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A driver's dilemma



By Bob Hagyard

Slingerlands fire volunteers can do without the kind of trouble that landed in their laps last week.

Right in front of the firehouse on Route 85, a westbound tractor-trailer driver faced a decision: how to pilot his 13-foot vehicle under the 11' 4" railroad overpass near the tollgate. With no traffic in sight he slowed and swerved to the right — and into a problem: the front fitting of a fire hydrant which cut a neat inch-wide slot in his diesel fuel tank as he inched by. Up to 75 gallons spilled out that slot.

Called at 6:14 p.m., firefighters spread a sawdust-like absorbent material to soak up the mess on the pavement. Traffic from the east was stopped at Gouse Lane and told to turn around while eastbound motorists on Route 85 were diverted up Kenwood Avenue.

"We're glad it was diesel," said Walter Eck Jr., Slingerlands fire chief, at the scene. "If it was gasoline, we would have cordoned off the area, considered evacuating (nearby homes) and laid down foam."

The Aug. 7 mishap was the second time a standard-sized trailer has encountered the undersized Slingerlands underpass during his two years as chief. Eck added: Highway signs warn motorists of the 11' 4" height at points one-half mile from the location on each side of the hazard.

The fuel did not reach any storm drains in the roadway, Eck said. Within the hour, a crew from Clean Harbors arrived to complete the cleanup.

No tickets were issued by Bethlehem police.

BETHLEHEM

Critics tear into board over sign ordinance

By Mike Larabee

The Bethlehem Town Board got an earful last week on a proposal to add a restrictive sign ordinance to the town code.

At a public hearing in town hall, about a dozen town residents, many of them employed in real estate, spoke out against proposed Local Law No. 5 of 1990. If enacted, the law would make it illegal to place signs and posters on rights-of-way, easements or other public lands in Bethlehem.

Proposed by first-year Supervisor Ken Ringler, the law was originally intended to cover only political signs but since has been expanded to apply to all signs or posters regardless of content. The stated purpose of the law is to promote public welfare by preventing interference with sight distance on public roadways and to enhance the general aesthetic appearance of the town.

But given the chance to speak publicly last week, residents argued they shouldn't be discouraged from promoting local sales, events and elections by tacking signs next to town roadways and at busy intersections such as the Four Corners in Delmar. Rather, they said, hand-placed

signs should be considered a town asset because, as Jim Kelly of Louise Street in Delmar put it, they're part of what "makes a community."

You can't even breathe now without having to get a permit.

While most agreed that signs often remain in place long after they've become outdated, many felt the proposed law is an overreaction to the problem.

"It would be more government regulation for no good reason," said Kelly. "You should turn it down. It's an idea that's gone amuck."

"It's ridiculous that it's even been brought up, and I don't understand why it has been," said Bettie Lombard, a real estate agent associated with Roberts Real Estate in Delmar. "I think you've just overstated the whole problem."

Lombard added that local candidates should be encouraged rather than dis-

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Local gas retailers suspect price-gouging

By Mike Larabee

According to an informal survey of eight local service stations Monday, retail gas prices in Bethlehem and New Scotland rose about 12 cents a gallon in two-and-one-half weeks following the Aug. 3 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

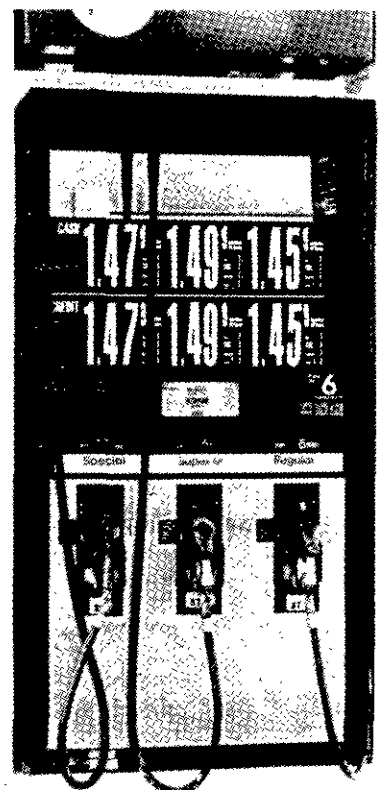
The increase is part of a rapid nationwide trend that has many government officials, State Attorney General Robert Abrams among them, calling for and initiating investigations into allegations of price-gouging.

Retailers said most of the local increase, which is slightly larger than the national average, came in the first week after the invasion, and that prices have since begun to level off. According to a state Energy Office survey, the statewide average price per gallon rose 6.3 cents between Aug. 3 and 9. Updated figures will be available later this week, an agency spokesperson said.

The highest local increase was 16 cents a gallon, registered at four of the eight stations surveyed: Delmar Sunoco, where premium unleaded is up to \$1.52 a gallon, Petrol on Route 9W in Glenmont, Stewart's on Delaware Avenue, and Delmar Getty at Four Corners.

The smallest hike was 4 cents a gallon at Houghtaling's Market on Route 32 in Feura Bush,

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BETHLEHEM

Reval field work to begin

Field representatives of Finnegan Associates, Inc. are beginning the first phase of the town-wide reassessment of residential property by conducting home inspections of the 11,000 properties in Bethlehem.

The town has contracted Finnegan Associates to reassess all real property to conform with state law. The data collection phase will continue through the spring of 1991.

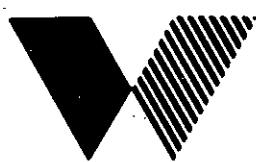
Data collectors, with photo identification, will begin to collect property data in Elsmere next week. "We request homeowners assist in our state mandated proj-

ect by permitting these data collectors to briefly inspect the interior of their property," a Finnegan representative said.

In addition to interior inspections, the data collectors will look at building exteriors.

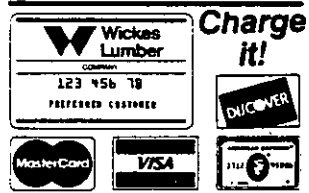
Next week, Finnegan Associates will send a mailing to all Bethlehem residents informing them of the current status of the project and notifying them that data collectors will soon visit residents to obtain property data.

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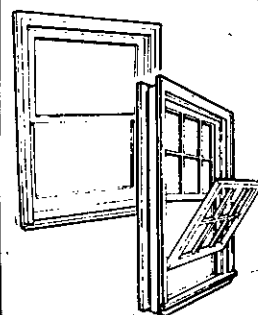


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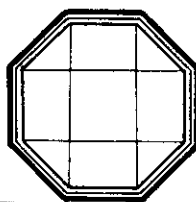
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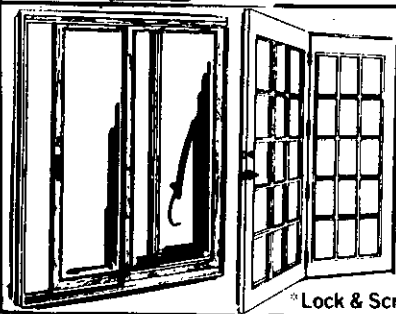
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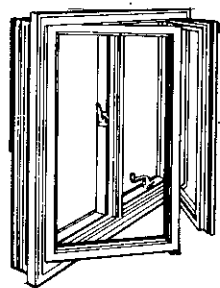
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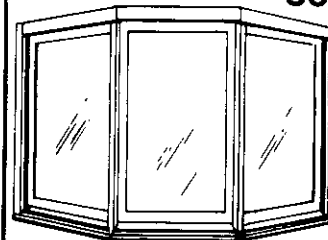
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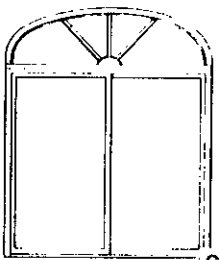


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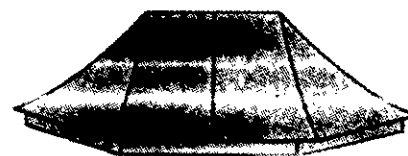
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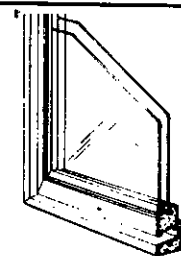
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DOT letter cramps Ames opening

By Mike Larabee

Allegations that builders of Glenmont Plaza shopping center have moved too slowly in designing a turn lane at the Route 9W entranceway may have "catastrophic" implications for stores planning to open there soon, a project representative said last week.

According to David I. Rosenberg, attorney for Ira Salk Construction, Inc., builders of the Capital District Partners project, an Aug. 3 letter from a state Department of Transportation official demanding that company engineers "shape up and produce" or risk permit denials was "completely unexpected." The letter was distributed to the planning board prior to its meeting last week and, according to Rosenberg, was received by developers just two days earlier.

Rosenberg and Salk told the board the comments "unfairly" put a planned Aug. 26 opening date for their first tenant, Ames Department Store, in jeopardy.

In the letter, Joseph W. Kelly, DOT regional traffic engineer, recommended that Bethlehem hold up occupancy permits until construction of a turn lane of Route 9W is guaranteed. Kelly charged that developers have stalled in meeting an obligation for the lane set forth in their November 1989 preliminary site plan approval.

Despite heated discussion at the board meeting, the issue appeared on its way to resolution after later talks.

Liebowitz and Salk said they have been "diligent" in their attempts to build the turning lane,

telling the board, "We want it as much as you do." Salk said delays occurred because early efforts to purchase land on the east side of 9W, which would have allowed them to widen the roadway enough to add the lane, ultimately failed. He said DOT was aware of the problem and indicated as much in writing as recently as July 23.

"He would have you believe that nothing took place during this period and that is a misrepresentation," said Salk. "Why he chose to make such a statement is beyond me."

Kelly was unavailable for comment Monday. But Jan Meilhide, a DOT engineer reviewing the project, said his agency saw no evidence that developers had continued attempts to purchase property after January.

Board members said last week they did not have enough information to weigh options to resolve the impasse. Despite the objections of Salk, Rosenberg, and Liebowitz, the issue was tabled until the board's Aug. 21 meeting.

"I'm trying to understand what I'm supposed to tell a corporation that's spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on something that now is completely in limbo," Salk said.

Meilhide said a letter has been sent to the board stating that DOT will withdraw its objections if builders post a \$150,000 bond with the town. Rosenberg said his clients are willing to do that.

After Ames, Grand Union and CVS pharmacy are scheduled to open in September and October, respectively, Rosenberg said. No other leases have been finalized, he said.

Town acts to improve composting area

By Mike Larabee

The Bethlehem Solid Waste Task Force has prepared a list of seven recommendations to improve the operation of Bethlehem's Elm Avenue East composting facility, an action prompted by concerns that the piles might be related to health problems in a nearby residential area.

In June, residents of nearby Brinker Circle told the town board they believed the piles were responsible for a high incidence of sinus, ear, and respiratory illnesses on their street.

According to Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor, the recommendations have been forwarded to Highway Superintendent Martin Cross, who oversees maintenance of the two compost piles at the Elm Avenue East highway garage. Brinker Circle, a nine-house Dowerskill Village cul-de-sac at the geographic heart of town, is roughly 300 feet north of the piles.

At the time of the complaints, Town Supervisor Ken Ringler asked Albany County Health Department and state Department of Environmental Conservation officials to check for a connection between the piles and health problems on the street. Ringler said Monday neither agency found anything conclusive so far but that both are still investigating.

Efforts to reach Albany County Health Department officials were unsuccessful.

Because less than 300 cubic yards of compost is produced at the site in a given year, the operation is not governed by EnCon composting regulations. Currently, about 20 percent of town yard waste is taken to Elm Avenue East, while the rest is dumped at the Rupert Road landfill.

The task force recommended that:

- Fencing be installed parallel to the Elm Avenue East to confine the compost working area.
- A wind sock be installed so the piles could be turned when prevailing winds are moving away from Brinker Circle. Residents say health problems intensify whenever the piles are turned, one reason they suspect the composting operation is responsible.
- A temperature probe be purchased so the piles can be turned at optimal temperatures.
- The town work with EnCon to develop an operating plan, which would be required were the facility large enough to fall under state guidelines.
- A yard hydrant be installed along the fence line to wet the piles and reduce dust as they are turned.
- Regrading at the site be performed to eliminate a drainage problem.
- Alternative equipment be investigated and purchased if necessary.



Shopping in the rain

Shoppers braved a summer rain last weekend to hunt for bargains at Delaware Plaza's sidewalk sale, held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 10 and 11. Elaine McLain

Attorney 'available' for GOP post

By Don Haskins

Amid a chorus of strong support over the past week for vacationing Albany County Republican Committee Chairman George Scaringe, an Albany attorney said he is interested in the job.

Prominent Albany County party members unanimously contended, in the wake of sharp criticism of Scaringe's leadership by his predecessor last week, that the Republicans "have nobody out there" who wants the "thankless job." Scaringe holds a job described by Colonie Supervisor Fred Field as comparable to being "commander of the Titanic."

But a different story is told by Albany attorney Peter Crummey, who represented his party against Sen. Howard Nolan in the 1986 campaign.

"I would certainly be interested" if Scaringe wanted to step down, Crummey said.

But "I want to make it clear," he said, "that I am by no means calling for George's stepping down. All I am saying is that if he wants, as he said in 1987, to devote more time to his business and his family, then I would certainly be interested in being considered for the chairmanship."

He said that he had been interested also in early 1987, when Scaringe publicly announced he wanted to step down as chairman to devote more time to his family and real estate and insurance business.

"But there was no follow through" by the party leadership, Crummey said. "I know there are lots of active and interested Republicans in Albany County, and they have lots of energy to work for the party, and most of all, they have a deep concern over how the party is faring."

While no date has been announced, the more than 500 Albany County GOP committeemen are expected to meet shortly after the primary elections next month, with the party chairmanship apparently now certain to be a subject of discussion.

Last week, former Chairman Joseph Frangella called for Scaringe to step down. He cited the recent suspension of the party's executive administrator for alleged misuse of funds, and the party's lack of success over a long period as evidence of lax leadership.

But while Scaringe's public problems have produced vocal

defenders of his 14-year reign, Crummey has taken sharp issue with their contention that the party leadership has tried hard, and unsuccessfully, to find someone willing to take over the job.

"The party leaders should know," Crummey said, that "such people (interested in helping) are out there and willing to work." He said he feels the party should work harder to "take them in" and make use of them.

"There is no question," he said, that I, like others, am very concerned for our party as a whole. I would certainly be interested in seeking the chairmanship if he (Scaringe) wanted to step down."

I would certainly be interested in the chairmanship if he wanted to step down.

Crummey is a Loudonville resident and former attorney for the Town of Colonie. His family for years operated the former Walsh Clothing store in Albany. He lost in his 1986 run against Democratic incumbent Sen. Nolan. Controversy over Scaringe's chairmanship of the county organization was prompted in recent weeks when he disclosed he had suspended the party's executive administrator, Paul Kahian, for alleged embezzlement of party funds.

Frangella, party chairman for 10 years, until 1976, said that this incident was one more example of the need for new leadership.

Assemblyman Arnold Proskin of the 103rd District said he disagreed "totally" with the Frangella approach of a public letter to air GOP differences. "It was not very constructive," he said. "Since Joe stepped down he has not at all been involved. I hope he now will join us and work with us for a better party, which is what we are trying to do."

Proskin was among those who noted the loss of patronage for Albany County Republicans with the loss of the governorship to Democratic control.

"There are lots of issues, lots of

problems among the Democrats in the county," he said. "We have a lot of good candidates, and you might be going to see some changes when things work out."

Former GOP Albany City Chairman Harold Solomon, who ran against Scaringe for the county chairmanship, emphasized the lack of patronage issue, and resulting shortage of fund support.

"No political organization can exist without patronage, and without money. And the money might be first. Big money is needed. The patronage is vital, and I'm amazed that George has lasted as long as he has" without much of either, Solomon said.

Colonie Supervisor Field said, "Certainly Joe has the right" to be critical, "but it's of no benefit to the party at this point. There's nobody out there stampeding to come in as chairman. There's very little interest out there. I think George has probably done us all a favor just by sitting there as chairman for 13 years."

Field said, "I have yet to see anyone, over the past 10 years, who wants this job. George tried to quit before, and nobody would take the job."

A relative newcomer on the Republican scene, Bethlehem Supervisor Kenneth Ringler said it would appear there are different circumstances involved in comparing the Frangella and Scaringe leaderships.

Bethlehem GOP chairman Bernard Kaplowitz said he thinks "people are not too dissatisfied" with the Albany County Republican Committee.

"I think it's harsh to pick on George," he said, citing the same difficulties his fellow Republicans brought up. "It's very difficult. We all have to pull together. There have been very adverse circumstances."

Colonie Chairman Harry J. D'Agostino said he didn't agree. "We should change our chairman. You don't fire the president of the bank after there's been a bank robbery. You put in safeguards. It's a situation (the alleged embezzlement of funds) with an employee we've always thought was most helpful and couldn't do enough for you. We're all shocked."

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Bethlehem police arrest three drivers for DWI

Bethlehem police arrested three Delmar residents on misdemeanor driving-while-intoxicated charges last week. All were ticketed to appear in Town Court next Tuesday.

Henry J. LaBrecque, 24, of 512B Delaware Ave. was stopped at 5:44 p.m. Saturday for alleged speeding on Kenwood Avenue.

Pamela A. Platis, 27, of 545A Kenwood Ave. was stopped at 3:40 a.m. Saturday on Delaware Avenue near the Hudson Avenue intersection for alleged failure to keep right.

At 8:26 p.m. last Wednesday, police attempted to stop a vehicle operated by William B. McGee, 55, of 8 Hawthorne Ave., headed west on Delaware Avenue, for a faulty tail light. Police said McGee ignored the police siren and lights, turned left on Adams and proceeded to his residence, where he ran inside the house.

In addition to the DWI count, McGee was charged with failure to comply, failure to keep right and resisting arrest.

BC maintenance truck involved in traffic accident

Two Delmar children were taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital after the car driven by their mother was struck by a Bethlehem Central schools' maintenance truck.

Bethlehem police said that at 10:20 a.m. Friday the truck, driven by Samuel B. Vanhoesen of R.D. 2, Voorheesville, approached the traffic light at Kenwood and Elsmere from the east when a toolbox fell on the floor at the driver's feet, preventing Vanhoesen from braking. The vehicle passed under the red light and broadsided a northbound car

driven by Sarah M. Digiulio, 37, of 37 Ruxton Road.

Seated on the passenger side were Digiulio's children, Lauren, 7, and Michael, 4. Both were taken by Delmar ambulance, Lauren with abdominal pain, Michael with a gash on his head. Both were treated and released.

No tickets were issued.

In Glenmont The Spotlight is sold at Grand Union, CVS, Glenmont 5A's, Cumberland Farms, Stewart's and Van Allen Farms

Thief gets farm's goats

Bethlehem police are investigating a 'kid' napping in the dead of the night last Wednesday, the theft of four goats from Oakwood Farm.

The goats, two whites and two browns, were last seen at the farm at 7 p.m. by the owner, an Albany resident. Sometime before 7:30 the next morning, someone entered the front gate and made off with the animals.

The goats are valued at \$150 each.

Jeep stolen

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of a Jeep Cherokee last Wednesday.

The vehicle was parked in front of a workshop along Route 144, Glenmont at 4 p.m. and was reported missing at 11:30 p.m., police said. Police theorize that the keys, taken inside the workshop by the driver, were filched by an intruder who then drove off.

Grafton Lakes site of 5-K run

Grafton Lakes State Park is pleased to host the fifth Annual Grafton Lakes State Park "Run for the Roses" to be held Aug. 19 at 10 a.m. beginning at the main lot. The 5-K footrace is open to all runners and proceeds from the race will benefit Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Rensselaer County.

There will also be a one-mile "Fun Run" at 11 a.m. Runners are encouraged to pre-register for the race, although there will be time to register the day of the event. The courses have gentle uphill and downhill sections. For information, call 273-5454.

Police question abduction suspect

Bethlehem police have questioned a man who may have abducted an 18-year-old Delmar woman last Thursday night.

Police said that the woman, whose name was not released, reported that she was waiting in her car at the outside service window of the Elsmere McDonald's fast-food outlet when at about 5 p.m. a car behind her tapped her car's bumper.

The two drivers drove across Delaware Avenue to exchange driver's license information when, she told police, the man grabbed her, pulled her into his car and drove to West Sand Lake at a high rate of speed. The man then parked in a remote spot, pulled out a marijuana cigarette, which the woman refused to smoke. He then tried to kiss her; when she resisted, he drove her back to Delmar.

The suspect, who may be charged with kidnapping and unlawful imprisonment, first degree, was described only as a man in his 20s, 6 feet tall with blond medium-length hair, weighing 180 pounds and wearing a black tank top and stone-washed jeans the night of the alleged incident, according to Police Lt. Fred Holligan.

An investigation is continuing under the direction of Det. John Cox and Officer David Harrington.

Sheriff's deputy sworn in

Russell Hempel Jr. of Voorheesville was one of seven new Albany County sheriff's deputies sworn in last week.

Valley Community College for 22 weeks, with graduation set for next Jan. 8. He would then be assigned to field duty under the supervision of a senior deputy.

A 1987 graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School, Hempel will now attend the Zone 5 Law Enforcement Academy at Hudson

The son of Russell Hempel Sr. of School Road, he previously served one year as a dispatcher for the Bethlehem Police Department.

Teen injured in auto accident

Shannon Perkins, 18, of 4 Oak Road, Delmar, sustained a minor neck injury as the result of an accident the morning of Aug. 6.

According to Bethlehem police, Perkins was driving west on Delaware Avenue, Elsmere, when a car driven by Joanne J. Guetti, 70, of 222 Washington Ave., Rensselaer, pulled in front her from the Nor-

star bank branch parking lot.

Perkins was transported by Delmar ambulance to Albany Medical Center Hospital where she was treated and released. Guetti, who complained of back pain, refused treatment.

Police ticketed Guetti for failure to yield right-of-way.

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Signs

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couraged rather than discouraged from placing political signs during elections. "We need that. It's terrible not to have political signs out," she said.

According to Ringler, the sign proposal originates from complaints he has received regarding the overuse of political signs during elections last fall. Since then, however, the scope of the ordinance has been enlarged to a ban of all signs and posters on public property, in part because legal research has shown that laws only restricting political signs have been consistently struck down as unconstitutional.

As it reads now, the ordinance would also cover bills promoting local fairs, garage sale flyers, and — of primary interest to real estate representatives at the hearing — for-sale signs and open house placards.

The ordinance would not apply to signs in front yards or other private properties.

Ringler, owner of Del Lanes in Delmar, was guest of honor at a Bowling Proprietors Association of America dinner Wednesday night and thus did not attend the hearing. Lombard said she wanted to ask him "who's been doing all the complaining" about political signs. "Obviously, they've been doing a lot if Ken has come out with this humongous law," she said.

Elizabeth McCoy of Darnley Green, Delmar added that political signs improve voter participation levels by advertising elections. McCoy pointed to school board contests and a recent Delmar fire district bond election that drew only 22 voters.

Building Inspector John Flanigan was the only person to come forward when Councilman Fred Webster, who conducted the hear-

ing in Ringler's absence, asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the ordinance. Flanigan approached the board and emptied out a garbage bag containing about two dozen signs, many of them outdated, on the table in front of them. He said he had pulled the signs from utility poles at two town intersections prior to the meeting.

Then he held a few of the smallest handwritten signs for the audience to see. Small signs are traffic hazards and ultimately do not perform any function, he said, because nobody is capable of reading them from a moving vehicle.

"I defy you to read that from 10 feet away and in good light," said Flanigan, holding one of the smallest over his head.

But residents countered that the proposal would add another cumbersome legal restriction to the many already governing their lives.

"The Town of Bethlehem regulates everything you do," said Marilyn Picarazzi of Selkirk. "You can't even breath now without having to get a permit."

A number of residents suggested alternatives to a sweeping ban. John Smolinsky of Concerned Citizens for Responsible Planning, a town-based citizens' group, suggested a law that gave the town the power to remove signs after the events they advertised had passed. Pete Staniels of Noreast Real Estate in Delmar suggested a permitting process or a law that would only make it illegal to leave signs overnight, and thus wouldn't affect open-house placards often set at street corners by realtors.

And citing a current informal agreement between local real estate agents and the town, Staniels also suggested a dialogue whereby local candidates and parties might limit political signs without formal legislation.

Bernard Kaplowitz, speaking as both town attorney and town Republican party chairman, said he

thought a law designed in the spirit of protecting one particular kind of sign would not be constitutional. He added he would be in favor of regulating political signs informally but said a letter to town Democratic party officials on the topic earlier this year was not answered.

Kaplowitz added self-regulation might work well with local candidates but that out-of-town campaign staff for county and state candidates often put up signs without intending to return and remove them after elections.

Robert Burns, the town's sole Democratic councilman, has said he is concerned that the ordinance would work against his minority party, because Republican incumbents enter elections with a sizeable advantage in name recognition.

Ringler said Friday the minutes from the hearing were not yet available, but that he would give residents' concerns "serious consideration" when he read them. "My mind isn't set in stone on this," he said.

He said the idea of bipartisan self-regulation of political signs in lieu of legislation is "something that should be considered."

Donations sought

The Albany Young Women's Christian Association is seeking tax deductible donations of household items, furniture, children's clothes, toys and similar items in preparation for its eighth annual garage sale, to be held on Saturday, Sept. 8.

Items will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., from now through Sept. 7, at the YWCA, 28 Colvin Ave., between Central and Washington avenues.

For information, call 438-6608.

Gas gouge

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but proprietor Charlie Houghtaling said his prices will rise an additional 6 cents after he receives an upcoming delivery.

All the retailers said the increase in their prices reflects, cent for cent, changes made by distributors and suppliers. If price-gouging is occurring — and many of them think it is — they say they're not the ones pocketing the profit.

"It's outrageous," said one local station manager who asked not to be identified. "I think the whole thing's a crock. The companies are making a fortune off us."

"We had no choice," said another, also requesting that his name be withheld. "They raised it on us, so we had to raise it on everybody else."

The speed of the increase is what they're most suspicious of. The retailers want to know why the prices went up for gasoline that was shipped and refined months before the events that are supposedly driving them had occurred.

"Whatever they've raised their prices, I've raised mine," said Bob Woodside, owner of the Mobil station at 317 Delaware Ave., whose gas has gone up about nine cents. "I don't have any choice in the matter unless I want to go out of business." Like a number of the retailers, Woodside said he thinks the increases are related to our society's dependence — real or imagined — on gas and oil.

"The price will start to go down as soon as the American public decides to stop buying, as soon as they decide to start parking the

second and third car," he said. Lynn Scrimme, a shift supervisor at Stewart's, said people don't have much of a choice about what they pay for gas. "If you want, you can drive around and compare, and burn gas looking," she said.

Business has dipped marginally, but consumers are still buying, the retailers said. One trend they've seen is an increase in the number of motorists making downsized purchases.

According to reports recently attributed to oil analyst Trilby Lundberg, retail gasoline prices rose more than 10 cents a gallon since the oil crisis in the Persian Gulf began. According to newspaper reports, a Lundberg survey of about 13,000 service stations found the national average price for gasoline, all grades including taxes, was 127.9 cents a gallon on Friday, up 10.2 cents from July 20.

Steve McNary, owner of Delmar Sunoco, said his business has "dropped a couple of hundred gallons a week" since the invasion of Kuwait. McNary has actually underpriced his gas, as Lundberg reported a number of retailers across the country are doing, at a rate that absorbs slightly the increase in wholesale charges. McNary said he thinks the state's recently announced plan to investigate for price-gouging at the retail level amounts to "looking at the wrong end of the problem."

"It's not the little guy that's causing this," McNary said. But McNary pointed out that the state's price-gouging statute only applies to retail sales. "There's no laws on the books where he can regulate the suppliers and distributors," he said.

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STARTING A NEW LAWN **Timely Tips from Joe Huth** (former Cooperative Extension Agent for Albany County)

If you need to start a new lawn or need to remove an existing lawn, now is the time to do it! Mid August to mid September is the best time to start grass seed. Usually the weather is more favorable now with cooler temperatures and more moisture and weeds are less of a problem.

To start a new lawn, follow these steps:
1) Get your soil tested (at the Garden Shoppe or Cooperative Extension) to see if lime is needed to correct an acid condition.
2) Add the necessary lime and a soil conditioner such as Peat Moss, Peat Humus or other source of organic matter.
3) Work this into the top 4-6 inches of soil by rototilling or other methods.
4) Spread 15-20 lbs. of a fertilizer such as Re-Nu 10-18-10 on each 1000 sq. ft. of lawn area and rake in.

5) Seed with 4-6 lbs. of grass seed on each 1000 sq. ft. Buy the best seed you can get. After all the work of preparing the land, it is foolish to get poor seed.
6) Roll or water the seed into the soil.
7) Cover with straw or burlap to help conserve the moisture.
8) Water as needed to keep the soil from drying out.

After one or two weeks, the new grass should be growing and part of the straw mulch should be removed. Burlap will decompose so does not have to be removed.
If you have lawn questions, stop in at either Garden Shoppe and talk to me or one of the other knowledgeable people about starting a new lawn.

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What a school can do

Americans expect and demand "the best" from the school systems they sustain with massive infusions of funds and hopeful support.

Most of us tend to be reasonably confident that the educational system, overall, is faithfully trying to fulfill the responsibility placed on it year by year for generation after generation of upward-bound young people. But we are also disturbed by those repeated reports that the system is falling short in important ways. The "Point of View" column published on the page opposite reflects some of this concern—and the basis for it.

Failure to educate the students adequately is indeed a matter of grave concern. In instances where the staffs or the curriculum are not up to the task (as is strongly sug-

It's always Fair weather

Altamont, our region's centennial village for 1990, is inviting us all to the 98th three-county fair through Sunday night.

Under the backdrop of the Helderbergs you will find the traditional gamut of country-fair fare, from acrobats to zebras. Alongside are hundreds of demonstrations of our agrarian past, brought to Altamont by people not particularly conscious that they are carrying on a tradition: 4-H children showing off their abilities to make plants and animals grow, homemakers with the prize products of kitchen and garden, older folks showing off their antique autos, agricultural college students learning the fine points of handling horse and sulky for the entertainment of the grandstand.

Keeping the tradition alive are the full-time fair manager and 200-some volunteers who make up a not-for-profit group with a long name: the Albany, Schenectady, and Greene County Agricultural and Historical Societies, Inc.

Under the late Stuart Rombough, this organization faced stagnant attendance 15 years ago as neighboring county fairs offered more and more tractor pulls, name country-and western acts, and other proven attendance-boosters. Rombough and company moved resolutely in the opposite direction, estab-

Hail the Blue Eagles!

As the summer began, *The Spotlight* complimented the BCHS Eagles on their highly successful baseball season in which they attained No. 2 rank among all the state's high schools.

And now it's a team with a singularly familiar name, the Bethlehem Blue Eagles, that is deserving of plaudits. With an enviable record of only two losses in 29 games, the Blue Eagles went all the way to the championship games known as the Mickey Mantle World Series. En route, they cap-

Solutions, coming up?

Many dozens of motorists will daily call them blessed — the town fathers and the DOT traffic specialists who're hacking away at solutions for the tie-ups that occur all too frequently at Delaware Avenue intersections.

We're speaking, actually, in anticipation of left-turn arrows, right-turn lanes, and other devices discovered earlier in the 20th century to help keep cars moving more often than stalled.

Editorially, *The Spotlight* has commented with a certain degree of asperity about the

Editorials

gested by some of the data Dr. Maurer cites in his column), school boards and their hired supervisors must face up to the issue objectively and squarely.

Nonetheless, a major question remains: do we place entirely too much of the onus on the schools for development of qualities that should originate and be nurtured in other places?

Most people, we suspect, would answer "Yes" to that question, recognizing that the school can impart information and certain insights and disciplines to help shape and perfect the standards and goals that have been inculcated earlier and elsewhere.

lishing 15 museums and emphasizing the cleanliness of the grounds. By the time the present fair manager, Reid Northrup, took over nine years ago, attendance had climbed back way past the 100,000 mark—and other fairs moved toward the Altamont approach.

We wish Altamont fair weather through Sunday night.

No, it wasn't me!

Don't ask me. I didn't do it. It must have been somebody else, some other guys. I don't know anything about it. I wasn't even there. Who could have done such a thing? Search me! I'm just as puzzled as you are. What do you suppose could have happened? Your guess is as good as mine. No sirree, it wasn't me. I'm wondering, too. How should I know? I can't even imagine who would do that. But in any case, I didn't do it. I don't know why you'd think I might have. . .

—The above might be a verbatim transcript of a response by an oil-industry tycoon (name withheld to protect the guilty) when asked how it happened that oil prices shot up long before there's any fuel shortage in the U.S. (At the reader's option, substitute "airline mogul" for "oil tycoon.")

tured the Upper New York State Championship and the North Atlantic Regional title. Some remarkable "firsts" were established in this season of successes.

Earlier, we also noted the impressive response by the community in making its all-out support known to the players. As the Blue Eagles' coach, Jesse Braverman, noted, this team's fans have been no less than "phenomenal" in their enthusiasm for the spirit and successes that have developed during the season.

DOT's lack of concern for certain of those intersections, especially that at Delaware and Kenwood, the celebrated "Four Corners."

But down deep we always believe that the time would come when a Bethlehem supervisor would take matters in hand and speak with sweet persuasiveness to the state's engineers. That appears to have happened now, with results yet to be determined — but which, with just a little bit of luck, may have drivers counting their blessings instead of minutes standing in line.

'We need to belong to a school that cares'

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing out of concern for my school, Bethlehem Central High School. As the new school year approaches, I worry about the problems that occur among students, my friends. I keep hearing and reading about parties that destroy property, car crashes that destroy friends and families.

What are we really doing about these situations? In the eyes of many: nothing! As a student and teenager, I would like to make a few suggestions: How about more home games, basketball for instance? How about more dances following these home games?

I can't help but wonder if parents really know what their child is doing on a Friday or Saturday night. Why not start involving our parents? I am not embarrassed to say that my family is very important to me and if sharing an evening or two with them might save someone's house or maybe even some lives, I wouldn't think twice. Our parents could have their own dance after the game, in another gym. I'd like to think that I am not the only concerned students at BCHS.

As I said before, these are only suggestions. I don't know if they will be taken seriously but I do know that if our class doesn't work together to make some changes now we will pay later.

School should be something we all look forward to. We're all not straight "A" students or captains of every team but we do share something in common: the need to belong to a school that cares.

Parents: If you feel the same as I do, speak up and help bring us together. The same goes for the students. Speak up! If we don't act now, we many never be able to! Please help.

Maureen Nuttall

Delmar

Schools 'do a job' by trial and error

Editor, The Spotlight:

It seems to have become almost fashionable to bad-mouth the education that our schools have been giving "the kids."

You'll hear in TV discussions, at dinner parties, almost on street-corners, sneering references to one or another study that alleges that those kids don't know where the District of Columbia is, or they can't locate Namibia on a map, or they don't know the difference between sine and cosine.

But here's one loud dissenting vote. It's expressed through the eyes of a generation who were kids

when a big geography book often concealed a smaller publication with greater entertainment value. I belong to a generation that frequently was puzzled by the "gozintas." One that is still baffled by the purpose of the gerund. And that nonetheless has made its plodding way along life's paths, with or without the benefit of "higher education." (Though with an all-time record of later seeking out and benefitting from specialized areas of learning.)

This generation, too, clearly has gained insights from its own expo-

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UNCLE DUDLEY

Is Saddam our Napoleon?

You surely won't remember Floyd Gibbons. In the heyday of the dashing war correspondent, he was in the front row of writers who won their notoriety the hard way—at the front. His newspapering career, mostly with the *Chicago Tribune*, was founded on first-hand accounts, with not a handout from "spokespersons" to be seen.

In his twenties, he covered the Mexican revolutionary fighting by campaigning with the cattle thief and rascally bandit, Pancho Villa, who led the skirmishing. Then, the next year (1916) he switched camps and was with General Black Jack Pershing when we sent troops to chase Villa back to Mexico after a bloody raid into the new state of New Mexico.

Soon thereafter Gibbons shifted his theater of operations. Even before the U.S. declared war on Germany in the early spring of 1917, he was aboard a Europe-bound liner that was torpedoed. (He cabled a description of the sinking to his papers.) And he made it to France, preceded the AEF into the fighting, and finally was brought to a halt when he lost an eye at Chateau-Thierry, the town on the Marne east of Paris where the Allies sustained some of the heaviest losses of all the battles in "the war to end all wars."

Thereupon, Floyd Gibbons just plain ran out of enough wars to cover but from the age of 31 turned into a keen analyst and indefatigable commentator. His black eyepatch became his flamboyant trademark. On the radio, in the earliest days of the wireless, he developed a rapid-fire style of delivery that further identified him distinctively.

CONSTANT READER

What does Boris Yeltsin mean?

Constant Reader's constancy in keeping you up to date on events of global significance is well documented, and this week the column is gratified to be able to bring you some persuasive insights on the intriguing question of "What makes Boris Yeltsin run?"

The answer is hidden within some 6,000 words that cover more than six pages in the August issue of *World Monitor*. The writer, Mikhail Zraev, is described as "a noted Soviet journalist." His report is quite illuminating as well as exhaustive. It ranges from a physical rundown that places Yeltsin neatly within the jigsaw profile of Russian leaders' eminence, to a conclusion about where he may be destined to lead his people. In between, the trail of his ups and downs (from a provincial engineer-administrator to now presiding over more than 50 percent of the USSR's population) makes for fascinating reading.

As for what's next, we are given this conclusion: "What the 150 million people of the Russian republic expect from Mr. Yeltsin is that he fill the empty shelves of food stores. And he promises to do that within 500 days. But the country has reached an economic dead end after nearly 2,000 days of Gorbachev's reform efforts. What a terrible burden Yeltsin has taken upon himself!"

Author Zraev offers a striking description of Yeltsin, whose fea-

ture are "so characteristic of Russians": a rather massive man with a wave of gray hair and a strong-willed face—that mixture of Slavic and Finno-Ugric blood, with the

high cheek bones, small and piercing eyes. It is positively the ideal physical appearance for a Soviet leader; the rough-hewn coarseness, the very ordinariness (the face of a common man), the determination, the utter lack of sophistication, and the total lack of non-Russian traits (or, perish the thought, Jewish ones)."

Some of the article's subheads are themselves suggestive: "Limousine liberal, violator of ritual, contact with the masses, triumphal victory—decline and rise, detective thriller incident, down with party perks, Gorbachev's irritation." And these teasers: "Accu-

Can civilization be headed for an East-West crisis?

But finally "President Al Smith" succeeded in getting our forces organized, and in an Armageddon that (as I recall it) was fought largely at sea in the Orient, the West prevailed, and the Red Napoleon was crushed for good. But it was a near thing.

The book was an imaginative vision of a fundamental struggle of East versus West. It contained all the blood-and-guts that you could ask for in an adventure yarn written by a fellow who'd "been there" already.

Lately I've been wondering whether our planet might indeed be headed for a true East/West showdown.

Saddam Hussein gives current point to the turbulence seething within the Arab nations. You've probably been hearing some of Arab frustration and bitterness echoed in the TV interviews and talk shows that have tried to keep pace with military and political movements.

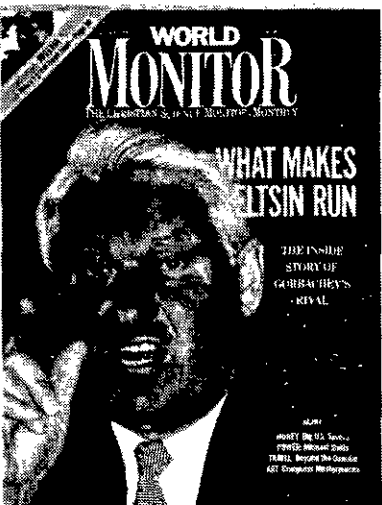
It seems to me that we're more than a wee bit tardy in reaching the realization that in the Mideast contest the basic elements tend to cancel out national boundaries. Ethnic and religious ties bind our antagonists and create a monolith of huge dimensions. Even when the Iraqis, for example, turn on the Kuwaitis or the Saudis, they do so with the temporary ferocity of brother against brother in a little family feud.

We are approaching an era—if we are not, in fact, already mired in it—that pits Us against Them. The UN solid front (at least initially) served as an indication of the potential significance of the struggle.

So far, it's the anger of the Arab world, from Iraq to Libya, that we are facing. A latter-day Red Napoleon, giving voice to virtually all the disenfranchised of Asia, has not stepped forward (unless Saddam proves equal to the starring role, as he may).

Ultimately, the issue may become this: Can "President Smith's" heir coalesce the West effectively and steel himself to make some very, very elemental decisions against what may well be massive odds.

This deserves a Floyd Gibbons. He'd have loved it.



ture are "so characteristic of Russians": a rather massive man with a wave of gray hair and a strong-willed face—that mixture of Slavic and Finno-Ugric blood, with the

high cheek bones, small and piercing eyes. It is positively the ideal physical appearance for a Soviet leader; the rough-hewn coarseness, the very ordinariness (the face of a common man), the determination, the utter lack of sophistication, and the total lack of non-Russian traits (or, perish the thought, Jewish ones)."

sations turned into a slogan: If you miss Stalin, vote for Yeltsin!"; "No matter what was done to discredit the folk hero, it had the opposite effect"; "His popularity went up and down in a mad oscillation utterly unique for a Soviet political figure."

Mikhail Gorbachev is relegated to a minor role in this recounting of how Yeltsin got where he is and how he got "that way." But his hand does emerge as that of a manipulator (not always successful) and as a vexed reactor to Yeltsin's varied successes. Yeltsin himself is the authority for the revelation that after he had become Gorbachev's public opponent, the general secretary had explicitly threatened to block his future political activity, though this was not within Gorbachev's power to accomplish.

"Saddam Hussein is becoming too powerful for you. You people in the West don't like that kind of thing. And so you have to try to cut him down to size. You will not succeed." The quote is that of a Jordanian at an Arab conference in Baghdad. Next week, Constant Reader will report at greater length on an article profiling him, as published in *World Monitor*.

Great expectations: our schools' need

Robert J. Maurer is president of the American Corporation for Education and Training. He was Executive Deputy Commissioner of the New York State Education Department from 1981 to 1988.

By Robert J. Maurer

Point of View

Well, it's almost September, and back-to-school concerns invade the fall air. In school districts of our area, we look to a year of accomplishment and achievement by kindergartners and 12th graders alike. All the nation's schools begin a federal-mandated drug-free school program in an effort to establish self-esteem as a core outcome of the curriculum.

Teachers are scrambling for a greater share of the decision-making in what they do. After all, the Japanese have not done badly giving the line people a bit of the say in quality and direction of the assembly line. Boards of education, superintendents, and principals, if not aghast, are at least trying to understand "school-based management." School-based management? Something akin to power-sharing arrangements you would find in a Lebanese or Rhodesian political settlement.

The chief issue in 1990, the first full school year in the last decade of the twentieth century, is pretty much what I wrote about two years ago in this space a few weeks after I left the State Education Department.

Literacy! The ability of graduates of our system of public education to compute, read, and interpret symbolic meaning. Frankly, folks, we continue to fail. Every industrialized nation in the world continues to outstrip us.

The nation's teacher-union leader, Al Shanker, just last week outlined a statistical point that, on reflection, should scare the dickens out of us. Accepting jabs from critics of his dour description of the dire state of American student performance, he reiterated some positive Regents exam results that protagonists offer to refute the negative assessments of our schools.

We are in trouble as a nation. We are producing people who can read but can't deduce the meaning.

Shanker's point: According to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), only 2.6 percent of 17-year olds taking the test could write a good letter to a high school principal about why a rule should be changed... only 5 percent could grasp a paragraph as complicated as the kind you would find in a first-year college text book. And, only 6 percent could solve a multi-step math problem...

Recently, some New York friends questioned the validity of the NAEP results. They point out that out of the 37 percent of the 11th graders who took the Math III Regents exam last year, 80 percent passed. This number suggests achievement that is far above NAEP figures.

Well, let's take a closer look. Twenty-five percent of the entering student body of our New York schools, on average, do not graduate. Over 50 percent do not take the Regents exams. Some 63 percent did not take the Regents Math III Exam. And, 80 percent passed. Hooray, we are above the NAEP figures. But not by much.

After accounting for the dropouts from high school, about 27 percent of the entire entering high school classes took and passed the appropriately challenging Regents Math III exam. But 73 percent did not. That is not much, folks! Three-quarters of New York's students may not meet Regents exam standards.

Mr. Shanker needs to continue as America's loving critic of our schools. We are not doing the job in education, whether the figure of success is 5 percent or 27 percent or 37 percent.

Not only are more of the entire student body falling behind expectation and performance which affects jobs and industrial growth in America, but the best and brightest, the almost bright, are falling further behind what their forebears succeeded in achieving academically.

Folks, we are in trouble as a nation. We are producing people who can read but can't deduce meaning from what they read. We are providing graduates who can calculate but cannot compute and apply the understanding of mathematics to their work lives.

As hard as it is to achieve (and as hard as it is to deliver), schools need to have higher expectations, as incorporated in Regents exams and the Regents' "action plan," for all students.

It is an issue of expectations and standards. What do we expect from our students, our schools, and our school leaders? What standard of performance do we have?

We should expect an educated person to graduate from our schools. Someone of learning, accomplishment — a bit beyond what it takes to just survive.

It is not all the schools' fault. Schools too often reflect community values. We are meeting mid-points of academic performance

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Matters of Opinion

Schools' needs

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for less than half our students. Is it because we do not expect high standards of performance from all our students? If we do not expect, we do not get.

Parents today are naturally interested in the competitive edge for their children. SAT's. College entrance. Job skills. The practical drives the considerations of the educational establishment. Yet all of our children are capable of much more.

Values, comprehension, interpersonal understanding, social advocacy, aesthetics. These are the meanings of life, job, and fulfillment as a human being. The competition for performance, even in the best of community schools, is often askew from these essential components of educational achievement.

What to do? Literature. Second-

language study. Values education. Multi-cultural education. Community service. Work ethic.

Literacy requires a great deal more than the ability to read. It requires the ability to interpret, to understand, to plan, to act.

Standards drive academic achievement. We, perhaps, have not been as demanding of all our students as we should be. It is time to demand the level of performance for every student that we expect of our best students. Expecting performance will help achieve it.

Self-esteem requires us as educators, parents, and as community leaders to offer a fuller educational agenda for our children. Their literacy in the twenty-first century will require a contextual intelligence drawn from a fuller meaning of life and education. Their self-esteem will depend on our success.

Words for the week

Dour: Sullen, gloomy, forbidding. (Note that the preferred pronunciation is closer to "doer" than to "sour.")

Reiterate: This is one of those needlessly lengthened words such as "inflammable." "Iterate" means to utter or do again or repeatedly. "Reiterate" means the same thing.

Forebears: This refers to ancestors. In honor of them, be careful to include the central "e." Without it, "forbear" has a very different meaning: to refrain or abstain.

Finno-Ugric: Designating a subfamily of the Uralic group of languages spoken in northeastern Europe, western Siberia, and Hungary. It includes the Finnish, Estonian, Lapp, Hungarian, and some other languages.

Trial

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sure to schooling. In virtually open-ended commitment, we have done our utmost to strengthen schools at all levels and to extend their reach and effectiveness. When the children arrived in unprecedented numbers, room was made for them and teachers were recruited. Part of this response can be attributed to the historic goal: "We want 'em to have the advantages we didn't have." But, more solidly, what it reflects is a bedrock belief in education for its own sake.

I believe we do a disservice to the schools and to their pupils when we downgrade them so continually. Certainly, there are shortcomings and mistakes that can be found, as is inevitable in the "trial and error" method of searching out the best. That's the American scheme of things, and that's what our education system is all about.

Seniors say thanks to VFW for barbecue

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of Bethlehem Senior Services, I express our appreciation to Frank Oulette and his volunteers from VFW Post 3185 for the chicken barbecue held for senior citizens of our community. Thanks also to the Slingerlands Fire Department for the use of the pavilion and the members' assistance, and the Bethlehem Police Department and teen volunteers who worked to make the afternoon safe and successful.

Joyce H. Becker

Program Coordinator

Bethlehem Senior Services

Needed: a diamond equal to our players

Editor, The Spotlight:

In case one of your readers missed the last several months, I want to point out that baseball was being played in our town at a level that is becoming commonplace.

By way of refresher, let's go back to late spring and herald the achievements of Ken Hodge's varsity ball club at the high school. All those boys did was play for the Class A state high school championship. Along the way the boys earned the Suburban Council title, the Section II title, the Upstate Regional title, and the runner-up State Champion designation.

Not bad, so put the bats and balls away and wait for some snow and rain before we take them out again next March. . . .

But wait, wait! Enter Jesse Braverman and John Black with a determined and gusty group of youngsters playing for the Mickey Mantle club. All they did this summer was show up to play with the nine best teams in the country at the Mickey Mantle World Series. On their way to Waterbury, Conn., they had only to win a league title, a state title, and a regional title.

Let us not forget that John Sodegren's bunch also made it to the Connie Mack League playoffs. For those who have not seen any of these young people play, you have missed a real treat. The level of competition is the highest. The level of ability and desire is incredible.

A very solid tradition is quietly being built by some very dedicated people.

Can you imagine the level of proficiency these and future young men could achieve if we had a real baseball facility to play in?

Most residents are not aware that there is not a decent diamond to play on in all of Bethlehem. We truly need a superior baseball facility at either the high school or the town park. Let the powers that be know you are concerned and support the efforts of the Sodegrens, Hodges, Blacks, and Bravermans as well as countless others too numerous to mention here. Give these teachers the proper classroom to work in.

Tom Yovine

Bethlehem Baseball Assn.

New Salem Church bids pastor farewell

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Rev. C. Bruce Wierks led his last Sunday worship at the New Salem Reformed Church on July 29, at a service that expressed a deep devotion and love by the

minister for the church and its people, and the people's love for the minister.

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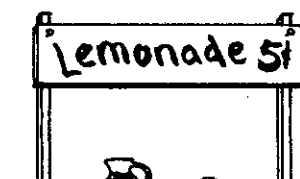
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Meester, who was the pastor for over 17 years. He had filled in the pulpit on several Sundays before and during Mr. Meester's long illness. His acceptance of the call has helped the congregation through a difficult period of adjustment. He will be missed by all who have learned to love him for his wit, charm, down-to-earth ways, and personality.

Guest organist for the day was Lauren Poole from Catskill. The Special Occasions Choir sang in his honor.

As the last part of the service the congregation went outside and a new sign on the front lawn was formally dedicated to God and the mission of the church. The sign is the result of much talk for several years: gifts; memorial money left to the church from several sources; work and time donated or paid for; and prodding by Mr. Wierks to see it finally completed.

After the dedication, the congregation and guests went to the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem, where a farewell social was held.

Several of his faithful followers were present from Boght Reformed and Clarksville Community churches.

Roger Freestone, acting as master of ceremonies "roasted" Mr. Wierks with a skit about how members have felt and responded to his preaching and services.

Dorothy Campbell made the presentation of gifts from the group. A buffet meal was catered by the women of Unionville Reformed Church.

The very best wishes and God's blessing go with the Rev. Mr. Wierks, his wife, the Rev. Mary Ann Wierks, and their children, Christa and Carl. They will move soon to Frederick, Maryland. Mary Ann is also leaving her assistant pastoral position at the Delmar Reformed Church and will be helping to start a new church in the Frederick area.

Barbara Van Zetten
New Scotland

Home-buying market prospects called good

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to offer some thoughts, hopefully encouraging, regarding the current state of the residential real estate market in the Capital District. A preponderance of articles paint a "doom and gloom" picture of housing in general in the Northeast. I do not consider that these reflect with complete accuracy our local conditions.

The current excellent market conditions may well present an excellent opportunity for many buyers and sellers to mutually satisfy their needs. I believe that sellers are offering fine values to purchasers. Those entering the market can find an excellent supply being offered by realistic sell-

ers. The critical factor which can "make things happen" is that fixed interest rates are under 10 percent.

I suggest that when rates move downward and "product" gets reduced, we again experience the supply-and-demand curve that drove prices upward in the mid-80's. I hope that both active and potential buyers and sellers will look realistically and positively at the housing market and not submit negative factors affecting other areas.

Home-selling and ownership is achievable in the Capital District. The real estate market is alive and well.

Robert E. Blackman
President
Blackman & DeStefano

Will justice prevail?

Readers of *The Spotlight's* letters column will be interested to learn that the writer of the July 25 letter headed, "Can justice prevail in my case?" has been put in touch with a lawyer who wrote to the newspaper offering to provide certain legal assistance.

Referendum asked on 'floating zone'

Editor, The Spotlight:

The "floating zone" concept can have serious, unforeseen consequences in a neighborhood and, indeed, in a town. To change a single-family residence-zoned neighborhood to high-density zoning is guaranteed to lower property values. This is not the same as changing Planned Residential District (PRD, 8 units per acre) to High Density (10-14 per acre). The floating zone means changing from Single Family Residential to 10-14 units per acre. This is a drastic and critical change. I repeat, property values will be affected.

The seriousness of such a zoning concept involves all the people in the town of Bethlehem. The seriousness of the consequences warrants a referendum vote. The

floating zone, according to Town Hall, can be placed anywhere in the town. That means this issue potentially affects every homeowner in Bethlehem. The property value of every homeowner in every neighborhood is potentially affected.

Bethlehem homeowners should be allowed to vote on the floating zone concept—not just a public hearing but a referendum. The community center will have a referendum. It is for recreation. A zoning change which can lower property values should be given more importance by every homeowner in Bethlehem. A vote against the floating zone is a vote for the protection of the homeowner's investment in his property.

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Matters of Opinion

□ Referendum

(From Page 9)

A referendum concerning the floating zone ordinance should be offered on the ballot in November. The voters should be allowed to decide such a serious issue.

Joseph Duclos
President, Hudson Avenue
Neighborhood Assn.

Delmar

Aug. 22 moratorium hearing is supported

Editor, The Spotlight:

Most citizens are aware that Browning Ferris Industries/

American Ref-fuel is the company that is planning to build an incinerator in Bethlehem. What many people may not be aware of are the environmental, health, and financial costs to people who reside near such a facility.

BFI has paid millions of dollars in penalties and settlements in civil suits and criminal actions in other states in waste-related cases.

Currently under consideration is a six-month moratorium on planning and construction of the incinerator and two other solid-waste facilities. Solid-waste disposal, recycling, and incineration near populated areas are very much in the news both locally and nationally. Bethlehem citizens would benefit by attending the public hearing on incineration moratorium Aug. 22 at 7:30 at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

Delmar

Miles Garfinkel

Ref-Fuel plant called 'safe and beneficial'

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing in regard to American Ref-Fuel's waste-to-energy facility proposed to serve the Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer, and Saratoga regions.

It is my understanding that the majority of the citizens of Bethlehem are against construction of the waste-to-energy facility because they are concerned about the level of pollution such a facility emits and its possible adverse affects on surrounding areas.

However, after visiting American Ref-Fuel's Hempstead plant, and after reading related articles available in the Bethlehem Public Library, it is evident to me that waste-to-energy plants are in fact, proven safe and beneficial.

The proposed Bethlehem plant would handle approximately 1,275 tons per day, compared with Hempstead's plant which now operates at 2,319 tons per day or 85 percent capacity. In the beginning stages of the Hempstead plant's operation, the plant operated at approximately 95 percent capacity and was still able to keep plant emissions of 16 chemical pollutants far below New York State standards. Even the State Health Department calculated that the cancer risk was less than one in one million, or about the same chance of being hit by a train.

Another advantage of the proposed waste-to-energy plant is that the size of ash produced from the "mass burn" facility takes up one-tenth of the space that trash does (per ton). This may not seem a crucial statistic; however, considering that the Colonie landfill will be forced to close after nine years (an estimate for use of the Colonie landfill for only Colonie's trash), the proposed waste-to-energy facility would guarantee use of the Colonie landfill for all the regions listed for the next 22 years.

Some might argue that the Colonie landfill can be expanded to accept the waste of surrounding areas. But, with new regulations being placed on landfills and the fact that they now cost approximately \$1 million an acre to build (keep in mind that this is the present cost and does not reflect the time value of money), it is evident

that this would be a wasteful use of our land and money.

Another end-product of a waste-to-energy plant is steam. This steam drives a turbine-generator to produce electricity. The advantage of this technology can be illustrated in the Hempstead plant, which produces enough electricity for in-plant use. The rest of the electricity produced is sold to LILCO (Long Island Lighting Company), which in turn can use this electricity to supply 65,000 homes. The proposed Bethlehem plant would produce enough electricity for in-plant operations and the excess, sold to Niagara Mohawk, would supply electricity to 25,000 homes.

It is not my goal to criticize concerns of citizens in Bethlehem. When these concerns are unfounded and lack backbone, something must be said.

Not only has American Ref-Fuel proposed to solve part of our waste problem in the Capital District, but it offers us a more efficient use of land available for landfilling and an alternative source of electricity. It will be a shame if Bethlehem doesn't approve construction of the waste-to-energy facility proposed by American Ref-Fuel. I urge you, the citizens of Bethlehem, to become aware of the facts on waste-to-energy facilities and to disregard the rumors. Many other advantages to waste-to-energy plant, which I have not covered, can be read about in the Bethlehem Library. American Ref-Fuel's proposal is not one that will be here in the future without support of citizens of Bethlehem. The time is now and the opportunity awaits us.

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Jonathan Forbes

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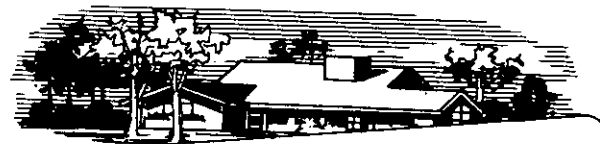
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Lawn-care chemicals' effect termed suspect

Editor, The Spotlight:

An obvious and persistent health hazard continues to go relatively unheard and uncontested in our community: the increased use of chemical fertilizers and highly toxic chemical pesticides on lawns and trees.

I became concerned about the effects of lawn care chemicals after the birth of our daughter. I began to research the chemical lawn care industry and the effects of pesticide exposure after I experienced nausea and a severe headache after being exposed to a chemical lawn application. Some of the information I found is outlined below:

*The EPA's registration process is not a product safety program. Lawn care companies commonly advertise that their chemicals are "registered" with the EPA. Consumers assume that EPA registration means that chemicals are safe. This couldn't be further from the truth. Most of the active chemical pesticides currently used by the lawn care industry were registered in the 1940's, '50's and '60's, before Congress enacted legislation in 1978 requiring stricter testing guidelines. The EPA is requiring that 32 out of 34 most commonly used lawn-care pesticides be retested and reregistered. But inexplicably, the EPA is allowing the chemicals to be used until testing is completed even though a General Accounting Office report estimates that testing of non-agricultural pesticides won't be completed until sometime in the twenty-first century.

*The EPA does not test the chemicals itself. Chemical companies are responsible for testing their own chemicals and providing the EPA with results. The EPA uses the results as the basis for its registration process. Allowing the chemical industry to test their own

products sounds a little like the elephant guarding the peanut supply. The credibility of pesticide registration was further compromised when Industrial Bio Test Labs, a laboratory contracted by the chemical industry to test many of its chemicals, was found guilty of falsifying test results for an estimated one-third of the chemical pesticides currently on the market.

*Most of the chemicals never have been tested for long-term health effects, like cancer and mutagenicity, or for effects on the central nervous system. Though the EPA is requiring that new test data be provided, they are allowing continued use of the chemicals until testing is completed, even though they suspect that some chemicals currently in use cause long-term health problems. For example, human exposure to Carbaryl, the active chemical in the pesticide Sevin, is suspected of causing birth defects, gene mutations, and kidney and liver damage.

*The EPA does not require test data on inert compounds. Chemical pesticide mixtures are made up of "active" and "inert" chemicals. The active chemicals are designed to destroy the target pest. The inert chemicals are used as mixing agents or for carrying the active chemical to its target. Chemical companies are not required to disclose the chemicals used as inerts, and won't disclose them because they consider these trade secrets. The EPA does not require test data on inert compounds, even though they comprise 90 percent or more of a pesticide mixture. And in some cases (e.g., formalde-

hyde, asbestos, DDT, benzene, and xylene) the inerts are more toxic than the active chemical.

*The synergistic effects of the chemical mixtures are not being tested. The negative health effects of a chemical may be increased when combined with another chemical, or a reaction may occur when two or more chemicals are combined that does not occur when any of the chemicals are working alone.

*Lawn-care companies are required to have only one certified applicator on staff in a supervisory capacity. The people out there spray these highly toxic compounds can be undertrained seasonal employees who may not know what they are applying or how to apply it in the safest manner.

*The application of chemical pesticides kills off beneficial as well as problem organisms. By killing beneficial organisms, chemical pesticides make lawn soils unhealthy and artificially dependent on chemical spraying. This has been described as turning a lawn into a chemical junkie. Soils void of natural, helpful organisms promote soil compaction, shallow root growth and thatching which creates a need for additional shots of pesticides to kill off pests that might otherwise be tolerated in a healthy lawn soil

And on and on. What is truly disheartening is that innocent people, pets and wildlife are being affected. I have chosen not to expose my wife, three-year-old daughter, and unborn child to toxic chemicals that are suspected of being, among other things, carcinogenic and mutagenic. The risks do not justify the benefit of a green lawn. But people in and around our neighborhood use chemical lawn and tree services, so we are exposed. Chemical pesticide sprays know no arbitrary property lines. Drift and runoff

alternatives are available that are safe for our children and environment and promote a healthy, vibrant lawn that is not dependent on chemical "fixes." If you see local businesses with chemical lawn-care warning signs on their lawns, tell the owner or manager that you do not wish to expose your family to toxic chemicals as a price for patronizing their establishment. And, please, tell your neighbors about the dangers of using lawn-care chemicals.

I am taking part in organizing a community group in Bethlehem that will be dedicated to educating the public about the dangers of chemical lawn-care products and providing information on safe alternatives. Please contact me if I can be of help of if you would like to share information. Help stop the absurdity of toxic chemical exposure from lawn-care chemicals.

David A. Blumkin
Bethlehem for Alternatives
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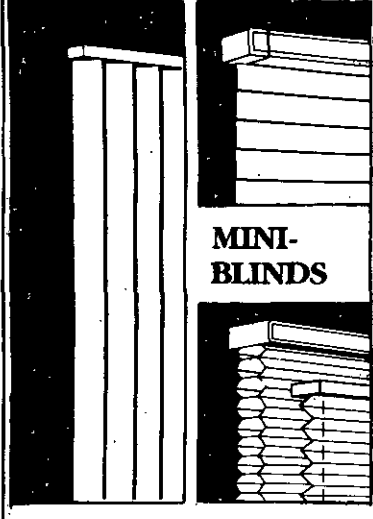
can carry the chemicals onto our property, and the smell alone can keep us inside our house on otherwise beautiful summer days. My daughter loves to play outdoors, but when I watch her run around our yard, I can't help being concerned about how the chemical lawn and tree applications in the neighborhood are affecting her. And wildlife and pets may be most susceptible. The Department of Environmental Conservation has strong evidence linking pesticide use to bird deaths, and, unfortunately, the warning signs lawn-care companies are required to post after their applications are not written in a language that our neighborhood cats can read.

With so much still unknown about the effects of chemical pesticide exposure, it is unreasonable for the government to allow their continued use. Attorney General Robert Abrams, in his testimony to a Senate subcommittee this spring, sounded the voice of reason when he stated that people, not pesticides, should be given the benefit of the doubt. But since the government is remiss in protecting us from unnecessary and involuntary exposures to toxic chemicals, it is up to us to take action.

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RCS sets calendar

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District has announced the adoption of the official school calendar for the 1990-91 school year.

School opens on Sept. 5 for a full day for K through grade 12. Oct. 8, no school for Columbus Day; Oct. 17, staff development day with early dismissal for Pre-K through grade 12; Nov. 1, superintendent's day/elementary parent-teacher conferences, no school K through grade 8; Nov. 6, Election Day, no school K-12; Nov. 12, Veterans Day, no school; Nov. 22 and 23, Thanksgiving recess.

News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Cheryl Clary 767-2373



Dec. 11, staff development day, early dismissal Pre-K to 12; Dec. 24 to Jan. 1, Christmas recess; school reopens Jan. 2. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Jan. 21; Regents week Jan 22 to 25; superintendent's day on Jan. 28 (senior high only).

Feb. 18 to 22, President's Day and winter recess. March 18, staff development, early dismissal grades 6 through 12; March 22: staff development, early dismissal for grades Pre-K to 5. March 29, Good Friday, no school.

April 22 through 26, spring recess; May 16: staff development day-early dismissal Pre-K through grade 12; May 27, Memorial Day.

June 14 to 21, Regents exams; June 19, superintendent's day, no school K through grade 8; June 20, last day of school. Four shortened

student attendance days will be scheduled during the year for staff development; they will be announced no later than 30 days in advance.

Park hosts safety day

On Saturday, Aug. 25, Safety Awareness Day: Community and Industry Working Together will take place at Elm Avenue Park from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sponsored by Conrail, Airco Industrial Gasses, General Electric, Owens-Corning Fiberglass and the Bethlehem Town fire officials, the event is open to community residents. There will be displays, activities, prizes, hot dogs, beverages and much more.

Drum corps to perform

The Village Volunteer Fife and Drum Corps will perform tonight on the lawn of the Bethlehem Public Library, Delaware Avenue in Delmar beginning at 7 p.m. The performance is free and the public is invited.

RCS staffers attend conference

Two Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk administrators, Nancy Andress, director of special programs and instructional services, and Diane Kilfoile, principal of A.W. Becker Elementary, recently made presentations at the first Whole Language Umbrella Conference in St. Louis, Mo.

Over 2,000 teachers and administrators from all over the United States and Canada attended the four-day conference. The Whole Language Umbrella is a confederation of professionals interested in developing and implementing

the whole language concept in educational institutions. Whole language is a holistic approach to reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

Andress presented "Joining the Literacy Club: Whole Language at the Secondary Level" with Lynda J. Castronovo, an English teacher at Scotia-Glenville Senior High School.

Diane Kilfoile presented "Continuity and Collaboration: Better Beginnings with Whole Language."

St. Rose offers minority scholarships

The College of St. Rose will offer 15 scholarships to prospective minority graduate students as part of the new St. Rose Minority Fellowship Program.

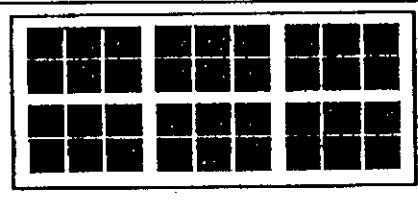
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Summer winds down at library

The fun-filled summer program at Voorheesville Public Library will soon be coming to a close. The final summer Bedtime Story Hour will be held at 7 tonight, Wed., Aug. 15 at the library on School Road. Librarian Nancy Hutchinson will be sharing stories, finger-play and songs.

The Family Film Festival is also winding to a close. This Thursday, Aug. 16 the action film, "Masters of the Universe," based on the cartoon character He-Man, will be shown. Actor Dolf Lundeen stars as the mighty He-Man who faces a host of evil-doers. Next week on Thursday, Aug. 23 the "Adventures of the Wilderness Family" will serve as the final feature. The story chronicles the adventures of a modern city couple who forsake civilization for life in the Rocky Mountains. Both movies are free and begin at 2 p.m.

The popular Summer Reading Club will go out in style with grand parties for all club members next week. On Monday, Aug. 20 grades K through 3 will celebrate their final meeting and on Tuesday, Aug. 21 grades 4 through 6 will hold their celebrations. Both events begin at 3 p.m. and will include drawings for backpacks as well as other surprises.

For the younger set, summer story hours will end on Aug. 24 and will resume on Sept. 10.

Town sponsors baseball night

The Recreation Committee of the Town of New Scotland has an end-of-summer treat for baseball fans. The group is sponsoring a night at Heritage Park on Wednesday, Aug. 22 and has reserved seats for those interested in attending the game between the Albany-Colonie Yankees and the Williamsport Bills. Tickets are \$4, with raindates being honored for any game. Ticket holders will have to

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Lyn Stapf 765-2451



arrange their own transportation. The evening is billed as Kodak Night with a variety of photographic products being offered as prizes. Those interested in obtaining seats may call the town hall at 439-4889 weekdays between 9 a.m. and noon.

Concert in the park

The Voorheesville Concert in the Park series will continue this week with "Steve Crockett and the Log Cabin Boys" who will perform both bluegrass and old-time country music in Evergreen Park on Sunday, Aug. 19. The Goldrush recording artists who recently performed in Nashville will begin their performance at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring a chair or blanket and join in the fun.

Kiwanis planning celebration

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland is gearing up for a busy fall. The active men's service organization will be celebrating its 40th anniversary this year with a special dinner being held on Friday, Sept. 28 at the Western Turnpike Golf Club. The Kiwanians would like the entire community to celebrate this occasion with them.

The Kiwanis Club is also getting ready for its annual chicken barbecue being held on Saturday, Sept. 8 at the New Scotland Presbyterian Church. The dinner, which includes chicken by Brooks of Onenota and all the trimmings, is held every year to help raise money for the many community service projects the Kiwanians oversee, including monthly blood pressure clinics, summer band,

youth soccer, grasshopper baseball and T-ball and Pee Wee Wrestling.

Teachers attend workshop

Two Voorheesville science teachers were selected to participate in the National Science Foundation workshop entitled "Exploring Human Genetics" taking place at the DNA Learning Center in Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island from Aug. 26 through 31. Voorheesville teachers Mary Pilkington and Kelly Ryan were among 24 educators from the state tapped to take part in the program. Both will teach a unit on genetics to their students at Clayton Bouton Junior-Senior High School this fall and will conduct workshops for other area middle school and junior high science teachers during the summer of 1991.

Comics to perform at Albany club

Clean and inventive stand-up comedy returns to Albany. With the success of the first Jazz Comedy show at the Half Moon Cafe July 19, Ed and Bob will return to debut comedy at the recently-opened Theater of the Possible, 172 Madison Ave., Aug. 25 at 8:30 p.m. in Albany.

Both Bob and Ed are veterans of the comedy scene in Massachusetts and New York. Bob is now competing in the Boston Riot Comedy contest series, and Ed will showcase at the Boston Catch A Rising Star Aug. 28.

Local comics Popcorn and the Platonic Man, Eric Sims of Delmar, will open. Donation is \$2.

Local favorite takes top honors in BOU battle of the bands

After nine Friday nights of rock, heavy metal and original compositions at Del Lanes, Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited (BOU) announced that the winner of the Battle of the Bands is Xes Publius.

The local band, a favorite of BC students, won first place and the \$400 prize, beating out high school bands from Guilderland, Shaker, Scotia, South Colonie, as well as

other BC bands.

Members of the band, all Bethlehem residents, are: Mike Moran, Aaron Spevak, Mike Murphy, Megan Mitchell, Teige Sheehan, and Christian Bordick.

Fridays are teen nights at Del Lanes. BOU helps plan the event, as well as many other teen activities during the school year. For information, call 439-6885.

Library shows adventure film

Adventures of the Wilderness Family will be the final family film feature in Voorheesville Public Library's series on Aug. 23 at 2 p.m. The story chronicles the adventures of a modern city couple who forsake civilization for life in the magnificent but sometimes dangerous Rocky Mountains.

For more information call 765-2791.

BCHS Class of '55 plans reunion

The Bethlehem Central High School Class of 1955 will hold its 35th reunion on Oct. 6. There are still some "missing" classmates organizers have been unable to locate.

Contact Sally (Ryan) Devine at 436-2743 if you have any information on the following people:

Judy Bebout King, Donald Burton, Betty Chenault Leidel, Mary Clark Zibelli, Dr. John Clary, Ronald Dawes, Carolyn Dean Bond, Carol Fischer Greben, Benita Flansburg Hoffman, Peter Frederick, Carolee Hecht Wen-

Volunteers needed for meal program

St. Peter's Hospital is currently seeking volunteers to serve as drivers in the Mobile Meals Program. St. Peter's welcomes men and women of all ages who have their own transportation and can spend one to one and a half hours a week helping others. These few hours a week are easy to handle and are especially convenient for retirees. For information, call 454-1515.

tworth, Virginia Hehre Lauster, Tom McDowell, Jean Milton McQuade, Nancy Neihaus Borgman, Myrna Nutting Chapman, Katherine Paige Brouwer, Linda Schay Knickerbocker, Barbara Scofield Adinolfi, Catherine Smith Froman, Ruth Stark Evans, Carol Tool Corron, Mary Williamson Wassung, Robert Clarkson, Jill Evans Farris, Ed Fausel, Jack Graff, Getrude Jordan Jackson, Robert Miller, Karl Nelson, Bill Penn, David Porta, Harry Reynolds, Lucille Soule Collett, Nancy Stoughton, Joe Watson, Eileen White Kneeskren.

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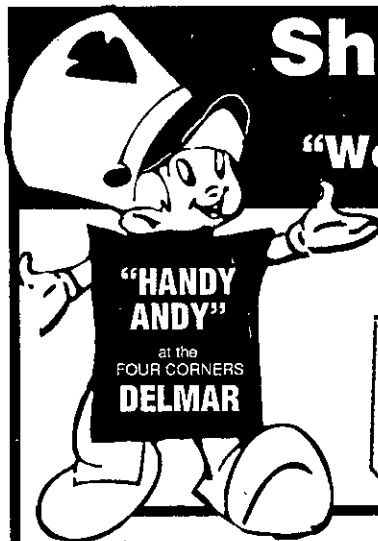
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Slingerlands man fair after office shooting

By Sal Prividera Jr.

A dispute over a few hundred dollars in his bonus coupled with personal problems apparently led an East Greenbush man to shoot his boss twice before fatally wounding himself Thursday morning.

Craig A. Pettinichi, 36, manager of the Mohawk Mall Radio Shack store, entered the company's district office at 18 Computer Drive West, and shot district manager Edward Dreschler, 41, of Slingerlands in the head and finger, according to Colonie Police Lt. John Grebert.

Dreschler was in fair condition Monday in Albany Medical Center.

Grebert said Pettinichi felt he "deserved a larger bonus. The amount of money in dispute was less than \$1,000; it was not a large amount of money involved."

"Pettinichi had other personal problems that contributed to his turning violent," Grebert said, declining to elaborate.

The company's Hudson store is where Pettinichi's dispute over his bonus began. He worked at the store before working at the Mohawk Mall, Grebert said. "The question over the bonus involved sales in Hudson," the lieutenant said.

Dreschler "had no idea he was in danger," Grebert said. Radio Shack officials told investigators

the issue of the bonus was believed to have been resolved in a meeting the previous week, Grebert said. There was no indication Pettinichi intended to harm anyone else in the office, he said.

Pettinichi was pronounced dead at the scene, Grebert said.

Pettinichi had met Dreschler in a hallway in the office building and the pair proceeded to Dreschler's office to discuss the amount of the bonus, Grebert said. After a brief conversation at about 8:35 a.m., Pettinichi gave Dreschler a note saying, "Don't (expletive) with my bonus." He then shot through the note hitting Dreschler in the forehead, Grebert said.

A second shot hit Dreschler in the finger, he said. Pettinichi was about four feet away when he fired the two shots from a .25 caliber Raven semi-automatic pistol, Grebert said.

Dreschler "was very lucky the handgun is low power weapon. Even if it were a .22 (caliber) there's an excellent chance he wouldn't have survived."

Following the second shot, Pettinichi placed the gun in his mouth and pulled the trigger, Grebert said. He survived that gunshot.

Dreschler was able to run out of the office for help and police were

summoned by a secretary. Officers arrived within two minutes, Grebert said, and were given conflicting reports on Pettinichi's location. Officers began evacuating employees and giving aid to Dreschler, when a fourth shot was heard at 8:47 a.m.

At that point, officers called in the department's elite tactically trained Special Services Unit (SWAT team). The unit arrived and found Pettinichi had fired the fourth shot into his head, killing himself instantly. His body was found on the floor in Dreschler's office by the members of the unit at about 9:20 a.m., Grebert said.

Grebert said Pettinichi had most likely purchased the gun prior to 1984, when he was living in Florida. He did not have a permit to legally carry the gun in New York, Grebert said. The lieutenant described the weapon and a "fairly common, inexpensive handgun." There was one shot left in the gun, which holds six rounds, and no weapons or ammunition were found in Pettinichi's house or car, he said.

Grebert said he believes Pettinichi went to the Colonie office "with the intent" to harm Dreschler, noting the two men did not have a long discussion. Dreschler also told officers Pettinichi said he was going after the manager of the Radio Shack in Hudson.

Bouton school names honor roll students

The honor roll for the last quarter of the school year at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School is as follows (asterisk denotes high honor roll):

Grade 9: Tara Angelo*, Renee Brisson, Stephen Csiza, Jennifer Decker, Tricia Doyle, Lea Foster*, Kristen Gibbs, Gretchen Gies*, Debra Hoover*, Hans Kieserman*, Juliet Kraemer*, Cortney Langford, Wendy Lehman, Elizabeth Lucia, Aaron Luczak, Katrin Pakenas*, Renee Parmelee, Angelina Praga, Matthew Reh*, Kevin Relyea, Bradley Rockmore*, Seth Rose*, James Schryver*, Hannah Spence*, Teri Stewart, Amy Strohmeyer, Gregory Sullivan*, Beckie Symula, Michael Welker*.

Grade 10: Jennifer Appleby, Laura Blanchard*, Daniel Carmody, Paul Clothier, Lyra Colfer*, Noelle Crisafulli*, CathyJo Dedrick, Matthew Delorenzo, Alyssa Ellsworth, Jennifer Fisher, Kristen Foley*, Michael Gaudio, Thomas Gianatasio*, Brian Goldstein*, Kenneth Guyer, Pamela Harms*, Kristin Hodder*, Kimberly Horan, Alexandra Kinnear*, David Lancor*, Steven Lapinski*, Eric Logan, Rebecca Logan*, Alison Meilinger*, William Morrissey, Joseph Race, Kathryn Ramsey*, Nicole Solomos*, Erin E. Sullivan*, Andrew Symula, Trampas Talavera, Christin Veeder, David Washburn*.

Grade 11: Ellen Barber*, Christian Clark, Leah Collins, Kelly Donohue, Michelle Doto, Rebecca Follos, Jeffrey Freyer, Thomas Genova*, Matthew Hladun, Sandra Huang*, Matthew Jeffers, Michael Kaine*, Dianne Kissell, Michelle Lisboa*, Tammy Loewy,

Thomas Martin, Jodi McFate, Lynn Mead, Anjanette Ohlerking, Michelle Paraso, Heather Parmenter, Laura Pierro, Catherine Reilly*, Todd Relyea, Kyle Russo, Robert Sarr*, Judith Smith, William Stone, Kevin Taylor*, Nancy Timmis*, Theresa Wakefield, John Wojewoda*.

Grade 12: Erin Alonzo, Tracy Avgerinos, Sarah Bissell, Deborah Burns, Karen Deeley*, Erin Donnelly*, Cathleen Dugan, Ann Elmendorf, Matthew Fairbank, Kristen Foster*, Patricia Ginder, Michael Haaf*, Jessy Jennes*, Tina Joslin, William Kerr*, Jessica Kilar*, Jennifer Kraemer*, Andrea McAssey*, Lisa McClelland*, Christopher McDermott*, Daniel O'Mara, Marianne Passarelli*, Randolph Rathke*, Kyle Relyea*, Edward Rivers, Adam Rose, Eric Rose, Christian Scharl, Craig Schreivogl*, Lori Smith*, Megan Smith*, Katharine Sommer*, Tracey Stevens*, Hiroshi Tomikawa, Maria Vela, Angela Washburn*, Sarah Wilkes.

Kid's Club comes to Crossgates

The WMHT/Channel 17 Kids' Club will sponsor a return visit of the "Reading Rainbow" traveling show to Crossgates Mall on Tuesday, Aug. 28. The show provides an outreach for the popular PBS children's series of the same name.

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RCS leaders discuss district lines

By Cheryl Clary

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education addressed a boundary dispute with the Greenville School District at its meeting last week.

The bulk of the controversy is aimed at the Gedney Hill Road area, in which several parcels have been claimed by both districts. In an effort to establish boundaries that would satisfy both districts, RCS and Greenville have requested assistance from the Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady BOCES superintendent, Dr. Custer Quick, who was present at the meeting. "Trading off properties must be agreed upon by both districts and Greenville's board is interested in your board's opinions," he said.

Board President Wayne Fuhrman suggested that more research be gathered and that the district then sit down with the Greenville board. Other members requested a map covering a larger area of the boundary to help establish a logical boundary that would be satisfactory to all. Quick added, "If it gets to the point that the boards go eyeball to eyeball, I'll be there with the superintendent of the Greene-Rensselaer-Columbia BOCES to help out."

In other business, the board approved a job description for a middle school assistant principal. A search committee consisting of two parents, two administrators and two teachers will screen applicants for the position. Current Assistant Principal Bob Wade is leaving the position to head up the alternative education program.

The board approved a 10-minute extension of the school day at the senior high school to meet

state regulations. Classes will now begin at 7:35 a.m. and end at 1:55 p.m.

The board also approved the sale of used school vehicles to be handled by Transportation Director Robert Albright and Business Manager Rodger Lewis. According to Lewis, "Some vehicles sell for \$300 to \$600 which originally cost the district \$15,000 to \$20,000."

The board then went into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The results of this meeting were the approval of four teachers and the appointment of eight new teachers. Resignations were approved for Robin Reed, second grade teacher at Ravena; Ann Miller, senior high social studies teacher; Gisele Erichetti; high

school foreign language teacher; and Lois Terry, senior high math teacher.

Appointments for the 1990-91 year are: Sara Lake, high school social studies teacher; Debra Lawrence, fifth grade teacher; Gloria Jean, high school guidance counselor; Catherine Morton, sixth grade science teacher; Suzanne Harkness-Wood, second grade teacher at Becker; Sharon Losee, middle school language teacher; Colleen Sanders, P.B. Coeymans teacher and Jane Ainslie, high school foreign language teacher.

The next regular RCS board meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 10.

On The Senior Side

Safe driving course open

Bethlehem Senior Services is accepting reservations for the August 55 Alive Safe Driving Course sponsored by the Tri-Village Chapter 1598 of the American Association of Retired Persons.

The course will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 29 and 30, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. The course is open to any person 50 years of age and older. Those completing the course will be entitled to a 10 percent discount on their automobile liability and collision insurance.

Early registration is encouraged due to a limited class size. To register, call 439-4955.

Blood pressure screening

The Town of Bethlehem's Blood Pressure Screening is held the third Tuesday of each month. Next month's screening will be Septem-

ber 18 in the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 7 to 8 p.m.

Vial of Life on display

Marion Martin, a former member of the Town of Bethlehem's Senior Housing Committee, was committed to helping the town's older residents remain in their own homes by providing support services. It was her wish that information displays and programs be set up to provide information and visual displays which the elderly could actually try and touch.

In September, the Marion Martin Display for Independent Living will feature information on the Vial of Life, a program in which a small plastic vial containing pertinent information can be used by the first respondents to a medical emergency. This informational tool may provide peace of mind for those who live alone. There will be free vials, inserts, and stickers

Celebrates 90th



Lambert Dreis with grandchildren Pamela Thomas and Brian Lynch. A 64-year resident of Elsmere, Dreis was honored on his 90th birthday by relatives and friends recently at the Stone Ends Restaurant in Glenmont. He is a life member of the Elsmere Fire Co., a member of the Founding Committee of the Elsmere Fire District, and a 65-year member of the Albany Lodge 49 BPO Elks.

available to anyone, any age. The cost for materials is underwritten by the Bethlehem Lions Club and Red Goyer will be representing them at the booth from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 18.

See the brass at SPAC

Join us on Thursday, Aug. 23 for a dinner buffet at the Hall of Springs, and the evening performance of the Empire Brass at Saratoga Performing Arts Center. Led by Erich Kunzel, conductor, "Brass, Pomp and Pizzazz" covers Handel to Berstein to Broadway. Enjoying an international reputation as North America's finest quintet, Empire Brass is renowned for the unparalleled quality and diversity of its repertoire.

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Take a break, recreate!

Coordinator job open

The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department is seeking an activities coordinator for high school students in Bethlehem. The coordinator will work with youth, parents, faculty and Park staff to plan and conduct an activity approximately once a month year round.

To apply, complete an employment application form and submit it along with other pertinent written information to the Parks and Recreation office. The deadline has been extended to Aug. 31. Forms are available at the Parks and Recreation office and Bethlehem Town Hall. For more information, call Nan Hinman at 439-4131.

Standard first aid course

An American Red Cross Standard First Aid course will be offered on Saturday, Aug. 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall. This class includes basic first aid skills and adult CPR. Pre-registration is required by calling 439-4131 or visiting the Park office.

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Corps drums up interest in colonial-style music

By Sheila Davis

Attendees of tonight's performance of the Village Volunteer Fife and Drum Corps at Bethlehem Public Library will see a colorfully arrayed group of musicians from the colonial era.

But there is more to the Village Volunteers than fife and drumming, according to President Kathi Quinlan of Albany. "Both young people and adults make music together. They train and travel to musters together. They keep alive the heritage of ancient music. What's more," she added, "the members learn to accept responsibility and to set goals. Adults and younger members work and have fun together while they strive to perfect their music."

The Village Volunteers' performances are smooth and professional, but that doesn't happen without effort. Greg LeBuis, a 13-year-old drummer currently moving with his family from East Berne to Delmar, estimates he practices drum rolls, "three or four hours a week," in addition to the group's practice time together, Sunday afternoons at the town hall during the school year and Tuesday evenings at the Slingerlands Fire Hall during summer.

Training is passed down from the more expert players to the newcomers. "Most of our members come to us with no musical knowledge," said Quinlan, who grew up in Delmar and attended Bethlehem schools. "But a music master is elected each year to organize the music and decide in general terms what will be played."

Drummers start by learning patterns while fifers learn notes, each equally difficult, according to

Quinlan. "Teachers in the corps instruct the players and decide when they can (pass off) or play a certain number of songs — starting with six — with a certain level of competence."

"At the start," LeBuis said, "recruits are part of a color guard, act as a private and carry a musket, not an instrument." The skill the players attain is demonstrated by the cockades of various colors worn on their hats. Altogether, the corps has a repertoire of 50 pieces, "although I'd like to see us go to 100," said Quinlan.

Members of the corps are easily recognized by their red waistcoats trimmed with gold braid, buff breeches and black tricorns. The waistcoats, made by a seamstress in West Sand Lake, are an exact copy of a waistcoat circa 1750 on display at the Smithsonian Institute.

The corps is made up in most part of groups of friends and family members. Parents of members under 21 years of age automatically become members themselves and approximately half of these become active. There is a total of 40 marching members and 30 auxiliary members. Minimum age is 10 and one member is 71 years old. Quinlan can recall three former volunteers who have made successful careers in music.

Membership comes and goes, as with any organization, and the group is always looking for new members, Quinlan said. "The corps is a great activity to do with your children, especially if you're a single parent." Formal recruiting takes place around Labor Day, but Quinlan urges anyone interested in the Village Volunteers to approach a member any time.



Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps on the march.

The Village Volunteer Fife and Drum Corps was formed in 1956 under the name The Village Fire Fifers, as the group was under the sponsorship of the Delmar Fire Company. The founders and first directors were Bob and Theresa McLean. Practices began in September and the corps' first public appearance was at the Albany Tulip Festival in 1957. The corps became independent in the early 60s and has been self-sustaining ever since, directed by a group of officers.

The Village Volunteers are a founding member of the Company of Fifers and Drummers, established in 1965 as an international organization. In 1975 they cut their

first record, "Music of American Liberty." The corps as a whole has won medals and trophies, as have individual members.

The group has traveled to Williamsburg, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Quebec and Michigan. Their performance at the library is one of "15 or 20" events taking place this summer. A Flag Day celebration at the Albany Veterans Administration Hospital, a July 4 performance at the Empire State Plaza, and a muster in Montpelier, Vt. were among others.

"Fire companies love to march," Quinlan said. "We get requests

from all over — Greene County, Columbia County, Saratoga County — to march ahead of the firemen." The corps is looking forward to a muster at Fort Niagara Aug. 3, 4 and 5, when they will sleep inside the fort. The volunteers will be at Westbrook, Conn., site of the national muster, which moves from location to location each year and is open to everyone who wants to attend. (All other musters are by invitation only.)

Tonight's performance (Aug. 15) is part of Bethlehem Public Library's Evening on the Green series. In case of rain, the corps will play in the library's community room.

Cherry Plain hosts triathlon

Cherry Plain State Park will be the site of the First Annual Taconic Valley Sprint Triathlon on Aug. 18, at 10 a.m. Cherry Plain is located 20 miles south of Grafton State Park off Route 22. Starting point for the triathlon will be adjacent to the beach area at Cherry Plain.

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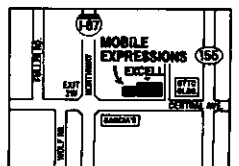
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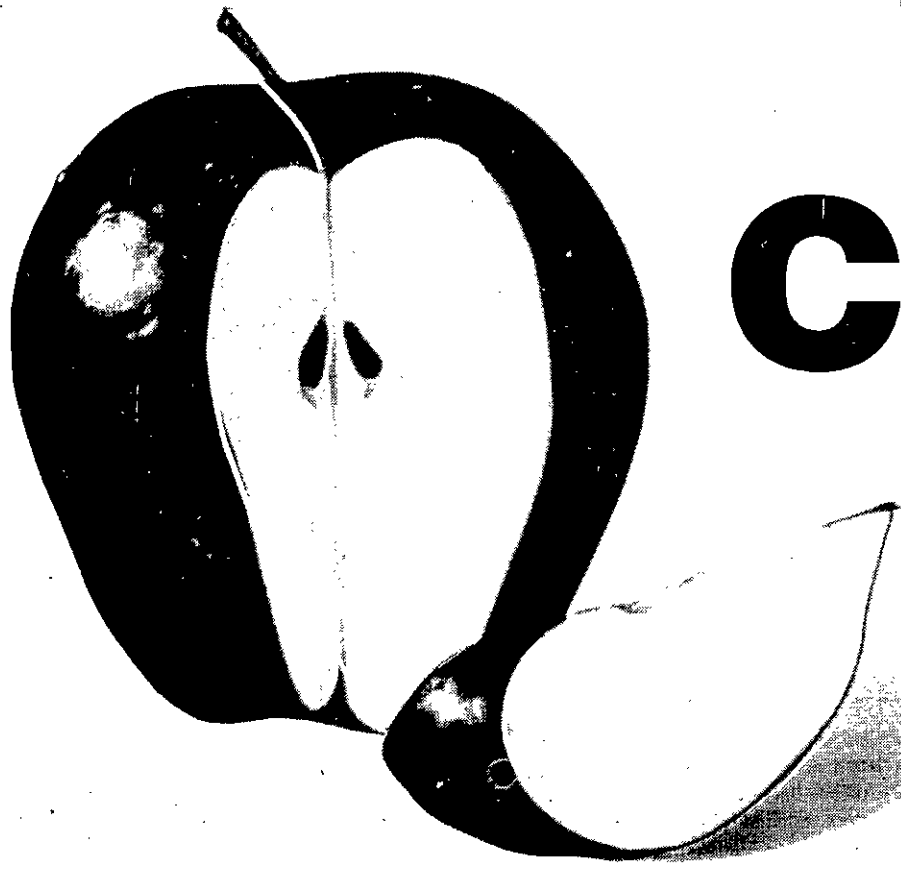


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Two close losses doom Blue Eagles

By John Bellizzi III

The toughest competition in the nation put an end to the finest Mickey Mantle baseball season the Bethlehem Blue Eagles have enjoyed.

Last weekend at Waterbury, Conn., the Blue Eagles proved they belonged in the eight-team World Series field with two close games. Bethlehem lost each by a single run, testimony to the level of play that produced an Eastern New York League pennant, the Upper New York State title and the North Atlantic regional championship this summer.

The opener versus Chatham, Ill. (36-6) was cut short by inclement weather Saturday morning, an unfortunate circumstance for the Eagles. After a 90-minute rain delay following the fifth inning, Chatham scored to take a 3-2 lead over Bethlehem. After the delay, officials judged the wet playing field unfit for further play and declared the game over.

Chatham had opened the game with back-to-back singles. A key pickoff at third base helped Bethlehem starter Mark Houston out of that inning with only one run surrendered.

"Mark (a righthander) has as good a move to third as any lefty I have ever worked with," said coach Braverman. It was Houston's seventh pickoff at third base this summer.

Bethlehem's first threat came in the top of the third when speedster Bill Karins walked with two outs. Karins took second for his

Bethlehem evened things with back-to-back RBI singles in the fifth. Mike Aylward started off the rally by reaching first on a dropped third strike, where he was replaced by pinch-runner John DiAnni, a sprinter for Bethlehem's varsity track team. Chris Black drew a walk, and Brian Coffey singled to score DiAnni and put Bethlehem on the board. Andre Cadieux singled to score Black.

Chatham broke the tie in the bottom of the fifth when Stalets, who had walked, scored during momentary confusion after a sacrifice bunt. The rains came and Chatham's 3-2 lead stood as the final score.

"I have no criticism of the decision not to continue the game at that time," said Braverman, who agreed that the field was unsafe after the heavy rains. However, Braverman feels that the game should have been concluded at a later time or at another site. "At

this level, nothing should decide a game except the two teams. They should be able to play all seven innings."

The Blue Eagles got in a full game in the losers' bracket Sunday against Macombe County, Mich. (32-2) at Waterville Park, but a late-inning scoring opportunity for the other team still resulted in a one-run loss. Michigan had been shut out and no-hit in the first round by the Midland (Cincinnati) Cardinals, 9-0.

Bethlehem started with a run in the first. Leadoff batter Mike Gambelunghe was hit by a pitch, then advanced to third on Coffey's single to left and scored on Houston's suicide squeeze bunt.

On the mound for Bethlehem, an ill Coffey was rocked for three runs on four hits in the bottom of the first, but reliever Jeff Hotaling got Bethlehem out of the inning.

The Blue Eagles regained the

lead in the top of the third. Black led off the inning with a walk. Hotaling and Matt Quatraro's back-to-back singles loaded the bases. Houston walked to force in a run, and a Michigan balk sent the tying run across the plate. Quatraro scored on Cameron Smith's sacrifice fly, giving the Eagles a 4-3 lead.

An error, a walk and a single loaded the bases for Michigan with no outs in the bottom of the third. An RBI single tied the score at 4-4, but that was all the scoring Bethlehem outfielder Smith was going to allow that inning. The next batter flew out to Smith, who threw a perfect strike to the plate to hold the runner at third. The next batter flew out to Smith for the second out, and Smith hurled the ball home to catch the runner.

The 4-4 tie was broken in the fourth when Hotaling singled, then scored on Quatraro's triple.

That 5-4 lead held until the
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22nd stolen base of the year and advanced to third on a wild throw. Chatham pitcher Chris Stalets used a good curve ball to retire the batter and get out of the inning.

In the bottom of the third, Chatham picked up another run when Kevin Fleming scored on Brian McClure's sacrifice fly.

How Bethlehem advanced to Mickey Mantle World Series

By John Bellizzi III

Just over a week ago, on Aug. 5 the Bethlehem Blue Eagles shut out the Bergen Beach Yankees of Brooklyn, 4-0, in a one-game final for the North Atlantic Regional Mickey Mantle baseball championship.

Bethlehem's Jeff Hotaling hurled a one-hitter at Vander Plaats Field in Fair Lawn, N.J.

Hotaling, a right-handed draft

pick added to Bethlehem's roster after the Eagles won the Upper New York State title last month, made the most of his debut in the Blue Eagle uniform, keeping a perfect game through five innings and a no-hitter through 6 2/3 innings.

"There's a lot of pressure on any pitcher in a situation like that, let alone a pitcher on a new team," said Bethlehem coach Jesse Braverman. Hotaling retired the first

15 batters.

Braverman also praised the near-flawless defensive play of his infield: Mike Aylward at third, Mark Houston at shortstop, Mike Gambelunghe at second base and Josh Lanni at first.

Bethlehem got on the scoreboard in the second inning. Houston hit a 350-foot double, went to third on Lanni's sacrifice bunt, and scored on Hotaling's sacrifice fly. The Eagles added another run in the third when Aylward doubled, advanced to third on Chris Black's bunt, and crossed the plate on Gambelunghe's suicide squeeze.

In the fourth, Hotaling reached on a fielder's choice and went to second on Cameron Smith's single.

A wild pitch allowed Hotaling and Smith to both advance one base. Aylward singled to center, knocking in Hotaling, and Smith scored on the centerfielder's wild throw to the plate.

Two errors put Brooklyn runners on base in the sixth but a good play on a wild pitch by catcher Matt Quatraro and a strikeout got Bethlehem out of the inning.

In the seventh with two outs and nobody on, Brooklyn's No. 5 batter singled, the only ball that reached Bethlehem's outfield all game, ending Hotaling's no-hitter. That player was forced at second on the next play to end the game and put Bethlehem in last week's World Series.

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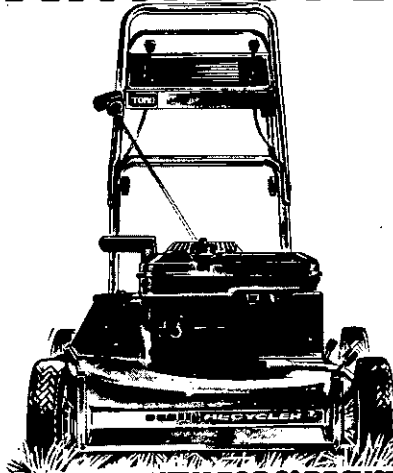
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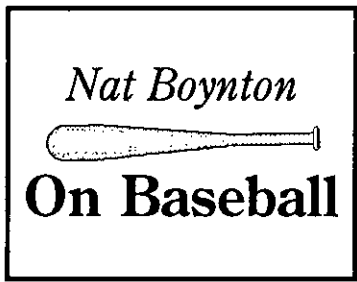
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A twilight ramble along basepaths and bookshelves

Time is running out on the baseball season locally, which means that if you haven't had a chance all summer to see high-quality minor league ball hereabouts, better get on the stick. Only two and a half weeks are left.

Between now (Aug. 15) and Labor Day, traditionally the close-out for minor leagues, the home dates at Heritage Park are dwindling down to a precious few. The A-C Yankees will be at home for seven evenings, starting tomorrow (Thursday), then on the road for eight days before returning for a terminal series with the New Britain Red Sox Aug. 31. Diehard fans can ease the suffering in that eight-day void by joining the excitement of the homestretch in the adjacent New York-Penn League, where the Oneonta Yanks are in the process



of securing a spot in the championship playoffs.

Speaking of the NY-Penn, that Class A circuit will offer a rare opportunity to the more adventuresome of local fans: the Pittsfield Mets and Hamilton Redbirds (St. Louis Cardinals affiliate) will play a league game at Glens Falls on Tuesday, Aug. 21. Appearing in the former Eastern League park (7 p.m.) will be Jeromy Burnitz,

the Mets' No. 1 draft choice; Enders Perozo, the power-hitting bonus baby the Mets stole from the Red Sox in the sourful Mike Marshall trade, and several of the Cardinals' early-round picks. Interested, anyone?

But first it's the A-C Yanks entertaining the Hagerstown Suns, starting with a Thursday doubleheader, followed by a four-game set against Williamsport in three nights. The Eastern League race has heated up in the past few weeks, in which the Yankees have ousted the Canton-Akron Indians and seized first place. They accomplished that by taking four of six from the Indians and three of four from the ever-dangerous London Tigers.

The Suns are always a colorful foe, and this week they will be especially rambunctious because they are embroiled in a three-team race for the fourth and final playoff spot. They not only have the highest team batting average in the circuit, but they are second overall in club pitching (A-C is seventh) and are by far the most larcenous of the lot. As of the weekend stats, they had stolen 121 bases, far ahead of London's 93. Their most elusive baserunner, Luis Mercedes, was second in the league with 28.

That alone sets up an interesting duel, Mercedes vs. A-C's Bernie Williams, who can motor with any of them. Bernie had 27 going into the weekend, and if he can overtake Mercedes, he may owe a few favors to Andy Skeels, the Yankees' peppercorn catcher with a rifle arm. Skeels, a fugitive from the Padres' organization, has the best percentage in the league in throwing out thieving baserunners.

Soccer clubs near-perfect

The summer soccer season produced two stellar teams in Bethlehem and New Scotland.

Playing in the Capital District Youth Soccer League for the first time, the New Scotland Soccer Club's under-19 girls won their division with a 10-0 record.

The team was undefeated going into the last game against Waterford when only nine Voorheesville players suited up. Waterford won, 3-2.

Players included Ellen Barber, Meagan Bisone, Sarah Biscone, Sarah Bissell, Kim Conole, Noelle Crisafulli, Kate DePasquale, Pam Harms, Trisha O'Brien, Katie Ramsey, Nicole Solomes, Erin Sullivan, Kim Sullivan and Nichole Weston. Coaches were Dick Ramsey and Nick Solomos.

Meanwhile, Bethlehem Soccer Club's under-14A travel team concluded the 1990 summer season with a 10-1-1 record.

Co-captained by Marc Kanuk and Ryan Tougher, the roster included Josh Muhlfelder, Nick Sroka, Steve Ciccio, David Webb, Ryan Donovan, Brain Scott Dave Lavelle, Jason Heim, Josh Lobel, Robert Kind, Zach Hampton, Brain Keck, Scott Geis, Kyle Van Riper, Ueyn Block and Damion Sullivan.

Bill Silverman and Al Geis coached the squad.

Seeks volunteers

The George Landis Arboretum in Esperance is seeking volunteers to teach guided nature lessons to small groups of elementary students.

This week in the minors
 Albany-Colonie Yankees, Eastern League (Class AA), Heritage Park, Albany-Shaker Rd. — Aug. 16, 17, 18, Yanks vs. Hagerstown Suns, doubleheader, 6:05 p.m.; 17, 18, vs. Hagerstown, 7:05 p.m.; Aug. 19, vs. Hagerstown, 5:05 p.m.; Aug. 20, vs. Williamsport Bills, doubleheader, 6:05 p.m., Aug. 21, 22, vs. Williamsport, 7:05 p.m. Parking \$1. Information, 869-9236.
 Both the Pittsfield Mets and Oneonta Yankees (New York-Penn League, Class A) are on the road until next Wednesday. The Mets, however, will play a league game in Glens Falls, Tuesday, Aug. 21, against the Hamilton (Ont.) Redbirds, a St. Louis affiliate. Game time is 7 p.m.

This is the sort of thing that makes baseball so much fun. Stargell's greatest season.

In a quest to find a book as gripping as Dan Okrent's *Nine Innings*, perhaps the most penetrating window into the real world of professional baseball, or Roger Kahn's *Good Enough to Dream*, a classic of baseball entertainment, it might be possible to tolerate something like *False Spring* or *Baseball is a Funny Game*, the latter allegedly by Joe Garagiola.

Meanwhile, we can be grateful that no one has come out with the Lenny Dykstra story (if there is a story) or a book on Darryl Strawberry or Jose Canseco. It's pretty sobering to realize that these three players probably would not have made a big league roster in the 1950-1960 era. So much for expansion and the future Hall of Fame.

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Dressing the kids is wild and woolly endeavor

By Cheryl Clary

In the midst of 90 degree heat and 97 percent humidity, I always wonder why I get into such a frenzied state thinking about all those cute little wool outfits I see in back-to-school circulars.

Shopping for school clothes conjures up images of crying children and frazzled mothers. It's only mid-August, my kids are running around barely dressed, and I'm worrying if my daughter has enough color-coordinated tights to wear this fall. I think I can attribute the panic to an imagined measure of success: my success as a parent to provide for them, that is.

My son doesn't care if he has even remembered to put on underwear let alone if his slacks and shirt match. I've seen this child head out the door in two different brands of sneakers. Does he care if I buy him white-washed, acid-washed or desert-washed jeans? Not yet, thank God. Sneakers have not yet become an issue between the two of us either. "The Bo knows basketball, etc." and "Just do it" ads have not made an impression on this third grader's sensibilities yet. So far I have not had to spring for the \$150 inflatable hightops. This too shall pass.

My younger child, who is entering kindergarten this year is a five-year-old going on 25. She wears an average of three to five outfits a day.

She'll need to be rich just to keep up her standards of fashion. Assuming she doesn't get a chance to change clothes at school, we may get away with one dress (this child does not wear slacks) a day.

Back to the pressure of the glossy flyers that arrive with the Sunday paper. Sure I want my kids to look really nice, but an experienced parent can tell you that when the kids go back to school in September, they will be wearing the stuff they wore last June. Bulky sweaters and wool jumpers are more appropriate closer to Halloween. (As I think about it, I recall sweltering in a sweater and wool skirt that I insisted on showing off one September.) The question is "will they still have these things in the stores then or will the bathing suits be on display?"

Okay, I decided to get practical. "Let's look at our stuff from last year and see what fits." Great idea, mom. Just try to get everybody enthusiastic about trying on corduroy pants and turtlenecks in August. That lasted for all of 7 minutes before I was left alone with piles of laundry. I was amazed at all the good stuff we had here. It made me feel secure that they wouldn't have to catch the bus naked after all.

I decided to get down to basics and check out the underwear situation. Well, we certainly have a wide range of sizes and conditions here. It probably was time to throw out those socks with no mates and the baby T-shirts I have been hanging onto. Now the drawer looks so

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'Be prepared' best rule of thumb for college trip

By Renée Hunter

Throw some clothes in a suitcase, make sure your alarm clock works so that it can wake you up for those 8 a.m. classes, have Grandma make some of your favorite cookies, and make sure your parents have your address so they know where to send that money you'll always be asking for. Wouldn't it be nice if that was all that was necessary for getting ready for college? Keep dreaming.

There are several facets to the term "Getting Ready for College". Sure, you have to pack, get a few good meals in before you go, and pass off your new address, but there's more to the preparation.

You must become aware of everything that is likely to happen as each stage of going away to college is reached.

1. Packing. You cannot disappoint your parents on this one. Be sure to pack enough so that your parents will have two heart attacks each when they see the amount of gear they have to cram into the car. You would be missing out on a "great" part of the freshman experience if everything fit in the car on the first try and you didn't get into an argument on why you need to bring that big plastic trophy from the sixth grade spelling bee. I guarantee your mother will ask something along the lines of why

you decided to bring the kitchen sink with you (she'll be adamant in saying you must have packed *everything*).

My advice is to start updating your parents daily on the amount of stuff you are bringing to college—it will come as less of a shock that way and may make the big battle on move-in day a little more like a "routine" military invasion instead of World War III. And it wouldn't hurt to purposely overpack so that when your parents start saying, "Do you really need to bring everything?" you can miraculously unpack something you never intended to bring and at

least temporarily pacify your parents.

2. The drive to college. Assuming that your parents are driving, you may be in for what will seem like one of the longest rides of your life. As soon as you pull out of the driveway, the conversation will be centered around "Did you remember to pack this..."

Once they get that out of their systems (which will be helped when you are about an hour from home and point out that even if you did forget something, it would be pointless to turn around and get it), your parents are likely to start reminiscing of your first day of kindergarten and recall their own

days of college and just generally talk on every topic you were trying to avoid. Bear with them; it's not easy for them to get used to "their little baby" growing up and going off to school. My advice: wear a Walkman so that you don't have to listen and just throw a few "Yes, I hear you" and "Yes, I'll be careful" lines in once in a while.

Even if you know the route by heart, you will get lost, or at least make a few wrong turns. This, too, is part of the freshman experience. Your parents will argue about whether they should stop and ask for directions, and then when they

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Space Academy gets mixed reviews in Delmar

By Sheila Davis

How would you like to bounce high in the air in a space capsule, and experience an astronaut's perception of gravity? This is exactly what happened this month to three area residents who attended Space Academy in Alabama.

The activities each took part in were very much the same, but their reactions varied considerably.

Barbara Lukas of Albany, who works in Delmar, attended U.S. Space Academy for Adults July 6, 7 and 8 in Huntsville, Ala. She came to Huntsville to learn, she said, and was so pleased with the experience that she and her classmates announced, "We'll be back."

On the other hand, Brad Carnell of Slingerlands and Keith Arlington of Elsmere, entering eighth grade at Bethlehem Central Middle School, attended Space Academy Level I — designed for their age level — July 1 through 7, and pronounced the whole operation "mediocre."

"I'm a sci-fi fan, a trekkie. I've always wanted to do something like this," said Lukas. "This was not for my job" — she's program director for the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council in Delmar — "this was for me." A total of 45 trainees attended: teachers, NASA people, writers, several Europeans and one 70-year-old woman. Lukas estimated that about one-third of the participants were women.

Brad, the son of Andrew and Denise Carnell, and Keith, the son of Stephen and Mary Ellen Arlington, are school friends who became interested in attending Space Academy when they saw the movie "Space Camp" and received brochures from the camp. Now the boys feel the camp made the activities look "better than they were."

The trainers, according to the boys, included "three or four smart kids, mostly normal ones and a few extreme idiots." A total of 400 young people were divided into groups of 20.

Adult participants were divided into three teams, with two missions for each team to accomplish. Half of each team was in mission control, monitoring activities aboard the shuttle, and half was in simulated flight. Each person had a specific task including such jobs as mission director, flight director and principal investigator.

The orbiter crew included a commander and pilot, whose controls moved the hydraulically-powered cockpit. Mission specialists donned space suit mockups and were strapped into space-walker simulators for work outside the orbiter. Others performed experiments using Spacelab and Skylab hardware that was used for actual astronaut training.

On one mission Lukas acted as

payload specialist, working on experiments in the space lab. Another time, she was spacecraft systems officer, part of mission control and in charge of fuel. "The staff made the whole experience as close to real as possible," said Lukas. "They constantly threw out new problems for us to handle. We were ready to land at Edwards Air Force (simulated, of course) when they concocted a storm there and we had to go elsewhere."

The boys took part in virtually the same activities as the adults. Four simulated projects included the "freedom chair," which the counselors spun manually, designed to show how it feels in outer space; the centrifuge simulating launching; the "16 chair," which replicated walking on the moon at one-sixth normal weight and a simulator which shows how it feels to have lost control in space. Brad and Keith were part of shuttle missions, docking and landing at space stations, working on a satellite during one mission and doing experiments during another. These simulators and missions, as well as the Space Dome Theater where "your body told you you were moving but your mind told you you weren't" won praise from Brad and Keith, although they wished the time devoted to those activities was longer.

At NASA's Marshall Space

Flight Center, adults and younger trainees visited the site of design work on prototypes of "Space Station Freedom" and mockups for the new space lab where astronauts will train early in the 1990s. They also enjoyed hands-on activities at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center and toured the center's Rocket Park, a collection of manned spacecraft rockets.

Instructors consisted mostly of people who had trained in the Space Academy, NASA personnel and graduate science students. Lukas attended lectures given by World War II German rocket scientists and was excited to meet astronaut Bryan D. O'Connor, who had played for real the same role she had simulated, payload specialist, and was the only civilian on board the Atlantis II in 1985.


Brad and Keith estimated the dozen lectures they attended "took up about 85 percent of the time and were boring." The boys rated the instructors from "flakey" to "not with it" to "do what I tell you, like it or not" to "funny" and "nice." Two or three instructors who had worked with NASA before, although in a minor capacity, knew what they were doing, according to Brad.

Trainees were housed in the space habitat, which, according to Lukas, was "a no-frills type of place with no windows and recessed bunks, a futuristic dormitory built to simulate the space station." The boys and girls slept in the same space habitat, 20 individuals to a room, and complained about the heat in the dormitory and the fact that they were permitted to swim only once. It was in the space habitat that the participants stayed up late and prepared for their exercises the next day. It is possible to receive college credit for some Space Academy courses and Lukas is looking forward to the time when she can apply some of her training to Girl Scout programs.

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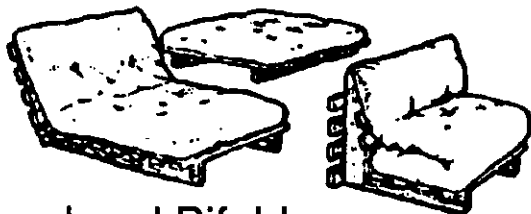


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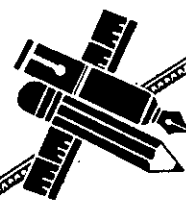
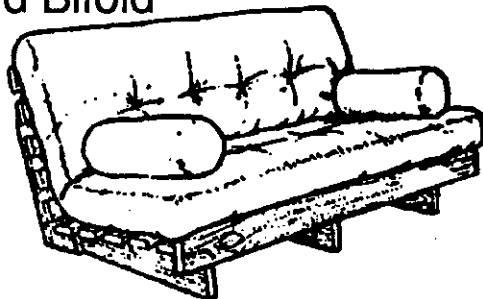
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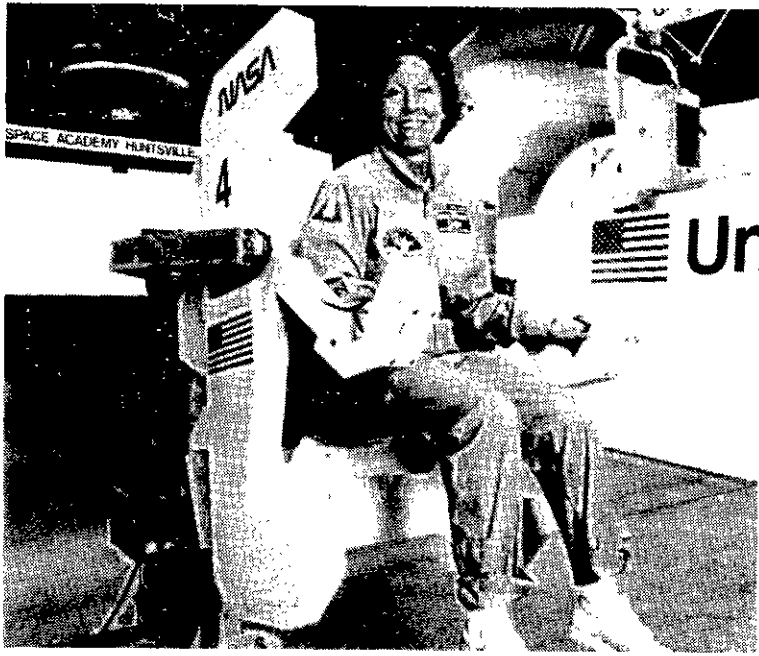
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more adult programs and an aviation program are in development.

U.S. Space Camp has five-day programs for fourth through sixth graders in Huntsville and for fourth through seventh graders in Florida, near NASA's Kennedy Space Center. Space Academy offers a Level I program for those in grades seven through nine; the advanced, college-accredited Space Academy II, an eight-day program for high school students and Aviation Challenge, a five-day program patterned after the training of jet pilots in Huntsville. The cost of the Space Academy, Level I, for example, is approximately \$600, plus transportation.

Lukas would like to return to Space Academy. Keith said he might return for the aviation program. "It was too much like school. But some people liked it. There were some fun parts."



Barbara Lukas is all smiles as she tries out the training equipment at the Space Academy.



Keith Arlington, left, and Brad Carnel hold a certificate they received on their trip to the space center.

Keeping shoes in shape

With the new school year just around the corner, now is the time to finish up that school shopping. Pencils, paper, notebooks, binders, and of course, shoes.

The mention of trying on children's footwear is often an excursion into fear for parents. Most kids don't like trying on shoes, and parents hate to pay the outrageous prices. However, if your child's old shoes look like they have central air-conditioning, here's a few tips to keep those new shoes looking good as long as possible.

Tip number one: Polish the shoes before wearing them, using a commercial wax or cream. Tip number two: For fabric shoes, wash with dry suds and a sponge, and remove the suds with a nail brush. Tip number three: If you wash sneakers or canvas shoes in the washing machine, be sure to dry them away from direct heat. Tip number four: If the shoes become completely soaked (and this will happen, trust me), stuff the toes with old newspaper and let dry in a warm place, away from direct heat, for at least 12 hours.

Finally, remember to rotate shoes each day if you have more than one pair. It is healthier for your child's feet, and it helps the shoes last longer.

Yo-yos enjoy longtime popularity

What did the fourth century Greeks have in common with the Smothers Brothers? They both had their ups and downs, and they both played with yo-yos.

As far back as 450 B.C., people have been fascinated with the yo-yo, and there is still evidence today of its popularity in schoolyards across the country. They are likely to be produced out of children's pockets along with jacks, marbles and other toys.

In the 16th century, four-pound yo-yos with a 20-foot thong were used as fighting weapons in the Philippine jungles. Natives killed their prey by throwing rocks from trees. A vine was wrapped around the rock, making it easier to retrieve. After many generations,

wood was substituted for rocks. Today the yo-yo—which literally means "come come"—is still the Philippines' national toy.

In 18th century England, the yo-yo was called the "quiz" or the "Prince of Wales' toy." By the 17th century, yo-yos had become the rage in the Spanish and French courts, where it was known as a "bandalore."

Napoleon's soldiers passed the time between battles in the French Revolution with an "emigrette," the yo-yo's ivory counterpart. Evidence of its popularity exists in the Louvre where a painting called "Nobleman with his Yo-Yo" hangs.

The yo-yo became popular in the U.S. during the Great Depres-

sign. After World War II, it was a favorite of celebrities including Bob Hope and Nashville entertainer Roy Acuff. Yo-yos re-emerged in the 50s and 60s and became a national craze.

The late political activist Abbie Hoffman was once cited for contempt of Congress when he "walked the dog," a tricky yo-yo maneuver, during an investigative hearing.

The world's record for the most continuous yo-yo loops is held by Dr. Allen Bussey from Waco, Texas. On April 29, 1977, he completed 20,302 loops in three hours. The individual endurance record is 120 hours in 1977 by John Winslow of Gloucester, Va.

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do, they'll ask at the weirdest place possible. Even worse, you'll know where to go, but they will insist on asking anyway.

My suggestion: hide in the car and try not to draw attention to yourself. I suggest keeping a pillow handy to bury your face during attacks of parental embarrassment. Keep in mind that in a few hours, you will be alone at school.

3. Unpacking. My university has orientation counselors that unpack your car and cart everything to your room for you. If your school has the same arrangement, be prepared to hear your parents raving about how nice that is. If you do have to unpack your car, there is likely to be a reprise of the why-did-you-pack-so-much chant.

4. Looking around campus. Your parents will want to walk all around (at a leisurely pace, of course) but by this time you will be anxious to begin life as a college student, which means no scenic tours.



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Figure on taking a short walk as a compromise.

If your parents are alumni of

your university, they will keep saying how things were in their day and that there must be a mistake because your dorm wasn't coed years back.

Unless you are extremely lucky, plan on posing for pictures in front of everything—the door to your room, the water fountain down the hall, the administration building, the admissions office, the trees, the parking meters. Parents have a field day with cameras on moving-in day. Good news: they should be less camera-happy as the year progresses.

5. Saying goodbye. That moment will come. Expect a few tears, maybe even on your part. Just make your parents happy and act appropriately. They'll probably even give you a few responsibility lectures, repeating themselves often. The lectures will be finished with something to the effect of well-we've-spent-18-years-raising-you-so-if-you-don't-know-otherwise-now-it's-too-late-anyway.

6. Redundant phrases. You'll hear a lot of the same words and phrases over and over in your first days at college. Welcome. Where are you from? What's your major? What dorm do you live in? Get psyched. How do you like being a freshman? College is different from high school. Again, hearing this stuff is just a routine part of the initiation into college life. Get

used to hearing these phrases, and better yet, you'll be saying it all next year to the new crop of freshman.

Don't get me wrong. The beginning of college isn't all full of annoyances. It's hard to believe, but in a few weeks—OK, years—you will look back on your orientation to college and find it all humorous. And someday, you might even find yourself reliving your freshman year by writing articles on getting ready for college. Imagine that!

Pre-college insurance

Sending kids off to college is expensive enough without additional unanticipated expenses resulting from inadequate insurance coverage. The Professional Insurance Agents of New York State Inc. suggests that families protect themselves by reviewing their policies before sending their children off to college.

President Lewis L. Wilson suggests parents consider the following: Does your insurance cover your child's health care needs while away at school? Does your homeowners policy cover damage or theft of personal possessions in the dormitory?

"Just a cold" could really be allergies

Colds and viruses are easy to pick up at school. But rather than just assume your child has a cold,

Tips for pleasant "back to school" mornings

After a summer of lazy days at the pool or beach, you and the kids may be less than enthusiastic about the hectic pace that arrives when school doors reopen. "Back to school" often means a return to "rush hour" bathroom and breakfast schedules, wild hunts for misplaced homework and mad dashes to the school bus stop.

If school mornings mean mayhem at your home, it might be wise to do a little planning. To prepare a schedule that will make things less frantic, try these tips:

- You, or your children, can prepare school lunches or set out lunch money the night before.

- Homework should be done and checked before children go to sleep. Provide a quiet place for this task.

- If kids often misplace their pencils and pens, get a container where they are always to be stored. This will eliminate the need for searching the house for the school supplies every morning before the bus comes.

- Have children lay out clothes and books at bedtime.

look at the face he is making while coughing and sniffing. It could signal an allergic reaction.

Here are a few signals that, when noted for prolonged periods of time, may indicate that your child has allergies:

- Allergic "shiners" appear. The lower eyelids swell and become discolored, resembling a mild black eye.

- Nose twitching and pulling down the upper lip.

- The allergic "salute" is one way children rub their noses. Constant rubbing can accentuate the horizontal skin crease across the lower part of the nose, which often stays into adulthood. This is commonly referred to as the "allergic crease."

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Most teachers find summer vacation a busy time of year

By Debi Boucher

If the tables were turned, and teachers were assigned by their students to write essays on "How I spent my summer vacation," the resulting works would be lengthy.

Most teachers keep very busy during the summer — so busy, in fact, they could hardly be said to enjoy extended vacations. "I never really have much time off in the summer," conceded Robert Samuel, who heads up the science department at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville. Like many of his colleagues, Samuel is still "very much involved in education" during the summer. In addition to furthering his own education with course work at the state university, Samuel teaches computer classes for Albany Public Library, and taught two courses at Union College's summer program. He also teaches a class for DWI offenders for the state once a week, and is helping instruct a teacher in-service course at BOCES as part of its model schools program.

Summertime, however, does allow time for more lighthearted pursuits: Samuel also enjoys working as a clam shucker at large clam-bakes given by a local caterer.

Among Samuel's colleagues at Voorheesville, summer activities include lifeguarding, carpentry, house painting and supervising recreation programs, according to Principal O. Peter Griffin. He said many teachers were working on revising curriculum, a task most area schools take on during the final weeks of summer.

Two Voorheesville science teachers, Mary Pilkington and Kelly Ryan, are spending the last week of August participating in a competitive workshop on genetic science at Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island. Pilkington, who is "very proud" to have been selected for the program, has taught at Voorheesville for 20 years, and supervised Ryan's student teaching.

Pilkington also taught fourth, fifth and sixth graders this summer at Union College's summer skills program. Her third summer with the program, she specialized in physical science.

Bethlehem Central High School teacher Jim Nehring stays in touch with academia during the summer in more than one sense: in addition to course work at the state university and working for the state Education Department as a consultant, he is completing his second book. As "sort of a follow up" to his first book, "Why Do We Gotta Do This Stuff, Mr. Nehring?" the new work chronicles two years at a fictional school district that is "riding the wave of '80s school reform." At the same time, Nehring said, he's "playing Mr. Mom" to his four-year old daughter.

Another BCHS teacher, social studies supervisor Dominic DeCecco, spent a portion of the summer at the University of Georgia, participating in the Taft Institute on Government and Politics. He said many of his fellow teachers were involved in education in some capacity during the summer. On the other hand, "A lot of them work" — particularly those with families. "I used to paint houses," he said.

One of the teachers in DeCecco's department, Peggy O'Rourke, has spent an adventurous summer pursuing her own education, studying in India for six

weeks on a Fulbright Scholarship. Since O'Rourke teaches global studies, DeCecco said, the time abroad will prove valuable in her teaching.

Other teachers bring their classrooms with them in their travels. Tony Mistretta, district language supervisor for South Colonie Schools, was one of four teachers who accompanied 18 students on a trip to Spain during the first three weeks of the summer. While he and the other teachers enjoyed the trip as much as the students, Mistretta said, chaperoning a group of youngsters in a foreign country meant "a lot of responsibility." The students were well-behaved, he said, but "By the time the trip was over with, we were very glad to hand the students back to their parents."

Closer to home, Mistretta said about a dozen teachers were working on curriculum development at the close of summer vacation. Among other teachers Mistretta knows, some are taking courses, others are teaching summer school. "The people I work with keep pretty busy in the summertime," he said.

One teacher at Shaker Junior High School in Latham, Maritta McKenna, spent the summer in France, studying on a scholarship from the French government, according to Principal Russell Moore. He said the summer activities of other teachers at his school represented "quite a mix."

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Frederick Burdick, principal of Bethlehem Central Middle School, noted that one of the advantages of teaching is that the summer break allows time away from the profession, a chance to do something different.

While on the surface, all the academic work teachers involve themselves with during their "time off," may seem like a continuation of their teaching jobs, it's actually very different, according to one BC teacher. Roberta Rice, who teaches earth science at the high school, attended a National Sci-

ence Foundation grant program at Ithaca College for three weeks this summer with fellow science teacher Roger Quackenbush. "It's actually very different," Rice said of her summertime study, in which she and other teachers developed computer programs and even built their own computer equipment for use in the classroom. "It really rejuvenates you."

As part of the Foundation's grant program, Rice said, Ithaca College professors will visit BCHS several times during the school year to follow up on the computer projects, and Rice and Quack-

enbush, in turn, will go back to Ithaca to speak to other teachers about the program.

Dr. John Hunter, principal of Bethlehem Central High School, admitted to a tinge of envy for teachers who have the summer off — as principals do not. But he said the way most of his teachers chose to spend their vacations had a positive impact on their classrooms during the school year. "We are a better school because we have people who are constantly looking to enrich themselves and their programs — and the students really benefit from that."

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empty. The key to an ample underwear supply is whether there are enough pairs of briefs and socks to make it to the next wash day plus a few more. We usually buy underwear this time of the year anyway. My kids spend a week at their grandparents in August and sending them with worn or yellowing underwear is grounds for a child neglect case. I tried sending them with borderline socks hoping Grandma would take

pity on them and send them home with new ones. She did, but I heard about it for months.

Okay, so far we have sneakers and underwear on our list. Now what about shoes. This is a sticky point also. Most kids wear sneakers, in fact if you happen to see the parade of youngsters going past your door on the first day of school, the glare from the new white sneaks is quite impressive, and my pediatrician actually recommends them as being good supportive footwear. But don't they need a pair of shoes 'just in case'? I always

wore shoes to school except for gym days.

My son doesn't want them. My daughter demands them. Dress-up shoes, as she calls them, are a must. A pair of black patent leather for fall and a new pair of white ones for Easter.

These, however, provide no support and girls can't wear hightops, even pink ones, with dresses so how about a pair of Buster Browns. Okay, add shoes to the list.

Catalogue shopping somehow appeals to me. I often swear that I'll do all my Christmas shopping by mail order and beat the lines at the malls. We get a fair selection during the summer, so I spread them out on the dining room table, enthusiastic, checkbook close at hand.

One catalogue was filled with great little blazers and Ninja Turtles pajamas. Even sweet little princess costumes for Halloween. I noticed that the company was called Kid Basics, or something sensible sounding. But the prices were not on the basic level. I had to check to make sure this wasn't the Neiman Marcus catalogue! I'll stick with Sears, thank you.

I spoke to a friend with four children and asked her how she

did it. "Here's what I did last year, I took them all to Marshall's and told them they each could spend \$150. That had to buy them all they needed. Then just sit back." She says they ended up exchanging a lot.

Another mother of four I know takes a totally different approach. "Each gets a pair of sneakers, a pair of shoes, one new outfit, a new lunch box and school supplies." School supplies, holy cow! Wait a minute, how did she know what they needed? "Our school sends home a list of supplies with their report cards in June." "Foul" I cry, "no fair!"

Do we need folders, loose leaf paper, 24 or 64 count crayons? Will there be a mad dash to the drug store on the evening of the first day of school to get the last black and white composition book? I'm getting anxious again.

Okay then, here's my plan: get the sneakers early so they have my kids' sizes left, get new lunch boxes and back packs if needed, wait until the sales in October for clothes and realize that spending a fortune on new outfits will not make my kids any happier or more able to have a satisfying school experience than they will in still fitting, clean clothes they had last year.

This is easy to say since neither has said to me, "I'll just die if I have to wear THAT again."

I'll get a new strategy when they do.

Tips can make homework easier

With a mixture of anticipation—and a longing for summer vacation to go on forever—students are packing up their beach towels and suntan lotion and heading in the direction of a new school year.

September arrives with its promise of exciting new beginnings and signals the perfect time to stand back and assess yourself as a student. Before you go plunging into a new academic year, think back on specific areas of schoolwork and homework that could stand some improvement.

Did you constantly complete projects and term papers at the last minute? Was it impossible to study for your final exam because your notes were a mess? Did you frequently feel tired and listless during class, making it impossible to concentrate on your lessons? If any of these scenarios sound familiar, now is the time to take steps to ensure that last year's mistakes won't be repeated.

Here are some tips to help you start the school year off on a positive note:

- Procrastination is the undoing of most students. In addition, studying under pressure is incredibly stressful and a real barrier to retaining information.

- Buy a datebook, record all your study and homework assignments and stick faithfully to your deadlines. Be a tough boss—don't allow yourself to make excuses for not completing the day's homework assignments.

- Organization is the key to a great report card. But if your notes are scattered all around your bedroom, it's nearly impossible to get a handle on the material.

- First, arrange a quiet place to do homework assignments. Then make the space look more attractive with decorations and study tools.

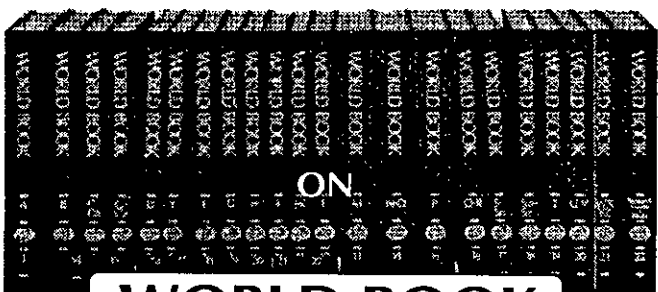
- Use different colored highlighter pens to keep notes from different subjects separated. ...

- Flex more than your brains when you want to do well in school! Exercise is a real energy booster, so if you're feeling lethargic, there's nothing like a brisk walk in the fresh air to wake up those sleepy eyes.

- Steer clear of those sugary donuts and pastries if you want to feel good after eating. Choose snacks like fresh fruit and cheese to keep your energy soaring right through the day.

- Arrange homework assignments starting with the most difficult subject first and winding down to your favorite subject. Having an art or science project to look forward to makes it a lot easier to plow through those tough algebra problems.

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By Bob Hagyard

The tangible results of school board service are their own reward, to hear Thomas M. Thorpe Jr. tell it.

A youth employment program specialist with the state Division for Youth, Thorpe was elected to a five-year term on the Voorheesville Board of Education in May 1989.

Like school board members in communities throughout the Capital District, he is unpaid for what amounts to a volunteer activity: attending meetings, fielding phone calls from often-irate parents and taxpayers. It runs into many hours a month.

But, he says, "I don't total it. I enjoy it."

Voorheesville's board meets once a month. Given a penchant for lengthy philosophical discussions, meetings typically run into the wee hours of Tuesday morning.

"It's coffee and chocolate chip cookies," Thorpe explained jokingly. "Seriously, it's a matter of disciplining yourself. If I were pursuing a doctorate, I would have to do the same thing."

Because Thorpe doesn't keep track, his hours of service can only be guessed at. When school offi-

cials jetted to the Soviet Union for 10 days last March to set up an student/faculty exchange program between VCS and an English-language high school in Leningrad, Thorpe was on the plane at his own expense.

"In the future we'll set up exchanges with French and Spanish schools," Thorpe predicted. The first students and teachers from Leningrad may arrive as soon as next January, with April being the target date for students and faculty headed the other way.

Thorpe also serves on the lead committee recently appointed to guide the district through the Effective Schools program. The agenda is ambitious including work with the existing curriculum, what the district sees as its mission, a community-wide survey to identify future directions. Members include administrators, board members, parents, faculty and community members with no direct attachment to the education system. "A lot of dedicated people," he said.

Then there's the \$8.9 million reconstruction program, approved by district voters shortly before Thorpe's election.

(Work should be completed on schedule, by opening day next month, according to Anthony Cashara, assistant superintendent for business.)

Finally there's the International BusinessMachine equipment grant, the VCS achievement of the past year of which Thorpe is proudest. The district is one of 12 in New York state chosen to study the effects of technology on school operations and classroom instruction, which is Thorpe's career field. The grant includes student work stations, hardware, software and technical assistance donated by IBM.

"A school board can sometimes do too much, start managing the schools" and interfering in their day-to-day operation, Thorpe said. "Fortunately, Voorheesville has a good superintendent (Dr. Alan McCartney, appointed by the board last summer just after Thorpe joined). He serves us, reports to us. We decide in what direction we feel the district should go."

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Sports to begin in Voorheesville

Voorheesville Central High School has announced the dates and times for sports physical checkups and the starting dates for the 1990 fall practice sports season.

All physicals will begin Friday, Aug. 17, at 2 p.m. The starting date for all fall sports practice is Mon-

day, Aug. 20. Fall sports include: varsity men's football, varsity women's swimming, varsity and JV men's soccer, varsity women's field hockey, varsity women's tennis, varsity cross country, varsity and JV women's soccer, and varsity golf.

For information, call David Cady, athletic director, at 765-3314.

Bill of Rights original comes to town this fall

An original copy of the Bill of Rights will be on exhibit from Oct. 23 through 26 at the New Scotland Avenue Armory in Albany, on the third stop of a 16-month national

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Arbor Day Group releases free booklet

The National Arbor Day Foundation is offering a free booklet called "Conservation Trees," that shows how to cut fuel bills, create natural habitats to attract birds, protect trees during construction

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North Colonie sets fall sports schedules

The North Colonie Central School District has announced the dates and times for sports physical re-checks and the starting dates for the 1990 fall sports season. All physicals and practices are at the high school.

On Friday, Aug. 17, at 8 a.m., there will be physicals for JV and varsity football, with make-up times on Monday, Aug. 20, at 8 a.m.

Boys' cross-country and golf physicals will be done on Monday, Aug. 20, at 8 a.m. Boys' volleyball and gymnastics physicals will be at 9 a.m., and at 10 a.m. the boys' soccer exams will be completed.

Physicals on Tuesday, Aug. 21, include, at 8 a.m., girls' soccer and girls' cross-country; at 9 a.m., girls' volleyball and swimming, at 10 a.m., field hockey, and at 11 a.m., cheerleading and tennis.

Make-up dates for all sports are Wednesday, Aug. 22; Monday, Aug. 27, and Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 8 a.m.

Practices for all sports begin on Wednesday, Aug. 22, except for football, which begins Monday, Aug. 20; swimming on Monday, Aug. 27, and cheerleading on Tuesday, Aug. 28.

Physicals for modified football and boys' and girls' soccer are on Thursday, Aug. 30, at 8, 9 and 10 a.m., respectively.

For information, call Shaker High School at 785-5511.

South Colonie to begin fall practices

The South Colonie Central School District has announced the starting practice dates for the fall 1990 sports season.

JV and varsity football practices begin Monday, Aug. 20, with all other sports to begin on Wednesday, Aug. 22.

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South Colonie board president: You have to be there to understand

By Victor J. DeSantis

Like many things in life, one has to experience board of education service to know what it is all about. Even though I had 25 years experience as a teacher, counselor, and administrator in education, I still had much to learn and am continuing to learn as a member of the South Colonie Board of Education.

One thing I discovered very quickly is that much time is spent dedicated to board service. We meet at least twice monthly for regular meetings lasting anywhere from 2-5 hours. During budget time weekly meetings are the norm, and additional meetings are scheduled for a variety of reasons. Meeting preparations, visits to schools and professional in-service meetings demand more time. Obviously as president, additional meetings and phone calls are required with the superintendent, fellow board members, and community leaders as well as community members at large.

I had some interest in the board of education in 1984, especially because of my three children in the school system, and my own educational background and experience. In March of that year, I attended a meeting of the American Association of Higher Education in Chicago where one keynote speaker was Dr. Gregory Anrig, president of Educational Testing Service. Among other things, he spoke of service on a school board as being "one of the greatest services one could perform."

I guess that influenced my decision and the rest is history. I was elected to the board in May and am now in my second term. I have served as vice president for one year and am now beginning my third year as president.

Being a member of the board is both satisfying and positive as well as frustrating and negative.

Being a member of the board is both satisfying and positive as well as frustrating and negative. I always feel a sense of satisfaction knowing I have played some small part in a student's learning process and eventual graduation. Attendance at commencement exercises, school plays and musicals, honor society inductions and visits to the schools for various reasons are most enjoyable.

One feels a sense of accomplishment when decisions concerning curriculum issues, personnel, buildings and grounds and budget, for example, prove to lead the district in positive ways. Working closely with administrators, teachers, support staff and parents has been a real joy to me.

Frustration is also part of board membership. We have faced personnel issues, which have caused me great pain. Relationships among board members, relationships with administrators and others in the board setting have not always been the most positive.

Meetings, meetings, meetings. I wish more could be accomplished using a lesser amount of

time. Staying on task could shorten meeting time a great deal. Not being able to satisfy everyone's demands is difficult to accept. Not all people realize that we really labor at making decisions that are in the best interest of the district, students and parents.

If I had to do it over again—would I? Definitely, Yes! I have learned much about the educational process and people. I would not trade the friendships it has afforded me, nor the personal and professional growth I have experienced.

What your child learns could be habit forming

Growing up today can be a trying and difficult experience for children. With the pressures of drugs and other potential dangers, the world can seem to be quite the overwhelming place.

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Social life is a difficult part of growing up, and children feel they must do what everyone else is doing to "fit in." This is often how drug and alcohol abuse begins.

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bottom of the seventh. Michigan's leadoff batter was safe at first on what Braverman called "a very closeplay." Quatraro nearly caught the same runner trying to steal second, but another close call did not go in Bethlehem's favor.

"Both (calls) could have gone either way," said Braverman.

A hit batter then put men on first and second with one out. The next hit the 0-1 pitch to left center for a two-run double, plating the tying and winning runs and closing the tournament and the season for Bethlehem.

"We're very proud of our performance in these two games," said Braverman. "We had a great season — we know we're one of the eight best teams in the nation. We had some bad breaks in this tournament, but we played very well."

The field at Waterbury was truly formidable. The Midland Cardinals, East Central champions and a perennial World Series favorite, boast an average of five major league draft picks each year, and had Ken Griffey Jr., now of the Seattle Mariners, on the roster in 1987. Norwalk, Calif., Pacific regional champions and the other favorite, has the luxury of drawing players from some 15 high schools in the Long Beach area.

Also at the tournament were Miami (Southeast), the Dallas Dodgers (South Plains), the Carolina Raiders (Puerto Rico) and the host Cheshire Rams of Waterbury.

The Blue Eagles finished 27-4 in Mickey Mantle play, 31-5 overall. All four Mantle losses came by

one-run margins: a 4-3 loss to Latham during league play, a 1-0 loss to Brooklyn in the regionals, and the two World Series games.

The team had "great" financial and fan support for their three road tournaments, according to Braverman. The assistant coach was John Black, and the other team members were Frank Daley, Matt Shortell, Josh Lanni, Dave Miles and Jim Dundon.

Golfers to tee off for March of Dimes

At the Normanside Country Club, Delmar, amateur golfers will be joined by pros from the Capital District to tee off for a good cause in the March of Dimes Pro-Am Golf Tournament, Aug. 27.

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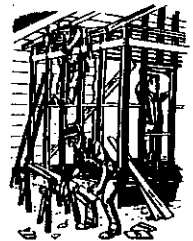
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Obituaries

Benjamin J. French

Benjamin J. French, 75, of the Crossway in Delmar, died Wednesday, Aug. 8 at the Daughters of Sarah Nursing Home in Albany after a short illness.

Born in Manchester, N.H., he moved to Delmar from Albany in 1953. He retired in 1980 after 33 years as an engineering examiner for the state Department of Civil Service in Albany.

Mr. French served in the Army Signal Corps during World War II and the Air Force during the Korean War.

He was a member of the Delmar Camera Club, the Patroon Toastmasters, the Bethlehem Archaeology Group and the Delmar Reformed Church, where he was a former elder.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia L. French; two sons, Alan Dow French of Glenville and Jonathan R. French of Valatie; a sister, Dorothy L. French of Hooksett, N.H.; and five grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the endowment fund of Delmar Reformed Church.

Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Delmar.

Walter A. Rivers

Walter A. Rivers, 88, of Krumkill Road, New Scotland, died Wednesday, Aug. 8, in St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, after a short illness.

A native of Malone, Franklin County, he had lived in New Scotland most of his life. He was a dairy farmer there for many years, retiring in 1988.

Former parks chief honored posthumously

Robert L. Carr, a longtime Delmar resident who was Bethlehem's administrator of parks and recreation, will be honored next month posthumously by the Varsity Club of Syracuse University, where he was a star runner in 1932 through 1935.

Mr. Carr, who died in 1985, is one of eight former athletes whose records at the university and in life careers will be recognized in citations as "Letter Winners of Distinction." The occasion is the club's annual banquet, on Sept. 14 before the Syracuse-Michigan State football game the next afternoon.

Mr. Carr earned varsity letters in cross-country and track for three years. As a senior, he received a trophy as the most valuable member of the track team. He won the AAU's national 10,000-meter championship before graduating from the university in 1935.

After serving as a physical education instructor and coach at Watertown High School, and directing the city's recreation department, he came to the Capital District area in 1950 as supervisor of physical education with responsibility for interscholastic athletics. In addition to developing policies and regulations within that field, he was active in adding new areas to the physical education curriculum: winter sports, aquatic education, expanded programming for girls' athletics, and modified sports for junior high pupils. Working jointly with the Education Department and the American Red Cross, he was instrumental in advancing swimming educa-

He was the widower of Mabel McBride Rivers. Survivors include two sisters, Helen Rivers of Scotia and Grace Jones of Canada; and three brothers, Robert Rivers and Delbert Rivers, both of Michigan, and Gordon Rivers of Florida.

Burial was in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Guilderland. Arrangements were by the Brasure Funeral Home, Albany.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Western Turnpike Rescue Squad, Guilderland.

Helen D. Costello

Helen D. Costello, 57, of St. Clair Drive in Delmar, died Thursday, Aug. 9 in the Albany Medical Center Hospital after a brief illness.

Born in New York City, she was a resident of Delmar for 26 years. She had retired after 35 years as a registered nurse at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Costello was a member of the Mothers Club of the Christian Brothers Academy in Albany and a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

She is survived by her husband, James J. Costello; two sons, James G. Costello of Sugarloaf, Maine, and Brian M. Costello of Delmar; a daughter, Helen Marie Bourque of Delmar; three sisters, Gertrude Hindley of Mahopac, Putnam County, Mary Leddy of Pleasantville, Westchester Co., and Florence Margiolas of Hudson, Mass.; and a grandchild.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont. Arrangements were by the Hearley and Son Funeral Home, Albany.



Robert L. Carr

tion and training in schools and public programs throughout the state.

He retired from state service after 28 years, and later became Bethlehem's administrator of parks and recreation. He served as a president of the Bethlehem Rotary Club before leaving this area. Later, he continued as an advocate of swimming and other sports at Apache Junction in Arizona. His wife, June, who taught in the Ravena school, now lives in Lake Wanita, near Elmira. A daughter, Janet, farms near Canandaigua.

A predecessor as parks and recreation administrator, Clyde E. Cole of Elsmere, said that the Varsity Club citation will take into account the recipient's long service in education and community, as well as his collegiate attainments.

Selkirk firefighter No. 1 sports premiere distinction on plate

By Bob Hagyard

Being at the right place at the right time gave a lifelong Selkirk firefighter a premier distinction. The license plate on his compact beige Chrysler says it: The simple numeral 1, flanked by the volunteer firefighters' symbol.

"When I applied (in 1984), I was told I would get the plate VF 3," Bob Weddell said. "Then four months later, the word was, 'no-body should apply until April 1.' So I went to special registration on March 26 and talked to the supervisor. He said if I came back on April 1, or the first day of business that month, I could have VF1. Then a day or two later I got a phone call, telling me I would get plate VF20. I asked: 'from 3 to 1 to 20?' Then while I was at the firehouse I got another phone call from DMV, from a lady who said, 'Be at the special registration desk in Albany at 8:30 tomorrow morning.'

"I was in the right place at the right time," he summed up.

Delmar woman named by insurance group

Dianne Dunn Patterson of Delmar has been named assistant director of communications for Professional Insurance Agents of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut Inc., a partnership of three statewide professional insurance trade associations representing more than 5,000 members.

Patterson's new role will be to assist in executing PIA's public



Bob Weddell

relations, promotion and publishing services for the benefit of the association's members.

Patterson is a graduate of the State University of New York College of Brockport, where she studied communications and broadcast journalism. She was formerly with the public information office at the Capital District Transportation Authority.

Extension impacts on energy

Nancy Lerner, an agent with Cornell Cooperative Extension in Albany County, recently announced the local economic impact of the Small Business Energy Efficiency Program for a five-county area.

According to Lerner, 376 free energy surveys have been performed for small businesses, non-profit organizations, farms and related agribusinesses in Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Schenectady, and Schoharie Coun-

ties since July of 1989.

SBEEP, an energy conservation program implemented by the NYS Energy Office through Cornell University's Cooperative Extension network, conducts free energy surveys across New York State.

For information about SBEEP, or to schedule your free energy survey, call the Regional SBEEP office in Albany at 463-4267 or your local Cornell Cooperative Extension Office.



Fire Fighters Corner

Isabel Glastetter

The following fire departments responded to emergency calls during the week of Aug. 2 through Aug. 8: Delmar Fire Dept., two structure fires, two wire burnings, one auto accident; Delmar Rescue Squad, two personal injuries, three cardiac emergencies, five standbys, eight medical emergencies, four auto accidents; Elsmere Fire Dept., one auto accident, three structure fires, one unknown order; Bethlehem Ambulance, two respiratory distresses, two personal injuries, three standbys, two auto accidents, five medical emergencies; Selkirk Fire Dept., two structure fires, one propane tank, one auto accident; Voorheesville Ambulance, one personal injury, one medical emergency, one standby; Voorheesville Fire Dept., one gas leak; Slingerlands Fire Dept., one structure fire, one gas leak, one auto accident.

Voorheesville Volunteer Ambulance has a new Emergency Medical Technician, Bea Richardson,

who received her certification after completing 120 hours of course instruction along with the state final exam.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Heath

Cummings and Heath wed

Lisa Marie Cummings, daughter of Patricia Cummings of Delmar and John Cummings of Ballston Spa, and William David Heath, son of Florence Heath of Clarksville and William R. Heath of New Baltimore, were married on July 21.

The service was conducted by Rev. Arthur F. Hagy Jr. in the First United Methodist Church of Delmar.

Susan Wilson and Hiedi Wood were matrons of honor. Nancy Cummings and Kelly Porpeggia were bridesmaids.

Timothy Fenk was best man, with Mark Blodgett, William R. Heath and Ken Newkirk as ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Mildred Elley Business School. She is currently a full-time student at Samaritan Nursing School and Hudson Valley Community College.

The groom is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School. He is a carpenter for T & T Builders in Feura Bush.

The couple resides in Clarksville.

Births

Albany Medical Center Hospital

Girl, Marissa Nicole, to Debra and Nicola Ferrara, Delmar, April 20.

Girl, Christina Marie, to Maria and Jeffrey Waller, Selkirk, July 5.

Girl, Alexandra Nicole, to Claudia and Joel Burtman, Voorheesville, July 9.

Boy, Zachary Shane, to Brenda and Dale Stevens, Ravena, July 9.

Girl, Tara Elizabeth Marian, to Nancy P. Austin and Ned R. Locke, Delmar, July 12.

Boy, Aaron Paul, to Amy L. and Eric Ptak Twiss, Selkirk, July 13.

Boy, Matthew Campbell II, to Susan and Matthew Malossi, Glenmont, July 17.

Girl, Deanna Mary Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hallenbeck, Coeymans, July 18.

Girl, Ashley Rachel; Boy, Raymond Gordon, to Debra and Raymond Kalendak, Delmar, July 19.

Boy, David Samuel Marx, to Deborah and Richard Sokoler, Delmar, July 19.

Boy, Andrew Enz, to Dr. and Mrs. James H. Barada, Delmar, July 20.

Girl, Brooke Elizabeth, to Joanna and Graham Pettengill, Selkirk, July 22.

Girl, Samantha Ann, to Annette and David Moak, Clarksville, July 22.

Boy, Christopher John, to Lisa and Troy Mackey, Ravena, July 23.

Girl, Elizabeth Marie, to Gloria and Charles Sciavolino, Delmar, July 24.

St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Courtney Lynn, to Jean and Bryan Bourgue, Voorheesville, July 24.

Boy, Brendan Michael, to Erin O'Grady-Herrmann and Michael Herrmann, Delmar, July 24.

Boy, Lucas Charles, to Deborah M.W. and Michael J. Giacone, Selkirk, July 25.

Girl, Jillian Blair, to Wendy and Brad Rosenstein, Delmar, July 28.

Girl, Ashley M., to Tammy and Darrin Glass, Glenmont, July 31.

Boy, Craig Thomas, to Roxanne S. and Robert J. Languish, Glenmont, July 31.

Business bureau

The Capital Region of New York State is the only major metropolitan area in the top 100 markets in the United States without a Better Business Bureau. For information concerning the effort to institute a Better Business Bureau in the area, call 372-4269.



Mr. and Mrs. Donald McMullen

Duncan and McMullen wed

Barbara Grace Duncan, daughter of Rose F. Duncan and the late Walter A. Duncan of Ravena and Donald S. McMullen, son of Dorothy and Robert McMullen of Ravena, were married July 21.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Warren Winterhoff in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Sherry Wulsh was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Susan Duncan, Dawn Duncan and Elizabeth McMullen. Amanda McMullen and Pamela Duncan were

flower girls.

Gary McMullen was best man. Ushers were George Fathers, Jeff Driscoll, Robert McMullen and Todd Polverilli. Brian Duncan Jr. was ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School and is employed as a correctional officer by the Albany County Sheriff's Department.

The groom is also a graduate of RCS High School, and is employed by Wickes Lumber.



Barbara Rizzuto and Peter Palfrey

Rizzuto — Palfrey

Joseph and Anne Louise Rizzuto of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Anne Rizzuto, to Peter Winslow Palfrey, son of George and Martha Palfrey of Duxbury, Mass.

Rizzuto is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and

Colgate University. She is an assistant vice president of The Bank of New York.

Palfrey graduated from Colgate University. He is currently an investment vice president at The Mutual of New York.

A Sept. 16 wedding is planned.



Community Corner

Take to the bug trail at Five Rivers

Ever wondered what insects lurk in the fields of Five Rivers? Well, Five River naturalists will provide a close-up look at some of the common but fascinating insects that reside at the Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, on Tuesday, Aug. 21 at 7 p.m.

Participants will also have the chance to use collecting equipment and nets that will give them a chance to view the creatures firsthand.

The program is free and open to the public. Participants should dress for the outdoors and bring field guides if possible. If you can't make this insect study, Five Rivers will offer the same program again on Thursday, Aug. 23 at 9:30 a.m. Call 453-1806 for information.

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Show to feature Angels' high-flying maneuvers

By Robert Webster Jr.

What child hasn't dreamt, at one time or another, of flying among the clouds with the birds—or what adult, either, for that matter?

You may not go flying, but you will get to experience the next best thing as pilots from around the country perform amazing feats in the air at the Northeast Flight '90 Airshow on Saturday, Aug. 18, and Sunday, Aug. 19, at the Schenectady County Airport.

If the thunder and roar of jet-powered aircraft over your head and breathtaking aeronautic stunts are your idea of an exciting family outing, then the Schenectady County Airport will definitely be the place to go this weekend.

Returning to Schenectady for the first time in four years is the U.S. Navy's precision flying team, the Blue Angels. Based in Pensacola, Fla., the flyers have captivated audiences worldwide with their dazzling speed and grace. Flying the F-18 Hornet fighter aircraft, six of the Navy's top jet-fighter aircraft pilots will present precision maneuvers that showcase the choreographed refinement of their flying skills.

The United States Marine Corps AV-8B Harrier fighter will be present to

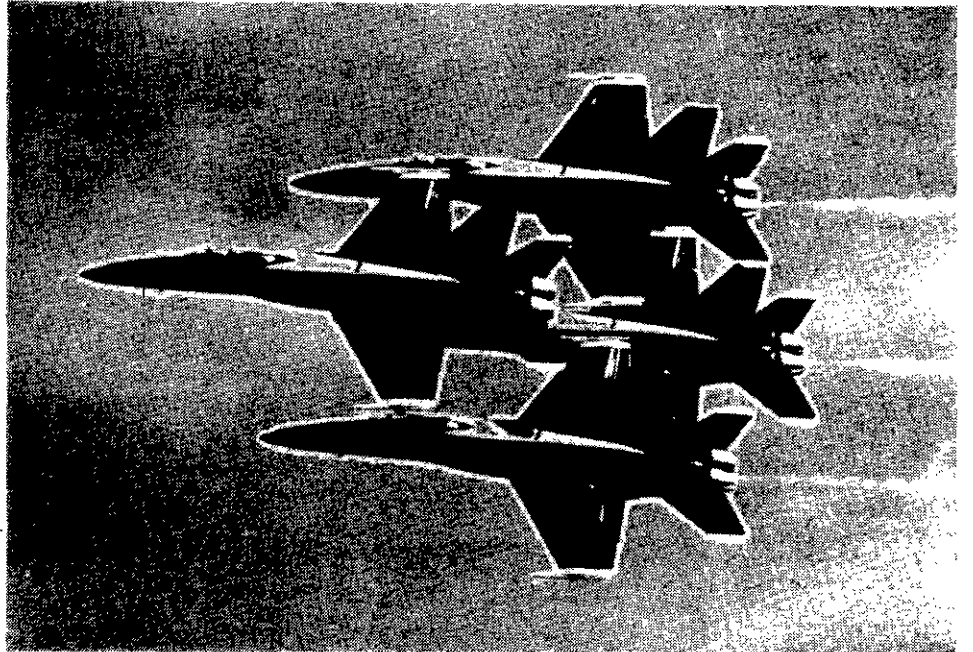
demonstrate its vertical take-off and landing capabilities, plus its high speed and slow flight abilities. The Harrier has been touted as one of the most versatile aircraft invented, due to its helicopter like lift-off, its ability to fly low at high speeds, and its ability to get into areas with no runway that are inaccessible to other jet aircraft.

The Navy will have another demonstration team on hand, the "Leapfrogs" parachute team, who will parachute from the sky right into the thick of the action below.

Civilian pilot John Mahony will maneuver the Salto II Glider into a series of spins, dips, dives and rolls, with smoke trailing in his wake.

However, all the action won't be taking place in the air. For those who prefer to keep their heads out of the clouds, there is just as big a festival on the ground.

On the flight line will be a display of various civilian and military aircraft, depending on availability and scheduling. Some of the planes that are tentatively scheduled for display are the KC-10 Extender, the C-130 Hercules, the F-14 Tomcat, the F-15 Eagle, the F-16 Fighting Falcon, the P-3 Orion and the C-141 Star-Lifter. In addition, the largest aircraft in the free world, the C-5A Galaxy transport,



The Blue Angels perform one of their more dangerous and popular maneuvers: the diamond formation.

will be on hand for the crowd to see and marvel at.

There will be many aviation related displays throughout the grounds, offering a look at some of the various aspects of flying. Many antique, classic and home-

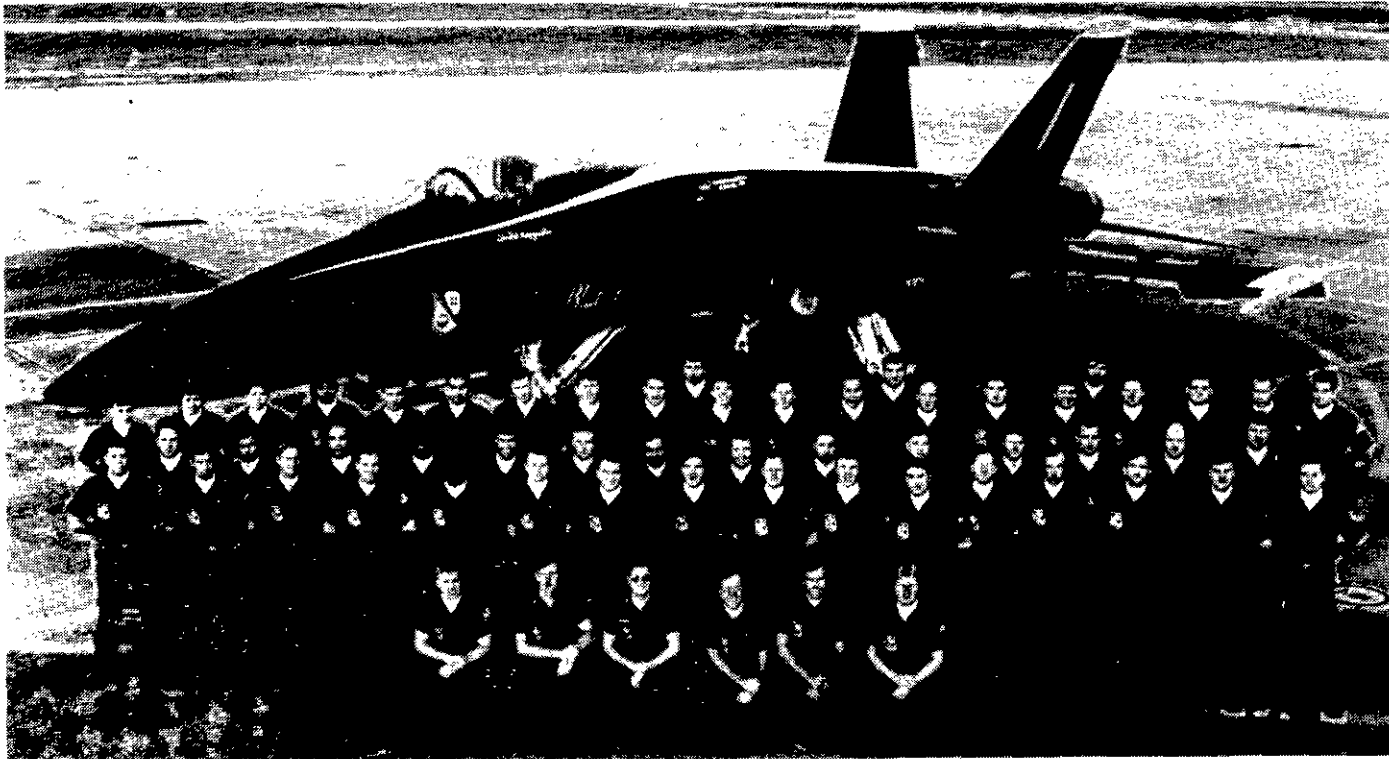
built aircraft will be on display, including a Lockheed Super Constellation. Model airplanes will be on display on the ground and in the air, and there will be a special NASA/SARSAT display.

Other program features include flight deck hospitality, where a special tent area will be set up for the spectators to meet the pilots, performers and guests of the show, for an additional fee. An expanded children's area is available with rides, clowns, mimes, puppet shows and more for the children. There will be parachute packing demonstrations, and for those who like speed, but are a little more earth-bound, there will be an antique and classic car display as well.

Air Show tickets are on sale now, and tickets purchased in advance are discounted from the general admission price. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Flight '90 Headquarters in Mohawk Mall in Schenectady, all Price Chopper Supermarkets, all Cumberland Farm Stores, the Schenectady Teachers Credit Union, and the Schenectady County Airport for \$7 per adult and \$3 for children ages six to 12. Tickets can be purchased at the gate for \$9 for adults and \$4 for children ages six to 12. Children under five are admitted free.

The gates open at 9 a.m. with the pre-show beginning at 11 a.m. and the air show beginning at 12:30 p.m. The air show will "fly" regardless of the weather.

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Posing in front of one of the F-18 Hornet jets that they will use in their upcoming airshow are the

Navy Blue Angels team, consisting of their ground crew, pilots and technicians.

Anchors away: Cruising the rivers in the area

By Renée Hunter

Don your boat shoes, walk the plank and start singing songs from "Showboat" and you are ready to take one of the area's river cruises.

Hop aboard the 90-passenger Nightingale II, docked by Riverboat Cruises at the Route 9 bridge over the Mohawk River in Crescent for a 22-mile cruise. Narrated three-hour sightseeing cruises through Lock 7 of the Erie Canal are offered every day but Monday at 1:30 p.m. The afternoon cruises cost \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens, and \$4.50 for children under age 12.

Riverboat Cruises also has a dinner cruise leaving dock at 6:30 p.m. every night but Monday, offering passengers a choice of prime rib or the Old Daley Inn's chicken teriyaki, for \$25. There is also a 58-mile fall foliage cruise planned for Oct.

6. The boat lines operate through Columbus Day, and reservations are recommended for the sightseeing cruises and necessary for the dinner cruises. Call 273-8878 for information.

The Kittywest II, operated by Waters Edge Cruiseline from a dock near Western Gateway Bridge on Route 5 in Schenectady, has trips on weekends. On Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays there are two-and-a-half hour voyages on the Mohawk between locks 7 and 8, departing at 1:15 p.m. Fares are \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and \$5 for children. Fridays and Saturdays there is a dinner buffet aboard the Kittywest II. Reservations for the dinners are necessary and can be made by calling 371-2387.

If you want to cruise the Hudson, check out Dutch Apple Cruises, 139 Broadway in Albany, which has 70 and 150-passen-

gervessels. Two-hour sightseeing cruises are offered daily at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Prices are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12, and children under 5 sail for free.

The Dutch Apple's "Rivers and Parks" cruise to Waterford is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon to 4 p.m. and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. for \$12.

Dutch Apple also offers an evening cruise with dinner and live entertainment every night, 7-10 p.m. The cruise is \$25.95 for adults, or \$12 without dinner. On Saturdays and Sundays there are two-hour lunch and brunch cruises, respectively, leaving the dock at 11 a.m. Prices are \$14.95 for adults and \$9 for children.

If you are looking for an extended boat trip, Dutch Apple has 4-night voyages to Oswego and New York City planned. Call

to check on the availability for all the cruises at 463-0220.

The Captain JP Cruise Line, docked behind the Troy City Hall, sails south on the Hudson River. On Wednesdays there is a three-hour senior citizen lunch cruise, leaving dock at 10:30 a.m. for \$14.95. Wednesday evenings the night is devoted to humor as a comic entertains guests on a dinner cruise. The fare is \$20 for dinner, or \$8 without the meal.

There is a 50s and 60s cruise Thursday nights when all those aboard must be 21 or older. There is an \$8 fee.

Fridays and Saturdays the Captain JP has dinner cruises for \$22 and on Saturdays there is a luncheon sightseeing cruise.

Reservations are necessary and may be made by calling 270-1901.

Wednesday August 15

BETHLEHEM

EVENING ON THE GREEN
featuring the Village Volunteers
Fife and Drum Corps,
Bethlehem Public Library, 451
Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.
Information, 439-9314.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office,
Delmar, 2-4 p.m. Information,
439-0503.

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,
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Hill, 8 p.m. first and third
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MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL CHURCH
evening service, 7:30 p.m., Bible
study and prayer, Rt. 155,
Voorheesville. Information, 765-
3390.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

every Wednesday, Wyman
Osterhout Community Center,
New Salem. Information, 765-
2109.

Thursday August 16

BETHLEHEM

"MAKE MINE MUSIC"
film, Bethlehem Public Library,
451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2
p.m. Information, 439-9314.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office,
Delmar, 9:30 a.m.-noon.
Information, 439-0503.

KABBAH CLASS

class in Jewish mysticism, every
Thursday, Delmar Chabad
Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m.
Information, 439-8280.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

meeting every Thursday, First
United Methodist Church,
Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

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Unlimited, meets Thursdays, 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.

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Lanes, Elsmere, every Thursday,
4-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-
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Bethlehem Town Hall, 445
Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30
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Voorheesville, 2 p.m.
Information, 765-2791.

CLARKSVILLE TABERNACLE

890 Delaware Ave., Clarksville, 7
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Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7
p.m.

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Friday August 17

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Delaware Ave., Delmar, noon.
Information, 439-9314.

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109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar.
Information, 439-8280.

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St. Stephen's Church, 7:30 p.m.
Information, 462-4504.

NEW SCOTLAND

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

Sunday August 19

BETHLEHEM

ART EXHIBIT

paintings by Charles Schade,
Bethlehem Historical Association
Museum, Rt. 144, Clapper Rd.,
Selkirk, 2-5 p.m. Information,
436-8289.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday worship service, 10
a.m.; Tuesday Bible study, 7:15
p.m. Meetings held at the
Auberge Suisse Restaurant, New
Scotland Road, Slingerlands.
Information, 475-9086.

Fennig's All-Star String Band to play at Pruyn House

Fennig's All-Star String Band, one of
the area's most popular folk and country
groups, will be featured as the final event
of the Pruyn House "Concerts in the Barn"
series as they will perform Wednesday,
Aug. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Buhrmaster
Barn, 207 Old Niskayuna Road, Newton-
ville.

The band, founded 20 years ago, con-
sists of Bill Spence on hammered dulci-

mer and vocals, George Wilson on fiddle,
banjo and vocals, and Toby Stover on
piano and vocals.

Their music is a mixture of the tradi-
tional folk music of Ireland, England,
Canada and the United States, and is a
mixture of reels, jigs and waltzes.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for
children 12 and under.

For information, call 783-1435.

Dutch Apple cruise

Your Village Party of the Town of Colo-
nie will sponsor a Dutch Apple river
moonlight cruise on Friday, Aug. 18 from
8:30 to 11 p.m.

Live entertainment will be offered, as
well as a cash bar, and food may be brought
on board. All ladies in attendance will
receive a flower for the evening.

Tickets are \$30 per couple or \$15 per
person.

For information, call Patti White at 869-
0812.

Swing band era returns to Albany

The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra will
perform on the Empire State Plaza's main
stage at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 15.

The concert is sponsored by Super
Shop'n Save Supermarkets, Pepsi-Cola
bottling company, New York's Lottery and
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The concert is free and open to the
public, and refreshments will be served.

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 Sunday School and worship, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Rd., Delmar. Information, 438-7740.

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 school house and Toll House museums open, through August, Rt. 144, Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 2-5 p.m. Information, 436-8289.

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

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 Worship 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m. church school. Information, 765-2895.

MOUNTAIN VIEW EVANGELICAL CHURCH
 Bible hour for children and adults, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service, 7 p.m., nursery care provided for Sunday services, Rt. 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH
 adult Bible study class and Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., service at 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Rt. 85 and Rt. 85A, New Salem. Information, 439-7112.

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

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND
 Worship, 10 a.m. Church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Rt. 85, New Scotland. Information, 439-6454.

UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH
 worship, 9:30 a.m., followed by fellowship time, children's story hour, 11 a.m. Information, 439-5303.

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

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.

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

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP
 provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday. Information, 439-4258.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

4-H CLUB
 meets first and third Mondays, home of Marilyn Miles, Clarksville. Information, 768-2186.

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

BETHLEHEM HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION
 for new students, through Aug. 24, Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
 Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 2-4 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

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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NEW SCOTLAND

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL CHURCH
 evening service, 7:30 p.m.; Bible study and prayer, Rt. 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS
 every Wednesday, Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem. Information, 765-2109.

NEW SCOTLAND ELKS LODGE
 meets second and fourth Wednesdays, 22 South Main St., Voorheesville, 8 p.m.

Thursday August 23

BETHLEHEM

"WOODSWALK"
 sponsored by the Vroman Kill, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 1 p.m. Information, 943-4030.

"POLLYANNA"
 film, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

NEW SCOTLAND

"ADVENTURES OF THE WILDERNESS FAMILY"
 film, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., Voorheesville, 2 p.m. Information, 765-2791.



Christian Weeber sits in his 1903 Weebermobile in this 1930 photograph. The Weebermobile is on exhibit in the lobby of the New York State Museum.

Museum highlights Weeber auto collection exhibit

A 1904 Weebermobile made in Albany by Christian F. Weeber is on exhibit in the lobby of the New York State Museum, through Jan. 15, 1991.

The automobile on exhibit is one of the most successful of the Weebermobiles manufactured by the CF Weeber Manufacturing Works on Albany's Central Avenue in the early part of the twentieth century.

Other items on display include photos

of Christian Weeber and his wife in the Weebermobile, a lathe from 1900 used by CF Weeber Manufacturing Works, a photo of Weeber and his car from the Albany Evening News, and two earlier incomplete Weebermobiles.

The automobile and other items in the exhibit were presented to the New York State Museum by the Weeber family. For information, call 474-5877.

"Reading Rainbow" comes to Crossgates Mall

The WMHT/Channel 17 Kids' Club will sponsor a return visit of the "Reading Rainbow" traveling show to Crossgates Mall on Tuesday, Aug. 28. The show is an outreach program of the popular PBS children's series of the same name.

Children attending the show at Crossgates from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. will be able to listen to stories, view episodes of the "Reading Rainbow" and browse through more than 500 children's books. There will also be drawings for special prizes during the day.

Tuesday August 21

BETHLEHEM

INSECT STUDY GROUP
 outdoor study of common insects, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS MEETING
 self-help group, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

DELMAR ROTARY
 meets Tuesday mornings at Days Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. Information, 482-8824.

BETHLEHEM LODGE 1096 F&AM
 first and third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

MEDICARE FORM AID
 sponsored by AARP, first and third Tuesdays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Appointments required, 439-2160.

Monday August 20

BETHLEHEM

SELKIRK FIRE DISTRICT
 meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Selkirk Firehouse No. 1, Selkirk, 7 p.m.

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

Wednesday August 22

BETHLEHEM

PUBLIC HEARING
 on application of Robert Mitchell, 20 Hallwood Rd., Delmar; Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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HOURS IN SERVICE: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm weekdays.
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 • chemotherapy/radiation • hospital visits with family • hospital/doctor appts./therapy
 • persons in wheelchairs going to medical appointments • clinic appointments: legal, blood pressure, tax, fuel

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 Town Squire Plaza.
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AROUND THE AREA

Wednesday August 15

ALBANY COUNTY

SENIORS' LUNCH

Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

SINGLE SQUARES

round and plus level dancing, St. Michael's Community Center, Linden St., Cohoes, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Information, 664-2353.

BREAST CANCER COUNSELING classes in education and detection, Albany Medical Center, Albany, 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

VIDEO THEATER FEATURE

"America at Risk: A History of Consumer Protest," runs eight minutes, through Aug. 16, New York State Museum, Albany, continuously from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

ESPERANCE

PUPPET PARADE

rhymes, folktales and stories, George Landis Arboretum, Esperance, 10 a.m. Information, 875-6935.

APPLE COMPUTERS USERS CLUB

meets first Wednesdays, Farnsworth Middle School, State Farm Rd., Guilderland, 7 p.m. Information, 482-2609. THURSDAYS

Thursday August 16

ALBANY

A HISTORY OF CONSUMER PROTEST

film, Video Theater, New York State Museum, Albany, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

SENIORS LUNCHES
Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

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.

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP

Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

RENSSELAER

YANKEE DOODLE BAND CONCERT

9 1/2 Riverside Ave., Rensselaer, 7 p.m. Information, 463-8738.

Friday August 17

ALBANY COUNTY

SENIORS LUNCHES

Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

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.

ESPERANCE

"SOAP BUBBLE SCIENCE"

George Landis Arboretum, Esperance, 10 a.m. Information, 875-6935.

Saturday August 18

ALBANY COUNTY

TOUR OF ADIRONDACK MOUNTAINS

led by Yngvar Isachsen, sponsored by New York State Museum, Albany, \$29. Information, 474-5877.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

sponsored by the Safety and Health Council, 845 Central Ave., Albany, 9 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Information, 438-2365.

SCHENECTADY

OTB INTERNATIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

through Aug. 26, Central Park, Schenectady. Information, 370-5151.

EAST BERNE

ROAST BEEF DINNER

Thompson Lake Reformed Church, Junction of Rts. 157-157A, East Berne, 4-7 p.m. Information, 872-1353.

CROWN POINT

"WEEKEND IN THE 18TH CENTURY" demonstrations of lifestyles, skills and handicrafts of Colonial America, Champlain Bridge, Crown Point, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 597-3666.

Sunday August 19

ALBANY COUNTY

HEALTH WORKSHOP

Kripalu Yoga Center, Central Ave., Albany, 1-5 p.m. Information, 869-7990.

SARATOGA COUNTY

HOMECOMING CONCERT

sponsored by Christian Music Ministries Center, Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 8 p.m. Information, 768-2818.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

RUN FOR THE ROSES

fifth annual 5K foot race and 1 mile fun run, Grafton Lakes, Grafton, 10 a.m. Information, 279-1155.

CHATHAM

"RED, WHITE AND BLUEGRASS" bluegrass band performance and family fun day, Crellin Park Association Community Park, Rt. 66, Chatham, Information, 392-2693.

CROWN POINT

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demonstrations of lifestyles, skills and handicrafts of Colonial America, Champlain Bridge, Crown Point, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 597-3666.

Monday August 20

ALBANY COUNTY

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Quail St., Albany, 5-7:30 p.m. Information, 482-4580.

RECOVERY, INC.

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

RECOVERY, INC.

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

Christian performers hold concert

Sweet Spirit, a music and drama evangelistic team from Christian Music Ministries in Feura Bush, will present its homecoming concert on Aug. 19 at 8 p.m.

at the CMM Ministries Center, Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush.

For information, call 786-2818.

SENIORS LUNCHES
Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 4:45 p.m. Information, 438-6651.
BREAST CANCER EARLY DETECTION CLASS
Albany Medical Center, New Scotland Ave., Albany, 5-8 p.m.

PERSON TO PERSON
support group for kidney patients and families, meets every third Tuesday, National Kidney Foundation, 4 Airline Dr., Suite 102, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 869-4666.

CIVIL AIR PATROL
Tuesdays, Albany Senior Squadron, Albany Airport, 7 p.m. Information, 869-4406.

SARATOGA COUNTY

CUTTING HORSE COMPETITION
Cutting Horse Arena, Saratoga, 9 a.m. Information, 783-1333.

PREGNANCY AFTER CESAREAN CLASSES

Albany Medical Center, New Scotland Ave., Albany, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 445-5162.

SCHENECTADY

SECULAR SOBRIETY GROUP
group for recovering alcoholics, Temple Gates of Heaven, corner of Ashmore Ave. and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-5569.

Wednesday August 22

ALBANY COUNTY

PLUMBING WORKSHOP
Albany Public Library, Delaware Ave., Albany, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Information, 463-6267.

SQUARE DANCE
sponsored by Single Squares, St. Michaels Community Center, Cohoes, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Information, 664-2353.



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Blue Angels

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and there is free parking available to all paying spectators.

The Northeast Air Show, in addition to being one of the most prestigious and exciting air shows in the Northeast, benefits two not-for-profit agencies in the Schenectady area; the Empire State Aerospace Museum and the American Red

Cross, Schenectady County Chapter.

To get to the airshow from the Capital District area, take the Northway (I-87), to exit 9, Clifton Park. Go west on Route 146 and proceed approximately 6 miles to Glenridge Rd. Follow Glenridge Rd. to Route 50, take a left onto route 50, and go straight to the airport, where an afternoon of thrills and excitement awaits.

Mobile Meals program needs volunteer drivers

St. Peter's Hospital is currently seeking volunteer drivers in the Mobile Meals Program.

St. Peter's welcomes men and women of all ages who have their own transporta-

tion and can spend one to one and a half hours a week helping others. These hours are easy to handle and are especially convenient for retirees. For information, call 454-1515.

THE YOUTH NETWORK

Addiction: How teens differ from adults (Part 4)

For the past several weeks, this space has been devoted to a discussion of the differences between addiction in teens and adults. This final installment deals with the concept of enablers.

Teens have more enablers than adults

Enabler is the term used to describe a person who tries to control the behavior of someone who uses alcohol or other drugs. Enablers are usually family and friends who take responsibility for the behavior, feelings, and decisions of the user. The enabler reacts and behaves in ways that shield the user from experiencing the consequences of his or her alcohol or drug use. This is usually done out of love, concern, and sometimes fear for the persons well-being, yet the effect of their actions is to make it easier for the user to keep using.

Young people almost always have parents who are enablers. Taking responsibility for a child's behavior, especially one under the age of 21, comes as naturally as breathing. When they do well we are proud, and when they fail we feel it is somehow our fault. In addition the parental instincts of other adults who work with young people — teachers, clergy, counselors — often come into play, even if they don't have children of their own. And while adults may have spouses or friends who will be enablers, it is easier for them to stop the enabling behavior than it is for parents. There are plenty of ex-spouses and ex-friends, but there are few ex-parents.

This completes our four-part series and the differences between adolescent and adult chemical dependency.



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Photo contest to focus on Greene County

The Greater Windham Chamber of Commerce, the Greene County Council on the Arts, and the Greene County Promotion Department are sponsoring a "Fabulous Fall" photography contest.

All photographs must be taken in Greene County and represent the 1990 fall season. All works entered will be exhibited at Ski Windham from Nov. 3 through Nov. 11. Prizes will be awarded on Sunday, Nov. 11 following the Chef's Brunch during the "Taste of Windham" weekend at Ski Windham.

Applicants must provide a self-stick label for each photograph. Information

must be typed on the label in the following order: title, location of photograph, name, and date taken. Photos must be 8"x10" with an 11"x14" mat. Photos may be in black and white or color. First prize is \$250 cash, 2 days and one night at Ski Windham, including lodging, dinner, breakfast and lift tickets for two people.

Hand deliver photographs to Ski Windham beginning Oct. 1, or mail entries to: The Greater Windham Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 613, Windham, NY 12496. Mailed entries should include self-addressed return packaging with appropriate postage. Entry deadline is Oct. 31.

Group seeks volunteers to be foster grandparents

The Foster Grandparents program is looking for volunteers who are 60 years of age and older and willing to work with pregnant teens in need of guidance and support.

Volunteers will receive a \$44 non-tax-

able stipend per week. Other benefits include 11 paid holidays, two weeks vacation, 12 sick leave days, and two personal days a year. Monthly training, annual recognition dinner and annual trip are also part of the program.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NY

NOTICE is hereby given, that sealed bids or proposals for

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM—
SALT STORAGE FACILITY

will be received at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, until 2:00 pm, Local Time on the 5th day of September, 1990; will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 pm on that same day in the Town Hall. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes, addressed to the Town Clerk, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054 and shall bear on the face thereof, the name and address of the Bidder and the appropriate Contract title:

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM—
SALT STORAGE FACILITY

The Work to be performed consists of the construction of a new wood framed salt storage enclosure.

The Information for Bidders, Specifications, Form of Proposal and Form of Contract may be examined at the Office of the Town Clerk and copies thereof obtained upon deposit of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) payable to the order of the Town of Bethlehem, which deposit will be refunded in full to Bidders who return the above documents in good condition. If a Bidder secures the Contract Documents and does not submit a Bid, he will be entitled to a refund of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00). An additional check for Five Dollars (\$5.00) payable to the order of the Town of Bethlehem, will be required to cover service and handling charges and will not be refunded. All material suppliers are to be considered as non-bidders. Each deposit, or portion thereof, will be

refunded if the Contract Documents are returned in good condition within thirty (30) days after Award of Contract or rejection of all Bids. A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the Town of Bethlehem by the Bidder, and an acceptable surety in an amount equal to at least five percent (5%) of the Base Bid, shall be submitted with each Bid.

The successful Bidder, to whom a Contract is awarded, will be required to execute a good and sufficient bond of indemnity of a duly authorized surety company, equal to the full amount of the Contract, as security for the faithful performance on the part of the CONTRACTOR of all the covenants and agreements contained in said Contract and Specifications, including the completion of the Work within ninety (90) calendar days after the "Notice to Proceed" is issued.

The successful Bidder will be required to comply with all provisions of the Federal Government Equal Employment Opportunity Clauses issued by the Secretary of Labor on May 21, 1968 and published in the Federal Register on May 18, 1968.

The Town of Bethlehem, New York reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive any formalities therein, and to select the Bid, the acceptance of which, in its judgement, will best assure the efficient performance of Work.

Bids may be held by the Town of Bethlehem, New York, for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days from the date of the opening of Bids, for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding the Contract.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN
BOARD OF THE TOWN OF
BETHLEHEM

Carolyn M. Lyons, Town Clerk
Dated: August 8, 1990

August 15, 1990

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LEGAL NOTICE

At a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, N.Y. held on the 8th day of Aug. 1990 at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, N.Y.

PRESENT: Mr. Webster, Mr. Burns, Ms. Galvin, Mr. Gunner.

ABSENT: Mr. Ringler

The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, NY does hereby amend the Traffic Ordinance adopted on the 17th day of July, 1968 and last amended on the 28th day of March, 1990 as follows:

I. Amend ARTICLE IV, PARKING, by adding a new Section 17 to read as follows:

Section 17. No Parking along the northeasterly side of Kenwood Avenue for a distance of three hundred (300) feet in a southeasterly direction from its intersection with Winne Place.

The foregoing amendment to the Traffic Ordinance will take effect ten days after publication.

The foregoing amendment to the Traffic Ordinance was presented for adoption by Mr. Burns, was seconded by Mr. Gunner and was duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Webster, Mr. Burns, Ms. Galvin, Mr. Gunner.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mr. Ringler.

Dated: August 8, 1990

August 15, 1990

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 4, 1990, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, at 7:30 p.m., to take action on the application of Joseph and Madeleine Futia, 13 Park Pl., Delmar, NY, for approval by said Planning Board of a proposed one (1) lot subdivision, to be located on Clarkson Rd., Delmar, NY, as shown on map entitled, "Map of Lands, to be Conveyed by George W. Harder to JOSEPH N. FUTIA JR. & MADELEINE M. FUTIA, Town of Bethlehem, County: Albany, State: New York" dated Sept. 25, 1985, revised 3/30/90 and made by Edward W. Boutelle & Son, Delmar, NY, on file with the Planning Board.

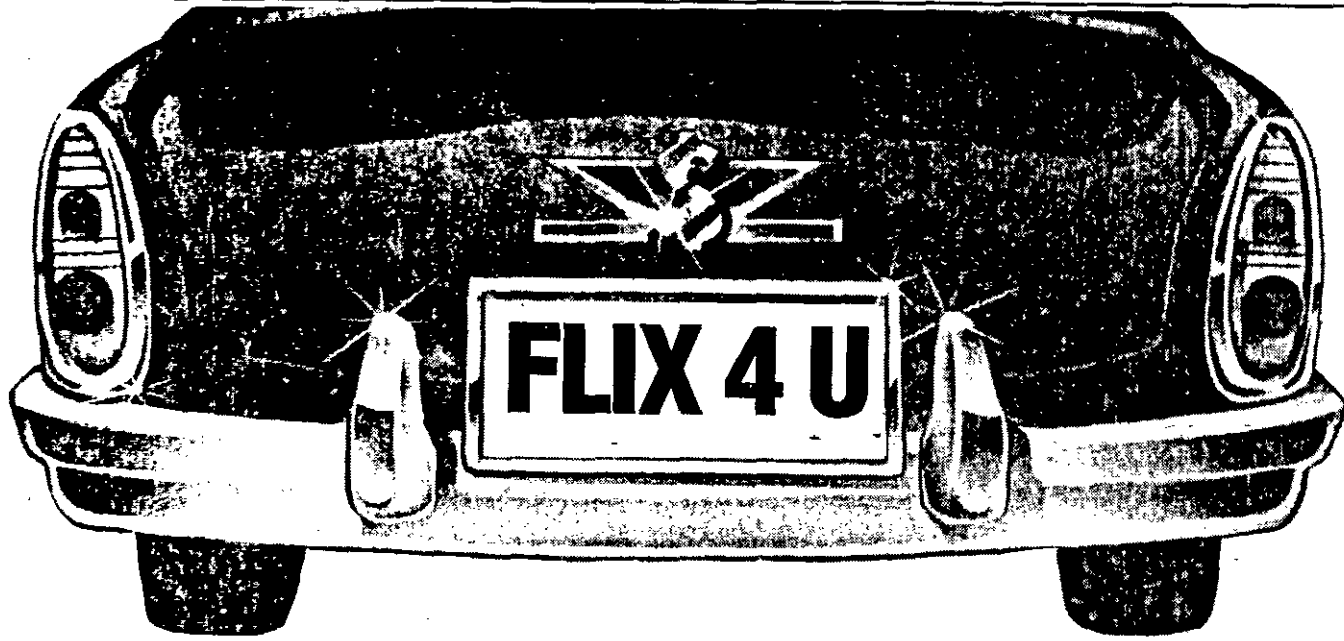
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Chairman, Planning Board

August 15, 1990

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 22, 1990, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Robert Mitchell, 20 Hallwood Road, Delmar, New York 12054 for Modification to a previously granted Variance under Article VI, Permitted Uses, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem to change the hours of the professional office, increase the square footage and raise the building height at premises 500 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York.

Charles B. Fritts, Chairman
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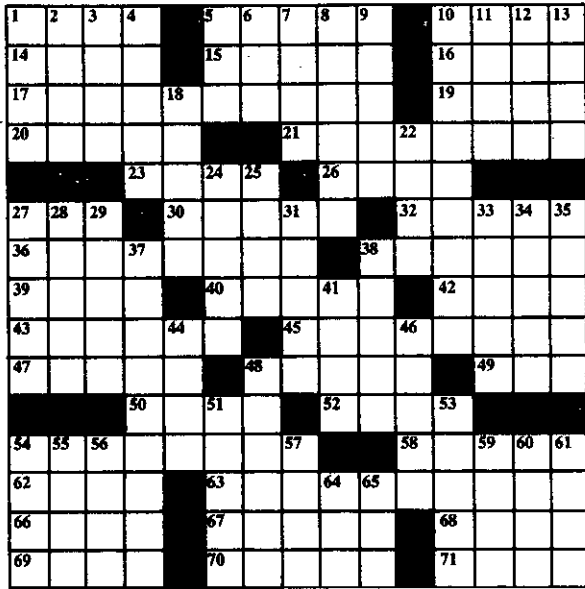
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ACROSS

- 1 Pod dwellers
- 5 Above the crowd
- 10 Roster
- 14 4840 square yards
- 15 Saitre
- 18 Critic James
- 17 ADMONITION TO ORVILLE
- 19 Lamp gas
- 20 Panel
- 21 Orange, oranger,
- 23 AUTO INVENTOR RANSOM ELI
- 26 Pen name of Charles Lamb
- 27 SHORT FOR THE DISCOVERER OF ELECTROMAGNETIC LAWS
- 30 Makes tea
- 32 Black tree
- 36 NEW YEAR'S EVE GREETING TO TIRE MAGNATE CHARLES. "HAVE A _____"
- 38 Mr. Wonder
- 39 Noun suffix
- 40 Stage whisper
- 42 Ms. Turner
- 43 "TRANSMIT AGAIN MARCONI!"
- 45 MOTHER'S WARNING TO H-BOMB INVENTOR EDWARD: 2 wds
- 47 Cordwood measure
- 48 Repeat
- 49 Draft Board initials
- 50 Loan to Marc Antony
- 52 Fit of pique
- 54 EDISON'S DESIRED SOUND QUALITY
- 58 Same as before
- 62 Type of exam
- 63 PHOTOGRAPHER GEORGE'S FAVORITE BASKETBALL SUBJECT: 3 WDS
- 66 Eastern States Std. Oil
- 67 City in Florida
- 68 Hound's prey
- 69 Slumgullion
- 70 Dennis Day, og.
- 71 Seth's son

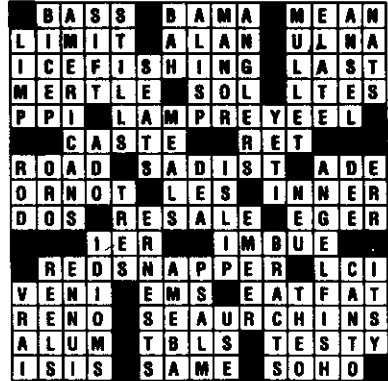


DOWN

- 1 Hippie's apartments
- 2 Modern day concern: Adv.
- 3 Operatic solo
- 4 Donnybrook
- 5 African: Adv.
- 6 Jai a'
- 7 Stop _____
- 8 Red or Yellow pigments
- 9 _____ position
- 10 ALEXANDER'S INVENTION REALLY _____
- 11 Curved molding
- 12 Some Popes
- 13 Season after the Mardi Gras
- 18 TV Doctor Marcus _____
- 22 Precedes "ZSCHE": German philosopher
- 24 Fear
- 25 Mediterranean and Caribbean
- 27 Teen _____
- 28 Painter Claude
- 29 Sheriff's helpers
- 31 Squeeze dry
- 33 Race tracks
- 34 Dressed to the _____
- 35 Time periods

- 37 JOHN AFFECTIONATELY CALLED HIS INVENTION A _____
- 38 Engraved
- 41 "_____ I say not as I do"
- 44 Keen
- 46 Women's names
- 48 "_____ as nice can be"
- 51 R2 D2
- 53 Church support
- 54 Accomplishes
- 55 _____ while: Previous
- 56 Simplify
- 57 Actor John _____
- 59 One of J. Edgar Hoover's men
- 60 Edible tuber
- 61 Single dollar bills
- 64 Precedes "CUTION": Manner of speaking
- 65 Swiss river to the Rhine

Solution to "Gone Fishin"



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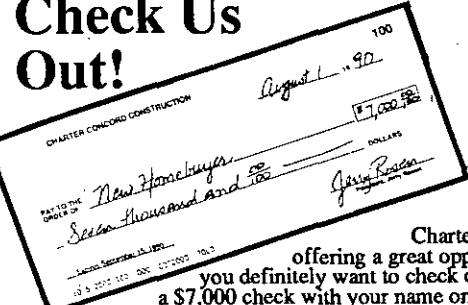
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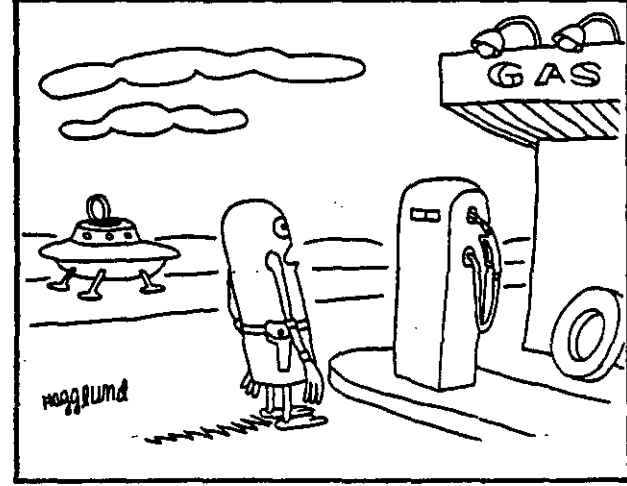
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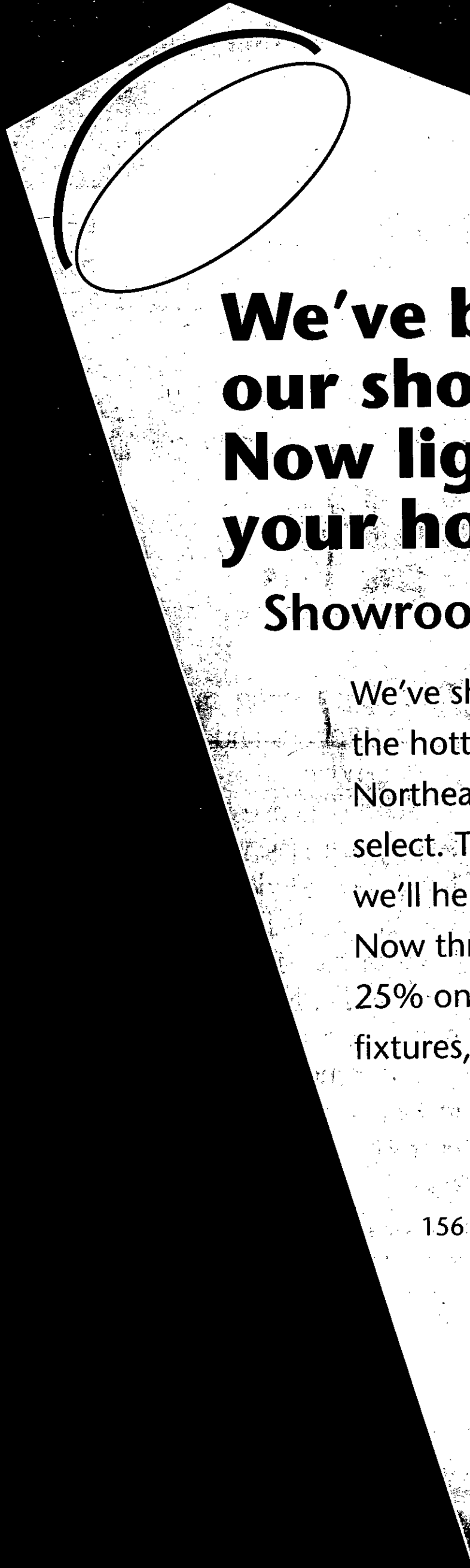
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