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## Senior committee gets new mission

### Bethlehem seeks more housing aid

By Bob Hagyard

Bethlehem has given its Senior Housing Committee a new name and new duties.

The main role of the new Town Board Senior Services Advisory Committee will be to discover sources of grant money for senior citizens programs, said Supervisor Kenneth Ringler and Karen Pelletier, director of the town senior services agency. The name change followed a one-hour roundtable discussion between board and committee members last Wednesday night.

The panel would also lay down the ground rules ("structure delivery systems") for any new senior housing and transportation programs to be formed through outside aid.

The main focus is still housing. Across New York State the population is aging, and federal cutbacks are sending senior

citizen advocates to municipal boards for public assistance.

"The last thing I would like to see is for this committee to disband," said Ringler. "This is a community resource we should definitely take advantage of."

Said Robert Burns, the town board's lone Democrat: "We are an aging population, and we've got to look at funding. The services we offer (to seniors) are as important to the town as police protection."

Assistance for Bethlehem residents could take two forms:

- Senior housing through HUD Section 202 and other funding mechanisms. Before the board is a request to create a "floating" senior citizen housing zone, which the committee endorses, to permit construction of a 50-unit senior complex off North Street, Delmar.

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## Dash on a spring day



Over 300 runners started in Sunday's second annual Delmar Dash. Top Bethlehem finishers were Carolyn Riley (left) and Bill Wells. The five-mile run was sponsored by Policy Research Associates of 262 Delaware Ave.

Elaine McLain

## New Scotland shapes its future

By Mike Larabee

Mapping out New Scotland's master plan is a kind of balancing act, according to John Montaigne of the C.T. Male engineering firm in Latham. He said the goal is a plan that moves toward workable zoning for the future without disrupting the overall character of the town.

"I've been on both sides of the fence," he said. "I've worked on subdivision projects where I've had to deal with regulations, and I've also helped write them."

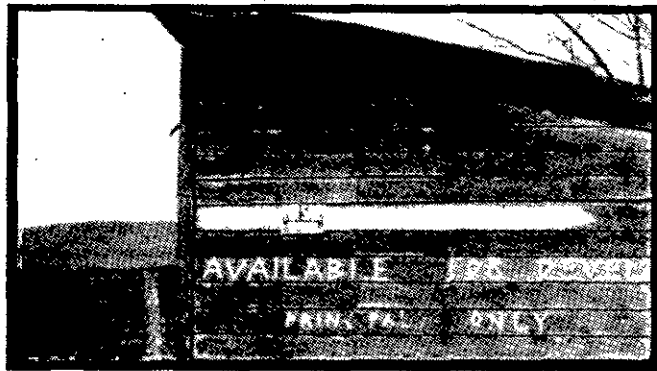
Montaigne, 31, is a land-use planner and landscape architect. As planning consultant for the New Scotland planning board, he is the man behind the town's proposed new master plan.

"I've gotten to be an expert on the town of New Scotland," he said. "Going through this does that for you. Members of the planning board have told me they've learned more about the town in the last year than they knew living here their whole lives."

A master plan is a body of data on the landscape and land-use of the town that will serve as the legal basis for all its zoning and subdivision regulations. Robert Hampston, chair of the planning board, said New Scotland contracted for the new plan because their 1961 plan was outdated and thus "not of any use."

On the wall in Montaigne's cubicle in the corner of C.T. Male's Environmental Engineering Department are transparent overlay maps indicating, among other things, degrees of water availability, soil quality, bedrock depth, and the location of protected wetlands in the town. A large rectangular map — an early draft of his recommendations for the master plan — is unscrolled across the top of his desk.

All the data will eventually be shaped into one umbrella document that will be the foundation for new zoning ordi-



An out-building at the former Bender Melon Farm at routes 85 and 85A invites would-be developers into New Scotland.

Bob Hagyard

nances and subdivision regulations in New Scotland. Montaigne and C.T. Male are the ones assigned the considerable task of creating one big picture out of thousands of small ones.

The complicated part is writing a single plan that preserves the integrity of the many individual and personal visions that make up New Scotland.

"As a result of the citizen input into the process, the planning board developed a series of goals and objectives of what they wanted to see, what the future looked like for the town of New Scotland," explained Hampston.

"They (Montaigne and C.T. Male) took what we had established as goals and objectives and what they learned through their data collection in an attempt to come up with a long-range plan for land-use in the town."

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## Spotlight wins press awards

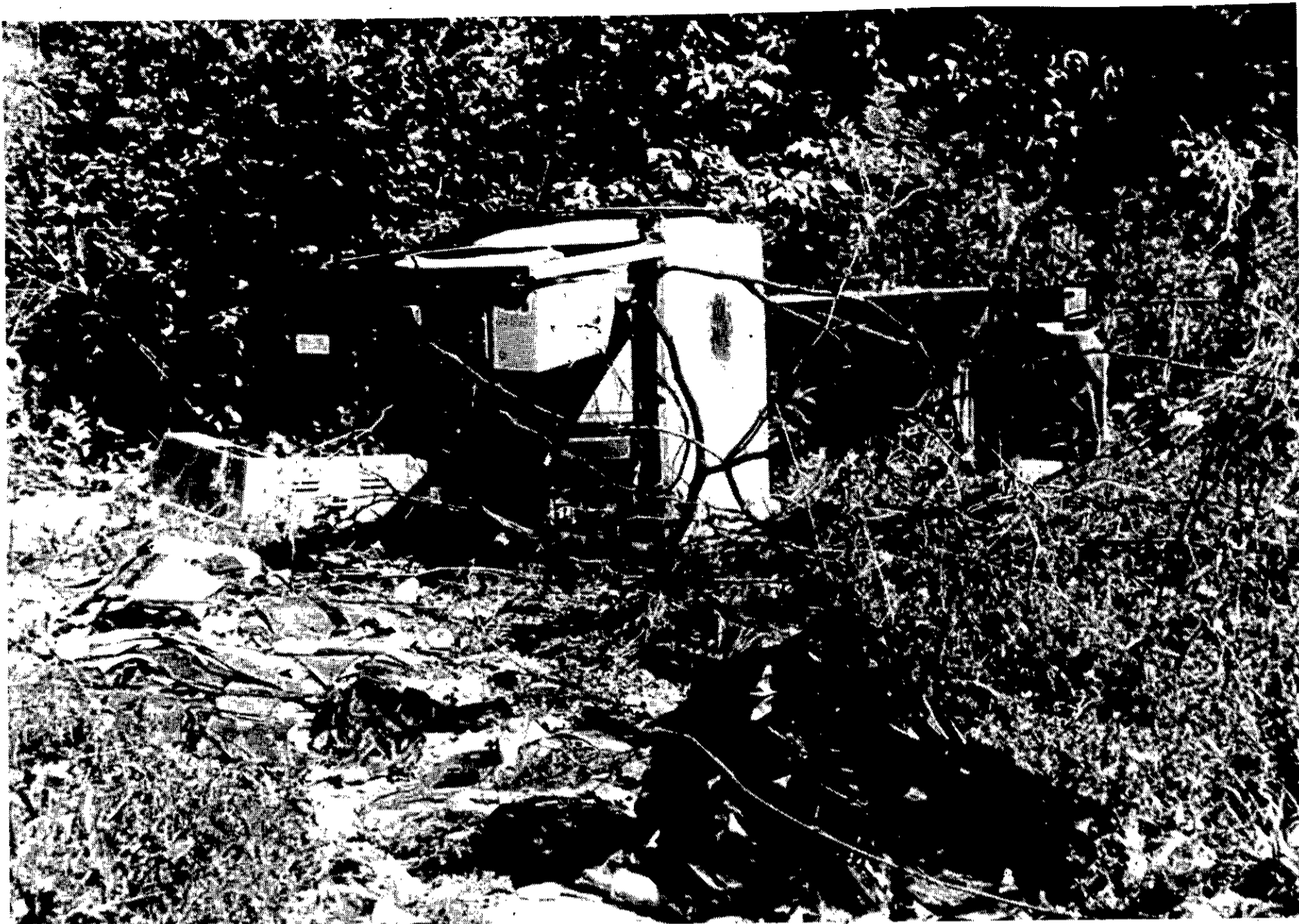
Nat Boynton's baseball column was named best sports column in the 1989 Better Newspaper Contest sponsored by the New York Press Association. *The Spotlight* also won third place awards for community service for coverage of the teen drinking issue and for spot news, as well as an honorable mention for business coverage.

The New York Press Association represents more than 300 weekly newspapers across the state. The awards were announced last weekend at the NYPA's annual convention at the Concord Hotel. *The Spotlight* and the *Colony Spotlight*, which published its first issue last May 3, were in competition with the largest tabloid-size weekly newspapers in the state, with circulations over 7,000. The *Colony Spotlight* won two awards in the contest.

Boynton, a former editor of *The Spotlight*, has won numerous press awards. His baseball column, which covers the Albany-Colonie Yankees, ranges over the entire minor league baseball scene.

The NYPA's Past President's Award for community service recognized *The Spotlight's* coverage of teen drinking parties and the community's reaction to

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# Illegal Dumping Stinks.

Used tires by the roadside, piles of debris in the woods. These all-too-familiar and unsightly instances of illegal dumping are occurring with increasing frequency.

A primary reason for the increase in illegal dumping is the lack of modern, properly designed disposal sites. Old, environmentally unsound landfills, leaking contaminants, are being closed to protect the environment. But as prices soar at the remaining landfills, unscrupulous individuals dump illegally rather than pay the price.

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# BC board candidates vie for three seats

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

Five school board candidates are running for three available seats in Bethlehem's School Board elections this coming Wednesday, May 2.

Two board members, board president Sheila Fuller and Vice president Pamela Williams, are seeking reelection. The third seat was made available when board member Velma Cousins decided not to run for reelection in order to pursue career goals.

### Nancy Fenster

"I'm running because I feel I have really relevant skills I'd like to put to work on the board," Fenster said. "I'm concerned with academic excellence, and I feel that the district, with its increased expenses from increased enrollment, is facing a possible degradation of the system."

Fenster said that her specific management and budget skills, particularly in the non-profit sector, are directly relevant to school board efforts.

"That's what makes me different, and it bares directly on the work of a school district. I'm comfortable with handling numbers, and I think I do it very well."

As for the future of the district, Fenster said that she sees more work for the board. "Revenues look fairly flat, and enrollment and other factors point to more expense," she said. "Difficult decisions and new priorities must be set."

Those priorities for Fenster would include setting budget policies over the course of a year.

"A two-month budget marathon is not the way to go," she said. "It should be a considered, on-going process over the course of the entire year. That way the priorities would flow from the community to the board members and into policy throughout the year. I don't go about this thinking the board has been derelict, but we can't sacrifice so much at the last minute just because we don't really have time to review it."

Fenster agreed that new priorities would mean some unpopular cuts, but "You don't cut any one area more than any other. It's up to the board to determine what can be done well. You can't sacrifice the overall good. And you cannot please everybody all of the time just because somebody thinks it's important," she concluded.

### Sheila Fuller

After 12 years on the board, five of them as president, Sheila Fuller feels she has contributed a great deal. "And with five children, three of them BC graduates and two still there, I'd say I've had a vested interest in the process," she added.

"My experience has been a learning one, each and every moment. Enrollment, negotiations, relocatables (classrooms), the hiring of a new superintendent and

the leaving of another, labor management process committees to facilitate communications — you learn at every step."

Fuller said she has always made herself accessible, and categorized herself as a "people person."

For the future, she sees the Future Directions program playing a part in curriculum changes. "We are exploring different teaching styles, we have the new school additions opening, things seem to be going very well. The last couple of years have been good ones," she said.

Given one thing to change, however, Fuller would do away with standardized testing.

"I think it would be nice not to have it be the big emphasis. I think it creates a lot of pressure for many of our students, and takes up a lot of time that could be spent learning. I think students are under a great deal of pressure, and if there was a way to undo that, I would," she concluded.

### Dan Stein

A 1989 Bethlehem graduate, Dan Stein said his goal as a prospective board member is to work for his contemporaries.

"I am much younger than the other candidates, and I see that as an advantage," Stein said. "I know what goes on at the school, on a student level, and honestly, I don't think any of the other candidates can say that."

Stein said his presence on the board would provide a fresh exchange of ideas, adding that he currently had an exchange student in his home, and was scheduled to go to the BC prom this spring.

On a serious level, Stein said he would seek more scholarship money from the local community for students, and enlist more private support for the DARE, Staying Alive and other substance abuse prevention programs.

"And I think the programs should start in kindergarten," he said. "We need more alcohol and drug education at lower levels. I know parents don't like to hear that, but kids have a to be made more aware. My little brother is three, and I want that information there for him, because I know how it is."

Stein feels that a recent student should always be included as a voting member of the board. "Each term should have someone running who has recently graduated, to keep the new ideas coming. I would be committed to stepping down after one term to allow that to happen," he said.

### Peter Trent

When asked why he is running for the board, Peter Trent replied humorously, "after attending the budget hearings, it's a good question."

As a PTA president and a father

of children active in each level of the school system, Trent said he thinks he has a good sense of what is happening in the district, but that he does have questions.

Like Fenster, many of them relate to the just-finished budget process.

"One of the things I would like to do is ask some questions that are not asked at the school board meetings," he said. "I feel that if they had been asking questions a year ago about this budget, about the FOB (fundamental operating budget) and other issues, there would have been more participation. For instance, two women came to speak about saving the Latin program. But they were two months too late according to the budget process. It's the duty of the board to get the word out about these things, and that's something I'd like to try."

Trent is also concerned about the current revamping of the curriculum.

"The one constant complaint I hear as PTA president is that a young person who wants a Regents diploma has to decide at too early an age between music and art. Perhaps there should be less emphasis on this middle-of-the-road Regents approach, and more on giving students a good education within our district. That middle-of-the-road approach can adversely affect the high quality of our school district."

For this reason, he said, he is very supportive of the district's Future Directions program.

Finally, Trent said that while he is not a "budget fighter," he thinks there are changes that have to be made in the budget process.

"It has to be more than just eight open meetings," he said. "And maybe the FOB has to be different, perhaps 70 percent decided upon by the administration and 30 percent or more reviewed by the board, to give the board more of an opportunity to work with it."

Trent said what he offers the community is simple. "I think there are opportunities to be more responsible by using a different way of seeing things — a chance for more discussion."

### Pamela Williams

Having completed her first term on the school board, Pamela Williams said she is running again because she feels the district has "truly made a start towards excellence in education," and that her background in education and the law has made a contribution.

"I have seen education as a parent, a teacher, a board member and law student, and I think that gives me a breadth that not everyone brings to the position," she said. "I also participated in a Stamford team-teaching experience, and I am willing to support

new and exciting programs."

Williams thinks that faculty morale has improved during her term, and that teacher-driven improvements such as the writing center, Jump Start, and Glenmont's successes have added excitement to the district's programs.

"I see a concentration on the students — an excitement about it and a willingness to try new things — and that's where I hope to see the district go, to be open to new things, and I feel we've made a start.

While she sees many positive changes being made in the district, Williams said she finds the late-night budget process at times "exasperating," and that she would

## Meeting by candlelight

The tables were set with candle-labra, and the faces reflected their rosy glow.

It was not the dinner party of the season, or an energy-conscious Earth Day celebration.

It was the regular Bethlehem Board of Education meeting, held last Wednesday night by candlelight due to a Niagara Mohawk power outage that affected about 200 Delmar households (and boardrooms.)

During the shortened agenda, Supervisor Leslie Loomis detailed the district's plans for construction of new athletic fields.

Complete renovations will be made to one baseball field, both outfield and infield, to create what

like the board to have more time to "just be reflective" together.

"The budget process works as the democratic process does, and it's not a quick one. But I wish we had more time to be philosophical together, working to see where we as a board, philosophically want to go. If I could make a change, that would be it. Often the press of business does not allow for this, but I would carve out more time as a board to reflect together."

### Elections

The board elections and 1990-91 budget vote will be held May 2 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the middle school. All district residents are eligible to vote.

Loomis called a "good, thoroughly playable field." The other fields will see rotated use until their renovations can be accomplished at a later date.

Loomis also shared the suggestion from a recent process committee meeting that a district-wide poll be taken regarding areas for reallocation of program funding to "achieve some economies or improvement in quality." Board member Pamela Williams noted that the meeting had been a "very productive session."

The next school board meeting will take place May 16 at 8 p.m.

The May 2 meeting will not be held, as school board and budget votes are scheduled for that date.

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## Gardeners, it's that time

The Canada geese have nested again out at Five Rivers, and the eggs will be hatching in about another week. Bluebirds have nested in three locations, and nearly 100 different species of migrants have been sighted. By mid-May the flood of birds passing through on their way farther north probably will have brought 125 species into our area. It's a grand time for viewing some that you're not familiar with, on the Thursday morning (7:30 to 9) bird walks, which will continue through May.

You might spot a Louisiana water thrush, or a yellow-rumped warbler, or some other small, insect-eaters such as the Baltimore oriole returning from the tropics and the bobolink, fresh up from Argentina.

You'd walk among the red maples that have

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bloomed, and the trembling aspen. April's chill slowed down many of the trees and plants, but right about now they'll be breaking loose.

In your search for waterfowl such as the loons and ducks, keep a wary eye open, too, for the horned grebe. And have in mind that by mid-May, too, the ruby-throated hummingbird will be making his return.

So prepare your garden with the bright colors that the tiny hummingbird will find irresistible. And work diligently now with the trowel and spade. In other words, Spring's here. Gardeners, it's that time!

## Voting on school budgets

In addition to choosing members to serve upcoming terms on board of education, school district residents will be voting "yes" or "no" on budgets in the various elections to be held over the coming weeks.

One week from today, voting will take place in the Bethlehem Central and North Colonie districts. Other local-area districts will go to the polls within the next two weeks after that.

In each instance, the budget proposals come before the voters after much study and preparation by the districts' staffs and trustees, and are submitted with their recommendations.

The results of the voting bear on every resident's interests directly, and it behooves all of us to study all information made available by the school boards.

If the proposals leave you uncertain, you may wish to begin early next fall in the preliminary stages of the preparations for next year's budget. If you will ask the pertinent questions or offer critical comments until you're satisfied, chances are that you and all others will be more confidently satisfied when it comes time to vote in the spring of 1991.

## School trusteeship

As we go to the polls at district schools in the coming weeks, perhaps the most significant question that we can ask is: Does this or that candidate for school board demonstrate wholehearted belief in, and support of, the principles of a public school system?

It can be assumed that every aspirant for a school board chair is a good citizen, and probably participates in community and school affairs. Sometimes a more personal involvement in the education process, through having a child currently or recently in the system, is cited as a credential for election. But it's pos-

sible that this closeness can skew a parent's objectivity. And it's not unknown for a candidate to hope to use board membership as a lever toward advancing some individually felt cause.

So: First of all, inform yourself about the persons who have offered themselves for this important position. (*The Spotlight* publishes statements by each candidate who wishes to submit one.) Then, trouble yourself to vote. And weigh the goals for which each person stands, as you make your selections.

## Getting the act together

To most of us, an inescapable fact of spring is the road deterioration that happens every year. We have the impression that the winter of '90 was more than ordinarily tough on pavements. With spring officially just about a month old, very little has been done in any area to mend the streets and highways. Damage to automobiles' mechanisms is inevitable, and there's a real element of safety involved.

Whether reasonably so or not, this is a condition that to most people graphically repre-

sents governmental responsiveness (or lack of it). Is it asking too much of town (and city), county, and state highway departments to act with effective alacrity in keeping the roads drivable — now, not after while?

Many of us would give those governments (however well intentioned they may be, or how financially straitened) a failing grade in seeing the priorities and getting their act together to do a basic job in a timely way.

## Old King Coal is passe

Among the matters at issue in the proposal to locate a 200-megawatt electric and steam cogenerator in the Town of Halfmoon, just over the line in Saratoga County, is the ever-unresolved question of what communities can do to prevent despoiling or misuse of their natural facilities and environment.

The proposal by Inter-Power of New York, Inc., is for a coal-fired plant. Numerous organizations and many individuals have expressed reservations and outright opposition, on the grounds that emissions from burning coal would be environmentally damaging, and be

especially productive of acid rain. Massachusetts environmental officials are protesting because it's presumed likely that wind would blow much of the pollution eastward. Likewise, the City of Troy has joined the fray.

But that does not excuse local governments in our more immediate area from their responsibility to take an effective position and make it known. Silence and pussyfooting on such a crucial matter are not suitable responses.

## Why Clarksville mother supports BC budget

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I can understand the anger and concern of the parents who lost their neighborhood school to the Town of Bethlehem. Their justifications for retaining their school were certainly valid. However, they should be aware that there have been important changes since then, which strongly support a yes vote for the current proposed school budget.

Rather than being underutilized, the Clarksville Elementary School has played an important role in the school district. The school has provided classroom space which has served as an incubator for the development of the district's innovative language based class and for a new B.O.C.E.S. program specifically for head-injured children as well as other B.O.C.E.S. programs. The warmth and supportive nature of the Clarksville School has made it possible for all students to be a part of the community and will serve as a valuable model for the district's other schools as the new school construction makes it possible to return those children with special needs to their home schools.

Further the library of the Clarksville Elementary School is an important resource for those children who do not have the ready access to the public library of children living in Delmar. Although much smaller than the libraries in the district's other schools, the Clarksville school library is a ready source of quality reading materials. The school librarian provided an excellent presentation at the P.T.A. meeting to guide parents in participating in the Parents As Reading Partners program. Judging by the standing room only conditions at the two gatherings held in celebration of the month-long program, Clarksville is a community of readers whose chil-

### Vox Pop

Children are well served by the school library.

Clarksville's good supply of affordable housing has made it very attractive to families with children. There is also a quiet housing boom under way in the area as individual families buy lots and construct homes. Clarksville's own baby boom makes it likely that the school will continue to be well used for long into the future.

### More on the BC budget, school board vote on Pages 7, 8 & 9

The second major area of change is the element of openness and participation created in the development of the school district's budget by the school board and the school administration. This year even before the start of the formal budget process, faculty members representing the district's various areas of study examined programs and teaching methods in neighboring school districts. They then evaluated the Bethlehem District's own programs to determine what recommendations they would make in developing their budget requests. The subsequent public presentations at the Board of Education meetings provided a clear picture of the needs of the district if education standards were to be maintained or raised. In short the faculty members provided an improved information base for school board members and administrators to use in developing the school budget.

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UNCLE DUDLEY

## Grandfather stories

Uncle Dudley has borrowed the title of this column from a book of that same name, written some 35 years ago by the master yarn-spinner, Samuel Hopkins Adams. A treasured copy of the book, autographed by the author, is at hand on the bookshelf at home. Sam Adams signed it, with a gracious note, at his home, "Wide Waters," in Cayuga County. He was 85 years old at the time, and since has gone to join his grandfather and other forebears.

Among the numerous distinctions between his "Grandfather Stories" and mine is this: His are about his grandfather (and himself as a lad); mine consist of a grandfather who's referring to grandchildren — the coming generation rather than the past.

The excuse (as if I really needed one) is the eighteenth birthday — today — of the eldest granddaughter, Susannah. More about her in a bit. But first let me speak of the youngest: Caroline, who's just a week younger than her cousin Lucy (who became eight months old this week). A pair of charmers. And then there's William, also born in 1989 but a big boy now. He carries part of Sam Adams's name — Hopkins. And his cousin Sam, the sturdy, darling lad who's pushing on to become 4 soon. Finally, there's unforgettable Elizabeth (full name always, if you please), who at age 12 eats up what we used to call "current events." She's headed for a month roughing it in the mountains of California this summer.

And back to Susannah, big sister.

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I happened to be in Minneapolis that April day when the phone rang with word that Susannah had indeed made her first appearance. You can bet that before I came back east, I'd made a prompt, quick visit to St. Louis, to check on mother and daughter. (They were doing just fine.)

Every grandfather has certain vivid recollections about "the grands," and understandably this seems to be particularly true of the first ones. (Sorry, kids, no slight is intended!) Susannah didn't

she gets back." She'd been touched by her mother's teary farewell.

As a little girl, curiosity became a prime characteristic (see the photo, in which an ant is the subject of the intense study).

And empathy. When her parents went away for a week, Susannah, age 4, waving goodbye on the depot platform, wanted to save her ice cream cone "for mama, when



she gets back." She'd been touched by her mother's teary farewell.

All that was quite a while ago. (Actually, "a few whiles," as the children used to say.) Last week, Susannah was admitted to Hamilton College, and the whole family came north to make sure that New York's third oldest institution of higher learning would be all right for her. It passed.

Susannah is quite an independent young woman. So much so, for instance, that she declined to even apply at a college where her mother is a trustee. Last summer was spent in Kenya, assisting with a project to improve housing and farming facilities in a remote village. She has served for several seasons as a candy-striper at a hospital (the

same one where her baby sister was born last year) and now puts in eight or ten hours a week there. At an inner-city hospital in D.C., she goes on weekends to rock "boarder babies," who have been abandoned by their families because they have AIDS or an inherited drug dependency. At her school, she is chairman of SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) and she chairs the "service board," which recruits and coordinates students for work in Washington's voluntary agencies.

Her grandfather's unprejudiced view is that the empathy of that 4-year-old has remained intact despite the distractions of growing up — and that it's very likely to serve her (and her world) for the rest of a good life.

Well, at least I haven't tried to show you the whole walletful of photos, have I? Give your Uncle Dudley credit for that much, please.

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A couple of notes about Sam Adams, the author. His published works ranged a wide field, and he was best known for much of his lifetime for his novels of the Jazz Age and related scandalous lifestyles. He wrote the screenplay for the great movie "It Happened One Night," and his other books bore such titles as "Revelry," "The Flagrant Years," "Maiden Effort," and "The Gorgeous Hussy." (Maybe you saw that movie, too.)

And "Grandfather Stories" carries this sentimental dedication: "To Hamilton College, the alma mater of five generations of Adames, this book is reverently dedicated." He was in the Class of '91 — 1891, that is. Sam Adams has always especially interested me because he and I are natives of the same small city in western York State.

Now do try to find "Grandfather Stories" and enjoy Sam Adams's collection of tales from a boyhood of more than a century ago. Your library may still have it on hand (well-worn), or you may spot it in a used book store, or even in your own bookcase (or your grandfather's). It's worth it. Just as being a grandparent is!

CONSTANT READER

## Unearthing a little gem

At least once every few months, and sometimes much oftener, I unearth a new publication. Most frequently, this is a result of newstand-scanning, but occasionally it's brought about by a sample copy in the mail, or by a letter of solicitation. It was on a drugstore's rack that I made the acquaintance of a large bimonthly magazine, with the intriguing name of *Harrowsmith*.

Not only the magazine but the word is unfamiliar to me, and I'm assuming that it's a specially coined expression, though the two parts of it do make a bit of logic for a periodical that calls itself "The magazine of country life." At \$2.95 per single copy, *Harrowsmith* comes out of the Champlain country, up in Charlotte, Vermont. (you

subscribe for \$24 a year, they say, though six issues at \$2.95 comes to less than \$18, and that hardly seems logical.) But a card that's fastened within the issue offers a year at \$12, so they're all mixed up, I'd say. The magazine is now in its fifth year, but I've been missing it all along.

I bought *Harrowsmith* largely because of the article featured on the cover: "The Disappearing Honeybee," not so much for an abiding interest in the subject, but because I knew that the writer, Roger Swain, would turn out a dandy article, and he did — in 10 pages, including a lot of art. But the contents are really varied: managing the backyard woodlot; the fruitful home orchard; soil-testing kits; "the man who built the

most beautiful home in the world"; lake rehabilitation; and what seems to be a regular section, The Pantry, featuring this month's quick breads (such as buttermilk corn bread and cheddar herb bread).

That roster of contents, however, can only give a broad hint of the appeal that's in *Harrowsmith*. One of the appealing aspects, for me, turned out to be in the "letters" pages. The editors' choice of those that are published makes me want to know the editor, Thomas H. Rawls, and others of his staff. They selected a number of quite vigorous letters critical of past issues, such as one that declares: "You drove me away with your left-wing politics. . . It's really

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## A new fashion for your garden

Paul and Mardell Steinkamp are the proprietors of Helderledge Farm near Voorheesville.

By Paul R. Steinkamp

### Point of View

The garden landscape, its main themes and materials seem to persist year in and year out; can there be something new under the sun? The domestic landscape does change over time, a cumulative reflection of what is past and current. The garden is us. Most of what we see, especially the everyday front yard, has an explanation; thus when the actors and their perceived world change, the landscape changes to fit and express it.

The traditional suburban landscape of house centered on a green lawn and visibly secured with a foundation planting of evergreens is the standard, and in extent it is the largest municipal park in America; an interconnected series of privately owned green spaces immaculately maintained for the pleasure of the passing public, while conveying a sense of dwelling, respectability and arrival to the people that own them.

This pastoral image goes back to the end of the last century, when residential development was just ahead of the end of the trolley track yet still quite close by the workday city. Imagine what it was like to be one of the early frontiersmen arriving in Brookline, Delmar or other communities at what was the edge. They had left the tenement and duplex of their parents, and experienced fresh exhilaration with what must have seemed a small farm. The house was surrounded by enough land to properly set it off, to grow vegetables and flowers — and even have a family dog.

The popular house and garden literature of the time was full of advice on how to plant and care for this land. The central theme, the perfect lawn visually tying the community together with the foundation planting properly setting off the house, was first developed in Frank J. Scott's influential book, *The Art of Beautifying Suburban Home Grounds*, written in 1870. This solid pastoral theme has endured for over a century, reinforced by the invention of the reel lawn mower; nurtured and supported by an industry which would provide the gasoline, herbicides, fertilizers and tools to maintain it, and supported by the municipal water system to keep it at its best, at least until the first of August.

### An essential element in the design of the New American garden is the reduction of the lawn as we have known it.

The maintenance of this house-on-grass pattern became ritualized, and for several generations cutting grass and trimming hedges was the respectable thing to do on a Saturday morning. You were what you grew and mowed. Today that task, and that is what it has become, has been contracted away to the corporate world of green doctors and turf nurses. This will not last; it cannot, for the overindulgence in rich uniformly green grass is being challenged by neighbor, legislator and municipal government in a period of environmental awareness and changing perceptions and values.

So what will be the new American fashion in gardens? To be sure, there is style and fashion: the peony and the bearded iris give way to the daylily, as one generation resists what the previous has grown; the backyard pit gives way to the barbecue grill; the peeling arbor and fence give way to the umbrella. Yes, and that enduring foundation planting, which is now shading house and blocking window, is being removed and replaced with predictably smaller plants, which keep to their allotted space. The deer are helping too.

Will the next style of garden and landscape be as lasting and all pervasive?

There is a garden design concept which is current and is referred to in the popular press as the New American Garden. Though it originated in substantial part in Germany with influences from both the Midwest and the western United States, it has become quite American and quite "now." It reflects today's living patterns and values, and our new awareness of our place in the world.

Garden designer Karl Foerster was responsible for the construction of many public gardens and parks in Germany. Foerster's design philosophy centered around the inclusion of large ornamental grasses planted in wide sweeps in emulation of nature. Grasses were the touchstone to the natural world of the field and wood edge. Mowed lawns were held in little regard; quite the contrary, grasses were at their best left alone to perform in all their glory throughout the season. He used selected herbaceous perennials in the same way and towards the same ends, a natural planting in contrast to the convention of the time, the English border of mixed cultivated plants. His "great plants" characteris-

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## □ Garden fashion

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tically had early appeal as they emerged in spring, in full leaf (foliage was of equal visual interest to flowers) in bloom and seed head. Here was a scene changing over time, much more than a garden of flowers limited to one season of interest.

Reduced maintenance was assured by the inherent competitive character of the plants themselves, their ease of culture, and most important their determinate size. It was not necessary to shear them to control height and spread; their ultimate height was a criterion of selection. Throughout his life he collected, grew and appraised plants for their durability and versatility. Most have been popular in Europe for over a century; many of them have made it to these shores and some are already popular in the American gardening world.

Two of Foerster's pupils, James van Sweden and Wolfgang Oehme,

emigrated to the United States. Their well publicized work, which reflects Foerster's principles, includes many large public spaces and small residential gardens in the Washington D.C. area.

There is another thread of influence originating in the Far West and the Midwest, a combination of environment and living patterns. Here, after trial of conventional and familiar Eastern gardening, it became increasingly difficult to adapt the ornamental plants of the English Border to the arid conditions of the West. The demand for water led to restrictions of use.

Also, there has been a change in attitude toward native plants. These hardy plants of wood, prairie and desert are appreciated for their ability to adapt and grow unsupported in stressful environments. The integrity of using native plants in the domestic landscape was recognized. There was even the fleeting enthusiasm for the Wildflower in a Can, a concept

of great promise and little success; it could only be sold in America. (The observant DeTocqueville would have been delighted to see it, but it had to wait its time in the next century.)

An essential element in the design of the New American Garden is reduction of and the lack of concern for the lawn as we know it. As the lawn is reduced in extent, it is replaced by plants that change with the season and are left untouched to complete their life cycle. What essential grass remains is treated with benign neglect; the not-so-perfect lawn with some dandelions is preferred to solid green perfection, dependent as it is on scheduled applications of chemicals to control bug, fungus and weed and to regulate growth.

The foundation planting is moved toward the street where it can grow to its ultimate height, where it provides some privacy and where it foils the architecture of the house, rather than hides it. From the inside, light is not blocked by shrubs and the view to the street is screened to

the extent desired. The replacement planting is not a uniform unchanging green, but far superior and more interesting, a collection of tough plants fit for the space and changing with the season. While this discussion focuses on the front yard, the same design principles apply throughout the site, particularly if it is a small one.

There remains the question of how to create some uniformity at the street, as the salient feature of the old tradition, the ribbon lawn, is replaced. What guiding conformity will connect the new individual planting schemes into a connected whole? This will come in time as experience shows which plants work best. Here is where the larger plants, the understory trees and shrubs, will make the difference.

Upstate New York has always been in the backwater of garden design, away from the mainstream Boston-to-Washington run and the South, where the garden was and is an integral part of life. Time is increasingly contracted, and ideas travel faster. If these principles truly are current and genuinely reflect values and living patterns, they are sure to come; even here, peonies give way to daylilies.

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The tournament, directed by Michael D. Friello, was extremely successful, raising more than \$10,000 for the D.A.R.E. program. It provided the opportunity for 92 students to put forth their very best effort. It was the first competition ever for many of the students. It was a very large and competitive event and we believe that our students did an outstanding job representing our school and the community.

Parents Booster Club

## □ Little gem

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too bad that you insist on being the *Mother Jones* of gardening magazines." Another correspondent writes: "your totally biased and uninformed replies. . . to letters about animal rights were disgusting. Cancel my subscription."

I get the idea that those people up in Charlotte get a real bang out of putting this magazine together, and I doubt that subscribers' cancellations bother them very much. Anyway, how seriously am I to take a magazine whose staff includes people named Euan Bear and Craig Canine?

A plug for the next issue describes a future article on *High Country News*, the environment newspaper out of Colorado that Constant Reader featured a couple of weeks ago.

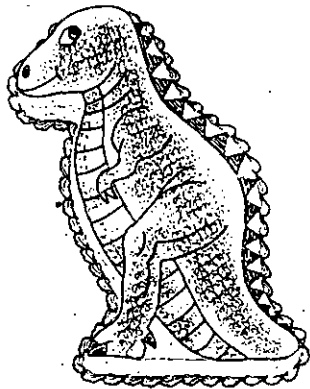
## Benefit tournament nets D.A.R.E. \$10,000

Editor, The Spotlight:

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## Writers discuss BC budget, candidates

### Choice recommended

Editor, The Spotlight:

As in all times, the election for School Board will attract the attention of some but hold no interest for many. But just as the vote on the school budget reflects the public's viewpoint on the relative investment to be made in education, so too does the vote for school board reflect our degree of concern for those who would carry the laboring oar.

There is no doubt that the school board member must have a blend of maturity of experience, sophis-

### Vox Pop

tication of knowledge, and commitment to community purpose.

Those qualities are uniquely found in Peter Trent. He is a well-respected Real Estate Appraiser with substantial experience in industry. He holds both bachelor's and master's degrees from recognized universities. Most importantly he has the commitment to community that can only be established by season after season of coaching and directing our youth.

We will vote for Peter Trent, and you should too.

Jim and Barbara Kelly

Delmar

### Experience cited

Editor, The Spotlight:

When you vote for a school board candidate on May 2, please consider Nancy Fenster. Nancy has intelligence, the willingness to serve and serve well, and the courage to take a stand and make the tough decisions.

Nancy has done this for numerous boards and civic groups. She's the kind of person who says "yes, I'll do it" and then she follows through superbly.

Nancy's education and work experience give her an extensive knowledge about managing on limited funds. Nancy Fenster will be an outstanding asset on BC's school board.

Phyllis Hillinger

### Incumbent supported

Editor, The Spotlight:

I write to recommend Pam Williams for re-election to the Bethlehem Central school board. In this school district, one issue that Pam addresses very effectively is a quiet but persistent problem — complacency.

Pam is a strong voice for inno-

vation — supporting efforts by parents, administrators, and the community at large to take a fresh look at education and to avoid becoming trapped in conventions that are seldom re-examined. One such convention is the belief that education is best served by an ever-increasing number of courses — each with a shorter and shorter daily duration.

Pam's background is well fitted to fresh thinking. Her years of classroom teaching ground her in reality, while her master's degree in education from Stanford University began her exposure to some of the best national thinking about school reform. Her law degree and job (associate counsel, State University of New York) give her an ability to think critically.

Even more important than degrees and background is known behavior. Pam has served on the board for three years, this past year as vice-president. Some good changes have begun to happen. Let's re-elect Pam and keep them coming.

Sally H. Webb

Glenmont

### Candidate endorsed

Editor, The Spotlight:

The next three years are crucial for the Bethlehem Central School District. Necessary expansion of our elementary schools create internal pressure on staff and budget. Inevitable redistricting as well as the town's reassessment of tax rolls will certainly produce external pressures on our schools and the budget process necessary to pay for Bethlehem's excellence.

Nancy Fenster, with her background in economics and business administration, is well qualified to make some of the tough decisions that will be necessary in the near future. She is bright, articulate, persistent, and possesses a sense of humor (surely a useful trait for a candidate for the Board of Education). She is strongly committed to quality education in Bethlehem. I enthusiastically support Nancy Fenster as a candidate for the Board of Education.

Holly Billings

Delmar

## Clarksville

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The series of public meetings held to develop the budget provided an opportunity for members of the public to raise questions about the budget items under discussion. The presence of the district's administrative staff made it possible to obtain clarification and additional information about specific budget items. The length of time devoted to the budget process made it possible for anyone who had concrete knowledge of areas of waste or ineffectiveness to do their analysis and make their own recommendations to the school board before the final budget was adopted. To my knowledge no one did despite the ample opportunity provided.

As a parent who started a family relatively late in life and is subsequently trying to provide for my own retirement and their college education, I am well aware of the difficulties faced by both families with children and those who are retired. I can not justify holding the school children of the district

hostage to the failure of the housing market to provide affordable and suitable housing alternatives or to economic trends which increase costs. As a home owner I am well aware that property values in other parts of the state are dropping while ours are for now stable or increasing. Defeat of the school budget will only have an adverse impact upon our property values and upon our children's education. I urge that everyone vote yes for the school budget to demonstrate a commitment to a quality future.

Marcia Roth

Clarksville

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# Matters of Opinion

## More on BC budget, candidates

### Letter of support

Editor, The Spotlight:

Each taxpayer and every parent wants the maximum educational return for the tax dollars we spend on our schools. Nancy Fenster will be our advocate on the school board for just that.

She has the management education and skills to be one voters, eyes and ears for cost effectiveness and for quality education.

I have known Nancy for years. She is effective, she has energy, and she has integrity. Bethlehem Central voters can cast a ballot for Nancy Fenster with great confidence.

Larry Barnet

Glenmont

### Vox Pop

#### Candidate supported — and some new ideas

Editor, The Spotlight:

Delmar is a fine place to live. We have good government, parks, roads, sidewalks, a post office and, as every real estate agent knows, good schools. Good schools don't come easy, or cheap. Somebody has to plan and to put things together to make them work. There has to be a positive policy team in place to guide the system, to keep it on track, to measure performance and to respond to taxpayer issues. We need good people on

this management-policy team and that is reason enough to keep Sheila Fuller on the school board. Elections are coming up and I urge everyone to vote to protect our town, our property, our valuables. Vote for Sheila Fuller. She knows how to do it.

While on the subject of education, another thought comes to mind. It's spring (on the calendar, anyway) and our college folk will be coming back to town. Gone will be the quiet nights of peace and normal sleep. These kids have bought into the "7-11" phenomena and live with the store open 24 hours a day. Let's go backwards and mandate that all stores open only one day a week — the same day. Saturday at the commissary or something like that.

But, I digress. I meant to discuss the college school year with the kids coming home. As tuition increase, it seems the school year gets shorter. When tuition hits \$50,000 a year, the school year will last from November to March with a month off for semester break.

And that reminds me of the spring weather — it's cold. What happened to the "Greenhouse effect"? Does it only apply to a warm winter day? What happens to the so-called hot gasses in spring around hers? All the kids home drinking beer should have some effect on the atmosphere — and soon.

Don't forget to vote!

William J. Acquario

Delmar

### Candidate endorsed

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am voting for Nancy Fenster, candidate for the Bethlehem Central School Board. For 20 years I was on the faculty of the Bethlehem schools and I know that her qualifications are outstanding for that important and demanding leadership position. She offers expertise we could not afford to purchase.

I also know her husband, Bill, who has provided exemplary board leadership for social service agencies in the Capital Area.

For excellence in education join me in voting for Nancy Fenster on May 2.

B. J. Lornell

Delmar

### 2 candidates backed

Editor, The Spotlight:

We would like to express our support for two of the candidates running for the school board. Having lived in Delmar a little over 12 years we have come to know many people throughout the school district and town. During this time Sheila Fuller has always been available to us and our concerns and most importantly to our children. Even if things did not go the way we would have liked them

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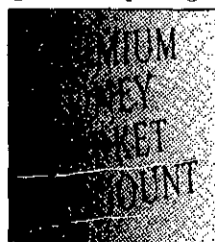
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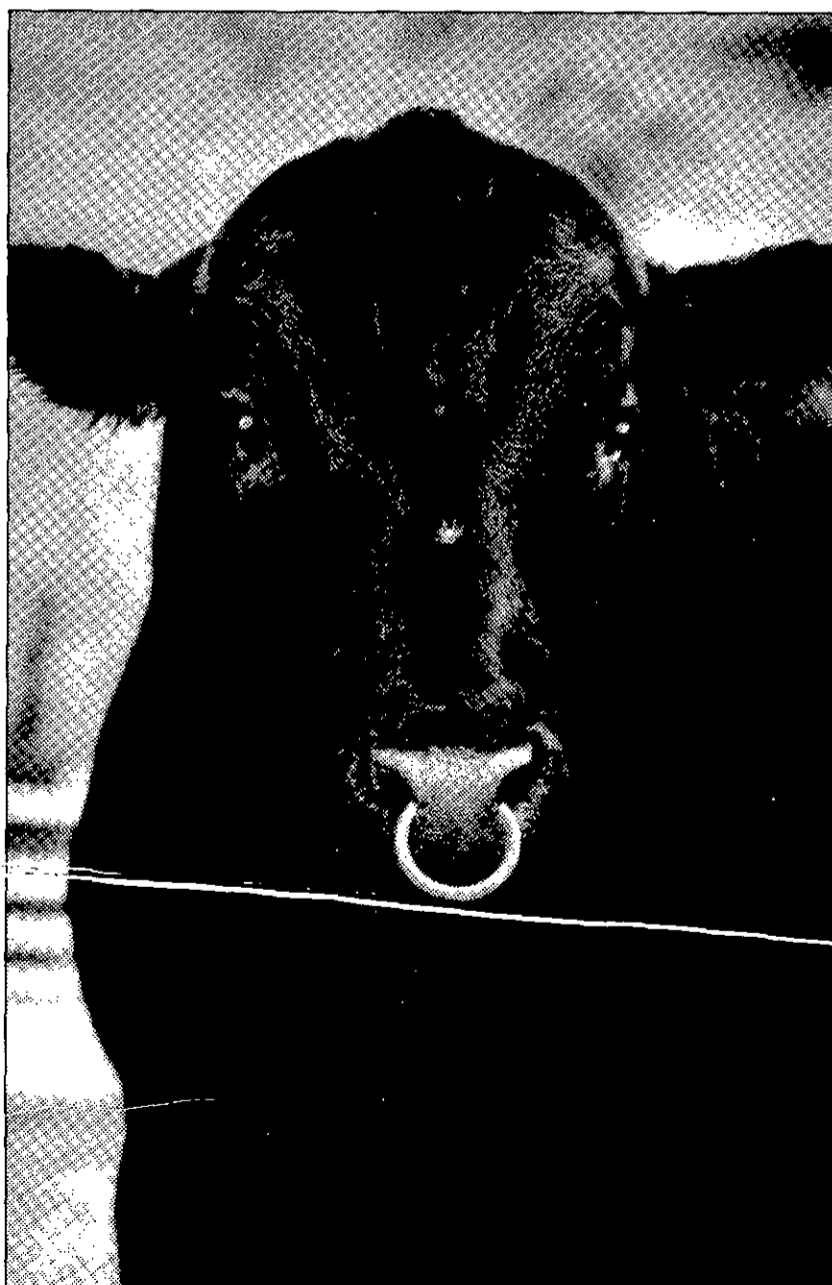
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# Your Opinion Matters

for whatever reason, the constant concern and followthrough always made us feel that we had a voice in the education of our children. We strongly urge voters to return Sheila Fuller to the school board.

Peter Trent has been a great asset to this community. Although we do not always agree with Peter, we know that his involvement in this school district and community is one of deep commitment. He took on the job of BCCO president when it was a token position and turn the organization around to a good of the high school. He has been totally involved in bringing back to the high school the activities and programs that are just beginning to take hold. He has shown a dedication to the community with girls' softball and little league, and Babe Ruth. Considering that many of us who have been here longer, Peter has made Bethlehem his home in a very short time. Instead of complaining, he's in there helping to change things for the better. Again we strongly suggest that the voters give Peter a seat on the school board.

Marge and Mike Kanuk

Delmar

## Member re-endorsed

Editor, the Spotlight:

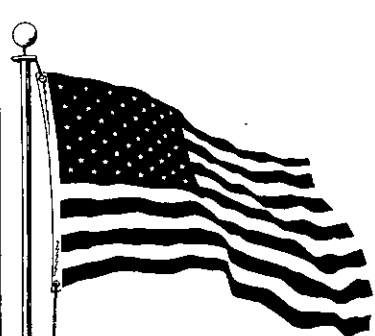
As the time for the school board election draws near, we would like to encourage the members of the Bethlehem Central community to reelect Pam Williams to the board.

We first met Pam in her role as a soccer coach to one of our children. We were impressed by her sensitivity to each and every child, by her ability to encourage and foster cooperation and team work

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amongst the children, and her ability to shed a positive light on seemingly inconsequential and/or negative occurrences. Since her election to the board three years ago, we have been additionally impressed by her ability to intellectually grasp and grapple with complex and difficult issues, whether of an educational, management, or financial nature. We have seen the qualities she demonstrated with a kids' soccer team, play an even more important role in the challenging arena of school board interaction.

We believe that Pam Williams brings to the Board of Education intelligence, the experience, the sensitivity, and the commitment to the education of every child that BCSD needs in the 1990s. Please vote on May 2 and please support the reelection of Pam Williams.

Laura Kagen  
Richard Kagan

Delmar

## Board's president gains support

Editor, The Spotlight:

As concerned citizens who have long been committed to the sup-

port of excellence for our Bethlehem School District, we urge you to re-elect Sheila Fuller as a member of the Board of Education on May 2.

Mrs. Fuller has consistently demonstrated her leadership, commitment, and sensitive concern for the education of our youth. She is a strong advocate of continued excellence and the necessary input from community members, parents, students, and staff, to foster a quality educational environment.

Her 12 years' experience as a Board of Education member, six as president, has given testimony to the service, knowledge, understanding, and expertise of her highly capable and sensitive stewardship.

Mrs. Fuller, as a parent of five children (who presently attend or have graduated from B.C.) and her experience as a Board of Education member, possesses a keen insight and a practical awareness of the needs and desires of our students, staff, and community members.

Sheila Fuller brings the fine qualities of experience, leadership, decisiveness, commitment, stabil-

ity, knowledge and sensitivity to the Bethlehem Board of Education.

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## PTA Council urges support of budget

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Central PTA Presidents' Council encourages support of the 1990-91 School Budget. The council is composed of the seven PTA presidents in Bethlehem.

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This budget reflects a moderate tax increase due to the additions in enrollment, staffing, and interest on bonds. The bus propositions bring greater safety through expansion of the fleet. This budget also provides for improvements in the language arts/English, special education, music, art, and science programs.

On behalf of the children of Bethlehem Central, we thank the community for continuing support.

Lorraine Lang and the  
Bethlehem PTA Council

## Words for the week

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# If one truck can tie up Orchard Street...

## Development brings pressure to rural area

By Bob Hagyard

The accident that closed Orchard Street last Friday underscores concerns about local traffic and three subdivisions proposed for the area.

Sometime after 9 a.m., a Mack dump truck heading west left the road at the foot of the hill leading up to the Maxon residence west of Fisher Boulevard. The driver, an Otsego County resident employed by an Albany hauler, later told Bethlehem police he was forced off to avoid a collision with an oncoming car headed east. Police are anxious to know why the driver failed to report the accident until 10:30 a.m. and are continuing an investigation.

Wreckers worked non-stop for over five hours to winch the 10-wheeler out of the muck as police cruisers redirected traffic on each side of the scene. The pavement is less than 20 feet wide at the point of the accident, less than 18 feet at two curves immediately east. Should Cedar Ridge (128 units, 89 acres at Orchard and Fisher) go through, where will the trucks go during construction?

Members of Bethlehem Citi-



Four hours after the call, still stuck in the mud.

zens for Responsible Planning had that issue in mind when, responding to the draft impact statement issued a year ago, they asked the board to require the developer, Empire Thrift Service Corp., to route all construction equipment through Fisher Boulevard Extension. That road, yet to be built, would connect Orchard to Dela-

ware Avenue through the proposed Delmar Village development.

As it turned out, that was the one BCRP request included in the list of mitigating measures in the final impact statement approved by the town planning board earlier

this month. The document is now on file at Town Hall and Bethlehem Public Library for public inspection.

Prepared by Kleinke Associates, the statement prescribes:

- A 15,000 minimum square footage per lot with access by col-

lector road only to Orchard or Fisher instead of direct access.

- Realignment of the southern end of Fisher to coincide with Fisher Boulevard Extension, the new street leading to the proposed Delmar Village to the south.

- Dedication of easements wide enough to accommodate sidewalks and bikepaths along Fisher and Orchard.

BCRP members expressed concern over the 35 percent population increase projected for Slingerlands as the result of 17 proposed or future projects totaling about 1,800 new residential units. Among the 17 are Delmar Village (288 units), Bethlehem Village (146 residential units plus commercial space for a Price Chopper outlet and other businesses), and Devonshire Hills (28 units) immediately east of the Cedar Ridge site. The authors of the final impact statement, however, denied the need to assess the impact of the project on local tax rates or water services, declaring both subjects to be beyond the scope of a study under the state Environmental Quality Review Act.

A planning board vote on final site approval, originally targeted for mid-May at the earliest, would take place at the June 5 meeting, according to Chairman Martin Barr.

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# Delmar Village asks for another delay

By Bob Hagyard

A proposal to delay construction of Delmar Village — this time at the request of HMC Associates, the developer — and the proposed ban on hunting on town property will top the Bethlehem Town Board agenda Wednesday (tonight).

Under the approval granted by the town board last fall, construction of the 288 single-family units was delayed pending approval of a wetland permit from the state Department of Environmental Conservation, state Department of Transportation approval of curb cuts on Delaware Avenue, final engineering review by the town engineer, submission and approval of a plan to landscape a buffer zone surrounding the Richardson property, and final approval of building plans by the town building inspector.

To date, the project still lacks the DOT and town approvals, said Jeff Lipnicky, town planner, earlier this week.

Two weeks ago, a less orthodox reason for delay was set forth by John Smolinsky, president of Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning and unsuccessful council candidate last year. In a letter to the board Smolinsky argued that, because Bethlehem may conduct a townwide reevaluation of

all property, the fiscal impact of the project must be recalculated.

Expressing the view of the board's Republican majority, Supervisor Kenneth Ringler contended that the tax impact of a subdivision that won't be built for at least another two years is "beyond the reasonable scope" of an environmental impact statement.

The proposed hunting-and-hunting-devices ban was the subject of a lively public hearing at the board's March 28 meeting. Weeks before that, a lengthy discussion produced the present proposal, although Ringler and Councilman Robert Burns, the board's lone Democrat, wanted to limit the ban to town parkland only. That would have kept open to hunting such properties as the Rupert Road landfill, highway garage property on Elm Avenue South and a railroad right-of-way near South Bethlehem.

At the time, Ringler and Burns were overruled by the other three board members. However, at the hearing, most speakers on both sides of the issue favored the limit to parkland.

The board will also hear a second report on a new solid waste ordinance from Bruce Secor, town commissioner of public works, and go out to bid on the proposed park-

and-ride lot at the intersection of Elm Avenue and the Delmar Bypass.

The board is also expected to approve the list of polling places for the 1990 election and award a bid on the proposed salt storage facility at the highway garage.

## Students and teachers honored

The 1990 Scholars' Recognition Program dinner honoring high school student scholars and their chosen teachers will be held on April 25 at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn-Turf, Wolf Road, Albany.

Students Michelle Fisher and Jeffrey Balou and teachers Keith Gunner and David Symula will represent Bethlehem Central High School at the conference. Student Nina De Cocco and teacher Nicholas Sapone will represent Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School.

## Red Cross develops emergency system

The Albany Area Chapter of the American Red Cross has signed an agreement with Capital District Amateur Radio Council to provide emergency communications in times of national disaster. Through grant funding from Sen. Howard Nolan's office, the necessary radio equipment was purchased to establish a ham radio communications center at the Albany area chapter of the Red Cross.



Traffic stacks up on Delaware Avenue as crews begin to install a ramp from Elsmere Avenue. The ramp will allow Elsmere Avenue motorists to turn right onto Delaware without waiting for the stop light.

Bob Hagyard

## Village Stage to present musical

The Village Stage will present the musical, "Bells are Ringing," on April 27 and 28 at 8 p.m. at the Bethlehem Central High School, Delaware Avenue, Delmar. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children.

Participating in the production are Arlene Ainsworth, Linda Armstrong, Carrie Bee, Jackie Bee, Katy Cavanaugh, Kim Cirillo, Frank Engar, Flo Freeman, Bill

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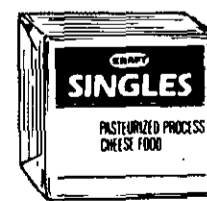
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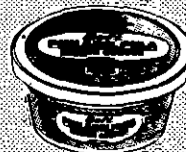
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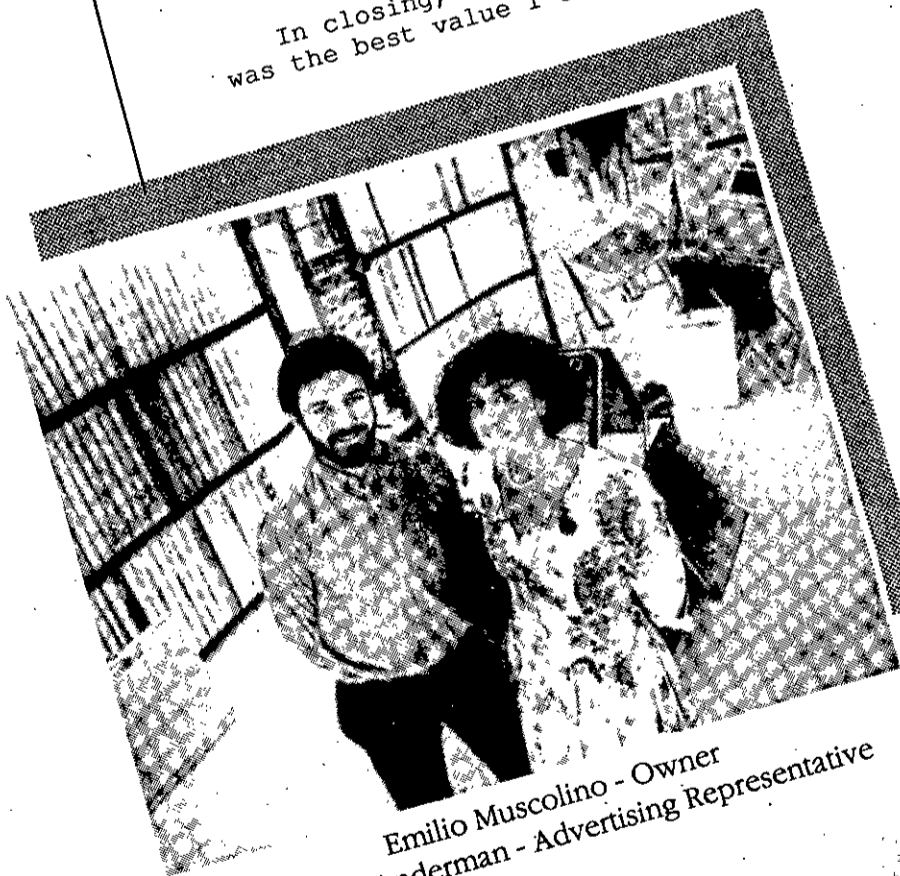
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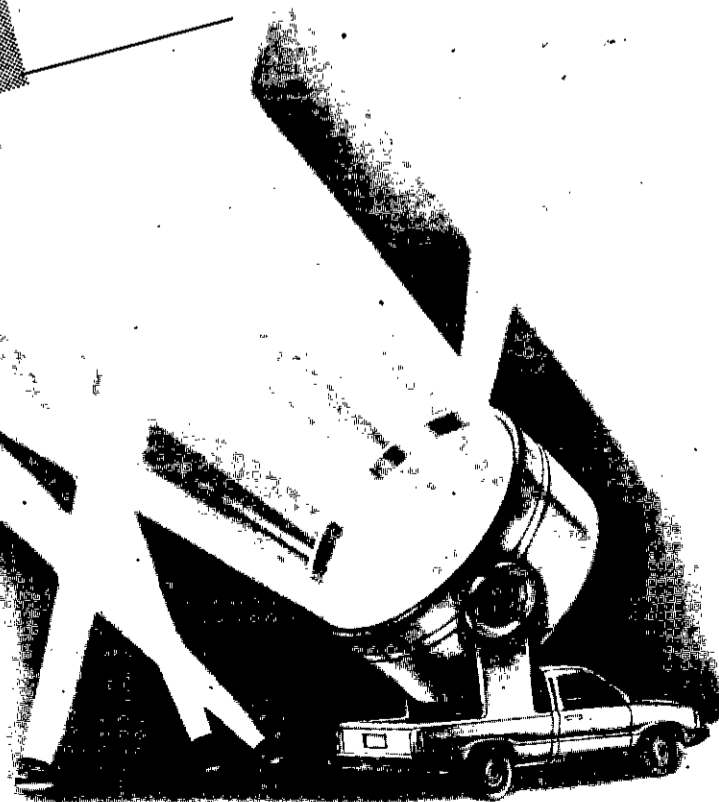
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# 'Enhanced' 911 system considered by county

By Patricia Dumas

Albany County is moving toward establishment of an E-911 Emergency Telephone System but it could not become operative until 1993.

County Executive James J. Coyne is expected to appoint a task force to look into details of the system that would involve a surcharge on the billings of more than 449,000 telephone lines within the county.

Albany County became eligible for the system last year under New York State legislation that gives counties the right to impose the surcharge provided that revenues from it are used only for the telecommunications equipment and related telephone services. Before that legislation was passed, Coyne, in his 1989 State of the County message, had said that although he was willing to recommend installation of the system at its estimated \$130,000 initial cost, the county could not afford the estimated annual maintenance cost of nearly a half million dollars. He urged support for the state legislation so that the surcharge could be used "as the most reasonable way to meet the maintenance costs."

But up until now, the county has not followed up on the E-911 proposal. According to the county's Republican minority legislators, Albany has been lagging behind

the counties of Saratoga, Schenectady and Rensselaer in taking advantage of the computerized technology, which goes beyond the basic 911 system. The basic system is a nationally applied telephone number used to summon emergency aid. The enhanced (E-911) service allows selective routing and automatic caller number and location identification.

Republican legislators Robert G. Prentiss, minority leader James W. Darbyshire, and Warren A. Hopson, all of Colonie, introduced a resolution at this month's meeting of the county legislature that would have directed the county executive to sign a letter of intent to establish the E-911 system. The letter of intent would allow the New York Telephone Company to begin the necessary engineering process. Once authorized, the system would require data collection and equipment updating, a process estimated to require three years.

The Republican legislators pointed out that Albany County is slow in taking advantage of the E-911 availability.

When the resolution came up on the legislative agenda, the legislature's chairman, Charles Cahill, sent it to the penal committee. According to that committee's chairman, Salvatore Garufi, the committee has not taken any ac-

tion on it yet because of Coyne's reported move to establish a task force to study the situation. The names of Coyne's task force have not yet been made public.

Darbyshire said that based on a conversation he had with Coyne, the task force members are likely to include legislators and representatives from the telephone company, Niagara Mohawk, and health and public safety agencies. Quite likely, Darbyshire said, the task force will include people who worked as coordinators on the basic 911 system when it was put into effect some years ago.

## To present testimonial

Glenmont resident Michael Mayo, an elder at Glenmont's Emmanuel Christian Church, will give a testimonial concerning God's love and grace in his life at a special men's breakfast on May 5 at 9 a.m.

Mayo will share of his background, how he came into a relationship with Jesus Christ, where that relationship has brought him today and the direction he believes it's taking him in the future. The breakfast is \$5 and reservations are required by May 3. For information call 463-1296.



Daryen Bubeck and Rachel Burtis perform their gymnastic routine "Pretty in Pink" at the Bethlehem Central Middle School Talent show last Friday night. The joint student-faculty production was sponsored by the Bethlehem Music Association.  
*Elaine McLain*



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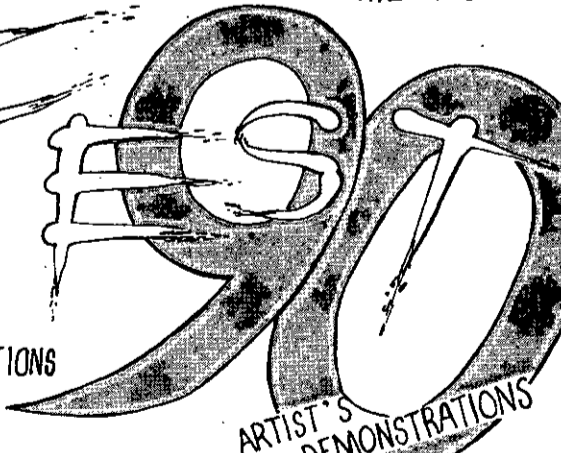
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# Students face the future

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On Thursday, April 26, the entire school day will be devoted to lectures, displays and demonstrations by students, guest speakers and area residents on some aspects of future life.

The morning will begin with an address by Superintendent Alan McCartney on what life will be like 30 years from now, followed by skits by the faculty giving their perception of the future.

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From 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. students will be able to explore their own futures in a variety of career seminars presented by area residents on opportunities in a variety of fields from medicine to engineering, accounting to modeling, education to construction and many many more. The seminars are coordinated by the Occupational Education Advisory Board and several of the presentors will be graduates of the school.

At 10 a.m. a variety of activities are planned by students to explore aspects of the future, including a philosophical debate, a talent show, a futuristic sports game, and other student-produced events. There will also be demonstrations by guest speakers on such topics as robotics by Larry Roelf of RPI and holography by Nancy Safford.

The entire school will reassemble after lunch for a program on computers in music presented by Greg George and Bobby Deitch. Sponsored by the Humanities

program, this presentation will "bring to life the musical wave made possible synthesizers and computer technology."

In the final event of the day students themselves will leave their mark for future generations as each class makes a video presentation ranging from skits to predictions of the future. The filmed productions as well as other artifacts will be placed in a time capsule to be opened in 2020 or at each classes silver reunion.

The program is being chaired by sophomore Rebecca Logan who is being assisted by Nicole Losue, with faculty members William

Dodge and Linda Wolkenbriet coordinating staff efforts. Participation is school-wide and the public is invited to come enjoy the spirit of the day.

### More library festivities

Festivities continue this week as the Voorheesville Public Library continues its 75th birthday celebration during National Library Week. Tonight (Wednesday), volunteers will be feted at a special reception in their honor. Anyone who has assisted in any way at the library this year is invited to this special party which will begin at 7 p.m.

Thursday will bring the second meeting of the newly formed Art Club. All students are welcome to attend the session, which begins

at 4 p.m.

Saturday will bring some magical moments for area toddlers as the library present "Magical Tots" a program of music and movement for children aged 18 months to 2 years and their parents. To take part in this program offered by Dawn Kolakoski parents must register for either the 11:45 a.m., 12:30 p.m. or 1:15 p.m. classes.

From 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday a big birthday celebration will be held at the library. Everyone is invited for refreshments. Prizes will be awarded in the logo and poster contests as well.

Also at the library, a reminder that the water colors and pastels of Marjorie Scilipote of Albany will



Students in Patricia Flynt's fifth grade class at Voorheesville Elementary School show off posters and kites made for a science fair/earth day celebration last Friday, April 20. From left (front) are Gina Gifford, Charmaine Davis, Chrissy DeMarco, Erikka

Jackstadt, Becky Dawson, and Aimee Ellsworth; (middle) Tommy Orowsky, Michael Halpin, Sara Saddlemire, Sarah Greenberg and Shawn Alberry; (top) Kristen Breisch and Jessica Veeder.

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**Creative fund raising**

The Creative Playground committee of the Voorheesville PTSA has a wealth of activity coming up to help garner funds for the playground.

From Monday, April 30, until Monday, May 14, Stewart's Bread and Butter Shop of Voorheesville will sponsor a matching fund drive to benefit the creative playground. The company will match any funds that week donated at the store to the playground.

In an ongoing fundraiser by another area merchant, Emilios Carpet is still offering to donate \$12 per yard for any carpet purchased at the Main St. store by residents

of the school district. So far \$392 has been donated towards the project.

On Friday, May 4, the staff of the Voorheesville Elementary School will present an air band concert beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the high school to benefit the playground. An outdoor band concert is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, featuring music by the high school band and refreshments coordinated by the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland.

Also the Key Club, Kiwanis' student organization, will do their part coordinating a monthly bottle drive to be held on the last Saturday of each month. On April 28, students will be stationed in the elementary parking lot near the bridge between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to collect empty bottles and cans. The public is encouraged to assist by supporting any of these events.

On Tuesday, May 8, the committee will hold their all-important Planning Day with Leathers repre-

sentative Paula Weiss, who will be at the school all day speaking with students, faculty and committee representative on to what should be included in the playground. That evening at 7:30 p.m. the public is encouraged to attend a special meeting at the elementary school to give their input.

**Seniors, plan ahead!**

New Scotland senior citizens are reminded that they must have tickets to attend the Senior Citizens Ball to be held on Sunday, April 29, at St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church. Senior trip coordinator Lois Crouse still has room in the June trip to Pennsylvania that will run from June 7 through the 10th. Those interested in more details may contact her at 765-2109.

**Play ball!**

Spring is here and baseball is in the air. The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland has begun its annual grasshopper baseball and T-ball season. Everyone is invited to stop at the high school Monday through

Thursday after 6 p.m. to watch T-ball and major and minor league play.

**Spring concerts**

Spring also means spring concerts. Area concerts are presently scheduled for the following dates: Wednesday, May 9 — junior senior high school instrumental concert; Thursday, May 17 — Elementary School concert; Wednesday, May 23, junior — senior high school vocal concert. All concerts are free and open to the public.

**Teen dance Saturday**

The New Scotland Parks and Recreation Committee is sponsoring a teen dance featuring Tri-City Illusions on Saturday, April 28, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Clarksville Fire Hall. Admission is \$2 for students in grades 7 through 12. For information call Pat Geurtze at 439-1223.

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**Library schedule**

Events at the Voorheesville Public Library, School Road, Voorheesville:

On April 25 a story hour will be presented at 4 p.m. and at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on the 27th.

On April 26 at 4 p.m. the art club will meet providing activities for children 6 and up, followed at 7 by the fifth part of the writing program, "Personal Histories."

On April 28 a program, "Magical Tots," designed for children ages 18 months to 2 years, will be presented at 11 and 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 and 1:15 p.m. Children will experience music through singing, dancing and movement.

**Dinner to benefit New Scotland church**

The New Scotland Presbyterian Church will hold a roast beef supper on May 5 from 4 to 7 p.m. Adult tickets are \$7 and children's tickets are \$3.50. For information, call 439-3960.



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## Senior housing

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• Programs to enable low-income residents to live in their present residences despite fixed incomes and rising property taxes. Bethlehem did receive senior rental assistance money under HUD Section 8: \$68,000 in 1986 and \$422,000 in 1988, according to Pelletier. However, federal dollars for rental assistance are declining, she added, and the town may have to look at other devices to assist low-income senior residents, such as higher property tax abatements. The town could also encourage local banks to offer so-called reverse mortgages, she said.

If pursued, the more successful the "maintenance" programs, the less need for costlier construction programs, said Elizabeth Smith-Boivin, admissions director at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Delmar and a committee member. However, cautioned Pelletier, while the committee has tried to find "funding that would allow

people to stay in their particular area of town," most of the available federal dollars are for senior housing construction.

As for reverse mortgages, they are not widely available in this region because "the market is not responding to the idea," said Lloyd Nurick, committee member and president of the board of directors of Senior Service Centers of the Albany Area.

In 1987 committee members established Bethlehem Senior Projects, a Section 501c3 not-for-profit corporation "to apply for things the town is not eligible to apply for," said Nurick. Of late, BSP has applied and received RESTORE funding for home repairs, and applied for urban mass transit funding for the purchase of a third senior bus by the town.

The bus fund, said Pelletier, now has \$5,600 while the home repair kitty is down to its last \$9,000. The RESTORE program runs out in five weeks, Pelletier said.

## They're gardening at Heath's

Though ownership has switched hands repeatedly, the land itself happily remains a constant.

As it has since 1973, acreage on Wemple Road is being set aside to push up the butternut squash, beets, broccoli, and whatever other vegetables and plants area gardeners see fit to plant there. Anyone with or without a green thumb can rent a 1,000- or 2,000-square-foot garden for the summer and grow their own pesticide and herbicide-free produce.

The former Heath Dairy property is now owned by Milltown Properties Inc. of Boston. But Red Goyer, coordinator of the gardens, said the annual spring rite of tilling soil and marking off parcels is already underway.

"We're running way early. Usually things aren't ready until the last week in May," he said.

"I think it's going to be a real good year for gardeners."

Goyer said that so far he has sold more than 100 of the over 1302,000-square-foot plots. Whole plots go for \$45 while half-parcels are \$30, he

said. All told, the gardens cover roughly 11 acres, though Goyer says he'll open more space if needed.

Many gardeners—especially those who come from inner-city Albany—are fiercely loyal to the Wemple Road land, returning year after year. Goyer himself says he's had a garden there for 12 or 13 years.

"It's terrific soil for gardening, a sandy loam with some clay," he said. Goyer said he's grown potatoes, corn, tomatoes, lettuce, peppers, fall squash, and butternut squash over his years of using the land.

"And pumpkins grow very well there. Last year I didn't get them in until late July and we still had them ready by Halloween," he said.

Goyer said two of the plots have been donated to the Boy Scouts in Bethlehem and another section will be given to the Bethlehem Lions Club for growing pumpkins.

Parcel reservations can be made with Goyer at 439-4857.

Mike Larabee

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## Spotlight awards

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them. It included a news story by News Editor Sal Prividera Jr. in the Feb. 15 issue, together with an editorial and a column by Editor Tom McPheeters. Later issues included numerous letters from teens, parents and educators and follow-up stories on the problem and community efforts to deal with it.

"What The Spotlight set out to do was break the all-pervasive 'no talk rule' about such events. That 'rule' influenced how the police handled such events, as well as how parents—even those whose children had been endangered and whose homes had been vandalized as a result of such parties—were influenced to keep them quiet," McPheeters said in a letter supporting the entry.

Prividera's coverage of the Jan. 22 fatal fire in South Bethlehem

also won a third place award in the spot news category. The fire took the life of noted environmentalist Robert Rienow and contributed to the controversy over the closed Jericho Bridge.

Two issues were judged worthy of an honorable mention in the business, financial and economic news category. The Jan. 25 issue featured the Business '89 section and included reports by Prividera, Cathi Anne M. Cameron, Theresa Bobear and Lyn Stapf. The July 5 issue included reports by Mark Stuart and Dennis Sullivan.

For the *Colonie Spotlight*, photographer Joe Futia's shot of a South Colonie wrestler received a third place award for best sports feature photo.

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# □ New Scotland's plan

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That means sorting through and organizing heaps of documentation — and this is an incomplete list — population demographics, economic demographics, historical and archaeological resources, housing, land-use, the environment, cultural resources, water, and soils.

It is all part of a long, detailed process that will finally be back in town hands in late spring or summer, Hampston said.

What's happened so far? Work on the New Scotland master plan began in 1988. The planning board held six public meetings in different sections of the town — Feura Bush, Clarksville, the New Salem escarpment, the northeast corner that touches Albany, New Scotland/Unionville, and the escarpment area west and north of Voorheesville.

After that, the board summarized the comments and presented them to the planners. It became Montaigne's task to take the desires of the town and the physical data on its land and marry the two in one complete plan for the future.

"One of the big mandates in the town involves the whole idea that this is a rural community and they'd like to keep that image," he said.

"Once you decide on the environmental side what is suitable for development, the best and worst places to develop and what's in between, then you have to decide how much of that land should be set aside for each of the land-use types."



John Montaigne

Montaigne said that a certain percentage of the land will be zoned for industrial, commercial, residential, recreational, and resource conservation in accordance with the desires of the town. If the town says it wants to preserve its rural character, then that is reflected in the amount set aside for resource conservation and the size of residential lot sizes.

A master plan is simply the way to map out those areas that are best for each type of land-use, Montaigne said.

Hampston said the town's contract with C.T. Male is for about \$30,000, but he estimated that the firm has already spent much more than that. The master plan is required by state law to demonstrate that land-use restrictions are not

"arbitrary and capricious," Montaigne said.

Montaigne said a plan helps planning boards "better understand the implications of what they do." For example, it can backfire when a town makes an over-arching priority of discouraging development.

"Quite often imposing a long list of restrictions on the developer's side gets passed right on to the buyer. If the people who live in a town have so many restrictions that the only houses that are built are expensive, then their children can't afford to live there."

## Two Bethlehem residents win National Merit scholarships

Daniel M. Blaustein of 526 Huron Road, Delmar and Michael A. Cohn of 11 Coventry Road, Glenmont, recently received National Merit scholarships worth \$2,000.

Blaustein attends Bethlehem Central High School and plans to pursue a career in linguistics. An active participant in a regional orchestra wind ensemble, Spanish club and class council, he has been named for other honors including first place in a national

## Salem Hills sewer rates increase \$4 per home

A \$4 monthly rate hike for Voorheesville Sewer District 1 users appears likely after a hearing last week on the proposal drew no public comment.

Under the village's 1990-91 budget, monthly rates for St. Matthew's Church as well as the 283 Salem Hills and Swift Road homes on the system will rise from \$30 to \$34 because of a \$15,600 reduction in the state's Operation and Maintenance fund subsidy.

"It's a matter of simple economics," Mayor Edward Clark said. "We've lost \$16,000 a year that we

now have to replace." He said the state cut is one aspect of a general "tightening up on local government."

Under village control since Local Law 1 was adopted in 1985, the increase is \$2 more than the \$32 a month users paid originally, Trustee Susan Rockmore said.

The village's general, water, and sewer budgets were scheduled to go to a vote Tuesday (yesterday) at the regular board of trustees meeting.

Mike Larabee

Fish and Pumpkin business manager, cadet drill team, and scuba diving. Honors include Cum Laude Society membership, the Van Rensselaer Classical Prize, the Williams College book award and the Merrill E. Gates History Prize.

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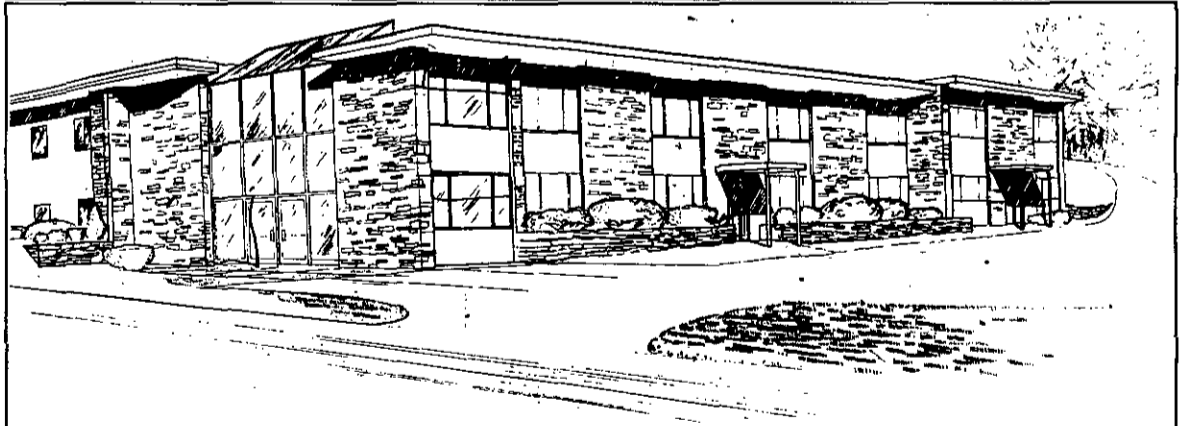
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# THE Spotlight Sports

## Eagles still first after one-hit loss

By John Bellizzi III

Bethlehem's pitching staff and hitters shared the limelight last week as the team hung on to first place in the Suburban Council Gold Division baseball standings.

Jamie Mizener ran his record up to 3-0 with pitching victories over Columbia and Scotia while Alex Hackman threw a four-hitter and singled for Bethlehem's only hit versus Mohonasen. Although Mohon's Ryan Morgan handed the Eagles their first loss of the year in Thursday's pitching duel, Bethlehem is 2-1 in the Council and 4-1 overall.

Last Monday, Mizener went the distance, allowing only three hits as Bethlehem defeated Columbia,

10-3 in the league opener. Hackman had two hits and two RBI for the Eagles and outfielder Scott Hodge and catcher Matt Quatraro each contributed three RBI. The Eagles had eight hits.

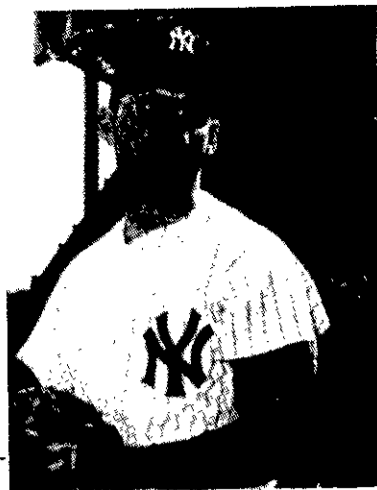
Four runs in the first inning were the key to Mohonasen's 4-0 win last Thursday in the Hackman-Morgan duel. Hackman struck out 10 while allowing only four hits and two walks. Morgan struck out five Eagles but allowed only one hit and no walks.

The Eagles rebounded from the loss and pummeled Scotia with 16 hits Friday enroute to a 19-0 victory. Mizener pitched the one-hit shutout, striking out 11, while his

success continued at the plate with four hits and three RBI. The Eagles got on the board with four in the first and scored at least twice in each subsequent inning.

Bethlehem will have its hands full this week on the road against three Gold Division opponents. Monday's scheduled game was against the Silver Warriors (0-3) at Niskayuna. The Eagles will face Burnt Hills (1-2) this afternoon at 4 p.m. and Colonie (2-1) on Friday.

Saturday, Bethlehem will travel out-of-section for a non-league contest against Oneonta High, beginning 1 p.m. at Damaschke Field, home of the Oneonta Yankees of the NY-Penn League.



**Former Yankee relief ace Ryne Duren will speak and sign autographs next Monday at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of Bethlehem Central High School. Duren, now an educator devoted to teaching others about alcohol and drug abuse, will appear under the auspices of the Bethlehem Networks Project.**

Other strong performances were by the 3200-meter relay team of Aaron Coleman, Dugan, Hurd, and Watson (second place, 9:00.3) and pole vaulter Dan Dunn (second place, 10-0).

On Thursday, without Dugan or Hurd, the Eagles still turned in some fine performances. Will soared much higher for another high-jump win, this time 6-2. Dunn won the vault, clearing 11 feet. Craig Christian posted an area best in the 200-meter dash with a 22.6, one-tenth of a second away from the school record, which he holds. He also placed a close second in the 100 with a time of 11.0.

The 400-meter relay of Eric Horowitz, John Cooke, Merlin Gordon, and John DiAnni placed second in 48.9. In the 1600-meter relay, the Christian brothers, Kevin Freeman, and Watson finished second with a time of 3:57.4.

Yesterday (Tuesday), the Eagles faced Shaker and Mohonasen at home. Pogue said: "I think we should be at least even with them."

## Track Eagles drop first two meets

By Michael Kagan

Rattled by injuries, the Bethlehem Central boys' track team came close to beating Scotia and Colonie although they lost to both, 89-85 and 94-77. The team was then blown out by Niskayuna and archrival Shenendehowa, teams with twice the roster size.

Last Tuesday at Niskayuna, the

home team led the whole way comfortably. However, Scotia and BC were neck-and-neck until the end.

The first injury came when middle distance runner Matt Dugan complained of muscle problems in his leg. He was able to race again in the meet, but did not compete in the other meet and was

barely able to practice. Star distance runner Garry Hurd hurt his ankle in the two-mile and could not finish. Hurd led at the time.

That meet did have brighter spots for BC, though. Craig Christian won the 100- and 200-meter dashes in 11.1 and 23.4. Scott "Air" Willi high jumped 5-10 to win that event while in the 1600-meter relay, Bethlehem's team of Ken Watson, Andy Christian, Dugan, and Craig Christian came back to win at the wire in a time of 3:45.9. The race was highlighted by brilliant catchup running by Dugan (56.0 split) and a blazing anchor leg by Craig Christian (52.1).

## VC netters drop opener to Cadets, 9-0

By Kevin Taylor

The young Voorheesville tennis team was given its first lesson in how to handle defeat when the Cadets of Albany Academy put quite a hurting on the 'Birds Wednesday. VC coach Tom Kurkjian said he was glad they got the one tough team out of the way first.

At No. 1 the coach's son, Tom Kurkjian, was drubbed by Jeff Byrne, 6-1, 6-0. Junior Matt Hladun seemingly played the best of any Blackbird as he tallied six games from his opponent, Tom Krackeler, but Krackeler prevailed with a 6-3, 6-3 victory. Aaron Luczak was then "bageled" in his match against Gregg Wallace, 6-0, 6-0. At No. 4 for the Birds, Kevin Relyea held his own in the first set, relying by only one break, 6-4. But in the second set, Mike Parikh took control and won, 6-1. In the final singles match, Dave Lancor avoided the bagel by one game as he was defeated by Matt Quimby, 6-0, 6-1.

The doubles teams did not fair much better. Mike Kaine and Adam Kellar managed to win only two games as they defeated, 6-1, 6-1. John Wilson and Brian Goldstein were defeated 6-1, 6-2 in the other doubles match.

Inclement weather forced postponement of Friday's Watervliet match to a later date.

Today (Wednesday), the Birds travel to Ravena, then to Schalmont next Monday for pivotal matches in the race for second place in the Colonial Council (behind Academy, of course). In between, the Blackbirds host a weak Waterford team on Friday.

## Beth Babe Ruth opens season

By John DiAnni

Bethlehem Babe Ruth opens its season tomorrow (Thursday) with three Ravena area teams joining the established eight from Bethlehem.

The move allows over 135 youth the opportunity to play. As a result, the league will be broken into three divisions.

The North Division will have teams sponsored by Houghtaling's Market, Owens-Corning Fiberglas, Ted Danz Heating and Air Conditioning, and G.E. Selkirk.

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Two games will be played Monday through Saturday, one at the Bethlehem Middle School and one at Ravena Village Park.

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# It takes time to develop a major-leaguer

By Nat Boynton

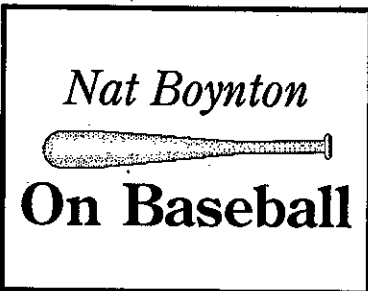
Among other things, this week's NFL draft serves as an annual reminder that it is many times more difficult for a top college athlete to jump directly to the big leagues in baseball than in football.

Small wonder that superstars drafted in early rounds in both sports almost invariably choose football. Billy Cannon, John Elway, Jay Schroeder, Bo Jackson, Deion Sanders quickly come to mind, with Jackson the only one of these who elected baseball as a vocation and delegated football to an avocation. (Sanders is currently undergoing a change of heart, and Jackson spent his first season and a half in the minors.)

This week a versatile athlete at the University of Michigan coveted by the Red Sox was tabbed as a possible first-round pick in the NFL draft. Greg McMurtry, a Massachusetts boy, reportedly turned down a \$200,000 signing bonus that would have sent him to New Britain in the Eastern League this summer. He saw the picture clearly.

"In baseball they draft you, work with you for two or three years, then bring you up," he was quoted as saying over the weekend. Even then, he conceded, he still had to find out if he could hit big league pitching. There were no such doubts about being a wide receiver in the NFL come September.

How right he was! Look at the A-C Yankees, back in Heritage Park tonight (Wednesday) and tomorrow after a three-game sweep of the London Tigers in distant Ontario. Thirteen of the 23 players on the roster are 25 years old or will be in a few months. The team's two youngest, outfielder Bernie Williams and lefthanded pitcher Scott Holcomb, have not yet turned 22, yet both are in the fifth season of pro ball.



Williams is a genuine major league prospect playing at the Double-A level in order to get daily work. The Yankees don't know much about Holcomb, who was obtained from the Oakland A's in a trade a year ago.

That's normal business for youngsters of 21, but what about these scarred "old pros" still at Double-A after five, six or more years in the minors?

Here is Mitchell Scott Lyden, the Yankees' No. 1 selection in the 1983 amateur draft who played 47 games as an 18-year-old catcher for Oneonta in the New York-Penn League. Everybody at Heritage loves Mitch, now in his eighth professional season, the biggest (6-3, 220) and the quietest (35 words per hour) of the current crop.

Mitch played 53 games for Albany-Colonie last year, mostly as a DH. That was because the two catchers ahead of him were John Ramos, the league's all-star catcher, and Jim Leyritz, who won the league batting title with .315. Both Ramos and Leyritz were invited to the major league training camp this spring, which would seem to open the way for Lyden to be Albany's starting receiver.

Not so. Leyritz is in Triple-A Columbus, but Ramos is back in Albany as the front-line catcher.

"It's a tough business," Lyden observed this week. "I've had a couple injuries, but I'm hanging in

there. If I'm backup and only catch every fourth or fifth game, so be it."

Others who had counted on being at Triple-A this year are likewise philosophical, but in different circumstance. Scott Kamieniecki and Royal Clayton, righthanded smoke-throwers who between them won 26 games for A-C last year, need only a few strong starts to make the jump to Columbus this season. Both are doing just that, Kamieniecki's 2-hit shut-out at London in the second game Sunday giving him 13 scoreless innings for openers so far. Kamieniecki turned 26 just last week, Clayton is 24, and both are in their fourth pro season.

Two other holdover pitchers have been struggling, hampered by cold weather and lack of innings during the first two weeks. Jerry Rub, now in his fifth season, and Chris Howard, a four-year pro, are the team's only southpaws other than the untested Holcomb. Both have had trouble getting the ball over the plate.

"They're not throwing strikes," grumbled Monk Meyer, their resident tutor and dean of the Eastern League's pitching faculty. "Jerry walked nine in less than six innings, and Chris walked five in three his first time out (in New Britain). You can't pitch when you're behind or go deep in the count. I look for a lot of improvement now that the weather is better."

So do the two lefties themselves. "We've never walked so many in our lives, so it's not something we do all the time," said Howard. At 24, this is only his third year pitching, after breaking in as an outfielder.

"I haven't found my rhythm yet," said Rub. "It's hard to get loose in cold weather. I've been so inconsistent I've been using my slider like a fastball."

Meaning, of course, that it's unusual for pitchers who depend on the fastball when they have to get a strike to use something else as bread-and-butter.

Performance of minor league ballplayers is factored by age and league level. Tim Becker, an accomplished shortstop on last year's A-C champions, quit baseball when he was assigned to Double-A for the third straight year. Scott Shaw, a competent utility infielder, was

released after five seasons. Bobby Dickerson, who served as a backup infielder at Albany and Columbus last year, has been returned to Heritage and still a backup. He is disappointed, but not discouraged. "They'll have to tear this off me," he says, touching his uniform shirtfront.

The status of experienced minor league players of advancing age becomes increasingly perilous over the next few days. Major league teams, allowed to carry 27 players for the first three weeks of the season because of the cutback in spring training, must trim their rosters to 25 (or observe last year's 24-man agreement) by May 1 (Tuesday). The resulting domino effect — known among baseball practitioners as the "trickle down" — will affect minor league rosters at all levels, including our A-C Yankees. More on this to come.

## This week at Heritage

The Albany-Colonie Yankees home schedule for this week: April 25, Canton Akron Indians, 7:05 p.m.; April 27, Reading Phillies, 7:05 p.m.; April 28, 29, Reading, 2:05 p.m.

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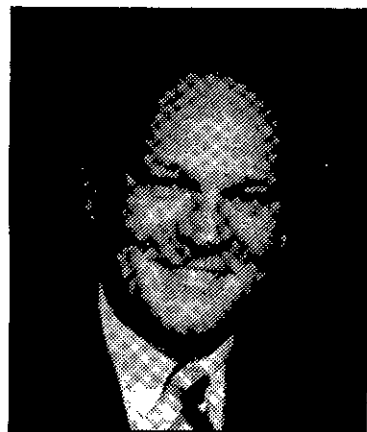
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## Extension healing after county pruning

By Mike Larabee

**F**our months after suffering massive cuts in county funds, Cooperative Extension Director George Hecht sees an analogy in the potted rubber tree that sits in the corner of his Voorheesville office.

"It's like pruning a plant," he said. "Some plants have to be cut back so they can grow again."

Then he points across his desk, at the thin, sagging tree on the other side of the room.

"Maybe if someone had pruned that plant when it was smaller it would be doing a lot better now."

Hecht is not happy about what happened when Cooperative Extension — the outreach arm of Cornell University, the land-grant institution designed to

encourage the practical application of research in the general community — was the big loser in last year's county budget crunch. But Hecht is far-enough resigned to reduced 1990 services and staff to look for a bright side.

"In the long run I'm hoping the experience will be healthy," he said. Healthy in

### Master gardeners say they will attempt to provide their own leadership

that hard decisions about priorities and resources were made. Healthy in that programs, personnel, and services were examined closely and only those deemed most efficient and effective remain.

But to be sure, before the cuts, the extension was in a lot better shape than Hecht's rubber plant.

"They performed emergency surgery and the patient lived," said Hecht. "But

the patient is a little different. It's like if you don't have your appendix or left arm anymore.

"The patient's healthy now and in good shape. It's just smaller."

How much smaller? County funds were cut by more than half, from \$989,000 to

\$450,000. That meant Cooperative Extension lost 16 of 66 employees through layoffs and attrition, and the services that were left were spread thin. New initiatives not already funded by grants became unthinkable.

Because of the county cuts, the agency lost about 30 percent of its overall budget. What's worse, state and federal monies may also be reduced this year — though

how far is still unclear — because amounts are determined in part by the size of the county's commitment to the agency.

It's no wonder the radical surgery metaphor is a popular one.

"Cooperative Extension got injured, the wounds have been sutured, and we are healing," said Melvin Feldman, president of the board of directors.

Like Hecht, Feldman does not want to dwell on the cuts. Yes, he said, they lost about 30 percent of budget, but that doesn't mean they lost 30 percent of their programs.

"The extreme number of volunteers and the quality of our professional staff helped us adjust. We're doing our job, and we're doing it well," said Feldman.

One program that depends extensively on volunteer commitment is the extension's master gardener program.

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unteers, master gardeners are trained experts in the kinds of problems faced by home gardeners and consumers. Any of Albany County's over 50 master gardeners probably would have saved the rubber-tree plant in Hecht's office if they'd had the chance.

Though best-known for staffing Cooperative Extension's consumer horticulture phone hotline, master gardeners appeared in the public eye with vocal protests in defense of their program during the budget crisis last year.

In the end, the professional agent who oversaw the commercial horticulture program at coop-

erative extension — which coordinates master gardener activity — was cut. The master gardeners accused the agency of being insensitive to the value of their contributions. Cooperative extension's emergency budget committee said their backs were against the wall.

Pat Hancox, a master gardener who is on the Cooperative Extension board of directors as the agricultural program's representative to the finance committee, summarized her feelings about the conflict in a written statement.

"Two things became apparent after the budget cuts," she said. "One, that Cooperative Extension ... had an unclear idea of what the master gardener program entailed.

Two, that the master gardener program would need to generate its own leadership, direction, and long-range planning," she said.

"Whether a group of unpaid volunteers will be willing to do this under the current conditions in Albany Cooperative Extension only time will tell," said Hancox. She added that in the future master gardeners will actively promote the program to reduce confusion about their work.

But Feldman said the size of the cuts simply forced across-the-board belt-tightening.

"It was perceived that master gardeners served an inordinately useful part of our agricultural division," he said. "But if you don't



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Bob Hagyard

have the dollars, you don't have the bodies. If you don't have the bodies, you don't have the services."

Margaret Kleeberg was the agency's commercial horticulture agent. Now she has taken on the responsibilities of the commercial horticulture program as well. She has done a "yeoman-like job trying to support and maintain" the program, Hancox said.

But Kleeberg herself admits she has to be a "hands-off" manager because of time-constraints.

"We're not able to do as much as we did before," Kleeberg said.

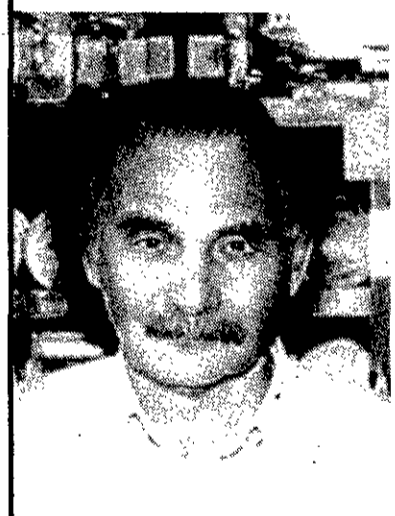
The consensus four months after the cuts: everyone at cooperative extension is interested in moving on.

"Where is the master gardener program now?" said Kleeberg. "I'd say most of the wounds are healed. Spring's here, and we've all got a lot of work to do."

Albany County's master gardener program was started in 1977 with five volunteers. Last year the gardeners contributed 2,200 hours of services and many more unrecorded hours developing new projects, Hancox said.

Of the overall cuts, Hecht said most of the agency's adjustments were in personnel. He said three agents were professionals — individuals analogous to university professors — as well as a number of paraprofessionals, secretaries, and other employees were let go. In addition, an extension outreach office in Westerlo was turned over to the town's control.

Hecht said two new grant-funded programs on recycling and AIDS education are being implemented despite the cut-backs.



Melvin Feldman

## Handivan workshop set April 26

Cornell Cooperative Extension will hold a Handivan Workshop on "lock repairs," on Thursday, April 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

John Kohler will lead the program. The workshop will be held at the Neighborhood Resource Center, 340 First St., in Albany. To register, call 463-4267.

## Five Rivers slates wildflower walk

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# Attack of the killer tomatoes: space seeds grow in Colonie

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

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## SEEDS

(Space Exposed Experiment Developed for Students) has taken root in Ruth Rich's grade six science class at Hebrew Academy on Sand Creek Road.

In 1984, the space shuttle *Challenger* put a Long Duration Exposure Facility, or LDEF, into orbit above the earth's surface. Attached to the LDEF's framework were experiments from the U.S. and nine other countries.

Included in the experiments were trays of the Park Seed Company's Rutgers California Supreme brand tomatoes. Their six-year mission: to boldly go where no tomatoes had gone before — 257 nautical miles above the earth's surface — until their retrieval this Jan. 12 by the space shuttle *Columbia*.

The Rutgers brand seeds were chosen because they produce very few variations from generation to generation, making any differences that may occur from their stay in space easy to spot.

"Our seeds arrived in March,



Ruth Rich's sixth grade science class at Hebrew Academy is growing tomato plants for seeds that have been in orbit around the Earth.

Elain McLain

and we planted them on the 30th," explained Rich, director of middle school science. "We had a real range of expectations. Some kids expected a big difference between the seeds from space and the same ones that had been stored here on earth. That they would grow bigger, or be a different color, or wouldn't grow at all."

The class was provided with both seeds stored in space, the "experimental" group, and a "control" group of seeds stored on earth to gauge any differences.

"Unfortunately, we were on Passover break when the seeds germinated," Rich said. "Surprisingly, we've found that the seeds

stored in space had a higher germination rate than those stored on earth — 47 to 36 percent."

Rich said there did seem to be some disappointment that there wasn't a dramatic difference in appearance when the groups started to grow. "I think they wanted them to be different, like little green men had something to do with it," she said.

While rumors of radiation problems have arisen since the start of the test, NASA ensures that the radioactivity the seeds were exposed to in space does not pose any health hazard.

The space agency points out that 82 percent of the yearly radia-

tion on earth comes from natural rocks, soil, groundwater and other materials, while just 18 percent comes from man-made sources such as X-rays and nuclear devices.

internal characteristics in comparison to the earth-based ones," Rich said. NASA is expecting data by June 1.

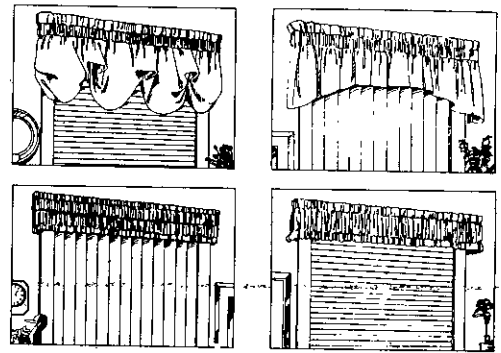
"NASA has set this up very well, and it has been very interesting so far," she added. "And growing is always interesting, because it's not static, it gets everyone involved."

Will the Colonie space farmers get to taste the fruits of their labors?

"I don't know," said Rich. "That would mean outside planting (to see the plants through to tomatoes) and I haven't talked to the principal yet." Stay tuned. . .

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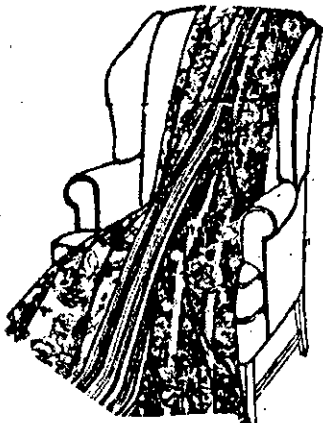
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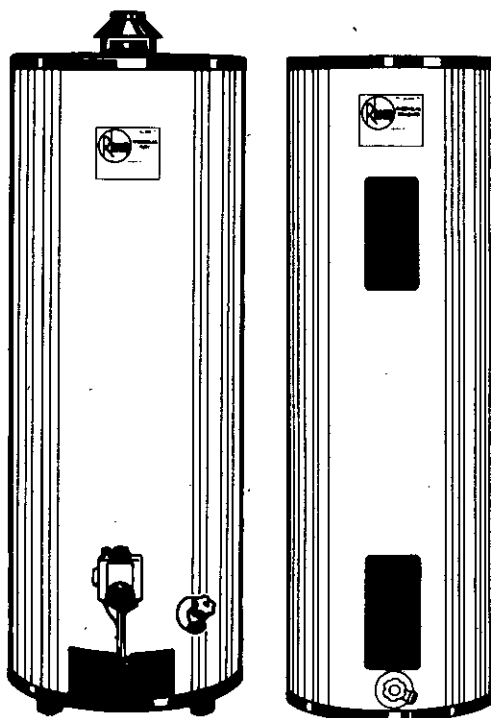
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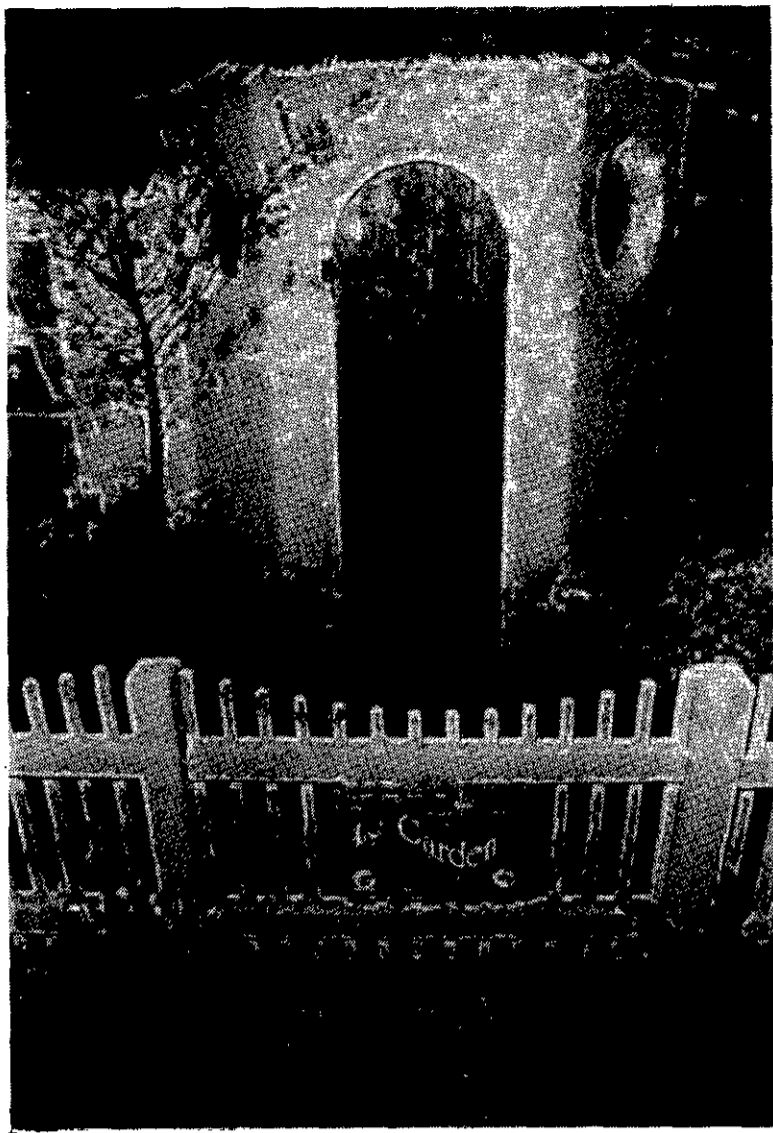
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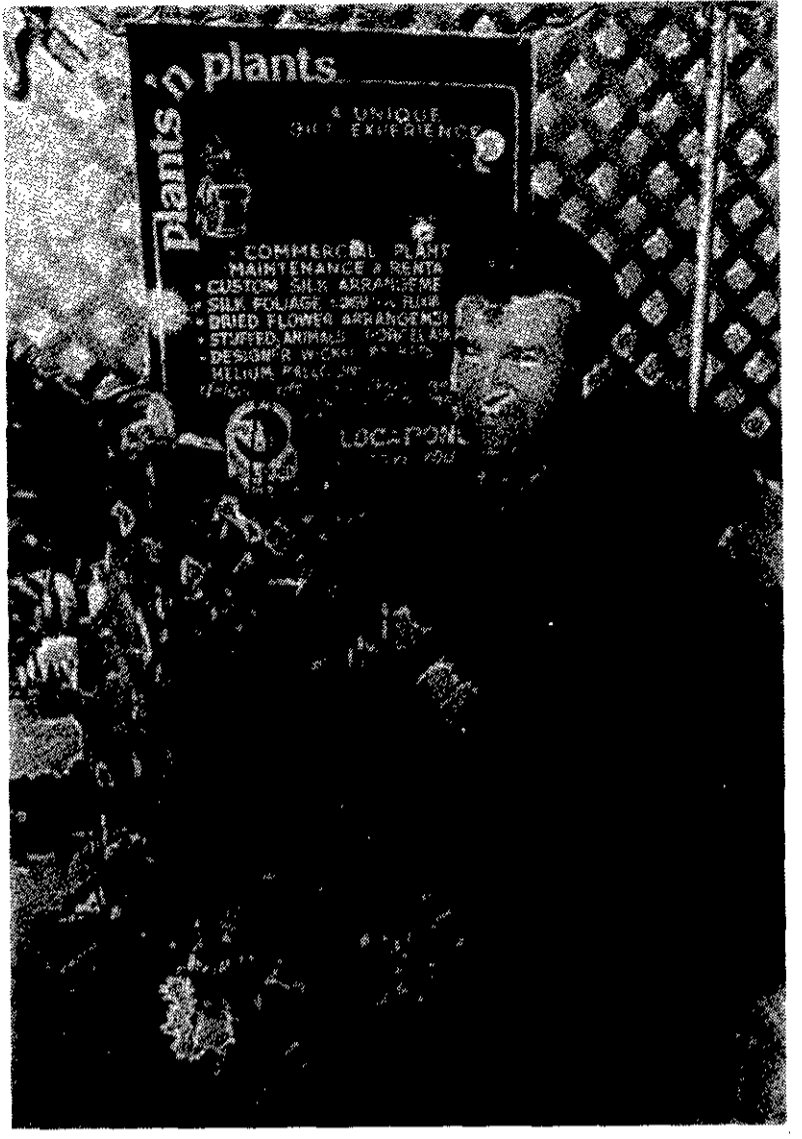
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Yunck's Nursery of Loudonville displayed a front yard scene at the garden show. Plants included birds of paradise, lilacs, rhododendrons, andromeda and a crab tree.

The A-Frame of Latham made outdoor living inviting with this patio scene.

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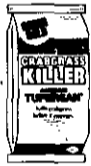
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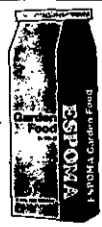
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Many of the seed-eating birds, such as sparrows, grosbeaks, and cardinals, can be encouraged to visit your yard by filling a bird feeder with black oilseed sunflower seeds. They provide more energy than do other sunflower seeds and are a favorite of seed-eating birds.

Brightly colored goldfinches prefer niger seed (thistle seed), while robins, cedar waxwings, and catbirds like a menu offering chopped apple, banana, and raisin. Insect-eating birds such as chickadees, woodpeckers, and nuthatches can be fed suet in the winter; don't put suet out in the summer, though. It can become rancid and make birds sick.

Put the feeders where they are safe from cats and other animals, and check the feeders occasionally to be sure there is no moldy food in them, which could make the birds sick.

If you don't want to make bird feeders, consider this quick and simple method of bird feeding: make a "bird food necklace." Using needle and thread, string together pieces of suet, apple slices, cranberries, raisins, dates, and stale bread. Hang the necklaces in nearby trees and shrubs for birds to enjoy.

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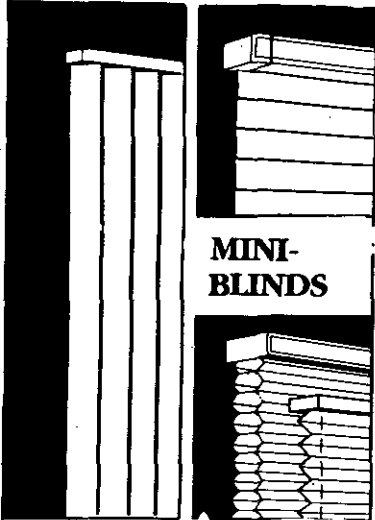
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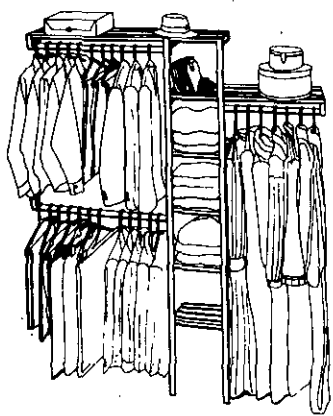
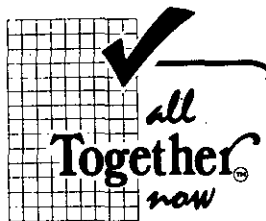
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# Flowers on the menu



When you plan your summer flower bed, keep this in mind: some flowers that look great in the garden can also enhance your summer menus. Edible flowers add color, taste, and surprise to salads and side dishes, and can be used to garnish main courses.

"Some commonly consumed foods such as broccoli, cauliflower, and artichokes are technically flowers," says Ellen M. Circo, a re-

search support specialist at Cornell University's New York State Agricultural Experiment Station. "Others less common are becoming trendy for human consumption."

She says that although eating flowers is a relatively new trend in the U.S., flowers have been part of other cultures' menus for many centuries. The practice of eating flowers actually dates back to ancient Roman times.

Pansies, hollyhocks, nasturtiums, violets, rose petals, day lilies and tiger lilies, garlic chive blossoms, squash blossoms, and garland chrysanthemums are among the edible flowers that can be planted and harvested from your flower beds.

In addition to using flowers fresh and whole, try adding them to stir-fry dishes. Or stuff squash blossoms and bake them, as is popular in Italy.

Dandelion buds, if picked before they open, can be tossed with garlic, oil, and seasonings, and pansies can be used to give honey a unique flavor. Hollyhocks can be

used for homemade wine; marigolds can be added to scrambled eggs and cheese dishes. (For more ideas, check at your local library for gardening and cookbooks.)

"Preparing flowers for food can be great fun," Circo says. She adds, though, that caution should be the number one ingredient in any flower recipe.

"Flowers are like mushrooms," Circo points out. "Some are edible and delicious, but others are to be carefully avoided." Some common garden plants that are poisonous include lily-of-the-valley, buttercups, delphiniums, foxglove, and bleeding heart. In fact, to be extra safe, don't harvest edible flowers that have been grown close to poisonous ones.

In general, follow the mushroom picker's prime rule: unless you can identify a plant and know with 100 percent certainty that it is not poisonous, don't eat it.

Use the flowers as a garnish, rather than a main ingredient. Like any new food, they could cause stomach upset if used in too great a quantity.

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# A flash in the pan: Propagating new groundcover is a snap

**U**sing simple techniques, home gardeners can propagate ground covers from cuttings to help fill in and improve their landscape.

Ground covers are useful for areas in the home landscape that don't lend themselves to lawn or flower beds. They require less maintenance than either lawn or flower beds, and add texture and variety to the home landscape.

Early summer is a perfect time to propagate ground covers for use in the home landscape. First, find a source for the ground cover you would like to use: a small patch already present in your landscape, or in a friend's or neighbor's landscape. Then, assemble the few things you'll need for a home propagation unit for taking cuttings: a disposable aluminum cake pan, perlite to fill the pan, a large, transparent plastic bag such as dry-cleaners use, rooting hormone powder, two coat hangers or four small bamboo sticks, and a plant mister.

Then follow these simple steps:

Moisten the perlite in the pan, but drain off all excess water, so none sits in the bottom of the pan.

Take cuttings from the existing ground cover. Use the tips of the plants only, cutting stems four or five inches long, with an angled cut. Remove all leaves except the first three or four at the tip. Dip the cutting in rooting hormone powder, and shake off any excess.

Using a pencil, make a hole in the perlite that is almost in depth of the pan. Insert the cutting, and firm the perlite around it. Continue until all the cuttings are inserted into the perlite. Make sure each cutting has enough room to develop a good-sized root ball. Mist the cuttings.

Insert the four bamboo sticks at each corner of the pan, or cut and bend two coat hangers into arches, and insert one at each end of the pan. Put the cutting-filled pan in the plastic bag, and twist the bag shut to provide a humid, protected environment.

Put the propagation unit in a warm, bright spot, but away from direct sun. A window curtained with a sheer fabric is ideal.

Mist the cuttings periodically and don't let them dry out. Add water as needed, but sparingly, so that none sits in the bottom of the pan.

In about two weeks root balls should have begun to form. To check, tug gently at one or two of the cuttings. If there is resistance, roots have developed. Begin to "wean" the plants from the protective environment of the propagation unit by leaving the plastic bag open for longer periods each day, starting with 20 to 30 minutes.

When root balls are formed and the plants are weaned, transplant the cuttings into 4-inch pots using a potting mix that is one part sterile soil, one part perlite, and one part peat moss. Move the pots outside to a semi-shaded location, and keep them moist.

The new cuttings can be planted in late summer or the following spring. If they are not to be planted until next spring, leave them outside during the winter, but in a protected spot.

There are many ground covers that can be propagated by this technique. Here are some of them,

with their characteristics:

**English ivy** is low growing and green all year. It can be planted in sun or shade.

**Rockspray cotoneaster** is good in sunny locations. It has low, arching branches that look especially good in rock gardens.

**Bearberry** is low growing, slow to spread, and is evergreen with attractive red fruit in the autumn. It needs well-drained acidic soils.

**Perennial geraniums** can be grown in sun or part shade and in addition to their lovely, delicate foliage they have dainty red, pink, or purple flowers.

**Dwarf bush honeysuckle**, unlike the larger varieties, grows only 2 or 3 feet tall. It can be grown in sun or shade and has small yellow flowers in the summer.

**Gro-low aromatic sumac**, grown in full sun, reaches a modest height of 2 feet and its leaves provide red colors in the autumn.

Low-growing spreading roses such as White and Scarlet Meidiland, Nearly Wild, Bonica, and the memorial rose, do best in full sun and soils with good drainage. These roses usually bloom all summer long.

**Creeping thyme** is low growing, drought resistant, and evergreen. It requires a location with full sun.

**Euonymus** will grow in sun or shade. It's semi-evergreen, with foliage of varying colors.

**Evergreen candytuft** needs full sun and well-drained soils. It reaches only 6 to 8 inches in height and in early summer is covered with white flowers.

**Sedum spurium** (two row stonecrop) prefers a sunny, dry location. It is about 6 inches tall, and provides pink or white flowers.

Because ground covers are usually grown in areas the gardener wishes to be low-maintenance, it makes sense to plant the covers closely enough so that they will cover the area in one year. That way, the area need be cultivated and weeded only for one growing season; after that the plants should require minimal maintenance.

To achieve one-year coverage, plant the smaller plant varieties, like creeping thyme, English ivy, and candytuft, 6 inches apart. Larger varieties, such as the roses, can be planted a foot apart.

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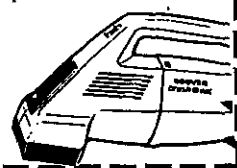
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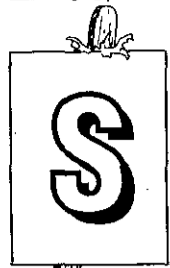
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# Exercise (with) caution when you start the garden



Spring is the time to sharpen up the steel hoes, rub up the rakes, and oil up the wheel-hoes." These words, by Bob Adams, member of Cornell's vegetable crops department in the 1920s, indicate some of the activities still performed as we open our gardens for a new growing season.

Some of the busiest times are in these initial days, and overexuberance can lead to overexertion. We till or spade the garden, make raised beds and erect posts and trellis, spread organic matter and fertilizer, dig furrows, stoop to plant and transplant, and begin our continual battle with weeds.

Unless you have exercised through the winter, you may suffer physical pain from early moments in your garden. We urge you to take a few moments before, during, or after light gardening to perform some exercises to moderate the physical stress of gardening. Stretching warms the muscles, increases their elasticity,

and reduces the chance for sprains and pains.

These stretching exercises are designed for use after a lengthy winter of inactivity. Allow five to 10 minutes for proper stretching benefits. Perform each exercise for 15 to 30 seconds. Move into each position with a smooth, continuous motion, not a bouncing or abrupt one. Feel your muscles ease

## Body twist

Stretch your arms straight overhead. Clasp your hands and slowly twist your body to the right, allowing the left knee to bend slightly. Twist to the left, allowing the right knee to bend slightly. Continue twisting, now with hands on hips, alternating right to left, then twist with arms stretched out sideward at shoulder height. Twist slowly,

easy motion, bring arms together behind you, crossing them if possible. Stretch arms forward to backward to forward continuously for 16 cycles. This stretches the back, arms, and chest muscles.

## Side stretch

Stand with your feet apart and knees straight. Start with both hands along the sides of your thighs, then stretch your right arm

your back. Inhale, lifting your arms up. Exhale and lower arms. Then bend torso forward from hip, keeping knees slightly bent. Stretch arms up. Hold back straight, abdomen pulled in. Hold for 15 seconds. Return upright. Repeat. This stretches the arms and the hamstring muscles.

## Body swing

Stand and stretch your arms overhead. Drop arms forward bending body downward, head between bent knees. Then bring torso and arms back up to standing position. Repeat 10 times. This stretches the lower back muscles.

## Thigh stretch

This is best after warm-up gardening has been done. Stand holding onto something that is stationary with right hand. Bend left foot up to buttock. Reach left hand behind you, grasping left ankle and hold 15 seconds. Repeat on right side. You will feel this stretch in the thigh or quadriceps muscles. When performing this stretch, you should not feel pressure or pain in the bent knee.

## Lower leg stretch

Hold something that is stationary. Point your right foot forward,

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— Bob Adams

into the stretch. Stop if you experience any excessive discomfort or pain.

## Head semicircles

Nod head forward, chin to chest, then rotate sideward, to the left, back to the chest, and then to the right shoulder. Do two semicircles in each direction, this helps to stretch neck muscles.

continuously doing each of the three variations 10 times. This stretches the muscles of the shoulders and torso.

## Arm stretch

Stretch your arms out sideward at shoulder height. With elbows locked (straight), bring arms forward, crossing them in front of your body. Then, with a moderate

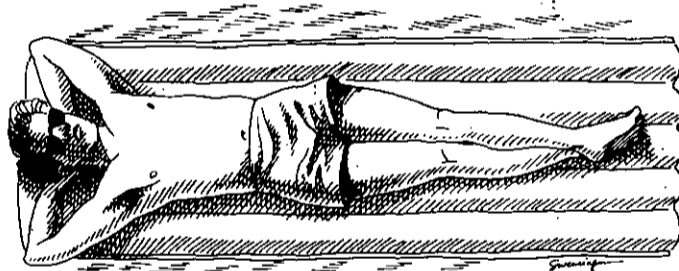
straight overhead. Slide your left hand slowly down your leg; your body will bend to the left. Hold the bend for at least 15 seconds. Then stretch to the right. This stretches the muscles of the upper body.

## Arm and hamstring (back of thigh) stretch

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knee bent; stretch left leg straight back, heel pressed against floor. Hold for 15 to 30 seconds. Repeat on other leg. This stretches the Achilles tendon and calf muscle.

**Buttock stretch**

The next two are excellent to offset the pains of planting. Sit on the floor with your legs together and your knees straight. Cross right foot over left leg, placing right foot on the ground, as close to your hip as possible. Wrap arms around right knee pulling it toward your chest. Hold for 15 to 30 seconds. Repeat on other leg. This stretches the gluteus muscle group, lower back, and buttocks.

**Back stretch**

Lie on your back and bring both knees to your chest. Grasp your shins and pull the knees to your face. Hold for 15 to 30 seconds. This stretches the back and neck muscles.

Along with performing these stretching exercises daily, everyone should be involved in a formal exercise program. A specific program could consist of cycling, walking, jogging, or swimming, offering a cardiovascular benefit that moderate gardening does not.

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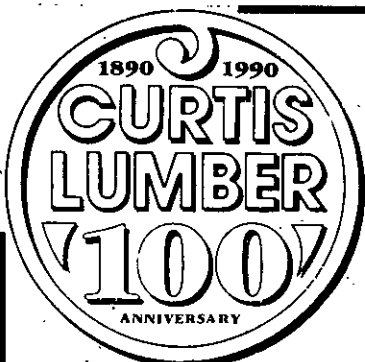
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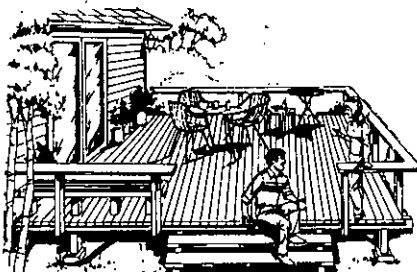
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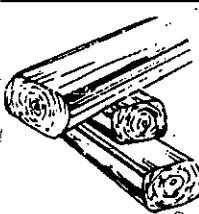


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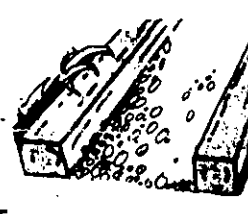


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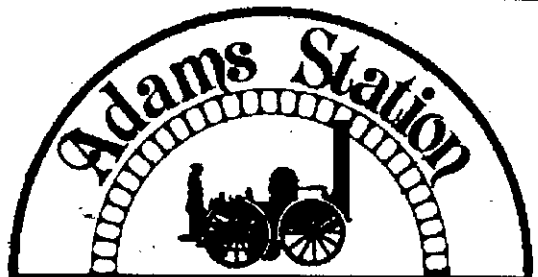
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# How does your garden grow? In a community

**By Susan Graves**  
 Inch by inch, row by row, how does your community garden grow?

Chances are it will thrive since community gardeners have lots of help available to them.

Community Gardens is a not-for-profit organization that oversees 13 garden sites located in Colonie and Troy. One site is in Latham behind the Mountainview Terrace Apartments off Pollack Road. The other is in Menands on Oakwood Avenue on the road leading to the humane society.

In Latham, there is enough land to accommodate 16 plots, which are 20 to 30 feet in diameter.

"The gardens are open to everyone," regardless of where they live, said Richard Risio, Community Gardens assistant director.

Each year sign-ups for plots begin in March, with preference

given to the previous year's gardeners.

After April 1, unspoken-for plots go up for grabs on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Risio said most people begin to dig in their heels about serious gardening after the first signs of warm weather.

"There's a rush after the first bout of warm weather," he said.

The cost to use the plot is \$17, or whatever the gardener can afford. Risio said it costs Community Gardens about \$60 to maintain each plot.

The only restrictions are that the gardeners are asked not to use chemicals, pesticides or chemical fertilizers. Risio said each new garden site is tested for nutrient deficiency and toxic materials.

At the Community Gardens' store on Fourth Street in Troy, the gardener can get any number of aids to insure success.

Amy and Cliff Callinan of Latham will be working two plots in the community garden in Latham again this year. When they

started two-years ago, Amy said most of what they knew, they had learned from books.

She said she and her husband decided to use the community garden in order to "grow food without pesticides for our children."

In addition, she said the garden is a money-saver. "Last year was our best year." The couple grew enough carrots to last the whole winter, and they put up 30 quarts of tomato sauce.

"We save a lot of money on produce in the summer," she said.

"I think everyone's interest in organic gardening is increasing," Risio said, "People's consciousness has been raised," about the dangers of pesticides.

First-time community gardeners can get help from garden coordinators. This person is responsible for overseeing things on all the plots. "Coordinators are the most enthusiastic gardeners," Risio said. Part of the coordinators' responsibility is to make sure plots are being properly weeded.



David Herr demonstrates the use of a U-bar to turn a garden at the Troy office of Community Gardens. For the less tradition-bound, easier methods of tilling the earth are available.

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The store offers free seeds, seeds for sale, low-cost seedlings, and information about organic gardening.

The organization also has a tool-lending library for those who don't own their own.

And the neophyte gardener need not fear a first attempt. "We have a couple (first-time gardeners) who never even touched soil or have ever gotten dirty," he said.

There is a lot of guidance available for the newcomer. First they are asked to make a list of the vegetables they'd like to grow. Experts at Community Gardens then help to plan what will go into the plot. They can continue to get help from coordinators and from the staff at Community Gardens.

Risio said most of the fruits of toiling the soil go to individual gardener's families and friends, but some sell their produce at the Farmers Market on Broadway near the Troy Atrium.

Community Gardens was started by Gardenway Manufacturing in Troy about 15 years ago, and became an independent organization about 12 years ago.

Their store is open from noon to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and beginning April 21 on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, call 274-8685.

#### Brunch to benefit gardens

A buffet brunch will be held to welcome the planting season, celebrate the Capital District Community Gardens and raise funds. The brunch will take place on April 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the River Street Cafe on River Street in Troy.

Tickets may be purchased at the Community Gardens office at 83 Fourth St. in Troy or at the event. \$15 per adult, \$5 per child. RSVP by April 23. For information, call 274-8685.

#### Anti-pesticide group to meet

Grassroots environmental leaders and concerned citizens will gather in Albany on May 6 and 7 for the first state-wide conference and lobby day organized by the New York Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides.

Sunday Conference workshops will focus on lawn pesticides, food and agriculture, government spray programs, successful local activities, and innovative legislation.

Workshops start at 1 p.m. at the Unitarian Church of Albany on Washington Ave. A catered lasagna dinner and a slide talk by Ward Stone, State Wildlife Pathologist and pesticide expert, will follow. The evening program is open to the general public. Pre-registration is required for the dinner, childcare, and limited overnight accommodations.

The Monday lobby day will begin at 9 a.m. with an orientation in Room 524 of the Legislative Office Building. For reservations, or information call 434-4037.

#### Know your birds

Can't tell a robin from a sparrow? 4-H has a new project, "Birds in Your Backyard," designed to introduce young people 9 to 12 to the pleasure of ornithology, the study of birds. By participating in the project, young people will develop an awareness of birds present in their locality, sharpen their observational skills, and learn the anatomy and distinguishing features of birds.

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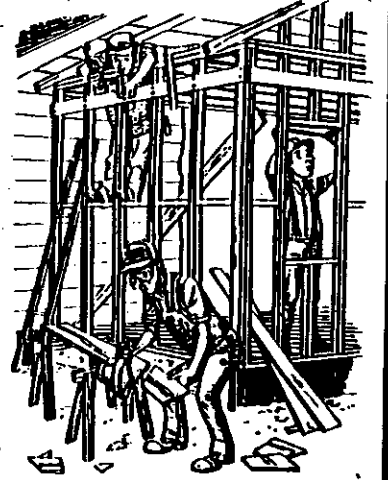
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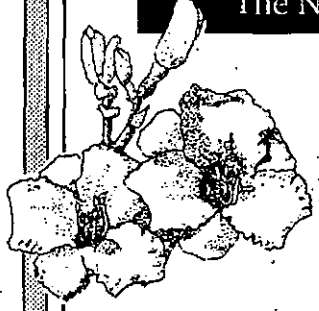
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# Look out for Botrytis

## A blight on ornamentals

**B**otrytis blight, or gray mold, is a fungus disease which infects a wide array of herbaceous annual and perennial ornamental plants. There are several species of the fungus Botrytis which can cause blights. Three of these—*Botrytis cinerea*, *Botrytis paeoniae*, and *Botrytis tulipae*—will be covered here.

Botrytis infections are favored by cool (60 degree) rainy spring and summer weather. Gray mold can be particularly damaging when rainy, drizzly weather continues over several days.

The most common gray mold fungus is *Botrytis cinerea*. It can infect geranium, fuschia, anemone, calendula, dahlia, rose, sunflower, violet, pansy, zinnia, begonia, chrysanthemum, marigold, snapdragon, sweet pea, and many others.

The two other Botrytis blight fungi have strict host preferences:

*Botrytis paeoniae* infects peony and *Botrytis tulipae* infects tulip.

Botrytis blight can attack leaves, stems, crowns, flowers, flower buds, seeds, seedlings, bulbs, and just about any other part of a plant with the exception of the roots.

Fortunately, this greedy fungus usually prefers only certain plant parts on each kind of plant it attacks as outlined below.

**Geranium:** leaf spots, flower blight, stem canker. **Fuschia:** stem blight. **Anemone:** crown rot (occasional). **Calendula:** stem blight. **Dahlia:** flower blight, bud blast. **Rose:** cane canker, flower blight, bud blast. **Sunflower:** bud rot. **Violet and pansy:** leaf blight, crown rot. **Zinnia:** petal blight, head blight, moldy seed. **Begonia:** leaf spots and blight. **Chrysanthemum:** flower and ray blight, bud blast, leaf and stem blight, cutting rot. **Marigold:** on fading flowers. **Snapdragon:** stem canker. **Sweet pea:** blossom blight.

Look on infected plant parts for the masses of silvery-gray spores that develop under humid conditions. Tiny, black and shiny specks also might be seen embedded in diseased plant tissue. These sclerotia of Botrytis allow the fungus to survive the winter.

Botrytis blight of peony infects the base of young shoots as they emerge from the ground and covers them with a dense velvety gray mold. This disease also may infect flowers at any stage, depending on when favorable weather conditions occur, causing bud blast and flower blight. Flower infections can move down into the stem causing a brown and tan target-like discoloration there. Infected petals that drop onto leaves can cause leaf spots. In later summer, small, shiny black, somewhat sausage-shaped sclerotia form at the base of in-

fecting shoots, just under the epidermis.

Botrytis blight of tulip, or tulip fire, infects leaves as they emerge in the spring, causing malformations and/or large, light tan patches which appear as frost injury. Spores produced in these infected areas will cause additional infections on leaves, petals, and stems. On leaves these infections are somewhat sunken; yellow to light tan, and surrounded by a water-soaked area. On colored petals and spots appear white and on white petals they appear brown. These spots can coalesce to blight entire flowers or leaves. On stems the infections appear gray to brown and zonate or target-like; infected stems collapse. Outer bulb scales also may become infected and show yellow to brown, somewhat sunken, circular lesions. In rotting leaf, flower, stem, and bulb tissue, shiny black sclerotia develop to carry the fungus through the winter.

How can Botrytis blight be managed? The best way to manage this disease is by inspection and sanitation. Ornamental plants are enjoyed for their beauty, which means that inspection is an enjoyable task.

While inspecting plants, carry a paper bag for sanitation. Remove faded or blighted flowers, blighted leaves, or entire plants infected at the base and place them in a paper bag so that they may be discarded with the trash or burned.

It is best not to do any sanitation when plants are wet with dew or rain because this could spread fungal spores during conditions that favor infection. Likewise, avoid overhead watering, syringing, or misting plants especially if Botrytis blight has been troublesome in the past. To promote rapid drying of plants, space them to allow good air circulation.



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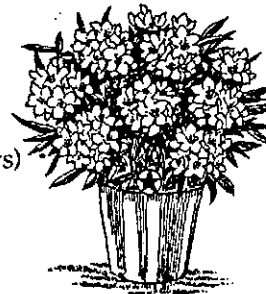
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—Joe Futia

Remember that this fungus can overwinter as tiny, black sclerotia embedded in dead plant tissue. Therefore, practice good, thorough sanitation in the fall. Remove plant debris from the garden, cut peony stalks at or below the ground level and destroy or discard this plant debris.

Fungicide sprays also may help by protecting from infections. Apply these when spring weather is continuously cool and wet or if Botrytis blight has been a problem the previous year. Fungicides effective against Botrytis include benomyl (Benlate), captan, chlorothalonil (Daconil), ferbam, mancozeb (Manzate), or sulfur. Apply one of these three or four times at 10-day intervals according to label directions.

In addition, for Botrytis blight of peony avoid the use of dense, wet mulches and if the disease was a problem last year, apply the first fungicide spray in early spring just as the red shoots begin to push up out of the ground. For Botrytis blight of tulip, cut and remove

fading flowers before petal fall and cut and remove foliage at ground level when it yellows. If the disease was a problem last year, apply the first fungicide spray when leaves are 4 inches high.

With continuous inspection and careful sanitation, gray mold can be effectively managed without fungicides. Keep an eye out for the silvery-gray mold and/or tiny black sclerotia which are sure signs of this disease.

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**Men's Garden Club dinner announced**

The Men's Garden Club of Albany will hold its regular monthly dinner meeting on April 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bavarian Chalet on Rt. 20 in Guilderland. Oscar Rheingold, a club member, will discuss with slides, "How to Raise Tuberosus Begonias from Seed." The entrees are Roast Sirloin of Beef and Chicken Breast at a cost of \$14. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 459-2412.

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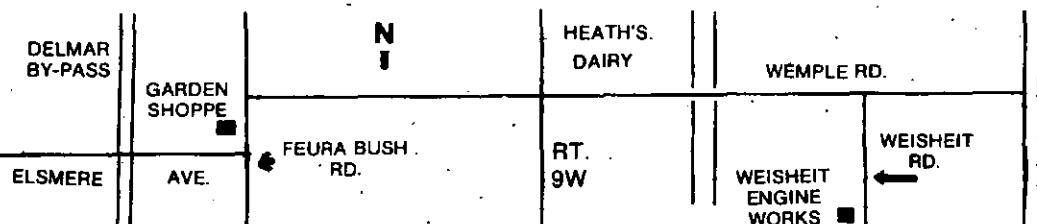
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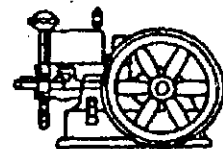
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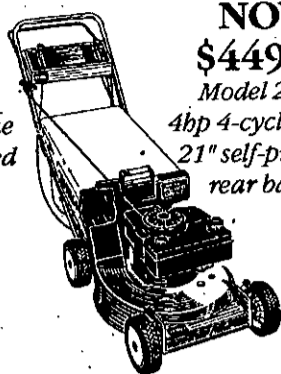


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## An end to weed problems

One of the greatest efforts a gardener makes is trying to control or eliminate weeds. More than any other duty, this is the most time-consuming and persistent throughout the gardening season, and usually the most unpopular.

The elimination of weeds accomplishes more than improving the appearance of a garden. Weeds are a menace to vegetable crops because they, as all plants, need nutrients, water, light, and carbon dioxide. They will rob vegetables

of these necessities, and if the weeds are vigorous they will reduce the yield of vegetables. This is especially true for slower growing, vigorous, small-seeded crops. Weeds also harbor harmful insects and disease. And if weeds form seeds, the seeds drop to the soil and plague a gardener for years to come.

Gardeners can prevent weeds from appearing in several ways. Weed seeds can be eliminated in the area of the garden by keeping the surrounding vegetation mowed and by not letting any weeds that might appear ever go to seed. The application of mulches can prevent weeds from growing in the garden.

The other approach is to control weeds after they emerge and become visible, but before they become large.

Depending on preference and disposition, gardeners may choose one or a combination of weed controls. Cultural methods may center on ways to block light from weeds or germinating seeds. The best example is the use of mulch, which may allow weed seeds to germinate under it but blocks the light so the weeds cannot continue growth, and die. Shading and crowding of weeds can be accomplished by close planting of vegetables, repetitive plantings, and using vigorous vegetable crops to outcompete and outgrow the weeds.

The second method is mechanical and uses cultivation and hoeing and pulling out weeds. The recommendation here is for shallow tilling or hoeing, just scraping the soil to remove the weeds but not digging it up. Turning over the soil brings new weed seed to the surface, which will then germinate.

The third method is chemical control. Only in a few cases is this recommended for home gardeners. Chemical control should be considered when treating a perennial bed of asparagus or strawberries. It also might be considered for a tenacious perennial weed problem, such as quackgrass. The use of herbicides can be risky and dangerous, especially in the hands of untrained applicators. There are very few herbicides for general use in a multicrop garden. If you choose to use a herbicide, get all the professional advice you can before using it. Read the label completely because it tells the exact crops and methods to be used. Follow those instructions exactly.

The use of mulch is perhaps the most appealing to gardeners, and is especially good for annual weed problems because mulch prevents the germinating seeds from growing any further. Mulch can be applied in the form of straw, grass clippings, newspapers, leaves, black plastic, or other creative ideas. Because the purpose is to obstruct light from germinating weeds, the mulch must be applied thickly enough to exclude light from reaching the soil. Straw may require a six-inch layer; grass clippings may require only one inch. If grass clippings are used, be sure no herbicide was applied to that grass in that growing season.

Laying black plastic mulch is an investment of time, perhaps one minute per foot of mulch. But for the rest of the season, black plastic is effective in keeping out weeds. Before laying the plastic, water the area well. Be sure the soil has warmed, and remember to remove the black plastic at the end of the growing season.

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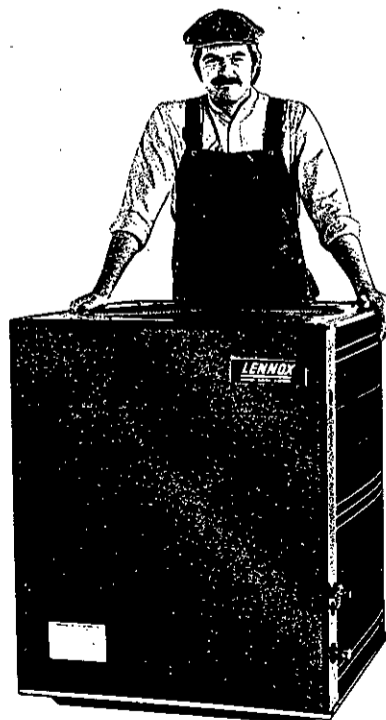
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- Do not turn over the soil deeply once vegetable crops are in place; weed seeds will be brought to the surface of the garden. If using a tiller, set it very shallowly, and hoe lightly.

- If large weeds are hoed out of the garden, rake them up, remove and destroy them. If left in the garden they may re-root and grow again. They also may regrow in the compost pile and form seeds.

- Rain promotes the germination and growth of weeds. Within a few days after a rain, be sure to weed the garden.

- Cover crops, such as ryegrass, winter rye or wheat, oats, and buckwheat, can be planted when vegetables crops are not in a garden area. These should reduce the growth or invasion of weeds.

For more information, weed control pamphlets are available from the Cooperative Extension. An especially good book is *Weeds of the United States and their Control* from Van Nostrand Reinhold. With these hints, perhaps your garden will be productive and the pride of the neighborhood.

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As part of its year long Operation Earth project, WMHT Educational Telecommunications is inviting area schoolchildren to write a short essay in response to the question "What is one good reason why we should protect the Earth?" The winning essay writers will have an opportunity to read their answers on WMHT/ Channel 17 and WMHX/ Channel 45.

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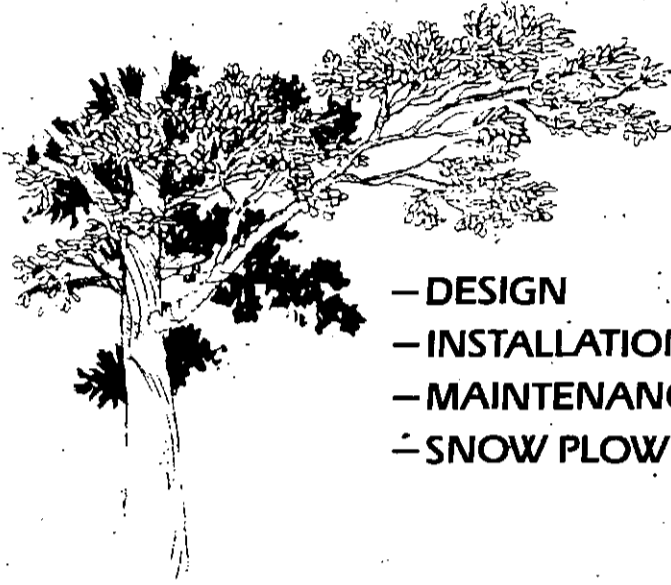
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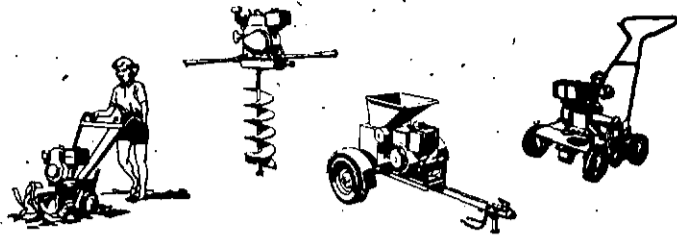


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Trees provide cool shade on hot, sunny days, along with many other environmental benefits.

"Trees control water runoff, aiding in erosion and flood control; they provide wind breaks, helping to lower heating costs in winter," said Paul Russell, a Colonie Conservation Advisory Council member. "By transpiring water in the summer, they act as air conditioners. In Colonie's ever-increasing suburban setting, trees provide visual and noise shields to improve the quality of life for all of us."

And in Delmar, no community slouch when it comes to trees, Jim Haslam said his love affair with trees began a long time ago.

Haslam and his wife Helen own Haslam's Tree Service of Delmar. "I knew what I wanted to do when I was 10 years old," Haslam said. And that was to build a career around trees. Haslam, who has a degree in forestry from Syracuse University, agreed with Russell's assessment of trees, adding "They also provide us with a tremendous amount of oxygen."

He said he encourages people to avoid taking down a tree whenever possible. After all, he said, "The regeneration process takes about 30 years for some trees."

Often diseased trees or trees that are "stressed out" can be treated.

"If a tree is damaged, we can probably cable it," and diseased trees can be treated using systemic feeding. "Any time we possibly can, I'd rather save a tree," he said.

Haslam said spring is a good time of year to assess trees and their needs. Pruning now is beneficial in that it helps allow light through to the lawn in the sum-

mer, and removing dead wood can help to prevent insect infestation.

Area residents obviously recognize the importance of trees in the community. Whether the celebration is called Arbor or Conservation Day, the addition of green to the community is on the minds of many.

In Colonie, the Conservation Advisory Council has been working in cooperation with the South Colonie 4-H Club to package tree seedlings for free distribution on Conservation Day, April 28. Between 9 a.m. and noon, 6,000 white pine, Austrian pine and Norway spruce seedlings will be distributed in bundles of six at the town hall parking lot.

The tree species to be distributed are excellent for use in erosion control, wind control and visual screening, according to Russell. He cautions, however, that these species are not appropriate for use as street tree plantings.

In his Conservation Day proclamation, Colonie Supervisor Fred G. Field Jr. requested that "each family undertake at least one positive project to improve the environment shared by all of us."

The one-week Celebration of the Outdoors continues at the Pruyn House Cultural Center of the Town of Colonie, 207 Old Niskayuna Rd., Newtonville, through Sunday, April 29. As part of the celebration, Ward Stone, state wildlife pathologist, will speak on Thursday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. Exhibits and displays will be open in the barn from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29.

The town of Bethlehem recently

celebrated Garden Day, with the town providing free leaf compost and wood chips, as well as information and displays on recycling and composting.

In accordance with Keep America Beautiful Week, April 24 through May 1, residents of the Village of Colonie are planting trees to improve their environment.

Throughout the United States municipalities and organizations are giving away seedlings and encouraging the planting of trees. Some are promoting tree planting as a means of counteracting global warming trends.

The American Forestry Association is working to plant 100 million trees in the United States during the next three years.

The National Arbor Day Foundation, based in Nebraska City, Neb., is giving away spruce trees and offering discounts on ornamental, flowering, fruit, nut and evergreen trees. The foundation also provides educational material and encourages individuals throughout the country to plant trees.

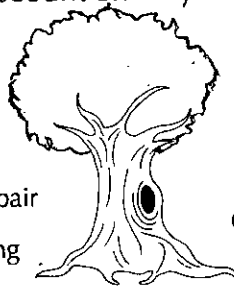
The National Parks and Conservation Association is calling for park additions and expansions in order to protect existing national parks against neighboring mining activities, forest clear-cutting and other damaging development.

In New York State, many municipalities have passed site plan review regulations that exceed environmental protection standards set under the State Environmental Quality Review Act. Builders have realized that mature trees on a lot can tip the scale in their favor when selling a new house.

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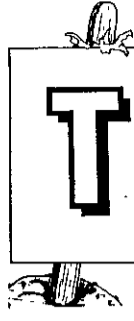
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# Saving springtime Pressed flower beauty



The lovely flowers of summer can be used for an indoor activity to share with your children. Press the flowers and use them to make gifts or things for the home. Pressing flowers and using them as decoration on other things is an ancient skill, and one that many families still enjoy. It's not a difficult hobby, so it's one that children also can enjoy.

To press flowers, you'll need manila paper or blotters (plain newspaper can be used, too), weights (anything fairly heavy that will fit on top of the paper), a glue that is transparent when it dries, and, of course, the flowers. You may also want tweezers, for handling extremely small and delicate flowers, and water color paints and brushes for adding color wash.

"Many different flowers can be pressed, in addition to leaves, grasses, mosses, seedpods, and other materials. In general, flat rather than succulent materials press the best; pansies and violas, for instance, with their large, flat petals, press particularly well.

Select many colors of flowers and materials, but keep in mind that white, when pressed and dry, tends to turn yellow. Bachelor buttons, begonias, Queen Ann's lace, clover, goldenrod larkspur, lavender, and baby's breath are some of the flowers that press well.

Pick the flowers and other materials late in the day, when they are completely dry of dew or any rainwater. Arrange the flowers on the blotting paper, making sure none of them touch. Layer flowers and paper until all the materials are arranged on the blotting paper for pressing. Place a heavy piece of cardboard or wood on top of the pile, and put on the weights. Bricks of flat stones from the garden will

work well.

Leave them like that for a week or two. By that time, they will be dried and pressed, and ready for use.

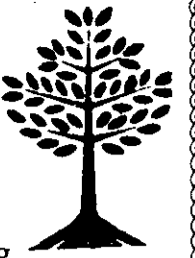
When flowers dry, they fade. If the colors are no longer intense enough to please you, try adding a color wash to them. Using fine watercolor paints, add as little water as possible and apply to the back of the pressed flower with a paintbrush.

Once you have your supply of pressed flowers and other materials, consider the different compositions that can be made, and all the possible uses for them. Be creative, and experiment with different styles.

The pressed flowers can be glued onto fine-grained fabrics such as satin to make flower "paintings" for hanging on the wall. Or they can be applied to lampshades, desk accessories, or any place where a floral touch would be welcomed.

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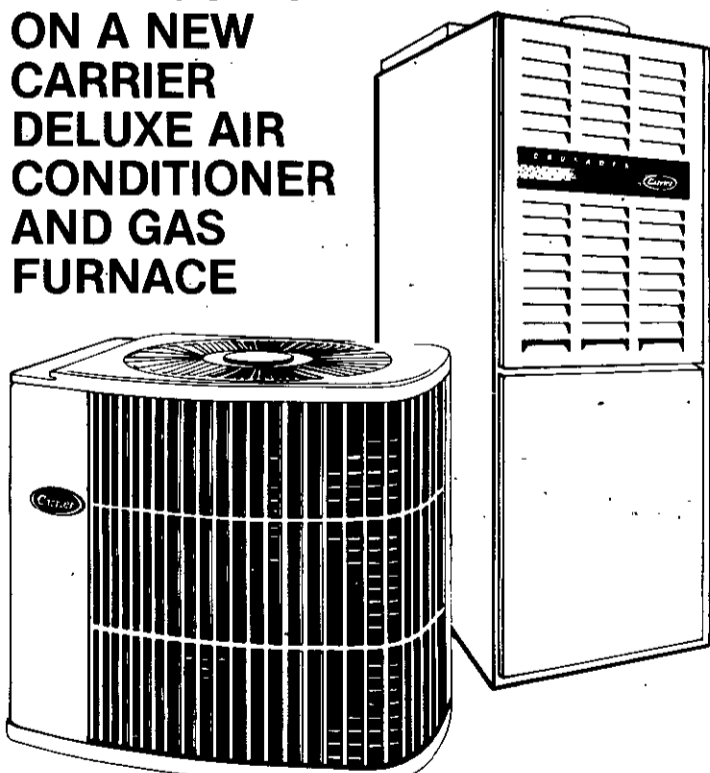
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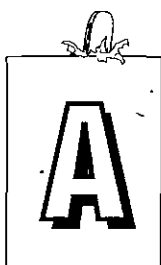


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**Landscapes for the '90s: Much ado about mulches**



As popular as they are in contemporary landscapes, mulches certainly are not a new concept. For as long as trees have grown in forests, leaves and needles have fallen to the ground, matted together, and formed a layer that preserves soil moisture, reduces weed growth, and moderates soil temperatures. Many different natural and synthetic mulches are available today, but all perform these same three basic functions.

Using mulches around trees and shrubs provides other benefits, too. When water droplets land on bare soil, the intense impact causes soil particles to fly in all directions, which in turn causes soil crusting and slow water infiltration. Most mulches break the impact of the droplets, reducing soil erosion and crusting and in-

creasing penetration of the water into the soil.

In addition, mulches actually can improve soil structure in several ways. As organic mulches decompose, they provide organic matter which prompts soil particles to flock together. The increased aeration and improved moisture conditions near the soil surface under mulches encourage root development and biological activity, which also enhance soil structure. Just the fact that mulched soils are not being cultivated and that compaction is being reduced allows soils to improve. In turn, improved soil structure increases water infiltration and distribution rates.

Mulches also may reduce the susceptibility of clay soils to cracking (by preventing them from drying), thus reducing the need for fertilization.

The greatest conflict in working with mulches arises over which material to use. Black plastic, which warms the soil in spring, also heats

the soil in summer, possibly to lethal levels. Straw, shredded leaves, and pine needles can be effective insulating blankets in winter, but prevent the soil from warming if left on in the spring. While black plastic completely suppresses the evaporation of water in the soil, it also prevents new water from entering the soil. Organic mulches may harbor weed seeds and even diseases, but mineral mulches contribute no organic matter to the soil.

So, there may be no single perfect mulch. But an understanding of the attributes of each material can help you choose the best mulch for each location.

Among the organic mulches, straw, sawdust, corn stalks, and other high-cellulose materials can, as they decompose, temporarily reduce the availability of nitrogen in the soil. This nitrogen theft is reversed as the decomposed organic matter enters the soil, releasing nitrogen.

Pine needles and shredded leaves are fine mulches, but whole large leaves, such as those from oak or Norway maples, should not be used. Such leaves form tight mats that reduce oxygen and water penetration.

Since the advent of power chippers, the most popular organic mulches have been wood chips and bark chips. Municipalities often stockpile wood chips from their tree-trimming work and make the chips available to anyone willing to haul them away. The only caution about using wood or bark chips is not to renew the layer of mulch each year. The mulch will build up to the point where oxygen cannot easily penetrate down to the soil.

There are many mineral mulches on the market: gravel, brick chips, limestone chips, marble chips, and volcanic stone. All offer long life, ease of maintenance, and a clean appearance. Limestone, over time, will increase the soil pH, and thus should not be used around azaleas, rhododendrons, and other acid-loving plants.

The big news in the last five years about synthetic landscape mulches is the advent of geotextile fabrics. These woven or non-woven fabrics of polypropylene or polyester are a real improvement over traditional black plastic: they allow water and oxygen to easily penetrate while still preventing surface evaporation.

Geotextiles can be used alone as mulches, but may be degraded by the ultraviolet rays of the sun. More frequently, they are used as mulch underliners, enhancing the weed-suppressing ability of the mulch while acting as a separator between mulch and soil.

Before placing any mulch on bare soil, one approach would be to treat the soil with a pre-emergent or non-selective herbicide. Then lay down two to four inches of organic or mineral mulch over deciduous trees and shrubs and four to six inches around evergreens. You may choose to first set a geotextile layer under this mulch.

One final benefit of mulches is that they give the landscape a finished appearance, while tying together the different elements. Therefore, it is best to blanket all the plants on a property with a single mulch type to enhance the sense of harmony.

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3. If you have trees on your lawn, remove a circle of grass from around each trunk, then fill in the circle with attractive wood chips, bark mulch, or groundcover so that you can mow around the tree easily.

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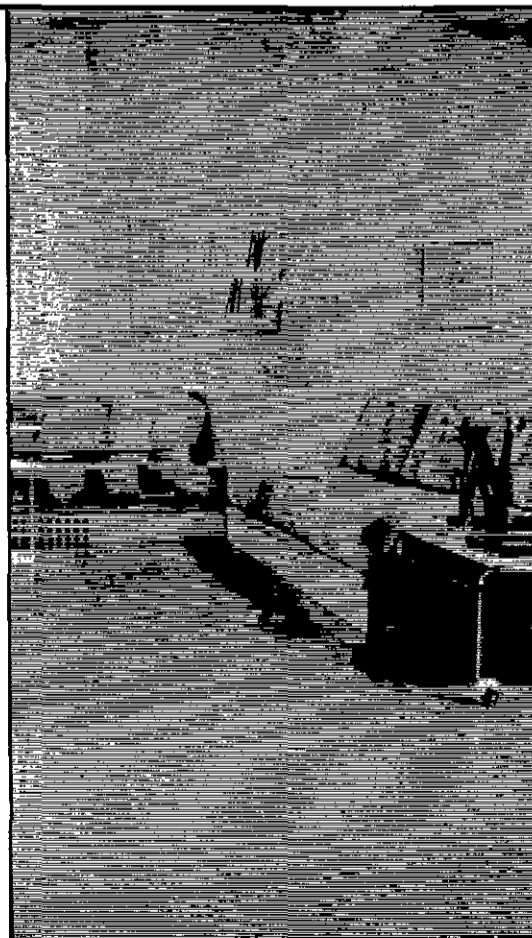
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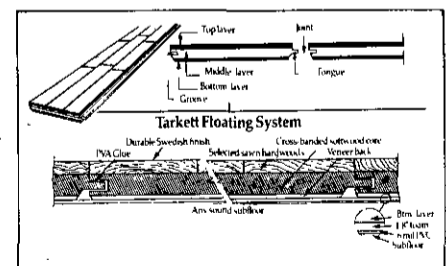


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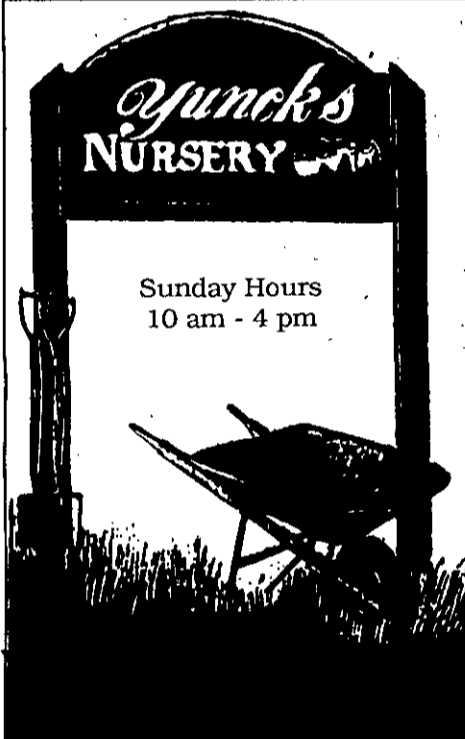
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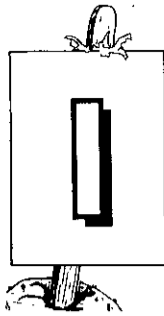
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organic matter (when the soil is not wet) which bonds soil particles into aggregates. The larger the aggregates, the larger the pore space between them, allowing better drainage. Also, you can ridge a few rows in the fall so they will dry out and warm more quickly in the spring. The ridges will be ready to plant two to three weeks earlier than the flat of the garden.

The crops we can plant earliest in our local gardens are onions, lettuce, radish, and spinach. Although they are cold-tolerant



plants, their seeds resist germinating in cool soils. Nearly all vegetable crop seeds will germinate best in soils about 70 degrees Fahrenheit. If the soils are cooler, seedling could emerge one to two weeks later than normal.

Therefore, if any crops will lend themselves to transplanting, that

is the way they should be handled in the spring for early production. This is possible with onions, leeks, lettuce, parsley, endive, radicchio, kale, and the cole crops of broccoli, cabbage, kohlrabi, and cauliflower. Crops such as peas, turnips, arugula, radish, beets, parsnip, and potatoes should be direct-seeded into the soil.

Roots are slow taking up nutrients in cool soils. They are especially slow assimilating nitrogen; therefore, small amounts are recommended later in their growing season. Sidedressing is important to feed the plants small usable amounts as they mature.

The ridged row is important even if constructed in the spring. It will provide more aeration for the typically shallow roots of the spring crops. The ridge allows drainage into the deeper aisles between rows. The ridge can be from two to four feet wide, hilled up with a shovel or grub hoe, and smoothed flat with a rake. We normally stand in the aisles and do no walk on the ridge. The soil there remains loose and provides a good growing system for spring plants.

Although the vegetable crops mentioned do grow well in the spring, they also have a few problems.

Flea beetles come into season before any radish can pop up its primary leaves. They can be devastating to seedlings of the mustard family. For protection, plants can be covered with a cheesecloth or spun fabric to physically keep out the beetles. Plants can also be sprayed with specific insecticides; and once is usually enough.

Soils are cool and no organic mulch should be applied until the soil warms up.

Organic mulches insulate the soil, keeping it cool in the spring, and can delay the maturity of these plants.

If the weather does turn dry, irrigating plants on a ridge system becomes more critical because the roots are shallow and the hills dry out quickly.

Planting crops too early may cause them to flower prematurely, before the plant is fully formed. In cauliflower and broccoli this is called "buttoning" and produces a very small head. Very early planting may also cause poor yields or severe injury to plants.

There is an advantage to covering your plants with clear plastic or floating row covers. They both increase the heat units to the plants during the day and accelerate their maturity. They should be used during the early growth of plants and with increased ventilation as crops reach maturity. If used properly, the covers will certainly produce for you the earliest lettuce and radicchio on your block.

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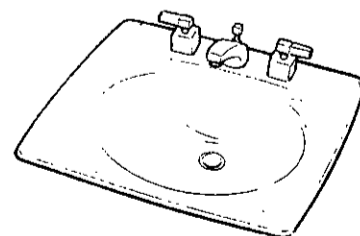


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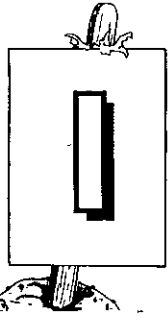
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# Street trees are community resource



Imagine a summer day so hot the asphalt in the road bubbles. But it's cool and refreshing under your shade tree.

Now imagine that same hot day without the shade tree. In fact, try to imagine what your street and town would look and feel like if all the trees were gone, or if they were bare and dying.

Street trees may be one of a community's most taken-for-granted resources. In addition to the loveliness they provide any site, they offer cooling shade, homes for birds and wildlife, and help trap particulates to maintain air quality.

But like all living organisms, a community's trees need care and planning. Trees may need pruning or treatment for disease and pests. There may be bare street spots where new trees are needed. There may be inadequate variety in the tree population. Any number of conditions could, if ignored, endanger your community's tree population or render it less efficient and less lovely.

"Trees are a large and important community resource," says Nina Bassuk, urban horticulture specialist for Cornell Cooperative Extension. "We tend to take them for granted. But they would be sorely missed if we didn't have them."

Bassuk has recently completed a tree research survey, which inventoried all trees in a given city, and then made specific recommendations on how to enhance and preserve the city's treasure-trove of trees. Each tree in the city was identified by location and species, and then rated for health and growing conditions and needed treatments.

"We have found one important condition that is probably true for most communities," Bassuk said. "There are too many trees of too few species. There isn't enough diversity in the tree population."

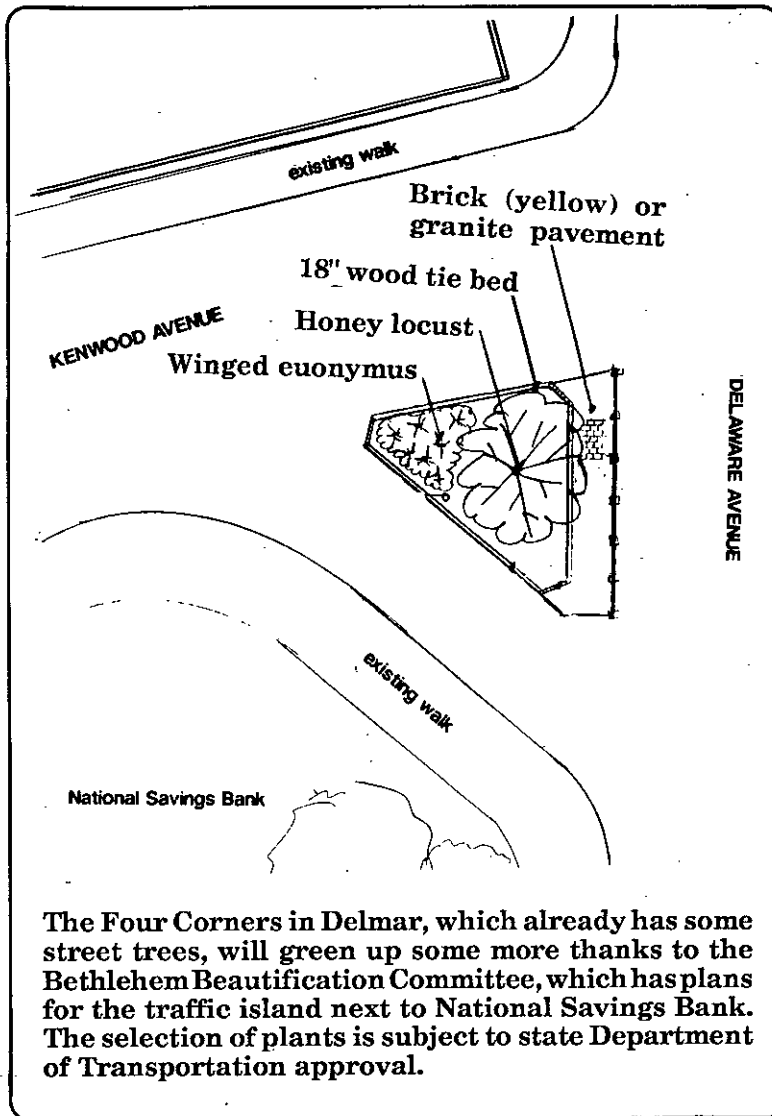
A lack of variety, called monoculture, is potentially dangerous. Having too many trees of one species greatly increases the chances of that species being devastated by disease or insect pests.

"Remember what happened to American elms in this country?" Bassuk asks. "They were very popular and greatly overplanted, and then Dutch elm disease all but wiped them out. Streets, even entire cities, were devastated, and left treeless."

In more recent years, honey locusts have become very popular and now they, too, are facing problems with a greatly increased insect population that can cause damage to the honey locust.

"It's of utmost importance that tree populations be diversified," Bassuk said. "Each community should have its tree population composed of a great number of trees." In fact, having any one tree species make up more than 5 percent of the total tree population should be considered a potential hazard.

"I think what happens is that people tend to think in terms of the 'best' street trees, seeking one species that will be fast-growing, attractive, and resistant to diseases



The Four Corners in Delmar, which already has some street trees, will green up some more thanks to the Bethlehem Beautification Committee, which has plans for the traffic island next to National Savings Bank. The selection of plants is subject to state Department of Transportation approval.

and pests," Bassuk said. "In fact, there is not such thing as the 'best' tree. Different species have to be considered for different locations."

Sugar maples, for example, are very popular for their bright fall foliage and have been planted extensively in many urban communities. However, sugar maples are not ideal for urban areas where they are exposed to de-icing salt, high-pH soils, and soil compaction.

"Sugar maples were planted because they were popular and well known, but they were planted in sites not suited to them. Instead, there are any number of trees that can handle salt and alkaline soil

that would have been better choices for those sites," Bassuk pointed out.

In addition to these problems, urban trees must contend with other factors. In some instances, trees that grow to 70 feet were planted under wires that are 30 feet high. Work crews must then severely prune the trees to eliminate branches touching wires, and the trees often lose their natural character and form. It would have made sense to plant smaller trees in those sites.

"Trees are a very valuable part of the landscape," Bassuk said. "It is worthwhile to give careful consideration to which trees should be planted where. Specific trees

should be matched to specific sites."

Many communities have local offices that do, to some degree, care for the trees in the community. In a large city there may be a city forester. Smaller communities may place tree care in the province of the Department of Public Works, or a Shade Tree Commission. People interested in helping to maintain and improve their community's tree inventory could

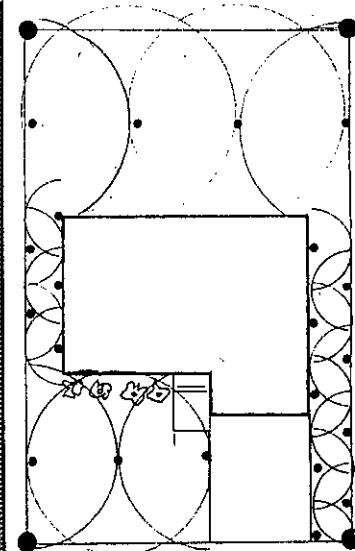
work with these groups or start group of their own.

"Maintaining city or village street trees is a suitable activity for community involvement groups, Bassuk said.

She has prepared a list of recommended street trees that group can use for selecting a wide variety of trees for different sites. For copy of this list, contact your Cornell Cooperative Extension office

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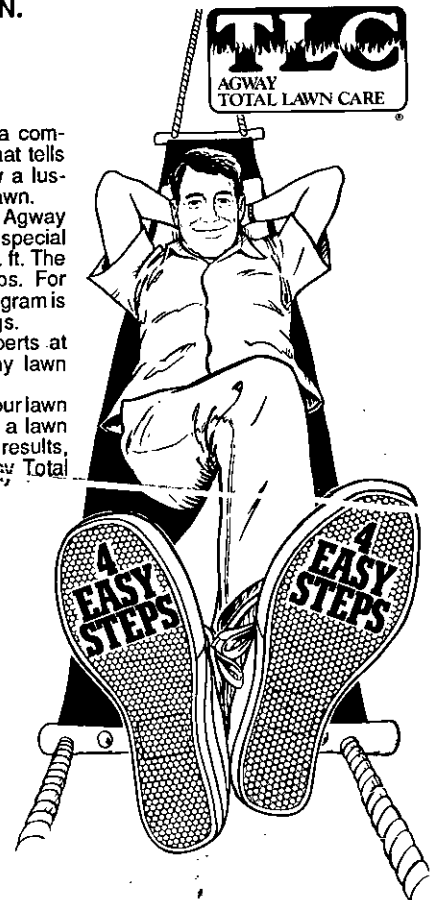
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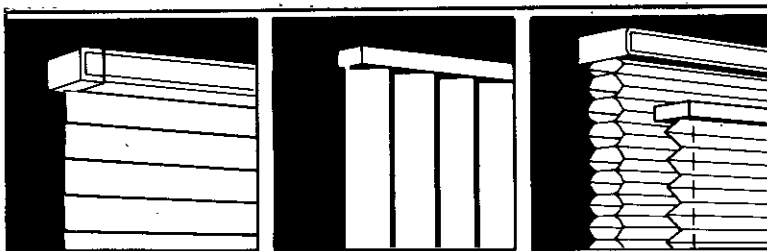
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Prepare the area you want to give over to the ground cover by first killing and removing all weeds, then turning the soil, and working peat moss into the soil. Rake the area to remove large stones and level the soil.

Once the area is prepared, find a large, established planting of the ground cover you want to use, either on your property or a friend's or neighbor's.

Using a sharp-edged trowel, dig up clumps of the ground cover,

making sure the roots are included with the clump. Dig randomly in several spots rather than one so the area won't look so plundered. Keep as much soil attached to the roots of the lifted plants as possible, and keep the soil constantly moist between digging-up and replanting. (Of course, you can always adopt the more expensive course of action of buying potted plants from a nursery, rather than asking for donations.)

If there is more than one plant per clump, gently separate the plants with your fingers, being careful to avoid unnecessary tearing of the roots.

Plant the dug, rooted clumps in the prepared area. Water the area after the plants are in the ground.

The following ground covers can be successfully propagated by this method:

Bugleweed is good for problem areas where other things are hesitant to grow. In fact, bugleweed

grows with such determination it is considered invasive. Use with caution. It is low growing, with small purple flowers.

Vinca, also known as myrtle or periwinkle, is low growing and evergreen. It will do well in shade and has attractive blue flowers in the spring.

Pachysandra is also evergreen, and will grow in partial shade. It reaches about eight inches in height and has white flowers.

Snow-in-summer is low growing with pretty, silvery grey foliage. It produces white flowers and does best in full sun.

Creeping phlox is low growing and evergreen with attractive, delicate foliage. In the spring it is covered with pink, rose, or white flowers.

Lilly-of-the-valley produces fragrant white flowers in the spring, will grow in sun or shade, and reaches 6 to 8 inches in height. It is extremely poisonous and should be used with caution if pets or children are in the area.

Variegated gout-weed is drought tolerant, but can be invasive, so it, too, should be planted with caution. It has attractive white and green foliage, does well in sun or part shade, and reaches about 12 inches in height.

Hostas come in many sizes, some with leaves of variegated color. They grow in attractive mounds with white or purple flowers, and tolerate shade.

Creeping thyme is low growing, drought resistant, and somewhat evergreen. It requires full sun.

Sedum spurium, or two row stonecrop, prefers a sunny, dry location. It is about six inches tall and produces pink or white flowers.

English ivy is low growing and green all year. It can be planted in sun or shade. (Creeping thyme, Sedum spurium, and English ivy can also be propagated by the cutting method.)

Most of these ground covers, if planted six inches apart, will cover the prepared area in one year, and after that will require only minimal maintenance. Hostas, which can reach more than a foot in diameter, should be spaced farther apart.

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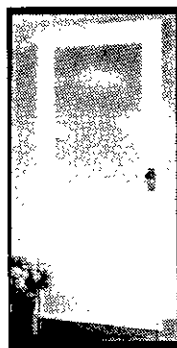
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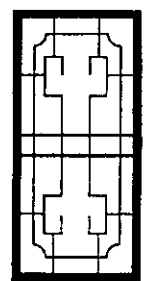
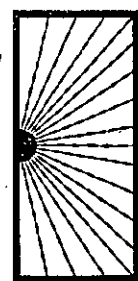
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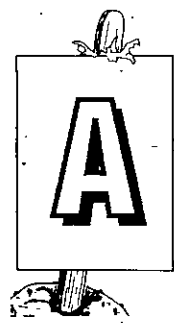


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Timing the harvest is important. Some flowers, like roses, dry better if picked when in bud, not full bloom. Others, like lady's mantle, should be harvested when they are in full bloom. You'll need to experiment, and may want to keep a journal recording your results.

Harvest the flowers on a dry day, after the morning dew has evaporated and before evening

dampness sets in. Dry them out of direct sunlight in a clean, warm, well-ventilated area. The plant materials, under those conditions, should dry in one to three weeks.

Remove leaves from the stems before drying the flowers, unless the leaves are the part that has been collected for drying. Flowers that have large heads on slender stems, like strawflowers, may need to be wired: snip the stem 1/2 inch from the base of the flower head and insert a 21-gauge florist wire up the stem and into the flower head. Don't push the wire all the way through the flower. The flower and stem shrink as they dry, fastening tight around the wire.

Some flowers dry better if their heads are supported on wire drying screens, and materials such as grasses and some foliage can be dried by spreading them flat on newspapers and turning them occasionally.

Lacy flowers dry well if they are tied into bunches and hung upside down. Don't hang the bunches too close together—allow for good air circulation. For baby's breath, stand it upright in an inch or so of water to dry.

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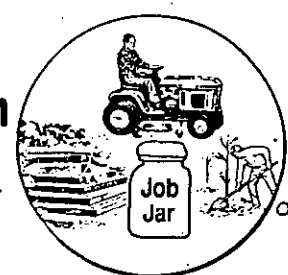
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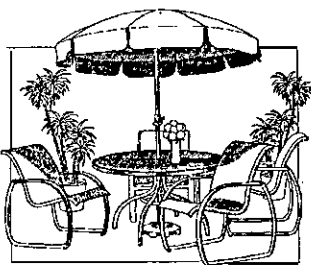
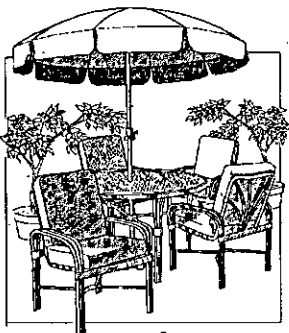
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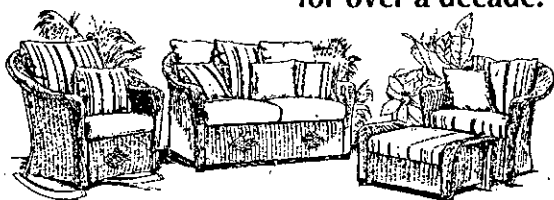
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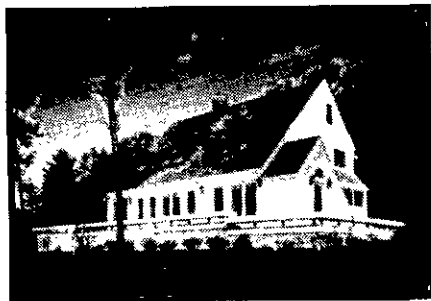
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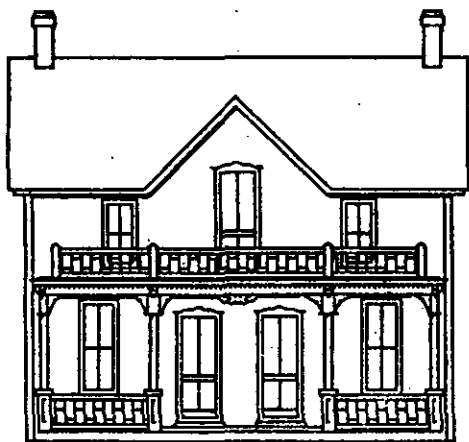
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# Softballers hope to improve after 0-3 start

By Michael Kagan

With only three returning players from last year's squad, 7-7 in the league (9-9 overall), it's hard to tell how good the Bethlehem Central softball team is.

Coach Ann Medici said, "We weren't outstanding (last year), but we played well." Their 0-3 league record so far this season would normally produce doubters, but a team this inexperienced is bound to improve.

The list of players lost to graduation seems endless for a 14-player

roster: Sue Bellacqua, Kim Dale, Jennifer Flynn, Julie Francis, Deanna Greer, Amy Koski (named the team's outstanding athlete), Anne Mineau, Theresa Stornelli and Kim Sullivan. Still wearing orange and black are seniors Cheryl Lovelace and Tracey Keyes and junior Brenda Fryer.

The newcomers are Mary Breslin, Ruth Burkhart, Lisa Domer-muth, Lynn Doody, Megan Flynn, Tory McKenna, Kate Recene, Michele Rightmeyer, Kelly Ryan, Linda Smith, and Leah LaValle.

There are no captains and the coach does not use a set starting team. Positions and playing time are based on performance in practice.

After losing scrimmages to Ravena, 17-16, and to Catholic Central High School, 8-6, the regular season began with a 19-17 home loss to Niskayuna on March 16. Smith, the only freshman on the team, went 5-for-5 with two doubles and three singles and played "outstanding defense," according to Medici.

On Wednesday, the second of three losses came at Guilderland, 11-6. Doody went 2 for two and Breslin hit a triple. Then on Friday the Eagles traveled to Shenendehowa and lost, 11-2. Medici said Shen pitched "great...very fast...it took us a little while to catch on." BC's runs were scored in the last two innings. She also said the fielding was not great on Bethlehem's part. Only nine girls were able to play Friday, handicapping the team.

"Last week's games were tough because coming back from a vaca-

tion (the week before), we might have been a little out of shape," said the coach, who hoped her team would get better over the next 13 games.

This year would be "mostly a rebuilding season...hopefully we can hold our own," Medici also said. She listed hitting and speed as strengths. "We have a lot of quickness...age is really our only weakness."

On Monday, the Eagles faced Scotia at home and play Mohonasen at home again today. On Friday, they will travel to Colonie.

## Blackbird nine drops first four games

By Matt Hladun

Springtime brings familiar sights and sounds: green grass, blooming flowers, chirping birds, fresh air, the crack of a baseball bat, the prediction that the Voorheesville baseball Blackbirds will finish in the Colonial Council basement.

And things are not off to a good start. After losing two consecutive non-league games to Berne-Knox-Westerlo, the Birds fell hard to Council foes Waterford and Mechanicville.

This time, the junior varsity

squad was dropped due to poor turnout for the varsity team. That leaves the varsity with a young team, nine sophomores and freshmen. Two freshmen start, Greg Sullivan at shortstop and Kevin Meade in the outfield. Three seniors and three juniors round out the starting lineup. First-year coach Don McDonald has the distinction of shaping this squad into a potential contender.

At Waterford, junior Kevin Taylor took a three-run cushion into the bottom of the first and gave up one run. After that, it was

all Waterford. They tallied five runs in the second and seven runs in the third, off Taylor, then senior reliever Chuck Russo. The 13-3 lead was more than enough.

The Blackbirds' inexperience showed as Fordian runners consistently beat out ground balls for infield hits. Soft pop-ups dropped for singles. Offensively, the Birds loaded the bases twice, only to have a strikeout end the inning. Waterford eventually scored five more off Russo enroute to an 18-3 triumph.

Voorheesville looked somewhat better Friday against Mechanicville. After falling behind, 5-0, in the second inning, they rallied for two runs in the second and another in the third. But pitcher Tom Gianitasio tired and gave up two in the fourth. Relievers Jason Brown and Jack Brennen couldn't hold the Raiders off and Mechanicville took control.

The Blackbirds managed four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to make the score 15-7. Sullivan led the offensive attack with three singles.

The team played Albany Academy on Monday. On the schedule are trips to Watervliet today (Wednesday) and to Ravena on Friday.

## Team eyes schedule breather

By Michael Kagan

Facing Shenendehowa and Niskayuna, two top Suburban Council teams, last Thursday, the Bethlehem Central girls' track team did not expect to win. In fact, they lost, 115-49 and 119-45. There were good performances, however.

Kathy Saba finished second in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:35.2. Sara Clash (1500-meter run), Simone Brewer (100- and 200-meter dashes), Meghan Connolly (triple jump), John Sodegren (long jump), Sandra Drozd (high jump), Jen Fisk (400 meter dash),

and Amy Shafer (shot put) all placed fourth.

At this point, the Eagles are more focused on beating teams smaller than the two they faced last week. Coach Kim Banker said that to do this, athletes need to "consistently keep improving throughout the season. Almost everyone's times came down from the first meet, so that's good."

The team was scheduled to meet Mohonasen, one of the smaller teams, April 17 at home, but it was postponed to tomorrow (Thursday). Banker called this "a chance for us to prove ourselves."

## College Athletics

A Delmar athlete, and a freshman at that, is currently the batting leader of the University of Connecticut's 23-3 women's softball team.

Amy Koski, an outfielder/DH, tops the team chart with a .389 average, batting 7-for-18 in 12 games. Her .500 slugging percentage and team-high .542 on-base percentage suggest the possibility of a larger role on the team next spring.

The daughter of Robert and Barbara Koski of Elsmere, she was a member of the girls' varsity softball team last spring at Bethlehem Central High School, where she was named the team's outstanding athlete.

## League signups

The Bethlehem Baseball League is seeking players ages 16 and older for the coming season.

The league is open to residents of the Town of Bethlehem and the Bethlehem Central School District. Teams play a 16-game schedule and the fee is \$25.

For more information and to register, call Bill Neumann at 477-8967 by May 2.

## Church softball

The Cooper-Varney Church Softball League opened its 20th season under sunny skies. Scores:

Voorheesville 18-Bethany II 9, Bethlehem Community, 19-Bethlehem Lutheran 7. Glenmont Community 6, Bethany I 2. St. Thomas II 18, Methodist 9. Clarksville 8, St. Andrews 3. Westerlo 9, St. Thomas I 7. Presbyterian 18, Onesquethaw Val. 8. Wynantskill 12, Delmar Reformed 0.

## Internships set at state centers

This is the tenth year of the internship program at the three New York State Department of Environmental centers. Centers are at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar, Rogers Center at Sherburne in Chenango County, and Stony Kill Center at Wappingers Falls in Dutchess County.

Four 12 week internships are available at each center throughout the year. Interns receive housing and \$100 living expenses each week. College students who would like information on internships should contact Alan Mapes at 453-1805.

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Bethlehem Supervisor Kenneth Ringler signs proclamation as Vivian Thorne (left), GFWC rep for the Delmar Progress Club, and Peggy Zimmerman, club president, look on. *Bob Hagyard*

## Progress Club celebrates a birthday

The General Federation of Women's club, the largest and oldest nondenominational, international service organization of volunteer women in the world, is turning 100 this week.

To honor the organization, Governor Mario Cuomo and, locally, Bethlehem Supervisor Kenneth Ringler Jr. proclaimed April 24 as GFWC Centennial Celebration day.

Delmar Progress Club, with 350 members and a total of 41,820 volunteer hours last year, has been affiliated with the General Federation of Women's clubs since 1916 and the New York State General Federation of Women's Club's since 1904.

"Delmar Progress Club is proud to be affiliated with the GFWC and to have participated in it's 100 years of significant contributions... for the benefit of the citizens of our world," said Vivian Thorne, GFWC centennial representative for the Delmar Progress Club.

"The club strives to exemplify the highest standards of citizenship, concern for humankind, and the spirit of renewal that has continued to build our nation's proud heritage and cultural legacy as set forth by GFWC," said Thorne.

The Delmar Progress club will be sending five delegates to the July centennial convention to be held in New York City. Three thousand women from all over the world will attend.

# COMMUNITY BETHLEHEM!

Neighbors celebrating spring with volunteerism, beautification and fun

## Volunteer offers snowball

Freeride transportation will be available to all residents attending afternoon festivities at Community Bethlehem! according to Town Supervisor Kenneth J. Ringler, Jr. Judging by the number of volunteers so far, the place will be packed.

Community Bethlehem! will be a townwide event on Saturday, May 12, encouraging special spring cleanup and beautification, a forum for environmentally related town issues and a community outing to include food and festivities at the park near Slingerlands Volunteer Fire Company on New Scotland Road. The Tour De Trump also will pass there in early afternoon.

"We are pleased that the Bethlehem Central School District, which is such a big part of our community's daily transportation, will be involved on this community day," Ringler said. "It might just be the one chance that takes the bus along with their children."

The buses will provide free transportation between Bethlehem Central High School and the Slingerlands Park on May 12, between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Since parking will be limited, and access to the roads may be restricted, the shuttling may be the only way many residents can get to the park in the afternoon.

Hot dogs, ice cream and soda also will be available at Slingerlands Park along with other family entertainment which is being coordinated for the noon to 3 p.m. outing at the park.

Event chairman Gary Swan announced additional plans by area

organizations that will be contributing to town beautification projects that day. They include: a donation of flowers to be planted at an area group home, new plantings at the Masonic Lodge on Delaware Avenue, 10 blue bird boxes and information on their use offered by the New York Audubon Society, a donation of 150 seedlings by the Elsmere PTA and the distribution of seedlings at Slingerlands Park by Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning during the afternoon festivities.

So many other groups have volunteered to perform whatever services are needed that Ringler said he is now urging any resident, family or organization to identify clean-up needs. "This is exactly what we had hoped to offer: the community of Bethlehem working together as a community," Ringler said. "Although we have prepared a list of town projects that would benefit by community participation, we now have so many groups offering their help, and who are welcoming this opportunity to help others, we want to match up both needs, that of giving help and that of receiving it."

Residents should contact the area coordinators listed below to volunteer, adopt a project or explain a clean-up or beautification chore they would like to see done, anywhere in the town, private homes included.

### You are invited!

If you, your family, a group of your friends, or your organization would like to volunteer three hours of time toward any spring cleanup or beautification assignment, adopt a special project in your area, or

suggest a specific task for Saturday, May 12, please call the area coordinator nearest you:

Delmar/Elsmere, Cindi Reilly, 439-3481; Glenmont, Carolyn Kaufman, 439-0307; North Bethlehem, Joseph Arnold, 489-5762; Selkirk, Helen Brennan, 767-9150; South Bethlehem, John and Diane Capron, 767-2769; senior citizens, Joyce Becker, 439-4955.

### Dinner meeting

The Bethlehem Business Women will hold their monthly dinner meeting at Days Inn, Rt. 9W, on May 2. Social hour will be held at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30. Scholarship winners and parents will be guests.

### Historians to meet

The New Scotland Historical Society will meet at 8 p.m. on May 9 at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center.

A Civil War presentation will be made by Red Davis of the Capital District Civil War Round Table. Refreshments will be served.

### Child seminar

A parenting seminar on "Developing Responsibility in Your Child" will be presented by Pam Grant and Gwen Guillet on April 26 at 7 p.m. in the community room of the Bethlehem Public Library, Delaware Avenue, Delmar.

For information call 439-7740.

### Bird walk offered

A series of Thursday morning bird walks will be held at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Rd. in Delmar during April and May. The walks begin at 7:30 a.m. and will be led by center naturalists. Tips and tricks for bird identification will be offered with the beginning bird watcher in mind. For information, 453-1806.

### Music recital

Marilyn E. Kirk of Slingerlands, a senior at Bethlehem Central High School, will give a flute and piano recital on May 6 at 7 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church, Delaware Avenue, Delmar.

Kirk, daughter of Doris and Frederick Kirk, is a piano student of Rhonda Ballow of Delmar and a flute student of Eleanor Barnes of Schenectady. She is principal flutist of the Empire State Youth Orchestra.

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# Obituaries

## Milan "Peter" Rode

Milan "Peter" Rode, 71, of Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush died Wednesday, April 18, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany after a long illness.

Born in Jersey City, N.J., he was an area resident since the late 1960s. He retired six years ago as a carpenter with Carpenters Local 370 in Albany.

Mr. Rode was a retired Army Airforce veteran of World War II and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Oppenheim Post 1019 in Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Davis Rode; a daughter, Dale Linda Wisniewski of Westerlo; a brother, Rudolph Rode of Port St. Lucia, Fla.; and three sisters, Milena Stoll of Port St. Lucia, Donna Pierce of Barefoot Bay, Fla., and Emma Berry of Fort Pierce, Fla.

Services were from Meyers Funeral Home, Delmar. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

## Jeanne Ann Germann

Jeanne Ann Germann, 32, of York Road, Glenmont, died Thursday, April 19, in Winter Park Hospital in Winter Park, Fla., after a long illness.

Born in Albany, she was a homemaker, a graduate of the Academy of Holy Names in Albany and had attended the College of Saint Rose in Albany.

She was a longtime member and active golfer at the Normanside Country Club in Albany and bowled in the Ladies City League of Albany. She was a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

Mrs. Germann was wintering in Florida at the time of her death.

Survivors include her husband, Capital District hall of fame bowler John B. Germann; and a sister, Mary Winchester of Winter Park.

Services were in St. Thomas the Apostle Church with burial in Our Lady Help of Christians Cemetery, Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the Jeanne Ann Germann Memorial Fund in care of Winter Park Memorial Hospital, 200 N. Lakemont Ave., Winter Park, Fla. 32792.

Arrangements were by the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, Albany.

## Otto Honegger

Otto Honegger, 75, of New Baltimore, a 20-year resident of Delmar and retired professor of political science, died Wednesday, April 18, at his winter home in Naples, Fla. after a long illness.

Born in Zurich, Switzerland, he moved to Long Island in 1924 and Earlton, Greene County in 1951. He was a political science professor at the Junior College of Albany for about 25 years before retiring in 1980.

He served in the Navy for 15 years and was lieutenant during World War II. He was stationed on the USS *Pensacola* and the USS *Honolulu*. He graduated from Hunter College in New York City and the State University at Albany.

Mr. Honegger resided in Delmar for about 20 years before moving to New Baltimore in 1980. He had maintained a winter residence in Naples since retiring.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Stroel Honegger; a son, Gerald Honegger of Naples; two daughters, Annette Honegger of New Baltimore and Isabelle McCullough of Sante Fe, N.M.; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of Naples Inc., 850 Sixth Ave. N., Naples, Fla. 33940.

The Beachwood Cremation Society in Naples is handling arrangements.

## Hugo J. Gentilcore

Hugo J. Gentilcore, 68, retired chief budget examiner for the state Division of Budget and past board president for the LaSalle School for Boys in Albany, died Thursday, April 19, at Albany Medical Center Hospital after he was stricken at his Glenmont home.

Born in Syracuse, he graduated from Syracuse University with a bachelor's degree in public administration. He received his master's degree from Syracuse's Maxwell School of Public Affairs and was a member of the first management class of interns in state government.

He retired in 1977 as chief budget examiner for the state Division of the Budget in Albany, where he worked since 1947. He was a consultant and adviser for

the Connecticut General Life Insurance Co. after retiring.

Mr. Gentilcore was past president and 20-year member of the board of trustees of LaSalle School for Boys in Albany, and was a emeritus trustee.

He was also a member of Phi Beta Kappa academic fraternity and the Upper Hudson Phi Beta Kappa, and was president of the Albany chapter of the Syracuse Alumni Association.

He was a life member of the University Club in Albany and served on the committees that recommended the admission of women to the club.

He served as a lieutenant and navigator in the Army Air Forces during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Rita LaPenna Gentilcore; two daughters, Judith Battaglia and Roberta Perkins, both of Syracuse; a son, Richard Gentilcore of New York City; a sister, Clara Roberti of Syracuse; and four grandchildren.

Services were from St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Delmar. Arrangements were by Zwack and Sons Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the LaSalle School for Boys, Albany or the Syracuse University Alumni Association.

## Evelyn Cohen

Evelyn Cohen, 82, of Delmar, died Friday, April 20, at her Murray Avenue home.

Born in the Bronx, she was a retired schoolteacher for the New York City school system. She lived in Delmar since leaving New York City in 1957.

Mrs. Cohen was a former vice president of the Albany County League of Women Voters, a member of Temple Beth Emeth in Albany and its Sisterhood, and a member of the Albany chapter of Hadassah. She was also an avid bridge player.

Survivors include her husband, Ralph Cohen; a daughter, Edith Cohen of Delmar; a brother, Kermit Wurman of Great Neck, Nassau County; and a sister, Lillian Scher of Lakehurst, N.J.

Services were in Temple Beth Emeth, with burial in Beth Emeth Cemetery, Loudonville.

Contributions may be made to Temple Beth Emeth.

Arrangements were by the Levine Memorial Chapel, Albany.

# Fire Fighters Corner

Isabel Glastetter

Date	Department or unit	Reason for call
April 11	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
April 11	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
April 11	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
April 12	Bethlehem Ambulance	Transport
April 12	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
April 12	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
April 13	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
April 13	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
April 13	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
April 13	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Mutual Aid
April 13	Bethlehem Ambulance	Standby
April 13	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
April 14	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal Injury
April 14	Voorheesville Ambulance	Auto Accident
April 14	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Alarm Drop
April 14	Bethlehem Ambulance	Standby
April 15	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
April 15	Delmar Fire Dept.	Gas Leak
April 15	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
April 15	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
April 15	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
April 15	Bethlehem Ambulance	Respiratory Distress
April 16	Delmar Rescue Squad	Unresponsive Patient
April 16	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
April 16	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
April 17	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
April 17	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Alarm Drop
April 17	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
April 17	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
April 18	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
April 18	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
April 18	Delmar Fire Dept.	Standby
April 18	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
April 18	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Mutual Aid
April 18	Bethlehem Ambulance	Standby
April 18	Delmar Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
April 18	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Mutual Aid
April 18	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby

# In the courts



James Patterson, 23, of Selkirk, arrested Feb. 22 for felony criminal possession of stolen property and misdemeanor driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor criminal possession of stolen property in Bethlehem Town Court on March 20 in full satisfaction of the charges. He was sentenced to 12 days in Albany County Jail.

Peter Verhagen, 46, of Flatbush Road in Clarksville, arrested March 12 for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of driving while ability impaired, a violation, in Bethlehem Town Court on March 20 and was fined \$250 with a 90 day license suspension.

Diane B. Agnew, 21, of Ocala, Fla., arrested March 11 and April 14 for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated pleaded guilty to DWI in Bethlehem Town Court on April 17 in full satisfaction of the charges. She was fined \$350 with a license revocation.

Peter J. DeNucci, 33, of Peter Drive, Albany, arrested April 8 for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of driving while ability impaired, a violation, in Bethlehem Town Court on April 17 and was fined \$250 with a 90 day license suspension.

Raymond K. Grewtsch Jr., 28, of Monroe Avenue, Albany, arrested April 1 for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of driving while ability impaired, a violation, in Bethlehem Town Court on April 17 and was fined \$250 with a 90 day license suspension.

Michael J. Mulrooney, 31, of Columbia Place, Albany, arrested March 25 for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of driving while ability impaired, a violation, in Bethlehem Town Court on April 17 and was fined \$250 with a 90 day license suspension.

David T. O'Brien, 41, of Jefferson Road, Glenmont, arrested March 31 for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of driving while ability impaired, a violation, in Bethlehem Town Court on April 17 and was fined \$250 with a 90 day license suspension.

Franklin C. Noe, 18, of 5 Orchard Street, Bethlehem, arrested Dec. 15 for a break-in at Wolfe's Custom Auto Repair Shop on Retreat House Road, Glenmont, pleaded guilty to felony third-degree burglary and was sentenced to two to four years in prison by County Judge Thomas W. Keegan on April 10.

Franklin McDonald, 34, of Rarick Road, Selkirk, was sentenced April 9 by Keegan to 90 days in county jail and five years probation for his guilty plea to felony driving while intoxicated stemming from a Jan. 8 arrest on Route 102 in Bethlehem.



Jennifer Coon, a student in Bethlehem Central's Shadow program, and Floyd Brewer of the Bethlehem Archeology Group

examine 17th century Dutch clay pipe fragments found on the Nicoll-Sill site. Elaine McLain



Capt. and Mrs. Mark Mantaro

## Mantaro-Shearouse nuptials

Capt. Mark Mantaro, son of Joseph and Mary Mantaro of Delmar, and Lisa Shearouse, daughter of Jack Shearouse and the late Zacquelyna Shearouse, were married on Dec. 16.

Rev. James Smith Jr. conducted the ceremony at Trinity United Methodist Church in Pooler, Ga.

Holly Young was matron of honor and Valerie Shearouse, maid of honor, both are sisters of the bride. Bridesmaids were Jessica Mantaro, sister of the groom, Liz Huggins, Britta Seely, Ellen Snyder, and Eileen Ray.

Matthew Mantaro, brother of the groom, was best man. Ushers

were Donald Shearouse, brother of the bride, Barry Whitton, Paul Clayton, Julian Patte, Patrick Turns, John Hluck and Frank Hall.

Morgan Singletary was flower girl and Matthew Bashlor, ring bearer.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Georgia Tech. He is a captain in the Army in Presidio of Monterey Calif.

The bride is a graduate of the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta. She is a physical therapist.

The couple will reside in Pacific Grove, Calif.

## Births

### St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Janyl Amanda, to Mirca and John Slater, Delmar, March 9.

Boy, Christopher David, to Pamela and John Stewart, Delmar, March 30.

Girl, Molly Frances, to Lisa and Steven Stulmaker, Delmar, April 2.

Girl, Alana Christine, to Darcinda L. and Brian T. White, Selkirk, April 3.

Boy, John Alexander, to Mary Franklin and Harry A. Sheevers, Delmar, April 4.

Boy, Taylor Michael, to Samantha and Michael Robert Woodside, Delmar, April 6.

Girl, Allie Christine, to Stacy Flavin and Charles H. Radliff, Glenmont, April 7.

### Bellevue Hospital

Girl, Rachel Catherine, to Linda and Carmine Costanzo, Selkirk, March 26.

Boy, Austin Anthony, to Steven and Maria Tracey, Voorheesville, March 27.

### Former area resident serves in Washington

Mildred Cooper, a Bush administration appointee during the president's first year in office, is serving as director of the Office of Public Affairs in the Bureau of Export Administration, an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Cooper is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George R. Cooper of Slingerlands. She joined the Bush administration at the Commerce Department in December 1989.

### Local deputy becomes project instructor

Bethlehem Police Department Deputy Sheriff Gary Fish recently became a certified project Drug Awareness Resistance instructor. Deputy Fish is now preparing himself to implement the D.A.R.E. program with children in the Voorheesville Central and Berne Knox Westerlo schools.

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Bethlehem Senior Citizens Services recently sponsored a for the blind and print handicapped at the town hall. From left are Billie Dye of the Northeast Association for the Blind, Nora Adelman, manager of RISE (a daily radio service for the blind and physically handicapped), and Caroline Wirth of Bethlehem Senior Services.

Elaine McLain

## On The Senior Side

### Emergency residential home repair program

A home repair program, funded by the state Division of Housing and Community Renewal, is now operational.

Monies are available to provide one-time emergency home repairs, such as roof, foundation, and electrical repairs for homeowners over the age of 60 and who are low income. Income eligibility, such as current HEAP (Heating Assistance) eligibility letters are required.

For more information, or to apply contact Bethlehem Senior Services at 439-4955.

### Volunteer program

Become involved... Catch the spirit of volunteerism! Bethlehem Senior Volunteer Program provides volunteer opportunities for many individuals in the Commu-

nity. These opportunities are in programs such as: community mailings, Bike Day, blood pressure clinic, hearing screenings, Tuesday meals (congregate meal program for the frail), office transportation for the frail, meals on Wheels, letters to Santa, friendly calling, Bethlehem Food Pantry, Medicaid forms assistance, outreach assistants, lawn care, garden bounty, Lifeline and senior transportation.

### Hearing clinic scheduled

The Town of Bethlehem's hearing screening clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, from 9 to 11 a.m. in room 106 of the Bethlehem Town Hall. Marilyn Frantsov, audiologist of Better Hearing Services, will be volunteering her time. In order to participate in this clinic you must call the Senior Services Office at 439-4955 to make reservations. Early registration is suggested.

### Rummage sale

The Glenmont Reformed Church, Chapel Lane, Glenmont, will hold a rummage sale on May 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and May 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Household items and clothing are available.

### Retired teachers to meet at library

The Albany Area Retired Teachers' Association will meet at the Bethlehem Public Library on April 25, at 12:30 p.m. The speaker will be Robert Walfe, attorney who will discuss the latest information on nursing homes, insurance coverage, wills and investments.

For information call 439-3883.

### Library shows films

As a part of the "World of Difference" campaign, the Bethlehem Public Library will show three films in May.

"Walkabout," the story of a young Australian aborigine's friendship with two children, will be shown on May 2 at 7 p.m. "The Revolt of Job," which looks at a Jewish couple's adoption of a Christian child during the Second World War will be shown on May 16 at 7 p.m. "Gaijin," the last film in the series, chronicles the experience of a Japanese woman immigrant in Brazil at the turn of the century and will be shown on May 23 at 7 p.m.



## Community Corner

### Support community drama group

The stars of the Bethlehem Stage will be out at 8 p.m. on the night of April 27 for the premier of Bells are Ringing a fun-filled musical comedy production presented by the Village Stage that you won't want to miss. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. If for some reason you cannot attend the premier, don't despair, a repeat performance will be held on the 28th at the same time. All performances will take place at Bethlehem Central High School on Delaware Ave., in Delmar.

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## Showhouse '90 opens in Slingerlands

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

Slingerlands goes decidedly Tudor this week as the Vanguard-Albany Symphony Showhouse '90 opens on April 30.

The showhouse, at 4 Old English Rd., in the Heldervale area just off route 85, is a brick English Country Manor-style home built by developer Vincent J. Laviano, and decorated by 19 area interior and exterior designers.

With 12 rooms and more than 6,000 square feet of space, the house features a two-story entrance foyer with grand staircase, a club-style library, and a 900-square-foot master bedroom suite.

English ivy has been stencilled in the kitchen and breakfast room areas, and vaulted ceilings and balconies complete the English Manor House theme.

The living room of the house has been decorated by Stickley Furniture of Coltonie.

"Going with the English manor theme, we put together an eclectic mix of period pieces that we imagined would be collected through the years during the family's travels in Europe and Asia," explained Stickley designer Maureen McCoy, who worked on the room with designers Michel Patterson and Kimberly Smith.

"An intense palate of jewel tones — yellows, violet, rubies, greens and blues — make for an elegant, comfortable, but formal living space," she said. "A Baker Venetian sofa in yellow floral chintz centers the fireplace, and two Stickley pieces, a mahogany scalloped pie-crust table and blockfront chest complete the room."

While Stickley does not realize a large increase in business from their participation, many shoppers recognize the pieces from the house when they see them back in the showroom.

"We get about 25 to 30 referrals that are directly from the show, but they continue throughout the year, so it's hard to say exactly how many," McCoy said. "We still have people coming in who recognize pieces from last year. I think it's a positive experience for everyone involved."

Marion Michaels Interiors of Latham decorated the girl's bedroom.

"As it's a little girl's room, we went with a cartoon theme," explained Assistant Manager Joan Barton.

The room expands the cartoons to three-dimensional with a "magical tree" of painted wood that houses a television and VCR, and window treatments of three-dimensional wood painted to look like fabric. "We have a rocking horse, dolls, and other pieces that continue the three-dimensional cartoon theme," she said. Designer Elizabeth Benny completed the room for the Latham firm.

Bathrooms have become rooms of luxury, and two area firms, Trans Designs of Slingerlands and Innovative Interiors Inc. of Latham provided their where-withall for the washrooms.

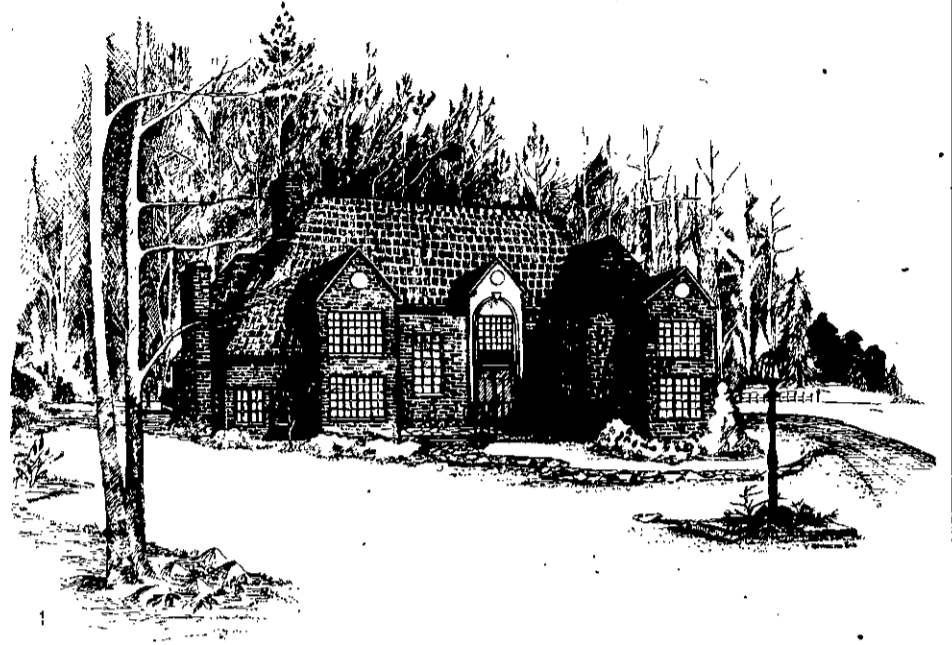
"Ours is really a fun room," said Kathleen M. Dixon of Innovative Interiors. "We wanted an impression of a garden, with geranium wallpaper, a flower water fountain — we're even going to have ornamental (wooden) tropical birds."

Innovative Interiors also participated in last year's showhouse.

"It did bring us some business, some credibility," Dixon said "but it was the details that people asked most about — where we got our shades, the wallpaper — they wanted some input."

Dixon also pointed out that smaller firms may wish to do bigger rooms, but costs can be prohibitive.

## Showhouse '90



The Vanguard-Albany Symphony Showhouse '90 home in Slingerlands is a brick English Country Manor house custom-built by developer Vincent J. Laviano. The showhouse is open April 30 through May 20.

Illustration by V. Remington Rich

"Big stores can order a living room or dining room from stock and then return it to their showroom. We can't. We do it on donations and out-of-pocket expenses. That's why we're in the bathroom," she said. "But we wouldn't pass it up. It's a great experience."

The bathroom for the nursery and child's room has been decorated by a Trans Designs team including Barbara Leonpacher of Slingerlands, Susan Coons of Latham, Katehrine Loucks of Glenmont and Melodie Scavo of Delmar.

"Our colors repeat throughout the room," District Manager Leonpacher explained. "We have a creative shower

curtain treatment on a valance pulled up by rosettes. The same colors of soft rose, green, blue and white go from the fabric, to our custom-framed art work, to the bathroom vanity, down to the towels. It's a neat, clean room for children."

Last year, Trans Designs decorated the music room in the Delmar showhouse. "It was very good exposure for us doing a room like that, and we did pick up business," she said. "We are independent decorators, and Trans Designs is a source of product for us through Woodstock, Ga., and it did give us exposure."

Leonpacher pointed out that there is a  
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Loudonville senior medalist Mary Carroll feels her activities not only make her feel good, but reassure her family that she is taking care of herself. Registration for this year's games must be submitted by May 7.

## Senior Games: young at heart

When Loudonville resident Mary Carroll, 65, rode away with the silver medal in the five kilometer biking competition at the New York State Parks Senior Games last year, she probably didn't realize it would give her a thirst for more.

But like most of the 55-and-older participants who will enter in the various five-year age categories in either "recreational" or "competitive" divisions, the senior games have a way of bringing you back for more.

This year's games will be held from June 7-10 at the scenic State University at Cortland, and are a program of New York State Parks in cooperation with the New York State Office for the Aging and the State University of New York.

Carroll is typical of many of the participants.

"I've been biking all of my life," she said. A semi-retired designer, Carroll believes that "if you don't use it, you lose it!"

Keeping in shape is also good for her now-grown children, who she believes feel better about her living on her own because they know she's taking care of herself.

"Biking is something I can do the rest of my life," she says.

During the winter, she puts four or five

miles daily on her exercise bike.

In this year's games, Carroll is going to try both the 5K and the 10K biking competition. Because of her 1989 silver medal, she has qualified for the 1991 National Senior Olympics to be held in Syracuse.



If you or someone you know would like to participate in either the recreational or competitive divisions, or would like to go to the games as a spectator, contact Helen Fitzgerald at 434-8286, the area agency on aging of the New York State Parks Senior Games office at 474-0403.

Applications must be received by May 7. To receive one, write New York State Parks Senior Games, Age 100 Bldg. 1, 12th Floor, Albany, New York 12238.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## THEATER

### PRIVATE LIVES

By Noel Coward, love story laced with funny repartee, Capital Rep, Albany. Now through May 13, Tues.-Sat. 8 p.m.; Sun. 2:30 p.m. Information, 462-4531.

### AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'

Music by Thomas "Fats" Waller, based on an idea by Murray Horowitz and Richard Maltby Jr., Historic Cohoes Music Hall, April 25-29, Thurs., Fri. 8 p.m.; Sat. 5 and 9 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m. Information, 235-7909.

### COME BLOW YOUR HORN

By Neil Simon, Home Made Theater, Saratoga Springs, April 27-29, May 4-5, Fri. and Sat. 8:15 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Information, 587-4427.

### THE MOUSETRAP

By Agatha Christie, show, or dinner and show package, Stillwater Central School auditorium, April 26-29, Thurs.-Sat. 8:15 p.m., Sun. 2:30 p.m. Dinner from 5-7:30 p.m. on Sat., noon-2 p.m. Sun. Information, 664-3160.

### LOVE LETTERS

Starring Kitty Carlisle Hart and Tony Randall, Empire State Performing Arts Center, Albany, April 28-29, Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

### AFRICAN LEGENDS

The Square Wheel Theater, State Museum, Albany, April 28-29, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

## MUSIC

### CHRIS HOLDER

Performing Canal Songs at RiverSpark Visitor Center, Troy, April 28, 2 p.m. Information, 270-8667.

### FESTIVAL SPRING CONCERT

Featuring violinist Michael Emery, concert master of the Schenectady Symphony and Organist Mary Bon, director of music at First Church, The First Church, Albany, April 27, 7:15 p.m. Information, 463-4449.

## COUNTRY SUNDAY

Dance to Al & Kathy Bain; Desert Sky; Tom Fisch; Country Line Rebels; Joan Crane & Passing On The Right and The Revolvers, Rick & Carol's Country Side Inn, West Fort Ann, April 29, 2-6 p.m. Information, 284-2609.

## COHOES MUSIC HALL BENEFIT

The Fabulous Four, '50s singing groups, Starlite Music Theater, May 22. Tickets on sale now. Information, 783-9415.

## THE CREATION

By Franz Joseph Haydn, Benjamin Van Wye, director, closing concert for its 1989-90 season, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, April 27, 8 p.m. Information, 273-0038.

## CHRISTOPHER SHAW

Songwriter, guitarist, recording artist, environmentalist, The Eighth Step, Albany, April 29, 7:30 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

## DE BLASIS CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

Finckel Ensemble, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls, April 30, 8 p.m. Information, 792-1761.

## SONGS FOR CHILDREN

Move-along, clap-along, sing-along celebration from old Yiddish games to contemporary commentary, Congregation Ohav Shalom, Albany, April 29, 2 p.m. Information, 489-4706.

## SONGS FOR ADULTS

Feature comic and satirical selections, demonstrations of the effect Jewish music has had on American popular song, Congregation Ohav Shalom, Albany, April 29, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-4706.

## A 'VOTRE SANTE'

Final concert of the season, all French program, by L'Ensemble, Albany City Arts Building, April 29, 3 p.m. Information, 436-5321.

## UNIVERSITY-COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Nathan Gottschalk conducting, Main Theatre, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, April 29, 7 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

## UNIVERSITY-COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Joint concert with the University Percussion Ensemble, pays tribute to Dominick J. Del Ra, area composer, Main Theatre, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, May 1, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

## DIE SCHONE MULLERIN

Performed by the duo of baritone Sanford Sylvan and fortepianist David Breitman, Union College's Memorial Chapel, April 28, 8 p.m. Information, 370-6172.

## OUT OF CONTROL

Rhythm & Blues Band, Party in the Park, Albany's Lincoln Park, April 29, noon-5 p.m. Information, 372-5607.

## SHOW

### HAUTE COUTURE FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Fashion show by Efthimios Konstantine, Things of Beauty Art Gallery, Albany, April 28, 1-3 p.m. Information, 449-1233.

## WORKSHOPS

### THEATRE WORKSHOPS

Presented by ESCIPA, Syracuse University, Capitol Theatre, Bob Kelly Make-Up and TANYS, Emma Willard School, Troy, April 28, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 674-2154.

### RON SHELTON

Screenwriting workshop and discussion of *Bull Durham*, Campus Center, University at Albany's uptown campus, May 4, 3:30 p.m. Information, 442-5620.

### PICTURE THIS!

Make your own camera — out of an oatmeal container, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls, for children ages 10-13, Sats., April 28 - May 19, Information, 792-1761.

### SUMMERSTAGE 90

Young people ages 10-18 interested in learning about theater, three-week program, ESIPA's Theatre Arts School, Albany, July 23-Aug. 10, Interviews for acceptance, by May 4, Information, 443-5285.

## READING

### DIANA DAVENPORT

Reading from her work, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, Troy, April 25, 7:30 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

### JAY MCINERNEY

Author, will read from his work, Page Hall, downtown campus, University at Albany, April 26, 8 p.m. Information, 442-5620.

### 1990 READINGS AGAINST THE END OF THE WORLD

Held at the 8th Step (upstairs), Albany, Readings start at midnight, April 27 and continue until midnight on April 28, Information, 438-6314.

### ARTHUR MILLER: "ON THE AIR"

A Lee Eimore Performance, The Rensselaerville Institute, April 28, 8:15 p.m. Information, 797-3873.

### SPRING DRAMATIC READING SERIES

Plays by Eugene O'Neill and the director of Proctor's Too, *Nightmare of a Married Man*, Union College, Schenectady, April 30, 7:30 p.m. Information, 370-6172.

## LECTURE

### CHINATOWN TOUR

Guided tour of the Asia Society, Chinatown and Chinatown History Project including a lecture, by Dr. Thomas A. Grunfeld, April 28, 7:30 a.m. departure, Information, 474-5877.

### EDITH WHARTON IN NEW YORK AND PARIS

Slide lecture on the literature of architecture, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls, April 29 2 p.m. Information, 792-1761.

### RENAISSANCE MUSICAL ARTS, LTD.

Mahler's Symphony No. 3 in D by Jeremy Yudkin, Ph.D., Balsam Music Hall, Albany, April 29, 2:30 p.m. Information, 482-5334.

## CALL FOR ENTRIES

### ENTRIES REQUESTED FOR CHESTERWOOD SCULPTURE SHOW

Entries for contemporary sculpture at Chesterwood, an exhibition of outdoor works to be held at Chesterwood, Stockbridge, Mass., from July 7-Oct. 14, Information, 413-298-3579.

## AUDITIONS

### INTERNSHIPS AT ESIPA

Openings available for 1990-91 season beginning in September. Deadline to apply, May 1, Information, 443-5222.

### MENTAL HEALTH PLAYERS

Of the Capital District Psychiatric Center, Albany. Day-long training session for new members, April 27, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 447-9611.

## FILM

### SOUTH AFRICA BELONGS TO US

Intimate film portrait of five typical black women describes how apartheid impoverishes, dehumanizes and ultimately enslaves, State Museum, Albany, April 27, 7 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

### THE LAST LAUGH

The silent film from Germany's "golden" period, Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., University at Albany's downtown campus, April 27, 7:30 p.m. Information, 442-5620.

### KID FLUCKS

Introduces film as both an art form and a stimulus for making and viewing art, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls, Sats., April 28-June 9, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Information, 792-1761.

### DIE ERBEN/THE INHERITORS

Critically acclaimed film exposes the terrifying resurgence of neo-fascist groups who prey on today's youth, Union College, Schenectady, April 30, 7:30 p.m.

## VISUAL ARTS

### DONALD BRADY

Exhibit includes many Delmar paintings, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, May 1-May 31, Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

### MARJORIE SCILIPOTE

Watercolors and oils, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, May 1-May 31, Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

### RETHINKING THE CANAL

Photo collages by Lori McAllister, RiverSpark Visitor Center, Troy, April 28-June 28, Information, 270-8667.

### PRINT SHOW

Exhibition and sale of prints by Graciela Rodo Boulanger, Michel Delacroix, and Kalko Mott, Greenhuf Galleries, April 27-29, Fri. 6-9 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun. noon-5 p.m. Information, 482-1984.

### APARTHEID NOI

Photography and descriptive text by Catherine Alipori, Sage Junior College of Albany, Now through May 18, Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon., Wed., Thurs. 6-8 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

### OTHER WORLDS

Paintings and sculpture, fantasy theme, Things of Beauty Art Gallery, Albany, May 1-30, Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m. Opening reception, May 10, 5:30-8 p.m. Information, 449-1233.

### IMAGES OF NATURE

Sponsored by The Print Club of Albany, Pruyn House Cultural Center, Colonie, Now through May 26, Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 783-1435.

### ASIA SOCIETY AND CHINATOWN TOUR

Guided tour sponsored by the State Museum, April 28, leaves Albany 7:30 a.m. \$50 per person, members \$42, Information, 474-5801.

### FREDERICK VOELBEL

Water colors of Old Chatham, Rensselaerville, and Gloucester Harbor; sculpture, wall hangings and pastels by Arline Peartree Shulman, Elm Tree Art Gallery, Latham, Now through May 30, Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thurs. 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m. Information, 785-1441.

### PRE-INDUSTRIAL CHINA

Photographs from 1917-1932 by Sidney Gamble, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls, Now through May 20, Information, 792-1761.

### BENIGNA CHILLA

Paintings and constructions, Albany Center Galleries, Now through May 25, Information, 462-4775.

### A SENSE OF COMMUNITY: THE BLACK EXPERIENCE IN ALBANY

Traveling exhibition, Arbor Hill Community Center, Now through May 11, Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 463-1516. Israel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Albany, May 20-27, Information, 463-9290.

## ANDREA SALKOWE

Graphite and ink paintings, Albany Academy, Albany, Through-May 12, Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 465-1461.

## COMPUTER ART

Of Geoffrey Homan, Dielert Gallery, Emma Willard School, Troy, Now through May 13, daily 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Information,

## ESPANA ACTUAL

Contemporary Spain, Angeles Ballester, Angel Cuprill, Duward Campbell, Pedro Extremera, Jose Maria Iglesias, Lorenzo Mena, Things of Beauty Art Gallery, Albany, Now through April 30, Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m. Information, 449-1233.

## ANGEL CUPRILL-ART EXHIBIT

Dedicated to Spanish and Hispanic artists and themes, Things of Beauty Art Gallery, Albany, Month of April, Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m. Information, 449-1233.

## GORILLA: STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL IN THE VIRUNGAS

Photographs capturing the dramatic interplay between human society and the mountain gorilla, State Museum, Albany, Now through May 20, Information, 474-5877.

## SOUTH AFRICA: THE CORDONED HEART

Works of 20 South African photographers, State Museum, Albany, Now through May 1, Information, 474-5877.

## THE MANY MOODS OF THE ANN LEE

Photographs taken over the past eight years by Robert E. Keating, Sanford Town Library, Month of April, Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m. Information, 458-9274.

## DOLDRUMS

Showcases the work of arts faculty, Albany Institute of History and Art, Albany, Wed.-Fri., noon-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m.; Sat., noon-3 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

## ARTIST AT PLAY

Group showing, Greene County Council on the Arts Catskill Gallery, Catskill, Gallery hours, Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 943-3400.

## ERASTUS DOW PALMER EXHIBITION

American sculptor of the mid-19th century, Albany Institute of History and Art, Now through June 10.

## EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN

Museum of The Historical Society of Early American Decorative Art, Albany, Now through August, Tues.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Information, 462-1676.

## A FOCUS ON THE FEMALE FIGURE

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# THE ALBANY ARMORY ANTIQUES SHOW



## Equinox benefit antiques show at Armory

The third annual Albany Armory Antiques Show will be held on April 27-29, at the New Scotland Armory in Albany. The antiques show is sponsored by Equinox, and managed by Jacqueline Sideli Antiques Shows of Chatham.

The show represents 55 antiques dealers who will offer for sale a diverse selection of American and English period furniture and decorative accessories.

The show opens with a benefit pre-

view party on Friday evening, April 27 from 6-9 p.m. A preview party ticket entitles the bearer to a buffet, live music, early buying privileges, and free admission to the show all weekend. For preview party tickets, call 434-6135.

The show will be open Saturday, April 28 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 29, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For information, call 392-6711.



Working together on an exhibit sponsored by the Albany Institute of History and Art to appear at the Equinox Annual Armory Antique Show are, from left, board member and co-chair Sue Zick, Institute Curator Tammis Groft, and Equinox Executive Director Barbara Methvin. The Institute's exhibit will be representative of Capital District antique decor.

## Exploring the Eastern Block at HVCC

Five Eastern European embassies will be represented at a symposium to be held April 27 at Hudson Valley Community College in April. The Ambassador of Yugoslavia, the economic consul and cultural attaches of both Bulgaria and Poland, the Hungarian U.N. Consul General and the Director of the Romanian Library have agreed to speak at the Troy campus. "We also expect confirmation by the Czechoslovakian ministry soon," said symposium coordinator Ken Donovan-

Peters. "This is the first time the Eastern Europeans have had access to a Capital Region audience and they are making every effort to participate."

The symposium is titled "The Curtain Rises On Eastern Europe" and will be held at the Maureen Stapleton Theatre on the main Hudson Valley Community College campus.

Call 270-7338 to register. Numbers are limited.

## Director Ron Shelton to hold workshop

Director/screenwriter Ron Shelton, whose films include *Bull Durham* and the current hit *Blaze*, will give a screenwriting workshop and discuss *Bull Durham* immediately following its screening. Both events will be held on Friday, May 4.

The screenwriting workshop will take place at 3:30 p.m. in the Campus Center,

room 375, at the State University at New York's Albany uptown campus. While the workshop is free and open to the public, the New York State Writers Institute, sponsor of Shelton's appearance in Albany, requests that prospective attendees phone the Institute to reserve a place in the workshop.

For more information, call 442-5620.



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# AROUND THE AREA

Wednesday  
April 25

## ALBANY COUNTY

### CHILDREN'S AUTHOR, HARRIET SOBOL

presentation for National Library Week, State Library, 7th floor Cultural Education Center, noon. Information, 474-1201.

### CULTURAL HERITAGE ART EXHIBIT

"The Black Experience," Arbor Hill Community Center, 50 North Lark, Albany. Information, 463-4478.

### LECTURE

"Causes and Treatment of Stress and Anxiety," presented by Dr. David Barlow, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-2257.

### LATHAM CORNERS CRAFT SHOW

North Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 474-2418.

### "TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF"

presented by Elizabeth Martin, Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7-9 p.m. Information, 452-3455.

### RESTORING PERSONAL IMAGE AFTER MASTECTOMY

presented by Johanna Ehmman, Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 452-3455.

## "OLD ALBANY"

presented by Helen Walsh, College of St. Rose, 324 State St., Albany, noon. Information, 454-5105.

### SINGLE SQUARES DANCE

with caller Cliff Brodeur, St. Michael's Community Center, Linden Ave., Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 459-5653.

### HANDIVAN WORKSHOP

on small appliance repair, with John Kohler, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Information, 765-3500.

### THEATER TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY

for senior adults, sponsored by the Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, bus leaves at 9 a.m. Information, 438-6651.

## SARATOGA COUNTY

### ADIRONDACK KARTING ASSOCIATION

group for competitive go karting, Ground Round Restaurant, Clifton Country Mall, Clifton Park, 7 p.m. Information, 355-2699.

## SCHENECTADY COUNTY

### EVENING OF REFLECTION

for eucharistic ministers, with Rev. Jack Marino, Dominican Retreat House, 1945 Union St., Schenectady. Information, 393-4169.

Thursday  
April 26

## ALBANY COUNTY

### CULTURAL HERITAGE ART EXHIBIT

"The Black Experience," Arbor Hill Community Center, 50 North Lark, Albany. Information, 463-4478.

### HANDIVAN WORKSHOP

on "Lock Repair," with John Kohler, Neighborhood Resource Center, 340 First St., Albany, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Information, 765-3500.

### CONCERNED FRIENDS OF HOPE HOUSE

meeting, support group for families of substance abusers, every Thursday, Child's Nursing Home auditorium, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

### ANIMAL BENEVOLENT LEAGUE

"Gala of Animals," City Arts Building, 60 Orange St., Albany, 5:30-9 p.m. Information, 489-0653.

### WOMEN'S INTERFAITH OBSERVANCE

Congregation Beth Emeth, 100 Academy Rd., Albany, noon. Information, 439-2902.

## RENSSELAER COUNTY

### "QUALITY SCHOOLS ARE WHAT WE NEED"

lecture, presented by William Glasser, LaSalle Institute, 174 Williams Rd., Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-4431.

### FAMILY EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM

for families whose lives are affected by epilepsy, East Greenbush Town Hall, 225 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer, 7 p.m. Information, 456-7501.

Friday  
April 27

## ALBANY COUNTY

### ALBANY ARMORY ANTIQUES SHOW '90

preview party, New Scotland Ave. Armory, Albany, 6-9 p.m. Information, 392-6711.

## CULTURAL HERITAGE ART EXHIBIT

"The Black Experience," Arbor Hill Community Center, 50 North Lark, Albany. Information, 463-4478.

## ALTAMONT SQUARES

dance, with callers Mark Vrooman and John Wilkinson, Guilderland Elementary School, US Rt. 20, 8-10:30 p.m. Information, 382-0680.

## NEW YORK CITIZEN BEE

academic/civic high school competition, Assembly Chamber, Capitol Building Albany, 1:15 p.m. Information, 473-3678.

## SCHENECTADY COUNTY

### RECOVERY, INC.

self-help group for former mental patients and former nervous patients, Salvation Army, 222 Lafayette St., Hillard Rm., Schenectady, 10 a.m. Information, 346-8595.

## RENSSELAER COUNTY

### ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL SYMPOSIUM

"The Curtain Rises on Eastern Europe," Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, 1 p.m. Information, 270-7338.

### RUN FOR WOMEN

entry deadline, return entries to Freihofer's Run for Women, 233 Fourth Street, Troy 12180. Information, 272-0267.

Saturday  
April 28

## ALBANY COUNTY

### CHICKEN AND BISCUIT SUPPER

Dormansville United Methodist Church, Rt. 312, 4:30 p.m. Information, 797-3730.

### RAAMP EXPO 1990

Minorities Advancement conference, College of St. Rose, Western Ave., Albany, 11 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Information, 274-5968.

### CULTURAL HERITAGE ART EXHIBIT

"The Black Experience," Arbor Hill Community Center, 50 North Lark, Albany. Information, 463-4478.

## "SOAR: A CELEBRATION OF LIFE"

kite flying program, Outdoor Plaza, Empire State Plaza, noon-4 p.m. Kite Flyes needed. Information, 47-2418, 432-4731.

## DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Safety and Health Council, 845 Central Ave., Albany, 9 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Information, 438-2365.

## IMAGINAUCTION '90

"Putting" On the Ritz," sponsored by the Doane Stuart School, Rt. 9W, Albany, 4:30 p.m. Information, 465-5222.

## RELATIONSHIPS

all day workshop, with Bob Earl, sponsored by Al-Care, Legislative Office Building, Hearing Room B, State St., Albany, 9 a.m. Registration, 456-8043.

## "DANCIN' IN THE STREETS"

to benefit the National Kidney Foundation, Steuben Athletic Club, Albany. Information, 869-4666.

## ALBANY ARMORY ANTIQUES SHOW '90

New Scotland Ave. Armory, Albany, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Information, 392-6711.

## SCHENECTADY COUNTY

### WING-OFF CHICKEN WING EATING CONTEST

to benefit the United Way, Off-Track Betting, Schenectady, 3-6 p.m. Information, 370-5386.

## SARATOGA COUNTY

### SURVIVOR'S COUNCIL

of NYS Head Injury Association, meeting, Saratoga Springs. Information, 800-228-8201.

## AMSTERDAM

### GAMES FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED YOUTH

athletic competition, demonstrations and entertainment, for kids 5-21, Amsterdam High School. Information, 473-2186.

Sunday  
April 29

## ALBANY COUNTY

### COMMUNITY GARDENS BENEFIT BRUNCH

River Street Cafe, River St., Troy, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 274-8685.

## CULTURAL HERITAGE ART EXHIBIT

"The Black Experience," Arbor Hill Community Center, 50 North Lark, Albany. Information, 463-4478.

## SMALL CRAFT SAFETY COURSE

"Fundamentals of Canoeing," Red Cross, Albany Area Chapter House, Albany, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

## ALBANY ARMORY ANTIQUES SHOW '90

New Scotland Ave. Armory, Albany, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 392-6711.

## "CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS"

concert, sponsored by the Capital Chamber Artist, Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 489-0507.

## "WALK AMERICA"

to benefit March of Dimes Campaign for Healthier Babies, starts at Empire State Plaza, Albany. 785-1000.

Monday  
April 30

## ALBANY COUNTY

### CULTURAL HERITAGE ART EXHIBIT

"The Black Experience," Arbor Hill Community Center, 50 North Lark, Albany. Information, 463-4478.

### BOCES ART FESTIVAL

through May 4, North Lobby and North Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 474-2418.

## RECOVERY, INC.

self-help group for former mental patients and former nervous patients, Unitarian Church of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

## "SURVIVING WITH CANCER"

support groups for adults who are surviving cancer, through May 16, Pinnacle Place, Rd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 445-3421.

## SCHENECTADY

### RECOVERY, INC.

self-help group for former mental patients and former nervous patients, Unitarian House, 1248 Wendall Ave., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

Tuesday  
May 1

## ALBANY COUNTY

### FIRST AID INSTRUCTOR COURSES

Red Cross Chapter House, Hackett Blvd., 6-10 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

## St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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One sports figure who is trying to reverse this trend and prevent young athletes from getting involved with alcohol and other drugs is former New York Yankee pitching great Ryne Duren. Now pitching for alcohol and other drug abuse education, Duren is a nationally recognized speaker, consultant and administrator in the alcohol abuse field.

Duren will be speaking on Monday, April 30, at 7 p.m. in the Bethlehem Central High School auditorium. In addition to talking about his life as one of the game's top relief pitchers, Duren will discuss how alcohol and other drugs interfere with performance and how coaches and parents can help young athletes choose an alcohol and other drug-free life.

For more information about this event, call the Bethlehem Networks Project at 439-7740.



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• Monday, 10 p.m.

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#### BREASTFEEDING CLASS

sponsored by the Division of Women's and Children's Services, St. Peter's Hospital, South Manning Blvd., Albany, 7-9 p.m. Information, 454-1388.

#### CULTURAL HERITAGE ART EXHIBIT

"The Black Experience," Arbor Hill Community Center, 50 North Lark, Albany. Information, 463-4478.

#### "THE TERRIBLE BUT TERRIFIC TODDLER"

class, Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7-9 p.m. Information, 452-3455.

#### CIVIL AIR PATROL

every Tuesday, Albany Senior Squadron, Albany Airport, 7 p.m. Information, 869-4406.

#### Closing concert

The Capitol Hill Choral Society will perform Haydn's *The Creation* with soloists Sherri Strichman, Rand Reeves, Rene De La Garza and the Saint Cecilia Chamber Orchestra for their closing concert for the season, on April 27, at 8 p.m. in the The Troy Savings Bank Music Hall.

#### Woodcock watch

A twilight walk in search of the American woodcock will be held on Tuesday, May 1, at 7 p.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar. The spring courtship ritual of the "umberdoodle" makes these birds one of the most watched animals on the Five Rivers grounds during spring.

Bring flashlights and binoculars if you have them.

For more information call 453-1806.

#### Shaw to perform benefit concert

Adirondack singer, songwriter and storyteller Christopher Shaw will perform on Sunday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m. at Upstairs at the Eighth Step, located at 14 Willett Street near Washington Park in Albany.

The concert will benefit the Hudson Mohawk Group of the Sierra Club which is the local arm of this national conservation organization.

Those interested are encouraged to order tickets in advance. For information, call 434-1703.

#### Toddler program on tiny terrors

"The Terrible but Terrific Toddler" is the title of a class to be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1 at Women's HealthCare Plus, an affiliate of Bellevue Hospital, located at 2093 Western Avenue in Guilderland.

Pam Ellwood, a pediatric nurse practitioner, and Judy Bowden, a registered nurse and parent educator will instruct the class. The fee is \$15 per family. Pre-registration is required. Call 452-3455 to register.

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#### SCHEENECTADY

**SECULAR SOBRIETY GROUP** group for recovering alcoholics, Temple Gates of Heaven, corner of Ashmore Ave. and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-5569.

#### EATING DISORDERS

**SUPPORT GROUP** meets first Tuesdays, Union College, College Center, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

Wednesday  
May 2

#### ALBANY COUNTY

#### DINNER TO SUPPORT FOOD BANK

sponsored by the Regional Food Bank, at participating restaurants. Information, 786-3691.

#### INDEPENDENT STUDY INFORMATION

Capital District Regional Center, Central Ave., Albany, 5:30 p.m. Information, 485-5964.

#### 35th anniversary affair cancelled

Albany Civic Theater has cancelled plans to have a 35th Anniversary Party at the Lakehouse on Friday, May 5.

Plans for the events were terminated when it became apparent that ticket sales would be insufficient to meet the expenses generated by the party.

#### Schubert program on the keys at Union

Perhaps the most famous of Schubert's song cycle, the complete *Die Schone Mullerin*, will be performed by the duo of baritone Sanford Sylvan and fortepianist David Breitman on Saturday, April 28, at 8 p.m. at Union College's Memorial Chapel.

For more information, call 382-7890 days or 372-3651 evenings.

#### CULTURAL HERITAGE ART EXHIBIT

"The Black Experience," Arbor Hill Community Center, 50 North Lark, Albany. Information, 463-4478.

#### INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT SHOWCASE

RPI Houston Field House, Troy, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 237-0536.

#### APPLE COMPUTER USERS CLUB

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#### SCHEENECTADY COUNTY

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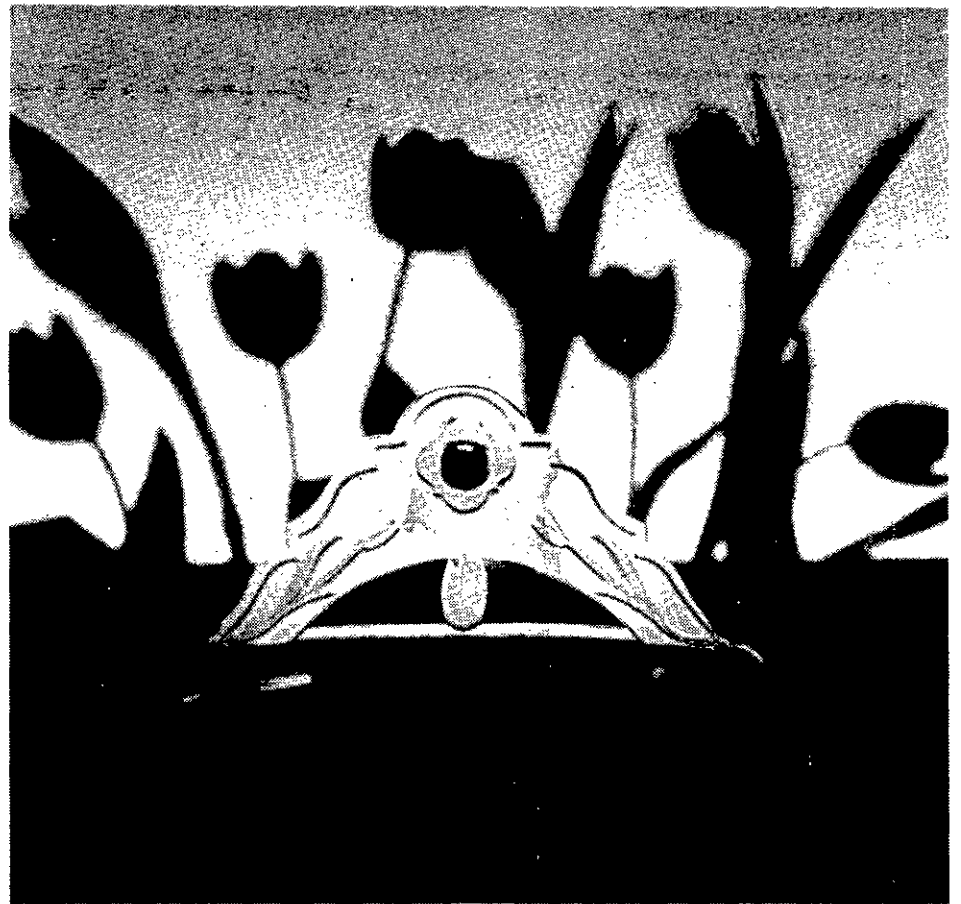
Schenectady County Community College, Van Curler Room, Elston Hall, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Information, 346-6211.

#### PRINT OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

sponsored by the Schenectady Photographic Society, First Methodist Church, Lafayette and State sts., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information 463-1674.

#### DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING OF INFANTS

Bellevue Hospital, Troy Rd., Schenectady, noon-4 p.m. Information, 456-9071.



Using architectural elements derived from Washington Park's lakehouse in Albany, Drue Sanders Custom Jewelers has donated a new crown for Albany's Tulip Queen. The sterling and gold crown features a 3 carat garnet, New York State's official gemstone. The crowning takes place Saturday, May 12, during the 42nd Tulip Festival.

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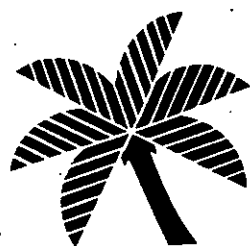
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**Monday's:** Residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands and Bethlehem go to Delaware Plaza from 9:00 - 11:30.

**THURSDAY'S:** Residents of Glenmont, Selkirk, and South Bethlehem go to Town Squire Plaza.

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**Wednesday April 25**

**BETHLEHEM**

**EASTER PEOPLE GATHERING**  
religious activities to reveal Easter in daily life. Glenmont Community Church, Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 436-7710.

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preschool story hour, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 6:45 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

of Albany area, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-3883.

**BETHLEHEM OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED**

open meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-6885.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

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

**TESTIMONY MEETING**

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

**MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

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

**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. Information, 439-4258.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**A.A. AND AL-ANON MEETINGS**

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2895.

**STORY HOUR**

Voorheesville Public Library, School Rd., Voorheesville, 4 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**ART CLUB**

Voorheesville Public Library, School Road, Voorheesville, 4 p.m. Information 765-2791.

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RECEPTION**

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS**

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

**NEW SCOTLAND ELKS LODGE**

meets second and fourth Wednesdays, 22 South Main St., Voorheesville, 8 p.m.

**PROJECT WILD WORKSHOP**

for teachers and youth leaders, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 3:30-6:30 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

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

**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.

**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**

Thursdays, 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.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**CLARKSVILLE TABERNACLE**  
890 Delaware Ave., Clarksville, 7 p.m. Information, 768-2733.

**SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL**

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2895.

**STORY HOUR**

Voorheesville Public Library, School Road, Voorheesville, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on, Information, 765-2791.

**ART CLUB**

activities for those 6 and older, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., Voorheesville, 4 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**WRITING YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY**

part V, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**CAREER AWARENESS PROGRAM**

"2020—Eyes on the Future," Clayton Bouton Junior-Senior High, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3314.

**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.

**Friday April 27**

**BETHLEHEM**

**PETER PAN**

presented by Slingerlands fifth grade class, Slingerlands Elementary School, Union Ave., Slingerlands, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-7681.

**THE BELLS ARE RINGING**

musical, presented by the Village Stage, Inc., Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-7615.

**RECOVERY, INC.**

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

**CHABAD CENTER**

services and discussion followed by kiddush, Fridays at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-8280.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**MOMS GROUP MEETING**  
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 9 a.m. Information, 765-2895.

**NEW SCOTLAND REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE**

fourteenth annual dinner, Western Tumpke Golf Course, 6:30 p.m. Information, 767-2334.

**YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS**

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

**Saturday April 28**

**BETHLEHEM**

**THE BELLS ARE RINGING**

musical, presented by the Village Stage, Inc., Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-7615.

**APRIL SHOWERS**

springtime walk, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

**FASHION SHOW**

and luncheon, sponsored by the United Methodist Women, Slingerlands Community Methodist Church, New Scotland Ave., noon. Information, 439-1766.

**PREVIEW PARTY**

for Vanguard-Albany Symphony's Decorator Showhouse, Slingerlands, 5:30 p.m. Information, 434-8286.

**CHABAD CENTER**

services followed by kiddush, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-8280.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**SPRING CLEAN UP**

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 9 a.m. Information, 765-2895.

**GALA BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

of National Library Week, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., Voorheesville, 3-5 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**MAGIC TOTS**

music and rhythm activities for children two years old, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., Voorheesville, 11 and 11:45 a.m., 12:30 and 1:15 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**Sunday April 29**

**BETHLEHEM**

**EMPIRE ORIENTEERING CLUB MEETING**

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Information, 471-4760.

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

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

**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 p.m. Information 439-3135.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

**DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH**

church school and worship, 9 and 11 a.m., Junior and senior high classes from 10-11 a.m., adult study classes are offered, nursery provided from 9 a.m. to noon, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

**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.

**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.

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

ELICA, 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 Seikirk, Information, 436-7710.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

**GLENMONT REFORMED CHURCH**

worship, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, 1 chapel Lane, Glenmont. Information, 436-7710.

**NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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

**UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**

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

**Weekly Crossword**

"IF I RAN THE ZOO"

By Gerry Frey

**ACROSS**

- 1 *Kermil*, eg
- 5 *Bactrian* or *dromedary*
- 10 Expressions of surprise
- 14 Talk show host
- 15 Remember this?
- 16 *Tibetan oxen*
- 17 Precedes "IAN": Peninsula
- 18 "C3PO" or "R2D2"
- 19 Small opening
- 20 *Reindeer*
- 22 *Race winners?*
- 24 Belli's degree
- 25 Take another look
- 26 *Orca*
- 29 *Dr. Huxtable* for short
- 30 Holy terrors
- 34 Fast dance
- 35 Scoundrel
- 36 *Mollusk*
- 37 Night before
- 38 *Tom*: 2 words
- 40 Broadway sign
- 41 Envelope contents
- 43 Woman's org.
- 44 "Pain in the neck"
- 45 *Beg*
- 46 *Pig's home*
- 47 Laugh-in's Johnson et al
- 48 "moi pourquoi...": South Pacific refrain
- 50 Precedes "VATE": Secretive
- 51 *Spotted cat*
- 54 *Prehistoric elephant-like mammal*
- 58 Open
- 59 Follows "ANT": *Aardvark*
- 61 The sheltered side
- 62 Anthracite or bituminous
- 63 Condition
- 64 Trevino's tools
- 65 Capri, eg
- 66 *Doe and Buck*, eg
- 67 Years and years

**DOWN**

- 1 French Cop: slang
- 2 Ms. McIntyre: Country western singer
- 3 Unique person
- 4 44 down, eg
- 5 St. John's bread
- 6 Baseball's *Matty*
- 7 *Queen* \_\_\_\_: *Dream fairy*
- 8 Acts with feeling
- 9 *Draam* producing plant
- 10 *Mollusks available in months with "R"s*
- 11 *Seton* or *Faneuil*
- 12 *Sooner*
- 13 Super sonic transports
- 21 Suffix
- 23 Debating term
- 25 *Mice and squirrels*, eg
- 26 *Young of the dog, wolf, lion, bear etc.*
- 27 Modest home
- 28 Rugged ridge
- 29 Between Warren and Herb
- 31 Thing of value
- 32 Succinct
- 33 Vegas machines
- 35 Wheels
- 36 *Paw's partner*
- 38 TV, radio, newspapers etc
- 39 *Cute and flirtatious*
- 42 *Baby frog*
- 44 *Monkey*
- 46 *Sober as a judge*

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We'll give you good cause to clean house.

Donate to our Community Garage Sale—Saturday, May 19th—and help benefit three local charities.

Lori J. Breuel Realtors is sponsoring a Community Garage Sale to benefit Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc., the Bethlehem Festival and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited (BOU). Everyone in the community is invited to take part—and it's as easy as doing a little spring cleaning.



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**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 Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-3265.

**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.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**CLARKSVILLE TABERNACLE**  
890 Delaware Ave., Clarksville, 7 p.m. Information, 768-2733.

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

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

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

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

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

**UNIONVILLE CHURCH**  
adult coffee-break Bible Study, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship time, child care provided, Children's Story Hour, 11 a.m. Information, 439-5303.

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

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE**  
Worship 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m., church school, 11 a.m., Coffee Hour, 11:15 a.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal, 11:30 a.m. Junior Choir Rehearsal, 4 p.m. Junior and Senior United Methodist Youth Fellowship, 6 p.m. Confirmation Class. Information, 765-2895.

**AL-ANON GROUP**  
support for relatives of alcoholics, mee's Mondays, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

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

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

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

**MOTHERS 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.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**4-H CLASS**  
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 3:15 p.m. Information, 765-2895.

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

**Tuesday May 1**

**BETHLEHEM**

**VANGUARD-ALBANY SYMPHONY SHOW HOUSE OPEN**  
Old English Road, Slingerlands, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 465-4755.

**ART EXHIBITION**  
Donald Brandt, former Delmar Resident, Marjorie Scillipote, Delmar Public Library, Delaware Ave., Delmar, Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**WATERMAIN FLUSHING PROGRAM**  
through May 4, for Glenmont and Selkirk areas.

**DANA NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**  
meeting, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 439-1580.

**TWILIGHT WALK**  
In search of the American woodcock, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

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

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

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

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**BETHLEHEM SPORTSMEN'S CLUB**  
membership meeting, first Tuesdays, Clubhouse, Dunbar Hollow Rd., Clarksville, 8 p.m. Guests Welcome.

**NEW SCOTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
meeting, featuring Red Davis, Wyman Osterhout Community Center, 8 p.m.

**Wednesday May 2**

**BETHLEHEM**

**VANGUARD-ALBANY SYMPHONY SHOW HOUSE OPEN**  
Old English Road, Slingerlands, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 465-4755.

**BUSINESS WOMEN'S GROUP**  
meeting, Day's Inn, Rt. 9W, 6 p.m.

**TRIP TO BIRD SANCTUARY**  
sponsored by the Delmar Progress Club. Reservations, 439-9758.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
Bethlehem Town Hall, Delaware Ave., Delmar, on application of Cynthia M. and Kevin M. Reilly, 7:30 p.m. On Application of Glenmont Plaza Shopping Center, 7:45 p.m. On application of McDonald's, 8 p.m.

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**FILM**  
*Walkabout*, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**BERKSHIRE BIRD PARADISE TRIP**  
located in Petersburg, NY, sponsored by the Delmar Progress Club. Reservations and Information, 439-9758.

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

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

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

**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.

**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**  
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**NEW SCOTLAND**

**A.A. AND AL-ANON MEETINGS**  
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2895.

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

**Showhouse**  
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price list in every room detailing what is available for purchase and where to find it.

But not all of the house's design is inside.

Islander Pools and Spas Inc. of Colonie has furnished the outdoor patio.

"To go with the English Tudor theme, we are doing wrought iron," explained designer Jillian DePatie. "We will have spruce green-framed furniture with green and white outdoor fabric, place settings and dining arrangements. It's meant to give an elegant atmosphere for many different occasions, from Sunday brunch

through to cocktails at night."

Individual items will also be available for purchase in the "Chic Boutique," located in the house's sunroom, and open everyday during showhouse hours.

The three-car garage has been transformed into an English Victorian garden for daily luncheons, and a variety of fashion shows, ice cream socials and evening activities (see schedule, below.)

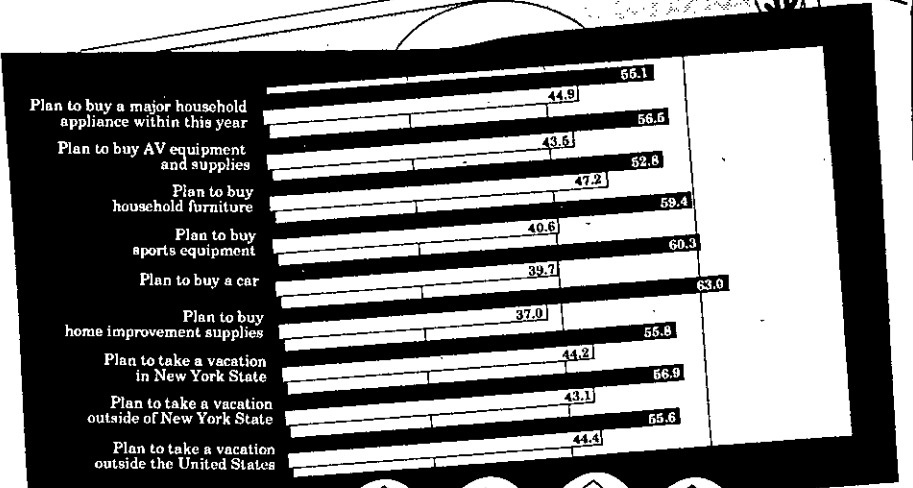
Hours for the showhouse are Monday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday evenings until 7 p.m., and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 at the door, or \$5 if purchased before April 28 from the Vanguard office at 19 Clinton Ave. in Albany.

For information, call 465-4755.

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MONDAY	SHOWHOUSE & Boutique 10:30-3 Fashionable Cuisine 11:30 and 1 Parc V Cafe Town and Tweed	SHOWHOUSE & Boutique 10:30-3 Fashionable Cuisine 11:30 and 1 Vanguard Cuisine First Choice Escada	SHOWHOUSE & Boutique 10:30-3 Fashionable Cuisine 11:30 and 1 Glen Sanders Mansion Country Miss
TUESDAY	MAY 1 SHOWHOUSE & Boutique 10:30-3 Fashionable Cuisine 11:30 and 1 Platt's Place Laura Taylor Ltd.	8 SHOWHOUSE & Boutique 10:30-3 Fashionable Cuisine 11:30 and 1 Kaye's Caterers Cohoes Furs	15 SHOWHOUSE & Boutique 10:30-3 Fashionable Cuisine 11:30 and 1 Mannings Menu Units
WEDNESDAY	2 SHOWHOUSE & Boutique 10:30-3 Fashionable Cuisine 11:30 and 1 Peaches 'n Creme Shelley's	9 SHOWHOUSE & Boutique 10:30-3 Fashionable Cuisine 11:30 and 1 Cowan & Lobel C.B. Sport	16 SHOWHOUSE & Boutique 10:30-3 Fashionable Cuisine 11:30 and 1 Michael's of Green Island ZIZI Eton
THURSDAY	3 SHOWHOUSE & Boutique 10:30-7 Fashionable Cuisine 11:30 and 1 Sweet Tooth Laura Taylor Ltd.	10 SHOWHOUSE & Boutique 10:30-7 Fashionable Cuisine 11:30 and 1 Hoffman's Restaurant First Choice Escada Meet The Builder Night	17 SHOWHOUSE & Boutique Designer Day 10:30-7 Fashionable Cuisine 11:30 and 1 Unlimited Feast Frivolous Gourmet Dinner at 7
FRIDAY	4 SHOWHOUSE & Boutique Designer Day 10:30-3 Fashionable Cuisine 11:30 and 1 Talk of the Town Country Miss	11 SHOWHOUSE & Boutique 10:30-3 Fashionable Cuisine 11:30 and 1 J.L. Garren Caterers Ralph Lauren Polo	18 SHOWHOUSE & Boutique 10:30-3 Fashionable Cuisine 11:30 and 1 China Pavilion Arachne Weavers
SATURDAY	5 SHOWHOUSE & Boutique 10:30-3 Fashionable Cuisine 11:30 and 1 Vanguard Cuisine Material Gains	12 SHOWHOUSE & Boutique Designer Day 10:30-3 Fashionable Cuisine 11:30 and 1 Me & Thee Catering Cohoes Fashions	19 SHOWHOUSE & Boutique 10:30-3 Fashionable Cuisine 11:30 and 1 Capriccio Banquet Theater Gingersnips
SUNDAY	6 SHOWHOUSE & Boutique 1-5 Ice Cream Social 2-4 Toll Gate Ice Cream	13 SHOWHOUSE & Boutique 1-5 Ice Cream Social 2-4 Toll Gate Ice Cream	20 SHOWHOUSE & Boutique 1-5 Ice Cream Social 2-4 Toll Gate Ice Cream Volunteer Party at 5

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**Monday April 30**

**BETHLEHEM**

**READY, SET, GROW!**  
stories for kids ages 3-5, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**SHOWHOUSE '90**  
sponsored by Vanguard-Albany Symphony Orchestra, 4 Old English Rd., Slingerlands. Information, 434-8286.

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

**Mental Heath Players seek new recruits**

The Mental Health Players of the Capital District Psychiatric Center will hold a day-long training session for new members from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Capital District Psychiatric Center at 75 New Scotland Ave. in Albany. The training will include improvisational exercises and role-playing practice conducted by CDPC staff members who serve as administrators of the Players troupe.

For more information, call 477-9611, ext. 6835.

**Out of Control**

The Out of Control Rhythm & Blues Band will headline Sunday, April 29, at State University's "Party in the Park" in Albany's Lincoln Park from noon to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 372-5607.

**1990 readings**

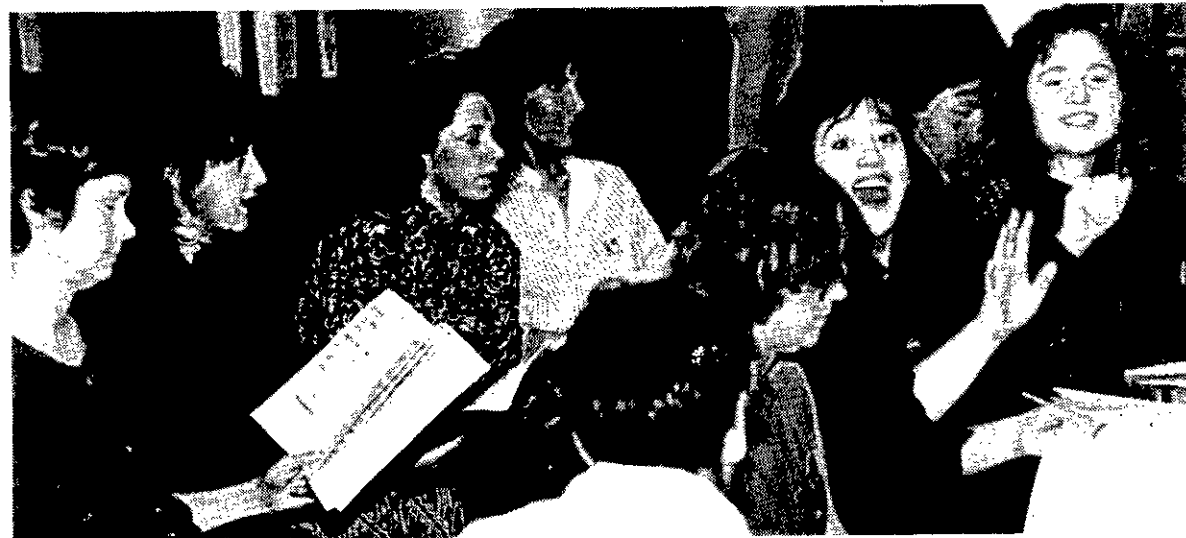
The 1990 Readings Against the End of the World will be held on Saturday April 28 at the 8th Step (upstairs) 14 Willett St. in Albany. The Readings will start at midnight on Friday April 27 and continue until midnight on April 28.

For more information, call 438-6314.

# In the Spotlight



Leads Peggy Nelson and David Merrill see bright horizons during one of the Jule Styne musical numbers.



Some of the singers and dancers that will contribute to the musical atmosphere of "Bells Are Ringing."



Performers Julie Pelham, Kathy Cavanaugh and Gary Nelson share some humor during a rehearsal break.



To do it right, you have to know it right. Michael Knapp, P. Adam Thomas and Lee Griffenstudy the Jule Styne score.

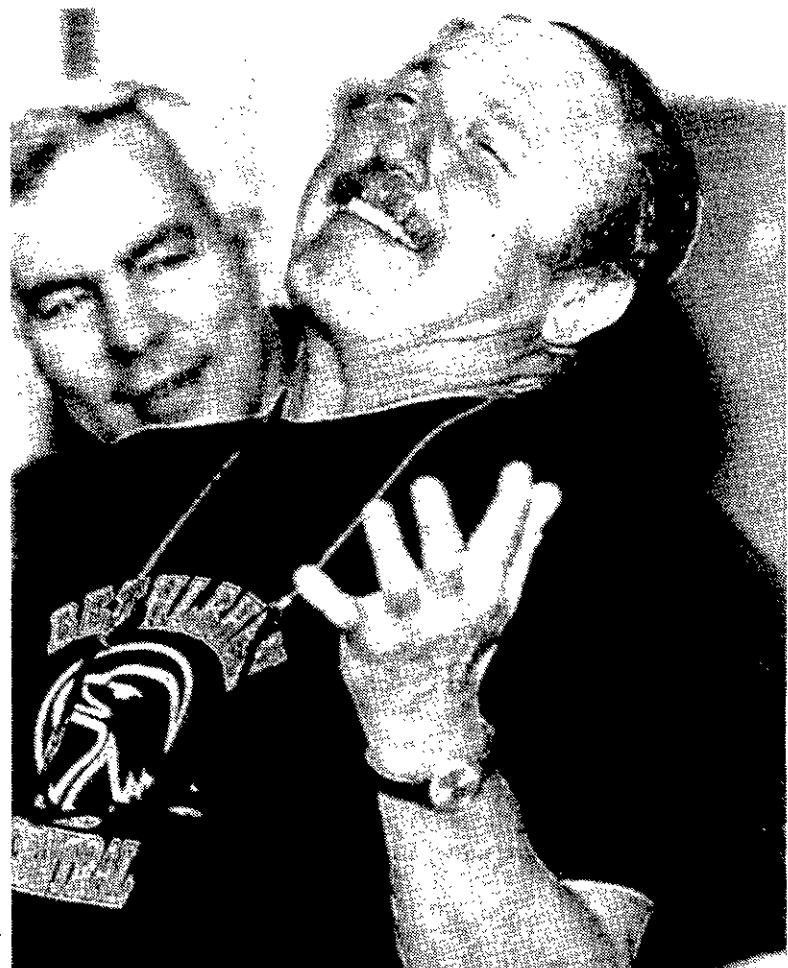
## Bells, bells, bells

Sometimes the rehearsals are almost as much fun as the play, and that's often the case when the talented amateurs of the Village Stage of Delmar get together.

Village Stage will perform the musical comedy "Bell's Are Ringing" April 27 and 28, at Bethlehem Central High School. With music by Jule Styne and lyrics by Betty Comdon and Adolph Green, the musical enjoyed a long run on Broadway.

Tickets are on sale at Tri Village Drugs, Record's 'N Such, and The Paper Mill, The Daily Grind in Delmar, and Windflower Florists in Glenmont and are \$8 (\$5 for students and seniors).

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Tom Watthews gives full vent to his character with Stan Kaltenborn appreciating the effort.



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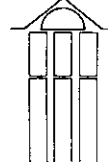
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