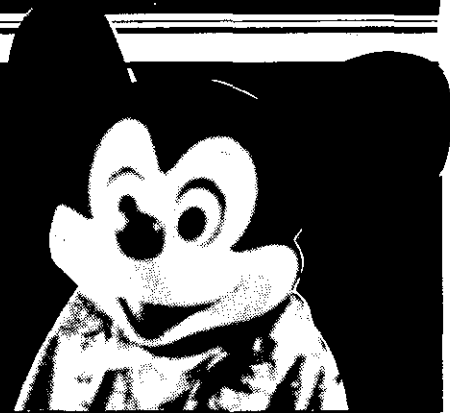


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Spotlight garners 9 awards from press group

It proved to be a banner year for *The Spotlight* as the paper received numerous awards last week from the New York State Press Association.



The NYPA awarded *The Spotlight* first place for having the best front page in its circulation category for the year 1992. "Good graphics and substantial stories were mentioned by the judges."

The paper was also awarded first place for having the best editorial page, which is directed by editor Dan Button.

A series of stories on farmland preservation won second place for coverage of agriculture. "Excellent writing" by reporter Mel Hyman was cited.

The paper received a third place commendation for its coverage of local government, which featured "good leads and useful charts" in stories by managing editor Susan Graves.

The *Colony Spotlight* also garnered several NYPA awards including:

AWARDS/page 15

PTA flies solo on new playground

Local architect planned and will oversee project

By Susan Graves

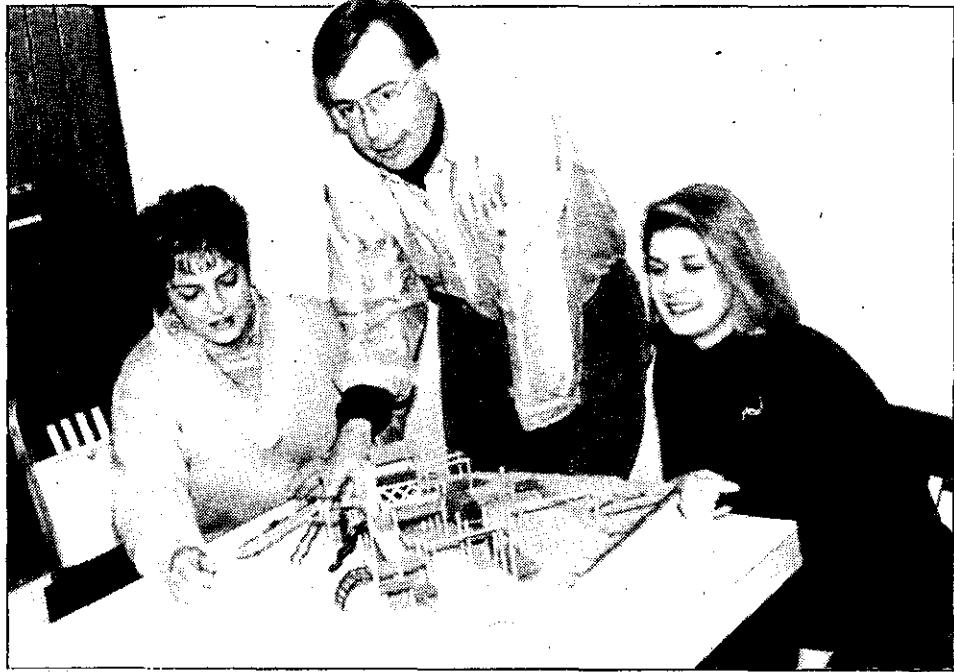
The Hamagrael PTA doesn't play around when it comes to getting things done.

The proof in the pudding will be realized next month when the PTA builds a new playground complete with the latest state-of-the-art gizmos on the school grounds. And to sweeten the deal, the playground is already paid for. Sweeter yet, its price tag: \$15,000.

The playground was designed by Delmar resident and local architect Tom Birdsey, who said his original plan was to simply add on to the existing playground. "But what was there was unsafe and had to come down," he said.

Birdsey and other playground committee members consulted with Hamagrael physical education director Bill Ninness before launching the design for the new area. "We incorporated a lot of his thinking into the design," said Birdsey, who donated his architectural services and will oversee construction as well.

"We couldn't do it without Tom," said Nancy VaskePape, playground committee coordinator. Along with private contributions, the committee received money from the Ayco Corp. and Key Bank. The committee is also hoping to have some construction materials donated by local businesses.



Nancy VaskePape, chair of the playground committee, Tom Birdsey, architect, and Jeanne Fass, in charge of publicity, look over the model Birdsey designed.

Mike Larabee

A number of parents involved in construction and engineering have already volunteered their time to help build the playground. "It's wonderful to think these people willingly come together," said Jeanne Fass, who is in charge of publicity.

The project was launched about 18 months ago when members of the committee approached Superintendent Leslie Loomis and the board. "We got the idea to work up a plan," which was subsequently

PLAYGROUND/page 22

BC board wipes out program for talented

By Dev Tobin

Despite the pleas of more than a dozen parents and pupils, the Bethlehem Central school board stuck with its decision to cut the Challenge Program for gifted elementary children at its meeting last week.

Superintendent Leslie Loomis blamed a darkening state aid outlook, a steadily growing enrollment, increased costs for health insurance and mandated special education programs for the district's budget bind.

The district faces a nearly \$400,000 cut in state aid under Gov. Mario Cuomo's proposed state budget. Loomis noted, and needs almost \$2 million in additional expenditures, for a total of about \$33.5 million, to provide essentially the same instructional program as this year.

The Challenge Program made such a difference to my son-- it's the one thing about school that makes him want to go.

Pam Brody

Loomis proposed, and the board agreed, to substitute volunteer mentors for the Challenge Program. The new program would cost \$8,000, and Loomis estimated the savings of eliminating the Challenge Program at more than \$43,000.

For more than an hour, parents and Challenge Program pupils implored the board to undo the cut.

"Giftedness is a valid educational need," said Jill Rifkin of Delmar. "Just as you

can't cure poverty with a thousand points of light, neither can the gifted be effectively taught by untrained community volunteers."

"The Challenge Program made such a difference to my son -- it's the one thing about school that makes him want to go,"

BOARD/page 22.

Longtime trustee leaving library post

By Mel Hyman

Looking over Dr. Ted Wenzl's resume -- or chronology as he likes to call it -- one is immediately impressed by the breadth and number of his involvements.

Of all the things he's done, including more than 10 years as statewide president of the Civil Service Employees Association, it's safe to say nothing has been as important to him as his service on the Bethlehem Public Library board of trustees.

After 42 years on the board, Wenzl, 65, does not plan to seek another term at board elections in May. He was president of the board from 1952 until 1980, covering a period of great expansion in library services as well as construction of the current library in 1972.

"I must hold some type of world record for board service," he quipped. "I'm going to miss my library work. I really enjoyed it over the years."



Ted Wenzl retires in May after 43 years on the Bethlehem Library Board of Trustees.

Wenzl has been involved with education and books since his graduation from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in the late '20s. "I couldn't get an

TRUSTEES/page 22

Bethlehem police arrest six motorists on DWI charges

Bethlehem police arrested six people over the past two weeks on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Daniel J. Blair, 26, of 529 Elm Ave., Delmar, was stopped at 9:56 p.m. Thursday, March 11, on County Route 102 for speeding, police said. He was also charged with failure to keep right and DWI.

He was released pending an April 6 appearance in town court.

Peter A. Young, 37, of 131B Fairlawn Drive, Selkirk, was arrested at 5:41 p.m. Saturday, March 13, on University Street, police said. He was charged with DWI and released pending an April 6 appearance in town court.

Dewayne C. Krzykowski, 35, of

241 Maple Ave., Selkirk, was stopped at 2:13 a.m. Thursday, March 18, on South Albany Road for failure to dim his headlights, police said.

He was charged with DWI and released pending an April 20 appearance in town court.

Israel C. Rodriguez, 24, of 5 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, was

stopped at 3:01 a.m. Thursday, March 18, for speeding on Delaware Avenue, police said.

He was also charged with DWI and released pending an April 6 appearance in town court.

Mark H. Kudlack, 34, of County Route 405, South Westerlo, was stopped at 11:45 p.m. Thursday, March 18, on Delaware Avenue

for failure to keep right, police said.

He was also charged with DWI and released pending an April 6 appearance in town court.

Joseph Decastro, 23, of 103 Bridge St., Selkirk, was stopped at 3:12 a.m. Saturday, March 20, on Route 144 for having only one plate, police said.

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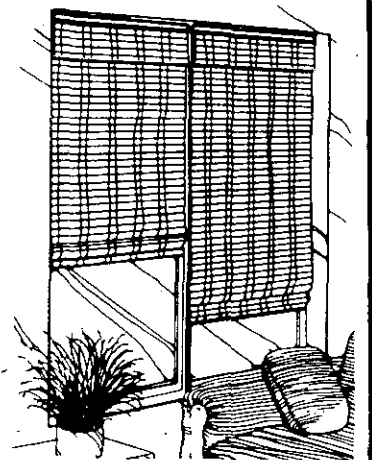
King center to show civil rights cartoons

An exhibit of 26 editorial cartoons on the civil rights movement from 1957 to 1969, drawn by Hy Rosen of Glenmont for the *Times Union*, will open Saturday, March 27, at the state Martin Luther King Jr. Resource and Activity Center, 41 State St., Albany.

The exhibit, which will run through April 30, will depict five periods of civil rights history, school integration, segregation, the King era, the civil rights law and the King assassination and aftermath.

A reception and program is scheduled from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, March 27 and 28, to officially open the exhibit.

The sponsors of the program are Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and Black Dimension in Art. Invited speakers include the artist, Matilda Cuomo, Albany Mayor Thomas M. Whalen III and Daniel E. Button, the *Spotlight Newspaper's* editorial page editor, who was *Times Union* editor during the period depicted by the cartoons.



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Deli hopeful pleads case before town

By Mel Hyman

Albany delicatessen owner Glenn Durlacher has spent the past year, and considerable cash, planning a move to Delmar.

The fate of his proposal to turn a Victorian-style house at 211 Delaware Ave. into the Capital District's finest delicatessen and catering service rests with the Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals.

It won't be an easy call, predicts ZBA member Tom Wiggand. A throng of local residents turned out at a public hearing last week, both in support and opposition to the request for a zoning variance.

The problem for Durlacher, and building owner Tom Sharon, is that the property lies in a Triple C zone and, as such, retail establishments are not allowed.

Sharon, who formerly ran a wholesale food brokerage from the building, is trying to prove economic hardship because he has been unable to sell or lease the property for the past three years given the restrictive zoning.

A Delmar resident, Durlacher says he has spent the past five years looking for a new site for his business, which has outgrown its current facility at the corner of Mereline and Delaware avenues in Albany.

Since his popular New York-style delicatessen lies just across the Bethlehem town line, Dur-

lacher says many of his customers already came from Delmar, so it seemed logical to check out the other side of the Normanskill for a new location.

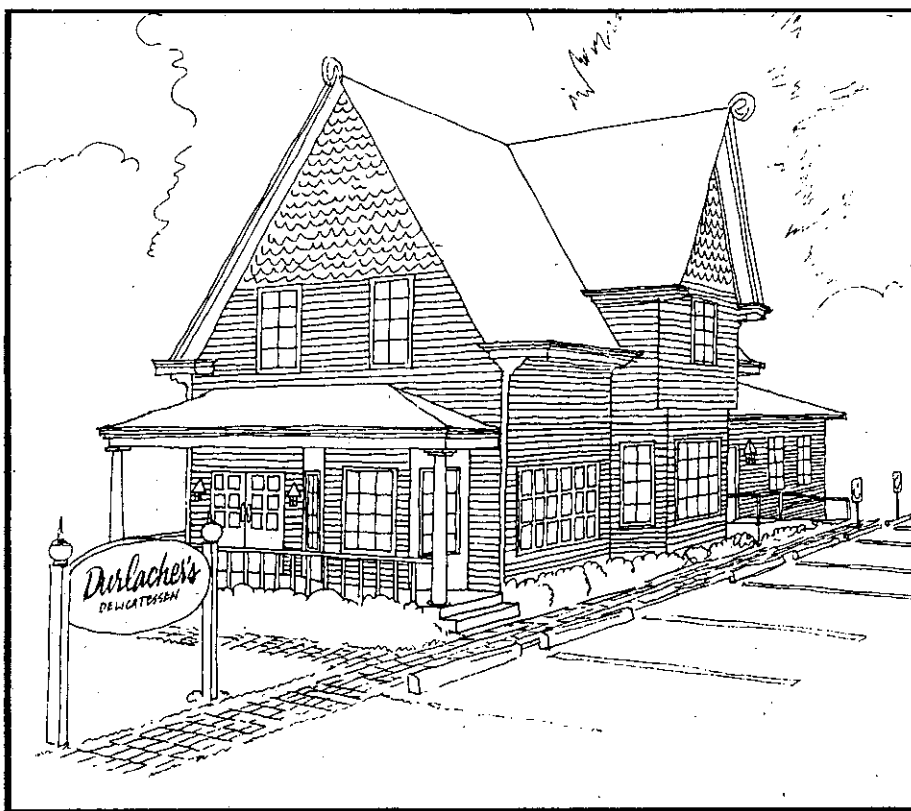
"As soon as I saw the building (211 Delaware), I was taken with its historic character," he said. "I plan to spruce up the exterior and keep the wood floors and tin ceilings inside. I was looking for something better than just another strip mall."

Durlacher has submitted a petition with more than 600 signatures favoring the project, plus a majority of the people living on the closest thoroughfare, Salisbury Road, have sent letters to the board supporting the variance.

At last week's meeting, several neighbors opposed to the project cited a possible danger to children living in the area from a feared increase in traffic.

Durlacher insists there won't be an appreciable increase in traffic because he will be using the same parking lot as Sharon's, with only 10 available spaces.

The area in question was rezoned about 30 years ago when residents of the neighborhood just south of Delaware Plaza—including streets such as Salisbury,



The fate of Glenn Durlacher's proposal to turn a Victorian-style house at 211 Delaware Ave. into a delicatessen and catering service, sketched above, rests with the Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals.

Euclid, Plymouth, Burhans and Bedell — petitioned the town board.

They wanted some type of buffer from the highly commercialized sections of Delaware Avenue to their immediate north and south. Professional offices and non-retail businesses were allowed to remain in the area, but retail

establishments were given the thumbs down.

Councilwoman Sheila Galvin, who spoke in favor of the variance, said "spot zoning" the Salisbury Road area was misguided to begin with. Within a short distance of 211 Delaware is a Quick Lube, a bowling alley, a car wash and an assortment of other high volume

businesses. It's not "fair and reasonable" to single out this section of Delaware Avenue, especially when the neighborhoods to the east and west are fully protected from commercial encroachment.

Galvin, who addressed the ZBA as an owner of property located within 200 feet of the proposed development, said she sympathized with Sharon's plight in trying to market his property in light of the zoning restriction.

"This man has certainly demonstrated a hardship and one that meets all the criteria set forth in the law. There are vacant office spaces all over this town. I think the town needs to be more realistic in terms of allowing certain uses for a property."

It's doubtful that a business like Durlacher's is going to create any more traffic than the doctor, lawyer or professional offices already located in the area, she said. And the risk to children in the area can't be any greater than what now exists, she added, since there are no sidewalks on Salisbury Road.

"I don't know why I'm so in favor of this. It's certainly not going to help my diet to have them nearby."

LUMAC member steps into town board fray

By Susan Graves

A member of the Bethlehem Land Use Management Advisory Committee is hoping to get local GOP support in his bid for a seat on the town board.

Ted Putney, a resident of Cedar Hill, said he is now in the process of contacting the 52 members of the town's Republican committee to garner backing for his candidacy.

Putney, who has served on the LUMAC citizens committee since its inception four years ago, is concerned about preserving the character of the town and believes serving on the board would give him an opportunity to work toward that end. From his work on



People are terribly interested in the preservation of the character of the town.

Ted Putney

the committee, he said, he has learned that "People are terribly interested in the preservation of the character of the town."

Putney, 59, said that he has always had an interest in town government, but that his previous position at Norstar Bank of Upstate New York, formerly State

Bank of Albany, where he managed a \$300 million investment portfolio, precluded an involvement in local politics. However, in addition to LUMAC membership, Putney said he has been involved in a number of other areas of public service. He is a trustee/director of the Bethlehem Historical Association and a member of the Nature Conservancy of Eastern N.Y., the Shaker Museum and the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council.

Further, his work in finance—he currently works as a vice president for Cowen Asset Management—would be an asset as a town board member. "I feel I have all sorts of management know-how to get things done and make things happen," he said.

Putney, who has lived in Bethlehem for 32 years, said he is aware of the town's diversity having lived on Burhans Place in Delmar and now in Selkirk. "Having lived in two parts of

Board agenda features master plan update

Based on housing trends for the first three years of this decade, Bethlehem can expect an increase of about 1,500 new households through the remainder of the '90s.

This moderate to brisk rate of growth will have a direct impact on the town's soon-to-be released master plan. A progress report on the master plan will be made at tonight's town board meeting by the Land Use Management Advisory Commission.

While much of the Capital District has languished a bit in terms of construction, the demand for new homes in Bethlehem still appears strong. About 550 new households have been created during the first three years of this decade despite the nationwide recession, according to LUMAC Chairman Jeff Lipnicky.

The town's growth rate during the '70s and '80s was about 20 percent, Lipnicky said, and the Capital District Regional Planning Commission projects roughly the same trend for the '90s.

The LUMAC report was expected to be completed by this month, but the town Planning Department has been down one planner since late last year when Diana Stepanek left her position. The only part of the report that still needs some work is the traffic portion.

town, I can offer a balanced view" of Bethlehem, he said, adding that he feels the town isn't just one community but many. The hamlets and areas "all have some sense of community," he added.

Putney is married to Sherry Putney, a former teacher and a member of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school board. They have three grown children and four grandchildren.

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V'ville lops jobs off budget plan

By Dev Tobin

Saying the district is in a "no-win situation" because of "major changes driven by fiscal realities," Voorheesville School Superintendent Alan McCartney recommended a revised budget Monday that cuts several part-time positions and still carries an estimated 8.2 percent tax rate increase.

"None of these cuts make me real happy," McCartney told the school board and a handful of parents and teachers. "There comes a point, and we're pretty close to it, when these cuts are really going to start beating up on kids."

The revised budget calls for spending \$11,296,661 in 1993-94, an increase of \$424,959, or 3.91 percent, over this year. The reductions outlined Monday reduced expenditures by about \$400,000 and brought the tax rate increase down from the mid-teen range.

If approved, the budget will mean an estimated \$200 tax hike for the average-assessed residential property owner in the district, according to district treasurer Sarita Winchell.

Among the part-time positions recommended for elimination are the elementary health instructor, the district coordinators of physical education and humanities, half a high school math teacher, half a high school social studies teacher and an unspecified reduction in guidance services.

Several parents questioned the elementary health cut, saying that teachers may be uncomfortable with, and therefore put off, discussing sex and AIDS education.

"We'll do some curriculum writing in the area of health K-6, but it won't be the same," explained Janice White, assistant principal of the elementary school. "The burden of it will go back on the home."

McCartney also recommended reducing interscholastic athletics by \$15,570 (mostly in equipment), eliminating some late bus runs, reducing planned equipment purchases (including computer hardware and software) by \$75,000, cutting \$10,000 in in-service education and substitute teaching, and eliminating the gifted and talented pull-out program in the elementary school.

McCartney noted that the district's state aid had decreased 15.5 percent, and state aid as a percentage of the total budget had decreased from 35.4 to 26.8 percent, over the last four years.

"There's no guarantee that if the state legislature adds money to the education budget that any of it will come to Voorheesville," McCartney said.

The school board will discuss the budget again next Monday, March 29, prior to its final adoption on Monday, April 5. The public vote on the budget is Monday, May 12. The board meets in the high school cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. **Town planning board to meet March 30**

The Bethlehem Planning Board has rescheduled its April 6 meeting to Tuesday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m.

Among the topics on the agenda is the proposed Bethlehem Plaza Shopping Center to be located between Delaware Avenue and Old Delaware Avenue.



Among the fairy-tale characters headed *Into the Woods* at BCHS next week are, from left, Cinderella (Nora Bunk), Little Red Riding Hood (Sarah Frank), Rapunzel (Liz Karam) and the Mysterious Man (Mike Laiosa).
Dev Tobin

BC troupe heads 'Into the Woods'

By Dev Tobin

A clever revision of Grimm's fairy tales in musical form will be presented by Stage 700, Bethlehem Central High School's musical theater club, April 1, 2 and 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Into the Woods by Stephen Sondheim has parts for "a lot of our female seniors with singing and acting experience," said Joseph Farrell, musical director. "We wanted to do a show that provides the most opportunities for the students we have."

Farrell noted that "most of the girls have been studying privately

since the seventh-grade" to complement their work in the school chorus and Stage 700.

The play interweaves the stories of Jack and the Beanstalk, Cinderella, the Baker and his Wife, Rapunzel, Little Red Riding Hood and the Witch, among others.

"It's great theater — charming, entertaining and witty," Farrell said. "It's not a song and dance show. It has a strong story line supported throughout by music from a live student orchestra."

Into the Woods will be directed by James Yeara, the school's veteran Shakespearean director.

"Thematically, this is a rich

play, more so than the usual musical," Yeara said. "It deals with the relationships between parents and children in several different ways, and the singing is fantastic."

Playing leading roles in *Into the Woods* are Erica Schroeder as the Witch, Michael Laiosa as the Narrator/Mysterious Man, Nora Bunk as Cinderella, Adam Sharron as Jack, Sara Israel as Jack's Mother, Nicholas Sattinger as the Baker, Jessica Sharron as the Baker's Wife, Sarah Frank as Little Red Riding Hood, Daniel Levine as the Wolf/Cinderella's Prince, Liz Karam as Rapunzel and Jason Bailey as Rapunzel's Prince.

Backstage, Nicole Ciotti is the student director, Carrie McQuide is the stage manager, Tracy Manning is the assistant stage manager and Jon Meester is the student technical director.

"Bill Morrison is doing his usual superb job technically," Yeara noted.

Tickets for *Into the Woods* are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students/children. The show on Thursday, April 1, is a special free preview for senior citizens. Tickets are on sale at Ben & Jerry's, the Tri-Village Pharmacy, the Paper Mill, and at the high school on the night of the performance.

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BC actress captures Shakespeare prize

Third year in a row Bethlehem wins

By Susan Graves

For the third year in a row, a Bethlehem Central High School student has captured first place in the English Speaking Union's Shakespeare Recitation Sectionals competition at Russell Sage College.

Erica Schroeder, a senior member of the Vincent J. Crummles Acting Troupe, captured the award for her performance as Countess Olivia from *Twelfth Night* and her recitation of Sonnet 29, "When In Disgrace of Fortune and Men's Eyes."

"It's unheard of — there are very few schools who have even two winners," said James Yeara, BC English teacher and drama coach.

"She really did an outstanding job. She was very relaxed," he said of Schroeder, who placed second in the competition last year and the year before. "One thing that's great here is we have such a wealth of talent. The district should really be proud."

Liz Coryell, coordinator of the ninth annual event, said all the contestants were "wonderful" and that she wouldn't have wanted to be a judge. She also said Schroeder's performance is a reflection of the "strong drama department at BC."

Fifteen schools from throughout the Capital District participated in the competition, which is held over the course of two weekends. In April, the first-place winner will go on to the national competition at Lincoln Center.

Yeara said Schroeder, and her winning predecessors, Erin Rodat and Beth Kurkjian were all in the drama club and performed in plays at B.C.

"All the kids who've won started as freshmen," said Yeara, who is clearly one of the Bard's biggest

fans. Yeara did graduate work at Brown and Columbia universities and studied at the Shakespeare Institute in Stratford.

"I feel very fortunate to have had Mr. Yeara as a director. He knows his Shakespeare — he knows his stuff — I feel I'm ahead in knowledge," through his guidance, Schroeder said.

That guidance, said Yeara, is really a process that evolves throughout the students' high school careers. The survey of Shakespearean theater class along with participation in plays and other related activities help to hone acting and interpretative skills.

This year, Schroeder worked in a directing program with Yeara at Glenmont Elementary School. For Schroeder, working at Glenmont further developed her talents.

"It helps to be on the other side," she said.

Schroeder, who has been accepted at New York University, will travel to Stratford, Ontario, this summer as part of her prize for winning the competition. The national winner will receive a \$10,000 college scholarship.

Schroeder will play the part of the witch in Stephen Sondheim's *Into the Woods* on April 1 and 2 at BC.



Erica Schroeder continues BC's dominance of the sectional Shakespeare recitation competition.

Opera Plus to perform works by Puccini

The music ensemble Opera Plus will perform on Sunday, April 4, at 2:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The group features Janet Stasio, soprano; Stephanie Melvin, mezzo-soprano; Dan Lawlor, tenor; and Joann Rautenberg, pianist. The program will include selections from Puccini, Verdi and Lehar.

For information, call 439-9314.

BC community group to meet at high school

The Bethlehem Central Community Organization will have a breakfast meeting to discuss the effect of the changes in English department supervision on the curriculum on Wednesday, April 7.

The meeting will run from 8 to 9 a.m. in the high school conference room on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

For information, call Susan Malbin at 475-0236.

Volunteers needed to build playground

The Hamagrael PTA Playground Committee is looking for volunteers to build a new playground on Friday, April 30, Saturday, May 1, and Sunday, May 2.

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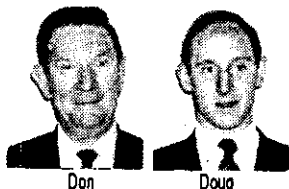
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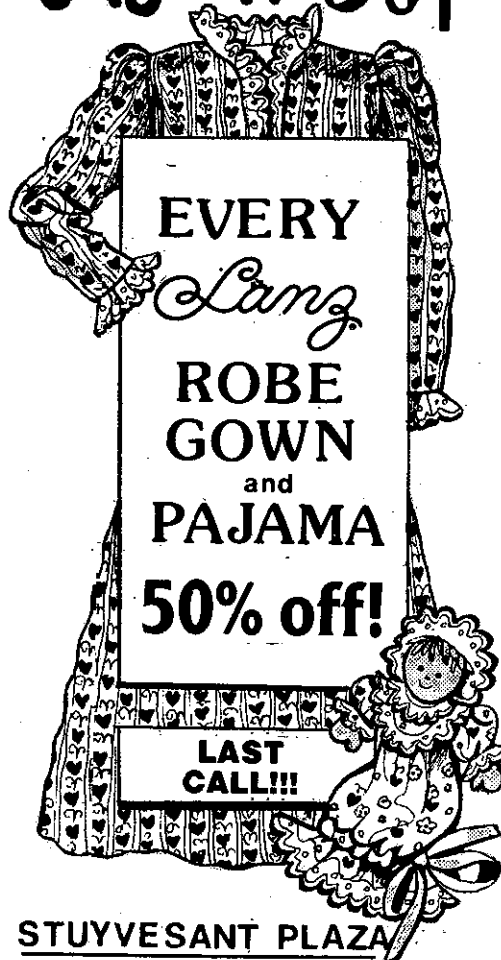
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Matters of Opinion

The Spotlight's awards

It is my pleasure to be able to congratulate, not merely personally but publicly, the staff members of The Spotlight Newspapers for the impressive showing they achieved in the annual Better Newspaper Contest awards announced last weekend by the New York Press Association. Altogether, nine entries by our staff members received honors in our division (based on a newspaper's circulation.)

Two first-place awards were received by *The Spotlight*: Ranking as "the best" was won by our front-page entry and also by our editorial pages. It is the third time in three years that *The Spotlight's* editorial pages have received awards: A first-place in 1991 and a third last year.

The Spotlight received a second-place award for its coverage of agriculture and a third-place for coverage of local government.

Our sister newspaper, *The Colonie Spotlight* likewise was honored. Most notable, I believe, was the first-place award as "Writer

Editorials

of the Year" to Kathleen Shapiro of *The Colonie Spotlight* staff. She also received an Honorable Mention in the "Feature Story" category.

A third-place award for "Graphic Illustration" went to John Brent for work published in both papers. *The Colonie Spotlight* also won a third place for "Coverage of Education."

This newspaper shared another distinction: A first-place for the "blooper of the year," a typographic tangle.

These awards are the most that our newspapers have received in the press association's competition, and I am very proud of those whose work was so appropriately recognized.

Richard A. Ahlstrom
Editor and Publisher

Charter under the microscope

The Albany County Charter Revision Commission, after 27 meetings embracing ten months, has handed in its recommendations for alterations in the county's charter.

However much its proposals may be further amended, the document is essentially one that all responsible voters in this county should become fully acquainted with between now and the Nov. 2 election, when it is scheduled to come before us all in an up-or-down referendum. Better earlier than later for an understanding of what is being proposed, for some long-range changes are encompassed.

Altogether, the proposals range from the trivial to the substantial. More than 60 issues have received one or more recommendations, though in its memorandum of transmission the commission singled out fewer than 20 of these as major. Among the more

interesting and potentially significant is to grant the County Executive the power of appointment of agency heads (though failing to address other important aspects of the Executive's missing prerogatives) and to grant him certain new veto rights (but placing a veto override majority at 60 percent—an unusual figure with apparently but a single known precedent).

The prospective significance of charter reform to the entire question of the quality of county government can hardly be overstated. In future weeks, The Spotlight Newspapers will devote appropriate attention to the charter commission's proposals and any subsequent efforts to modify or enlarge them. Analysis and commentary on the entire issue will be published regularly in these pages.

Molasses drip reform

A proposed change—and in light of Albany history, a revolutionary one—which appears in the Charter Revision Commission's report would forbid the County Executive, County Legislature members, and other elective officials all the way to the Coroners, from holding an office in a county-wide political party committee.

As it happens, the chairman of the County Legislature also currently holds office as chairman of the Albany County Democratic Party.

Just so no one will be too inconvenienced, however, the prohibition would not take effect until Jan. 1 1999.

Taxation and representation

Probably New York's tax commissioner was taking a regrettably necessary step in cautioning some of his agents about exercising undue zeal in pursuing former New York residents who still have some ties to this state.

Many taxpayers can sympathize with those who have felt the pursuit of tax agents who have sensed efforts to avoid taxation here even though the individuals have established residence elsewhere.

Quite properly, the commissioner has issued guidelines to his staff that presumably will eliminate hectoring of former residents in such cases. Confusion has arisen in two categories: Metropolitan area residents who now live in an adjoining state but may

maintain an apartment in New York City; and people who have retired to the Sun Belt but who may return here for vacations or have kept some other business or social ties. Complaints of improper pursuit of such ex-New Yorkers made the commissioner's action advisable.

On the other hand, as is well known, there are indeed instances in which New Yorkers who establish actual homes in Florida and elsewhere are fudging the residency requirements in order to avoid state income taxation here. We trust that the agents will not be discouraged from following up in those cases. Fairness to other taxpayers obligates that people who really are New York residents pay their way here.



*For everything there is a season
celebrated*

Each year on the first day of Spring, more than a hundred local residents receive a postal card, from an anonymous source, bearing a quotation appropriate to the season. This year's greeting, received in last Saturday's mail,

appears above. We thought that we'd share this reminder from Ecclesiastes, wafted our way by the unknown correspondent whose penmanship and zest never waver.

So, 'til next March . . .

BC students in limbo in 'Challenge' threat

Editor, The Spotlight:

I wish to publicly thank both Bernard Harvith and Dennis Stevens for their support of the Challenge Program in the 1993-94 Bethlehem Central budget. Unfortunately, their votes were in the minority and Challenge has been eliminated from Bethlehem's educational program for the next school year.

In its place, the administrations talk of a program which will utilize volunteers from the community as mentors. I have had conversations with several people, including Assistant Superintendent Judy Wooster, and have come away without specific information. Apparently, this "innovative" alternative is still in the planning stage. But our children can't wait. Children in the Challenge Program will be left in limbo while our administrators form committees and go through all the "channels." In any event, I am not in favor of our children being taught by anyone other than a fully qualified, certified educator.

Currently, the district expends approximately \$43,000 for the Challenge Program with additional funds received through the State. In return, children our taught by Claudia Yeara, a highly competent and trained professional. No one works harder or is more committed to our children than Mrs. Yeara. Challenge is her area of expertise and she truly

Vox Pop

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shines in this position. The benefits are endless! The entire district will suffer with the loss of Claudia Yeara as a Special Subject Teacher—she is the Challenge Program.

I have *always* had confidence in the wisdom and leadership shown by the district Board of Education. However, after I learned about cuts or "proposed" cuts to educational programs such as Challenge in the elementary schools, enrichment classes in Middle School, and AP Chemistry at the High School, I realized how naive and misguided I have been.

I don't know how or when it happened, but our board seems to have shifted gears from high to low. Apparently, excellence in education is no longer a priority as we're on the road to mediocrity.

I cannot in good conscience support cuts in vital educational programs. I urge my friends, neighbors, and community members become involved in the current discussions among board members. We should not accept a compromise in our children's education and allow education to become the sacrificial lamb.

Delmar

F. H. Foster

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Your Opinion Matters

For a quarter, I'll shovel your walk

Just the other day, not long after the big storm, I saw a youngster—I'd say about 11 or 12—shoveling snow. I was driving by and he was mostly hidden by the big bank between us, but it seemed to me that the handle was taller than he was—it must have been the wrong kind of shovel for the job.

The fact that he was out there, trying to work without a broad-bladed shovel struck me—actually, that he was out there at all seemed remarkable to me.

How often is it that you'll see a boy out cleaning off the sidewalk? At his own home, that is, much less elsewhere in the neighborhood? Maybe this does go on regularly after a snowfall, but if so it doesn't seem to take place where I happen to be, and I'm reasonably observant.

If I'm correct, then the question is: What's keeping them from this time-honored chore? Is it too much homework? (Not likely on the schools' "snow days"). Is it TV? Video games? A good book? (!) Girls? Or have they all perhaps fallen to that evil which cursed River City—the poolhall? Certainly not every home is now equipped with a snowblower; not all boys live in an apartment or condo where all such work is taken care of automatically; not all families contract out the job to someone with a plow.

I'd say that perhaps any or all of these possibilities may be true, except that as a sometime pedes-

trian I experience too many places where no one has turned a shovel, moved a plow, or pushed a blower. Ah, you say: What about the fact

Uncle Dudley

that in some instances the town is sending along a sidewalk plow? And lots of road don't have public sidewalks. My ready response is that I can't account for such apparent loopholes in my accumulated evidence and this little theory. Furthermore, there's always the issue of the walks from house to street.

I guess that my point is that—hard time or no—the lads of our town (and maybe of all America) are not hurting for cash. You can find signs of this all over, not merely in the absence of kids around offering to clean your walk for only five bucks.

They not only don't care to bother collecting that engraving of President Lincoln, but they really don't have any idea of what they're missing. The saying has it that football builds character, but let me tell you that a lot of character was built hefting heavy shovels full of snow off a long front walk for a quarter or so—four bits, tops.

That, of course, was in the long ago, long enough ago that many of today's dads can't remember it, either. (If I don't look out here, this will turn into a sermon on

how Howdy Doody spoiled America's young people.)

Along with their failure to take care of the shoveling in season, I must fault the younger generation for having backed off from paper routes. Once upon a time, that was how you (figuratively, at least) graduated from knee pants—when you earned your loose change, started a savings account ("for college"), and got up mornings at five o'clock to work up your newspapers before setting out on the route, which had to be finished before seven.

But boys don't need that money, that exercise—or that discipline—any more, I gather. The deliveries are pretty much taken care of by some man in a car. (And whatever happened to the urchin on the corner hawking the late edition—or the "Extra" when the "Extra" was real—except that neither it nor the late edition is published anymore.)

Down in Great Barrington, there's a handsome statue of a youngster handing out a newspaper—typical of the "newsie" of yesterday, and a tribute to the tribe.

No, I fear that everything's being taken care of for the boys (and the girls) of today, so they don't need to wear themselves out doing chores or earning "pocket money."

Do they still feed the dog, I wonder? Take out the garbage? Maybe dry the dishes?

The plots thicken at Ellery Queen's

Occasionally, someone among the relatively few people who happen to know who writes most of these columns will remark something like, "You have to read an awful lot of magazines, don't you?"

The answer is: Not really, though probably more and a greater variety than you do. It's a lifetime's habit, ignited when I jumped from "Open Road for Boys" to "The Saturday Evening Post" at the time I started peddling it door-to-door upon turning twelve. (I never see The Post anymore, since it changed its stripes and turned into a tawdry imitation of something that ought to be published in, say, Dallas.)

Nor, for that matter, do I read the trio of most widely circulated general magazines: "National Geographic," except sometimes in a dentist's office; "Reader's Digest," even when someone has given me a subscription; and "TV Guide," except when Jane Pauley is featured on the cover. I don't feel that I'm missing much.

On the other hand, I do come in contact with (and often enjoy) quite a few offbeat publications. One of these is "Ellery Queen (The World's Leading) Mystery Magazine." That seems to be the officially preferred title.

Through courtesy of

Publisher's Clearing House, a new copy arrived in our mailbox last week (April issue). My most recent subscription had expired

Constant Reader

several months ago, and the diminutive magazine is hard to spot amid the clutter on the racks in stores which do stock it.

I've been an off-and-on reader for many years, and I'd have to say—on the strength of the contents in this issue—that the product is being upgraded. Some choice authors are missing this time, but the quality of plotting and writing in the eleven stories (just about 145 pages of text) is really quite good—and that's not meant as faint praise.

A number of the writers are unknown to me, but there are also some familiar ones: Tony Hillerman, Edward D. Hoch, Lawrence Sanders, and one of the masters, Michael Gilbert, who wrote his first book more than sixty years ago. So far as I can tell, all the tales are originals, which has not always been the case.

The magazine was first published in 1941, about a dozen years after the Ellery Queen books began to appear, the product of two men who signed as one (fictional) writer and dilettante detec-

tive. For more than forty years, they theoretically were the magazine's editors, but that pretense ended when the last surviving member of the pair died. Rarely, during that time, did an Ellery short-story appear in the magazine.

Incidentally, some of the writers describe settings that I find quite graphically appealing:

"Village suffused in the romance of an April dusk..."

"The cottage grew from the ground—steeped in antiquity—breathing history from every stone."

"The dust that got stirred up when he'd ride over the cracked Arizona land... skirting between Joshua trees like a scorpion between rocks..."

"The distance between the school and her house was not much more than a quarter of a mile; up East Street, along the flank of Abbey Copse, turn right at the top into Binder Land, and there you were. But alone! And in the dusk, with a mist coming up as it did so often from the fenland which encircled the village to the north..."

The single-copy price of "Ellery Queen" is now \$2.25. They offer a cut-rate year's subscription for \$19.97. (Box 7052, Red Oak, Iowa 51591.)

False economy perils the parole system

The contributor of this Point of View is an Albany County legislator representing Loudonville and West Albany. A lawyer, he has served as Colonie Town Attorney and as chief counsel to the State Senate's committee on insurance. He and his wife, Colonie residents, have two children. A graduate of Shaker High School, he holds degrees from Boston College and Albany Law School. His views as stated here were, in part, presented to the Senate's finance committee and the Assembly's ways and means committee at a joint budget hearing.

By Peter G. Crummey

Point of View

Governor Cuomo has consistently proposed methods of decreasing New York

State's financial obligation to its Correctional System, and the Governor's 1993-94 budget proposal provides no exception. Over the years, state budget and financial policy has worked to erode our state's obligation to its correctional system, often with adverse impacts on municipal budgets and public safety. This year, for instance, in an effort to divert convicted felons from state prison, thereby relieving the state's obligation to house these felons, the Governor has proposed further reform to the second-felony rule. This rule now requires that upon conviction of a second felony, the offender must serve state prison time. The Governor also proposes to increase the weights necessary in order to convict an accused person of certain drug crimes. This is an attempt, of course, to limit a court's ability to find a person guilty of these crimes—thereby limiting the possibility of having such persons sent to state prison.



Other budget proposals attempt to provide for early release from prison of convicted felons, through such means as work release and modifications to the parole process.

Parole has been a process whereby a prisoner can be released from prison before termination of the imposed sentence. It is based on, among other things, a prisoner's conduct and achievements while incarcerated. Parole acts as a carrot for prisoners who seek to better themselves in the hope that their efforts will result in early release on terms stipulated by the Parole Board.

Lately, though, it appears that the Governor is relying on early-release packages, such as the parole process, to release felons merely to save the state from paying for their incarceration. But, we must ask, at what cost to society?

As an example of such a policy, the Governor has now recommended a budget proposal for eliminating the state-operated parole revocation process.

The Governor's proposed changes could cost Albany County as much as three-quarters of a million dollars in state reimbursement each year.

The parole process involves administrative action by the State Divisions of Parole. After parole is granted, the division rightfully retains responsibility for the parolee. If a parolee violates the conditions of parole, the violator becomes subject to the parole revocation process administratively operated by the division. Pending this administrative action, the violator is held without bail in local jail and the state reimburses localities \$34 for each day a parole violator is held awaiting further action.

In 1991, Albany County held, on behalf of the State, an average of 51 parole violators per day. The County received approximately \$745,280 in reimbursement. (In 1991, the State reimbursement rate was \$40 per day.)

This year, the Governor is recommending elimination of the administrative parole revocation process by changing a parole violation from a state administrative action to a Class E felony. Local police, district attorney, public defender, and court system thereby would be given the additional burden of handling parole violators (who were, by the way, paroled from prison by the state.)

Obviously, the proposal is part of the Governor's continued effort to decrease the state's obligation to its correctional system.

However, if he chooses to retain the presumed monetary

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benefits associated with early-release packages, such as parole, it is patently unfair not to retain responsibility for their monitoring and for enforcement.

Not only would our localities lose the \$34-per-day reimbursement for holding state prison parole violators, we would be forced to spend money to prosecute them. Please keep in mind, these fiscal implications are not regional. Parole violators will become the responsibility of whatever locality wherein they choose to violate parole.

Further, the proposal potentially threatens everyone's safety. In actuality, under the proposal, many parolees potentially re-arrested for a crime (and simultaneously for the new Class E felony of parole violation) may be released on bail back into our communities. What we would have then, in our communities, is a felon from state prison who has been released on parole, and who has subsequently been charged with at least one new crime—but is back on our streets on bail (all prior to the termination of the original sentence). *Should we feel comfortable with this?*

It is interesting that although the Governor proposes to make parole violation a Class E felony, he expressly excludes it from counting as a second felony for purposes to the second-felony rule. Therefore the parole violation will not mandate a state prison term. Additionally, he would make the maximum term for this new crime twelve months in local jail and thus allow the already over-

burdened local courts the discretion not to incarcerate these two-time convicted felons.

Effectively, the Governor's proposal may eliminate parole in its true sense and merely provide further sentence reductions for felons.

In the final analysis, this proposal may actually have little ef-

The Governor's proposed changes could cost Albany County as much as three-quarters of a million dollars in state reimbursement each year.

fect on our state prison population or provide the Governor's projected savings. The result would hinge, to a considerable extent, on the practices of each county's district attorney. I believe that any thoughtful district attorney will consider only pleas from those re-arrested parole violators which will return them to the state prison system—and not accept a plea to the new Class E felony which would keep the violator in the local jail at considerable local expense.

We must hope that our State legislators will consider with special care this portion of the Governor's budget proposal.

If it were adopted, our communities will be further threatened, local budgets will be further burdened with problems that are inherently the state's, and New York's criminal justice system will be further emasculated.

What will you bid for these unique items?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited is hosting the seventh annual BOU Auction on Friday (March 27) at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Central High School. The event is a fund-raiser to support youth programs in Bethlehem.

Everyone in the community (kids, too!) are encouraged to attend this year's auction, which features the return of the Silent Auction as well as the usual Live and Chinese Auctions.

Many people have generously donated their unique skills and services to make the evening a success. A few examples include:

- A handmade quilt sewn under the direction of Pat Bush

- A gift certificate to Michele Da Verona Ristorante

- Artwork by local artists Debbie Rohrbach, Colleen Skiff Kriss, and Carol Schlageter

- Heritage Park outing with Middle School Assistant Principal Dave Crandell

- A kids' basketball game with teachers "Mr. K" and Mr. McKenna

- And much more!

Homemade desserts will be sold at the auction. Anyone wishing to donate may drop off her or his specialty at the high school after 4 p.m. on the auction date.

Admission is free, so bring the whole family and support BOU's efforts.

Nan Hinman

Word for the week

Tawdry: Cheap and showy; gaudy; sleazy. (Formed by syllabic merging of "St. Audrey," especially in "St. Audrey's laces," women's neckpieces sold at St. Audrey's fair in Norwich, England.

Coyne's view on Al Tech and rink are disputed

Editor, The Spotlight:

This is in response to *The Spotlight's* March 17 interview with Jim Coyne regarding the Al Tech Trust Fund and the IDA ice hockey rink.

Though I am counsel to County Executive Michael J. Hoblock and am familiar with the facts in this matter, I am writing as a citizen.

If this article was an attempt at "balanced reporting" by *The Spotlight*, then I do not believe you accomplished your objective. Indeed, I believe you have weakened the impact of the public service offered by your previous week's articles.

Why didn't your reporter telephone me or County Executive Hoblock to discuss Coyne's assertions?

First of all, the ice hockey rink was, and remains, a mess. Apart from the fact that it was built on some of the most valuable land the county owned (and for which the county received a present-value payment of \$12), the IDA grossly overpaid for the project. The article did not remind the public that *operational* costs alone were under discussion. Indeed, from the operational side, the picture remains bleak.

First-year maintenance costs to the county were over \$120,000. Due to Mr. Hoblock's zeal and creativity on behalf of the IDA (which wanted nothing to do with the project last year), we are now looking at the *possibility* of breaking even, sometime in the next two years. We have structured the operation quite differently from the structure envisioned by Coyne. (We had our hands tied by the IDA's financing arrangement (IRC S501(c)(3) bonds).

Incidentally, problems associated with what we believe to be poor construction may seriously hamper our efforts to break even.

Getting the hockey rink "up and running" at a time of serious financial problems in the county required a gargantuan effort. The paragraph on the ice rink which began with the words "Strangely enough," did a great disservice to all of our efforts and suggested that, God forbid, Coyne was some kind of Robert Moses visionary.

Further, this article seemed to forget one of the important points of the previous week: that the use of Al Tech Fund for construction of an entertainment facility was an improper use of the fund. (Coyne never understood this.) For that matter, the majority of loans which were made were not proper uses of the fund.

The article also included Coyne's assertion about "creating" or "keeping" 6,000 jobs. Where in the world did he come up with that figure? (First of all, if anyone could take responsibility for "creating" jobs, it would have to be the federal government.) We have been unable to find support for an argument for anywhere near that figure. Furthermore, even if a few hundred jobs could be arguably the result of Al Tech loans, the figure would probably be reached by including projects like those involving the seven employees of a gasoline station owned by a party contributor, which received a \$150,000 loan.

Presumably, Coyne would argue that such a low-interest loan to a gas station resulted in "keeping" the seven jobs in this county. This is how Coyne would take credit for creating jobs. The list goes on and on. Apparently, Coyne culled his figures for estimates of proposed job creation from the loan applicants' files.

Why didn't someone contact us to verify such statements?

Unfortunately, this article, I believe, continued the great lie upon the public. I would be happy to document my support for the statements in this letter. The federal government has reached similar conclusions, and soon, I believe, the JDA will as well. For Coyne, or any newspaper article, to convey the impression that the Al Tech Trust Fund was not greatly abused is simply wrong.

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Your Opinion Matters

Snow fun on North St. when trucks haul snow

Editor, The Spotlight:

While the experience of this winter is still fresh, preparation for next winter should begin. By this I mean that town officials should address the issue of finding a site in an industrial or commercial area of Bethlehem to dump snow. The use of North Street as the trash bin and snow pile for the town must come to an end. The argument that it has always been done this way no longer washes. Tuesday, March 16, dump trucks filled with snow began their constant shuttle in and out of North Street at 1:18 a.m. No one in our home slept from that point on. I have spoken with neighbors who were awakened at the same time and were not able to return to sleep.

I do not deny that the storm put many townspeople in uncomfortable positions, nor am I saying that town employees do less than a terrific job at removing snow from streets and roads. What I am saying is that an operation intrinsically commercial and industrial in nature and application has no business being carried out in a residential neighborhood, particularly in the middle of the night when hardworking residents are trying to sleep so they can go to jobs and businesses the next day.

I am curious as to whether all the snow from the town is brought to North Street or are there other places where snow is also dumped. If snow from Glenmont or Sellkirk or North Bethlehem is trucked to North Street then Mr. Secor's argument, that to haul snow to any other site than North Street is too costly in truck fuel, falls to pieces. If snow is dumped in other places and if these are in other than residential areas then I question why our neighborhood has the distinction of being the only residential neighborhood which is "dumped on."

My next point is one that some might consider controversial: The snow might be dumped in the Hudson River or the Normanskill Creek. One might tell me that I'm contradicting myself in that I have voiced concern about snow runoff from North Street into the Normanskill. Two equations are in-

volved: (1) Snow to dump to creek to river and (2) Snow to creek to river. The first equation, in my mind, should be avoided since it has not been determined what is in the North Street dump. The second is an acceptable one under regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation. Albany and many other municipalities have been dumping snow in the river for a very long time. Bethlehem has access to both river and creek and I hope this method would be considered.

I would very much like to see the responses of Messrs. Ringler and Secor in this forum, for the record, and to see the Town Board address this issue in session with more than a perfunctory approach.

Delmar

Joseph Duclos

Make it annual event?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Yes! Let's do it again. No, not the blizzard!—but the fantastic "Bethlehem 200" night of entertainment. It was excellent having a blend of in-town recreational activities for all ages to attend, meeting friends and neighbors there, walking (yes, walking) to activities, and generally having fun in a local setting.

All individuals who worked so hard to accomplish this should be applauded. And perhaps, because of its resounding success, it could become the First Annual!

Delmar

Betsy Rooks

Bits of town history deserve clarification

Editor, The Spotlight:

I thoroughly enjoyed talking with *The Spotlight's* reporter recently about the more than half-century of change I have experienced since 1932 in the Bethlehem Central school district as pupil and teacher (now retired). I feel especially honored that the interview was included in the Bethlehem Bicentennial supplement to the March 10 *Spotlight*, and that the photo published was provided to me by a former pupil, Darlene Tompkins Bell, who is now the local historian for Normansville, that wonderful community at the end of the "yellow brick road," under the Elsmere viaduct leading into Albany.

I am writing to correct two small but important points in the article, since "historical" misquotes are sometimes repeated, and thus unfortunately perpetuated.

I was asked about educational trends I had experienced over my 60 years as both pupil and teacher. The article states that I noted changes from "the Dewey philosophy of discipline to the more lenient days of progressive education."

What I said was that I had experienced trends all the way from the conservative "rule of the basic 3-R's," sometimes reinforced with a strict disciplinary code for disruptive behavior, to the liberal educational philosophy of "progressive education," whose "father" was John Dewey of Columbia University's Teachers College.

The second misunderstanding is in the next-to-last paragraph. I was asked about changes in the demographics of our school district population of which I was aware over my lifetime in the community. My reply was truncated to the point where its context was lost and therefore its original meaning could be easily misinterpreted.

My understanding of the changes I experienced is shared by many who lived through the decades in and after the Depression in areas such as Bethlehem. Following the Depression, the lowered price of the automobile and great expansion of road-building (to provide jobs) ensured rapid development of suburbs such as ours. Up to that time, Bethlehem—like many similar communities—was basically rural, and, in our case, had a heavy concentration of Anglo-American and Dutch settlers.

It was with this rapid development of our area following the 1930s that I noted the demographic changes towards a more professional and more ethnically diverse population, which continues, I believe, to this day. As one example of these changes I noted that in my grade-school days a relatively small percentage of the population was Catholic, with an

even smaller number of Jewish families. The direct quote in the paragraph should have read, "In fact there were only two or three Jewish families that I was aware of in my class." I then noted the considerable increase in population of these two groups, among others, in our community today as bringing richness to the community. This truth is reflected, I believe, in the wonderful, peaceful, enriching ecumenical dialogue I have personally experienced in recent years with many individuals and groups from the major faiths in our area.

I did note that in the earlier era, the very stability of the population—together with its much more limited variety of life experiences and therefore more limited world view—resulted in, at times, rather narrow and even prejudiced attitudes on the part of some towards the earlier "newcomers."

But I also noted the great warmth and acceptance by many, and gave, as a prime example, the wonderful and warmly accepting "neighborhood family" I grew up with on Rural Place, in Elsmere, where almost all the mothers on the street "looked out" for all the kids.

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This is spring???



The first day of spring Saturday found Bruce Wood working to reclaim parking spaces lost to last week's blizzard at Bethlehem Central High School. Dev Tobin

Planners review Green's plaza proposal

By Mel Hyman

The Bethlehem Plaza retail/office project took two steps forward and one step back last week in a protracted session with the town planning board.

The longstanding proposal by appliance store magnate Thomas Green is still on track, and board chairman Martin Barr promised to move the project along as "rapidly as possible." But Barr rejected project consultant Lindsey Boutelle's call for quick action on the part of the board, noting that several outstanding matters remained unresolved.

The major stumbling blocks that were overcome last week involved concern over slope stability and drainage.

The three-acre parcel is located in a geographically sensitive area on top of a knoll within a few hundred yards of the Normanskill. The land slopes off sharply at the back of the site, and there are concerns about soil slippage and run-off.

John Fenzl, an engineer in the town Public Works Department, appeared to put the slope stability question to rest. Fenzl told the board he was satisfied that Green was planning to take steps to level off the top of the knoll and grade the rear of the property to reduce the drop-off.

At the same time, Fenzl recommended that the developer hire a soils consultant to oversee construction of the complex to make sure that the foundations are sturdy enough to support the projected loads.

"It's a project that could be built" with the proper safeguards, Fenzl told the board. "There are no big obstacles to it" from an engineering standpoint.

Green has taken a head-on approach in dealing with the sensitive issue of run-off. Homes in the tiny hamlet of Normansville, which lie at the bottom of the Yellow Brick Road alongside the Normanskill, have traditionally suffered from flooded basements and worse.

Because of the steep slope from the proposed plaza down to the Normanskill, it's estimated that about 15 percent additional water run-off would end up in the hamlet.

Green is proposing to install a catch-basin and piping system to collect the run-off from the plaza, plus a good portion of what normally flows down into the hamlet.

"We plan to completely eliminate the run-off into people's backyards" in the Normansville area, Green said. "We said we'd build it. We'll dig it and we'll put it together, although maybe the town could contribute something in materials. I think we're doing the town a favor."

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One problem that could delay or possibly jeopardize the project was brought up by planning board member Gary Swan. Swan said he is concerned about how long a person would have to wait to make a left turn out of the plaza onto Delaware Avenue, particularly during rush hour.

The board seemed impressed by the aesthetics of the project. Green explained he wanted to make the plaza as attractive as possible to differentiate it from the average strip mall in Colonie or Delmar.

The plaza would consist of three separate buildings that have more of a residential than a commercial look to them. Muted colors and extensive landscaping would enhance the aesthetics, the board was told, and at least one member seemed to agree.

"The colors are nice," said board member Doris Davis. "They're pretty unobtrusive."

The local Green's appliance store further up Delaware Avenue would occupy one of the buildings, while a mix of retail and commercial tenants would occupy the remaining structures. Provision has been made for more than 100 parking spaces.

While listening closely to the more than three-hour presentation, several residents of Normansville remained unconvinced of the project's merit.

Jackie Gallagher of Miller Road advised the board that the Yellow Brick Road, which borders the rear of the property and leads down into Normansville, was historically significant and should be protected from commercial development.

With virtually no extra room on the proposed site plan, she added, "What are they going to do with the snow?"

BC board picks up cost of trainer

By Joshua Kagan

In this tough budget year, Bethlehem Central's athletic department has fared reasonably well, actually gaining funds in one area.

The BC school board voted 4-3 on March 10 to fund a part-time athletic trainer for \$3,780. In the past, the Bethlehem Athletic Association paid for the trainer.

"It gives us an opportunity to spend money in different ways," said Athletic Association President Neil Brown.

Brown said the school board voted to provide "about as much

money as we did this year. Perhaps that could be supplemented. We're considering that."

"We felt the trainer was a health and safety issue," said board president Pamela Williams. "We were one of the few schools in the Suburban Council to not fund a trainer."

The board, however, decided not to fund both boys and girls junior varsity lacrosse. The booster group has funded the teams over the past several years, and Brown said, "We'll certainly try to continue that."

"They (the Athletic Association) had made a commitment to fund

junior varsity lacrosse," Williams said. She said this decision probably wouldn't change unless the school district receives more state aid than they are currently slated to collect.

"I'm disappointed the board doesn't allow for funding of junior varsity lacrosse," Brown said, "but I understand how tough this budget year is."

Even though the athletic program has been hit with a 10 percent across-the-board cut, Williams and Brown agreed interscholastic athletics has been treated well this budget year. "I feel the board has been very fair," Brown said.

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RCS district schedules early dismissal day

On Thursday, April 1, classes in kindergarten through 12th-grade in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District will be released early so teachers may participate in professional development activities.

The senior high and the middle school will release at 11:15 a.m.

At Ravena Elementary School, the morning kindergarten will run from 8:45 to 9:55 a.m., and the normal afternoon kindergarten will run from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The first-grade will be released at 12:10 p.m.

The A.W. Becker Elementary School's morning kindergarten will be from 8:45 to 9:55 a.m., and the afternoon kindergarten will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Grades one through four will release at 12:30 p.m.

Grades two through four at the P.B. Coeymans Elementary School will be let out at 12:30 p.m.

For information, call 767-2513.

Methodist church choir to perform Mozart Mass

The chancel choir of the First United Methodist Church will perform with the chancel choir of Trinity United Methodist Church of Albany for a presentation of W.A. Mozart's "Organ Solo Mass" on Sunday, March 28, at 11 a.m.

The performance will be at the First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

The choir is directed by conductor Joseph Farrell.

For information, call 455-2886.

Five Rivers schedules evening nature walk

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar will offer an evening nature walk on Friday, March 26, at 7 p.m.

The focus of the program will be the sights and sounds of early spring. Participants should dress for the outdoors.

For information, call 475-0291.

Ice rink looks to heat up summer business

By Kathleen Shapiro

Area skating buffs will be able to hit the ice all summer, following the Albany County Hockey Training Facility's recent decision to remain open 10 months of the year.

The rink, which for the past several seasons has closed its doors in March, will only shut down operations for a few weeks in May and June to complete

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Matt Clark

routine maintenance and repair work, said manager Matt Clark. After that, it's business as usual again.

"If this goes as well as we're predicting and the money's there, we may try and expand it into a 12-month operation next year," he said.

Ironically, summer is traditionally a busy season for ice rinks, said Clark, adding that the Colonie facility, which has lost considerable amounts of money since opening in 1991, is already jammed with reservations for summer hockey and figure skating training camps, students groups and community teams who have more free time to practice during the warm months.

"It's really booked," said Clark.



Skaters at the Albany County Hockey Training Facility, above, are in for an extended season this year. The rink, located on Albany-Shaker Road in Colonie, will close for maintenance in May and June, and then reopen for the rest of the summer.

"We've had to turn some people away."

With a guaranteed crush of patrons bringing in a steady revenue flow, the rink will probably gross more during the summer than it normally does in winter, when the number of groups using the facility is more sporadic and usually confined to weekends and evenings, Clark said.

Because of the heavy summer bookings, public skating will probably be limited to weekends. Operating and refrigeration costs are higher in the warm weather, meaning the rink will have to depend on groups rather than risk opening it for public skating and

have no one show up.

"This is a trial summer," said Clark. "If we don't get the guaranteed income, we won't be able to remain open."

The rink, owned by the Albany County Industrial Agency, lost \$50,000 last year, but has staged a comeback since Clark was hired

to take over management of the facility.

Although some residents may be disappointed at the limited public skating hours, the main concern at this point is to stabilize revenues, said Clark.

"It's like politics," he said. "You can't please everyone all the time."



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Job Corps again wins top award

The Glenmont Job Corps Center is building a reputation for excellence.

For the third time in the last four years, the center on Route 144 has been honored by the U.S. Department of Labor as the No. 1 Job Corps facility in Region II. That honor came at the annual meeting held last month in New York City.

Thanks to the dedication of our students and staff, we've been able to continue this award-winning tradition.

Rose Walker Cook

"Once you've made it to the top, it's difficult to maintain that level from year to year," said Center Director Rose Walker Cook. "Thanks to the dedication of our students and staff, we've been able to continue this award-winning tradition."

The center, which provides academic and vocational training for disadvantaged men and women, undergoes a performance review each year by the U.S. Department of Labor.

The facility is judged against 11 other Job Corps centers in Region II, which includes New York, New Jersey and Puerto Rico. The centers are reviewed in a number of performance categories.

To be selected No. 1, a center



Rose Walker Cook presides over the award-winning Glenmont Job Corps Center.

must excel in overall performance including academic advancements made by students while training for a career.

Glenmont students made significant gains in reading and math skills during the 1992 year. At the same time, their length of stay at the center was above the national average. This is important, Cook said, because the longer students stay in the program, the more employable they will be when they leave.

In addition to being selected as Best Overall Center—which also occurred in 1989 and 1990—the Glenmont facility captured awards for Best Administration Program, Outstanding Outreach and

Screening Efforts, Best Student Support Programs and Best Recreation Program.

This marks the second straight year Glenmont has won the award in the administration category, which covers the handling of finances, food and health services, student transportation, inventory procedures and other matters. Over the years, the center has also been recognized for offering Outstanding Educational Programs and the Best Residential Living for students.

Competing Job Corps Center from Region II included Arecibo, Ramey and Barranquitas, in Puerto Rico; Edison, in New Jersey; and Cassadaga, Delaware Valley (Callicoon), Gateway (Brooklyn), Iroquois (Medina), Oneonta, South Bronx, in New York.

The Spotlight remembers

This week in 1983, these stories were making headlines in *The Spotlight*.

- The 15th annual Delmar Day in Sarasota, Fla., attracted more than 80 former residents, vacationers and guests, including Eleanor (Schultzie) Smith, John and Mildred Glick, Larry and Kay Moses, the Rev. Robert Thomas, Chet and Tan Hawley, Phil and Mabel Moore, Bert and Eva Kohinke, Bob and Betty Roth, and Harold and Lucille Williams.

- Jeffrey and Walter DiStefano submitted a proposal to the planning board to renovate the old Mayfair Drive-in Theater on Route 85 in New Scotland for offices for their highway construction business.

- The Voorheesville Village Board named John Dergosits to head the sewer commission and Linda Parsons to chair the conservation commission, both replacing William Clarke.

- The race to replace retiring Voorheesville school board member J. August Berger attracted four candidates: Bruce Morteale, Richard Rose, Steven Schreiber and Mary Van Ryn.

- Voorheesville's undefeated boys basketball team remained alive in the state tournament, beating Rensselaer 59-53, Ticonderoga 63-59, and Liberty 63-58. Mike Lewis was the Blackbirds' leading scorer against Ticonderoga (22 points) and Liberty (29 points).

Five Rivers seeks volunteers

The Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar is seeking volunteers to teach children in kindergarten through eighth-grade ecology and forest life. Classes teach students about plants, wildlife and how to become stewards of the environment.

A training session for prospective volunteers will be Wednesday, April 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers will be trained by Five Rivers Center naturalists. The only requirements are an interest in children and the outdoors.

Five Rivers offers education programs in spring, fall and winter on such topics as animals, pond

Volunteers work with small groups in simple hands-on activities to encourage nature appreciation. Students often use nets to capture small wildlife, such as frogs or fish, study them at first-hand and then release them.

For information on the volunteer program, contact Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 475-0291.

Community orchestra to play at library

The Delmar Community Orchestra will perform a concert of pops and light classics on Sunday, March 28, at 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The program will include selections from *Fiddler on the Roof*, the *Washington Post March* by Sousa and Mozart's *Concert No. 4 for Violin and Orchestra*.

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BC alumnus at helm of cutter

By Dev Tobin

After more than six years of desk duty, Slingerlands native Captain Edmund "Ned" Kiley is at the helm of newly-refurbished Coast Guard cutter and "he loves it," according to his mother Catherine.

Catherine and her husband Dr. John Kiley, who now live in Glenmont, recently returned from the commissioning of the *USCGC Midgett* in Seattle, Wash.

"It was a very impressive ceremony, with the crew all lined up along the edge of the ship in dress uniforms," Catherine Kiley recalled. "Ned was given the ship's flag, a spyglass and the ship's log."

The *Midgett*, with a crew of 20 officers and 158 enlisted personnel, now patrols the northern Pacific and the Gulf of Alaska, enforcing the territorial waters limit on foreign fishing boats, providing search and rescue and standing ready for military or marine environmental missions.

Capt. Kiley's last posting, as chief of public affairs for the Coast Guard in Washington, D.C., was less fulfilling.

"Ned did not like Washington, he was very unhappy there" his mother said.

After 20 years of service, the



Capt. Edmund Kiley

Midgett underwent renovation and modernization in 1991 and 1992. Capt. Kiley spent a year on the cutter prior to commissioning, checking out the ship's major systems.

Capt. Kiley, a 1964 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, was on the football, wrestling and tennis teams, and is still "in a physical fit," his mother says.

"He rides his bike on the ship, and once, when stationed on Kodiak Island in Alaska, tried to turn an old hangar into a tennis

court," she said.

After BC, Kiley graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1968. He earned a master's degree from Wesleyan University and is also a graduate of the Naval War College. In 1989-90, he was a National Security Fellow at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

"He's thought about retiring several times, but each time, they send him back to school, so he owes them more time," his mother said.

When he's not at sea, Capt. Kiley now lives in Bainbridge Island, Wash., with his wife Ruth and their children Brendan, Conor and Caitlin.

During Capt. Kiley's tour as chief of Coast Guard law enforcement on the Gulf of Mexico in the late 1980s, his parents got a chance to see quite a bit of him, as Dr. Kiley was then working as head of nephrology at the University of Mississippi Medical School.

Dr. and Mrs. Kiley have recently moved back to the area.

"I'm very happy to be back. This is home for me," Catherine Kiley said.

Fire department plans annual ham raffle

The North Bethlehem Fire Department, 589 Russell Road, Albany, will host its second annual ham raffle on Saturday, April 3, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

For information, call 438-4084.

Dionysian drama



Mara Steinkamp, standing, and Jill Kraemer rehearse a scene from *A Tomb with a View*, which will be performed Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27, at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville. Jonathan Getrick

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Dean Snow, professor of anthropology at the University at Albany, will lecture on "Where Did the Iroquois Come From?" on Tuesday, March 30, at 8 p.m.

The program, which will be in lecture center 7 on the uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, is co-sponsored by Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar.

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Girl Scouts to host International Day

The Ravena Neighborhood of Girl Scouts will host an International Day on Saturday, March 27, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Congregational Church on the corner of Mountain and Main streets in Ravena.

Nine troops, ranging from Brownies to Senior Scouts, will show displays, games, crafts, food and dance of different countries, including England, Scotland, the United States, Greece, Ireland, Italy and Holland.

The event is open to the public, and refreshments and crafts will be for sale. Admission will be 50 cents per person.

Coeymans PTO to host ice cream social

The Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization will host an ice cream social tonight, March 24, at 6 p.m. at the RCS Senior High School on Route 9W in Ravena.

The event will celebrate pupil and family participation in this year's Parents As Reading Partners (PARP) program.

For information, call 756-8190.

Becker pupils prepare for fair, open house

Pupils at A. W. Becker Elementary School on Route 9W in Selkirk are preparing projects to display at their annual school fair and open house, Thursday, March 25, at 7 p.m.

Projects will give visitors a peek at creative classroom learning activities.

The Becker PTA spring book fair is also scheduled to be open to the public from 5 to 9 p.m. on March 25 in the school lobby. Proceeds from book sales will help teachers purchase new classroom reading materials.

Becker movie night to feature Disney flick

The A.W. Becker Parent Teacher Association will show a full-length Disney animated film on Friday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the school.

Tickets will cost \$1 per person, and refreshments will be available. For information, call 767-2511.

RCS students to attend All-County Music Festival

The RCS district is one of seven in the region to participate in the

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Greene County All-County Music Festival on Friday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m.

The festival will be at the Cossackie-Athens High School on Sunset Boulevard in Cossackie.

Students in grades five through 12 will play and sing a variety of musical selections. Groups scheduled to perform from RCS include the senior high band, the junior high chorus and the elementary school band.

Area pupils advance to regional spelling bee

Two RCS district fourth-graders, Ryan Mahan of Becker elementary and Ryan Morse of Coeymans elementary, recently won local qualifying contests and will compete in the regional spelling bee.

The regional contest, sponsored by Schoharie and Schenectady BOCES and the *Times Union*, will be Monday, March 29, at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady.

The regional winner will win an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the national finals.

RCS pupils display work at statewide art exhibit

Coeymans fourth-grader Christopher Jones and second-grader Katie Stott are among over 350 young artists from around the state selected to have their work displayed in the 1993 state Art Teachers Association exhibit.

The show, which will run through April 2 at the Legislative Office Building in Albany, is open to the public.

REACH sets meeting at middle school

The RCS REACH Parent Support Group will meet Tuesday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the middle school on Route 9W in Ravena.

At the meeting, a guest speaker will discuss child psychology with emphasis on social and developmental psychology.

For information, call 767-2511.

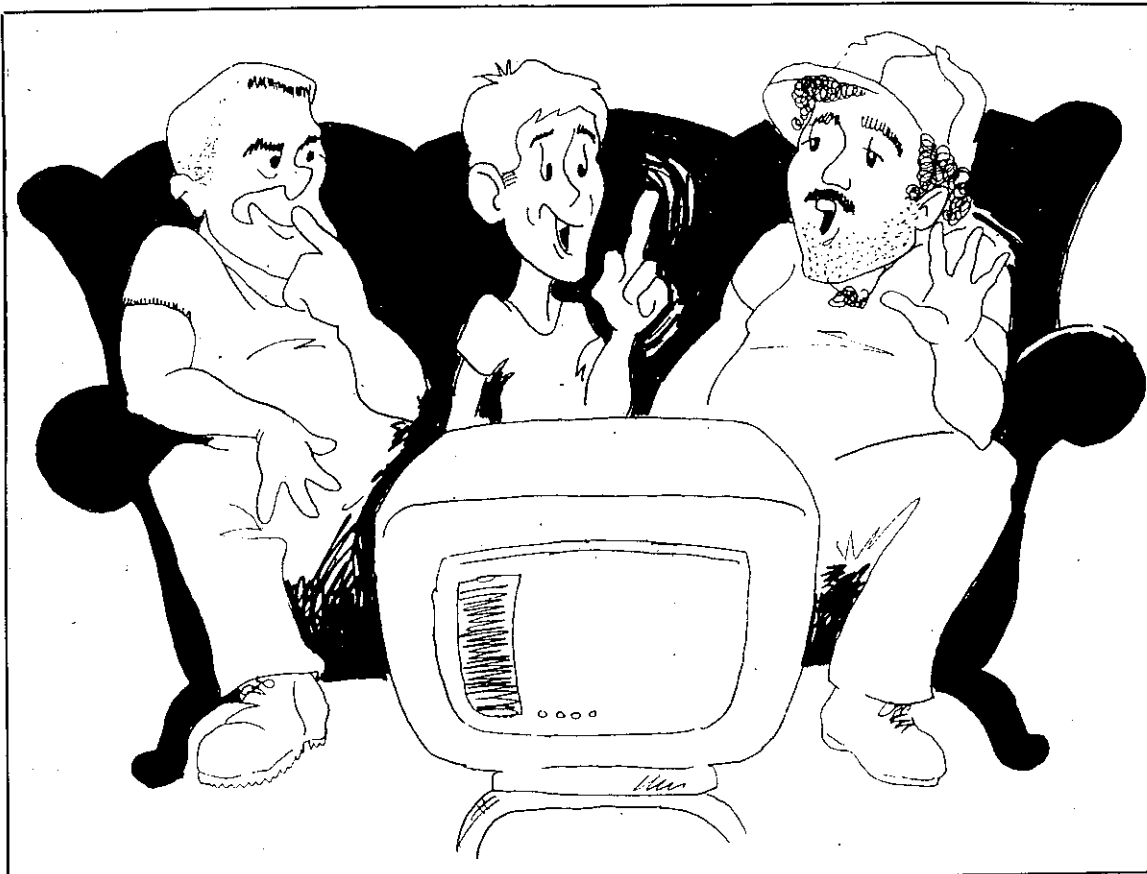
BCHS names students of the month

Bethlehem Central High School recently announced its students of the month for February.

The students are: Matt Ostroff, art; Don Kawczak, English; Scott Lobel, math; Abe McAllister, media; Nobuko Higuchi, music; April Houghton, science; Sandina Camuglia, second language; Matt McGuire, social studies; Beth

Borofsky, occupational education; and Brian Scott, physical education.

The students, who are nominated by teachers and then selected by departments, each received a Bethlehem Central High School golf shirt and a pass which grants them free entry to any school function or event.



This illustration by Spotlight Newspapers' production manager Jack Brent garnered a third place award for graphic illustration in the 1993 New York Press Association Better Newspaper Contest. The illustration appeared with a Family section article titled, "Faking it Through Super Sunday," which gave tips to football neophytes during the week before Super Bowl Sunday.

Awards

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ing Writer of the Year, won by reporter Kathleen Shapiro. Shapiro also received an honorable mention in the feature writing category.

Business women set country club meeting

The Bethlehem Business Women's Club will meet on Wednesday, April 7, at 6 p.m. at Normanside Country Club on Salisbury Road in Delmar.

Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz will present a program on wills and trusts.

Tickets are \$10 each. For reservations, call 462-1761.

Glenmont church sets luncheon for seniors

Glenmont Community Church on Chapel Lane will host a senior luncheon on Wednesday, March 31, at 11:30 a.m.

Martha Brown will present a program on local history.

A lunch of chicken salad, dessert and beverage will be served. The cost will be \$2.

Reservations deadline is March 24. For information, call 465-3992.

Gansevoort DAR group to meet in Delmar

The Gansevoort Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will meet on Saturday, April 3, at 1 p.m. at the home of Johanna Shogan, 91 Longmeadow Drive, Delmar.

The topic will be "200 Years of Distinguished American Women," presented by Eleanor Dillenback, historian for the town of Glen.

The Colonie paper received a third place award in its circulation category for coverage of education.

Jack Brent, production manager for both newspapers, received a third place award for graphic illustration.

Brent was cited for his outstanding contribution to the Spotlight Newspapers family section.

The Colonie paper also received Bloopers of the Year distinction for a short item that contained information from two unrelated stories.

AARP sets tax help sessions

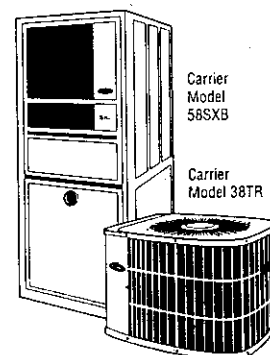
The Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons offers tax assistance for senior citizens (60 years of age and older) at two sites this year.

In Delmar, assistance is available by appointment Tuesdays through April 13 at town hall, 445 Delaware Ave.

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Party honors



Mary Bardwell of Delmar was one of three prominent Albany County Republicans to be honored as "Republicans of the Year," at the party's 95th annual Lincoln Day Dinner, Tuesday, March 9. Bardwell is shown receiving a plaque from George Scaringe, retiring chairman of the county GOP Committee.

Good time sure bet at Vegas night

Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department on Altamont Road is sponsoring a Las Vegas Nite on Saturday, March 27, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Black jack, roulette and various card games will be available to individuals over 18 years of age.

For information, contact John Joslin at 765-2940.

Auxiliary to cook up fish fry dinners

The New Salem Fire Department Auxiliary will hold two fish fry dinners at the firehouse on Route 85A in New Salem on Friday, March 26, and Friday, April 9, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Dinner includes a fish fry, salad, chowder, dessert and beverage.

The price is \$5.50 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and \$3 for children.

For information, contact 765-2857.

Ambulance service sets annual breakfast date

Voorheesville Area Ambulance Service is planning its annual pancake breakfast at the Voorheesville American Legion on Sunday, March 28, from 7 a.m. to noon.

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The meal costs \$3.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children from one to 11 years and kids under four eat for free.

Kindergarten screenings slated at Voorheesville

Kindergarten screening will take place at the Voorheesville Elementary School on March 30, 31 and April 1. Appointments are required for any child entering kindergarten in September this year.

To schedule an appointment, call Joanne Donahue at the school at 765-2382.

Parents are requested to bring proof of residency and proof of age.

GOP gears up for yearly fund-raiser

The New Scotland Republican Committee will host its 17th annual dinner fund-raiser on Friday, April 12, at the Crossgate Restaurant on Washington Avenue Extension in Albany.

Dutch treat cocktails will begin the evening at 6:30 p.m. followed by complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m.

Following dinner, a fund-raising auction will take place with merchandise being auctioned from local merchants. Guest speaker will be Dennis Buchan, newly elected Albany County Republican chairman. Tickets are \$20.

For reservations, contact Diane Carroll, committee person at 767-3404.

Prospective candidates must file petitions

Prospective candidates for the Voorheesville school board are

required to obtain 25 signatures of district residents. Petitions are available at Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High school business office.

For information, contact 765-3314.

Anti-hunger drive under way at Bouton

WRGB-Channel 6 and the National Honor Society from the Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High school will co-sponsor a Students Against Hunger drive this month. Michael Welker, honor society president, said the public is invited to donate canned and dry food to the high school where collection boxes are available in the main office, library, guidance office and Room 108 and 151.

For information, contact Welker at 765-3100.

Students to present A Tomb with a View

Voorheesville Dionysians will present "A Tomb with a View" by Norman Robbins at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School on Friday, March 26, and Saturday, March 27, at 8 p.m.

Students have been rehearsing under the direction of Martha Boston and adviser Sherry Burgoon. This year's production will star Jason Adlowitz, Becky Bryden, Melissa Cooper, Jill Kraemer, Jonathon Getnick, Gretchen Gies, Rachael LeGere (student adviser), Ruth LeGere, Chandra Luczak, Matthew Reh, Mara Steinkamp.

Tickets can be purchased from drama club members or at the door. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for students.

For information, call 765-3314.

Schools to close

Voorheesville School District will be closed on Friday, March 26, because of a superintendent's conference. Classes will resume on Monday, March 29.

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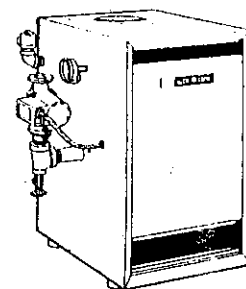
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43-year trustee to retire

Dr. Theodore Wenzl has announced that he will not seek another term as a library trustee. In May, Dr. Wenzl will mark his 43rd anniversary as a member of the board.

His seat will be filled by election on May 5 at the same time Bethlehem Central School District elections are held.

Anyone interested in running for the open position needs to file



a petition signed by 67 eligible voters.

The library is chartered to serve the same area as the school district, which includes parts, but not all, of the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. The deadline for filing petitions is Monday, April 5. Petitions are available at the library.

Theodore Wenzl was appointed to fill the unexpired term of long-term trustee, Arthur W. Schmidt in May 1950. He ran for re-election, and elected to a five-year term a record seven consecutive times.

He served as a president of the board from 1952 until 1980, a period of great expansion in the library's services, and the building of the present library in 1972. He was also Bethlehem's representative to the Upper Hudson Library System from 1963 to 1992.

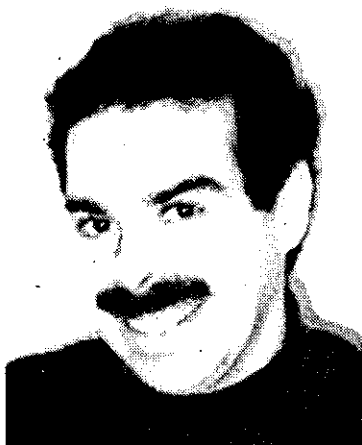
During his tenure, Dr. Wenzl received the prestigious Velma K. Moore Award, given annually by the state-wide trustees association in recognition of his outstanding work in behalf of libraries.

The Children's Room "Author of the Month" display for March and April focuses on BC middle school faculty member and freelance writer Jack Rightmyer.

Rightmyer, who grew up in Albany and Latham, credits his teachers for fostering his love of writing. He worked his way up to sports editor of the student paper at Manhattan College.

"Once I saw my name in print, I was hooked," he says. "I knew I wanted to be a writer."

After landing teaching jobs at Notre Dame and Bishop Gibbons



Jack Rightmyer

High School in Schenectady, where he also coached track and cross country, and Pinkerton Academy in Derry, N.H., Rightmyer continued to refine his style by publishing articles in local newspapers.

He writes a monthly "Viewpoint" editorial column for the *Daily Gazette* and freelances book reviews and author profiles. He is a frequent contributor to *Writing!* magazine, for whom he has interviewed contemporary authors, including E.L. Doctorow, Mark Mathabane and Gordon Korman.

Currently he is working on his first young adult novel. Though his young children are an inspiration, the demands of working and raising a family leave him little time to ply his craft.

"I really envy the single people in my writers' group who can write whenever they want. I have to make time to write," he says.

While landing a publisher is a frustrating experience for most first novelists, Rightmyer finds his sports background gives him a new perspective on the challenge. "It's like waiting to hit your first home run."

Anna Jane Abaray

Extension sets seminar on money management

The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County will sponsor a seminar on "Money Management for Women" on Tuesday, March 30, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

Joseph Urso of Waddell and Reed Financial Services will present the program, which will cover selecting insurance, planning with IRAs, tax shelters and other inflation-beating benefits.

For information, call 765-3500.

Nardacci nominated as nurse of distinction

Elizabeth A. Nardacci of Glenmont, nursing coordinator for Albany Medical Center, was one of 37 registered nurses in north-eastern New York nominated for recognition in the state Legislature's 1993 Nurse of Distinction Award program.

Nurses were nominated from Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Delaware, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Montgomery, Otsego, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren and Washington counties.

O'Connor gets grant for study of quilts

Linda O'Connor of Voorheesville recently received a \$300 Special Opportunity Stipend grant from the New York Foundation for the Arts and RCCA: The Arts Center to attend the Quilt Surface Design Symposium in Columbus, Ohio, for a week of study.

Twenty area artists received \$6,005 in grants through the program.

CAPITAL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING

March 25, 1993 3:00 pm

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Collectors Night slated

Whether your passion is searching out rare stamps, doll quilts, or '50's lunch boxes, a program sponsored by the Friends of the Library is the perfect opportunity to show off items from your collection.

A repeat of last year's popular Collectors Night is set for Thursday, April 1, at 7 p.m. in the library community room. All are welcome.



To sign up to share your treasures, call Barbara Meilinger at 765-4923.

There will be a Writers Group meeting on Thursday, March 25, at 7 p.m. The group meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month and is always seeking new members.

The group sponsored Poetry Performance Day, which was cancelled due to the storm. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 17.

There are only a few more weeks left before that April 15 deadline, and tax help is still available.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is scheduled on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and provided by IRS staff.

Seniors can have their questions answered on Wednesdays through the AARP's TAX Aide program.

Call 765-2791 for an appointment.

State-of-the-art technology has

come to the library with the arrival of a new computer system called Magazine ASAP Select on InfoTrac. Now instead of thumbing through numerous indexes, waiting for magazines, and then photocopying pertinent articles, patrons can simply sit at a computer terminal, type in the subject they wish to search and press a button. Instantly, a listing of the articles will appear along with citations as to which of the magazines can print out the full text. Over two hundred magazines for the past three years and the latest two months of the *New York Times* are indexed in the system and full text articles are available from 50 magazines. The system is always up-to-date as a new database is delivered monthly.

The Small Town at the Millenium planning group will meet tonight, March 24, at 7 p.m. in the community room to discuss plans for the arts festival this spring. All are welcome.

Christine Shields

Glenmont church plans country dance lessons

The Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, will offer country and western dance lessons on Friday, March 26, from 8 to 10 p.m.

Nancy Karins and Rich Mendrick will teach the Texas Two-Step, the Cowboy Electric Slide, and the Barn Dance.

The cost of admission will be \$5 per person. For information, call Mim Oliver at 465-8732.

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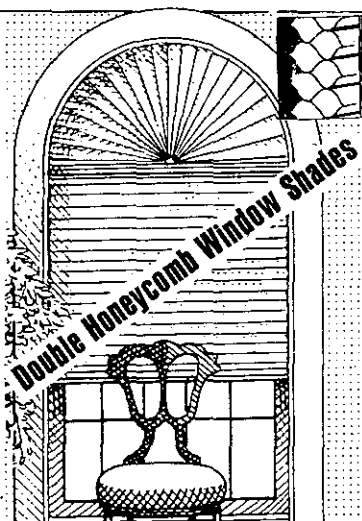
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BC announces middle school honor students

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Grade 6 High honor roll

Abigail Alexander, Elizabeth Andersen, Jeremy Arenos, Heather Axford, Roxana Bahar, Erin Bailey, Caryn Barnes, Jessica Berlow, Cullen Blake, Robert Bocala, Kathryn Bowen, John Bragle, Catherine Bresnahan, Calvin Brown and Jonathan Burroughs.

Also, Lauren Caimano, Jonathan Caplan, Kathleen Caporta, Rachel Carberry, Denise Chisholm, Carolyn Clement, Elizabeth Clement, Arianne Cohen, Kimberly Comtois, Erica Concolino, Lauren Conti, Lilly Corrigan, Tobias Cushing, Kathleen Dambroski and Travis Davey.

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nie Fong, Joshua Frank and Rebecca Frank.

Also, Brian Freihofer, Justin Friedman, Rachel Frone, Adam Fryer, Ashley Gall, Ellen Gallagher, Erin Ganley, Jason Gertz, Luke Giovanniello, Laura Gluchowski, John Gombel, Susannah Gordon-Messer, Natalie Govanlu, Alexis Grant, Lucas Gray and Nicole Greer.

Also, Elisabeth Guglin, Joseph Gutman III, Adam Guzik, Julianne Hebert, Alexander Heiss, Leah Hennessey, Suzanne Hillinger, David Horn, Matthew Hough, Patrick Hughes, Caitlin Isbister, Elizabeth Jukins, Melissa Kanuk and Jeffrey Kaplan.

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Also, Calvin Miaw, Jared Milano, Abigail Miner, Rebecca Minor, Lauren Moshier, Jason Moskos, Ajay Murthy, Joshue Myer, Jennifer Nathan, Melissa Padula, Christopher Palmieri, Daniel Persons, Daniel Pierce,

Joshua Plattner and Noah Pollock.

Also, Alexandra Poole, Johnathan Porco, Andrea Pressman, Kelly Reagan, Morgan Reilly, Rachael Rein, Lisa Ricciardelli, Melissa Rifkin, Monique Roberts, Paul Roberts, Sarah Sandison, Jessica Sedlock, Amy Shatsoff, Andrea Shaye and Jennifer Sinski.

Also, Jennifer Smith, Janine Sprague, Carrie Staniels, Samantha Stevens, Robert Storey, Katie Strait, Christian Summers, Elizabeth Thomas, William Thomas, Grace Ting, Jeremy Tommell, Colleen Tripp, Grace Tsan, Ryan Venter, Michael Westphal, Krista Wilkie, Michelle Yates, Ann Zebrowski and Allison Zucker.

Grade 6 Honor roll

Jared Alston, Robin Amiri, R. Maxwell Anderson, Michelle Andriano, Caleb Bacon, Joshua Baird, Robert Baldwin, Bari Banner, Brendan Bannigan, Mark Bassotti, Eve Bathrick, Zane Bathrick, Gregory Bedrosian, Ryan Bender and Megan Bernier.

Also, Megan Berry, Carrie Besse, Molly Betzhold, Elijah Bonnell, Brian Bosman, Sean Boyle, Matthew Bratrud, Michael Bredderman, Stephen Brockley,

Jennifer Brossoie, Renee Brown, Jennifer Buehler, Dennis Clarke, Andrew Coker and Sonia Consentino.

Also, Jillian Corneil, James Corrigan, Shane Crounse, Jeffrey DeLong, Paul Deyss, Brian Dowd, Laura Dowse, Shannon Dunlap-Moran, Mark Economides, Matthew Elfeldt, Sarah Feedore, Matthew Fitting, Kristina Fournier and Tara Gardner.

Also, Christina Garver, Dermot Gavin, Joseph Gerstenzang, David Geurtze, Jennifer Geyer, Daniel Glisson, Susan Gola, Lisa Goldberg, Andrew Goodfellow, Christina Gordon, Kristin Green, Matthew Grenier, Brendon Griffin, Regina Hall and John Halpin.

Also, Victoria Halsdorf, Justin Harbinger, Stacie Haskins, Daniel Heenan, Daniel Herd, Lucia Hermens, Jason Hessberg, Jared Hickey, Brian Hihn, Brian Hilchie, Matthew Hogan, Carrie Holligan, Patrick Hoogkamp, Sean Hotaling, Conor Hughes, Craig Jaquish and Alissa Johnson.

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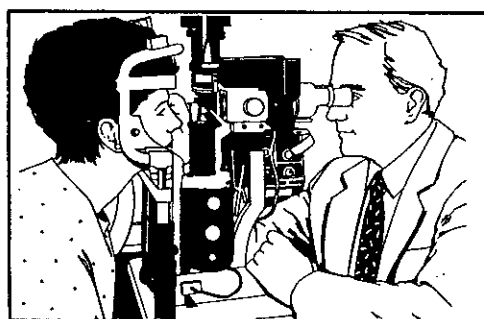
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Grade 7

High honor roll

Heather Barclay, Mary Elizabeth Baseline, Sean Battle, James Bell, Shannon Bennett, Anna Berger, Nicholas Berry, Anne Bishko, Virginia Blabey, Peter Bocala, Pamela Brannock, Eamonn Brennan, Peter Bulger, Breton Byron and Joseph Cacciola.

Also, Keith Campbell, Bradley Colacino, Nicole Conway, Matthew Cook, Emily Criscione.



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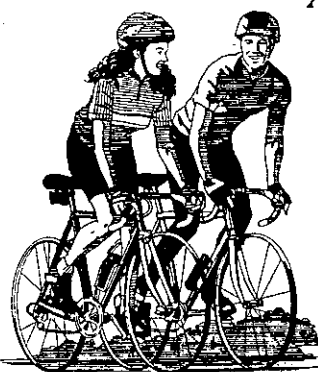
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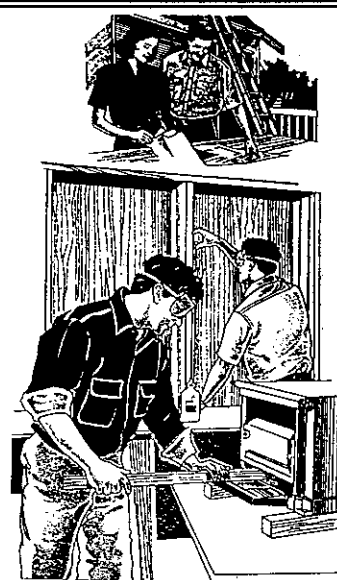
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For 70+ Skiers, It's Not All Downhill From Here

By Mel Hyman

By her own admission, Clifton Park resident Joyce Gebhardt, a member of the Capital District 70-Plus Ski Club, never went anywhere she was young.

Now that she's 73, and a club member, she's taking advantage of the opportunity to go on trips as far away as Switzerland, Austria, Argentina and New Zealand.

In fact, she's been to all those places over the past few years and she plans to keep maneuvering the slopes here and abroad. "I guess I had to get up in years before I got adventurous," she mused.

Just as important as the fresh air, exercise and scenic vistas, of course, is the camaraderie, Gebhardt says. "When you finish, there are always people you can socialize with. And for widows or widowers especially, there's the chance to meet new people.

"It's been a lot of fun," she said. "You don't walk up to somebody and hear about how many pills they took today. It's not a downer group."



Lloyd Lambert, president of the 70-Plus Ski Club, waits on the slopes of Hunter Mountain. Below, other club members congregate at Hunter before making their descent.

Photos courtesy of the state Department of Economic Development

Being a member of the 70-Plus Ski Club can have economic benefits as well. Lift tickets at ski areas can cost upward of \$40 a day. As a club member, you're eligible for

You don't walk up to somebody and hear about how many pills they took today. It's not a downer group.

Joyce Gebhardt

free lift passes at more than 200 ski centers in the U.S., with many others providing special discounts.

Reducing the cost of skiing for older people on fixed incomes was the original purpose of the 70-Plus Ski Club. That's still a big part of it, says Sidney Kaplan of Delmar,

since for a five dollar bill you're entitled to a lifetime membership.

Kaplan, 78, joined just after his 70th birthday. He's taken advantage of club-sponsored trips to ski Switzerland as well as some of the top ski mountains in Colorado and Utah.

The Alps in Switzerland are a breathtaking sight, he said. The ski lodges in Switzerland are so "sophisticated and professional they make the Rockies look amateurish."

It helps to be in good physical condition to handle the rigors of downhill skiing, Kaplan said, although it really doesn't take strength as much as it does dexterity.

"If you fall you've got to be dexterous enough to land properly and not get killed."

It also takes a certain amount of experience to ski some of the more popular slopes and an "emotional integrity," so that if you look down the slope, you know you can handle it.

There are quite a few people from Bethlehem and Colonie who are club members, he added, although just about every area of the Capital District is well represented.

"When I joined, there were about 300 members and now it's a worldwide group."

Club founder Lloyd Lambert, 90, of Ballston Lake isn't quite as active as he was although he can still strap on the slats when he's so inspired.

He got the idea of forming the club in 1977 when he thought the price of a lift ticket might be deterring older people from trying the sport. At that time, the going rate was about \$20 per day.

When he's not out on the slopes, Lambert coordinates activities from his home. His computer gets a real workout since an average of five or 10 new memberships are received every day.

While it certainly helps to be in decent physical shape, you don't have to be a world-class athlete to be a senior skier.

"We have a number of people with plastic hips and knees still skiing," Gebhardt said. "We've had people who went through bypass surgery. We had a few drop dead as well. It's just one of those things."



Expo puts senior interests on center stage

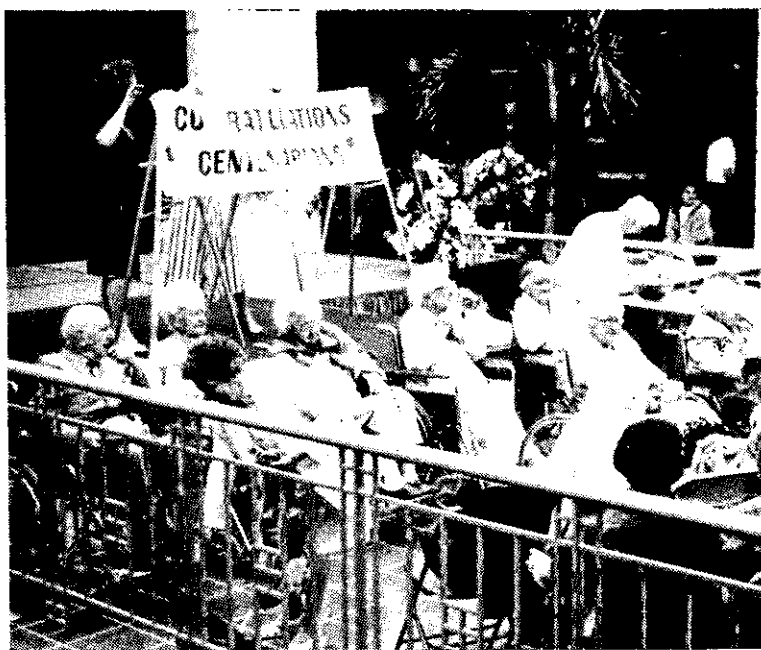
By Mike Larabee

Fresh from a successful '92 debut, organizers of this year's Senior Expo at Colonie Center are putting the finishing touches on a weekend's worth of events they believe amount to a kind of win-win-win situation.

The five non-profit area senior service organizations behind the Expo are chief beneficiaries, of course, reaping funds to help cover yearly operating costs for programs running the gamut from transportation to meal delivery, said Colonie Senior Services' Kathleen Burns, a member of the event's steering committee.

But more important, she said, is the access to information and entertainment offered by the Expo, which brings together experts from around the region on issues of interest to senior citizens, plus serves up a healthy dose of mid-spring fun. "It's a festival atmosphere," said Kathleen Caulfield, who is co-chairing the event along with Rhonda Childs of Blue Cross Blue Shield. "I think it's an excellent event for the seniors."

As for the other two winners, there's the sponsors and vendors that provide the resources and



A centenarians' gathering like last year's, pictured above, will again highlight the Senior Expo at Colonie Center.

financial wherewithal to bring the whole thing off. Access of a different kind is the issue here — the opportunity to target the senior market in concentrated numbers during a short span of time.

A little less than two months before the Expo, coordinators anticipate that this year's event will

far outstrip last year's in both attendance and offerings.

"Last year, we had about 7,000 people go through the mall, and this year it should be even better," said Burns. "We expect a lot more, it's kind of got a reputation now." New activities, plus highlights including frequent door-prize

drawings, have been added to augment what organizers hope will be a gathering of as many as 120 vendors in booths spread throughout the mall's entire two-floor common space. Organizers hope that this year they'll draw as many 10,000 seniors and family members.

Aside from the various vendors, the Expo, which will run all day May 14 and 15, from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Friday; and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, will feature a series of educational seminars on subjects ranging from health care to nutrition as well as a wide spectrum of entertainment, including music and dancing, a fashion show, art displays, fitness demonstrations plus mouth-watering foods and refreshments.

Another highlight will be a birthday celebration for as many centenarians as the organizers can get their hands on. Last year, 13 seniors aged 100-plus showed up for a grand salute complete with cake, flowers and song. "The oldest person that we had there was 107, and she walked in," said Burns. "It was really kind of a nice event. They were very excited about it."

Modelled after a similar event held in the Midwest, another benefit of the Expo is the fact that it brings together senior service workers from different agencies — who often are pitted against one another in competition for scarce funding — to work toward a common end, said Burns. After all, said Caulfield, they all have the same ultimate goals, and better cooperation and communication can only serve to improve programs for the estimated 175,000 Capital District residents over age 55.

"We're working together rather than working against each other in terms of fund-raising," said Caulfield. "It's a real good collaboration."

Spurred by the success of the Expo idea, Caulfield foresees additional regional activities down the road, improving services and programs while reducing overall costs by combining resources and energies. "We've always known each other because we're all in the senior field," said Caulfield. "But we've never worked together on a project before."

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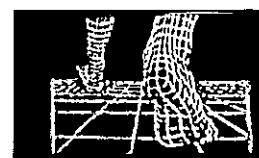
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Retirees have voice in local politics

By Dev Tobin

For many retirees, the golden years are a time to play with their grandchildren, travel the country and the world, work on their short game, and, in general, take it easy.

But for some, the extra time on their hands impels them to public service as elected town board members.

Four local retirees, Republicans Gerry Murphy and Jim Egan in Colonie, Charlie Gunner in Bethlehem and Democrat Dick Decker in New Scotland, are currently serving their first terms on their respective town boards.

All agreed that their previous job experience and their retired status allow them to bring a different perspective to their town's governing body.

"One perspective that retired people bring to the job is that we have firsthand knowledge of what it's like to live on a fixed income," said Murphy, 53, who retired as a lieutenant after serving 20 years with the State Police.

Murphy noted that his management experience in the State Police, where he was a zone commander for Troop G in Loudonville, comes in handy.

"I have a lot of experience getting things done using the available resources and people," he said. "My police experience also gives me the ability to look at things



Gerry Murphy

objectively and make critical decisions on an objective level."

Murphy, who also volunteers as an emergency medical technician in the town's EMS department, said he got involved in politics as a way of continuing to do public service.

"After I retired, I felt a bit of a void. I enjoy public service, and the town board is a level where you can really make things happen," he said.

Egan, 73, retired after 32 years with the James F. Egan Oil Service Co. in 1988, and was elected to the town board in 1989.

"I have lunch every Thursday with a group of old friends, and they kept suggesting I run for town



Jim Egan

board," he recalled. "After three months, I gave in and said I'd run."

As with his prior business, Egan said he enjoys providing service to town residents.

"I get calls from a lot of people asking for help, and it's very pleasant when you can do something for somebody," he said. "The town does as much physically and financially for its citizens as any town in the state."

Gunner, 66, retired as principal of Bethlehem Central High School before running in 1989.

"It's an ideal time of life to give service to the community," he said. "Like education, politics is a people business. You meet a lot of different people and learn to respect their opinions and insights."

Gunner, who recently announced that he would not seek re-election this year, said the job is "busier than I expected, with a lot of reading and a lot of research."

Decker, 56, retired after a 25-year career in senior management with the state before throwing his hat in the town board ring last year.

"I've always been interested in politics and my family was involved in politics, but because of state



Dick Decker

ethics rules, I had to wait until I retired," he said.

Since part of his state experience involved local government services, Decker said he brings a "tremendous background" to the town board.



Charlie Gunner

He also noted that he has the time, about 20 hours a week on average, to devote to the job.

Echoing the others, Decker said he doesn't have any political ambitions higher than the town board.

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Some seniors retire 'back to work'

By Michael Kagan

For Suneil Beckley, going back to work was a form of retirement.

"I had always done a lot of volunteer work. I was always busy," said the 62-year-old Westerlo resident. "When I went back to work, I had to retire from other things to fit in the work. My husband said, 'Can you manage to fit in a job?' and I said, 'I guess I'll have to.'"

One of a growing number of senior citizens who are returning to work during their retirement, Beckley started looking for a job after she and her husband moved to the area from New Hampshire.

"The reason I went back into

the workforce was my husband. He was an executive and they eliminated his position," she said. "Cash flow was a little short, and I thought I'd just get myself out and go back to work."

She ended up working full time for a few months for the American Automobile Association, then part time at the Albany Academy bookstore and the Sage Junior College of Albany bookstore. She now works for the Albany County Department of Human Resources.

"I hadn't worked in about 20 years, since we had a daughter and she's now in college. I enjoy it very much. I always had worked

before and I took time out to raise my daughter. It was kind of hard going back on a full-time basis when I worked at AAA, that was 9 to 5, but the job I have now is a part-time job, which is good," she said.

"A lot of people save for their retirement and they get to the point where they're able to retire at a much earlier age," said Maria Colbert, coordinator of the Senior Service Centers of the Albany Area Second Careers Office. "They do everything they want to do and, by the time they're 60 or so, they feel, 'Well, I want to go back to work. I've done all the traveling, I've done all the things I planned to.'"



After refining her skills and rewriting her resume, Suneil Beckley enjoys working again. *Dev Tobin*

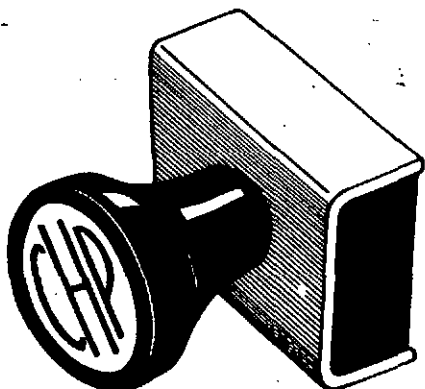
"In this day and age, no matter how much you've saved, you can always use something to supplement your income. A lot of people do it to live the lifestyle they've been accustomed to living," she said.

It's difficult to pin down the exact

number of senior citizens who work, since most employers aren't allowed to ask for age information from their employees, said Louis Real-Buto of the Albany County Department for the Aging.

Seniors who have been out of the work force for some time often

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need to be retrained before getting a job. The Displaced Homemaker Foundation and the 55+ Job Center on Wheels, a traveling employment service, offer courses to older workers.

"Many of them have the skills, but everything is changing so

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, someone under the age of 65 in 1992 could earn \$7,440 before one dollar is deducted in benefits for every two dollars earned. Workers ages 65 through 69 could earn \$10,200 before losing one dollar

only \$620 in any one month before losing all benefits for that month, regardless of the one dollar for every two dollar rule. For those between 65 and 69, the monthly limit is \$850.

Generally, only income earned by work during the month or year in question counts towards the limits. Investment income, interest, annuities, capital gains, gifts or inheritances, rental income and trust fund income are not counted.

But, no matter what the financial rewards are, seniors find great satisfaction in staying busy and useful. Also, many employers are eager to utilize their skills.

In some ways, Colbert said, seniors have an advantage in the job market. "There are some special attributes that older persons possess: their reliability, their experience, their honesty, their mature judgment, and they're positive role models. This makes them attractive to a prospective employer."

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Marie Colbert

quickly that they can get themselves updated on new programs," Colbert said. "Some people have typed, but they haven't used a computer. They've got the keyboard there but have to learn the computer world. There are some places they can go and get this training free of charge."

Beckley took a computer literacy course from the Displaced Homemakers. "They were very helpful. They also had a course on self-esteem and another one on writing your resume, so I had my resume done by them," she said.

Once a person is retrained, they may apply for jobs on their own, or enroll in a job referral service like the one offered by the Second Careers Office offers. Beckley found her jobs at the Albany Academy and Sage JCA after working with Colbert, who she said was very helpful.

"I place people, 60 years of age and older, in employment," said Colbert. "What happens is an employer will list a position with us. That is totally free. There is no charge for an employer to list a position. There's also no charge for the client who's coming in. We're strictly a free referral service."

Age discrimination isn't much of a problem for people in her program, Colbert said. "If an employer lists a job here with me, he's made a conscious decision to hire the older worker, so when they go and interview for that position, they can put all that, their age, the discrimination, behind them and just dwell on their qualifications."

The service also gets repeat business. "Some people may have something special and need somebody for say a month and then the next time they have a job they'll call here and even ask for those people," she said.

People often use their hobbies to find a second career. "I've had people say, 'I love gardening,' so you look to see if you can find them something in a florist shop or something like that," she said.

Not earning very much money can actually be an advantage for seniors in the workplace. Social Security imposes strict earnings limits on benefit recipients younger than 70.

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Monthly limits can be an even greater obstacle to earning substantial supplementary incomes. Someone under age 65 could earn

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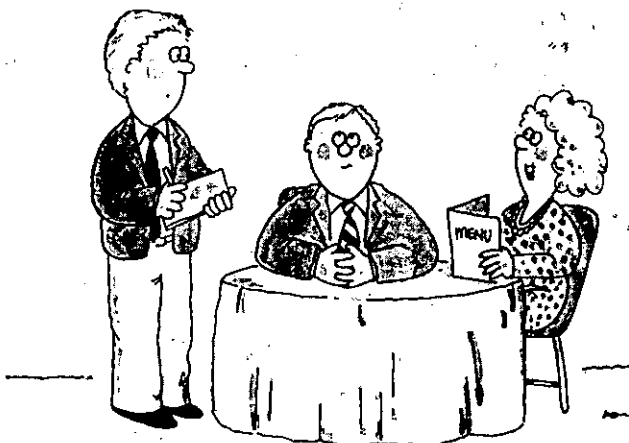
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Forethought marks skilled senior motorists

By Kathleen Shapiro

Bob Greenman hates driving on the Northway. The whizzing cars all seem to be going too fast, and it makes him uncomfortable. He doesn't like it, so he doesn't do it anymore.

Instead, the Delmar resident takes side streets and quiet secondary roads, often arriving at his final destination in the same amount of time and a lot more relaxed.

Like Greenman, many senior citizens who still get behind the

wheel of a car these days have accepted their limitations and found a way around them.

"A lot of people need something to wake them up," he said.

Too often, however, that "something" is a traffic accident.

According to state figures, drivers aged 75 and older have the highest per-mile accident rate, even surpassing the traditionally high-risk group of drivers aged 16 to 24. Those between 60- and 65-years-old are in the third highest risk category for car accidents.

"They drive less, but when they do drive, they crash more," said Colonie Police Lt. Michael Geraci, head of the town's traffic safety division.

The good news is that many older drivers have learned to adapt to the diminished eyesight, hearing and slower response times that go along with the natural aging process.

"Seniors for the most part self-regulate themselves," said Geraci. "They drive less on the highway. If they have trouble seeing, they stay off the road at night. They're less likely to make long trips or go out in bad weather."

Perhaps most importantly, the majority of seniors are likely to take steps to correct the problem once they realize it's there, he said.

"You have to know your limitations," said Geraci. "Some 80-year-olds may have excellent reactions compared to other 60-year-olds. It's hard to say. Everyone's different."

Because people start showing signs of aging at different rates, one of the first rules of thumb, say the experts, is to have regular check-ups.

"It doesn't happen overnight," said Greenman who is state coordinator for the "55 Alive" driving

course sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons. "It happens over a long period of time, and people don't realize."

Some of the most common

pensate for your hearing with your eyeballs," he said.

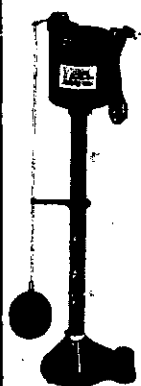
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"The routes people are used to driving on are usually the safest for them," said Geraci. "When they get on unfamiliar territory, they're not used to seeing the traffic signals and signs."

The biggest cause of accidents involving seniors is failure to yield the right of way, he said.

Neglecting to use seat belts, Geraci added, is another major factor in the number of injuries sustained by older drivers. The safety devices weren't available when most seniors started driving in the 1940s and 50s, and many have never got used to them. "I don't think anyone took the time to really tell them how important they are," he said.

When it comes to getting behind the wheel of a car, the needs and concerns of seniors are slightly different than those of younger drivers.

"We have to be sensitive to the whole issue," said Geraci, who has given talks at nearly half the senior centers in Colonie informing residents and passing on safe driving tips.

"One of the worst things is taking away someone's license," he said. "In many cases, that's their last link to independence."

Driving courses like the "55 Alive" class, which costs \$8 and runs for eight hours, are increasing in popularity, particularly since participants receive a 10 percent reduction on their liability and

collision insurance for three years.

As the number of older drivers grows, communities are also responding to the need for special services. In East Greenbush, the local school district has started a free driver's education course geared specifically for seniors, which features both in-class instruction and unlimited on-the-road driving time.

"Some of these people have never had a driver's license," said Sammy DeLuca, the district's continuing education coordinator. "Some have a valid license and haven't driven in 20 years."

The East Greenbush program is the only one of its kind in the state and is open only to district residents, she said, but the need is definitely out there. "I had 32 people within the district call to sign up the first day, and another 81 from outside the district that I had to turn away," said DeLuca.

As word of the program's success leaks out, more communities, including both Colonie and Bethlehem, are considering setting up similar classes.

"We've decided we're going to pursue starting something here," said Lois Siegel, director of the Colonie Senior Citizen Service Center. "I think it's definitely worthwhile."

For information on "55 Alive" classes, Bethlehem and New Scotland residents can contact the Bethlehem Town Hall at 439-4955. Colonie residents should call the senior service center at 783-2824.

A few pointers for safer passage

Senior drivers should become familiar with the following safety tips:

- Have vision and hearing checked frequently.
- Consult your doctor to make sure medications you're taking will not affect driving ability.
- Always wear a safety belt. Make sure it's positioned correctly, falling over the shoulder, across the chest and low on the lap. Belts should never be worn over the abdomen, across the back or under the arm.
- Drive familiar roads.
- Plan your route ahead of time, if possible eliminating left-hand turns, busy thruways, crowded exit ramps and other traffic obstacles that make driving more difficult.
- Keep the windshield and headlights clean to increase visibility. If you drive after dark, avoid tinted windshields that can impair night vision.
- Keep headlights aimed for better visibility.
- Stay in the lane with other cars that are traveling close to your speed.
- Install large mirrors on the sides of your car for better rear-view vision.
- Leave enough space around you car for last-minute maneuvering in an emergency.
- Sign up for a senior driving course to refresh your skills.

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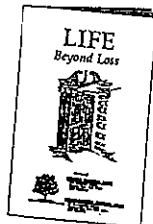
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Home & Garden

Issue Date: 4/21

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May

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Mother's Day (May 10)

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Kids Summer Fun

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Deadline Date: 5/12

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Full retirement doesn't require weighty wallet

Whether you're retired, semi-retired or simply looking forward to retirement, there are many ways you can spend your time without spending all your money.

The following ideas can add some no-cost variety to any day:

• **Be a volunteer:** All kinds of organizations and institutions need volunteers. Think about what you enjoy. Now, how can you put that to use helping someone else?

If reading is your hobby, you might enjoy reading to elementary school students in your community or helping with a literacy program. Do you like to cook, sew or make things with your hands? You could share those skills with other seniors in search of things to do. History buffs or authorities on the community might be needed at a local museum or tourist attraction.

Whatever your interests, call around and see who might need your help. The opportunities for involvement are unlimited.

• **Take a walk:** It doesn't cost anything to go to the park, unless you want to take along a little something to feed the birds. You can also walk around your block—visit with neighbors, enjoy their yards.

Serious walkers may want to find out what hours the closest high school track is available. If the weather is less than perfect, many shopping centers have "mall walker" programs for those who want to get their exercise in air-

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• **Join a club:** It's possible that other people who enjoy a favorite hobby of yours meet regularly to share ideas and just have fun.



Good times and wise budgeting can mix for older adults.

Find out! If your community has a senior citizen's center, why not visit and see what types of programs it offers? If you can't find a group made up of people with interests similar to yours, you can always start your own.

These activities can be enjoyed with no cost whatsoever. If you do feel like treating yourself to something special every now and then, go ahead. A lot of movie theaters show afternoon matinees, where prices can be discounted as much as half the regular admission.

Going out to eat is another pleasant activity that doesn't have to cost a lot. Many restaurants offer specials for those over a certain age.

Don't just sit there! Get up and get going. Life is too short to just be a "couch potato!"

Long-term insurance offers choices for 'golden years'

When the subject is long-term health care, you're sure to get an earful these days from almost any senior citizen or those contemplating retirement.

Many are concerned about spending their last years isolated in a nursing home, away from spouse and family. Unfortunately, studies have shown that once we reach age 65, the odds of needing long-term care rise to about two in five.

Understandably, the concern is both emotional and financial. The cost of nursing home care in the United States can run anywhere from \$20,000 to \$50,000 per year or more depending on location. At that cost, many people face the risk of becoming impoverished, having to rely on Medicaid for care.

The options for care then are left up to the state, leaving seniors out of the decision-making loop about their own health-care needs. One way to avoid this dilemma is to buy a good long-term care insurance plan that offers care not only in a nursing home, but at home as well.

Many providers of long-term care insurance have chosen to offer home health care riders (options) on their policies. Unlike nursing home care, home health

allows a patient to stay in the familiar and comfortable surroundings of home. Home health care also offers a convalescing person many attractive options that nursing home care lacks. One of the most important is choice.

In other words, the insured can continue on this plan until exhausting the sum total of both home health care benefits and nursing home benefits.

Studies have shown that home health care benefits are most

The cost of nursing home care in the United States can run anywhere from \$20,000 to \$50,000 per year.

Research conducted by John Hancock Financial Services has made it clear that people really want a say in how they meet their long-term care needs. There was great concern for addressing the desire of the elderly to receive care where they wanted it, whether at home, in a nursing home or in an adult day care center.

An attractive feature of the plan is its alternate plan of care benefit. Since most people want to stay at home as long as possible, this plan design provides considerable flexibility—and peace of mind. Uniquely, it allows an insured who has used up his or her home health care benefits to apply any unused portion of the nursing home benefits to extend their stay at home.

popular among younger purchasers of long-term care policies. According to the Health Insurance Association of America, more than 50 percent of people under age 65, who purchase long-term care insurance, opt for home health care coverage.

Increasingly, younger people are planning ahead for when an anticipated shortage of beds in quality nursing homes reaches its peak. Unfortunately, the desire to go to a particular nursing home does not mean that space will be available. Many highly rated nursing homes have long waiting lists.

While long-term care is not something most of us like to think about, it is something many will have to personally deal with whether for themselves or a loved one. Given that the private insurance sector is responding to this ever-growing need, attractive and affordable options are increasing.

This article was submitted by Karen C. Eagan, marketing representative for John Hancock Financial Services.

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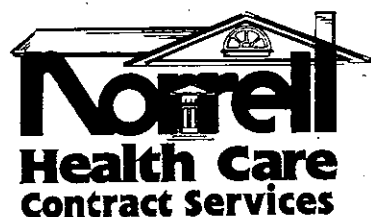
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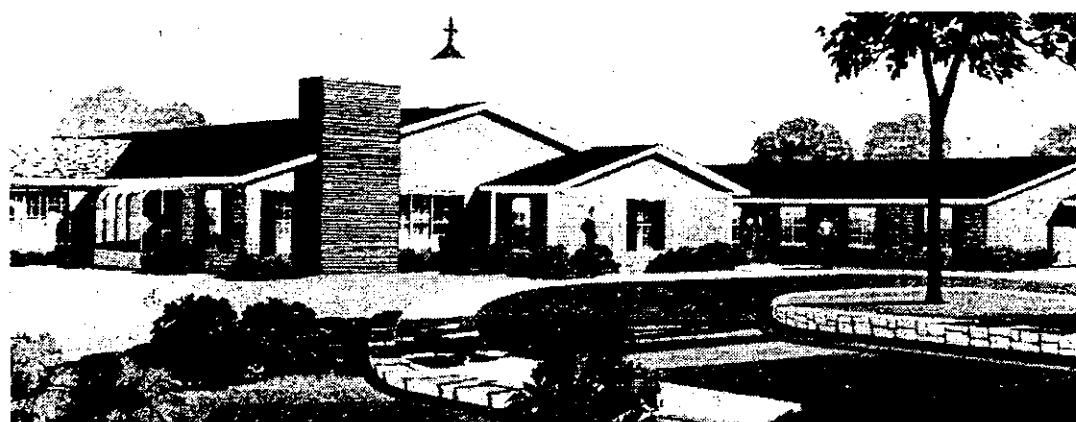
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Treatment is your choice Gout's pain can be relieved so make decisions now

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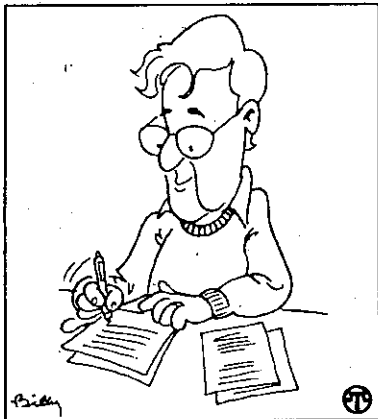
According to the Health Care Financing Administration, you now have the right to fill out a paper, known as an "advance directive." The paper says in advance what kind of treatment you want or do not want under special, serious medical conditions—conditions that would prevent you from telling your doctor how you want to be treated.

The federal law requires most hospitals, nursing facilities, hospices, home health care programs and health maintenance organizations (HMOs) to give you information about advance directives and your legal choices in making decisions about medical care.

The two most common forms of advance directives are the living will and the durable power of attorney for health care.

A living will generally states the kind of medical care you want, or do not want, if you become unable to make your own decisions.

In many states, a durable power



Living wills are one method to insure control over your future health decisions.

of attorney for health care is a signed, dated and witnessed paper naming another person, such as a husband, wife, daughter, son or close friend, as your agent or proxy to make medical decisions for you should you become unable to make them for yourself.

If you have an advance directive, make sure someone, such as your lawyer or family member, knows that you have it and knows where it is. For further information, ask those who are in charge of your health care.

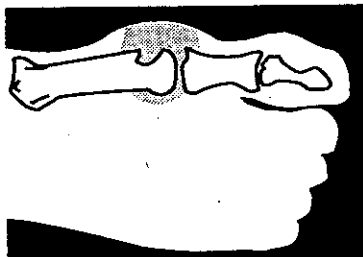
If you think of gout as an affliction brought on by aging and associated with swelling toes and some nagging discomfort, you're only partly correct. According to the Arthritis Foundation, gout is a unique and extremely painful form of arthritis that affects over a million Americans from all walks of life.

The more you know about gout, the more effectively you can reduce its cause and treat its painful results.

Gout appears most frequently in men between ages 40 and 50, and to a lesser extent in women over 60. While gout usually attacks a joint in the lower body like the big toe, it can also strike a hand, wrist, hip, shoulder and even the spine.

Scientists don't know why gout tends to target one joint at a time, but they do know a single common cause: hyperuricemia, or excess uric acid in the blood.

Uric acid is produced by body cells in their normal growth and repair process, and is usually passed out in the urine. Overweight, over-consumption of alcohol, and the use of thiazide-based diuretic medications are likely causes of hyperuricemia. If, over 10 to 20 years, the kidneys don't filter uric acid properly or there is too much for the kidneys to



handle, uric acid crystals will form.

The crystals can create kidney stones, and they can also deposit in a joint which eventually leads to gout's pain and swelling by irritating the joint lining.

Gout has other characteristics that set it apart from other types of arthritis. For instance, gout occurs very suddenly with severe pain, swelling, and redness, where symptoms of other arthritic diseases grow gradually over months

or years. A gout attack will last from 5 to 10 days, then go away for long periods of time. Repeated attacks can cause permanent joint damage, limited motion and chronic pain in the affected joint. Therefore, once gout is diagnosed it is important to treat it quickly to prevent long term joint damage.

While gout is not curable, it usually responds well to pain relievers and medications to control uric acid.

To reduce the risk of gout, a gradual, sensible weight loss program that includes drinking more water and less alcohol is an important and healthy way to lower uric acid in the blood. Be sure to talk to your doctor about other steps that will help you to avoid developing gout or to prevent future attacks.

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However, staying at home isn't always the easiest or best option for seniors. The responsibilities of home ownership are considerable: mowing lawns, raking leaves, shoveling snow, fixing roofs, painting windows — the list is endless. Today, several options are available to older adults who want an independent lifestyle without the hassle of maintaining a home.

One new idea for senior hous-

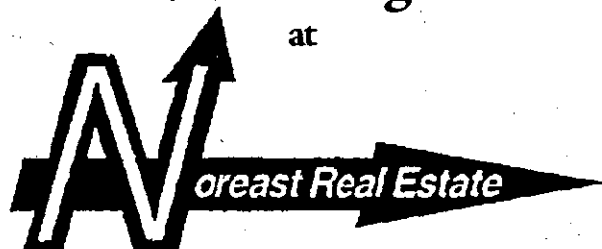
ing is the "retirement community," which provides housing and services that promote the independence of residents, usually at a cost consistent with home ownership. One such housing option is Beverwyck, a new not-for-profit retirement community located in Slingerlands.

According to Gerald Stryker, executive director of Beverwyck, "Construction of the community is well under way and completion, along with move-in, is scheduled for September 1993. The 35-acre campus, designed especially for adults over 62, will initially include 86 apartments and 15 cottage units. A commons building, with a full-service restaurant, social areas and



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"The complex will ultimately have a total of 195 apartments and a community services building that will house a variety of social, recreational, and wellness programs."

Albany County's first retirement community, Beverwyck is a joint initiative of the Albany Guardian Society and The Eddy.

The Guardian Society has been caring for older adults since the mid-1800s, while The Eddy, headquartered in Troy, manages a comprehensive network of care services in the region. The complete range of The Eddy's health-related and social programs will be available to residents of Beverwyck.

Craig Duncan, executive director of The Eddy, said, "The unique combination of independent housing and supportive services at Beverwyck is designed to provide a lifestyle for active retirees in the Capital Region. Most of our residents wish to live independently in or near their home communities, with health and social programs available."

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To help the frail elderly who want to continue living in their own homes there are an incredible variety of resources available. To assist older persons and their families in locating state and local resources, a national toll-free number has been created by NAAAA. The number is 1-800-677-1116 and can be reached nationwide between 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Aging group chief opposes proposed budget cuts

The New York Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (NYAHSa), representing more than 400 not-for-profit and public nursing homes, adult care facilities, senior housing facilities and community service providers, applauds Gov. Mario Cuomo for his commitment to long term care.

However, if the governor's proposed 1993-94 budget is adopted, services for the elderly could be in jeopardy, and cutbacks would have a potentially devastating impact on those who are the most vulnerable in New York — the frail elderly.

"Over the last four years, nursing facilities have endured nearly \$750 million in legislatively-imposed Medicaid cost-containment measures," said Carl S. Young, NYAHSa president.

"In addition, serious cuts in home care have further weakened the state's support for the elderly. The supplemental security income (SSI) rate for adult care facilities remains at 1989 levels (about \$24 per day per resident), but the costs to not-for-profit and public providers to render a high quality of care range from \$35-40 per day," he said.

The increase in Medicaid expenditures can be explained through sheer volume and increased frailty of the residents, said Young. "People are living

Retirees can drop lost wages charge

An auto insurance policy that protects against lost wages is a great idea for working Americans. But for those insured drivers who are retired, it's nothing but a drain on their wallets — and a financial windfall for insurers.

Wage-replacement insurance obviously is necessary for those who have left the work force. Yet insurers continue to sell it to retirees who are unaware they are paying for it.

On the surface, the amount of money a retiree pays for this coverage isn't a whole lot — it averages between \$25 and \$70 a year. But those individual premiums collectively translate into tidy profits for insurance companies.

The coverage often is hidden deep inside the fine print and technical language of a policy. Sometimes called "lost wage insurance," it frequently is included under "personal injury protection" or "uninsured motorist protection."

To avoid paying needlessly for lost-wage protection, retirees should take the following steps:

First, ask your insurance agent if your state allows lost-wage protection and, if so, whether you're covered. Remind the agent that you are retired, then ask him or her to remove the coverage and request a rebate for the unexpired portion of the policy. Even if your insurance policy clearly shows that you're retired, insurance companies have the right to continue charging you for the coverage unless you specifically ask that the coverage be cancelled.

longer, and statistics indicate that the cohort over the age of 85 will double between now and the year 2,000. They will need more and more services, and we can ill afford the proposed cutbacks in funding for long term care."

One of the most cost-effective approaches to serving the frail elderly in New York is the Enriched Housing Program. This program provides services for elderly residents in independent apartment living settings. The

enriched housing to be offered across the state.

"Instead of spending about a quarter of a million dollars to support enriched housing, the state will end up with a more expensive proposition on their hands," said Young.

NYAHSa urges the governor and his fiscal advisers to take a closer look at the frail elderly and their needs, as well as to examine how much fiscal support has been

carved out of the long-term care system over the past four years, prior to making final decisions on 1993-94 budget proposals.

Finally, Young emphasizes the need to add more, not fewer, resources to the long term care system. The not-for-profit and public sectors of long term care simply cannot take more of the budget and still be expected to meet the growing needs of the state's chronically-ill and frail elderly citizens, he said.

Over the last four years, nursing facilities have endured nearly \$750 million in legislatively-imposed Medicaid cost-containment measures. In addition, serious cuts in home care have further weakened the state's support for the elderly.

Carl S. Young

Further cuts in Medicaid reimbursement in nursing homes and home care will "merely expose more elderly to unacceptable risks," Young said.

administration's 1993-94 budget proposal does not provide a small (approximately \$270,000) supplemental subsidy for the program, which historically, has allowed



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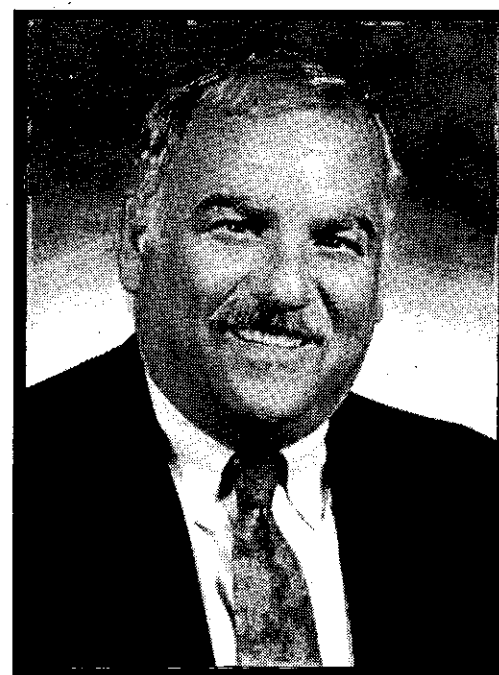
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Three titles decided in BBC 'March Madness'

The Bethlehem Basketball Club (BBC) played out its own version of "March Madness" this past weekend as championships were at stake in three divisions.

In front of a capacity crowd, the Hawks upended the Rockets 26-22 to win the championship of the All-Star Division.

In semifinal action the previous day, the Hawks advanced to the championship game by downing the Heat 53-38, while the Rockets upset the previously unbeaten and top-seeded Bucks, 39-35.

The Hawks used team defense and a balanced scoring attack to knock off a Cinderella Rockets team that had advanced from the number four seed to the championship game.

For the winners, Leo Bresnahan tallied seven points and six blocked shots, while teammate John Mancuso scored six points and added five rebounds.

The Hawks' Marc Borzykowski was the difference down the stretch as his running bank shot with less than a minute left iced the game. For the Rockets, Cory Czajka grabbed 11 rebounds and scored 13 points while Dan Burrell added eight points.

In the Pro Division final, the Nuggets used aggressive defense to upset the top-seeded Celtics, 33-28. The Nuggets climbed into the championship game by downing the Lakers 30-28 in semifinal action.

Aaron Smith's clutch outside shooting down the stretch proved

Basketball

to be the difference for the Nuggets as he hit a 15-foot jumper and then calmly sank two foul shots to ice the game. Jayson Feliciano controlled the boards and contributed 13 points for the Nuggets.

The Celtics outscored the Pistons 31-25 in the other semifinal game. For the Celtics, Jeff Smith had his finest all-round game of the year as he scored nine points, grabbed seven rebounds and dished out four assists. Chris Brown also turned in a fine performance for the Celtics as he scored seven points and blocked three shots.

In the College Division, Seton Hall downed Syracuse 20-18 on Saturday, and then topped a stubborn Pitt team on Sunday.

Although Seton Hall and Syracuse were tied for the division lead following Sunday's games, Seton Hall captured the championship because they had beaten Syracuse in their two encounters during the season.

Brendan Bannigan, Brendan Griffin and Omar Feliciano keyed the two weekend victories with determined defense and spirited play.

Sunday's championship games concluded the 1992-1993 season as 260 BBC players received trophies in the traditional award ceremonies.



Winners of the Bethlehem Basketball Club 1992-93 Sportsmanship Award are, front row, left, Ted Blumenthal, Anthony Trimarchi, Mark Brattrud, Mike Pascone, Zach Capobianco, Paul Roberts, Robert Shaye, Peter Smith and Josh Myer; middle row, left, Lauren Murray, Bridget Murray, Alexis Grant, Jon Caplan, David Sherrin, Matt Hill, Aaron Smith, Jacob Erlich, Craig Jaquish, Myles Falkenheimer and Chris Everhardt; top row, left, Erik Walsh, Joel Hatsat, Sean Barclay, Dana Reid-Vanas, Darin Huggins, Andy Karins, David Winters and Kyle Flynn.

Neff pleased with state meet results

By Emily Church

The six Bethlehem members of the Section II State swimming and diving team traveled to the University of Rochester, March 11 to 13, to compete against the top high school swimmers and divers in New York State.

Although the boys had little time to prepare for trials, arriving in Rochester after a four-hour bus trip with only an afternoon to resettle, everyone swam best times.

The medley relay of Rory Fay, Colin Izzard, Pat Gallagher and Ryan Beck took 1.5 seconds off their previous best time to clock a 1:40.04, qualifying fourth for the finals competition.

Beck swam the 50 freestyle in 21.85 seconds, a personal best, qualifying sixth for finals. Fay clocked a best time of 49.4 in the

Swimming

100 freestyle and squeezed into a consolation finals by placing 16th. Izzard swam a strong 100 breaststroke, finishing at 1:00.45, a new Bethlehem school record. Izzard qualified ninth for consolation finals.

Unfortunately, the boys did not swim as well in finals. The medley relay team dropped to sixth overall, Beck finished eighth in the 50 freestyle, Fay placed 16th in the 100 freestyle and Izzard placed 11th in the 100 breaststroke. Diver Joe Schneider competed especially well, taking seventh place overall, only two points off fifth place.

Coach Ken Neff attributes the poor swims in finals to the intensity of the meet. "We focused so

much on getting into finals that we all breathed a sigh of relief and relaxed a bit, which we shouldn't have done," he said. "We should have refocused."

Neff was still very pleased with the boys' performance. "Everyone did best times and we had an outstanding trials," he said. "For what we went in with, we had a great overall state meet."

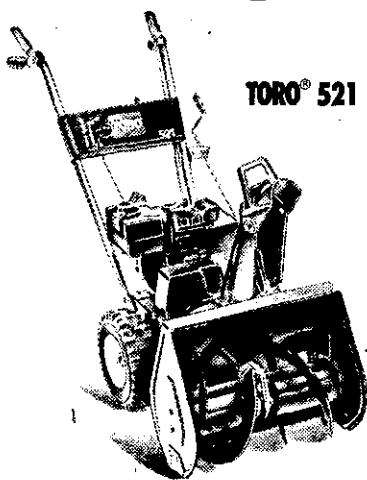
Soccer camp dates

The Siena College athletic department has announced dates for its summer soccer camps for boys and girls.

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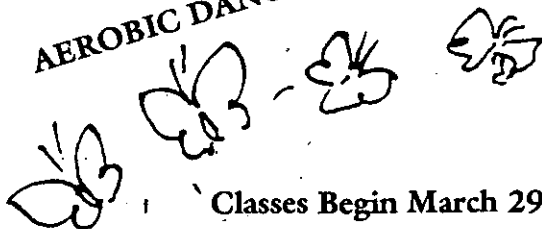
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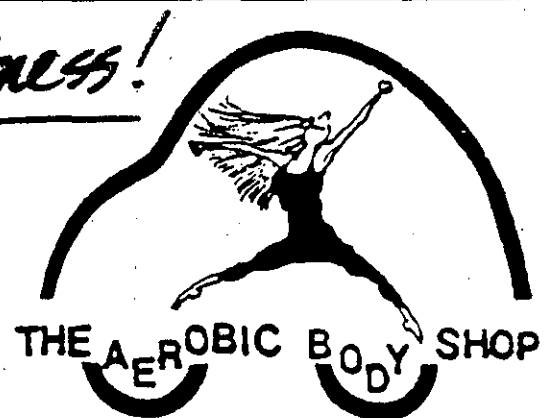
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Lambert named head girls track coach at BC

By Jessica Romano

The Bethlehem girls track team, marks the beginning of a new season and the arrival of a new head coach, Amado Lambert.

Lambert, a runner himself, is highly qualified for the job. He competed mainly in the 100-meter dash, 400-meter relay and long jump.

He was a five-time gold medalist at the Mobil Big Apple Games in New York City and a member of the National East team in 1986. Along with earning a bronze medal at the Empire State games, he helped break the New York State 400-meter relay record.

Lambert coached at a junior high school in the Bronx before coming to Bethlehem. He has also been assistant coach at the Dolfin Bronx International Athletic Club.

Under Lambert, some great athletes have emerged, such as the Empire State Champion 400-meter hurdler from Albany High.

Born in Panama and raised in New York City, Lambert trained with the founder of the Dolfin International Athletic Club. When his coach received a position at SUNY Albany, Lambert was recruited and attended the college.

Along with coaching girls outdoor track, Lambert teaches special education at Bethlehem High.

Following a successful indoor season with coach David Banas, Lambert says he will focus on "pinpointing weaknesses and maximizing speed, power and potential."

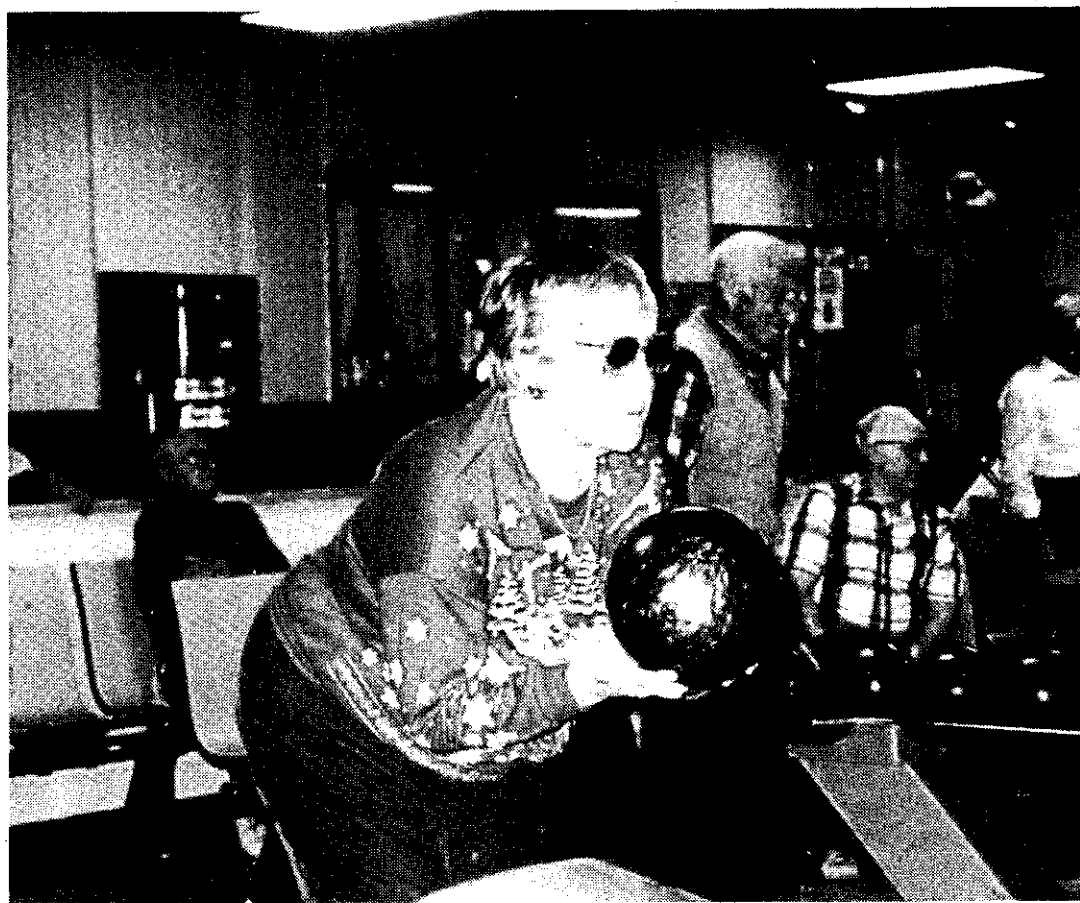
The varsity 1600-meter relay team, which finished second at the state qualifying indoor meet, is expected to run under 4:04, which would be a new school record by over 10 seconds.

Lambert sees sectional, state and national championships in the future for Bethlehem girls track. The qualifications of a champion are, "attitude, confidence and heart," he says.

Unlike other coaches the girls have trained under, Lambert says he plans on sticking with the team. Lambert has two-, three- and four-year plans for the team.

In the past, the girls team has not attended all of the invitational opportunities open to it because of budgetary constraints. Lambert plans to lobby for more support to change that.

Positive thinking



Norma Walley takes aim at the tenpins during a senior league outing at Del Lanes. Senior bowling has grown by leaps and bounds in Delmar with leagues meeting on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Under-14 soccer team finishes 2nd

The Bethlehem Under-14 boys soccer team was one of this week's representatives in the Mostly off the Wall soccer tournament at Bethlehem Central High School.

The team, coached by Dick Allington, finished second in their division. Goals were scored by Craig Adesso, Justin Pinchback and Nick Halpin. Aaron Tompkins and Chad Valery were outstanding in goal, with strong defense from Trafton Drew.

The team made it to the semifinals, where they lost to Guilderland 2-0. Other players include Mike Allington, Scott Richman, Dan Keller, Ben Danton and Kasey Lapierre.

Also playing for Bethlehem on Sunday was the Under-8 travel team coached by Ken Gall and Bill Collins. The Eagles lost in the quarterfinals to East Greenbush.

Goals were scored by Bob Barrowman.

The team's defense was led by John Thibdeau, Dominic Ciprioni, Matt Swiatowicz, Scott Braaten, Kevin Allen and Andrew Osterman. Leading the offense were Bob Barrowman, Jamie Collins, Evan Gall, Matt Glannon, Brendan Tougher and Megan Volo.

Youngest Dolphins make good impression

Delmar Dolphins head coach Doug Schulz recently accompanied a group of the swim club's smaller members to the U.S. Military Academy for the West Point Swim Club "Swim Your Age Meet."

The Dolphins did very well, bringing home ribbons in many events.

Eight-year-old Thalys Orietas finished second in the boys 25-yard freestyle, fifth in the 50 back-

stroke and sixth in the 50 breaststroke. Swimming with the 7-year-old boys, Joseph Cardamone was second in both the 25 butterfly and 25 backstroke and fourth in the 25 freestyle.

Six-year-old Scott Solomon was third in the 25 freestyle, fifth in the 25 backstroke and sixth in the 25

breaststroke.

Swimming with the 7-year-old girls, Courtney Arduini was second in the 25 backstroke, fifth in the 25 freestyle and sixth in the 25 breaststroke. Larissa Suparmanto won a seventh place ribbon in the 25 breaststroke.

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engineering job during the Depression, so I got into teaching. Then I married a teacher and started working for the state Ed Department."

Way before that, however, Wenzl took a liking to libraries that he actually tried to disguise. "As a young fella, I was rough and ready, and I'd sneak out to the library at night so my friends wouldn't see me. I was known as kind of a tough guy in the neighborhood. It was a dual life."

There were many highlights in this long and distinguished career. Serving as CSEA president during a period when public employee unions and state government often had a tumultuous relationship, certainly ranks near the top.

Wenzl even recalls having a private phone line connected directly to the office of the late Gov. Nelson Rockefeller. And the year after Rockefeller was made an honorary member of the Seneca Indian nation, Wenzl received the

same honor. His Indian name means "organizer."

But it was still his library work that meant the most, and the people of Bethlehem owe him a debt of gratitude for having what many see as the best suburban library in the Capital District.

Construction of the current facility next to the town hall on Delaware Avenue was certainly not an inexpensive proposition. And Wenzl has finally revealed the secret.

He personally made sure that money was set aside every year in reserve so that when the time came there would be money available for construction.

Another of his schemes didn't benefit Bethlehem as much as it did the U.S.S.R., as it was known at the time. Soon after the library purchased its second bookmobile during the early '70s, Wenzl arranged to have it shipped to Moscow for the Russian people to enjoy its collection of literature.

To say the trip was a success is an understatement. When the bookmobile arrived back in this country, the floor had to be replaced because it was so worn down. Moreover, a collection of Mark Twain books had to be reordered from Washington because their popularity proved too great. They were pilfered.

Wenzl also served as Bethlehem's representative on the Upper Hudson Library Board from 1963 to 1992 and, during his tenure as trustee, he received the prestigious Velma K. Moore award, which is given annually to individuals who have made significant contributions to library services in the state.

A quick look around Wenzl's living room reveals a plethora of books, which of course is not surprising. Although Wenzl confesses to not being as voracious a reader as he once was.

"I don't have much time for it anymore. The longer you live, the more it takes to keep your body together."

Kendall to lead study at Presbyterian church

The Rev. Thomas Kendall of the Unionville Reformed Church will lead a Bible study on John 14:27 today, March 24, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Delmar Presbyterian Church at 585 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Child care will be available by reservation. For information, call 439-8415.

Simons to host seders at area Chabad Center

Rabbi Nachman and Clara Simon will host Passover seders on Monday and Tuesday, April 5 and 6, at 7 p.m. at the Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar.

Knowledge of Hebrew is not required. Traditional Passover foods will be served.

For reservations, call 439-8280.

Board

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said Pam Brody, who added that, as a school psychologist in another district, she sees a lot of bright kids get into trouble when they are bored with their schoolwork.

The Challenge Program's teacher, Claudia Yeara, told the board that there is "a popular idea that gifted children will succeed no matter what, but many of them are very fragile."

Yeara asked for one more year of funding, after which she would work to secure grant support for the program.

"You can't replace what I'm doing with what you're proposing — you'll lose some children," she said, adding that the program had already absorbed a 50 percent cut two years ago.

Assistant Superintendent Judith Wooster said that the district will convene a committee to draw up recommendations on how the mentor program would work in each of the district's five elementary schools.

"We also need to look at staff development so teachers can differentiate instruction to meet the needs of gifted students," she said.

In the end, board president

Pamela Williams and board members William Collins, Lynne Lenhardt, Happy Scherer and Peter Trent voted to go ahead with the cut, while board members Dennis Stevens and Bernard Harvith voted to keep the current program.

In other budget matters, the board decided to forego proposed expenditures that had been put on hold in earlier budget workshops.

The board decided to defer spending \$175,000 for a new roof for the high school, \$40,250 for a new boiler at Clarksville Elementary, \$32,200 for a new heating system at the middle school, and \$10,000 for instructional technology.

Loomis noted that the district could reduce spending by \$106,000 because of three fewer BOCES special education placements and by educating other special education students itself. Also, he estimated the district can save about \$50,000 because of maternity leaves next year.

The board meets again tonight, March 24, at 7 p.m., to discuss the budget. The public hearing on the budget will be Wednesday, April 21, at 7 p.m., and the vote is scheduled on Wednesday, May 5.

The board meets in the administration center at 90 Adams Place. For information, call 439-7098.

Playground

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approved by the board and by the state, said VaskePape.

"It was all really designed so we can build quickly," said Birdsey. He said his design is not as complicated as the playgrounds by Robert Leathers & Associates Architects that have sprung up throughout the area, but it still will have 20 different kinds of distinct activities for the children and will cost considerably less.

Birdsey's plan includes Clatter bridges, a net made out of tires, a wooden tunnel, balance beams, a deck for climbing and rings for swinging. It also includes an area

for children with special needs, and provides for repairs on the existing playground.

"It's really designed so there's a flow. At any point there are different directions the kids can go."

"One thing it does show is the PTA is a 90s organization not just having ice cream socials," VaskePape said of the project.

Playground construction is scheduled for April 30 through May 2.

"We're looking for a good turnout," she said. "If you can have an impact on a child's education, there's a place to get involved."

V'ville ambulance unit to flip flapjacks

The Voorheesville Area Ambulance will sponsor a pancake breakfast Sunday, March 28, from 7 a.m. to noon at the Voorheesville American Legion, 31 Voorheesville Ave.

The cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children ages 4 to 11.

For information, call 765-4000.

Rape crisis centers to sponsor seminar

The Rape Crisis centers of Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady counties, the Junior Leagues of Albany, Troy and Schenectady and the Creative Club will sponsor a

rape awareness seminar on Wednesday, April 14, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar. For information, call 432-4846.

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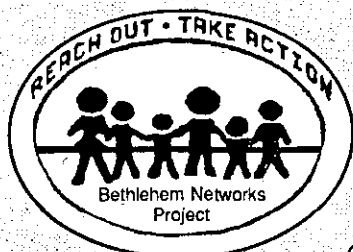
Going once! Going twice! Sold!

The seventh annual BOU Auction will be Friday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Central High School on Delaware Avenue.

The auction will benefit Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, a community organization with approximately 250 members. The proceeds from the auction will be used to support youth activities.

Many area individuals and businesses have donated unique products, services and skills to make the evening a success. Some highlights include a Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Bonanza, a New Dads on the Block Concert, a Reel Action Fishing Trip and Bicentennial collectibles.

This community event will be open to the public, and children are welcome. Admission is free.



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Brian McGuinness and Kimberly Hufland

McGuinness, Hufland plan May wedding

Marilyn McGuinness of Delmar announces the engagement of her son Brian Michael to Kimberly Ann Hufland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hufland of Clifton Park.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Siena College in Loudonville. He is employed by the First Albany Corp. in Albany.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Shenendehowa High School in Clifton Park and Siena College. She also works for First Albany and is studying for her MBA at the College of Saint Rose in Albany.

The couple plans a May 1, 1993, wedding in St. Mary's Church in Albany.

Francis wins Alfred scholarships

Julie M. Francis of Glenmont, a student at the College of Business at Alfred University, recently received the Jeffrey Cerasano Memorial Scholarship and the Honorable Lewis Emery Jr.

Memorial Scholarship for the current academic year.

A graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Francis is majoring in business administration.

Mail weddings, engagements

The Spotlight would like to publish your engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement and photo.

Black and white photos are preferred, but color photos are acceptable. Polaroid photos cannot be printed. The close-up of the couple should be clear and sharp.

Send information to 125 Adams St., Delmar 12054.

Births



Albany Medical Center

Boy, Ming William Chen, to Shao Lin and Jian-Hua Chen, Glenmont, Feb. 5.

Boy, Alexander Joseph Rinaldi, to Veronica and Vincent Rinaldi, Selkirk, Feb. 5.

Girl, Andrea Margaret Bolentin, to Kelly and Robert Bolentin, Voorheesville, Feb. 9.

Boy, Peter Evan Pastore, to Eileen and Peter Pastore, Voorheesville, Feb. 12.

Boy, Andrew Eric Reilly, to Sage Ruckertstuhl and Ed. Reilly, Delmar, Feb. 12.

Boy, Nicholas Francis Sacca, to Mary and Frank Sacca, Glenmont, Feb. 17.

Girl, Kaelyn Zink Haggerty, to GERALYN Zink-Haggerty and Steven Haggerty, Delmar, Feb. 17.

Boy, Michael John Caforo III, to Lora Rossman and Michael Caforo, Selkirk, Feb. 18.

Boy, Dustin Daniel Walker, to Lisa and Dale Walker, Delmar, Feb. 19.

Girl, Erica Lynn Seamon, to Judith and William Seamon, Delmar, Feb. 24.

Boy, Matthew Evan DeVito, to Dr. Cheryl DeSimone and Dr. Michael DeVito, Glenmont, Feb. 24.

Boy, Kyle, Reuning Bossung, to Diane and John Bossung, Delmar, Feb. 24.

Girl, Megan Julia Perry, to Marianne and Mark Perry, Delmar, Feb. 25.

Boy, Daniel Evan Friedman, to Chris and Mike Friedman, Delmar, Feb. 26.

Bellevue Hospital

Boy, James Emery Downing IV, to Susan and James Downing III, Delmar, Feb. 22.

Samaritan Hospital

Boy, Harlan George Hoose, to Cathleen Maher and Howard Hoose, Feura Bush, March 3.

Boy, Michael James McLeer, to Lynne and Edward McLeer, Selkirk, March 8.

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Charlotte and William Genthner

Genthners celebrate 60th

William D. and Charlotte Genthner of Loudonville recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on February 11.

They also have a grandson, William, and two granddaughters, Allyson and Laura.

They have a son, William, and his wife Rosalind of Colonie, and a daughter, Joan Smith, and her husband William of Delmar.

The Genthners were residents of Delmar from the 1940s to the 1960s on Elmsere Avenue in Elmsere.



Boy Scouts schedule Sunday pancake breakfast

Boy Scout Troop 81 will sponsor an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 28, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge on Route 144 in Selkirk.

The menu will include pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and coffee.

For information, call 767-9490.

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Obituaries

George Cole

George W. Cole, 75, of Euclid Avenue in Delmar, died Friday, March 12, after being stricken at his home.

Born in Albany, he was a lifetime resident of the Capital District.

He had been a press attache with the state Senate for two years in Albany, retiring in 1979. Previously he was a copywriter at Beckman Associates in Albany for several years.

Mr. Cole was a member of the Albany Yacht Club for more than 47 years and a member of the Mohawk-Hudson Power Squadron.

He was the husband of the late Eleanor Mapes Cole.

Survivors include a son, George W. Cole Jr. of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, and two grandchildren.

Services were from Philip J. Frederick Funeral Home, Albany.

Burial was in Albany Rural Cemetery, Menands.

Estella Gallup

Estella Niver Gallup, 93, of Clarksville, died Tuesday, March 16, at her home.

Born in South Bethlehem, she was a longtime town resident. She moved to Clarksville in 1962.

Mrs. Gallup was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Unionville Dutch Reformed Church and previously a member of the Delmar Reformed Church.

She was a past member of the Elsmere Fire Co. Auxiliary and the New Scotland Senior Citizens.

The widow of Durward B. Gallup, she is survived by two sons, Thomas Gallup of Clarksville and Wayne Gallup of Middletown, R.I.; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were from Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar.

Spring burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery, Selkirk.

Contributions may be made to the Unionville Dutch Reformed Church, Delmar 12054.

David Hatfield Sr.

David Hatfield Sr., 49, formerly of Voorheesville, died March 1 at Santa Teresa Hospital in San Jose, Calif.

A 1961 graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School, he was an Army veteran of the 101st Airborne Division. He worked as a bus driver for Peerless Stages in Santa Clara County, Calif.

Survivors include four sons, David Hatfield and Scott Hatfield, both of California, David Hatfield Jr. of Florida and Martin Nash of Troy; three daughters, Deborah Hatfield of Florida and Margaret Simpson and Teresa Nash, both of California; two sisters, Betty Shadick of West Coxsackie and Martha Candido of Selkirk; one brother, Lee Hatfield of Schenectady; and five grandchildren.

Services were from the Lynnwood Reformed Church, Guilderland. Arrangements were by the Brunk-Myers Funeral Home, Voorheesville.

Dewitt Fisher

Dewitt C. Fisher, 83, of Cedar Rest Home on Route 144 in Selkirk, died Tuesday, March 16, at the Albany Veterans Affairs Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Coxsackie, he was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Fisher worked as a drummer, and performed for various senior groups and at other functions in the area.

He is survived by a nephew Philmore Fisher of Vallejo, Calif.

A military service was held on Friday from the Calverton National Cemetery, Calverton, Suffolk County, under the direction of Meyers Funeral Home, Delmar.

Calvin Crosier Sr.

Calvin E. Crosier Sr., 67, a Slingerlands native and resident of Klink Road in Guilderland, died Thursday, March 18, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Born in Slingerlands, he had lived in Guilderland since 1965.

He was a member of Local 106 of the Operating Engineers for 40

years and worked on many local construction projects including the South Mall, the Gilboa Pump Storage Dam, the Northway, Crossgates Mall and Interstate 88.

He was a World War II Navy veteran serving in both the European and Pacific theaters. Mr. Crosier was a member of the Guilderlands Elks Lodge, the Voorheesville American Legion Post and the Colonie Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Landolfo Crosier, two daughters, Lorraine Reyes of Irvine, Calif. and Linda Pecanic of Scottsdale, Ariz.; a son, Calvin E. Crosier Jr. of Guilderland; a sister, Doris MacDonald of Feura Bush; a brother William Crosier of Feura Bush; and five grandchildren.

Burial was in Memory's Garden, Colonie.

Arrangements were by Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar.

Victor Preska

Victor Preska, 75, of Delmar, died Monday, March 22, at his home.

Born in Albany, he was educated in Bethlehem Central schools and graduated from Siena College in Loudonville with a bachelor's degree in engineering.

During his senior year at college, he interrupted his studies to enlist in the Navy during World War II.

Mr. Preska was an engineer at Benet Laboratories at Watervliet Arsenal, where he specialized in the design of various types of anti-aircraft guns, some of which were mounted on tanks. He had traveled frequently in his position and consulted with various U.S. allies on weapons design. Previously, he had worked for the U.S. Patent Department in Washington, D.C.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus at Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar, the American Legion Post in Delmar, the Watervliet Arsenal Officers Club and Normanside Country Club.

He was also an active volunteer in the camping program at the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Center.

He was husband of the late Etta Mae Sauerbeck Preska.

Survivors include two daughters, Loretta A. Preska, a federal judge in the Southern District of New York, and Carolyn Preska Steinberg of Riverdale in the Bronx; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Meyers Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council Inc., Delaware Avenue, Delmar 12054.

In Clarksville The Spotlight is sold at the Kwik Mart and Stewarts

The last picture show



Workmen take down the Mayfair Drive-In theater sign on Route 85 in New Scotland to make room for a driving range and miniature golf course. Elaine McLain

May 22 set for town spruce-up

Dust off the rakes and shovels, Saturday, May 22, has been chosen this year's Community Bethlehem! Day, according to Bethlehem Town Supervisor Kenneth J. Ringler.

"This is a day we dedicate to beautify the town and encourage special spring clean-up," Ringler said. "In this bicentennial year, our beautification efforts are indeed a reflection upon the pride we take in our neighborhoods and in ourselves."

I am proud of the work that has been accomplished by the past

three Community Bethlehem! days," Ringler said. "I look forward to another successful event this year."

Mark Stuart is chairman of the Community Bethlehem! Organizing Committee. Stuart will be sending out letters this week to community groups and organizations inviting them to take part in this year's event.

Volunteers who wish to become involved in Community Bethlehem! Day, may call Stuart at 482-1870.

Delmar CHP slates March programs

The Community Health Plan will offer several health programs this month at the Delmar Health Center, 250 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Today, March 24, there will be a support group for former smokers, from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

A six-session stress management program will begin on Tuesday, March 30, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The course will teach techniques such as breathing, relaxation ex-

ercises, physical exercise, mind traps, assertiveness training, time management, guided imagery and visualizations. The cost will be \$27 for CHP members and \$47 for non-members.

On Wednesday, March 31, from 7 to 9 p.m. a six-session course on communication skills for couples will begin. The cost is \$36 for a member couple and \$72 for a non-member couple.

For information, call 783-1864, extension 4464.

Death Notices

The Spotlight will print paid Death Notices for relatives and friends who do not or have not lived in the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. The charge for a paid death notice is \$25.

We will continue to print Obituaries of residents and former residents of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland at no charge.

Kiwanis Club to sponsor drive-through barbecue

The New Scotland Kiwanis Club has scheduled its annual drive-through chicken barbecue on Saturday, March 27, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the New Scotland Presbyterian Church on Route 85.

The event features Brooks barbecue chicken dinners priced at \$6.75 for adults and \$4.75 for children. Half-chickens will cost \$4.25.

Tickets are available from Kiwanis members or can be ordered on the day of the dinner by calling 439-6454.

Proceeds from the event will support community services and youth activities.

For information, call 765-4301.

SPOTLIGHT ON

Family Entertainment

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Disneyworld comes to you... on ice



Cartoon characters will make the leap from the big screen onto the ice this week for Walt Disney's World on Ice show at the Knick Arena. Performances will run through Friday.

Disney characters romp through time and space in magical search on ice

By Dev Tobin

Given the snow and cold of late, mention Disney to most people and wishful visions of Florida sunshine come to mind.

But, there's more to Disney than theme parks or full-length cartoon movies, as demonstrated by Walt Disney's World on Ice show, which skates into the Knickerbocker Arena for five shows next week.

The all-new show, entitled "All Together Live," features more than 40 skaters in more than 200 colorful costumes.

The story line involves a search for Donald Duck's missing nephews — Huey, Louie and Dewey — by Disney stars new and old in exotic locales like ancient Egypt, the jungle, the 1950s, outer space and under the sea.

Besides the old standbys — Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck, Daisy Duck, Scrooge McDuck, Pluto and Goofy — the new show includes Baloo and King Louie from *The Jungle Book*; Rescue Rangers Chip 'n' Dale; Ariel, Sebastian and Ursula from *The*

Little Mermaid; and Eddie the Detective, Jessica and Roger Rabbit from *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*?

The show features lavish costumes and sets and wide-ranging musical accompaniment, from rock 'n' roll to favorites from Disney movies, by Gyo Gearloose's musical time machine.

Local figure skaters with a yen for travel can audition for a job skating in the chorus or as a principal in one of next year's shows on Thursday, March 25, at 4 p.m. To register for auditions, call Ed Lewi Associates at 783-1333.

Walt Disney's World on Ice shows are Tuesday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, March 24 at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Thursday and Friday, March 25 and 26, at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets, on sale at the Knick box office and Ticketmaster outlets, are \$13.50, \$10.50 and \$8.50. Half-price coupons for Tuesday's show are available at area Price Chopper supermarkets. Children under 12 receive a \$2 discount for all shows on Wednesday and Thursday. Group rates are also available.



Spring into art classes at Albany institute

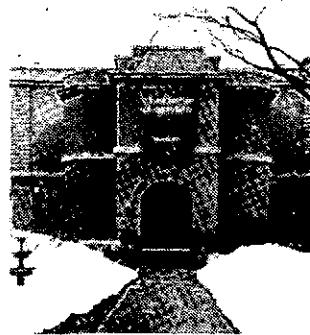
By Eric Bryant

Ah, the sounds of spring! The robin's first chirping cry, the crack of baseball against bat, the dull roar of the snowplow.

Dealing with "the white stuff" has become a fact of life for most Northeasterners after the Blizzard of '93, but that doesn't mean it has to continue.

Although there's still more than a few inches of snow on the ground, there's no need to stay in the house. The Albany Institute of History and Art, located at 125 Washington Ave., has a variety of programs to get the family out of the house during April.

Three family-oriented programs next month will allow children ages 4 to 12 to create collages, learn about 19th-century poster art and explore the mysteries of ancient Egypt.



"Artists at Work," on Tuesday, April 13, will lead children on a tour of the Institute's galleries and teach them how an artist uses color, line and shape to create a picture. Participants will then create a collage using a variety of objects.

On Wednesday, April 14, a program titled "Please Post! 19th Century Broadside," will teach youngsters raised on television commercials about the advertising methods of the 1800s. Posters promoting everything from circus attractions to patent medicine will be studied and participants will create their own broadside poster.

"Life on the Nile," on Thursday, April 15, will focus on the institute's famous Egyptian Gallery. After viewing the museum's collection of Egyptian artifacts, children and adults will work on their own Egyptian relic. All three programs will run from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Art classes for both children and adults are also scheduled to begin in April at the institute.

"Marionette Theater," for children ages 7 to 10, will run on Wednesdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m., from April 14 to May 19. Children will create marionettes, stage scenery and produce actual performances. Marionettes from around the world will be used as examples and the history of puppetry will be explored.

For children ages 5 to 7, the institute will offer a class on "Wearable Art," Saturdays, April 17 to May 22, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Students will use a variety of media and their own imaginations to create fabric paintings, jewelry, masks and other items.

Adults can learn about the design of pictures for children's books and explore decorative painting at the Institute this spring.

"Children's Book Illustration," which runs Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., from April 13 to May 18, will study the techniques of drawing for books and allow participants to illustrate a book of their own design or choosing.

A course in "Decorative Painting," Wednesdays, 6 to 8 p.m., from April 14 to May 5, will explore the decorative uses of paint. Students will learn the basics of sponging, stippling, faux stone finishes and other decorative techniques. The application methods can be used to decorate small and large projects, from picture frames to entire walls.

Registration deadline for each of these programs is Tuesday, April 6.

For information, contact the Albany Institute of History and Art at 463-4478.

Arts and ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

THE CAPITOL STEPS

political satire group, Friday, April 2, 8 p.m., Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, to benefit state Alliance for the Mentally Ill. Information, 462-2000.

PAJAMA TOPS

"French" farce, Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 26 to 28. Information, 462-1297.

UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS AND THE TRUE NATURE OF LOVE

dramatic theater from Canadian Brad Fraser, QE2, 13 Central Ave., Albany, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m., Sunday, 3 p.m., through April 4. Information, 462-2905.

ANOTHER SUNRISE

dinner theater, Hilltowns Players, Maple Inn, Route 443, East Berne, Thursday, March 25, 6:30 p.m. Information, 872-2569.

SAUL BELLOW'S STORIES ON STAGE

two one-act plays, Lewis A. Swyer Theatre, Empire Center at the Egg, Saturday, March 27, 8 p.m.; Sunday, March 28, 2:30 and 7 p.m. Information, 442-5620.

WHAT ABOUT BLACK WOMYN?

about women living with AIDS, Bush Memorial Center, Russell Sage College, Troy Campus, Wednesday, March 24, 7 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

BECKETT: WORKS

Beckett plays and sketches, Janet Kinghorn Bernhard Theater, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27, and Thursday through Saturday, April 1 through 3, 8 p.m.; Sunday, March 28 and April 4, 3 p.m. Information, 584-5000, ext. 2347.

CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF

by Tennessee Williams, Capital Rep Company, Market Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, Through April 25. Information, 462-4534.

MUSIC

NOONTIME ORGAN CONCERTS

every Friday, 12:30 p.m., St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Albany. Information, 434-3502.

ONE HEART

Ken Shea and Maureen DeLuca, Monaco's Village Inn, Thursdays, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Information, 899-5780 or 393-5282.

HOOTS NIGHT

open stage, The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany. Sign up every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

SKIP PARSONS DIXIELAND

Boulevard Cafe, 198 Central Ave., Albany, Sundays through April 4. Information, 462-5812.

BROOKS WILLIAMS

folk artist, The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany, Saturday, March 27, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

TOM PAXTON

folk artist, The Eighth Step Upstairs, 14 Willett St., Albany, Friday, March 26, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

MARGIE ADAM

singer-songwriter, The Eighth Step Upstairs, 14 Willett St., Albany, Sunday, March 28, 7:30 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

CHERISH THE LADIES

rescheduled from March 13, Traditional Irish music and dance troupe, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 88 Fourth St., Troy, Saturday, May 15, 8 p.m. Information, 273-0038.

OUT OF CONTROL RHYTHM AND BLUES BAND

2001, River and State streets, Troy, Saturday, March 27, 10:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Information, 797-3939.

MAGGINI STRING QUARTET

Friends of Chamber Music, 23 Myrtle Ave., Troy, Wednesday, March 24, 8 p.m. Information, 273-8135.

BROOKLYN COLLEGE CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

brass ensemble, Kitty Carlisle Hart Theatre, Empire Center at the Egg, Sunday, March 28, 2:30 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

SONNY ROLLINS

jazz saxophonist, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 88 Fourth St., Troy, Saturday, March 27, 8 p.m. Information, 273-0038.

BACH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

featuring Findlay Cockrell, University at Albany, University Performing Arts Center Recital Hall, Albany, Saturday, March 27, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

JAZZ KNIGHTS ENSEMBLE

College of Saint Rose, Saint Joseph Hall Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, Friday, March 26, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-5178.

DOC WATSON

legendary folk/blues singer and guitarist, Columbia-Greene Community College, Route 23, Hudson, Thursday, March 25, 7 p.m. Information, 828-4181.

RICK BEDROSIAN BAND

Lark Tavern, 453 Madison Ave., Albany, Thursday, March 25, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Friday, March 26, 10:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Haggerty's, 155 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

DANCE

THIRD ANNUAL DANCE FESTIVAL

sponsored by the Dance Alliance and Skidmore College Dance Program, Fieldhouse Dance Studios, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, Saturday, March 27, 10 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.; Sunday, March 28, 10:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Information, 885-7838.

"KATHAK"

classical dance of North India, performed by India native Neera Batra, Bush Memorial Center, Russell Sage College, Troy Campus, Tuesday, March 30, 7 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

BENEFIT DANCE/SHOW

sponsored by the Farrell School of Irish Dancing, Albany Ancient Order of Hibernian Hall, 91 Quail St., Albany, Saturday, March 27, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Information, 439-7374.

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Capitol comedy

Capitol Steps

The Capitol Steps, a political satire group based in Washington, D.C., will perform song parodies that poke fun at hot topics and headlines at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady on Friday, April 2, at 8 p.m. The fund-raiser will benefit the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of New York State.

SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

of Guelderland, seeks new members, RD 2, Box 2, Altamont, Through mid-June. Information, 861-8000.

FAMILY PLAYERS OF NORTHEAST NEW YORK

seeks director and music director, choreographer and other staff positions for July 1993 production of *The Music Man*. Auditions in April. Resumes to Family Players, PO Box 13322, Albany 12212. Information, 869-0303.

MUSICAL GROUPS

submit demonstration tapes and photographs for participation in 1993 *Lunchtime Concert Series*, J.H. Burgess, Promotion and Public Affairs, State Office of General Services, Corning Tower, 41st floor, Empire Plaza, Albany 12242. Information, 474-5987.

SURVEY OF CONTEMPORARY LANDSCAPE ART

open to all artists, using any medium, whose work comments on the current state of the land, Greene County Council On the Arts, 398 Main St., Catskill. Submission deadline, April 9. Information, 943-3400.

HILLTOWNS PLAYERS

accepting applications for stage director, musical director and choreographer for fall production of *South Pacific*, Through April 3. Information, 872-2068.

ORIGINAL STUDENT ARTWORKS

for 15th anniversary celebration by the Center for Women in Government, University at Albany. Open to high school students and college undergraduates in the Capital District. Submission deadline, May 14. Information, 442-3900.

AUDITIONS

APPROXIMATE ANSWERS

play by William J. O'Brien, New Works Theatre Group, Inc., Berkshire Farms Center and Services for Youth, Route 22, Canaan, Friday, March 26, 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, March 27 and 28, 11 a.m. Information, 794-8775.

FILM

PUBLIC PLACES AND MONUMENTS

history of American parks as a reflection of public values, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, Sunday, March 28, 2 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

ART ON FILM/FILM ON ART

five-part film series, Hyde Collection, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls, Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Fridays at 2 p.m., through March 26. Information, 792-1761.

MAXINE HONG KINGSTON: TALKING STORY

explores the themes in the author's works on Chinese and American culture, feminism and pacifism, State Museum, Albany, Thursday, March 25, and Saturday, March 27, at noon, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

DUEL IN THE SUN

western starring Gregory Peck, University at Albany, Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., Albany, Thursday, March 25, 7:30 p.m. Information, 442-5620.

SPELLBOUND

Affred Hitchcock thriller, University at Albany, Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., Albany, Friday, March 26, 7 p.m. Information, 442-5620.

THE GREAT WHITE HOPE

film on boxing, RCCA: The Arts Center, 189 Second St., Troy, Saturday, March 27, 2 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

SECOND ANNUAL COLUMBIA COUNTY FILMMAKERS' FESTIVAL

Arts Center Theatre, Columbia-Greene Community College, Route 23, Hudson, Saturday, March 27, 11 a.m. Information, 828-2814.

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

101 DALMATIANS

stage adaptation of the Disney classic, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Thursday, March 25, 7 p.m. Information, 346-6204.

THE NEAR-SIGHTED KNIGHT

and the far-sighted dragon, Kids Fare Productions, Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 1123 Madison Ave., Albany, Saturday and Sunday, March 27 and 28, and April 3 and 4, 1 p.m. Information, 438-5503.

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concert, Maggini String Quartet,
Kiggins Hall, Emma Willard
School, 285 Pawling Ave., Troy,
8 p.m. Information, 371-7383.

SIERRA CLUB LECTURE

environmental issues in the
Great Lakes, Albany Public
Library, Washington Avenue,
Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 438-
9605.

"SALUTE TO GUILDERLAND"

10th annual dinner, sponsored
by Guiderland Republican
Committee, Italian-American
Community Center, Washington
Avenue Extension, Albany, 6
p.m. Information, 459-9000.

"CALLED TO INTIMACY"

workshop, Pastoral Center, 40
North Main Ave., Albany, 7 p.m.
Cost, \$18. Information, 489-4431.

BABYSITTING

Albany Jewish Community
Center, 340 Whitehall Road,
Albany, 5:30 to 8 p.m.
Information, 438-6651.

SQUARE DANCE

St. Michael's Community
Center, Linden Street, Cohoes,
7:30 p.m. Information, 664-6767.

RENSSELAER COUNTY
CHORUS REHEARSAL

sponsored by Capitaland
Chorus, Trinity Episcopal
Church, 11th Street and 4th
Avenue, North Troy, 7:30 p.m.
Information, 237-4384.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
**RIVER VALLEY CHORUS
MEETING**

Glen Worden School, 34
Worden Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m.
Information, 355-4264.

**THURSDAY
MARCH 25**
ALBANY COUNTY
"THE CHANGES IN CUBA"

lecture by Dr. James Wessman,
associate professor, University at
Albany, University Library, Room
B15, noon to 2 p.m. Information,
442-3542.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
CDTC Staff Offices, 5 Computer
Drive West, Albany, 3 p.m.
Information, 458-2161.

CRAFT FAIR

St. Anne Institute, 25 West
Lawrence Street, Albany, 9 a.m.
to 3 p.m. Information, 489-7411.

**SMALL BUSINESS START-UP
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Cornell Cooperative Extension,
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Albany Jewish Community
Center, 340 Whitehall Road,
Albany, 5:30 to 8 p.m.
Information, 438-6651.

SARATOGA COUNTY
**EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT
GROUP**

Four Winds Hospital, Algonquin
Activities Building, Crescent
Ave., Saratoga, 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Information, 465-9550.

**FRIDAY
MARCH 26**
ALBANY COUNTY
CRAFT FAIR

St. Anne Institute, 25 West
Lawrence Street, Albany, 9 a.m.
to 3 p.m. Information, 489-7411.

MOTHERS' DROP IN

sponsored by the Capital
District Mothers' Center, First
Congregational Church, Quail
Street, Albany, 9:30 a.m. to
noon. Information, 482-4508.

**SATURDAY
MARCH 27**
LIVING ECOLOGICALLY

New York State Museum, 2 p.m.
Cost, \$2. Information, 474-5877.

**CROHN'S AND COLITIS
FOUNDATION**

educational program, Albany
Memorial Hospital, Conklin
Conference Room, 600
Northern Blvd., Albany, 10 a.m.
to noon. Information, 439-0252.

ROAST BEEF DINNER

Bethany Reformed church, 760
New Scotland Ave., Albany, 4
to 6:30 p.m. Cost, \$7.50 adults,
\$3.50 children. Information, 482-
7998.

**FASHION LUNCHEON AND
SILENT AUCTION**

to benefit the Salvation Army,
The Desmond Grand Ballroom,
Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie,
11 a.m. Donation, \$20.
Information, 439-1437.

CRAFT FAIR

St. Anne Institute, 25 West
Lawrence Street, Albany, 9 a.m.
to 3 p.m. Information, 489-7411.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

sponsored by Safety and Health
Council, 845 Central Ave.,
Albany, 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Information, 438-2365.

RENSSELAER COUNTY
DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

sponsored by Leonard Hospital
Community Education
Programs Office, Greenbush
Reformed Church Christian
Education Building, Hayes
Road, East Greenbush, 8:45
a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Information,
233-0797.

**SUNDAY
MARCH 28**
ALBANY COUNTY
CRAFT FAIR

St. Anne Institute, 25 West
Lawrence Street, Albany, 10
a.m. to 3 p.m. Information, 489-
7411.

SAGE JCA

open house for prospective
students, 140 New Scotland
Ave., Albany, 12:30 p.m.
Information, 270-2246.

SCOTTISH DANCING

Unitarian Church, Washington
Ave., Albany, 7 to 10 p.m.
Information, 377-8792.

**MONDAY
MARCH 29**
ALBANY COUNTY
EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE

information session, Northeast
Center, 845 Central Ave.,
Albany, 5 p.m. Information, 587-
2100.

BABYSITTING

Albany Jewish Community
Center, 340 Whitehall Road,
Albany, 5:30 to 8 p.m.
Information, 438-6651.

SENIORS LUNCHEON

Albany Jewish Community
Center, 340 Whitehall Road,
Albany, 4:45 p.m. Information,
438-6651.

SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

Capital Repertory Company offers co-production of Williams' classic

As part of its efforts to control production costs, Capital Repertory Company in Albany will offer Tennessee Williams' *Cat On A Hot Tin Roof* starting Friday (March 26) in conjunction with StageWest in Springfield, Mass.

The production which played in Springfield to fine reviews, moves its principal actors to Albany and opens after previews tonight, March 24, and Thursday, March 25.

Williams' play deals with a passionless marriage on a Southern estate and the wish of a dying patriarch for a grandchild.

The play will be presented through April 25 with artistic director Bruce Bouchard restaging the production.



Martin P. Kelly

Monique Fowler, an actress with Broadway and off-Broadway credits, performs as Maggie in this Albany production. Jack Conley who plays Brick, the reluctant husband, has appeared off-Broadway.

The pivotal role of Big Daddy, the patriarch of the family, is played by Mark Hammy who spent 23 years as co-director of Catholic University's MFA acting program.

Reservations and information at 462-4534.

Mickey Mouse ice show visits Knickerbocker Arena this week

The touring *Walt Disney's World on Ice All Together Live* is now playing at the Knickerbocker Arena in Albany through Friday, March 26, and presents all of the famed Disney characters in musical routines in a two-hour show.

A company of 40 talented skaters portray the characters in the colorful show which has 18 scene changes.

Performances are 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. today, March 24, and 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

Information is available at 487-2100.

Brass ensemble performs Sunday at Empire Center

The 10-piece Brooklyn College Conservatory of Music Brass Ensemble presents a concert of upbeat brass classics Sunday, March 28, in the Kitty Carlisle Hart Theatre.

This 2:30 p.m. concert is part of the Empire Center's *Julliard (Plus One) Series*. This Brooklyn College offering is the "Plus One" of the series. All the other concerts were presented by Julliard performers.

The performance Sunday is under the direction of Douglas F. Hedwig, founding member of the Metropolitan Brass Quartet and is coordinator of Brass Studies at the Brooklyn College Conservatory.

Sunday's program includes selections to honor the 150th anniversary of Edvard Grieg's birth. The program will also include the world premiere of *A Brooklyn Summer* by Mel Broiles, co-principal trumpeter of the New York Metropolitan Opera Orchestra. Call 473-1845.

Added performance of Jerry's Girls on Sunday to benefit leukemia victim

A benefit performance of *Jerry's Girls*, the current musical production of the Schenectady Light Opera Company will be presented Sunday, March 28, to assist Brett Peterson who is Albany Medical Center Hospital waiting for a bone marrow transplant.

The stepson of SLOC performing veteran and set designer Jim Fraser, the young man has been suffering from advanced leukemia for which the transplant is a possible cure. Because of its cost, the theater group arranged the benefit performance.

The benefit will begin with a 5 p.m. reception, followed by a 7 p.m. performance at the SLOC Opera House on State Street in Schenectady. Tickets at \$25 can be reserved by calling 377-5101.

Around Theaters!

The Cocktail Hour, A.R. Gurney's comedy, at Schenectady Civic Theater through Sunday, March 27, (382-2081)...*Ladyhouse Blues* at SUNYA Performing Arts Center, through Saturday, March 26 (442-3995)...*Less Than Perfect*, James Slattery's play at HVCC's Stapleton Theater through Sunday, March 27, (270-7170)...*Pajama Tops* at Albany Civic Theater through Sunday, March 27, (462-1297).

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The Spotlight CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY MARCH 24

BETHLEHEM

GOD'S PROMISE FOR PEACE
Lenten Bible Study, Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 10 to 11 a.m. Information, 439-8415.

SLIDE PROGRAM ON BELIZE
Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

TOWN BOARD
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BC SCHOOL BOARD
budget workshop, 90 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

BINGO
American Legion Post 1040, 16 Poplar Drive, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 439-0503.

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

WELCOME WAGON
newcomers, engaged women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Monday to Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information, 785-9640.

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
1 Kenwood Ave., evening prayer and Bible study, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP
excavation and laboratory experience for volunteers, archaeology lab, Route 32 South. Information, 439-6391.

NEW SCOTLAND

"SMALL TOWN AT THE MILLENIUM"
planning meeting, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS
Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

AA MEETING
First Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

AL-ANON MEETING
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 477-4476.

NEW SCOTLAND ELKS
22 South Main St., Voorheesville, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2313.

FAITH TEMPLE
Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

THURSDAY MARCH 25

BETHLEHEM

CHAMBER BREAKFAST
Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 7:30 to 9 a.m. Information, 439-0512.

RECOVERY, INC.
self-help for chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9976.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 439-0503.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM
Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
Bible study, 10 a.m.; Creator's Crusaders, 6:30 p.m.; senior choir, 7:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

AA MEETINGS
Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

NEW SCOTLAND

FAITH TEMPLE
Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

FRIDAY MARCH 26

BETHLEHEM

BOU AUCTION
silent and Chinese auctions, Bethlehem High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2744.

COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE INSTRUCTION
Glenmont Community Church, Weiser Street, Glenmont, 8 to 10 p.m. Information, 432-5709.

AA MEETING
First Reformed Church of Selkirk, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

NEW SCOTLAND

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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

SATURDAY MARCH 27

BETHLEHEM

HAM SUPPER
with a bicentennial theme, Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church, Route 85, \$7.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children 6 to 12. Information, 438-1766.

AA MEETING
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

NEW SCOTLAND

CHICKEN BARBECUE
take-out only, sponsored by the New Scotland Kiwanis, at the New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 4 to 7 p.m. Information, 765-4301.

SUNDAY MARCH 28

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA
concert of pops and light classics, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

MOZART'S ORGAN SOLO MASS
performed by the chancel choir of the First United Methodist Church and Trinity United Methodist Church of Albany, 428 Kenwood Ave., 11 a.m. Information, 455-2886.

MONDAY MARCH 29

BETHLEHEM

MOTHER'S TIME OUT
Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

DELMAR KIWANIS
Days Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-5560.

AA MEETING
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

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

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA
rehearsal, town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP
excavation and laboratory experience for volunteers, archaeology lab, Route 32 South. Information, 439-6391.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

STORY HOUR
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

TUESDAY MARCH 30

BETHLEHEM

PLANNING BOARD
meeting rescheduled from April 6, 7:30 p.m., town hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-4955.

FINANCIAL SEMINAR
focusing on women taking charge of their finances, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP
First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 1 to 6 p.m.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 439-0503.

DELMAR ROTARY
Days Inn, Route 9W. Information, 482-8824.

NEW SCOTLAND

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
town hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3356.

VOORHEESVILLE VILLAGE BOARD
village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

STORY HOUR
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 31

BETHLEHEM

THE MYSTERY OF PEACE
Lenten Bible Study, Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 10 to 11 a.m. Information, 439-8415.

STORY HOUR
Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m., free but reservations are requested. Information, 439-9314.

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American Legion Post 1040, 16 Poplar Drive, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

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FAITH TEMPLE
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THURSDAY APRIL 1

BETHLEHEM

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM
Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

Weekly Crossword

"Oscar Time"

By Gerry Frey

- ACROSS**
1 Vatican VIP
5 Applies lightly
9 Lean to
13 Garfield's friend
14 Computer language
15 Cookie
16 1939 Academy Award winner
19 Pay dirt
20 Parisian idea
21 USSR city
22 Robert & Peggy
23 Attire
24 Leave helpless
27 Departed
28 Saratoga, e.g.
31 Caribbean Island
32 Glut
33 Collar type
34 1954 Academy Award winner
37 Curved molding
38 Tiny bit
39 "On the rocks": 2 wds
40 Fros companion
41 Russia's Nicholas, eg
42 Cooper & Faye
43 Roy
44 Otherwise
45 Mr. Toscanini
48 Melville 1847 novel
49 Might have been?
52 1965 Academy Award winner
55 Maryland player
56 Travis
57 Ward of "Sisters"
58 Orange sweet potatoes
59 Sensible
60 Irishman

- DOWN**
1 Famous possum
2 Aroma
3 Crave
4 Big Foot's size
5 Palm fruits
6 Arthur of tennis fame
7 Morsel
8 Sailing ship
9 Elias & Rebecca
10 "Trinity" author
11 Perfect scores
12 Carbonated soft drink
14 Waited
17 Wimp: Slang
18 Border
22 Shaping machine
23 Carved figure
24 Take a photograph
25 Dance
26 Ceremonies
27 Croc's cousin
28 Apathetic
29 de Leon
30 Poker stakes
32 Lucifer
33 Bert's friend
35 Failures
36 Johnny Cash's prison
41 Matador's quest
42 High in the air
43 Pointed ends
44 Overact
45 Officer of the court: Ab-
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46 Actress Pearlman
47 Period of time
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53 Rifle org.
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town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Bible study, 10 a.m.; Creator's Crusaders, 6:30 p.m.; senior choir, 7:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

AA MEETINGS

Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

NEW SCOTLAND**COLLECTORS' NIGHT**

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road. Information, 765-4923.

FEURA BUSH FUNSTERS

4-H group for ages 8 to 19, Jerusalem Church, Feura Bush, 7 to 8 p.m.

FAITH TEMPLE

Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

FRIDAY APRIL 2**BETHLEHEM****AA MEETING**

First Reformed Church of Selkirk, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

NEW SCOTLAND**YOUTH GROUP**

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

SATURDAY APRIL 3**BETHLEHEM****AA MEETING**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

HAM RAFFLE

North Bethlehem Fire Department, 589 Russell Road, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Information, 438-4084.

SUNDAY APRIL 4**BETHLEHEM****OPERA CONCERT**

selections from Verdi, Puccini and Lehár, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 2:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

MONDAY APRIL 5**BETHLEHEM****MOTHER'S TIME OUT**

Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

BLANCHARD POST MEETING

Poplar Drive, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

DELMAR KIWANIS

Days Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-5560.

AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

AL-ANON GROUP

support for relatives of alcoholics, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

rehearsal, town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

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Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

NEW SCOTLAND**4-H CLUB**

home of Marilyn Miles, Clarksville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 768-2186.

QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

STORY HOUR

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

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CHURCHES**Baptist**

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
worship service, Sun. 10:15 a.m., and Sun. school, 9:15 a.m., Auberge Suisse Restaurant, New Scotland Road. Info, 475-9086.

Christian Fellowship

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH Sun. school and worship, Sun. 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Info, 438-7740.

Christian Scientist

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST service and Sun. school, Sun. 10 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave. Info, 439-2512.

Community

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH worship service, Sun. 10:30 a.m.; Sun. school, 9 a.m.; evening fellowship, 6 p.m.; 201 Elm Ave. Info 439-3135.

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH Sun. school, 9:15 a.m.; worship, Sun. 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided. Info, 768-2916.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH Sun. school, 9:45 a.m., Sun. service, 11 a.m., 10 Rockefeller Road. Info, 439-7864.

Episcopal

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Eucharist, breakfast, coffee hour, Sun. 8 and 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Info, 439-3265.

Evangelical

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH bible hour for children and adults, Sun. 9:15 a.m.; worship service, 10:30 a.m.; evening service, 6:30 p.m., nursery care provided, Route 155, Voorheesville. Info, 765-3390.

Greek Orthodox

ST. SOPHIA CHURCH Orthos Sun. 9 a.m.; service 10 a.m., 440 Whitehall Rd., Albany. Info, 489-4442.

Lutheran

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH worship services, Sun. 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Sun. school, 9:15 a.m.; nursery care, 8 a.m. to noon, 85 Elm Ave. Info, 439-4328.

LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH worship meeting, Sun. 11 a.m., Bethlehem Grange Hall 137, Route 396, Beckers Corners. Info, 235-1298.

Methodist

FIRST UNITED METHODIST

CHURCH OF DELMAR

worship, Sun. 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; church school, 9:45 a.m.; youth and adult classes, 11 a.m.; nursery care, 9 a.m. to noon, 428 Kenwood Ave. Info, 439-9976.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE

worship, Sun. 10 a.m., church school, 10:30 a.m. Info, 765-2895.

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sun. school, 9 a.m.; morning worship, 10:30 a.m.; coffee hour, 11:30 a.m.; 16 Hillcrest Drive, Ravena. Info, 756-6688.

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worship service, church school, Sun. 10 a.m.; fellowship hour, adult education programs, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road. Info, 439-1766.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sun. school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Willowbrook Avenue. Info, 767-9953.

Pentecostal

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Sun. school and worship, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m., Route 85, New Salem. Info, 765-4410.

Presbyterian

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH worship, church school, nursery care, Sun. 10 a.m.; coffee hour and fellowship, 11 a.m.; adult education programs, 11:15 a.m.; family communion service, first Sun., 585 Delaware Ave. Info, 439-9252.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND worship, Sun. 10 a.m., church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Info, 439-6454.

Reformed

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH worship and Sun. school, nursery care provided, 9 and 11 a.m., 386 Delaware Ave. Info, 439-9929.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM church school, Sun. 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; youth group, 6 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk. Info, 767-2243.

GLENMONT REFORMED CHURCH worship, Sun. 11 a.m.; nursery care provided; Sun. school, 11 a.m., 1 Chapel Lane. Info, 436-7710.

JERUSALEM REFORMED CHURCH Sun. school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Route 32, Feura Bush. Info, 732-7047.

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worship service, Sun. 11 a.m., nursery care provided, corner Route 85 and Route 85A, New Salem. Info, 439-6179.

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Roman Catholic

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Other

FAITH TEMPLE Sun. school, 10 a.m.; worship, 7 p.m., New Salem. Info, 765-2870.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH morning worship, Sun. 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Info, 439-4314.

UNITED CHURCH IN ALBANY worship service and Sunday school, 11 a.m.; meditation, Thurs., 7 p.m.; Bible class, Thurs., 7:45 p.m., 725 Madison Ave., Albany. The Rev. Arthur Wells. Info., 465-2159.

SYNAGOGUES**Reform**

B'NAI SHOLOM Fri. services, 8 p.m., 420 Whitehall Road, Albany. Info, 482-5283.

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Orthodox

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Other

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Clowning around



Area members of the Association of Clowns of America will participate in 'Red Nose Day USA' on Friday, April 2, to educate the public about Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). The clowns will wear red noses at area shopping centers and Realty USA offices to raise funds for SIDS research and family support services.

Museum to host science fair, snakes

The New York State Museum has scheduled a variety of activities for the weekend of April 3 and 4.

- Duncan Hay, curator of industrial history at the museum, will give an illustrated talk about the shift from hand to machine manufacture of windows on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. The talk, part of the "Understanding and Preserving Historic Windows" lecture series, is free and open to the public.

- More than 100 science projects by area fourth through eighth-graders will be on display on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon on the Terrace Gallery.

- Dean Davis will present a look at "Strictly Snakes" on Saturday and Sunday at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Admission will cost \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

- "Family Workshops: Explore with Paul" will consider the question: How hard are rocks? on Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

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Perkins to conduct basketball camps

Sam Perkins, star forward of the Seattle Supersonics, will be conducting a series of basketball day camps in the area from June 28 through July 2.

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All the camps are open to boys and girls ages 7 through 18.

For information, call 346-8106.

Magician to star at area planetarium

To help kids pass the time during spring break, the Henry Hudson Planetarium, 25 Quackenbush Square, Albany, will present a children's show, "The Little Star That Could," at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 14, 15 and 16.

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SPOTLIGHT TEENSCENE

By Michael Kagan

Along with a record amount of shoveling, the Blizzard of '93 was probably the last chance this school year to hope for a snow day.

Students usually know which districts will avoid calling snow days at all costs, and which will cancel if flurries fall anywhere in the northeast. In the recent snow emergency, when cancellations were made due to lingering effects of a storm and not due to guesses by meteorologists, it's interesting to look at when each district decided to cancel classes.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk and Voorheesville districts both called off school on Sunday afternoon. North Colonie and South Colonie decided to let students brave the snow, and Bethlehem cancelled late Sunday.

The schools which chose Sunday may be called the "user friendly." They wanted to tell their students, "You can put your homework off for another day and stay up late tonight."

In other districts, superintendents

seem to engage in a kind of game. "How late can I wait to call the radio stations?" they seem to say. "I want to make sure all the kids still have to wake up at ridiculous hours."

Most students have gleeful memories of times when school was called off on the basis of forecasts so far off base that meteorologists apparently meant them as jokes. But, inevitably, there are more days when superintendents ignore bad weather, forcing students and teachers alike into a grumpy day of school.

On most snow days, kids have nothing to do, because, even if a car is available, many parents wouldn't want to have their children out on roads the school district certified as impassable.

It might be interesting to take a referendum of students on the morning of a snow day, asking: "Would you prefer to stay home today, or would you like to take your chances out on the roads and save this day off for May, when you the opportunity to have a good time?"

April ball to benefit Albany institute

The Albany Institute of History and Art will sponsor its 1993 Museum Ball and Contemporary Art Auction on Saturday, April 3, at the Desmond in Colonie.

The annual black-tie dinner dance and fund-raising gala will feature a silent auction of recent works by 46 contemporary artists represented in the institute's permanent collection.

There will be 11 new artists featured this year, for a total of 141 works.

Artists include Franklin Alexander, Irene Altmanova, Meredith Best, Robert Blood, Regis Brodie, David Brickman, Dennis Byng, Richard Callner, Robert Cartmell, Benigna Chilla, Marcia Clark, David Coughtry, Douglas Culhane, Jeffrey Elgin, Allen Grindle, Marta Jeremko, Gayle Johnson and Larry Kagan.

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Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 8 p.m. Dancing will continue to 12:30 a.m.

Tickets will cost \$250 per person at the patron level, \$150 per person at the sponsor level, or \$75 at the junior level. For information, call 463-4478.

Planetarium plans family programs

The Henry Hudson Planetarium, 25 Quackenbush Square, Albany, has scheduled family programs on Saturdays in April.

"Bear Tales (and Other Grizzly Stories)" is scheduled every Saturday at 11:30 a.m. At 12:30 p.m., the program "Galax-

ies" will explore the creation and characteristics of various galaxies.

The cost of admission will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children and senior citizens.

For information, call 434-5132.

Junior Museum to sponsor zoo trip

The Junior Museum, 282 Fifth Ave. in Troy, will sponsor a bus trip to the Bronx Zoo on Wednesday, April 14.

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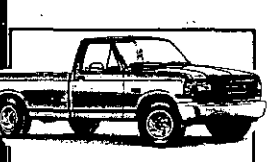
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 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 704 of the General Municipal Law, that a petition by Masullo Brothers, Inc. to annex certain property to the Town of Guiderland, New York and from the Town of New Scotland, New York, has been received by the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland, being the town from which the said territory proposed for annexation is located and is described as follows:

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land, Albany County, State of New York, being more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the division line between lands now or formerly of Henry J. Evans on the east and Weatherfield Phase 3 on the west, said point also being in the Township line between the Town of Guiderland and the Town of New Scotland on the south; thence along Evans and into the Town of New Scotland S 25 deg. 20 min. 29 sec. E 281.43 feet to a point in the northerly line of land now or formerly of Religious Sisters of Mercy; thence along the same the following three courses and distances, S 88 deg. 39 min. 32 sec. W 1122.09

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feet to a point; thence S 27 deg. 35 min. 32 sec. W 469.96 feet to a point; thence S 70 deg. 11 min. 58 sec. W 447.87 feet to a point in the easterly line of lands now or formerly of John D. Flansburg; thence along the same N. 08 deg. 44 min. 26 sec. W 711.80 feet to a point, said point being in the Township line between the Town of Guiderland on the north and the Town of New Scotland on the south; thence along said Township line N 85 deg. 15 min. 00 sec. E 1754.58 feet to the point and place of beginning, containing 14.775 acres, more or less.

On the 20th day of April, 1993, at 7:30 P.M., at the Town Hall in the Town of Guiderland, located at Western Avenue, Guiderland, New York, a joint hearing will be held by the aforesaid Town Board of the Town of New Scotland and the Town Board of the Town of Guiderland, upon this petition.

The members of the Town Boards of the Town of New Scotland and the Town of Guiderland will meet at the above time and place to hear any objections which may be presented against such petition for annexation upon any of the following grounds:

- That a person signing the petition is not qualified therefor, or
- That the persons signing such petition do not constitute twenty percentum of the persons residing within such territory qualified to vote for town officers, or
- That the persons signing such petition do not represent the owners of a majority in value of the property within such territory assessed upon the last preceding town assessment roll, or
- That the petitions does not otherwise substantially comply in form or content with the provisions of Article 17 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, or
- That the proposed annexation is or is not in the overall public interest (1) of the territory proposed

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to be annexed, or (2) of the local government or governments to which the territory is proposed to be annexed, or (3) of the remaining area of the local government or governments in which such territory is situated, or (4) of any school district, fire district or other district is situated, or public benefit corporation, fire protection district, fire alarm district or town or county improvement district; situate wholly or partly in the territory proposed to be annexed.

Objections, based upon subparagraphs a, b, c, d, above, must be in writing and placed on file with the Boards holding the hearing.

Dated, March 19, 1993.
 HERBERT W. REILLY, Supervisor
 of the Town of New Scotland
 (March 24, 1993)

VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE REGARDING ABSENTEE BALLOT PROCEDURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Board of Education action taken December 9, 1991, the following procedures must be followed to procure an absentee ballot to be used for elections conducted by the Voorheesville Central School District.

An absentee ballot and application will be mailed to each qualified voter who requests such in a signed letter provided the voter meets the criteria listed below:

The person will be unable to appear to vote in person on the day of the school district election for which the absentee ballot is requested because he/she is, or will be on that day:

- a patient in a hospital, or unable to appear personally at the polling place because of illness or physical disability or;
- because his/her duties, occupation or business will require him/her to be outside of the county or city of his/her residence on that day;

(1) Where such duties, occupation or business are not of such a nature as ordinarily to require such absence, a brief description of such duties, occupation or business shall be set forth in the affidavit.

(2) Where such duties, occupation or business are not of such a nature as ordinarily to require such absence, the application shall contain a statement of the special circumstances that such absence is required; or

c) because he/she will be on vacation outside the county or city of his/her residence on that day. The application shall also contain the dates which he/she expects to begin and end the vacation, the place or places where he/she expects to be on vacation, the name and address of his/her employer, if any, and if self-employed, a statement to that effect; or

d) absent from his/her voting residence because he/she is detained in jail awaiting action by a grand jury or awaiting trial or is confined in prison after conviction for an offense other than a felony.

Letters requesting application for absentee ballots may be received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the seventh (7th) day before the election. Requests should be addressed to: Clerk, Board of Education Voorheesville Central School District

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conspicuous place or places during the election, and any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the absentee voter's ballot of any person on the list at that time, by making a challenge and the reasons known to the inspectors of election before the close of the polls.

Dated: March 8, 1993

Valerie Ungerer

District Clerk

Voorheesville Central School District

(March 24, 1993)

VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held in the auditorium of the Clayton A. Bouton High School in said district on Tuesday, May 11, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time for the purpose of announcing and presenting candidates for the Board of Education and for the consideration of a budget for the school year 1993-1994 and for transaction of such other business as is authorized by the Education Law.

And notice is also given that at the conclusion of the transaction of business on May 11, 1993 the Annual Meeting will be adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12, 1993, at which time the meeting will be reconvened at the Clayton A. Bouton High School and the polls will be open and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect 1 member of the Board of Education for a 5 year term to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Steven Schreiber.

2. To vote on the Annual School Budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to

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authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

3. To vote on the following Proposition:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District is hereby authorized to purchase two (2) sixty (60) passenger buses for the purpose of transporting pupils, including necessary equipment and ancillary costs required for use as pupil transport, at an expenditure amount not to exceed \$97,348. Said \$97,348 in expenditure, to be funded by trading in three (3) currently owned buses valued at \$48,674, the use of \$2,436 in previously authorized unspent monies in the capital fund titled Bus Purchase Fund and the balance of \$46,238 to be raised from the 1993 tax levy. The aforementioned expenditure and corresponding funding is hereby authorized.

And notice is also given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the seven days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday, at the following schoolhouse in which school is maintained during the hours designated: schoolhouse - Clayton A. Bouton High School hours - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

And notice is also given that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the district not later than the 30th day preceding the school meeting. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the district, must be signed by at least twenty-five qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidate and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated including at least the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

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Dated: March 8, 1993

Valerie Ungerer

District Clerk

And notice is also given that at the Annual School District Meeting the Public Library budget for the year 1993-1994 will be considered and such other business transacted as is authorized by law. And notice is also given that at the conclusion of the transaction of business on May 11, 1993, the Annual Meeting will be adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12, 1993 at which time the meeting will be reconvened at the Clayton A. Bouton High School and the polls will be open and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect a member of the Library Board for a 5 year term to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of J. Fredericks Volkwein.

2. To vote on the Public Library budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

And notice is also given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for library purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the seven days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays at the following schoolhouse in which school is maintained during the hours designated: schoolhouse - Clayton A. Bouton High School hours - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

And notice is also given that petitions nominating candidates for the office of Library Board must be filed with the Clerk of the Library Board not later than the 30th day preceding the school meeting. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the Library Board, must be signed by at least twenty-five qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidate and must describe

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the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated including at least the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

Dated: March 8, 1993

Gail Sacco

Clerk

(March 24, 1993)

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Pursuant to a resolution dated March 15, 1993 of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Slingerlands Fire District in the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, sealed bids for the purchase of a Midship Class "A" Pumper will be received at the Slingerlands Fire House, 1520 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, County of Albany, New York, until 7:00 p.m. on April 21, 1993, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids will be submitted in sealed envelopes at the above address and shall bear on the face thereof

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the name and address of the bidder.

The items to be bid upon will comply with the detailed specifications available to any interested bidder from the Bethlehem Town Clerk, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054 (telephone 439-4955) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The contract for the purchase of the above referenced item will be awarded by the Board of Fire Commissioners to the lowest responsible bidder. In cases where two or more responsible bidders submit identical bids as to price, the Board of Fire Commissioners may award the contract to any of such bidders. The Board of Fire Commissioners may reject all bids and readvertise for new bids in their discretion.

Every bid must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the Slingerlands Fire District in the amount of 10 (10%) percent of the

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bid price. The check will be returned to the unsuccessful bidder upon delivery of the apparatus.

The Board of Fire Commissioners may waive any informalities or defects in such bids either before or after bidding.

NO bids received may be withdrawn by any bidder for a period of forty-five (45) days from the date of the bid opening.

All bids must be accompanied by a non-collusion bidding certificate required by Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

The awarded of any bid hereunder is subject to a special election of the Slingerlands Fire District to be conducted on May 24, 1993. Dated: Slingerlands, New York, March 15, 1993.

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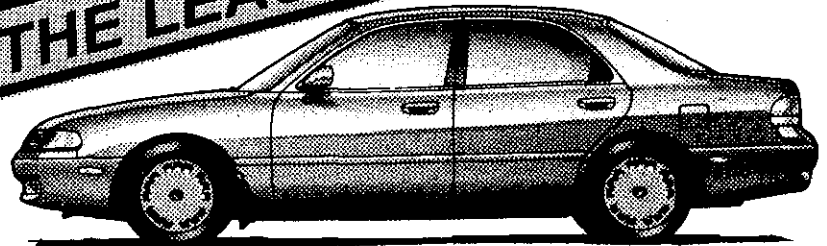
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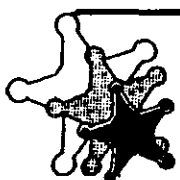
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