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Ringler gets party support, but Ritchko keeping pace

GOP supervisor candidates file first spending reports

By Bob Hagyard and Mark Stuart

As Bethlehem's GOP primary race for supervisor heads into its final month, financial statements show the committee-backed candidate, Kenneth Ringler, outspending Sue Ann Ritchko by a narrow margin.

Primary Day is Tuesday, Sept. 12; both contenders filed 32-day pre-primary statements with the Albany County Board of Elections late last week. They show Ringler with a campaign fund balance of \$5,427, compared to Ritchko's \$4,749. So far, Ringler has spent \$4,655 compared to \$3,740 by the Ritchko effort.

Appended to the statements are lists of everyone who has contributed \$100 or more to the campaigns. For Ringler, the list is a Who's Who of the Bethlehem

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The two candidates vying in this year's GOP primary for Bethlehem town supervisor visited the Good Samaritan Home in Delmar recently to discuss issues facing senior citizens. Sue Ann Ritchko, left, distributed campaign buttons after her meeting and Ken Ringler sat down with Marge Morlock over a cup of coffee. Mark Stuart

Airport sale gets down to brass tacks

By Theresa Bobear

Broad outlines of the two major competing proposals for the takeover of the Albany County Airport were put on the table last week. But it's likely that the battle for public and political support between the two contestants will continue for some time.

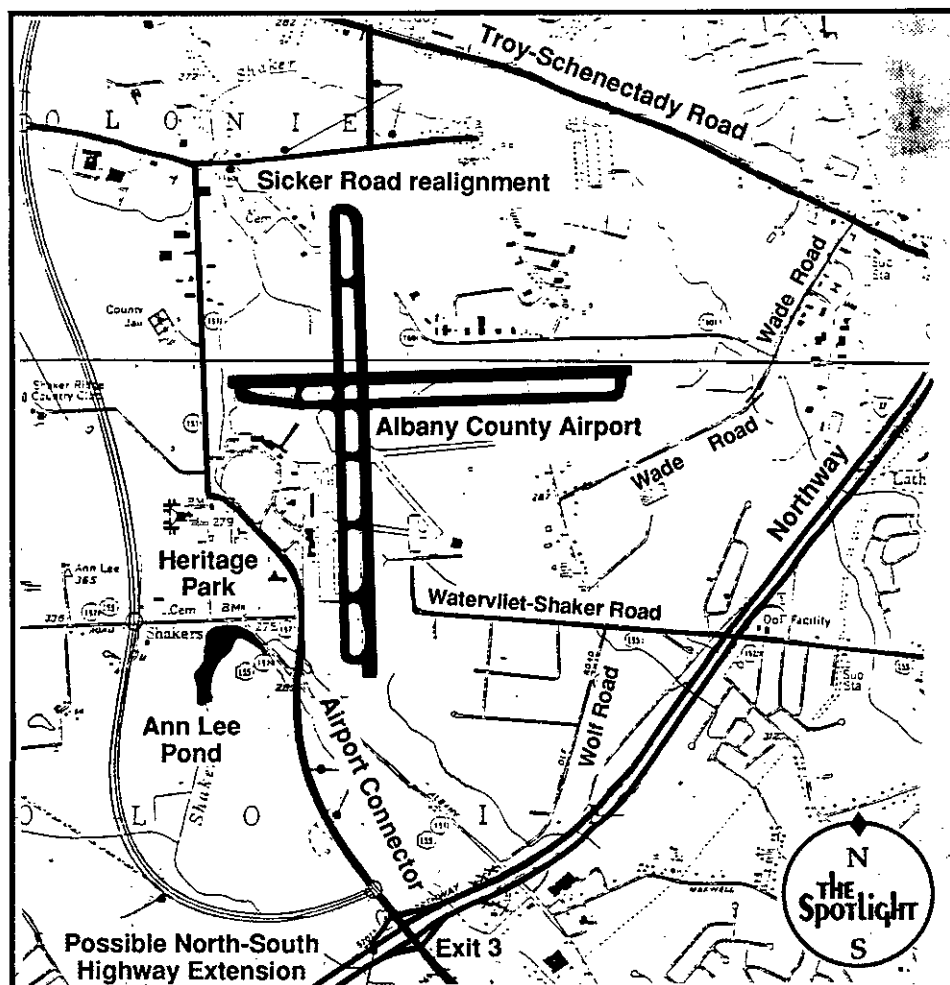
Representatives of British American Ltd. and Lockheed Air Terminals Inc. presented a proposal for a 64-year, \$50 million lease of the Albany County Airport late Thursday afternoon to the Albany County Legislature's mass transit committee.

Earlier in the week, the Capital District Transportation Authority released an action plan for purchase and expansion of the airport. CDTA, which operates the regional bus system, has been studying the airport acquisition for a year and a half, and had until recently been considered the only entity capable of taking over the county-owned facility.

Also on the table is a \$390 million plan for moving most major airport facilities to the southwest quadrant of the airport, announced by the Center for Economic Growth during the previous week. That plan would have the Capital District Transportation Authority as the owner, but does not appear to have strong backing because of its cost and the need to acquire large tracts of developable land.

Under the British American/Lockheed proposal, the county would receive \$22

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British American Ltd.'s land holdings stretch south along Albany Shaker Road, wrap around the Shaker Ridge Country Club and intersect with the current airport entrance. New roads are proposed to serve the area.

A dare for BC students

By Renee Hunter

Many sixth graders might see a policeman as someone who pulls their parents over to give an unwelcome speeding ticket or as a gun-toting person stalking the area looking for an escaped prisoner. But in a few months, the sixth grade students at the Bethlehem Middle School will see a policeman in a different light — as a friend who just might boost their self-esteem and keep them from being a substance abuser.

This fall, the Bethlehem Police Department and the Bethlehem Central School District are sponsoring Drug Abuse Resistance through Education, or D.A.R.E., for the sixth graders. The program, which is led by a uniformed police officer who becomes a role model to students, is not like most substance abuse prevention programs. D.A.R.E. is targeted to fifth and sixth graders instead of upper level students, according to Bethlehem Police Chief Paul E. Currie. "We're not casting the older kids aside, but maybe it's a little too late for them, so we're aiming at the younger kids," he said.

The program is designed to prevent alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana use by raising self-esteem, showing how to make good decisions and avoid risky situations, and how to stand up to peer pressure.

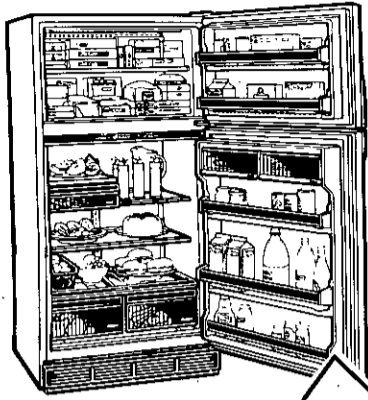
"We're not using scare tactics," Currie said. "We want to help them make decisions on their own."

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Officer Mike McMillen

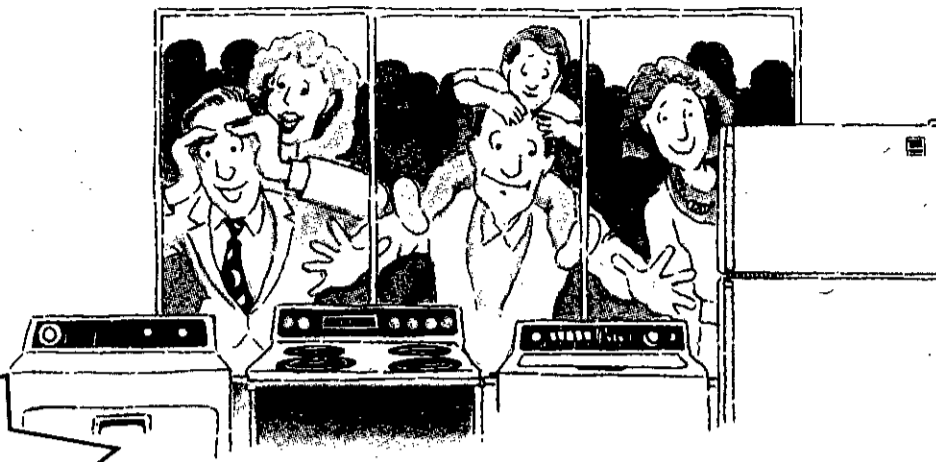
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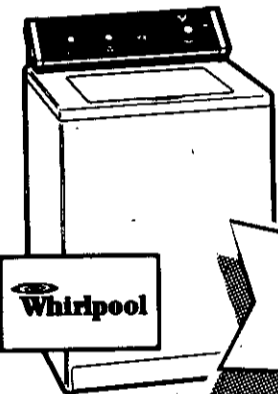
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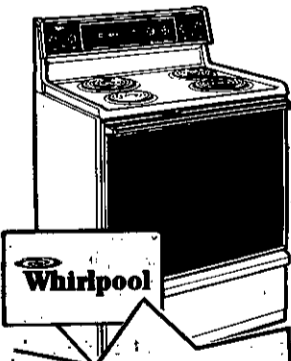
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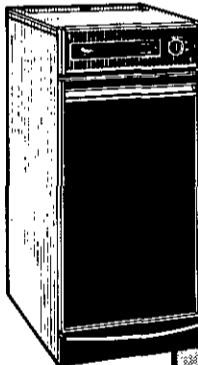
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□ GOP primary

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Republican establishment, with some gaps here and there:

- Mary Bardwell, town GOP committeewoman;
- John Mitchell, planning board attorney;
- Fred C. Webster, town councilman;
- Robert H. Rice, law partner of town GOP committee Chairman Bernard Kaplowitz;
- Thomas Scherer, Board of Appeals member and vice president of the Bethlehem GOP committee;
- Paul Andress Jr., town water department employee in charge of the Vly Creek Reservoir;
- Joseph Messina, Slingerlands attorney;
- Orrin J. Barr, GOP committeeman and member of the town Board of Appeals;
- Ruth O. Bickel, former town councilwoman who now co-chairs the Committee to Elect Ringler;
- Dennis J. Corrigan, town councilman;
- Marty D. Cornelius, director of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce;
- John A. Williamson, GOP committeeman and planning board member;
- Carolyn M. Lyons, town clerk;
- Alvah E. Worth, town engineering consultant.

For Sue Ann Ritchko, the list of notable Republican contributors is somewhat shorter:

- James Ross, county legislator and town GOP committeeman.

For Ringler, one week of fundraising netted 40 percent of his campaign war chest. Between July 28 and Aug. 3, the Committee to Elect Ken Ringler Supervisor took in \$3,415 with George E. Bailly, campaign treasurer, kicking in the largest sum (\$500).

Ritchko's major fund raiser, a campaign bash thrown by Phoebe Powell Bender on July 30, occurred too late to be included in this reporting period.

Spending patterns are similar: about 80 percent for printing (signs, letterheads) and newspa-

per advertising, most of the rest for balloons and buttons, and about 5 percent for housekeeping expenses.

Conservative primary

The court battle to overturn an Aug. 8 court decision nullifying the petitions of New Scotland and Bethlehem Republicans vying for the Conservative ballot continued Thursday.

Arguments were presented Thursday in the Appellate Division of the state Supreme Court by attorneys representing 11 Republican candidates from both towns seeking the reversal of a decision by Supreme Court Justice William McDermott to disqualify the petitions to ballot for those candidates.

Thomas F. Keenan successfully had the petitions overturned. The court battle is part of the ongoing struggle between Democrats and Republicans for control of the Albany County Conservative ballot.

The Republicans are arguing that Keenan, chairman of the Albany County Conservative Committee, had no authority to object to town petitions and that the rights of those Conservatives who signed those petitions are being infringed upon. They are also arguing that since the Albany County Board of Elections recognizes Anthony Promiscuo, chairman of the Republican-aligned Albany County Conservative Club, as the chairman of the Albany County Conservative body, Keenan was in no position to protest the petitions.

The candidates from New Scotland are Herbert Allyn Moak, for supervisor; Peter Van Zetten and Craig Shufelt, for two town board seats; Edita Probst, town clerk; Michael Hotaling, highway superintendent; and Marilyn Holmberg, for tax collector.

The candidates from Bethlehem are Ritchko and Ringler, both candidates for supervisor; Charles Gunner and M. Sheila Galvin, both candidates for town board; and Carolyn Lyons, candidate for town clerk.

There were 104 Conservatives enrolled in Bethlehem as of November 1988.



Slingerlands firemen responded to a fire that destroyed a workshop located at 1319 New Scotland Road Sunday at approximately 11:30 a.m. While fighting the blaze, firemen worked to water down two large

propane tanks as other firemen carried out two portable propane tanks from the burning building. Information on the cause of the blaze was not available.

Mark Stuart

□ Airport bidding is on

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million the first year and annual payments of \$500,000 for years nine through 64, according to Peter Cornell, president of British American. He asked for exclusive rights to negotiate for the airport. He also asked for an option to renew that lease for years 65 through 99 at a fair market value to be determined at that time.

While specifics were not outlined at the meeting, the proposal calls the spending of up to \$100 million for renovation and expansion of the terminal and taxiways, as well as expanded parking facilities, according to Peter Stamison, a vice president with Lockheed. With a proposed Jan. 1, 1990 starting date, he estimated the project could be underway in 24 months. Cornell said road improvements would be limited to the airport grounds.

Committee members viewed a video of a Lockheed airport development project in Istanbul, Turkey.

Cornell said rapid growth should bring more job opportunities at the airport. While many employees would be absorbed by the new companies, some employees, such as security personnel, would remain on the county payroll, according to Cornell.

Cornell said a lot of details have

to be determined through negotiations.

Committee chairman Frank Comisso said the CDTA would be asked to present its plan to the committee. Republican Deputy Minority Leader Robert G. Prentiss of Colonie asked the committee to hear all the proposals, including the one from the Center for Economic Growth.

Prentiss asked to what extent the British American/Lockheed proposal would comply with recommendations of the master plan and whether modifications would compel further engineering work at county expense. Cornell said the FAA would determine what portions of the document would apply and the burden for more planning would be the responsibility of his company.

Jay Sherman, a Colonie Republican, asked about the firms' eligibility for FAA funding. Cornell pointed to a letter from the FAA stating that the airport would still be eligible for passenger entitlement aid provided it was leased from the county, but he noted that the letter did not address the proposed \$22 million up-front payment.

CDTA plan

Formal plans for the proposed CDTA purchase of the airport land, buildings, vehicles and equipment from the county for \$24.2 million

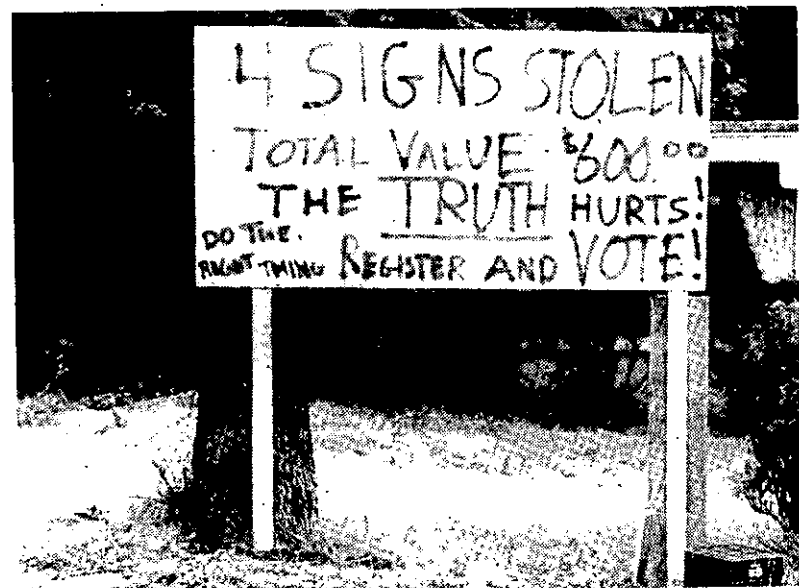
were released early last week.

The proposal calls for improvement of electrical distribution, drainage and fire protection systems at an estimated cost of \$1.5 million. The plan also calls for the renovation of the existing terminal, development of a new terminal and attached 1,200-car parking garage, and demolition of the existing older terminal building over a five-year period at an estimated cost of \$115 million.

CDTA proposes to operate the facility as a self-financing enterprise, which generates neither profits nor deficits, and anticipates issuing revenue bonds for financing the capital projects.

CDTA officials contemplate transfer of the airport from the county to CDTA around Jan. 1, 1990.

While the legislature has not formally considered any plan, published reports indicate that sides are already being drawn. County Executive James Coyne and other county officials appear to be favoring the British American proposal, while spokesmen for the airlines that are currently tenants at the airport have publicly voiced reservations about the idea of having a for-profit firm take over the operation.



A spray-painted message on the wooden frame that once displayed four previous hand-painted signs can be seen at the intersection of Kenwood Avenue and New Scotland Road in Slingerlands. The signs were put there by Anthony and Fulvia Pizzitola, owners of the property and principals of AFV Enterprises, expressing dissatisfaction with town officials and the planning process. AFV Enterprises had proposed to build a post office at the site, but the post office withdrew from its contract with AFV Enterprises last month.

Bob Hagyard

□ BC's DARE program

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Through the curriculum, which calls for lectures, role playing and small projects, the officer becomes a friend and role model to the students, according to Currie.

Officer Michael McMillen of the Bethlehem Police Department will be at the middle school two days a week, teaching one class to each of the ten sixth grade classes for 18 weeks. For the majority of the program, McMillen's weekly interactions with the kids will be "low-key." "It's not meant to be a big thing—it'll be a class just like math or reading," he said.

McMillen will spend the whole school day with the kids as a uniformed officer. "Teachers get sick of being with the kids all day and

go to the faculty room for lunch. I'll be eating with the kids."

In the last week of D.A.R.E., more attention will be placed on the program. There will be a "graduation" ceremony with speakers, politicians, police officers, and television cameras. "It'll be made a big deal," said McMillen.

Middle school Principal Frederick Burdick said the instruction in D.A.R.E. will not encroach on other curriculum areas and the health classes will still present the same information on substance abuse as before. "It's an add-on, not in place of," he said.

The drug prevention program costs \$3,000 to \$5,000 per semester to operate to pay for workbooks, materials, D.A.R.E. bears. McMillen has sent letters to com-

munity organizations explaining the need for support, and is waiting to hear back from potential sponsors who see the need to combat the escalating substance abuse problem in the town.

"We think we have a (drug) problem," said McMillen. "Is it an epidemic? It's probably close. It's not as bad as in the inner city, only because of the economic standards of the area...there's money here. Dealers know it so they come out here."

The program has been quite successful in Los Angeles, where it's been audited for several years. "There's been a high degree of success," said Currie. "But there's always that amount that fails."

"It's obvious we're not going to reach everyone," said McMillen. "If I reach one kid, it's worth it."

Fair's fair

Not everyone is going to like the conclusion of this editorial.

Our long-standing interest in the knotty question of towns' comprehensive revaluation of taxable properties was awakened by the division within the New Scotland Town Board on a current proposal to carry out such a revaluation.

As was observed during the discussion, Bethlehem's board "is doing nothing" (or at least proceeding with extreme caution). New Scotland is at least taking the initiative for active consideration of revaluation, though the move's fate is in doubt. The impetus for this is the state's mandate that all municipalities complete an "inventory" of taxable property by December of 1990 that could be used as the basis for a revaluation. For the time being, the state is not insisting on revaluation, but the implication is obvious.

In theory, and also probably often in practice, a side effect of assessment reform is to increase the property tax on older dwellings. At the other end of the stick are the homes of relative newcomers to a community whose assessments of

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ten are based on a more recent purchase price. To some degree, these property owners could be expected to benefit from revaluation.

There is a legitimate concern that public officials could also benefit, by using revaluation to disguise a tax increase and increased spending. No revaluation should be used as a means to increase revenues.

But even with the best of intentions, not everyone can win. Some would be hurting, though certainly public officials would wish to avoid imposing hardships.

Those same public officials should not fear to stand up for equitable treatment for all their constituents. It's not proper that some residents benefit, at the expense of others, through habit, custom, or lethargy — or the self-protective coloration of apprehensive, timid public officers. Fair's fair.

You're another!

Time was when the petty dispute that has been diverting Bethlehem's government and political campaign would have been settled at dawn with seconds standing by. Gentlemen would have deliberately aimed to miss.

At another stage, "Step outside and say that!" would have been the challenge. Bruised feelings and knuckles.

But times have changed. And not all of today's disputants are gentlemen. (Perhaps

few of them are, is an impression gained from a reading of the exchanges.)

The debate is unseemly and, on its present conditions, profitless. A remedy, we suggest, can be for sworn statements to be required. That might well help to clear up the differences. Or, perhaps, provide the basis for more formalized inquiry. The integrity of town officials, both elective and appointive, is at issue.

Checkered flags ahead

At last, and at least, there's discernible progress on the endless reconstruction of the Thruway's Exit 24 to I-90 and the Northway. As of last weekend, according to an announced schedule, travelers coming off the Thruway there will be able to take a normal route eastward onto I-90. That much certainly is an improvement. It'll be safer than the dizzying course that has been imposed for the past year, and it will help to restore some confidence by the public that our Department of Transportation can actually finish something.

Not yet finished, however, is what DOT refers to as "the entire \$53.5 million interchange complex reconstruction project." Completion for that now is scheduled "by the end of the year."

Those \$53.5 millions have been spread out over the past four years. The DOT is urging that "prudent speed" be observed by drivers as "major elements are opened to traffic."

Prudent speed and other precautions are certainly advisable there, and especially elsewhere on the Northway. Within a fortnight, two fatal accidents occurred on it because drivers were speeding up the wrong side of the divided highway. That is a feat that seems difficult to the point of impossibility — but, tragically, some drivers are showing them-

selves as hopelessly confused.

Confusion and overconfidence — these seem to be major contributors to the traffic toll generally.

So saying, a variety of highway departments — state, county, town, city — are adding to the likelihood of accidents through misplaced priorities.

Drivers and pedestrians alike count on common markings painted on roads and streets to guide themselves and others in safe practices.

The double yellow lines delineating "you shall not pass" areas are especially important — but in locality after locality, it is only in midsummer that crews are beginning to restore these faded, obliterated markings. This failure to perform is creating and compounding danger needlessly and heedlessly.

The same failure applies to the white lines bordering highways (particularly valuable in bad weather when vision may be particularly obscured); to the heavy transverse lines indicating where traffic should halt at corners; and certainly to the crosswalks that help to guide pedestrians in safe crossings.

The public should require better performance by the responsible public agencies whose practices are slipshod.

Words for the week

Venerable: Worthy of reverence or respect by virtue of dignity, character, position, or age; commanding respect or reverence by association.

Dyspepsia: Disturbed digestion; indigestion.

Ascertain: Find out; to discover through examination or experimentation. (Accent is on the final syllable; "certain" disappears.)

Franked: An official mark (on a piece of mail) so

that it can be sent and delivered free of postage through special official privilege.

Lethargy: State of being drowsy and dull, or of having the faculties and energies suspended; apathetic or sluggish activity.

Mandate: An authoritative order or command.

Canny: Astute, shrewd; also, careful, cautious; or skilled, expert. Among Scots, frugal or thrifty.

Here I stand, says Sue Ann Ritchko

Editor, The Spotlight:

Last week your editorial underscored the importance of candidates addressing the issues.

I feel it is important to clarify that I, as a candidate for town supervisor, have felt so strongly about addressing the issues that I have spent money to have them published as ads in your paper. Also, I have submitted press releases on a regular basis. I began this process in June. I have distributed a brochure outlining my positions and qualifications, gone door-to-door, held meetings, and will continue to do so throughout the campaign, to make my positions known.

Among others, I have addressed issues of growth and the need for a commercial and residential moratorium. I have proposed ways we can work to solve traffic congestion. I have addressed the impact that growth has on our schools and the need for increased communication among school districts. I have

Vox Pop

stressed the importance of local representation on the Town Board. I have identified impact fees as a funding mechanism to expand our park and recreational areas. I have urged for the expansion of our recycling plan and voiced my opposition to the proposed American Ref-Fuel burn plant.

I have called for the expansion of services to senior citizens, and the need for our town to have more open government through increased direct citizen participation.

I couldn't agree more that a candidate's positions on issues are critical to the voters of Bethlehem in making the right choice. Let me assure you that one candidate, Sue Ann Ritchko, has and will continue to put forth, publicly, positions on issues facing our community.

Sue Ann Ritchko

Delmar

Ken Ringler offers views on 3 issues

Editor, The Spotlight:

Door-to-door campaigning and my "Talk with Ken Ringler" meetings have provided me with a great opportunity to discuss issues with Bethlehem residents. Last week in a letter to *The Spotlight*, Marjorie Davies expressed three concerns which are reflective of many comments that I have heard from our residents. I would like to offer my views on these problems.

1) Issue: Need for an additional grocery store.

Quite simply, there is no question in my mind that an additional supermarket is needed. When I was president of the Chamber of Commerce, I contacted many chain operators in an effort to lure them to Bethlehem. Most expressed interest, but felt that suitably zoned locations were not eco-

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Candidates and supporters of candidates in the Sept. 12 Republican primary for Bethlehem Supervisor are advised that special rules apply to letters concerning the election.

Candidates have been notified that they are offered space in the Aug. 23 issue for statements. In the following two issues letters submitted for publication from the candidates or their supporters must be relevant to the issues of the campaign. Letters may clarify or correct a statement already printed, present new information relevant to the election, or respond to a specific statement or issue already raised.

Deadline for letters relating to the primary for the issues of Aug. 30 and Sept. 6 are 5 p.m. Thursday prior to the date of publication so that the editors may have time to solicit responses if appropriate.

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Some lite summer fare

By tradition, it is understood that nobody thinks during the hot months. That's the reason that movies during the summer are all crazy ones that make no sense to anyone except 13-year-olds. (Of course, there must be an awful lot of 13-year-olds, judging from the tens of millions of bucks that these loony shows are reported to bring in to their canny producers, writers, directors, and nutty actors.)

The idea that people lose their minds between mid-June and post-Labor Day is also behind the proposition that reading matter has to be feather-light, and that mindless romances and gossipy scandals are the only books that anyone will bother with.

Accordingly, Uncle Dudley is now turning to mere froth, and will not trouble your minds with even a hint of any serious topic. Be prepared!

(But seriously, folks, the desirability of the "light touch" is likewise the reason that political campaigning in the summer nets the candidates nothing, and also the reason why "debates" in the summer are for the birds. Campaigning might as well be concentrated in the week between the first day of school and primary day.)

I had a letter the other day from Jim Coyne. No, not *that* Jim Coyne. It was a letter from the original Jim Coyne, the one you will recognize as the former Congressman from Pennsylvania, he whose name will live long in political history even if he did serve only one two-year term in the House of Representatives (a la Abe Lincoln).

I imagine that plenty of other people received Gentleman Jim's letter, but I was especially pleased that it had first-class postage on the envelope. That was a good introduction to the contents. Most of the mail I receive from public persons either comes franked (if they're in office) or by bulk-rate.

What Jim is trying to do is to reform Congress by putting a lid

CONSTANT READER

Reading in lieu of exercise

Only occasionally do I see *The New Republic*, that venerable weekly (48 issues a year) that used to be published on what the noted critic Westbrook Pegler called "butcher paper." Now it's a thicker periodical (40 pages in a recent issue) on slick paper with a decent effort at good graphics. And the key to this transformation presumably is the pocketbook and checkbook of a man named Martin Peretz, who made himself the editor after buying in about 15 years ago. (He was a Harvard instructor.)

Despite the physical changes, *The New Republic* retains the same tense tone that always has characterized it. Whatever your point of view happens to be, *TNR* probably will offer you another one. Reading it is good for the circulation (yours), and may even give a new meaning to the word dyspepsia. A steady diet? — probably not. But exposure at least every so often can do almost anyone a certain amount of good, except perhaps citizens who are so serious that

on how long its members can serve before being declared as ineligible as, say, an Oklahoma gridder. The limit he proposes is 12 years — amounting to six terms for a member of the House and two 6-year terms for a Senator. This would have to be done by (gulp) a constitutional amendment, a route which is either great or terrible, depending on what side of a thorny issue you happen to favor.

Is twelve years long enough for a Congressman to save the nation?

I think that the 12-year limit is reasonable. It would tend to discourage the undue emphasis placed on the seniority system. It would surely restrict the tendency for members to make careers out of public office. Let them try their hands at private employment (not as lobbyists or fixers, of course!) and see how they do off the public payroll.

Mr. Coyne's letter makes a particular point which I wonder whether you'd agree with: "Congress as an institution is in crisis. It is incapable of reforming itself internally to the point it can deal decisively with our nation's economic and social problems."

Obviously, he believes that a greater turnover in the membership would make a difference. I'm inclined to think that the prospect of a solution is worth the try. (If I hadn't sworn off making readers think, I'd inquire as to what your opinion is. For instance, Jerry Solomon will have served his 12 years by the end of this term. If it took a constitutional amendment to get him sprung from office, would you favor it?)

I'm one of the people who watch license plates for strange number combinations and also for the

vanity-plate letter/word combinations that people think up for themselves. Most common, of course, are just plain initials, but there are plenty of variations, including names of businesses, pet names, inside jokes, and other alleged humor. One that I frequently see (and shudder) is IGOT2BME. Just the other day in a supermarket parking lot I saw this for the first time: JAMES VI. What does that mean? Maybe the proprietor is the sixth generation to proudly bear the name.

Except for mock-historic events such as Superbowls, the most common usage for Roman numerals is to designate the place in succession of royalty and popes. I don't believe that there's even been a Pope James. England, of course, has had a King James, but the line never progressed beyond II. But, ah, Scotland! England's James I was the Scots' James VI (son of Mary, Queen of Scots). Is this local motorist somehow a throwback to the Stuarts? Interesting possibility.

I was interested enough, by the way, to go look up old James. He graced the throne(s) in the early 17th century, though disgraced probably is a better term.

My reference book observes: "Almost every one of the ruling Stuarts had died in consequence of war or assassination or beheading. James died in his bed. He is distinguished for that, as for the King James Version, for employing Inigo Jones (who revolutionized English architecture), and for introducing the game of golf."

Well, certainly the owner of that license plate knows the answer to my puzzlement, and perhaps other people do, too. Maybe they'll help me out?

Even more recently, I spotted another plate that tops them all: FLOSSEM. It, I assume, belongs to a really creative and artistic dentist. I'd be happy to place myself in his (her?) hands.

they are enrolled in the Conservative party.

The issue that I borrowed was dated Aug. 21. The contents page lists no fewer than a dozen and a half articles, and I haven't yet been able to dig into them very far. The cover story undertakes to ascertain why "the economic news is always bad," whether or not the dollar goes up or down, the Fed tightens or loosens, interest rates rise or fall. I'll probably read it.

No matter what your opinion is, here's another!

Much of the reading matter concerns itself with Washington, including pieces about HUD, tax "reform," and ole devils like Bork & Quayle. But there are critical reviews of the movie, "When Harry Met Sally," a commentary by Robert Brustein on Laurence Olivier, and some hightoned book

discussions. There's Fred Barnes, a competent correspondent, on "Time for Bush to be President," and the best reading of all: Henry Fairlie and the writer (name unknown to me) who has taken over the long-running TRB page. A brief quote from both of these is in order: From TRB: "No artist has a First Amendment right to a government subsidy. Denying him (Robert Mapplethorpe, the obscene photographer) is not censorship. The same is true of corporate support. . . There is no reason the government or commercial interests should support exercises of free expression that offend the majority of people."

Fairlie (after a severe look under Lee Atwater's stone): "If the flag means what bush and Atwater seem to think, burn it. . . There is no braver sight in Washington than the circle of Stars and Stripes around the Washington Monument. . . The flag seems so clean, its promise still so defiant. Who now soils it? Let it speak for itself."

A start in life

This guest editorial was written by the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation of the City of Albany.

By Richard J. Barrett Jr.

The question and its answer have always been the same when a young person is eager to go to work and get a start in life.

Point of View

"What experience do you have?"

"Well, you see, I don't have any . . ."

And the discouraging frustration, too, is always the same. "How can I get experience without a job—when I can't get a job without experience?"

Unfortunately, the story is especially true in the case of young people from homes where consistent, successful work experience is not traditional. Too often, the immediate outcome is apparent unemployment—and actuality follows the script.

Countering this dilemma is one of the goals of the summer employment program that is a keystone of the "Albany Plan," initiated last year by Mayor Thomas Whalen of Albany to fight drug trafficking and use. I believe that the rather surprising result, and its lessons, are worth attention broadly from other governments, employers, families and the general public.

This summer, approximately 1,500 young people are employed by the city for actual jobs — not made-work with little expectation of performance. (And — not patronage.) They are working within two departments of city government: Public Works and Parks and Recreation.

Young people are learning what will be expected of them when they go into the workplace.

Under Public Works, they are working on the streets and other places where cleanup and maintenance are needed. That's a key part of "Project Pride," whose colorful signs you see around the city. More than 550 young people are employed there, with the age range about 17 to 31. Approximately one out of seven is female, and an estimated 90 percent are from minority families.

In Parks and Recreation, we have quite a different picture. We have nearly 700 youth corps workers assigned to a variety of tasks, (plus another 250 individuals who are on the recreation staff in playgrounds and parks). The youth corps workers are younger, from 14 up, and slightly over half are from minority families. Virtually all are in the working-class tradition. They work four hours a day, in two shifts, and over the course of the summer they each earn about \$800 if they stick with it, as most do. For the greater part, they are able to work at sites in their own neighborhoods, thus saving transportation costs. Even so, there are some 90 different locations, and these have been receiving the benefit of a rehabilitation and sprucing-up effort that has brought about a much better parks system.

Our Albany Plan workers have been active in installing some \$20,000 of new playground equipment. They have rebuilt a jogging path around Buckingham Lake in Pine Hills. They have made it possible to reduce, one project at a time, the file of "someday" items that just overwhelm the regular staff.

The dozens of gardens in Washington Park receive a degree of TLC that our staff of gardeners cannot lavish on them. The "Park Playhouse" at the Lakehouse is possible, in part, because of the additional hands that the Albany Plan workers bring to it. When I talk with them, I realize anew the sense of pride that they bring to the job; they know, too, that they are giving, they're not taking handouts.

In addition to the kinds of work I've mentioned, some of the young people are learning other skills. One group is learning how to be office workers, at our Parks Department offices. They are becoming acquainted with such detail as handling a payroll, with data entry, and other specialized tasks that have been, understandably, well beyond their comprehension.

But much more significant than physical upgrading of the parks and playgrounds is what I see this program doing for the young people who are carrying it out. There's the income they take home, where it's obviously needed. It's evident that it helps with clothing for school and other necessary personal items, but it also helps out with families' immediate living expenses, as well.

I'm thinking of one of our workers, a girl from a family of 13 children where there's a 2-year-old with leukemia. I'm thinking of three sisters, including a pair of twins, who work at the Lincoln Park pool. And I'm thinking of a grandmother who supervises one of the playgrounds where a granddaughter is employed in this work program.

Many of our young workers are having their eyes opened to the idea that they actually can do worthwhile things, that they are not worthless and their outlook is not hopeless. Their self-

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Matters of Opinion

□ A start in life

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esteem is being built; they gain a broader perspective and a more open mind. They are learning how to get along with other people of all races. They are aware of such things as a time sheet, the need to call in if they can't make it one day—the requirements of the workaday world. This work experience is serving as a springboard into the private employment area. I rate as pluses even the fact that, for many, it's an opportunity to visit other parts of the city where they've had no contact or experience; and also that they are getting their first Social Security card—an indication that yes, there's a place for them in the system.

Though they are learning the qualities that can be expected in other kinds of jobs, this is not a training program as such. Nor is it intended to create upward mobility.

What it does do is attack two problems: The chronically unemployed and the "idle hands" syndrome when school is out and the

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summer stretches ahead. These factors are very important if you're trapped in the city for the summer, without something to do, without money, and without hope. Beyond this, the wherewithal that these young people gain is another plus, as is—though only incidentally—the physical benefit to the city, its residents and its visitors.

When some of the Albany Plan young workers are busily scrubbing graffiti from statues in the park, they surely are gaining a clearer concept that defacing public property isn't a great idea. In fact, vandalism in the parks and playgrounds is diminishing. And it's likely that some former perpetrators are among those helping with the cleanup and repair.

I heartily recommend such a program for any municipality. Its numerous benefits make it cheap at whatever price. The million dollars that the city of Albany is spending this summer on the Albany Plan workers is a solid investment.

Woof, woof

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□ Ken Ringler offers views

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nomically feasible for them. As part of the master planning process, we must consider additional areas for commercial services for our community, the size of which should be limited in order to maintain our residential character, to the extent possible. Due to the obvious need for a market, we should review any proposals which might address this need. This can be done as a parallel process to the master planning. Our review process is quite extensive, and we must thoroughly consider the impacts of any proposal against the current need for services. My opponent has suggested that we place a moratorium on commercial projects. I strongly oppose this recommendation as it could delay the building of a market for as long as four to five years, when one considers the length of the proposed moratorium approval process, and construction time.

2) Issue: Cable TV.

The Cable Communication Policy Act of 1984 essentially removed the rate-regulating abilities of state and local governments. This has resulted in a de facto monopoly. It is outrageous that rates in Bethlehem have increased approximately 100 percent since deregulation. Congress is considering legislation which may reintroduce some regulation. We as a community must demand action. Locally, the only leverage we have is when a franchise is renewed

which will take place in August of 1991. We should begin *now*, as recommended by the New York State Commission on Cable Television, to determine in what areas the current vendor might be deficient in meeting the requirements of the current franchise. We should immediately invite public participation in this process in order to adequately evaluate the level of service we are receiving versus the rates being charged. With the rates being charged, it is difficult for me to understand why it takes hours to get through to the local cable office by phone or why it takes three weeks to have a new installation! We must also determine our future needs, particularly in the area of serving residents who want cable and are currently not receiving it. Our local authority is quite limited as we no longer control rates, but we must use any authority or influence we have to bring pressure in the right areas and break up this monopoly. The New York State Cable Awareness Association has recommended that localities pass a resolution adopting a Television Bill of Rights. I will explore the effects of such a resolution and if beneficial to the Bethlehem consumer, push for implementation.

3) Issue: Traffic.

One of the keys to solving the traffic problem on Delaware Avenue is my recommendation that would provide additional commer-

cial zoning in other sections of the town. Most traffic is currently focused to Delaware Avenue for necessary services. We must find alternate routes to this congested area. In addition, we must continue our efforts to complete the Delmar Bypass and find additional alternate routes for traffic which currently use Delaware Avenue.

In addition, we must press the County Legislature to re-evaluate its spending priorities to provide necessary funding to meet its responsibility of maintaining and improving the county road network in Bethlehem and other municipalities.

The State of New York must move forward and establish a dedicated highway fund (as have 47 other states to provide relief and improvement to such problem roads as Route 396 in Selkirk and elsewhere.

And finally, we must consider the imposition of impact fees to offset the cost of new development. It is important, however, that New York State provides enabling legislation which will address current legal obstacles.

I thank *The Spotlight* for the opportunity to share my views on these important issues.

Ken Ringler

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Readers write on Bethlehem primary

A woman supervisor after 196 years?

Editor, The Spotlight:

In 1793, Bethlehem, which was a mix of 12 hamlets, united under a central township government. Since that time we have been governed by men.

Now for the first time we have a candidate, who is Sue Ann Ritchko; yes, a woman! She has an excellent record as a first-class administrator, with honesty and integrity. As you know, Supervisor Robert Hendrick appointed her to her present position (as Deputy Supervisor).

Let's put our shoulders to the wheel and make a special effort to vote on primary day, Sept. 12.

I hope the gentlemen will join us in this special effort to help elect the first woman to be supervisor since 1793. It would be nice to see a fine turnout of our senior citizens.

R.C. Williams

Selkirk

Town Board minutes cited in bar argument

Editor, The Spotlight:

Certain alarming facts concerning Sue Ann Ritchko's appeal over the issuance of a permit for the expansion at "My Place" should not be lost among all of the sensa-

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tionalized charges by her that have accompanied this story.

As *The Spotlight* documented in last week's news account, she knew full well, as early as May 1985, that the My Place restaurant would be able to expand up to 25 percent even after the adoption of the buffer zone. She was present, as a member of the town board, when Councilman Scott Prothero specifically asked town planning consultant Edward Kleinke how town law would affect expansion of non-conforming use properties. Kleinke indicated that the new buffer zone ordinance would not impact existing properties so far as an additional allowable 25 percent expansion is concerned, and My Place was specifically mentioned among the examples.

Town minutes and hearing transcripts can be brutal to those who would forget or misplace the facts.

If an expansion at My Place concerns Sue Ann Ritchko as much as she would have us believe, why didn't she act then to recommend a change or clarification in town law? Why hasn't she done so since?

Instead of addressing the proper question before the Board of Appeals at her hearing, Mrs. Ritchko used the occasion to criticize at least three town officials, one of them being Bernie Kaplowitz, chairman of the Republican Committee, which overwhelmingly had voted for Mrs. Ritchko's opponent.

She undoubtedly views all this as a candidate's dream come true. Just imagine being viewed publicly as fighting expansion of a bar next to a school by arguing law that will be difficult to understand while also denouncing people with whom one has a bone to pick!

Sue Ann Ritchko seriously underestimates the intelligence and decency of Bethlehem's electorate.

James B. Hogan, Jr.

Delmar

More than is meeting the primary eyeball

Editor, The Spotlight:

A couple of things occur to me about this campaign for supervisor. One is that I see all those Ringler yard signs all over town. Good for him, if he has all that widespread support, but I wonder what the quotient may be between yards with signs and yards belonging to members of the committee that selected him to run.

The other idea is this: Since the Dems haven't come up with a slate, and as I understand their legal date for filling of a slate selected by caucus falls after the GOP primary,

are they being super-smart to see who wins that, and whether the loser's hard feelings indicate a big stay-at-home vote in November, or maybe people willing to jump to a qualified Democrat. Could be. Wait and see. For now, sign me as just an

Enrolled Republican

(Name submitted)

Ringler does talk issues, writer says


Editor, The Spotlight:

I have been a resident of Bethlehem for almost two years, I closely monitor local politics, as I feel it is my right to know in what direction my town is heading.

In the short time that I have lived here, Ken Ringler has been a man who constantly talks issues. I'm all for the *The Spotlight's* editorial suggestion ("Let's hear it for

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More opinions on the GOP primary

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the issues"; Aug. 9) that the candidates for supervisor in the Republican primary election should be sure to cover the issues.

However, isn't *The Spotlight* also the candidates are saying? For example, Ken Ringler is holding meetings all over town to do just what *The Spotlight* suggests. He has been tackling the issues, offering ideas, and answering tough questions. But I have not read a word about these in my newspaper.

Ken Ringler talks issues. It appears that if it weren't for the advertising of the Ringler campaign to promote his numerous public meetings we wouldn't even know about them.

It isn't fair for *The Spotlight* to request the candidates to talk to issues when in fact you don't provide coverage for the meetings Mr. Ringler holds to talk issues.

I respectfully suggest that if you look closer you will see more discussions of the issues than you think.

John P. Thomas

Glenmont

Are some campaign signs disappearing?

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am a recently registered voter and enrolled Republican in the Town of Bethlehem. I always have observed primary campaigns with great interest and view our current race for town supervisor with interest as well. As I weigh the qualifications of each candidate, I

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have been impressed with the high level at which both individuals have conducted their campaign. My intention is to listen more, read more, and ask more questions in the coming weeks; this is the democratic process involved in evaluating a candidate.

I have observed that many Ritchko campaign signs disappear in just a very few hours. Having been involved in campaigns previously, nothing is more frustrating than the constant removal of a candidate's signs. Let's see some common respect by supporters of each candidate. The signs are a way of alerting voters (Republicans) to the primary. They stimulate interest and support for the candidate to represent the Republican party for the most important job in managing future affairs of our town. Removing these signs prematurely is an insult to the system of choosing a candidate for our party. I would also remind each candidate of their responsibility to remove such signs after the election to preserve our community's beauty and environment.

Jane M. O'Neill

Glenmont

Republicans do like women, too, so there!

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am a member of Bethlehem's Republican Committee, and furthermore a female member and I take offense to Marilyn Rothstein's letter in last week's *Spotlight*.

She clearly suggested the Republican Committee was reluctant to designate Mrs. Ritchko for supervisor because she is a woman.

First, I would like my fellow Republicans to clearly understand Mrs. Ritchko appeared before the committee during our candidate interview meeting. Two weeks later at the committee's nomination meeting Mrs. Ritchko for some reason did not have her name placed in nomination, and to suggest that the committee purposely chose not to consider her is a cheap shot. I am obliged to let my party members know these facts.

Secondly, it is very offensive to suggest that the Republican Committee of Republican town officeholders are prejudiced against female candidates for public service.

The fact is a good number of committee members are women, and many more, including myself and Mrs. Ritchko, have been selected to serve in the town.

I would like to state that Mrs. Rothstein can rest assured that after a lengthy search process, the competent 54 member Republican Committee selected a superior male candidate for supervisor, Ken Ringler.

Robin J. Reed

Selkirk

An Albanian writes about our primary

Editor, The Spotlight:

With primaries coming up, I would like to share a few of my thoughts with you about the need

to get out and vote and other things about voting and candidates. For example, I would single-out Sue Ann Ritchko's experience as vice president of consumer services in the business sector to serve as evidence of her knowledge and experience — how products and services affect a community. I would feel comfortable knowing the next elected town supervisor can deal with these issues for the benefit of the community.

Also her private leadership over the last decade in educational, artistic, communication, and service organizations gives her a breadth of perspective and sense of compassion for senior citizens, as well as many other layers and interests in our community. She is a woman of principle who has served the residents of our town with dedication. In addition, she can be a full-time supervisor.

What does Bethlehem need over the next decade? It deserves integrity, leadership, and honed management skills, in order that we may all plan for a prosperous future. Sue Ann heeds growth spurts — by recognizing we need to plan better traffic routes and highways and expand parks and recreational areas to preserve the greens.

While we monitor, temporarily, a residential and commercial moratorium, we plan how good things can happen in our future. Sue Ann wants to preserve the small-town character of Bethlehem by making expansion a function of character and checkbook. I'm for this sound approach 100 percent!

Marge Roberts

Albany

An old friend is heard

Editor, The Spotlight:

Sue Ann Ritchko and I go back to the 60's when we were Red Cross instructors teaching babysitting safety techniques. Ever since that time, we've crossed paths and worked together on a variety of community projects.

I have known Sue Ann to be a responsible, honest administrator. I have watched her progress as a business executive, an elected official, and as someone I grew to trust and respect. She always found the time to be of assistance to those who asked — Sue Ann is dedicated.

I feel that she is a challenge to the present administration not only because she is a female, but she has excellent credentials. Furthermore, she has been a life-long Republican.

Samuel Capone

Delmar

Thanks to VFW post

Editor, The Spotlight:

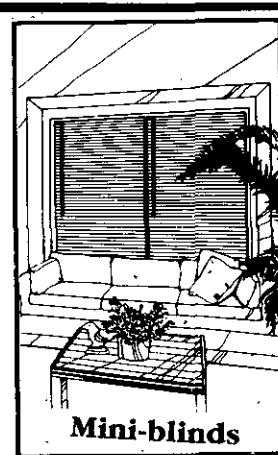
Please permit us to express our gratitude to the Veterans of Foreign Wars post who treated 220 senior citizens to a delicious picnic dinner at the Slingerlands Park. Our gratitude, however, goes far deeper as we remember their sacrifice and service to our country.

Margaret Tomlinson, Helen Middleton, Teddy Waterbury, Helen Schiller

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Your Opinion Matters

Moratorium loopholes sketched

Editor, The Spotlight:

At the Bethlehem Town Board meeting July 12, and in the July 26 edition of *The Spotlight*, Sue Ann Ritchko presented her proposal for an 18-month moratorium on building in our town. The moratorium is to include both residential and commercial construction.

What Mrs. Ritchko says is not as revealing as what she doesn't say.

Commercial development has been carefully controlled by our town government. There has been little or no increase in the size of commercial zones in the Tri-Village area for many years and the industrial development of any substantial nature has been confined to industrial zones in the town's southern area.

These commercial enterprises provide residents of Bethlehem with substantial tax revenue to pay for necessary services and to offset residential property taxes.

The Town Board and Planning Board have ample powers to slow or prevent commercial/industrial growth during the work on the town's master plan.

Mrs. Ritchko fails to inform us that an 18-month moratorium would undoubtedly have to be extended to two years or more by the time the Land Use Management Advisory's (LUMAC) suggested improvements are in place.

She fails to inform us that during this period, we will forfeit millions of dollars in new tax revenue. She fails to inform us that, for all practical purposes, her proposed moratorium would postpone for at least five years the construction of an additional supermarket.

report from the *Capital District Business Review* that ranked Bethlehem the fifth-fastest growing municipality area in 1988 with a 65.5 percent increase in activity. The ranking was based on the percentage gain in the dollar value

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of construction (\$40.9 million). The fact is that the typically higher value of homes constructed in Bethlehem seriously skews that number. And, the \$10 million cost of two new industrial facilities during 1988 comprised a quarter of the entire figure!

She has cited statistics to support the need for her proposal, but has failed to inform us of their true meaning. For example, she cited a

Mrs. Ritchko fails to remind us that permits granted for new construction are the only true measure of building growth, not the approval of preliminary plans. She fails to inform us that those previously agreed-upon projects designed for street or arterial connections would also be put on hold during her proposed moratorium while costs to complete them continue to spiral upward.

She fails to inform us that, at the conclusion of a moratorium, the pressure for subdivision approvals and building permits will still remain with us, and the numbers will be in such proportions as to make it virtually impossible for the Department of Public Works to properly cope with the workload.

From an observer's viewpoint, the only redeeming feature of an 18-month moratorium of the sort

proposed by candidate Ritchko is that it can be politically popular to those who hear the words but who don't take the time to look deeper.

Nelson L. Isdell

Delmar

Police officers give to the food pantry

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing to extend thanks to the president of the Bethlehem Police Officers' Union 3364, Council 82, Anthony Arduini, and union members who contributed \$115 in Grand Union gift certificates to the Bethlehem Food Pantry.

The Bethlehem Food Pantry, located in the Bethlehem Senior Services Office, serves an average of 230 persons a year. Started in 1982 to serve individuals, families, and the elderly of the town, it is run by Senior Services community volunteers. The Pantry is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. It belongs to the Albany County Food Task Force and cooperates with other pantries and agencies within the county.

Thanks are due to the union members for their generous contribution.

Joyce H. Becker
Program Coordinator
Bethlehem Senior Citizen Services

Post office site dispute

Editor, The Spotlight:

Since Mr. Pizzitola has made accusations about me in public, I feel that I have a right to respond.

As Mr. Pizzitola is well aware, many Slingerlands homeowners were opposed to that particular site for a post office for years. What Mr. Pizzitola did not mention was that he planned to put not one but two commercial buildings on that site. He refused to indicate what the other building would house. The possibility of having two high-traffic businesses on that site caused many of us to be concerned about a traffic gridlock at that intersection.

Mr. Pizzitola's recent actions on that site indicate that he has no more concern about the aesthetic environment of the hamlet of Slingerlands than the man in the moon. I will stand on my record of concern for the environment and the hamlet.

I believe that the BTR site is a far better place for a post office because it would be at a controlled intersection and would have ample parking. I firmly believe that the people in Slingerlands would much rather have a post office at that site than a shopping center.

Lastly, Mr. Pizzitola, no one encouraged anyone to renege on your "deal." They have been looking for a site for years and yours was not the first one mentioned. I suggest you ask the post office

people rather than making questionable statements in public.

Dominick DeCecco

Slingerlands


Mr. DeCecco, a former member of the Board of Appeals and a current member of the Bethlehem Planning Board, refers to a sign erected on Anthony Pizzitola's property in Slingerlands, opposite the Tollgate, that quoted Mr. DeCecco's comments during a Board of Appeals meeting opposing a post office on the site. The sign, which has since been torn down, questions whether the planning board encouraged "the Post Office to renege on our contract" and urges voters to "do the right thing." Ed.

Insect program at Five Rivers

The Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, will offer an outdoor study of common insects on Tuesday, Aug. 22, at 7 p.m.

The program is entitled "Strange Encounters with the Six-Legged," and will provide a close-up look at local insects.

The program will be repeated on Thursday, Aug. 24, at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 453-1806.



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Noontime motorists were held up as DOT crews resurfaced Kenwood Ave. from Delmar Four Corners to Orchard St. last Tuesday. *Bob Hagyard*

Review of 'Children At Play' sign policy will continue

By Mark Stuart

The Bethlehem Town Board last Wednesday agreed that its policy regarding approval and placement of "Children At Play" signs needs clarification.

The board also requested that the Traffic Safety Committee conduct an inventory of existing Children At Play signs.

The question of sign placement and approval was raised by the board after receiving two requests in July for Children At Play signs. The board asked the Traffic Safety Committee for a clarification on how the determination of approval is made.

In an Aug. 4 memo, Police Lt. Fred Holligan, chairman of the Traffic Safety Committee, said the committee has relied on the state Department of Transportation's Uniform Manual of Traffic Control Devices. The manual reads: Use of this sign *should be limited* to locations where, because of unusual conditions, motorists might not expect children playing in the vicinity of the roadway. The

Bethlehem

(Children At Play) sign is not intended for general use in residential areas, or on other highways where obvious residential development alerts motorists to the possibility of children at play."

"In the past they were put up rather indiscriminately and I'm worried that they're beginning to be ignored," Holligan told the board. Councilman Dennis Corrigan said that as the manual reads, roads like Fairlawn Drive in Elm Estates and some roads in Bicentennial Woods would not qualify for a Children At Play sign despite the obvious need. "I'm worried that this policy as it is written would limit places like Elm Estates and places that definitely have a need," Corrigan said.

CDTA lot delayed

The board tabled a request from Bruce Secor, commissioner of Public Works, to authorize Hendrick to sign an agreement between the Capital District Transportation Authority and Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation for the proposed Park and Ride lot at the Delmar Bypass and Elm Avenue.

The board tabled the proposal because of concerns over liability. The proposed contract with Niagara-Mohawk would eliminate liability from NiMo and place it on the town and CDTA.

The board set an Aug. 23, 7:30 p.m. public hearing to discuss the installation of stop signs at the intersection of Mosher Road and Murray Avenue.

The Traffic Safety Committee has recommended that the stop

signs be installed after a traffic survey of the intersection revealed a speed problem and an increase in traffic volume.

In other business, permission was granted to Building Inspector John Flanigan to issue a one-year dumping permit to Dr. William Jones for his property off LaGrange Road, Slingerlands.

According to the application, Jones will be filling in areas of standing water and correcting drainage problems with soil, sand and similar fill. Corrigan, chairman of the town's Solid Waste Committee, asked that the word "etcetera" be removed from the section of the application that listed what could be dumped. "I know what he means, but there's a lot of trash out there looking for a home and I don't want to leave any loopholes," Corrigan said.

Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick said Jones' soil work will have no connection with BTR Realty's proposed Bethlehem Village project.

Debra J. Yoncko was appointed as a probationary police radio dispatcher effective August 22.

The board was informed that the town has received a quarterly franchise fee of \$15,132.80 from Cablevision for the second quarter of 1989.

A resolution was adopted by the board honoring the 25th anniversary of the federal Economic Opportunity Act. The Economic Opportunity Act was passed to eliminate poverty and created such programs as Job Corps and Headstart.

The next regular town board meeting will be Aug. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Elsmere Ave. project bid is awarded

Hudson River Construction Co., Inc. of Albany has been selected for the reconstruction and widening of Elsmere Avenue at the intersection of Delaware Avenue, according to a state Department of Transportation Announcement last week.

Hudson River Construction submitted a bid of \$232,850 to widen the road to 40 feet in order to provide a right turn lane. Other work to be done includes installing crosswalks, a new signal, signs and sidewalks. The work is scheduled for completion by June 30, 1990, according to the release.

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RCS again tackles overcrowding

By Renee Hunter

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education has lost a few battles, but board members still want to win the war. They need to come up with a solution to the problem of overcrowding in the schools even though voters have twice said no to plans for additions.

At their regular meeting last Monday, the board discussed its options for renovation and reconstruction. A bond issue calling for added elementary classrooms and a new library and gymnasium at the high school was voted down twice this year.

Board President Wayne Furhman said that a major problem in the bond issue being voted down was that voters did not go to the schools and see the need for the construction.

According to Superintendent William Schwartz, the need for more elementary school classrooms will be even greater now, noting that kindergarten enrollment is up to about 215 students from last year's 150. Average class size at RCS is about 180 pupils.

Schwartz said there will be 12 kindergartens, 10 first grades, and six fifth grade classes this year. However, there aren't going to be extra rooms to house the larger classes in the future.

Whether or not the larger class size is a fluke remains to be seen. As development in southern Albany County continues to increase, it could become a trend.

Furthermore, Schwartz said there are new programs that have to be in place and require extra space, regardless of enrollment.

Therefore, the board is considering placing the bond issues up for a vote again. They will be inviting community leaders and groups to take tours of the schools in September and offer suggestions.

Board member Sarah Hafensteiner said the reasons for the low 20 percent voter turnout when the bond issue went down in January should be looked into and adding voting hours, locations and absentee voting should be considered.

Also at the meeting, the board reappointed Simeo Gallo of the law firm of Clayman, Mead and Gallo

The New York State School Boards gave a list of attorneys to Schwartz, but Gallo, who has served the district for almost 25 years, was still highly recommended by them as he is considered the leading attorney in school law in the area.

Some of the board members expressed disapproval with some of Gallo's past advice. Schwartz said that out of fairness to Gallo, the board should have a dialogue with him as he may not be aware of their dissatisfaction.

The board decided to offer Gallo a one-year reappointment at a salary of \$7750, with only Dr. Mona Selover voting no and member Sherry Putney absent. A committee will be formed to look into the board's options for legal counsel and Gallo will be invited to the meetings.

In other business the board:

- learned two applications for the vacant school board seat have been received. The candidates, Stephen Berletic, a former board member who was not re-elected, and William Craft, will be interviewed before the meeting on Aug. 28 and a decision will be made shortly after.

- received the resignation of Jonathan Graf, high school English teacher, and John "Jack" Bailey, a bus driver who is retiring after 33 years with the district.

- appointed tenure to Rodger Lewis, school business administrator.

- heard an update on a problem with a portion of the high school roof. The work was never completed by Keller Roofing Company and before any action can be taken, the board will have to wait for a decision from the bonding company and the school attorney. Roofers Joyce and Kramer, who are working on another part of the roof, may be able to complete the work.

- appointed Theresa Jasiewicz, Kerry Miller, William Baxter, Daniel Pickett, Lori Lanahan, Lesley Lopez, Lisa Cole, John Davis, Dominick Pannone, Theresa Potts, and Darlene Stachewicz as teachers in the district.

The next meeting of the board



The former Heath's Dairy farm of Glenmont, one of the last family-owned dairies in the area, was put on the market recently by its out-of-state owner, Joe

will be Aug. 28 at the senior high school with a tour of the schools at 6:30. The board's regular business meeting will begin around 8 p.m.

FreshStart Program for quitting smoking

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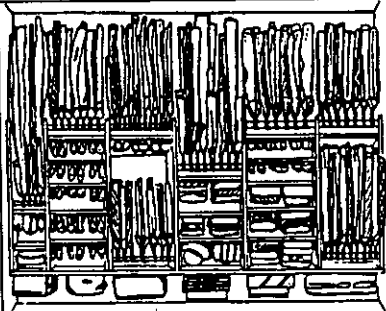
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Stewart's Clarksville proposal rejected

By Bob Hagyard

Rejecting a broad reading of the town zoning law, the New Scotland Zoning Board of Appeals told Stewart's Friday it cannot build a new outlet at the corner of Routes 85 and 443 west of Clarksville.

The site, just west of TamTom Pizza, is zoned Residential-Forestry, requiring three-acre lots and a limited list of permitted uses. That list does not include "convenience store", which in fact is not permitted in any zone in the town under the law.

The area, though, is "suitable for commercial development," said Graham Franks, development manager for the Saratoga Springs-based ice cream store chain. "Your supervisor and your building inspector agree, the intersection may be inappropriately utilized. You now have a legal, non-conforming junkyard at one corner, a legal, non-conforming place with a bar at another. The area is sorely in need of services."

Franks asked the board to rule the proposed store a "low-density use desirable for rural areas" so that it, too, would conform with the law.

Chairman Richard Sanderson then turned to board counsel John Bailey for his advice.

"Perhaps this would be a wise use of the land," Bailey told the board. "But this board does not have the authority to do that... To go from general language to the special use permit — you can't do that, or there would be no purpose to having the law. In effect, others

can come in and make the same argument for additional uses."

Voting to support Bailey's position were all members present Friday night: Chairman Sanderson and members Danker, Robert Hampston and Ronnie von Ronne.

Boutelle request

The board also rejected Lindsay Boutelle's request for a side-line variance he said he needs to build a ranch house on an under-used, vacant lot at the corner of Route 157 and Beaverdam Road near Thacher State Park.

Under the Residential-Forestry guidelines, a structure cannot be built within 50 feet of the property line; Boutelle wanted to build within 31 feet — "the minimum (variance) to correct the difficulty we are in."

The "difficulty," Boutelle went on; is the land, a narrow piece of table rock dropping off sharply toward the state road. Water and sewage disposal, he said, will be so expensive that only a large ranch-type house — one 80 feet across — will sell.

"We have tried to sell this the past 15 years, paying taxes," Boutelle said. But, questioned by Hampston, he admitted that the land was last listed about "six or seven years ago."

From the audience, Bob Smith of Route 443 supported Boutelle's claim: "(The house) would have to be at least \$200,000," he said. "It would be difficult to build for a person buying an \$80,000 house."

The board was unimpressed;

Hampston's motion to turn down the request because of "an absence of difficulty" was carried unanimously.

Other action

The board granted a lot variance to Richard Storm to construct a single-family home on a 2.7-acre parcel he purchased nearly three years ago off Route 312 near Clarksville.

The site is in an R-F zone, requiring a minimum three-acre lot. In November 1986, then-Building Inspector E. Walter Miller assured them in writing that the lot was "buildable." Three months later the couple bought the lot, then sold their home in Westerlo. Early this year they rented out a temporary home for the 1989 construction season, and contacted a builder. Along came Paul Cantlin, the current town building inspector, who checked the lot size and the law, and denied a building permit.

The lot was previously sold in 1973; back then, the zoning law permitted a minimum lot size of one acre. "If the lot had not been represented as buildable," said attorney Michael Hoblock, "they would not have purchased the land."

"The fact that our building inspector issued an erroneous report has no bearing on this," said Hampston of the board. "Case law shows that his error does not become 'correct' by the fact that it was in writing."

Hampston then noted that Storm's plans otherwise con-

formed with the law, the petition signed by virtually every neighborhood resident in support of the request, and a note from both abutting landowners renouncing any intent to sell. He moved to grant the variance and the motion carried unanimously.

The board also approved New Salem Reformed Church's request to install an illuminated sign at the same location as their previous non-conforming sign in front of the church.

Computers, software for use at library

The Voorheesville Public Library has four Apple computers available to the public during the summer. Three of them are on loan from the school district.

Computer users must be 12 or over, complete an orientation, and schedule computer time in advance.

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Audubon to hold orientation for guides

The Audubon Society of New York State, Inc., will hold an orientation meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 30, for those interested in assisting with Educational Programs.

Earns degree

James Fredericks Volkwein Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. J. Fredericks Volkwein of Voorheesville, graduated with honors in economics from Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass. recently.

Volkwein, has accepted a position as financial analyst at Merrill Lynch in New York City.

BC student wins \$10,000 scholarship

Christopher Engstrom, a senior at Bethlehem Central High School, was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship to attend The Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga. The award was based on work shown in a Scholastic Art Awards regional exhibition.

The national Scholastic Art program is conducted annually by Scholastic, Inc., an educational publisher, to recognize the talents of outstanding junior and senior high school artists and their teachers.

library, or personally owned programs can be used. The school district has also loaned educational software which, for the first time, will be circulated. Borrowers must be 18 or older and may take the software home for one week. There will be no renewals and fines are \$1 per day.

For information or to schedule an orientation, call 765-2791.

The meeting will be held at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., in Delmar, at 7 p.m.

For more information call 767-9051.

Earns nursing degree

Laura Green Collier, daughter of Barbara and Robert Green, Delmar and daughter-in-law of John and Barbara Collier of Delmar graduated recently with honors from the University of South Florida at Tampa.

She received her A.B.S. degree in nursing.

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Planners okay building variances

By Bob Hagyard

Two variance requests won favorable recommendations while a third was tabled pending further information at the New Scotland Planning Board's Aug. 8 meeting.

Russell Oathout requested a variance so he could add a second story to his home on Rarick Road. The lot, noted Chairman Robert Hampston, is three-quarters of an acre and sits in a Residential-Forest zone, where three acres is the minimum lot size. The board's favorable recommendation on the variance is contingent on Albany County Health Department approval of a new septic plan (the addition would include a new bathroom). The variance itself would have to be approved by the town zoning board of appeals.

Tabled was the variance request of Robert Markel, who wants to build a residence on the adjoining vacant lot on Rarick Road. Both the Oathout and Markel lots were part of a three-acre parcel subdivided years ago by Markel's father. However, the planners learned, the deeds were never filed with the Albany County clerk's office. Further, the town building department has no idea when the subdivision was approved.

James Coffin of New Salem requested a variance and special use permit to construct a two-family home on Route 85A near Voorheesville. The site is in an R-20

zone, requiring at least 20,000 square feet, but the lot has 19,600 square feet. A special use permit would be required to construct a two-family home. The planners recommended the variance request; if the zoning board of appeals agrees, Coffin will have to return to the planning board for the special use permit.

Domermuth Environmental Systems, Inc., of Clarksville requested site plan approval for a 30-by-30-foot storage shed at its North Road headquarters. The firm, which handles hazardous and toxic materials in the course of cleaning petroleum tanks, has done business on North Road for nearly 35 years, long before adoption of the current zoning law. The shed would house sand, piping and other innocuous materials. The hearing was continued to September, when Domermuth is expected to submit a site plan showing all buildings on the site.

Norman Warrell of Delmar requested an illuminated sign for his store, Crafts and Fabrics Beyond the Tollgate, on Route 85 between Stonewell Plaza and the Bethlehem town line. A hearing on the request is scheduled for 7 p.m. next Tuesday, before the next planning board meeting.

In Voorheesville The Spotlight is sold at Voorheesville Pharmacy and Stewart's

Library to sell old building

By Lyn Stapf

The Voorheesville Public Library is ready to release the bid packets to sell the old library building at 34 South Main St.

It was announced the Aug. 7 board meeting that the bid packets detailing all the information of the sale will be available immediately. The building, which formerly housed the public library and before that served as a Presbyterian Church, is being sold "as is" along with the parcel of land it sits on,

which measures 52 feet along the front and 185 feet deep.

Guided by a commercial appraiser, the board set the upset price at \$120,000, meaning that bids lower than that will be "refused and rejected."

According to board President Sally Ten Eyck, all sealed bids must be returned on or before 7 p.m. on Oct. 2, when the bids will be opened and read aloud at the new library on School Rd.

Those interested in viewing the old library may do so by appointment only. To schedule an appointment interested parties may contact Philip E. Roberts Inc. Real Estate. Presently the building is being used by the school district during the renovation work this summer at both school buildings.

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Summer fun will soon be over at the Voorheesville Public Library. On Wednesday, Aug. 23 the final Family Fun Film will be aired at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to see "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home."

The Lets Get Scientific Summer Reading Club will also end next week. On Monday, Aug. 21 students in kindergarten through grade three will enjoy a grand party featuring a scientific magic show by Randy and Co. The party which will include other surprises begins at 1 p.m.

On Tuesday, Aug. 22 older club members in grades four through six will travel to the Rensselaer County Junior Museum for a special program called "Seasons Go Round." School buses will leave the library at 1 p.m. and return at approximately 5 p.m. All students who plan on attending are reminded that their permission slips are due immediately.

The last summer story hour will be held on Friday, Aug. 25. Fall story hours will begin on Sept. 11. The library will again be closed

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on Saturdays for the rest of August. Saturday hours will begin again in September.

Gold Rush to perform

The summer concert in the park program sponsored by the Village of Voorheesville will continue this Sunday with a concert by the popular local band "Gold Rush." The band, famous for its 50s and 60s music, will perform on Sunday, Aug. 20 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Hotaling Park.

The band includes Bob Shutter on lead guitar, Bill Shutter on bass guitar, Don Duncan Jr. on drums, Rick Perrine on keyboard and Franky T. on saxophone.

Everyone is invited to bring a chair or blanket and come join in the fun.

Breakfast planned

The Maple Avenue Cultural Society, affectionately referred to as the Maple Avenue Crazies, will sponsor a sausage and egg breakfast on Sunday, Aug. 20 at the Voorheesville American Legion Hall. Cost of the meal is \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children. All are welcome to support this group which is responsible for the annual Christmas and Easter floats which distribute candy to area children. The group is also known for its creative floats which are the highlight of the Voorheesville Memorial Day Parade. In the past several of these creations garnered awards in other area spectacles including the Albany Tricentennial Parade.

Back to school

Fall schedules have been mailed out to all Clayton Bouton Junior-Senior High School students. Students with conflicts should contact the guidance office this week. Final schedules will be distributed in homeroom on the first day of

school. After school opens, schedules can not be changed. To contact the guidance office, now based at the old public library building, call 765-3261.

There will be part time positions open in the fall for Clayton Bouton High School students interested in working in the school cafeteria during lunchtime. Any student interested in more information should contact Debbie Brennan in the district office at 765-3261 as soon as possible.

Congratulations

Speaking of school, congratulations to those students who were presented with end of the year awards. Students at the Voorheesville Elementary School received the following awards; Sixth grade Spelling Bee awards, Ariana Breisch, Kristen Watson and Anne Wojewoda; Superintendents honor roll (maintaining a straight A all year long) Sean Devine, Noelle Urbano, Jacob Van Ryn, Jonathan Getnick, and Jennifer Person.

At the junior high school the following students received awards for outstanding achievement:

English, Kara Relyea, Hannah Spence; math, Kara Relyea, Hannah Spence; science, Jerry Parmenter, Jennifer Decker; social studies, Kara Relyea, James Schryver; French, Mara Steinkamp, Suzanne Deihl; Spanish, Kara Relyea, Juliet Kraemer; physical education, Rebecca Bryden, Stephen Csiza, Laura Florentin; home and career skills, Martha Perry, Grethen Geis; technology, Mara Steinkamp, Kurt Pahl, Brad Rockmore, Hans Kieserman; band, Kara Relyea, Hans Kieserman; chorus, Bonnie Polzin, Hannah Spence, and general music, Mara Steinkamp, Matthew Reh.

Wildlife at twilight

The Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., in Delmar, will offer an outdoor study of the natural history of twilight on Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 7 p.m.

Center naturalists will lead participants around wildlife that is dependent upon the cover of the dark.

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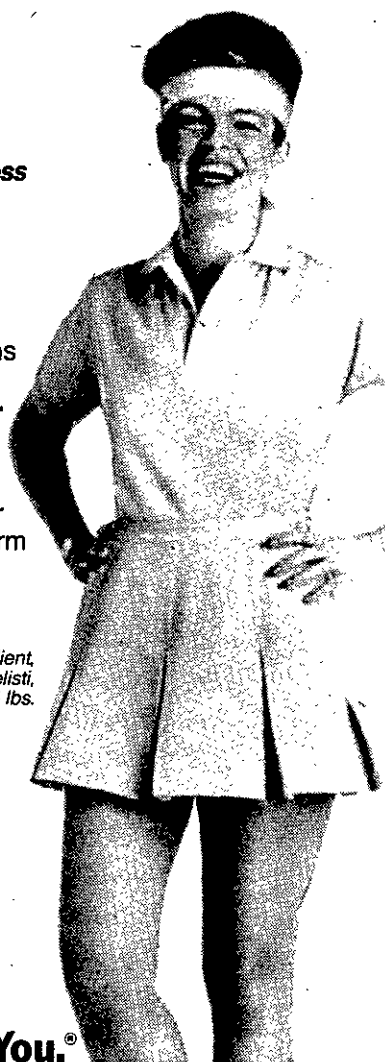
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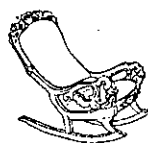
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Students move into their minds at Rensselaerville

By Michele Prenoveau

A hands on activity is typical, ordinary even, but a "Minds On" activity is a unique learning experience available in only one spot.

The Rensselaerville Institute has been inviting area schools to bring selected students from the junior and senior high levels to Minds On Workshops since their creation in 1983.

The workshops might include exploring the problems of a far away galaxy as a science fiction author, working with biologists in an environmental study, or living a day in the life of a historical family. A minds on learning experience provides students with "individual, personal, attention" in the field they are studying, according to Bethlehem Central High School student Katie Nelson.

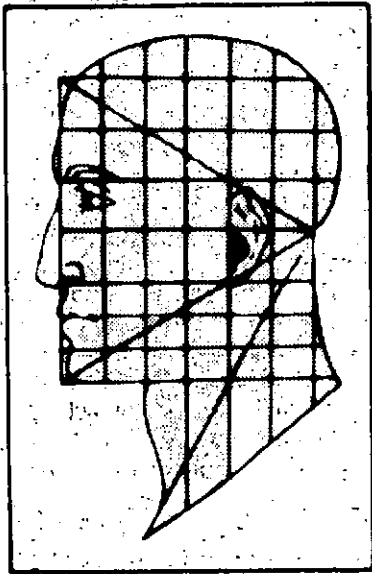
Students are led through a day of learning and sharing in a specific field of knowledge by a mentor, an active professional in that field.

The workshops were developed "in response to local schools who asked the institute for help to create learning opportunities for capable students with special interests," according to Director MaryAnn Ronconi who designed the workshops with Rensselaerville Institute staff with help from local administrators.

This year at Rensselaerville 19 different workshops are planned. Topics deal with everything from ecology to entrepreneurship to writing biographies to the study of local history.

Mentors are on the institute staff or they are people who work in the fields of literature, science, drama, music, journalism, art and business. The mentors, armed with their real life experience, help to create what Ronconi calls a "you are there atmosphere" through simulations and creative group activities.

In one workshop, "Feature This," mentor Paul Grondahl, a feature writer with the *Times Union*, assigned his student reporter articles and then helped them



to learn to put a full feature story together in time to meet a deadline. In "Brave New Worlds" science fiction author Chuck Rothman takes students to settle another galaxy to solve the problems which they find there.

Four schools are invited to bring up to 10 students, accompanied by a teacher, to each workshop. This keeps the group fairly small and also allows the students to interact with pupils from other schools. The group formation makes it easy for the mentor to give individual attention and places the students in a situation where activity goes on between peers.

Bethlehem Central offers the Minds On Workshops as an award to students who make significant achievements in their studies, according to Bethlehem Central High School teacher James Nehring. He said the workshops are more meaningful learning experiences which devote a significant amount of time to a subject "rather than just 45 minutes, as it would be at school."

Nehring, who has taken students from Bethlehem to the Minds On Workshops for the past two years, said, "The kids generally leave the Minds On programs really enthused."

Estella Meyers, a teacher at Shaker Junior High School in Colonie, has attended several

workshops because she feels they are "a tremendous experience" which "allows the students to retreat and concentrate on one topic."

Last year Meyers took members of her seventh grade enriched English class to "Creative Dramatizing," a workshop led by playwright Brin Quell. The students got into teams and wrote scripts which they acted out with the help of props. They also shared ideas on their favorite object and tried a physical challenge which turned out to be more of an exercise for their minds.

Student Tia Kaul said she liked the way the activities "gave everyone a chance to use his imagination in a different way."

Kaul's classmate, Betty Wang, said, "It's not just a field trip, you learn by actually doing exercises rather than just walking around and having a person lecture you." She said she appreciated the opportunity to meet and work with new people.

Marie Mock attended "The Black Experience" with students from South Colonie School District Colonie Central High School. The workshop allows the students to work with two creative black talents, poet and editor, Frances B. Grant and musician Tom Winslow. Grant asks the students to respond to black literature and the words of great black leaders. Winslow has the students sing along with the gospel and blues music he plays and leads a discussion on the role the music plays in American and black heritage.

Mock, an English teacher at Colonie, was highly impressed by mentors Grant and Winslow who



The youngsters above are participating a science workshop on acid rain at the Rensselaerville Institute. Cynde Gregory, standing, below, leads students in the "Fashioning Fiction" workshop.



"drew people out" and allowed them to feel "relaxed and comfortable" and share their ideas and writings.

Mike Foley, a student at Colonie Central High School attended three Minds On Workshops. He likes the benefits of the secluded atmosphere that the institute offers and the individualized attention that the students get. "We

learned for ourselves about science fiction through an exercise in imagination", Foley said.

Ronconi said it is fitting that at the workshops the students are "not just the center of the activity, but the source of it."

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Eight workshops offered this fall

The Rensselaerville Institute will offer eight Minds On Workshops this fall.

Students will be "Acting Out" in a workshop under the guidance of actor Richard Creamer. They will become scriptwriters, directors, and actors, and put together mini-productions for an end of the day theater festival.

In "Good Sports" led by sports columnist Joe Layden of the *Times Union*, pupils will learn the essentials of writing a colorful and informative sports story in time to meet a tough deadline.

Students attending "Making Government Work" will be citizens concerned with a public issue asking for help from Marilyn Rothstein, author of *What Every Citizen Should Know: A Guide to Local Government*.

Playwright Brin Quell will introduce students to the world of improvisational theatre in "Creative Dramatizing."

With the help of Cynde Gregory, who is publishing a book on teaching writing to children, students will use their imaginations to create original stories in "Fashioning Fiction."

"History You Can Touch" will take students back in time to become members of Rensselaerville families who helped to shape local history. Students will learn about the era they are experiencing from Martin Sullivan of the New York State Museum and Kate Sullivan of the Rensselaerville Historic Society.

"Acid Rain & Salamanders" will be held at two different times for different age groups. Both groups will take part in an on-going field study involving red-backed salamanders. Students will be led by Dr. Rick Wayman, director and resident biologist and Marilyn Wayman, educational coordinator of the E. N. Huyck Nature Preserve.

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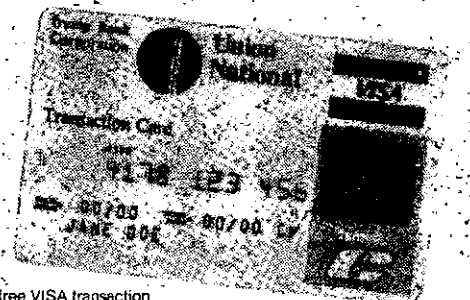
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U.S.A. trip offers more than classroom can

By Dave DeCecco

There are some things you just can't do in Albany, New York. Actually a lot of things—like sleeping with coyotes, "cruisin", and watching women wrestle.

So last January, when my friends Josh and Bill said they might be taking Josh's van across the country this summer, I jumped at the chance. Our sophomore year at college would soon be over and we were looking forward to a break from the usual summer Delmar routine.

For Bill and me, there was so much of this country we had only heard of and never seen. The farthest western place we had visited was Buffalo, and that left much to be desired.

We had been down to Florida, but so has everyone's grandmother, so we still didn't consider ourselves well-traveled.

But Josh had lived in California for a year, making him our resident expert.

The final week in May, after less-than-extensive preparation, we piled into the ancient (1976) Dodge van, and headed south, hoping to get to New Orleans in three or four days.

I knew people in the South said things like: "Y'all come back now, ya' hear?" but I had never before



Josh Weinstein, left, Bill Liddle and Dave DeCecco take time out from "cruisin" across the country to view the Joshua Tree National Monument in California.

caught more than a glimpse of real Southern living.

Our stay in Memphis, Tenn. gave us a true taste of the South, since the nearest tourist was a safe 20 miles away at Graceland. (We tried to avoid looking like tourists whenever possible.)

Carrying thin wallets as most college students do, we tried to

stay with friends or at campgrounds along the way in order to cut down on expenses. So for our stop in Memphis, my sister set us up with her boyfriend's brother Bart. Of course none of us had ever met him.

Bart lived in a rather poor section of town in a small apartment. We met some of his friends there,

and got to know them through the through the course of the night. One of his friends, Chip, left early, but came back in a celebratory mood a couple of hours later and announced his engagement to 18-year-old Debbie. We had known Chip for just 20 minutes or so, but we almost felt like we would be invited to the wedding, since we were among the first to hear the news.

From Memphis we drove to New Orleans, the hedonism capital of the world. Having seen film footage of Mardi Gras, we expected a bustling night life in the French Quarter, and found exactly that even three months after Mardi Gras. Bourbon Street after dark is crazy, for lack of a more sophisticated word, but it is definitely suited for an audience over 18 years old. Don't bring the kids.

While in New Orleans we also met some Southern folk with some very regional names. My favorite was Misty Leigh Hughes, from Indianola, Miss. Say it with a southern twang and it'll knock you dead. Believe it or not, in one of her classes there was a girl named Misty Leigh Hubbard. I bet they never went to Bethlehem.

From New Orleans we headed for the Old West. On both the southern route on the way out, and the northern route on the way home, we met people and saw places very foreign to us.

In Joshua Tree National Forest in California (yes, where U2 shot the picture for the album) we climbed rock configurations and saw trees unique to that area. Looking out from the top of these small "mountains" in the Mojave Desert no life was visible except for the five or six people camping there and the coyotes and lizards that inhabited the area.

Going from the serenity of Joshua Tree to the hustle of the west coast made for about a 50 point raise in my blood pressure. It was like night and day. The coast is like a different country, and the people almost speak a different language. Like, know what I mean, dude?

I expected some people on the coast would talk like that, but I doubt that between the three of us we could guess what they do for fun. It's known as "cruising" and in order to prevent it, local police post street signs marking "No Cruising Zone."

We only witnessed cruising in the Santa Clara-Sunnyvale-San

Jose areas, and that it in no way represents the behavior of the rest of the state.

In order to cruise correctly, you first need a Mitsubishi pick-up truck with mag wheels and a "rad" paint job. Then you have to lower it so close to the ground that you can kill field mice with the muffler. Then just drive down El Camino Boulevard (a fancy Wolf Road) and try to encourage members of the opposite sex that you're the person he/she has been looking for all of their life. This is done with killer lines such as "Hey, babe, you want to come back to my crib?"

We tried it in the van and, needless to say, got no response even with teenage heart throb Bill riding shotgun.

Our next incidence of culture shock came on a ranch in Saddlestring, Wyo. We were talking with some of the hashers (waiters), grounds workers, and wranglers (ranch hands), most of whom are from the east coast but work there in the summer. We met a wrangler named Bill. "Wild Bill" as they called him was from nearby Buffalo, a fifteen-minute drive from Saddlestring.

When Wild Bill heard we were from New York, he asked all kinds of questions about what it is like living in the big city. He also said that he always wanted to ride a subway.

After the initial shock of that statement wore off, we tried to explain that Albany and particularly Delmar are nothing like New York City. We told him that Adirondack park is bigger than Rhode Island, that there is no subway in Albany, and that we all have trees in our backyard. He nodded, but I still don't think he believed us.

People like Wild Bill are probably a dime a dozen in Wyoming, but meeting a guy like that really opened my eyes. It's interesting to see that so many different people can lead so many different lifestyles, and speak so many different versions of the same language, yet all be from the same country.

Also, the three of us never would have met Wild Bill, Chip, Bart, or Misty Leigh Hughes if we had flown straight out to California and back. We would have spent three weeks on the coast as compared to five days, but then we would have missed road signs like "Winnemucca, Nev....6 million people have never been here," and places like Elephant Butte, N.M.

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Chances are good for Andy Stankiewicz

By Nat Boynton

There are a couple hundred guys like Andy Stankiewicz playing at the Double-A level in their third or fourth year of professional baseball, so near and yet so far from fame and glory in the major leagues.

But there is only one Andy Stankiewicz, who is the role model of steady performance afield, at bat and in the clubhouse, the quiet leader admired and respected by his teammates, relied on by his manager, and revered by fans who populate the seats at Heritage Park as a matter of habit.

That's the Andy Stankiewicz who plays second base for the Albany-Colonie Yankees as though he invented it. He is also the guy who made his first error of 1989 in his 94th game and on his 381st fielding chance.

Inside the minors Whom to watch at Heritage Park

That last number might well be over 500 when you consider that on most ground balls and force plays, a middle infielder has two opportunities to make an error. He has to accept the ball coming to him, and he has to throw it for the out. In the lexicon of baseball, however, catching a ball and making the throw counts as one fielding "chance."

By the same token, those 380 chances without an error wouldn't have been that many if Andy hadn't developed at an early age the habit of scrambling for every ball hit within two acres of second base, diving for sinking liners, running



Andy Stankiewicz

back for loopers over his head, sprinting down the foul line for twisting Texas Leaguers or throwing off-balance on double-play relays.

It was that kind of hustle that got him charged with his first error of the season two weeks ago. Harrisburg started the runner on a hit-and-run, Andy broke for the ball and the batter spotted a sharp liner toward the spot Stankiewicz

had just vacated. Andy braked, tried to reverse direction and dove to his far left. The ball glanced off his glove as he struggled to keep balance. The scorer had no choice; it had to be scored an error.

Ironically, in 1988 Stankiewicz had the most errors (16) among Eastern League second basemen. But Andy, his manager and a lot of other witnesses know that a number like that doesn't make him the worst second baseman in the league. He gets to balls other middle infielders wouldn't or couldn't touch.

In the closing stage of his second year of providing blanket coverage of second base for the local Yankees, this dark-complected career crossroad. He has major league ability offensively and defensively, he is only two jumps short of Yankee Stadium, yet he cannot be certain of making the move to Triple-A as an everyday player, next year. There are, it seems, too many players ahead of

him, including the incumbent second baseman in The Bronx, Steve Sax.

But Andy pushes that to the back of his mind. Promotion or not, he will keep plugging, turning in his patented consistency, playing every inning and every time at bat to the hilt. His motivation is pure love of the game.

Not that he will be too old next year to play another season in Double-A if it comes to that. He's only 24, and the Yankee fans in New York know how valuable he is to the organization.

"I love the game," he confessed just before the present road trip. "I've been doing this for four years now (as a pro), and I still have enthusiasm, I love to play. We do it every day, even in the heat. We hang in there, keep working hard, and things will happen."

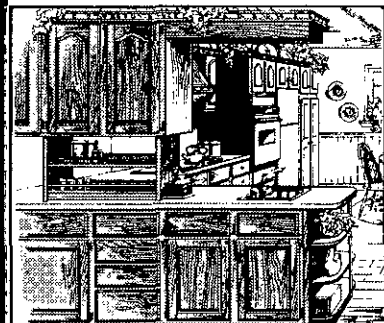
At about this time last year, mid-August, Stankiewicz was called up to Columbus to finish the season in Triple-A. As he tells it: "It was fun. I played every day, but I wasn't very productive. I got caught up in a little slump and didn't do much offensively. The pitching was just that much better, but in a (batting) slump, you have to find ways to get yourself out of it."

In his younger days, football was Andy's first love, and it still might be if he packed more than his 160 pounds on a 5-9 frame. (In football, he points out, "you can vent your frustration by hitting somebody.") He grew up in the Los Angeles suburb of Cerritos, where his father, a former professional boxer, worked for the LAPD. The senior Stankiewicz tried to lure Andy and older brother Alan into the ring, but the boys were

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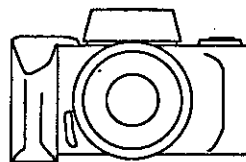
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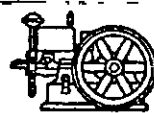


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Two weeks to go in minor league season

There are two and a half weeks remaining in the minor league season hereabouts, not counting playoffs. Here is the schedule of home games remaining for the Albany Yankees, Oneonta Yankees and Pittsfield Mets, three parks easily accessible from this area:

Albany-Colonie Yankees, Heritage Park, Class AA Eastern League — Aug. 17, 18, 19, 20, Yanks vs. New Britain Red Sox; Aug. 21, 22, 23, vs. Reading Phillies (doubleheaders 21 and 22, first game at 6:05 p.m.); Aug. 28, 29, 30, 31, vs. London Tigers. Single games at 7:05 p.m., Sundays 5:05 p.m. Information 869-9236.

Pittsfield Mets, Waconah Park, Class A New York-Penn League — Aug. 20, 21, Mets vs. St. Catherine's Blue Jays; Aug. 26, 27, vs. Oneonta Yankees; Sept. 1, 2, vs. Watertown Indians; Sept. 4, Utica Blue Sox (White Sox). Games at 7 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m. Information 1-413-499-6387.

Oneonta Yankees, Damaschke Field, Class A New York-Penn League — Aug. 18, 19, Yanks vs. Watertown Indians; Aug. 23, 25, vs. Utica Blue Sox (White Sox); Aug. 28, 29, vs. Pittsfield Mets; Sept. 1, 2, vs. Geneva Cubs; Sept. 3, vs. Elmira Pioneers (Red Sox). Games at 7:15 p.m., Sundays 6 p.m. Information 1-607-432-6326.

Note: Some of the home dates at both Pittsfield and Oneonta may include 6 p.m. doubleheaders as makeup games from previous rainouts. Call for schedule.

gifted all-around athletes who preferred — and excelled in — football, basketball and baseball.

As a high school senior in 1982 Andy was drafted by the Kansas City Royals, but chose Pepperdine College instead. Three years later the Detroit Tigers took him in the draft, but he opted to get his degree in sociology. By 1986 he was ready, and this time it was the Yankees making him a 12th round choice.

As a pro, the first stop was Oneonta, where he had a good year playing for Buck Showalter, currently his manager at Heritage Park. The O-Yanks won their division, but lost a one-game playoff to the Newark Orioles for the NY-P League championship.

A year later he moved to Fort Lauderdale in the Class A Florida State League, again with Showalter. Here he learned what it was like to play 140 games and, as he says, "to stay mentally and physi-

Coming from a player who habitually is the first to arrive at the park every day, the first on the field for stretching and calisthenics, that's a real tribute. And the feeling is mutual: Showalter knows how vital Andy is to his team, and he is fully aware of his potential.

When the Yankees come off the road this week (Thursday), you can see Andy at his familiar station playing second and batting second. You will also see his new partner, shortstop Carlos Rodriguez, who has been called up from Lauderdale to replace Tim Becker, promoted to Columbus.

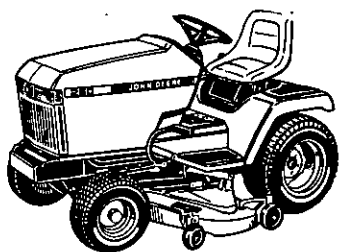
Except for Andy's three-week stint in Triple-A last August, Stankiewicz and Becker have played together for four seasons starting at Oneonta in '86. "I miss Tim," says Andy. "He's a buddy, fun to work with, fun to watch, and he makes fabulous plays."

Becker would say the same about Andy if he were here. Now it's young Rodriguez, up from Single-A, the luckiest Yankee at Heritage because he has Stankiewicz as a pivot partner across the bag. "Carlos is a smooth fielder," says Andy. "He has a good arm, a good release, he's steady and, like Tim, he makes the plays. We're making the adjustment."

The New Britain Red Sox come in this week for a weekend series that opens a home stand of nine games in seven days. After that, the home schedule will be down to a four-game set with the London Tigers, plus the playoffs.

cally tough, to keep on top, to stay strong." Then to Albany in '88.

Stankiewicz was happy to see Showalter promoted to Heritage this season. Says Andy: "He's an incredible manager, a great motivator. He works as hard as any player. He sets a great example for us, inspires us."



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Rich Hartigan and Mike Kelly took second place with a 179, one stroke ahead of third-place finishers David Rees and Bill Verzoie.

The longest drive award went to Mike Burns and Chuck Treadgold. The closest to the pin award went to Todd Bergquist and John Lindsay. Cruise also earned the lowest score award with a 76. The Green Jacket Award went to Chris Hickey who shot a 132.

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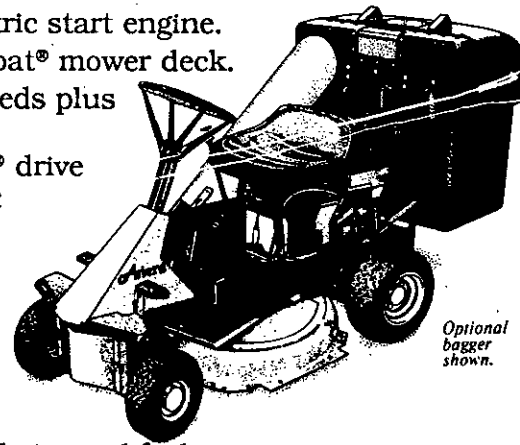
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Swimmers take championship honors

Behind strong representation from Bethlehem and New Scotland, the Albany-Voorheesville Starfish and the Delmar Dolphins swim team placed second and third, respectively, at the U.S. Swimming Adirondack District Championships at the Elm Avenue Park in Bethlehem on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Albany-Voorheesville squad earned a hefty 611 points to take second place behind the strong Colonie Aquatic Sea Devils, which collected 1030.5 team points.

This weekend's accomplishment marks the best finish ever for the Delmar swimmers at the

At the Empire State Games...

Three local swimmers brought home medals from the high-level competition of the Empire State Games in Ithaca earlier this month.

Angela Washburn, a Voorheesville High School senior and a Sectional champion with the Guilderville girls team, captured a gold medal in the open-class 800-meter freestyle, and took a bronze medal in the 400 free. She also swam on the Adirondack 4x400 freestyle relay team that took a bronze medal in the women's open class.

Her Guilderville teammate, Cathy Jo Dedrick of Voorheesville, was fourth in three events in the scholastic division, took a gold medal for the backstroke split on the Adirondack foursome that won the scholastic division 400-meter medley relay, and swam on her team's freestyle relay team. She missed bronze medals by a touch-out in the 200 IM and 100 backstroke, and was fourth also in the 200 back.

Pat Fish, a junior on the Bethlehem Central varsity, captured a bronze in the open men's 200 fly, and was 10th in the 1500-meter freestyle. His sister, Katie, a BC senior, was ninth in the 200 free and 10th in the 1500.

The statewide meet was held in the Cornell University pool.

championship, according to Hao Patrick, event coordinator for the Dolphins. The Dolphins amassed a total 426.5 points.

The local contingency was lead in part by 16-year old Patrick Fish of the Delmar Dolphins, who placed first in the senior boys' high point scores category with 46 points. Fish took first place in the 400-meter individual medley, 100m breaststroke, and the 200 fly. He placed second in the 200m IM, the 400 freestyle and fourth in the 200 free.

Justin Baird of the Albany-Voorheesville Starfish, a teammate of Fish at Bethlehem Central, placed sixth in the boys' senior high point category with 29 points.

Other local finishers in that category include David Washburn of the Starfish, 13th, (15 pts.), David Cleary of the Dolphins, 15th, (10 points), and Ian Salsberg of the Dolphins, 19th, (8 pts.)

On the girls' side, Cathy Jo Dedrick, who swam as an independent entry, captured 50 points to place second in the girls' senior high point category. Dedrick, a standout with the Guilderville swim team, finished only one point behind first-place finisher Bethany Weeks of the Glens Falls "Y" team.

In third right behind Dedrick was Guilderville teammate Angela Washburn of the Starfish, who earned 42 points. Other local finishers were Katie Fish of the Dolphins, sixth (25 pts.) and Sarah Toms of the Dolphins, 20th (5 pts.)

Toms also found herself in the Top 20 for 13 and 14-year-old girls category. She came in 15th with 14 points.

In the boys' 13 and 14-year-old high point category, Rory Fay of the Dolphins placed 15th with 6 points.

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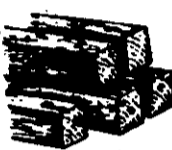
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Obituaries

Augusta H. Gutsche

Augusta Victoria Hoffman Gutsche, a former Delmar resident, died Aug. 9 in the Pillars Rest Home, Shelburne, Vt., after a brief illness. She was 93.

Born in Pittsburgh, she was a buyer for the Joseph Horne Department Store in that city before moving to Delmar just over 40 years ago. She moved to Shelburne last September.

Locally, she was a volunteer for the American Red Cross Albany chapter, working at the Ann Lee Home for many years. She was also active in the Bethlehem Senior Citizens and was a member of Westminister Presbyterian Church, Albany, and the Albany Country Club.

Her husband, Hugh Charles Gutsche, died in 1967.

Survivors include a son, Brett Gutsche of Berwyn, Pa.; a daughter, Ellen Janson of Shelburne; a brother, William F. Hoffman of Pittsburgh; and three sisters, Mathilda Hoffman and Freda Guthoehrlein of Largo, Fla.; and Helen Hoffman of Pittsburgh.

A memorial service was held Saturday in the Welles Chapel of Westminister Presbyterian Church under arrangements by Tebbutt Funeral Home, Delmar.

Those who wish may make gifts to the charity of their choice in her memory.

Jay Brock

Jay Brock of R.D. 3, Selkirk, died Aug. 9 at his home. He was 84.

Born in Pittstown (Rensselaer Co.), he lived in Selkirk for many years, working for the Town of Bethlehem until his retirement in 1970.

He was the widower of Helen Smith Brock. He also was the widower of Charlott Crandall Brock, his second wife.

Survivors include two sons, Leonard Brock of Albany and Clifford Brock of Clifton Park; a daughter, Esther Murphy of Shaftsbury, Vt.; two stepsons, D. Douglas French of Rensselaer and Lee French of Ravena; a stepdaughter, Bonnie Adriance of West Sand Lake; two sisters, Lela Hussey of Troy and Maude James of Hoos-

ick Falls; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday from Howard B. Tate and Son Funeral Home, Raymertown (Rensselaer Co.). Burial was in Meadowlawn Cemetery, Petersburg.

Marie B. Edwards

Marie B. Edwards, 67, a resident of the Adirondack Manor in Queensbury and a former resident of Voorheesville, died Wednesday, Aug. 2 at Glens Falls Hospital after a short illness.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., she was a parishoner of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elsmere and was active in the women's guild at the church.

Mrs. Edwards was widow of Robert F. Edwards Sr. She is survived by two daughters, Heather S. Kleiner of Watkinsville, Ga. and Pamela E. Dilwith of Ravena; a son, Robert F. Edwards Jr. of Glens Falls; and two sisters, Jane B. Irwin of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Grace B. Fuhrmann of Rehoboth, Del.

Arrangements were by Regan & Denny Funeral Service, Inc. of Queensbury.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church or the Hudson River Humane Society, Menands.



Fire Fighters Corner

Isabel Glastetter

Date	Department or Unit	Reason for Call
August 3	Voorheesville Ambulance	Personal Injury
August 3	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Injury
August 3	Bethlehem Ambulance	Respiratory Distress
August 3	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
August 3	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
August 3	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Injury
August 3	Delmar Rescue Squad	Respiratory Distress
August 3	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
August 3	Voorheesville Ambulance	Personal Injury
August 4	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
August 4	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal Injury
August 4	Delmar Rescue Squad I	Auto Accident
August 4	Delmar Rescue Squad II	Auto Accident
August 4	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
August 5	Voorheesville Ambulance	Personal Injury
August 5	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Alarm Drop
August 5	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
August 5	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
August 5	Voorheesville Ambulance	Unknown Illness
August 6	Delmar Rescue Squad	Unresponsive Patient
August 6	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
August 6	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal Injury
August 6	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto Accident
August 6	Bethlehem Ambulance	Respiratory Distress
August 6	Bethlehem Ambulance	Heart Attack
August 7	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
August 7	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
August 7	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
August 7	Delmar Rescue Squad II	Auto Accident
August 7	Delmar Rescue Squad I	Personal Injury
August 7	Delmar Rescue Squad II	Auto Accident
August 7	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
August 7	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto Accident
August 7	Ravena Ambulance	Auto Accident
August 7	General Electric	Auto Accident
August 7	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Wash Down
August 7	Voorheesville Ambulance	Personal Injury
August 8	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Alarm Drop
August 8	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
August 8	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
August 8	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
August 8	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
August 8	Delmar Rescue Squad	Respiratory Distress
August 8	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
August 8	Voorheesville Ambulance	Personal Injury
August 8	Voorheesville Ambulance	Personal Injury
August 9	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
August 9	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
August 9	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
August 9	Delmar Fire Dept.	Alarm Drop
August 9	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Mutual Aid
August 9	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
August 9	Delmar Fire Dept.	Alarm Drop
August 9	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby

On Aug. 19 there will be a Safety Awareness Day at the Elm Avenue Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sponsors of this event are General Electric, Owens Corning, Air-Co Products, Conrail and the Town of Bethlehem Fire Officers Association.

All fire and ambulance personnel interested in participating contact your chief officers.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Slingerlands Fire Department is sponsoring a community garage sale at the firehouse on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To reserve your table space for \$15 call 439-6568.

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

Police say that on Aug. 7, Kevin M. Boisse, 17, was handling a Crossman BB pistol at his Route 144 home. Thinking it was empty, he pulled the trigger; the BB embedded deep in the left eye of his brother, Timothy, 18. Timothy was rushed to Albany Medical Center Hospital by Selkirk ambulance.

Phony bomb threat clears Delmar apartment

Residents of the apartment house at 101 Cherry Ave., Delmar, were turned out into the rain Friday by a bomb threat phoned in to an area radio station.

That evening, d.j. Rene Benco of WPYX was warned by a caller, "There is a bomb at 101B Cherry Ave. in Delmar and it is going to go off." The caller, Benco later told Bethlehem police, may have been a soft-spoken male between the ages of 30 and 40. K-9 units from town and Guilderland State Police searched in vain for the threatened bomb.

An investigation into the incident is continuing.

ing sound about an hour later.

In any case, town police were summoned to the scene at 7:01 p.m.

They found Brock on the lawn south of his trailer, dead of an apparent gunshot wound to the left side of the head. In his left hand was a Mossberg 20-gauge shotgun, the barrel sawed off even with the stock. Members of the Selkirk Fire Department, who had arrived before the police, had placed a sheet over the body.

BB-gun blinds teen, other incidents probed

Bethlehem town police are looking into a number of vandalism incidents involving local youths and BB guns as well as a Selkirk incident that blinded one teenager last week.



Shopper pauses in front of display at Woolworth's, Delaware Plaza, during last weekend's sidewalk sale. Bob Hagyard

For now, Alf will be in residence and families may be photographed with him, there will be a Pepsi Formula One race car giveaway (according to Mitchell, this Ponderosa will be one of five in the country to serve Pepsi instead of Coca Cola products), and balloons and other prizes will be available for the younger customers.

Selkirk man dies of self-inflicted wound

The death of Jay Brock, retired Town of Bethlehem highway worker, is being treated as a suicide by Bethlehem police.

For many years Brock, 84, lived alone in his trailer at 10 East Shady Grove Trailer Park in Selkirk. Witness accounts differ: one neighbor heard a loud noise at about 3 p.m. while another heard a crash-

Ponderosa set to open

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

If you see the furry alien "Alf" waving to you as you drive down Delaware Ave., you haven't been spending too much time in the sun. Alf and other special appearances will be made this week as Ponderosa opens its newest restaurant across from Delaware Plaza in Delmar.

According to Dan Mitchell, president of Claim Your Steak Inc., the franchise which owns the Delmar Ponderosa, if all building and health approvals are given, the restaurant should be open for business by Thursday.

"It's pretty routine now, because we've done this before," Mitchell explained. "We have Ponderosas in Clifton Park and in Scotia, and we're looking forward to the new location."

Mitchell said that they expect about 6,000 customers a week, and that a demographic study showed clientele would be coming mainly from within a 10 mile radius, especially from the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. The restaurant is also expecting traffic from Delaware Plaza.

As of Saturday, Mitchell said he has filled 80 staff positions, with 10 left to go. "I'd say we've hired 90 percent of our people from Delmar and Clarksville, and some from places — like Feura Bush — that I've never heard of before," he added.

Mitchell explained that hiring hasn't been too hard, thanks to an ad the chain placed in last week's *Spotlight* promising a \$300 bonus to anyone joining the crew by Sept. 5 who was still employed as of Aug. 31, 1990.

A team of special Ponderosa "openers" will come to assist the staff and help work out any "bugs" for their first ten days in business, and Mitchell said he hoped the community would bear with them during that time.

A grand opening will be held after the first few weeks of operation.



Mr. and Mrs. Colin Lesser

David Bennett marries

David Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Bennett Jr. of Slingerlands married Evelyn Louise Transfield of Mt. Hermon, Mass. on May 20.

The ceremony, performed by the Rev. Alfred Allenby took place in the Memorial Chapel in Hermon. A reception at Phases, Bernardston, Mass. followed.

The matron of honor was Jean Makris. Bridesmaids included Holly Allen, Kassy, Judy Hunt, Pamela O'Connor, Lorie Rosenwald and Kara Transed, sister-in-law of the bride.

James Goblet was best man. Ushers were David Allen, Brian Buck, Frank Cadwell and Thomas

Attend college program

Kirsten A. Kears, daughter of Edward and Alice Kears and Courtney B. Macomber, daughter of Scott and Cindi Macomber of Slingerlands, participated in the annual Hopwood Summer Program recently at Lynchburg College, Va.

The students, both seniors at Bethlehem Central High School, Air Force Academy, ROTC need applicants

Next year's high school seniors who are interested in attending the United States Air Force Academy or attempting to obtain an Air Force ROTC Scholarship upon graduation are advised to apply now.

The two state senators and the representatives of the 23rd and 25th congressional districts are allowed to nominate ten candidates for each vacancy available in an entering class.

No political affiliations are required to apply. Applicants should be well-rounded students who rank in the top 40 per cent of their class, have participated in extra-curricular

activities that indicate leadership ability, and have kept physically fit.

Donald, classmates and fraternity brothers of the groom at Syracuse University, and Richard and Frederick Tranfield, brothers of the bride.

The groom graduated from Lawrenceville School and Syracuse University. He is a telemarketer for PDS in Hollis, N.H.

The couple honeymooned in Hong Kong. They will reside in Pepperell, Mass.

The bride, a graduate of Northfield Mt. Hermon School and Connecticut College, also attended the University of Essex, England. She is employed by Digital Equipment Corp. as a course developer.

lived in college residence halls and took college-level courses for one credit hour which can be applied toward future college credits. They were among 131 students competing for four-year scholarships to the college based on high school achievement and work in the Hopwood program.

Four-year ROTC scholarships are offered competitively to qualified students who are contemplating entering scientific or technical fields in college. The scholarships pay a minimum of \$7500 per year toward tuition plus fees, an allowance for books, and \$100 per month tax free during the school year.

Students and parents interested in obtaining information should contact Lt. Col. Fox through their guidance office or by writing 8 Rosebud Lane, Loudonville, NY 12211.

40th reunion planned

The Bethlehem Central High School class of 1949 will hold its 40th year reunion Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Normanside Country Club, Elmsere. The committee includes Bruce and Barbara Conroe, Carol Bryant, Lois Vadney, Bob Green, John Scharf, and Phyllis Chambers. Classmates and faculty are invited. For information and reservations, call Bob Greenman at 439-5057.

Student earns honors

Maura Schnurr, daughter of Herman and Janet H. Schnurr of Delmar has been named to the 1989 edition of "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

Schnurr was also named to the president's list for the highest level of academic achievement in both the fall and spring semesters.

This summer she is serving as a volunteer with the S.I.W. Children's Work Camp in Amersfoort, the Netherlands.

2 arrested for DWI

Bethlehem police arrested two motorists for driving while intoxicated last Friday night.

At 10:44 p.m., police responded to a two-car accident report in front of 26 Fairlawn Ave., Delmar. There, they found one driver, who told them the other had left for home without giving his name; before leaving, police learned, he appeared to be stumbling as he walked to place a phone call. From the license plate, police then stopped at 1599 New Scotland Ave. where they questioned Kenneth R. Parker, 59, who admitted he had come home from a daughter's party after consuming three or four wines. Police say Parker fit the description of the man involved in the Fairlawn Ave. accident. They then administered field and pre-screening tests, which he failed, whereupon he was arrested for DWI and administered a blood-alcohol test, results of which were not disclosed. He is scheduled to reappear in Bethlehem Town Court on Aug. 22.

At 10:25 p.m., Frederick D. Smally, 18, of 38 Glenbrook Drive, Clifton Park, was stopped for alleged speeding at the intersection of Route 85 and Blessing Road. Police said they detected a strong odor of alcohol on the driver's breath and administered field and pre-screening device tests, which the driver allegedly failed. He was then arrested for DWI, taken to Town Hall and administered a blood-alcohol test. He was released to the custody of a parent pending a Sept. 5 reappearance in Town Court.

Henderson - Lesser nuptials

Stacey Ann Henderson, daughter of Robert and Catherine Henderson of Delmar married Colin Arthur Lesser, son of Richard and Katherine Lesser of Glenmont on July 22.

The Rev. Geoffrey D. Burke officiated at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

The reception was held at Stone

Ends Restaurant in Glenmont.

The bride is a graduate of Academy of Holy Names and the College of Saint Rose.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

After a wedding trip to Fripp Island, South Carolina the couple will reside in Clifton Park.



Community Corner

Safety Awareness Day

This Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Elm Ave. Town Park in Delmar may well be the safest place to be in the area, as GE Plastics, Conrail, Airco Industrial Gases, Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corp., and the Town of Bethlehem Firemen's Association sponsor the third annual Safety Awareness Day. The event features a blood pressure clinic, water safety and rescue education, tips on home crime prevention and more. For more information, call 439-4360.

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Going for the grand slam

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

Bridge. Brooklyn bridge. Bridge over troubled water. Bridge on the river Kwai. Maybe even Bridget Nielsen.

Ask almost anyone under 25 what they think of when you say bridge, and the response you get will have nothing to do with contracts, tournaments, tricks or cards. But to a large — and apparently growing — part of the population, bridge is an enjoyable and important pastime.

"It's social, plus it's an interesting game," said Irene Craney of Glenmont, whose bridge group meets each Tuesday night. "It's not really a gambling game. You play for pleasure, but you have to concentrate on your cards — you really have to use your mind and pay attention."

The Glenmont group, which plays regularly except for July and August, sprung, as many do, from a housing development. "When we moved here, we organized a group of friends and neighbors," said Craney, a Dowerskill Village resident. "Bridge is an enjoyable game that shouldn't have to be played in a tournament to have fun. We got started with this group and taught them, and now each time we meet at someone else in the group's house. We even took lessons from Judy, and we plan to again this September."

"Judy" is American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) teacher Judith Shulman, chairman of the upcoming ACBL District III Regional Tournament.



Informal bridge groups like the one above in Glenmont, or Doris Tyrell's in Menands meet on a regular basis. From left, Dowerskill Village residents Florence Jackson, Helen Bloom, Kay Jay, Bonnie Fahey, Tomi Pemberton and Irene Craney play. The Region III Tournament begins Aug. 23 at the Albany Hilton Hotel.

A Delmar resident, Shulman was in Syracuse at another tournament, but her father, Robert, spoke about the generations of bridge he has witnessed.

"There's no question that there has been a real renaissance for the game," he commented.

Shulman said that while bridge has traditionally been thought of as the domain of the "LOLs" (little old ladies), that impression is only partially correct.

"While the majority of the players are in their 40s, 50s and over, last year's Rookie of the Year was a college kid from Albany. And the ACBL is pushing education. Judy is now teaching seven or eight classes a week, including at Bethlehem Central, Ravena Coeymans, and in Colonie, Albany and other area community centers, churches and schools. She even taught a

course at OTB," he said.

For the uninformed, Shulman explained that there are many types of bridge, from rubber or contract bridge to duplicate and tournament play. Each has its own method of scoring. Formal players are ranked as novices, beginners, newcomers and up, from the number of points they have scored in their play. To increase their "masterpoint" standings, serious players can even pay a bridge professional (sometimes up to \$500) to play with them in order to increase their points and standings.

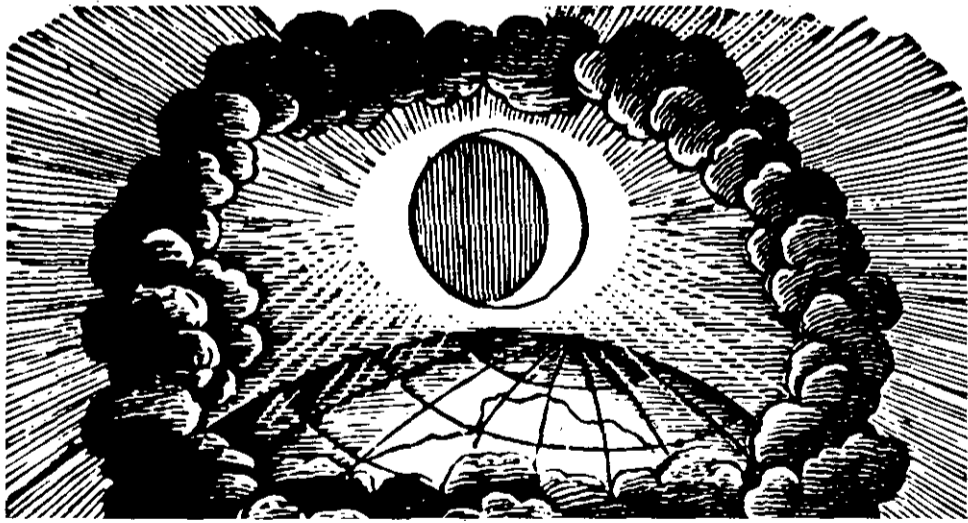
"You pay them for the afternoon to get your number of points up. One of the leading women in the world lives over in Schenectady, and she's very much in demand," he explained.

Shulman said that he and his wife taught Judy and her younger sister how to play at

eight or nine years old. "She's been playing ever since. Now, Judy teaches all over, and she tells me she can't walk down the street without people greeting her or asking her a bridge question", he said.

At 75, Shulman himself doesn't play much anymore. "I've played my play. Probably at least 50 years worth," he said. While the Shulmans have lived in Delmar for the past 30 years, "we lived for three years in Israel, and we even played bridge there," he was proud to say.

"It's a good game, and I'm happy to see it becoming more popular," Shulman concluded. Irene Craney agrees. "It's a great way of getting together. We talk a lot, we play a lot, and even playing our form of 'party' bridge, it has been good for the whole neighborhood. And we'd always welcome more."



Dark side of the moon

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

If you can pry yourself away from the 11 o'clock news tonight (Wednesday), set your sights on the skies and find the full "sturgeon" moon.

If it is clear, at approximately 11:08, the moon will appear hazy and take on a redish-copper color as it stands smack-dab in the earth's shadow during a full lunar eclipse.

Unlike a solar eclipse, when that planet disappears from view, during a full lunar eclipse the moon is still somewhat visible.

According to Albany Area Amateur Astronomers President Alan French, the eclipsed moon is still hazily visible and a diffused coppery red color because it is reflecting all of the world's sunrises and sunsets. "The air bends the light of the sun into the earth's shadow, so the earth's

shadow isn't completely dark," French explained. "The moon will only disappear completely if the atmosphere is dirty, as in the case of large fires or other atmospheric disturbances."

Jane Mann, lecturer at the Schenectady Planetarium explained that lunar eclipses are more common, and of less scientific value than those of the sun. "While we learn much about the sun from solar eclipses, moon eclipses are really just more of an aesthetic thing," she said.

Alan French explained that the light shadow, or penumbra, will begin to cross the face of the moon at 8:23 p.m. "This part is so light, that it is hardly noticeable. The umbra entrance, or dark shadow, is more noticeable. That begins at 9:21. It will appear as a bite out of the eastern side

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District III bridge tournament starts Aug. 23

More than 1,000 bridge players of all levels from beginners to world masters will compete in a five-day regional tournament starting next Wednesday (Aug. 23) at Albany's Hilton Hotel.

The tournament, which is expected to draw contestants from the northeastern United States and Canada, is under the direction of Judith Shulman of Delmar, a well-known local bridge teacher who has earned more than 2,500 masterpoints in top-level competition.

You need not be an aficionado to attend however. For the curious, on Saturday the 26th there will be a free two-hour beginners lesson designed to have students playing a real bridge hand by the end of the session. It will be taught by Paul and Pat Harrington of Clifton Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the hotel.

"If you're thinking about learning bridge, here's a chance to see what it's all about," Harrington said.

Special emphasis this year is being placed on novices and intermediates, especially young beginners, according to Joan Levy Gerard of White Plains, District III director. "Once players learn the basics of the game, bridge can be a source of lifetime enjoyment, allowing them to spend leisure hours in an intellectually stimulating activity," she said.

The tournament, which runs through Sunday, Aug. 27, includes men's and women's pairs, open pairs, novice pairs, senior pairs, and team competition. Players will be competing not for trophies or cash prizes, but for bridge masterpoints. The events will offer gold masterpoints, the most coveted and most difficult to earn.

If you can't make it to the tournament, but still wish to learn, several public and private lesson series are available locally this fall. The courses, taught by professional ACBL-certified instructors, range from introductory lessons to advanced strategies. Fees range from \$25 at adult and continuing education classes in local school districts to \$50 for specially-designed courses.

There are also a number of bridge games conducted weekly at convenient locations for those wishing to play regularly or gain added experience. Novice and "open" (50+ masterpoints) games are held weekly at the Jewish Community Center in Albany, Bethlehem Terrace Apartments in Slingerlands, the Point of Woods apartment complex in Albany, and at the ACBL Center in Schenectady.

AROUND THE AREA

Wednesday
August **16**

ALBANY COUNTY

"DINOSAURS ALIVE!"
dinosaur exhibit through Oct. 1, State Museum, Cultural Education Center of Empire State Plaza, Albany, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY AREA ASTRONOMERS
Star party to observe total lunar eclipse, Sanders Park Rd., Glenville, 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Information, 374-8460.

LIVE REPTILE SHOW
with Dean Davis of Living World Ecology Center, State Museum, Albany, 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

Thursday
August **17**

ALBANY

CONCERNED FRIENDS OF HOPE HOUSE
meeting, support group for families of substance abusers, every Thursday, Child's Nursing Home auditorium, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

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ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION
Capital District Chapter, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

TOUR TO BRONX ZOO
sponsored by New York State Museum, leaves museum at 7:30 a.m., returns at 6 p.m. \$45 per adult, \$38 per child. Information, 474-5801.

HOUR RUN
race to cover the greatest distance on track within 60 minutes, sponsored by Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club, State University at Albany, 5:30 p.m. Information, 456-5942.

Friday
August **18**

ALBANY

COUNTRY CRAFT SHOW AND QUILT RAFFLE
fourth annual, sponsored by 4-H Leaders Association of Saratoga County, Congress Park, Saratoga, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 885-8995.

JEANNINE LAVERTY
storyteller, Thompson's Lake Camping Area, East Berne, Information, 872-1674.

LIVE REPTILE SHOW
with Dean Davis of Living World Ecology Center, State Museum, Albany, 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

CULINARY INSTITUTE/ROOSEVELT MUSEUM
tour, visit to Culinary Institute of America's Escoffier Room, sponsored by State Museum, leaves museum at 9 a.m., returns at 5:30 p.m. Information, 486-5656.

"DINOSAURS ALIVE!"
dinosaur exhibit through Oct. 1, State Museum, Cultural Education Center of Empire State Plaza, Albany, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

RECOVERY, INC.
self-help group for former mental patients and former nervous patients, Salvation Army, 222 Lafayette St., Hillard Rm., Schenectady, 10 a.m. Information, 346-8595.

Saturday
August **19**

ALBANY COUNTY

BLOODMOBILE
sponsored by Albany Chapter of American Red Cross, Regional Blood Center, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Information, 462-7461

LIVE REPTILE SHOW
with Dean Davis of Living World Ecology Center, State Museum, Albany, 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

KIM AND REGGIE HARRIS
sing along and audience participation of pop and rock songs, State Museum, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5801.

TOUR OF RAILROAD ROUTES AND BRIDGES
features tour of Delaware-Hudson Bridge and Waterford Lansingburgh bridge, sponsored by Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway, meet at Burden Office Bldg., foot of Polk St., Troy, 10 a.m. Information, 274-5267.

CHURCH SUPPER
continuous servings of roast beef, mashed potatoes, corn, pie, Thompson's Lake Reformed Church, Junction of Rts. 157A and 157, East Berne, 4-7 p.m. Information, 872-1639.

"DINOSAURS ALIVE!"
dinosaur exhibit through Oct. 1, State Museum, Cultural Education Center of Empire State Plaza, Albany, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

CHERRY HILL GARDEN STROLL
Each Saturday through Sept. 9, stroll the grounds and gardens of Historic Cherry Hill house museum, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Guided tours in the mansion, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 434-4791.

GREENE COUNTY

1989 ATHENS STREET FESTIVAL
sponsored by Arts Revival in Athens, Riverfront Park, Athens, noon. Information, 945-1580.

SCHOHARIE CROSSING

MULE DRAWN RIDES
along Erie Canal, Ft. Hunter, Schoharie Crossing, Information, 829-7516.

Sunday
August **20**

ALBANY COUNTY

BLOODMOBILE
sponsored by Albany Chapter of American Red Cross, Regional Blood Center, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Information, 462-7461

LIVE REPTILE SHOW
with Dean Davis of Living World Ecology Center, State Museum, Albany, 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

RUN FOR ROSES
features 5K footrace and one mile fun run, to benefit Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Rensselaer County, sponsored by Grafton Lakes State Park, register in main parking lot, 8 a.m. Information, 279-1155.

Monday
August **21**

ALBANY COUNTY

RECOVERY, INC.
self-help group for former mental patients and former nervous patients, Unitarian Church of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

CROSS COUNTRY RUN
Sponsored by Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club, Tawasentha park, Guilderland, 5:30 p.m. Information, 861-6834.

FRESHSTART
four part smoking cessation program, through Aug. 30, Women's Health Care Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7-8 p.m. Information, 438-7841.

"DINOSAURS ALIVE!"
dinosaur exhibit through Oct. 1, State Museum, Cultural Education Center of Empire State Plaza, Albany, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

MODERN MOTION AEROBIC WORKOUT
total body workout with emphasis on improving cardiovascular fitness and burning calories, meets Mondays, 5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m., and Wednesdays, 5 p.m. Young Women's Christian Association, 28 Colvin Ave., Albany, Information, 438-6608.

INTRODUCTORY AEROBICS
meets Mondays and Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. Young Women's Christian Association, 28 Colvin Ave., Albany, Information, 438-6608.

RECOVERY, INC.
self-help group for former mental patients and former nervous patients, Unitarian House, 1248 Wendall Ave., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

SARATOGA SPRINGS

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for the benefit of Camp Good Days and Special Times, Inc., McGregor Links Country Club, Saratoga Springs.

GREENWICH

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR
through Aug. 27, County Fairgrounds, Greenwich, Information, 692-2462.

Tuesday
August **22**

ALBANY COUNTY

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE
part I of II, sponsored by Safety and Health Council, 845 Central Ave., Albany, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 438-2365.

BETTER BREATHERS CLUB
meeting, St. Peter's Hospital, Manning Blvd., Albany, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Information, 459-4197.

"DINOSAURS ALIVE!"
dinosaur exhibit through Oct. 1, State Museum, Cultural Education Center of Empire State Plaza, Albany, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

LOW IMPACT AEROBICS

meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-10 a.m. and 6-7 p.m., and on Wednesdays and Mondays, 4-5 p.m. Young Women's Christian Association, 28 Colvin Ave., Albany, Information, 438-6608.

CAPITAL TOASTMASTERS CLUB
for people who wish to develop speaking skills, second and fourth Tuesday of every month, Gaspary's Restaurant, 164 Madison Ave., 5:45 p.m. Information, 1-851-9859.

SARATOGA COUNTY

CUTTERS BALL
food and dancing, hosted by Harry Downie, Saratoga City Center, \$15 per person, 7-11 p.m. Information, 783-1333.

Wednesday
August **23**

ALBANY

LIVE REPTILE SHOW
with Dean Davis of Living World Ecology Center, State Museum, Albany, 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

Union plans trip to Ottawa

Union College, located in Schenectady, will conduct a cultural excursion to Ottawa, from Thursday to Sunday, Oct. 12 to 15.

The trip will include sightseeing at Gatineau Park in the Laurentian Mountains, a visit to the Museum of Civilization and the National Museum of Science and Technology.

The cost of the trip is \$398.50 per person, which includes transportation, lodging, meals, and a professional tour guide.

Payment deadline is Sept. 1. For more information call 370-6643, or write to: Non-Credit Office, Office of Graduate and Continuing Studies, Union College, Wells House, 1 Union Ave., Schenectady, NY, 12308.

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meeting, Brockley's Delmar Tavern,
Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7-9 p.m.
Information, 439-7877.

SCIENTISTS' SOIREE
all reading club members invited, grades K-
3, 1 p.m.; grades 4 and up, 3 p.m.,
Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar.
Information, 439-9314.

EVENING ON THE GREEN
featuring the Village Volunteers, fife and
drum corps performance, Bethlehem Public
Library, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-
9314.

FARMERS MARKET
Delmar Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave.,
Delmar, 3-6 p.m. Information, 765-3500.

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

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

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Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd.,
Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS
every Wednesday, New Scotland Town Hall,
New Scotland. Information, 765-2109.

Thursday
August 17

BETHLEHEM

MARY POPPINS
summer film, Bethlehem Public Library, 451
Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information,
439-9314.

BIRD WATCHING TOUR
Five Rivers Environmental Education Center,
Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 9:30 a.m.
Information, 453-1806.

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Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

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Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8
p.m. Information, 439-8280.

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Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar,
7 p.m.

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First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30
p.m. Information, 767-2445.

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mainstream class, 7 p.m., workshop, 9 p.m.,
every Thursday, 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, every Thursday, 4-5:30 p.m.
Information, 439-7880.

AMERICAN LEGION LUNCHEONS
for members, guests and membership
applicants, Sidewheeler Restaurant, Albany
Motor Inn, third Thursday, noon.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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

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

Friday
August 18

BETHLEHEM

FARMERS MARKET
St. Thomas Church, Delaware Ave., Delmar,
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Information, 765-3500.

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

CHABAD CENTER
services and discussion followed by Kiddush,
Fridays at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar.
Information, 439-8280.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE
all levels welcome, third Fridays, St.
Stephen's Church, 7:30 p.m. Information,
462-4504.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

Saturday
August 19

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Sunday
August 20

BETHLEHEM

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
breakfast, 8:30 a.m., worship services, 9:30
a.m., Information, 439-4328.

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Sundays, Information, 439-9252.

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH
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Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

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worship, Sunday School and nursery care,
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Retreat House Rd., Glenmont. Information,
463-6465.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
morning worship, 9 a.m., Sunday school and
Bible class, 10:15 a.m., 1 Chapel Lane,
Glenmont. Information, 465-2188.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
service and Sunday School, 11 a.m., child
care provided, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar.
Information, 439-2512.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM
church school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.;
youth group, 6 p.m., Rt. 9W, Selkirk.
Information, 767-3406.

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.

GLENMONT REFORMED CHURCH
worship, 11 a.m., nursery care provided.
Information, 436-7710.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Sunday Service,
11 a.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere.
Information, 439-7864.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Eucharist followed by breakfast, 8 a.m.,
Christian education for all ages, 9:30-10:15
a.m., Holy Eucharist followed by coffee
hour, 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, 9:30
a.m.-noon, Poplar and Elsmere Aves.,
Delmar. Information, 439-3265.

THE YOUTH NETWORK

The Cornucopia Kids, Part I

The following is an excerpt from the writings of Bruce Baldwin, Ph.D., a practicing psychologist.

The cornucopia is the mythical horn of plenty always full to overflowing, the traditional symbol of a good harvest, a fitting environment of the good life in the suburbs. In children raised in this most comfortable setting, the Cornucopia Complex is "... the expectation, based on years of experience in the home, that the good life will always be available for the asking without effort and without the need for personal accountability." In a nutshell, such children grow up with unrealistic expectations of the world of work they will have to face on their own later. While in the home, there is little experience that leads to learning the direct relationship between effort and reward. Aided and abetted by unknowing parental conspirators, the work ethic in these children is slow to germinate and sometimes does not blossom at all.

It is certainly not suggested that parents apologize for their hard-won affluence. This lifestyle is the reward for years of dedicated effort and self-sacrifice. It is entirely possible to remain an affluent, achieving parent and avoid raising Cornucopia Kids, but it takes a little know-how. To do so requires adopting some basic values that are often forgotten amidst the good life in suburbia. It may also require that you be a bit different than your neighbors up and down the street. However, the payoff is that your children will learn some basic values that will help them follow you to success instead of remaining immature, marginal achievers.

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1. Your child demands only the best.
2. A high need for constant outside stimulation is present.
3. There is a consistent pattern of incompleteness of projects, etc.
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6. There is a clear contempt for material things.
7. Self-indulgence and excess are behavior themes.
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 Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., worship, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem. Information, 767-9953.

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NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH
 service at 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Rt. 85 and Rt. 85A, New Salem. Information, 439-7112.

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

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND
 adult class, 9:30 a.m., worship and church school, 10 a.m. nursery care provided, Rt. 85, New Scotland. Information, 439-6454.

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 worship, 9:30 a.m., followed by fellowship time, child care provided, Christian education for age three through adult, 11 a.m. Information, 439-5303.

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 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.

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Monday August 21

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR KIWANIS
 meets Mondays at Sidewheeler Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

AL-ANON GROUP
 support for relatives of alcoholics, meets Mondays, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

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

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NEW SCOTLAND

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

Tuesday August 22

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY
 meets Tuesdays at Albany Motor Inn, Sidewheeler Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7:30 a.m.

INSECT STUDY
 Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

Wednesday August 23

BETHLEHEM

FARMERS MARKET
 Delmar Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 3-6 p.m. Information, 765-3500.

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

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

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 movie, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., Voorheesville, 2 p.m.

Moon

(From Page 23)

of the moon, and the moon will be covered completely by 10:20," he said.

According to Mann, because the earth's shadow moves very slowly, the total eclipse will last from 10:20 until 11:56 p.m., when the shadow will become partial again, vanishing completely by 12:56 a.m.

The Albany Area Astronomers Association will be viewing the eclipse from their observatory in Sanders Park in Glenville. The viewing is open to the public, and free of charge. For directions to the observatory, call 374-8460.

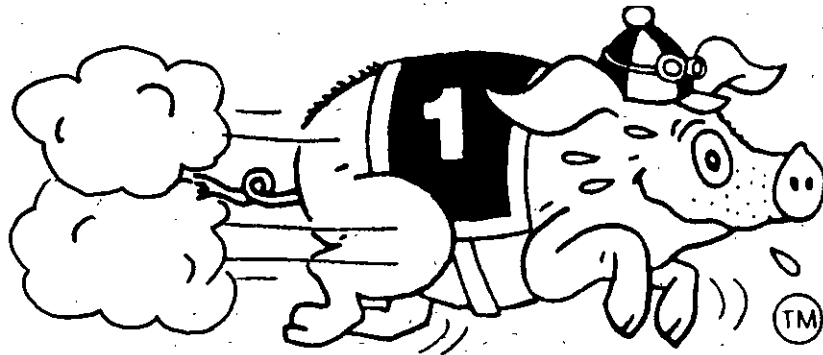
But a trip may not be necessary. Mann

notes that if it is clear, your own rooftop or back yard should be a sufficient observatory. "City lights do wash it out, but many areas of Delmar and Colonie should be ideal. The darker the area is, the better," she said.

French is looking forward to the event. "At 96 minutes, this is the longest period of (eclipse) totality since 1982. The longest possible period is 107 minutes, so you can see we are pretty close. While there will be another lunar eclipse in 1992/93, in this area, we won't see one near this length again until 2029."

So unless you have another 40 years to spare, prepare some midnight munchies, settle back on a blanket or comfortable lawn chair, and wait — with the rest of us lunatics.

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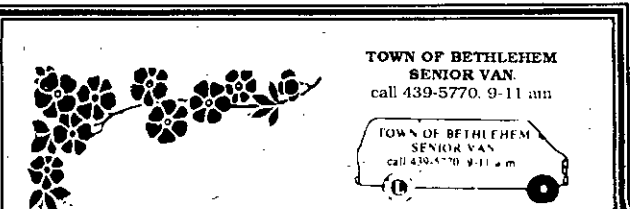
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WEEKLY GROCERY SHOPPING
Monday's: Residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands and Bethlehem go to Delaware Plaza from 9:00 - 11:30.

THURSDAY'S: Residents of Glenmont, Selkirk, and South Bethlehem go to Glenmont Plaza from 9:00 - 11:00.

CANCELLATION POLICY: When the school district is closed due to inclement weather, vehicles will not operate.



Week includes Lou Reed, Calloway and Babar



Babar the Elephant, Lyle Crocodile and Paddington Bear are among the attendees at this year's Children's Day at the Empire State Plaza on Sunday. Actor Cliff Roberts will be reading children's stories at the plaza at 1:30 and 3 p.m. Jugglers, face painters, clowns and a host of revelers will also be in attendance.

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

If the thought of Wednesday's full lunar eclipse has you waxing (or waning?) poetic, join the Community Poetry/Public Verse reading held, appropriately, under the statue of Robert Burns in Albany's Washington Park. Seven area poets are scheduled to read, after which there will be an "open microphone" for anyone else wishing to participate. Sign-up for the open mic will begin at 7:23 p.m. In the event of rain, the program will be held, sans-eclipse, on Thursday evening at the same place and time.

If you would prefer a little jazz with your lunar movements, head up to the Gideon Putnam Hotel in Saratoga's Spa State Park for "Jazz in the Arches". Wednesday through Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., the Generations Jazz Quartet and the Leo Russo/Mike Ncvakowski Quartet are performing. Dessert and

beverages are served on the patio, and there is light fare available at the Cafe in the Park.

Poor perjuring Pinocchio and his probers take the stage Thursday at the Starlite Music Theatre in Latham to the delight of both young and old. Discount coupons are available at Bonfare stores, and 50 cents from each ticket go towards activities at Camp Good Days and Special Times.

The Philadelphia Orchestra puts on its marching shoes on Friday night for "Sousa at the Orchestra", a re-creation with Keith Brion portraying marchmaster John Philip Sousa. "The Star Spangled Banner" and the "1812 Overture" will be featured. Sousa's own works will be held for the encores, complete with a grand finale fireworks display.

Friday is the opening of the last show of the season for the Mac-Haydn Chil-

dren's Theatre in Chatham. "Elves and the Shoemaker" will be performed Aug. 18 and 19, 25 and 26, and Sept. 1 and 2. Performances are Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 5 and 8:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m. For information, call 392-9292.

"Hi-De-Ho" is the password at SPAC on Saturday night as Cab Calloway takes the stage with the Philadelphia Orchestra. Accompanied by pops conductor Erich Kunzel, Calloway will offer Common Club classics like "Minnie the Moocher" and "Stormy Weather," and standards from "It Ain't Necessarily So" to "When the Saints Go Marchin' In."

Starting Saturday night, former Albany Symphony Music Director Geoffrey Simon makes his American operatic conducting debut as the H.M.S. Pinafore sails across the Glimmerglass Opera stage in Cooperstown. The music at sea will be

preceded by the American premiere of "Mr. Jericho," Greenbank and Ford's one-act operetta in the tradition of D'Oyle Carte. Tickets are still available at Community Box Offices for four evening performances on Aug. 23, 25 and 29, and Sept. 1.

Saturday brings "Kim and Reggie Harris...In Concert" to the New York State Museum. The Philadelphia couple, who perform spirituals, pop-rock originals, jazz and traditional songs have entertained at the Kennedy Center, the Smithsonian and the Brooklyn Academy of Music, among others. Their first album, "Music and the Underground Railroad" has been well received for its musical and historical content, and is included in many museum and library collections across the country. Performances are Saturday and Sunday at 1 and 3 p.m. at the Museum. For information, call 474-5877.

A special day is planned Sunday as the New York State Office of General Services presents Children's Day at the Empire State Plaza. Academy award-winning actor Cliff Robertson will kick off the day featuring storybook characters Babar the Elephant, Paddington Bear and Lyle Crocodile. Robertson will narrate Babar stories at 1:30 and 3 p.m., accompanied by pianists Findlay Cockrell and Neil Rutman. Peter Abbott's Touring Mime Circus will also be there, along with Freddie Freihofner.

How can you miss with a name like Edie Brickell & New Bohemians? You can't. Add Don Henley, playing tunes from both his time with the Eagles and his solo career, and you have Sunday night at SPAC. And old folkies beware. Their tops may have thinned, and their guitars ride a little lower, but the most popular acoustic group of the '60s, Peter Paul and Mary, still right in tune on Monday night.

If that isn't enough, forget what Andy Warhol says about him in his diaries, and take a walk on the wild side with Lou Reed on Tuesday night. And remember what it's like to be a teenager in love as Dion opens the show at 8:15 p.m. For SPAC information, call 587-3330.

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Colonie woman blossoms at Five Rivers

By Joy Healy

Anne Snyder of Colonie is having a second childhood, thanks to her love of the environment.

"I'm right back to where I was when I was 10," Snyder said. That's because as part of her job now as an instructor for the Five Rivers Environmental Center in Delmar, she is often required to do things like lie on her stomach at night and watch a weasel come in and out of its hole.

But Snyder's love of children and the environment have deep roots.

"I was a Girl Scout leader for six years and you do those kind of things, environmental conservation, outdoors things." And as a child, she said she spent a lot of time in the woods, camping in state parks with her family.

Snyder of Broderick Street said seven years ago she and a host of neighbors began a fight for the Karner Blue butterfly. The neighborhood abuts an industrial area, which meant the butterfly was in jeopardy. To prevent its extinction, the group tried to get the area rezoned to protect the butterfly and the neighborhood.

Snyder's work with rezoning led her to realize what a unique area the pine barrens is. "We don't understand what's there, and we're destroying it."

Snyder said, "I think of all life as a pyramid, and we (humans) are on the top. As a species we have found ways to manipulate the earth. Slowly we are losing species of animals. . . and we are undermining ourselves."

Snyder supports Save the Karner Blue and Save the Pinebush through fund-raising efforts. "I feel a certain attachment to the Pinebush and Karner Blue. I hate to see them gobbled up for buildings."

Snyder developed a love of the outdoors by being outside. "When my children were young, we would go to Five Rivers and take the walks. It was a place I loved," she said. Her husband noticed an ad in the paper for volunteers to be trained at Five Rivers. Snyder responded, and it

has resulted in a love affair with the many programs at the center.

At Five Rivers, Snyder said, "I learned a lot and it allowed me to see the wonder and the complexity of nature. I hope to be able to pass that on in a small way to children."

"I hope if some day people want to fill in a pond and say to one of my children, 'There's nothing there,' the kids will say 'Wait a minute'," she added.

A volunteer educator for the past five years, Snyder said she often learns as much from the children as they do from her. She explained that her goal is to make the children she works with more sensitive to nature, so that "When they look at a stream, a field, or a pond, they don't just see a mucky or yucky or green thing. They instead see life and complex community. They come to realize they have the power to destroy or preserve this balance."

Recently at St. Clare's Church, where she works with teenagers, she showed them the way wintergreen lifesavers cracked in the dark giving sparks. "I wanted to show them something really interesting and to show that there are many things in this life they don't understand and have not discovered yet. We may be erasing the opportunity to ever see any of these things," she said.

For the past two years, Snyder has also been involved in giving workshops at the Heldeberg Workshop. Her love of nature makes her course on "Warm and Fuzzy Creepy Crawlers" enjoyable, as well as earlier courses such as "Potpourri of Nature."

"Children are very bright. I believe that if you introduce them to nature at an early age in a positive way, they will evolve into caring adults," she said. "It is nice to remember big words like omnivore, metamorphosis, succession; but if the children just realize that there are so many life forms in nature and the value of even a tree to stop dust, I will feel that my work has done some good. No matter how much you know, you don't know enough. There



Anne Snyder's love of the environment led her from Girl Scout leader to Five Rivers Environmental Center Volunteer. Above, she displays some of the mementos of her special interests. Joy Healy

are always questions and new things to learn."

Sending two children to college is taking Snyder into a new area, that of full-time employment. But if you go to Five

Rivers you will most likely see her there, bearing the bright rosy cheeks, and that big smile for which she is known. Snyder looks forward to treating school children from the area to a new and different look at their surroundings.

Barbara Mungall paintings featured

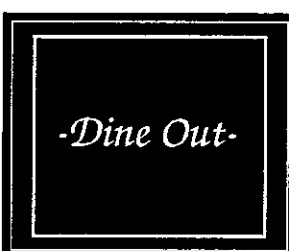
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Lois Conklin Tuohey of Slingerlands, left, with Mary Tracey at the Skidmore Polo luncheon. Right: Mabel Yager of Slingerlands with her daughters. Diane M. Strait

Albany's finest decorators. Mabel Yager had a wonderful day with her daughter Sue Cook of Slingerlands and her daughter Helen Reynolds, who is visiting from Daytona Beach.

Jean Fitzgerald was with the Loudonville crowd who faithfully attend this benefit. At her table were Gordon Jevons, Marie McMullin and Rae Grandy. And yes, hats were a must with most ladies at

polo. Despite all the goings on, some people like Kate and Bernhats were a must with most ladies at polo. Peter Brant's White Birch team won the Joseph Palamountain Cup against Allied/Racemark 12-7.

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II. Repeal ARTICLE IV, YIELD INTERSECTIONS, Section 2. Murray Avenue is hereby designated as a through highway and a yield sign shall be erected at the following entrance thereto:
1. Mosher Road

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 23, 1989, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Lawrence and Wendy S. Perlmutter, 40 North Helderberg Parkway, Slingerlands, New York 12159 for Variances under Article XII, Pere of Lot Occupancy, Chapter 128-50, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of additional living space at premises 40 North Helderberg Parkway, Slingerlands, New York.

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BY ORDER OF
THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CAROLYN M. LYONS
TOWN CLERK
Dated: August 9, 1989
(August 16, 1989)

Charles B. Fritts
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(August 16, 1989)

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1. Amend ARTICLE I, STOP INTERSECTIONS, by adding a new paragraph (zzz) to read as follows:
zzz. The intersection of Mosher Road and Murray Avenue is hereby designated as a Stop

for use in the North Colonie Central School District. Bids will be received until 10:30 A.M. on the 6th day of September, 1989 at the Administration Building in Newtonville, New York, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the same office
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Dancing and polo in Saratoga

By Elizabeth Morrow

Saratoga revived the art of 'go in' up and 'go in' down this past week for many folks from the Capital District. It all began with the National Museum of Dance Ball which was held last Saturday evening in a wonderful white tent decorated with trelises to resemble a garden. The mighty "swell" of racing, including Marylou Whitney and her husband Sonny with Sheryl and Barry Schwartz, stood for more than two hours in a receiving line, while locals like Bea and Sid Alpert with Elaine and Irving Kirsch of Albany, reminisced with Beverly and David Yunich, Macy's President when they built Colonie Center.

Monday night the weather broke for the first time in a week and the chosen few local people who were invited to the \$300 per person National Museum of Racing Ball were absolutely euphoric. Bob and Nancy Macfarland (he's President of Norstar Bank) made their first entrance to the Museum and were overwhelmed with the starting gate and full size horse display. Also attending from this area were Judy and Bob Rubin from Loudonville. Neal Smith, the famous Palm Beach orchestra leader played the night away, and most stayed well past the midnight passing.

Tuesday came early with the annual Skidmore Polo luncheon at noon. This year in addition to a marvelous luncheon of cold poached salmon, shrimp and a pizza fruit dessert (it was really a giant chocolate chip cookie topped with whipped creme, strawberries and kiwi) and the traditional polo game, a fashion show by Caroline Herrera was set in three individual tents. Strolling along and visiting their friends were Lois Conklin Tuohey of Slingerlands with Mary Tracey, one of

Ed Swyer, whose father Lewis A. Swyer was the first person to conceive of the idea of a dance museum, and who worked miracles in raising the necessary funds to get it off the ground, attended both the dance and the following day's brunch. The brunch also raised money for the Dance Museum. Ann Swyer, Lew's widow, was at the brunch, as well as Ed and Betty Crummey of Loudonville.



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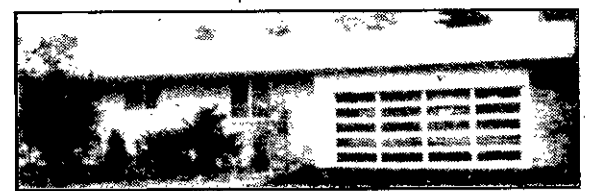
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