

COURIER-CALENDAR

Holy Cross — Fourth annual parish convention for election of parish council members; exhibits on various group activities. Richard Flanigan chairman.

St. Thomas the Apostle — Diet Workshop Open House, 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, meetings to continue Thursday evenings; diets for adults and teenagers.

Holy Family — Communion brunch after noon Mass Sunday, Oct. 19, in Pine Room; for members and guests; adults \$1.50, children under 12, \$1. Reservations: Mrs. Frank Gross, 436-1387, by Oct. 12.

Catholic Widowed Parents Club — Wine and cheese tasting party, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, St. Theodore's Church, 168 Spencerport Rd. All Catholic widows and widowers invited.

Catholic Mission Guild — Card party 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, K of C, 513 Monroe.

Foundation for Sudden Infant Death — Genesee Valley Chapter meeting, 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13, Bradley Room, Genesee Hospital, 224 Alexander; speaker, Dr. Robert Hoekelman, director of pediatric services, University of Rochester.

League of Women Voters — Public meeting on energy — new sources, forms, conservation; 8 p.m. tomorrow, Eastman Dental Center, E. Main St. Dr. Moshe Lubin, Prof. Edward Thronthike of U. of R., speakers.

Budget Advice — Cooperative Extension Center, 249 Highland, 8-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9; Marcena Ver Ploeg, home economist and financial consultant, on money managing for families and singles. Fee for materials, \$1.

Organ Recital — Scottish organist George McPhee, 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, Christ Church Episcopal, Pittsford.

Multi-visual Show — A Woman's Place, exhibit from Museum of the City of New York, sponsored by Xerox, at Long Ridge Mall through Saturday, Oct. 4; Eastview Mall, Oct. 6-11; Midtown Plaza, Oct. 13-18.

Piano Recital — Robert James of Hochstein School faculty playing Debussy Preludes, 8:15 tonight, Hochstein auditorium, 50 N. Plymouth. Free.

Danish Design — Furniture, textiles, porcelains, etc. by Denmark's leading designers, through Oct. 12 at Bevier Gallery, RIT.

Daytime Bridge — Lessons at 9:30 a.m., duplicate play at 10:30, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Greenleaf Meadows Apartment Clubhouse, off Hamlin Beach Parkway in Greece; partnerships arranged by calling director, Barbara Vreeland, at 266-2455. Players should bring sandwiches.

Chicken Barbecue, Country Fair — Saturday, Oct. 4, 2-8 p.m., United Methodist Church, 70 Bailey Road, Henrietta.

Deadline

Calendar items should be mailed to the Courier-Journal Calendar Desk, 67 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604. Deadline is Wednesday noon, one week ahead of the publication date.

IN THIS CORNER



George Beahon

Schenectady Off-Track Betting Commission provides the computer services and racetrack inter-face operations for Western Regional Off Track Betting. WROTB affects any of us who may be stupid enough to bet on horses in this area, on or off track.

Very simply, the money bet through OTB goes through the Schenectady computers and comes back to the track in advance and naturally influences the mutual returns. Off track you sit still for the so-called 5 per cent surcharge, which actually is a lot more than 5 per cent. But that's an old complaint.

History was made on the night of Aug. 14, 1975, when mutuels were posted following the 8th race at Batavia Downs, which includes Exacta Betting, which means picking the first two horses in order.

The winner was Coffee Sol, a \$30 proposition in straight betting, and the second horse was Armstead Mick, a 6-1 shot.

The Exacta mutuel of \$90 brought some vulgar reactions from the live patrons at Batavia, and well it should have. The combination should have paid somewhere between \$200 and \$300 for \$2. This reporter heard some complaints from strangers, by mail and by telephone. And investigated.

Track and racing officials were 1,000 per cent cooperative. They agreed it looked like a "short"

payoff, but since films showed nothing wrong and the post-race tests proved nothing wrong, only one assumption remained: Some smart horseman had brought an outsider up to a peak performance for the race, had got the job done, and without spreading the word to the public had bet heavily and dominated the pool, to a certain extent. It's called a big score.

But the public which bet on the winning 4-6 combination for \$90 did get cheated. The proper payoff should have been \$225.

And the answer is here: Schenectady committed a human calculating error.

It mistakenly figured \$256 worth of Off Track bets on the winning combination, instead of only \$18 worth.

The computer-human deficiencies reduced the payoff by nearly \$10,000. What happened to that money? You may not believe this.

Two nights later, at the direction of the State Wagering Board, half the extra money was sifted into payoffs on four Exacta races. The public was not informed. The remaining half, nearly \$5,000, was sifted into win, place and show pools on another race.

That's not all, folks.

OTB mistakes, again from Schenectady, not from the regional office, caused Batavia Downs to OVERPAY in excess of \$15,000 in six other races. The Wagering Board ruled that regional OTB and Batavia also UNDERPAID to an almost equal amount in other races. The overpayments were okay, the Board ruled (love that Board, right?) but the underpayments must be made up. That meant that OTB (regional) and Batavia, had to swallow the \$15,000 losses caused by Schenectady mistakes, but could not offset them by the underpayment mistakes. The people at Western Regional OTB, and the people who run the show, at Batavia Downs (Finger Lakes,

also, for that matter) are almost as unhappy as the people who took \$90 for a \$226 winner one night last month. Maybe not quite, but almost. The horseplayer hurts the most. But he keeps coming back for more. He and she are the strongest of all athletes.

Funding Seminar

Applications are being accepted for a one-week, small group workshop for non-profit private and public agencies scheduled for Dec. 1-5, in Rochester. The workshop which is being hosted by Trinity Council, Knights of Columbus from Webster, and conducted by the Grantsmanship Center, a California based non-profit training institute, is directed at developing and improving the funding and program planning skills of participants.

More than 1400 organizations in the United States have participated in the program over the past three years. Norton Kiritz, executive director of the center, will be the instructor. According to Stanley Zawacki, K of C coordinator of the program, "This program has been widely acclaimed throughout the U.S. as one of the best of its kind. Norton Kiritz is an expert, and the program will benefit not only the participants, but all of the Monroe and surrounding counties. The dividends should be long lasting and timely."

opportunity to develop the critical insight necessary to plan more effective programs.

The focus is on each person's organization and its needs. During the week the proposals, program ideas, funding needs, budget preparation, organizational credibility and literature of participants are critically analyzed and refined.

Tuition is \$275 per student, and the class is limited to 20 participants. Some partial scholarships will be available to qualified agencies. Applications or further information may be obtained by writing the K of C, 82 E. Main Street, Webster, 14580, or calling 265-0258 or 423-3749.

HEADLINER

Father Louis Hohman's radio program, God in the Headlines, will be an interview with Father Charles Carroll this Sunday, at 11:15 a.m. on station WHAM. Father Carroll is the Episcopalian priest who spoke here at last weekend's Right to Life convention.

The program provides a way to understand the fluctuations and complexities of public and foundation funding. It also develops or increases the effectiveness of resource development and proposal writing skills, thereby enhancing the potential for financial support. It also provides an op-

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Results of Ad Distorted By 'Playboy', Priest Says

Garrison, Md. [RNS] — A Roman Catholic priest who placed ads in Playboy and Rolling Stone magazines to attract vocations to the priesthood has strongly criticized Playboy for using the ad for promotional purposes, claiming that the well-known magazine distorted the facts.

Father Joseph F. Lupo, vocations director of the Most Holy Trinity Fathers here, placed a \$9,000 ad in the January 1972, issue of Playboy and received a gratifying response.

That same ad was used recently as the basis for the full-page display ads in several daily newspapers to promote Playboy.

The Trinitarian priest said the current promotion, which ran in such papers as The New York Times, was "downright irreverent" and based on false information.

The Playboy's ad asserted that the advertisement placed by Father Lupo in 1972 produced some 600 "applicants" to the religious orders within a few weeks time. "Up until that time," the ad said, "a total of five new students a year was considered average."

Father Lupo said that his order's ad in Playboy generated a wide variety of "inquiries" on various topics but the number of actual applicants within a year had been 35.