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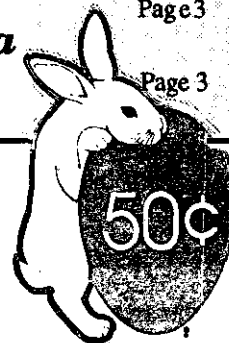
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## Lawyer disputes Currie on FBI call

### Bureau says charge unfounded

By Mike Larabee

The attorney for a Massachusetts man suing Bethlehem Police blasted the department Monday over Chief Paul Currie's recent announcement that he asked the Federal Bureau of Investigations to examine police conduct in a 1989 arrest.

But the FBI said late Monday that attorney Robert Ricken's allegation Currie has knowingly misrepresented the way the investigation was initiated is unfounded.

The dispute stemmed from Currie's announcement that he had asked the

bureau to conduct an investigation into charges of brutality and coverup in the 1989 arrest of Ricken's client, James Gauthier of North Adams, Mass.

"Although the internal investigation concerning the arrest of James Gauthier of August 21, 1989, is not complete, we have not found any evidence to support allegations of the use of illegal force or coverup," Currie said last Thursday, March 21. "However, on Wednesday we requested the Federal Bureau of Investigations to conduct an inquiry into the matter. We feel an investigation will elimi-

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VOORHEESVILLE

## District considering cuts to avoid 23 percent hike

By Susan Wheeler

The Voorheesville Central School District's budget committee proposed a \$443,840 cut to its approximately \$11.3 million 1991-92 budget, according to Superintendent Alan McCartney.

The committees, composed of administrators, and instructional and non-instructional staff, suggested the first round of cuts on the premises of maintaining "as much program as possible" and "a reasonable class size," according to McCartney. The committees looked at all expenditure areas in the budget, including staffing and athletics, to see where cuts

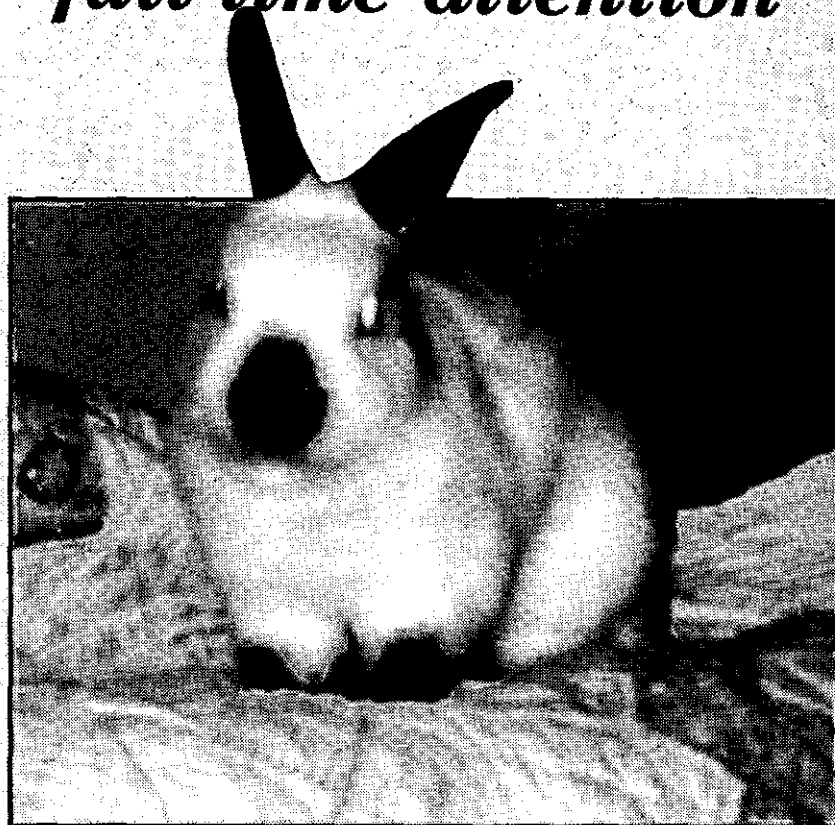
could be made, he said. The proposed reductions reduce the budget to approximately \$10.8 million, a \$700,000 or 7 percent increase over last year's budget.

The district's taxpayers face an approximate 22 to 23 percent tax rate increase at this point, however, McCartney said he is looking to cut an additional \$500,000 from the budget to steady the tax rate increase at 12 to 13 percent. "We need to find \$500,000 to bring the increase down to 12 or 13 percent," he said.

The nearly 23 percent tax rate increase is "based on projected revenue, includ-

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## Furry bunnies need full-time attention



Alex Wheeler

By Susan Wheeler

Sure, they're cute and furry. But they're cute because they're furry. Look underneath a bunny's fur (it's easy during shedding season) and the cute little creature's personality will be revealed. And sometimes it's not so sweet.

Maybe I'm coming down too hard on rabbits, but it's important to this time of year, with rabbits soon to appear in Easter baskets all over the world. Unsuspecting future bunny

owners should be made aware of a few quirks in a rabbit's personality. And of some of the less appealing rabbit habits. After all, I'm an experienced mother of one.

My baby, a dwarf rabbit, is growing up and developing a strong personality. Alex is only two and a half, but he's as set in his ways as a bunny can get. "Rabbits don't always stay those cute, fluffy bunnies,"

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## Bethlehem might press 2nd suit to close C&D dump

By Mike Larabee

A privately-owned South Bethlehem construction and demolition debris landfill, already subject of key town litigation, may be slapped with a second suit following underground fires over the last two weeks.

Bethlehem Town Supervisor Ken Ringler said Friday he will seek authorization to bring a lawsuit against Harlen Metz, owner of the 3.5-acre Spawns Hollow Road landfill, and Waste Management of Greater Albany, Metz' sole client, at tonight's (Wednesday's) town board meeting.

"We're viewing it as a nuisance and bringing action based on it being a

nuisance," Ringler said. He said he decided to press for legal action following an inspection of the site after a fire there March 14 and 15.

"There are strong odors that I noticed upon my inspection, and the potential for fire exists until this site is closed and closed properly," he said.

But Metz, who was not aware of the action prior to being contacted by *The Spotlight* Saturday, said he doesn't see the need to take the matter court.

"I really have no fight with the town or anybody," he said. "I didn't start it to create an argument or hard feelings, and I'm

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Harlen Metz' Spawns Hollow Road construction and demolition debris landfill.  
Mike Larabee

# BC continues work on budget; taxes may go up 7.2 percent

By Susan Wheeler

Bethlehem taxpayers may face at least a 7.2 percent increase in school taxes if the Bethlehem Central School District adopts a fundamental operating budget of approximately \$30 million for the 1991-92 school year.

The projected \$240.16 tax rate per thousand assessed valuation, or an increase over the town's current rate of \$16.05 per thousand assessed valuation, is based on a budget figure that assumes the board of education "takes the entire list of reductions" it is presented, according to Franz Zwicklbauer, assistant superintendent in charge of business. The board has discussed possible budget reductions and additions during its series of budget workshops and regular meetings.

New Scotland residents face a proposed \$408.76 tax rate per thousand assessed valuation, an increase of 7.4 percent or \$29.28 per thousand over the current tax rate, Zwicklbauer said at last week's budget session, attended by more than 100 residents. The projected tax rates are based on a fundamental operating budget of \$29,819,202, an increase of 8.3 percent over the district's current budget, he said. These tax rates "can go up or down depending on changes made to the budget," he later said, "but they're pretty close."



Leslie Loomis

He said the budget is "only \$8,000" more the budget he used to project the tax rates.

The tax rate for Bethlehem will be "approximately 7 percent assuming the governor's state aid proposal goes through," according to Superintendent Leslie Loomis, "which is very iffy."

The board tentatively decided to take \$237,852 in budget reductions, with \$40,500 in additional revenues, according to Loomis. Additional revenues available to the district, totaling \$21,000, would come from out-of-district student tuition and continuing education fees, based on current receipts, he said.

The board is scheduled to de-

side on items that have been put on hold during previous meetings at tonight's (Wednesday's) budget work session. The items include additions and cuts to the budget that total a net reduction of \$69,166, according to Loomis. One item, reinstating the half mile elementary walking policy, which would save the district \$23,000, is not included in the total because the voters must make the final decision.

On-hold items slated to be decided tonight include cutting the district's social worker's position to half-time, eliminating the marketing II course, reducing the athletics program by 10 percent and reducing the elementary remedial math and Board of Cooperative Educational Services speech therapy services by half. "It's difficult to predict what the board will do on these decisions," Loomis said.

The board has the option to amend or change any previous tentative decisions before final decisions are made, Loomis said. Tonight's meeting, set aside for discussion and final decisions on on-hold items, begins at 7 p.m. The budget adoption is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2 at 8 p.m. The budget hearing is scheduled for April 17 at 8 p.m. All meetings are at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar.

## Woman serves college committee

Jane M. Elletson of Delmar is serving on the Dean Junior College Parents Fund Committee. Members of the committee serve as ambassadors of the college and assist with fund-raising programs and other activities, such as those related to admissions recruiting.

## St. Peter's appoints Delmar dentist

Delmar resident Stephen DeMarco, D.M.D., has been appointed chief of the Subdepartment of Dentistry at St. Peter's Hospital, according to Dr. Robert Randles, Vice President for Medical Affairs. In his new position, Dr. DeMarco will supervise the dental residency

program, and coordinate the subdepartment's programs.

In addition to his new role at St. Peter's, he serves on the staffs of the Albany Medical Center Hospital and Childs Hospital, and is also in private practice.

## Cuts

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ing the \$600,000 loss in state aid," McCartney said. Under Gov. Mario M. Cuomo's proposed 1991-92 budget, Voorheesville will lose \$600,000 in state aid.

The tentative cuts include a reduction of 2.5 elementary teachers, a reduction of 1.4 high school teachers and a modification to the district's busing services. The elementary grade with the highest number of students per classroom would be the fifth grade at 25 and a half pupils per room, according to Edward Diegel, elementary school principal. The staff reduction would come from retiring teachers, he said.

The cuts to the high school teaching staff would be across five departments, according to high school Principal O. Peter Griffin. He said it has "not yet been determined" in which departments the cuts will be made, however, it will not be social studies.

The proposed transportation modifications could save the district a projected \$106,980, according to Anthony Marturano, school business administrator. Discontinuing the 3:30 p.m. Friday run at the high school, the 5:30 p.m. Friday team runs at the high school and eliminating two kindergarten runs by combining them with others are included in the proposed transportation changes, he said.

The athletic program faces the elimination of one varsity football coach and a field hockey team, McCartney said. He said he is waiting to hear from the coaches on further cuts that may be taken.

Board members were in favor of finding additional reductions for the budget. John Cole said the district "can't go to the public with a 22 percent tax rate increase."

## Church plans Easter services

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar invites the community to worship during Holy Week. There will be a service at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 28. On Friday, March 29, 7:30 p.m. there will be a Good Friday Tenebrae service.

On Easter morning, there will be two Easter Festival services at 8 and 10:30 a.m., featuring the senior and children's choirs under Ruth Rice. Nursery care will be available from 8 a.m. to noon.

Following the 10:30 service, Easter brunch will be served. For information, call 439-4328.

## Steamboat stories set for May program

On Thursday, May 2, at the Bethlehem Public Library, a collection of stories and slices of history relating to the Hudson River Valley and its communities will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Entitled "Hudson River Steamboat Stories: Life On the River in the Steamboat," will be given by Dee Ellen Lee. This hour-long program is geared for adults and families with an interest in local and regional history.

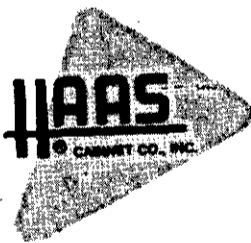
### Items needed for BOU teen spot

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited is looking for good used furniture and small area rugs to help in the refurbishing of "The Pit" in the basement of the middle school. BOU, with help from the community, is rebuilding the once popular after-school spot for teens. For information, call 439-6885.

BOU thanks everyone who supported last weekend's dance and auction.

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## Elsmere development tabled again

By Mike Larabee

In what at times was like a game of musical maps, the Bethlehem Planning Board again last week tabled discussion of Colonial Woodlands, a 29-lot subdivision proposed for residential Elsmere.

Individuals from both sides of a fight over street layout for the proposed development said they were disappointed with the action.

"When we took this job on I said to the owners ... this is the most straightforward subdivision I've ever seen," said Delmar land-surveyor Lindsay Boutelle, whose firm is representing Albany developers Carl Paulson and Swift Development Corp. "It has been the longest and most drawn out that we've ever been involved with."

"We were disappointed that we don't have an answer, that we have to wait longer," said Doris Davis, a Greanleaf Drive resident at the forefront of local opposition to Colonial Woodlands. "I think that a compromise is all we can hope for," she added later.

Boutelle believes subdivision approval has been delayed not because of planning board opposition to the proposal itself, but because board members have been unable to form a majority around any of the numerous versions of the plan now under consideration. After two motions on alternatives failed 3-3 and 2-4 (seventh member William Johnston was absent Tuesday), the board agreed to table the subdivision for the second time since it was subject of a January public hearing.

By the end of discussions, there

were a total of five versions of the subdivision on display at the town hall auditorium meeting, and two other design variations not shown had been mentioned repeatedly. At one point, asked to clarify which layout he was commenting on, Member Dominick DeCecco quipped, "I don't know what one it is. I've seen so many of these maps, I don't know which development it is."

Colonial Woodlands developers have proposed a subdivision street layout including the connection of Poplar Drive, currently split in half by quarter mile gap, as well as construction of two new streets joining Greanleaf Drive to Poplar. The 29-acre development is proposed for an 11-acre Elsmere parcel on the south side of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad, east of Rose Court and north of Greanleaf.

But local residents have said they fear the Poplar Drive connection would bring dangerous levels of traffic to residential streets, an argument taken up again by Member Gary Swan at last week's meeting. Swan said he is concerned the Poplar connection will turn the street "into a bypass over time."

That concern had prompted Chairman Martin Barr to solicit potential alternatives to Boutelle's design from town consultant Edward Kleinke in January, and since then the developers have come out with alternatives of their own. In addition, the town's engineering staff, concerned about substandard site distances, have revised the Kleinke plan, moving a proposed new street called Dogwood Lane slightly east.

But members Marcia Nelson and LaForte said Tuesday they still prefer the original proposal. "I doubt that you're going to get traffic that gets off the (Delmar) Bypass and says 'Oh wow, let's take a short cut, because it isn't a short-cut.'"

"We've really gone out on a limb to complicate what really was a simple and safe layout," LaForte said.

Boutelle said he thinks the board is losing site of "good planning" in its review of Colonial Woodlands, and that he thinks the original plan is the "safest proposal."

"This has got to be a decision of the planning board and I personally hope that they're not led by the complaints and admonitions given by the people of that area and they vote for what is a good planning proposal," he said.

Davis said she feels the town engineering department's revision of Kleinke's layout, which adds a curve and intersection to Poplar Drive, is a reasonable compromise between the interests of residents, the developers and local emergency personnel, who have said they want the Poplar connection. "The ... alternative certainly gives the fire department what they want, it would enable emergency equipment to have access to everything, and yet it would be a deterrent to speeding," Davis said. "If it has to go anyway, I think that most neighbors could live with that."

The current plan to develop the Elsmere property was first reviewed by the planning board in November 1990.

## Democrats might lose Burns to new job

By Mike Larabee

Bethlehem Democrats, outnumbered on the town board 4-1, could lose their lone incumbent by default this fall. Town Councilman Robert Burns confirmed Monday he is a candidate for director of the Monroe County Probation Department.

But Burns, currently deputy director of Albany County's department, said the question of a move is still unresolved.

"There's been no offer of employment, and I don't know if I would accept if there were an offer," Burns said. He said he's been told there are other top contenders for the job as well.

Burns said he is going to Monroe County Thursday (tomorrow) for a second interview, and hopes to know Friday whether he will be taking the position. While he termed the opening a "rare opportunity," the lifelong area resident said the question is complicated by a number of considerations.

"It's family, career, Bethlehem — there's just so much involved with this kind of a change," he said.



Robert Burns

Burns said the Monroe department, which includes the city of Rochester, is about twice the size of Albany's. The Monroe directorship would pay \$41,566 to \$53,548 annually, according to a report in the *Times Union* last week. Burns currently earns \$37,857 a year as Albany's deputy director.

In 1987, Burns apparently became the only Democrat elected to public office in Bethlehem this century when he edged Thomas Scherer by five votes to finish second in a three-way battle for two town board seats. His term expires this fall.

## Scooper law, LUMAC head Bethlehem agenda

A proposed "pooper scooper" dog law and the reorganization of the town's Land Use Management Advisory Committee (LUMAC) top tonight's (Wednesday's) Bethlehem Town Board meeting agenda.

Also scheduled for the agenda is discussion of recent fires at Harlen Metz' South Bethlehem construction and demolition debris landfill (see story Page 1).

The pooper scooper discussion will be the board's second on the topic. At a February meeting it tabled, which was brought to the board by petition of Delmar residents, until Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz had a chance to review similar ordinances enacted in other municipalities.

Supervisor Ken Ringler emphasized the meeting was not a public hearing on the proposal. "Mr. Kaplowitz is going to suggest some potential wording that we might want to use as a basis for a public hearing," in the future, he said.

The two-year terms of LUMAC's 11-member board expired March 8. The board will review a report on its work submitted by LUMAC Chair Mark Fitzsimmons and will discuss proposals designed to speed committee progress on a new town master plan.

Also on the agenda is board review of a plan to build 25 two-story apartment buildings containing 200 dwelling units on a 37 acre plot at the intersection of Wemple Road and Route 9W. John T. Biscone, president of Albany-based Wemple Road Developers Inc., made the application for approval of the project in a Feb. 14 letter to the town board.

Biscone has asked the board to rezone the property to a planned development district (it is currently partly zoned residence A and partly residence C, according to Biscone), an action needed before the plan can move forward. *Mike Larabee*

### BETHLEHEM

## Judge dismisses senior zone suit

By Mike Larabee

A state Supreme Court judge last week dismissed a challenge by six Delmar residents to Bethlehem's new Senior Citizens Zoning District.

The ruling could end, barring appeal, a year-long battle over the zone between proponents and opponents of the zone. Formally proposed early in 1990, the zone was adopted last Nov. 28.

In a five page opinion dated Friday, March 22, State Supreme Court Judge Harold Hughes ruled key arguments of North Street residents Margaret and Harold Beyer Jr., Merle Winn, and Terry and Geraldine Whitney, and Borthwick Avenue resident Anne Moore "lacked merit" in dismissing their petition. North Street area had been the focal point of opposition to the senior zone because of Albany-based DePaul Management Inc.'s plan to build a 50-unit senior citizens housing complex on property there.

The suit, bought Dec. 20, named Town Supervisor Ken Ringler and town board members Robert Burns, M. Sheila Galvin, Charles Gunner, and Frederick Webster as co-respondents.

Hughes rejected the contention that the senior zone, which was designed as a floating-type zone and can be applied to any location in town provided an area meets listed criteria and is approved by the town board, represented illegal "spot zoning," a central claim of the petitioners.

"Petitioners have the burden of proof upon the charge that the 'floating zone' constitutes illegal

'spot' zoning and have failed to meet that burden," Hughes wrote. "Simply put, the petitioners have not established that purpose behind the SCRD (Senior Citizen's Zoning District) is to benefit the owners of the proposed location on North Street, rather than benefit the community by providing low cost senior citizen housing pursuant to a comprehensive plan."

Ringler said Friday he was "confident" from the outset that "the action that the town board took was most appropriate and in the best interest of our community."

"Naturally, I'm very pleased with the decision," he said.

Harold Beyer had acted as attorney for the petitioners. Though he could not be reached for comment Monday, Margaret Beyer said the petitioners had not yet decided whether they will appeal the ruling. She said they planned to discuss the option at a meeting Monday night.

Ringler said no new applicants have come forward with interest in using the senior district to build housing for senior citizens.

### Delmar woman promoted at hospital

Linda Hammer of Delmar was recently promoted to assistant director of nursing at Child's Hospital, 25 Hackett Boulevard, Albany. Her duties include overseeing hospital-wide quality management programs. Hammer has been employed by Child's since 1981.

"DePaul Management is still looking, and I know their trying to look at some alternative sites which they could consider and maybe seek an application for," he said. DePaul tabled its proposal after it failed to win U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funds, though it said it would apply to HUD again in 1991.

But Ringler said he has been working with town staff to try identify areas that could be considered for senior citizen housing in the future, but wouldn't name any specific sites that have been examined.

"There might be better sites (than North Street) out there and hopefully we can find one that is both appropriate from the standpoint of the seniors and also acceptable to the community," he said.

## Planning committee issues birthday report

By Mike Larabee

Bethlehem's Land Use Management Advisory Committee, which turning two March 8, is at a crossroads.

A report on the committee from Chairman Mark Fitzsimmons is scheduled for discussion at tonight's (Wednesday's) town board meeting.

The 11-member board, commonly referred to simply by the acronym LUMAC, is due for reappointment, two full years after it was established by the Bethlehem Town Board.

While conceding the committee's work is behind schedule, Fitzsimmons summarized LUMAC's accomplishments so far

in the report and said he is confident it is moving toward "timely completion" of its work on a new town master plan.

The committee is recommending the town board make several changes with regard to LUMAC, including:

- Granting a firm commitment that at least 90 percent of Town Planner Jeffrey Lipnicky's time can be devoted to the project.
- Shrinking the committee to five or seven members, and the elimination of the requirement that a liaison be seated from

Bethlehem's town, planning, and zoning appeals boards. Planning Board liaison Marcia Nelson and Town Board liaison Charles Gunner have both asked not to be reappointed for another term.

The committee also is asking the board to consider what it termed "interim stop-gap" measures to control development in unzoned portions of the town while it completes its work. But the committee said it doesn't think a full-scale development moratorium "would be judicious at this time."

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# RCS grants tax break to Cogen facility

By Regina Bulman

A debate over whether their glass would be half empty or half full was taken up at a recent meeting of the RCS Board of Education when the board acted on a proposal to grant a 10-year partial tax exemption for the proposed Selkirk Cogeneration II facility.

After considerable debate and defeat of a proposal to shorten the length of the tax abatement, the board officially granted the tax exemption by reinstating Real Property Tax Law Section 485 (b) pertaining to Business Investment Exemptions.

If GE Plastics in Selkirk is selected as the final site for the project, Selkirk Cogen Partners, the company developing the project, will receive a 50 percent tax abatement in its first year of operation (1994) and will receive smaller exemptions each year for the next nine years.

Phase I of the cogeneration project is currently under construction at the Selkirk GE site. Phase II will involve additional equipment which can be used with the Phase I equipment to produce power for use by GE and to sell to Niagara Mohawk and Consolidated Edison.

Before the proposal to grant the 10-year exemption was approved, Board President Wayne Fuhrman offered a motion to grant a five-

year exemption. Pointing to decreases in the assessment base, potential decrease in state education aid and increased unemployment due to government worker layoffs, Fuhrman offered the five-year exemption plan for discussion.

Board member Sarah Hafensteiner initially agreed with the five-year proposal "from a business standpoint."

"I would be much more comfortable with a five-year exemption from a business standpoint," Hafensteiner said. "Most businesses that are successful are successful in the first five years. I don't know that a full 10-year exemption will make that much difference."

But a majority of the board favored the 10-year exemption proposal claiming that even with the 10-year exemption, the tax base would be substantially broadened and would continue to expand each year.

John Domanico, a Coeymans town councilman and village of Ravena resident, attended the meeting to speak in favor of the 10-year exemption.

"Here we have a chance to do something positive for the residents, business and the school district," said Domanico. "What's the difference between five or 10

years? Half of a pie is better than no pie at all."

When brought to vote, the five-year exemption proposal was defeated and the 10-year proposal was voted on and approved 8-1. Fuhrman cast his affirmative vote for the 10-year exemption saying, "While I disagree with the time frame, I agree with the concept." Board Member Linda Bruno cast the only negative vote.

Representatives of Selkirk Cogen Partners who attended the meeting assured members they would be notified as soon as the final site for Phase II of the project is selected. There are reportedly two other sites under consideration.

In other school board business, Superintendent William Schwartz distributed his draft budget to board members. The proposal will be discussed by members and school district committees before it is brought to the public for comment.

The board also agreed to postpone the district-wide vote on the budget and the three board seats up for election in May because of the expected delay in exact state aid figures for the next fiscal year. The vote is now scheduled for June 12.

"Usually we have some idea as to what kind of aid we will be receiving (from the state) but this year we just don't know," said Schwartz. "Since a good portion of our budget depends on the state aid picture, delaying the budget vote is one of the things we have to consider."

In other business, board member Barry Jones gave a preliminary report on the buildings and grounds committee regarding improvements to the elementary school. Jones said a complete feasibility study with cost estimates should be expected in three weeks.

Some of the needed improvements he outlined were: upgraded ventilation in classrooms, libraries, restrooms and the kitchen; blocking off the old ventilation system to meet fire codes; conforming the handicapped access ramp in the gym to meet code; and "minor" projects like insufficient handrails and stair treads.

Jones also said substantive projects like a new roof, buried fuel tanks, convert the boilers from oil to gas and upgrading the parking area need to be looked into. While he said there have been no problems in these areas (besides the leaking roof), these are projects the district should plan for.

Jones said the good news is that structurally the building is solid and the windows are in good shape. A full report with cost estimates will be presented to the board in the next few weeks.

## Bridge work begins

The Clapper Rd. Bridge over the New York State Thruway, connecting Weisheit Road and Route 9W, is closed for structural repairs. The New York State Thruway Authority anticipates the repairs will take about three months.

During this period there will be no through traffic along Clapper Road from Route 9W to Weisheit Rd.

Repairs on the Wemple Road Bridge, which had been closed since June 1990 were completed late last fall and Wemple Road between Route 9W and Weisheit Road has been reopened.

## Wildlife program set at Five Rivers

Learn about wildlife rehabilitation, what a wildlife rehabilitator is and the types of services they perform, by attending a program presented by Mary Lou Riccardo on Wednesday, March 27 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Riccardo, president of Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Network, Inc., is a wildlife rehabilitator who also is a trail guide and teaches at the Five Rivers Environmental Center. The program will include a slide presentation, a live owl and a question-and-answer period. Young adults are welcome.

To register, call 439-9314.

## Action center opens

The New York Public Interest Research Group's Small Claims Court Action Center is again open for operation. The center provides free procedural advice for individuals wishing to take claims to small claims court. It is staffed by students who are trained to give this advice.

The action center is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located at the SUNY Albany campus inside the Campus Center in room 382. An answering service is available to receive calls when the center is not open. For information, call 442-5659.

## Class plans reunion

The Bethlehem Central High School Class of 1941 is making plans for its 50th reunion, to be held the weekend of Sept. 20.

The class is still trying to locate the following members: Phyllis Fink, Pearl Knowles, Ruth Miller, Marguerite Vanderbilt, Donald Brate, William Mason, Alice Tabbits, Edith Seiler, Marjorie Martin, Lorraine Schreiner, and Alan Emmons.

Anyone who can supply any information should call Robin Schaap at 439-3987.

### Selkirk Cogen

The Selkirk cogeneration project, when complete will be a clean-burning natural gas plant intended to eliminate the need for existing heavy-oil fired boilers.

Phase I, a 79 megawatt plant is fully permitted and is currently under construction at the GE Plastics property in Selkirk.

Phase II, an addition of 250 megawatts, would involve new equipment at the site in separate buildings very close to the location of the Phase I facilities.

Power created by the facilities will be sold to Niagara Mohawk or Consolidated Edison and will be used by GE on site.

Phase II construction is expected to create an average of 200 jobs, peaking at about 300, over the next three years. The facility will have a permanent workforce of close to 40, drawn largely from the GE plant workforce.

Selkirk Cogeneration II is being developed by Selkirk Cogen Partners, a partnership between subsidiaries of two Boston-based companies, J. Makowski Associates and Old State Management.

J. Makowski Associates currently has cogeneration plants in operation on Long Island and Rhode Island.

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## Driver ticketed in gas station crash

Clara Marsh, a 79-year-old Voorheesville woman, was ticketed after crashing into a car parked at a Delmar Sunoco gas pump at the intersection of Elm and Delaware avenues last week.

Marsh and Sang Hahn, 62, who was pumping gas into her car when the Thursday, March 21, accident occurred, were taken to St. Peter's Hospital in Albany. They were both treated and released, a hospital spokesperson said.

Witnesses told police that

Marsh, travelling eastbound on Delaware Avenue, came to a row of vehicles stopped at the traffic signal at the intersection of Elm and Delaware and passed them on the right shoulder of Delaware. She reportedly continued across Elm Avenue, leaving the roadway, and crossed the curbing at the Sunoco, knocking Hahn's car into her at the pump, police said.

She was ticketed for passing through a red light.

## Three injured in two-car accident

Three people were hurt in a Tuesday, March 19, two-car collision at the intersection of Orchard Street and Cherry Avenue in Delmar, Bethlehem police said.

Injured in the accident were driver Margaret Rock, 27, of Hawthorne Court, Loudonville, and her pair of one-year-old passengers, Eamon Rock and Andrew Cohen, according to police.

Police said the accident oc-

curred when Robert Larette, 77, of Brockley Drive, Delmar entered the intersection from a stopped position on Orchard Street and collided with Rock's vehicle.

Larette was ticketed for failure to yield right of way, police said.

Margaret Rock, Eamon Rock, and Cohen were all treated and released from St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, a spokesperson said.

## Deputies' traffic stop triggers arrests

A routine traffic stop by Albany County Sheriff's deputies on Thursday, March 21 resulted in two arrests after a vehicle stopped on Route 85 in Bethlehem was found to have been stolen from the City of Schenectady, according to a Sheriff's Department report.

Edward R. Travers, 25, and Mark A. Zawacki, 27, were charged with fourth degree criminal possession of stolen property, a class E felony, and arraigned before Bethlehem Town Justice Roger Fritz. The pair, who were apparently wanted by other local authorities for unrelated incidents,

### Student makes "Who's Who"

Kristin Motte, daughter of Edwin and Patricia Motte of Delmar, has been named to the 1991 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges."

## Police arrest three motorists for DWI

Bethlehem police arrested three drivers for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated last week.

Sherry Ann Lewis, 41, of Cherry Avenue Apartments in Delmar was arrested for DWI on Sunday, March 24, after she was stopped for traffic violations near the intersection of Delaware and Hudson avenues, police said. She is scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on April 2.

Renee Dicarlo, 20, of Third Street, Albany was arrested for DWI on Saturday, March 23, after she was stopped for a traffic violation near the intersection of Feura Bush Road and Elsmere Avenue, police said. She is scheduled to appear in town court on April 16.

Jeanette Calhoun, 29, of Rensselaerville was arrested for DWI on Saturday, March 23, after she was stopped for traffic violations near the intersection of Delaware Avenue and Rural Place, police said. She is scheduled to appear in town court on April 2.

## Tax help offered to seniors at AJCC

TAXAIDE, a free tax counseling program for individuals, aged 60 and older, will help in preparing Income Tax Returns at the Albany Jewish Community Center. Trained volunteers will assist with individual returns from 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays through April 8. Returns will be prepared by appointment only.

Appointments should be scheduled in the center's Senior Adult Office, room 202, or by calling 438-6651.

## Write on BC students



Bethlehem senior Rob Arber won first prize in the Russell Sage College Poetry Competition. Four BC students, Jennifer Coon, Dan Cohen, Bill Tsitsos and Ben Weiss received honorable mention in the competition among students throughout the Capital District. Arber, in photo, won for his piece "Eating Disorder."

were remanded to Albany County Jail without bail, and will reappear at Bethlehem Town Court at a later date. Other charges are pending, the report said.

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## Roasting the pig

"The FCC did not burn the house to roast the pig," said a federal court of appeals last week in upholding regulations that are intended to sharply curb the rancid "dial-a-porn" telephone trade that flourishes through "900" numbers. The regulations require that people who want access to certain numbers formally request the service. The anticipated result can be to greatly reduce the ability of phone-sex promoters to do business.

Last fall, *The Spotlight* editorialized against the involvement of telephone companies in this scummy deal. AT&T, at least, has adopted a policy of refusing to collect the tolls, though its lines are still employed for the calls. New York Telephone, on the pretext of limiting access, has neatly assigned special three-digit numbers to segregate the calls. For the company, it turns out to be a \$10 million annual business.

Others than the porn proprietors are cashing in, as well. One area newspaper pub-

### Editorials

lishes page after page of "900" ads weekly, a dubious source of revenue that adds up to hundreds of thousands of dollars a year. More reputable publications decline such advertising.

One especially irksome angle is that the phone companies collect the often-exorbitant fees for these calls. As we have stated previously, it is not proper for New York Telephone (or other communications company) to act as a collection agency for any business — much less one that borders on the illegal and is socially undesirable.

So long as the telephone companies carry such anti-social calls at substantial profits, why not request that they contribute their ill-gotten gains to further constructive social purposes?

## Our lucky 13 and other charms

After 13 efficient and widely appreciated terms as Bethlehem's highway superintendent, Marty Cross has decided to lay down the shovel and the hoe and take up the fiddle and the bow.

Since assuming office in 1966, he has run a tight ship with a remarkable efficiency and an enviable reputation as administrator of a demanding position (and an often demanding clientele). We express the sentiments of town residents generally when we underscore his modest observation that he "feels I've served the town well."

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Another effective officeholder, Town Clerk Carolyn Lyons, also is choosing to retire after seven years in the position and a total of 17 in the clerk's office. "I've paid my dues," she observes, looking ahead to a less stressful life after 40 years in the workplace. Super-

visor Ringler states that she has been "an outstanding town clerk," a view that patrons of the office will readily endorse.

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One official with even longer tenure who definitely is intending to remain in office is Ken Hahn, who has been the Bethlehem Receiver of Taxes for no fewer than 28 years.

Ordinarily, one might expect that a tax collector would be among the more unpopular citizens of any community. Ken Hahn has demonstrated repeatedly that need not be true — most dramatically so when he was challenged in the Republican primary four years ago, and won by a margin greater than 2 to 1. His strong-minded administration of his office, providing service based on a wealth of experience and insights, has proven to be just about what the taxpayers want when they confront the annual bitter pill.

## That 'trickle-down' theory

The idea that everyone — including those of us at the bottom of the economic heap — ultimately would be the beneficiaries of prosperity at the top was dressed up as a theory: "trickle-down." President Kennedy was fond of employing a colorful expression: "The rising tide lifts all the boats."

Actually, the "theory" dates back at least 25 centuries to the last king of Lydia, by name of Croesus. It is the same theory as cottonfield slavery, sweatshop tailors, or children in the mines. All would see their boats lifted if the moguls finally felt comfortable enough to declare a period of prosperity.

Today, the nation is struggling with a crass reversal of trickle-down. The process is the same — the elements are quite different.

Successive administrations in Washington have bolstered the national economy with profligate spending, meanwhile protecting incomes of the very wealthy in the hope they would invest creatively.

Bones known as "grants" have been tossed to all manner of institutions and individuals and to the states themselves; these have served to help keep the fiscal pumps primed.

But the big well has begun throwing up silt and gravel, with the result that even the most extravagant in the halls of Congress are heard speaking of some spending reductions.

Meanwhile, as has become quite well

known, reverberations of economic decline and Washington parsimony have been felt in state capitals from Augusta to Atlanta, not skipping Albany. That's the beginning of the current trickle-down. The end product is the State's scythe-like sweep through programs of mandated financial sharing with local communities.

As the flow diminishes and the money stream becomes mere drops into a yawning bucket, the municipalities and counties confront harsh realities. There's no one left to whom to pass the buck. Their dilemma's horns are indeed only two: hurtful cutbacks in services or onerous added burdens imposed on taxpaying citizens. The choices are cruel ones, and the extent of the cruelty has been created and magnified by the bigger governments.

Thus, town governments take steps to hold the line on raises, promotions, hiring, and travel. Residents will be finding some fees to pay rather than free-and-easy courtesies and conveniences. Each government is responding to the urgent need to pull the belt another notch or two tighter in the interest of cost-effectiveness. The school districts seek ways to trim program and staff without doing violence to the quality of instruction.

Trickle-down has reached the ultimate level in this reversal of process. Among the victims, the questionable suitability of the entire theory is raised.

## Reassessment, taxes, cable fees worrisome

Editor, The Spotlight:

Over 50 years I have witnessed many progressive and memorable happenings in Bethlehem.

Over these many years we — now senior citizens and our neighbors — built for the town its current schools, playing fields, library, primary town infrastructure, and the super-education system.

Families who move in seem to like what has been done in the past. Though our children have long since left the schools, our tax dollars have supported the education of the new children in the block. (School taxes are 11.6 times higher than they were in 1950 — let no one think, that a war veteran gets any relief on school taxes.)

*Some bad things have happened, too.*

How many remember when the initial basic cable TV rate was \$86.52? Now, how about \$210, or 2.4 times higher? The town board negotiated a franchise that gave the board no control over the rates to be charged. And now the franchise comes up for renewal — will the board again leave householders without protection? Will the board wait for pending congressional pricing action before renewing the franchise?

Last year, the board mandated a reassessment of property values, to be hurriedly applied in 1991 (the year when the school administration is really loading the school tax — the state is passing costs down the line.) Nevertheless, "Damn the torpedoes — full steam ahead!" Senior citizens, whose

### Vox Pop

funds helped build the schools, whose funds have continued to pay for school operations, can now anticipate a whopping increase in their tax bills

Senior citizen

Delmar (Name submitted)

### Lions' markers removed; return urgently sought

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Lions Club, in an effort to help needy people realize that help is available, years ago erected "Lions" signs around the town. We have only recently observed that two signs are missing from a site on Elm Avenue and the by-pass, near the town park.

I am writing to plead with whoever removed the signs to return them. A police report has been filed; to replace the signs would cost over \$200. That same money would buy an unfortunate child or a grandmother in want of a pair of glasses... which is a much better way to spend the money.

To return the signs: please call 439-4857 and tell us where we could pick them up, or return them to 9 Herber Avenue, Elsmere. There will be no charges if the signs are returned that way.

Maynard E. Goyer

Treasurer,

Delmar Bethlehem Lions

## Newer incinerators limit lead emissions

Editor, the Spotlight:

Elizabeth Lyons raises the issue of lead emissions from waste incinerators in her March 6 letter, but she doesn't distinguish between plants that have modern emission controls and plants that don't.

Lead is a condensable heavy metal that is easy to remove from the air emission stream from waste-to-energy plants. Old incinerators can have high lead emissions because they lack the scrubber/baghouse emission control systems that capture lead. For ex-

ample, the Sheridan Avenue waste-to-energy plant (which handles Bethlehem's solid waste) has lead emission levels 400 times greater than American Ref-Fuel's Hempstead plant. As old facilities are replaced or retrofitted, lead emissions attributable to waste incineration will decline dramatically nationwide.

More over, as recycling efforts remove more and more lead batteries from the waste stream, lead emission levels from waste incineration will drop even further.

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## Four score, and more

Our neighbor turned the corner of eighty years last week, and it was a proud occasion out our way.

There's something about round numbers that seems to attract attention. And in the case of a round number like eighty, people tend to not only be attentive but admiring and respectful. You've really accomplished something if you've made it up to four score. Next thing you know, Willard Scott will be remarking on your centenary.

Both my parents crossed the eighty line in the sand, and who knows I might make it there someday myself. But who's counting?

In fact, my older sister—the one who mostly raised me—will turn eighty later this year. She would dreadfully miss the opportunity to oversee me, even though she has largely delegated part of that chore. Like our neighbor, she lives alone now, though much of her time is occupied by her sister-in-law, who happens to live a few flights up in the same apartment building.

But back to our own neighbor. In preparation for the birthday, she was planning to make certain that she was dressed in fitting style, complete with bonnet. She approached the occasion nonchalantly, even gaily, with her customary smile. Her piano—played for pleasure and practice many hours each day (she still takes lessons)—adds a few moments of extra enjoyment for auditors such as dog-walkers and other strollers. She

Constant Reader

## 'Illiberal education'

I'm glad that March didn't get away before I had a chance to touch on that month's issue of "The Atlantic," a truly challenging periodical. Three of the principal articles had caught my attention, and as it turns out they were the ones played up with cover blurbs.

Of these, the largest and most significant is one of some 21 pages (more than 16,000 words, by my reckoning): "Illiberal Education," by one Dinesh D'Souza, a scholar whose name meant nothing to me but who appears to have substantial credentials, largely on the conservative side.

This article is challenging, all right — and, for me, disturbing. I can imagine that many citizens who bother to read these weekly reviews would likewise find the findings that Mr. D'Souza offers to be distressing. His essay follows this thesis, with a wealth of detail: "The American university today is a disturbed and sometimes disturbing place, and the consequences are by no means confined to the campus.

"The real issues — the ones underlying a wide range of campus debates — include the assumption by many (the author names names) that Western values are inherently oppressive, that the chief purpose of education is political transformation, and that all standards are arbitrary; many, further, deny any notion of objective reality."

This article is not for a hurried reading; it's rather tough going. Some of the reporting and allegations are so contrary to what you or I find basic, that the effect is chilling. Promotion of Marxism is one of the most visible goals.

worries that we, her closest neighbors, may hear and be disturbed—but of course we aren't (far from it).

What happens to make this round-numbered birthday especially poignant is the fact that on Easter Sunday she will enter Albany Med for heart surgery. She'll be back long before the forsythia are in bloom. Meanwhile, we'll have her house key, just in case anything needs looking after.

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Have you noticed the growing need of the daily newspapers to acknowledge mistakes—and a dogged willingness to publish corrections? The New York Times prints an average of at least four every day, anchoring them in the same position on page 3 daily. A current tendency is to point fingers at specific perpetrators—not by name, but by job classification: "Because of an editor's error," "A reporter's error..." Seems to me that's a rather unnecessary way of dodging ultimate "buck stops here" responsibility. And the mea culpa instinct sometimes goes pretty far: the other day The Times published a correction to a reader's letter which had accused President Chester A. Arthur of being a bachelor. I did like a correction-on-a-correction the T-U had to make recently. They just couldn't get the inaugural date of the new SUNYA president right. Reminds me of that old joke, "We meant the clown prince..."

Destruction of traditional values and substitution of radical skepticism are among the others analyzed in this article.

It appears to be a case of the fox and the henhouse. Here are quotes from some of the "deconstructionists" who have taken key roles on various campuses: "Ours was the generation that took over buildings in the late sixties and demanded the creation of black and women's studies programs, and now... we have come back to challenge the traditional curriculum."

There's much more to be found — little of it very attractive or reassuring — in this article. You could be very well advised to find it, read carefully, and be forewarned.

I was interested in a mostly positive essay by Nicholas Lemann on "Healing the Ghettos," and a mostly depressingly pessimistic report on "The Death of Broadway."

The prediction in the latter article is that "During the next decade, the Great White Way will become a graveyard for great white elephants, as — one by one — the 36 theaters left in the Broadway area find themselves unable to attract either shows or audiences."

Finally, I turned to a longish (and belated) review by Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., of the book "KGB: The Inside Story," which was published last fall and gained quite a lot of notoriety for its contention that Harry Hopkins, the intimate aide of President Roosevelt, had somehow been caused to serve the Soviets during World War II. Professor Schlesinger is at great pains to refute the intimations, which he does thoroughly.

## Points of View

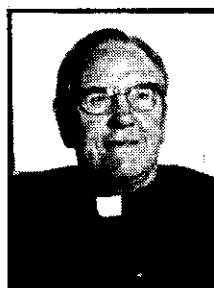
### Easter helps many to cope with ultimate

By the Rev. Canon Kenneth Cleator

The churches will be fuller and attendances will be higher than expected this Easter, according to my own personal poll of clergy friends.

A Roman Catholic priest, pastor of an urban church in a city of 52,000, predicted that some 2,500 worshippers will attend Easter masses in his edifice.

"Usually about 2,000 attend on regular Sundays," he observed, "but this Easter will be different. The economic recession and the Gulf War have made people more concerned about issues of religion and life. They feel insecure and uncertain; at Easter they want to hear a message of hope, and that is what they will hear when they come to mass."



A Baptist minister of a suburban congregation in the same city agreed, noting that young college students, particularly, are asking questions about "the big issues, about their future, about this planet, etc.—I am not convinced all of them are turning to the church for answers, but some are and they will be there this Easter."

Easter is the central event in Christian belief and experience and belongs in a series of gigantic affirmations about God, creation, purpose, sin, suffering, redemption, death, and immortality.

Easter is all about Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.

To quote St. Paul, pioneer missionary and preacher of the first-century church: "If Christ has not been raised, then your faith is a delusion and you are still lost in your sins." (Romans 15:17, Good News Bible).

Dr. R. W. Dale, popular 19th-century Congregationalist preacher at Carr's Lane Chapel, Birmingham, had his congregation sing an Easter hymn nearly every Sunday morning.

A visitor, surprised by the experience, wrote about it: "When I first attended the service there, I was surprised to hear on a cold November morning, 'Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!'"

"I mentioned it to Dr. Dale afterwards and he said, 'I want my people to get hold of the glorious fact that Christ is alive and to rejoice over it.'"

While Dr. Dale's practice is not common in Christian congregations today—although an Easter hymn on any Sunday might be a good reminder of Christianity's central affirmation—at Easter Christian worship becomes the most joyful expression of faith in the resurrected, living Jesus Christ.

Traditionally, Christians have been going to their churches for nearly two thousand years to celebrate Jesus Christ's victory over death. Large numbers of them, numbering over one billion, will gather in cathedrals, churches, chapels, monasteries worldwide to celebrate in the 20th century what, in the first century, pagan Greeks called "foolishness."

In George Bernard Shaw's preface to his play, "Androcles and the Lion," he referred to the New Testament Gospels. This is what he stated about the narrative on Jesus's resurrection in St. Matthew's Gospel: "Matthew tells how, after three days, an angel opened the family vault of Joseph, a rich man of Arimathea, who has Jesus buried in it; whereupon Jesus rose and returned from Jerusalem to Galilee and resumed his preaching with His disciples, assuring them that He would now be with them to the end of the world."

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### Passover truly is celebration of freedom

By Joel Gross

Passover, the Festival of Freedom, is for Jews a triple celebration. First is the celebration of the rebirth of nature. Second is the celebration of an historical event, that of G-d bringing the Israelites out from Egyptian slavery to freedom. Last, but not least, is the celebration of family values, such as education.

The re-birth of nature is the first celebration. Scholars think that long before the Jews went down to Egypt, while they were still shepherds, the first Jews celebrated the coming of spring. It was the season when lambs were born, when the new grass came through that the animals might eat. In fact, on the night of the spring full moon (the 15th of Nisan) they roasted a lamb and feasted on the meat. When the Jews settled in the land of Canaan they became farmers and spring became even more important.



The second celebration is the historical event of the Israelites leaving their bondage in Egypt for freedom in their homeland. The Israelites had immigrated to Egypt during a time of famine in Canaan (at the time of Joseph). At first the Jews were welcomed but within a few generations they were enslaved. Moses, the history tells, had been raised in the house of an Egyptian king and, although he was Jewish, that fact was hidden from his everyday being.

By dictate of G-d, together with his brother Aaron, Moses began to assume a leadership position in getting the Jews released from the Egyptian Pharaoh. When Pharaoh would not release the Jews, ten plagues were brought to bear on the Egyptians by G-d. Nine times the Pharaoh remained stubborn. Only after the last plague, the death of the first born, did Pharaoh relent. That plague came on the night of the lamb sacrifice. The Jews marked their doorposts with the blood of the sacrifice so the angel of death would "pass over" their houses.

That night the Jews led by Moses hurriedly left Egypt. They left so quickly that the dough for the next day's bread could not rise. Matzoh (unleavened bread) is eaten on Passover in recognition of this fact. When the Israelites came to the Red Sea with Pharaoh's armies chasing them, the waters parted (only after Nachshon jumped into the sea) enabling the Israelites to cross. The sea then swallowed up the pursuing Egyptian soldiers, saving the Jews and destroying the Egyptians.

Since freedom had to be earned, not just given, no one who had left Egypt (except for Joshua) earned the right to cross into the Promised Land and hence a new generation who never knew slavery was to enter the Promised Land. Not even Moses was able to earn the privilege of entering the Promised Land.

The third and perhaps most important celebration is the celebration of family values. In Judaism, the important ceremonies are divided between synagogue and home. On Passover, the observance called Seder (order of ceremonies) takes place in the home. It is a family feast of education, remembrance, and thanksgiving.

No other Jewish event is celebrated by such a large percentage of the Jewish community as is the Seder. The Seder is a religious ceremony in which both adults and children are obligated to participate. The Haggadah is the guidebook for the Seder, and it includes both directions for

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# Matters of Opinion

## What did Grando do?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Concurring the March 13 article, "Grando's handler stands by his partner," I can only wonder if Grando would feel the same way if he could see this attempt by Officer LaChappelle to shift the blame for the incident from himself to the dog. I have read accounts and editorials from day one, and although they all mentioned the damage done, none accused the dog of brutality or viciousness. As for taking the word of the Bethlehem police as expert medical testimony, I suggest you ask a real doctor.

Just who else did you contact for this story? Did you call Albany Med and ask to see any medical records? Did you attempt to contact Mr. Gauthier about the incident? Or do you just repeat what the police tell you? And as far as this "in excess of one million dollars" is concerned, why don't you tell the actual amount? I have heard anywhere from \$50 to \$100 million. Even \$10 million is a lot for a town that doesn't want a recreational center and needs another elementary school.

If things don't improve, with a positive outcome, I for one will not be blaming Grando.

Slingerlands Name Submitted

## Ref-Fuel

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To address Ms. Lyons's concern for the mobility of metals in the environment: virtually every form of waste disposal (including composting, recycling, waste-to-energy, and landfilling) increase the potential for public exposure. In each case, efforts must be made to safeguard public health.

Readers may be interested to know that lead smelters, including those used for recycling, are facing serious problems reducing emissions to safe levels. Studies recently conducted by EPA's Atmospheric Research Laboratory have shown that, even with a modern baghouse emission control system, lead smelters emit enormous amounts of lead. The average lead smelter equipped with a baghouse emits 1,400 to 1,900 times more lead annually than American Ref-Fuel's Hempstead facility.

The issue of lead emissions and other environmental impacts for the proposed waste-to-energy plant will be fully assessed in the State Environmental Quality Review process. In the meantime, I would be happy to answer any questions.

Kevin Cmunt

Project Development Manager

## Easter

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Then Shaw continued, "At that point the narrative abruptly stops. The Story has no ending."

How right Shaw was. In fact he was no believer in the traditional Christian belief in Easter, but in that short sentence he expressed what Christians have believed about Jesus's resurrection and victory over death from the first to the 20th centuries and will continue to believe in the 21st and until the end of time.

This Easter many will sit in the pews to hear the great affirmations that will help them cope with daily living and prepare them for life's final, ultimate destiny, death and life beyond dying.

The hymns they will sing, the anthems they

will hear, the sermons they will listen to, will emphasize Jesus's conquest over humanity's last enemy—death—and its meaning in humans lives today.

The preacher will say that Jesus Christ is alive still, as He was to His disciples on that first Easter long ago.

Yes, alive still, encouraging every human heart (to quote Hans Kung in "On Being a Christian,") to "live, act, suffer and die: in happiness and unhappiness, life and death, sustained by God and helpful to (humankind)."

Canon Cleator, a frequent contributor to The Spotlight who often has occupied Albany-area pulpits, is an Episcopal clergyman now living in Ontario.

## Passover

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is the Seder. The Seder is a religious ceremony in which both adults and children are obligated to participate. The Haggadah is the guidebook for the Seder, and it includes both directions for conducting a Seder and the story to be told. Children are given instructions on what questions to ask—primarily about what makes Passover different from the rest of the year. Adults are given instructions on how to answer their children's questions. There are even instructions for adults on how to explain the Passover story to different kinds of children—wise, contrary, simple, and those children who don't even know how to ask a question.

Imagine how different this world would be if all family members took the time throughout

the year to communicate with each other.

Imagine how different this world would be if parents took the time to communicate with their children on a level each child would understand.

Imagine how different this world would be if children respected their parents' values enough to listen to family histories.

This year Passover is celebrated beginning with the first Seder on Friday evening, March 29, and ending at nightfall, Saturday, April 6. If anyone is in need of a Seder to attend, please contact me at the Albany Jewish Community Center (438-6651) and I will try to find a Seder for you.

Joel Gross, ACSW, is executive director of the Albany Jewish Community Center. He is a resident of Slingerlands.

## \$577,000 in tapes will buy computers for Middle School

Editor, The Spotlight:

We would like to thank all those people who contributed Grand

Union slips to the Bethlehem Middle School. We collected \$577,000 in tapes.

The school will purchase two

MacIntosh computers, two printers, and a large selection of computer software.

A special thank-you to the teachers, staff, and students of the Middle School for their enthusiastic school spirit and their help in collecting and totalling the tapes.

The PTA sponsored a pizza party for the top homeroom from each grade that collected the most tapes during January. The winners were: Sixth grade, Ann Ulion/Patricia Hamilton; seventh grade, Dick Nestlen; and eighth grade, Dave Pace.

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## Reality of expectation crucial in bargaining

Editor, The Spotlight:

The recently concluded teacher contract negotiations in Voorheesville have brought to light a lot of anger and strained relations. In such situations, the tendency — once the crisis is resolved — is to push controversy out of our minds until forced to face it again sometime in the future. That's the easy way out but it is time that we air issues behind apparent problems and face the challenge of dealing with them.

Our school district, like many around the state, has been going through a transition. School population is down, while costs go up, and many in the community have aged into the mixed blessing of retirement years and a fixed income. Also, many familiar faces with whom some teachers, parents, and taxpayers had been comfortable, have left the scene.

By way of example, one change resulted in hiring a new superintendent. At such times some degree of disruption is to be expected, but what ensued was startling. In the schools some teachers grouped together and angrily fought even the smallest of attempted changes. In the community, people launched an attack on the superintendent and members of the school board. While valid reasons existed for rational disagreement and need for discussion it seemed that much of the time a siege mentality prevailed. It played out like a scene from "Alice in Wonderland" with Alice running through one chaotic crisis after another while angry voices shouted, "Off with her head."

In the end that superintendent left and was replaced by one with a completely different management

style. For a time, matters quieted down, but it didn't take long for some of the old rancor to surface as teacher-contract negotiations proceeded. The culmination of the arduous bargaining process was announced at a school board meeting heavily attended by teachers, many of whom continued to display their disenchantment during and after the meeting. A member of the board immediately, and inexplicably, labeled the salary settlement "absurd." And the public? Many already have expressed their intention to vote down next year's budget, which has not even been drafted.

Some experts describe collective bargaining as "a process of controlled giving." Certainly an oversimplification, but still descriptive of what takes place. Generally, the teachers (in this case), enter the bargaining process with certain needs or wants that they hope will be met, while management (in this case the board), enters with goals of certain parameters within which they hope to limit how much they have to "give."

All too often the parties involved, directly or indirectly, enter into the process with unrealistic expectations. The situation here is a good example. Are our teachers paid less than those in many area school districts? In fact, yes. Are

most teachers hard-working and effective? Yes, again. In the abstract, could they justify a (one-time) salary increase of a magnitude of 12 to 15 percent? Probably they could.

But should the teachers, individually or collectively, have had a real expectation that they would stand any chance of gaining an increase in that neighborhood for one year, let alone three? Never!

What is the harm of aiming high? The answer is nothing — as long as no one loses sight of reality. When that happens, frustrations rise and the effects show up in the classroom. Suddenly, we have 70 or 80 high school students on a given day being referred to after-school detention, or we have a grammar-school teacher telling her class that they all "will probably end up on welfare." Such actions only harm students, anger parents, and lead to a backlash against teachers and their legitimate needs.

Of course, as dissatisfaction negatively impacts day-to-day performance in the schools it is the job of administrators to deal with it. To the extent administrators fail to display the leadership to get everyone working together toward common goals, the perception in the community of "the situation in our schools" only is made worse.

The expectations of taxpayers frequently are short of reality too. All are concerned about escalating taxes, as well they should be. But is it fair to expect that teachers should get no salary increase at all because of already high taxes and a worsening state and local fiscal situation? No, it isn't — unless we are prepared to drastically reduce the standard of education we want for children in the community.

Parents also have expectations of teachers and administrators that are at least unfair, if not unrealistic. Increasingly it seems that many parents expect that "the school" is primarily responsible not only for educating the students but also for shaping their whole personal and social behavior.

We hear complaints, for instance, that "the school" doesn't teach students proper discipline or, maybe, that there is a drinking problem in "the school."

There's something missing here. Whose kids are they? Teach-

ers and administrators have a right to expect that they will be treated with respect by students and that students will come to school with a constructive attitude and a modicum of self-discipline.

Primary responsibility for instilling self-respect, respect for others, and responsibility in young people lies with their parents.

Since our schools touch the lives of so many and, traditionally, play such a central role in our community, it is time to build on our successes and to focus on the needs and problems standing in the way of progress. Neither the triennial contract negotiations nor the annual budget sessions provide the right setting for doing this.

To borrow a couple of lines, we can't continue to have people talking without speaking, people hearing without listening. It's time to stop pointing fingers and shaking fists, time to step out from behind institutional barriers and put aside individual agendas. Let's start some constructive discussions and chart a course for the future.

John P. McKenna

Voorheesville

### Words for the week

**Nonchalant:** Showing cool lack of concern; casually indifferent. Also, without warmth or enthusiasm, not showing interest. (Perhaps a most fitting use of the word is to be found in the song "Sophisticated Lady.")

**Perpetrator:** One who does or performs something offensive, criminal, or evil. Also, one who commits a blunder, or imposes a hoax, etc. (Probably derived from a ritual term involving the Latin *pater*.)



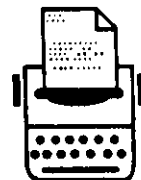
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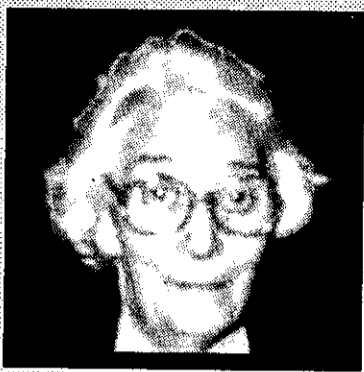
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# NEIGHBORS

People, places and their stories



## Ruth Elizabeth Mahaffy Kier

The peaceful demeanor of diminutive Ruth Mahaffy Kier suggests that she's had an old-fashioned housewifery kind of life. Not so.

Born and educated in Argyle, Ruth attended Ridge School, Dist. #12, graduated from Argyle High School, and Ruth was salutatorian, and her twin Robert, was valedictorian. She attended Muskegon College, where she received a bachelor's degree and diploma in public speaking and was winner of the College Oration Women's Division. She returned to Argyle and in 1931 began her teaching career there.

She married James Townsend Kier in August 1936. Kier was with the B.B. Kirkbride Bible Co. and The Gideons, International, Chicago, Ill.

They had four children. On Aug. 6, 1957, James Kier and their son James Palmer Kier

were killed in an auto crash. Ruth's daughter Aranna Sue survived. Their daughter, Elizabeth was not in the car at the time of the accident.

In 1959, encouraged by her sister, who taught at BC, Ruth moved to Delmar and worked as a substitute teacher here. In 1962 she began teaching at the Loudonville Christian School.

Over the years, she has taught in Dakar Christian Academy, Dakar, Senegal, W. Africa where 14 of the 19 students spoke a different language and Danang Christian School, Danang, South Vietnam (she was there when Saigon surrendered to Ho Chi Minh).

Ruth says a benefit of getting old is she has more time to read her Bible, and continually finds peace in its promises.

— Mary Ahlstrom

## □ Dump

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trying to comply with what everyone would like to see. I'm willing to go the extra steps."

The landfill is already at the center of an unresolved town-initiated case that could have long-ranging implications for Bethlehem. Brought in 1989, the suit cites a town ordinance barring disposal of solid waste generated outside town boundaries. The clause, section 97-11 (a) of Bethlehem's code, has since continued to draw attention because of formal and informal proposals to build regional-scale waste disposal facilities in town.

Waste Management, the only firm that has dumped at the Spawns Hollow Road landfill according to Metz, has brought in materials from far outside Bethlehem boundaries, he said. Metz said that though the facility still is only about 80 to 85 percent full, he voluntarily stopped letting the company dump last December.

Two weeks ago, fire personnel from Selkirk, Ravena, Coeymans and New Baltimore responded to what was termed a "slow combustion" underground fire at the site. Though the fire was extinguished after firefighters dug 10 to 12 feet to the smoldering debris, Metz said trucks were again on the scene Friday to put out a "hot spot." But he said there were no open flames seen at either fire, and that the second was put out in roughly five minutes.

Metz, who has 30 years service with the Selkirk fire district (including a five year stint as district chief), agreed the fires are a "nuisance." But he said they were the

first at Spawns Hollow and aren't unusual at other construction and demolition landfills. "We fought a number of them at the town dump," over the years, he said.

Ringler said he is primarily concerned that the landfill is closed properly — "That's the number one priority," he said — and that the suit includes Waste Management to ensure the money is available to do so.

"I'm not so sure that the current owner has got the resources to make the investment to close it properly, and I think that's why Waste Management, who did all the dumping there contractually, should be brought into this," he said.

"I think it's time to get Waste Management into this and expedite the closing," he said.

Metz said he already has the materials on site to close the landfill to standards laid out in his 1987 state permit. But he said he intends to meet tougher — and more expensive — new construction and demolition closure requirements, including the installation of a methane gas recovery system and a foot-thick clay cap. He said he just wants the nod to fill the rest of the landfill, which he added he intends to do with debris generated in town. He said he can pay for the more costly closing fully with money generated through the landfill's remaining capacity.

"There's no reason for litigation because I've already agreed to do what they want, they've just got to go ahead and let me finish the site," he said. "What good is a three-fourths finished site?"

## Slingerlands student earns honors

Christine Honikel, daughter of Tobert and Barbara Honikel of 16 Thorndale Rd., Slingerlands earned Faculty Honors at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. for the fall 1990 semester. Honikel is a senior majoring in psychology.

## Senior Citizens

### Blood pressure screening and information session set

On Tuesday, April 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Caroline Wirth and Kim Pezzano from the Bethlehem Senior Services Department will be available to answer questions and provide information on "Discounts for Senior Citizens" at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium. The program will be held under the auspices of the "Marion Martin Displays for Independent Living" and in conjunction with the Town of Bethlehem's blood pressure screening. Blood pressure screening only is also available during the evening hours of 7 to 9 p.m.

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# Area real estate market Lawyer ranks 17th in survey

The Albany area's real estate market receives both a boost and a knock in an extensive nationwide survey of cities, as published in the April 1 issue of "U.S. News and World Report."

A survey of the "25 top housing markets" in the country places Albany tied for 17th place with San Antonio. The basis for rankings is the projected upward movement in selling prices of existing housing in 1991 compared with 1990 — "where home prices are appreciating the fastest."

This good news for prospective sellers of homes is put at 5.3 percent. The comparative median figures are \$107,409 in 1990 and \$113,086 for 1991. By comparison, the 9.8 percent upward movement in Philadelphia wins it the No. 1 spot.

Though the shifts in median prices of new housing are not ranked, the Albany area's 8.7 percent increase (from \$132,380 to \$143,829) is exceeded by only three cities: Philadelphia, Honolulu, and Portland, Ore.

The bad news for local-area homeowners who wish to sell is that the average number of days on the market is substantially higher here than in any other city, and far higher than in most (at least among the top 25).

This is held to be true in each of three categories: "starter homes," "trade-up" dwellings, and "de luxe" residences.

The average market days for "starters" in the price range of \$95,000 to \$110,000 is reported at 160. For "trade-ups" (\$140,000 to \$180,000) the average is 169. For top-drawer dwellings (\$350,000 to \$500,000) the waiting period for a sale is said to be 230 days (nearly eight months).

By comparison, the figures for San Antonio (where prices are considerably lower) are 75, 105, and 120 days. For Philadelphia: 75, 110, and 200 days; for Honolulu, 70, 93, and 96 days.

The data were provided to U.S. News and World Report by the

## Toll calls simplified

By the end of April, New York Telephone customers in the Capital District area will no longer need to dial the digit 1 before making toll calls within the 518 area code. The company is in the process of implementing a program to modify the dialing pattern of all its customer's, eliminating the need for a 1 on seven digit toll calls within the customer's area code. The changeover process will continue throughout New York State until the dialing conversion program is completed in late 1992.

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These additional data and comments about the Albany area are included:

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Other points in the report on Albany:

"It's still a buyers market in this state capital, where government layoffs have kept buyers skittish about big-ticket purchases. But it shouldn't last. Albany's emergence as a financial and insurance center should help create jobs and boost incomes."

A typical "starter" home is described as: "A 50-year-old, 2-bedroom, 1-bath bungalow on a small lot in south Colonie or the north-western area of downtown Albany."

A "trade-up" home is referred to as: "A 3-bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 20 to 30 year old small colonial with a 2-car garage on the outskirts of the city in Guilderland or Bethlehem."

"De luxe" homes are said to be, typically, "a newer colonial or contemporary with 4 or 5 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths near a country club in Guilderland, Loudonville, or New Scotland."

## Raffle benefits camp for children

More than 25 Stuyvesant Plaza merchants donated prizes to be raffled off by Camp Good Days and Special Times, Inc. to benefit local campers with cancer. Coordinated by Stuyvesant Plaza merchants, Lois and Larry Schwartz, owners of Lady Madonna/Bellini,

nate any suggestion of bias or partiality on our part and will be in the best interest of both this department and the Bethlehem community."

Gauthier, 27, was freed in February following 18 months in Albany County Jail part-way through his trial on attempted murder and other charges after county Judge Thomas W. Keegan ruled Bethlehem police wrongly withheld records from the defense. Afterwards, Gauthier charged police hid an arrest report in an attempt to cover-up an incident of brutality and has since initiated a civil lawsuit against the department. Ricken said Monday Gauthier intends also to bring suits against the Bethlehem officers who made the 1989 arrest, Wayne LaChappelle and Robert Markel, seeking in excess of \$1 million in damages.

Upon learning of the police announcement Monday, Ricken accused Currie of misrepresenting how the FBI came to investigate the case.

"I was very surprised to see that Bethlehem Police Chief Paul Currie was claiming that he requested the FBI get involved because that in fact is not true," he said. Ricken contended he requested FBI involvement on Tuesday, March 19, and that the FBI subsequently contacted to Currie.

"To hear the chief of police now claim incorrectly that it was at his request I think is a continuation by the Bethlehem Police Department to attempt to minimize the gross wrongdoings that were committed by that agency," Ricken said.

Currie later said he made his

initial call to the bureau that Tuesday also, which he said was returned by one of their investigators a day later.

Reached late Monday evening, Michael O'Brien, the FBI's Albany department public legal adviser, said both Currie and Ricken asked for the investigation, by coincidence, on the same day.

"Basically the FBI received two independent requests at the same time from the client's attorney as well as the chief of police in Bethlehem," O'Brien said. "So we were contacted by both parties on the same day."

In response to Ricken's accusation, Currie reiterated his initial statement. "I called them (the FBI) last Tuesday, and they returned my call on Wednesday, and we had a meeting on Thursday," Currie said. "I don't know what he may have done."

"I called the FBI myself. I don't know where he got the idea that I didn't," he said.

Gauthier had been accused of lunging at Markel and LaChappelle with a seven-inch hunting knife after the department's K-9 dog Grando found him behind a bush in woods off Route 144 in Coeymans. Police said the K-9 unit had been called to the scene after Gauthier and two passengers following high-speed car chase that began in Glenmont, according to a

1989 *Spotlight* file report.

LaChappelle reportedly commanded Grando to restrain Gauthier, who according to Ricken suffered artery damage and needed stitches after wards in his arm. Ricken said Gauthier also needed additional stitches after being hit on the head with a police flashlight.

Earlier this month, Supreme Court Judge Paul Cheeseman granted Gauthier permission to file a late notice of claim against the town, which Ricken confirmed Monday he has now done.

Town Supervisor Ken Ringler said he applauded Currie's decision to bring in the FBI.

"I was very impressed with the fact that he had. I think it says a lot for him," Ringler said. "With everything that's been going on with Los Angeles and the cynicism of people regarding police departments, I think this extra step is a good idea."

Ricken also said he was glad the FBI is involved, pointing to the chief's early announcement that Bethlehem's internal investigation has uncovered no wrongdoing. "That is totally contrary to the facts, and we don't believe that the Bethlehem Police Department can really run a fair and impartial investigation," he said.

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# RCS teacher subject of White House hunt

## RCS teacher to clown around at White House

RCS high school teacher Theresa Jasiewicz and her mother, Marie Beck, will be two of the 200 clowns participating in the yearly Easter egg roll at the White House on April 1. The event is hosted by Barbara Bush. Jasiewicz, who doubles as "Q.T. Pie the Clown" has been a clown for six years. Her mother, or "Mischief" has been clowning for 12 years.

### Pupils celebrate

#### 100 days of school

While some school children are counting the days until summer vacation, first graders at Ravena elementary school recently celebrated 100 days of being in school. The children collected 100 items, such as buttons and pennies, and displayed them in unique ways.

### Warning: Athletes crossing

With the warming weather, RCS school officials are warning area motorists to watch for students athletes in roadways. Interscholastic and physical education spring sports mean students playing ball and running outside. Motorists should use extra caution on roads near school campuses.

### Workshop scheduled

#### for parents of special pupils

Parents of children in special education programs are invited to a workshop at RCS junior high school on Wednesday, April 3, at 7 p.m. The RCS Special Education Parents Support Group is hosting the meeting. The focus of the meeting is self-esteem in the special needs child.

Dr. Mary Garrett, co-director of Beginnings Pre-School in Troy, will be the guest speaker. For in-

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formation, call Cathy Sutton at 756-8246 or Sally Foronda at 756-6365.

### DANA Society to host tea at museum

The DANA Natural History Society will host a tea with guest speaker Frances Numrich presenting slides of a botanical tour of China on Tuesday, April 2, at 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Historical Museum on Route 144 in Selkirk. Nearly 125 years old, the DANA society is the oldest women's scientific society in the country. For information on the tea, contact Margaret Law at 463-5256.

### Dealers wanted for tailgate sale

The Bethlehem Historical Society is seeking dealers of quality merchandise to participate in the annual tailgate sale on Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The sale will be held on the grounds of the Cedar Hill School House Museum, Route 144 at Clapper Road in Selkirk. The rain date is May 25. For information call 439-3521 or 436-8289.

### Grange sponsoring craft, rummage sale

The Bethlehem Grange is holding a craft fair and small-item rummage sale on Saturday, April 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone interested in reserving a table (there is a \$10 fee) should call 767-2770.

## Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

The capacity of a battery is like the gas tank in a car. When they run out of energy, they won't run. The big difference is that the battery has no gauge to tell when it is getting low. Inexpensive battery checkers and testers can be purchased to measure the remaining usefulness of each household battery.

Battery types: Carbon-zinc is the "work horse" of batteries and was first developed in 1868 by George LeClanche. It is the least expensive household battery but it doesn't withstand heat and cold very well.

Zinc chloride, a beefed up version of carbon-zinc, has capacity that is 50% greater and is more leak resistant.

The alkaline battery offers real improvements for consumers in higher energy capacity, better high and low temperature performance and longer-term storage. Introduced twenty years ago, it has continued to drop in price and even though it costs 2-3 times more than the above mentioned batteries, it will out perform them by four to ten times, depending on use. Alkaline batteries may be stored for two years at room temperature and still hold 90 percent of their original capacity. They are ideal for emergency flashlights.

The medical oxide batteries are particularly useful where greater terminal voltage stability is needed. Typical applications are hearing

aids, watches, calculators, and cameras.

Silver oxide is the nickname for a silver oxide-alkaline-zinc primary battery and is nicely priced for the dependability and power it delivers. It is widely used for hearing aids and quartz and digital watches.

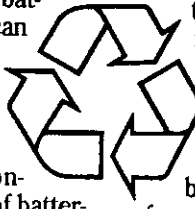
The usefulness of the lithium manganese dioxide battery rests on its solid performance and dependability. They can be stored for several years because self-discharge is very low.

The nickel-cadmium battery may be today's best battery purchase. Initially expensive, it's often the cheapest power source in the end because it can be charged and recharged many times. These batteries may be stored charged or discharged. However, if stored charged, a Ni-Cd will discharge at a rate of two percent per day. A continuous load on a discharged battery, such as a flashlight with the switch on, may cause the battery to leak.

To understand more about batteries and how to use them wisely, read Radio Shack's book titled *Energcell Battery Guidebook*.

In the first six weeks of household battery collection, the Town of Bethlehem collected 279 pounds of batteries, which were taken to Mercury Refining Company.

Note: Your vehicle batteries can be taken to K-Mart for a \$2 refund.



## BCHS launches parents forum

Parents of Bethlehem Central High School students can meet and discuss educational issues with school administrators through the new program "Educational Forums," developed by the Bethlehem Central Community Organization (BCCO) and Bethlehem Central High School administration.

The idea for forum was developed by High School Principal Jon Hunter. The forum was conceived as means for parents to meet with the principal and other district educators to discuss local and national educational issues.

The group will meet March 27 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the BCBS cafeteria.

## Slingerlands school presents musical

The Slingerlands School's annual fifth grade musical, entitled "Tall Tales and Heroes," will be presented at 7:30 p.m., April 11 and 12, in the school auditorium on Union Avenue. The play will be directed by Virginia Dale.

Tickets are \$2 and can be purchased at the door. Senior citizens are invited to attend Wednesday's matinee performance at 2 p.m. free of charge.

For information, call 439-7681.

## Auxiliary plans party

The Ladies Auxiliary to Bethlehem Elks Lodge is sponsoring its annual spring card party on Thursday, April 11, at 7 p.m. There will be table and door prizes, homemade desserts and coffee and tea as well as entertainment by All Male Revue. Tickets are available at the door for \$3.50. The party will be held at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge No. 2233, located on Rt. 144 and Winnie Rd. in Selkirk. Sandwiches and refreshments will be available at a nominal cost. For information, call Dyann Prior at 767-9850.

## RCS honors students

Tammy Pape and Thomas Holsapple were recently named Students of the Month for March by the Principal's Advisory Committee at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School.

Pape, a senior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Pape of Selkirk, is a member of the soccer team, Key Club, Steering Committee, Student Council, Ski Club and the varsity cheerleading team.

Holsapple, a senior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Holsapple of New Baltimore. Holsapple was captain of the basketball team, a member of the golf team, tennis team and serves as class president.

## Pesticides program set

A public forum on lawn-care pesticides will be presented by Bethlehem for Alternatives to Pesticides (BAP) on Thursday, April 4, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Presenters will include Tracy Frisch, coordinator, New York Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides; Dr. Howard Freed, director of Emergency Medicine, Albany Medical Center; and Deborah Volberg, assistant state attorney general, Environmental Protection Bureau. The floor will be open for questions following the presentations. The forum is free and open to the public.




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## In The Spotlight

# Chamber kicks up its heels

Photos by Elaine McLain



Erma Klien (left) of Delmar Dog Grooming, Tom Hughes of Hughes Opticians, Nancy Applebee of Applebee Funeral Home and Michele Hughes enjoyed the annual dinner dance held at the Normanside Country Club. Members were entertained by Joan Mullen, a classical guitarist, and Andy Saddlemire.



Dinner Chairperson Pam Palmer of Capital District Physicians' Health Plan looks over the evening agenda for the chamber's annual dinner dance with Marty Cornelius, president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.



The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce 1990 Business Person of the Year Michael Friello of Hudson Valley Tae Kwan Do with his wife Lisa.



Officer Michael McMillen of Bethlehem Police Department DARE Program, and Dinner Chairperson Victoria Tomsons of Albany Savings Bank.



Bruce Svare celebrates being named 1990 Citizen of the Year with his sons John and Mark and wife Maryalice.

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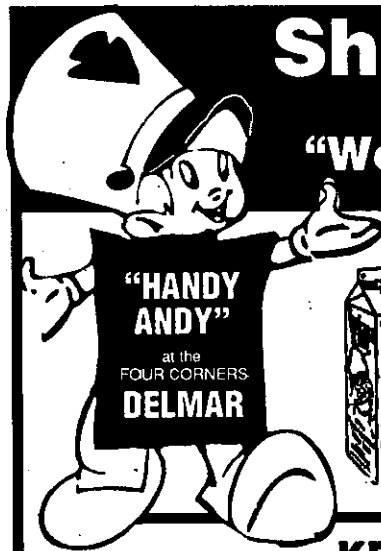
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# Legion to hold Easter breakfast

## Legion post offers Easter breakfast

On Easter Sunday, March 31, enjoy a family breakfast at the American Legion Post 1493, Voorheesville Avenue anytime from 8 a.m. to noon. You will enjoy the usual menu of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and juice. This breakfast costs \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children.

## Local history seminar to focus on colonial time

On Tuesday, April 2, at 8 p.m. the New Scotland Historical Society Guilderland Historical Society, Voorheesville Public Library and the First United Methodist Church will present the 4th Annual Arthur Gregg Local History Seminar to be held at the First United Methodist Church in Voorheesville. Stefan Bielinski, Director of the Colonial Albany Social History Project will speak on "Moving in and Moving out of Colonial Albany, The Peopling of the Countryside." The public is invited.

## Last chance to get help with taxes

Wednesday, April 3 for 10 to 2 p.m. will be the last day for tax counseling being sponsored by the American Association for Retired Persons. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the Voorheesville Public Library at 765-2791.

## Voorheesville News Notes

Susan Casler 765-2144



There will be no story hour at the Voorheesville Library on Friday, March 29 because of Good Friday. Otherwise story hours will remain the same on Monday at 10:30 a.m., Tuesdays at 10 a.m., Wednesday at 4 p.m. and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

**Volunteers needed  
to help with playground**  
Voorheesville Creative Playground will start construction on Wednesday, May 29 and continue through Sunday, June 2.

Volunteers are urgently needed to help in the building (skilled and unskilled workers are needed), and to provide meals for the workers or to babysit. If you are unable to volunteer, a contribution of lumber, tools, food or money, would be appreciated. This project will be a community effort which will be orchestrated by a member of Robert Leathers, Inc. Architectural Firm. For information, contact Elaine Burns at 765-4898 or Deb Baron at 765-9371. Remember "Get on Board - Pledge for the Playground" campaign.

The Creative Playground Com-

mittee thanks Advanced Car Wash for their generous donation to the playground fund. During the months of December and January, Tim Baldauf and Kerby Zimmerman agreed to contribute 25 cents for each car wash. The committee received a check in the amount of \$659.25.

## Air band event planned at school

On Friday, April 12 at 7 p.m., Voorheesville Elementary School will present an Air Band in the large gymnasium. Fifth and sixth graders will lip sync some favorite "oldies" and some favorite new songs. This entertainment will be enjoyed by the entire family. This event will also help benefit the Creative Playground.

Requests for transportation to private and parochial schools for students who live within the boundaries of the Voorheesville Central School District must be turned in to the district office by 4 p.m. April 1, or any weekday before then between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Request forms for the 1991-92 school year can be obtained from your child's school or from the business office at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, Voorheesville. For information call 765-3313.

## Lecture series planned for village

The Village of Voorheesville and the public library recently received a grant from the New York Council for the Humanities to fund a lecture series entitled "Voices of the American Experience: In History, in Literature, and in Film."

Stefan Bielinski will kick off the seminar on April 2, at 8 p.m. at the Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., in Voorheesville, with a lecture and slides on "Moving In and Moving Out of Colonial Albany: The Peopling of the Countryside."

On May 21 at 7:30 p.m., author William Herrick will be featured in "The Novelist as the Voice of Experience," by reading from his works and relating how life experi-

ences have shaped his novels. Herrick is the author of the award-winning "Hermanos!" based on his experiences fighting with the Lincoln Brigade during the Spanish Civil War.

The final lecture will take place on Oct. 5, at 2 p.m. when Leonard Quart presents "City of Dreams and Nightmares: New York City in Hollywood Film." Quart, an associate professor of cinema studies at the College of Staten Island/CUNY, will focus on the films "Manhattan" and "Do the Right Thing" in his talk.

The programs will be held at the library at 51 School Rd. For information, call the library at 765-2791.

## Church hosts AIDS education sessions

On April 11 and 15, the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar will host a series on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) to take place in the school auditorium from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

On Thursday, April 11, Jean Pellerin, R.N. and volunteer for the AIDS Council, will talk about the facts, feelings, and losses relating to HIV/AIDS. A video entitled, "Beyond the Labels: The Human Side of AIDS" will be shown followed by a question-and-answer session.

On Monday, April 15, Sister Diane Tucker, CSJ, will discuss her ministry to people with AIDS and the role of the church in facing HIV disease with care and compassion. Joining her will be a panel of caregivers and people whose lives have been affected by the disease. For information, call 439-5439.

## Spotlight on the Service

Air Force Sgt. David A. Drautz has deployed to the Middle East with American military forces participating in Operation Desert Storm. He is an electronic warfare systems specialist homebased at Hahn Air Base, Germany.

Drautz is the son of Kenneth E. Drautz of Latham and Peggy L. Lyman of Delmar.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Steven A. Douglas, a munitions systems technician, has arrived for duty at Kunsan Air Base, Kunsan City, South Korea.

Douglas is the son of Carmella Rivers of Feura Bush.

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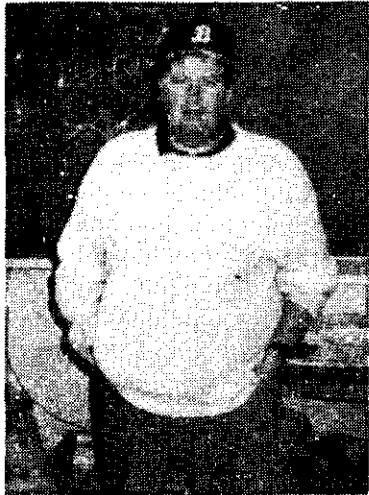
## Eagles looking forward to another winning season

By Michael Kagan

If there is a downside to achieving extraordinary levels of success, it might be that people expect you to reach the same level of success. It's a problem most people would love to have, and something Coach Ken Hodge's baseball Eagles will have to deal with for the fourth year in a row.

The Bethlehem Central team reached what most teams would call a great level of success in 1987, when it went 15-7, captured the Suburban Council's Gold Division championship, and went to the Section II finals. And in 1988, when, with a 16-8 record, the Eagles again won the Gold Division and became a sectional semi-finalist.

However, BC continued to raise



**Ken Hodge** expectations for itself the next year, winning the Gold Division, reaching the sectional semi-finals again,

and improving its record to 18-4. But those achievements were far surpassed by last year's Eagles, who, with a 21-4 record, won the Gold Division and Section II championships, captured the Central New York crown, and went to the state class A finals. Along with these feats came a resolution from the Bethlehem Town Board on June 19, signed by Supervisor Ken Ringler, recognizing the team's achievements.

The expectations for this year's Eagles are nothing short of surpassing the previous teams' accom-

plishments. Hodge's goals for his team are to win 20 games, win the Gold Division for the fifth straight year, to repeat as Section II champions, and to win the state championship. Also on his list of goals for the season is placing players in college programs and to "be the best players we can be."

Hodge said the Gold Division championship is "our major objective," followed by winning the section. "I'd like to have an opportunity to defend our championship," he said, "We're going to work hard to do that."

He thought previous successes wouldn't put much pressure on the team. "I think there's more pressure when a whole team comes back to repeat," he said.

Of the 17 players trying to make the roster, only five are returning from last year's team. Of those five, Andre Cadieux, Scott Fish, David Lorette, Mike Murphy, and Matt Quatraro, only Quatraro started all year. The other four gained playing time later in the

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## Spotlight 'speedster' on a roll

By Mike Larabee

By now you may have seen them often. I certainly have. On sidewalks or roadways, or in parking lots, people gliding in all directions on what looks like, of all things, a pair of hockey skates.

It's called rollerblading, and it's apparently not all that new. According to a spokesperson for a

company called Rollerblade, Inc. in Minneapolis, Minn., which claims about 75 percent of the current rollerblade market, the skates were invented 10 years ago in that state by two brothers (for some odd reason, the spokesperson refused to release their names). Originally used exclusively by athletes for summer training, first hockey players, then cross-country skiers, speed skaters and the like, rollerblades have over the past five years been bought more and more for recreational use.

Few people know this, but I played defenseman in the National Hockey League for four seasons in the early 1980s, first with the Vancouver Canucks and then the Nordiques (In 1983, I finished fourth in penalty minutes — my family is quite proud), so it's fair to say I'm comfortable on skates. But I'll confess a certain degree of wariness at the prospect of trying out the wheeled variety.

I borrowed a friend's pair and drove to an area he recommended — a Slingerlands residential development called Deerfield — for its new pavement, sparse traffic, and nice view of the Community United Methodist Church steeple on New Scotland Road. Once there, I parked and laced them up. My friend had provided me with knee pads as well as a pair of

padded gloves, but once I had the rollerblades on my feet, I felt suddenly confident. It was clear I didn't need all the foolish paraphernalia.

"We try to stress protective gear because rollerblades are very fast. They're a lot faster than your traditional roller skates," said Patti Zinck, the Rollerblades spokesperson. "We recommend helmets, knee pads and wrist guards."

Rollerblade calls their product "in-line" skates because, simply enough, the definitive distinction between theirs and the traditional brand of roller skate is in the arrangement of their wheels. Whereas the wheels of conventional skates are customarily set like the tires of a car, Rollerblades have four narrow polyurethane wheels aligned in a single row. With this, skating on rollerblades more closely resembles ice skating.

Hermans on Wolf Road in Colonie said it sells two brands of adult-sized rollerblades for between \$124 and \$214, and Rollerblade said its top-of-the-line model is priced at \$340. One thing to know before you acquire a pair — the wheels will wear out after a year or two of regular use. Replacement sets are currently \$24.99 at Hermans.

I was on my feet, and took a few tentative strides into the intersection of Surrey Mall and Eustic Ridge. Soon I had my bearings. It was the middle of the afternoon, and there was no traffic to

speak of save an occasional school bus (I performed a few treacherous swirls to entertain the youngsters as they passed — a group clapped with delight, one threw a rock). In due course I decided to see what the things could do.

"You can't just get on and expect to go down hill or go really fast, that takes some practice," said Zinck. "You have to be safe on them. You have to remember to skate where there's not a lot of traffic, or there's not a lot of obstacles in your way, and make sure that you have that protective gear on."

Rollerblades tells me a member of their racing team recently was clocked at 47 miles-per-hour on a flat straightaway, probably one something like Surrey Mall. It is impossible to say for certain how fast I was going, but suffice it to say that after a few times back and forth whole families had ventured out of doors to cheer me on. At one point a bright yellow Chevrolet Z28, obviously a neighborhood nuisance, sped down the road. I dug in, caught the menace, then passed him with one tremendous final stride. Just for fun, I knocked on the driver's window as I coasted by.

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# Swing into spring on many local courses

By Dev Tobin

For many, the coming of spring means only one thing — "par-teeing" on local courses.

For golfers who were unable to travel to warmer climes, it's been a long time between the last round of fall and the first of spring. But with the relatively mild winter and lack of snow cover, most area courses will open in the next couple of weeks.

Spring golf is a somewhat different game, as there is very little bounce or roll on fairways and greens because of wetness. Spring golfers also find out quite soon whether their shoes are still waterproof.

As the baby boomers pick up the sport, golf has gotten even more popular. Reserving tee times, especially on weekday afternoons and weekend mornings, has become essential.

The following survey of courses in the Colonie and Delmar area is not all-inclusive because most of the private country clubs in the area were unavailable for comment.



The Town of Colonie municipal golf course on Consaul Road features a 27-hole layout. Each nine is about 3,200 yards long from the white tees, and plays to a par of 36.

According to Don Myers, assistant superintendent, the course plans to open around April 10.

"We've done a lot of drainage

work, and it's been a mild winter, so we should be able to open by then," he said.

Unlike most municipal courses, Town of Colonie is open to residents and their guests only. Greens fees for residents are \$8 on weekdays and \$9 on weekends and holidays; for non-resident guests, the fees are \$14 during the week and \$15 on weekends and holidays. After 4:30 p.m., greens fees are \$6 for residents and \$10 for their guests. The course also offers a special senior citizen season pass for \$50, with additional fees of \$2 on weekdays and \$4.50 on weekends and holidays.

The Town of Colonie course is perhaps unique in that there are no leagues allowed, so weekday afternoon play is available. Myers cautioned that tee times are essential, and can be made by residents 48 hours in advance.

The Town of Colonie facility also features a driving range, practice putting green, tennis courts, pro

shop, lessons, and a restaurant and lounge.

The Colonie course will host the Futures golf tournament again this year, with the pro-am on Wednesday, June 26, and the 54-hole tournament on Thursday through Saturday, June 27 to 29. Sunday, June 30, is available as a rain date.

The Colonie Futures event is part of the satellite tour for the Ladies Professional Golf Association, where young women professional golfers start out on their way to the LPGA.

Mill Road Acres golf course on Mill Road in Latham is the only course in the area that's open now. Taking advantage of the lack of snow cover, the executive course opened on March 1, according to Gloria Jevons, who owns and operates the course with her husband, Jay.

"The greens are in pretty good shape this spring," Jevons said. "We were quite busy when it warmed up."

Mill Road Acres is a par-29, 1,720 yards long layout. Greens fees are \$6.50 on weekdays and \$8.50 on weekends. From 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays, the course offers a special \$4.75 rate for seniors.

Jevons said that from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on weekdays, the course has leagues scheduled. She encouraged people to call ahead for tee times to insure they don't have to wait.

Mill Road Acres has a driving range, a pro shop with club rentals and lessons, and a full-service bar and restaurant, with banquet facilities for up to 100 people.

Normanside Country Club on Salisbury Road in Elsmere is a private club that has memberships available, according to club manager Bill Finnen.

Normanside offers a par-70, 6,038-yard course that borders the Normanskill. For information on memberships and fees, prospective members should contact Mike Mashuta, the club's membership chairman, at 439-1200.

Normanside also features a pool, a driving range and pro shop, with lessons and a junior golf program.

Finnen emphasized that, although Normanside is a private golf club, its restaurant and banquet facilities are open to the public. He added that reservations are appreciated for the restaurant, which is open for lunch and dinner.

For those in the Delmar/New Scotland area who don't belong to a private club, the Albany Municipal golf course is very convenient, just over the town line on New Scotland Avenue in Albany.

The municipal course is open to non-city residents, although the greens fees are higher. City residents pay \$8, while non-resident fees are \$12 on weekdays and \$15 on weekends and holidays.

According to Michael Breen, head cashier at the course, Albany Muni intends to open around April 1 if the weather holds.

Breen noted that the \$3 million new back nine for the course, which will be much less hilly than the old layout, is scheduled to open on July 12.

With the new nine, Albany Muni will play longer than it used to, Breen said.

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# Reserve a place in the great outdoors

By Kathleen Shapiro

If you're planning on packing up your tent and communing with the great outdoors once the warm weather hits, you'd better have a reservation.

With the economy weighing heavily on vacationers' minds this spring and summer, area campgrounds are expecting heavy business.

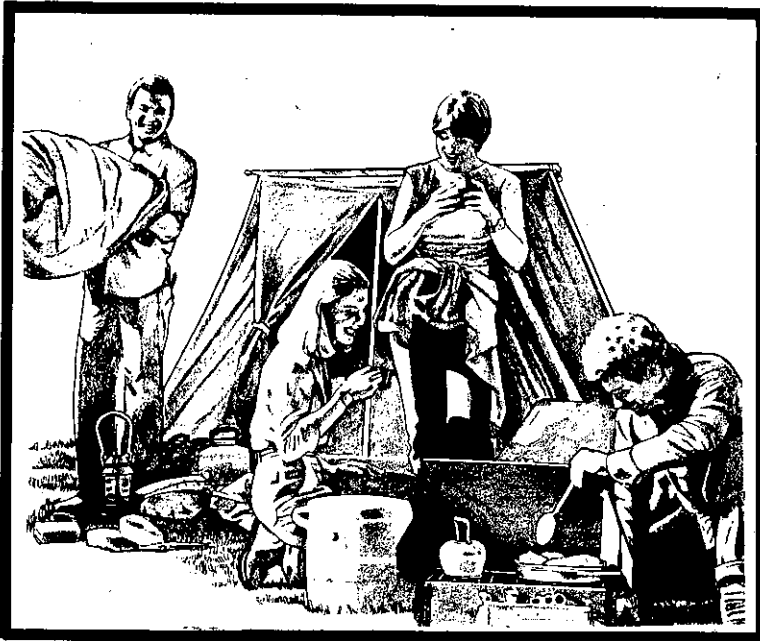
While the recent tourism slump has reportedly managed to touch those closest to nature—some camping industry sources estimate business may have been down as much as 20 percent last year—local campgrounds say they haven't seen much evidence to back up such dire statistics. On the contrary, business is booming.

"I'm already three-quarters booked for Memorial Day," said Jacklyn Dyer, owner of Deer Run Campgrounds in Schaghticoke. And she isn't the only one.

"We encourage reservations," said Ed Gardener, owner of Lake George Campsites and RV Sales in Queensbury. "In order to get a good site during the season, it's almost mandatory."

Most private campgrounds will accept reservations by phone, though many require one night's deposit either by credit card or mail.

Getting a site in one of New York state's 150 campgrounds may be a bit more involved. Under the state's new campground reservation system inaugurated last summer, campers in need of a site are



instructed to call a toll-free number connecting them with Mistix, a California-based reservations firm.

With the aid of a central computer, Mistix operators on duty are able to take reservations or suggest alternative state campgrounds if the caller's first choice has no sites available.

While the state argues that the new computerized system is a more efficient and equitable way of handling reservations, many seasoned campers have reported problems ranging from the quality of the California operators to the

relevance of some of the information required to make a reservation.

"It's a tragedy," said Gardener of the new system. "The reservation process is hideous, and the operators have no idea of New York's geography. A lot of people have been complaining."

The state itself admits there were problems getting the new system off the ground. "We got geared up late last year, and it's possible that there wasn't adequate training of operators," explained Steven Osbourne, a spokesperson for the state Parks Agency.

## Stiff Japanese rules

School means different things to different people.

As grown-ups we have been known to tell our children "that school days are the best days of your life" and they never to agree with us. You can't blame them because we didn't believe that propaganda when our folks told that to us.

In Tokyo's biggest secondary school, they have a 28-page rule book. Share these Japanese school rules with your children and even they will agree that American school rules are not so bad.

- Long hair and curls are not allowed and any students with naturally curly hair must produce proof that they were born that way.

- When a pupil is spoken to by a teacher of the opposite sex, the distance between them must be more than eight inches.

- Girls must wear white underwear.

- Pupils must march to assembly, with eyes turned towards teachers.

- The length of toilet paper used must not exceed 11.8 inches.

- The number of pleats in a girl's skirt must not exceed 24.

These rules probably make our school rules seem a lot more lenient.

## Diamonds still No. 1

Most women aren't as blatant about the subject of diamonds as Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell were in "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend," but according to Lloyd Jaffe, chairman of the American Diamond Industry Association (ADIA), diamonds continue to be America's number one gemstone. Jaffe said "In 1990, more than \$11 billion was spent on approximately 18.4 million pieces of diamond jewelry in the United States.

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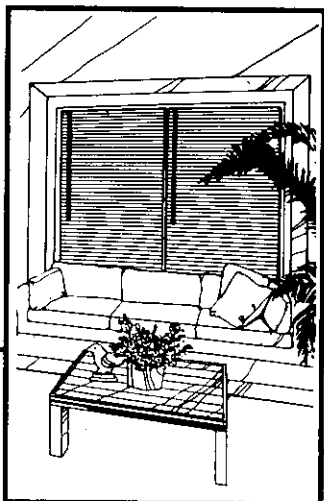
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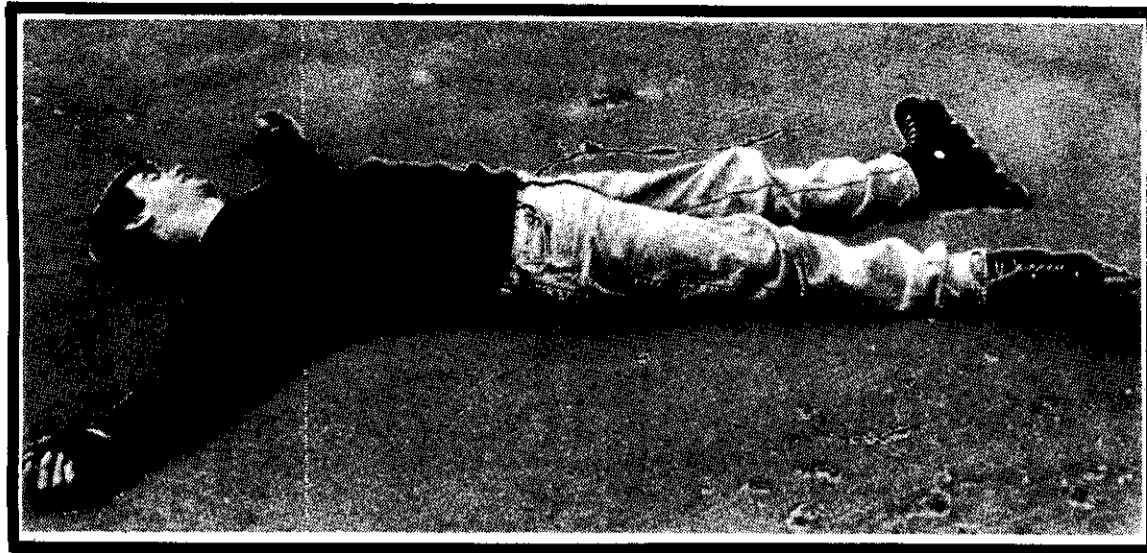
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Rollerblade makers recommend safety gear, especially for the first time user.

## Rollerblading

(From Page 1)

It was all quite easy, actually. And soon my attention was drawn toward the top of Middlesex Drive, a street that sinks away from Surrey Mall at roughly 180 degree angle, swings abruptly at perfect right angle to the left, then narrows to a razor-thin patch of pavement over a pit of molten lava (I swear this is not an exaggeration). I couldn't resist.

"You've just got to know how to stop on them," Zinck said. "There's

different techniques on how to stop, it's all in how you prefer doing it. You kind of put one foot in front of the other, which ever foot has the break on the back, you drag that break on the pavement. The other foot is in front of you, also kind of its back wheels."

"So you're kind of in a split position, one leg's behind, one leg's forward," she said.

Half-way down it occurred to me I had clearly overlooked something, as the astute reader has no doubt already apprehended. I had

no idea how to stop. It came to issue long before the lava pit, at the point of the left turn. At the bottom of the hill, crouched in front of an idyllic Surrey Mall neo-colonial residence, a line of shrubbery beckoned. Recalling everything I had ever learned in the hockey rink, I turned sideways and began a gigantic, screeching, gravel-spewing skid-stop (which, incidentally, you cannot do on rollerblades).

As for the rest, only the shrubbery and I know for sure.

Sal Prividera Jr.

## Walk your way to fitness

About 67 million men and women—or one of every four Americans—walk regularly for exercise, the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports estimates. Walking, in fact, has become the nation's most popular form of exercise.

It's easy and inexpensive and doctors say it's safe. It's also relaxing and at the same time invigorating, requires little athletic skill and does not call for club membership or special equipment other than sturdy, comfortable shoes, according to the American Podiatric Medical Association.

The results of walking are physically rewarding—a trim, fit body better able to enhance general health and the addition of more enjoyable years to your life.

Fundamental walking, also called health-walking, can be done almost anywhere and at anytime, year-round. It is simple and uncomplicated—physical fitness at your leisure.

If you are free of serious health problems, you can start walking with confidence, according to the APMA. You should, of course, exercise good judgment, not exceed the limits of your condition and not walk outdoors during ex-

treme weather periods until you have a good walking program established, the medical group advises.

However, the APMA says you should consult your family doctor or a podiatric physician before you begin a walking regimen. A checkup is suggested, particularly if you are over 60, have a disease or disability or are taking medications. An examination is also suggested for individuals who are 35 to 60, substantially overweight, easily fatigued, excessive smokers or have been physically inactive.

When choosing walking footwear, focus on comfort and fit, the APMA says. Select a good quality, lightweight walking shoes with breathable upper materials such as leather or nylon mesh. The heel counter (a stiffener to give permanent form to the heel) should be firm. The heel should be positioned closer to the ground for walking stability and the front of the shoe should have adequate support and flexibility.

Fit is essential. Go to a reputable store and have both shoes fitted for length and width with the socks you'll be using. Do this late in the afternoon, since your feet swell enough during the day affecting your shoe size. Make sure the shoe is snug, but not too tight over the sock. The shoe should have plenty of room for the toes to move around.

Lift that chin, swings those arms, go solo or invite a friend, you're going to feel good!

## Totally cool braces

Today's "totally cool" kids may have surprising—and even colorful—smiles! New options in colored braces and retainers let young brace wearers make a fashion statement with their mouths, according to the American Association of Orthodontists.

Elastics, the small rubber bands used with braces, are now available in a whole spectrum of colors from neons to pastels. Bracewearers can change their elastics to coordinate with their outfits, or they can be festive for holidays—red and green for Christmas, red for Valentine's Day, pastels for Easter and spring and so on.

Retainers, usually worn after the braces are removed, can also be made in different colors and even combinations of several colors for a rainbow effect.

And brackets, the portion of the braces bonded directly to the teeth, even come in colors. Although not interchangeable like elastics or removable like retainers, colored brackets can add real spark to a smile.

The color craze is more than just a way for teens to assert their individuality, orthodontists say. This latest trend can help patients of any age feel more enthusiastic about braces. And happy, cooperative patients are a key element to successful orthodontic treatment.

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# Bethlehem gymnast named All-American

Colleen Teal, daughter of Chet and Sharon Boehlke of Delmar and Robert Teal of Rensselaer, and a Bethlehem Central High School graduate, was recently named an All-American at the Division III National Gymnastics Championships at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn.

Teal, a sophomore at Ithaca College, finished fourth in the vault and qualified for the finals on the floor exercise. The top six in each category are granted All-American status.

Teal finished with a rank of 10 out of 25 nationally. A total of 96 women competed in the three-day event. She trains with D.C. Stars in Delmar.

In January, against Navy, Teal was the top all-around finisher for Ithaca, and placed third overall. Later in the month, while the Ithaca Bombers defeated the State University of New York at Brockport, Teal tied for first place in the

all-around competition, and finished first on the balance beam. One week after this win, Teal's team, coached by Rick Suddaby, suffered their first defeat of the season from Springfield. However, Teal placed first on the vault with a (9.1).

In a meet with MIT and Rhode Island, she led the way for Ithaca by winning the vault and floor exercise events, and placing second in the all-around.

At the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships at SUNY Cortland, on Feb. 23, Teal, a psychology major, earned All-Conference honors, finishing sixth on the balance beam (8.65) and fifth on the vault (9.05).

Coach Suddaby said he's "impressed with Colleen's consistency in practice and in competition. She works hard and is motivated to be one of the best gymnasts in Division III."  
*Erin Sullivan*



The Troy-Academy Youth Hockey Association's winning White Mites and coach John McNiven (right).

# Bethlehem youth help White Mites skate to victory

The White Mites of the Troy-Academy Youth Hockey Association (TAYHA), coached by John McNiven of Elm Estates, concluded its 1990-91 season by capturing the Mite Division (ages 7 to 9) championship at the Clifton Park Youth Hockey Association last week.

The White Mites posted a pair of 8-4 victories over Clifton Park's Blue Spruce Nursery and Rainbird Sprinklers, and advanced to the championship game by edging out Colony Craft Homes 3-1. They overcame a determined Schenectady squad to take the title match 5-3. Terry Evans (defense) was honored with a trophy for most sportsmanlike player of the team by tournament officials.

Earlier this month the White Mites won the TAYHA mite house league tournament.

Twelve of the players on the team live in the Town of Bethlehem: Chris Abbott, Jimmy Corrigan, Brian Fage, Jake Gross, Peter Hemstead, Gavin McNiven, Trevor McNiven, Billy Noonan, Kenny Porter, Mike Sengenberger, Tom Smith, Jim Travis and goalie Adam DiMuria. Other team members are David Hudson of Albany, Evans of West Sand Lake and Joey Gimondo of Loudonville.

# Star Bowlers

Bowling honors for the week of March 17, at Del Lanes in Delmar, go to:

Sr. Cit. Men — George Bickel 236; John Buzo 574 triple; Harold Eck 834 (4 game series).

Sr. Cit. Women — June Kawczak 183; Terri Price 480 triple.

Men — John Bickel 268, 996 (4 game series); Russ Hunter 268; Bob Boomhower 268; Ron Bell 692 triple.

Women — Carol Matthews 233; Michelle Boyle 592 triple.

Classic Major Boys — Matt Barkman 258, 964 (4 game series); Jason Bardin 276, 926 (4 game series).

Classic Major Girls — Lisa Green 181, 640 (4 game series).

Classic Junior Boys — Jeff Dievendorf 233, 849 (4 game series).

Classic Jr. Girls — Melanie Dale 192, 710 (4 game series).

Jr. Boys — Scott Lomonco 182, 517 triple.

Jr. Girls — Angie Amsler 222, 541 triple.

Bantam Girls — Deanna Dougherty 113, 303 triple.

# Birds to play 'exceptional' game

By Erin Elizabeth Sullivan

Two Voorheesville boys varsity basketball players, junior Erin Sullivan and senior Todd Rockmore, were voted Class CC All-Stars. Junior Steve Lapinski, was named to the Colonial Council All-Stars' first team, while Rockmore was named to the third team. Sullivan and senior Rick Adams received honorable mentions.

Rockmore will represent Voorheesville at the Colonial Exceptional Senior Game, to be played tonight, March 27, at Watervliet at 7:30 p.m.

The Voorheesville girls varsity basketball team had two players

named to the Colonial Council All-Stars team. Sophomore Courtney Langford was named to the second team, while junior Donna Zautner was placed on the third team.

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# Birds' coach says returning players add power and experience to team

By Erin Elizabeth Sullivan

As baseball season rolls around, the Voorheesville varsity boys baseball team will see a good deal of returning players.

The team is again very young. Because of the absence of a junior varsity team last year, the varsity was stacked with freshmen and sophomores. This may have hurt the team last year, but now it will be helpful. Coach Don McDonald said, "Last year a lot of players were forced into varsity play, but these players are much farther ahead than they would have been playing JV."

A good nucleus of returning players will step on the field this season.

Kevin Taylor is the sole returning senior. He has proven to be one of the Blackbirds' better pitchers, and he will do some catching. Junior Tom Giantasio will see some action behind the plate, but will anchor the outfield at center. Giantasio carried the team during the second half of the 1990 season in hitting. He earned an honorable mention on the All-Conference team, finishing 16th in the league with a .355 average. While McDonald was pleased, he said he feels that Giantasio is capable of more. "He has to learn the mental part of hitting," he said. McDonald said he is hoping that "Tom will cut down on his swing and not go for the long ball."

Junior Eric Logan and sophomore Greg Sullivan will again work their combination at shortstop and

## Baseball

second base, respectively. McDonald said he hopes these "two excellent infielders" will be "a big help in the lineup." He continued, "I'll expect them to do more with the bat this year."

Sophomores Derek Lewis and Kevin Meade will work in the outfield. According to McDonald, "They saw a lot of playing time last year and will see more this year."

Additional support to the team will be juniors Mike Angelo helping in the outfield and infield, Jack Brennan, one of the Birds' top pitchers, and Mike Gaudio, playing infield. Mike Welker, a sophomore, will help out where needed.

McDonald said he will count on junior Dan Carmody and senior Dan Tarullo to take the roll of co-captains. Carmody will play first base and Tarullo will be at third.

Two new-comers to the team are seniors Sean Foley and Scott Renker. They are playing for the first time in several years, but with their "athletic ability" they will help out in the outfield, according to McDonald.

Because all the players will have had at least one year's experience on varsity, McDonald said he sees his team better than last year's. He said he'll "expect a lot from those without varsity experience."

"With hard work and our experience, we will be a good team," McDonald said.

As for base-running skills, the Blackbirds have better than average speed. This will provide many hit and run, run and hit opportunities for the Birds. McDonald said "technical offensive strategies" are in the works.

The Birds also have better pitching this season, according to McDonald. All of last year's pitchers are returning. Tarullo and Carmody will contribute in this area in addition to Taylor and Brennan.

"We are in one of the toughest conferences in the Capital District," McDonald said. He looks to Albany Academy, Lansingburgh and Watervliet as the tougher teams in the league. They were the top three teams last year, with Academy and Watervliet losing only two players.

Jim Duncan, the JV coach, has been helping McDonald with coaching. Jim Birdsall recently joined the coaches at the modified level. "We have a good staff this year," according to McDonald.

"We are going to surprise a lot of people," McDonald said. "We are returning a year smarter and stronger. I have a great bunch of guys who are a close knit team. I want them to have fun and learn baseball; this might result in some wins."

## Bank names vp

David Vigoda, of Delmar, recently joined Norstar Trust Co. as vice president, administration.

## Eagles

season, particularly in the tournament, and vastly improved their play, according to Hodge.

Fish (4-0 last season), who moved into the starting rotation in late April of last year, will be the Eagle's number one starter on the three person rotation. Hodge said he mixes good movement with good location and throws strikes, leading to a good strikeout to walk ratio. Hodge added, "I'm looking for a very successful season for him." Five players, senior Mike Hallisey, juniors Mike Aylward and Matt Shortell, and sophomores Josh Lanni and Dave Miles, the only left-handed pitcher trying out, are competing for the second and third starting spots. Hodge said, though, that more than three pitchers will be placed on the final roster.

Hodge said the main obstacle for the team is the relative youth of the pitching staff, and that the success of the team will hinge on the performances of the second and third starters. He said, "Some younger pitchers will have to gain experience quick."

## Hodge institutes media ban on release of player statistics

By Michael Kagan

Many people dream of the life of the star athlete, where a player's outstanding statistics are reported through the media so that everyone knows how good the player is. However, in many sports, coaches feel the obsession with individual statistics that often occurs can hurt team morale and overall team

performance. Among the probable starting position players are sophomore shortstop Mike Gambelunge at leadoff and senior center fielder Cadieux in the second slot in the batting order. Senior first baseman and outfielder Lorette, senior third baseman Murphy, and junior catcher Quatraro will probably fill the third, fourth, and fifth positions, although not necessarily in that order. Senior Chris Black will most likely play left field, according to Hodge.

Sophomore Chris Macaluso, who Hodge said "is as good as a lot of catchers in the league," will back up Quatraro and has also been learning to play second base. Senior Matt Bechard, a second baseman, may be used to fill the newly created job of designated runner. Senior Frank Daley and junior Adam Perry, both of whom Hodge said have been improving rapidly, will add depth to the outfielding corps, along with Bill Karins, who is being converted from an infielder to an outfielder. Hodge called Karins "a good offensive player who needs a position." Aylward not only pitches, but also can play third base and may fill the designated hitter position.

performance.

Fearing this, and also believing that statistics can often be misleading, Bethlehem Central's baseball coach Ken Hodge has instituted a new policy for this upcoming season of not releasing the standard, individual statistics of baseball (i.e. batting average, earned run average, etc.) to the press. Hodge said he will give out the statistics to college and pro scouts.

This is the first season he has used this policy. Last year he posted the statistics of returning players before the season began. This year, however, he will not release that information, saying, "I don't stress individual stats. I firmly believe in keeping team statistics."

These team statistics come in the form of team production charts, which award points for several aspects of the sport not accounted for in the standard statistics, such as advancing runners.

## Doane Stuart honor students named

Doane Stuart School has named students who received high honors and honors for the second quarter of the academic year.

High honors: Bart D'Alauro, Glenmont; Elizabeth Line, Delmar; James Hogan, Maureen Hogan, Selkirk.

Honors: Juliette Braun, Delmar; Seth Rector, Ryan Boyle, Slingerlands.

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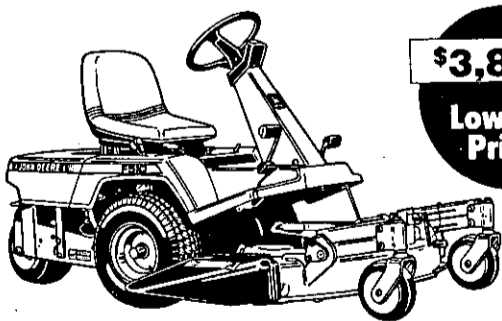
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Karl E. Manne and Jennifer J. Volkmar

## Manne, Volkmar to wed

Dr. John E. Manne and Barbara Brennan of Delmar have announced the engagement of their son, Karl E. Manne, to Jennifer J. Volkmar, daughter of Jay and Virginia Volkmar of Oxford, Conn.

Manne is a graduate of Hartwick College, and is currently complet-

ing his second year at Albany Law School.

Volkmar attended Hartwick College, and will graduate from the State University at Albany this May.

A May wedding is planned.

## Gifford, Oldaker engaged

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Gabriels of Slingerlands, and Dr. Lawrence M. Gifford of E. Rutherford, N.J. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Caroline Gifford, to R. Thomas Oldaker,

son of Barbara and Robert Lee Oldaker of Greenville, S.C.

Gifford is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School. Both Gifford and Oldaker are graduates of Clemson University.

## Glenmont lawyer visits European firm

David J. Wukitsch, a principal in the law firm of McNamee, Lochner, Titus and Williams, a resident of Glenmont, spent the last two weeks in March visiting the law firm of Lafili and Van Crombrughe in Brussels, Belgium. Wukitsch will observe a major Brussels law firm, learn about the impact of Belgian and other European legal systems on business operations, provide information on

U.S. law as it affects European operations in this country and will further develop relationships with the Belgian legal and business community.

The impetus for the relationship between the two law firms was the economic development mission led by Albany Mayor Thomas M. Whalen, III to Belgium in September, 1990.

## Delmar student is Merit finalist

Bart D'Alauro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred D'Alauro of Delmar School, has been named one of three finalists in the 1991 National Merit Scholarship Competition.

To qualify as finalists students must have an outstanding academic record, be performed by the school principal, performed well on the SAT and complete a detailed scholarship application.

## Births

### St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Christina Theresa, to Theresa and John Springer, Voorheesville, Jan. 3.

Boy, Jacob Christopher, to Michele and Clifford Marks, Voorheesville, Jan. 27.

Boy, Kyle Dain, to Bonnie and James LaFleur, South Bethlehem, Jan. 28.

Boy, Cody Garrett, to Vess Millett-Peck and Guy P. Peck, Selkirk, Jan. 29.

Boy, Gregory John, to Donna and Thomas Richards, Selkirk, Jan. 30.

Girl, Kelsey Patricia, to Kathryn Lambert and Steven R. McNary, Delmar, Feb. 4.

Girl, Kristen Ashley, to Mary Anne and John Yates, Glenmont, Feb. 27.

Girl, Sandra Fox, to Lisa K. Fox and Timothy J. Bender, Delmar, Feb. 28.

Girl, Brittony E., to Johna M. and Fred H. Palmer, Ravena, March 2.

Girl, Amanda Marie, to Donna and Joseph O'Brien, Voorheesville, March 8.

## Dean's List

State University at Oswego — Ellen B. Barker, Michele A. Buenau, Jennifer E. Flynn, Crystal Lynn Fournier and Jeffrey P. Hauser, Delmar; Heather C. Syrett, Selkirk; Bridget T. Depasquale, Heather Ane Glock, Cheryl L. Nendza and Martha M. Wagner, Voorheesville.

Ursinus College — Diane Stefens, Delmar.

Geneseo — Stephanie L. Brown, Todd C. Hughes and Amy L. Pierce, Slingerlands; Joseph C. Colburn Jr., Marie D. Gobeille and Kyle E. Relyea, Voorheesville; Danielle J. Rinsler, Delmar.

Regents College — Judy M. Sigadel, Delmar; Judith E. Swasey, Slingerlands.

Providence College — Anthony R. Caputo II, Maryann K. Pallante, Nicole Stokes, James P. Walsh Jr., Delmar.

Villanova University — John F. Burda, Glenmont.

## Martin, Vadney to wed

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Vadney of Delmar have announced the engagement of their son, Joel Mark Vadney, to Mariellen Rae Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Martin of Delanson.

Vadney is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and State University at Cobleskill. He is employed with his father as an underground plumber.

Martin is a graduate of State University at Cobleskill. She is employed by Tri-Noble Stables in Esperance.

An August wedding is planned.



Mariellen Rae Martin

## Richards, Dell'Aquilo to wed

Dr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Richards of Glenmont have announced the engagement of their daughter, Roberta Lynn, to Paul Joseph Dell'Aquilo, son of Elizabeth Dell'Aquilo of Old Westbury.

Richards is a graduate of Syracuse University. She is a copy editor at Financial World magazine.

Dell'Aquilo is a graduate of Hofstra University. He is an audit officer at Citicorp in Manhattan.

An October 26 wedding is planned.

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A special thank you to my Family, Carol Weisenburn, Rev. A. Janssen, Pastor W. Winterhoff and Vicar P. Wagner for their many visits and Prayers.

God Bless you all,

Katherine Williams



## Community Corner

### Retired executive holds business clinic

On April 16, at 7:30 p.m., Sidney M. Kaplan, a representative from SCORE, and Irving Levine from the U.S. Small Business Administration, will present a program identifying small business resources in the Capital District.

As a member of the Service Corps of Retired Executives, Kaplan has served as a counselor to many fledging entrepreneurs and will bring his practical experience to the program.

The program will take place at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. It is free and open to the public. Please register by calling, 439-9314.

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Acceptable items are: yard wastes (leaves, grass clippings,

etc.) rakes loose to curbside, or placed in reusable containers, or placed in biodegradable paper bags; brush and branches (bundling not required during spring cleanup); wood fencing; waste wood or lumber; wooden swingsets; wooden bed frames (no mattresses or box springs); wooden lawn furniture (no cushions); bicycles; and storm windows.

Unacceptable items include:

garbage or trash; appliances or televisions; stuffed furniture, mattresses or rugs; batteries; tires; propane tanks; metal barrels or drums; stumps; containers of motor oil or fuel; and household hazardous waste such as paint solvents, paints, pesticides, wood preservatives, fuel or oil, other household chemicals (store safely for future townwide Household Hazardous Waste Day).

For information, call 767-9618.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA

(Pursuant to section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law) Notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review. This data is the information which will appear on the tentative assessment roll of the Town of Bethlehem which will be filed on or before May 1, 1991. The information may be reviewed, by appointment, in the Assessor's Office at 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, on Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. An appointment to review the assessment information may be made by telephoning the assessor at 518-439-4955.

Dated this 27th day of March.  
John F. Thompson  
Assessor  
(March 27, 1991)

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### LEGAL NOTICE

29, 1991 between the hours of 12-3 PM, at the Bus Garage

Voorheesville Central School District  
by: David K. Teuten  
Clerk  
(March 27, 1991)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 3, 1991, at 8:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Douglas and Diane Bender, 14 Quail Hollow Road, Glenmont, New York 12077 for Variance under Article XVIII, Rear Yard, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem to construct a wooden deck encroaching into the rear yard setback at premises 14 Quail Hollow Road, Glenmont, New York.

Charles B. Fritts  
Chairman  
Board of Appeals  
(March 27, 1991)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, N.Y. on the 10th day of April, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. to consider amending the Traffic Ordinance of the Town of Bethlehem in the following respect:

1. Amend ARTICLE 1, STOP INTERSECTIONS, by adding a new paragraph ffff to read as follows:

(ffff) The intersection of Carriage Road and Village Drive is hereby designated as a Stop Intersection with a Stop Sign to be erected on Carriage Road.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

LYONS TOWN CLERK  
Dated: March 13, 1991  
(March 27, 1991)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 3, 1991, at 7:45 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of M & W Associates, P.O. Box 271, Ravena, New York 12143 for Variance under Article XVI, Front Yards, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem, existing front porch encroaching into the front yard setback at premises 826 Elm Avenue, Selkirk, New York 12158.

Charles B. Fritts  
Chairman  
Board of Appeals  
(March 27, 1991)

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ROUTE 85A VOORHEESVILLE, NEW YORK 12186

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Voorheesville Central School District by: David K. Teuten  
Clerk  
(March 27, 1991)

## Obituaries

### Marguerite MacIntosh

Marguerite E. MacIntosh, 79, a resident of New Scotland Road in Slingerlands, died Saturday, March 23, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Albany, she lived in Slingerlands for more than 60 years. Mrs. MacIntosh had worked as a clerk for the state Department of the Treasury, retiring in 1975.

Survivors include her mother, Marguerite Buker of Albany; her husband Earl MacIntosh; three sons, Earl MacIntosh Jr. of Guilderland, David MacIntosh of Albany and Harold MacIntosh of Amsterdam; two daughters, Mrs. Shirley Prah of Amsterdam and Mrs. Beverly Lenox of Townville, S.C.; two brothers, Michael Buker of Rensselaer and Harry Buker of Slingerlands; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Service were from Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

### Joseph J. Blank

Joseph J. Blank, 83, of Bethlehem Terrace Apartments, Slingerlands, former pharmacy owner, died Sunday, March 17, in Albany Memorial Hospital.

Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Blank lived in the Capital District most of his life. He was a graduate of the Albany College of Pharmacy.

Before retiring in 1971, he was the owner and operator of the Boulevard Pharmacy in Albany for many years.

He was a member of the Shaker Ridge Country Club and B'nai B'rith.

Mr. Blank is survived by his

wife, Toby Katz Blank; a son, Dr. Alan Blank of Los Angeles; a daughter, Marilyn Ramsdale of Albany; two sisters, Esther Kulkin of Los Angeles and Rhoda Green of Albany; and two granddaughters.

Services were from Levine Memorial Chapel, 649 Washington Ave., Albany.

Burial will be in the Beth Abraham Jacob Cemetery, Guilderland.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders of the Capital District, PO Box 8809, Albany 12208.

### James J. Banahan

James J. Banahan, 85 of Selkirk died Sunday, March 24 in St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Mr. Banahan, a native of Albany, had lived there until moving to Selkirk. He was a roofer and was a member of Sheet Metal Workers Union Local 83 in Albany. He retired in 1975.

Mr. Banahan was a member of St. John-St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church in Albany.

He was a member of the Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233. He was husband of the late Myra Domery Banahan.

He is survived by a sister, Mary Snyder of Bradenton, Fla.

Services are at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday (today) in the Dreis Funeral Home, Albany and at 9 a.m. in St. John-St. Ann's Church.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to St. John-St. Ann's Church or St. Peter's Hospice.

### Agency opens program for disabled adolescents

Living Resources, a Capital District agency providing services to developmentally disabled individuals, has opened enrollment to the public for their After School Program. This program serves mentally retarded and other disabled adolescents from 12 to 21 years of age.

It is a recreational and learning program which provides a stimulating, but relaxed environment for

adolescents while allowing parents to continue their workday. Individuals in the program participate in board games, crafts or other group activities as well as group discussions and outings. Staff are trained in first aid and emergency procedures.

The program operates at two sites in Albany and Latham. Hours are from 2:30 to 6 p.m. each week-day. For information, call 438-6472.

## THE YOUTH NETWORK

### BC's "Pit" getting new lease on life

Those of us who grew up in Bethlehem will remember the "Pit." For those of you who can't imagine what we are referring to, the "Pit" is the basement area of Bethlehem Central Middle School, which in years past had been used as a teen "hang-out" and was equipped with pool tables, pinball machines, lounge areas, and a snack bar. In more recent years the area has not been usable, due to the discovery of asbestos and other problems.

Last year's Bethlehem Central School District Bond Issue provided funds for asbestos removal, and this has been com-

pleted. This year, BOU has brought together a committee of people who are willing and able to give the Pit the facelift needed to reopen as a youth center. Professional contractors from the community are donating time and materials to do additional work. Others have volunteered labor.

It is hoped that the Pit can reopen by late March or early April for a trial run with paid supervision. If you are interested in helping with the project by giving time, expertise, money or items, call Holly Billings at 439-6885.

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## Local pets are pictures of 'purrfection'

By Susan Wheeler

Some are playful, others are sensitive or serious, but all the pets entered in the Whiskers Animal Benevolent League's cutest pet photo contest are well-loved.

Photos for the contest, one photo per pet, will be accepted until Monday, April 1. They should be mailed to Whiskers Animal Benevolent League, P.O. Box 6625, Albany 12206 or call 489-0653 for details. The pet photos will be displayed at Crossgates Mall in Guilderland from Friday, April 5 to Sunday, April 7. While on display, the public is invited to vote, 25 cents for each ballot cast, for the cutest pet photo. All proceeds benefit Whiskers, a not-for-profit group that runs an Albany shelter for stray, abandoned and abused animals.

The winning photo's owner will receive two tickets to the fourth annual Whisker's Gala of Animals and a \$25 gift certificate for Rumford Pet Center in Crossgates Mall.

Whiskers is being "bombarded with photos," according to Leslie Mann, president of Whisker's board of directors. The league has received over 150 photos and they're still pouring in. "We've gotten some darling photos."

Dogs, cats, a rabbit, a goat and a "very cute

rat" are among the contest photos' subjects, according to Karen Pirozzi, the contest chairperson and a Whiskers volunteer. "It really touches me to see all the pictures," she said. "Someone really loves these animals. It's so sweet."

The photo contest evolved out of the group's fund-raising event, Gala of Animals, Pirozzi said. The dinner, held at Albany Center Galleries, is a time for animal lovers to exchange tidbits on their pets. "Most bring their pet's photo," she said.

This year the contest photos will be displayed at the gallery, Pirozzi said. A special place of honor will be reserved for the winning photo. If dinner guests haven't submitted a picture to the contest, they can still bring them to the gala. Talking about the pets' pictures "helps to break the ice," she said.

Tax-deductible tickets for the gala, scheduled



for April 18 from 5:30 to 8 p.m., are available for \$25 each. Pirozzi said she's making arrangements for groomers and pet-supply stores to be on-hand for the diners "to look and learn from." The photo contest hours are from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Pirozzi said that she's gotten "a kick out of the pictures." In addition, the photos' owners are proud to have their pets displayed. "Just stop by to look at the photos," she said, "and vote."

Contest voters are encouraged to vote as often as they wish, Pirozzi said, because Whiskers' animals benefit from the proceeds. "It's a chance to stuff the ballot box," she said, "and buying votes is legal. The money is going to a good cause, to those who don't have anyone."

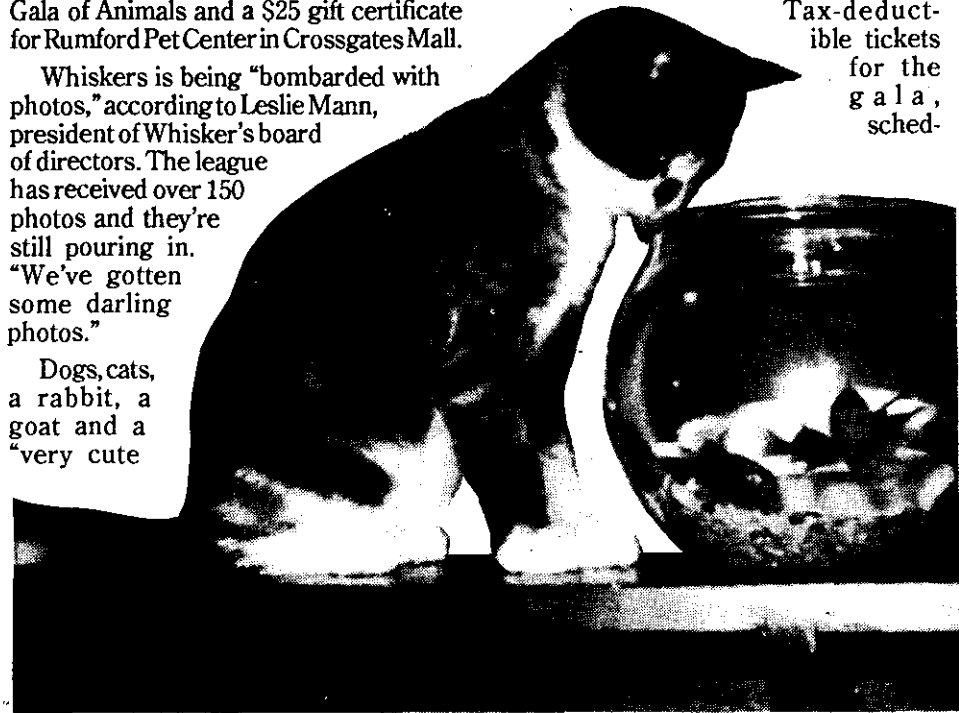
Whiskers, which receives no public funding, relies solely on volunteer help, according to Mann. The organization, begun in 1983 by Joan Duer, was first supported by a thrift shop Duer oper-

ated in Albany. Mann, a Whiskers volunteer since 1985, took over as head of the league in 1987. She said she closed the shop to put together a shelter, which specializes in cats "because no one else does," to provide many different services.

Some of the services the organization offers is an adoption service, a spay/neuter program, a lost and found service, an animal abuse hotline, and a landlord/tenant listing service. Mann, who is licensed by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said the group is "pro-active" in keeping the animals, dogs as well as cats, spayed or neutered. She said the end result of two cats who have a litter of two, who in turn have a litter of two, and so on for 10 years, is 13.9 million cats. "We provide spaying or neutering and vaccinations for the animals," she said. Last year the group oversaw more than 550 animals spayed or neutered.

The 85-plus volunteers, who direct all of the services, racked up over 12,000 hours

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## Vietnam era play to benefit memorial

By Debi Boucher

The aftermath of the Persian Gulf war is an apt time for the production of "Popeye Canfield," according to its director, Rick Kelsey.

The play will be performed at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall on April 13 as a benefit for the Rensselaer County Vietnam Memorial. The action focuses on the effects of the Vietnam War on eight college buddies in 1969. The production, Kelsey feels, is a way of giving Vietnam veterans some of the attention and respect they missed when they came home from the war — which, if belated, may be much appreciated in light of the hero's welcome being given the soldiers returning from the Mideast conflict.

"I'm glad that we're showing them some respect," he said of the veterans. "I feel

real good about this, because it's going to help build the Vietnam Memorial."

Kelsey, of Clifton Park, assembled a cast and began rehearsals of "Popeye Canfield" a year ago, but attempts to get funding for the production failed, and it was put on hold. When he heard about the Rensselaer County Vietnam Memorial Committee's efforts to raise money for a war memorial, Kelsey contacted the group. "I thought it was a great opportunity," he said.

Jim Davey, president of the Rensselaer County Vietnam Memorial Committee, said he liked the idea of producing a play about Vietnam. Aside from its fund-raising potential, he said, the production can help people understand the Vietnam era. "Any light that can be shed

upon those days — those very complicated days — is a good thing," he said.

The author of the play, Jim LaBate of Clifton Park, wrote it as a thesis for his master's degree from the College of Saint Rose. "I probably would have written the play anyway," he said, "but this kind of inspired me." The play, he said, focuses not so much on the war itself, but how a handful of draft-age college men react to the prospect of involvement in it. Popeye Canfield, the main character, is a senior, and something of a "bigshot" on campus, LaBate said, while his roommate, Mark, a freshman, is less sure of himself. The pair's only common bond

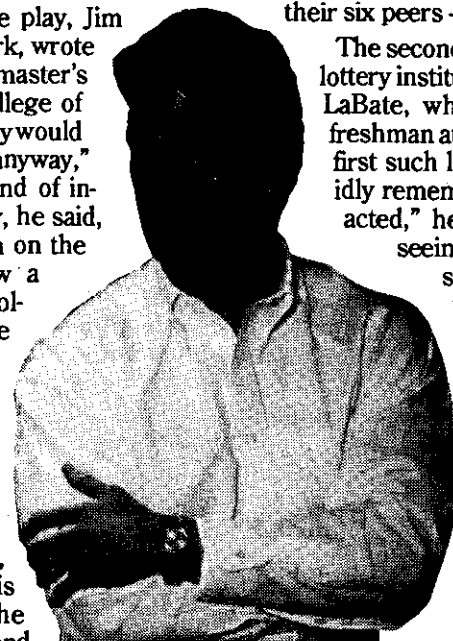
is baseball. As the play progresses, the outlook of the two young men — and those of their six peers — change.

The second act focuses on the draft lottery instituted during the war, said LaBate, who remembers being a freshman at Siena College when the first such lottery took place. "I vividly remember how the seniors reacted," he said. The prospect of seeing "Popeye Canfield" on stage is "pretty exciting" to LaBate, who has written two other plays — both unproduced — and is currently working on a fourth.

LaBate pointed out that his play, unlike some other productions dealing with the same subject matter, is suitable for a family au-



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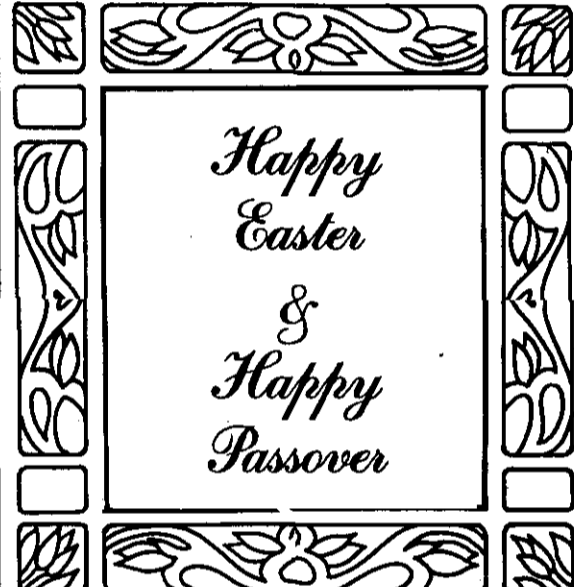
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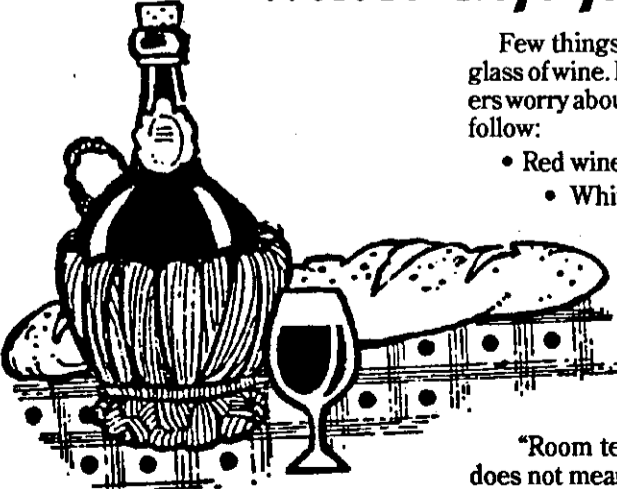
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There is also a tradition that red wines must be opened an hour or two before serving to give them a chance to "breath."

Don't fill the glass more than halfway, since you want to appreciate that aroma. If you are enjoying a red, you may want to cradle the bowl of the goblet in you hands to warm the wine slightly, so that the nice bouquet obtained by proper aging will be enhanced.

Of course, you will use you common sense when drinking with meals, and you will want to drink with style.

And when drinking with meals, wine lovers want to enjoy not only their wine, but their food. Table wines shouldn't be too sweet, or the effect will be on a par with nibbling a candy bar during the main course. The food and the wine should comfort one another — they shouldn't compete.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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## MUSIC

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**TRIP THE LIGHT FANDANGO**  
Findlay Cockrell, pianist, University Performing Arts Center, April 2, noon. Information, 442-3995.

**RUTH SPINDLER CONCERT**  
music by Chopin, Mozart, Schubert, Griffes and Van de Vate, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, April 2, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

**TROY CHROMATIC CLASSICAL CONCERT**  
L'Orchestre National de Lyon, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, April 2, 8 p.m. Information, 273-0038.

**FORTALEZA**  
Bolivians performing music of the Andes Mountains, St. Mark's Community Center, Guilderland, April 1, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

**MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
eleven Suburban Scholastic Council schools, Convention Center, Albany, April 3, 2 p.m. Information, 785-5511.

**THE CHOIR OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH**  
W.A. Mozart's Requiem and F. Mendelssohn's Hear My Prayer, St. Peter's Church, Albany, March 29, noon-1:30 p.m. Information, 434-3502.

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**CAPITAL CHAMBER ARTISTS**  
noontime series, City of Albany's City Hall, April 10, 24. Information, 489-0507.

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**THE ROCHES**  
folk music by trio of sisters, The Empire Center, Albany, April 3, 7:30 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

## SHOW

**WALT DISNEY'S WORLD ON ICE**  
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## WORKSHOP

**PAGE TO SCREEN:**  
Film and Video from Concept to Production, March 28-April 25, Thurs. 7-9 p.m. Reading Any Good Books? Writing the Book Review, March 26-April 2, Tues. 7-9:30 p.m. State Museum, Albany, Information, 449-8069.

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## FESTIVALS

**TIPPETT FESTIVAL**  
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photographs by Frank Espada, Schenectady Community college. Now through March 28, Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Information, 346-6211.

**ART FOR FAITH'S SAKE**  
original art works from mostly capital district artists, Pastoral Center, Albany, Now through June 1. Information, 453-6645.

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works on paper by local artists, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, Troy, Now through April 20, Wed.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

**THE BOOK AS ART**  
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**PRINTS THAT MATTER**  
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## 19TH CENTURY FOLK ART EXHIBIT

Painters of Record: William Murray and His School, Albany Institute of History and Art, Now through May 27. Guided tour, March 22, 12:15 p.m., March 24, 1:30 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

## THE INNOCENT EYE TAKES A LOOK AT THE EARTH

annual county-wide exhibit of student artwork, The Greene County Council on the Arts, Catskill, Now through April 13. Information, 943-3400.

**STILL LIFE EXHIBITION**  
group show featuring paintings, photographs, mixed media and prints from several area artists of the Hudson Valley region, Mountain Top Gallery, Windham, Now through April 30, Wed.-Mon. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 943-3400.

**ELLEN WERTHEIM:**  
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## ODYSSEY

The Art of Photography at National Geographic, State Museum, Albany, Now through May 7. Information, 474-5877.

**SPRING FLOWER SHOW**  
artwork of Raymond A. Decker, Bethlehem Public Library, through March. Information, 439-3491.

**ART THAT WORKS**  
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**GRUPO ARTE**  
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Exhibit and video on history of Albany, Albany Urban Cultural Park Visitors Center, Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m., weekends by appointment. Information, 434-6311.

**TERRENCE TIERNAN**  
paintings, Rathbone Gallery, Albany, Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon., Wed., Thurs., 6-8 p.m. Information, 445-1778.

**THORNTON UTZ**  
portraitist and painter, The Gallery Unlimited, Socha Plaza, Scotia, Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thurs. to 8 p.m. Information, 384-0193.

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"What's God Got to do with Evil?" or "What's the Use of the Bible?" Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 7-8:30 p.m. Information, 439-9929.

**LITERARY LECTURE SERIES**  
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**ECUMENICAL LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**  
"The Joy of Freedom." First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Coffee and registration, 9:30 a.m., Bible study, 10-11 a.m. Information, 439-9976.

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

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**VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY STORY HOUR**  
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**NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS**  
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Thursday  
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**GLENMONT COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH**  
Maundy Thursday Service, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 436-7710.

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Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-0503.

NEW SCOTLAND

**CLARKSVILLE READ-IN**  
Clarksville Elementary School, Clarksville, 7 p.m. Information, 768-2318.

**BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS**  
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meeting every Thursday, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

**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.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 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.

**CLARKSVILLE TABERNACLE**  
890 Delaware Ave., Clarksville, 7 p.m. Information, 768-2733.

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

Friday  
March 29

BETHLEHEM

**RECOVERY, INC.**  
self-help for those with chronic nervous symptoms. First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, every Friday, 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

**CHABAD CENTER**  
services and discussion followed by kiddush, Fridays at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-8280.

NEW SCOTLAND

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**  
Mountainview Evangelical Church, Rt. 155, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

**VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY STORY HOURS**  
51 School Rd., Voorheesville, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS**  
United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

Saturday  
March 30

BETHLEHEM

**CHABAD CENTER**  
services followed by kiddush, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-8280.

Sunday  
March 31

BETHLEHEM

**DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH**  
church school and worship, 9 and 11 a.m., nursery care provided, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday worship service, 10:15 a.m., Sunday school, 9:15 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., 201 Elm Ave., Delmar. Information 439-3135.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
family worship, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Sunday school and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m. Nursery care available during worship services, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-4328.

**DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
worship, church school, nursery care, 10 a.m.; coffee hour and fellowship, 11 a.m.; adult education programs, 11:15 a.m.; family communion service, first Sundays, 585 Delaware Ave., Delmar. 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.

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST**  
service and Sunday school, 10 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-2512.

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM**  
church school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; youth group, 6 p.m. Rt. 9W Selkirk. Information, 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.-noon, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9976.

**GLENMONT REFORMED CHURCH**  
Easter service, 7 a.m., followed by breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Regular worship, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, Sunday School, 10 a.m., 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.

**ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Eucharist followed by breakfast, 8 and 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided, Poplar and Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-3265.

**SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
worship service, church school, 10 a.m.; fellowship hour and adult education programs, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands. Information, 439-1766.

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

**EVENING SERVICE**  
Clarksville Tabernacle, 7 p.m., Route 443. Information, 768-2733.

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

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE**  
worship 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m., church school. Information, 765-2895.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
Easter Sunrise service, Camp Pinnacle Overlook, 7:45 a.m., breakfast at church, 9 a.m. worship, 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service, 6:30 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, Tarrytown Rd., Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

**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 REFORMED CHURCH**  
worship, 9:30 a.m., followed by fellowship time, children's story hour, 11 a.m., Delaware Turnpike, Delmar. 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.

Monday  
April 1

BETHLEHEM

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

**DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB**  
general meeting, Bethlehem Library Community Room, 451 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-3916.

Easter Sunday

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**BETHLEHEM ART ASSOCIATION  
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Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**DELMAR KIWANIS**

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

**AL-ANON GROUP**

support for relatives of alcoholics, meets Mondays, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 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 Monday and Wednesday mornings. Information, 439-6391.

**TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM**

first and third Mondays, Delmar Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-2181.

**NEW SCOTLAND****4-H CLUB**

meets first and third Mondays, home of Marilyn Miles, Clarksville. Information, 768-2186.

**VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY STORY HOUR**

51 School Rd., Voorheesville, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

**QUARTET REHEARSAL**

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

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

**BETHLEHEM NETWORKS PROJECT**

meeting, Bethlehem Central Schools District Offices, 3:30 p.m. Information, 439-7740.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 2-4 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

**BETHLEHEM ART ASSOCIATION SPRING EXHIBIT**

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**ONESQUETHAW LODGE 1096 F&AM**

first and third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-2181.

**DELMAR ROTARY**

meets Tuesday mornings at Days Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. Information, 482-8824.

**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****VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY STORY HOUR**

51 School Rd., Voorheesville, 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

**VOORHEESVILLE LECTURE**

"Moving In and Moving Out of Colonial Albany: Peopling the Countryside," by Stefan Bielski, Voorheesville Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., 8 p.m., free. Information, 765-2791.

**BETHLEHEM SPORTSMEN'S CLUB**

membership meeting, first Tuesdays, clubhouse, Dunbar Hollow Rd., Clarksville, 8 p.m. Guests welcome.

**Wednesday April 3****BETHLEHEM****YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 2-4 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

**BETHLEHEM ART ASSOCIATION SPRING EXHIBIT**

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

# Vietnam

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dience. "Typically, these Vietnam plays have a lot of language and violence in them," he said. "This one doesn't." Re-marked Kelsey, "The play has a nice, clean, patriotic feeling to it — the kind of feeling people are looking for."

The play, set at a small, all-male, Catholic college near Albany, demonstrates the personal impacts of war by showing how the dreams and plans of each of the characters are disrupted by Vietnam, said Kelsey. "It could be any war," he said. Although the play deals with heavy subject material, he added, "There is a lightness to it that makes it believable."

The entire play takes place in the dormitory room shared by Popeye and Mark, with the other six characters coming in and out. Rehearsals have been held in Kelsey's Clifton Park hairdressing studio, which is also his home.

Kelsey, who has a number of acting credits in addition to his directorial experience, combines his avocations by working as a hair stylist for productions of both movies and plays. The Troy production won't be the first time he's volunteered his services for a good cause: Two years ago, he directed "Annie" at the Egg as a benefit for the state Federation of Abused Children and Neglect.

The Troy Savings Bank Music Hall is donating the space for the production through its outreach program, said Managing Director Mitchell Gordon. Acknowledging the hall doesn't usually host plays, he said there have been musicals staged there.

The 15-member Rensselaer County Vietnam Memorial Committee, formed five years ago, will add the proceeds from the event to the funds it has been building on over the past several years. The group plans to erect a Vietnam memorial in Troy's Riverfront Park, just north of the band shell, this year. "We're hoping for a November dedication," said Davey, adding that construction will begin in several weeks. A ground-breaking was held in November.

"Popeye Canfield" is the first play produced by the committee, which has so far collected about \$160,000 toward its final goal of \$250,000. The group will hold several all-day fund-raising events.

Tickets for "Popeye Canfield" are \$20 and \$25 through the Troy Music Hall Box Office, at 273-0038, or at the door. The price includes a wine and cheese gala immediately following the performance at the Frear Building at Fulton and Third streets in Troy.

Donations for the war memorial can be sent to the Rensselaer County Vietnam Memorial Committee, P.O. Box 564, Troy 12181.

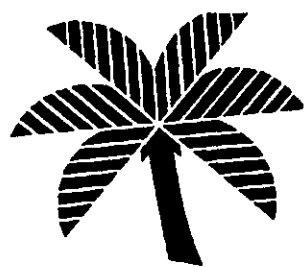
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Worship  
10:15 AM

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Good Friday

March 29 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday

March 31 10 am

## Delmar Presbyterian Church

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### TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

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## SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

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# AROUND THE AREA

**WEDNESDAY**  
March **27**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**COMPUTER WORKSHOP**

College of St. Rose, Western Ave., Albany, 9 a.m. Information, 454-5143.

**BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

Woman's HealthCare Plus, Western Ave., Guilderland, 7 p.m. Information, 438-7841.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 6 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**LASAGNA DINNER**

First Unitarian Church of Albany, Washington Ave., Albany, 6 p.m. Information, 434-1954.

**SENIORS LUNCHES**

Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**APPLE COMPUTERS USERS CLUB**

Farnsworth Middle School, State Farm Rd., Guilderland, 7 p.m. Information, 482-2609.

**GREAT DECISIONS LECTURE**

Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, noon. Information, 475-1326

**RENSELAER COUNTY**

**CHORUS REHEARSAL**

sponsored by Capitaland Chorus, Woodward St., Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 383-8051.

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**

**RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING**

Glen Worden School, 34 Worden Rd., Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 355-4264.

**SQUARE DANCE**

St. Michael's Community Center, Linden St., Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 664-2353.

**NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY MEETING**

sponsored by the Schenectady Photographic Society, First Methodist Church, Lafayette and State streets., 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-1674.

**Thursday**  
March **28**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP**

sponsored by the Professional Development Program, SUNY-Albany Downtown Campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, 9 a.m. Information, 442-5700

**ENDOMETRIOSIS SUPPORT GROUP**

sponsored by Capital District Endometriosis Support Group, Bellewood Room of Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7 p.m. Information, 452-3455

**Friday**  
March **29**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**AUDITIONS FOR WALT DISNEY'S WORLD ON ICE**

Knickerbocker Arena, South Pearl St., Albany, 4 p.m. Information, 783-1333

**Monday**  
April **1**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**EXPECTANT PARENT TOURS**

sponsored by St. Peter's Hospital, 315 South Manning Boulevard, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-1232

**MANAGEMENT STUDIES CLASSES BEGIN**

sponsored by New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations, NYS Department of Labor, State Office Campus, Building 12, 5:30 p.m. Information, 449-4161

**EARLY PREGNANCY CLASS**

sponsored by Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Avenue, Guilderland, Information, 452-3455

**EX-SMOKERS SUPPORT GROUP**

sponsored by St. Peter's Hospital Wellness Center, 102 Hackett Boulevard, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 449-2212

**MENOPAUSE SUPPORT GROUP**

sponsored by Capital District Menopause Support Group, Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Avenue, Guilderland, 7:00 p.m. Information, 452-3455

**SCHOHARIE COUNTY**

**HORSE WORKSHOP**

Lassonde Farm, Knox-Gallupville Road, Schoharie, 9 a.m. Information, 872-1960

**Tuesday**  
April **2**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**BREAST FEEDING SEMINAR**

sponsored by the Women and Children's Services Department at St. Peter's Hospital, 315 South Manning Boulevard, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 454-1232

**CHILD BIRTH EDUCATION SERIES**

sponsored by the Women and Children's Services Department at St. Peter's Hospital, 315 South Manning Boulevard, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 454-1232

**POST-CHILDBIRTH COURSE**

sponsored by the Women and Children's Services Department at St. Peter's Hospital, 315 South Manning Boulevard, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 454-1232

**JOHN BURROUGHS TO LECTURE**

sponsored by the State University at Albany's Atmospheric Sciences Research Center and the state Department of Environmental Conservation, Lecture Center 7 of the University, 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3091 or 399-6807

**PREGNANCY FITNESS COURSE**

sponsored by Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7 p.m. Information, 452-3455

**POST-PREGNANCY FITNESS COURSE**

sponsored by Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 10:15 a.m. Information, 452-3455

**Wednesday**  
April **3**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**MEDIA'S ROLE IN SHAPING FOREIGN POLICY LECTURE**

sponsored by Great Decisions '91, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., noon. Information, 475-1326

**"PARENTING: THE PRESCHOOL YEARS" PROGRAM**

sponsored by Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7 p.m. Information, 452-3455

**SUBURBAN COUNCIL PRESENTS MUSIC FESTIVAL**

sponsored by the Suburban Scholastic Council Directors of Music and the state Office of General Services, Convention Center of the Empire State Plaza, Albany, 2 p.m. Information 785-5511 ext. 566

**TODDLER AND PARENT PROGRAM**

sponsored by Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 10 a.m. Information, 452-3455

**ROUNDS AND PLUS LEVEL SQUARE DANCES**

sponsored by The Single Squares, St. Michael's Community Center, Linden Street, Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 664-2353

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**

**PHOTO-COLLAGES SEMINAR**

sponsored by the Schenectady Photographic Society, First Methodist Church, Lafayette and State streets, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-1674

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Good Friday 7:30 PM

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Maundy Thursday - March 28, 1991

Seder Supper with St. John's - 6:30 p.m.

Commemoration of

Institution of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 p.m.

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Good Friday - March 29, 1991

Devotions at the Cross - 12 Noon

Tenebrae Service - 7:30 p.m.

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Holy Saturday - March 30, 1991

Easter Vigil - Baptism & Renewal - Eucharist - 7:30 p.m.

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Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord - March 31, 1991

Sunrise Service - Washington Park - 6:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast

Festival Eucharist and Music - 10:30



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March 31, 1991**

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11:00 Easter Celebration Service  
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**You are invited...**

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Maundy Thursday (March 28)  
10:00 am and 7:30 pm The Holy Eucharist

Good Friday (March 29)  
12 noon - 3:00 pm Ecumenical Service of Hymns, Prayers,  
and Scripture Readings with preaching by  
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7:30 pm The Good Friday Liturgy

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7:30 pm The Great Vigil of Easter, followed by  
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Easter Day (March 31)  
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last year, Mann said. In addition, there are "the feeders and cleaners, lovers and huggers" who spend quality-time with the cats in their Albany apartment, she said. "They are the grass roots volunteers," she said.

The apartment, which houses about 60 cats and at times several dogs, who are kept in a different area, gets a thorough cleaning twice daily by three or four volunteers, Mann said. The organization's funds pay for medical costs, rent and

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**Easter Sunday, March 31st - Three Services:**

6:00 a.m.-Easter Dawn Service - Bethlehem Cemetery

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11:00 a.m.-Worship Service (Just west of the Four Corners)

## Weekly Crossword

"POETICALLY SPEAKING"

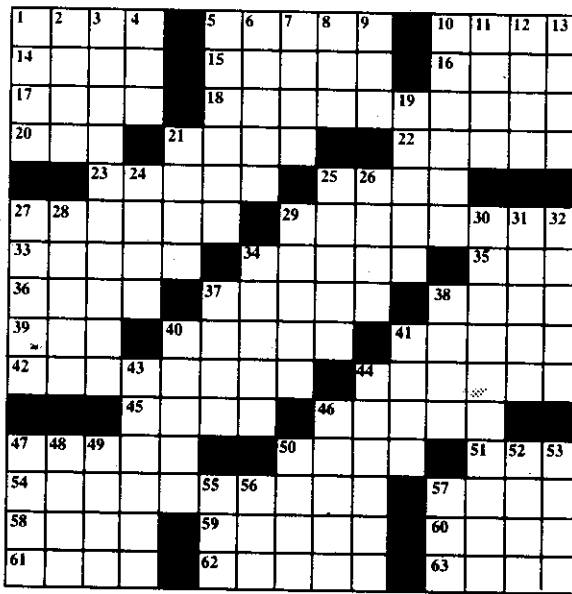
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### ACROSS

- "Little" comedian
- Firm
- Head honcho
- Wimbledon's Arthur
- 747, eg
- Dueling sword
- Islands in the Seine
- FAMOUS LIMERICK POET
- "Miserables"
- Chow: Chinese style dish
- Smallest of the litters
- Barter
- Short race
- Javelins, eg
- LONGFELLOW POEM
- Makes coffee, eg
- Refusals
- King in France
- Perry Mason occup.
- Smidgens
- Gloomy
- Broadway sign
- Fathers
- Lull
- POET-SINGER
- Ransacked
- Prevarications
- Modeling wood
- Step
- Chomp
- Hereditary acid
- ENGLISH ROMANTIC POET
- Crazy bird
- Pay the kitty
- Babble
- Word with mate or harp
- Golf devices
- POETIC RHYTHM
- Little brown bird

### DOWN

- Berate
- Small island
- ENGLISH POET & ESSAYIST G.K. \_\_\_\_\_
- "For \_\_\_\_\_ a Jolly Good Fellow"
- Puts the pedal to the metal
- "By the Light of the Silvery Moon", eg
- Grass covered yard
- "Like a pig \_\_\_\_\_ poke"
- German article
- Source of caviar
- Agape
- Chair
- Short for Sun. talks
- Sketches
- The red planet
- Risque
- Eats in luxury
- Squeals
- Involuntary muscular contraction
- Chem lab dish
- Hostelry
- BARD
- Dwelling
- Broadcasted
- Telegrams
- Muck
- Gentle strokes
- Arouses
- Word with north or south
- Playground fixtures
- CBS newscaster



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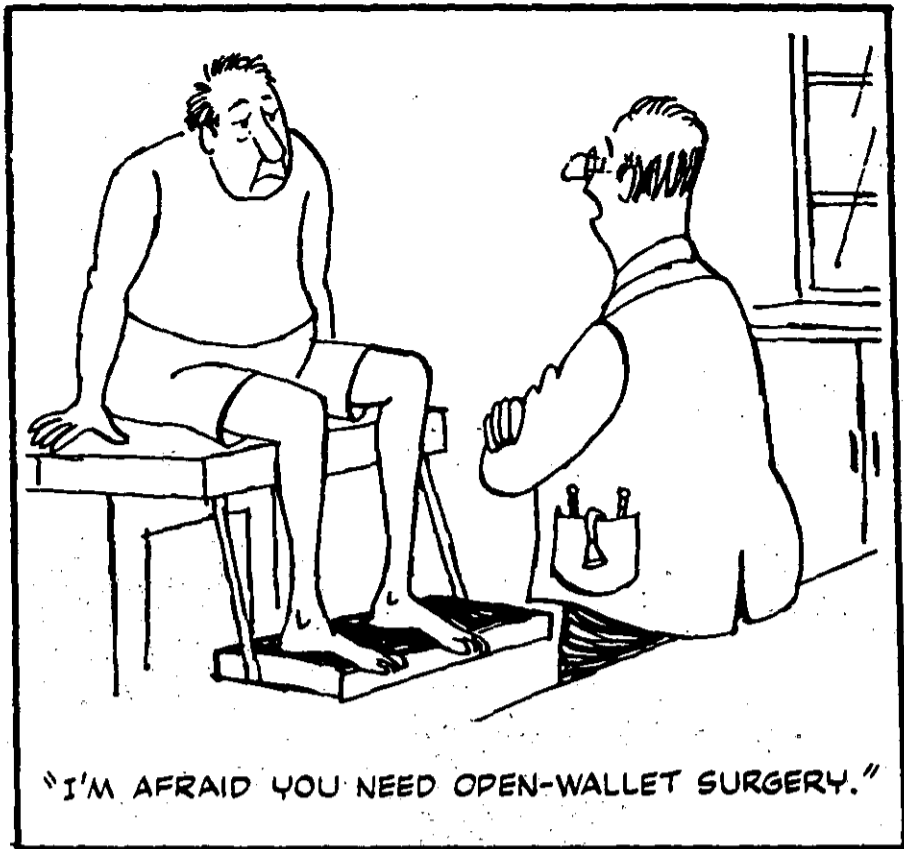
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# Bunnies

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according to Guilderland-based veterinarian Edward Becker. "They grow up to be adult rabbits who need human attention."

Alex wants affection, but on his terms only, like when he's snug in a corner so no one can pick him up or attack him from behind. Good thinking, I suppose, if I were a rabbit, but he should know by now that I don't keep predators in the apartment. But when he is secure, he's generous with his love. According to Feura Bush veterinarian Nina Caires, each rabbit's response to affection is different. Some may get used to handling if done from an early age on, and some may never like it (just like my AD).

The black-eared, nosed, and pawed white rabbit with a gray tail is a finicky eater. He prefers fruits over vegetables, and Better Cheddars over Cheez-Its. He likes Cheerios and raisin bran, but not corn flakes. He chooses wheat bread over white, and alfalfa before rabbit food pellets. The "leave it in his bowl, he'll eat it when he's hungry" philosophy doesn't take here. Allie always wins. If only he knew how important a proper diet is to remain healthy.

Becker recommends a diet high

in hay or alfalfa because it is necessary for roughage. He said rabbits should have their regular rabbit pellets, some fruits and vegetables, but not too many.

"People tend to overfeed their rabbits lettuce," according to Delmar veterinarian Tatty Hodge. "And then the rabbits get tummy aches and diarrhea."

If a stomach ache could account for Allie's temperament, it would ease my mind and I'd change his diet. But it's not that simple.

Lesson one: Do some research on rabbits before adopting one. Rabbits have personalities just as humans and some may be more temperamental than others, according to Becker. A personality conflict with your pet, or your child's pet, can lead to built-up frustrations and resentment, which does not make cleaning up after the rabbit any easier.

And a rabbit does make messes, inside the cage and outside of the cage. The mess isn't always the same, either. Sometimes it's worse than others, requiring a lot of water, cleanser and even vinegar. Other times it's quickly whisked away with a paper towel. Cage-cleaning day is a project and comes too often. A rabbit would make a bet-

ter pet if he could do a little house cleaning himself.

Litter-box training a rabbit is possible, Caires said. A rabbit's cage should be cleaned out daily, with a thorough cleaning once a week.

"Rabbits do require a very large commitment and amount of care," according to Becker. He said a six or seven-year-old child (the minimum age he recommends as a rabbit owner) should be able to be feed the animal, but not expected to clean the rabbit's cage. "The cleaning responsibility falls on the parents."

Most rabbits need confinement to some degree, according to Caires. They should be kept in roomy hutches or cages away from direct heat and sunlight, and have access to toys and plenty of fresh water. If an indoor rabbit is not caged, the house needs to be rabbit-proofed. Wood, wires and carpets are a rabbit's favorite chewables. For this reason, according to Caires, "It is the rare rabbit who has the run of the house."

Another thing to remember before making the commitment to become a rabbit's caretaker (and it is a commitment, but more on that

later) is that the environment in which the rabbit will be placed is crucial. Caires recommends that smokers don't bring rabbits into their houses. She said the smokey environment causes a rabbit's fight-or-flight instinct to be enacted, resulting in too much stress for the animal.

Other environmental factors such as noise, other pets, and too much handling cause stress to a rabbit, according to Hodge. If other pets are kept in the house, it is important to ensure the rabbit's security. Children add to a house's noise factor and want to touch and play with the rabbit often. "Rabbits are easily stressed," she said. "Maybe they are not the best pet for children."

Although bunnies require lots of loving attention, they don't need much medical attention. The average bunny should have a yearly check-up at the vets, but doesn't need any vaccinations, Caires said. Their claws should be clipped, and they should be brushed regularly — daily during shedding season to avoid any possibility of hairballs.

The only other medical attention a rabbit may need is if neutering or spaying is desired, which is

encouraged. Rabbits who have been spayed or neutered are usually more docile, according to Caires. The cost of the surgery, including an exam, is \$50 to \$100.

"You need to look at it as a long-term relationship," Caires said. "The novelty wears off and little bunnies turn into adults who are live animals."

The vets agreed that there is no one particular breed of rabbit whose personality makes him more suitable for children. Becker said the personality has more to do with an individual rabbit, while both Caires and Hodge suggested larger rabbits for children. Hodge said a dwarf may be more aggressive or "a bit high-strung," so look for a dwarf that was specifically bred for a nice temperament. She said to avoid buying children long-haired rabbits because they need a daily brushing, something children may be reluctant to do.

"Plan ahead when buying a rabbit," Hodge said. "Don't act on impulse because it's Easter."

"Don't just buy a rabbit because it's a cute Easter thing to do," Becker said. "It deserves a good life and if you can't provide a good life, then don't get one."

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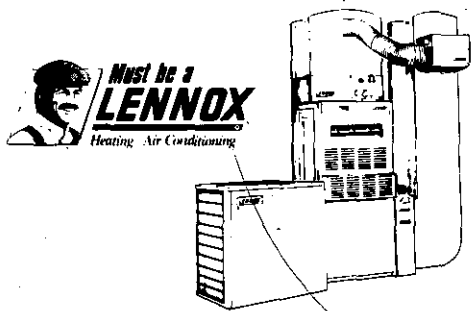
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