlehem Soccer Club, taught youths between five and 15 years old how to play soccer for both fun and competition. Brian Speck, a soccer coach for the Empire State Games scholastic team (which won a bronze medal two weeks ago), and the JV girls coach at Niskayuna High School, coached the young players with help from seven youths with much experience and success on soccer fields.

Kara Matarrese, who won a gold medal in the Empire State Games open division; Nancy Food, Lynette Stracke and Meg Fisher, who all were part of the bronze medal winning team in the Empire State Games scholastic division, and Kim Winterton and Lori Walker all aided Speck. Winterton and Walker both made Empire State Games but

chose to attend prestigious state and regional select soccer camps. Paul Stracke, a player for LeMoyne College, also aided with instruction at the camp.

Each day, Speck taught a specific skill and emphasized that skill throughout the day's activities. Speck also organized a Twilight League, in which the youths divided into teams and played tournament-type games. Camp participants coming from Bethlehem, Selkirk, Schenectady, Niskayuna and Clarksville also competed for awards in different skill competitions and games.

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St. Thom I 22, Presby 4

#### Finals

St. Thom I vs. Glenmont  
At Middle School Aug. 18-20-25

### Bowhunters course

A Bowhunter Education Course will be held at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Aug. 24 and Aug. 26 through 28 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Participants who successfully complete the course will receive a certificate needed to purchase a New York State hunting license.

Speck felt the camp was successful. "You measure success of a camp by the enthusiasm of the campers," said Speck. "And if you look at their (camper's) faces, you see nothing but enthusiasm," he added. However, Speck did feel that there was one negative element of the camp. He said that he hoped in future years that parents would send their children there to learn soccer, not to use the camp as a day care center or "babysitting service."

As for next year's young soccer players looking for a place to learn the game, organizer Marylou Stracke said the camp will definitely be back for a second year.

### Girls soccer team places second

The Bethlehem 19 years and under girls soccer team finished second in the Highland Tournament. The team finished the season with a 10-2 record.

Participating in this season's team were Katie Barnes and Lynnette Stracke of Slingerlands; Kira Christenson, Kim DeFazio, Sharon Keens, Sue Norton, Heather Smith and Jen VanArenem of Delmar; Kristin Cooke and Caroline Jaczko of Selkirk, and Shelly Miller and Katrin Wahlen of Glenmont.

### Baseball card convention Sunday

A baseball card convention will be held on Sunday, Aug. 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Polish Community Center in Albany.

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Aug. 6	7:10 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Respiratory distress
Aug. 6	10:20 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Unresponsive patient
Aug. 6	3:40 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Aug. 6	6:30 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
Aug. 6	9:10 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Overdose/poisoning
Aug. 6	10:30 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Auto accident
Aug. 6	10:30 p.m.	Slingerlands Rescue Sqd.	Rescue call
Aug. 6	10:30 p.m.	Slingerlands Fire Dept.	Standby
Aug. 7	—	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Unresponsive patient
Aug. 7	3:10 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
Aug. 7	4:00 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Aug. 7	7:50 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Aug. 7	10:20 a.m.	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Pole fire
Aug. 8	—	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Personal injury
Aug. 8	—	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
Aug. 9	1:57 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
Aug. 9	3:15 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
Aug. 9	4:20 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Aug. 9	2:10 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
Aug. 11	8:40 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Unresponsive patient
Aug. 11	6:30 p.m.	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Structure fire
Aug. 11	6:30 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Standby
Aug. 11	9:20 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
Aug. 11	10:00 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal injury
Aug. 12	12:24 a.m.	Delmar Fire Dept.	Structure fire
Aug. 12	12:24 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Standby
Aug. 12	5:40 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Aug. 12	10:12 a.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal injury

The Elsmere Drill Team will compete at their last event of the summer on Aug. 22 at the State Drill Meet in Rochester.

The Bethlehem Ambulance annual garage sale at the Selkirk Fire Dept. grove, next to K-Mart in Glenmont, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19. Any donations may be made by contacting Arlene Wiggand, 434-8550. She will get in touch with the person nearest your location to arrange pickup.

The week of Sept. 13 will find the Voorheesville Fire Dept. very busy with the Albany County Convention. Sept. 18 will be the Mardi Gras Parade and the Full Dress Parade will be on Sept. 19.

To contribute to Fire Fighters Corner call Isabel Glastetter at 439-2627.

### Deputies net thieves

Three men will be appearing in New Scotland Town Court on charges that they took a tennis net from the Swift Rd. Town Park and were trespassing there, Albany County sheriff's deputies reported.

A 19-year-old Schenectady man, a 19-year-old Guilderland man and a 20-year-old Guilderland man were charged with trespassing and petty larceny after the incident at 2:13 a.m. Monday. Deputies said they will appear in town court on Aug. 27.

### Mahoney awarded pink Buick

Nancy Mahoney of Delmar was recently awarded a pink Buick Century in recognition of her leadership and sales achievements with Mary Kay Cosmetics.

Mahoney won free use of the car by leading her sales unit to exceed specified sales levels during a six-month period. She joined the cosmetic company in 1983 and became a sales director in 1986.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY on the 2nd day of September, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. to consider amending the Traffic Ordinance of the Town of Bethlehem in the following respect:

1. Amend ARTICLE I, STOP INTERSECTIONS, by adding two new paragraphs (nnn) and (ooo) to read as follows:

nnn. The intersection of Longmeadow Drive and Grantwood Road is hereby designated as a Stop Intersection with Stop Signs to be placed at all four corners.

ooo. The intersection of Longmeadow Drive and Summit Road is hereby designated as a Stop Intersection with Stop Signs to be placed at all four corners.

All interested persons and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said meeting.

(DATED: August 12, 1987)

BY ORDER OF  
THE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

CAROLYN M. LYONS  
TOWN CLERK  
(August 19, 1987)

#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the hauling of the sludge from the Sewage Treatment Plant in Cedar Hill to the Albany County facility in the Port of Albany.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd day of September, 1987, at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bids shall be in a sealed envelope which shall bear on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL and ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, NY.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids.

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#### NOTICE OF NY LIEN & RECOVERY CORP

NY Lien & Recovery Corp. R.A. Felder Lic Auctr #793917 will sell to satisfy lien at 10 am: '86 Ford 1FTHF26L1G-NA44410 at 834 Jay St, Utica on 8/21/87 Re-Ford Motor & J. Zalocha; '80 Chevy 1P87KAN505905 at 2210 Central Ave, Schenectady on 8/21/87 Re-J. Johnson & Norstar Bank.

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(August 19, 1987)



Robert Burns, outgoing chief of the Selkirk Volunteer Fire Department No. 3, is presented with a plaque for his many years of service to the district.

### Caught taking beer

A 14-year-old boy has been charged with petty larceny after he allegedly tried to take a can of beer from a convenience store, Bethlehem Police said.

Witnesses spotted the boy taking a can of beer at about 11 p.m. Tuesday at the Convenient Food Mart on Routes 9W and 396 and then putting it under his clothing, police said. The witnesses detained the boy until police arrived.

## OBITUARIES

### Frank Freeman

Frank T. "Red" Freeman, 73, of Delmar died Monday, Aug. 10, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

He was retired from his duties as manager of the Albany sales office of the West Chemical Co. He was a graduate of Hamilton College.

He was a member of the Albany Rotary International and the First United Methodist Church in Delmar. He served on the board of directors of the University Club for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Howard Freeman; a brother John Cherrie Freeman of Mass.; a daughter, Mary Ellen Smith of Paris, Maine, and a son Frank T. "Rusty" Freeman Jr. of Miami, Fla. He is also survived by four grandchildren.

Burial was in the Albany Rural Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Meyers Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Northeastern Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation in Albany.

### Frances Robinson

Frances W. Robinson, 83, of Delmar died Monday, Aug. 10, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

She was born in Whitehall and lived in Delmar for more than 45 years.

She was a member of the Delmar Reformed Church, the Dutch Settlers Society of Albany and the Tawasentha Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She leaves her husband, Winthrop T. Robinson; two daughters, Julie Sherrill Steitz of Penfield, N.Y., and Anneke Sherrill Deuschle of Arden, N.C.; a brother, Albert E. Wager of Albany, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Burial was in the Albany Rural Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Meyers Funeral Home, Delmar.

### BPW hold dinner

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## Staying home

"I've decided to quit work and stay home," I announced at breakfast one morning. A broad, approving smile lit up my family's faces. "Yippee," came the unanimous response. Stunned, I gulped my orange juice, chomped into a crisp English muffin and slurped the remains of underdone scrambled egg. The number of times my family has expressed a united opinion on any topic can be counted on the fingers of one hand. If four opinions exist, my creative brood will dredge up five. With odds like that we could clean up in Vegas. "Have a nice day. See you later," was all I could mutter as I tore from the house.

Suddenly, nineteen years of showering at 6 a.m., feeding assorted gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs, cats and dogs, cooking 7,200 breakfasts, speeding to work with the droplets from wet hair pattering down my back in summer and being flash-frozen in winter — even my freezer doesn't do that — and solemnly praying that I'd make the first morning's meeting on time grew tiresome. Oh, for days of sitting down to breakfast wearing a satin robe instead of a half-buttoned raincoat, enjoying a cup of coffee while perusing the *New York Times* and enjoying the leisure of an unplanned day.

For a year, my spouse had advocated the glories of not working. "You can spend your days eating bon bons, watching TV and napping every afternoon," he tempted me. My newly-emerging teens tugged at my heart with, "It would be so nice to have you home when we get out of school, MOM. And you won't be tired or grumpy."

Four months later, I'm home and loving it. But am I working: More than ever! My day no longer starts at 6 a.m. It starts at 5:30. The cat and I enjoy an amiable chat after my quick shower. Some rituals never change. I now walk a couple of miles each day to work off the added calories of home made cheesecakes and peanut butter cookies. No longer does my family eat instant mashed potatoes or Shake-N-Bake chicken. We've crossed the line to duck l'orange.

Each day is filled with unexpected delights. I snake out bathtub drains, unplug toilets, re-tile floors, phone credit card companies about mysteriously-appearing charges (I still don't know what a bullet-nosed riser tube is.), sift through junk mail, pay bills and run a shuttle service between our house and the town pool.

Nor has home decor escaped my enthusiasm. All unfinished surfaces experience the sweep of a paint roller, the roll of a wall paper brush or caress of sandpaper. Plumb line, jigsaw and contact cement all have become familiar friends. So have the pen, long forgotten books and day dreams.

Our teens? Sure I see them. They fly in when their hunger pangs call for a mid-day refueling.

Susan Gordon is a Delmar resident. Her column will appear periodically.

### ON THE HOME FRONT

Susan Gordon



## Vox Pop

is open to all readers for letters in good taste on matters of public interest. Letters longer than 300 words are subject to editing and all letters should be typed and double-spaced if possible. Letters must include phone numbers; names will be withheld on request. Deadline is the Friday before publication.

### Restore County Rt. 53

Editor, The Spotlight:

I thoroughly resent the attitude taken by Albany County Executive's Office in response to the latest effort by Town of Bethlehem residents in their bid to get the Jericho Bridge reopened.

On Aug. 6, nearly 100 residents assembled at the bridge site to once again remind Albany County Executive James Coyne that they're still waiting for him to take the steps necessary to remedy the perilous situation created by the bridge closing. They were joined by Dr. Robert Walker (Mr. Coyne's opponent this November), Mr. Charles Fritts (Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners in the Selkirk Fire District) and four representatives of the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service. Everyone was singing the same tune.

According to the Aug. 12 *Spotlight*, a spokesman for Mr. Coyne's office referred to the event as "election year stuff." Hundreds of lives are in jeopardy, residents and businesses continue to shoulder economic hardship and our call for help is dismissed as "election year stuff." Brilliant.

Mr. Coyne gushes over his civic center, the Albany Patroons, plans for an airport hotel and parking garage, double-decker buses, his block parties and his agonizing career-change decision. He continues to pave the streets in the City of Albany with hundreds of thousands of county dollars, boldly advertising the fact on billboards. (Did someone mention "election year stuff?") Meanwhile, County Route 53, which is carried over the Selkirk rail yards by the Jericho Bridge, lays crumbling - ignored for almost 1 1/2 years.

As one of our signs stated at the Aug. 6 rally, "GET ON THE BALL, 'GYM,' & DO YOUR JOB. WE'RE IN YOUR COUNTY, TOO!"

Michael P. Fahey

Selkirk

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### Many thanks

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club enjoyed a chicken barbecue at the Slingerlands Fire Pavilion, which was served by the VFW and the Slingerlands Fire Department. It is always enjoyed by all. We thank each of them.

Marge Morlock

Bethlehem Senior Citizens

### Fruits of labor gone

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have had something happen to me that I cannot believe.

I have lived in New Scotland for almost 30 years and never had any major problems. In these years, I have always had a small vegetable garden. Last year, the crows ate my corn seed, in the ground, before they germinated; I can understand this, they are crows.

In previous years, the raccoons ate my corn; I can even understand this, they are raccoons. This year, I started the corn in small pots, about 120 of them. I transplanted these pots into the garden when the corn was about three inches tall. This stopped the crows. I purchased and erected an electric fence, this kept the raccoons out. Now I am in good shape, right? Wrong.

We had a week of fine, tasty, delicious corn from this small garden patch. Some time after dark on Aug. 7, some person or persons picked every bit of the remaining corn. This was not raccoons, as I know their traits well; one bite off each ear, stalks knocked down, etc. This was clearly picked, with no residue or stalks on the ground.

I would like to say this to whoever stole my corn. If you had needed food, you could have come to me and I would have given you money. If you had asked, I would have shared most of the corn with you.

What you did was despicable, you caused me to lose faith in people. You stole not only my few ears of corn, but the many hours I spent planting the garden and the pride I had in having a nice looking sweet corn patch.

I guess the analogy is: The crows ate my corn, well, they are crows. The raccoons ate my corn, well, they are raccoons. Someone stole my corn, well, they are people - very small people!

I realize that this "crime" will not make the front pages of any newspaper; but, I bet there are gardeners in this area that must know how I feel. Please let me know.

Tom Longtin

Slingerlands

### Assistance needed

Editor, The Spotlight:

I think it's ironic that the anonymous resident of Bicentennial Woods whose letter was published in last week's *Spotlight* made a very strong argument for measures to stop speeding while writing to oppose them.

We need measures to wake up drivers who think they "have a right to drive without worrying whose child is going to run out in front of me." A driver should be concerned about this at all times, but most especially when driving on residential streets.

We need measures to protect the children of parents who think "just because they live in development they can let their children run unattended." I agree wholeheartedly that the parents in such situations are irresponsible; but, I still want to protect the innocent children. If the writer does not share my concern for these children, maybe he should think of the damage to his car if he hits one of the children. That and the paperwork involved can get awfully messy.

Finally, we need measures to protect children from people who think it is appropriate to "speed through...to scare the children and the parents..."

I'm sorry to find out that the problems we Bicentennial Woods parents face are greater than we originally thought. At first I believed that the biggest obstacle we faced was a careless attitude on the part of some drivers. Now I find out that at least one resident of our development approves of using an automobile to terrorize three- and four-year-old children.

Supervisor Hendrick . . . Chief Currie, HELP!

Ted Lackner

Glenmont

### Bloodmobile Aug. 28

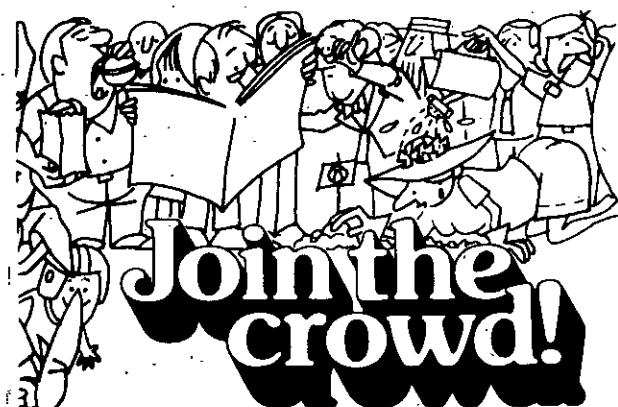
The Tri-Village Bloodmobile will be held at St. Thomas School on Aug. 28 from 1 until 7 p.m. Fifteen minute appointments are suggested but walk-ins will be accepted.

For appointments call 439-2575.

### Plant food for mammals

"Mammals and Food Plants" will be the topic of a nature walk at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Friday, Aug. 28, at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to join the free 90-minute nature study.

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## Support independence

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have read the letters to the editor for the past several weeks regarding the primary race between Ken Hahn and Charles Fritts for the position of receiver of taxes. After reading the letters, I am reminded of the old saying, "If it's not broken, don't fix it." All the letters trying to play down Mr. Hahn's claims of vindictiveness on the part of Republican Chairman Bernard Kaplowitz are either written by members of the Republican Committee or people that hold positions in town government because of their loyalty to the Republican Party. None of the letters criticizing Ken Hahn have disputed his qualifications for the position. After all, he has held the position for 24 years. What they have criticized is Ken Hahn's independence. If the Republican party believes the citizens should blindly support the candidate the committee has chosen whether or not he is qualified for that position, then they are fools indeed! Such blind obedience is very dangerous and is an open invitation to corruption. I for one plan on supporting the candidate with the overriding experience and political courage necessary for the position of receiver of taxes, Ken Hahn.

James Bain III

Delmar

## Sierra Club sponsors trips

The Hudson-Mohawk branch of the Sierra Club is sponsoring a weekend of bicycling at Nantucket from Sept. 11 to 13.

Other activities planned for September include: an Alander mountain hike, Sept. 19; a nature walk at the Landis Arboretum, Sept. 20; an orienteering hike at Partridge Run, Sept. 26, and an overnight canoe trip at Beaver River, Sept. 26 and 27.

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## Video now available for children's safety

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"Stay Safe — Be Smart" has received endorsement from the state Parent-Teachers' Association and the state School Boards' Association.

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Mr. and Mrs. David R. Gill

## Wed in Delmar

Melissa Jane Perry, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Perry of Delmar, and David R. Gill, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gill of Delmar, were married June 20 at St. Stephan's Church in Delmar.

The bride was attended by Ann Perry, Mary Szalkowski, Cindy Cook and Nancy Gill. Eric Schaming served as best man.

## Baumann appointed

Elroi E. Baumann of Delmar has been appointed assistant commissioner of the new Office of Human Resources Management and Affirmative Action.

He will be responsible for the Bureau of Personnel, the Bureau of Labor Relations and the Bureau of Affirmative Action. Baumann has been employed by the state Department of Civil Service and state Department of Transportation.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Queens College of the City University of New York and a master's degree in public administration from the C.W. Post Center of Long Island University.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hudson Valley Community College. She is employed by the Mental Health Association. The bride groom is also a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. He is employed a sales representative with Outdoor Sports, Inc.

The couple will reside in Slingerlands.

## Home health aid training program offered

The Home Aide Service of Eastern New York, based in Albany, will offer a 14-day paid homemaker-home health aide training program, beginning on Friday, Aug. 28. The Home Aide Service provides care to the ill, the frail elderly and other individuals in need of assistance in the home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Kiesel

## Judy Liebenau married

Judy K. Liebenau of Delmar, the daughter of Mrs. V. Vickery of Cicero, Ill., and Robert J. Kiesel of Delmar, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman H. Kiesel of Colonie, were married July 25 at the Onesquehaw Reformed Church, Clarksville, with the Rev. Tamara EnTin officiating.

The bride was given in marriage by Mrs. V. Vickery, the bride's

mother, and Jean Antiporek, the bride's sister. Mrs. Shirley J. Kelly was matron of honor. Steven J. Kelly was best man. Ushers were Ralph Reale, Jeff Reale and Scott Reale, all nephews of the bridegroom.

The bride is employed by Dr. John Manne of Delmar. The bridegroom is employed by Pennsylvania Truck Lines of Selkirk.



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