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BC candidates vie for three seats

Harvith, Roth, Sussman in contest

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron
Bethlehem School District voters who go to the polls May 3 will have a choice of three candidates to fill the school board seats opened by the expiring terms of board members Marjory O'Brien and Bernard Harvith.

O'Brien will not be running for another term, while Harvith will be seeking his eighteenth year on the board. Joining Harvith in the running are Marcia Roth of Clarksville, a member of the board's Facilities and Management Committee, and George Sussman, a member of the district's Educational Planning Committee and a Delmar resident.

Marcia Roth

Marcia Roth feels that Bethlehem is entering "a new era" in education.

"Unlike many other districts, we are increasing in elementary school enrollment," Roth said. "We are having a turnover in our older neighborhoods, and we are dealing with a whole new generation of children here. We need to be able to predict and plan for their entry into our system."

Part of the planning for this 'new era' is already underway, and Roth finds that the educational planning process begun by the district to transition Bethle-

hem's schools into the 21st century is lacking.

"I am seriously disturbed about the lack of recognition the process seems to give thus far to all students," Roth said. "The current goals seem to concentrate on academics, on language and math. This can lead to segregating kids by ability, which can damage the self-worth of the ones who do not fall so easily into academic groups."

Roth also said that more "career awareness" would be "to the benefit of all concerned," and that language and math "are of no benefit if they educate for a world in which the student cannot be employed."

Roth would have the schools focus more on critical thinking and values. "It's not so much the date of the war," she said, "it's why there was a war."

She also feels that two-income and single-parent families are not being fully accounted for. "The district has not looked at this context. These parents do not always have the time to pick up on all the cues. Report cards should not just rate academics, but should report on a child's interaction with their classmates as well. And parent-teacher conferences—we have to make them available for everybody's schedule," Roth said.

As far as drugs, sex and other 'moral' issues are concerned, Roth said she feels that it is inevitable that children will face such issues, and that "parents should work with kids to develop a background for evaluating these issues, so that when the children are faced with them—in school or elsewhere—they have some value framework with which to evaluate the material."

Roth said she also believes that parents should have access to any teaching materials, but added that "it is a delicate balance. Parents should have any information they request, but they should not take the authority away from the teachers." She said that a strong partnership between parents and teachers is the best way to guarantee effective learning.

As a resident of the Clarksville area, Roth said, she does feel the perception from her community that Clarksville often doesn't "get as much" as the rest of the district.

"For instance, the bookmobile has been reduced to a rack of paperbacks in the grocery store. I would especially like to see the school's library services for the public increased," she said, noting that the school is a focus for many activities, like the public

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Another Bridge



Town of New Scotland highway workers began dismantling the Cass Hill Road bridge west of Clarksville earlier this week. The badly rotted wooden deck and old steel frame will be taken out and replaced with a steel-and-concrete structure. The new bridge, the second such project the town has undertaken, will open in about two months, says Assistant Superintendent Mike Hotaling, now overseeing the project.
Bob Hagyard

He's an older, wiser Willy

By Ann Treadway

Steve Kaplan's hair is prematurely white, but he's still going to need a lot of make-up for this next stage appearance.

Not as much, though, as he needed for the same part 21 years ago.

He will star this week and next as Willy Loman in "Death of a Salesman" at the Junior College of Albany—just as he did when he was 19 years old and a student at JCA.

Kaplan, now 40, spends his real life overseeing operations at Bailey's Garage in Elsmere and another auto shop in downtown Albany, but acting has been his hobby since he was a kid growing up in South Colonie.

He's reprising the lead role in the Arthur Miller classic at the invitation of Don Bessette, a JCA faculty member who also directed him in the earlier production. But this one will be a school finale—adding a special tinge of sadness to the

play—because the drama department is being eliminated at the junior college for economic reasons.

The play will be presented on April 21, 22, 28, and 29 at 8 p.m., and on April 30 at 2 p.m., in the theater on the second floor of the JCA administration building. Tickets can be reserved (if there are any left) by calling 445-1725.

Kaplan said recently he brings "a whole different perspective" to his "Death of a Salesman" role this time around.

"Back then, I didn't know what Willy Loman was all about," he said. "I had to rely strictly on Don's direction."

He remembers that as a college student he was eager to get just what Willy wanted out of life.

"I thought I would love to have a big job and lots of money," he said.

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Vooheesville plans asbestos removal

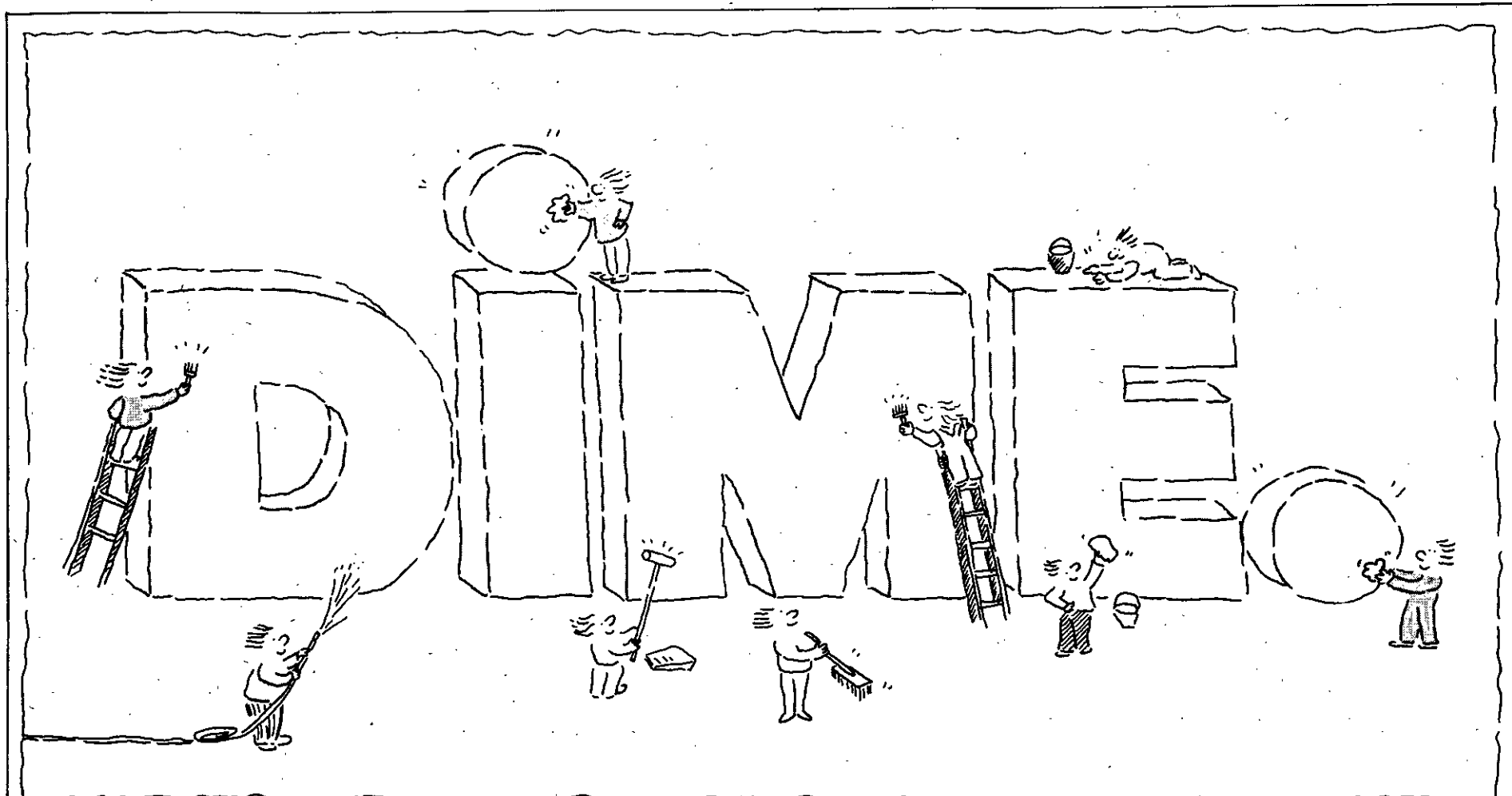
The first contractors will begin preparing the Voorheesville schools for asbestos removal on June 26, right after graduation weekend.

At that point, says Superintendent Louise Gonan, "the school grounds will be off-limits to everyone." School offices and summer programs, including the swimming program, will relocate elsewhere this summer; the central administration and guidance departments, for example, will be housed in the former Voorheesville Public Library building at 34 South Man St. in the village.

Last week, voters gave the go-ahead for asbestos removal by approving an \$8.9 million bond issue by a 710-477 margin. Also in the package are projects to correct fire and safety code violations, install a new heating system at the grade school, and a four-classroom addition at the high school, among other building improvements.

Gonan and other district officials are still seeking alternative sites for the summer school and summer band programs.

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3 BC candidates

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skating rink, and should become "more of a community center".

Roth noted the progress on Clarksville's water district, saying "the availability of water will definitely make more families for the school district, and the board of education should consider that".

Roth said she also feels that the bus replacement system needs to be standardized, and that with computer programs available for efficient bus route planning, "no child should have to spend more than 15 or 20 minutes on the bus. The entire program should be carefully reevaluated."

She said she is also concerned that up to this point, nothing has been included in the educational planning process goal statement about handicapped students. As the parent of a handicapped child, her first introduction to the school board was as a member of the facilities and enrollment task force. "Parent support is an important source of enrichment for all of the district's various programs, and they should be included," Roth said.

Finally, Roth said that drawing on her Masters in Public Administration and work with the state Division of the Budget, she realizes that the board "cannot act within a vacuum. They must have compliances. But the board must have the representation of parents and community members with diverse concerns."

George Sussman

George Sussman, executive director of the Association of Colleges and Universities for the State of New York, has been a member of the district's educational planning committee for two years, and says that while he supports the budget and the bus proposal, he does "have some questions about the way things are done."

"I sat through all the budget hearings and meetings, and I never heard the board talk about the salary settlement (almost 79 percent of the budget). To help community confidence, there should be more emphasis on that," Sussman said. "I was also surprised at how many ad hoc decisions were made. For in-

stance, there seems to be no policy on language study and the decision on how to eliminate courses in that program."

While Sussman agreed that the district did need the new buses it proposes, he said "I think it would be better in the long run if we paid for them through current revenue. The cost of the buses, plus the cost of the interest on the note is not the way to go. You could phase the cost of the new buses in while the note expires. We're spending \$40,000 in interest a year. While the state reimburses us \$36,000, we should save that money, and save having a separate vote on all of that."

As far as the educational planning process is concerned, Sussman said that the goals of the program are his "babies". "I feel very strongly that they reflect the existing programs, as well as some kind of effort to include what a citizen of the 21st century will need. The draft will show what we are focusing on," Sussman said, adding that he hopes the goals will be adopted by the next academic year.

Sussman said the input received is "a model of how policy should be developed — a broad solicitation of experience and expertise. It strengthens the board and engages the community." He noted that both he and Marcia Roth have been on board committees, and that he feels it is a "good way of engaging talent in the community, and we can always use more participation."

Assessing the addition of a second elementary guidance counselor, Sussman said "the board made the right decision. It is much better to have prevention early than therapy later." As far as the present counselor is concerned, he said, "there is not enough of her to do the job in five different schools."

Sussman also said that the guidance issue is "not a question of the family or the school. It should be a cooperative effort. The children are referred because they are not succeeding educationally. But the guidance counselor does have to work with the families."

As far as other 'moral' issues are concerned, especially sex and drugs, Sussman said "I haven't heard any unhappiness with the

health classes. He added that the high school can take more responsibility because of the age of its students.

"At that age, the high school is almost more important a social influence than the home. Teenagers want to be with their peers, away from their parents. We should provide some place where they can be together, perhaps at the high school. I'd rather see a party there than at a home without a parent."

Sussman would like to see one guidance counselor dedicated solely to substance abuse issues instead of each with training in the field. "The person that that kid talks to about college plans may not be the one he is willing to talk to about a drug problem," Sussman said.

In all, he is happy with the current achievements of the board and its committees. "We've settled facilities, teachers salaries, and educational planning is upcoming," Sussman said. "My first priority now is improving the educational system, and I'd like to play a role in that."

Bernard Harvith

"If it had been up to me, I think we could have come down a little more, but I voted for the budget as we have it put together," said 17-year board member Bernard Harvith of this year's school board budget.

Harvith also said that "we need the buses, no question," so he strongly supports the \$274,000 bond issue for 59 new passenger buses and two eight-passenger vans.

Harvith had more of a problem with the addition of a second elementary guidance position. "I think the problems at hand may require more than a guidance counselor," Harvith said. "I'm certainly in favor of helping children at risk, but a task force would be better. A community survey indicated that the community, as opposed to the school district, should provide the help. Perhaps the person should be separated from the school district. Guidance counselors can only provide a referral, this person would be able to do more."

Harvith said that the possibility of students in a guidance group discussing family problems in

front of other children also could intrude on family privacy. "There is no question that students need help, but in the end, I wasn't sure that another counselor was the way to go."

Harvith also said that "every problem that comes along, they say 'work this in' (to the curriculum). At some point there just isn't enough time left. I don't feel we have gotten to the bottom of the barrel with this one yet."

As far as moral issues are concerned, Harvith said, "I can see teaching basic issues — not attacking other children, not stealing. The correct approach is to try to help children make correct decisions; develop critical thinking skills and respect for the ideas of others. That's another reason why this whole counselling thing is so difficult. Their best resource on some of these issues may be their religious leader, but I don't think a school official can say, 'you might try prayer.' Some of these things have to be dealt with in the community."

Harvith said he finds it hard to believe that there are any children who don't know about drugs, and that he feels the strongest anti-drug deterrents for children are "programs that make them feel good and excited about themselves. Then they don't need drugs. A youth center would serve an important part in that function."

While Harvith said that while he is not a committee member, and "does not want to intrude" in the educational planning process underway, he hopes that classrooms would become "more interactive, in the Socratic method — talking alot, doing alot. Getting them excited about the material. And in the basics. Knowing 90 percent of the multiplication table just isn't good enough."

And Harvith's profession (professor at Albany Law School) did show a bit when he said, "you need to get excellent teachers — and let them do their job. While that should be within certain constraints — always proper grammar, for instance — you should trust the people you've hired to do their jobs."

Harvith said he would very much like to see a "parenting" course instituted at the high school. In such courses, students are usually divided into parenting teams of two, and assigned a sack

of grain or other heavy object which they must take everywhere, and make arrangements for, just like a child. The point soon becomes clear how difficult the responsibility is, even for an inanimate object, and Harvith said "pregnancy rates in some schools have been cut by 50 percent after such programs."

As the parent of a handicapped child, Harvith said that he tries to be careful to "remain separate from my child's issues" when the board addresses handicapped concerns, but that "many people have experience with handicaps, whether it is with a child or an older family member," adding that he had seen the entire Bethlehem school system at work, "from K through 12, through two very different children."

Summing up, Harvith said, "I devote at least 10 hours per week to my school board work. I always will vote for the money for excellent education, while making every effort to manage reasonably."

He also said that teaching and motivating children should not be a difficult enterprise. "You look at that young child, and they are so excited to start school. They are filled with such enthusiasm. All we have to do is not destroy that enthusiasm — at all levels."

Competitive swimming registration underway

Registration for the Bethlehem Park and Recreation Department's spring and summer competitive swim program is underway at the town hall, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The program is open to those swimmers ages 6 and up and will run from May 2 to June 22 at the Bethlehem Central High School pool on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. From June 26 to August 11 the program will run Monday through Friday at the Elm Ave. Park pool.

Cost is \$30 for the complete sessions. The program is open to residents in the town of Bethlehem and the Bethlehem Central School District. For information, call 439-4131.

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County okays 911 request

Asks state for support

By Patricia Dumas

The Albany County Legislature went on record last week in favor of a 911 telephone system that would help citizens get speedy help in emergency situations.

Acting on an agenda of non-controversial items, the legislature approved a resolution asking the New York State legislature to approve a proposed state law that would allow counties to support the cost of installing the E-911 system. The resolution, sponsored by three Colonie Republicans, is in line with a recommendation included in County Executive James J. Coyne's State of the County address earlier this year. Coyne recommended that the county pay for installation costs which are estimated at \$130,000 but he said that the county cannot afford an annual cost of nearly a

half million dollars to maintain the system.

The proposed state law would allow counties to impose a monthly surcharge of up to 35 cents per telephone line. More than 499,000 lines of telephone customers within the county would be affected, according to the resolution. Republicans Robert Prentiss, James Darbyshire and Warren Hopson, who sponsored the measure, claim that personnel and dispatch centers are available to handle the E-11 calls. Under the system, emergency calls automatically would be routed to the proper dispatch center and dispatchers would automatically receive needed directions to the emergency site.

The county legislature last week also approved contracts for installation of overhead doors at

the Knickerbocker Arena and for installation of elevators at the arena. The contract for doors went to Darrell Hall, Inc. of Latham for \$11,855 and the contract for passenger elevators went to Midstate Elevator Co., Inc. of Albany, for \$118,780.

Another contract approved by the legislature will permit payment of up to \$69,000 to Clough, Harbour & Associates for engineering services related to a plan for dealing with de-icing procedures for aircraft at the county airport. The firm is authorized to develop a short-term plan for preventing discharge of glycol de-icing fluids into Shaker Creek near the airport. A recent discharge caused concern about the safety of water taken from the Mohawk River for home consumption. A comprehensive long-term solution also is to be worked out.



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DWI: Your opinion, please

This week *The Spotlight* comes to its readers with an unusual request for comments and suggestions on a matter of concern to many people.

The question involves a long-standing practice in the news columns of this newspaper, one undertaken for what we have considered to be adequate reasons of restraint and compassion.

As our readers undoubtedly are aware, in cases of DWI arrests (including those following certain accidents), *The Spotlight* withholds the name of the accused driver, with some exceptions. The exceptions are: If the charge against the driver alleges a felony rather than a misdemeanor; or if there is bodily harm in an accident traceable to a driver's intoxication. In no instance is a name withheld on the basis of favoritism.

The policy in regard to DWI misdemeanor arrests is entirely in keeping with that for other misdemeanor arrests. As a responsible community newspaper — but one which is not ordinarily able to follow such charges all the way through the various courts — we have established and followed this practice for what we have construed as fairness. Fairness, that is, to an individual who has been charged but whose case has progressed nowhere else in the law-enforcement and justice systems.

As regular readers of *The Spotlight* know only too well, DWI arrests and DWI-related accidents continue to mount, and frequently exact their own toll.

Many persons rightly are concerned, and many others are angered by the prevalence of these statistics. The record seems to provide brutal testimony to the uncaring behavior of too many drivers, endangering themselves and others — their passengers, pedestrians, oncoming motorists — with their selfish habits. Some persons profess to see a policy which offers anonymity to

such offenders to be, in fact, abetting the drunk driver.

It is with this background that we are sounding out citizen opinion: Should newspapers — specifically, of course, *The Spotlight* — maintain a policy of reporting the identities of drivers charged with DWI offenses?

As noted, we do already publish the names of drivers who are held on felony charges. In practice, the felony DWI charge ordinarily is lodged only if the violator has a record of prior arrests of a similar nature. Thus, the vast majority of DWI arrests are as misdemeanors.

A change of practice by the newspaper, then, fundamentally would be to ignore the absence of a record of DWI arrests, and go public with the drivers' identities regardless.

The rationale for the revised practice would be that the drunk driver is flagrantly endangering lives, including his own but certainly those of unwary and innocent people. Persons held on other misdemeanor charges resulting from non-endangering actions would not be identified by name, as at present; this would hold true for the foreseeable future, in our view.

So the issue may be stated this way: Does the first-time DWI offender deserve the break of avoiding the spotlight of publicity regardless of his (or her) thoughtless behavior?

Or, does the safety of the public at large deserve to be somewhat better safeguarded through the means of putting such drivers on notice that driving so as to endanger will receive all due attention.

The Spotlight will be appreciative of your help in assessing what the people of this community believe is the more justifiable policy.

How much do you pay?

New Scotland's town board has moved with commendable expeditiousness to renewed consideration of its assessment practices and the fairness thereof.

In Bethlehem, the molasses runs a little thicker. The assessor maintains that, first of all, there's no "Welcome, Stranger" mat out in the town, and in any case there's no hurry to review assessment practices with an eye to updating them.

All this follows recent court decisions that assessment practices must not be based on differentials between the going purchase prices of properties and the existing levels of prices that haven't moved lately.

Not only the legal equities of assessment policies as established or condoned by town fathers, but the more touchy matter of personal relationships among neighbors can be seen at issue here. Reports from some towns, elsewhere, suggest that "the establishment" is content with the bifurcated policy in those places because it's

"the establishment" that owns old property, while newcoming "strangers" are left to foot an undue portion of the bills.

Americans' sense of fair play, we believe, buttresses the proposition that property taxes should be fair, and that the policies arriving at those taxes should be as blind as Justice is pictured.

If Bethlehem's practices have avoided the "Welcome, Stranger" stigma, congratulations are in order. But most things rust a bit with the years, and a timely scrutiny wouldn't hurt. Except in the pocketbook, for qualified and dispassionate updating doesn't come cheap; it runs into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Who will bite the bullet? In New Scotland, the elected officials appear willing to go on record. In Bethlehem, less is being said officially. Perhaps it's time for some of the candidates and would-be candidates in this year's elections to speak out, too.

The Voorheesville vote

We offer all due respects to residents of the Voorheesville Central School District for the substantial vote of approval they gave to the \$8.9 million bond issue.

Differences of opinion on the merit of the proposal, and on the means employed by the school board to put its various segments before the voters, emerged sharply before the voting. Now that the affirmative decision has been made,

it's up to various factions to work together to get the job done efficiently and promptly. And also to seek to find paths to more harmonious relationships between the citizenry, the board, and professional educators for the future.

Some of the work that is to be performed — especially asbestos removal from school buildings — is urgent, and we are pleased that it now can go forward on a timely schedule.

Cart-away time again

A thing of beauty can be a joy forever, as Mr. Keats advised us. A current question arises during April's "clean-up month." Is anyone's old mattress still a thing of beauty?

Mattresses and other debris litter the curbs and roadsides awaiting the town's benevolence in carting them off.

Bethlehem revised its rules for what's pick-upable this season (including instituting regulations and fees at the dump). This seems to have somewhat improved the scenery along the streets. But it does seem as though there might be a more efficient, less unsightly way of getting everyone's attic, cellar, and backyard tidied up.

Voorheesville verdict tribute to voters

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the citizens of the Voorheesville School District who voted in support of the \$8.9 million school bond issue. Your support and willingness to accept the additional tax burden is a tribute to your understanding of the importance of public school education. The school board, the administration, and all of the fac-

Vox Pop

ulty and staff will continue to work very hard to make the educational and social environment at our school as good as it can be for all of its students. Thank you again for your vote of confidence.

Joseph A. Fernandez
President,
Board of Education

Wants local name for County Rt. 55

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I recommend that a local name be assigned to County Rt. 55 in Selkirk to resolve the problems created by the reconstruction of the road in the early 1970s. Today some sections of the road are being called by two different names. These different names have caused unnecessary delays in the response from the fire department, ambulance squad and police department in an emergency.

In the Town of Bethlehem Selkirk

there are six roads that use the name Elm; Elm Avenue, Elm Avenue East, Elm Drive, Elm Drive Extension, Elm Place and Elm Street.

When a local name for County Rt. 55 is chosen by the Bethlehem Town Board, I do not recommend that the name Elm, or any combination of Elm with another word be used. Using a local name of Elm for County Rt. 55 would only make a bad situation worse.

Name Submitted

Student maturity

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Last Thursday 61 Bethlehem Central High School Students attended a Personal Empowerment Conference that was co-sponsored by Bethlehem Central High School and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited. Well organized by Pat Pinchback, a high school guidance counselor, the conference consisted of a moving program on Personal

Empowerment by William Powell, lunch, and two afternoon workshops: school culture, pre-

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sented by Jack Whipple and safe dating, presented by Judy McKinnon.

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UNCLE DUDLEY

The early word

For the past several days, I've had the luxury of reading my copy of *The New York Times* at about 5 a.m. — in bed, at that.

This is attributable in sole part to the energetic schedule adopted by Bill Tighe, an entrepreneur who has just undertaken to provide a service long since unavailable in our particular neck of the woods: door to door delivery of *The Times* every morning. And at an unearthly hour of the day (night!) at that.

I, along with quite a number of other folks, came across Bill's fledgling enterprise through his advertising in *The Spotlight*. Just the name of the newspaper and his telephone number; that was all we *Times* junkies had to go on. I couldn't get to the phone fast enough.

At first, I thought rewarded when I found the paper inside the storm door at quarter past six. Little did I realize when it had been placed there. But since I habitually awake for the day at about quarter of five, I began hopefully looking for *The Times* earlier and earlier — and was rewarded by finding it at least by five. I still haven't determined just when Bill drops it off — wrapped in a sturdy plastic container in view of recent weather uncertainties. But there it is, without fail, protected from life's little hazards, and full of news (even bad news is welcomed in this case) about the Mets and Yankees; with columns by Bill Safire and the others; re-

ports from numerous enthralling trials; warning from John O'Connor about what to watch (or not) on the telly. Even the obits, which I read first of all. Am I there? No, not today. But the changing styles in reporting these plain facts is fascinating to me. Indeed, I like to scan the paid death notices, too, for their touching, tender, and sorrowful (as well as consolatory) words about some giant of a soul.

I worry that Bill may not be getting enough sleep

Anywhere, there's *The Times* spread out on the counterpane, with the lamplight dimmed conservatively lest it disturb others on the bed (Gordie seems to sleep with one eye opened). It's almost as good as the nights (long years ago) when I went to bed around midnight with the "bulldog" edition of the next morning's *Philadelphia Record*, pink wrap-around pages and all. Those were the days of the crusading publisher J. David Stern (he later was wrecked by the inflexibility of the unions whose causes he had favored) and of writers like Red Smith and Sam Grafton.

Well, anyway: back to Bill Tighe and his pre-dawn deliveries of my morning newspaper. I worry about Bill. Can he be getting enough sleep? Is he charging his clients enough (there's a very

modest markup for delivery) to make his enterprise and his efforts and his topsy-turvy day.

Because of having lived through some weird working hours myself, I'm probably unusually sensitive to when people sign in and when they quit. At one time, I went to work at 2:30 in the afternoon, and was through around midnight, or later. Then, keyed up enough that sleep was impossible until dawn. On the other hand, gentlemen's hours: an 11 o'clock starting time (for a workday continuing on until 7:30) was very hard to take, because by 5 o'clock almost everyone else was at the door, cheerily waving goodnight.

I'm wondering now whether my present 4:45 a.m. waking time is psychologically attuned to the fact that my oldest daughter rises at that hour in order to be at her work around 5:30. (I'm able to catch up with some of her handiwork most days by turning on the *Today* program.)

So much of our willingness to keep unusual hours is within one's individual esprit. Just the other day, I heard of a young man (married, now, only about nine or ten months) who pops into bed at 8 in the evening so he will be ready to pop out at 4 in order to practice on his piano before leaving to catch his commuter train by 6.

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The magazine, which is of dimensions somewhere between *Time's* and *Life's*, has a catchy name, too — one that concisely tells its point of view: *Philip Morris Magazine*. In the cover logotype, the first two words are in letters an inch and a half high; the third word is an eighth of an inch.

The advertiser, as you may have guessed, is Philip Morris, U.S.A., and in full-page advertising it brings you neat sales pitches for the following: Marlboro cigarettes, Benson and Hedges cigarettes, Alpine cigarettes, Virginia Slims cigarettes, the Tobacco Institute, Miller beer, Miller Lite, and Kraft cream cheese.

Hold on, there, you're saying: what are those last few items doing in there if this is a one-advertiser magazine? The answer is that Miller and Kraft are just a couple of the companies that Philip Morris has picked up over the years. (For a fuller accounting of the PM holdings, and how they got that way, see the April 9 issue of the *New York Times Magazine*.)

As for the contents, here are a few of the authors: Charles Kuralt,

Isaac Bashevis Singer, Robert Sam Anson, Michelle Patrick. Kuralt writes about a Texas farmer who has planted 10 Cadillacs (48 to '64) nose down, tail fins high, in his wheat field. Singer tells stories about Miami Beach in the old days ("The charm just isn't here anymore"). Anson does the obligatory piece about wistful baseball ("The ultimate baseball fantasy: being a Yankee for a week"). Ms. Patrick writes about playwright Angus Wilson (pictured with a cigarette ready to pop in his mouth).

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And there are pieces on the annual bicycle ride across Iowa, the largest and longest organized bike ride in the world; on where to find the makings for good salads; on famous movie scenes with famous cigar smokers; on a first-hand account of a harrowing visit to the devastation in Armenia after the quake. The writer was escorting 71 tons of Philip Morris-owned foodstuffs.

Also, you won't want to miss a feature stating the position of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce on excise taxes (such as those on tobacco); a puzzle featuring words about pipes; an opinion piece by a restaurant owner/chef on how unnecessary non-smoking sections are; and two pages of letters

from irate citizens about how inconvenienced and outraged they have been about denial of "smokers' rights."

The best thing in the magazine, for my money (which, after all, was none at all), was a two-page feature put together by one Daniel Evan Weiss, on percentages of Americans who do, like, or believe certain things, such as:

Fourteen percent of Americans snack all day; 18 percent are underweight; 23 percent own a cat; 24 percent always feel rushed to do things; 39 percent of households have a dog; 42 percent can't identify a country near the Pacific Ocean; 58 percent like stuffed peppers; 79 percent often eat potatoes; 90 percent think driving a car is risky. Etc., etc. — totaling, you guessed it, 100 such facts. The sources are not described.

Philip Morris Magazine is "prepared," according to its masthead, by a company in downtown Manhattan, whose owners are the editor and art director. Whether their business also is owned by Philip Morris is indiscernible.

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Passover — celebrating the Exodus

Rabbi Alvin S. Roth, who is now retired, is a resident of Delmar.

Point of View
By Dr. Alvin S. Roth

There's an old joke that is revived every year at this time. If Moses had turned left instead of right when he led the Israelites out of Egypt, we could have all been on the Riviera.

That's a great game people play — if — if only we had done this instead of that, how different things would have been. When I was small, there was an *if* story I insisted that my father tell me over and over again. It was about how at age 14 he left his home in Europe.

My Dad walked from Muncacs, Hungary, to Naples, Italy, to board ship. There were two boats in the harbor loading passengers for the *New World*, one going to the United States and one to Argentina. Lots of people were scrambling aboard both. For the longest time my father stood on the dock trying to make up his mind. With every telling, he never strayed from the facts, but I always awaited the end of the story with no little anxiety. He opted for America and Pennsylvania. What relief! What joy!

Can you remember which of your experiences was the most crucial in determining the course of your life?

Moses would tell about the day he slew the overseer who beat a slave; it led to the Exodus.

If we could have asked Moses to cite the events which changed his life, he would have told about the day he slew the overseer who beat the Hebrew slave. That incident took him out of the palace and led to the Exodus.

There is little doubt about the importance the Bible assigns to the Exodus. God, Himself, identifies with it. The introduction to the Ten Commandments reads: "I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." When the Bible pleads for social justice, it bids us remember that we were slaves in Egypt.

When the ancient Rabbis retold the story of the departure from Egypt, they used to play this *if* game. They said, "If God had not taken our fathers out of Egypt, then we, our children, and our children's children would still be enslaved to Pharaoh."

We are here as Jews because a long line of ancestors managed to stay alive and continue as Jews. But how about all those who are not here? So many were murdered. When you think about the young men who died in Vietnam, do you also think about the poetry that will never be written and the music that will never be composed, the girls who will never marry and the children who will never be born? The actions of every age have consequences that reach down to all eternity.

In Egypt we refused to conform to Pharaoh's plans for us. We have been the nonconforming minority ever since, offering resistance to the accepted ways of the world. We refused to accept Greek enlightenment; we resisted the might of Hadrian's Rome, of Godfrey de Bouillon's crusaders, of Edward the First's England, of Torquemada's Spain, of Chmielnitzki's cossacks, of Hitler's thugs.

If we had stayed in Egypt, we could have avoided Nebuchadnezzar, Antiochus, and Titus. We would have been saved from pogroms and the ovens of Auschwitz. But by serving as universal dissenters from the majority opinion, our fathers made progress possible. Their spirit of universal questioning and never-ceasing inquiry kept open the door to fresh thinking, provocative approaches, and novel interpretations of the universe and human problems.

Has it been worth the brutal toll it has taken from us?

We really had no choice. We are like the acorn that must become an oak. Within us as within every created thing there is a burgeoning, an inner drive which cannot be resisted, to become what we are intended to be.

Has it been worthwhile? Each Passover we gather together and say "Yes!" to it all. That is what we shall do at the Seder table this Wednesday evening and every Passover of our lives.

School board candidates

Three qualified persons are seeking election to the Board of Education in the Bethlehem Central School District. We take this means of calling attention to their respective statements, which are published on Page 7. Their statements are informative and positive, and suggest that the schools, the pupils, and the community will not be the losers regardless of what two candidates are chosen.

BC candidates state their views

Three candidates are competing for two seats in the May 3 Bethlehem Central School Board election. The Spotlight invited Bernard Harvith, Marcia Roth and George D. Sussman to present their views in this week's issue. Ed.

Bernard Harvith

By Bernard Harvith

My most important commitment is to the best possible education for every student. For all my board service (17 years, seven years as president) I have always voted for the programs and money needed to keep that commitment.

Excellent education requires talented, dedicated teachers, administrators and staff. I have

always supported policies and salaries to attract and retain these wonderful people. Buildings, equipment, transportation, food service, and many other components support a highly effective program. I always have devoted the time (an average of at least 10 hours a week) to try to understand and make the right decisions about all the district's needs.

I also support:

- Careful financial management, to maintain community confidence, be fair to the taxpayers, and set an example for students.
- Exciting and demanding programs, in basic and advanced subjects.
- Elementary schools that give students the strongest possible start.
- Emphasis on creativity, music, the arts, athletics and community service.
- Viewing every student as exceptional and no one as average.
- Strong efforts to have every student be excellent at some things.

- Reducing inappropriate stress (School should not be like having to fill out a different income tax return every week, 30 weeks a year).

- More Socratic method and other interactive teaching, with students thinking their way through the material.

- Critical thinking skills, including problem solving, exploring all options, even the seemingly ridiculous. (How else do you define the boundaries of the real?)

- Preparation for lifetime learning and multiple careers.

- Computer use in all subjects, but with development of skills necessary to tell if computers are supplying wrong information.

- Careful consideration of

innovations in language, science and other program areas, including further development of the advanced experimental science course. (Other possibilities might be astronomy, an unusual foreign language, Latin beginning in grade 6, more chemistry and physics in lower grades.)

- Teaching self respect and respect for the diversities and rights of others.

- A Youth Center.

- Parenting and Family Management course for high school students.

- More extensive study of counseling needs.

- Self-supporting course on Parenting, in Adult Education.

- Thoughtful evaluation of all ideas and existing programs.

- And a determination to do better every year.

My background includes: professor, Albany Law School (1966-present); Juris Doctor degree, Harvard Law School; Harvard Law Review; B.A., University of Rochester; advanced law degree, N.Y.U.; part-time college teaching; legal consulting work, especially in environmental law. I graduated from BC after attending K-12, my two children also went through the BC program; Anne was a special education student, so I am familiar with those courses, including the BOCES program.

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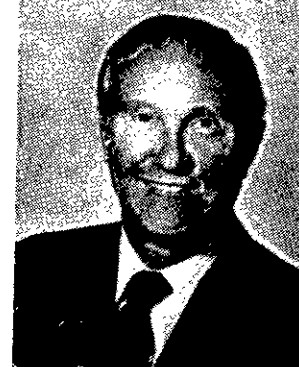
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Marcia Roth

By Marcia Roth

During the next decade, the Bethlehem School District will be faced with a significant increase in the number of elementary students which will severely test the capabilities of our teachers and facilities. I would give high priority to meeting the needs of these students within the framework of our neighborhood schools which provide the nurturing and supportive environment basic to the education of young children. Our elementary schools provide our students with the basic skills needed to carry on advanced studies. Students do not begin to fail in middle or high school, their failure begins in the elementary schools, when they fail to learn the basic skills and acquire the self-esteem necessary for success in later life.

Society has changed greatly in the last twenty years with the increase in two-income families and the growth in single-parent households. Parents now worry about their children burning out because their childhoods have been taken up with increasing pressures to achieve and excel. Our children must learn to develop the skills necessary to cope with the process of social change and societal expectations so that their futures will be satisfying and rewarding.

I would work to create a strong partnership between the family and the professionals who educate our children so that our school system is aware of and responsive to the needs of today's families and students. Effective education is impossible without strong family support of students and our professional educators in an atmosphere of mutual respect for all involved.

Vox Pop

(From Page 4)

As a BOU volunteer, I feel very fortunate to have observed the maturity and attentiveness of our high school students. As a parent in Bethlehem, I feel proud of our schools for the vision and challenge this conference offered these students.

Holly Billings

Delmar

Tedious length?
Not this writer

Editor, The Spotlight:

Letter writers, particularly those with a political agenda, or trained in law, education, or the social sciences, should look up the word "prolix" before submitting any material for publication. It would save us poor readers much time.

R.K. McClusky

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Ask For Bob

George D. Sussman

By George D. Sussman

Now that the Bethlehem Central Board of Education has decided upon a building program to accommodate enrollment for the foreseeable future and negotiated a three-year contract with the district's teachers, it is time for a thorough review of the educational program.

First, the board should look systematically at *what* we teach. The emphasis should be on preparing students to learn for themselves, instilling in them a curiosity about the world, teaching them to think clearly and to communicate effectively.

American education has not been very successful in teaching some subjects of critical importance for citizens of the twenty-first century — namely, foreign languages, mathematics, science, and minority and non-Western cultures. How is Bethlehem doing? Do our students persist in math, science and language study beyond the minimal standards set by the Regents? Or have they dropped out of these subjects before they have even finished high school? How can we improve instruction to replace student apathy or anxiety with a sense of mastery?

Second, the board should look at *how* we teach, particularly how the schools are organized for instruction. The goal is simple: not to lose a single student through boredom or

discouragement, but to be sure that every student has an appropriate opportunity to development his or her potential.

Third, nothing can succeed in the educational process without the leadership and commitment of our professional teachers. Teachers should be partners with the board and the community in setting educational goals and the leading actors in planning the implementation of those goals.

Our schools are more than educational institutions. Outside the family, they are the primary social environment for our children. Schools should provide an open and interesting environment, during and after class hours. Couldn't our schools, for example, do more to provide positive social occasions, free of drugs and alcohol, for the teenagers in Bethlehem?

While focusing on educational improvements in the next few years, the board will face some tough management decisions. Enrollment and inflationary pressures are increasing, while state aid is slowing down. The board should look for savings, not through agonizing last-minute cuts, but through planned budget strategies and setting efficiency standards for the district's administrators. One budget strategy should be to reduce interest costs by paying for building repairs and bus replacement — both annual costs that can be scheduled — out of current revenues instead of borrowing.

Those would be my priorities on the BC Board of Education: improving education, a positive social environment for our children, and budget planning to achieve savings.

Words for the week

Felony: A grave crime declared to be a felony by the common law or by statute regardless of the punishment imposed; or a crime declared a felony by statute because of the punishment imposed; a crime for which the punishment in federal law may be death or imprisonment for more than one year.

Misdemeanor: An offense; a crime less serious than a felony.

Rationale: An explanation of controlling principles of opinion, belief, or practice; an underlying reason.

Prevalence: The degree to which something is prevalent; that is, dominant or widely accepted or practiced.

Bifurcated: Divided into two branches, or parts.

Equity: Justice according to natural law or right; freedom from bias or favoritism. Also, the money value of a property or of an interest in a property in excess of claims or liens against it.



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New County Rt. 55 name really isn't

Elm Ave. West would be sixth 'Elm'

By Mark Stuart

For the third time in as many months, the Bethlehem Town Board was asked Wednesday night to approve a new name for County Rt. 55, and again, no final decision was made.

The board tabled the issue for a second time after Councilman Robert Burns asked that the emergency services in town comming on the newest name — Elm Ave. West.

Burns, as well as Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor, both expressed concern over the number of "Elm" street names in the town and how that might affect emergency response time. Ironically, the reason for renaming County Rt. 55 was that the Delmar Rescue Squad received a mutual aid call for Elm Ave. and went to the wrong house. Elm Ave. is the current name of County Rt. 55 between Rt. 9W and Rt. 32.

Secor said streets with the name "Elm" are numerous in the town, including two Elm avenues (located in Delmar and Selkirk), Elm Ave. East (Selkirk), Elm Ave.

South (Delmar), Elm Street (South Albany), Elm Dr. (Selkirk) and Elm Place (North Bethlehem).

Back in February, the board agreed to rename the road Creble Rd., a name that was suggested at a February meeting with Selkirk residents at the Grange Hall in Selkirk. After the board approved the change (after the required public hearing) several residents called the town hall complaining they were never informed of any meeting or public hearing. It turned out that the town inadvertently did not contact all of the County Rt. 55 residents and subsequently set another Grange Hall meeting last Monday.

Indications at last week's town hall meeting were that there wasn't perfect agreement on the new name, only compromise.

Councilman Sue Ann Ritchko said residents complained that if Creble Rd. were approved, they would have to change their driver's licenses, checkbooks and other documents with the Elm Ave. address, but if Elm Ave. West

were approved, it would mean minimal changes. "It seemed like a reasonable request from people who live along the road," Ritchko said. "You have to remember, the people in Selkirk, they said that's the name of their road."

"The naming of Elm Ave. West seemed more agreeable... more so than Creble Rd.," Councilman Fred Webster said. He added that emergency services would be able to differentiate with other "Elms" because this one would be in Selkirk.

In other business, the board set two public hearings for its May 10 meeting. The board will hear comments at 7:30 p.m. concerning a proposal from Town Planner Jeff Lipnicky to delete Section 128-24-C (11) from the Zoning Code and replace it with an amendment listing special use variance districts. Lipnicky said at a previous meeting that the change is needed in light of recent court decisions on the arbitrary use of special use variances by zoning boards of appeal.

The second public hearing at 7:45 p.m. will be to discuss the

changing of a Yield sign to a Stop sign at the intersection of Axbridge Lane and Huntersfield Rd. The recommendation was made by the town's Traffic Safety Committee because of the increased volume of traffic from the recently completed Darroch Rd. portion of the Westchester Woods development.

The board approved an amendment to the town zoning code detailing what convenience items may be sold at motor filling stations. That list includes candy, individually packaged snack foods, cartons and packs of cigarettes, soda, newspapers and coffee. The sale of other food or beverages, video, magazines, lottery tickets, grocery or delicatessen items and cases of soda is prohibited.

At a 7:30 public hearing, no comments were received on a proposal to install stop signs at the intersection of Parkwyn Dr. and Murray Ave. The proposal included installing "keep right" signs on both end of the Parkwyn Dr. median.

Secor told the board he would be contacting property owners along Wemple Rd. in Glenmont regarding easements for a water district extension. Tri-City Laborers requested water service for a proposed training center and has said it will pay for the cost of extending the water mains.

A 15-day extension was granted for the preparation period of the final environmental impact statement for Delmar Village. Lipnicky said that due to large amount of

public input on the draft environmental statement, an extension of the town's review period from 30 to 45 days would be needed.

The board granted a one-year renewable construction trailer permit to E.S.R.C. Inc. to locate a trailer on Delaware Ave. According to Building Inspector John Flanigan, E.S.R.C. has been subcontracted by the Niagara Mohawk Corporation. He said all vehicles will be parked behind the trailer, which will be located in a commercial zone.

The board adopted a resolution allowing the state to replace a section of 16-inch water main that will be removed by the state Department of Transportation for repairs to the Rt. 32 bridge over Conrail's Selkirk Yards in Feura Bush.

A dumping permit for clean fill was granted to Four "D" Associates to landscape over pipework on Hannay Lane.

The next regular meeting of the board will be April 26.

Coeymans man receives DWI charge

Bethlehem police arrested a 29-year-old Coeymans man for felony driving while intoxicated early Saturday morning after he was stopped for traffic violations.

Brian L. Stark was charged with felony DWI after he was stopped on Elsmere Ave. and failed both pre-screening device and field sobriety tests, police said.

He was also ticketed for failure to keep right and passing a red light, police said.

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DOT to signalize Van Dyke Rd. by '91

The state Department of Transportation has agreed to install a traffic light at the intersection of Van Dyke Rd. and Delaware Ave. by no later than the end of 1990.

Bethlehem Town Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick received a letter from DOT last week informing him of the decision, which was based on information contained in the September 30, 1988 study by Roger Creighton Associates on the impacts of proposed town highway projects, including the extension of the Delmar Bypass and Fisher Blvd.

DOT Regional Director Tom Werner said that the state will "add this signal installation to the next available contract, which should ensure that it will be operational in time for the opening of the Delmar Bypass extension by late 1990."

Hendrick played an integral part in convincing the state of the need for signal when he met with

Region One DOT officials earlier this year. In a March 3 letter, Hendrick stressed the importance of a light at the intersection due to its access to the Bethlehem High School Bus Garage and the Brookview subdivision, as well as the high amount of pedestrian and bicycle traffic at the school itself.

The Van Dyke Rd. signal issue is the latest round of success Hendrick has had with the DOT. Last December the state agreed to install flashing lights at the Glenmont School, reduce the speed limit between Bethlehem Center and the Albany City line and install a traffic signal at the intersection of Rt. 9W and Wemple Rd. Along with a considerable amount of complaints from area bicyclists and joggers, he also was able to convince the state to take down signs prohibiting pedestrians and bicycles on the Delmar Bypass in March. *Mark Stuart*



Ready to aid, ready to assist

Sixty Town of Bethlehem employees were honored last week for completing the standard Red Cross first aid course — the first group in the region to take the revamped course. Members of the town's personnel committee coordinated the course. Shown are, front, Officer Ray Linstruth, course

instructor; Town Clerk Carolyn Lyons and Kathy Newkirk, deputy town clerk. Behind them are David Austin, town parks and recreation director, and Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick. Bethlehem is the first town to offer the course to town employees. *Bob Hagyard*

Regents scholarships are announced

Winners in the 1989 Empire State Scholarships of Excellence and Regents College Scholarship were announced last week by the state Education Department.

The scholarships, effective next year, entitle Scholarship of Excellence winners to an award of \$2,000 a year at an approved program in New York State. Regents winners are entitled to an award of up to \$250 for five years.

Empire State Scholarship of Excellence winners are designated by an asterisk (*).

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Thrift Shop opens for season

The Thrift Shop in South Bethlehem is open for the season. The shop, in South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Willowbrook Avenue, is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays.

On Sunday, April 23, the church will host the fourth annual mission fair featuring displays from the CROP Walk, Wesley Health Care Center, Puerto Rican Missions, UNICEF Shop, and other parish projects.

Dr. Walter Taylor, director of the Albany United Methodist Society, will be guest preacher at the 11 a.m. worship service. The fair is at noon and will be followed by a covered dish meal at 1 p.m. and a video presentation "The Excitement is Building" at 1:45 p.m.

PTA seeks candidates

The A.W. Becker PTA is seeking members to run for president and recording secretary for the 1989-90 school year to join the following slate:

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Cheryl Clary 767-2373



Cecile Kowalski, first vice president; Cathie Searles, corresponding secretary; Mark Hafenstein, treasurer.

The nominees for standing committees are:

Christine Pitts, hospitality; Donna Crisafulli, membership; Cheryl Clary, publicity and; Robin Vagele, fund-raising.

Trip gets go-ahead

Funds were approved for the fifth grades to take a trip to New York City to tour the United Nations and the Statue of Liberty on Monday, May 22.

The PTA organized the spring fund-raiser. Several students who participated won a limo ride to McDonald's for lunch. Winners were Michele Giovannetti, Brian

Snyder, Chris Gnip, Michael Music, Patrick VanValkenburg and Chris Zakens. Because of scheduling conflicts, next month's meeting will be on May 10.

Take a chance

Las Vegas Night will be Friday, April 21, at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge. Beginning at 7 p.m. with a buffet, games will start at 8 p.m. and end at midnight.

Adults 18 and over can try their luck at blackjack, roulette, dice and other games. There is no charge for admission and the public is invited.

Top students named

Victor Carrk, principal of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Junior-Senior High School, has announced that Wendy Parker and Eduardo Nieves are April's students of the month.

Parker, a senior, is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Parker of New Baltimore.

She is a member of the National Honor Society, steering committee, principal's advisory committee, drama club, photo club, Staff and Sheild, yearbook staff, Gossamer Thread, varsity tennis, basketball, and girls track team.

Parker, who was a participant on the local TV show "Answers Please," works part-time at the Ravena Convenient Food Mart.

Nieves is son of Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Nieves of Willis Avenue in Ravena.

He is a sophomore and actively involved in the junior varsity basketball, baseball and cross country teams. He is vice president of his class and was elected to the prom court.

Church gives to school program

The After School Activities Program, Inc. (ASAP) of the Ravena Coeymans school district received a \$782 donation from the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem.

The money, collected in the

Easter offering, will be used by the school program to continue to provide high quality after school care.

Applications for ASAP, Inc. for the 1989-90 school year are available. For more information, call 756-3933 or 767-3459. The fee is \$25 per week and funds are available for Albany and Greene County eligible families to place children in the program.

Win contest

Jessica Domery and Carrie Dusik, Bethlehem Junior Grange members, won the junior Grange talent contest on April 8. Domery and Dusik, who performed a musical duet, competed with junior grangers from five other counties.

Remembered

The Bethlehem Historical Association recently recognized the late Irving R. Leonard in a resolution, which referred to Irving's dedication and counsel to the group.

Grange meeting

The Bethlehem Grange will hold an open meeting on Saturday at 8 p.m. Dee Wooley will give a lecture.

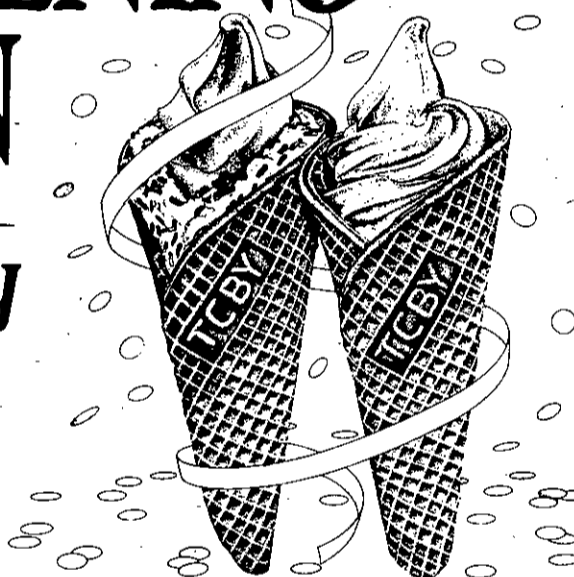
Mrs. Frank Gifford is in charge of serving refreshments.

There will be a collection for the State Grange Scholarship Fund for junior grangers, the junior grange camping program and the Heart Association.

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RCS budget, propositions explained

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

The Board of Education of Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Central Schools and the district administrators met last Monday night in the senior high school auditorium to present the district's \$16,020,513 preliminary budget to the public.

The budget, covering all facilities, programs, some 2,400 students, 60 BOCES and special education students, 170 teachers

and 48 teachers aides was presented by Superintendent of Schools William Schwartz.

Schwartz highlighted four special aspects of the new budget.

A restructuring of primary education would be undertaken, including a pre-kindergarten class, lower class size, and primary special education.

Additional guidance would be provided at the elementary level "similar to the excellent programs at the secondary level," accord-

ing to Schwartz.

The team teaching approach, which Schwartz said "our teachers and children tell us has been wonderful this year," would be extended to follow the sixth graders participating in the present program into seventh grade. This would include eliminating "tracking," or grouping students by ability. "This is an integrated approach to academics," Schwartz said, "because life is a series of integrated events, not

separated."

The final initiative would be the inclusion of alternative education at the high school. "There is a certain group that is at risk of dropping out and becoming a burden to the community," Schwartz said. "We are not proud of these 30 to 40 students a year who leave our system without completing high school, and this would address that problem."

Schwartz described the 11 percent increase in the budget, and broke down the funding as follows: \$7,414,773 for general services, \$2,375,348 for kindergarten through grade five, \$1,198,194 for grades six through eight, \$1,985,678 for grades nine through 12, and district-wide, \$3,046,520.

District manager Rodger Lewis said that some \$7,678,649 of the budget will be made up in tax dollars, but that state aid will be reduced this year "from nine to ten percent, so we will experience some difficulties in this area." According to Lewis, estimated tax rates will increase 2.04 percent in Coeymans, 2.72 percent in Bethlehem, 7.10 percent in New Baltimore and 13.77 percent in New Scotland. Lewis noted that the

New Scotland rate "had increased quite a lot in proportion to other towns in the district," but that "we have no control over the equalization and assessment rate."

Three propositions were detailed at the meeting.

Seven buses — two vans and five full-size buses need to be replaced. As of January, half of the buses running in excess of 100,000 miles on them, Lewis said, adding that "we have to keep our replacement program going, so please keep that in mind when you see it on the ballot."

A member of the audience later questioned the two new buses he had seen on the premises, and it was explained that they were on loan from different bus companies so that district drivers could assess which bus would be better for their needs. Another audience member asked what would happen if the proposition was voted down, and the reply was, "we'd be in trouble."

Angelo Rosato, the coordinator of the asbestos removal program for the district, as well as retiring maintenance supervisor, detailed the \$363,000 needed for asbestos abatement procedures as "a minimal amount compared to other districts," and detailed the need to sell the old Jericho Elementary School building.

The old building was described as "a maintenance problem," and its location separate from the school was often confusing for truck transports.

Bethlehem GOP announces candidate interview plan

The Bethlehem Republican Committee will be meeting on May 4 with Republican residents interested in running for town government this November.

According to committee chairman Bernie Kaplowitz, the 54-member committee will meet with potential candidates on May 4 and will conclude its nomination process on May 18 when it will vote for its selection of candidates. Prospective nominees will be given 10 minutes with the committee to convey their views and creden-

tials for a particular office. Each should prepare a brief written summary. Those interested should contact committee secretary Dorothy Brown at 439-1817 for further information and to schedule a time for appearance.

Six terms of office will expire at the end of this year, including town supervisor, town clerk, superintendent of highways, two town justices' positions and two town council seats. Incumbents seeking reelection will be among

those appearing before the board on May 4, Kaplowitz said.

The contest for the supervisor post, which will become vacant at the end of this year with the retirement of Robert Hendrick, is likely to be the focus of a considerable amount of pre-meeting politicking. The two announced candidates are Councilman Sue Ann Ritchko and Planning Board Chairman Kenneth Ringler. County Legislator W. Gordon Morris has said he is considering entering the contest.

Golub representative speaks to chamber

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will hold a general membership meeting on Thursday, April 20, at the Olde Center Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Featured at the program will be Jack Moran of the Golub Cor-

poration. Moran will discuss a proposed commercial development on New Scotland Rd. in Slingerlands.

The breakfast will be buffet style, and will cost \$7. For reservations call 439-0512 by noon today, April 19.

Morris recovering from mild heart attack

By Mark Stuart

County Legislator Gordon Morris (R-Elsmere) said he is "feeling very well" and expects to be up and walking in a week after suffering a mild heart attack last Wednesday.

The 62-year-old minority leader from was sent to St. Peter's Hospital in Albany by his personal physician after experiencing chest pains. As of Tuesday morning he was listed in fair condition in the Post Coronary Unit of St. Peter's.

In a Monday night phone conversation, Morris said he will not need any major treatment and that heart medication is the only prescription ordered by the doctors. "The only restrictions they have me on is from running the four-minute mile," he joked.

He said he will not miss any legislative session due to the ill-

ness and is eager to return to "straighten out the Democrats on the civic center."

Morris is among those thought to be interested in running for the Bethlehem supervisor post that will become vacant with the retirement of Robert Hendrick this fall. He said Monday he hasn't made a decision on whether to seek the Republican nomination. "I'll have to wait to confirm what the doctors say, then we'll have to look at what will happen in the town," he said.

He said that contrary to a published report that quoted his son-in-law, he does not have arteriosclerosis. "I have never heard my doctor use that word before; I think that was misunderstood when the reporter spoke to Alan (Greene, Morris' son-in-law.)"

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EMBROIDERER'S GUILD, United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 356-3149.

DELMAR CHABAD CENTER, communal Passover seders, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-8280.

"HOW TO SURVIVE THE LOSS OF A LOVE," conducted by the Rev. Hagy, part one of three, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

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

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

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on applications of Edward T. Dominelli and J.M.C. Selkirk, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB, meets first and third Wednesdays, Old Center Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233, meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays.

ONESQUETHAW CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

"THE MUPPETS TAKE MANHATTAN," movie, Voorheesville Public Library, 765-2791.

TEACHERS WORKSHOP, Embryology and incubation workshop, for elementary school teachers, William J. Rice Jr. Cooperative Extension Center, Voorheesville, 7 to 9 p.m. Reservations two days in advance, 765-3540.

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COPYRIGHT WORKSHOP, learn about copyright regulations, hosted by Albany League for the Arts, Albany Public Library, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 449-5380.

BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY, meeting, guest speaker Dr. Bryant Wood on "Digging Up the Sin Cities of Sodom and Gomorrah," Capital District Psychiatric Center. Information, 785-3192.

KENWOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER VACATION PROGRAM, through April 21, Kenwood Child Development Center, Inc., 799 S. Pearl St., 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Information, 465-0404.

RURAL SHOWCASE, sponsored by New York State Office of Rural Affairs, North Concourse of Empire State Plaza, 9 a.m. Information, 473-9003.

BLOODMOBILE, American Red Cross, Regional Blood Center, Hackett Blvd., 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

POPULAR BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, to discuss "Phantom Toll Booth" and "Push Cart War," Albany Public Library, 485 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 463-0254.

SOROPTOMIST CLUB, a free program to help people get their lives back together after losing a family member or a job, Tom Sawyer Motor Inn, 1444 Western Ave. 6 p.m. Information, 434-3103.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

POETRY READING, Alice Fulton will read from her award-winning poetry. R.C.C.A. Gallery, 189 2nd St., Troy, 7:30 p.m.

TODAY'S WOMAN, breakfast presentation, "Women in the Workforce," Schenectady YWCA, 13 State St., \$10, 7:30 a.m. Information, 374-3394.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP, sponsored by Project Hope and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, meets Thursdays, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 767-2445.

SILVER BULLETS SQUARE DANCE CLUB, mainstream class, 7 p.m., workshop, 9 p.m. every Thursday, First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Information, 439-3689.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, Thursday, Bible Study, 10 a.m., creator's crusaders, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

BOWLING, sponsored by Bethlehem Support Group, for parents of handicapped students, Del Lanes, Elsmere, every Thursday, 4-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-7880.

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

SPRING BUSINESS MEETING, Women's Organization of Normanside Country Club, 6:30 p.m. Information, 455-2458.

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

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

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HANDIVAN WORKSHOP, "Window Repairs," with instructor John Kohler, sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Ext., Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 6:30-8:30 p.m. Information, 463-4267.

CHINESE FILMS, "Fishing Monkeys," and "An Ordinary Family," Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., noon-1 p.m. Information, 462-0891.

MEETING, Concerned Friends of Hope House, support group for families of substance abusers, Child's Nursing Home, 25 Hackett Blvd., 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

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EVENING WALK, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 7 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

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BETHLEHEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, breakfast meeting, The Old Center Inn, Glenmont, 57, 7 a.m. Reservations 439-0512.

OPEN HOUSE, New York Farm Bureau, marketing warehouse, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 374-8936.

"MAHICANS: SALESMEN OR VICTIMS," talk by Shirley Dunn, 8 p.m., Bethlehem Historical Association Museum, Rt. 144 Selkirk.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS, meet every Thursday at Bethlehem Town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

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

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

THE YOUTH NETWORK

Halfway There

The community is invited to a free performance of "Halfway There" at Bethlehem Central Middle School on Tuesday, April 25, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The 70-minute performance is being co-sponsored by the Bethlehem Central Middle School Student Theatre, General Electric Selkirk, Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited and the New York State Council on the Arts. Two additional performances will be presented during the day for all Bethlehem Central Middle School students.

"Halfway There" is the story of five teenagers from various segments of society who meet in a drug rehabilitation center. At the center they discover the three things they have in common: loneliness, insecurity and anger. In the course of a year we watch them come to terms with the feelings that caused them to "cop out" in the first place. The moving drama is produced by the Periwinkle National Theatre for Young Audiences, which we hope will, through the use of theatre, reaffirm the ever-present danger to the youth in our community of losing oneself in substance abuse. The program is powerful and in the past has had very positive results in bringing young people "out of the closet" with their own or a friend's drug or alcohol problem.

Parents with children of any age, and teenage young people are welcome and encouraged to attend. Parents and children are encouraged to discuss the issues raised in the play.

Any questions may be directed to Elizabeth Iseman at 439-7740.

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WORKSHOP, for people who stutter, sponsored by Capital District Council of Stutterers, through April 23, College of St. Rose, 432 Western Ave., 9 a.m. Information, 454-5102.

NOON ORGAN CONCERTS, St. Peter's Church, State and Lodge Sts., Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 434-3502.

CHEMENON, self help group for alcoholics who use drugs and/or alcohol, 1500 Western Ave., Albany, 7-8 p.m. Information, 869-1172.

ENTERTAINMENT

"FACE THE MUSTARD," solo performance by Judy Trupin, eba Theater, 351 Hudson, Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 465-9916.

"THEATRE FANTASTIQUE," created by Richard Zarchy, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, 8 p.m. Information, 382-3884.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION . . .

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, Town Board second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Board of Appeals, first and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Planning Board, first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Town offices are open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

TOWN OF NEWSOTLAND, Town Board meets first Wednesday at 8 p.m., Planning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals meets when necessary, usually Fridays at 7 p.m. Town Hall, Rt. 85.

VILLAGE OF VOORHEESVILLE, Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. when agenda warrants, Zoning Board, first Wednesdays at 7 p.m., when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

BETHLEHEM BOARD OF EDUCATION, meets first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8 p.m. at Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

RAVENA-COEYMANS-SELKIRK BOARD OF EDUCATION, meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. at board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

VOORHEESVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION, meets second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at district offices in high school, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville.

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NEW SCOTLAND TRANSFER STATION, open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays only. Resident permit required, permits available at Town Hall.

FOOD PANTRY, Selkirk and South Bethlehem area, Bethlehem Reformed Church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk. Call 767-2243, 436-8289 or 767-2977.

PROJECT HOPE, preventive program for adolescents and their families, satellite offices for Bethlehem-Coeymans, 767-2445.

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WELCOME WAGON, newcomers and mothers of infants, call 785-9640 for a Welcome Wagon visit. Monday-Saturday 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, hours for youths interested in part-time work, Bethlehem Town Hall, 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Information, 439-2238.

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY, open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m., 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9314.

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"DEATH OF A SALESMAN," presented by Junior College of Albany Second Act Players, Junior College of Albany Theater, 140 New Scotland Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 445-1725.

SUN
APR 23

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR DASH, five mile run through Delmar, First American Bank, registration 7:45 to 8:45 a.m., \$7, race at 9 a.m.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH, Sunday School, 9 a.m., 3 year-olds through adult, morning worship service, 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, evening fellowship, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-3135.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, worship services, 8 and 10:30 a.m., Bible study and Sunday school classes, 9:15 a.m., nursery care provided from 8 a.m. Information, 439-4328.

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.; worship, church school and nursery care, 10:30 a.m.; coffee hour, 11:30 a.m. Family Communion Service, first Sundays, information, 439-9252.

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH, church school and worship, nursery provided during worship, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

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

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

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, of Delmar, worship, 9:30 a.m., church school, 9:45; youth and adult classes, 11 a.m.; nursery care, 9 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-9976.

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

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

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

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, worship, Sunday School and nursery care, 10 a.m., followed by a time of fellowship, Retreat House Rd., Glenmont. Information, 463-6465.

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, worship service, youth forum, 10 a.m., Fellowship hour and adult education programs, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands. Information, 439-1766.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., worship, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem. Information, 767-9953.

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, Sunday School and worship, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Rd., Delmar. Information, 438-7740.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALBANY

FREIHOFFER'S FAMILY FITNESS CLINIC, presented by Lynn Jennings and Francie Larrie Smith, grand ballroom, Albany Hilton Hotel, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 273-0267.

CHINESE FILMS, "Bright Eyes," "Fishing Monkeys," and "An Ordinary Family," Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 1:30 p.m. Information, 462-0891.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS, Sunday evenings, Unitarian Church, 405 Washington Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-0974.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

COMMUNITY FAIR, sponsored by Colton Center, Central Ave., Colonie. Information, 459-9020.

ANTIQUA RADIO CLUB OF SCHENECTADY, meeting, Schenectady Museum, Nott Terrace Heights, 2 p.m. Information, 459-7407.

ENTERTAINMENT

L'ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE, "Classic Gershwin," Cultural Center, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, 3 p.m. Information, 436-5321.

RONNIE MCDOWELL AND MIRINDA, with the Jordanaires, Palace Theatre, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 767-2744.

MON
APR 24

BETHLEHEM

"LIFE IN EGYPT," slide presentation by John Esler, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

MOTHER'S TIME OUT, Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, nursery care provided, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

STORY HOUR, 10:30 a.m., Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd. Information, 765-2791.

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

ALBANY

EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION PHONATHON, to support employment and counseling programs, through April 26, Blue Shield Offices, 187 Wolf Rd., 6-9 p.m. Information, 439-1395.

COLONIAL TRADES DAY, family activities, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., noon-5 p.m.

SOMOS UNO FOUNDATION BANQUET, in honor of New York State Assembly Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force and New York State Division for Substance Abuse Services, Empire State Plaza Convention Center.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

RUSSELL SAGE COLLEGE CONVOCATION, with guest speaker Helen Thomas, Schacht Fine Arts Center, off First St., Troy, 12:40 p.m. Press conference, 10:30 a.m., Alumnae House, 69 First St., Troy. Information, 270-2246.

TUES
APR 25

BETHLEHEM

CANDIDATES NIGHT, question and answer session, with Bethlehem Central School Board of Education candidates, and PTA President's Council, high school auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

HOLISTIC HEALING SUPPORT GROUP, for people with chronic or life threatening illnesses, Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-6431.

NEW SCOTLAND

"CHICKEN 'N BISCUIT SUPPER," Onesquethaw Reformed Church, servings at 4:30, 5:30, and 6:30 p.m., \$6.75 adults, children under 12, \$2.50, under 5, \$1. Reservations, 768-2015.

ALBANY

"SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS," movie, State Museum, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

BRUSHSTROKE WALL PAINTING WORKSHOP, Museum of Historical Society of Early American Decoration, 19 Dove St. Information, 462-1676.

"DINO DEN DISCOVERY PROGRAM," featuring hands-on activities for children. State Museum, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

ELVIS PRESLEY FAN CLUB, party, Travelers Motor Inn, 1630 Central Ave., \$5, 3 p.m. Information, 372-3943.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

CHICKEN AND BISCUIT SUPPER, sponsored by Dormansville United Methodist Church, Rt. 312, Dormansville, 4:30 p.m. Information, 797-3730.

COMMUNITY FAIR, sponsored by Colton Center, Central Ave., Colonie. Information, 459-9020.

ENTERTAINMENT

"FACE THE MUSTARD," solo performance by Judy Trupin, eba Theater, 351 Hudson, Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 465-9916.

"SACRED DREAMS," spring concert by Andrea Isaacs and Moving Images Dance Co., Kiggins Hall, Emma Willard School, Troy, 8 p.m. Information, 272-1557.

COLLEGE OF ST. ROSE JAZZ ENSEMBLE, Chambers Nightclub, 1 South Pearl St., 10 p.m. information, 454-5102.

"DEATH OF A SALESMAN," presented by Junior College of Albany Second Act Players, Junior College of Albany Theater, 140 New Scotland Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 445-1725.

EXHIBIT

"ACRYLICS ON CANVAS AND PAPER," abstract paintings, Greene County Council on Arts, 398 Main St., Catskill. Information, 943-3400.

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BETHLEHEM SUPPORT GROUP, for parent of handicapped students, Bethlehem Town Hall, Rm. 106, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9083.

GARDEN GROUP, DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB, program on making pressed flower gifts, presented by Edna McCoy, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-5353.

SPRING LUNCHEON, Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, awards and installations, Normanside Country Club, \$9.50, 11:45 a.m. Information, 439-6528.

"HALFWAY THERE," one hour drama on the problems of drug use, for parents and teenagers, Bethlehem Central Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

DELMAR ROTARY, meets Tuesdays at Albany Motor Inn, Sidewheeler Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION MEETING, sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Ext., Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 9:30 a.m. Information, 765-2425.

STORY HOUR, 10:30 a.m., Friends of The Library, meeting, 7:30 p.m. Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd. Information, 765-2791.

ALBANY

HISTORY LECTURE, "The Evolution of American Canalling: From Our English Heritage to Our Present," presented by Peter Niles, State Museum, 7:30 p.m. Information, 474-5842.

ALBANY COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, "Garbage Incineration: Environmental Catastrophe or The Answer to Our Woes?" led by Gordo Bond and Lee Wasserman, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4733.

THE LYNX RESTORATION PROJECT, presented by Rainer Brocke and Kent Gustafson, sponsored by Five Rivers Environmental Education Center and State University at Albany Atmospheric Science Research Center, State University at Albany Campus, Lecture Center 7, 1400 Washington Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 453-1805 or 442-3095.

SOMOS UNO FOUNDATION BANQUET, in honor of New York State Assembly Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force and New York State Division for Substance Abuse Services, Empire State Plaza Convention Center.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS, sponsored by Albany Chapter of American Red Cross, Albany Area Chapter House, Hackett Blvd. at Clara Barton Dr., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

POST-POLIO SUPPORT GROUP, with speaker Mary Wood, Colonie Community Center, Rm 11, 1653 Central Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 438-8785.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

"SLEEPERS II," book discussion by Paul Hickok, Rensselaer County Historical Society, Carr Bldg., 57 Second St., Troy, 12:10 p.m. Information, 272-7232.

BETHLEHEM

PARENTING WORKSHOP, with Elizabeth Iseman and Gwen Dullet, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.



Julie Goodloe serves tea to Carol Jones and Joseph Kilgallen during a scene from Noel Coward's farce, "Blithe Spirit." The comedy will be presented by Riverview Productions at St. Andrew's Dinner Theater, Albany, April 28-30 and May 5-7. Reservations are available through 463-2586.

"STRETCH AND FLEX," beginner's non-aerobic eight week exercise program, Woman's Health Care Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 9:15-10 a.m. Information, 346-9438.

FISCAL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP, sponsored by Albany League of Arts and Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, Albany Quality Inn, Interstate 90 and Everett Rd., \$25. Information, 449-5380.

WED APR 26

SELF-ESTEEM PARENTING WORKSHOP, sponsored by Bethlehem Networks Project, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7-9 p.m. Information, 439-7740.

WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION, sponsored by Tri-Village Welcome Wagon, Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Ave., Slingerlands, 7:30 p.m. Information, 475-1188.

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

"CLOWNS," special senior citizens performance, presented by Slingerlands Elementary School fifth grade choir, Slingerlands Elementary School, Union Ave., 2 p.m. Information, 439-0180.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

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

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

ALBANY

FAMILY READING FAIR, stories by Dee Freedman, Albany Public Library, Delaware Branch, 485 Delaware Ave., 6:30 p.m. Information, 463-0254.

FEMINISM DISCUSSION, panel discussion, sponsored by the YWCA, 28 Colvin Ave., 7:15 p.m. Information, 438-6608.

CAPITAL DISTRICT HEMLOCK SOCIETY, public meeting, First Unitarian Church, 405 Washington Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 482-1647.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

SPEAKING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, formal and impromptu speeches, evaluations, Uncle Sam Toastmasters, Holiday Inn, Troy, 6 p.m. Information, 439-7739.

MEETING, Historical Society of Early American Decoration, Inc., Queensbury Hotel, Glens Falls, through April 28. Information, 462-1676.

ENTERTAINMENT

DALLAS BRASS REVUE, State University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

THU APR 27

BETHLEHEM

"CLOWNS," presented by Slingerlands Elementary School fifth grade choir, Slingerlands Elementary School, Union Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0180.

"KAFFIR BOY," book discussion presented by Barbara Ellery, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

NEW SCOTLAND

CREATIVE PLAYGROUND MEETING, Voorheesville Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

ALBANY

LECTURE, "Downtown Albany At A Turning Point: A Statement of Profit and Loss," presented by Lynn Dunning-Vaughn, Albany Law School, 8 p.m. Information, 457-4649.

FRI APR 28

BETHLEHEM

"CLOWNS," presented by Slingerlands Elementary School fifth grade choir, Slingerlands Elementary School, Union Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0180.

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

DRAMA GROUP OF DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB, annual Potpourri Performance, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 8 a.m. Information, 439-5353.

NEW SCOTLAND

STORY HOUR, 10:30 a.m., Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd. Information, 765-2791.

SAT APR 29

NEW SCOTLAND

SPRING DANCE AND ROAST PORK DINNER, sponsored by New Scotland Democratic Club, Clarksville Fire Dept., \$15 per person, 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Tickets, 768-2101.

"I'M TERRIFIC," for children 3-5, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

ARBORDAY CELEBRATION, for children, sponsored by John Boyd Thacher State Park, Rt. 157, 10 a.m.-noon. Information, 872-1237.

GARAGE AND BAKE SALE, sponsored by Clarksville Community Church, Rt. 443, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 768-2814.

SPRING WILDFLOWER PROGRAM, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

TUE MAY 2

BETHLEHEM

TWILIGHT WALK, in search of American Woodcock, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

DELMAR DOLPHINS SWIM CLUB, summer registration, for program running May 2 through August 13, Bethlehem Central High School pool, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Information, 439-7704.

ALBANY

LEGISLATIVE FORUM OF DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB, meeting, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-5353.

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Local harpist displays pluck

By Elaine McLain

Madelon Paterson Pound pulls strings to get what she wants.

The harpist, who said she is 70 plus, has been at it for a long time — much to the delight of her audiences.

Pound recently performed as a guest of the Delmar Progress Club at the Bethlehem Library.

A longtime resident of New Scotland, she began to play the harp when she was five.

At that tender age, she said a man called Melvin Clark sold five Irish harps to the music store in her native Flint, Mich., and "he got five little girls playing the harp."

Pound is still particularly fond

of the Irish harp and the sound it produces.

Despite the instrument's complex appearance, Pound said playing it is easy, much easier than mastering the piano.

She said even when a harpist hits a wrong note, it doesn't sound that bad.

"The vibration is not like that of the violin. The harp kind of blends. I really don't think there's anything like the sound of the harp," she said.

During performances, she invites volunteers from her audience on stage just to prove how good the harp sounds even when it shouldn't.

When she moved to the area,

she studied with Margaret DeGraff. Pound credits DeGraff with helping her become a proficient artist.

She in fact became "proficient" enough to play with the Albany Symphony Orchestra for 25 years and the Vermont Symphony for seven.

Today, in addition to teaching, she performs in concert and at weddings and special events.

Even so, Pound said her main job has been raising her family and caring for her home.

Pound believes playing the harp has advantages beyond the aesthetic. She says it can help people who suffer from diseases such as arthritis. Playing the harp can help relieve stiffness in the fingers and limber up sore muscles, she says.

Although Pound didn't confirm it, the harp might also be considered a muscle builder since some, such as the concert harp, weigh more than 100 pounds.

She has help when she uses that harp but totes the 50 pound harp she uses at other functions herself. "It's not heavy," because of the way it's balanced, she said.

"She's a remarkable woman," said Suzanne Carr, co-chairman of the Progress Club event. Helen Shoenthal was the other co-chairman.

Spring wildflowers grow at Five Rivers

A spring wildflower program will be held at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Saturday, April 29, at 2 p.m.



Madelon Paterson Pound and granddaughter Lynn Herzog.



Madelon Paterson Pound shows Rachel Dickson (left) and Sara Norkun how to play the folk and classical harps.

Elain McLain

Tri-Village Welcome Wagon sponsors auction

The Tri-Village Welcome Wagon will hold a "Make It, Bake It, Grow It, Sew It, White Elephant Auction" on Wednesday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m.

The auction will be held at the Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands. All proceeds go toward the purchase and maintenance of a "Lifeline" unit for a community resident.

For information call 475-1188.

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Voorheesville News Notes

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Cubs take to the skies

Cub Scouts from Voorheesville Pack 73 will be aiming high this weekend.

The boys and their families will participate in the annual rocket shoot on Sunday afternoon at the high school field. Cubmaster Bob Panthen said the boys built the rockets at the recent scout show and will be testing them this Sunday.

Trustees to meet

The board of trustees of the Voorheesville Public Library will hold a meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the library board room. Board meetings are open to the public.

Friends to set future goals

There will be an organizational meeting of the Friends of the Library Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Voorheesville Public Library on School Road. All area residents interested in joining are welcome. Specific goals for the group will be discussed. For more information, contact Marilyn Bradley or Jane Blessing at the library at 765-2791.

Playground group sets date

There will be a meeting to discuss the Creative Playground Thursday, April 27, at the elementary school. All are welcome to assist the Voorheesville PTSA on this project. For information, contact co-presidents Deb Baron at 765-9371 or Elaine Burns at 765-4898.

School break to end

Classes will resume at both Voorheesville schools on Monday. School has been closed this week because of spring break. Parents should notify the school early if their children are going to be absent. The grade school number is 765-2384 and the high school number 765-3314.

Author addresses club

Last week the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland heard Dennis Sullivan, village historian, speak on his book in progress on the history of Voorheesville.

Batters up

Next week, the men's organization will begin another season of baseball, softball and T-ball. Contact Jim Coffin, vice president, at 765-4556 to join the service group.

Tax deadline

As of April 20 all unpaid water and sewer fees must be re-levied against the property taxes of the user and will constitute a lien against the property. Anyone who has questions should contact the village office at 765-2692 as soon as possible.

Babysitting workshop

The Voorheesville Public Library is sponsoring a babysitting workshop on three consecutive Mondays in May. "Sitting Safely" will be presented by Officer Russ Carson of

the Guilderland Police Dept. on May 1, 8 and 15 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Participants can register at the library or call 765-2791.

Arthur selected as dormitory advisor

Margaret Arthur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Arthur of Voorheesville, has been selected as a resident advisor of the main building dormitory at Wells College in Aurora for the 1989-1990 school year.

Arthur, a junior who is trained as a peer counselor, will be responsible for assisting students with academic and/or personal problems.

Arthur is an economics major and is currently involved in an off-campus study program at American University.

Regents nursing scholarships

Regents Professional Education in Nursing Scholarship Competition winners have been announced by the state Education Department. Each recipient is entitled to an award of \$250 a year for up to five years of study at a college or hospital school of professional nursing in New York State.

Arbor Day celebration planned for children

The John Boyd Thacher State Park, Rt. 157, New Scotland, will hold an Arbor Day celebration for children on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. until noon.

The program will include activities, crafts, stories and treats. Participants are invited to meet at the Hop Field picnic area at 10 a.m. Children should be between the ages of 5 and 10 and must be accompanied by an adult.

For information call 872-1237.

Teens charged with trespass

Bethlehem police arrested a Delmar teen and a Guilderland teen for trespassing at the Elm Ave. Town Park Saturday night. The 17-year-old Delmar youth was also charged with criminal mischief after police determined he drove his all-terrain vehicle across lawns near the Delmar Bypass Extension causing \$1,000 worth of damage.

Three local students are among the winners: From Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville, Paulette Galusha; from Bethlehem Central High School, Lynn Miller; and from Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, Susan Newkirk.

Events planned at Voorheesville library

A story hour will be held at the Voorheesville Public Library on Monday, April 24, at 10:30 a.m. A board meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on the same day.

On Tuesday, April 25, the library will hold another story hour at 10:30 a.m., and the Friends of the Library will meet at 7:30 p.m.

For information call 765-2791.

Delmar teen facing grand larceny charge

Bethlehem police arrested a 17-year-old Delmar teen on a fourth-degree grand larceny charge, a class E felony, for the alleged theft of credit cards.

Michael W. Miller was arrested Wednesday on the charge stemming from the theft of the cards from a Marlboro Rd. home last August, police said.

He was remanded to Albany County Jail pending bail, police said.

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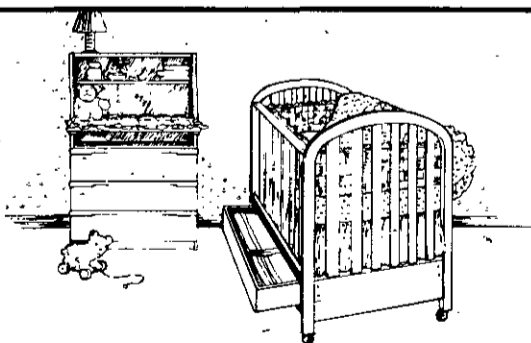
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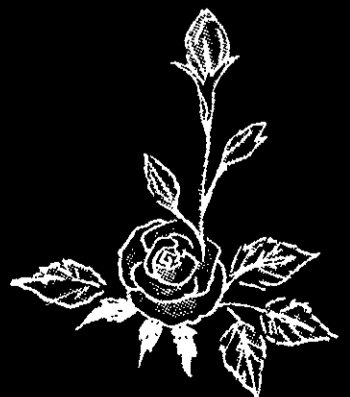


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Village water rates may increase 25 percent

By Bob Hagyard

With the reserve fund practically gone and two big projects coming up, Voorheesville may soon raise water rates by at least 25 percent.

The village last upped its rates around 1970. Right now the average homeowner pays a water bill of about \$100, "which shows how long it's been," says Mayor Ed Clark. Next Tuesday, the village trustees will set new rates and adopt a 1989-90 general budget.

That \$100 average is low, Clark added. Years ago the village built

Voorheesville

a reserve, but higher operating costs and inflation have eaten into that. Now, says the mayor, "costs are beginning to pull ahead."

In addition, two improvement projects can't wait any longer. The water system needs a new well and a new line connecting the standpipe and the back end of the system at Salem Hills. Altogether, the village expects to spend about \$70,000.

The trustees may also grant partial exemptions to senior citizen rePAYERS as it has for senior citizens paying property taxes for general support. The percentage of each exemption would be tied to income, as with property taxes. Don Meacham, village attorney, will report next Tuesday whether the village may do this without violating the state general municipal law.

The proposed 1989-90 general budget totals \$817,442, a 7.2 percent increase over the current \$876,925 level.

DOT denies responsibility in Orchard Park salt issue

By Bob Hagyard

Residents of Orchard Park gathered last Wednesday night at Town Hall with two questions in mind:

Will the state Department of Transportation accept responsibility for the contaminated groundwater in their neighborhood?

What, if anything, will DOT do to halt the contamination?

The answers: no, and nothing.

At issue are the conclusions drawn by the state Department of Environmental Conservation

report presented by Tony Adamczak. Residents of Orchard Park, east of the intersection of Route 85A and 155 near Voorheesville, have been plagued by water contaminated by salt, sulfur, iron and methane.

Two aquifers lie below. The one homeowners have tried to tap — owners the deeper one — contains contaminants by nature. The shallower basin — the only alternative, is poisoned by high salt levels, and the salt pile at the nearby DOT depot is "the principal source," the study

concluded.

True enough, conceded Phil Gallager, Region 1 director for DOT. However, he added, "there is nothing in the report to prove (the shallower aquifer) would be an adequate source even if it hadn't been polluted."

The study was initiated by County Health Commissioner Dr. William Crattan after residents complained of unpotable well water.

Reaction from the Orchard Park Neighborhood Association was vigorous.

Moak gets GOP nod for supervisor

By Bob Hagyard

H. Allyn Moak, the lifetime Town of New Scotland resident now completing his first four-year term as councilman, will run for town supervisor this fall on the Republican ticket.

Moak's candidacy was announced by chairman Ronne Von Ronne at the town GOP committee's annual dinner April 7.

The Circle Drive resident, a wholesale parts manager at Smith Pontiac in Latham, promises to treat the position as full time if elected. "It's difficult," he said, "but I think I can do an effective job."

Rounding out the ticket are other familiar figures in town politics:

- For town council: Craig Shufelt and Peter Van Zetten. Shufelt, who won a special election last November to serve out the remainder of Herb Reilly's council term, will seek a full four-year term in the position. Van Zetten, a New Salem area resident, recently resigned as superintendent of highways after more than 15 years of service.

- For superintendent of highways: Mike Hotaling of Voorheesville, recently appointed to succeed Van Zetten in the position effective the end of next month.

- For town clerk: Edita Probst, incumbent, will seek a second two-year term.

- For tax collector: Marilyn Holmberg, another incumbent seeking her second term.

- For town justice: Donald Chase, 22-year incumbent, seeking another four-year term.

"DOT has and continues to recklessly endanger our health and our environment," said Richard McGraw-Bulgaro, an officer of the homeowner group. "The Town of New Scotland has asked them to stop polluting our water supply and they have refused. We want them to stop

and fix the damages. We hope that they will live up to their responsibility without litigation."

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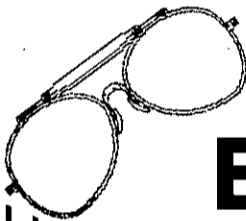
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He's still Willy Loman

(From Page 1)

By now, though, he's "mellowed," Kaplan said. "I realize that the material things aren't what's important."

Kaplan also sees the core of the play's tragedy in Willy Loman's inability to be happy with what he had. "I think first of all we have to be happy with ourselves," he said. "Willy Loman wanted to be what he wasn't."

This year is the 40th anniversary of the opening of "Death of a Salesman" on Broadway, with Lee J. Cobb playing Willy Loman. The play has been described as the search for "the American Dream,"

but Kaplan thinks the desire to be well-liked and well-off is really universal.

But Willy made the mistake of thinking he would be measured as a man by "who he knew and how much he had," according to Kaplan.

The JCA cast started rehearsing for this production in January, by reading and discussing it together. Many of the cast members are current students, including Margaret Ziter as Willy's wife, "a very talented actress," according to Kaplan.

After graduating from JCA in 1968, Kaplan went on to get a

four-year degree in business from Western New England College.

Then he went to work for Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.

In 1982, he became his own boss by buying the car repair business in Albany formerly owned by Sid Kaplan (no relation), a resident of Slingerlands. Two years ago, he also took over Bailey's which had been run as a family business for many years.

Asked about his own success in the business world, Kaplan said with a grin: "I'm happy with what I have — I can pay my bills."



Steve Kaplan as he appears today and in his 1968 yearbook photo.

CPR courses slated at Bethlehem town hall

The Safety Services division of the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor classes in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) at town hall on May 2, 9 and 16. All classes are on Tuesday night from 7 to 10 p.m.

The course is free except for the purchase of an instruction

book. Class size is limited. Registration is open to all residents, ages 14 or older, from the town of Bethlehem or the Bethlehem Central School District. For information on the course or registration, call the parks and Recreation Department at 439-4131, or stop by the Elm Ave. Park offices.

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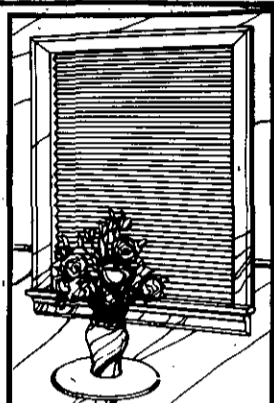
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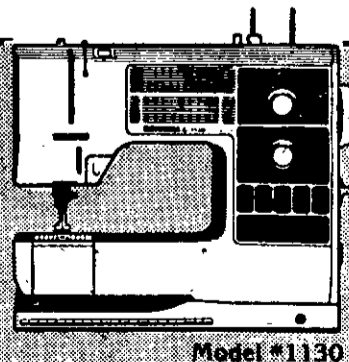
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RCS has tough act to follow

By Curt VanDerzee

The Ravena boys' track team will be hard pressed to repeat its performance over the last couple of years during which they won the Colonial Council title in four of the last five years, including 26-straight wins over the last three and a half years.

The Indians will have a tough time defending their title for two big reasons, according to Coach Jim Gorham. First, the league is much tougher, especially Albany Academy, Schalmont and Lansingburgh. Secondly, this year's team is very young in both age and experience.

The RCS girls' track team also got off to a good start this week as they beat Mechanicville, 104-24, and Voorheesville 84-48. The Lady Indians will be trying to better last year's second place finish under first-year coach Ray Parker.

Last Tuesday the boys passed their first test of the year with

Sports

flying colors as they crushed Lansingburgh 98-43. Gorham was very pleased, saying that the "young kids ran very well". Ravena won 13 of the 17 events in winning their second meet of the year.

The Indians were led by sophomore Chris King who won the 800-meter run and the mile and was a member of the winning 2-mile relay team. Junior Vinney Vinditie won the shot put with a 39 foot seven inch effort and the discus with a throw of 128 feet two inches. Senior Bob O'Neil took first in the long jump and second in the triple jump. Senior Adam Sutton won the 100-meter dash and anchored the winning 4x100 relay.

Gorham said the turning point of the meet came early on when

Bob Mizuraca, Brian Craft and A.J. Nunziato combined to sweep the top three places in the 400-meter run.

This week the Indians have the Council Relays on Tuesday and the Chatham Invitational on Thursday.

For the girls, junior Teresa Darlington won the 100-meter dash and the 440-hurdles and anchored the mile relay to lead Ravena. Sara Fink also played a big part in the win as she won the 880, the long jump and was on the winning 2-mile relay.

This week the boys will take part in the Council Relays on Tuesday while the girls will be getting ready for next week's showdown with defending champion Lansingburgh.

This year's boys team captains are Bob O'Neil, Bill Peletier, Phil Nicewonger, Josh Curley, Adam Sutton and A.J. Nunziato.

Ladybirds split dual meet

By Zack Kendall

Last Tuesday, the Voorheesville girls' track team competed against both Ravena and Mechanicville at a dual meet hosted by Ravena where the Blackbirds defeated Mechanicville 96-36, but lost to ever-powerful Ravena.

Eighth-grader Courtney Langford took first places in the 100 and 400-meter hurdles, the high jump and ran in the opening leg of the winning mile relay team.

Freshman Nicole Solomos sprinted to victory in the 100 and 200-meter dash, high jumped into first place, and ran a leg of the 400-meter relay.

Stephanie Brown placed first in the 800, second in the mile, and anchored on the mile relay team. Angela Washburn tied with Becky Bailey and Langford for first in the high jump at four feet, three inches. She also took two second places in the shotput and discus.

Cross-country star Rachael Kelsch placed second in the 100,

200, and 400-meter runs and ran first leg of the winning mile relay.

Eighth grader Amy Sangiorgi placed first in the two-mile run and third in the mile, proving herself to be in the same class as Brown.

On Thursday the Birds lost to Schalmont but did leave with a few victories. Foley placed first in the discus, Brown won the mile run, and Solomos took first in the 100 and second in the 200.

The boys' team ranks was very depleted as many families took to vacation in warmer places. However, Dan Jackson made the day by taking first in both the shotput and discus.

This week, both teams will compete in the Guilderland Doubles meet, which is a large individual-competition meet. Jackson took second overall last year, and Coach Brian Dollard thinks he has an excellent chance of winning on Saturday.

Normanside women plan golf rally

The Women's Organization of Normanside Country Club will hold a spring business meeting and golf rally on Thursday, April 20, at the club in Delmar.

College Athletics

Charlie Lynk of Delmar was a defenseman for the Golden Eagles' hockey team at the State University at Brockport this winter. Lynk had four goals and five assists in 21 games. He is a senior and a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Paul Montanus of Delmar is one of four returning oarsmen in the varsity lightweight eight-man boat at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. The team opened its 1989 Spring season in a regatta with Columbia University on April 1. Montanus is a senior and graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

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Christian breaks BC's 100-meter record

By Kevin Schoonover

Craig Christian set a new school record in the 100-meter dash Thursday as the Bethlehem boys track team were bested by Mohonasen and Colonie in a dual meet.

Dan Dunn cleared eight foot, six inches, which is three feet shy of his indoor mark of 11-6.

Dee Ziska took second in the high jump with a 5-10 effort, Jeff Haselbach placed third in the 3200-meter run, Ian Berry took second in the 800-meter run and Jason Wilke placed third in the mile.

The Eagles and the Lady Eagles will travel to the Guilderland Doubles Meet this Saturday.

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Gems of the diamond

By Nat Boynton

Two weeks of baseball does not a season make, as the saying goes, but there is a growing suspicion that the Albany-Colonie Yankees have a strong, well-balanced team that should provide the home folks with steady entertainment this spring and summer.

It's not so much that the locals have burst out of the starting gate into first place after half a dozen games. It's a matter of quality and experience. Nineteen of the 25 players on the roster played Double-A baseball last year, most of them at Heritage Park in stints of various lengths, which means that the other seven teams in the Eastern League will have to deal with them head-to-head.

The fast start can be attributed primarily to the pitching. Eight members of the staff pitched here last season at various times, notably Mike Christopher, who was 13-7 with a respectable 3.83 earned-run average over the full season. Remember the name: he could be on the mound in The Bronx before the year is out.

Christopher has won his first two starts, the opener at London, Ont. and an abbreviated outing Friday. His five-hitter against the Harrisburg Senators in his first home appearance last week was a manager's delight — no walks, six strikeouts, only one extra-base hit (a double) and one earned run. More important was the fact that he was under pressure all the way, protecting a 1-0 lead for the first five innings and going into the final frame at 1-1.

Christopher, carefully tutored by Yankee coaches, is determined to make the jump to Yankee Stadium. He has all the qualifications, along with two complete games and an ERA of 0.47 for his first 14 innings of work.

Christopher and the highly publicized Deion Sanders are two of several showcase illustrations of why athletes who are outstanding in two or more sports tend to give up baseball in favor of football or hoop. The reason: baseball is a far tougher game, the demands on individual athletic skills are greater and the path to the pinnacle — the big leagues — is often a longer one devoid of shortcuts.

That statement may be arguable, but the testimony is overwhelming. Sanders, Albany's incumbent centerfielder and an athlete of the phenom level, is certain to be one of the first of several hundred top football players to be drafted by the NFL this Sunday. The *Sunday Globe* sees him as the No. 3 pick, heading for the Atlanta Falcons (he is a cornerback with the second fastest clocking ever for a football player at 40 yards).

Since football bigwigs peer dimly at their people playing baseball with its high risk of injury, this could mean that early-season diehards may have seen the last of Deion at Heritage Park, inasmuch as the Yankees are on the road this week and won't be home until Tuesday. Sanders admits he is out for the highest dollars, and as a sure-fire bet to make a starting lineup in football, could command a sizeable bundle well into seven figures.

No one in baseball will give him that kind of

moola, even with his blazing speed on base and eight hits in his first six games in Double-A. There is no certainty he will be able to hit that well the second time around the league, which leaves him several years away from Yankee Stadium.

By comparison, Christopher, traveling a longer and more tedious route, is closer to the bigs in baseball than the more gifted Sanders. At 25, this 6-foot-3, 200-pound righthander is in his sixth year of pro ball, disappointed not to be in the starting rotation at Columbus in Triple-A but determined to gain enough to attention to make the jump to Yankee Stadium next year if not later this season. It is possible, and if you have a chance to watch him throw smoke and sharp breaking stuff, you will see the potential.

And when you look at the rugged grind of on-the-job training baseball players must endure to reach the heights, you won't censure Deion Sanders for being impatient or money hungry for taking the easy route. A hundred rookies will make the NFL this year in their first shot at the pros. In major league baseball there aren't half a dozen who have made that kind of jump.

Speaking of players to watch as future big leaguers (which is one of the basic intents of this weekly piece), here's one to clip-and-save. When the Williamsport Bills come to town for a three-game set starting Tuesday, look for a fellow named Tino Martinez, a prize catch of the Seattle Mariners.

Martinez, a native of Tampa, played first base for Team USA last season. He hit .402 and led the team with 20 home runs during the 1988 tour, which included the Pan Am Games and a gold medal at the Seoul Olympics. Talent scouts consider Tino to be the top prospect in the Mariners' chain, which is why they are starting him as high as Double-A. Scouts say his lefthanded swing reminds them of Will Clark.

The Mariners, who moved the Vermont franchise to Williamsport over the winter, are watching Martinez carefully, hoping to move him to Triple-A Calgary once they are convinced he can hit Eastern League pitching. Calgary, incidentally, was where Mickey Brantley got his final prepping for the major league.

Brantley is mentioned here because he played two seasons with the Delmar Blue Jays, an amateur team sponsored by a former Elsmere insurance agent named Rudy Toffinetti. The Blue Jays won the Capital Region League championship in 1978 and 1979, playing home games on the Bethlehem Central High School field, but only about 20 people went to their games. This chronicler still has a mind picture of Brantley, who had played high school ball in his native Catskill, unloading a 440-foot home run that cleared the first of two soccer fields being used for summertime youth leagues in deep left field. The ball landed in the middle of the second field, sending kids and parents scurrying.

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RCS continues strong start

By Curt VanDerzee

The RCS girls softball team started their season off on the right foot to raise their record to 3-1 overall and 2-1 in the league.

On Tuesday the girls traveled to Ichabod Crane to take on a very tough Knight team, who finished second in Class B last year. The Indians jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead in the first inning and were up 7-2 after the fifth. Then suddenly Ichabod Crane seemed to wake up and scored four runs in the sixth. But it wasn't enough as Ravena held on for a 7-6 win. Offensively the Indians were led by Stephanie Ricciardi, who had a single, a double and scored two runs, and Kathie Desrouchers who had a triple and two RBIs. Hope Ackert pitched all seven innings for the win.

On Wednesday the Indians hosted a tough Mechanicville team in their first league game. Ravena started off slow and was down 3-2 after four innings, but scored twice in the fifth to take a 4-3 lead.

Mechanicville roared back and scored three runs

on six hits in the seventh to hand the Lady Indians their first loss, 6-4. Dawn Dinardi had 2 singles, Desrouchers had three singles and Cherie Prior had a single and a home run to lead Ravena. Ackert took the loss to drop her record to 1-1.

Friday, after receiving a forfeit from Voorheesville the day before, the Indians traveled to Schalmont to take on the Sabres. Ravena took advantage of some wildness by the Sabre pitchers and scored six runs to take a 6-1 lead. The girls then coasted to a 12-1 win by scoring three in the fourth and three in the fifth. Ackert pitched the first five innings for her second win and Robin Salin pitched the last two to finish up. Offensively Ravena was led by juniors Athena Caswell with two singles and Ackert who had two singles and a double. Prior had two singles and a double and Desrouchers hit her second triple of the year.

This week the Indians are scheduled to play Ichabod Crane on Tuesday, and Holy Names on Friday. The following week the girls have four league games, including Lansingburgh and Watervliet.

Indians earn first win

By Josh Curley

The RCS baseball team took a step in the right direction with its first victory this season in a game against Schalmont last week.

Ravena improved to 1-3 overall and 1-0 in the Colonial Council with a big 14-12 victory.

Julio Colon started on the mound and pitched for six and a third innings. Reliever Norm Wilsey then hurled for one and two-third innings to earn the win.

At the plate, the Indians continued to hit well. Ravena jumped out to a convincing 11-0 lead after just two innings.

In the first, two runs scored behind Wilsey's bat. Another run scored in the second inning, and eight players crossed home plate in the third, putting the Indians temporarily in the driver's seat.

RBI singles by Frank Maiorana, Colon, Curt VanDerzee and Wilsey and a double by Brian Burns provided the force in RCS' third inning.

Schalmont finally got on the scoreboard with two runs in the bottom of the third.

ARBI double by Ravena's Robb Thayer in the fourth inning made the score 12-2.

Errors, which have cursed the Indians' play relentlessly so far this season, played a role in the fifth and seventh innings as Schalmont tallied six and four runs in those innings, respectively to tie the game up.

RCS failed to score again before regular play ended and the game entered extra innings at 12-12.

Maiorana began the inning by drawing a base on balls. Burns followed up with a bunt single to advance Maiorana to second base.

Rick Waddingham's single drove Maiorana home for the

game winning RBI. Colon added icing to the victory with a sacrifice fly RBI.

Wilsey then shut down the Sabres to end the game.

Last Thursday's game against Lansingburgh was rained out. It has been rescheduled for May 2.

"We've been hitting the ball well, but we have got to tighten up on defense," said Coach Gary VanDerzee in reference to this week's four non-league games. RCS will play Ichabod Crane, a double header with Catskill, and Bethlehem Central.

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BC crushes Scotia, 18-3

By John Bellizzi III

Bethlehem Central's powerful offense scattered 18 hits en route to an 18-3 rout of Scotia in the Suburban Council opener for both teams. Winning pitcher Jamie Mizener went the distance and was able to keep the Tartans' offensive success to a minimum, striking out 11 and allowing only one base on balls.

BC's power hitters continued to shine last week with three Eagle home runs against Scotia, a grand slam by Sean Lynch, and shots by John Reagan (4 for 5) and Kevin Keparutis (3 for 5). Ryan Flynn went 3 for 3 with a double and two singles and David Sodergren was 2 for 2 with two singles. "We really hit the ball well," said Coach Ken Hodge.

Bethlehem was ahead 8-0 in a first-round tournament game against Schalmont on Saturday when the game was called due to rain. The tournament will be made up, though the time has not been determined, Hodge said.

The Eagles, at 1-0 in the Suburban Council, are scheduled to face strong league competition this week. Niskayuna was scheduled to face the Eagles at BCHS on Monday, with BC traveling to Columbia this afternoon. Saturday, Bethlehem will face Ravena in a non-league contest.

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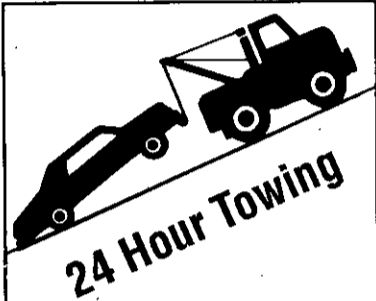
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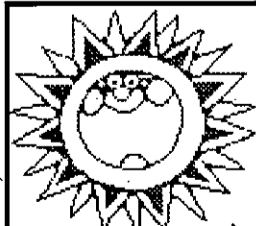
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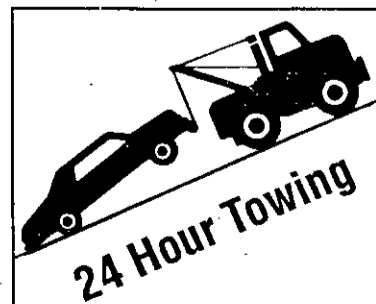
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 CAROLYN M. LYONS
 TOWN CLERK
 Dated: April 12, 1989
 (April 19, 1989)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of TOPSOIL for the use of said Town for the year 1989 as and when required. Bids will be received up to 2:10 p.m. on the 1st day of May, 1989 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. J. Robert Hendrick, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each bid shall be sub-

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 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the installation of Asphalt Concrete Paving at the Town of Bethlehem Fire Training Facility located at Center Lane in Elsmere, including the furnishing and supplying of all labor, material and equipment.

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BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
 CAROLYN M. LYONS
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 Dated: April 12, 1989
 (April 19, 1989)

PUBLIC NOTICE
 "Notice is hereby given that the fiscal affairs of the Slingerlands Fire District, Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, for the period beginning on January 1, 1988 and ending on December 31, 1988, have been examined by the Office of the State Comptroller and that the report of examination performed by the Office of the State Comptroller has been filed in my office where it is available as a public record for inspection by all interested persons. Pursuant to section thirty-five of the general municipal law, the governing board of the Slingerlands Fire District, Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, may in its discretion, prepare a written response to the report of examination performed by the Office of the State Comptroller and file any such response in my office as a public record for inspection by all interested persons not later than June 20, 1989."
 Susan E. Peters
 Secretary,
 Board of Fire Commissioners
 Slingerlands Fire District
 (April 19, 1989)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION OF BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWNS OF BETHLEHEM AND NEW SCOTLAND COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual election of the inhabitants of the above named school district will be held in the upper gymnasium of the Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York, on Wednesday, May 3, 1989, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. EDT.

The Board of Education will present for consideration the school district budget for the period of July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990. Copies of said budget may be reviewed by any inhabitant of the district during the seven (7) days immediately preceding the annual election, except Saturdays and Sundays, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. EDT at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, and the office of the elementary schools, the Middle School, and the High School of the district.

The Trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library will present for consideration the public library budget for the period July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990. Copies of the budget may be obtained at the reference desk of the library.

Petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1989 to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Bernard Harvith and Marjory O'Brien; and petitions nominating candidates for the office of trustee for the Bethlehem Public Library for a full term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 1989, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Dr. Thomas Shen must be filed with the Clerk of the School District, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, not later than 4:30 p.m., EDT, April 3, 1989.

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TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that votes will be taken upon the following:

1. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

2. For the election of the members of the Board of Education of said Bethlehem Central School District, each for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1989, to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Bernard Harvith and Marjory O'Brien.

3. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Public Library and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

4. For the election of one trustee to the Board of Trustees of said Bethlehem Public Library, for a full term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 1989, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Dr. Thomas Shen.

5. Upon the appropriation of \$274,000.00 to purchase seven (7) buses for the Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

6. Upon a proposition authorizing the Board of Education to transfer with or without consideration to the Town of Bethlehem certain parcels of real property at the High School site having a combined area of less than 2.0 acres for the purpose of roadway and walkway construction and improvements.

Kristi Carr, District Clerk
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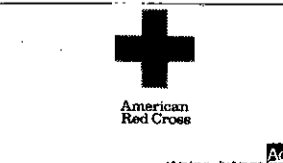
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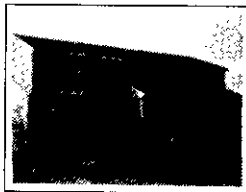


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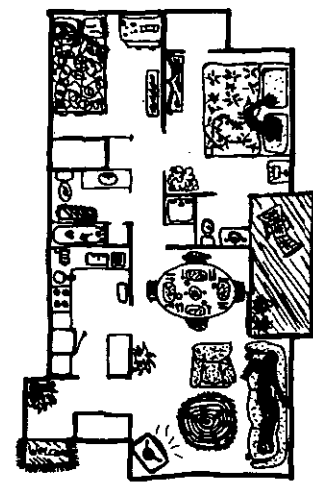
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Obituaries

M. Kathryn Welch

M. Kathryn Welch, a two-year resident of Slingerlands, died April 15 at her Oxford Road home. She was 95.

Born in Saratoga Springs, where she lived most of her life, she graduated in 1913 from Wheelock College, Boston. For many years she taught kindergarten classes, first in New Jersey, then in the Saratoga Springs City School District.

A member of the board of members of the Hawley Home Foundation, she was a communicant of Plymouth Church of that city.

Survivors include two nephews, Dr. James Cunningham of Slingerlands and Thomas Cunningham of Loudonville; and four nieces.

Funeral services will be held today (April 19) at Plymouth Church. Burial will be in Greenridge Cemetery, Saratoga Springs.

C. Lewis Frank

C. Lewis Frank of Bethlehem Terrace Apartments, Slingerlands, died April 10 at St. Peter's Hospital. He was 77.

A native of Albany, he graduated from Albany High School and the Albany College of Pharmacy. After he was employed by a number of pharmacies in the region, he worked as a salesman for Nathan Liben Confectionary, Albany, then as sales manager

with Lobdell's Confectionary, Colonie.

He was a member of Washington Lodge 85, F&AM, of Albany, Congregation Ohav Shalom and B'nai B'rith Gideon Lodge 140, all of Albany.

His wife, the former Judith Frank, died in 1978.

Survivors include a son, Jay Frank of Albany; a brother, Stanley Frank of Slingerlands; two sisters, Helen Levin of Guilderland and Nicola Sperber of Loudonville; and two grandsons.

Funeral services were held April 12 from Levine Memorial Chapel, Albany. Burial was in Ohav Shalom Cemetery, Guilderland.

Rosalie N. Simmons

Rosalie Nally Simmons, a Delmar homemaker, died Monday at St. Peter's Hospital. She was 88.

Born in New York City, she moved to Albany over a half century ago, thence to Delmar in 1966. She was a member of the Child of Mary of Kenwood and the Kenwood Braille Association of Albany, where she was a volunteer for more than 40 years. She was also a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Delmar.

She was the widow of Edward F. Curry and Walter V. Simmons.

Survivors include a daughter, Patricia Curry Burdick of Delmar, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held April 12 from Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, Albany. Burial was in St. Agnes' Cemetery, Menands.

Four charged with drinking, driving

Bethlehem police arrested four drivers during the week on misdemeanor driving while intoxicated charges.

A 49-year-old Glenmont man was charged with DWI after he was involved in a property damage accident on Rt. 9W Saturday evening, police said. Police said the man hit another car near the Thruway bridge where Rt. 9W closes to a single lane. He was charged after failing a pre-screening device test.

Police arrested a 31-year-old Ravena man for DWI after he was stopped for traffic violations on Rt. 144 early Saturday morning. He was arrested after failing both a pre-screening device and field sobriety tests, police said. He was ticketed for failure to keep right and moving from his lane unsafely.

A 33-year-old Albany man was arrested for driving while intoxicated Saturday morning after he was stopped on Rt. 9W for traffic violations. The arrested was made after the man failed a pre-screening device test, police said. He was ticketed for driving with inadequate lights.

Police arrested a 31-year-old West Coxsackie man for DWI after he was stopped on Rt. 9W near Lasher Rd. He was charged after he failed both pre-screening device and field sobriety tests, police said.

Six youths charged with trespass

Bethlehem police arrested six youths for trespassing on property owned by Quadrini Realty on Krumkirk Rd. in North Bethlehem. The youths ranged in age from 23 to 16, police said. The home where the incident took place was damaged, police said. The incident is still under investigation to determine the person or persons responsible for the damage, police said.



Fire Fighters Corner

Isabel Glastetter

| Date | Department or Unit | Reason for Call |
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| April 6 | Delmar Rescue Squad | Medical Emergency |
| April 7 | Bethlehem Ambulance | Respiratory Distress |
| April 8 | Delmar Rescue Squad | Medical Emergency |
| April 8 | Delmar Rescue Squad | Medical Emergency |
| April 9 | Bethlehem Ambulance | Personal Injury |
| April 10 | Delmar Fire Dept. | Structure Fire |
| April 10 | Elsmere Fire Co. | Mutual Aid |
| April 10 | Delmar Rescue Squad | Standby |
| April 10 | Delmar Fire Dept. | Structure Fire |
| April 10 | Delmar Rescue Squad | Standby |
| April 10 | Slingerlands Fire Dept. | Structure Fire |
| April 10 | Delmar Rescue Squad | Standby |
| April 11 | Bethlehem Ambulance | Auto Accident |
| April 11 | Selkirk Fire Dept. | Standby |
| April 11 | Slingerlands Rescue Squad | Rescue Call |
| April 11 | Delmar Rescue Squad | Auto Accident |

The top bowlers for the Elmsere Fire Co. for April 9 were: Mens high single and triple, Bill Webb 265-645; Ladies high single, Darlene Wilson 198; Ladies high triple Isabel Glastetter 503.

Members of Bethlehem Ambulance must have dues paid before they will be allowed to vote. Annual elections will be at Selkirk #1 on April 27 at 8 p.m.

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

Nabbed for cocaine

Bethlehem police arrested James Wiedman, 22, of Selkirk for criminal sale of a controlled substance (cocaine), a felony, April 12.

The arrest took place on Rt.

19-year-old charged with reckless driving

Bethlehem police arrested a 19-year-old Coeymans man for reckless driving Saturday evening after receiving a telephone complaint.

Police said the man was observed failing to stop for several stop signs and passing several cars at a high rate of speed. He was also observed running

9W, Selkirk. Wiedman was arraigned in Bethlehem Justice Court and remanded without bail to Albany County Jail pending a reappearance May 2.

through a red light at the intersection of Feura Bush Rd. and Rt. 9W.

Police arrested the man at his home after losing sight of him on Glenmont Rd.

He was also ticketed for failing to stop for stop signs, speeding, passing a red light, unsafe passing, and operating without a license.

Saratoga park seeks volunteers

Saratoga State Park seeks volunteers to assist at the visitor center information desk, in guiding tours and for flower projects. Phone the park office at 1-584-2535 for further information.

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- Jive music
- Awed
- Mayberry's boy
- Puerto Rico??
- Vishnu incarnation
- Capital of the Golden State
- Metric measure
- Slaughtered
- Down under Capital
- To be (fr)
- Take off the bottle
- Soil conservation org.
- Spores from certain fungi
- Begin
- Little Rock's state
- "Stand by me" Director
- Had reclined
- Laugh or cry
- Not naughty
- Shim
- Lincoln's State
- Land formations near Santa Fe
- Donnybrook
- Montpelier's time zone
- Prefix meaning about or around
- Alien life forms??
- Aloha State Capital
- Disney attraction
- Ownership of land (archaic)
- Pelican State Capital (2 wds)
- Pueblo indian tribe
- Foe
- Steel beam
- Lodes
- Things to count?
- Buddhist monk

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- Summer in Paris
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- Beginning point
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- Cheese
- Beaver State Capital
- Blue for _____
- "Blue _____"
- Frankfort _____ of litty
- Licorice flavored seed
- Takes heed (archaic)
- Williams: Actor
- Old Line State Capital
- Insurrectionist
- Seaport in Northern Honduras
- Ass in Berlin
- To make reference
- Town in Italia
- Male name (variation)
- Rot
- Santa saying
- Stench
- Back of the neck
- Indians near Salt Lake City
- Havana's country
- Ancient form of Irish script
- Units of measure: Trillions
- Precedes "LET" Egg preparation
- Albany's container (abv.)

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Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Savarese

Colleen Cordi marries

Colleen Anne Cordi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Cordi of Slingerlands, and Salvatore Joseph Savarese, son of Lester Savarese of Jefferson, N.Y. and Viola Schmitt of Queens, were married Nov. 19 at St. Mary's Church in Albany.

Suzzane Cordi was the maid of honor and Michael Savarese served as the best man. Tammy Cartwright, Lisa Tantillo, Sherri Kidd, Karen Savarese and Nancy Robyns served as bridesmaids. The ushers were Anthony Cordi, Michael Cordi, Jim Cartwright, Daniel Savarese and Philip Savarese.

The bride, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, the State University College at Cobleskill and the State University at Buffalo, is a claims representative for The Progressive Companies in Westchester County.

The groom, a graduate of Highland High School, the State University College at Cobleskill and the State University at Buffalo, is a medical technologist at St. Francis Hospital in Beacon.

The couple will reside in Poughkeepsie.



Mr. and Mrs. Mark J. Platel

Lori-Jean Webster weds

Lori-Jean Webster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Webster of Elsmere, and Mark Joseph Platel, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Platel of Delmar were married Oct. 9, 1988 at St. Stephen's Church in Elsmere by Rev. Darius Mojallali.

The bride, a graduate of the State University at Plattsburgh and Bethlehem Central High School, is a marketing assistant at Albany Savings Bank.

The groom, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is a building inspector for the Town of Bethlehem.

The couple resides in Elsmere.

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Burkhard-Santella

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Burkhard of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth, to Victor A. Santella, son of Doris Santella Discipio of Lynn, Mass. and the late Albert V. Santella.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the State University at Orono and Emerson College. She is employed as an assistant account manager with the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Fairleigh-Dickinson University, is an assistant sales manager and buyer for YDI Electronics, Needham, Mass.

A Sept. 23 wedding is planned.

Church sponsors bake sale, craft fair

The Clarksville Community Church will hold a garage sale, bake sale and craft fair on Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The church is located on Rt. 443, eight miles west of Delmar. For information call 768-2814.

Democrats in New Scotland plan dinner

The New Scotland Democratic Club will hold a spring dance and roast pork dinner on Saturday, April 29, at the Clarksville Firehouse. The dinner will begin at 7 p.m.

Entertainment will be provided by Swing Shift. The cost of the dinner and dance is \$15. For tickets call 768-2101.

FHA meeting in Voorheesville

The Farmers Home Administration will hold a meeting at the Cornell Cooperative Extension building, Martin Road, Voorheesville, on Tuesday, April 25, at 9:30 a.m.

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During this holiday the rituals of eating matzah, tasting bitter herbs, drinking four cups of wine are simulated, and the sacrifices made by the persecuted Israelites so many years ago are reflected upon.

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Panel discusses feminism at YWCA

The Albany Young Women's Christian Association will hold a panel discussion about feminism on Wednesday, April 26, at 7:15 p.m.

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versity at Albany; Ralph Martin, columnist at the *Times Union*; and Marilyn Wiles, president of ALERT.

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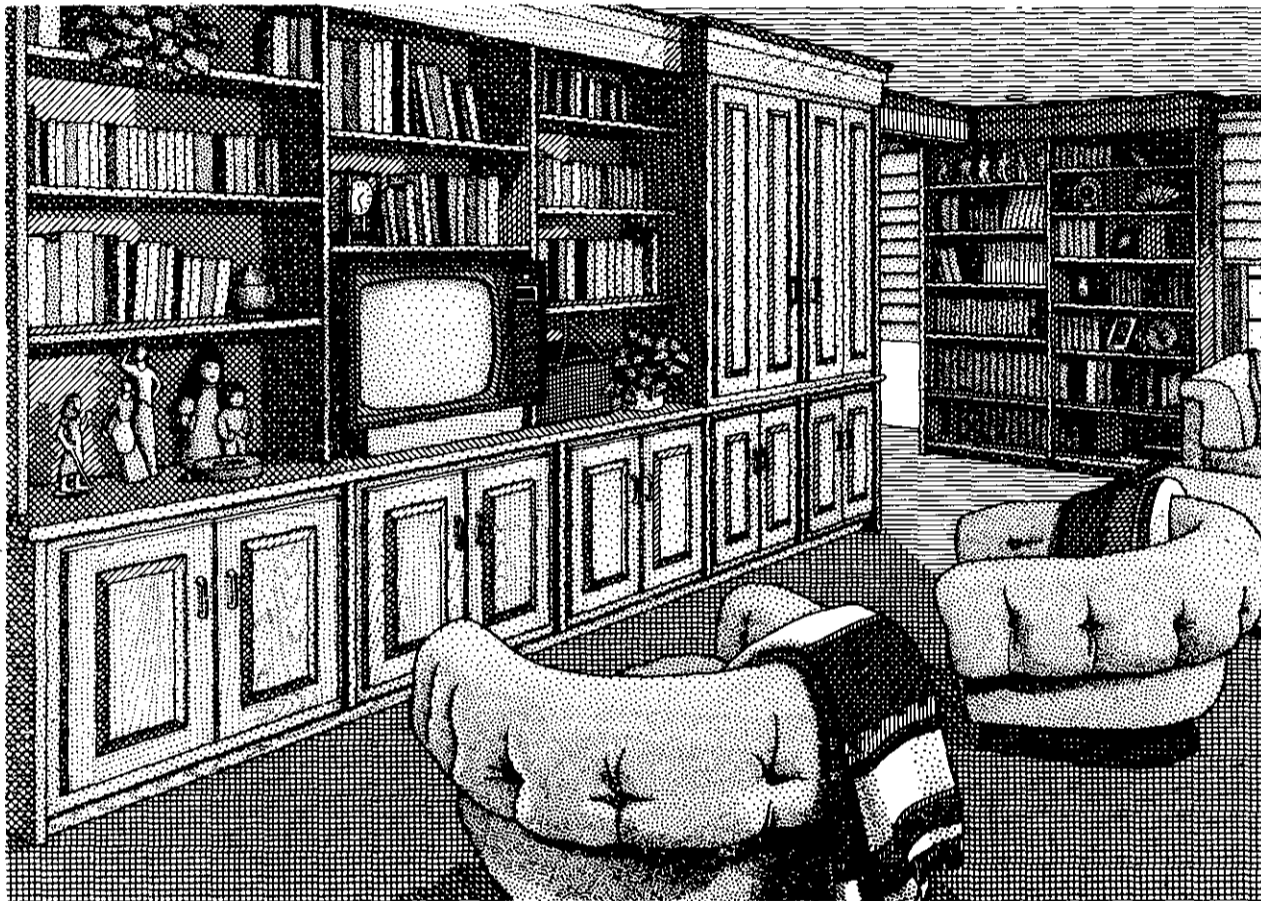
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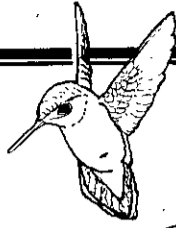
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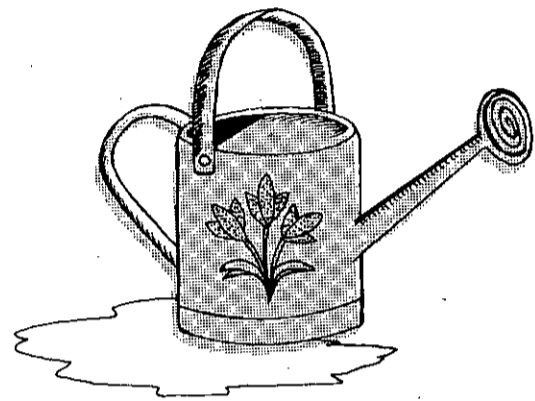
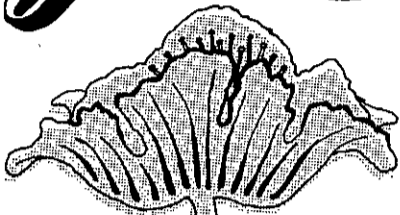
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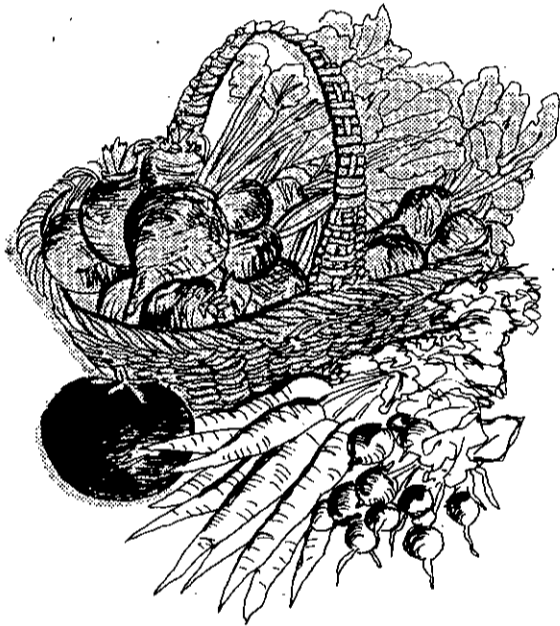
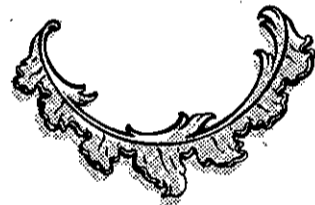


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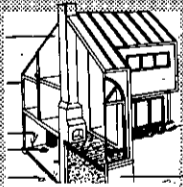
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Squaring off in Glenmont

Boxes yield bounty

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron



Robert Jackson has almost always had a garden. As a little boy in Minoa, N.Y., the East Syracuse railroad town to which the steam trains traveled from the local Selkirk yards, his job was to spade his mother's garden.

Today, however, Jackson doesn't have much spading to do. Or weeding. "Actually, there is very little time required," the retired Jackson says of his Glenmont garden, which he planted in the "square foot" method.

Ideal for townhouses and other areas with limited space, square foot gardening, introduced in the Public Broadcasting series of the same name, was originated by Mel Bartholomew.

In his book, *Square Foot Gardening*, Bartholomew recounts his experience with community gardening, and how his zealous group of 100 gardeners in April had turned to a lonely troop of three by fall. "There has got to be

a better way," Bartholomew says. "I began to question all of our current gardening methods and procedures. Why do we plant an entire pack of seeds all at once and then have to go back and thin most of them out? Why do we thin plants to stand 3, 6, and 12 inches apart in the row, but then leave 2 to 3 feet between rows? Why do we plant so thickly that we have to thin at all? Why do we dig or rototill our soil to make it nice and loose, then walk all over it and pack it down? Why do we let the summer vine crops spread out and occupy so much land, land that takes fertilizing, cultivating, weeding, and watering?"

Drawing on his engineering background, after a year of research, Bartholomew answered his own questions by designing the square foot method.

He theorizes that because there is no "out of bounds" in a garden, you don't set limits and goals for your garden, and it becomes easy to lose control before the season is through.

The square foot garden sets up boundaries by limiting the

amount of space, and therefore time, that is devoted to each vegetable, chore and step in the garden.

Each 12 inch by 12 inch square in the garden holds a different vegetable, flower or herb. The number of plants placed in each square depends on the particular variety, how big the plants get, and how far apart they should be to develop properly.

The major difference is that only a single seed is planted for each plant, and instead of being planted in rows, the plants are placed within a square, the same distance apart in all directions.

Single-seed growing is not as risky as it sounds. As Bartholomew points out, the average 85 cent packet of lettuce seeds contains enough for 1,975 heads of lettuce. Carrots average 1,550 per pack, and cabbage 560. While it is logical that not all of the seeds planted will sprout, at least 80 percent do, and without thinning, that would leave enough vegetables to feed a small town instead of a small family.

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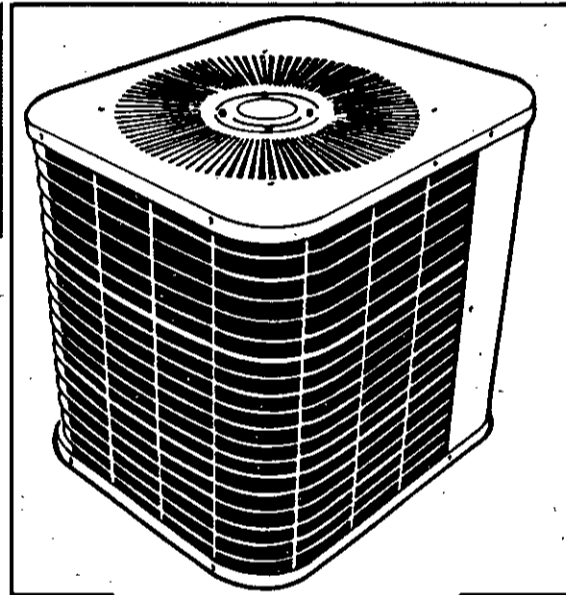
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Pick-your-own strawberries, red raspberries

Lymans welcome new growing season

By Theresa Bobear

Connoisseurs of fine berries are eagerly awaiting invitations through the Berry Hotline to pick strawberries and red raspberries at Lyman's Sleigh Bell Farm on Meads Lane in Delmar.

"Picking strawberries is something that's fun. You end up with something that's immediately edible, and the fresh product tastes so much better than the product that's shipped in," said Jane Lyman, farm manager and a former master gardener for the Cooperative Extension.

"We pick strawberries for about three weeks in June. Then we do the raspberries in September and October, and pumpkins and school tours in October," she said. "This will be our seventh strawberry harvest."

According to Lyman, everyone seems to enjoy picking berries, including families who want to do something together, people who like good desserts and people who make jams. "Older people come because they remember the flavor of berries from their youth," she said. "We try and make it a pleasant experience for people."

"We enjoy them all winter long. They're high in vitamin C. There's nothing like fresh fruit," said Lyman. "We generally freeze them and make them into jam. When people pick berries, I provide recipes for them."

Jane Lyman and her husband

Stuart, a veterinarian at the Delmar Animal Hospital, have lived in the area since 1974, and have been running their 100-acre farm in Delmar for about 8 1/2 years. They have two daughters, Carrie, 3, and Jamie, 12.

"We bought the farm because my husband's hobby is draft horses, and it's difficult to do that in the backyard," said Lyman. The draft horses are used for planting grain, pulling wagons and logging. "Right now we have three and we're hoping for two foals in the spring, hopefully before the strawberry season," she said.

The Lymans also have about a dozen sheep — black and white — and a dozen lambs. "We're hoping for a couple more," she said. While the fleeces are good for hand spinning, Lyman said the yarn, which they have made up in Maine, is also available.

According to Lyman, the children in nursery school and primary grades enjoy feeding the sheep during tours. "They're amazed by the horses' teeth and their bangs," she said. "There really is such a thing as a black sheep, like the nursery rhyme."

"We usually have a calf at that time that we're bottle feeding," she said.

In addition to traditional crops, such as corn, grain, hay, wheat and oats, Lyman said they decided to grow strawberries and raspberries because she likes them and she was not aware of another place to pick berries in the immediate area. She said about five acres are planted with strawberries, one to two acres

with raspberries, and one to two acres in pumpkins.

"For retail we grow pick-your-own strawberries, pick-your-own raspberries and pumpkins for the fall — pumpkins, Indian corn and gourds," she said.

"Farming has taught me an immense amount of patience, because there's really nothing you can do about the weather," Lyman said. "You just have to go with it."

"Last summer was really difficult because of the drought," she explained. "The strawberries were O.K., although the crop was smaller."

"If my fruit's not good, I don't open up and I don't sell it," Lyman said.

"I'm uncertain of this winter's effect on the plants because we had so many periods of warming followed by periods of chilling without adequate snow cover," she said. "We try to hedge against a winter of no snow by covering the strawberries with mulch."

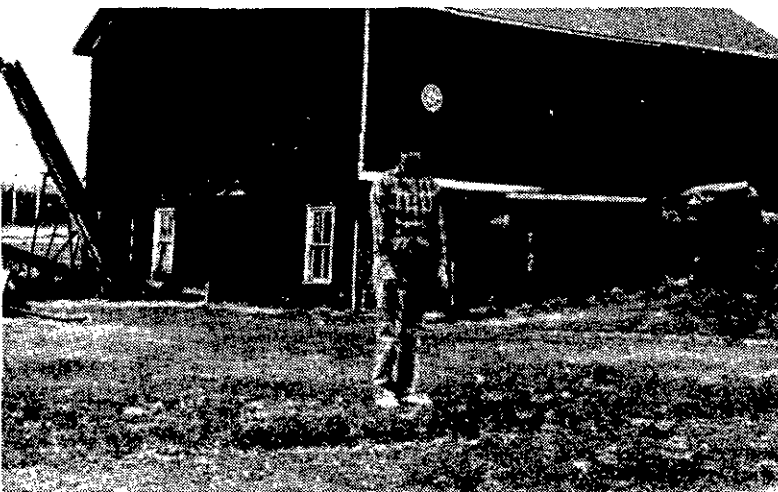
For area gardeners who welcome growing hints, Lyman suggests watering the plants well and mulching them heavily with a few layers of newspaper and wood chips, straw or special black plastic. She said the black plastic available for gardening is especially good for tomatoes, eggplant and peppers because it helps to warm the soil, slows evaporation and keeps the weeds down.

Lyman invites anyone interested in picking berries at the farm to call the Berry Hotline, 439-0345, for an update.

"I enjoy it. I like watching things grow and being involved in that process," she said. "I really enjoy sharing the fruit and meeting all the people."



Above: Jane Lyman and her daughter Carrie recently welcomed this lamb to their family. About one dozen lambs were born at the farm this spring. Below: Jane Lyman and Francis, a Belgian draft horse, stand in front of the strawberry fields at Lyman's Sleigh Bell Farm, Meads Lane, Delmar.



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Radon rectification

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

Recently, Voorheesville Building Inspector Jerry Gordinier, who usually spends his time checking other people's installations, got to do one himself for a change.

That wouldn't be too unusual, except that the installation was part of a workshop sponsored by the New York State Energy Office, and Gordinier was installing a sub-slab ventilation system which helps channel radon from indoors to the outside, where it disperses and becomes harmless.

While many area residents believed the radon controversy to be finished, Gordinier says, "The situation isn't going away."

Given the amount of information now available on the subject, he found that "A lot of people thought there was just too much controversy between experts, especially on the effects of lower radon levels, so instead of doing anything about it, they just walked away from it. Perhaps it was because they didn't see a lot of lung cancer in our community. But I haven't seen any expert play down radiation poisoning."

Gordinier said that while the current occupants of a residence may decide just to live with a low level, "there will be a time when the property is for sale and this will have to be addressed. It pops up in sales now. Usually the attor-

ney representing the buyer will want at least short-term radon testing. If you have a low level, depending on what the attorney feels, you can jump on whomever's bandwagon. But if you have a high reading, the experts all agree, the 'hot' houses have to be rectified before sale."

Gordinier points out that "the banks and the attorneys are bound. If the radon level is over four picocuries per litre, they can refuse the sale. And the seller seems to have to put at least \$5,000 in escrow to make sure the problem is taken care of, and of course the buyer is going to think that the most expensive rectification is the best kind to mitigate the problem."

Rectification is what Gordinier took part in during the Energy Department seminar. Participants installed a ventilation system found to be 98 percent effective in directing the radon to the outdoors through a plastic pipe system.

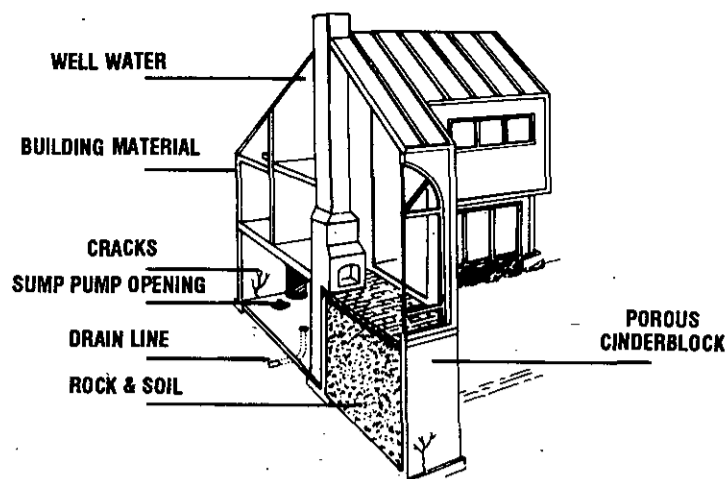
During the installation, the basement of the residence was sealed, along with the contraction joint. Holes were then bored into the concrete slab, tapping into the gravel below. Plastic piping was brought up from the slab and run around the basement in a loop, and the holes were sealed with no-shrink cement.

On one wall of the basement, an enclosed fan was installed, to which the pipe is channeled. When the fan is started, the radon follows the path of least resistance, and is sucked up through the soil and piped outside. The radon gas is rendered harmless once it is outdoors.

"Under good conditions, the materials, including fan, plastic piping and wire will cost about \$500, and labor another \$800," Gordinier said, pointing out that if clay or other less-porous material is under the basement or slab, more ventilation borings are necessary, and the price will increase. He said that while there are more expensive mitigation methods, none have proven more effective than the sub-slab ventilation.

Gordinier also noted that this should only be considered the "second stage" in doing rectification work.

The "first stage" is sealing, caulking and painting to see if those simple steps will stop the radioactive radon isotope from channeling up from the ground and entering the residence. If that is not successful, a more involved "second stage" process like the installation of a sub-slab ventilation system must be undertaken.



Radon pathways into the home

According to Gordinier, radon testing should be done over the course of several months or a year if possible. "If you are, for instance, selling a home in the winter, the levels could be much, much higher because the house is closed. With the house open in the summer, the radon disperses. The levels required are an average, but if you need to sell your house right away, and it happens to be in winter, you can't wait for that 12 month average," he said.

"I've also seen the reverse. The sale goes through in the summer, the mortgage goes through, and six months later, the buyer is going crazy with radon."

Gordinier noted that contractors are concerned about radon, because they fear lawsuits if anyone in a given household comes down with lung cancer, and that many are installing the sub-slab systems as standard features in new homes.

"You can make it a point to put the gravel in, and to put the piping in the footings, along with the vertical piece of pipe. Then if they need it, it's a \$300 fan run to the outside, and they're all set. With the cost of today's homes, adding these items hardly shows," he said.

Gordinier feels that "the problem is really in existing homes", and that anyone testing for radon should look for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approval on their test kits, and make sure that they are sent to a reputable test lab. He suggested contacting the Albany County Health Department for the names of reputable labs.

Gordinier said that while, to his knowledge, the radon problems in Voorheesville have been taken care of, the village has discussed a law to regulate the installation of mitigation systems. According to Gordinier, the village's concern is that they could be "dragged into court" if they required a certain system, and the system failed.

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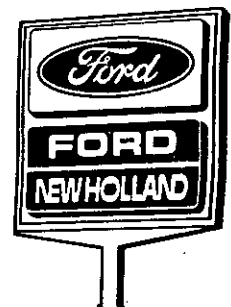
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Square foot gardening offers options

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Bob Jackson has two "boxes" of plants, containing 32 squares each. The soil in parts of Glenmont tends to be heavy with clay, so Jackson removed it — conveniently placing it on excavation piles from some houses being built in his development — and refilled his boxes with leaf mulch and soils from the nearby town garage. (In the spring, many residents of the development can be seen strolling leisurely towards the garage, plastic containers in hand.)

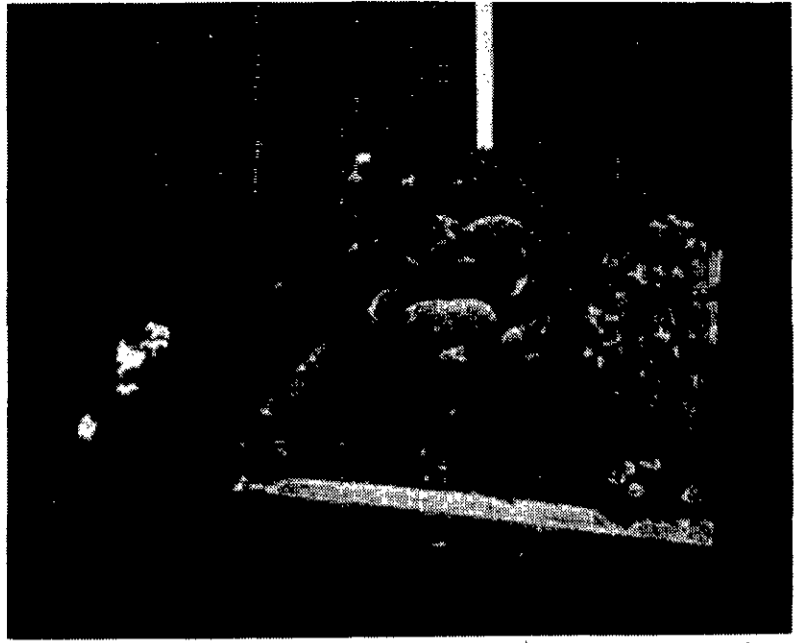
"I do wonder what the neighbors think though when they see me out after each rain, scooping up earth worms to put in the

boxes," he said.

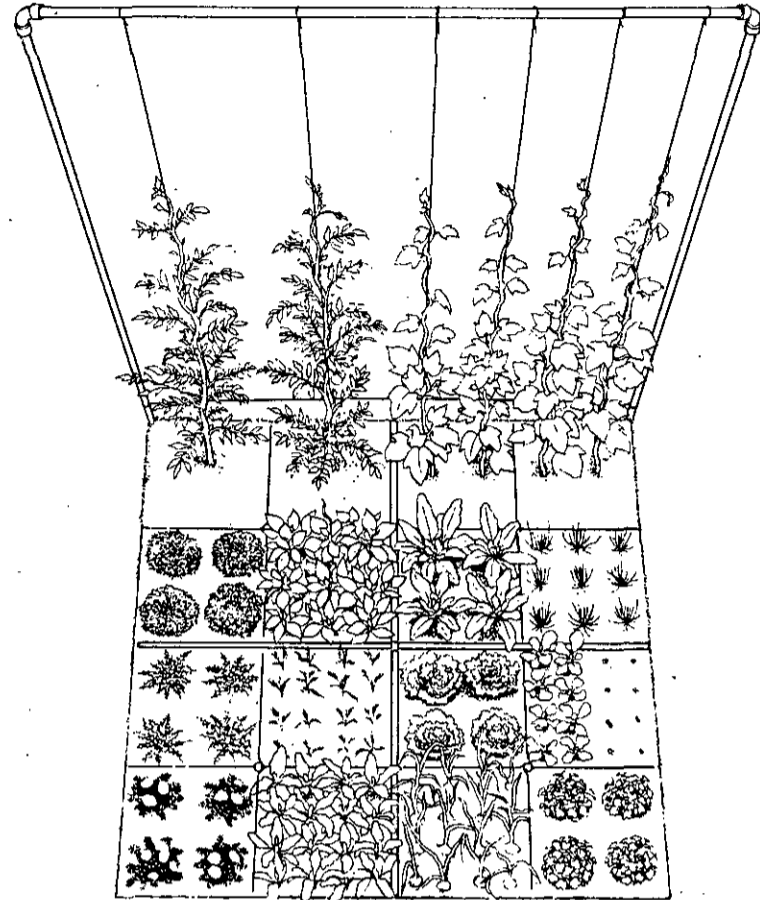
Jackson buys his seeds from Vessey's, a Canadian seed catalog, because he thinks they are harder for our climate. Starting at the end of May, he plants his individual seeds and purchases tomato plants. Any vine-type plants including tomatoes and

squash are trained up a trellis at the back of the square foot garden to save space. The other plants are placed with height in mind, ranging from the tallest at the back to the smallest in front to receive the optimum sunlight.

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Bob Jackson's Glenmont squares yield cabbage, tomatoes, onions, carrots, lettuce and other vegetables and flowers from June to late September. On the facing page, squash, zucchini and pumpkins grow up a trellis at the rear of the squares.



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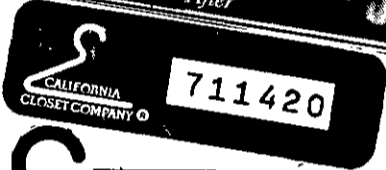
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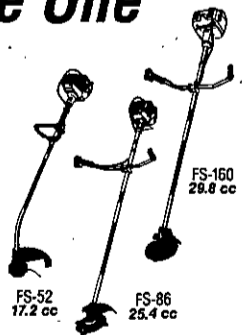
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mended. "Marigolds are supposed to be good at controlling the Mexican bean beetle, and I planted nasturtiums to keep the squash bugs away," Jackson said. "But the squash plant grew so big that it eventually covered and killed the nasturtium," he added, saying that his State Fair and Pom Pom zinnias fared much better.

"The first year I tried too many things, and I found for our soil, the root vegetables — carrots, radishes etcetera — didn't do very well. They grew, but they didn't produce as well as I thought," Jackson said. "I had much better luck with tomatoes, peppers, cabbages, and bush and pole beans." Jackson even grew one pumpkin by Halloween, which he bestowed upon his granddaughter.

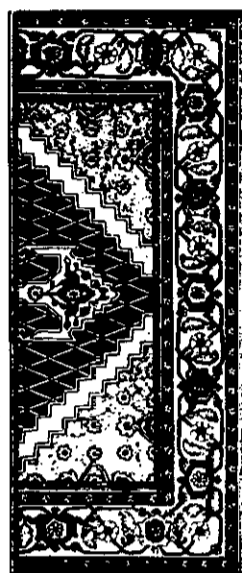
"There is virtually no weeding, and assuming it is just a couple of beds or boxes, very easy watering as well. And I really enjoy doing it. It's much more fun than cutting grass, and it's a modest challenge for us old folks," Jackson said, adding that "I can't say I do it for the crops, it's more for the enjoyment than the necessity. You're all set to have a salad, and you go and pick that tomato right from the vine, and it just makes it!"

Fitzsimmons elected chairman

Mark Fitzsimmons of Bethlehem was recently appointed at-large member and elected chairman of the board of the Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District. He replaces Howard Zimmer of Berne, who served on the board for over 16 years. Christopher Biscone, Granger representative, was re-elected vice-chairman and County Legislator Charles Houghtaling was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Other board members include Charles Boone of the Farm Bureau, and County Legislator James Perkinson.

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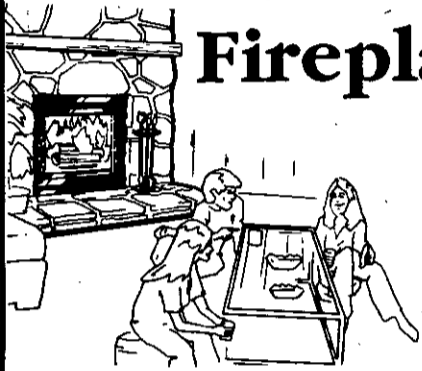
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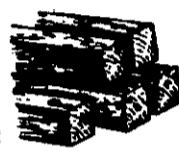
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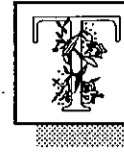
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board, wood or tin.) Set the spreader on one of the suggested settings, fill it with the material you plan to apply, open the spreader and cover a 100 square foot area. * Try to walk at a consistent speed with uniform steps. * (ext. If your spreader is one foot wide, go forward 100 feet; 1 1/2 feet wide go 66 feet; 2 feet wide, 50 feet). After you have covered the right distance, shut the spreader off and weigh the collected material. This will give you the rate for a 100 square foot area. Most lawn chemical recommendations are done on a 1,000 square foot basis. If so, multiply your figure by 10 to find the appropriate rate. If your test walk rate was too high, shut the spreader down a notch or two and try again. If your number was too low, open up the spreader and take another spin. When you do find the correct setting, record it with material used for future reference.

IPM for pests

Cornell Cooperative
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Want to have a healthy, lush lawn and help protect the environment at the same time? When choosing a lawn care company this spring, select one that practices integrated pest management (IPM) principles.

Integrated pest management involves gardening and lawn care techniques that use biological, chemical, mechanical, and cultural methods of controlling pests, not just chemical ones. Instead of routinely spraying for pests that may or may not be present, IPM uses more thoughtful, and environmentally sounder, techniques that can help protect the environment while also providing a healthy home landscape.

"A lawn care company that uses IPM will first identify any pest or other problem before routinely treating the lawn with chemicals," says Rod Ferrentino, ornamen-

tals IPM coordinator with Cornell Cooperative Extension.

"A fundamental concept of IPM is targeting treatments, especially chemical treatments, to specific pests and areas," he explains. Chemicals are excellent tools for protecting turf, but only when used in correct amounts and at appropriate times.

The lawn must be monitored and checked regularly for problems, so that any problems can be controlled before they get out of hand. A small infestation of insects can become a large one, if not controlled immediately. Applying a control strategy for a small infestation of a pest before the problem reaches large areas reduces the amount of material needed and decreases the chance of potential hazards. For most lawns, checking and monitoring for problems once or twice a month is adequate.

Companies using IPM techniques will choose possible treatments from a large array of choices, not just chemical solutions. Perhaps the mowing isn't being done properly or irrigation is inadequate. The soil may need to be aerated or perhaps just one tree needs to be sprayed for insects, but not the entire yard.

"True pest management requires correct identification, early detection, and then the application of appropriate solutions," Ferrentino says. "Chemicals are useful, but not always the best choice. The focus should be on lawn management, not using chemicals first."

Record-keeping is an important element of IPM. The lawn care company must, by law, keep accurate records of treatment, but the homeowner, too, should keep track of problems and treatments. Such records can create a history of lawn care that will then help with future diagnosis and decisions.

While IPM helps protect the

environment from potentially dangerous chemicals, environmentalists aren't the only ones who should be interested in IPM. A good IPM lawn care program can result in a much healthier lawn and home garden that one not governed by IPM principles.

"IPM recognizes how difficult it can be to completely eradicate a pest," Ferrentino says, "and that using too many chemicals at the wrong time can wipe out beneficial organisms along with the undesirable ones. IPM aims to control pests at acceptable levels, with the least amount of impact on beneficials and the environment."

Using a variety of cultural and control techniques, rather than relying solely on chemicals will not, Ferrentino says, result in a less lovely lawn. In fact, lawns protected with IPM tactics may be healthier, in the long run, than lawns treated solely with chemicals.

Check your home's interior


Push the test button on your home's smoke detector. These life-saving devices should be checked monthly, according to manufacturer's directions. Replace batteries, if necessary.

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Of all the cacti, one of Johnson's favorites is the orchid cactus. "It's rather big. It's not the best looking plant in the world, but it has gorgeous flowers," he said. "Cactus-wise, this is the time of year things really start to flowering."

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William M. Johnson, owner of Bill's Violets in Slingerlands, says the triple blossoms of the Easter Pink variety of African violet contribute to its popularity. In addition to many varieties of African violets, begonias and hanging plants, Johnson has some 100 varieties of cacti on display (below). Theresa Bobear



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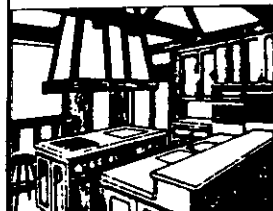
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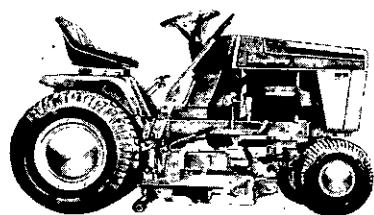
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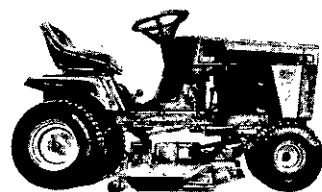
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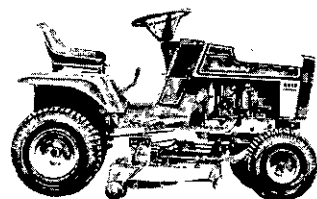
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Start with Perennials: Once established, they come up year after year and include many tall growers that form an excellent permanent backdrop for beds and borders. Try mixing varieties that

bloom at different times for all-season color.

Good choices for spring bloom are Dutch irises, lupines and peonies; for summer, delphiniums, foxglove (*digitalis*), old-fashioned hollyhocks and fragrant phlox; for fall, monkshood and full-sized chrysanthemums. All of these are sunshine lovers.

Fill In With Annuals: In front of your perennial backdrop or in front of foundation plantings and evergreen borders, along walks and drive-ways, etc., plant started annuals. Popular mid-height choices are geraniums, petunias, marigolds and zinnias, all sun lovers, and available in a rainbow of colors.

For a low growing border, try blue ageratum and pink or white sweet alyssum.

Color in the Shade: If your garden doesn't get much sunshine, don't despair. Lots of flowers thrive and bloom even in deep shade. The most popular flower for shade are impatiens, but con-

sider others like primroses, tuberous begonias and hostas.

Preparing the Soil: Till the soil to a depth of six to eight inches and mix in a slow-release fertilizer. If needed (at new home sites especially) add soil improvers like peat moss, compost or manure. This can be done by hand or with a rototilling machine.

Mulch — the labor and water saver: After you've planted your garden, water everything thoroughly and then lay down several inches of an organic mulch such as bark, wood chips or straw. The mulch will keep weeds in the dark so they don't sprout, hold moisture in the soil to save water, keep plant roots cool in the hot weather and give the whole garden a neat, finished appearance. If you use pine bark (or needles) as mulch, be sure to add some lime to the soil to compensate for the pine's natural acidity.

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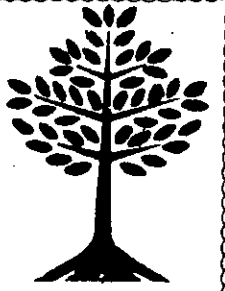
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If your lawn appears to be in reasonably good condition, and weeds are not a problem, fertilize

before the first flush of new growth and follow the watering and mowing tips below. But, if more than 25 percent of your lawn is dead or badly damaged, you will need to dethatch and overseed to re-establish healthy turf. Follow these simple steps:

1. Rent a power rake or verticutter. These machines loosen thatch and bring it to the surface where it can be removed with a rake or lawn sweeper. The verticutter actually slices into the existing turf, creating a bed for new seed.

2. Purchase a good quality grass seed mixture recommended for your area and conditions. Beware bargain seed — it

often contains a high percentage of weeds and inert matter.

3. Overseed at a rate of 8 to 10 seeds per square inch. The slices made by the verticutter will provide a perfect bed for the new seeds.

4. After seeding, apply a spring lawn fertilizer with crabgrass control to prevent crabgrass from germinating and to feed the developing grass seedlings. The low nitrogen formula is ideal for sprouting seedlings and will provide some immediate greening of the existing grass.

5. Water gently several times daily with a lawn sprinkler. The seeded areas should be kept uni-

formly moist but not sopping. Never let the soil surface dry out completely while the seed is germinating — two to four weeks, or until grass is at least two inches high.

6. When new grass passes the two inch mark, it's time to mow. But don't scalp it! Throughout the growing season, adjust mower height to allow for a cut no shorter than two inches in spring and fall, and 2 1/2 to three inches during the hot weather. The extra length gives the grass some protection from heat and drought and provides more leaf area for nutrient production to build strong, healthy turf.

Mowing Tip: Before the mowing season gets underway, have

your mower blade sharpened and then check its condition periodically. A dull blade rips the tops off grass plants, giving the whole lawn a sickly, greyish appearance.

7. After six weeks of new growth, it's advisable to feed the entire lawn with a slow-release, high nitrogen (30-4-4) fertilizer.

8. If dandelions and other broadleaf weeds are present, apply a complete fertilizer with weed killer.

9. In the autumn, apply a low nitrogen (10-16-20) fall fertilizer with calcium and sulphur to stimulate root development, "winterize" the grass and give it a strong head start in spring.

10. When you water, remember, an occasional deep watering is far better for a lawn than a daily sprinkle. Run your sprinkler until at least an inch of water has been applied over the entire lawn. A cup or can placed in the path of the sprinkler makes a handy water meter.

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Evaluate soil before planting

By Donald A. Rakow, Dept. of Flor. & Orn. Hort. Cornell



You love the grace and beauty of rhododendrons, and have long admired the ones that you have seen growing in the cool shade of wooded hillsides. The only problem is that your property has an alkaline soil pH of 7.6, and rhododendrons thrive on acid soils. Do you try your luck and plant them anyway? Better not.

All sites are appropriate for some plants; all plants are appropriate for some sites. Trouble arises, however, when landscapers or homeowners start to assume that *any* plant is appropriate for *any* site.

Before selecting the appropriate plants for a site, it is essential to analyze that site. You can do this by walking around the property and evaluating prevailing environmental conditions. First, note soil characteristics, including drainage, soil type, and pH.

To determine the nature of subsurface drainage, dig a hole 1 1/2 — 2 feet, or to the depth of a hardpan layer. Fill the hole with water and observe the rate at which the water drains. If it takes more than a day to empty, the site should be considered poorly drained. Plants that cannot tolerate chronically wet roots, such as *Taxus* (yews), should not be placed in areas where subsurface drainage is inadequate.

The type of soil and its pH can be determined by your local Cornell Cooperative Extension staff. Most woody plants prefer a

soil pH in the slightly acid range of 6.1 — 6.9. Others, such as rhododendrons, actually prefer a more acidic pH below 6.1.

While conducting your walk, also note the topography around the site. Is it flat, sloping or steep? Very steep areas can be stabilized by planting a woody groundcover, like a prostrate juniper or a *Dier-villa*. But steep slopes can be very difficult locations for trying to establish upright shrubs, such as viburnums.

Does the site dip in certain spots into low pockets? Low spots can be collectors of rain water, and thus are also sites where drainage can be poor. Are there rocky areas where the soil is thin? Trees that normally have long tap roots, such as walnuts, hickories, and oaks, are especially intolerant of such sites. Better to stick with shallow-rooted shrubs.

Next, look around at the prevailing climatic factors, including the direction of prevailing winds, the changing patterns of sun and shade, and where the most extreme temperatures are likely to

be experienced. Broadleaved evergreens and weak-limbed trees such as birches should be planted where they will be protected from the force of winter winds, which can burn the foliage of the former and twist the natural shape of the latter.

In general, plants that can tolerate dull day sun are also those that can thrive in summer's heat. Plants that are intolerant of these conditions are those, like rhododendrons, mountain laurels, and hollies, that occur naturally in the cooler understory of a forest. Very exposed sites also typically have the coldest winter temperatures. Plan to plant only the hardiest species in sites that catch the brunt of winter's cold.

Many other considerations should figure into the selection of the right plants for a property, including the size, shape, and ornamental features of particular plants. By first going through the process of analyzing a site and selecting plants tolerant of that site, you will be ensuring that the plants not only will look good, but that they also will survive.

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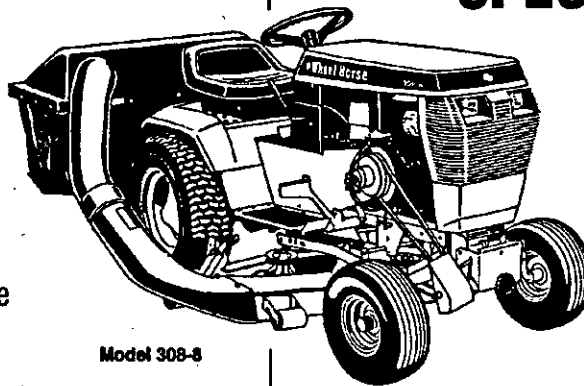
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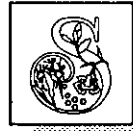
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Low maintenance increases leisure Landscaping for enjoyment

By Jeanne Mackin,
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Spring showers bring flowers... and a return to maintaining your outdoor living area.

If mowing the lawn, weeding the flower beds, and pruning the shrubs make you dread the work of spring and summer rather than anticipating the pleasures of the season, consider investing your time and efforts in a low-maintenance landscape plan. It can benefit your leisure time, your neighborhood, and the environment. If

there's a chance you may be selling your home in the future, a low-maintenance plan can also make the property more desirable to buyers.

"Many of the landscape traditions and management procedures that are taken for granted in the United States are outmoded, wasteful of energy and money, and can be harmful to the natural environment as well as to public health", says Marvin I. Adleman, Landscape Architecture Specialist for Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Manicured lawns, he points out, originated in England where wet climate and heavy soils make turfgrass almost self-maintaining. But in the United States turfgrass may require vast quantities of water, fertilizer, limestone, herbicides, and pesticides. And formal, severely pruned shrubs date from a time when country houses came complete with a full-time gardener.

If you'd rather enjoy your landscape than dedicate your time and wallet to maintaining it, try these techniques to cut down on the labor your yard and garden require.

- Where possible, reduce lawn area by establishing an infrequently mown "meadow" area, using wildflowers or woody or perennial ground-cover plants. Not only do you cut down on maintenance work, but you help the environment by cutting back on the amount of chemicals needed to maintain the landscape.

- In an area with large trees, let the natural mulch of leaf litter remain on the ground to establish a woody, low maintenance area.

- Avoid shrubs that have to be pruned into formal, geometric shapes. Instead, use shrubs with form and growth habits in character with those that can be seen in the surrounding natural landscape and need only minimal pruning.

- When selecting trees for the home landscape, choose those that are native to the region. They can add a distinct and special local character to your home and landscape and may require less care than more exotic species not native to the area.

- On a large property, create small, human-scale species with a sense of enclosure, rather than trying to manicure and maintain the entire area.

- Consider the site and its potential, rather than trying to drastically change the site. For instance, lawns are best on flat, open areas where people will want

to walk or play. Slopes and marshy areas, rather than being converted to lawn, can be left natural or planted with self-maintaining ground covers.

- Limit the size of flower beds to keep them relatively easy to maintain. A two-sided plant bed, for instance, shouldn't be more than six feet wide; a one-sided plant bed shouldn't be more than three feet wide. Long, running borders are easier to maintain if they are no wider than one foot.

- Avoid planting shrubs in the lawn area; they'll increase maintenance time and create a fussy visual result. Instead, group them in plant beds.

- For paving, fencing, and site furnishings, use natural local materials that will stand up under harsh weather conditions. When planning new elements of the outdoor landscape, consider the maintenance they will require, and whether or not you want to do the work involved. A fountain, for instance, can provide much beauty to a garden. . . but it also requires constant work to repair leaks and get rid of algae buildup and stagnation. Do you really want a white picket fence that has to be painted yearly, or would a low-maintenance forest edge provide an equally attractive edge to your outdoor areas? Consider that the less work your outdoor area requires, the more likely you will be to maintain it at its peak condition. "A plan that requires relatively low maintenance is much more likely to endure than one that requires excessive time or expense to maintain. The more natural an area is, the easier the maintenance will likely be," Adleman says.

For more information on how to plan, design and bring to completion a home landscape plan, contact your local Cornell Cooperative Extension Office for a copy of "Liveable Landscape Design" by Adleman and John F. Collins. There is a charge for this publication.

(Resource: Marvin I. Adleman, Landscape Architecture Program, Dept. of Floriculture and Ornamental Horticulture, New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University. "Liveable Landscape Design", Cornell Cooperative Extension Publication, Information Bulletin 211, by John F. Collins and Marvin I. Adleman)

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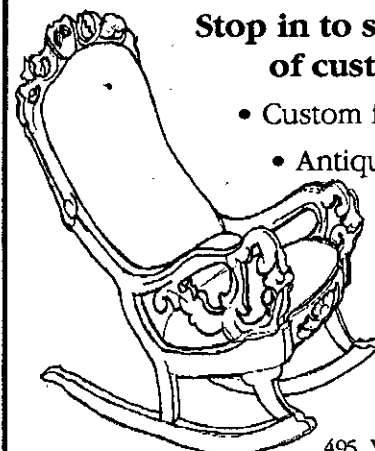
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Growing healthy vegetables

Good gardening is largely a matter of common sense. But it helps to know a couple of tricks. Here are some tips to help reduce your work load and keep your garden free of weeds and pests for a beautiful, bountiful harvest.

Dig you must

Soil preparation is half the weed battle. Cultivate to a depth of 8 to 10 inches with a tiller or by hand. You'll not only loosen and aerate the soil, you'll bury a lot of weed seeds and insect eggs deep enough to kill them.

Choose seeds & plants carefully

Check seed packets or seedling labels for disease-resistance. A tomato labelled "VFN" means it's resistant to Verticillium wilt, Fusarium and nematodes. Ask the nursery what kinds are best.

Plant in blocks

Plant your seed or started

seedlings in tight blocks a foot or so square, with boards or straw-mulched paths in between. This checkerboard method leaves little bare ground for weeds to invade and gives easy access to plants.

Mix things up

Mix blocks of vegetables with herbs, flowers and other ornamental plants for a more interesting garden, and to discourage attack by large numbers of the same kind of pest.

Beat the bugs, safely

You needn't panic and start spraying chemicals around if you see a bug. Plants can tolerate a few pests without serious damage. If you must take action, keep it simple:

- To control slugs, sink a shallow dish to its rim in the garden and fill it with beer. Crowds of these voracious pests will be attracted, fall in and drown overnight.

- To foil cutworms, put paper cup collars around your tomato plants, and sink them an inch or two into the soil.

- Hand pick and squash tomato hornworms, or use Bt, (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) a natural control for caterpillars and worms.

- Use safe, insecticidal soaps for aphids, mealybugs, spider mites, scale and whitefly.

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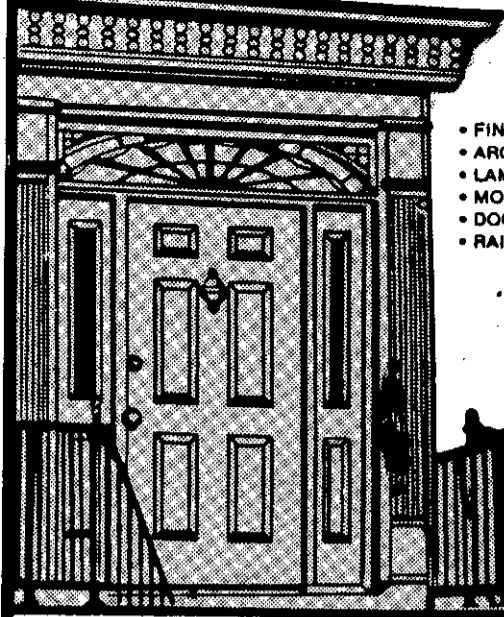
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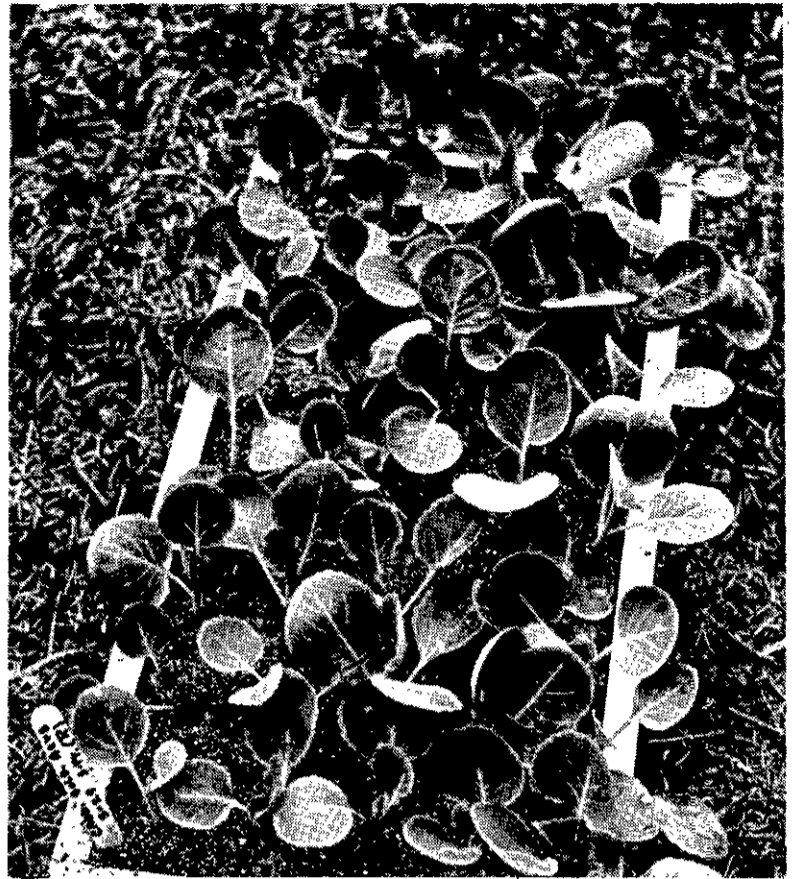
ladybugs and praying mantis which feed on aphids and other pests.

Water at the Ground Level: Don't hose vegetable plants down. Keeping leaves and fruit dry will greatly reduce plant diseases. Investing in a simple drip irrigation kit or soaker hose will save work and water, while helping keep plants healthy.

Good gardening habits and a sensible approach to pest and weed control make for an attractive garden and a healthy harvest.

Conservation district to lease equipment

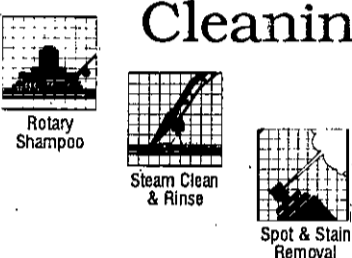

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Planting a salad garden

The fun, flavor and satisfaction of home-raised vegetables prompts millions of American homeowners to plant backyard gardens every year. But, until recently, those of us who live in apartments or simply lack the space, time and energy for full-scale gardening have had to settle for store-bought fare.

The recent development of modern, lightweight potting mixes and the availability of large, inexpensive containers has made it possible to raise prize-winning vegetables on a deck, patio or even in a sunny windowsill. Container gardeners are now raising tomatoes, peppers, even sweet corn in pots. Salad greens are among the easiest to grow and will make a beautifully decorative planter as well.

Here are some tips for planting your own salad bowl garden.

- Select a wide-mouthed container at least five or six inches deep. Glazed or unglazed ceramic bowls are excellent, but you may use any suitable-sized container provided it has drainage holes in the bottom.

- Fill the container with a lightweight, soilless potting container gardening mix.

- Plant seed or started transplants from your garden center. Loose leaf, non-heading varieties of lettuce work best. Here are some other easy-to-grow, good-tasting vegetables to try: Swiss chard — resembles lettuce, but doesn't bolt to seed in hot weather. Try the ruby red variety, "Rhubarb," interplanted with green salad vegetables for a beautifully decorative bowl.

Scallions — Interesting to grow and a zesty addition to salads and other recipes. Grow them from seed or from onion "sets" available at the garden center in spring.

Radishes — Fastest growers, and many delicious kinds to choose from. Plant radishes every few weeks to ensure a continuous supply.

- Set your salad bowl gardens where they'll receive five or six hours of sunshine daily. Bowls of lettuce alone will tolerate somewhat less than this. If you place the bowls outdoors on patio or deck, remember to wait until

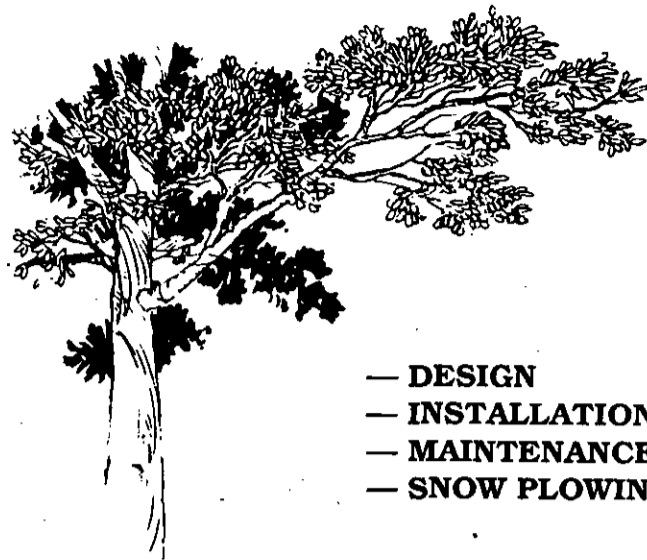
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Salad bowl gardens can be grown spring through fall on a patio or deck and year round on a sunny spot indoors. This container gardener has planted bowls with several different kinds of lettuce and herbs.

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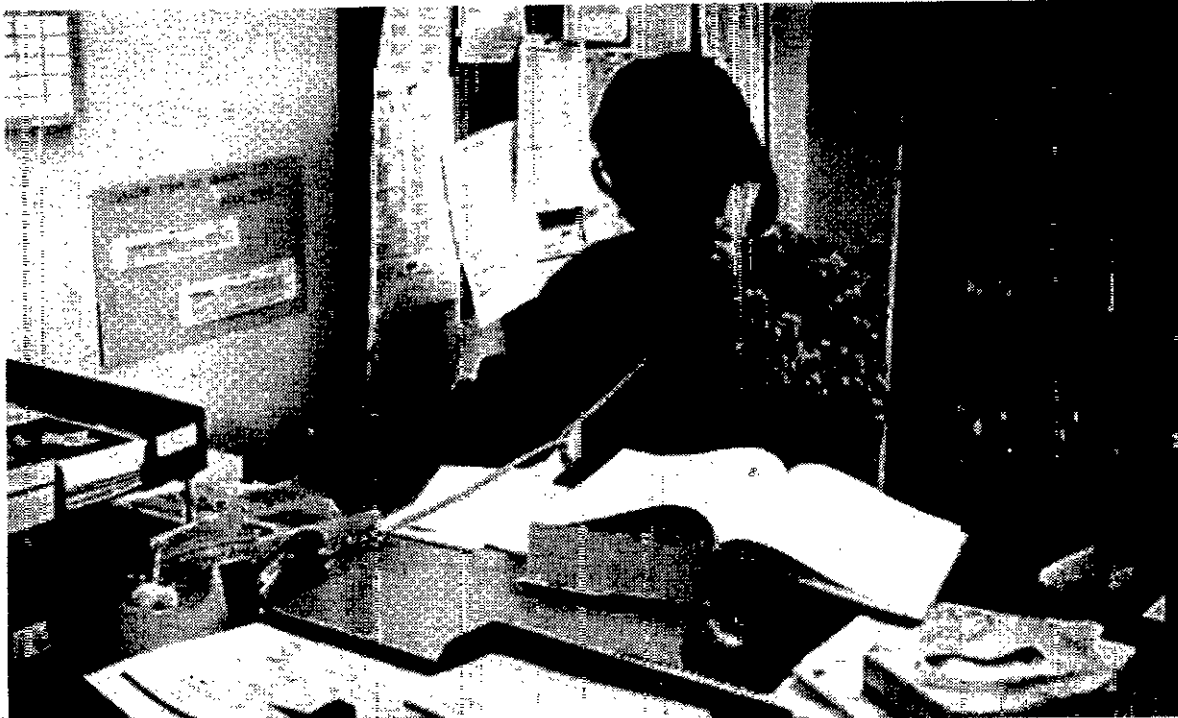
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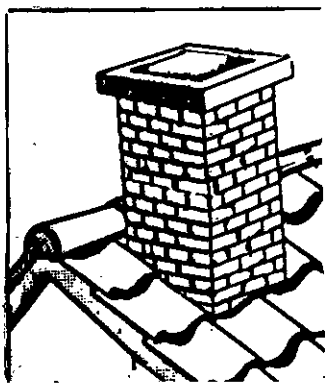


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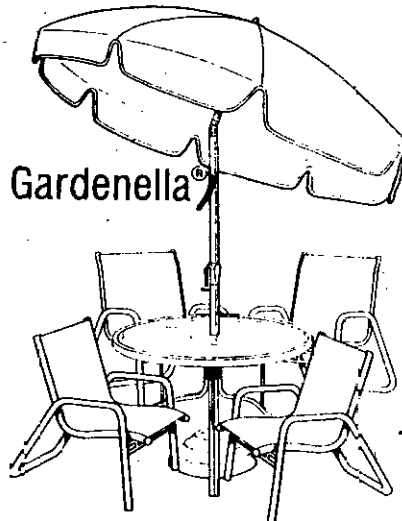
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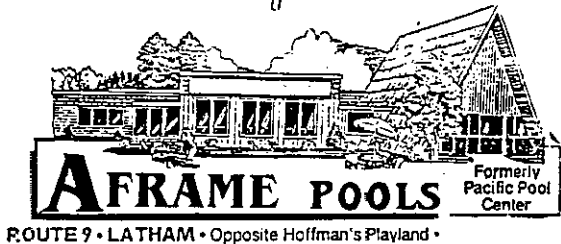
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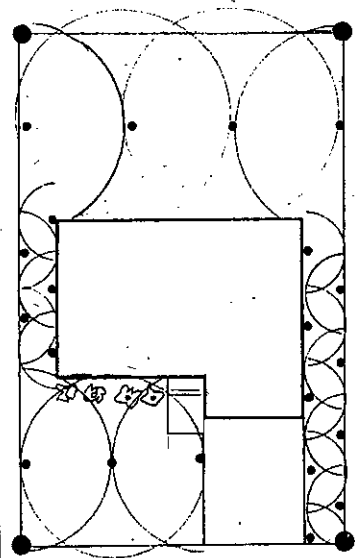
Langford won the award in the residential residing category for his work on the Farley residence in New Scotland.

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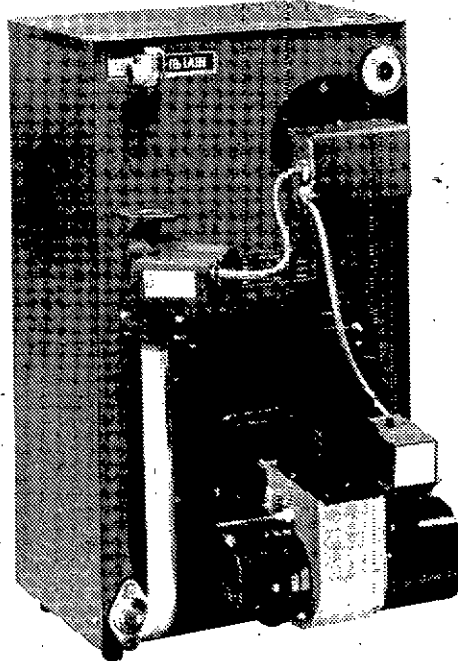
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danger of frost is past. As the weather turns warmer, you will need to provide some shade during the hottest part of the day to slow lettuce down and prolong your harvest.

- Keep the soil in your containers uniformly moist but not soggy. If you have a number of containers planted, or need to be away from home for a day or two, you may want to consider some kind of automatic watering system such as drip irrigation. There are several good kits available for home container gardeners.

- Vegetables grown in containers do best with small amounts of fertilizer applied often. Feed them with a complete fertilizer (one containing nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium plus trace elements) starting when they are four to six inches tall and then every two weeks thereafter, using half the amount recommended on the package.

Once your salad bowls are up and growing, use them as decorative accents on your patio, deck or a sunny spot indoors. For added color, try mixing them with pots of bright edible annual flowers like nasturtiums, or flowering herbs.

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- Balsam fir. Requires abundant moisture, full sun, will not do well in heavy, wet clay soil. Former leading Christmas tree. Average growth in 8 to 12 years is six feet.

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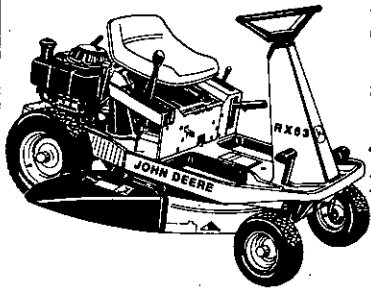
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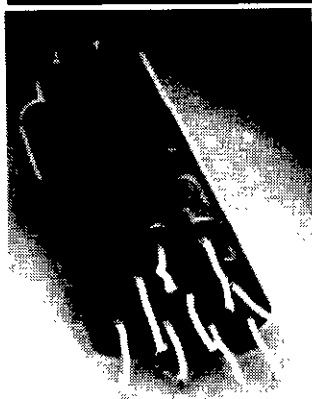
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Topsoil key to gardening

By Jeanne Mackin
Cornell Cooperative Extension



ommon as dirt" is a saying many homeowners would find fault with. . . especially if "dirt" refers to

topsoil, a commodity that can be distressingly uncommon when it's time to plant a yard or garden. In fact, many homeowners must purchase topsoil if their yards and gardens are to thrive.

New homeowners especially may need to buy topsoil. It is not unusual for home contractors, in the process of building a home, to strip the topsoil from the lot and resell it. The subsoil left behind is heavier than topsoil, containing more clay and less organic matter, so that it is not desirable for plant growth.

"If you're having a home built, you may want to stipulate that the contractor leave the topsoil on your property," says Cornell Cooperative Extension lawn specialist Norman Hummel. He is with the Department of Floriculture and Ornamental Horticulture in the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University.

In an existing landscape, home gardeners may need to add topsoil to certain areas before seeding or planting.

When it is necessary to purchase topsoil, the search for suppliers can begin with the telephone yellow pages; or ask local nurseries if they recommend any particular topsoil supplier.

Topsoil usually is sold by the

cubic yard. Approximately 12 cubic yards are needed to cover 1,000 square feet with 4 inches of topsoil, the recommended minimum depth. Remember, though, that not all soils are created equal. A good topsoil must meet certain requirements for plants to thrive, in addition to having the minimum depth.

"The ideal topsoil should be a loam of fine sandy loam of good tilth or structure," Hummel says. "Avoid soils that are sediment deposits, or soils that contain large clods of rocks. A topsoil should be slightly acidic, with a pH of about 6.5. It should contain at least 3 percent organic matter."

If you're buying an appreciable quantity of topsoil, you can ask to have the soil tested. If the supplier is not willing to do a test or give test results, ask for a sample handful of the topsoil and take it to your local Cornell Cooperative Extension office for a soil test. A small fee is charged for the test, and it will take about two weeks to get the test results back. The test will reveal pH, percent organic matter, and nutrient levels in the soil. It will tell you what fertilizer would be best to use with the soil to supply any missing nutrients.

In addition to testing the topsoil, consumers also should ask where the soil is coming from. If, for instance, it came from an agricultural field where crops, especially corn, were planted the year before, there may be other problems with the soil. "Herbicide residues might be in the soil," Hummel explains. "These residues could prevent grass and other plants from doing well."

Most soil tests will not reveal herbicide residues. For that, a bio-

assay test should be done. This can be easily performed by the consumer. Ask for a sample of soil; then plant cucumber seeds in it, following normal planting procedures. If the seeds take longer than a week to germinate, or if the seed germinates but then dies, there may be herbicide residue in the soil. "If so, don't buy that soil," Hummel recommends.

If small quantities of soil are needed, say for a flower bed or shrub planting, Hummel recommends working with the soil already there, rather than purchasing topsoil. Test the existing soil for pH balance and nutrient composition, and add organic matter such as peat moss, compost, and manure to it. Contact your local Cooperative Extension Office for a pH test.

Resource: Norman Hummel, Department of Floriculture and Ornamental Horticulture, New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University.

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