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Volunteers clean up in Floyd's watery wake

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

Hurricane Floyd did more extensive damage elsewhere, but when the remnants of the storm piled into the Capital District on Sept. 17, Floyd had plenty of punch left to keep local public works and safety officials busy.

The National Weather Service reported more than 8 inches of rain dumped in Delmar in a 24-hour period, a record one-day rainfall. The drenching rains created hazardous road and driving conditions throughout the area. In the 41 hours from 7 a.m. Thursday through midnight on Friday, Bethlehem police fielded more than 160 storm-related calls — hazardous road conditions, traffic accidents, disabled vehicles, and citizens seeking assistance, among others. 47 of those calls were from fire departments in need of traffic control or other assistance.

Local streambeds normally placid at this time of the season, like the Normanskill, Vlomankill and Onesquethaw Creek, overran their banks, leading to massive flooding of basements and backyards, especially in portions of Voorheesville, South Bethlehem and New Salem.

The flooding filled the small gym at the elementary school in Voorheesville and inundated a railroad trestle underpass on Route 85A east of the village. A bridge over the Vly Creek on Pine Street had its guard rails ripped off and remains closed.

At Meadowbrook Farms south of Clarksville, the brook filled a roadside cornfield to the depth of a foot or more. There were similar acres of standing water alongside lower-lying stretches of Creble Road in South Bethlehem.

The Normanskill under the Route 85 bridge, near Blessing Road in Slingerlands, overflowed its banks to an estimated four times its normal width with muddy, brown runoff, and crept to within a few feet of the underside of the road deck. Further downstream, below the Delaware Avenue bridge from Albany, spectators paused Friday morning to watch the spectacle of a stream that in September normally trickles past exposed

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Sparks fly at BC school board meeting

By JAMES M. WEGIELEWSKI
and JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

An otherwise routine Bethlehem school board meeting last Wednesday deteriorated into acrimony in its closing moments over a subject not on the agenda, but very much on the minds of those in attendance: the Jesse Braverman federal lawsuit.

In the meeting's aftermath, two individuals very nearly came to

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Smith's Tavern takes hard hit

By JOSEPH A. PHILLIPS

It was mid-morning on Friday before John McClelland and John Millen, co-owners of Smith's Tavern in Voorheesville, bowed to the inevitable.

"We got Floyd'd out," McClelland said, recalling the aftermath of the tropical storm that wreaked havoc on his business at 112 Maple Avenue.

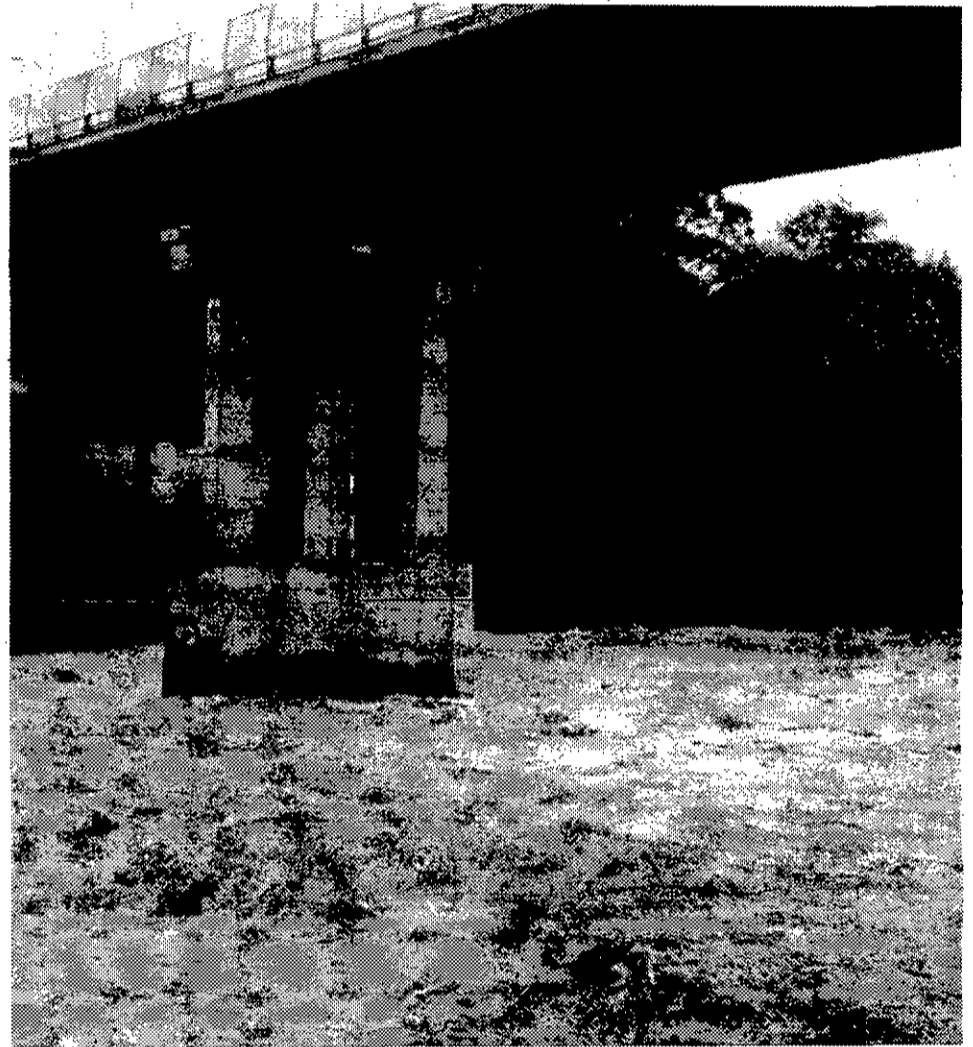
"I was standing there watching the water come up the basement stairwell toward the second floor, and I realized there was nothing we could do. We had lost the battle."

For Voorheesville residents living along Vly Creek, flooding is nothing new.

"Oh yes, we've had problems in the past with our basement being flooded, but like everyone else, this was a lot more severe than we expected," said McClelland.

And like many of his neighbors, he was taken a bit by surprise by the speed with which last Thursday's torrential rains overran the creek. Sitting in a low spot along the creekbed, Smith's was perhaps the hardest hit location along

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The normally placid Normanskill swelled its banks after heavy downpours. Joe Phillips

Ag chief: Taking land would hurt farmers

Decision will slow V'ville school expansion

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

An order from the commissioner of the state Department of Agriculture & Markets has slowed down the Voorheesville school board's approval process for a planned \$16.9-million addition to the high school.

The board needs more land for the expansion and is in the midst of eminent domain proceedings against John J. O'Connell of Martin Road, who does not want to sell his land to the district.

As part of the SEQR (state environmental quality review) process in condemning O'Connell's land, the commissioner of the state Department of Agriculture & Markets found that taking O'Connell's land will have an adverse affect on farming in the area, and prohibited the board from taking final action on its acquisition plans before Nov. 3.

At the board's Sept. 13 meeting, O'Connell's nephew, Justin Corcoran, asked if this finding would delay the board's planned vote to approve the architect's plans on Oct. 4 and set the bond referendum vote for Nov. 24. Although Superintendent Alan McCartney told Corcoran at the meeting that the board would continue with its scheduled vote, he later issued a press release saying that the board would not vote on the plans at its next meeting.

"The board will not pass a project

until we know what we're going to do with the recommendations from the commissioner," McCartney said. "The board has tried to be patient and fair with the process, and felt they should consider these findings. We don't know if we'll change or modify our plans."

The law doesn't say you have to adhere to the findings.

Alan McCartney

Both McCartney and the district's attorney, Melvin Osterman, were clear about one point: whatever the commissioner's findings are, they will only be recommendations, and are not cast in stone.

"The law doesn't say you have to adhere to the findings," McCartney said, "but they'll be thought about and considered."

"The commissioner has 60 days to make a recommendation to the district," Osterman said. "We are free to reject those recommendations. The commissioner has already made findings of fact, and a number are factually wrong. We are preparing a response."

"Ag & Markets says there's other land we can buy," Osterman continued, "but we think the 100 acres they're recommending is marshland. So what if

it's available for sale; it's useless to us. The commissioner also makes reference to the minimum standards for land requirement by the state Education Department. They were developed in 1976, and haven't changed since then. In 1976, maybe there was boys' varsity soccer, and maybe junior varsity soccer. There was no girls' soccer at the time, and we've doubled the number of sports since then. The department regulators also assume that the land is flat and usable, but the land between the high school building and 85A is hilly and unusable."

"We're looking at our current land usage," McCartney said, also citing the land requirement laws that haven't been updated since 1976. "We're looking at what's reasonable, and what other school districts are doing."

McCartney also pointed out that safety issues must be taken into consideration. Last week, the elementary school was evacuated due to a gas leak.

"If we expanded the building to the edge of 85A, we would have to cross kids across that road," McCartney said.

O'Connell's lawyer Daniel Centi has already submitted comments to the Department of Agriculture & Markets. Centi's letter addressed the negative agricultural and environmental impact of the land acquisition and building plans, and the fact that O'Connell's land will be used for playing fields, not the school

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Daffodil 2000 project on tap

By Katherine McCarthy

"Ten thousand saw I at a glance, Tossing their heads in sprightly dance," the British poet William Wordsworth wrote about daffodils.

Ten thousand might be too many to hope for, but Bethlehem First Beautification Committee is hoping that come spring, there will be a proliferation of daffodils in the town's gardens. The committee is sponsoring "Plant for 2000," a way to light up the new millennium with some of spring's first flowers, and award prizes for the best daffodil gardens.

"We saw a lot of gardens last spring with beautiful daffodil plantings," said committee member and "daffodil lady" Joanne Lenden of the idea to have a planting contest.

There are a number of "Plant for 2000" sponsors, Lenden said, following the lead of Bethlehem

First's Beautification Committee and the chamber of commerce, with daffodils that bloomed last spring near the railroad underpass on Delaware Avenue.

The Bethlehem town board and chamber of commerce are two of the sponsors, and the town will plant more bulbs this year. Bethlehem Garden Club, which has already spruced up the town with its boxes and barrels of flowers, will distribute bulbs to local schools. *The Spotlight* is a sponsor, as are Price-Greenleaf and Olsen's Nursery & Greenhouses, where a variety of daffodil bulbs will be available at a special price.

"There are narcissus, hooped skirts, and daffy-down dillies, just to name a few," Lenden said of the flowers Wordsworth called "continuous as the stars that shine."

"Most daffodils are yellow, but some are white, and some have centers with a tinge of yellow or a

tinge of green," Lenden said. "The best part of daffodils, though, is that nobody eats them — not squirrels, moles or chipmunks. They'll also come up the next year with no additional effort."

Daffodil bulbs can be planted between now and Halloween. They need some bulb food when planted, and water after planting. Daffodils shouldn't be planted where water stands in the winter. Come spring, they will need at least half a day of sunshine.

Fliers and applications for the front yard planting contest are available at area merchants.

Perhaps come spring, residents will share Wordsworth's sentiments about "a crowd, a host, of golden daffodils," which he praised in his poem "I Wandered Lonely As A Cloud":

"And then my heart with pleasure fills and dances with the daffodils."

Up a tree



Thomas Lipbert, 7, enjoyed time in a tree at Five Rivers Limited's recent festival. More than 2,000 people attended the event. Constance Lupe

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BC board hears outline of technology initiative

By James Wegielewski

Before last Wednesday's schoolboard meeting erupted into a shouting match between several members of the audience, the board discussed more routine matters.

The Bethlehem school board discussed bond issues, implementation of the Target Technology II initiative at all educational levels, handicapped access to the lower high school gym, and additional equipment to supplement the new running track.

The next stage of the Target Technology Initiative (TTI) will cost the district \$682,689. Of that, \$239,003 will be allotted to the high school, \$168,962 to the middle school, and \$274,633 for the elementary schools for computer hardware and software purchases.

The funds will bolster technology previously installed in the district with funds from the 1995 technology bond issue. The goal is for teachers in all disciplines to have access to networked computers and peripherals for research and shared learning for themselves and students, according to Assistant Superintendent John McGuire.

If approved, the high school will receive a new multifaceted media room to work on projects, artwork and musical compositions electronically. The room would be linked directly with the school's local area network.

In the room, 12 computers will be used for seamless digital video editing, artwork, and writing. Six new musical composition stations with computers and audio software will be built for audio production and editing classes.

According to McGuire, the plan for the room is to create a context where teachers and students can collaborate. For example, the school drama club could ask a computer graphics course to make advertising banners for the school play.

High school teachers displaced from their classrooms during the day will have access to a new faculty computer lab consisting of four computers to do work and prepare for upcoming classes. Currently, teachers who are displaced from their rooms don't have access to another computer.

Science departments at the middle school and high school have requested computers that would have probe-ware (software designed to do scientific measurements with proper equipment) to measure physical and chemical changes within experiments, and

computer projection devices to display the results.

The middle school and high school computer-aided-drafting (CAD) labs will receive new software upgrades and new computers, with the middle school receiving 62 new computers, and the high school 26 desktop, and five laptop computers.

The middle school and all the elementary schools would get video-conferencing facilities to allow students to work with outside scholars and teachers.

School board members unfamiliar with the technology questioned whether or not the proposed setup would allow the maximum number of students to use the equipment and asked Mac Carlton, the district's director of technology, to present more information on video technology at the next meeting on Oct. 6.

Lastly, each school in the district will receive new network color printers, computer projectors, at least two digital cameras, and two flatbed scanners to aid in classroom production and interaction with other classes.

In another matter, Fred Powers, supervisor of athletics, health, and physical education, made a presentation about the need for new facilities for physical education classes and varsity teams at the high school.

"Our current weight room is an old drying room, unable to meet the needs of physical education classes, let alone athletics," Powers said. "For us in physical education, it has been our missing link."

The current boys' team room would be converted into a new fitness center, with new rest rooms, and all new cardiovascular and fitness equipment. The room would be available for classes, athletics, and the general public during posted hours.

The project would cost \$151,993, and would be eligible for state funding since it would be put to educational use.

The equipment that is currently in the old drying room was purchased used by the high school's Student Senate, which would receive \$5,000 from the board upon removal of the old equipment.

Handicapped access would be provided to the lower gym area at the high school with the installation of an elevator for \$205,000 and modifications to the front gym entrance for \$36,000.

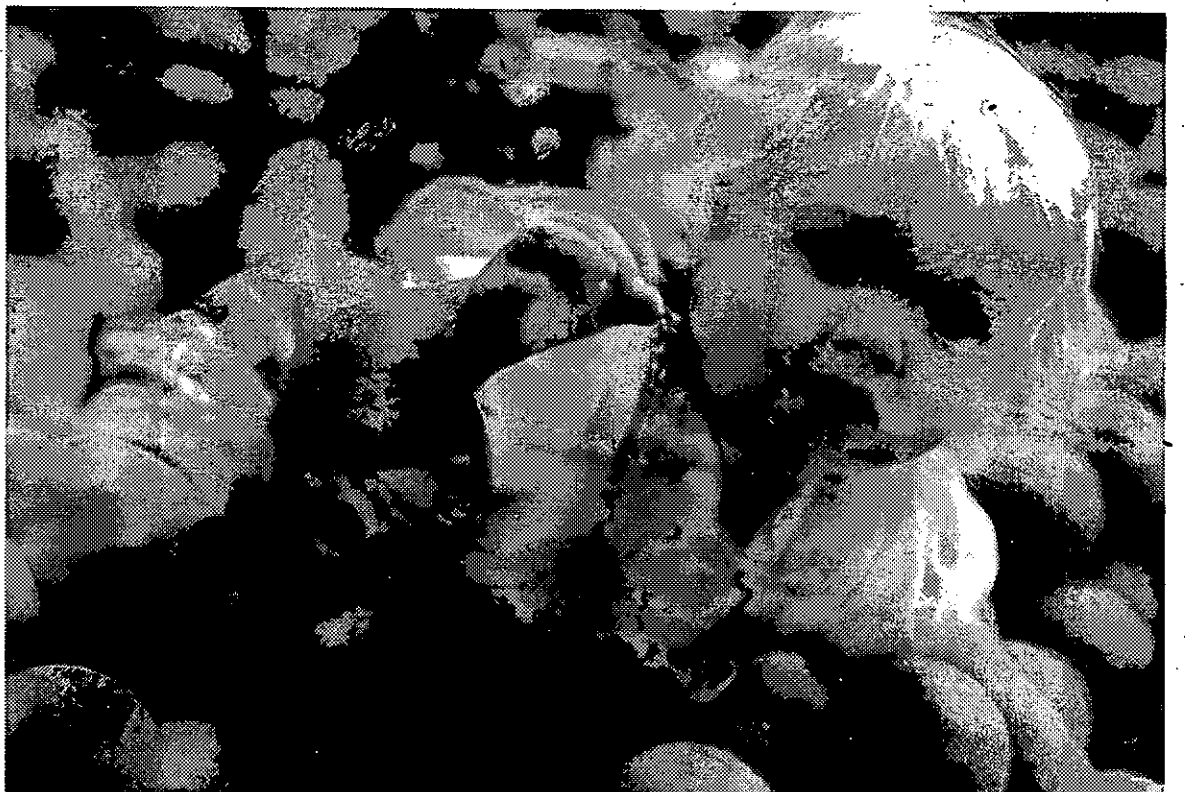
"We have not had adequate access to the gym and workout facility for the handicapped in this community," board member Dennis Stevens said. "We cannot consider building anything without having access for all."

The board approved \$21,150 for the purchase of equipment for the track, allowing multiple events to be held and bringing the track up to standards for Sectional and Suburban Council meets.

Powers also asked that a storage shed be built at the end of the track.

Board member Richard Svenson told Powers that discussions with school building and maintenance officials yielded a projected price of \$35,000 to build the facility, and as much as \$55,000 if the work was bid on by outside vendors.

On the ball



Emma Gallagher, 1, enjoys herself at one of the children's games at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle's recent parish picnic at Elm Avenue Park.

James Wegielewski

Primary draws fair voter showing

By Joseph A. Phillips

Primary Day on Sept. 14 in Bethlehem produced an unexpectedly strong turnout of Conservatives, nearly six out of 10 enrollees — and roughly a third of registered Independence Party voters at the polls.

Next door in New Scotland, the turnout was more modest, roughly a quarter and a fifth of registrants, respectively — but proved enough in both towns to produce a few surprises.

Conservatives in Bethlehem cast votes in two townwide primary contests and Independence voters in one, and both parties fielded three county legislative races; in New Scotland, primaries were contested for six townwide offices. Two other legislative districts that included pieces of the two towns also saw primaries.

The turnout difference between the towns may have reflected the fact that two of the Conservative primaries in Bethlehem featured ballot choices between two listed candidates. The remaining primaries, including all of the Independence run-offs, were "opportunity-to-ballot" challenges in which party designees faced a write-in line.

Incumbent Republican Nancy Mendick squared off with her Democratic challenger, Anthony J. Cornell Jr., for the Conservative line for receiver of taxes, and Mendick emerged the winner of the line by a 214-170 vote. And she surprised Cornell, the endorsed party designee on the ballot, by wresting away the Independence line in a write-in victory, 73-56.

"I'm very happy for Nancy," said Republican Chairman Brian Murphy. "It was the only townwide Independence race, and I'm grateful she won it. It was hard work on her part that did it."

The other head-to-head result was a disappointment for first-term incumbent Legislator David Young in the 34th District. Young will have only the Republican line in November, despite an effort to win back the Conservative line he held at the last election, after being outvoted by his Democratic rival, Gary Olsen, 53-45, for the

party's Row D ballot line. Young's write-in drive to take the Independence line from Olsen also came up short, 16-10.

Republican candidates Doris Davis and Parker Mathusa easily hung onto their Conservative ballot lines against opportunity-to-ballot challenges. Incumbent Davis led the way with 260 votes, to 230 for Mathusa, 123 for Democratic-Liberal candidate George Harder and just two for Daniel Plummer, the Democrat who will also share the Independence line with Davis come November.

In the 35th District, incumbent Republican James Ross easily held onto his Conservative line against

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Brian Murphy

write-ins for his Democratic opponent Charles Dawson, while Dawson narrowly retained his Independence line against Ross's write-in effort.

In the 33rd District, which crosses from New Scotland into Bethlehem, Republican Tom Marcelle's door-to-door efforts paid off in the heaviest precinct turnouts seen in either town. Marcelle sewed up both his Conservative and Independence nominations by nearly two-to-one margins over write-ins for his Democratic opponent Herb Reilly. Marcelle's plurality was aided in part by the smaller turnout in Reilly's hometown of New Scotland, despite a full slate of townwide ballot challenges.

Those modest New Scotland numbers produced two other races that were decided by the absentees counted last Friday at the Albany County Board of Elections.

Republican supervisor candidate Kurt Anderson nearly wrested the Independence line

from his Democratic rival, Martha Pofit, the party's choice. Though Anderson was ahead in the preliminary election night tally, the final tally left Pofit the winner with 13 votes to 10 write-ins for Anderson — and one more write-in for outgoing supervisor Reilly. Pofit comfortably held on to the Conservative nod, 34-19.

The other barn-burner came in polling for the Conservative slot for town council. Reilly's son Richard, who also runs as a Democrat this November, was the only party designee for the two available ballot spots, and nearly doubled the rest of the field in votes last week with 39. But only three votes separated the other three contestants.

Republican incumbent Michael Fields came away with the ballot line with 21 votes, squeaking past Democrat Cathy Connors with 19 and Republican incumbent Mark Dempf with 18.

GOP incumbent Receiver of Taxes Marilyn Holmberg picked up Conservative and Independence lines through write-ins.

Other primaries in New Scotland were all won by the party designees.

Council candidates Reilly and Connors secured their Independence nominations, and Democratic town clerk candidate Diane Deschenes and incumbent Superintendent of Highways Darrell Duncan each handily defended their Independence and Conservative lines against write-ins for incumbent Republican Town Clerk Kathryn Martin and Duncan's Republican challenger Joe Iacobucci.

Three other county legislative contests proved to be walkovers for incumbents. Democrat Mary Lou Connolly secured the Conservative nomination in the 32nd District as her Republican opponent Vincent Henry received only three write-in votes.

In the 10th District in North Bethlehem, Democrat Joseph Cannizzarro took all votes cast for the Conservative nomination.

Polling in both towns went smoothly, despite voting-machine problems in at least six of the 24 polling places in Bethlehem.

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Passing on baby accouterments easier said than done

By Katherine McCarthy

It was the most glorious of autumn weekends; the kind of chilly morning that makes you languish under the warmth of a down comforter, then the later afternoon sunshine of the early afternoon. A perfect weekend for clearing out the garage and cleaning off all the baby gear to give to a sister-in-law entering the final nesting phase of her first pregnancy.

Chris hurried happily as he applied a Clorox and water mixture to all the molded plastic that future archaeologists will find intact thousands of years from now — a swing, a potty, an infant car seat, a car seat for a baby who can sit up, and a booster seat for a toddler.

The crib and changing table needed Murphy's Oil Soap to get the dirt off the highly-polished, light-colored maple. I wiped the rounded tops of the ends, and wrapped the soapy rag against each individual plate, pleased that the wood still shone so brightly. I remember the blue jersey knit

COMMENTARY:

Mom's
the
Word



Chris' scrubbing spot in the driveway, remembering all the days I'd pushed my baby and toddler around the streets of New York, slinging a Fisher-Price tricycle on the playground, or a bag of groceries over the handles on our way home again.

What a chore to take that monster into a narrow-aisled city supermarket, and what a menace the boys had been at 1 and 3, reaching from the stroller to pull things off the shelves.

As I scrubbed the fabric of the strollers, it seemed impossible that my bike-riding, video-game playing boys ever had bottoms small enough to fit into those little seats, and that once, I could push two of them around at the same time.

Caitlin and Michael arrived on day two, after the cleaning had been finished, and all the neighborhood children had Rollerbladed into our driveway to ask if we were having a yard sale. The expectant couple toured the

goods, asking questions, and Caitlin's face shone with a joy that finally brought my repressed tears close to the surface.

Standing amidst the vestiges of my children's baby years, I remembered the sublime anticipation that accompanies pregnancy. Of all the good and exciting things that have happened since my children were born, nothing has brought the secret and awe-inspiring excitement that carrying a baby does.

After a sun-drenched backyard brunch, we loaded the baby things into the mini-van, the outward indication of our current phase of child rearing. Michael and Chris did most of it, car-loading being a manly undertaking. I folded up the strollers, telling Michael to be sure and open them again so they could dry out and not get moldy.

Too soon, the car was loaded and they pulled away, ready to deliver the goods to the next house in the family to hold a baby.

No! I wanted to shout to the back of the departing van. I don't want a clean garage; I want my children's infancies back! Or I want more babies!

That we only have two children has always seemed like a personal rebuke to me. I am the oldest of five, Chris the oldest of four; sometimes I look around our house and wonder where the other children are.

Other times, though, I am like George Bailey in "It's a Wonderful Life," when he pulls the newel post off the banister in his hurried desperation after Uncle Billy loses the money. "Who wanted all these children anyhow?" he exclaims

impatiently, a feeling I guiltily relate to more than I'd like.

If I were a more patient, more organized person, we'd have more children. I'd have been able to override the overwhelming circumstances of our life when Cormac was little — Chris working 12-hour days; us living in a medium-sized New York City apartment, trying to figure out how to move out of the city altogether; the death of Chris' father — and would have insisted on more children, no matter what.

Instead, we have these two wonderful boys, and I found myself feeling that I was saying a first good bye as their baby gear left our yard. Good bye to the time in my children's lives when they were round-faced and tiny; good bye to the time when caring for them was all I had time for; good bye to the beginning stages of our life not as a couple, but as a family.

When evening came, I stuck to comforting routines. I stuck to boys baths, glad that Cormac is still young enough to let me shampoo his hair. I trimmed their fingernails, and found Cormac warm pajamas and fuzzy slippers for the first time this fall. I read extra chapters of Harry Potter to them, savoring their freshly bathed smell and hugging them extra hard after the light was off and they were tucked in tightly.

When the house was dark and quiet, I went downstairs to the rocking chair. The night air from the window was cool on my arms and I rocked quietly, eyes shut, recalling all the nights I'd sat with a warm tiny baby snuggled into my shoulder.

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Serval cat to visit L.C. Smith's

By Katherine McCarthy

Kids can get their pictures taken with a very special animal on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at L.C. Smith Pet Center at 154 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

"Nanya is from South Africa, a Serval cat," said pet shop manager Jim Morrow. "She's 4 years old, weighs about 35 pounds and stands 2 feet tall. She's declawed and neutered, and we felt that having her here would give kids a chance to see what a domesticated wild cat is. She looks a lot different than your average cat."

Barbara Baden first met Nanya four years ago when she was for sale at a now-defunct pet center.

"I don't condone having wild animals as pets," Baden said. "Nanya was at the pet center, and I used to go and play with her. Although people thought she was beautiful, nobody wanted to buy her."

By taking in Nanya, Baden explained that she was essentially rescuing the animal, and giving it a chance at a good life. To afford her pet's upkeep, Baden speaks at schools and public places, and gives kids a chance to have a Polaroid picture taken of themselves with her exotic cat.

On Saturday, Baden will lecture about the Serval cat—where it's from, how it hunts, its speed, and the differences between males and females. Baden will also talk about Nanya's life now, and show off some of her tricks.

"The Serval bloodline is from South Africa," Baden said. "They're becoming endangered, as they're hunted for their coats and as a culinary delicacy. Many of them now live in Tanzania and Kenya. They love water and fish-



Nanya, a Serval cat from South Africa, will visit L.C. Smith Pet Center in Delmar on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kids will have a chance to have their pictures taken with her.

ing, and one way they hunt is by sticking their head in holes to search for snakes and rabbits. They're also the second fastest cat, able to run at 55 mph."

Nanya often goes hiking, camping and swimming with Baden. "She's active, but well-trained," Baden, who spent four to five hours daily training Nanya, said. "She rides in a backpack when I go hiking."

Nanya also likes to travel in shopping carts.

"She loves the attention she gets," Baden said. "She's very much like a human baby, responsive when you say certain things. She also likes to play hide and seek and pop balloons."

Baden described Nanya as "ba-

sically my whole family," and said she has also trained her to sit at the table and eat there.

This talent led to a modeling job for Nanya, who was featured sitting on a majestic velvet chair, surveying a table set with about \$10,000 worth of china, in a Bergdorf Goodman catalogue.

Baden said that Nanya is good with kids, as long as they respect her, which means that kids might be able to pet her on Saturday. The \$5 fee for a Polaroid picture will go toward Nanya's upkeep.

Beverwyck to host Sunday open house

The Beverwyck retirement campus at 40 Autumn Drive in North Bethlehem will host an open house for the community with walk and ride tours on Sunday, Sept. 26, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Guests will be able to walk through the one- and two-bedroom apartments of both the independent-living facilities and the new assistive-living facility at The Terrace.

The Albany City Trolley will take visitors on guided tours.

Bethlehem historian Joseph Allgaier will offer a 30-minute presentation on the town's history and the origins of the Beverwyck name at 2 p.m., and there will be live entertainment and refreshments.

The open house is free of charge. For information, contact Donna Baker at 482-8774.

Book discussion set Sept. 27

I Am the Ice Worm by MaryAnn Easley will be the subject of Bethlehem Public Library's sixth mother-daughter book discussion on Monday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m.

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Matters of Opinion

Argue case in court

We do not wish to comment on the merits of baseball coach Jesse Braverman's case against Bethlehem Central School District, but we feel obligated to speak out on the heated behavior exhibited at last week's board meeting.

It doesn't seem right to bring this matter up at a school board meeting since the case has been filed and will be decided in court.

Braverman supporters have aired their views during the last several weeks on our opinion pages, and the board and Superintendent Les Loomis have already publicly stated that, based on their attorney's advice, they were not going to discuss the court case.

This is as it should be. Arguments in the Braverman case should be made in the courts, not at school board meetings.

Editorials

Thanks to volunteers

Once again Bethlehem and New Scotland volunteer fire and rescue companies have given us reason to stand in awe. The aftermath of Hurricane Floyd last week wreaked havoc throughout the region, with serious flooding and downed trees and wires.

Volunteers, however, came to the rescue, emptying out flooded cellars and closing roads that were either under water or wiped out. Flooding was so severe in some areas that some basements needed to be pumped out a second time, just hours after the first pump-out. Downed power lines were also a problem. Fortunately, no serious physical casualties were reported.

Our volunteers deserve a round of applause for their efforts, some working for a more than 24-hour stretch and for their dedication in helping residents recover from storm-related damage. Cleaning up after Floyd would have likely taken many weeks without our wonderfully competent volunteers.

Full stop ahead

With the school bus fleet out in force in the early mornings and afternoons, it's time for all drivers to review rules about stopping when buses red lights are flashing.

It is especially important to review the rule with young inexperienced drivers to help them better understand its significance. The rule is to ensure the safety of children being picked up or dropped off. Bus drivers keep the red light flashing until children are safely across the roadway.

As the days get shorter, drivers must be even more careful, since some students get on and off buses in darkness.

Be alert, and always come to a full stop when school bus lights are flashing.

Hurricane Floyd, New York style

By Donna J. Bell

The writer is editor of Parent Pages for Spotlight Newspapers.

If it wasn't the ultimate irony — it was pretty darn close.

My husband Roger's family, mother and five brothers, live on the coast of Florida. When the warnings for Hurricane Floyd began, we kept a close eye on the Weather Channel. We were more than a little worried when we got the call that Roger's mother and one brother were evacuating and that the others had decided to ride it out. We said to ourselves, "We may have the snow, but at least we don't need to worry about hurricanes."

When his mother called us back to say she was now safe at home, and the only damage had been to a few grapefruit off her prize tree, we sighed with relief. It seemed Floyd had done his worst and everything was well with our family. Little did we know that Mr. Floyd had one little practical joke up his sleeve.

I had assumed that we'd get our share of rain and wind. I called home and told Roger to get the candles out — just in case. Sure enough, that night we ate cereal by candlelight and tried to make the evening seem a big adventure to our children. Everyone went to bed early, and as I read a book with a flashlight I was lulled to sleep by the rhythmic beat of the rain and the wind brushing by our home.

The lights flickering on about 11 p.m. woke me, and I made my rounds of the house checking to see that everything was turned off. As I entered the baby's room I sleepily wondered why the window fan was on high — I had my hand on the knob before I realized it wasn't the fan I was hearing — it was the roar of rushing water.

Poking my head out the window I let my eyes adjust to the dark. It seemed like the light in the room was casting strange undulating reflections onto the grass below. Just as my mind registered that it wasn't the light moving, but the lawn, the electricity snapped off again. Grabbing a flashlight I came back to shine the light into the backyard — just in time to see the kid's 5-foot square plastic jungle gym float surrealistically



A portion of Mill Road in Clarksville washed away near the Bell home.

Donna Bell

through my beam of light.

The normally bone-dry creek that bordered our back yard had overflowed its 4-foot banks and was now commandeering our property. Alarmed, I woke my husband, "Holy cow, holy cow..." was all he could say. We quickly got dressed and went out into the knee-high water to rescue what we could of our lawn furniture and the children's toys.

By the time we finished the water was within 2 feet of the house. Roger went to move our vehicles from the driveway to higher ground across the street. As he put on the lights and pulled forward I was amazed to see a rushing wall of water pouring down Delaware Turnpike, turning the hill next to our house into a brown waterfall.

Without power Clarksville is inky black. I sat in my bay window as cars drove slowly by, their tires churning up plumes of spray and their headlights giving me brief glimpses of the unfolding drama. In those transient strobe-like moments I saw a huge fountain of water across the street shooting straight up like a Yellowstone geyser, minutes later I witnessed what looked like driftwood crash down into our driveway and power company trucks crept by shining their glaring lights up into the transformers.

Emergency trucks, staffed by our own dedicated Clarksville volunteers, stopped to place flares on the side of the road next to the high water and incredulously, I watched a person in a yellow slicker and brightly-colored umbrella stroll by. Finally, at about 3 a.m., the last of the candles burned down to a stub and I crawled into bed.

The next morning found us outside with our neighbor, Keith Leonard, assessing the damage. He told me he had lived here all his life and the last time he saw

this type of flooding was in 1962.

The road next to our house was buckled and broken. It looked like a sheet of tin foil someone had crumpled and tried to smooth flat. The asphalt gave way to deep crevasses where the dirt underneath had washed away. The neighbor whose hill was a waterfall last night now had two huge logs (that once bordered the road) strewn at odd angles across his lawn; enormous, once beautiful flower pots were broken and crumbled; and there was no sign of the blooms that had marked the driveway entrance.

Our kid's Lil' Tikes turtle sandbox and toys were gone, presumably floating somewhere between here and the Hudson River, accompanied by a rather large woodpile. The fence that bordered the yard was broken and partially submerged in the creek and our green lawn was covered by gravel, sand and other flotsam and jetsam that washed down.

We didn't even get the worst of it — I stopped to talk to Steve Pemberton, who was outside taking pictures of his car, tilted sideways and sunken up to its wheels in mud, for his insurance company. He said the agent told him not to move the vehicle. He replied that he couldn't move the car, even if he wanted to.

A man in the post office said he used a wet-dry vac to suck up the muck from his living room and Paul VanWie told me he had 8 feet of water in his basement.

It seemed like half of Clarksville had a yarn to tell. Thankfully, no one I talked to had been hurt or had a family member injured. And after we scrape, wipe, rake and patch up the mess, all we'll have left will be our stories. So years from now — when another errant hurricane makes its way up north, come by and visit and I'll tell you the tale of the Big Hurricane of '99.

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Your Opinion Matters

Ex-slugger believes BC coach getting raw deal from board

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing this letter for several reasons. The first is a show of support for coach Jesse Braverman, the second is to express my disappointment in members of the Bethlehem school board, and finally, to question the motives of Bethlehem's Athletic Director Fred Powers.

As regular *Spotlight* readers know, Jesse Braverman is the Bethlehem Central varsity baseball coach as well as coach of Bethlehem Mickey Mantle baseball. He is locked in what has now become a legal battle in an effort to maintain both coaching positions. At issue is a Suburban Council "guideline" designed to do three things: protect high school athletes from being pressured into playing summer baseball, protect high school coaches from feeling pressure to coach year-round and prevent schools from gaining a clear competitive advantage.

For those of you who have the pleasure of knowing Jesse Braverman, it is clear he is not in violation of this "guideline." I have known Jesse Braverman since 1984. He was my freshman baseball coach for two years. I was also a member of his first Mickey Mantle team in 1987.

His incredible winning record is proof positive that he is a great baseball coach, but he is so much more. He taught me what it's like to give of yourself and expect nothing in return. Jesse is a father figure to some who desperately need one and a taxi service to players who cannot get rides to or from practices. He holds practice

sessions and pick-up games on his own time. He founded Bethlehem Mickey Mantle with little outside help.

Jesse doesn't recruit or pressure players into playing in his summer league. They play for the same reason I did, because they enjoy it, and I'm sure Jesse feels no pressure to coach as much as he does. He puts forth such time and effort because he loves kids, and he is passionate about the game.

I have never met Fred Powers, but in following this case, I question his motive for supplying information on Jesse Braverman's case to the Suburban Council Ethics Committee. Why should he want to jeopardize losing such a winning coach? It seems no one is complaining about Jesse Braverman except Fred Powers, and even if the BCHS varsity team were gaining an unfair advantage over other schools, why would this upset Fred Powers?

It seems to me that the more success Jesse Braverman has as varsity coach, the better Fred Powers looks as athletic director. Is there a hidden agenda here?

I feel Superintendent Les Loomis and the majority of the school board have made a bad decision. It seems board member Svenson is the only one who sees something wrong here. Enforcing this Suburban Council rule

was the first mistake, and failing to grant Jesse Braverman a hearing on this issue was the second.

Asking Jesse Braverman to choose between his varsity coaching position and his Mickey Mantle team is like asking a parent to choose between children. Jesse didn't ask for this legal battle. He is doing what is right and fair, and in the best interest of the kids.

I hope he wins, and by doing so sends a message to Les Loomis and the school board that they should not try to fix things that are not broken.

I owe a lot to Jesse Braverman. We all do for all he has given to the Bethlehem community, for touching lives, for building character and keeping kids out of trouble.

I have a young son who is already showing an interest in baseball. It would make me proud to see him play for Jesse Braverman someday, and while he is taking batting practice, I am sure he will get some pointers on what it means to be a real winner.

Christopher Hughes
Delmar

Thanks to volunteers

Editor, The Spotlight:

I wonder if townspeople are aware that on Thursday night in the pouring rain of Hurricane Floyd, the volunteer firefighters were out checking the roads for flooding and downed trees?

They closed several roads in the New Scotland Road area and also answered calls to pump out basements.

Again and again, we owe our thanks to these men and women for their volunteer services in all sorts of crises. (And thanks to my son, Jim, for calling me from the fire truck to make sure my pump was still working).

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Physically Speaking



by Nick Valenze, P.T.

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Matters of Opinion

Kudos to PTA, school

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bravo! Congratulations to Hamagrael Elementary School parents and PTA for organizing the French and Spanish clubs and for providing their children with a unique language experience.

As Bethlehem parents and co-directors of La Petite Ecole, a French language immersion and enrichment program sponsored by La Federation Franco-Americaine du New York, our experience has been that young children are eager and inquisitive language learners.

We agree with Leona Kassoff that the sooner a child is introduced to a language, the better and easier the language acquisition will be. We should take full

advantage of young children's natural fascination with the sounds of other languages and their interest in customs and traditions of other countries. Young children have few inhibitions about trying new things and are less self-conscious than older children.

We applaud Hamagrael Elementary School parents and the PTA for taking advantage of their young student "window of opportunity" for language learning, and we share Leona Kassoff's hope that foreign language instruction will be a part of Bethlehem elementary schools' curriculum.

Susan Nesbit Perez
Feura Bush and
Michele Pollard
Slingerlands

BCHS coach supports colleague in principle

Editor, The Spotlight:

Jesse Braverman and the Bethlehem School District are at an impasse regarding the community coaching agreement among Suburban Council schools. It has also been stated that I am the other BCBS coach who was involved and that I had come into compliance with the "no community coaching" rule. I would like to clarify my standing on this event and the consequences for the community if the Suburban Council agreement is upheld by the courts.

Superintendent Les Loomis informed us this summer that the Suburban Council rule would not go into effect until academic year 2000-2001. For me, personally, this made the whole issue moot as this is my last year coaching soccer at BCBS. For the record, this decision is a personal one based on my health and my reduced competence in coaching. Both Fred Powers (athletic director) and Brett Miller (the varsity coach) have been supportive, so I can work with the school soccer program this last year.

If I were physically able to perform as a coach, I would continue to coach at BCBS. In this context I would have joined Jesse's suit. I support his position personally. I also believe this is a bad policy for the community, students and children.

The Suburban Council rule does not discriminate between good and bad dual relationships; teachers and students in a school setting, mentors and children in a

community setting. The premise that such multiple involvements must be duplicitous flies against the spirit of the Bethlehem Network Project and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited.

Bethlehem needs more teachers involved in community activities, and it is functional and appropriate for adult mentors and children to come together in an area of mutual interest be it soccer, ball, dance, theater, orchestra or photography. Kids need to have civic-minded decent people to learn from. This rule cuts the pool of adult mentors available to work with children, specifically high school children. It would be much more helpful to have more teachers working in the community with students who share a "kindred spirit" than putting up yet another barrier.

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association rule germane to this issue simply states that coaches are not to attend particular camps or to play on a specific team. It would seem to me that the Suburban Council in general, and Bethlehem Central School District specifically, should take the time to ascertain the facts in individual situations. Where there are situations of undo pressure the adult should be punished. Conversely where the adults involved are earnest in working with kids they should be thanked and acknowledged.

William Silverman
Delmar

Reader cannot tell a lie about error

Editor, The Spotlight:

Having gone the past 25 years without once being wrong or making any mistakes, I had hoped to keep my record intact into the new millennium.

To my chagrin, I erred today. Fortunately, I was able to learn from my mistake and, as a bonus, be able not only to forearm my fellow citizens by forewarning them, but also make them aware if the effectiveness of their public servants, and bestow some kudos on the latter as well.

I was trying to phone Scarsdale this morning and thought I had punched 1-914, when I heard the sound of premature ringing.

A woman answered immediately, '911. What is the address of the emergency?' Puzzled and abashed, I hung up. That was a mistake. Within minutes a Bethlehem policeman appeared at the door and asked if an uncompleted call to 911 had been made at this location.

Someone with a less sterling character than mine might have tried to deny the truth of the matter, but since I grew up in a loving family (and was only two merit badges shy of becoming an Eagle Scout), I manfully asserted that 'I cannot tell a lie,' or words to that effect.

It was reassuring to know that had I begun a call to 911 and then passed out, an alert operator would have notified the police and their response would have been swift.

So, fellow *Spotlight* readers, be ye also reassured; join me in congratulating our emergency personnel on their good and faithful service, and if you are ever surprised by an unexpected response from 911, assure the operator immediately that you are not in any trouble, however careless you may be.

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Correction

The speaker at the Sept. 16 meeting of the Bethlehem Historical Association was incorrectly identified. J. Wilson Tinney, noted Hudson River historian, was the speaker.

TV-31 to feature show as part of celebration

Library Day 1999 is a media event in the most particular sense. This week through Friday, Oct. 1, our annual party for the community is living a new life as a TV-31



feature cablecast.

Late last spring, several community groups — loyal participants in Library Days past — were invited to showcase their activities on camera. By summer's end, 11 groups had responded to the challenge, new to some, of a videotaped performance.

TV-31 studio manager Janice Irwin spent many hours working on the show, which will air in the next two weeks. WAMC news director Susan Arbetter is the on-camera host, leading viewers on a tour that includes the Bethlehem Business Women, Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, Bethlehem Recycling, Citizens for Pedestrian Safety, the Progress Club, The Embroiders' Guild, Five Rivers Limited, Friends of the Library, the Halfmoon Button Club, Quilters United in Learning Together and the Village Volunteer Fife & Drum Corps.

September's TV-31 program guide and a special Electric Library Day Card, both available at our service desks, list days and times the program will be cablecast. A TV monitor has been

mounted in the corridor outside the studio (by the parking lot entrance) for in-house viewing by folks living outside the Bethlehem-New Scotland area who don't receive the channel.

Copies of the tape will become part of our permanent video collection, available for loan.

Automated services librarian Audrey Watson has also posted a temporary "Electric Library Day" link on our homepage (www.uhls.org/bethlehem) so particulars about the stars of our show are just a click away.

So watch us; we're wired! Then let us know what you think. E-mail us at bpl@uhls.lib.ny.us, or pick up an Electric Library Day response card at one of our service desks.

Louise Grieco

Program on aging slated Sept. 29

Repair, rebuild and preserve your aging body! The Alternative Health Foundation presents "A Natural Anti-aging Workshop" on Wednesday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m.

Learn how and why we age, as well as healthy drug-free habits to preserve and support body function.



Regular programs are in full swing. Sadly both our ongoing creative writing groups were touched by loss over the summer by the death of friends. Janet Pedersen of Altamont had been a pillar of the Lifestories group for many years. You can read some of her wonderful work in the newest edition of the group's yearly anthology.

Michael Haydock participated for several years in The Every Other Thursday Night Poets group. Also an avid military historian, his first book *City Under Siege*, an account of the Berlin airlift, was recently published.

The poetry group meets Sept. 23 at 7 p.m., and Lifestories meets Saturdays at 10 a.m. Both groups welcome newcomers.

Thanks to Jen Rice who stepped in to produce the library column for *The Spotlight* over the summer while your regular correspondent was having knee repair surgery. My cane and I are now back to work and ready to resume programming and publicity responsibilities for a wonderful lineup of offerings for the fall and winter.

Plan on joining us in October for a village walking tour with Dennis Sullivan and an historic slide lecture about the USS Slater,

the destroyer escort now at the Port of Albany.

"College Application Help for High School Seniors" meets tonight, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m. with Sally Ten Eyck, certified educational planner. If you have not signed up and would like to attend, call the reference desk.

Sign up is also required for another college program on Tuesday, Sept. 28, when the Princeton Review presents a 90-minute session on preparing for PSAT and SAT exams.

You can register by e-mail at voorefq@uhls.lib.us.

Copies of *The Voyage of the Narwhal* by Andrea Barrett are now available at the reference desk for readers who would like to join the book discussion group on Wednesday, Oct. 20.

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streambed boulders, now abruptly turned into a churning torrent.

As it flowed through Clarksville, South Bethlehem and Selkirk, "Onesquethaw Creek overflowed its banks, in a number of locations," according to Bethlehem Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph. The floodwaters wreaked havoc in basements and forced the closing of several roads for a day or more.

"In my 27 years of being here, this is the first time I've ever seen water over the bridge on Pictuay Road," Sagendorph said. The road was closed for two days until floodwaters receded. Debris accumulated against its abutments, but the bridge sustained no structural damage.

Rarick Road in South Bethlehem was also closed for a time. Sagendorph said "it looked more like Rarick Creek rather than Rarick Road — the water was running the width of the road." And a stretch of Flint Drive near Feura Bush was closed as culvert pipes in the area clogged and backed up

into the roadway.

Roadside runoff along Delaware Turnpike as it climbs into the Helderbergs in Clarksville was strong enough to rut the shoulders of the road to a depth of several feet. At least one car, parked in front of a home at 2123 Delaware Turnpike, was swallowed by the disappearing shoulder. Owner Steve Pemberton also reported a flooded living room, as did numerous homes in the area.

There were downed trees, knocked-out power lines, flooded basements, and branches and brush clogging local roads throughout the area. Highway department crews worked throughout the afternoon and night on Thursday to clear clogged catch basins and mop up water on road surfaces, and local fire department crews worked similar shifts well into Friday, draining basements and securing the scenes of downed and sparking power lines.

Capt. Mike Martin of the Voorheesville Fire Department said Friday afternoon that a crew that varied from 10 to 15 had been

continuously at work for more than 24 hours. He estimated that his department had fielded between 50 and 75 calls from homeowners in that time, many seeking return visits to re-pump basements that had refilled in a matter of hours.

"We've been doing pump-outs all night," he said. "We've had people who've had it all the way up to their living room floors. Selkirk and Onesquethaw (fire squads) have been rolling all night too."

Chief Greg Gould said the Delmar Fire Department "had only a couple of basements filled, but we've had quite a few downed wire calls," he said.

The worst of those came at the intersection of Murray Avenue and LaGrange Road, where a tree brought down a jumble of power lines, shutting down the intersection. Another led to a tense night monitoring a sparking line in the woods behind a residential section along Darnley Greene. Downed power lines forced the closing of Van Wies Point Road in Selkirk for a day, and many homes in the Adams Woods subdivision in Delmar went without power throughout the night.

In the aftermath of the worst rains, high winds continued into Friday night, causing additional

power grid and road closure problems. Orchard Street in South Bethlehem was shut Friday night by highway department crews due to a downed wire, and as late as Saturday morning, arcing wires forced the closing of Delsmere Avenue at Kenwood.

"The biggest problem is you can't get a hold of NiMo," said Gould. With the tropical storm predicted to track farther south and east than it did, Niagara Mohawk had dispatched many repair crews to aid utility companies downstate and in Connecticut, according to spokesman Nick Lyman.

With tens of thousands of customers unexpectedly without service in their own area, including more than 2,900 in the Albany district alone, the utility was overwhelmed. Most local service had been restored by Monday.

Bethlehem's public works facilities took the power outages in stride. Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor acknowledged some short-term shutdowns at water pumping stations, but said that emergency generators covered the outages well.

"There were some limbs down and lines down, but none of the public works facilities were severely damaged," he said.

The town's roadways "held up

very well," Sagendorph said. As of Monday, highway department crews were still at work cleaning up roadside and residential debris left by the storm. Sagendorph said two chopper crews will be on duty this week, and a front-end loader team will pick up larger debris.

"The help's a little tired, but we've had a couple of weekend days to recoup," he said. "They worked Thursday night in the heavy rain that was still coming down, and there wasn't one of us that was dry. It got to be cold and windy too. Really, the guys did a hell of a job."

The drenching rains did have one positive side effect: they proved to be a drought-buster. According to the National Weather Service, they turned the area's rain deficit of several inches for the year into a surplus in just two days.

Vly Creek Reservoir, said Secor, "gained almost 5 feet, so the reservoir is now more than 70 percent full, and we're expecting more rain this weekend. So the drought is apparently over. Unfortunately, it took some storm damage to get us there."

Open House slated Glenmont Job Corps

The Glenmont Job Corps Center on River Road will host a community open house on Thursday, Sept. 30, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in celebration of the National Job Corps program's 35th anniversary.

Trainees will display their skills and give visitors a tour of the campus.

Morning book group launches fall season

The Books in the Morning discussion group, sponsored by the Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning, will resume its program Friday book discussions on Oct. 1 at Bethlehem town hall.

The subject of the first book talk will be Jane Austin's *Persuasion*. On Oct. 22, the topic will be George Eliot's *Daniel Deronda*.

The group meets from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and is led by Helen Adler.

For information, call 439-9661.

Library to show films for preschoolers

Short films for preschoolers, age 3 to 6, and their caregivers will be shown on Friday, Oct. 1, at 10:30 a.m. at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

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On the day of the sale, Dollars for Scholars will hold a bake sale and a free car wash.

The group is seeking donations for the sale.

For information or to make arrangements for the donations, call Patti Duncan at 765-2551.

Dollars for Scholars is an organization that raises money for college-bond students.

Junior high to host open house tonight

Open house for parents of seventh- and eighth-grade students is set for tonight, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m. at the high school.

Open house set for 4th through 6th grade

Open house for the parents of fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students will be held on Thursday, Sept. 23, at the elementary school.

Parents of fourth- and fifth-grade students will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the large auditorium. Parents of sixth-grade students will meet at 7 p.m.

Schools schedule picture day

Students at the high school will have their pictures taken on Tuesday, Sept. 28, and students at the elementary school will have their pictures taken on Wednesday, Sept. 29.

Swim program begins Sept. 25

Helderberg Aquatic Swim program starts Saturday, Sept. 25.

The Learn to Swim program will meet once a week on Saturdays for 50 minutes. The cost is \$76 for eight sessions.

The Red Cross-approved program offers swim levels 1 through 5. An infant and preschool program and an adaptive swim program for children with special needs, are also available.

For information, call the Swim Line at 765-7987.

Village board to meet

The Voorheesville board of trustees next regular meeting is on Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 8 p.m. at village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

Mountainview church to sponsor Pioneer Club

Mountainview Evangelical Free Church on Route 155 will hold its Pioneer Club kickoff on Friday, Sept. 24, from 3:45 to 5 p.m.

Pioneer Club is a nondenominational group for children in grades one through seven.

Children meet weekly to work on hands-on activities and earn badges while learning biblical concepts in a warm, friendly environment.

The club is divided into three groups: Voyagers — grade one and two, Pathfinders — grade three and four, and Trailblazers — grades five through seven.

For information, call the church at 765-3390.

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hawk migration watch on Saturday, Sept. 25, at 9 a.m. at the park overlook area.

Walter Ellison will guide the group looking for sharp-shinned hawks, kestrels and ospreys as they head south for the winter.

A workday on Troy Cave Trail will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25. Join area hiking club members as they begin work on the Indian Ladder Trail extension.

A fall fruits and foliage walk will be held on Sunday, Sept. 26. Botanist Ruth Schottman will lecture on early changing leaves and berries, nuts and seeds of autumn.

For information on meeting times and places, call the park office at 872-1237.



Mark Peltz escorts his daughter, Veronica, on the first day of school at Voorheesville Elementary.

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able for pickup Oct. 1 at 9 a.m. at the district office's parking lot on Martin Road in Voorheesville

A special fish stocking permit is required by the state Department of Environmental Conservation in order to stock grass carp.

For ordering information and requirements for both of these programs, call 765-7923.

GOP planning fund-raising roast

New Scotland Republicans will hold a roast on Sunday, Sept. 26, at Picard's Grove to raise funds for the fall campaign.

Lunch begins at 1 p.m., with a

raw bar from 2 to 4 p.m. and a chicken barbecue at 5:30.

Tickets are \$34 for adults and \$17 for children ages 6 to 12. To purchase tickets, call 482-3765.

Middle school sets open house

Parents of middle school students are encouraged to attend an open house tonight, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m.

This is an excellent opportunity to meet the teachers and to experience first-hand your child's schedule.

Magazine drive starts Friday

The middle school's annual magazine drive starts on Friday, Sept. 24, and continues through Oct. 8.

Honor society to wash cars

The National Honor Society will hold a car wash on Saturday, Sept. 25, at the high school.

Proceeds will help finance honor society activities.

Time to register for travel soccer

Registration for travel soccer continues on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 9 a.m. to noon at the middle school.

The youth soccer club will hold a meeting at noon.

Join the Youth Organization

The Bethlehem Youth Organization, founded last April, is open to 14 to 16-year-olds in the RCS

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Young people who have completed all required training (and who have parental approval) might be allowed to ride on emergency crews as observers.

For information, call 767-2301.

Becker School to host book fair

A.W. Becker Elementary School is hosting a book fair through Thursday, Sept. 23.

Time for school pictures

Students at the A.W. Becker and P.B. Coeymans Elementary Schools will have their pictures taken on Thursday, Sept. 23.

High school seniors will have their pictures taken on Friday, Sept. 24, and middle school students will have their pictures taken on Monday, Sept. 27.

Library news

RCS Community Library will hold preschool story times on Thursdays at 11 a.m.

On Thursday, Sept. 30, the theme of the story time will be "Too Good Gardens."

The program is free and open to all preschoolers who are accompanied by adults.

The library is collecting books for its upcoming sale. Book donations in all categories: children's, adult, fiction, nonfiction, paperbacks, and hardcover books are needed. No magazines, please.

The book sale will be on Saturday, Oct. 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena, (in the back of the village hall).

Firefighters set breakfast dates

Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Co. has set dates for its monthly home-style breakfasts at Clarksville firehouse on Route 301.

Breakfasts start on Sunday, Sept. 26, from 7 a.m. to noon.

Additional dates are set for Sundays, Oct. 24 and Nov. 26. There won't be a breakfast in December.

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Sports

Bethlehem football gets its wings clipped in loss to Shen

By Noah Feit

On Friday, Sept. 17, the lingering remnants of Hurricane Floyd were swept away, along with the Bethlehem Central High School varsity football team, by Hurricane Shen. The intriguing early season match-up ended up a rout, with the Plainsmen winning 34-6.

Early on in the game it appeared that Bethlehem (0-3) had more than a fighting chance to win the game. Although they were not as big, fast or deep as Shen (2-1), Bethlehem came out fired up and looked very capable of posting an upset victory. The key element in pulling off a shocker relied on the Eagles most versatile player, running back/defensive back, Pat Heenan.

Getting out of the gate quickly, Heenan looked good. Running, tackling and even passing, Heenan was given the lions share of responsibility for Bethlehem. Heenan along with teammate Eamon McNiff were the two primary focuses of the Eagle offense. If Bethlehem stood any chance, it would be due to the performance of this duo. Ironically, Bethlehem ultimately lost because the Heenan & McNiff tandem became the Eagles Achilles heel.

In a rotten turn of events, both Heenan and McNiff would be forced out of the game, each suffering a serious injury to their right ankles. Heenan went down early in the second quarter, after making a big tackle on Shen tailback Austin Kriete. Then late in the third quarter after the outcome of the game had been decided, Shen added injury to insult when McNiff was afflicted by the same injury that had earlier claimed his teammate. Without its top two targets on offense and defensive stalwarts, Bethlehem simply did not stand a chance.

Where the Eagles chances rested squarely on the shoulders of one or two players, the Plainsmen had no such problems. Shen methodically battered the Bethlehem defense by employing a variety of different runners. Leading the way as usual was Kriete and powerhouse fullback Joel Miller who scored two touchdowns. Also highlighting the parade of Plainsmen ball carrier's was the elusive Jeremy Durivage, who broke the game open on Shen's second offensive series with an 83-yard touch down run. Among others who joined the fun racking up running yards were Brandon Godbout, Mark Borden and starting quarterback Dan LaGoy. At times Shen was running at will with smashes up



Bethlehem Central High School's Pat Heenan heads upfield against Shenendehowa in the Eagles 34-6 loss. *Jim Franco*

the gut, blasts off both sides and wide veering sweeps off the ends. Despite the strong performance Shen head coach Brent Steuerwald was still skeptical.

"We were running with lots of effort, but we're not where we want to be. The main reason we won was because of defense. Our defense keeps us in the game and allows us to mature on offense," Steuerwald said.

Steuerwald was correct in his assessment of the Plainsmen defense. The Shen defenders stood up to some nice effort by the Eagles. However, when Shen needed a big stop, the Plainsmen got one. Spearheaded by the non-stop tenacity of Aaron Stewart, Shen pitched a shutout until the

final play of the game, when Bethlehem's John Meyer ran in a five-yard score as time expired.

"I'm glad Bethlehem got to score. It gives them something good to take away from the game," a magnanimous Steuerwald said.

After the game all questions seem to surround Bethlehem, who played its heart out only to be disappointed. Whether or not Heenan and McNiff come back, the Eagles have questions. BCHS faithful hope the Eagles will do what it takes to get their first win of the season this Friday at Columbia. Shen appears to have all the right answers as it is headed in the right direction as the Plainsmen gear up for a big battle with longtime rival Saratoga.

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RCS soccer team struggles in early test

By Noah Feit

It was the tale of two halves for the Ravena-Coyemens-Selkirk Varsity boy's soccer team on Wednesday, Sept. 15. It certainly was the best of times and the worst of times as the Indians stormed out to an early lead, only to barely hang on in a chaotic 4-2 victory over Waterford.

The style of play in the game was as sloppy as the muddy conditions. With the first signs of Hurricane Floyd creeping into the Capital District, the soccer field at Ravena began to slowly become a muddied stomping ground. But as bad as the playing conditions were, it was no excuse for the messy brand of soccer displayed by the two young teams.

From the onset, RCS was in complete control, dictating the pace and firing away at will against an undermanned Waterford/Halfmoon High squad. Ravena was clearly more polished than Waterford, but it did not help matters for the Fordians that they were missing three players, two of whom were having surgery that very day.

The deeper Indians displayed fine passing and excellent change of pace moves that left the Fordian defenders befuddled. Even as RCS had amassed a 4-0 lead by the end of the first half, team head coach **Dave Hutchinson** was wary about missed opportunities.

"We were too polite out there. The score was 4-0, we should have been up at least 10-0."

Hutchinson's bold claim was not an exaggeration. The Indians had been presented with a

plethora of scoring opportunities on more than one break away, penalty shots, and nice crossing passes through a swiss cheese defense, only to misfire high and wide more often than not. Despite the excellent performances turned in by **Phil Boyajin**, **Jesse Feiter** and **Bob "DeNiro" Roth** among others by the end of the half, Hutchinson seemed to have a premonition of imminent danger.

One thing that stood out as a signature of the first half play between the teams was the high frequency of intense contact. What was rugged hard-nosed physical play in the first half, rapidly deteriorated into something of a slugfest. As the collisions and contact grew uglier, so to did the style of play. There was no doubt that many of the slide tackles, shoves and elbows were delivered with intention. On several instances, players went down with injuries and had to be escorted off the field. Things got so bad that RCS forward **Mike Mularkey** was ultimately ejected from the game after receiving his second yellow card of the day.

Mularkey desperately pleaded his justification in retaliation when he said, "I was only punched in the face."

Mularkey and the remaining members of the team showed a great amount of disdain for the game's officiating, some even going so far as to challenge the referee's knowledge of the game. While the ref's may have missed some calls, Ravena was obviously searching for excuses as the game was slipping away from them.

The Indians appeared to take a lacksadaisical approach to the second half and were perturbed when the physical play led to two Fordian goals. The crisp passes and effective ball movement was only a distant memory for Ravena as they were more involved in blaming the refs, their opponents and each other as the lead was disappearing. A complete and total lack of composure had the Indians running in circles as the Waterford surge was subsided as time ran out. However, RCS had a meltdown that led to some ugly intra-team divisiveness.

Even though RCS had upped its season record to 5-0, Hutchinson was far more concerned with the way in which his team came unglued. Rounding up his players Hutchinson reminded them that they were a team and no one was more important than the team as a whole. After speaking his mind and re-focusing his squad Hutchinson confided that he was happy that this had occurred.

"I like controversy," Hutchinson said adding, "This was our first test of composure and character, the first chance to see what kind of mettle we have."

How RCS will respond to this early challenge may determine how successful the Indians season will be.

RCS's true colors will show in the upcoming week as the Indians strength of schedule increases with match-ups against perennial conference powers Schalmont, Voorheesville and Albany Academy. The first challenge comes Sept. 21 at Cohoes.

Lady Eagles swimmers open season with victory

The Bethlehem Central High School varsity girl's swim team started the season with a bang as the Lady Eagles leapt to a 112-69 victory over rival Niskayuna, Tuesday, Sept. 13.

There are great expectations entering this season for a highly touted Bethlehem girls swim team. The Lady Eagles are a talented and experienced swimmers. The girls certainly fulfilled the lofty aspiration set out before them in their first meet of the season.

The opening meet was highlighted by some impressive wins by the Bethlehem girls. Among them, senior **Beth Malinowski** turned in a nice individual performance, dominating the 200-meter freestyle with a winning time of 1:59:54. In addition to that win, Malinowski also captured the 500-meter freestyle with a time of 5:17:41.

Sophomore **Meredith Singer** contributed as she surprised some when she won the 50 meter freestyle, recording a time of 26:21. The 100-meter freestyle went to senior **Kim Link** who recorded a time of 57:59. **Sarah Rickard** won the 100-meter backstroke with a time of 1:08:18 while sophomore **Becky Corson** swam to a second place finish in the 100-meter butterfly at a time of 1:02:20.

Freshmen swimmers **Courtney Arduini** and **Larissa Supramonto** also added points to the collective team effort in their first varsity performances. Capping off the evening was a Bethlehem victory in the 200-meter freestyle relay with a 1:48:27 time. Swimming in this event were **Richardson**, **Link**, **Singer**, and **Rebecca Gold**.

The Lady Eagles season continues with upcoming meets against Albany Academy for Girls and Shaker High School.

Bethlehem Pop Warner kicks off new season

Bethlehem Pop Warner's newest division, the Mighty Mites, featuring the Sea Hawks opened the new football season. The Seahawks lost the opener against the Green County Bobcats 18-0 on Sept. 11. Some of the offensive highlights of the loss were quarterback **Jack Kellogg's** 20-yard pass to receiver **John Taber**. Other key contributions came from tailback **Nick Youngblood** and split end **Andrew Bessinger**.

On defense, after a shaky start, the Seahawks shut the Bobcats down, keeping them scoreless in the second half. **Justin Notaro** had a nice interception and was supported by hard hits from the likes of **Casey O'Conner**, **Torry Johnston**, **Joey Wilson**, **Brian**

Wood, and **Paul Hospodar**.

In other Pop Warner action, the Junior Midget squad traveled to East Greenbush to play the Blue Devils. Despite a strong defensive effort from the Hawks, East Greenbush eventually won the game 20-0. Key tackles came from **Geoff Wilcox**, **Sean Conway** and **Matt Carroll**.

Also in play for Bethlehem Pop Warner were the Pee-Wee division Condors. In a home game against South Troy, the Condors were overmatched as they lost 28-0. **Eric McLeer** and **Kyle Dignan** had good games but couldn't get the Condors on the scoreboard. Look for Bethlehem Pop Warner action every weekend in the upcoming months.

Inaugural MDA benefit golf outing

On Sept. 27, at Normanside Country Club in Delmar, join the area's premier high school and collegiate coaches on the links for the inaugural Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Coach's Cure Classic.

The day long event includes a full round of golf and dinner.

For information call 489-5495.

Youth Network

Community Partnership to meet at middle school

During the past several months, towns and communities all over our country have been searching for something to do in response to several recent tragedies involving young people.

The Bethlehem Community Partnership was formed in our town. It is dedicated to promoting a community which helps and encourages parents to raise healthy children who can reach their full potential — a community where alone and collectively we take responsibility for the nurturing and care of our children — a place where children grow and mature taking responsibility for their actions.

The group will meet on Saturday, Oct. 2, at 9:30 a.m. at Bethlehem Central Middle School to brainstorm concerns and work on solutions.

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For information and to register for the meeting, call Mona Prenoveau at 439-7740.



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John Welch and Wendy Hackshaw

Hackshaw, Welch to wed

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The bride-to-be is a nurse.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Union College and Duke Law School. He is an attorney for Chevron Overseas Petroleum in Melbourne, Australia.

The couple plans a Nov. 13 wedding.

Girls academy teacher earns state honor

Cathy Teitelbaum of Slingerlands, a longtime teacher at Albany Academy for Girls, was honored at the school's opening assembly as Teacher of the Year by a statewide group.

Teitelbaum, a graduate of the school and chairwoman of the fine arts and dance department, was

selected for the honor by the New York Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Education.

She teaches students in grades two to 12 and runs Dance Workshop, a high-school level performing group.

Albany Law School presents awards

Albany Law School honored longtime members of the school's faculty who observed significant milestones in their employment at a celebration of the new school year picnic last month.

The honorees included three Bethlehem residents. Law professor Ira Bloom of Glenmont is ob-

serving his 20th anniversary with the school.

And Pamela Norrix of Delmar, who directs the school's Lawyering Program, and Laurie Shanks of Glenmont, clinical instructor and director of the Domestic Violence Law Project, both marked 10 years at Albany Law.

Fire auxiliary selling Entertainment books

Elsmere Fire Co.'s auxiliary will sell Entertainment 2000 discount books this fall as a fund-raiser. The books cost \$40 and offer dis-

counts for restaurants, motels, events and services throughout the region. To order, call Edie Pregent at 439-3797.

Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Elizabeth Olivia Soronen, to former Elsmere resident Kimmey Janco and Laurence Soronen of Albany, Sept. 6.

Boy, Brogan Fitzgerald Lacey, to Catherine and Michael Lacey of Delmar, Sept. 6.

Boy, Patrick John O'Neill McHugh, to Martha and Patrick McHugh of Delmar, Sept. 7.

Girl, Patricia Kathryn Roohan, to Dorothy and Raymond Roohan of Delmar, Sept. 8.

Girl, Lauren Ellen Mackey, to Martha and Michael Mackey of Voorheesville, Sept. 8.

Albany Medical Center

Boy, Noah Kane Gilman, to Stephanie and Ted Gilman of Delmar, June 9.

Boy, David John Bell, to Lorraine and John Bell of Delmar, June 19.

Girl, Taylor Grace Biek, to Bonnie and Chad Biek of Delmar, June 28.

Out of town

Boy, Adam Doremus, to Miriam and John Doremus of Great Neck, Nassau County. Maternal grandparents are Dr. Robert and Susan Lieberman of Slingerlands.

BCHS seniors named semifinalists

Nine seniors at Bethlehem Central High School have been named among 16,000 semifinalists nationwide in the National Merit Scholarship Competition, based upon a competitive examination.

Named as semifinalists were: Katherine Bayer, John Hanley, David Kieval, Edward Laird, Morris Levy, Benjamin Norris, Lindsay Piechnik, Nicole Privetera and Samuel Volo.

The competition is administered by the nonprofit National Merit Scholarship Corp., and nearly 1.2 million students in more than 20,000 U.S. high schools take the qualifying examination each year during their junior year.

Finalists are selected according to their high school record and recommendations from their school principal, along with a scholarship application.

Indian Ladder Farms has petting zoo

The petting zoo at Indian Ladder Farms on Altamont Road in Voorheesville is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Oct. 31.

Admission is \$1. For information, call 765-2956.



Suzanne and James Gill

Brown, Gill marry

Suzanne Jennifer Brown, daughter of Neil and Rosemary Brown of Delmar, and James Edwin Gill, son of Geraldine Gill of Delmar and the late John Gill, were married July 10.

The Rev. William Turnbull performed the ceremony at St. Paul's Church in Troy. A reception followed at the Omni Albany Hotel.

The maid of honor was Karen De Paoli. Bridesmaids were Denise Tomanocy and Christine De Chirico. The flower girl was Megan Mantaro, niece of the bride.

The best man was Tim Ciavarri.

Ushers were Matthew Brown, brother of the bride, John Gill, brother of the groom, Dan Dunn and Erik Douglass.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Marist College and the University at Albany. She is a fourth-grade teacher in Hyde Park, Dutchess County.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Le Moyne College and SUNY New Paltz. He is a social studies teacher in Poughkeepsie.

After a wedding trip to St. Lucia, the couple lives in Poughkeepsie.

Flute club slates open house at church

The Capital Area Flute Club will host an open house on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 1 to 4 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on the corner of Elsmere Avenue and Poplar Drive in Delmar.

The club is open to all skill levels. It offers an Up and Comers group for beginning flutists, and an ensemble group for more accomplished players. For information, call 580-1206 or 766-2658.

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Onesquethaw church sets dinner and fair

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The menu includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, cole slaw and rolls. Coffee, tea and milk will be served, and dessert includes homemade apple and pumpkin pies.

The cost is \$8 for adults, \$3 for children age 5 to 10 and \$1 for children under 5. For reservations, call 767-9143 after 5 p.m.

Obituaries

John F. Klim

John F. Klim, 80, died Tuesday, Sept. 14, at Community Hospice of Albany County at St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Amsterdam, he was graduate of St. Michael's College in Vermont.

He was Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Signal Corps in Europe.

Mr. Klim was an engineer for New York Telephone Co. and a member of the Telephone Pioneers. He was active in Tri-Village Little League and Boy Scouts of America. He was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Viva L. Hunt Klim; four sons, Brian M. Klim of Altamont, John S. Klim and Thomas A. Klim, both of Delmar, Dennis A. Klim of Naples, Fla.; and seven grandchildren.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle Building Fund.

Helen Berczes

Helen Berczes, 77, of Clipp Road in New Scotland died Thursday, Sept. 16, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Hungary, she was a longtime resident of New Scotland.

Mrs. Berczes retired from the University at Albany.

She was the widow of Francis Berczes.

Survivors include a daughter, Ildiko Ingleston of New Scotland; a son, Peter Berczes of Richmond, Va.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were from St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville.

Arrangements were by the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Colonie.

Charles R. Gregory

Charles Ralph Gregory, 87, of Delmar died Thursday, Sept. 16.

Mr. Gregory was a railroad mail handler for the Postal Service.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Gregory was a member of the Nathaniel Blanchard American Legion Post in Delmar, the Onesquethau Masonic Lodge and

the Scottish Rite.

Survivors include two sons, David Ralph Gregory of Austin, Texas, and Peter Joseph Gregory of Glenmont; a brother, William Joseph Gregory of Rensselaer; and two grandchildren.

Services were from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elsmere.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Memorial Fund.

Frances E. Shutter

Frances E. Shutter, 89, of Slingerlands died Thursday, Sept. 16, at Eden Park Nursing Home in Albany.

Born in New Scotland, he was a longtime resident of Slingerlands.

Mrs. Shutter was a member of Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands and the Eastern Star. She was a former member of the Slingerlands Fire Co. auxiliary.

She was the widow of Albert J. Shutter.

Survivors include a niece, Ruth Hogan of Schenectady; and a nephew, Millard Woodland Jr. of Albany.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Darlene Peaslee

Darlene A. Peaslee of Saratoga Springs and formerly of Bethlehem, died Wednesday, Sept. 15.

She was an honor student and graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Potsdam.

She was a mental health advocate for the Saratoga County Health Department.

Survivors include her father, John T. McFarland of Latham; her step-father, William H. Meyer of Clifton Park; and a brother, John W. McFarland of Colonie.

Services were from the New Comer-Cannon Family Funeral Home in Colonie.

Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Saratoga, 179 Lawrence St., Saratoga Springs 12866.

Bethlehem tax office posts additional hours

With school taxes due by Sept. 30, the Bethlehem tax office will be open from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 25, to assist taxpayers.

In order to help taxpayers avoid the 2 percent late penalty, the office will also be open until 5 p.m. on Sept. 30.

A drop box will be available, for payment by check only, on the wall of the hallway near the receiver's office in town hall. Tax payments can also be made in person at the office during normal business hours, or by mail to town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

For information or to obtain missing tax forms, contact the receiver's office at 439-4955, ext. 177.

Five Rivers offers historical tour

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, will present a historical tour of the former Delmar Game Farm on Saturday, Sept. 25, at 10 a.m. and a program on animal ecology at 2 p.m.

The morning program will focus on some of the experimental game management techniques pioneered on the site, in commemoration of National Hunting and Fishing Day. Participants should dress for the outdoors.

The indoor afternoon program will feature a hands-on look at the skulls of various mammals common to the area, and discussion of how form follows function.

Participants will also try their hand at identifying skulls from the Five Rivers collection.

Both programs are free. For information, call 475-0291.

Land

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used for playing fields, not the school building itself.

Centi also said the O'Connell's have already been more than generous to the school district.

"I think a lot of people are unaware that the high school sits exclusively on O'Connell land," Centi said. "In the 1950s, the school district convinced the O'Connell's to sell them their land. They originally wanted 20 acres, and just before the closing, upped it to 35 acres. The O'Connell's were reluctant to sell them their land, but they had old-fashioned values. They felt awful, but deeded them 35 acres. The district assured the O'Connell's that this was all the land they'd ever need. Now they've gone back on their word, and are using that property to take the rest of the land by force. The principle seems to be that no good deed goes unpunished."

Justin Corcoran sought to clarify what he perceived as a misunderstanding of his uncle's position.

"There's a misconception that my uncle has been haggling over the price of the land," Corcoran said. "He doesn't want to sell the land at all. We're trying to get that message to voters, so they can have an informed say. We hope that through legal action or the

action of voters, the school district will find an alternative to acquiring the property."

Centi said that he has heard from a lot of people who say that they will not vote for the addition. At the school board meeting, Larry Bonham of the Voorheesville Taxpayers Association agreed with Centi.

"I have not spoken to one person who plans on voting for the expansion," Bonham read from a prepared statement.

McCartney reiterated the need for space at the high school.

"I have classes at the high school tap-dancing on 29 to 30 students," he said. "Even if I had more teachers, I don't have the space."

Concerning Bonham's statement, McCartney said his job is to advocate for the students.

"My job isn't to determine who will and won't vote for something," he said. "My job is to put together a project that will meet the needs of the kids, and explain our rationale to the public."

Most important, McCartney said, was that the district approve the addition before June 30, in order to take advantage of an increased 10 percent in state aid.

Asked whether the project could go forward without O'Connell's land, McCartney had a simple answer: "I don't know."

Bethlehem board to get first peek at budget

Two items will dominate the agenda at tonight's Bethlehem town board meeting—a first look at the Bethlehem town budget for

2000 and a discussion of a possible new zoning strategy for boosting business at the Four Corners in Delmar.

Officials in the office of town Comptroller Judith Kehoe are at work on final figures for the first presentation of the budget proposal. Supervisor Sheila Fuller indicated she expected only modest increases in the overall package.

But the first order of business tonight will be a presentation by representatives of the Four Corners merchants group of their proposal to create an "overlay district" for the key business area in the heart of Delmar, centered at Kenwood and Delaware avenues.

The proposal would create an administrative oversight board made up of town officials and business leaders in the district to develop and adopt coherent aesthetic standards for the entire area, governing such things as signage, care and painting of storefronts, beautification and promotional efforts.

While such a district would not supplant existing zoning districts, it would provide a mechanism for standardizing and streamlining some elements of the zoning-variance and planning-review processes. The group could also act in concert on marketing and seek town help in such common needs as establishing pedestrian crossings and caring for common sidewalks.

A public hearing would be required before any change in the local law to establish such a district. The discussion at the board meeting, tonight, Sept. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, is designed to gauge initial public reaction to the proposal, Fuller said.

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SPOTLIGHT ON **Family ENTERTAINMENT**
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Irish music traditions celebrated at festival

By DEV TOBIN

The third Irish 2000 Festival this Saturday at Altamont Fairgrounds is superlative in two ways, according to organizer Matt Nelligan.

"We have the most acts of any one-day Irish festival in the country and the cheapest ticket of any all-day event," \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, Nelligan said.

Beginning before noon and lasting until midnight, 29 acts, several from Ireland along with many local favorites, will hold forth on four stages throughout the fairgrounds. (See schedule at right.)

The headliner is the Bard of Armagh — Tommy Makem, a veteran folksinger who exemplifies the Irish tradition of singing and storytelling.

Makem is perhaps best-known these days for his television work with WMHT, with whom he has produced popular shows and videos like "Tommy Makem's Ireland."

But Nelligan noted that his roots are in traditional Irish songs, like his anthem of Irish unity, "Four Green Fields."

Other performers of national and international renown include Cherish the Ladies, Black 47, Cathie Ryan, The Young Dubliners, Seven Nations, The Paperboys and The Prodigals.

Practically every local performer from the lively Capital District Irish music scene will be there, including Hair of the Dog, The McKrells, The Jimmy Kelly Band, Frank Jaklitsch, Jeff Strange, Curragh, Steve Gray, John Cromie, Scottie West, Jeff Walton and Tim Weckler.

Rick Bedrosian of Delmar, who sings and plays bass with Hair of the Dog, said his popular group is "very happy" to be playing the Irish 2000 Festival for the third year.

"Every year, it gets bigger and better," said Bedrosian said.

Since the festival is "a great family event," Bedrosian said Hair of the Dog adjusts its sets to appeal to an audience both younger and older than the twentysomethings who crowd into Eamonn's or the Parting Glass on weekend nights.

Nelligan is active in the Albany Ancient Order of Hibernians, which came up with the festival as a way to pursue the Hibernians' goal of preserving and promoting Irish culture and to raise money for a new hall.

After a soggy inaugural in Heritage Park in 1997, the festival fit like a glove into the Altamont Fairgrounds last year, when a brilliant early fall day helped attendance triple to more than 10,000, Nelligan noted.

"This is the perfect facility for an event like ours," he said, adding that the full-time staff and former director Reid Northrup were a great help in getting the festival to run smoothly.

Between the festival, the local music scene, the greater awareness of Irish culture evident in shows like "Riverdance," books like "Angela's Ashes" and movies like "Waking Ned Devine," and the hopes for a peaceful future for Northern Ireland, interest in all things Irish continues to grow, Nelligan noted.

"People want to get in touch with their roots," he said.

The Albany Hibernians bought a new hall this year (the former Knights of Columbus at 375 Ontario St.) and membership has more than doubled this year to about 650, Nelligan said.

The Albany Hibernian division is now the second-largest in the state and the third-largest in the country, he said.

"Our goal is to have 1,000 by St. Patrick's Day next year," Nelligan said.

For information on Irish 2000, call 1-888-41-IFEST.



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11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Morning Star
1 to 1:45 p.m.	Cathie Ryan
2:15 to 3 p.m.	The Makem Brothers
3:30 to 4:15 p.m.	Morning Star
4:45 to 5:30 p.m.	Cathie Ryan
6 to 6:45 p.m.	Cherish the Ladies
7:15 to 8:15 p.m.	Tommy Makem
8:15 to 8:45 p.m.	Tommy Makem and The Makem Brothers
9:15 to 10 p.m.	Cherish the Ladies
coors light contemporary music stage	
12:15 to 1 p.m.	Neil Anderson and the Jimmy Kelly Band
1:45 to 3:15 p.m.	The Paperboys
4 to 5:15 p.m.	The Prodigals
6 to 7:30 p.m.	Black 47
8:15 to 9:45 p.m.	The Young Dubliners
10:30 p.m. to midnight	Seven Nations
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11 to 11:45 a.m.	Frank Jaklitsch and Jeff Strange
12:15 to 1 p.m.	Jeff Walton and Tim Weckler
1:30 to 2:15 p.m.	Kevin McKrell
2:45 to 3:30 p.m.	Steve Gray, John Cromie and Scottie West
4 to 5 p.m.	The McKrells
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.	The Jimmy Kelly Band
7 to 8 p.m.	Hair of the Dog
grove stage	
12:30 to 1 p.m.	Frank Jaklitsch
1:10 to 1:30 p.m.	Irish fashion show
1:40 to 2 p.m.	Curragh
2:10 to 2:40 p.m.	Bairbre McCarthy, storyteller
2:50 to 3:10 p.m.	Farrell School of Irish Dance
3:20 to 3:40 p.m.	Boland School of Irish Dance
3:50 to 4:10 p.m.	Curragh
4:20 to 4:50 p.m.	Bairbre McCarthy
5 to 5:20 p.m.	Curragh
5:30 to 5:50 p.m.	Farrell School of Irish Dance
6 to 6:20 p.m.	Boland School of Irish Dance
6:30 to 6:50 p.m.	Farrell School of Irish Dance
7 to 10 p.m.	Irish karaoke



hair of the dog



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1. Name of the Limited Liability Company, (hereinafter LLC) is Buffalo Associates, LLC.

2. Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is 5/3/99.

3. Office is located in Albany County.

4. Secretary of State is designated as Agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

5. Post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: c/o Victor Caponera, Jr., 3 Atrium Drive, Albany, New York 12205. The LLC shall not have a registered agent.

6. The Company has no specific date of dissolution. The LLC is formed for any lawful business purpose and shall have all the powers set forth in Section 202(a) - 202(q) of the New York Limited Liability Company Law. (September 22, 1999)

1. Name of the Limited Liability Company, (hereinafter LLC) is Loudon Realty LLC.

2. Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is 7/6/99.

3. Office is located in Albany County.

4. Secretary of State is designated as Agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

5. Post office address to which the secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: c/o Jeff Seymour, 34 Claremont Road, Stillwater, New York 12170. The LLC shall not have a registered agent.

6. The Company has no specific date of dissolution. The LLC is formed for any lawful business purpose and shall have all the powers set forth in Section 202(a) - 202(q) of the New York Limited Liability Company Law. (September 22, 1999)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF BLUE LAGOON, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: BLUE LAGOON, LLC.

SECOND: The principal office of the limited liability company is to be located in Albany County in the State of New York.

THIRD: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Conway Lavelle & Finn, LLP, 450 New Karner Road, Albany, New York 12205.

FOURTH: The Articles of Organization are to be effective upon filing.

FIFTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more managers.

SIXTH: The business purposes of this limited liability company are to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law; provide, however, that the limited liability company is not formed to engage in any act or activity requiring the consent or approval of any state official, department, board, agency or other body without first obtaining the consent of such body.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed this 2nd day of August, 1999, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

s/ Rosemary Weaver
McKenna, Organizer
26 Russell Road, Albany, NY
12203

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF OHRD, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited

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Liability Company Law of the State of New York

THE UNDERSIGNED, being a natural person of at least eighteen (18) years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company (the "Company") hereby being formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York (the "LLCL") certifies that:

FIRST: The name of the company is OHRD, LLC.

SECOND: The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.

THIRD: The county within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon whom such Secretary of State is c/o OHRD, LLC, The Arnoff Building, 991 Broadway, Suite 207, Albany, New York 12204.

FIFTH: The Company is to be managed by one or more members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under the penalties of perjury, this 9th day of August, 1999.

Vincent L. Valenza, Attorney-In-Fact
(September 22, 1999)

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF VAN WIE GROUP, LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York

THE UNDERSIGNED, being a natural person of at least eighteen (18) years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company (the "Company") hereby being formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York (the "LLCL") certifies that:

FIRST: The name of the company is VAN WIE GROUP, LLC.

SECOND: The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.

THIRD: The county within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon whom such Secretary of State is c/o Van Wie Group, LLC, 31 Balboa Drive, Latham, New York 12110.

FIFTH: The Company is to be managed by one or more members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under the penalties of perjury, this 10th day of August, 1999.

Richard A. Langer, Attorney-In-Fact
(September 22, 1999)

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF LANSINGBURGH PARTNERS, L.P.

UNDER SECTION 121-201 OF THE REVISED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT

1. The name of the limited partnership is "LANSINGBURGH PARTNERS, L.P."

2. The county in which the office of the limited partnership is located is Albany County, New York.

3. The Secretary of State is hereby designated as agent of the limited partnership upon whom process against it may be served, and the office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited partnership served upon him is 482 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.

4. The name and business address of the sole general partner is: Shopping Center Development Co., L.L.C., 582 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110

5. The latest date upon which the

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limited partnership is to dissolve is August 1, 2099.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Limited Partnership on the 28th day of July, 1999, and verify and affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as of the date hereof.

s/ KENNETH B. SEGEL
SHOPPING CENTER
DEVELOPMENT CO., L.L.C.
BY: KENNETH B. SEGEL,
Member
(September 22, 1999)

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF SIX CENTURY HILL PARTNERSHIP, L.L.P.

Under Section 121 - 1500(a) of the Partnership Law

FIRST: The name of the registered limited liability partnership is: Six Century Hill Partnership, L.L.P.

SECOND: The address of the principal office of the partnership without limited partners is: 6 Century Hill Drive, Latham, New York 12210

THIRD: The profession(s) to be practiced by such partnership without limited partners is: Real Estate Holdings and such partnership without limited partners is eligible to register as a "registered limited liability partnership" pursuant to 121 - 1500(a) of the Partnership Law.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the registered limited liability partnership upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the department of state shall mail a copy of any process served against it is: Six Century Hill Partnership, L.L.P., 6 Century Hill Drive, Latham, New York 12210

FIFTH: (Optional) The name and street address within this state of the registered agent of the registered limited liability partnership upon whom and at which process against the registered limited liability partnership can be served against is:

SIXTH: The future effective date, if the registration is not to be effective upon filing is:

SEVENTH: The partnership without limited partners is filing a registration for status as a registered limited liability partnership.

EIGHTH: If all or specified partners are to be liable in their capacity as partners for all or specified debts, obligations, or liabilities of the registered limited liability partnership as authorized pursuant to Section 26(d) of the Partnership Law, a statement that all or specified partners are so liable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed on by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

s/ Joseph w. Zappone, Partner
(September 22, 1999)

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HR CONSULTING, LLC

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Sec. of State of NY ("SSNY") on 7/16/99. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 26 Computer Drive West, Albany, New York 12205. Richard E. Rowlands Esq., The Rowlands Law Firm, 26 Computer Drive, Albany, New York 12205 is the registered agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. Purpose: Human Resource Consulting.
(September 22, 1999)

LEGAL NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF MILLER FAMILY REALTY, L.L.C. (UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW OF NEW YORK)

The Undersigned, being a natural person of at least eighteen (18) years of age and acting as the

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organizer of the limited liability company hereby being formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York (the "LLCL"), certifies that:

The name of the company is Miller Family Realty, L.L.C. (the "Company").

SECOND: The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.

Third: The county within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the company may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such secretary of State is: Miller Family Realty, L.L.C., 277 Clipp Road, Delmar, New York 12054.

FIFTH: The Company is to be managed by one or more members.

SIXTH: The Company shall have the power or indemnify, to the full extent permitted by the LLCL, as amended from time to time, all persons whom it is permitted to indemnify pursuant thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under the penalties of perjury, this 27th day of August, 1999.

s/ Alan M. Jezierski
ALAN M. JEZERSKI, Organizer
(September 22, 1999)

NAME OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: PT ED SYSTEMS, LLC

Date of filing articles of organization: August 9, 1999
County in which L.L.C. is located: Albany

The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the L.L.C. upon whom process against it may be served. The secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against it to P.O. address 1176 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, N.Y. 12054. The registered agent of the L.L.C. is Nancy T. Farina, 1176 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, N.Y. 12054. The registered agent is to be agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The dissolution date is year 2050. The character and purpose of the business is consultation in connection with physical therapy.
(September 22, 1999)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO NY LLC LAW SECTION 206

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company (LLC) is G. and G. Storage Co., LLC.

2. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State was July 21, 1999.

3. The County within this State in which the office of the LLC is to be located in Albany.

4. The Secretary of State of New York has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, and the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it is: P.O. Box 10, Selkirk, New York 12158-0010.

5. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a LLC may be formed under the LLC Law.
(September 22, 1999)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

NAME: ADDFLEX GAMING LLC. Articles of Organizations were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/12/99. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2098. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Lawrence P. Giardina, Esq., 8910 Third Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11209.
Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
(September 22, 1999)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).

The name of the LLC is COLUMBIASOMERS, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on September 9, 1999. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 30 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.
(September 22, 1999)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).

The name of the LLC is Shelter Cove, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 19, 1999. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.
(September 22, 1999)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF H.T. APPAREL LLC NYS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).

Formation filed with SSNY on 8/31/99. Off. Loc.; Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process to: 46 State St., 5th Fl., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: All lawful purpose.
(September 22, 1999)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).

The name of the LLC is FIRST COLUMBIA SLINGERLANDS, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 19, 1999. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 210 Washington Avenue Extension Albany, New York 12203.
(September 22, 1999)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).

The name of the LLC is MANNIX ROAD ASSOCIATES L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on June 15, 1999. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 30 Corporate Circle Albany, New York 12203.
(September 22, 1999)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).

The name of the LLC is Columbia Gordon Rose L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on June 17, 1999. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located

in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 30 Corporate Circle Albany, New York 12203.
(September 22, 1999)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF BEACON CONSULTING LLC

Under Section 206 of the Limited Liability Company Law

First, the name of the limited liability company is Beacon Consulting LLC.

Second, the articles of organization were filed with the New York Department of State on July 30, 1999.

Third, the County in which the limited liability company is located is Albany, New York.

Fourth, the Secretary of State of New York has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The principal address of the limited liability company is 20 Aviation Road, Albany, New York 12205.

Fifth, the purpose of the company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the New York Limited Liability Law.
(September 22, 1999)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).

The name of the LLC is COLUMBIA ORANGE, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 3, 1999. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 30 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.
(September 22, 1999)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).

The name of the LLC is ANGEL GARDENS, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 3, 1999. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 30 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.
(September 22, 1999)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).

The name of the LLC is COLUMBIA MONROE, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 3, 1999. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 30 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.
(September 22, 1999)

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).

The name of the LLC is BBL-TEXAS, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 2, 1999. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of

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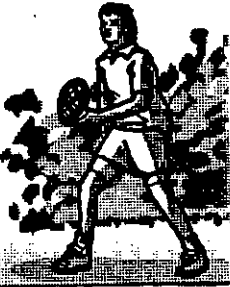
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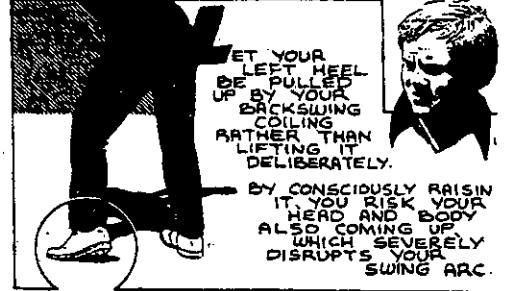


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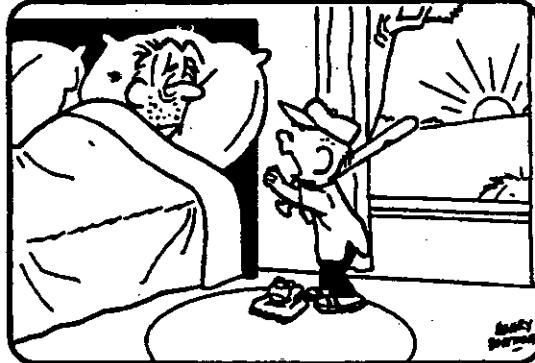


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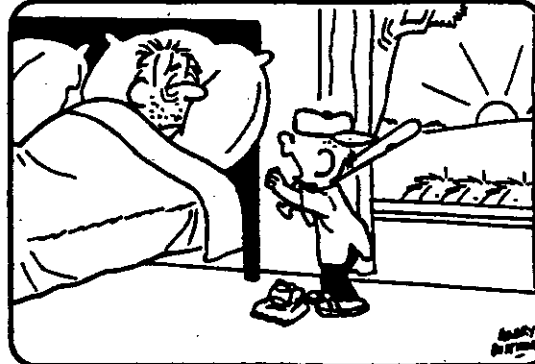
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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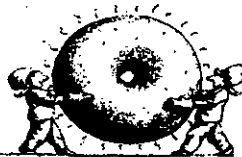
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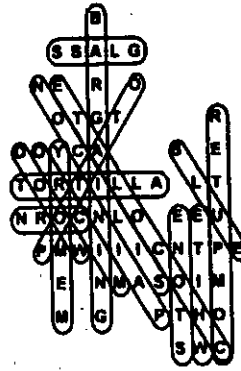
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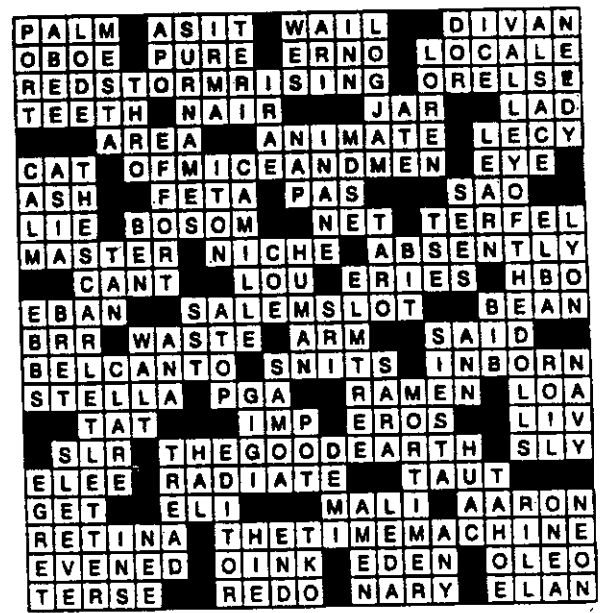
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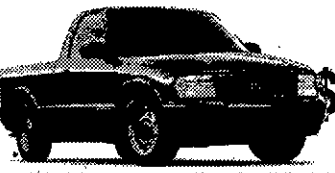


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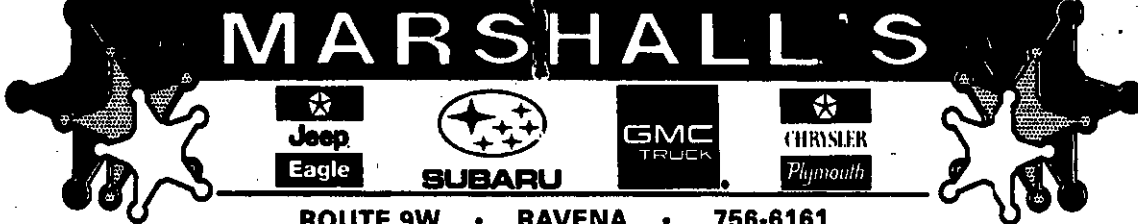
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Sparks

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blows, until separated by school board counsel Roger Fritts. And the Braverman matter — in which the Bethlehem district baseball coach is suing varsity officials and school board members, among others, over actions to force him to step down from coaching a Mickey Mantle baseball squad in the off-season — was the source

of their heated exchange. The dispute began during the visitor comment period, following the business portion of the meeting. Bethlehem Athletic Association President Matthew J. Kelly, who also serves as Braverman's attorney in the pending lawsuit, rose to address the board, about what he characterized as deteriorating physical education facilities and equipment in the district.

As he spoke, Superintendent

Les Loomis interrupted Kelly. "To come in week after week, and criticize certain aspects of our scholastic program, is not the way to endear yourself to this board," Loomis said. "If this is the way that you want to run things, then the school board and the association are not going to get along very well."

Kelly sat down, but Bruce Gyory, a Bethlehem parent and an attorney, proceeded to offer advice to the board members on minimizing their personal liability in Braverman's lawsuit, but after several minutes, board President Happy Scherer cut off the lawyer in mid-sentence: "We normally limit public comments to three minutes, so, if you could, wrap it up."

"I can't believe that you said that to me," replied a visibly-stunned Gyory. "I'm up here trying to help you." He resumed his seat, but another Bethlehem resident, Peter Elefante, took the floor to discuss the Braverman case, and began to denounce Gyory. That led to a heated personal exchange across the room between the two men before Scherer gavelled the meeting to a close.

Even after the meeting, tempers remained high, and Gyory and Elefante resumed their argument, toe-to-toe, before Fritts intervened and separated them.

Kelly, for one, laid blame for the angry close of the meeting on Loomis' interruption of his remarks.

"I think that was the gasoline to start the fire, and the match was the Jesse Braverman issue," Kelly said. "I took the tone of his (Loomis') comments as a personal attack. Citizens should be free to disagree without worrying about personal attacks from the board."

For his part, Loomis declined to comment on the contentious discussion.

Smith's

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the stream. By the time the tavern, popularly known as Smitty's, closed at midnight on Thursday, flooding had begun; by morning, 4 feet of water filled the basement, used primarily for storage and equipment.

"It just hit so fast," said McClelland. "The creek overflows, comes across the back parking lot, and comes in the door. It's just the lay of the land here."

The waters, which eventually rose to 4 feet against the back wall of the building, floated a Dumpster off into the nearby woods and shoved aside picnic tables in the backyard.

"We could find them all," said McClelland, "but they're in the trees and hung up in the fences."

Voc...eesville's fire department was "a big help," McClelland said, but there was little they could do in the basement. With the rear of the building flooded to a depth of 4 feet, "they stood ready to help us — as soon as we had someplace to put the water." So the fire crews moved on to respond to residential calls while Smitty's waited for the flood waters to subside.

The flood in the basement ruined an ice-making machine, knocked out a hot water heater and soaked the furnace. As it began to threaten refrigerated storage lockers, McClelland finally threw the power switch and sent home loyal customers who had continued to dine right through the deluge. A few offered to help, but it was too late.

Smitty's wasn't alone. "I know my neighbors across Vly Creek in the basin, and they experienced the same thing," McClelland said.

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like this again. Just last spring, the state Department of Transportation replaced the Stonington Hill Road bridge over the creek. The old structure's narrow openings underneath, when clogged with debris or ice during spring runoff, often acted like a dam.

"The redesign of the bridge with a bigger opening was going to mean the last time we'd see these flooding problems," McClelland said.

But the sheer volume of water dumped by Floyd, combined with damming up under the Pine Street bridge, which was damaged in the storm, made the creek rise again.

Word spread quickly of the damage. "I heard the scuttlebutt," McClelland said. "I saw people all over on the street and I kept hearing, 'hey, did you hear about Smitty's?'"

Neighbors dropped by to help, and the fire crew returned to pump out. McClelland, Millen and their staff pulled extra shifts to get Smitty's back in order.

"We lost our busiest day, Friday and Friday night, but I guess we were lucky to have it open by noon on Saturday," McClelland said.

As to the damage to his building, "I can't really put an amount on that. We're still evaluating equipment as it works one minute and spits and sputters the next, but we've gotten most of the equipment seemingly back in working order."

And he's philosophical about being Floyd out. "If the bridge hadn't been replaced last spring, how bad would it have been?" he said. "Our issues and our problems and our losses are small compared to other small businesses south of here and in other states that were really hit hard. We're back on our feet. We'll survive."



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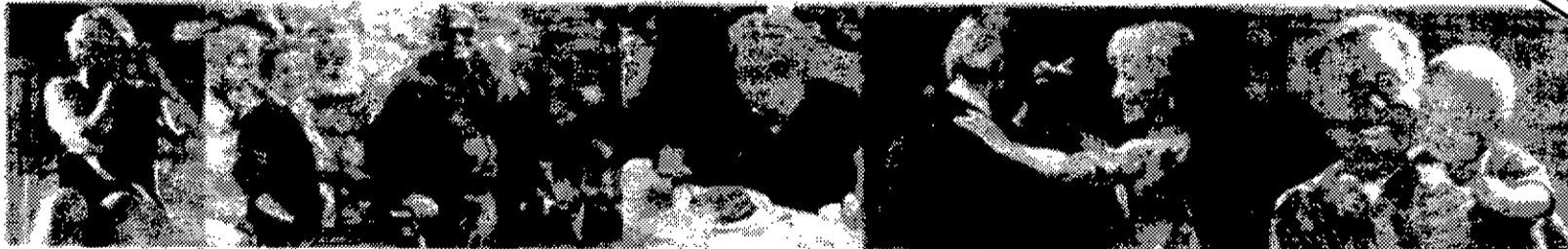
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