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When school isn't in . . .

Before, after school programs flourish

New program starts at RCS

By Cheryl Clary

If you ask any working parent whose babysitter has left for a full-time job to make ends meet, you'll learn about sleepless nights, and the scramble to assure that his or her child has a secure place to stay between school dismissal time and the hour when the parent arrives home from work at day's end.

Anyone who doesn't think that two paychecks are required for most families to stay afloat, hasn't priced a house or family-sized car lately.

What are parents to do with their young children who need adult supervision

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Renata LaFleur, left, a teacher at the after school program of the A.W. Becker School, watches as Steven Schmitt signs out with his mother, as a safety precaution at the end of the school day. Cheryl Clary

Kids Club adds early morning sessions

By Lyn Stapf

For 20 students at Voorheesville Elementary School getting to school early means more fun, more friends and a nourishing start to the school day.

The Kids Club, an after-school child care program, has expanded at the start of its third year. An early morning session for school children has been added to help fill the needs of working parents in the district.

According to Nancy Basal, president of the Kids Club executive board and one of the program's "founding parents," a survey at the grade school last year brought to light the dire need for an early morning program to assist working



Children at the Kids' Club enjoy a game of table billiards during an early morning session. Lyn Stapf

parents. The survey, which was similar to the one that uncovered the need for after-school care several years ago, was sparked by school administrators who saw students arriving earlier to school at a time when supervision was not available.

With many parents required to be at work at 8 a.m. or earlier and the school opening set at 8:30 a.m., the early morning presented a void in day care not easily filled. Most working parents found few adults available to assist in their plight or were reticent in asking to leave students off at that hectic early morning interval. As a result more students were arriving at school early to

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BC's School's Out starts fifth year

School's Out, Inc. is entering its fifth year of providing after school care to students in the Bethlehem Central School District.

The program operates daily while school is session at the Delmar Methodist Church on Kenwood Ave. and its recently added site at the Delmar Presbyterian Church on Delaware Ave., said Judith Cresswell, executive director.

With the expanded program 100 school children through grade 5 participate in School's Out's program from 3 to 6 p.m., she said.

The children participate in craft programs, piano lessons and also get help with their homework. "We offer them guidance on getting projects done," Cresswell said. Trips to the Bethlehem Public Library are part of the program to familiarize students with the library resources.

The after school program has "extended days" when the school district has half-days for students, she said, adding the program operates during the three full-week vacations the school district has.

School's Out also operates a special needs program for children who have disabilities and often do not get to socialize with children from their own school district during the day.

Currently, 100 students take advantage of School's Out's before school program, which is available at the Hamagrael, Slingerlands, Elsmere and Glenmont Elementary Schools, she said. The program offers "a variety of activities" including assistance with homework from 7:30 a.m. to the start of school at 9 a.m. Sal Prividera Jr.

RCS sets policy for AIDS

By Sal Prividera Jr.

A policy for handling students or employees who have AIDS or have tested positive for the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) associated with AIDS has been approved unanimously by the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central Board of Education.

The policy adopted at last week's board meeting calls for the establishment of a review team to determine if an infected individual can continue to attend class or work. Each case will be reviewed on a yearly basis. The policy also establishes a procedure once the district becomes aware of a student or employee with AIDS or HIV infection. However, the district has to rely on the infected individual for notification that he or she has been diagnosed.

"The board acknowledges the rights of those individuals diagnosed as having AIDS or HIV infection, whether students or staff, to continue their education or employment, as well as the rights of all students and employees of the school district to

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Police exam due

By Patricia Mitchell

Four months after a state supreme court judge heard arguments on the status of the Town of Bethlehem's civil service appointment to police sergeant, the parties in the case are still waiting for a decision, and the lawyer for one of the officers says he feels "stymied."

Meanwhile, town officials are expecting a second civil service list for the same position to be available in the next few weeks.

"I don't know what they are thinking," said Albany attorney Robert Roche. "It's going to be interesting."

Roche is representing Officer Cindy Reed-Kerr, who placed first on the current civil service list and is trying to force the town to make an appointment from that list. If he were paranoid, Roche said, he would think it was a conspiracy that her lawsuit is not decided yet.

Before Reed-Kerr's lawsuit can be decided, however, another Supreme Court judge will have to decide whether Sergeant Louis Corsi, who was promoted over Reed-Kerr, should be decertified because he did not have enough time served with the Bethlehem

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Sister Mary Frederick, shown below, welcomes a second generation of students to the St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School in Delmar. Peter Schaming of East Berne, a 1968 graduate, is shown with his two daughters, kindergarten student Jada, left, and fourth grader Taza. Their mother, Teal, serves as a volunteer at the school, assisting with hot lunches and student computer use. At left, one of the many new kindergarteners at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk departs from the school bus to face her first day of classes. Above, new Voorheesville physical education teacher Don McDonald welcomes students. On the cover: Voorheesville teacher's aide Alice Mensching welcomes her students, escorting them from the bus. Patricia Mitchell, Lyn Stapf photos



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BC parents call meeting

Kindergarten busing under fire

By Sal Prividera Jr.

A meeting for parents whose children will be affected by the Bethlehem Board of Education's decision to bus kindergarten students to the Clarksville Elementary School while the district's expansion project is underway will be held at the Bethlehem Town Hall Friday, Sept. 23, at 7:30 p.m.

Marino Bacelice, a Delmar resident, is one of the organizers of the meeting for parents who are concerned about their children traveling to the Clarksville school instead of the nearby Hamagrael or Glenmont Elementary Schools. The busing would be for the 1989-90 and 1990-91 school years while additions are being built at the Glenmont, Hamagrael and Slingerlands schools.

"A lot of people are upset" about the bus ride, he said, adding

his child's "home school" is less than a mile from his home and the trip to Clarksville is eight miles.

Bacelice said the parents will review the four options the board of education had to choose from when it made its decision and "figure out what one is better suited to our needs and concerns."

The board voted 4-3 to send kindergarten students from Glenmont and Hamagrael to Clarksville at its July 15 meeting after a lengthy discussion about the amount of time the students would spend on buses. Superintendent Leslie Loomis said the trips from the area farthest from Clarksville would be no longer than 35 minutes. In discussion at subsequent school board meetings, Loomis has held to the time limit.

The board's other options were to establish a kindergarten center at the high school or to move

grade five classes to the middle school.

The plan for moving the kindergarten students to Clarksville received the endorsement of the district's kindergarten teachers and elementary principals over the option of a kindergarten center at the high school.

Bacelice said the parents "are not trying to be adversarial" but are concerned about the safety of their children. One of the parents is an attorney, who will use his expertise to "explore any legal ramifications that may or may not be possible," he said.

Once the group reaches a consensus on what it feels should be done, a meeting with the board of education will likely be requested, he said.

No school administrators or board of education members have been asked to attend the group's first meeting.

Swan named campaign coordinator

Gary L. Swan of Glenmont has been named coordinator of the Albany County Republican Committee's fall campaign.

Swan, who serves on the Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals, will be responsible for coordinating the county committee's support of eight republican candidates running for office including the congressional, state legislature and county office races. He will also oversee the committee's efforts for Presidential candidate George Bush and U.S. Senate candidate Robert McMillan.

He will be directing "get out an vote" drives and several campaign publications.

Swan is the director of Member Services for the Republican Conference of the State Assembly and is a town Republican committeeman. Two years ago he ran unsuccessfully for the Republican nomination for the state assembly seat in the 102nd District.



Gary Swan

Silver Bullets sponsor dance

The Silver Bullets Square Dance Club of Delmar will hold a free dance at the Bethlehem Town Hall on Friday, Sept. 16, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Merit Scholarship semifinalists named

Area students were recently named semifinalists in the 1989 National Merit Scholarship Program competition. The scholarships will be awarded next spring.

Bethlehem Central High School students who were named as semifinalists are Jeannie M. Cunningham, Christopher L. Greenwald, Catherine J. Karamanol, Amy S. Koretz, Randi S. Wolkenbreit and Evelyn L. Wright.

Semifinalists from Clayton A. Bouton Senior High School in Voorheesville, are Colin M. Breeze, David J. Larabee and Peter M. Meilinger.

Orientation rescheduled

Bethlehem Central High School has rescheduled its grade nine parents' orientation from Tuesday, Sept. 20, to Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 8 p.m. The program was rescheduled to avoid conflicts with the Yom Kippur holiday.

For information call 439-3650.



New beginnings

New Bethlehem Central High School Principal Jon Hunter, center, spent part of his second day on the job welcoming this year's incoming freshman class including Kristin Minor, left, Heather Bassett, Marilou Flynn and Kara Hoogkamp. Hunter discussed the importance of "building foundations" in academics and other areas of life with the incoming class of 1992.

Sal Prividera Jr.

Book discussions continue

The book discussion group of the Bethlehem Public Library will resume its monthly meetings on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 7:30 p.m. The group meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month.

Joseph Heller's *No Laughing Matter* will be the topic of discussion.

For information call the library at 439-9314.

Church sets schedule

Sunday, Sept. 18 marks the beginning of the new fall schedule at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Delmar.

The fall schedule includes a service, followed by breakfast, at 8 a.m. Christian education classes will be held for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Another service, followed by a coffee hour, will be held at 10:30 a.m.

For information call 439-3747.

Post offices expand hours

New hours are now in effect at area Post Offices. The U.S. Postal Service recently decided to rescind cutbacks made several months ago. The new hours, which went into effect on Monday, are as follows:

- Delmar, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. The old hours were 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.
- Glenmont, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. The old hours were 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, and 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday.
- Selkirk, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday. The old hours were 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday.
- Voorheesville, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. The old hours were 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and noon to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.
- Slingerlands, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and 8:30 to noon on Saturday. The old hours were 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

- New Scotland, 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday. The hours have not changed.
- Altamont, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday. The old hours were 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday.
- Clarksville, 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday (with the lobby open from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.). The old hours were 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday.
- Feura Bush, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday, (with the lobby open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.), and 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday (with the lobby open from 8 to 11 a.m.). The hours have not changed.
- Ravena, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday (with the lobby open from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.). The old hours were 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday.
- South Bethlehem, 7:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday. The old hours were 7:30 to noon and 1:30 to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

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County leadership

County officials seem to have their hands full with the Albany County civic center, what with picking out a name and finding new ways to keep costs from going out of sight, but other important matters are begging for attention. We refer to two issues outlined in recent *Spotlight* articles — roads and bridges, and solid waste.

The county has not so far taken a leadership role in either area (in fact, it currently has no role at all in solid waste management). But as local roads and bridges continue to deteriorate — some actually closed to traffic — and with solid waste becoming a genuine crisis for this area, we must ask a logical question: who else is in a position to do it?

In the current year, Albany County will spend about \$4 million to build and maintain county-owned roads and bridges. As outlined in an Aug. 17 article, the county is able to do little beside maintenance and the most urgent repairs. There simply isn't enough money to handle big-ticket items, such as the Jericho Bridge, without special appropriations. A \$6.8 million bond issue passed by the County Legislature in 1983 has been depleted. The Krumkill area study now being finished up is a shining — but rather solitary — example of an initiative taken by the county to deal with a developing situation, and even here there is no guarantee that any recommended roads will ever get built.

Localities have traditionally looked to the state and federal governments to supply funds for major improvements. But that clearly is no longer in the cards, even with the state proposing a new bond issue for highway work. The needs are simply too great.

Solid waste is a new concern at the county level, but as an Aug. 31 article pointed out, only a larger government entity can deal with new economic forces at work in this field. Virtually all of Albany County now relies on the Albany ANSWERS plant and the rapidly diminishing Albany landfill. Municipalities are beginning to promote recycling, but even that alternative, limited as it is, is economically feasible only if enough towns and cities get together to "make a market" for recyclable goods. And the development of either a new landfill or a new incinerator — both likely to be very expensive and very controversial — is possible only at the county or at the regional level.

Editorials

So it is a matter of great concern to learn that the current four-county solid waste study is destined to end with no action at the county or regional level. Someone has to take the initiative, and Albany County, as the largest county in the region, is the logical nominee.

This brings us to County Executive James Coyne and the Albany County Legislature. It would not be an understatement to say that Mr. Coyne currently seems to be preoccupied by the civic center, which besides its lack of an official identity is plagued by delays and cost overruns of an as-yet-to-be-determined magnitude. The cost concerns may very well distract attention from other issues and make it difficult to commit more funds in next year's budget for either infrastructure or solid waste management.

But that doesn't excuse the county executive's silence and apparent lack of involvement in these issues. Nor does it excuse the legislature's apparent lack of interest. If legislators and local officials are not concerned enough to speak up for their municipalities it is unlikely that anything will happen.

The 1989 county budget, a nearly \$100 million document, is being prepared now. Mr. Coyne has been commendably concerned with keeping the tax rate low, but we suspect that there is room there somewhere for increased county spending on roads and bridges, as well as the initial stages of a county solid waste plan. This is the time for citizens, local officials and legislators to raise their voices and demand some leadership.

Back to go

Thank goodness the higher-ups in the U.S. Postal Service read our Aug. 24 editorial that scolded them for the ill-considered cutbacks in mail service. Now they concede that the retrogressive steps taken last winter were wrong, and are in the process of restoring window service and deliveries to approximately where these were a year ago. Thanks and congratulations, fellows.

Action demanded against DWI drivers

Editor, The Spotlight:

At midnight on Sept. 3 a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed and driven by a 17-year-old boy came to rest in the side of our house, rupturing the high-pressure gas line. Alcohol is said to be involved.

Before hitting our home, the car removed a fire hydrant, a mail box, the front end of a car, several trees and landscaping, and did significant damage to the corner of our neighbor's home. Several families in our neighborhood were evacuated from their homes because of a threat of explosion caused by the severed gas line. The driver walked away.

While much of the physical damage can be repaired, this accident has put emotional strain on the families involved. This is the third and most serious

Vox Pop

alcohol-related incident in our neighborhood in two weeks.

We urge the community to take action against drunk drivers. We implore the judicial system to severely punish those involved, not only with restitution and fines but also with sentences requiring many hours of community service.

We would like to especially thank the Bethlehem Police, the Slingerlands Fire Department, the Water Department, and Niagara Mohawk for their prompt response to this potentially dangerous situation.

Robert and Meryl Ruckterstuhl
Slingerlands

Argument for Labor Day

Editor, The Spotlight:

Allow me to take issue with your Aug. 31 editorial suggesting the elimination of Labor Day as a day of national observance.

The organized labor movement in the United States has made innumerable contributions to the well-being of the American people. Benefits that the average worker takes for granted — the 40-hour week, health insurance, pensions — were fought for and won by organized labor. The fact that the movement now faces a loss of members is not caused by its failure but by its overwhelming success. Industries trying to keep unions from the workplace offer their employees attractive wage and benefit packages in an attempt to say, "See, you don't need a union here." Once union organization (or the threat of

organization) is removed, the generosity of management ceases.

We celebrate Independence Day to remind ourselves of the preciousness of freedom; we observe Memorial Day to remind ourselves of the valor of those who died in the wars this nation has fought; and we celebrate Labor Day to remind ourselves of the struggles past and present to provide the working men and women of this country with just and dignified terms and conditions of employment.

Roger A. Beck

Delmar

Editor's note: Mr. Beck is associated with United University Professions, an AFL-CIO affiliate.

More letters.

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VOX POP is The Spotlight's public forum. All letters from readers on matters of local interest will be considered. Writers are encouraged to keep their letters as brief as possible, and letters will be edited for taste, style, fairness and accuracy, as well as for length.

Letters should be typed and double spaced if possible. All letters must be signed and must include a telephone number where the writer can be reached during the day and evenings. With satisfactory reason, letter writers may request that their names be withheld. The regular deadline for letters is 5 p.m. of the Friday before the Wednesday of publication.

The Spotlight's survey: what it tells us about you

We at *The Spotlight* always have been confident that we are privileged to be part of an unusual extended family — and now we are particularly proud of all the several thousand members of that family.

You will recall the survey questionnaire that we distributed to our readers with the June 15 issue. A remarkably large percentage of them (21.6) came back with a response. From the information you gave us, we were presented with a readership/community profile of significant dimensions.

I believe that you will be interested to read about yourselves in this Publisher's Report (remember that we promised to give you the results of the survey). But first I want to offer *The Spotlight's* most sincere appreciation to all who took part.

The survey was done for us and the New York Press Association by the Center for Social and Demographics Analysis of the State University at Albany. In its report to us, the center notes that such an extraordinarily high rate of response is "a demonstration of the loyalty of a paper's readers." So you certainly do have our thanks — and also our congratulations for the fine picture

you make.

We are impressed by the facts of your life and livelihood (details follow), but we are even more pleased with some "incidental" information that testifies as to the kind of people — and citizens — that are our readers.

Nineteen of every 20 of you (the survey tells us) are participants in your community and your country — you are registered to vote this year. That's good citizenship. So too is this fact: two out of three of you are active right now in a community organization of some kind — working with others for the good of all. We take pride that *The Spotlight's* readers use their community's newspaper as a means of carrying their active concern for their neighbors and good causes.

Now, more about you: you are well educated and tend to have comfortable incomes. (This is shown by the data you offer about spending on automobiles, clothing, dining out, and other shopping. You like to visit the malls frequently, by the way.)

Almost all own your homes — a figure that is substantially higher than in most communities. Chronologically, no matter

what age group you are in, you're rather representative, for in the 30s and the 70s our readers are quite evenly spread about.

And that brings us to another pleasing point in the survey report: your reading habits and your opinion of your community newspaper. To say the least, we are reassured by the information you provided.

Typically, more than one person in each home reads *The Spotlight* — sometimes three or more. And almost every one of the survey's respondents read it every week, without fail. Most families expect to have it on hand all week; and, if you are a typical reader, you spend about 40 minutes with it (or up to an hour or more, frequently).

You are very likely to read about schools and local governments. You like to refer to the community calendar and "vital statistics" that we record.

In a future issue, we'll discuss what the survey said about specific features and how that information affects our decision-making.

By a substantial margin — more than is found in most other communities, say the experts — you consider our

community news reliable and useful. And, in turn, you rely on *The Spotlight* for such news, by far, in comparison with another newspaper.

Our editorial pages probably interest you, because the survey found that they not only attract a wide readership but also often influence the readers' opinions.

So you can see that *The Spotlight* is happy with what you told us about yourselves and your use of your local newspaper. We are pleased to be able to take part in such an admirable community and to serve its citizens as we do. Gratified as we are, we expect to keep on doing "our thing" for this area — and of course to strive to do it even better.

In order to validate the results of this readership survey, a limited telephone survey of *Spotlight* readers and non-readers will be conducted in October. Both the subscriber and telephone surveys are being conducted by the State University at Albany under the direction of Delmar resident Richard Alba, professor of sociology at the university.

Richard A. Ahlstrom Publisher

UNCLE DUDLEY

A whirr of wings

...and they're gone, the most evanescent of our summer visitors. At a tenth of an ounce or so, the ruby-throated hummingbirds that have been floating — often unseen — about the fields and gardens of our area for the past four months have departed.

Each, flying alone at night, attains a couple of hundred miles before dawn, when it alights to seek out some of its favored blossoms — the jewel weed, the columbine, the daylilies and scarlet sage — that grace the southwesterly migration corridor between here and the Gulf Coast.

The relatively early departure (late August to mid-September) is a self-protective timetable, for the colorful flowers on which they feast are about to disappear as well. So that carefree pair you may have seen in the dappled sunlight just the other day almost surely were poised for a timely leave-taking.

From the northern Gulf Coast, the hummingbird gathers itself for an endurance flight of some 450 miles across the Gulf of Mexico. Its four-inch wing-span is adequate for the non-stop journey that will require all night and much of the next day, depending on wind speed and direction.

The goal ordinarily is the Yucatan or one of the Central America lands. This constitutes the longest known flight, though it's possible that even more distant points are the destination, involving a portion of the Caribbean too.

And then don't look for this mighty mite back in our meadows until mid-May, the earliest recorded sighting out at Five



Rivers. In anticipation, you might wish to consider getting your impatiens and fuchsia off to an early start. As you know, the hummingbird is attracted to reds, which as it happens probably are not visible to honeybees. So some flowers are destined to be pollinated only by the birds, rather than by insects.

Some night, when you are out observing the moon through your telescope, look for the unidentified flying objects that may flit across its face. They are night-flying birds. But most likely none will be the all-but-invisible three-inch length of the ruby-throated hummingbird en route.

An hour-long videotape of the hummingbird, though, now is in the library of the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center for the benefit of those of us who are fascinated by its flight, habits, and habitat. Among little things you'll learn is that the ruby-throated is the one hummingbird in the Northeast, whereas in the West and Southwest there are two or more species. Ask Alan Mapes or some of the other folks at the Center about the tape.

CONSTANT READER

Football, war and candidates

Last week I wrote about a couple of magazines that feature history, and this week I'll return briefly to that subject with a look at the September-October issue of *American Heritage*. It's a mixed bag, not especially appealing to me. The cover story is called "Inventing Modern Football," and relates chiefly the struggle that the game had in the early

years of the 20th century in overcoming its reputation for "brutality and lack of sportsmanship." And this, of course, related only to the college game; it was long before pro football emerged. The writer, John S. Watterson, mentions a national outcry "against this boy-killing, money-making, education-prosti-

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The new American school

This Point of View is the concluding article on current challenges to education. The author, a Delmar resident, is president of the American Corporation for Education and Training. Until July 31, he was New York State executive deputy commissioner for education.

By Robert J. Maurer

In the mid-sixties, the nation's social reformers gave up on the school as a place for change. Community based organizations were to lead the citizens of distressed neighborhoods to overcome economic and educational barriers to success. The "War on Poverty" would be a "lift 'em up by the bootstraps" approach to social and economic improvement for people. It did not work. And, not because the community was let in to direct and participate in social and educational programs.

The social reforms of the past three decades have not been successful because schools and community have not been in conformity of outlook and in collaboration of effort. Indeed, some schools of the past had been academic islands of isolation from the family, employment, health, and social problems of its students and their parents. In other cases, entire instructional systems had been duplicated in storefronts or at community sites, apart and separate from the schools.

Today, schools are the focal point for changes necessary for the new American economy. Educators, however, face a challenge to school success: more than a third of our students grow up in poverty and half of them live without the economic and social support of two parents in their household.

The illiteracy of too many of our workers and our students are perceived as an economic threat. Over 23 million adult Americans are illiterate. Business and industrial leaders see the United States "pressed as never before by competition in world markets, desperately needing workers who can think critically, participate more in company planning and decision making, and adapt quickly to change," reports the *New York Times*.

Schools, therefore, are looked upon as the keystone to efforts to train and retrain the workforce, to upgrade literacy skills of workers, and to provide a new American worker. Our new workers are increasingly drawn from a fragile labor pool that is made up or traditionally educationally disadvantaged people — racial and lingual minorities, children of poverty, and new immigrants.

To overcome the economic and educational challenge for so many of our students, reformers would have schools look after the welfare of the "whole child." Health and social services (delivered in concert with community based organizations), parent support, day care and afterschool care, nutrition, and job training are the programs social and economic reformers are urging schools to coordinate or provide to students and their families.

It is a heavy expectation for change. There are some guiding principles which school administrators, teachers, school board members and taxpayers should consider as the nation, and our communities, build the new American school:

Provide for Parent Choice of Public Schools — Choice can be the most powerful reformer of our schools. If parents can choose the best quality programs for their children, schools can be expected to compete to deliver better and more acute programs to serve both parents and their children. Both within district boundaries and across districts, parents — on an availability basis — ought to be able to choose educational program for their children. Today, more than seven states have a parent choice plan for interdistrict programs. Most cities in New York State have interdistrict choice plans, as well.

Assure Teacher Directed Schools — Teachers are the most important resource to our schools. Most parents have assumed that professional teachers direct the instruction of their children. Generally, this is not the case. Teachers deliver a program chosen by an administrator; teachers use curriculum materials chosen by a school board or a principal; and teachers teach groups of children someone else has selected for their classrooms. Research shows that the best schools are those where the principal is directly involved in the instructional program or, in

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other words, where the principal acts as a teaching leader.

Make Schools Accountable for Academic Results — Schools are most successful when they know whether students have learned to read, write, compute and think. Educators and parents need to know which schools have been successful and which schools have not. We need to understand how to improve results. We need to know how to help failing schools.

Start Earlier — Children perform best in school when they are nurtured prior to entry through constructive play, supportive parenting, exposure to stimulating learning environments. Not all children have access to positive developmental experiences. Schools need to account for this experience in more children's lives by providing programs of day care, developmental curriculums that allow a longer time for achievement of academic skills before age seven, and for a continuum of service at one site — a child care center serving toddlers to seven-year-olds.

Be More Flexible — Students at risk of dropping out are best served with a variety of instructional, social, and employment opportunities that fit individual needs. Coordinating social services and academic programs requires a "case management" approach that solve individual problems. School schedules that allow work and study, community services at school sites, and flexibility in the times and places of learning mean more students will complete a high school degree.

Invest in Capital Improvements — Schools are without an essential resource for change — capital. Most construction, repair and maintenance, science and computer instructional equipment, books and curriculum materials are provided for from already tight school operating budgets. The nation and the state need a major investment in capital improvements, but only in those buildings and equipment, curriculum materials and instructional computer television systems that enable change.

Consider Regionalism — Collaborative, shared or cooperative instruction is a key way to multiply the options for school and student success. Regional science and technical high schools, college based high school instruction, computer and television delivered advanced courses or high schools of excellence may serve the student better than they do existing institutions. But, it is the student, not the school, we are serving.

Assure Business Leadership Participation — Unless we listen to employers about the place and pace of work, our educational programs will continue to lag in efforts to provide the new American worker for an interdependent world market in the post-industrial economic age. Traditional academic pursuits in the arts and literature, in civics and physical education make American schools the places of democracy they are. Yet, reasoning skills, a trade, a work ethic, basic academic skills are essential to a livelihood in today's economy. Schools and colleges need to join with employers in joint educational and training programs for adults and students — at the work site, as well as in the classroom.

Bond with Community and Social Services — The social and economic conditions that afflict students entering schools are not the responsibility of the school, but they define its condition. Schools can not overcome the challenges of poverty and deprivation alone. Together with community agencies, schools can harness social and health services. School have the ability to target those services to students and their families.

We have learned that school success matters to achievement of social and economic change for the nation. There will be a new American school. It can be a more resilient institution, serving the new economic and social condition of our nation and its people. We have it within our ability to direct change for our schools; we also must live as a nation, state and community with the results of our efforts.

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Another grocery market called overdue need

Editor, The Spotlight:

The time has come, or is long overdue, to point out to our leaders of the Town of Bethlehem, in particular in the Delmar-Elsmere environs, that we are due for an additional market in town for food shopping.

The present facilities are overcrowded. The majority of the cashier booths are closed when lines of people waiting to check out are long; the parking lot is a throwback to days when everyone could walk to the store. The lot itself is ill-drained and a particular hazard in bad weather to the elderly who have no other choice for shopping but this non-competitive grocery center.

Could we not point this out to our leaders (while they are mulling about deciding where to build more residences) and to the real estate personnel (who are attempting to increase the ever-growing population) and to the Chamber of Commerce, which I believe could encourage new business in our town?

I, and my peer group, would welcome some word from you.

Jane W. Atwell

Delmar

Vox Pop

'Great minds,' etc.

may be the answer!

Editor, The Spotlight:

Speaking of coincidences, I was interested to notice that *The Spotlight's* Aug. 31 editorial about Labor Day and finding a new, more appropriate theme for the holiday, was followed three days later by Andy Rooney's column in the *Times Union*, advocating the same thing.

Since this is a new idea to me, I was struck by the coincidental timing, and wondered if the two writers had talked it over beforehand. I thought that the idea was a good one.

Harriet S. Langley

Delmar

Editor's note: No collusion in this case. But perhaps you have observed that spontaneous generation of creative thinking does seem to occur rather often.

Thanks Owens-Corning for noise abatement

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have sent the following letter to Mr. Charles J. Jenkins,

personnel manager of the Owens-Corning Corp. plant, Feura Bush Road, Delmar:

"Please accept our appreciation for the fast initial response to the noise (sirens and loudspeaker) problem that has been a source of irritation to the residents of the Feura Bush area. Although you may have further corrections to make, we want to state that conditions are already much improved at the plant and in the immediate vicinity."

L. Wayne Allen

Feura Bush

A question (and answer) on 'Constant Reader'

Editor, The Spotlight:

Whoever writes under the pseudonym "Constant Reader" ended his Aug. 31 article with: "One more thought: Lyndon Johnson came to his presidential responsibilities from the vice presidency."

I see a statement of fact, unrelated to the article. Perhaps he can tell us what is the thought he is trying to convey.

L. E. King

Delmar

Editor's note: The writer of the article informs us that, in view of the information that preceded that sentence, bearing on Mr. Johnson's emotional stability, the reference was intended to be topical in the light of current controversy about the way in which vice presidents are selected.

Enthusiasm — where did it go?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Did you ever jump and jive with good music? How long ago?

Have you been to the Bethlehem Public Library on Wednesday evenings during the summer and watched the people listening to lively music — sitting without movement of head or toe?

Have you been in church with music that should stir the soul and watched the congregation listening with arms crossed and faces straight?

Is it just the conservative Northeast?

I thought so until I was recently at a Bluegrass/Country Music affair in Virginia and observed the same thing. I was the only one tapping my toes and moving my head and shoulders with the beat.

Is it only one age group? It doesn't seem to be. On each occasion a wide variety of age groups have been present.

It seems that few people tap their toes and shake their head to the beat any more, at least in public places. Has the "cool" generation taken over?

The word "enthusiasm" comes from the Latin, meaning "possession of inspiration by a god" or is interpreted contemporaneously as "eager interest, zeal."

I hope enthusiasm will be "in" again soon, as I miss the shared joy that comes from eager interest!

George Tilroe

Delmar

CONSTANT READER

(From Page 5)

tuting sport." The president of Stanford called football "Rugby's American pervert."

The conclusion is that "violence plays a comparatively minor role in today's turmoils. Rather, it is illegal payments to athletes, violations of academic standards, and drug abuse that bedevil athletic programs. . . . It is doubtful that college football will ever again face such overwhelming pressure for change as it did during the critical half-decade eighty years ago."

An interesting "sidebar" to that article was the short piece, "Football as a Metaphor for War," which traces the game back to the Civil War. The key remark that is quoted is that of a University of California president in 1906: "Two rigid, rampart-like lines of human flesh have been created, one of defense, the other of offense, and behind the latter is established a catapult to fire through a porthole opened in the offensive rampart a missile composed of four or five human bodies globulated about a carried football with a maximum of initial velocity against the presumably weakest point in the opposing rampart."

The New York Times is quoted, as of about a dozen years previous, to the effect that even death on the gridiron was cheap "if it educated boys in those characteristics that had made the Anglo-Saxon race pre-eminent in history."

You may find more interest in a short article about Block Island, "Where history accumulates like a kind of local natural resource." It is described as "stubborn an interruption of the 20th century as it is of the sea . . . reminiscent of southern England or Ireland." The writer, Pamela Petro, is referred to in the author's note, patronizingly (?) or humorously (?) as a one-time chambermaid on Block Island.

I'm not exactly a fan of the political correspondent Elizabeth Drew, but I do find her long from-the-scene reports diverting if somewhat overdone. The one in the Sept. 12 issue of *The New Yorker* is perhaps about 6,000 words (the equivalent of nine full

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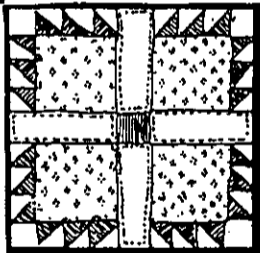
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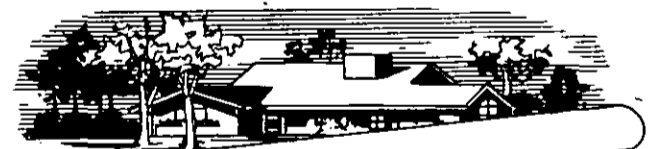
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pages). She offers some incisive sidelights. From within the Bush camp, Governor Dukakis is said to be "a mean little guy — he complains that people are mean to him and he gets under and rabbit-punches, knees in the groin... the most vicious, dirty politician in America."

Of the Vice President's acceptance speech: "Some of his self-description (saying 'I may not be the most eloquent' and that 'I may sometimes be a little awkward') was embarrassing; he ought to stop discovering himself and let people discover him for themselves."

"The speech was a skillfully and beautifully written one, by Peggy Noonan, who wrote some of Reagan's most effective speeches; but some of the lyrical writing didn't seem to fit Bush — it seemed like clothes tailored for another man."

(Meanwhile, the Vice President has committed the "Bloopers of 1988" — his unbelievable skewing of the date of the Pearl Harbor attack. His mistake was to deviate momentarily from another of those carefully crafted scripts — and was lost. What does that seem to say?)

Of the Vice President Reagan: "He said (at the convention), 'Go out there and win one for the Gipper.' Sometimes it seems that Reagan does actually think he is George Gipp, the part he played in the movie 'Knutie Rockne — All American.'"

"The line between fantasy and reality is not a firm one in Reagan's mind. And Reagan understands theatre; Bush doesn't — and neither does Dukakis. (Jesse Jackson does.) Reagan's facility at employing myths and symbols is one of the keys to his political success — along with his easygoing persona, which is also partly a creation."

Of the Vice President's choice of his running mate:

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It "raised unsettling questions about Bush's judgment. It also raised some questions about the competence of the people around Bush, because Quayle was chosen by an obviously flawed system."

"More striking than the fact that the Bush people made mistakes was that they didn't make original mistakes. Everything that was flawed about the decision — the failure to

thoroughly check Quayle's background and to thoroughly vent the pros and cons among the political advisers, the choice of someone unknown and untested — had happened before."

The reasons, such as they were, for Bush's rejection of such possibilities as Dole and Kemp were suggested, and they aren't much different from those that you've been seeing lately in *Doonesbury*.

Words for the week

Evanescent — Tending to vanish like vapor. (It entered the English language just as England was accepting a German duke as George I.)

Rabbit punch — A short, chopping blow delivered to the back of the neck or the base of the skull. (The word entered the language in 1915, when presumably the blow began to be employed by pugilists.)

Persona — An individual's social facade that especially... reflects the role in life the individual is playing. (This use seems to date from the late 19th century.)

Sidebar — Since about 1945, it refers to a short news article presenting sidelights of a major article.

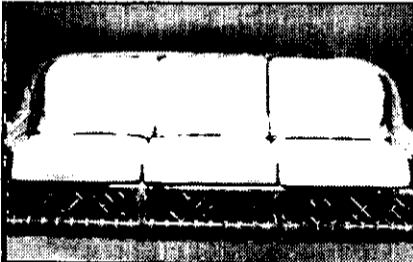
Globulated — This is a non-word, according to modern dictionaries, despite its use a century ago by a college president (as quoted on these pages).

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Editor looks at publicity writing

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The program is designed for publicity representatives of local organizations.

For information call 430-9314.

Delmar native to perform in concert

Duncan Patton, principal timpanist of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and a native of Delmar, will join Richard Albagli, principal percussionist of the Albany Symphony Orchestra, in a performance, entitled "A Tongue of Wood," at the State University at Albany Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 8 p.m. General admission is \$6.

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Board wants more information

Krumkill subdivision proposal tabled

By Mark Stuart

The Bethlehem Planning Board last Tuesday heard two separate pre-preliminary proposals involving an 89-lot subdivision on Krumkill Rd. and an 80-lot subdivision north of Evelyn Dr. in Delmar near the high school.

The board also discussed several changes to the newly proposed WROW radio station building to be located on Wemple Rd. in Glenmont.

David Hanna of J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates spoke before the board to explain the layout and sewage plan of the Krumkill Estates development. The board tabled the proposal pending further information from the town engineering department, traffic studies and an environmental impact statement.

The proposed development is located on 35 acres next to the Albany County Association for Retarded Children planned building in a Residential "A" zone.

The ARC building and the development would share water and sewage facilities provided by the town. A sewage pump house would be constructed. The board questioned the location of the pump house, which would be located away from Krumkill Rd. between the two properties. A special drive from Krumkill Rd. to the pumphouse is to be constructed for access by town engineering personnel.

Melanie Schmidt, the new Bethlehem assistant town planner, asked that the board address two major issues. The first was that a

soil erosion test be made due to the steep gradient of a ravine that separates the Blessing Rd. section of the development with the Krumkill Rd. section.

The second concern was that a traffic study be made to evaluate the layout of the development roadway and the future use of the roadway should another development be constructed.

Specifically, the traffic concern centers around a possible "drag strip" situation, as the board termed it, that could possibly arise if another development were located behind the Krumkill Estates requiring connection to Krumkill Rd.

Roads in one section of the development would connect with Krumkill Rd.; the other section, which would not be connected to the first due to a deep ravine, would have a connecting road with Blessing Rd. According to the plans, all roads in the development would end in a cul-de-sac.

Haddenfield Development

Representing developer Karl A. Paulsen, surveyor Lindsay Boutelle presented a pre-preliminary proposal to the board for an 80-lot subdivision north of Evelyn Lane in Delmar. Again the issue of traffic highlighted the discussion and again, the board tabled the proposal pending more information on drainage and traffic.

The development would be located north of Delaware Ave. and west of Cherry Ave., which could attract a large amount of

traffic when the Van Dyke Rd./Delmar Bypass connection is completed by setting up a new network of side streets.

Boutelle presented several alternatives designed to deter traffic from taking a short cut through the development. No particular plan was clearly favored by the board.

In addition to the traffic problem, a problem of ground water and a stream that flows through the proposed development was discussed.

Boutelle told the board that the land was originally planned to be developed in 1948, but because of the location of the water table near to the surface and the stream, the land was never developed.

Currently a stream flows across the land, under Delaware Ave. via a number of drainage pipes that lead to the Bethlehem Central High School fields. The question of what the flow rate of those drainage pipes is unclear, according to Boutelle, because the man hole covers were cemented closed by the school. Boutelle must now get permission from the school to go into the man holes to reevaluate flow rate figures that he had submitted to the board but which were different from those of the town engineering department.

WROW building revisions

On the request of Town Planner Jeff Lipnicky, the board was given further information on the proposed construction of the

WROW radio station building on Wemple Rd. in Glenmont.

Gary Pease, the owner of WROW, and Bob Kurzon of the engineering firm of Kurzon Associates presented the revised plans.

Several changes were made to the original layout. Handicapped parking with signs were required to be put shown on the plans, as were drainage flow patterns from the roof drainage system. Evergreens will be required for a sight barrier instead of deciduous trees. A 22-foot driveway will be required instead of a 20-foot one originally planned.

Kurzon will provide information on topographical elevation, which posed a concern due to drainage patterns. The east and south

sides of the building are relatively flat and Lipnicky was concerned about ponding.

Kurzon also said that since the water table is so close to the surface, the sewage problem is being reviewed and new plans are being drawn up.

The board is awaiting word from the Albany County Planning Board on the site plan before it makes a decision.

The next planning board meeting will be Sept. 20 and is scheduled to include a pre-preliminary proposal for Adams Woods, a 71-lot subdivision to be located at the corner of Feura Bush Rd. and Jefferson Rd. The board will also make a decision on the Brittany Estates one-lot subdivision on Beaver Dam Rd.



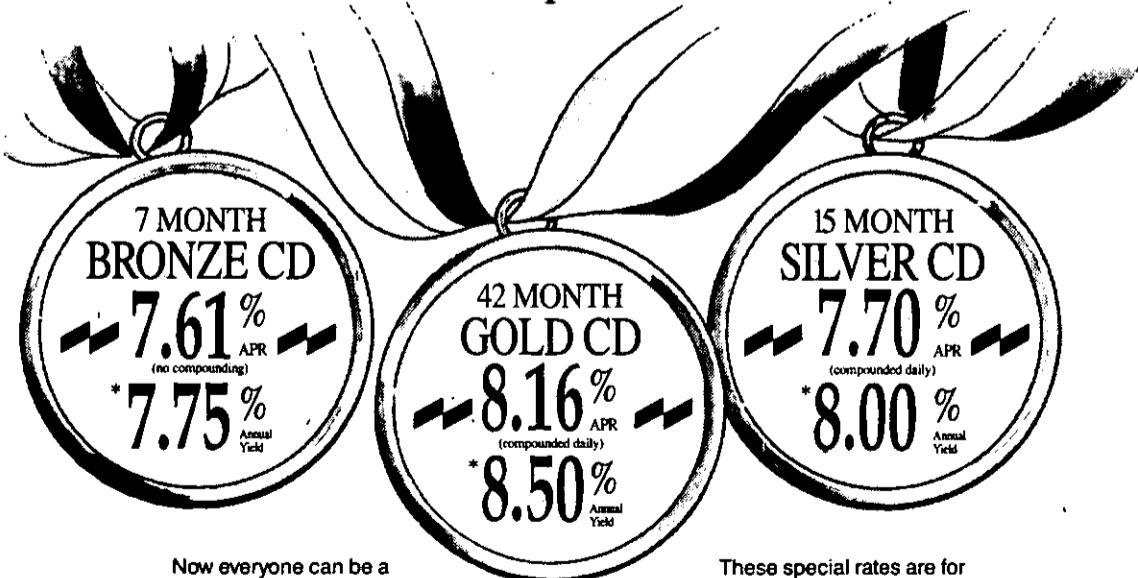
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Public hearing tabled

By Mark Stuart

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals adjourned public hearings on a gas station building in Selkirk and garages in Glenmont due to insufficient information Wednesday.

The board did hold a public hearing for a proposed nursery school and day care center at 405A School House Rd., North Bethlehem, but took no action on the application.

In one of the adjourned hearings, Patricia McMullen presented a proposal to relocate a 36-foot by 55-foot building at the corner of Beaver Dam Rd. and Rt. 144 in Selkirk.

The board had previously granted a variance to locate the building on the site of an existing gas station. However, the McMullens recently purchased a piece of land adjacent to the original property and would like to modify the original variance to relocate the new building on the new land and save the gas station building for storing plows.

The application submitted by the McMullens did not indicate that the gas station was to be saved from demolition and the board decided they could not act on the application for that reason.

In the second adjourned meeting, Vincent Riemma requested a variance to build several above-ground garages for homes on Tice Ln. and Paterson Dr. in Glenmont. Originally, Riemma had received permission from the town to build under-building garages for those homes.

The board adjourned the public hearing due to insufficient maps showing exactly where the buildings would be.

Specifically, Riemma requested to build four car garages on lots 6, 13 and 15 on Tice Ln. and 30 Paterson Dr. and change the under-building garages.

He also requested to build a two-car under-building garage and a two-car above-ground garage at 7 Paterson Dr.

Riemma told the board he changed the garage plans because

he intended to attract "nicer people with nicer cars" as buyers. He also said some of the homes were situated on steep hills where it was impossible to put a driveway leading to the garage.

In a third public hearing, the board heard a request for a variance by Joseph A. Tannatta to convert an apartment building in North Bethlehem back to a nursery school and day care center.

The 5,000-square-foot building was originally used as the Happy Days nursery school when it was constructed in 1960. It closed in 1969 and was purchased by Tannatta in 1970 and reopened as the Kinder Lane Nursery School and Day Care Center until 1981, when it was forced to close due to high operating costs.

Gas station robbed

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of cash from the Hess Gas Station on Rt. 9W during the overnight hours Sept. 2. The theft of \$200 was reported to police last Tuesday, police said. The money was taken from the station's front office, police said.

Car phone damaged

Bethlehem police are investigating the destruction of a cellular car telephone during the overnight hours last Tuesday, while the truck it was in was parked on Tamarach Dr. Police said an unknown person entered the truck through an unlocked door and smashed the telephone causing \$700 worth of damage.

According to Anthony Carnivale, who addressed the board in regard to the proposed project, the facility will house 45 to 50 children at a time. There will be separate sessions with a total of 75 students enrolled. Cost will be \$85 a month compared to \$22 a month that was previously charged. There will not be any bus service for the children as was done before 1981. Parents will drop off and pick up the children.

The board was interested in knowing how much space would be adequate for the parking lot. Tony Califano, the owner of Tender Care Child Care Center in Gunderland, told the board that parking room for drop-off and pick-up of children would be needed for no more than 12 to 15 cars at a time.

Tri-Village Squares sponsor dance

The Tri-Village Squares of Delmar will hold their first dance on Saturday, Sept. 17, at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

All mainstream couples are invited. For information call 438-1227.

Group plans dinner

The Onesquethaw chapter 818, Order of the Eastern Star, will open the fall season with a covered dish dinner on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple in Delmar. A meeting will follow at 8 p.m. Fred Hill, past potentate of the Cyprus Shrine, will speak.

Police exam

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Police Department when he took a civil service test last year.

Corsi had 23 months with the Bethlehem Police Department when he took the civil service exam last June, although 36 months were needed.

Reed-Kerr sued Bethlehem in April to appoint a police sergeant off the civil service list that was issued last fall after the Albany County Civil Service Commission decided in February to decertify Corsi as sergeant.

Corsi placed third on the sergeants' exam last June, Officer Marvin Koonz second, and Reed-Kerr first. According to civil service regulations, those making the top three scores are to be considered for promotion. The three officers were interviewed by a promotion board that recommended Corsi be promoted to sergeant by the town board.

Reed-Kerr's lawsuit was dismissed by Judge F. Warren Travers until a second lawsuit brought by Corsi, seeking to block his decertification, is decided by Judge William McDermott. That hearing was held in May, and as of Monday, no decision had been rendered yet, leaving Reed-Kerr's lawsuit still on hold.

Roche also questioned why a second judge heard Corsi's lawsuit.

Bethlehem Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz said he would have anticipated a decision by now on Corsi's lawsuit. Decisions are usually due 60 days after hearings are held, he said, but that is often not followed.

Lawsuits do move slowly through the Supreme Court, said Jeffrey Honeywell, Corsi's attorney, but because Corsi's action was a show cause order, it should move quicker. Corsi is continuing as a sergeant after filing his lawsuit, which barred the town board from taking any action against his position.

Corsi's lawsuit against the Town of Bethlehem and the Albany County Civil Service Commission contends that four years in the Albany County Sheriff's Department should be counted towards his time served with the Bethlehem Police Department.

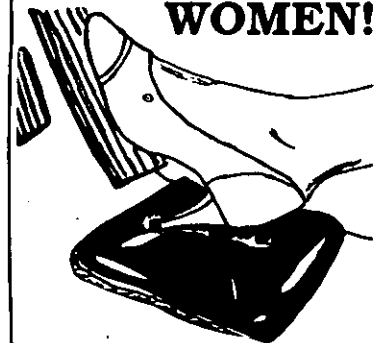
While waiting for Corsi's lawsuit to be decided, another civil service test for a sergeants promotion has been given by the Town of Bethlehem — with the time required on the force changed to 24 months. Roche said he found that "rather amusing" because the town apparently didn't like what it had when Corsi was decertified.

It will be interesting to see what the town does with its second list, Roche said. The first list will be good for 18 months after it was certified in September 1987, or March 1989, or until it is exhausted.

The marks from the second list may be published later this month, and Roche said he believes the town may try to make a sergeant's appointment off the second list.

Kaplowitz said the second civil service may be available late October or early November.

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□ RCS board approves AIDS policy

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learn and work without being subjected to significant health risks," the policy states.

"Accordingly, it is the policy... that no student shall be denied the opportunity to attend school or continue his or her education, nor shall any district employee be prevented from continuing his or her employment, solely on the basis of such diagnosis."

The policy will cover those with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) under the Center for Disease Control definition; anyone diagnosed by their physician as having an illness due to HIV infection; and those who have "virologic or serologic evidence of infection with HIV."

The AIDS policy as it was submitted to the board was a version of a policy drafted by the state School Boards Association, which was changed "to reflect the needs of the community," said Joe Posillico, district health coordinator.

All medical information and recommendations will be kept confidential under the policy. The number of school personnel who

know of the individual's condition will "be kept to the minimum needed to assure proper care, evaluation and attention to such individual's situation."

A procedure for handling a person with AIDS or HIV infection was also established by the board. The procedure, once a person has been diagnosed and the district is notified, will be:

- Referral of the case by the superintendent of schools to the school physician, which will commence a medical review of the person's physical condition and an assessment of the degree of risk to the infected individual and the degree of risk of transmission of the disease.

- To convene the AIDS Assessment Review Team (AART), which will be comprised of the school physician, "a public health official with expertise in AIDS or a physician with experience in treating AIDS patients," the individual's personal physician, the school nurse and a designated member of the district administrative staff.

- Review by the AART of all the medical information on a case-by-case basis.

- Determination of the appropriateness of the current mode of instruction and classroom setting for the infected student, or job assignment and responsibilities for district employees.

Guidelines were established for information the AART considers when making its determination, including the physical condition of the individual, the expected type of interaction with others and the risks and benefits for both the infected individual and others in the school.

If the AART determines the student's current instruction setting is not appropriate, "an alternative educational program shall be provided."

For a district employee found by the AART to be "unable to fulfill his or her usual job duties and responsibilities", the policy calls for the district to "make a reasonable accommodation... to enable the employee to continue in the district's employ."

Additionally, the infected individual will be notified by the school nurse if any contagious or communicable disease, such as chicken pox, is present in the building where they are working or learning.

In related matters, the board was informed by school nurse Rose Nunziato that in-service sessions on clean-up procedures for blood or any bodily fluids were held for many of the district employees. She also told the board packets containing rubber gloves would be in every room and bus "by the end of the week."

The board also received an update on the district's proposed AIDS curriculum, which has not yet been submitted to the board for approval. Health coordinator Joe Posillico told the board the community committee set up to make AIDS curriculum recommendations has reviewed the curriculum proposed by the state Education Department and has "changed some wording." He said the curriculum was not yet in "presentable form" but that "we stand in a good position to begin (teaching)."

The board gave Posillico the responsibility of approving AIDS teaching materials used by the district.

In other business, the board scheduled its first open meeting for Oct. 24 and set the date of its annual meeting and budget vote for May 16 and 17.

Water main flushing slated for Thursday

The Bethlehem Department of Public Works will be flushing a water main in the vicinity of the Kenholm development Thursday morning, according to Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor.

Residents of Kenwood Ave., Oakwood Ave. and Dunbarton Dr. may experience a temporary discoloring of their water during the flushing operation. The flushing process is scheduled to remove sediment and rust in the water main.

Firemen plan garage sale

The Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Squad's 5th garage sale and bake sale has been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 17, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Glenmont Firehouse, located next to the Town Squire Shopping Plaza.

Collectibles, books, glassware and clothing will be available. A free blood pressure clinic will be held, and a National Guard Ambulance will be displayed. More items are welcome.

For information call 767-2791.

Town offers water aerobics class

A new program, titled "Water Works," is being offered by the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept. "Water Works" is a complete high level aerobic workout in the water.

Classes meet on Mondays from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Central Middle School pool, beginning on Monday, Sept. 26. The cost of the program is \$14.

To register call 439-4131, or visit the Parks and Recreation Department at the Elm Ave. Park in Delmar.

Assertiveness training offered

The Community Health Plan, 250 Delaware Ave., Delmar, will offer a six-week assertiveness training course, beginning the evening of Monday, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m.

The registration fee is \$25 for members and \$37 for non-members. To register call 783-3110.

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Elks' events calendar full

The Bethlehem Elks are gearing up for autumn. On Saturday, Sept. 17, the Elks will host a "Country Western Night," featuring music by Jerry Madore and the Jerry Madore Show. The festivities will run from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tom's Chuck Wagon will be open from 8 p.m. on for dining. Dancing will begin at 9 p.m. For \$13 reservations, call Ken Parker at 731-2916 or visit the lodge.

On the following morning, Sunday, Sept. 18, the season's first Elks breakfast buffet will be open from 9 a.m. until noon. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3.75 for senior citizens, and \$2.50 for children 12 or younger.

Church organizes festival

The 11th fall festival will be held at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Saturday, Sept. 24, beginning at 10 a.m. The event will include a flea market and craft fair, a harvest booth, fresh baked goods and candy, as well as a butterfly booth with hand-painted wooden butterflies. In addition to two silent auctions ending at 1 and 7 p.m., a live action with auctioneer Lou Dushek will begin at 1 p.m.

The festival will wind up with a

chicken barbecue and beef spare rib roast dinner. For reservations or take-out orders call 767-2764 no later than Sept. 21. All are welcome.

School board meetings open

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education will hold a meeting on Monday, Sept. 19, at 8 p.m. at the board building, 26 Thatcher Street, Selkirk. Members of the community are invited to attend.

Constitution celebrated

Sept. 17 through 23 will mark Constitution Week in honor of the 201st anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States. A Constitution exhibit, which was assembled by the Hannakrois Daughters of the American Revolution, will be displayed at the Ravena Library and the Bethlehem Historical Association Museum.

After-school care offered

ASAP Inc., an after-school child care program, will continue to accept students at the A.W. Becker Elementary School site until all positions are filled. The program offers an enriching environment from school dismissal time until 5:30 p.m. during the school year. The fee is \$25 per

week per child. For information call 756-3933 or 767-3459.

Evening classes offered

Many courses are being offered by RCS through the continuing education program, which begins on Monday, Sept. 19. In-person registration will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at RCS Junior High School. Mail-in application forms are available at the board of education offices in Selkirk. Registration fees range from \$15 to \$25 per class. One-day trips to Boston and New York City are being offered through the program.

Substitute teachers sought

This year, as in the past, the RCS School District is seeking substitute teachers and teacher aides. For information, call the superintendent of schools at 756-2155.

New phone system installed

The new telephone numbers for the district schools are: A.W. Becker Elementary School, 767-2511; Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School, 756-8190; Ravena Elementary School, 756-9157, and RCS Junior and Senior High Schools, 756-2155.

Toll roads remembered

The Bethlehem Historical Association will take a look back at the toll roads and turnpikes of yesteryear on Thursday, Sept. 15, beginning at 8 p.m., at the School House Museum, Route 144 and Clapper Road, Selkirk.

The recent acquisition of the 1851 Bethlehem Center Tollgate Carriage House, moved from



Creating a sense of home, these four-year-olds enjoy playing house during their first day at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Creative Play Pre-School. They are Billy Orsi, Adrienne Davis, center, and Stephanie McLaren.

Cheryl Clary

Glenmont during the summer, has piqued area interest. Association members Lois Dillon and Allison Bennett will present a program on the origin and

development of plank roads and toll gates, and show slides of the moving of the carriage house. All are welcome.

Blood pressure clinic slated at town hall

There will be a free blood pressure clinic at the Bethlehem Town Hall on Tuesday, September 20, according to Caroline Wirth of the Bethlehem Senior Services office.

Hours will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 7 to 8 p.m. No appointment is necessary and the service is open to all residents of Bethlehem regardless of age.

The clinic is the first in a series of blood pressure clinics, which will be offered every third Tuesday of the month.

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WEIGHT REDUCTION CLASS, ten week course, Community Health Plan, 250 Delaware Ave., Delmar, \$50, Registration, 783-3110.

FARMER'S MARKET, Delmar United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., 3-6 p.m.

RED MEN, second Wednesday, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

SECOND MILLER'S LUNCHEON MEETING, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, noon. Information, 439-6003.

DELMAR FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS, meetings second Wednesdays, Delmar Firehouse, Adams Pl., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM ELKS AUXILIARY, meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, second Wednesday of month.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

TESTIMONY MEETING, First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

SECOND MILLER'S LUNCHEON MEETING, "Your Personal Security," First United Methodist Church, Delmar, noon. Information, 439-6003.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, Gansevoort chapter meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1 p.m. Information, 456-4580.

FARMER'S MARKET, Delmar United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., 3-6 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

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, Lois Crouse at 765-2109.

ALBANY

BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY, Capital District Chapter meeting, Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., 7:47 p.m. Information, 785-3192.

INFORMATION SESSION, for persons who wish to know whether they have unclaimed assets that have been turned over to the state, State Plaza, Concourse, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 473-0824.

TRAINING SESSIONS, lasting six weeks, for volunteers interested in staffing the 24 hour rape crisis hotline, Albany County Office Building, 112 State St. Information, 447-7100.

INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR, featuring foods, crafts, entertainment, and culture from all corners of globe, Empire State Plaza, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 474-5986

HANDYMAN WORKSHOP, on screen and window repair, Albany County Cooperative Extension's Office, 230 Green St., 7-9 p.m. Registration, 463-4267.

OPEN HOUSE, for educators who would like to know more about educational programs offered by the Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., 3:30-5:30 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, Mohawk chapter, tour of Schuyler Mansion, Catherine St., 2 p.m. Reservations 482-4838.

SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE, by the CDPC Mental Health Players, Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 447-9611.

MEETING, Capital District Association of the Alzheimer's Association, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hackett Blvd. and Samaritan Rd., 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

KICKOFF MEETING, Schenectady photographic Society, First United Methodist Church, Lafayette and State Sts., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-1674.

FORUM, "The Explosion of the Automatic Bank into Retailing," offered by students in MBA program at Sage College, Russell Sage Campus, Troy, 3:30 p.m. Information, 445-1763.

GUILDERLAND BALLET AUDITIONS, Mill Hill Studio, 5885 State Farm Rd., Guilderland, 7-9 p.m. Information, 456-1155.

AMERICAN LEGION LUNCHEONS, for members, guests and applicants for membership, Post Rooms, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Thursday, noon.

FOOD STAMP TRAINING AID, third Thursday of odd-numbered months, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 9:15 a.m.-noon. Appointments required, 439-4955.

"PLANK ROADS AND TOLL GATES," program, Bethlehem Historical Association Museum, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 8 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

SPIRIT MEETING, Clayton A. Bouton Jr. Senior High School, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2451.

NEW SCOTLAND KWANIS CLUB, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

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MEETING, Concerned Friends of Hope House, support group for families of substance abusers, Child's Nursing Home, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

BLOODMOBILE, state University at Albany, Campus Center Ballroom, 1400 Washington Ave., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

LECTURE, "Dependencies of an Independent Woman," presented by Sister Lynn Levo, Brady Building, 40 N. Main Ave., \$3, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-4431.

AUDITIONS, for 88-89 season of the Empire State Jazz Ensemble, College of St. Rose, 6-8 p.m. Appointments, 454-5195.

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BETHLEHEM

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.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP, sponsored by Project Hope and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, meets Thursdays, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 767-2445.

SILVER BULLETS SQUARE DANCE CLUB, mainstream class, 7 p.m., workshop, 9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Delmar, Information, 439-3689.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, Thursdays, Bible study, 10 a.m., creator's crusaders, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

BOWLING, sponsored by Bethlehem Support Group for Parents of Handicapped Students, Del Lanes, Elsmere, 4-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-7880.

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BETHLEHEM

SILVER BULLETS SQUARE DANCE CLUB, free dance, Bethlehem Town Hall Auditorium, Delmar, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-3689.

FARMERS' MARKET, Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-noon.

"FRIENDS ARE FUN," for preschool children, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

RECOVERY, INC., self-help for those with chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Weekly at 12:30 p.m.

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

"Nonsense," Cohoes Music Hall, through September. Tickets, 235-7969.

"Anything Goes," Mac-Hadyn Theatre, Chatham, through Sept. 18. Tickets, 392-9292.

"The Belle of Amherst," based on life of Emily Dickenson, Arts Center, Academy of Holy Names, New Scotland Ave., Albany, Sept. 17, 8 p.m.

"The Sunshine Boys," presented by Park Avenue Productions, Mario's Theatre Restaurant, Troy, Sept. 21, dinner served at 6:30 p.m., play at 8 p.m. Reservations, 664-2306.

MUSIC

"Noche Antillana," Cuban and Puerto Rican classical, popular, and contemporary music, State Museum, Sept. 17, 2 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

Carilloneur Richard Strauss, Albany City Hall, Monday through Friday, 12:10-12:30 p.m.

Instrumental Music, performed by Carla Sciaky, Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, Sept. 16, information, 583-0022.

Concert, performance by Rick Danko, accompanied by Sredni Volmer, Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, Sept. 17, 7 and 10 p.m. Information, 583-0022.

Recital, Duncan Patton and Richard Albagli, percussion music, State University Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, Sept. 17, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

John Cook, classical guitarist, with pianist James Smith, State performing Arts Center, Albany, Sept. 21, noon and 5 p.m. Information, 443-5239.

FOLK

Concert, performance by Garnet Rogers, St. Mark's Community Center, Rt. 146, Guilderland, Sept. 19, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

ART

"The World is Round," contemporary panoramas, Albany, through Sept. 18. Information, 463-4478.

Exhibit, "A New Spring to the City: Albany Medical College 1839-1988," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through April 2, Information, 463-4478.

"Time Past, Time Yet to Come," color prints of Adirondacks by Nathan Farb, State Museum, Albany, through Oct. 23. Information, 474-5877.

Adirondack Exhibit, works by artist Beth Rowe, Albany Academy Gallery, Academy Rd., Albany, Information, 465-1461.

"Still Lives and Landscapes," oil paintings by former U.S. Army Sgt. Clarence King, New York State Vietnam Memorial Gallery, Albany, Sept. 14.

"Recent Works," mixed media on canvas by Virginia Huerfeld, Things of Beauty Art Gallery, 247 Lark St., Albany, through Sept. 17, Information, 449-1233.

"Curious Arts: 19th Century English Ornamentation," Museum of the Historical Society of the Early American Decoration, 19 Dove St., Albany, through October. Information, 462-1676.

Ethel Schwabacher, "A Retrospective Exhibition," University Art Gallery, State University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, through Oct 16. Information, 442-4035.

"Living Gods, Hindu Faces," photographs by Christopher Sholes, University Art Gallery, State University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, through Oct. 16. Information, 442-4035.

"Microscapes: The Hidden Art of High Technology," photography exhibit, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Greene Bldg. gallery, Sept. 19-30, Information, 276-6098.

"O Darkly Bright," the Labrador Journeys of William Brooks Cabot, 1899-1910, photographic exhibit, Folsom Library, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, through Oct. 23, Information, 276-6097.

FILM

"Persona," Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, Sept. 20, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

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NEW SCOTLAND

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. information, 765-4410.

ALBANY

CHEMENON, self-help group for adolescents using drugs and/or alcohol, 1500 Western Ave., Albany, 7-8 p.m. information, 869-1172.

INFORMATION SESSIONS, on the Empire State College's independent study programs, Capital District Regional Center, 155 Washington Ave., noon.

BLOODMOBILE, Empire State Plaza Blood Center, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. information, 462-7461.

SAT SEPT 17

BETHLEHEM

GARAGE SALE AND BAKE SALE, sponsored by Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance, Glenmont Firehouse, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. information, 767-2791.

TRI-VILLAGE SQUARES, dance first and third Saturdays, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

CHABAD CENTER, services followed by kiddush, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. information, 439-8280.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

REPORT WRITING WORKSHOP, for business and professional people, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 10 a.m.-noon, information, 439-9314.

TRI-VILLAGE SQUARES, square dancing, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8-10:30 p.m. information, 438-1227.

GARAGE SALE, sponsored by the Woman's Guild, Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush. information, 439-0548.

NEW SCOTLAND

VOORHEESVILLE PTSA ECOLOGY DAY, Voorheesville Elementary School, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. information, 765-2451.

CHICKEN BARBECUE, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, \$6, 4-7 p.m. tickets at door.

QUARTER-A-SPOON DINNER, sponsored by Unit 4 of Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Co., Clarksville Firehouse, Clarksville, 4:30-7 p.m.

ALBANY

FARM FEST, featuring exhibits of farm animals, sheep shearing, and more, Washington Park, along Willet St. and near Lancaster St. information, 765-2331.

WORKSHOP, "Faith and Storytelling," presented by the Office of Christian Education of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany, Cathedral of All Saints, South Swan St., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Reservations, 436-1182.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE, presented by Leonard Hospital's Automotive Safety Program, Columbia High School, East Greenbush, 8:45 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Registration, 233-0797.

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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 NEWSCOTLAND, 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. when agenda warrants, 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.

NEWSCOTLAND LANDFILL, open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays only. Resident permit required, permits available at town hall.

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.

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

FEURA BUSH FUNSTERS, 4-H group for youths between eight and 19 years, meet every Thursday, Jerusalem Church, Feura Bush, 7-8 p.m.

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LORD'S ACRE AUCTION, FAIR AND BARBECUE, Trinity United Methodist Church, Rt. 143, Coeymans Hollow, 10 a.m. information, 767-3073.

BIRD WALK, hosted by Saratoga Spa State Park, to see migrating birds, begins at the Park Office/Visitors Center, 8 a.m. information, 584-2535.

OLD SONGS COUNTRY DANCE, Guilderland Elementary School, Rt. 20, Guilderland, 8-11:30 p.m. information, 765-2815.

GUILDERLAND BALLET AUDITIONS, Mill Hill Studio, 5885 State Farm Rd., Guilderland, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., information, 456-1155.

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, worship, church school and nursery care, 10:30 a.m.; coffee hour, 11:30 a.m. Family Communion Service first Sundays. For information on youth fellowship, 439-9252.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; followed by coffee hour; Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem. information, 767-9953.

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH, church school and worship, nursery provided during worship, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. information, 439-9929.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DELMAR, worship, 9:30 a.m., church school, 9:45, youth and adult classes, 11 a.m., nursery care, 9 a.m.-noon. information, 439-9976.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. information, 439-7864.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH, morning worship service, 9:30 a.m., baby care provided, evening fellowship, 6:30 p.m. information, 439-3135.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, Bible Study and Sunday School Classes, 9:15 a.m., Family Worship, 10:30 a.m. information, 439-4328.

SUN SEPT 18

BETHLEHEM

CHOIR REHEARSALS, for Cherub and Junior Choirs, Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, following church service. information, 439-1766.



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Monday's - Residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands and Bethlehem go to Delaware Plaza from 9:30-11:30.
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GLENMONT REFORMED CHURCH, worship, 11 a.m., nursery care provided. Information, 436-7710.

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, worship service, youth forum, 10 a.m., Fellowship hour and adult education programs, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands. Information, 439-1766.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Eucharist with breakfast, 8 a.m., family service, 10 a.m., with Sunday school and nursery, coffee hour following service, Popular and Esmere Aves., Delmar. Information, 439-3265.

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, Sunday school and worship, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Rd., Delmar. Information, 438-7740.

ALBANY

FILM, of Julian Bream performing music of Spain, presented by the Capital District Classical Guitar Society, Room 304, Science Building, College of St. Rose, 432 Western Ave., 4 p.m. Information, 272-1734.

"NUTCRACKER" AUDITIONS, for the Berkshire Ballet, Berkshire Ballet studio, Fuller Rd. 1-5:30 p.m. Information, 445-5382.

PETER ABBOT TOURING MIME CIRCUS, featuring fire-eating, acrobatics, mime, juggling, clowns, musical performances and more, State Museum, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

CRAILO NEIGHBORHOOD FESTIVAL, featuring helicopter exhibit, craft booths and more, alongside Riverside Ave., Rensselaer, noon-6 p.m. Information, 463-8738.

BIRD WALK, hosted by Saratoga Spa State Park, to see migrating birds, begins at the Park Office/Visitors Center, 4 p.m. Information, 584-2535.

ANTIQUÉ RADIO CLUB OF SCHENECTADY, monthly meeting, Schenectady Museum, 2 p.m. Information, 459-7407.

FALL STORY HOUR REGISTRATION, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 3185 LADIES AUXILIARY, meets on third Monday of each month, VFW Post 3185, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

DELMAR KIWANIS, meet Mondays at the Sidewheeler 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.

TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM, first and third Mondays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

ASSERTIVENESS TRAINING COURSE, offered by the Community Health Plan, six weeks, CHP, 250 Delaware Ave., Delmar, \$37, 7-8:30 p.m. Registration, 783-3110.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA, rehearsal Mondays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

ALATEEN MEETING, Mondays, support group for young people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

BETHEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

NEW SCOTLAND

A.C. SPARKPLUGS DANCE, modern western square dancing, mainstream level with caller Al Cappetti, American Legion Hall, Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville, 8 p.m. Information, 765-4122.

PARENTS MEETING, Community Nursery School of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, church social hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2451.

QUARTET REHEARSAL, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

ALBANY

CAPITAL REGION CHILD CARE COALITION MEETING, Council of Community Services, 901-A Madison Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 474-4947.

NEW SCOTLAND

STEAK ROAST, sponsored by the Republican Committee of New Scotland, Picars Grove, 1 p.m. lunch, 5:30 p.m. dinner. Reservations, 765-4745.

PUBLIC BREAKFAST, sponsored by the Voorheesville American Legion 1493, Legion Hall, \$3, 8 a.m.-noon. Information, 765-2451.

ONESQUETHAW CHURCH, worship, 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., Sunday School.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, Sunday school and worship, 10 a.m., choir rehearsal, 5 p.m., evening service, 6:45 p.m., Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., coffee hour following service, nursery care provided. Information, 768-2916.

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH, service at 11 a.m., Rt. 85 and Rt. 85 A, New Salem. Information, 439-7112.



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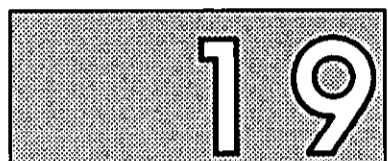
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CONSISTORY MEETING, Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0548.

"WATER WORKS" PROGRAM, sponsored by Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department, Bethlehem Middle School Pool, Delmar, \$14, 6-7 p.m. Registration, 439-4131.

TRI-VILLAGE SQUARES, dancing for couples, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30-10 p.m. Information, 439-0490.

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HANNY MEETING, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut St., 9-4 p.m. Information, 434-7371.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

INFORMATION SESSION, for those who would like to know more about the IRS Electronic Filing System, Days Inn, 575 Broadway, Menands, 1:30-4 p.m. Information, 472-3636.

FREEDOM FROM SMOKING PROGRAM, 7 session program, sponsored by the America Lung Association, Lung Association office, Colonie, \$45 fee, 7-9 p.m. Registration, 459-4197.

MON SEPT 20

BETHLEHEM

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS, chapter meeting, First United Methodist Church, 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-2581.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP MEETING, every third Tuesday, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

BEGINNING GENEALOGY, with Diane Snyder Prak, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

BOOK DISCUSSION, of Joseph Heller's "No Laughing Matter," Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

DELMAR ROTARY, meets Tuesdays at Albany Motor Inn Sidewheeler Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 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 required, 439-2160.

LEGION AUXILIARY, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Tuesday, 8 p.m.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS GROUP MEETING, of Albany and Rensselaer Counties, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 452-1631.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, free testing, third Tuesdays through April, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

NEW SCOTLAND

NEWSCOTLAND DEMOCRATIC SOCIAL CLUB, all welcome, meets third Tuesdays at Meads Corners, Rt. 32, 8 p.m.

ALBANY

FARMERS' MARKET, St. Vincent DePaul's Church, 900 Madison Ave., Albany, 11-3 p.m.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS, self help group for parents whose children have died, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut St., 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-7316.

MEETING, Capital District Chapter of the Father's Rights Association, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 674-3253.

MEMBERSHIP PARTY, New York State and Capital District Chapter of American Women in Radio and Television, Albany Marriott, Wolf Rd., 5:30-8 p.m. Information, 235-6302.

PERFORMANCE, Laura Reinhardt in "The Belle of Amherst," sponsored by the Village Stage Inc., Campus Arts Center, Holy Names Academy, New Scotland Rd., 8 p.m.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

OLD SONGS COUNTRY DANCE, participatory dancing, Westmere Elementary School, Rt. 20 and Johnson Rd., Guilderland, 7-10 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

WED SEPT 21

BETHLEHEM

COVERED DISH DINNER, sponsored by the Glenmont Homemakers, Selkirk Firehouse, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-3080.

VANDERBILT MANSION TOUR, sponsored by the Garden Group, includes lunch, leaves the municipal parking lot at the four corners, 8 a.m. Reservations, 439-3055.

FARMERS' MARKET, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 3-6 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCH, Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush, 1 p.m. Information, 439-0548.

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL, Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-1766.

COVERED DISH SUPPER, Onesquethaw Chapter #818, order of the Eastern Star, Masonic Temple, 7 Delmar, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-3883.

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ALBANY

"SING-IN/SING-ALONG," for prospective male members of the Mendelssohn Club, United Fourth Presbyterian Church, 916 Western Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 482-2142.

MEETING, Women of the Cathedral of All Saints, Pesersen Hall, South Swan St. at Elk, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-1342.

THU SEPT 22

BETHLEHEM

55 ALIVE DRIVING COURSE, for persons 50 and over, sponsored by the Tri-Village Chapter 1598 of the American Association of Retired Persons, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, \$10, 1-5 p.m. Registration, 439-4955.

STREGA NONA'S PASTA DAY, for kindergarten through grade 2, with Mary Lou Cummings, Bethlehem Public Library, Delaware Ave., 4 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

ALBANY

INFORMATION SESSIONS, on the Empire State College's independent study programs, Capital District Regional Center, 155 Washington Ave., noon.


FRI SEPT 23

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FARMERS' MARKET, St. Thomas Church, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-noon.

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Kiwanis barbecue set

Kiwanis sponsor barbecue

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will sponsor a chicken barbecue on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 4 until 7:30 p.m., at the New Scotland Presbyterian Church on New Scotland Rd. Proceeds from the event will benefit community activities sponsored by the organization, including grasshopper baseball and softball, youth soccer, peewee wrestling, summer band, monthly blood pressure clinics, drug education programs and holiday food baskets for the needy.

Tickets may be purchased for \$6 or \$3.75 at the door or from any club member. Take-out orders may be placed by calling 439-6454 during dinner hours.

SPiRiT builds in community

The first community meeting of SPiRiT (Special People Involved Rebuild Interest Together) will be held on Thursday, Sept. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School. All groups and individuals are invited to attend and offer their input into the role of the group and proposed activities and projects.

For information about the community/school coalition call Derris Tidd at 765-4277.

Legion serves breakfast

Voorheesville American Legion Post 1493 will sponsor a breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 18, from 8 a.m. until noon, at the American Legion Hall on Voorheesville Ave. Admission will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.

Proceeds from the gathering will be used to support the group's community youth activities, including baseball and Boy Scouting, as well as veterans' activities. All are welcome.

Voorheesville News Notes

Lyn Stapf 765-2451



PTSA focuses on ecology

The Voorheesville PTSA will sponsor its first Ecology Day on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., at Voorheesville Elementary School. The event will feature recycling programs, demonstrations and displays. All are welcome.

Anyone interested in presenting an exhibit may call Aileen Lukoski at 765-2406 or Cecile Gleason at 439-8339.

The program is funded from the proceeds of last year's Applefest.

The Voorheesville PTSA is continuing to sell book covers and folders bearing the Voorheesville logo. Both are available at the high school and grade school or by calling Dorothy Patashnick at 765-2458.

Nursery school meeting set

The Community Nursery School of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville will hold an information meeting on Monday, Sept. 19, at 7:30 p.m. Members of the staff and executive board will be on hand to answer questions about the program for 4-year-old children. All parents are invited.

Registration open

Final registration sessions for the religious education program at St. Matthew's Church will be held after Masses on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17 and 18. Late registrants must speak with Father Toole. For information call Lyn Stapf at 765-2451 or Mary McKenna at 765-4826.

Babysitting considered

The Voorheesville Public Library is sponsoring a babysitting course on Mondays, Sept. 19, Sept. 26 and Oct. 3, from 3:30 until 4:30 p.m. "Sitting Safely" will be presented by Officer Russ Carson of the Guilderland Police Department. Students 11 years or older may register by visiting the library or calling 765-2791.

"Fathers and Sons: Growing Together" and "Mothers and Daughters: Growing Together," two programs scheduled for the last week of September at the library, have been rescheduled to Oct. 4 and 5 because of conflicts with the elementary school open house. For information call 765-2791.

Continuing education to begin

Mail-in registration slips are still being accepted for the Voorheesville Central School District's continuing education program. Many of the classes begin next week. Registration forms may be sent to James Hladun, Director of Continuing Schools, Voorheesville, N.Y. 12186.

For information call 765-3314.

Republicans plan steak roast

The New Scotland Republican Committee will hold its steak roast on Sunday, Sept. 18, at Picards Grove. The clam bar will open at 1 p.m. Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. Reservations are \$27.50 for adults and \$13.75 for children. Call 765-4745 for reservations.

Homemakers to gather for dinner

Members of the Glenmont Homemakers will gather for a covered dish dinner and bingo at the Selkirk Firehouse on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 6:30 p.m. For information call 439-3080.



Getting the 'SPiRiT'

"The Bird", the new Voorheesville mascot, greets children at the SPiRiT rally Friday evening at the high school.
Lyn Stapf

Defensive driving program offered

Registration is now open for September classes of the 55 Alive driving course, sponsored by the Tri-Village chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons.

The course will be held on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 22 and 23, from 1 to 5 p.m., at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The course is open to any person 50 years or older. Individuals who complete the course will be entitled to a 10

percent discount on their automobile liability and collision insurance.

To register for \$10 call 439-4955.

AARP plans meeting

The Bethlehem Tri-Village chapter 1598 of the American Association of Retired Persons will hold a meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar. A program on "Protection Against Crime Involving Seniors" will be presented.

For information call 439-1887.

Crash injures two

Richard Oathout, 26, of Waterliet and the passenger in his car, Michael Rafferty, were treated a release from Albany Medical Center Hospital after a one-car crash Saturday at the intersection of Krumkill Rd. and Schoolhouse Rd.

Police said Oathout told them he became confused over which direction he wanted to travel at the intersection and struck an earthen embankment. Oathout was charged with driving while intoxicated and ticketed for failure to keep right, police said.

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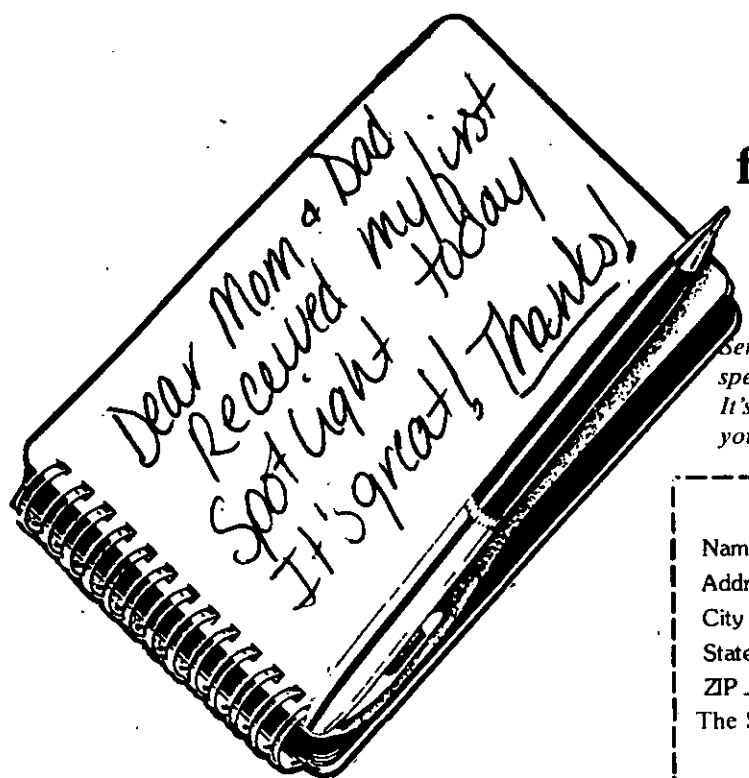
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□ After school program begins at RCS

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and an enriching atmosphere guaranteed to be there at the end of every school day?

Fortunately, parents of school children living in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District may now turn to the After School Activities Program Inc. (ASAP), a non-profit program operating at A.W. Becker and Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary Schools. Through the ASAP program, care

is provided for children in kindergarten through grade five from dismissal time until 5:30 p.m., when most parents are back from day jobs.

ASAP staff members take over caring for the children when they are dismissed by their classroom teachers. After attendance is taken, the children have an opportunity to choose from many activities, including outdoor games, indoor board games, homework

and coloring. At about 4:15 p.m. a snack of crackers, fruit and apple juice is served.

This month the children have an opportunity to draw pictures of the things they are most grateful for. The pictures will be sent to the United Nations for display during World Gratitude Day on Sept. 21.

As the time for parents to begin arriving approaches, activities wind down. Children may mold

play dough, do homework, or talk with friends and staff members.

All ASAP staff members are experienced child care providers. In addition to serving as an ASAP teacher at the Becker site, Renata Lefleur works as a teacher aide for the school district. Liz Shanholtz, another ASAP staff member, is completing her degree in elementary education.

The program operates with one teacher for every 10 children as is required by the state Department of Social Services, but the ratio has been closer to one adult for seven children because the program is not yet completely filled. While the program at Pieter B. Coeymans is near capacity, the Becker site has only 11 children enrolled.

Every elementary school student in the district, regardless of family income level, is welcome to participate in the program. "We can comfortably accommodate 45 children at each site with the space we have and will hire new staffers as needed," says Betty Rivituso, program director.

"Each week we plan to offer a different theme (for the program)," says Rivituso. A visit by Justin Vatalaro, a 9-year-old magician, will be featured at both sites next week. Vatalaro will share a few secrets of his craft with the children. Scheduled later in September is "Self Awareness Week," when Rose Altamari will

instruct the children in aerobics for enjoyment and physical conditioning. An upcoming "Literature Week" will feature a look at Dr. Seuss.

Are the parents happy with the care their children are receiving? "I've only heard positive comments so far," said Rivituso. And are the kids happy with the program? "One little one even cried because she didn't want to leave," she said.

ASAP was organized by a group of district residents who joined to form a board of directors, incorporated as a not-for-profit organization, hired staff members to develop the program, and raised funds to buy supplies and get the program off to a good start. Donations from area businesses have exceeded \$5,000 so far. Several members of the board of directors spent several days during the summer writing a grant proposal to acquire funding from the state Department of Social Services. Their effort may result in a grant of up to \$10,000 for equipment and supplies.

For now, the program relies on fees of \$25 per child per week. Additional children from a family pay \$22.50. The program operates in the afternoon of days when school is open. In the future a program to provide care for children before school hours may be possible.

Parents who think ASAP Inc. might meet their child care needs may call 767-3459 or 756-3933 for information and an application.

□ Kids Club expands

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accommodate their parents' pressing schedules.

The Kids Club's early morning session filled up almost immediately. The ceiling of 20 students was reached within several days.

A bit different than the after-school program, which now accommodates 60 students, the morning session offers quiet activities including table games, working with the new computer, homework assistance and occasional cooking classes. According to Cindy Abelseth, director of the Kid's Club, the cooking club gives the students a chance to learn and enjoy the basics of preparing food while making the 8 a.m. morning snack. The light breakfast insures that children who rushed through an earlier breakfast are sustained until lunch.

An early morning routine of semi-quiet calisthenics will be introduced after the program is underway.

The morning program is off to a good start despite initial problems. When the group learned that the rooms it uses during the afternoon sessions were occupied by the teachers before school, school administrators assisted in establishing alternate sites in the cafeteria and gym.

A second challenge concerned staffing. With one aide injured during the summer and another unable to work in the fall, a void was left. Abelseth is presently advertising for help to serve from 7 until 8:30 a.m. Morning teacher Robin Williams said the present

staff members will be adequate to provide the needed supervision, but additional morning staff members would give the children more options for morning activities.

According to Abelseth, the idea of giving options in the after-school program has made the Kids Club somewhere the kids belong and love being rather than just a place to go.

One Kids Club mother said that after her children had bragged how much fun the after-school program was, a neighbor's child begged her mother to go to work so that she too could belong to the Kids Club.

The after-school program offers a wide variety of activities, including outdoor sports, table games, working on the new computer or Nintendo, or getting a start on homework. A karate teacher is scheduled to start in October. Weekly arts and crafts sessions will also begin in the fall.

Field trips have been a big part of the program as well. The trips have included a trek across the road to sleigh ride on Tork's hill at the invitation of the Tork family, whose grandchild is part of the program, bowling, roller skating and a trip to the Great Escape after dismissal on the last day of school.

Things have indeed changed since the program began in the fall of 1987.

This year, for example, two students who reside in the district and attend a private school outside the district, are enjoying the after-school program.

Ages have changed as well. With the majority of the students in grades one through three, pre-teen students who began as primary grade students are remaining in the program. The older students benefit from the safety of in-school care and the comradery of friends. Abelseth said the Kids Club is a place they have become most comfortable with and are proud to be.

Although they are welcome, no kindergarten children have registered. The district has morning and afternoon sessions switch at mid-year making part-time day care difficult to schedule for working families.

But even without kindergartners, the Kids Club has already reached its maximum for the year.

With the increasing numbers using the service, Basal predicts that the Kids Club may soon run out of room — a problem which the board will have to face in the future and will certainly, as it has in the past, solve with the children in mind.

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Potential water district costs concern board

Unionville proposal facing problems

By Patricia Mitchell

Preliminary estimates for bringing water to Unionville are between \$712 and \$912 per year for each home in the hamlet, the New Scotland Town Board has learned.

Concerned that the cost may put a water district out of reach, the town board decided at their meeting Wednesday to meet with Unionville residents to discuss a district further.

Robert Cook, water resources commission chairman, called the figures for extending the Feura Bush water district into Unionville "very preliminary estimates. These are high figures."

The town may be facing problems with state approval and citizen acceptance of the cost estimates. Cook said the cost per household may result in a problem with receiving approval from the state comptroller, who oversees taxing of special districts. The limit now is about \$400 per year for each home in a district.

However, he said he doesn't know how realistic the comptroller's limits are, especially for an area like New Scotland, or if the town should stop exploring a water district for Unionville just because the state might disapprove it. Cook said the water district may be acceptable to the comptroller if 75 percent of the hamlet's residents are in favor of it.

Cook also said he is aware that there are a significant number of residents that have "reasonably adequate" water, and with the estimated cost, the district may lose a lot of residents who would otherwise support it.

Bringing water in from Feura Bush, with a cost alone of \$125,000 to \$150,000, would be cheaper than developing a ground water source, even if a source could be found, Cook said.

He suggested that the town board meet with Unionville residents to discuss the costs because there are a number of options that residents may support. If not, he said the

district's service area could be reduced.

The costs were outlined in an Aug. 18 letter from town engineering consultants, C.T. Male. A water line running up Unionville-Feura Bush Rd. to Delaware Turnpike, east to the town line and west to Pangburn Rd. is estimated to cost \$643,150. With 30 years to pay the cost, 70 homes would pay about \$816 per year.

Another option to run the water line along the same route but west only to South Rd. is estimated at \$508,750. The 57 homes in the area would be paying \$793 per year.

The line could also be run east along Delaware Turnpike to the town line at a cost of \$441,550, with a charge of \$912 per year for 43 homes.

Another option would be to run the water line along the Niagara Mohawk Power Company's right-of-way to the Delaware Turnpike. C.T. Male estimated this would cost \$560,000, excluding easements. The 64 homes in the area would be charged \$777 per year.

In another Unionville matter, the town board received a petition from 25 residents requesting a zoning change in a portion of the hamlet from Residential-Hamlet to Residential-Agriculture. Charles Faessler of Delaware Turnpike said in a letter that much of Unionville is zoned Residential-Agriculture. He pointed out that Unionville is the only hamlet in the town that does not have a post office, a store or even a gas station.

The town board referred the petition to the planning board for a recommendation.

In other business at Wednesday's town board meeting, Supervisor Herbert Reilly said he would write to the state Department of Transportation with suggestions for improving the underpass on Rt. 85A in the Village of Voorheesville, where a girl was recently struck by a vehicle and seriously injured. Reilly said it is dangerous for pedestrians in the cramped underpass with the sidewalks even with or lower than the road. He suggested that sidewalks be built higher than the road.

Councilman Wyman Osterhout said he suggested higher sidewalks be built about five years ago, but DOT officials questioned where they would put snow during the winter.

Councilman John Sgarlata suggested better lighting, in addition to raising the sidewalk.

In other business, the New Scotland Town Board:

- Learned that a master plan prepared by Hans Klunder Associates in 1971 was never officially adopted, even though the 1981 zoning ordinance is based on some of its work. Cook said he believes the 1961 master plan is therefore still in effect. Klunder testified against the proposed William Larned and Sons gravel mine on the former Tall Timbers Country Club at a public hearing two weeks ago, citing that it is inappropriate with the master plan he prepared.

- Agreed to award the construction contract for the expansion of the community center, now the senior citizens center, before their next meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 5. The bids will be opened on Monday, Oct. 3.

- Received a water supply permit form the state Department of Environmental Conservation for an extension of the Swift Rd. water district, which will serve seven homes developed by Breen-Coyle.

- Received a letter of thanks from the St. Johnsville Highway Department for the town's loan of highway equipment after a Dec. 31 fire gutted their garage.

The board held a special meeting Monday night to set a Friday, Sept. 30, public hearing date on "housekeeping" zoning ordinance changes. The hearing will be at 7:30 p.m. at the town hall.

Correction

Jane Sefel of Elizabeth Dr. appealed to the New Scotland Planning Board during the recent public hearing on the William M. Larned and Sons' gravel mine to help her area get a water district because the board approved the subdivision that contains contaminated wells. She was misidentified in the Sept. 7 edition of *The Spotlight*.

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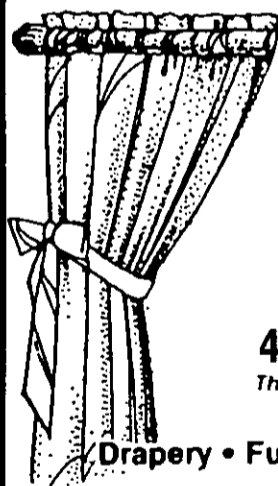
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If the proposed sale of the Fiesta Restaurant to a Ponderosa franchisee becomes final the building will be renovated to look similar to this Clifton Park Ponderosa. *Sal Prividera Jr.*

Ponderosa bares plans for Delaware Ave. site

By Sal Prividera Jr.

The proposed sale of the Fiesta Restaurant on Delaware Ave. to an area Ponderosa franchisee may become final by late October, which could see the restaurant open in February, 1989.

Dan Mitchell of Claimyor Steak, the group hoping to buy the Fiesta from Barbara Alteri, said the deal could be closed "around Oct. 30" pending approval by the parent Ponderosa Co. and town approval of planned changes to the building.

The restaurant would create 75 jobs in Delmar with "80 percent" being new part-time employees, he said.

Mitchell said Ponderosa will decide if the building is big enough to house the operation of the restaurant.

Preschool program openings announced

Three openings at the 1988-89 preschool program for 4-year-old children at St. Thomas School have been announced.

Classes are held from 12:30 to 3 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Tuition is \$420 for the year. Orientation for the program will be held on Friday, Sept. 16, at 12:30 p.m.

For information call Sister Frederick at 439-5573.

Preliminary plans call for the inside of the building to be gutted and some changes to the existing exterior of the building, Mitchell said. The building would be made a "state-of-the-art" Ponderosa, he added. Among the changes would be to give the exterior a stucco look with a backlit canopy, adding windows to the Delaware Ave. side of the building, and picture windows on the side overlooking the Normanskill, he said.

Mitchell said an attorney for the group would be talking to town officials about zoning and building requirements, adding the group was "concerned about zoning and planning." He said the group would do "whatever (the building department) wants."

If all goes according to plan, Mitchell said he "would like to have the restaurant open by Feb. 28 or March 1."

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New manager for directory

Virginia Cornell has been named manager of the Tri-Village Area Directory Association, replacing Howard Gmelch.

Cornell is a chartered life underwriter and chartered financial consultant who recently retired as executive vice president of the insurance division of the Hospital Association of New York State. As executive vice president, she negotiated and managed the insurance programs of over 200 hospitals.

Gmelch, a retired Army colonel and management professional, led the Association through a seven-year period of growth, reorganization and computerization. He will continue to serve as a member of the advisory committee to the Association.

The Tri-Village Directory is in its 57th year of publication and relies exclusively on the dedication of over 400 volunteers who manage, gather information, proof-read and deliver 6,000 directories in the Tri-Village each year. 70 of the workers have served for over 20 years.

The Spotlight serves as the commissioned advertising agent for the Association, which relies primarily on voluntary donations and advertising revenues for financial support.

The Association will begin gathering information later this month for the 1988-89 edition when volunteers go to each household in the Tri-Village area. This year, for the first time, both spouses in a household may list their occupation if they wish. Due to size limitations, the directory can only list those children under 18 who live at home for the entire year.

Traditionally, the directory lists the name, address, occupation and telephone number of most residents. In addition, it also lists churches, community organizations and local professionals, as well as businesses and services.



Bethlehem Town Supervisor Robert Hendrick, left, is introduced to Virginia Cornell, the new manager of the Tri-Village Directory Association, by Howard Gmelch, who is turning over his post to her after serving as manager for seven years.

Mark Stuart

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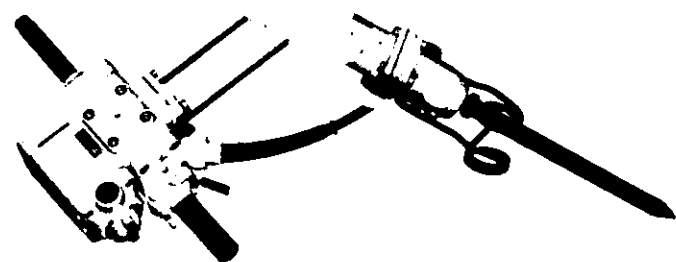
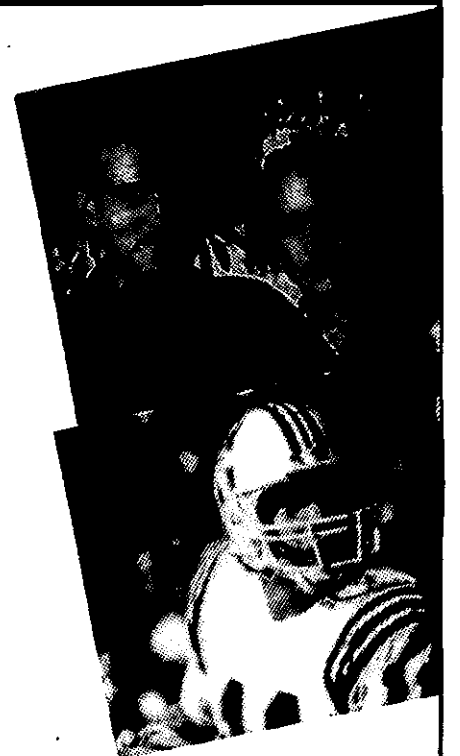
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Kids pay the price for Olympic dreams

By Lyn Stapf

While most of the world looked towards the Olympics in Seoul, our family set its sites on the Junior Olympics held this summer in Gainesville, Fla. Although the two athletic contests were continents apart, what we found was a prelude to the talent that will be displayed this week in the world wide games.

We went full of hope, thinking we would find other talented amateur runners like our son. We came away with an impressive view of well-trained American athletes who undoubtedly will be the Olympic champions of the next decade, but who as adolescents have already paid the price for their dream of Olympic gold.

Our son Bob has been running for the past four years. Beginning

York and New England to take the gold in the regional competition during July at the State University at Albany.

With Bob now qualified for the national contest in Florida, we decided in the tradition of many baby boomers that "we owed it" to our son to allow him to "prove himself." Besides, we were, according to our children, "the last people in the world to go to Disney World." So with only two weeks until the competition, we decided to combine Bob's "big chance" and our long overdue vacation. We made plans to go to Florida.

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number he would wear in the race and a red plastic wrist band like those worn by patients in the hospital.

"Put this on immediately and wear it at all times," she ordered in a thick drawl as she waved the red bracelet at Bob. "Eat with it on! Sleep with it on! Wash with it on! Don't take it off! It's your only passport into your event. No other form of identification will get you in. Lose it and you're out of the running."

So convincing was her command that a week later we found a young runner at Disney World who still had the red band firmly attached to her wrist.

We returned the next morning for the semifinals. Taking to heart the business-like manner of the previous day, we arrived almost an hour earlier than the



High-jumper Darren Ascone, left, and 100-meter hurdler Bob Stapf competed at the 1988 Junior Olympic youth boys' track and field competition this summer. *Lyn Stapf*

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as a sprinter in fifth grade and graduating to the hurdles in junior high, Bob is a tall, lean and dedicated athlete. He has an outstanding record in his event proven by the medals, trophies, plaques and ribbons that adorn his room.

We were not surprised when for the second time in two years he grabbed the top spot in the Adirondack TAC Junior Olympic sectionals held at Albany Academy during June. Having skipped the trek to Maine last year for the regionals, we were indeed amazed this year when Bob also passed hurdlers representing all of New

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mandatory report time set at 45 minutes before Bob's event. Not wanting to be late and perhaps penalized, Bob quickly entered the fenced-in compound where the athletes were sequestered before their events. At the gate "marshalls" escorted each athlete to the "bullpen."

Parents and "others" lined the fence shouting last-minute directions to the waiting runners who were shielded from the intense sun by only a 40-by-40 tarp.

"Drink plenty of water Willie, or you'll be worth nothing by race time," one man yelled.

"Do your stretches Sheila," called another woman. "How to you expect to do your best if you don't do your warm-up exercises?"

With Bob out of sight we

decided to buy a "program," which gave us our first real insight of what was to come. The 24-page newspaper gave introductory remarks on the event, information on the contests, and facts about the University of Florida. The real "news," however, was the list of runners in order of their qualifying times. Quickly we found the 100-meter hurdles for intermediate boys ages 13 and 14, and gasped when we saw Bob's name in the bottom quarter. Remembering that his time in the

regionals was much slower than normal due to the humid day and the two-hour delay in his race, we looked further. We found, much to our dismay, that the top seeds were a good two seconds faster than Bob's personal best.

With the previous event running late, I decided to poll parents about their regionals.

The first mother I encountered came from Utah. Their sectional had been held only one week before, closing them out of even our far-flung motel. They were staying at a local YMCA and calling local hotels daily to see if a

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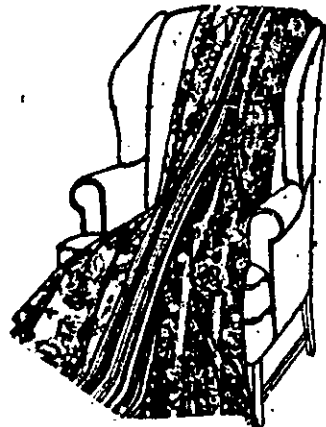
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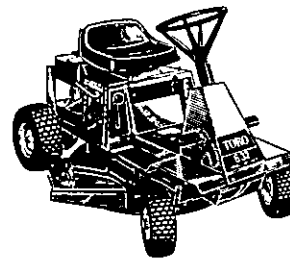
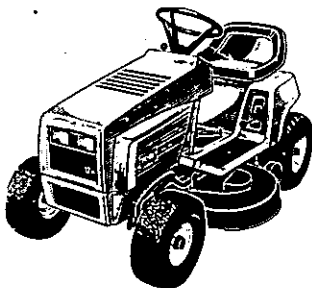
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room was vacated by an athlete who didn't make the finals. The picture of vultures circling over prey came to mind.

The next mother I met couldn't remember the date of the regional. "We've attended so many meets this summer," she apologized. Turning to the man next to her she questioned him about the TAC date. He answered immediately. She explained, "It's his job to remember." He was her son's trainer.

As I "interviewed" other parents, I learned that most had trained or at least coaches who traveled with them and that traveling was a big part of their lives. Parents spent countless hours and dollars to shuttle their talented offspring all over the country.

One father summed it up by saying, "We must either be crazy or really love our kids to do this — or maybe a strange combination of both."

Few like us were going sightseeing — there was no time. Other meets were on the schedule, and money was in short supply.

Time was also of the essence. Music, scouting and even other sports or activities were bypassed so that the serious runners, most from the South or Southwest, could concentrate on track alone. To them running was everything. They were on a one-way trip full throttle to the Olympics. There was no doubt in their minds, or that of their parents or trainers, that they were winners headed for Olympic competition. As young teens they had made their down payment on that dream — paid with hours of dedication and many sacrifices.

Bob's event was soon to be run so we headed towards the track. On our way we overheard one winner relate the secret of his success to another runner. For the past eight weeks he had run six miles a day with a 30-pound pack on his back — just like his trainer had told him. Obviously

the tactic had worked and had bought him a coveted berth in the finals on Saturday.

Darren Ascone, another Voorheesville youth who competed in Florida, relates a similar story of a 14-year-old who competed against him in the high jump. By closely following the instructions of his five trainers, the boy easily won the event with a jump of 6 feet, 8 inches.

Bob was now in position in lane seven. Although he hadn't yet seen the listing in the program, after 90 minutes of warming up with the others he was well aware of the caliber of competition that awaited him in the first heat.

The electronic gun went off and in a matter of seconds — 14 to be exact — it was over, with a Florida boy sailing to victory closely followed by two other

southern runners. Bob's fourth place finish, although honorable, did not enable him to go on to the finals on Sunday with the top three finishers. He was disappointed, to be sure, but others were devastated. Tears came. This defeat meant they were farther from their golden quest and would have to work even harder to make up this "failure."

Yet an exercise in marking the final standings was certain to lift the spirit of each competitor. At the end of the race the runners were instructed to face the stands. Their numbers and standings were recorded by a camera to ensure that, if contested, there would be no doubt as to the outcome of the race. As the boys faced the cheering thousands in the stands, it must have crossed their minds that win or lose they must be

pretty special just to be there.

And what of Bob? Perhaps having seen the cream of the crop will spur him on to new heights (or faster times) in the field of hurdling. Only time will tell. And who knows what next summer will bring. With the Junior Olympics being held in Texas, maybe we'll be traveling south again. After all, we've always wanted to see the Alamo.

BOU extends invitation

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited has scheduled a general meeting and pot luck supper on Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 5 to 7 p.m., at 64 Winne Rd. in Delmar.

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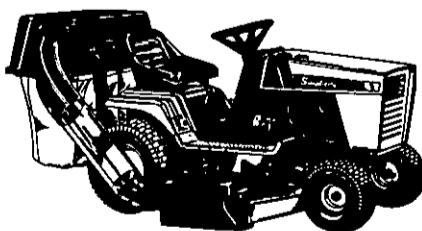
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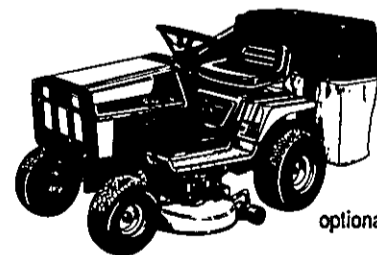
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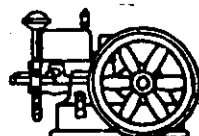
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BC outlasts Shaker in Suburban battle

By John Bellizzi

Spine tingling. That's the best description for Friday night's sensational 1988 Suburban Council football opener at Bethlehem Central High School.

BC Head Coach John Sodergren's pre-season prediction that the Eagles "would field a very exciting team this fall" came true as they came behind with less than two minutes in the game to defeat Shaker High School 16-15.

A 42-yard run by starting quarterback David Sodergren was the key to setting up Lance Sprinkle's 23-yard field goal that overcame a 15-13 deficit with 1:47 left to play. Halfback Bob Dillon and Sodergren scored BC's two touchdowns, and Sprinkle kicked one extra point.

Bethlehem played a very aggressive first quarter. John Burda received Shaker's opening kickoff and Sodergren took over at BC's 34. Successful runs by Dillon, Sodergren and fullback Pete Bragaw and a completed pass from Sodergren to Pete Cocozza highlighted BC's first series. When the Bisons took possession, they were held to four plays by the BC defense. Dillon returned a Bison punt to the 40-yard line, starting Bethlehem's first scoring drive of the evening. Boe Acquario, Bragaw, Dillon and Sodergren picked up 22 yards running on the next six plays.

Sodergren then completed a pass to tight end Scott Hodge for a thirteen-yard gain. A five yard run by Dillon scored the first touchdown of the season with 1:10 left in the first quarter. The extra point attempt failed, but the Eagles had a 6-0 lead over Shaker at the close of the first quarter.

The Bisons' game improved in the second quarter. They recovered two fumbles by Dillon on punt returns; one of them set up Shaker's first scoring drive, which culminated in a field goal with 4:54 left in the half. Shaker's defensive success continued as they intercepted a Sodergren pass attempt several plays later. At halftime, Bethlehem still hung on to a narrow 6-3 lead.

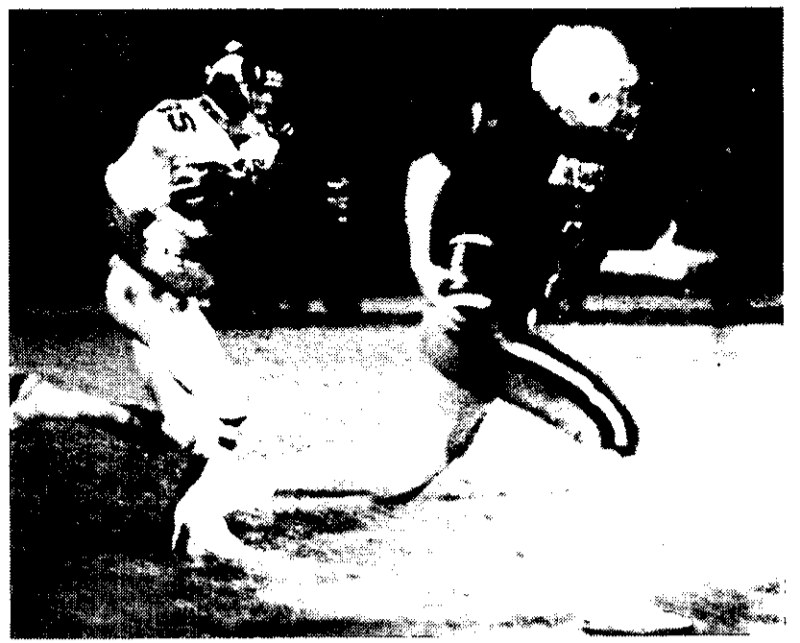
The second half opened dismally for the Eagles. Sprinkle's kickoff was received by Bison captain Mike Discipio, who ran it back for a touchdown. With Shaker now leading 9-6, the momentum of the game seemed to swing in the other direction, especially as Bethlehem's offense was becoming less productive than in the previous half.

The Eagles were given a new lease on life at the end of the third quarter. BC tackle Brian Taylor recovered a Shaker fumble of a Cocozza punt to set up another Eagle scoring drive. Sodergren scored on the second play of the fourth quarter and Sprinkle kicked the extra point to give Bethlehem the lead again 13-9.

That extra point would later be a deciding factor in the outcome of the game.

Shaker's offense quickly made its way downfield, and the Bisons regained the lead as Discipio scored on a one-yard run. With a 14-13 lead and several minutes left on the clock, Shaker needed to go for the two-point conversion in order to prevent Bethlehem from winning with a field goal. The pass attempt was unsuccessful, but Bethlehem still faced the task of recovering from a one-point deficit with time running out.

Dillon received the kickoff and took it just inside the 50 yard line. With two minutes left, Sodergren shot downfield for a 42 yard gain. Sodergren followed that run with another eight yard gain on the next play. Bragaw ran for what looked like enough for a first down on the next play, but he was stopped inches short. Sodergren was likewise stopped within inches of the first down on his subsequent run. As the clock was down to 1:47 and Shaker's defense wasn't about to let the Eagles have another first down, Coach Sodergren opted for the field goal attempt. Sprinkle came



Bethlehem quarterback Dave Sodergren sprints for 33 yards on a "keeper" play to set up the deciding field goal in the fourth quarter.

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and kicked a 23-yard field goal, giving Bethlehem the lead by one point, 16-15. The Bisons were unable to make any offensive progress in the 1:40 that remained in the game, giving Bethlehem their first victory of the '88 season.

It's a good thing that the Eagles are coming off of Friday's victory with high spirits, because they're going to need an upbeat week of preparation for Saturday's game against Colonie, a team which looks like a serious contender for the Blue Division title.

Five earn BTA Fall honors

Chuck Snow defeated Wes Finnamore in the B men's singles of the Bethlehem Tennis Association's Fall Tournament held last weekend, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2 to capture the B division crown.

In the men's doubles event, Haj Vescio and Eric Holm won 6-4, 6-2 in the finals over David Rostron

and George Della Rocca.

The mixed doubles prize went to Judy Mifares and Cletus Ezenwa, who defeated Eleanor and Pete Howard, 6-3, 7-6.

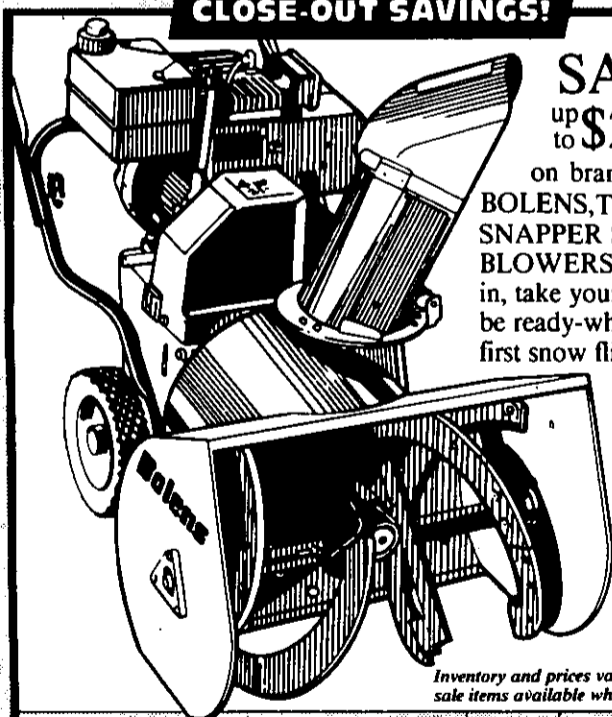
There was no competition in women's singles or doubles because not enough people were entered in those events.

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Indians clubbed, 26-12

By Mark Stuart

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk football team opened their season Saturday against Hudson expecting trouble from the bigger and faster Bluehawks.

And to that end, the Indians weren't disappointed.

Hudson's offense gained a total of 368 yards (311 yards rushing) and their defense forced the Indians to turn over the ball five times in their 26-12 rout of RCS.

RCS was held to two touchdowns. A.J. Nunziato scored on a 70-yard interception return in the second quarter and the offense's only touchdown came in the fourth quarter when quarterback Curt VanDerzee scored on a one-yard run. Both attempts at a 2-point extra point were stopped.

"All in all I think we did a pretty good job," said Head Coach Gary VanDerzee. "The kids really didn't think they were going to win until the touchdown interception."

VanDerzee said poor tackling, turnovers and the ability of the Hudson team to capitalize on RCS's mistakes were the key to the game.

RCS's offense finished with 185 yards (156 yards rushing) on the day.

With the score 18-6 and 4:50 remaining in the third quarter, the Indians looked like they were going to rally and bring the game back within reach. After recovering a Hudson fumble on Hudson's 33-yard line and a subsequent 10-yard penalty for a late hit, RCS was in a first and goal situation on the 10-yard line. However, a

mishandled pitchout forced the ball back to the 15-yard line. On third down, O'Neill powered his way ahead to the five-yard line. The next play was a give to O'Neill, but this time all he could muster was three yards. Hudson took over and with the speed of running back of Andre Perry, the Bluehawks made it 24-6 17 plays later.

O'Neill played a big role in Saturday's game, which came as no surprise. VanDerzee has said before that he would rely a lot on O'Neill and that he expects him to play a major role as he matures and becomes more disciplined.

On Friday, O'Neill and the rest of the RCS gridders will have their job cut out for them when they travel to Mohonasen Friday night for a 7:30 game.

VanDerzee said the key to the game will be whether the defense can contain Mohonasen's fullback and tail back, who both had 100-

plus yards last week against LaSalle. Their fullback alone had 40-yard and 50-yard runs.

Mohonasen traditionally has been a passing team. This year the team has a new head coach and VanDerzee expects more of a ground attack.

"Catfish" Hunter at baseball card show

Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Jim "Catfish" Hunter will be on hand to sign autographs and greet fans at the Polish Community Center on Washington Ave. Ext. in Albany Sunday, Sept. 18.

Hunter is scheduled to be there from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. as part of the the Polish Center's regular baseball card exhibition, which begins at 10 a.m.

Hunter played for the World Champion Oakland A's and the New York Yankees during the 1970's.

Pop Warner season begins

Last weekend marked the season openings for all three Bethlehem Pop Warner teams.

The Pee Wees defeated Guilderland 13-0 in a penalty ridden game. Brian Fryer and Ron Hollins each scored touchdowns on short running plays. The defense was led by Mike Follis, Eric Dommermuth and Paul Engel.

In a scoreless game, the Junior Midgets had to settle for a tie with the Guilderland gridders.

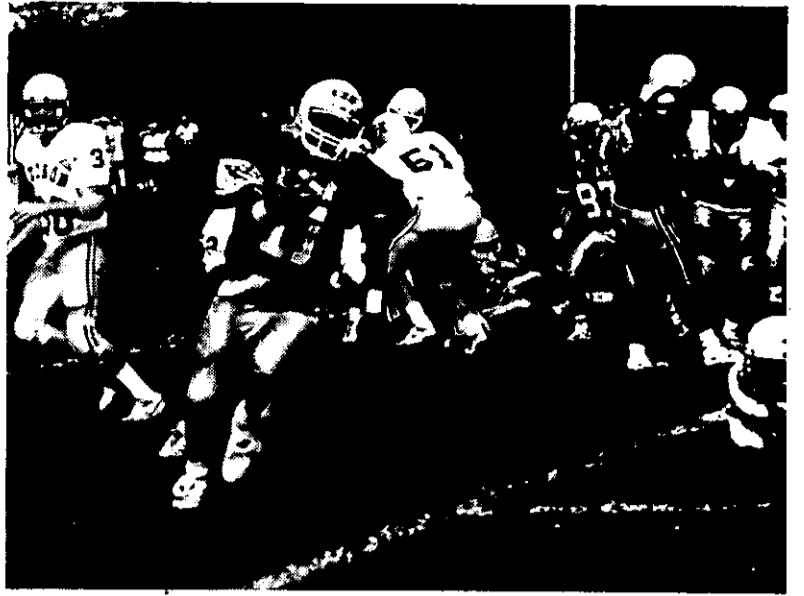
The hard fought game ended in an 0-0 tie. The defensive play of Sean Brewer, Devine McRae, Rich Sherwin and John Svare held the opposition to five first downs

and caused three fumbles and an interception.

The Midgets opened their season on Sunday against Albany suffering a 42-20 loss.

Two early fumbles scores put the Eagles behind to stay. Chris Dommermuth scored two touchdowns while Mike Gambelunghe scored on a 35-yard running play. Jeff Buenau had eight solo and ten shared tackles to lead the defense.

Next week all three teams are home. The Junior Midgets host Saratoga Saturday at 7 p.m. The Pee Wees and Midgets both host Colonie on Sunday starting at noon. All home games are played at the high school field.



RCS quarterback Curt VanDerzee scores from the one-yard line during the fourth quarter of Saturday's game against Hudson. Mark Stuart

Hotaling wins first two matches

Paige Hotaling, a college freshman from Voorheesville, has won her first two matches as a member of the Oneonta State varsity tennis team.

Hotaling, who played was the top seeded singles player for the Blackbirds for three years, is seeded number five in singles for Oneonta. Her victories came against Oswego and New Paltz.

She will be in action tomorrow (Thursday) when her team plays at SUNY-Albany. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hotaling of Circle Dr.

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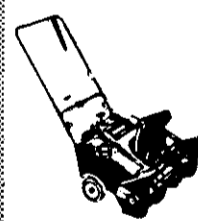


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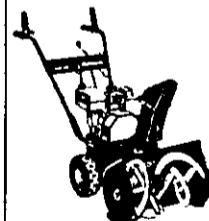
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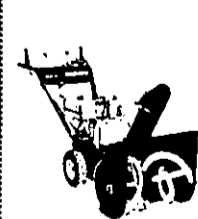
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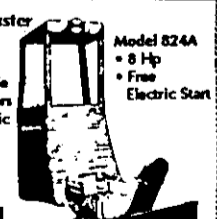
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Blackbirds' Jekyll-Hyde performance

Second half heroics fall short, 17-14

They played two football games Saturday in a place called Clum's Corners in the Town of Brunswick. A team impersonating Voorheesville's Blackbirds looked forlorn in losing the first one, 17-0, but when the real Blackbirds arrived, they won more convincingly than the 14-0 score indicated.

The net, however, was a 17-14 defeat by Tamarac in the opening game of the Capital Conference, which led to a quiet bus ride back across the river. The loss was hard to take, especially by Dave Burnham in his debut as varsity head coach, but there were enough positive signs to give encouragement for the engagements ahead.

The toughest of those will come immediately, a visit by Watervliet this Saturday. Most observers regard the Cannoneers as the likely division champion, which means the Blackbirds will need all

the positive signs they can muster. They will be playing before a friendly crowd on Rt. 85A, but the intruders include the best running back in the league, a top-ranked quarterback, and a rugged line.

It would be hard to recall a less auspicious opening half by a Voorheesville team in this century. They had the ball for only five plays while Tamarac was accumulating 110 yards and 10 points. With three minutes left in the half, the Blackbirds began to play football, moving to the home 14-yard line, only to have their aspirations crushed by an interception runback and a one-play 38-yard touchdown bomb.

Whatever Burnham said in the locker room at intermission should be put on tape. For all their lethargy and ineptness in the first half, the Blackbirds dominated the second half, and it took a final-

play interception and the expiring clock to deprive them of the winning touchdown.

Picture this scenario. After giving up 180 yards, seven first downs, three turnovers and 17 points in the first two periods, the Birds restricted their hosts to a net of one yard in the next two and did not permit a first down. In the third period Tamarac had a net gain of six yards on three possessions, and in the fourth the Bengals had the ball for only six plays, losing five yards overall.

Meanwhile the Birds racked up seven first downs and 181 yards in the second half, scored two touchdowns, and barely missed a third.

In all of this Burnham was discovering a quarterback in Charlie Russo. The 6-foot junior, playing his first varsity game, connected nine times for 172

yards and had one dropped in the clear. He had four intercepted, one on a tipped toss, but he ran the option well and should get sharper with each exposure. He netted 52 yards on 10 carries.

"Charlie came into his own," said Burnham. "He threw well despite the interceptions. That was a high point."

The Blackbirds also have the receivers. Shaun Joyce caught four aeriels adding 100 yards, Craig Lapinski hauled in three, twice going up high, and Rick Leach had a 27-yard reception. Jennifer Elliott, playing split end in her first varsity game, didn't have a throw, despite getting into the clear by 15 yards on one play.

"She held her blocks well," said Burnham. "She did everything she was supposed to do."

There were other bright spots. The most dominant player on the field was Jim Gianatasio, Voorheesville's 234-pound bone crusher, who showed why he is one of the area's outstanding linemen. He spent half his time in the Tamarac backfield, pushing people aside and messing up handoffs. The hosts also knew that Danny Jackson was around.

Burnham also found another quality linebacker in Mark McMillen. He and Orion Colfer had a lot to do with the blanket the Blackbird defense threw around the Bengals in the second half.

Burnham also had praise for his two sophomores, Scott Renker who returned punts well, and Chad Hotaling, a big lineman with unlimited potential.

Burnham dismissed the listless charge, missed tackles and passive pressure of the first half by saying that "we just weren't ready to play football." Then he

mentioned the second half, in which "we played Voorheesville football."

A few details about that second half. Voorheesville took the kickoff to their own 32 and scored in eight plays. The big one was a picture pass to Lapinski good for 48 yards to the enemy's 16. Russo covered the last 12 yards on three keepers, going in from the 4.

Three plays later Lapinski picked off a Tamarac pass and the Birds were back in business on the host 45. Russo hit Joyce for 27 yards, but on fourth and 16 a pass to Lapinski was two yards short and the drive stalled on the 12.

The defense kept Tamarac bottled, but the Blackbirds, moving the ball well and threatening, were frustrated by another lost fumble and an interception. With five minutes remaining, a short Tamarac punt put the ball on the Bengal 28. Jim Hooks got 6, Ted Houghton plowed to a first down on the 17, and four plays later pushed across from the one. Russo bucked over for a two-point conversion.

The Birds had one more shot in the final minute after taking a punt on the Tamarac 48. Helped by a penalty, Russo fired a 14-yard strike to Joyce on the 22, but on the next play his pitch to the right corner fell into enemy hands on the 3-yard line with 20 seconds left.

This week the emphasis is on developing a running attack and a kicking game. The team came back from Brunswick in good health. They will have Chip Adalian back, along with Jim Balsamo and Matt Fairbank, but Craig Schreivogl, a promising quarterback, needs another week before he's ready to spell Russo.

Saturday's kickoff is at 1:30.

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Ladybirds extend streak

By Rick Leach

For a while last Thursday afternoon, it looked as though the Voorheesville girls' tennis team's regular season winning streak was in jeopardy against the Cobleskill Red Devils.

Early in the competition, the Birds fell behind 2-0 after two matches and 3-2 after five matches, before rallying to win two doubles matches and capture a 4-3 triumph.

The number one singles match was a hard fought battle between the Ladybirds' Michelle Petie and the Cobleskill's Nabisa MacGlorn. The two girls split the first two sets with identical 6-4 scores before MacGlorn struck for a 6-4 win in the third set.

The number two seeded Courtney Langford, Voorheesville hot eighth grade prospect, suffered a 6-1, 6-2 defeat at the hands of Coby's Maureen Chambrone.

Kris Flanders put Voorheesville on the scoreboard with a relatively easy 6-2, 6-4 triumph over Denise DeCapp.

The thriller of the day came in the fifth seed match when Tricia Carmody was losing in straight sets and number four seed Jen Toritto was down a set and 3-5 in the second set. All Cobleskill needed was one more game to halt the Voorheesville streak. However, Toritto rallied to tie the game at 6-6 and then take the tiebreaker to set up the third set. Once again, Toritto trailed 5-3, but rallied to take four straight sets and give

the Ladybirds hope for a victory.

Getting a spark from this victory, the doubles teams of Denise Hoagland and Dee Gobielle and Katrin Kirschwick and Heather Horan went on to win in straight sets, assuring victory for the Blackbirds.

On Friday, the Birds took on Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk for their first Colonial Council match of the season coming away with a 5-2 victory.

With Petie out of action due to illness, Langford stepped in and took it on the chin in straight sets. From there, it was nearly all Voorheesville as Toritto, Flanders, Hoagland and Gobielle all won in singles.

Carmody and Tammi Renaud won in doubles.

The Ladybirds are 2-0 overall and 1-0 in the Colonial Conference. They were scheduled to take on Cohoes on Monday and Waterford today (Wednesday).

If the girls can get off to a good start and compensate for the loss of their number one and two players from last season, Paige Hotailing and Cathy Tarullo, they maybe on their way to a third straight Colonial Council title.

Hoop program begins

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department is offering an adult basketball program this fall on Tuesday evenings from 8 to 10 p.m. The program is open to town residents 18 years and older. To register call 439-4131.

RCS runners excel at Gloversville Invitational

By Curt VanDerzee

The RCS Cross Country Team added to its growing reputation as one of the best small school teams in Section II athletics this weekend by placing second in the Gloversville Invitational.

In addition to the success at the varsity level, the freshmen and junior varsity teams also had a very good day.

The freshmen team brought home a second place trophy. Coach Racey was very pleased with everyone's performance in the first race of the year. The freshmen were led by Seth Roe, who took second, and Mike Padelski, who took third.

The jayvees won the invitational by placing three runners in the top seven places. The three were; Al Mcue, third, Phil Goodrich, sixth and Mark Keating, seventh.

The varsity Indians are coming

off of a highly successful 11-0 season last year. They only lost one runner to graduation last year and Coach Racey is very optimistic about his team's chances of challenging Averill Park for the Class B title.

On Saturday, the Indians competed against seven Class A schools and came away with a second place, finishing behind Suburban Council powerhouse Saratoga. They were led by seniors Bill Peletier and Josh Curley, who placed eighth and 13th respectively. Coach Racey was also pleased with the performance of; sophomore Chris King, 16th, senior Dave Cary, 21st, junior Bob Peletier, 23rd, and senior Jim Noeth, 25th.

Next week the Indians will travel to Shaker on Saturday morning, to participate in the Shaker Invitational.

Franze earns three Empire State medals

Gus Franze of Glenmont won three silver medals in the Masters' 100- and 200-meter runs and the 400-meter relay of the Empire State games this summer.

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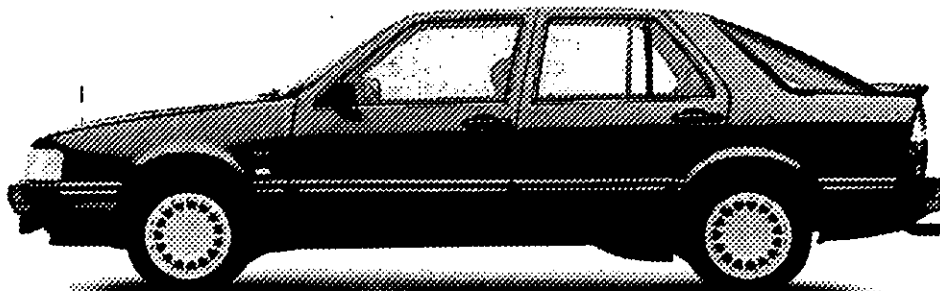
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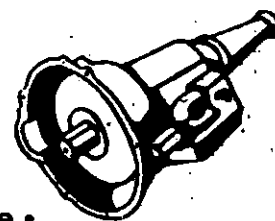
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Ernestine Engelhardt

Ernestine Lillibridge Engelhardt of Delmar died Sept. 7 at Albany Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

She was born in Glens Falls and was a clerk at a secretary for the Glens Falls Insurance Company before retiring.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

She is survived by her husband, Carlton Engelhardt; a daughter, Margery Pearlce of Virginia Beach, Va.; a son, Wayne Engelhardt of Delmar, and a sister, Dorothy Marko of Loudonville. She is also survived by four grandchildren and two nephews.

Arrangements were made by the Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar. Burial was in the Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

John Livingston

John C. Livingston, 81, of Kenwood Ave., Delmar, died Saturday, Sept. 10, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany after a short illness.

He was born in Albany and recently moved to Delmar after residing in Albany for most of his life.

He was employed for several years by the Carl Beck Florist, Inc. of Albany.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made by the Applebee Funeral Home,

Robert Snow remembered

The following eulogy was delivered by Elizabeth Smith Boivin at the funeral of Robert Snow, administrator of the Good Samaritan Home in Delmar. Mr. Snow died Sept. 4 at age 44. The speaker is admissions coordinator at the home.

A memorial service for Mr. Snow will be held Wednesday (today) at 2 p.m. at the home. The public is invited.

The man is a success who brings out the best in others and gives only the best of himself. Bob Snow was a success.

As the Administrator of Good Samaritan Home, Bob's obvious priority was providing the highest quality of care to our 100 residents. He was directly involved with establishing care plans to suit each resident's individual needs... he was devoted to each one of them. He worked diligently in his four short years with us to improve the environment at Good Samaritan Home for both the residents and staff. Because of Bob Snow, the residents of Good Samaritan Home have a fenced-in yard, gazebos, outdoor swings, a rock garden and a fitness trail. Because of Bob, they have a newly renovated dining room with ceiling fans and a chandelier, an upgraded ventilation system, new tub and shower rooms, a physical therapy department, and a player piano. Because of Bob Snow, the residents of Good Samaritan will someday soon have a chapel.

While Bob focused on meeting the needs of the residents, he was also very much in tune to the needs of his staff. Bob supported, praised and encouraged us every day. He modernized us with a new computer system. He taught us how to work efficiently, how to set and achieve realistic goals, and how to work together. He welcomed creative and innovative ideas and often put them into practice. No problem was ever too big or too small for the wizard — as we affectionately called him. More than once, Bob's quick wit made a difficult situation easier to deal with. Bob motivated us to do our jobs well,

and then he always found special and sincere ways to reward us. He often sent "Thank you — you're doing a great job" memos — most recently accompanied by Friendly's gift certificates. Bob never hesitated to "pitch in" when times were tough. More than once, he made beds, cooked and served meals, visited residents and bailed water out of our leaky basement. Bob Snow gave us all the best he had to give — from the board room to the volleyball courts; from his office to the fashion show platform. Because of Bob Snow, the employees of Good Samaritan Home are more dedicated than ever before... we all feel fortunate to have been a part of his team.

Not only did Bob devote so much quality time and energy to those of us at Good Samaritan Home, he sought to improve health care and services for the elderly on a local and statewide level through attendance and participation at numerous public meetings, hearings, and seminars. I'm sure I speak for all of us at Good Samaritan when I say I'm proud he represented us! He spoke for what was right... he was a man who made a difference.

Over the past two years, I have worked closely with Bob on future planning. During this time, he taught me an enormous amount and afforded me the opportunity to learn from others as well. He gave me the gifts of confidence and knowledge — for those, I will always be grateful. We spoke of our goals for Good Samaritan Home's future, and, in Bob's memory, all of us at Good Samaritan Home will work toward achieving those goals.

Bob Snow wanted to make Good Samaritan Home a place where people enjoyed coming to work. He did that! As it was so eloquently said: "Bob Snow was the best friend Good Samaritan Home ever had."

Written with respect and admiration on behalf of all of us at Good Samaritan Home.

Delmar. Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Colonie.

Arrangements were made by the American Heart Association.

Marjorie Kleinhans

Marjorie Moak Kleinhans, 80, of Delmar died Sept. 1 at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

She was born in Feura Bush and was a homemaker. She was

the wife of the late Howard E. Kleinhans.

She is survived by a son, H. Thomas Kleinhans of Delmar, and a brother, Lewis E. Moak of Delmar. She also leaves five grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

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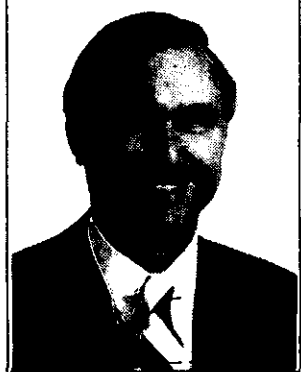
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William H. Gebhardt weds

Ona M. Waselauskas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Waselauskas of Amsterdam, and William H. Gebhardt, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gebhardt Jr. of Albany, were married Aug. 6 at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Albany, with the Rev. Robert Hohenstein officiating.

The bride is employed as a demo operator for the state

Department of Taxation and Finance in Albany. The bridegroom is employed as a communications operator for the Albany Police Department. He is the exalter ruler of the Albany Elks Lodge 49.

The couple will reside in Albany.



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Skerrett

Daniel Skerrett marries

Sandra Dee Davey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Davey of Colonie, and Daniel Skerrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Skerrett of Delmar, were married Aug. 7 at Our Lady of Mercy Church, Albany, with the Rev. Nicholas Campagione officiating.

Cindy Davey, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Deborah Stiles, sister of the bride, and Patricia Skerrett, sister of the bridegroom. Bob Skerrett, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Ushers were George Bush and Dale Walker. Heather Rogers, niece of the bride, was the flower

girl, and Christopher Stiles, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer.

The bride, a graduate of Colonie Central High School, is employed as an office manager for Centurion Business Machines, Albany. The bridegroom, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, the State University at Albany and Albany Law School, is an attorney with the firm of Herzog, Engstrom, Burke, Koplovitz and Cavalier, Albany.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple will reside in Guilderland.



Tina Marie Bohl

Bohl-Hourigan

Mr. and Mrs. George Bohl of Selkirk, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tina Marie, to Michael Hourigan, son of Edward V. Hourigan of Loudonville and the late Mrs. Ruth Hourigan.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Union College, Schenectady, is a project civil engineer for the Vermont Agency of Transportation.

Her fiance, a graduate of Norwich University, Northfield, Vt., is a university fund director for Norwich University.

An Aug. 26 wedding is planned.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jackson

Celebrate 50th anniversary

Florence Bennett Jackson and Robert Andrew Jackson of Glenmont, formerly of Delmar, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 16. Family members, friends and members of the Jackson's wedding party attended an anniversary dinner and reception.

Mrs. Jackson, a native of Delmar, graduated from Syracuse University and taught at Crown Point, N.Y., and at Delmar High

School. She later served as a psychometrist for the Bethlehem Central School District.

Mr. Jackson, a native of Minoa, N.Y., served with the Marines during World War II. He graduated from Albany Business College and was manager and part owner of the Delmar Lumber and Builders.

The Jacksons have five children and nine grandchildren.

Celebrates 101st

Dr. Frank Rhoad of Delmar will celebrate his 101st birthday Thursday, and plans to keep it rather low key.

"I have nothing big planned, not like last year at least," Dr. Rhoads said. He added that the really big party will be for his 200th birthday.

Dr. Rhoad is a retired minister and has been an active member of the Kiwanis for 67 years. Last year, he completed a manuscript "Essays, Reflections of a Centenarian."

Support group meets at library

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group of Albany-Rensselaer Counties will meet at 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, Delaware Ave, Delmar, on Tuesday, Sept. 20.

The support group provides an opportunity for education, sharing and recreation to individuals with multiple sclerosis. For information call 452-1631.



Community Corner

Publicity Seminar

A seminar on writing press releases, sponsored by *The Spotlight* will be held Monday, Sept. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library.

The seminar will provide information on how to write items for publication to let the community know about your group or event as well as the procedures for submitting releases to a newspaper.

Though the seminar is especially designed for publicity chairpersons of local organizations who desire to learn how to write a press release, all are welcome to benefit from the free program.

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