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Firm refuses Bethlehem's recycled material

By Mike Larabee

Bethlehem's municipal recycling program, set to go mandatory for businesses May 1, came to a grinding halt last week when Empire Returns told the town to stop trucking recyclables to its Syracuse sorting plant.

The company, which has taken plastic, glass, tin, and aluminum since Bethlehem began its mandatory residential recycling program last September, made the move after finding hypodermic needles in Bethlehem's load for the third time in a month, according to town Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor.

"Today they called and shut us off," Secor said Friday.

Thomas Jordan of Empire Returns said the notification was not meant to end permanently the firm's business relationship with the town. But he said Bethlehem must do something about the needles before Empire will again allow town recyclables to pass through its gates.

"It's not that we don't want the Town of Bethlehem's material, it's just that until such time that they can show us they've taken steps to possibly alleviate this we can't expose our workers to the risks involved," said Jordan.

Jordan and Secor both speculated the hypodermic needles could be originating from a single source. "One can of medical waste is screwing our entire

recycling up," Secor said. "It's just so irritating. We have a good system. One individual is subverting this entire effort."

Jordan guessed the needles came from a diabetic or diabetics "who have been told in the past to put their needles into cans, seal the cans, and then throw them out. Confusion arises when they say 'Hey, now these cans are recyclable. Let's put them in with the recyclables'."

"Possibly it's just one person. That's something they (the Town of Bethlehem) will have to discover on their end."

While the needles were the item that drew the cancellation notice, Jordan said other unacceptable items have appeared with Bethlehem's recyclables of late.

"Without a doubt, on an average in the last three weeks aside from hypodermic needles we pulled probably two boxes of material out of Bethlehem's mixed recyclables," Jordan said. He said the boxes he was describing were about the size of soda cases.

Bethlehem's mandatory recycling law, passed last year, calls for recycling of glass, tin, aluminum, and number 1 and 2 type plastics (plastic numbers are printed on the underside of containers).

Jordan said unacceptable items that have been found with the recyclables include light bulbs, porcelain, dinnerware,

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Bethlehem Highway Superintendent Martin Cross and department employee Glenn Rivenburg sort through recyclables awaiting shipment from the town's Elm Avenue materials reprocessing facility.

Mike Larabee

River group has say in truck stop review

By Mike Larabee

The formal environmental impact study of a truck stop proposed near state Thruway exit 22 in Selkirk began last week with a planning board scoping session. The meeting ended with all involved praising the Town of Bethlehem for its work on the project thus far.

Proposed by Unocal, or Union Oil Corporation of California, last December, the 22-acre truck stop has moved through the scoping stage of the planning board-led state Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) process. Scoping is the process by which issues to be addressed in a draft environmental impact study are identified.

"I feel the town is doing a very thorough job and is looking out for the community," said Harold Williams, president of a Selkirk neighborhood group called SAFER (for Selkirk Association for Every Resident). "As things progress we'll see what happens," he said. "We're satisfied so far."

Williams is concerned about whether the project, which includes the proposed extension of town sewer line a half-mile down Route 144 into the middle of an extensive expanse of currently-unzoned property, will spur additional development.

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NEW SCOTLAND

Town hears reval proposals

By Debi Boucher

Having heard presentations from three different firms who submitted proposals to reassess the town's 3,700-plus properties, New Scotland officials may be prepared to announce their selection at the May 1 town board meeting.

Assessor Richard Law said he hoped to have a recommendation ready prior to the meeting. Whichever firm is chosen, he said, the work should begin in June or July.

Each of the three contenders emphasized different aspects of the revaluation process during April 10 presentations at town hall.

William Smith of Cole-Layer Trumble Co. (CLT), an Ohio-based firm with offices on Albany's Washington Avenue Extension, stressed "a strong local presence" and familiarity with the area.

He said the firm has handled 2,300

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Elsmere gulf veteran brings war tales to BC

By Susan Wheeler

Four years at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. and a year of Marine Corps training in Quantico, Va. prepared 2nd Lt. Paul Montanus for action in Saudi Arabia. The Elsmere native, a member of the 3rd BM 3rd Marines, last week spoke to an American history class at Bethlehem Central High School about his experiences in the Persian Gulf.

The 1985 BC graduate was stationed in northern Saudi Arabia, just south of Khafji, for more than four months. Montanus, 24, was dispatched last November to lead a platoon, 42 men, to help clear a portion of Khafji and teach the Kuwaitis such techniques. "It was the hardest thing to do," he told the juniors in John Piechnik's class. "I had to pick up a platoon in the middle of an operation."

Montanus, who left the gulf in early March and returned to the area on April 8, said that the night his platoon



2nd Lt. Paul Montanus

was shelled, his first concern was for his platoon's safety because they had not yet been involved in any fighting action. "When there's no idea what's going on, you have to rely on your training," he said. "I've never been

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RCS mulls new bus schedule

By Regina Bulman

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Each district elementary school has developed a REACH planning committee, consisting of the school principal and teacher and parent representatives, to coordinate enrichment selection and activities.

With the school-wide model, teachers and administrators hope to provide students with new and interesting experiences that will foster creative thinking and expand their perspective of the world.

DARE flag presented

Middle school pupils and Principal Robert Desarbo were presented a special DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) flag at the recent board meeting. Bethlehem Police officer Mike McMillen, an alumnus of RCS schools, presented the flag and asked that it be flown over the school as a symbol of its drug-free commitment.

McMillen recently led a 17-week course in drug education at middle school teaching the dangers of drug use and abuse. He said the program allows students to see that police officers are "something other than the bad guy with a club and gun."

According to McMillen, the DARE program has been enormously successful across the country.

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Library talks at impasse

By Susan Wheeler

Bethlehem Public Library's Board of Trustees and union negotiators have reached a standstill in contract negotiations over the issue of establishing an agency shop clause in the contract.

All library full and regular part-time employees, excluding supervisors and student pages, were certified by the New York State Public Employees Relations Board (PERB) to comprise a union unit in March 1990, according to Karen Finnessey, union president and program coordinator for the Bethlehem Channel. Negotiations for the contract, which will cover employees until July 1993, began in May 1990 and reached an impasse in October. PERB then appointed a mediator, who in December was appointed as a fact finder to review the issue and make recommendations. The fact finder, Paul B. Curry, submitted his recommendations in late February.

The agency fee, to be effective (retroactive to) July 1, 1990, would require the library to deduct fees from all bargaining unit member salaries each pay period, which would be transmitted to the Civil Service Employees Association. The fees pay for services of the union to both members and non-members. According to Finnessey, the union's negotiating team argues that since non-members as well as paying members benefit from those services, "everyone should pay his fair share."

"The union negotiators feel that there are some employees who were pro-union," but even after the union came in, they remained "dissatisfied with the union as members," according to Finnessey. "We feel that if these people are covered by a union contract, which we hope will bring some improvement to the atmosphere, which makes everyone happy, then everyone should pay the fee because they're receiving the benefit (of a union contract)."

According to the fact finder's report, the library does not believe that it should have to agree to an agency shop for a bargaining unit representative that the employees never had a fair opportunity to either accept or reject. "The employer's perception of the PERB (certification without election) proceeding" is that it denied the employees the right to vote on the issue, said Joyce Strand, board president. "Each member should have the right to vote on whether

to belong to the library bargaining unit."

The library does not want to establish an agency fee, which would require the majority of the employees, "who probably (the library infers) didn't want the union in the first place," to now pay dues to the bargaining representative, according to Curry's report.

"Since we have no idea how many people are involved," Strand said, "everyone should have the chance to choose whether to be a part of the unit."

Finnessey contends that a "solid majority of union members" (there are 62 employees recognized by the board as eligible for bargaining unit membership) are in favor of establishing an agency shop clause in the contract. She said she can not reveal how many members there are because the matter is under negotiation and because the library is asking for a 75 percent membership. If union negotiators say they have a membership of 75 percent, for example, then the board might hold out for 100 percent until negotiating, she said.

Although there are currently 62 full and part-time employees, Finnessey said the union negotiators will soon ask the board to exclude five employees, who average less than one day a week of work, from the unit because they can not be considered "regular part-time employees." Union negotiators are also asking the board that if an agency shop is established, that 16 employees who work less than 10 hours a week will be excluded from paying the fee, which depends on one's salary.

The fact finder recommended "that effective July 1, 1991, that an agency shop provision go into effect for all unit employees with the exception of those unit members who average less than 10 hours of employment a week; the latter group will be exempt from paying the agency fee."

At last week's library board meeting, Finnessey presented the board with a letter, dated April 2 and signed by 39 library employees, requesting a resolution to the "concerning union issues" and terming the fact finder's report "unbiased and agreeable." She said the "union membership voted unanimously to accept" the report.

Strand said the letter was not specific to any one issue, and that she received another letter, signed

by 14 employees, some of whom signed the April 2 letter, which was "very specific to the issue of (not establishing) the agency shop."

"The fact is, some people signed both letters," Strand said. The April 2 letter "was signed by some who work less than 10 hours a week. We're not sure whether they wish to be included or excluded from the agency shop."

She said that if the number of double signatures is revealed, then that "would not be helpful for negotiations." She said, "I can say that there are not many."

"We gave 39 names, that's a majority," Finnessey said. "Double signatures should be excluded from both letters."

"We all hoped it would be concluded by now," Strand said. "It's under negotiations, and a compromise might be able to come forth. We want to remain supportive to the community and staff as a whole."

"It's not a happy atmosphere here (at the library) and it should be," Finnessey said.

BETHLEHEM

Planners OK subdivision, market

By Mike Larabee

The Bethlehem Planning Board last week OK'd two substantial projects, Colonial Woodlands, a subdivision in the center of Elmsere, and Town Squire Shopping Center's plan to expand and reopen retail space at its Glenmont facility.

Colonial Woodlands, held in limbo since a January public hearing while the planners debated street layout for the 11-acre subdivision, was approved for 25 of 28 lots by a 5-2 vote on Tuesday, April 16. Under the town's 1990 interim development density act, only 25 lots of a particular subdivision can be approved within a given year.

The subdivision was approved despite member John LaForte's contention that a town-modified street layout would be more dangerous than the original plan proposed by Colonial Woodlands developers Carl Paulson and Swift Development Corp. The change, which added a bend and T-intersection to a planned connection of Poplar Drive, was designed to keep the street from becoming the long

straightaway included in the first proposal. At the public hearing, many area residents said they feared the connection would bring dangerous levels of traffic into residential neighborhoods, and some argued it shouldn't be made at all.

But LaForte said he feels the new proposal is the dangerous one, and that the Poplar T-intersection design won't have adequate driver sight distances. Under questioning by Chairman Martin Barr, however, Town Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor disagreed.

"In your opinion, is that sight distance acceptable?" asked Barr, after both Secor and LaForte had made their case using maps pinned to a portable display board in the main auditorium at town hall. When Secor replied "Yes," LaForte walked back to his seat shaking his head. "I don't agree with you," he said "You're wrong, Bruce."

Barr said he felt the layout represented a "reasonable compromise solution" that "meets some of the concerns of the residents but at the same time" doesn't hurt the developers. Member Marcia Nelson joined LaForte in voting against the revised layout.

The Town Squire market proposal was approved unanimously after representatives of Country Squire Associates, plaza owners, agreed to install curbed islands at the end of six aisles in its parking lot.

The proposal involves the 23,000 square foot expansion of spaces formerly occupied by Grand Union and CVS Pharmacy to house what Country Squire has only said will be "a major supermarket chain." Citing unfinished negotiations, representatives of the firm again would not identify their prospective tenants Tuesday.

Sales tax monies down for towns

By Debi Boucher

Sales tax revenues for the first quarter of 1991 proved disappointing for the Town of Bethlehem, but less so for smaller New Scotland, where officials had scaled down their expectations in anticipation of reduced monies.

"It's less than I had hoped for. It's under budget," said Bethlehem Supervisor Ken Ringler of the town's \$986,000 share of sales tax revenues from January through March of this year. He said the sum was about \$60,000 less than the town had budgeted in sales taxes for that period. "That's not devastating by any means, considering the fact that if the economy improves that may get offset," he said.

Ringler said no immediate spending cuts were planned, but

"we're still going to have to continue monitoring our spending."

New Scotland Supervisor Herbert Reilly Jr. said the \$219,136 check the town received from the county last week represented an \$11,250 drop from the same quarter last year. "We didn't project as much of an increase" this year as in previous years, said Reilly. While sales tax revenue had been steadily increasing at a rate of six to eight percent a year, he said, the recession prompted the town to project only a 4.8 percent increase. Bethlehem had projected sales tax growth at "about five percent," according to Ringler's January budget message.

With \$820,000 in sales tax revenues projected for the entire year,

New Scotland would come out ahead even if the next three quarters remain the same, Reilly said.

The first-quarter sales tax revenues were a blow to Albany County; its share was down \$1.1 million from the same quarter last year after payments to the three cities and 10 towns entitled to their share. The county's gross sales tax revenue, before turning over the 60 percent share to cities and towns, was \$16,130,673, according to county Finance Director Cathy Connors, down \$1.7 million from 1990's \$17,901,466 first quarter figure.

Noting sales taxes are the county's largest single revenue item, County Comptroller Edward Stack has said another weak quarter might prompt spending cuts at the county level.

Banner welcome



Tim Houck, a helicopter pilot with the Army's 82nd Airborne Division, is shown above with his wife, Darlene, and Megan Berry, a neighbor. Berry and her fourth grade classmates at Elmsere Elementary School sent cards and letters to Houck while he was serving in Operation Desert Storm. Friday, he visited their classroom.

Elaine McLain

Assessor's resignation leads light Bethlehem agenda

The resignation of John Thompson, Bethlehem's assessor since 1982, tops a light town board agenda for tonight's (Wednesday's) regular biweekly meeting.

Last week, the 66-year-old Thompson announced plans to retire effective April 30. Formal acceptance of the resignation will be the meeting's first order of business, according to an agenda released by Supervisor Ken Ringler's office Friday.

Also on the agenda are:

- Discussion of town traffic safety committee recommendations to install a yield sign on Berwick Road at either side of its intersection with Dumbarton Drive, and a stop sign on Reineman Street to control northbound traffic at its intersection with Fliegel Avenue.
- Designation of polling places in the town for 1991 elections.
- Consideration of a proposed contract with Stearns and Wheler of Cazenovia for consulting work on new town solid waste disposal facility permitting standards.
- Consideration of bids for highway department materials.

Mike Larabee

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BC board reviews abuse policy, hears 8.4 percent budget hike

By Susan Wheeler

In the first reading of its proposed child abuse policy, the Bethlehem Central School District Board of Education decided to tighten the reporting policy guidelines.

During last week's meeting, the board gave the first of three readings to the proposed child abuse policy, which follows state regulations on who must report suspected child abuse. The proposed policy makes the child abuse regulations that the district followed "more formal," according to Superintendent Leslie Loomis. He said that New York State has, within the last year, enacted a mandate requiring all schools to have a child abuse policy.

The district's proposed policy requires "school officials," including administrators, instructional personnel and pupil personnel services professionals, "to report any suspected or actual incidents of child abuse and/or maltreatment which they have reasonable cause to believe have occurred and with which they have become familiar due to information obtained or observed in their professional capacity."

The question of liability when someone makes a false report was raised. The child reporting system is "an area fraught with dilemmas," according to board member

Bernard Harvith, because of the consequences of either reporting a suspected case or not reporting a case. Harvith asked that policy regulations state that the name and phone number of all contacts reached in a child abuse reporting be recorded.

Roger Fritts, the district's attorney, said he would review the proposed policy to ensure it follows the state's mandate on child abuse reporting. Harvith's suggestion will be included in the policy, he said.

In other board news, Superintendent Leslie Loomis presented the hearing on the district's proposed 1991-92 \$29,860,497 budget, an 8.47 percent, or \$2,332,536, increase over the current budget. Bethlehem taxpayers will face a tax rate of \$237.57 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, an increase of \$13.46 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, or 6 percent. For district members who reside in New Scotland, the tax rate would be \$404.34 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, a \$23.87 per \$1,000, or a 6.3 percent increase.

The budget vote is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

In other news, the board decided to hold until June 1 a request to spend \$36,000 for blacktopping

at the recently expanded Slingerlands Elementary School. Repaving the current lot is planned for this summer from funds reserved in 1989's \$11.6 million bond issue, money allocated for the additions to Glenmont, Slingerlands and Hamagrael elementary schools and to do related work at all seven district schools.

David Murphy, the school's principal, asked that a gravel lot be blacktopped, using funds saved in other parts of the bond issue. There are currently 40 cars vying for 25 parking spaces, he said. "It's only going to be worse next year."

Board member Pamela Williams said she would prefer, if possible, to restore items to the budget that had been cut before spending money on a project that was not planned.

Senior care agency honors town

The Town of Bethlehem was honored by The Eddy, a private foundation concerned with care for senior citizens, at The Eddy's annual "Gathering of the boards" on April 16.

The town was given The Eddy Award in recognition for "its leadership in meeting the housing needs of its elderly constituency," according to an Eddy press release. Members of the Bethlehem Senior Housing Committee were cited by The Eddy for what the agency termed their "proactive role and initiative" on behalf of the town's senior citizens. The co-chairs of the town's 12-member housing committee are Karen Pelletier and Sue Ann Ritchko.

Girl Scout camp registration set

The Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council is accepting registrations for its day camp and resident camp from both Girl Scouts and non-Girl Scouts.

Summer activities at Camp Little Notch, a resident camp for second through 12th graders in the Adirondack mountains, include outdoor activities, arts and crafts, and CIT and Junior Counselor programs, along with out-of-camp trips.

Activities at Camp Is-Sho-Da, a day camp in East Greenbush for first through sixth graders, include arts and crafts, swimming, boat-

Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

Have you established a compost pile in the backyard? Is it because you're not sure how to do it? Or you're afraid that you'll attract unwelcome pests?

Maybe you can find some help during the month of May at the Bethlehem library. The Solid Waste Task Force will have a bulletin board display on the options for composting. Have a look for ideas and ways to turn food scraps and yard waste into valuable, soil replenishing compost.

Did you pick up your leaf compost at the highway garage on garden day last Saturday? There are wood chips available also, but you need to bring your own containers. The compost and wood chips will be available until it's

gone. It can be picked up at the highway garage, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. With the mild winter that we've just had, many people started their gardens already. Happy gardening!

Spring cleanup ends Friday, May 3. Sometimes it's hard to keep up with all the leaves, branches and wood left curb side. But don't worry, it will eventually disappear. Scrap metal can be taken to the Rupert Road Transfer Station.

Remember that during the summer, yard waste must be put in reusable containers or biodegradable paper bags. The Town of Bethlehem sells these paper bags 3 for \$1 at the Town Hall, Town Park, Highway Garage and Rupert Road.



NEW SCOTLAND

Glass recycling begins

The Town of New Scotland will begin accepting glass for recycling starting Saturday, May 4. Recycling Coordinator William J. Wenzel made the announcement in a release following the recycling committee's April 9 meeting, at which the committee finalized plans to launch the new service.

Residents can bring recyclable glass to the town's transfer station on Flat Rock Road on Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Glass must be separated according to color — clear, amber/brown or green — and placed in the appropriate container. Glass containers dropped off for recycling should be rinsed and any caps, tops or

covers removed. Paper labels do not have to be removed.

Not all glass items are acceptable for recycling; items such as lightbulbs, window glass, drinking glasses, crystal, ovenware, ceramics, frosted glass and blue tinted glass should not be brought to the transfer station. Acceptable items include glass bottles, food containers and juice jugs.

Wenzel said Monday that the 20 second-graders at Clarksville Elementary School each made a poster to announce the start of glass recycling. The posters are being displayed throughout town.

Debi Boucher

Village library plans film, events

The Voorheesville Public Library will show "Small Change," a French film with English subtitles, on May 3 at 7 p.m.

The Library will hold a "Reader's Quilt" quilting session for children in grades one and up, led by Linda O'Connor on May 4 at 2 p.m.

The annual Friends of the Library meeting will take place on May 7 at 7:30 p.m.

For information on any of these events, call the library at 765-2791.

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Each district elementary school has developed a REACH planning committee, consisting of the school principal and teacher and parent representatives, to coordinate

Reunion scheduled

The Vincentian Institute, Christian Brothers Academy, and Academy of the Holy Names Class of 1951 High School Reunion will take place at Wolferts Roost Country Club on Saturday, September 14. Contact Dick Matteo, VI, 489-4227, Dan Keenan, CBA, 463-1594, or Joyce Chapman AHN, 482-2904 for more information.

enrichment selection and activities.

With the school-wide model, teachers and administrators hope to provide students with new and interesting experiences that will foster creative thinking and expand their perspective of the world.

DARE flag presented

Middle school pupils and Principal Robert Desarbo were presented a special DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) flag at the recent board meeting. Bethlehem Police officer Mike McMillen, an alumnus of RCS schools, presented the flag and asked that it be flown over the school as a symbol of its drug-free commitment.

McMillen recently led a 17-week course in drug education at middle school teaching the dangers of drug use and abuse. He said the program allows students to see that police officers are "something other than the bad guy with a club and gun."

According to McMillen, the DARE program has been enormously successful across the country.

Library hosts job search seminar

Is there a job search in your future? Attend a free, three-part Job Search Strategies Workshop at Bethlehem Public Library on Tuesdays, May 7, May 14, and May 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. The workshop will be conducted by Barry Schwartzberg, director of Strategic Job Search. He will discuss different job search methods, the hidden job market, interviewing techniques, and resume writing. Participants should plan to attend all sessions, and class size is limited. Call 439-9314 to register.

History meeting set at Bethlehem library

The Dana Natural History Society will meet Tuesday, May 7, at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Kenwood Ave., Delmar at 2 p.m. For further information, call President Margaret Law at 463-5256. The topic for the contribution program will be vertebrate ocean life.

Farmers' market set for May 11

The Capital District Farmers' Markets are back. The introductory market will be Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church parking lot on Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Group shows film on incineration
Bethlehem Work on Waste will sponsor a showing of the film, "Europeans Mobilizing Against Trash Incineration," followed by a discussion about garbage incineration, at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 29, at Bethlehem Public Library.
The film focuses on citizen opposition in Europe to "waste-to-energy" facilities similar to the one being proposed in Bethlehem by American Ref-Fuel, according to Work on Waste, and explores health problems linked to garbage incinerators.
The 60-minute film will be followed by an open discussion, including an update of current events in Bethlehem regarding solid waste. The program is free and open to the public.

The season membership markets will start on Tuesday, May 14, between 3 and 6 p.m.
For market space, contact market manager Norma Walby at 439-1702.

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Crying out for answers

"The family is the key," writes Bethlehem Central's assistant superintendent, Briggs McAndrews, in an important letter published in the adjoining columns.

"The young people in the community are receiving the proper information and support from their schools, the town police, recreation agencies, and community groups," as to legal and responsible behavior — specifically on the issue of the use of alcohol by young people.

"They should expect the same concern,

The lightning rod

Bethlehem residents should find satisfaction in the announcement by Supervisor Kenneth J. Ringler, Jr., that he will be a candidate for reelection this year. He may or may not have an opponent in November, but in any event he will be justified to stand on his record since taking office less than a year and a half ago.

He accepted the challenge to be a leader of the town's government, and has undertaken to manage its affairs actively, even aggressively. Some degree of controversy has followed in certain cases — but we see this as all to the good, for it indicates that he is not hesitant to be involved and to face issues and crises effectively rather than be a passive office-sitter.

We have not always concurred in his priorities, which is not to say that the overall

Why the referendum?

Neither an auction, a popularity poll, nor a beauty contest, the decision to permit or deny American Ref-Fuel the privilege of building an incinerator in Bethlehem is a matter for the town's elected officials.

Supporters of the proposed referendum on the issue may see it as a suitable exercise in pure democracy—but it degrades the proper functioning of the Town Board, which is expected to field the difficult issues and take the heat, or the plaudits, subsequently.

In a representative government, we should remember, it is the duty of elected officials to clarify issues for themselves, consider all aspects thoroughly and fairly, and make determinations leading to judgments and up-or-down votes.

And it is the Town Board that possesses

Leadership in medicine

The installation of Dr. Anthony P. Tartaglia of Delmar as dean of Albany Medical College is a source of gratification for those who have been his patients and colleagues in previous stages of his notable career in medicine spanning three decades. In formally accepting the office to which he was recently appointed after fulfilling high responsibilities at Albany Medical Center (where he is also executive vice-president for medical education), Dr. Tartaglia de-

Editorials

support, and leadership from their parents."

These are Dr. McAndrews' conclusions after citing questions that "cry out for answers." We recommend a thorough, thoughtful reading of his letter — and discussions of it in homes as well as in the schools and other places.

The *Spotlight* will welcome other letters commenting on the questions he raises.

profile of his stewardship is less than satisfactory. Like a lightning rod, the stand-up administrator who initiates and confronts can expect to receive criticisms and second-guessing. Somewhat in the Schwarzkopf mold, the supervisor's attitude seems to be, "I can handle it."

We will await with much interest his priorities for the balance of this year and what seems almost certain to be his second term. We suspect that an increased emphasis on housing for senior residents will be high on the schedule.

One regrettable aspect of Mr. Ringler's governmental service here is that, still in his first term, he could not be the Republican choice for County Executive this year, as otherwise he logically would have been.

the resources to retain qualified consultants, authorize impartial and objective studies, listen to the public's views, determine the truth to its own satisfaction, and then make decisions pro or con. We of the lay public cannot be expected to become specialists in this arcane field and thus render appropriate collective judgment at the voting booth. As a reader's letter that was published earlier this month states, "the issues appear to be difficult ones for all of us to weigh." Difficult indeed; complex, numerous, and frequently technical.

Bethlehem's public officials were chosen on the premise that they are qualified to exercise intelligence (and their consciences) in reaching sound judgments and justifying them. The accountability is theirs, as it must be.

scribed an ambitious effort for the college to lead in reform of American health care, as well as revising the school's curriculum and strengthening its finances.

Also noteworthy in recent developments at the college is the distinction conferred on Dr. John A. Balint of Selkirk as the first holder of the Richard T. Beebe Professorship of Medicine, a designation that appropriately honors both these physicians.

Words for the week

Insular: Like an island; detached; isolated. Also, like or characteristic of islanders, especially when regarded as narrow-minded, illiberal, or provincial. Also, living or situated on an island.

Belie: To give a false idea of; disguise or misrepresent. Also, to leave unfulfilled; disappoint.

Conceit: A fanciful or witty expression or notion; often, specifically, a striking and elaborate metaphor (sometimes one regarded as strained and arbitrary). Also, the use of such expressions

in writing or speaking. A flight of imagination.

Unsparring: Lavish, liberal, profuse. Also, not merciful or forgiving; severe.

Gauche: Lacking grace, especially social grace; awkward, tactless.

Discourse: Communication of ideas, information, etc., especially by talking; conversation. (Verb): To carry on conversation; talk, confer.

Diverting: Distracting the attention; amusing or entertaining.

An educator's view

Why do kids drink? Look to the parents

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited held a forum (April 11) at Town Hall for community members, including many high school age students, to discuss the issue of use of alcohol by young people, particularly at parties held in homes or other areas of the town.

The forum was well attended by young people who had a great deal to say about the culture of alcohol usage by underage people in the town.

As the audience participation portion of the program progressed, a number of questions came to mind that cry out for answers.

1. *Why, after concerted efforts by the educational establishment and community organizations to inform and assist young people regarding the legal and health risks of alcohol, does a cultural norm of underage and excessive drinking persist in Bethlehem?*

The young speakers were quite clear that the social norm to be a popular Bethlehem teen includes being involved in drinking parties, often with adult approval.

2. *Why do the young people feel they have the same rights as adults to use alcohol, covering their illegal use with excuses like: "If my parents drink, so can I"; "I need to learn responsible drinking... for college"; "It's OK because we have a designated driver"?*

The young speakers were outspoken in their belief that these excuses provided a logical basis for illegal and irresponsible behavior.

3. *Why do the young people feel they can control, or easily disobey, family attitudes and expectations for legal and responsible behavior toward alcohol? A corollary question is why do many of the young people feel the family attitudes and expectations are that underage drinking is permissible, even encouraged?*

Again, the young speakers displayed a powerful feeling that their parents are not able to set limits on their behavior and, if they tried, the effect would be minimal.

These are certainly difficult times to be an adolescent. Suburban youth have to cope with high-

achievement pressures and expectations, busy personal and family schedules that often leave them without consistent guidance, and a social/media context that emphasizes experimentation and self-indulgence as acceptable behavior.

This spring and summer are also the most difficult times of the year, because many ceremonial occasions occur, older students return home, school responsibilities end and other freedoms increase.

It really seems that the key component in answering the above questions, and in providing a healthy and safe environment for teenagers, is the parents and their ability to set and enforce positive attitudes and expectations for legal behavior by their children.

As always, the family is the key; the young speakers at the forum acknowledged this in their comments (sometimes without knowing it). The young people in the community are receiving the proper information and support for their schools, the town police, recreation agencies, and community groups.

They should expect the same concern, support, and leadership from their parents — in fact, most want that as they deal with peer and societal pressures to behave in unacceptable ways.

Hopefully, the continued work by school, town, and community organizations, and parental leadership can see more change in the norm of underage alcohol use than we have seen occur thus far.

J. Briggs McAndrews
Assistant Superintendent,
Bethlehem Central School District

Such a forum is always a risk and can generate strong differences of opinion, so Holly Billings and BOU are to be congratulated for presenting this opportunity, as is John Piechnick, Bethlehem Central High School teacher, for organizing and moderating the discussion, and Lt. Dick Vanderbilt for his clear presentation of police responsibilities, and the young panel members for their presentation of the youth perspective.

- J.B. McA.

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Uncle Dudley

'Taint what you say . . .

(It's the way that cha say it)

I was informed, just the other day upon reading the "Science Watch" column in the *The New York Times*, about a bit of research that, in turn, originally had been reported in *The Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.

The research had been conducted on why it is that people are inclined to throw an "um" or "uh" into a conversation. Really; this was a serious study carried out at Columbia University by a psychologist with the assistance of two graduate students and an undergraduate. You presumably would be safe in assuming that from some source a grant had been received to support this investigation.

I saw a couple of basic weaknesses in the study. The subjects under the psychologists' microscope were all university professors. Hardly a representative sampling. (It turned out, for example, that English literature professors are six or seven times more likely to divest themselves of a few good "uhs" while lecturing than are biology lecturers.)

The second failing of the study, it seems to me, is that "um" and "uh" and "ah" are outdated as we head into the 21st century. Meaningful research would have focused on contemporary language, as she is spoke in America (not excluding university lecture halls).

For many years now, the most-often repeated Americanism is "you know." Usually (as you know), "you know" enters conversation

more in the form of "y'no," and frequently is inserted so rapidly that the listener may barely hear it—and the speaker obviously has no real sense that he (she) is interjecting an extra couple of syllables into the sentence.

Some people are much more given to this subconscious expression than others—and it seems to me that a very worthwhile research study could determine what kind of individual employs "you know" most. Offhand, you would assume that it is citizens between the ages of 12 and 20, and there most certainly is a bulge in the curve (as the psychologists might put it). But I find its use prevalent, too, among people who have grown up while bringing youthful speech habits along with them. My impression is that "you know" tends to diminish with oncoming years.

You may find it diverting—as I do—when the conversation is boring enough, to count how many "y'no's" are slipped into someone's remarks. I often count 10 or more within a single minute. It can provide you with something to think about other than the conversation itself.

Of course, "you know" operates these days in the face of a severe threat from "hey" (which probably ought to be written as "Hey!") Rather than being dropped into chatter at random, this word is almost invariably employed as a conversation starter. In fact, at home I have a neatly printed motto

stuck into one corner of the hall mirror: "Hey! No problem!" Where did this particular motto originate? In no less a place than a promotional message sent by that ultra-urbane periodical, *The New Yorker*. "Hey! no problem" has replaced "You're welcome" and "My pleasure" as a response to a word of thanks. The course of this interesting trend certainly would be a valuable study of additional research. Hey! maybe we can get a grant from the Ford Foundation.

Hey! enters the language with a good, friendly connotation—but by now it has become a cliché most often used to suggest a folksiness, a down-to-earth quality (that may, in fact, be somewhat false.) For example, it has graduated into a word employed by columnists such as a Fred LeBrun, and also by headline writers in papers such as the T-U. "Hey—we're with it!" is the apparent message. And think of the possibilities of "Hey! no problem" as a political slogan; I can just hear Mr. Quayle shouting it as the centerpiece of his platform in '96.

In more formal discourse, note how many times the word "Well" begins a response to a question. Read the transcript of a typical press conference, for instance, and observe how the person-on-the-spot will spar for a few seconds to "think," by opening with "Well . . ." Schwarzkopf does it, Bush does it; Cuomo ordinarily doesn't, because he's always so angry that he plunges right in. Ask someone a question that he/she would as soon not have to answer, and note the sparring with "Well . . ."

Well, I guess that does it for this week.

A historian's perspective on an editor's craft

By Daniel E. Button

Douglas Southall Freeman was not a handsome man. But in his homeliness as well as in his bearing he was striking.

Point of View

I suppose that first of all he would have identified himself as a Virginian, which in itself says a lot; that unusual middle name says it all. His brother was the Episcopal bishop of Virginia. His own books included "Virginia, a Gentle Dominion." A perfect subject for a 19th-century southern gentleman.

Dr. Freeman (he held a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins) usually wrote his books in multiples, however: A four-volume biography of Robert E. Lee; three volumes on "Lee's Lieutenants," and seven volumes on George Washington. The first and last of those series received Pulitzer Prizes. The world properly thinks of Douglas Freeman as a distinguished historian and also as a keen military strategist.



D. S. Freeman

But though history and biography consumed much of his life, obviously, I believe that he would describe his calling as that of an editor. For 35 years, he was the editor of the *Richmond News Leader*, an outstanding afternoon newspaper whose range under Dr. Freeman belied the insularity so often associated with capital-city journalism. He left his editorship only to devote greater time to the histories (a concession that brought him only four years of enhanced productivity).

I was stirred to these thoughts about Dr. Freeman the other late night while reflecting on the commendation that the editorial pages of *The Spotlight* had received from the New York Press Association. I never worked for Dr. Freeman, but I was privileged to be able to absorb many aspects of his approach to editing, his theories, and his techniques. (How I still envy Jack Kilpatrick for becoming Dr. Freeman's disciple and successor — you may recall reading in his column one day recently about going from Missouri's journalism school to Richmond 50 years ago.)

Dr. Freeman regularly arose at 4 a.m., wrote comfortably at home for a couple of hours in the early-morning stillness, and then went to his office to update his editorial columns after scanning the overnight wires. But on one day a week — Monday evenings — he instead boarded a sleeper in Richmond, arriving in New York Tuesday morning. He hustled on up to Morningside Heights, slouched in a tall-backed chair that had been Joseph Pulitzer's, fitted a cigarette of Virginia tobacco into a black holder, studied the expectant knot before him, and began: "Well, mah sons and mah daughters . . ."

For hours at a sitting he reviewed the fundamentals of the craft of editorial expression — its precepts, its pitfalls, its language, its organization, its conceits. His lectures were as disciplined as his life.

He talked, we listened, scribbled notes; I don't recall discussion as a substantial element of the genial though instructive lectures. Our response was to come in written form — and it did, week after week of drafts on a huge range of editorial subjects. The product was critically reviewed sometime in the early hours over the next week. The review was unsparing, sharp, though kindly enough in tone. I do recall a derisive reply to one of my drafts that suggested the possibility that David Lloyd George would return to power as Neville Chamberlain's credibility wasted away.

As you may gather, the world was Douglas Freeman's stage in considering editorial topics. His only text for readings had nothing to do with punctuation or grammar; it was "The World Since 1914." This was a time when names such as Kurt von Schuschnigg, Galeazzo Ciano, and Joachim von Ribbentrop were big in the news. Carving out some sane observations about their week-to-week significance became rather a chore.

At times, the sessions broadened into related channels: the summary review of the week's news developments; the sometimes narrow distinction between comment meant to inform, to exhort, to provide background, to seek action, even to divert or possibly entertain.

Altogether, those hours — 8 to 5, ordinarily — formed a critical part of my own need for broadened perceptions; I've never forgotten the Freeman maxims — and certainly have made use of them many times.

Nearly 15 years after that tutoring, I was engaged with Douglas Southall Freeman for the last time. I invited him to New York to lecture on certain aspects of our times that required the depth of his insights. He treated his audience to an afternoon of wisdom. We parted cordially. Several weeks later he died, having barely touched the age of 70, but having lived at least two lifetimes' worth of rewarding labors.

Constant Reader

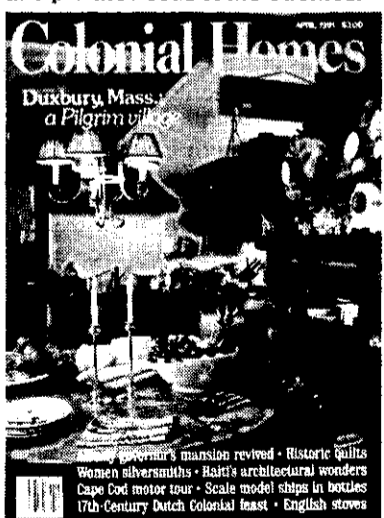
Refreshing, reinterpreting a mansion

We Albanians (no, this isn't an essay on eastern Europe) ordinarily think of the Eagle Street mansion of our governors as a mid-Victorian red-brick dwelling, but that didn't discourage the magazine "Colonial Homes" from featuring it in its April issue.

You'll find a nine-page spread, headed "Albany showplace," with 10 or more stunning interior views and some other photos of the familiar exterior. Most people haven't seen the rooms that are pictured (at least for a long time, in many instances), and relatively few have witnessed the refurbishing that's gone on in recent years. How that was accomplished is of more than passing interest, and in fact numerous aspects of the mansion's history are offered that we never knew of have long-since forgotten.

Governor Cuomo's wife, Matilda, is credited with having recognized that — as long as eight years ago — the "public rooms badly needed refreshing." And "the work is now complete." As I noted, the effect is striking, and some people might receive the impression they're looking at a small palace. Incidentally, nowhere in the text is anything as gauche as a dollar sign to be found. But we are told that the governor insisted that no public funds be spent on the project, so Mrs. Cuomo organized the Executive Mansion Preservation Society, structured around such Manhattan types as Brooke Astor, Phyllis Wagner, and Louis Auchincloss. With other volunteers, they raised a million dollars (in four years) and got help from furnishings manufacturers. Two

"New York designers," Mark Hampton and Stanley Hura were retained to carry out the decorating. Hampton, we're told, did the first-floor drawing room, the "Memorabilia Room," and the formal dining room. "His designs married the architecture of the mansion with comfortable period pieces that would suit the public and private needs of the Cuomos."



Hura designed "The Princess Suite." Apparently other work was needed, as well, inasmuch as references are made to "second-floor guest bedrooms (that) also required work," the updating of the 65-year-old kitchen, and likewise improvement of the plumbing (under no less than Mrs. Astor's direction; this was in fact the first step of all).

The Princess Suite, so named by Nelson Rockefeller in 1959 in honor of Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands, apparently is considered to be the gem of the restoration, for four of the photos show

its lavish details. (A note informs us that the suite has been "a haven for visiting dignitaries" such as President Truman, Winston Churchill, Golda Meir, the king and queen of Denmark — and Robert Kennedy and Adlai Stevenson. We are also reminded that "In the 1960s, fire severely damaged the Princess Suite," but we are spared the recollection of the Rockefellers descending (separate) ladders at that time.

Mrs. Cuomo is photographed in the Memorabilia Room, which is a small reception room off the foyer and was an office for governors until Mrs. Herbert Lehman converted it. We share photos, as well, of "the main drawing room, site of official functions and family gatherings," the foyer, and the formal dining room with its seating for 24.

The text is heavy on detail of the "reinterpreting" done by Messrs. Hampton and Hura: "Over the broadloom carpeting is a Saxony rug. . . A Schumacher striped fabric covers the walls. . . The bed linens are by Louis Nichole for Stevens. . ."

You may want to know that the mansion dates from the 1850s, when Thomas Olcott built it on the site of a fruit orchard — and one pear tree remains. Governor Samuel J. Tilden rented the house in 1874, and three years later the state bought it: 29 governors have lived there.

The mansion is open on Thursdays by prior reservation. Guided tours begin at 1, 2, and 3 p.m. Call 474-2418.

Matters of Opinion

Referendum fuels questions

Editor, The Spotlight:

An April 3 *Spotlight* article indicates that town officials will consider putting American Ref-Fuel's incinerator project to a referendum in November.

Will the town officials assume responsibility for providing a fo-

rum to acquaint the public with the issues? Can we expect the candidates in November to take a position on the project? Could the referendum be scheduled at least three to four months after completion of the environmental impact statement?

The quotes in *The Spotlight* by

the officials provided so many qualifications that it arouses my suspicions:

- American Ref-Fuel indicates "... we need the approval of the town..." Does this mean town officials or the voters?

- The town attorney on the referendum says "I think it would be binding" When will he know if it is binding?

- The Supervisor indicates that solid-waste questions are technical and can be emotional and he doesn't feel the incinerator decision must be made by the elected officials. Why not? The town decided to abandon garbage pick-up without a referendum.

Sometimes the facility is referred to as a "waste-to-energy" plant. I understand that the plant will produce large volumes of waste, i.e., ash and atmospheric releases. Would it not be more correct to refer to this plant as a "waste-to-energy-to-waste" plant or as an incinerator? It appears likely that the officials of the Town of Bethlehem want to pass the buck to the voter without any assurances that the voters will be adequately informed of the issues and that the town and company will accept the results of the referendum.

Delmar *Marjorie B. Davies*

Home support valued

Editor, The Spotlight:

After six months in Saudi Arabia with Coast Guard Port Security Unit 301, I have finally returned home. The support that I received from the community while I was in theater was overwhelming. The Slingerlands Fire Department, through its project "We Care," kept me well supplied with "care" packages. Neighbors and friends continuously wrote letters, sent packages, and offered support to my family. I received almost 100 Christmas cards and numerous valentines. School children generated volumes of mail, some of which I am still trying to answer. Thank you all for helping through a difficult situation.

Delmar *Carol Rivers*

Make Ref-Fuel concerns known, residents urged

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem town supervisor, town board, and zoning board will soon be deciding whether a waste incinerator is built on Cabbage Island in Glenmont by American Ref-Fuel — or whether to invest more effort into a comprehensive waste-reduction and recycling program.

A decision to build will increase the amount of truck traffic due to importation of trash which is in violation of Town Law 97-11, threaten air quality and health, and create the additional problem of landfilling the product of incineration, toxic ash.

Bethlehem residents as well as residents of the entire Capital Region need to be informed that even though American Ref-Fuel has withdrawn its application for a zoning variance for the project, town officials and the Department of Environmental Conservation are soon to begin an extensive examination on the environmental, social, and economic effects on the community. This process is called "scoping." Scoping requires citizens to voice their concerns about such a massive project, one that involves the investment of \$200 million by American Ref-Fuel.

As the scoping process moves ahead, I hope that everyone will keep in mind the following issues:

- Browning-Ferris Industries, the parent company of American Ref-Fuel has paid millions of dollars in fines for violation of environmental and anti-trust regulations.

- BFI is a multinational corporation which has bought out local waste haulers.

- American Ref-Fuel is persisting in an effort to court our town into a cozy comradeship with inducements of money and benefits; however, they don't discuss the spiraling cost of waste removal that incineration brings as encountered in Maine and New Jersey. It is cheaper for Bergen County, New

BC board struggled to strike balance on needs, constraints

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of the Bethlehem Central Board of Education and the district, I would like to thank you for the positive editorial concerning our budget process which appeared in the April 10 edition of *The Spotlight*. After struggling long and hard to strike the proper balance between the legitimate needs of the students and the constraints which taxpayers face this year, it was heartening to read *The Spotlight's* acknowledgement of the board's efforts.

In a year when other communities are being torn apart by their budget difficulties, we are appreciative of *The Spotlight's* role in helping to maintain Bethlehem's special sense of community.

Leslie G. Loomis
Superintendent

Jersey, to export trash to Virginia rather than burn it in an adjacent county's incinerator due to the expense of drop-off fees and the cost of landfilling toxic ash.

- Since passage and implementation of the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act, the citizens of New York State have spent billions to clean up the Hudson River and improve air quality. An incinerator with a 1,500-ton-per-day burning capacity (that's three million pounds of waste per day) would negate any progress made in the last 20 years.

Our town supervisor, Ken Ringler, and town board members need to hear what citizens think. Don't let BFI board-room politics dictate our town's future.

Delmar *Miles Garfinkel*

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That's neat! Kids set example on litter

Editor, The Spotlight:

On an April Saturday, I was taking a ride on my bicycle around town and came upon a group of Middle School children. I found these young people carrying plastic bags and picking litter up in the area of Elsmere and Herber Avenues. I don't know who these youngsters were, but they told me they wanted to do something for our town and decided, as a group, they were going to pick up litter.

On behalf of all our residents, I wish to thank these youngsters and congratulate them for their very positive attitude and dedication to their town. I hope they continue with their efforts and that all our residents will look to them for example and take pride in our community.

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Valid opinions require more incineration facts

Editor, The Spotlight:

I read continuing complaints about the story on John Thomas's survey concerning the BFI/Ref-Fuel incinerator proposal. As I recall the story, it was about a man who lives in Glenmont who did an informal poll, with no claim that it was scientific or statistically validated, but with an attempt at randomness.

The point of the article seemed to be that Mr. Thomas thinks that many people support the incinerator project, that there may even be a majority of Bethlehem resident who do, and that a referendum could help clear up the question. Further, the story explored the ramifications of a public referendum on the issue, i.e., whether it would be legally binding. I thought it was an interesting story about an unusual attempt to gather opinions about an important issue, which also alluded to the question of how such decisions should be made. I did not perceive it as affirming either side of the issue.

The "conflict of interest" claims seem frivolous. As people tend to have personal concerns about the issues with which they are professionally involved, it is not surprising that Mr. Thomas is employed by Roy F. Weston, Inc. I'm not convinced that it is particularly relevant. My understanding of, and reaction to, the story is not affected by new knowledge of Mr. Thomas's employment status. It was already clear that Mr. Thomas supports the incinerator project and his reasons, in terms of implications for the public, were explained. Making an issue of his employment is something of a "chicken or egg" question. Do people believe things because their employment, or do they become employed according to their beliefs, with companies and organizations that work from the same perspective that they do personally?

As with most public policy issues, one would be hard pressed to find anyone who is entirely objective. Such judgments are based on our values and priorities, which are informed by a host of individual experiences and biases. Nevertheless, for those of us who remain undecided, more objective facts would be extremely helpful to forming an opinion. Those who oppose the incinerator would do well to focus on informing us about facts.

The Spotlight would do a service by publicizing the facts as perceived by both sides: What is the economic cost and/or benefit? How are emissions regulated? What, exactly, are the emissions we're talking about and what do they do? How would alternatives be implemented? However, the Thomas story did not purport to be about facts; it was quite clearly about opinions, and such stories also have a place in the media.

Delmar

Christine S. Deys

Bethlehem criticized on layoffs

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to tell you why I think the Town of Bethlehem needs an ethics committee; to tell what the town has done to my family. When they took away the town garbage collection, they threw my husband out with the garbage. My husband, Luther, worked for the town for 11 years. When the garbage truck was voted out, they decided to lay off the two men on the truck—one being my husband, the other, Robert Wagner.

Now, you might say that since their jobs were abolished, the town had the right to lay these men off; however, there are some extenuating circumstances that the people of the town should know. Even though Martin Cross, the superintendent of highways, knew the odds were that the garbage collection would be abolished, as all signs pointed to it, he nevertheless hired two men in January, two months before the collection was ultimately abolished. One was a truck driver and one is a laborer. (As a footnote the man hired as a truck driver is

also a Republican committeeman.) These men have been with the town for a total of less than four months—and my husband has worked there for 11 years. Is this ethical? I think not.

My husband now has to join the ranks of the unemployed. He stayed with the town for all those years because it was secure job with good benefits and he thought eventually he would retire from this job. My husband had seniority over approximately 30 men on the town, but he was told that there is no such thing as seniority, that he was an unskilled laborer and had no job description. This is a lovely thing to tell someone after 11 years of service. My husband has never had a disciplinary slip, or done anything to jeopardize his job, because he has a family to support; he took his job seriously and as a very big responsibility.

This is not ethical. It is unjust and unfair. We have no health insurance now. I have a young daughter who is on the honor roll and hopes for a college education. The town took that away from us.

Since I became eligible to vote I have been a Republican; my whole family has been Republicans. They have never done anything for us. We live on the outskirts of the town. We have no water, sewer, or cable, and we will probably never get any (although the town saw fit to bring water to the Henry Hudson Park). I am now a Democrat, diehard and true. If one voice can make a difference, I hope that mine can. I want the residents of the town to know what an unfeeling, and uncaring government they really have.

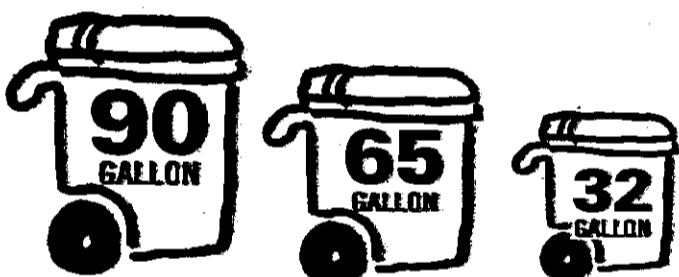
Denise C. Legg

South Bethlehem

Editor's note: Supervisor Ringler comments in response that the town board regretted having to lay off any employees, but stringencies forced by reduced income made it necessary. The elimination of Mr. Legg's position was in keeping with all civil service requirements, as confirmed through Albany County. Mr. Legg was employed in the sanitation department, so hirings in the highway department were not comparable.

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Recycled

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oven ware, ceramics, and plate glass — "Things that are absolute death to glass mills," he said. He said glass manufacturers will reject a 20-ton load of clear glass from Empire if they find within it a piece of ceramic the size of a bottle cap. "That should explain our reasons for being as picky as we are," he said.

Secor said another problem is that some residents aren't cleaning recycleables before putting them out for collection.

"It's important that the people in the community understand that the material has to be kept clean," Secor said.

At the town's Elm Avenue Materials Reprocessing Facility (where private haulers bring recycleables for storage and eventual transportation to Syracuse), Martin Cross, highway superintendent, and Glenn Rivenburg, facility op-

erator, defended the recycling program, noting that through the first half-year of weekly trips to Empire averaging 13 tons of recycleables, the town earned the company's "A" quality rating, its highest, almost exclusively. "The amount that we're handling you've got to expect that you're going to get a little foreign material in there," Cross said. "I feel we've got a good operation."

But he said he understands Empire's concern about the hypodermic needles. "The needles bother me because they're not supposed to be in there, period," Cross said.

Rivenburg said he's twice found bundles of needles while loading the town's truck for shipment to Syracuse. Secor said that twice in the last month Empire has given Bethlehem's load a "U" quality rating (for "unacceptable") because of the hypodermic needles.

By contract, a "U" rating allows the company to charge a \$15-per-ton surcharge on materials. Its normal tipping fee is \$18 per ton.

Secor said the town first will "do some fast talking" to get Empire to agree again to take Bethlehem materials, while working to try to keep the needles from the recycleables. Also, he said he hoped media attention around the Empire cancellation would get word out that the needles shouldn't be put in with items for recycling and that the town would try to trace the needles back to their source if they are discovered again. He said if Empire is willing to take one more load, the town would send an official along to watch the sorting process.

"The final step is simply to sit out there as long as it takes for them to sort the load and have somebody right there. If something comes off we'll bag it and take it," Secor said. "I don't care if we have to fingerprint the damn thing."

Empire Returns has roughly 50 customers and processes about 350 tons of recycleables per day, Jordan said.

Library hosts program

To help celebrate "Older Americans Month" this May, the Bethlehem Public Library will present a program about the Town of Bethlehem's senior services on May 6, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. To pre-register, call the reference desk at 439-9314.

Review

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"I'd like to see the sewer line if the place goes in," Williams said. "But at the same time I'd like to see zoning along with it to make the rest of the area strictly residential. Once you put that sewer line in, it's going to open that place up for industry like you wouldn't believe."

The planning board has included the growth inducement of the sewer line on surrounding areas in the list of items to be investigated in the impact study. Unocal's proposal includes an on-site septic system as a possible alternative to the sewer line.

Aside from SAFER, which had a March meeting with Unocal officials and Deputy Town Planner Ellen Kost, the only other agency to comment on the town's scoping document was Scenic Hudson, a Poughkeepsie-based environmental group. Scenic Hudson's primary area of interest is in preserving the aesthetic character of the Hudson River valley and minimizing the effects of new development, according to Anthony Lee, the group's waterfront specialist.

"That's really what we're talking about," Lee said, "Not just whether a truck stop should go in, but the other impacts that are going to come with it. How's the area going to change? The area doesn't have zoning so it's very vulnerable to uses that are incompatible with residential uses."

Specifically, Lee mentioned the visual impact of the project, in particular a 75-foot circular groundlit sign Unocal would install facing the Thruway. "Especially in an area

as rural as Selkirk, we're afraid that the sign will degrade and change the character of the area," Lee said. "We think it will be visible. . . from Castleton, even."

The truck stop would be a about a mile from the Hudson River. In a three-page written commentary, Lee asked the town to include a "viewshed analysis" of the project, including the preparation of visual simulations showing how the project will look from points on both sides of the river.

While member Gary Swan questioned whether the request was "rational and reasonable," the board ultimately agreed to have parts of it included in the scoping document.

"The town at one point had considered using the Hudson River valley as our industrial zone," said Chairman Martin Barr. "But the times they are a changing."

"I think we have to begin to see the Hudson River and the visual resource of the Hudson River in a different light," he said.

Lee complimented "the breadth and content" of the town's scoping document in his comments.

Lynn Sipperly of Albany's Smith & Mahoney, local engineers for Unocal, also commended the town effort as "very comprehensive." But he called the inclusion of Scenic Hudson's request for a viewshed analysis a "little extreme," and said the height of the sign was dictated by safety considerations.

"The more time we can give motorists on the Thruway to get off, the safer their movements are going to be in changing from the left lane to the right lane," he said.



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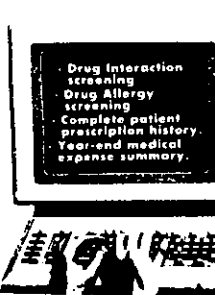
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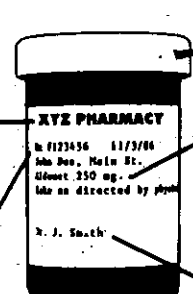
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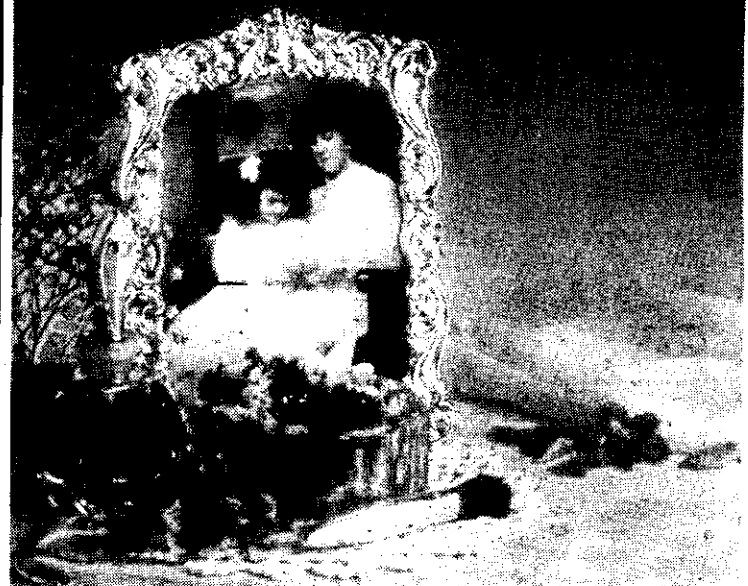
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Michael DeCata, manager of the recycling program at GE Plastics, Pittsfield, discusses recycling with Alice, Jesse, and Carly Haskell.



Lindsay Allen of Delmar was surprised to win a bird feeder provided by the New York Audubon Society at the GE Earth Day.



Vivian Solis Fagen discusses recycling procedures with Sharon Fisher, recycling coordinator for the town of Bethlehem.

Columbus commission extends deadline

The deadline for area artists and performers wishing to submit plans and budgets for the Christopher Columbus Quincentennial Celebration has been extended to May 1.

The quincentennial task force is planning a year-long schedule of events for 1992 to commemorate

the 500th anniversary of the voyages of Christopher Columbus and to celebrate Albany's cultural diversity. Events will include an educational fair, sporting events, a river-front festival and a Columbus Day parade.

For information, call 449-1492.

Earth Day celebrated at GE Selkirk

Photos by Elaine McLain



Jack Butler, General Electric environmental engineer, enjoys Earth Day activities with his wife Alane, and children Allison and Daniel. The event was celebrated Saturday, at GE Plastics in Selkirk.

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Benefit dance planned

Named "The Celebration of Life," a dance is being held Friday, May 3 to honor the memory of Karen Sievert.

Karen, a seventh-grade student who died suddenly January 27, called herself "a professional party girl," and would have wanted to be remembered as the center of rock 'n' roll music and good times, according to her family, Ron, Maggie and Becky Sievert of Delmar.

The dance is also being held as an expression of gratitude and appreciation to the middle school pupils for the love and support given to the family over the past few months. All proceeds will go to the Karen Sievert Memorial Fund, which will award scholarships to her fellow classmates in their graduation year of 1996.

Open to Bethlehem Central Middle School seventh and eighth-graders, the dance will feature disc jockey Joey Altieri, an Amsterdam songwriter and record producer and cousin to Karen's father. Baked goods, prepared by parents, will be sold during the evening to benefit the scholarship fund. Free soda has been donated by a local

business and decorations have been donated by The Paper Mill.

Approximately 20 door prizes will be available throughout the evening. Friends of Karen have obtained the door prize donations from local businesses.

Some 25 adult chaperones will be on hand to see that the rules of the dance are honored: that is be a joyful evening of celebration and that no one will be allowed to leave early without a parent.

The chaperones, parents, and friends of the Sievert family, have received training from a local psychologist in consideration of the pupils' emotions during the evening.

The dance will be at the American Legion Post on Poplar Drive behind the CVS pharmacy from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, May 3. Tickets are \$3 and can be purchased at the Sievert home at 19 Charles Boulevard, Delmar, or at the door. Dress code is "Dress to Impress." For information, call Maggie Sievert at 439-4229 or Kathy Caponera at 458-7198.

Bethlehem police host K-9 convention

For the second year in a row, Bethlehem police are hosting a K-9 training convention that this year has drawn police dogs and their handlers from as far away as Michigan and North Carolina.

According to Lt. Colin Clark, 30 K-9 teams are attending the April 22 to 26 national police K-9 tactical deployment and decoy seminar. The event is believed to be the only one of its kind, he said.

The seminar will include a school for decoy training, building searches and searches for missing children, narcotics searches and tracking practice. Again this year, dogs will be airlifted in Army National Guard helicopters from Bethlehem's Elm Avenue Park to the old Stevens Normanskill Farm in Albany. The airlift practice, which was scheduled for Tuesday (yesterday), is intended to introduce the dogs to helicopters in a controlled environment, Clark said.

New this year is tracking involving Albany police horses, designed to help the horses and dogs become familiar with one another, he said.

From 5:30 to 7 p.m. today, the K-9 teams will put on a special demonstration for the public at Bethlehem Town Hall, Clark said.

Dinner to honor town's Citizen of the Year

Cindi Wright, 1991 Town of New Scotland Citizen of the Year, will be honored at an award dinner on Friday, May 3 at the Western Turnpike Golf Club on Route 20. A cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend this affair to applaud Wright, who began teaching and contributing to the Voorheesville community in September 1941. Tickets are \$12 per person; contact Kathy Martin at 765-2278.

Food surplus distribution to take place at church

U.S. Government food surplus will be distributed to individuals on Friday, April 26 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at St. Matthews Church of Voorheesville. To qualify for this public service, you must obtain assistance from one of the following programs: food stamps, Medicaid, Medicare, disability SST, HEAP, WIC, Social Security or unemployment. The foods that will be available include cornmeal, flour, rice, apple sauce, vegetarian, beans, butter and dry beans.

Voorheesville News Notes

Susan Casler 765-2144



Pupils play volleyball tournament

Voorheesville Elementary School recently participated in a round-robin volleyball tournament. A play-off for grade championship ended with the following champions: grade four, Sarah Carr, Brian Hackel, Ben Growick, Michelle Rathke, Jason Halpin and Jennifer Robertson; grade five, Mickey Oliver, Jeremy Tommell, Justin Field, Bethany Douglas, Katie Primiano, Jeff Herzog and Jimmy Hallenbeck; grade six, Matt Lotz, Sara Saddlemire, Joe Lyons, Jason Champlin, Jeff Coons and Katie Tyrrell. The children enjoyed the competition as well as the game.

Library shows foreign film

The Voorheesville Public Library will show the 1976 French film "Small Change" on Friday, May 3 at 7 p.m. Francois Truffaut stars in the film, which has English subtitles.

Library group meets to plan book sale

Friends of the Library will hold its annual meeting in the library's community room on Tuesday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. All members are needed to complete the plans for the Memorial Day weekend book sale.

Bedtime story hour set at library

Voorheesville Library will host a bedtime story hour on Wednesday, April 24 at 7 p.m. "Just Supposing..." will be read to all listeners.

New Scotland sponsors spring cleanup

The Town of New Scotland will collect all brush, leaves and bagged debris for its annual spring cleanup from now until May 31. Large items must be taken to the transfer station and a permit must be obtained from the town hall. For information, contact Highway Superintendent Michael Hotaling at 765-2681.

Geese featured in Five Rivers walk

A walk featuring the life of the Canada goose is scheduled for Saturday, May 11 at 2 p.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar. The walk is free and open to the public. Participants should dress for the outdoors. For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

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The library will be open for all to review the services that are offered and library staff will be on hand to answer any questions. The open house will celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Ravena Library charter. Refreshments will be served.

RCS student named to special council

RCS sophomore Michelle Boehlke was recently named a student member of the New York State Committee of Practitioners on Vocational Education.

Because of her involvement in Future Homemakers of America, Boehlke was selected to serve a two-year appointment on the committee, which reviews rules, regulations, and standards for secondary, post-secondary, and adult vocational programs statewide.

May will be a busy month for Ravena seniors

Senior Projects of Ravena has a busy schedule of activities during the month of May for interested seniors. Capital District Eye Surgery Associates will host a seminar and free eye screening on Tuesday, May 14. The 1 p.m. presentation will focus on general eye care, glaucoma and cataracts. The free screening will immediately

Five Rivers plans special spring walks

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road, Delmar will be presenting three spring programs.

An "April Showers" walk will take place on Saturday, April 27, at 2 p.m. The pros and cons of rainfall and the problems of acid rain will be discussed.

A twilight bird walk will be held on Thursday, May 2, at 7 p.m.

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follow.

On Friday, May 17, the center will host a senior recognition luncheon to honor those who have donated more than 30 hours of volunteer time to the center.

Senior projects will also host a breakfast on Sunday, May 19 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The breakfast is open to the public. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.

All events will be held at the center, located at 24 Main Street in Ravena. For information, call 756-8593.

South Bethlehem group plans events

The May meeting of the South Bethlehem Area Association will feature an officer of the Bethlehem Police Department, who will explain how to begin a neighborhood watch program. The meeting will be held Wednesday, May 15 at 7 p.m. at the South Bethlehem Church Hall on Willowbrook Road.

The association is also planning a community-wide picnic on Saturday, June 15 to mark the official opening of the new park on South Albany Road. All residents and their families are invited to celebrate the ribbon cutting for the community-built playground.

Sturdy walking shoes and appropriate clothing are suggested for the walk. Participants will hope to see the spring courtship ritual of the woodcock and look for other birds active in the evening.

The center will lead a wildflower walk on Saturday, May 4, at 2 p.m.

For information about these free programs, call the center at 475-0291.

Police apprehend Glenmont burglar

By Mike Larabee

A man who allegedly robbed a 27-year-old Retreat House Road woman at knifepoint last Wednesday was behind bars two days later after his arrest in Albany by city police and Bethlehem Police investigators John Cox and Chris Bowdish.

Andrew L. Houze, 25, of Regent Street, Albany was arrested Friday, April 19, and charged with first-degree robbery, burglary and unlawful imprisonment in connection with the Glenmont robbery. He was also charged with second-degree burglary and grand larceny in the April 9 theft of an air pistol and roughly \$3,000 in jewelry from a house on Route 144, also in Glenmont.

According to Lt. Frederick Holligan, a man rang the bell at the woman's home around 11 a.m. and said he was from the "City of Bethlehem gas department." When the woman asked for identification, he drew a gun — the pellet gun taken in the April 9 burglary, Holligan said.

Holligan said the man also threatened the woman with a knife, threw her on a bed, and tossed a bed cover over her. When she told him she was having difficulty breathing, Holligan said, "he then tied her to a rocking chair with the electrical lead cord to a vacuum cleaner."

After ransacking the house, the intruder left with \$60 to \$70 in cash and some jewelry, Holligan said. "It took her 10 to 12 minutes to get untied, and then she called us immediately," he said.

Houze was linked to the crime through what Holligan termed "physical and forensic evidence" found at the crime scene. He was arrested after police recovered the air pistol and several pieces of

jewelry taken in the April 9 burglary during a search of his home, he said.

Holligan said witnesses have reported they saw Houze on Retreat House Road the day of the April 9 burglary. "So he's been casing the neighborhood," he said. Holligan said Houze is not a suspect in any other unsolved Glenmont burglaries.

Holligan credited the work of Cox and Bowdish for the arrest.

"They did an excellent job. The whole department did," Holligan said. "It was real good police work. It was a real nice arrest."

Houze was arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and remanded to Albany County Jail.

May church dinner set

On Saturday, May 4, an annual roast beef dinner will be served at the New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, New Scotland. Tickets for the 4-7 p.m. dinner will be \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12.

Police arrest two on DWI charges

Bethlehem police arrested two drivers for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated (DWI) over the past two weeks.

Matthew S. Bilicic, 24, of Clermont Street, Delmar, was arrested for DWI on Sunday, April 21, after he was stopped for a traffic violation near the intersection of Kenwood Avenue and Oakwood Road, police said. He is scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on May 7.

Peter G. Peseka, 30, of Route 396, South Bethlehem was arrested for DWI on Sunday, April 14, after he was stopped for traffic violations near the intersection of Route 9W and Jericho Road, police said. He is scheduled to appear in town court on May 7.

Glenmont church hosts garage sale

The Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, is having a rummage and bake sale on Friday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A light lunch will also be available.

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under more stress in my whole life. I worried about my platoon."

There were no casualties in Montanus' battalion, a unit which cross-trained with the Saudis and Kuwaitis. Cross-training actually meant teaching them about urban warfare, house-to-house fighting, he said. "We had to instruct the Saudis and Kuwaitis to clean house (to rid the city of any Iraqi soldiers)," he said. "It was hard to teach the Kuwaitis because they wanted to do things their own way, like stop for a prayer break."

During clearing house, the Kuwaitis were reckless, Montanus

said. He said they had a motto which translates to "God willing," meaning that their actions had no effect on their life or death. "They would do unsafe things. We value life a lot. Anybody who tells you they're not scared in combat is lying to you."

Montanus discussed whether he thought the gulf war was a just war, following guidelines he read in an article. One guideline requires that civilian casualties are minimized. He said that not only did the Marines follow that principle, but they also went one step further, by winning the Iraqi soldiers' "hearts and minds."

No one in Montanus' battalion fired his weapon, and they treated the Iraqi soldiers well. He said their enemy "would come through the

front defensive lines, eat chow and go back to the defensive lines." More Iraqis would return each day after the others told them, "They're (the Marines) not the ogres Hussein said they were," he said.

Some Marines said that Saddam Hussein warned his soldiers that the Marines mutilated their prisoners, and that to become a Marine, an individual must randomly kill one person and one family member, Montanus said. "They would drop on their knees and cry because of this," he said. "They were terrified of the Marine Corps. When the Marines would ask them why they were crying, they told them this."

Montanus, who studied astrology at the academy, said that the Iraqi soldiers the U.S. is holding "probably don't want to go back" because they're being fed and treated well. He said that many were emaciated and some died of starvation. "There were thousands of them surrendering. We'd throw food off the truck and tell them to wait."

Before the war ended, Montanus said that they "tuned into CNN" to get the "big picture," coverage of the war, because news traveled slowly down through the ranks. He remembered seeing a CNN reporter prepare for chemical warfare. He said the reporter's hands were shaking when he put on a gas mask.

The gas scares Montanus faced were terrifying, he said, because there is no indication of whether there are any chemicals in the air. "How do you know you've been gassed? There's no smell," he said. "Shoot, I've never been more scared than when I thought I'd been gassed."

However, the Marines didn't mind the rugged environment, according to Montanus. "The more harsh the conditions, the more Marines like it," he said. "Through it all, we were family."

When the Marines had time, they would listen to music, play hand-held video games or read through mail from home. For entertainment, "The city Marines would teach the country Marines how to rap," said Montanus, whose mail didn't catch up with him right away. "It took six weeks to get my first letter, yeah, I was bumming pretty bad. I was pretty homesick, and I'm not a homebody."

Montanus, who is stationed in Hawaii, returned there this week. While he is only obligated to remain in the Marine Corps for three years, he said he'll probably continue past that time because he's "enjoying it."

The Marine Corps offered Montanus a chance to develop his physical potential, he said. In high school he earned many athletic letters and at the academy, where he learned that "honor and integrity" are most important, he was on the crew team. Before beginning his Marine training, he rowed with the U.S. National Crew Team at the world championships in Yugoslavia. He said the Marine Corps is "physically dynamic" and offers a unique leadership style.

"Every day there's something new, something different. There's a lot of confidence and leadership," Montanus said. "Marines are the best fighting force because they can adapt from sea to land. We're on the cutting edge of everything. If something needs to be done, we'll do it well."

□ Reval

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reevaluation projects and has 600 employees, many with different areas of expertise. "There isn't a situation we haven't had to deal with," said Smith.

Smith pledged to hold public information sessions at the start of the project, saying, "Public information is the most critical part of the entire process."

Under CLT's proposal, data collection and reassessment would cost the town \$174,000 for 3,670 parcels, plus \$1.75 each for optional photographs, Smith said.

The second bidder to make a presentation was Robert Finnegan, president of Finnegan Associates, based in Concord, Mass. The 16-year-old firm has New York offices in Troy and Monticello, and has completed 200 projects in the state, Finnegan said.

Having recently completed a data collection project in Bethlehem, the firm has also launched projects in Colonie and Coeymans. The unique aspect of Finnegan's proposal, he said, is that the company already has trained and experienced data collectors who would be ready to go to work in New Scotland.

Another feature of the \$150,500 proposal — which is also based on 3,670 parcels, Law said — would be a microcomputer program available to the town upon completion of the project.

Finnegan also stressed the public information process. "It's what we're best known for," he said, adding that the town could be broken into areas in which to hold separate information sessions.

Robert Strell, president of Northeastern Appraisal Associates, the third bidder, had a unique selling point: the data collectors his firm would send door to door are not temporary employees trained only to collect data, but full-fledged appraisers who have been with the firm for a minimum of three years. The 20-year-old firm has 20 full-time employees.

Northeastern's proposal is priced at \$169,000, based on 3,730 parcels — a count Law later said was the most realistic — which Strell said would be all-inclusive. The firm would also defend any value challenged within one year for no extra charge, he said.

As a real estate appraisal firm, Northeastern has represented homeowners and taxpayers associations, he said, which "gives us a broader perspective."

Strell also stressed "a very strong public relations" campaign, with a minimum of three meetings in advance of the start of the project. The appraisers who would be going door to door would be at the meetings, he added, so that residents would know who they are.

Law said Monday that while public information and other aspects of the data collection are significant, "The most important part is the accuracy of the data collected. If the data collected is not accurate, all the hype and PR you can get out there is all just smoke and mirrors."

He said the lowest-priced proposal would not necessarily be the best choice for the town. "Each proposal is set up a little differently," he said, and each needed thorough study before a decision could be made. Since two of the proposals use a lower figure for the number of parcels involved, that will have to be taken into consideration, he said.

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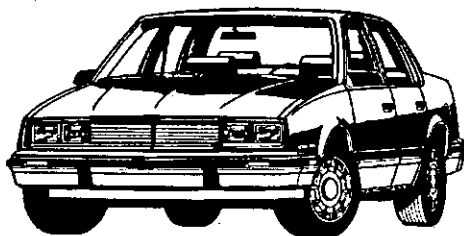
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BC students air concerns

By Michael Kagan

Bethlehem students took a close look at issues they are concerned with at a meeting at town hall recently.

The meeting, sponsored by Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, addressed "Peers, Parties and Police: Bethlehem Youth at Risk." "Until we realize what is actually occurring," said Bethlehem Central High School teacher John Piechnik, "we can't solve the problems."

Piechnik, who is on the board of directors of BOU, organized the meeting after polling 70 of his students on what they think the major problems in the town are. The top three concerns, in order, were the lack of activities in the town for students, drinking parties, and the relationship between police and teenagers.

Seniors Jim Davis, Molly DeFazio, and Andrew McQuide, and junior Josh Frye led the discussion, along with Lt. Richard Vanderbilt, who represented the police department.

The discussion began with each panelist making a short speech. DeFazio spoke about the misconceptions about the lack of activities and party issues. She said many generalities regarding teenagers and drinking are far from true.

McQuide addressed the relationship between teens and police. He said he doesn't think police should single out teenagers.

Davis, addressing the lack of activities issue, said many students call the town "Bore-Mar" because of other activities and aren't crea-

tive enough to find activities out of school. He also said, "The police are just doing their jobs, they can't be criticized. . . I don't understand why parents allow unsupervised parties to happen." For the most part, police were not criticized or addressed in the meeting, while parental attitudes were widely discussed.

Frye said parents should not allow teenage drinking, but can't prevent it without "locking the kid up." He advised that, instead of simply forbidding drinking, parents should discuss their concerns with their children. He said that the drinking age of 21 makes drinking a "right of passage."

He also thinks parents should not be hypocritical by drinking at their own social occasions, but not allowing their children to drink at theirs. He said this sends a very confusing message to kids and that parents need to "show kids you can have fun without drinks."

Frye said while, "Nothing can compete with a beer party," teens would go to a business that provided an alternative. He pointed out that a popular local restaurant draws a relatively large crowd of teenagers on Friday and Saturday nights because "It's the only place open late." He recommended an alcohol-free pool hall type of business that would have games, music, sometimes live, and dancing and would be open late.

Vanderbilt said, "I think we (the police department) have a good relationship with the teens." He also said the department does not arrest many teen drunk drivers and that the town's rate of drunk

driving arrests has not significantly changed since the drinking age was raised from 18 to 21. He said a major concern has been drunk teenagers on foot, who may wander into the middle of a street and get hit.

Vanderbilt emphasized that it is illegal for those under 21 to possess alcohol or serve it, and it is the job of the department to enforce the laws. He added that the department would support a "public teen hangout."

Many students at the meeting agreed that parents should discuss, not ban alcohol. Several students, often citing themselves as examples, said discussing alcohol brings much better results. A few students said teens need to learn to drink responsibly with their parents' help before having to face alcohol on their own.

Town Supervisor Ken Ringler said he thought the meeting went "very, very well" since it provided an opportunity for dialogue between youth, parents and police.

He disagrees, however, about the absence of activities for youth in Bethlehem.

Music students excel at state competition

Thirty Bethlehem Central High School students auditioned at the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) solo competition on April 13, competing at the highest level of six for a seat in the All-State Music Festival to be held at The Concord in the fall.

Six of the students received a perfect score. They are: Joyce Aycock (violin), Lisa Ballou (violin), Jennifer Matuszek (tenor saxophone), Kevin Romanski (timpani and marimba), Melissa Warden (viola) and Jessica Williams (violin).

A-plus ratings were awarded to Kelly Jenkins, Jennifer Mallery, Terry McKenna, Erin Mitchell, Rachel Noonan, James Pierce, Suzanne Rice, Jessica Sharron, Brigid Shogan, Bethany Slingerlands and Jennifer Smith.

A ratings went to Larry Fisher, Sara Israel, Karen Kerness, Elizabeth Kurkjian, Ben Lazarus, Rebecca Leonard, Adam Price, Maile Ray, Jennifer Siewert, Kenneth Watson and Shannon Woodley.

Lee Eck and Kyle Scudiere received A-minus ratings.



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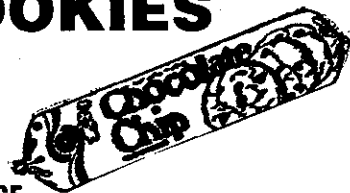
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Former BC wrestler wins Greco-Roman title

Chris Saba, a 1988 Bethlehem Central High School graduate, recently won the U.S.A. Northeastern University Greco-Roman Wrestling Championship held in Brockport, N.Y. He received the Most Outstanding Wrestler Award at the tournament. His championship qualified him for entry into the U.S. Olympic Festival Games in Los Angeles in July, 1991.

Saba competed in the 163-pound weight class, a weight level higher than his typical Greco-Roman competition weight of 149.5 pounds. Last summer, Saba achieved fourth in the U.S. at the Espoir Nationals held at the University of Indiana, which featured Greco-Roman and freestyle wrestling from all the states. His previous international experience included being a member of the U.S.A. Collegiate Team, which travelled to Hungary during the summer of 1989, as well as participating in the Concord Cup Training Camp in California last summer.

The former captain of the BC wrestling team coached by Rick Poplaski and John DeMeo, still holds the BCHS record for the most career victories with 153 wins. During his high-school career, he was a two-time New York State Section II champion, a Gold Medalist in the New York State Empire Games and placed third in the U.S. in the Junior Olympic Greco-Roman wrestling tournament.

He is currently a biology major at Syracuse University and a member of its NCAA Division I wrestling team. In March, he placed fifth in the 158-pound class of the U.S. Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Championships held at Lehigh University.

Saba is a member of the Adirondack Three-Style Wrestling Association (ATWA) club at the University at Albany. His ATWA teammates include three athletes who were on the 1988 U.S. Olympic team that competed in Seoul, Korea.

Star Bowlers

Bowling honors for the week of April 14, at Del Lanes in Delmar, go to:

Sr. Cit. Men — Dick Winchell 227; Harold Eck 223, 819 (4 game series).

Men — Willie Boughton 268, 1016 (4 game series); Gary Neumann 742 triple.

Women — Debbie Wagner 232 triple; Sharon Carson 612 triple.

Adult-Junior Men — Bob Van Ravensway 234, 669 triple; Bill Yates 238, 603 triple.

Adult-Junior Women — Linda Portanova 230, 557 triple.

Adult-Junior Boys — Jeff Dievendorf 230, 625 triple; Jeremy Dievendorf 199, 515 triple.

Adult-Junior Girls — Heather Selig 238, 617 triple.

Eagles fall in pair of league contests

by Michael Kagan

The Eagle baseball team received a very strong message last week from the Suburban Council: repeating will not be easy.

The Bethlehem Central team, the reigning Suburban Council Gold Division, Section II, and Central New York champions, opened its league season with two straight losses, 3-2 at the hands of the Columbia Blue Devils on the road Tuesday and 4-3 to the Mohonasen Warriors at home Wednesday. BC salvaged last week's final game, pulling off a road victory against Scotia Friday, 5-1.

The Eagles (4-0 non-league) were not the only Suburban Council team to get off to a shaky start after a successful non-league tour. All Suburban Council teams with losing league records after last week's games have .500 or better records against non-council teams.

BC's three league opponents did not hit Bethlehem's pitching or score runs against it significantly better than its four non-league opponents. However, against the non-league teams the Eagle's offense generated 9.25 runs per game, while the Suburban Council teams held BC to just three and a third runs per game.



Chris Saba

Baseball

In the Columbia game, Bethlehem was one better pitch away from winning, as Eagle ace Scott Fish gave up a two-run second-inning home run. The Blue Devils scored only one other run, that coming in the fourth inning. Fish (2-1) pitched a complete game in accepting his first loss. Junior catcher Matt Quatraro led BC offensively, blasting a double and a single.

The next day, Coach Ken Hodge sent his number two starter, junior Mike Aylward, to the mound against Mohonasen. It was not to be a good day for him, as he gave up two runs in the first inning and was relieved in the second by sophomore Josh Lanni. Mohonasen pushed home an insurance run in the sixth inning to open up a 3-1 lead that proved too much for Bethlehem to overcome. The Eagles, who had scored in the third inning, scored single runs in the sixth and seventh innings. Mohonasen held on for the victory.

Friday's game against Scotia looked for the first four innings as though it was going to be another pitching duel, as both teams scored single runs in the third inning and could muster no additional offense. However, BC scored four runs in the top of the fifth, while Aylward, who pitched the first five innings for the victory, Matt Shortell and Fish combined on a seven hitter for the victory. Quatraro continued his assault on area pitching, doubling and tripling to drive in three runs. Andre Cadieux and Lanni also had two hits apiece.

Bethlehem (1-2, 5-2) will host Burnt Hills today (Wednesday) and will travel to Gloversville Thursday. Colonie will come to town Monday, and then BC will challenge on the road next Wednesday.

Environmentalist to speak at library

Environmentalist and gardener Lou DeBour will give a presentation on how to develop pond and water systems to enrich landscapes on Monday, May 13, at Bethlehem Public Library. To register, call the library at 439-9314.

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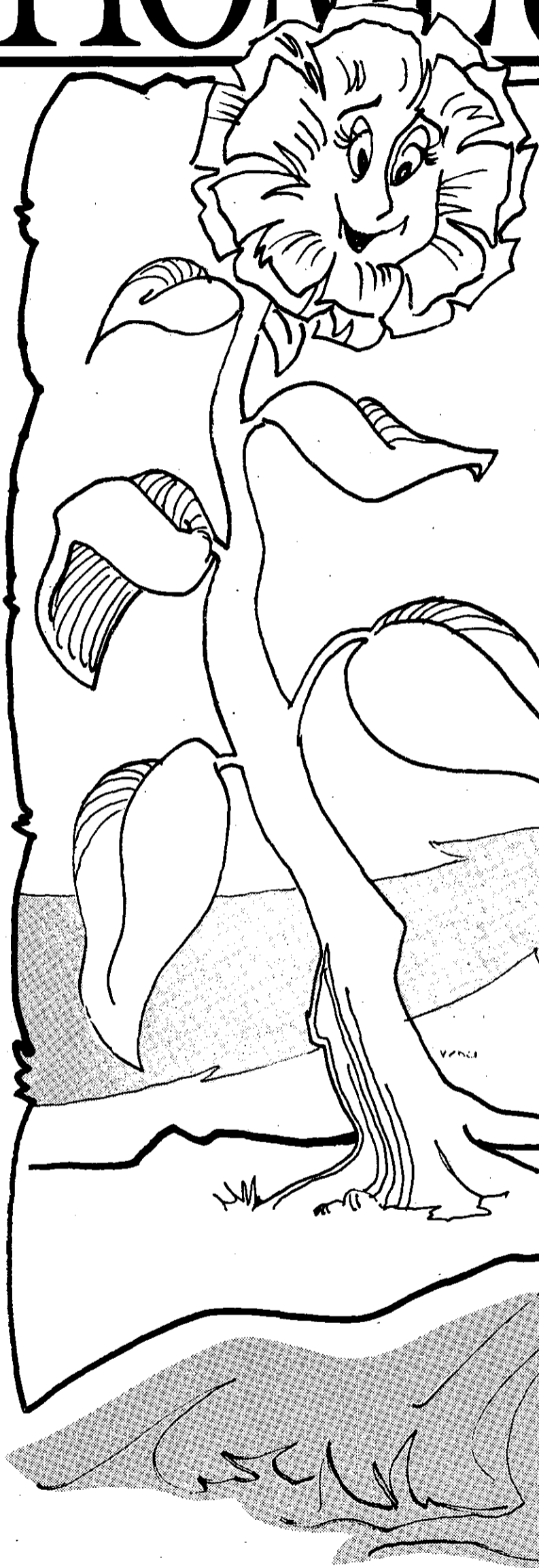
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By Debi Boucher

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How satisfying it must be, I think, to orchestrate such changes, to see nature taking shape as you have bid it, to be a catalyst for growth and productivity. No wonder gardeners always look so happy. Not only are they busy and involved during the spring planting period, summer maintenance and fall harvesting, but their winter thoughts are colored by the gardens yet to come.

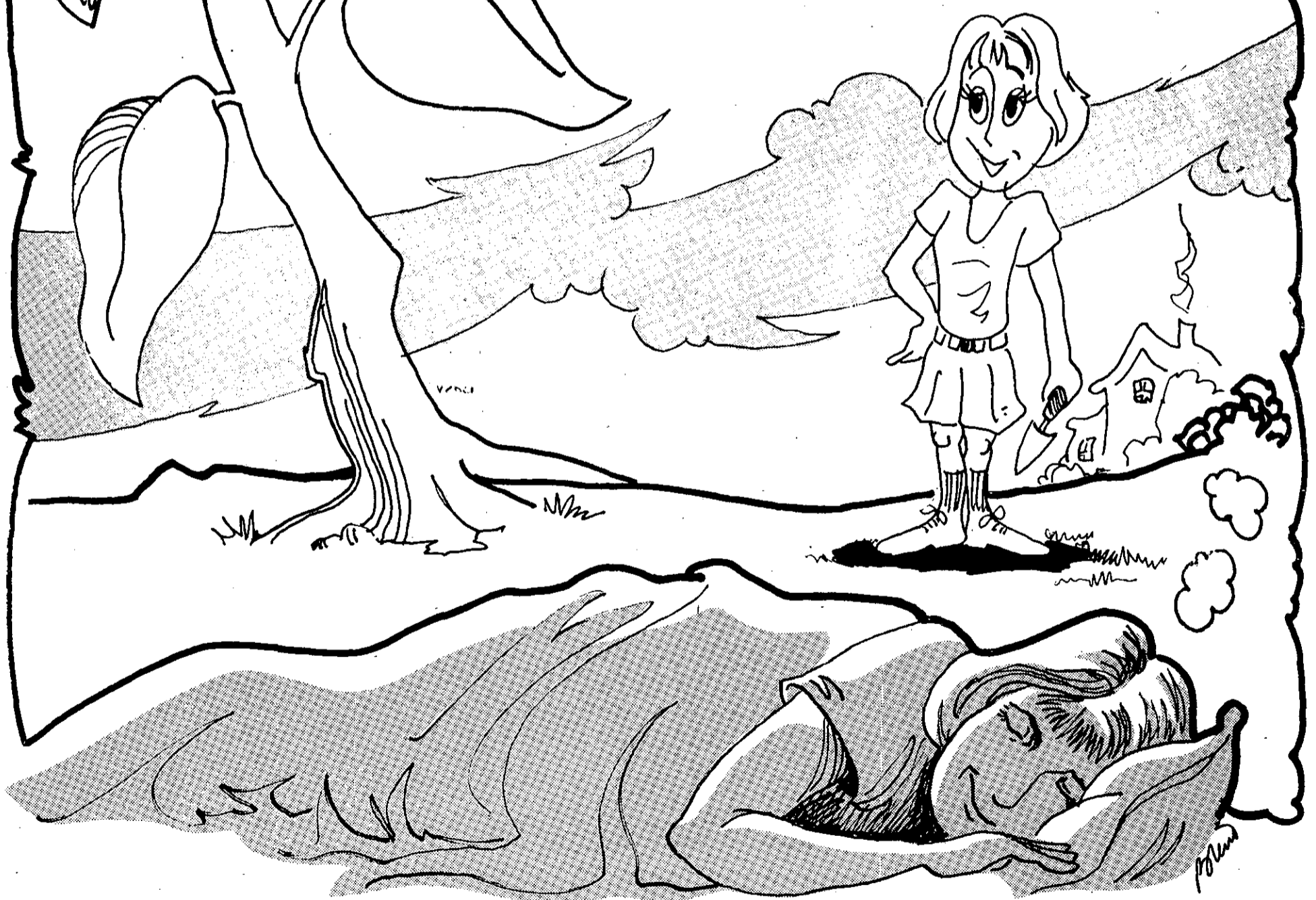
The green thumbs I know spend the latter part of their winter hibernation poring over

seed catalogs and envisioning rows of thriving green things in various configurations: This year, they murmur in their sleep, I will plant pea pods.

I have witnessed the positive effects of the seed catalog phase on true gardenophiles, who are able to close their eyes to the cold grey winter and pin their hopes not on some vague notion of spring, but on the almost tangible thought of supple green stems and soft blossoms. Gardening aficionados rarely suffer from the mid-winter blues that strike the rest of the population — they're too busy planning their rites of spring.

And so the winter passes, and early spring finds them tending seedlings, renting rototillers and hauling home bags of fertilizer. The first warm day brings them out in the sunlight, armed with hoes and spades

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As part of a federal farm program, New York farmers have taken more than 50,000 acres of highly erodible land out of the production of crops, in the last five years. Much of this land is being planted with trees and other permanent cover.

The land on New York farms consists of more than just cropland. The woods are plentiful, and serve as windbreakers and wildlife habitats. The woods also provide firewood for energy-conscious farmers. This renewable resource of trees also serves to help purge the air of carbon dioxide.

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Give things a new look

By Sal Prividera Jr.

There's an alternative to traditional painting, wallpapering or buying new furniture catching on in the Capital District, that has long been popular in the New York City-Long Island area, *faux* finishing.

Faux finishing or decorative painting includes wall glazing, which looks like wallpaper without the seams, marbleizing and wood graining, according to Eric Spiegel and Fiore Scialdone of Positano Studios in Colonie. All of these finishes are done with paints and glazes on virtually any surface. For example, a metal door can be finished to look like it was made out of wood (wood graining) or wood can be finished to look like marble (marbleizing).

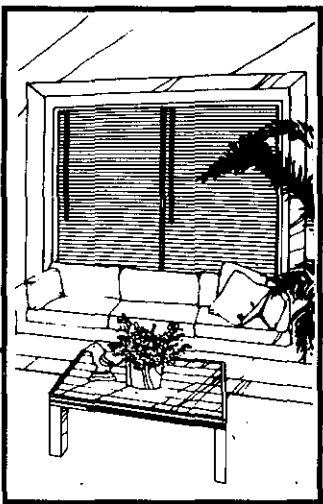
"*Faux* finishing has been around for centuries," Spiegel said.

Spiegel said to marbleize a wooden area, the wood is primed and painted in a base coat, then glazes are applied. The glazes are manipulated with different materials including tissue paper and then the marble veins are made, he said. After several coats of varnish, it will feel like marble, Scialdone said. Both said existing marble can be matched with this process.

Marbleizing can add a unique look to the molding in a room, Spiegel added. The technique can also be used to create "fantasy" marble for a custom look, he said.

Fireplaces are often marbled, Scialdone said. He said one fireplace the company did started with a coarse brick and a wood mantle. The brick was plastered and then the entire facade was marbled, he said. It went from being an "ugly" fireplace to "looking like new. It became the focal point of the room," he said.

Wall glazing is "an alternative to wallpaper, without the seams," Spiegel said. The glaze is put on the wall and then manipulated with cloth to create a pattern. The wall glazing allows for custom look including matching the finish to the furniture in the room, he said.



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He said the finish is durable. Scialdone noted the finish is washable and the job usually takes between two and three days.

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Wall glazing is "very eye catching. The greatest thing about it is the uniqueness; nobody else will have the same finish," Scialdone

Psychodynamic planting

Jerry Baker—America's master gardener, humorist and author of "Happy, Healthy Houseplants" (New American Library)—provides food for thought about marital status and the types of plants they would do well to purchase.

Married men who display an interest in plants are generally interested in propagation and competition. Bromeliads and orchids fit their bill nicely.

Married women tend to look for pleasing, practical plants that don't require lots of attention. Their best

said.

Scialdone and Spiegel said they enjoy the creative part of their business and work with their customers to develop the look they want in the room. Positano Studios routinely work with local interior designers and developers, as well, Spiegel said. The company offers free estimates and references, he said. The company can be reached by calling 456-8609.

bets are Hoya, artillery plant, was begonias, spider plants, prayer plants and Sansevieria.

Single men over the age of 25 are generally interested in large hardy foliage plants. Even plastic isn't out of the question. Otherwise, they enjoy dracaena, pandanus, schefflera and philodendron.

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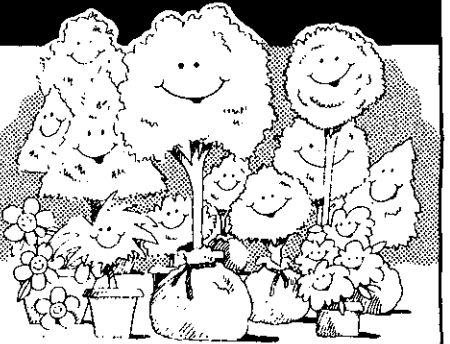


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Albany farm keeps historic traditions alive

By Kathleen Shapiro

How many cows can you keep with out "mooving" out of the city of Albany? One, two, 10? Try 40 cows, 11 horses, and 110 acres of corn and alfalfa. It's all there, just off Delaware Avenue, at the city's Normanskill Farm.

The 230-acre farm, situated along the banks of the Normanskill adjacent to the city's municipal golf course, still stands much as it did when it was founded as a dairy farm more than 100 years ago.

The farm was purchased by the City of Albany in 1980 for \$280,000, half of which came from a federal grant awarded to the city by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Since becoming municipal property, the farm's milk cows have been replaced by beef cattle, and its barn is now home to several horses, but little else has changed over the years.

"It still stands as an intact nine-

teenth century dairy farm," said Richard Barrett, commissioner of the city's parks and recreation department, which oversees the property. "We're very fortunate the city purchased it. It's a wonderful area."

Previously owned by the Stevens family for more than 40 years, the property served as a dairy farm until the 1960s. "The (Stevens) family used to bottle their own dairy products like milk and cottage cheese," said Thomas Gallagher, the farm's caretaker.

The family also used the land to raise chickens, pigs and prize-winning Guernsey cattle for exhibition at livestock shows around the country, he added.

The farm is made up of several buildings, including the main house, a tenant house for farmhands, a dairy barn, three equipment storage sheds, two small silos, a pig house and a four-

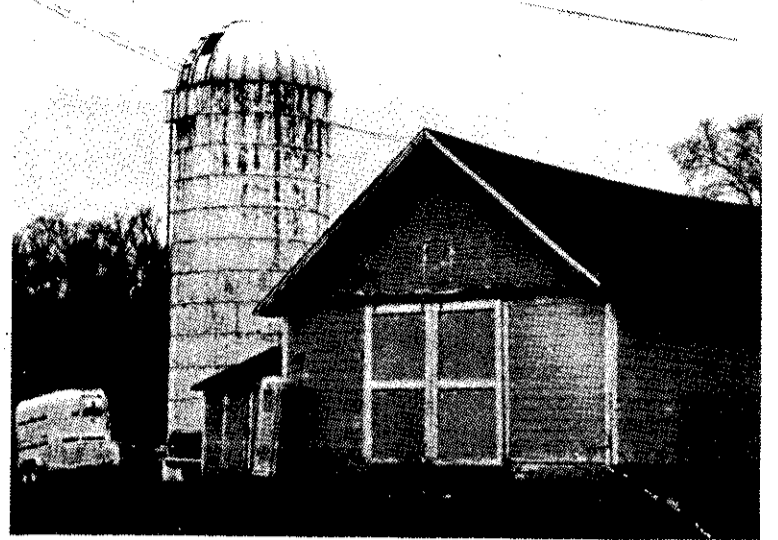
story hay barn dating back to the 1880s.

"The city has tried to maintain the character (of the farm) as best they can within their budget," explained Gallagher.

Almost half of the farm's acreage is rented out to local tenant farmers for grazing beef cattle and growing corn and alfalfa, while its dairy barn and corrals are used by the city's mounted police unit and Albany Carriage Services to house and train their horses.

A seven-acre parcel of the farm is also maintained by Project Strive, a local child-family services agency. During the summer, many of the program's participants use the land for growing plots of herbs and miniature vegetables for sale to local restaurants.

"(The farm) provides an opportunity for kids to really learn about farming and agriculture through hands-on experience," said the program's executive director,



The 230-acre City-of-Albany-owned Normanskill Farm on the banks of the Normanskill off Delaware Avenue is home to cows, horses, corn and alfalfa fields, and a more than 100 year history.
Elaine McLain

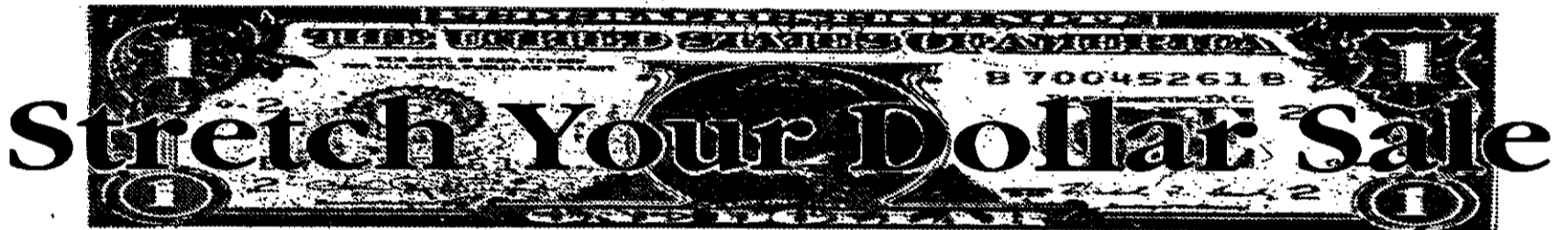
David Bosworth. "It helps them to gain a lot of self-esteem and motivation."

While mostly self-sustaining,

the farm has received some funding from the parks department for recent barn repairs and maintenance on seven and a half miles of

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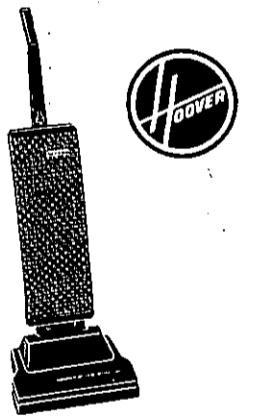
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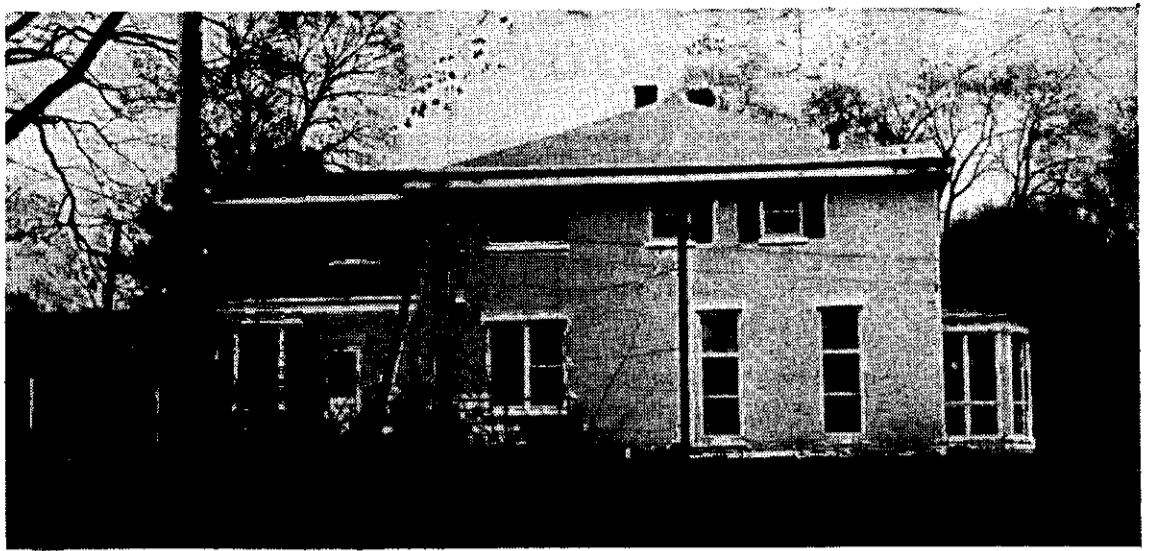
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cross-country ski trails and walking paths that run along the perimeters of the farm and the connecting golf course, said Gallagher.

Although the city has managed to maintain the site's agricultural roots, the farm was once considered by the late Albany Mayor Erastus Corning as a possible location for the Newman Brewery, local brewers of Albany Amber beer.

The project was dropped, however, due to federal government objections that the historic site should not be used for the establishment of commercial enterprise, said Gallagher.

The farm's walking paths and cross country ski trails are open to the general public, although tours of the property are unavailable at this time due to a lack of public restroom facilities.



(Above left and right) Albany's Normanskill Farm is made up of several buildings, including a main house, tenant house, a four-story hay barn built in the 1880s, a dairy barn, two small silos, a pig house, and three storage sheds.

Elaine McLain

Add color to the patio with bright furniture

Remember when furniture fabric came in basic green and white striped canvas and that's about all?

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Showhouse tours offer a taste of elegant style

By Hilary Lesser

Although Robin Leach has other plans, lifestyles of the rich and famous will come alive in Voorheesville for those who wish to experience the luxury of the latest '90s townhouses as part of Vanguard's Showhouse 1991 to benefit the Albany Symphony Orchestra.

Vanguard, a volunteer fund-raising group organized to support the Albany Symphony Orchestra, is celebrating its 11th year in organizing showhouse events.

Three luxury townhouses at 2 Chesterfield Drive, Voorheesville, featuring designs by area interior decorators, will be on display for those who would like to tour them.

This year the showhouse event, running from April 29 through May 19, will include a boutique, a cafe, lunch, fashions and afternoon teas.

Showhouse publicity representative Valerie Thompson said last year's benefit raised \$55,000 for the Albany Symphony Orchestra.

"Every year a location is picked and designers from the area coordinate to decorate the designated house," said Thompson. "They

use their expertise to decorate the houses so that people can have an opportunity to see what is the newest and latest in home decoration."

Last year 5,000 people toured the showcase homes, Thompson said.

Showhouse Chairwoman Anne Brewster said last year's proceeds funded concerts for area youth in Albany, Saratoga and Chatham, including events at the Palace Theater and Troy Savings Bank Music Hall. Concerts at Bethlehem Middle School, the Arbor Hill School and concerts for nursery schools were also funded, said Brewster. The funds also provided money for radio station WAMC to tape the Albany Symphony Concerts on Saturday nights.

"In addition, we were also able to underwrite subscription concerts," said Brewster.

According to Thompson, 23 of the area's leading designers have collaborated on decorating 25 rooms in the three Voorheesville townhouses.

Designed and built by Masullo Brothers, Inc. and located near the



This is one of three luxury townhouses on display from April 29 through May 19 as part of the Vanguard Showhouse to benefit the Albany Symphony Orchestra. Elaine McLain


Albany Country Club, the homes are designed to represent the ultimate in elegant, upscale, lifestyle, said Thompson.

Picture, if you will, The Brookline Home.

This is described in Vanguard brochures as a "dramatic three-bedroom, two-and-a-half bath contemporary showplace you'll be proud to call home." The home has a sprawling ranch-style layout that offers approximately 2,300

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comfortable" family room.

The large U-shaped kitchen opens to an airy breakfast area. The master bedroom features an angle-bayed window, vaulted ceiling and two large walk-in closets.

The Brookline also offers a "luxurious" master bath, and what is described as a stop-in shower and a relaxing bathtub is also available.

The Ashton is described as a "gracious, two bedroom/loft townhouse with two-and-a-half baths." A two-story center unit, the Ashton provides approximately 2,200 square feet of "generous room for relaxed living."

It is also described as having a raised entry descending to a vaulted living room with a "cozy fireplace" as a focal point.

The Ashton has an L-shaped kitchen with a center island design and adjacent breakfast nook.

The largest of the three Chesterfield designs is The Covefield, which has approximately 2,460 square feet of living space on two

levels.

The house was designed "with an eye toward combining an elegant upscale lifestyle with a charming country setting," according to Vanguard literature.

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Garden bounty offers many uses

After all the toil in the soil, a home gardener hits pay dirt when harvest time arrives.

In its first waves, the harvest provides tender young vegetables perfect for eating raw in salads or for light cooking methods such as stir-fry or saute. Most folks can't wait to pluck those first juicy fruits and eat them straight from the tree.

But as the harvest wears on, the gardener searches through cookbooks and clippings for more innovative ways to use the produce — pureed or chopped into fruit or vegetable soups, chopped into spinach casseroles and vegetable lasagna, grated into zucchini bread, shredded into vegetable pizza.

It's almost impossible to use all the garden produce even with cooking and baking and even giving it away, so, as our grandmothers used to say, it's time to "put some up."

While that used to mean using Mason jars and a hot-water bath treatment, now food preserving extends to frozen and dried goods as well. From fruit dryers to freezer bag sealers to decorative jars, there are all sorts of kitchen helpers for green-thumb growers.

When most people think canning, they think of blanched vegetables or pickles and relishes. Spicy garlic dills will clear out the cucumber patch and enliven the pantry. And chow chow, that classic mixed vegetable relish, makes the most of a variety of the garden's star vegetables.

Canning also works well for fruit butters and honeys.

If you're intimidated by the hot-



Vegetable gardens can offer an exotic harvest, from kiwano melons to white eggplant.

water bath method required for these recipes, there still are plenty of ways to preserve the harvest.

Easy-to-make purees also are easy to freeze. Just cook the vegetable of choice, pulverize it in a blender and store in freezer bags.

Add a few cups of milk and you have a cream soup or serve the purees piping hot with a pat of butter as an elegant side dish. They're also perfect for thickening soups and adding punch to sauces.

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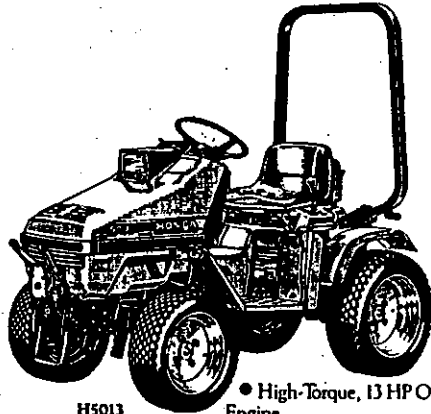
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Home composting is an easy backyard project

By Susan Graves

Albany County Cooperative Extension agent David Diligent has heaps of encouragement for composters.

"If I can do it, anybody can mulch," he said. His advice of first-timers is not to be afraid of the process. "You can be lazy or intense" about building and maintaining a compost pile, he added, "Don't be afraid of it."

Diligent said he's the lazy composter type and only turns his compost pile every three weeks or whenever he remembers to.

But regardless of the time spent on the process, building a compost pile from leaves, prunings and yard waste not only will produce mulch to return to the soil, it reduces the waste stream as well. Lawn refuse currently makes up 18 percent of the waste stream, Diligent said. Even some sticks can be added to the pile since "They give bulk," which helps the organisms get a supply of nitrogen and water. Compost piles should be damp, not dripping, he said.

Some composting can include food scraps though he cautions that unless the pile is enclosed, that type of waste can attract unwanted visitors — "A lot of skunks and raccoons — they go right to it."

There are, however, composting bins on the market, which would keep animals away. Diligent said the extension is now testing plastic composters. One, a plastic basket with a cone over it sells for about \$90, and another made out of recycled plastic sells for about \$75, he said.

An alternative to composting piles is vermicomposting, a process using earthworms to convert organic waste to earthy humus.

Worm boxes are very effective in getting rid of food waste. They can be made or bought and are easily maintained. Diligent said he has a worm box which he keeps on his porch in the summer and inside in the winter. There are no odors, and all that's required is turning the food waste into the soil

in the box. Some people even use a worm box with a lid that doubles as a piece of furniture.

The number of worms for the box is determined by the number of people in the household. Red worms (*lumbricus rubellus*) should be used and can be purchased at a bait store, he said.

Diligent recommends the book, "Worms Eat My Garbage," by Mary Appelhof for information on worm boxes.

"There are a lot of options out there," as far as composting and how it's done are concerned, Diligent said.

The extension recently published a pamphlet, "Composting at Home, Let It Rot! It's Nature's Way of Recycling," which is available for free.

Some questions addressed in the booklet are:

- The basics of composting including what composting is and how it works and can be used. Composting is really a microbial farm with various organisms doing their part. Bacteria, the most effective of all the composters, start the process by breaking down plant tissue. Fungi and protozoans join

the bacteria and later insects and earthworms do their parts.

Just about anything that grows is potential food for the tiny composters.

- The micro-organisms use the carbon in leaves or woodier wastes as an energy source and carbon and nitrogen from dead plant cells fuel their activity.

- The carbon to nitrogen ratio in the pile, which can be thought of as the brown/green ratio. Layering these materials is a good way to build an aerobic compost pile.

- The surface area of the compost pile is important in that the more surface area the micro-organisms have to work on, the faster the materials decompose.

- The size of the compost pile. Diligent said a 3 square foot by 3 foot deep pile provides enough of a surface area for the organisms "to get going." Smaller piles have trouble holding the heat of the microbial activity.

- The moisture and aeration of the pile. Microbes function best when the compost materials are about as moist as a wrung out sponge. The pile should have air passages.



Composting bins, designed to keep animals from backyard mulch piles, can sell for between \$75 and \$90.

- The time and temperature of the pile. A general rule is the faster the composting, the hotter the pile. Compost piles can get hot enough to burn your hand, which is when a turning implement such as a pitchfork should be used to turn the material.

The composting brochure was paid for by the City of Albany on behalf of the ANSWERS communities through funding by the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

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Gardens provide fun, life lessons for all ages

Ahhh, the squish of mud between your toes. Mmmmm, the first strawberry, warm from the sun. Yat! The wild spray of the hose, all over one another.

Just for kids? Hardly. There are pleasures in the garden that kids can teach their elders, if we can just get those youngsters out there digging. Once they've started, the trick is to keep a gardener's interest. Here, a few suggestions to make it an experience the family

will enjoy together season after season.

First, start with the right tools — but nothing fancy. Your nursery or hardware store carries the standard items — trowels, shovels, rakes, hoes — but to get kid-size tools, you'll have to try a toy store (especially an "educational" one) or get on the list of mail-order houses.

Gardener's Supply (128 Intervale Road, Burlington, Vt. 05401)

often carries children's tools, as does Smith and Hawken (25 Corte Madera, Mill Valley, Calif. 94941). Gardener's Supply also has kid-size work gloves — just like grandpa's!

Scaled-down tools also are great for gardeners in wheelchairs, as they're shorter and more manageable, but still heavy-duty.

A garden can be an entire backyard, a smaller plot, or nothing more than a bag of potting soil

with holes poked in. Give children plenty of rich dirt to play in for a while; while they're goofing off out there, seeds can be started indoors, in cardboard egg cartons, small plastic pots, just about anything that has good drainage.

Kids need seeds that offer near-instant gratification, seeds that sprout and grow quickly and are fail-safe. "Really easy" crops listed by "The Victory Garden Kids' Book" by Marjorie Waters (Houghton Mifflin) include chives, onions, lettuce, parsley, radishes, snapdragons and peas for cool weather.

For warm weather, try basil, beans, impatiens, marigolds, peppers, petunias and zinnias. Sunflowers are also great fun. Later they can serve as bird feeders when dried and hung outside a bedroom window.

Don't leave out your child's own favorites, whether corn or geraniums; the harvest should be the reward. While even supermarkets have seed racks, you'll find a much bigger selection in seed catalogs.

Our favorites include Park Seed Co. (Cokesbury Road, Greenwood, S.C. 29647-0001) and, for really fun stuff like weird gourds, popcorn, hopper tomatoes and burpless cucumbers, Henry Field's, (Shenandoan, Iowa 51602) and Gurney's (110 Capital St., Yankton, S.D. 57079).

A garden is a special place to

play if vining plants are on the list. A handy grandpa can rig up a tent, tepee or tunnel using wood posts and wire for beans and tomatoes to weave in and out of, while providing a "fort" to hide in on hot afternoons.

Ready-made structures are available at nurseries and building supplies retailers, and through many mail-order sources, including Burpee (300 Park Ave., Warminster, Pa 18974).

Nothing can turn off a gardener more quickly than weeding, and for older gardeners it can be downright painful. Lay down a thick mulch of grass cuttings, pine needles or straw, or use commercial mulch sheets from a nursery. Mulch keeps little gardeners cleaner and also teaches water conservation since it cuts back on evaporation.

A garden holds other secret lessons: A compost pile is a recycling center for kitchen and garden scraps, then a biology lab, as micro-organisms and earthworms break it down.

The growing availability of beneficial insects such as ladybugs, praying mantises and lacewings can also be instructional. A child learns about life cycles when releasing a batch of these bugs in an aphid-infested bush, as well as respect for the environment when going this route rather than spraying with pesticides.

(On that note, a child's garden should be completely free of pesticides and herbicides; you want the kids to feel free to grab a handful of beans or cherry tomatoes to chomp on.)

Older gardeners haven't a easy a time bending and lifting, so a garden in a raised bed — maybe built up with railroad ties — is a back-saver. Large containers, perhaps set near garden furniture, also offer easier access to dwarf varieties of vegetables, herbs and flowers. If a drip line is running to the container, the need to lift heavy watering cans is eliminated. For fertilizer, try slow-release granules, again to avoid heavy watering cans.

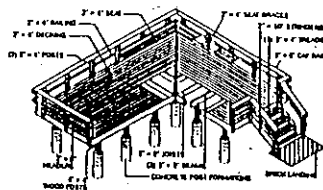
Kids and grownups without yards can still find a window box, windowsill or front step in which to pot up a lettuce or two. Indoor projects for kids include suspending sweet potatoes or yams in water using toothpicks for wild, long, brilliant green vines. Or set the green top of a pineapple or carrot in a dish of water to grow a new bush.

Sprouts for salads and sandwiches are quick and easy: From a health food store, purchase alfalfa, soy, garbanzo, mung, lima, kidney, navy, mustard and pea seeds. Soak them overnight, then spread them out on a large sponge or flat basket. Place them in a loosely closed plastic bag, rinse them occasionally, and in a few days they're ready to eat.

If farming is in your family's soul but you haven't a yard, contact your county cooperative extension for a list of community gardens you might join. Or, if there's an empty lot in the neighborhood, contact the owner and organize a co-op yourself.

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Garden

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and rakes, to renew their special relationship with the earth.

Happily they till the soil, serenity etched on their features as the earth responds, sending forth delicate green shoots in orderly rows. This, I muse, is part of the gardener's secret to happiness: The garden represents not just growth in place of barrenness, but order out of chaos. This must be why they exude a sense of accomplishment long before the fruits of their labors are in hand — before the first squash plant flowers or the first tomato ripens.

Always I have watched them as if through a glass. Close as I have come, physically, to the realm of gardening, I have always felt a psychic separation. Till, hoe and weed as I may, I am left with the knowledge that I am not a true gardener. I feel no affinity with the soil. I will follow instructions, measure the inches between rows, stake up this plant and not the other, gauge the hours of sunlight versus shade and pull weeds (in fact, weeding is what I do best, when it comes to gardening — but more on that later), but I don't feel the way I know real gardeners feel. I never feel quite in my element in a garden. I always feel awkward and clumsy, all thumbs, so to speak — but certainly not green ones.

You see, I believe gardeners are born, not made. Green thumbs must be inherited. My father is a skilled and devoted green thumb, and my sister is carrying on his tradition. But alas, the gardening gene passed me by, and I stand dumbly in their presence as they discuss plant varieties, pests and

prevention.

I used to think I could be like them. Though never truly interested in the finer points of keeping a garden, I was attracted to the idea of fresh air and exercise. "Let me help," I insisted, when a friend launched her garden a couple of years back. I had been sitting cross-legged on the grass, watching her plant ("I have to get these in the ground," she had said, and I had been made to understand this took priority over our shopping expedition), and it began to look like fun. My friend enthusiastically set me up with a spade and a tray of tiny plants. They looked so fragile, I was afraid to touch them. I struggled uncertainly with depth and distance, asking frequent questions ("Is this O.K.?" "How does this look?") and working very slowly.

After half an hour, I was hot and uncomfortable, and tired of squatting gingerly between the rows. My hands were dirty and sore, and I was ready to walk away and get on with the day. This is one of the things that separates the gardeners from the non-gardeners: my green-thumb friend could go all day, planting and weeding and fussing over her little green charges — her "babies," as she called them — and never notice the time.

I remember trying in vain to call my father in to dinner on summer evenings as he toiled happily in his gardens. "Be right there," he'd call repeatedly, as the twilight descended and the roast cooled. He was, and still is, truly a gardening addict; for him, the hours pass swiftly in a garden, flower or vegetable. He does not begrudge the time spent weeding and watering — it's time away from his beloved garden he regrets.

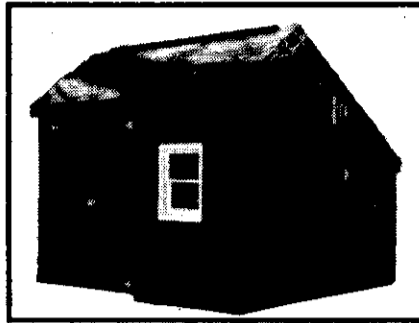
I've given up on trying to change my nature. I'm not a gardener, I never will be. I no longer feel compelled to muster up enthusiasm for an avocation for which I

have no talent. Still, I know when I visit my sister I will feel a flash of envy at the sight of her blooming yard, just as I do every year. I will wish, too, that I could enjoy dig-

ging my hands into crumbly soil, without succumbing to my squeamish fear of worms. But I probably won't offer to help. I will, however, enjoy watching.

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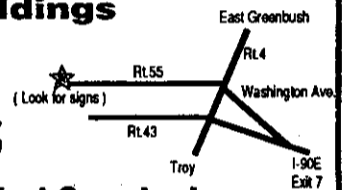


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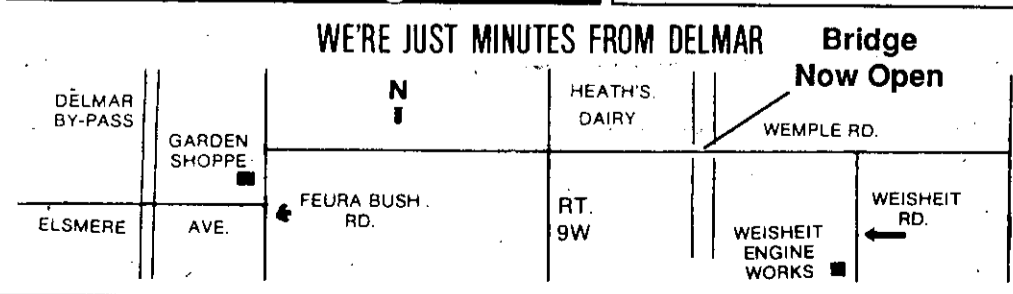
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So, if grass is used for purely cosmetic reasons, nursery professionals say home owners should consider removing or downsizing the lawn and following a xeriscape approach. Basically, that means planting drought-tolerant trees, shrubs and ground cover that will thrive with minimum irrigation.

In addition to drought-tolerant plants, xeriscape often makes use of decorative rocks, decks, gravel or cement.

At one home, an unused Bermuda lawn was replaced with a concrete courtyard surrounded by raised brick beds in which hedges were planted to create privacy. In the center of the courtyard stands a large tree surrounded by flowers, as well as several other pockets of green for an overall park-like feeling, requiring much less water and maintenance than a lawn.

At another home, a combination of perennials and paving stone creates a quiltlike carpet with terracotta color concrete pads, large rocks, river gravel, pink dwarf oleander and purple dwarf agapanthus. These offer a variety of colors and textures for more visual interest than that offered by a lawn.

If you're not ready to gut your yard and start over with entirely

new low-water landscape, you can begin to make it less thirsty in stages, spreading the work and expense over several years.

Although the types of plants suitable for xeriscape will vary from region to region, here are some

- Perennial flowers: salvia, common yarrow, lavender, lilies and erigeron.

- Ground cover: ice plant, wooly yarrow, snow-in-summer and common wormwood.

- Shrubs: bougainvillea, pea shrubs and smooth sumac.

- Trees: scrub oak, Russian olive, cherrystone juniper and mugho pine.

Regardless of the types of greenery selected, smart watering practices are the best drought insurance, according to pros.

Water lawns according to their needs, as a rule applying about one inch of water at each application. Avoid frequent light waterings. The best time to water is early morning, which reduces loss to evaporation. Apply water to drought-resistant plants only when they have become dry.

Care necessary in choosing flowers

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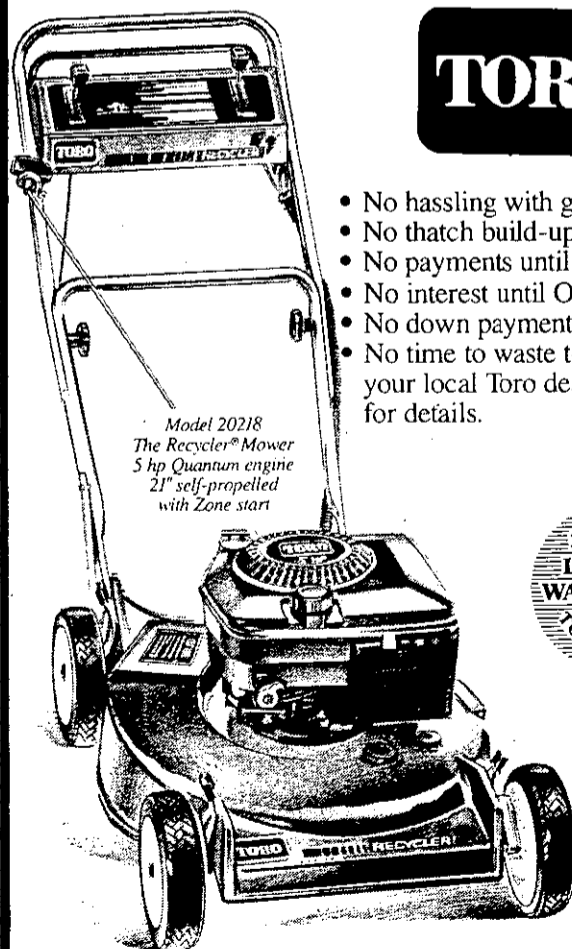
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Get the basic tools for home repairs

By Jim Sande

We're all familiar with the endless little maintenance problems that come up both inside and outside the house or apartment. A constantly loose door knob, a missing light switch cover, a section of molding that refuses to stay where it is supposed to, are all maintenance tasks that just about anyone can take care of with a few simple tools and a little bit of time. Here's a short list of some basic tools and a few ideas and tips on how to use them.

The tape measure—A good tape measure is one that extends to 25 feet, has a 1 inch wide tape, can lock open, and rewind automatically. With this tool you can measure outdoor spaces for decks, room spaces for furniture or rug placement, locate the center of a wall for picture hanging, measure to find the best way to get a large item through a doorway, measure for window blind and curtain sizes, and on and on. It's a must.

Screwdrivers—There are two basic types of screwdrivers to own:

Trees get credit for cleaning earth's air

Urban pollution fighters are taking to the trees to fight dirty air. Los Angeles city planners say that by the year 2000, the million trees planted for the 1984 Olympics will remove 200 tons of dust and smoke from the air daily.

Orchid gets credit for vanilla flavor

Vanilla flavoring comes from a small, yellowish-green orchid. More than 90 percent of the world's vanilla comes from Madagascar and the Comoro Islands in the Indian Ocean and from Indonesia.

a rubber or plastic handle *straight slot* with a 1/4 inch blade, and a rubber or plastic handle *Phillips* with a P1 head. Most doorknobs can be tightened with one of these. You can remove or install most outlet and switch covers with the single screw that holds them on. Needless to say never stick a screwdriver into any socket opening. You can tighten, remove, or replace cabinet and furniture knobs easily since one screw usually holds them on.

The hammer—Not M.C. Hammer but a 12 or 16 ounce curved claw hammer. I prefer one with a steel handle, it's practically indestructible. This size hammer can take care of many chores around the house. The trick to hammering a piece of molding or on a nicely finished surface is to hold a heavy piece of cardboard or scrap of wood over your work while hammering. This will keep the work dent free.

Glue, nails and wood screws—Carpenter's glue is great for gluing together all kinds of materials,

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especially wood. Put a small application on that loose joint on your favorite rocking chair, a little tap with your hammer to get the joint into place, let the work set up and dry, and that will do it. Nails come in many sizes and varieties. Good sizes to keep handy are the 4, 6 and 8 penny finish nails. These are used to nail down all kinds of finished woodwork. Also they are used in situation where you would want to nail something to the wall or create a simple hanger on a wall. The trick to putting in a wood screw is to start a little hole in the desired spot with a nail and hammer, then put some liquid soap on the screw. We've seen the situation where a woodscrew will no longer fit and hold properly. Probably the hole has gotten too big so try gluing a couple of wooden toothpicks into the hole, and break off the excess toothpick. Put the wood screw back in. Now, it will fit a lot snugger.

If you're interested, you can get these tools, glue, nails, and wood screws at a hardware store for around \$35 total.

Crown," traditionally followed by the Preakness, run a week later in Baltimore, Md., and the Belmont, three weeks later on Long Island in New York. On Saturday, May 4 this year, the beautiful thoroughbreds will once again "Run for the Roses."

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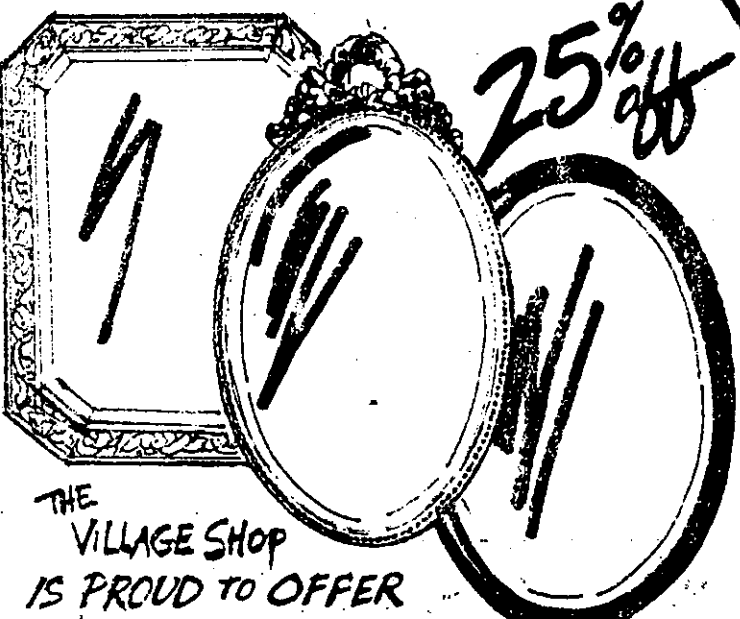
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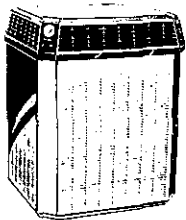
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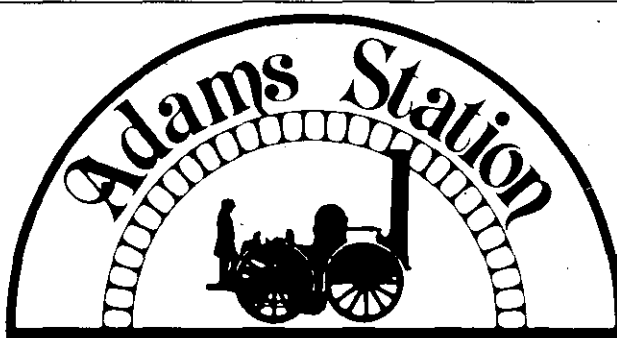
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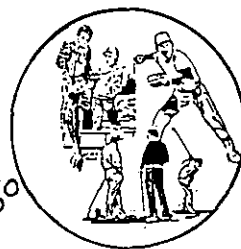
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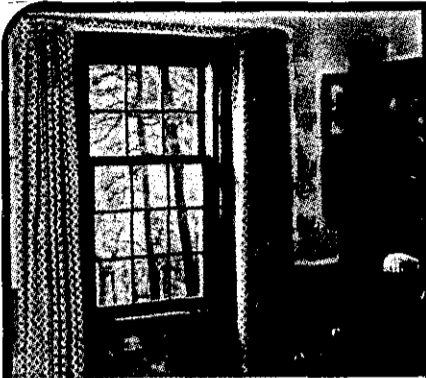
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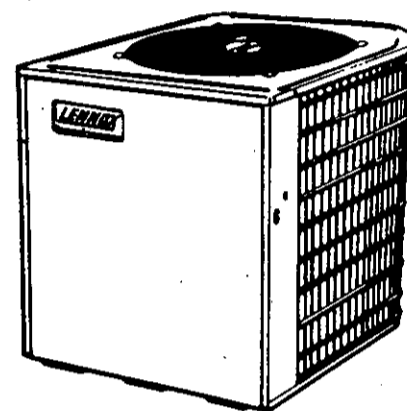
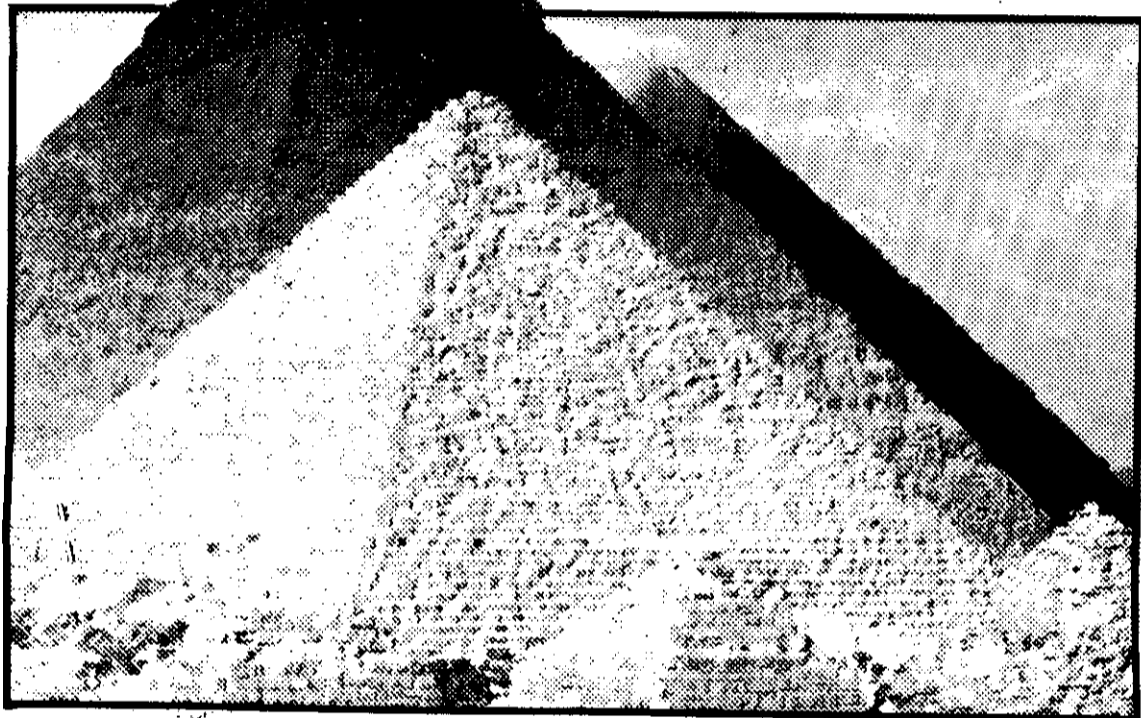
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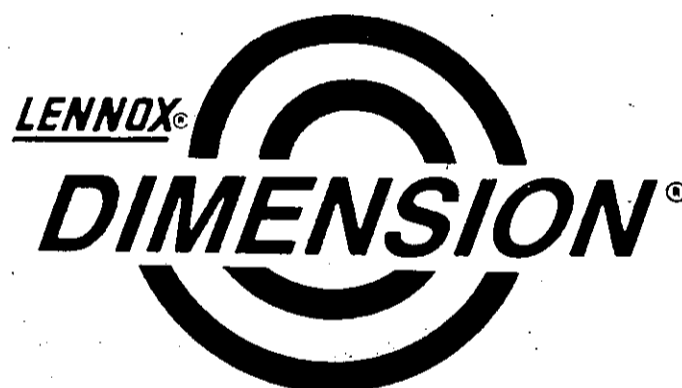
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Maintenance key to healthy lawn

By Mike Larabee

For many suburban dwellers, a plush lawn is as essential to summer as baseball, hammocks and tall glasses of lemonade. But maintaining a healthy lawn — with its ability to improve air quality, reduce noise, and help cool the area around your home — has never been easy.

Still, many experts are encouraging homeowners to resist the temptation to wage all out war on weeds and pests with chemical fertilizers and switch to natural lawn care.

"A lot of people these days, including many people in the horticulture industry, try to lessen their use of pesticides," said Michael Bartholomew of Albany County's Cornell Cooperative Extension. "If by producing a healthy viable lawn you can eliminate or at least reduce the amount of chemicals that you're using on your yard, that's what a lot of people are trying to achieve these days."

Bartholomew said while much research thus far on common lawn chemicals has shown them to be OK, if used according to directions, many people are moving to natural care with a sense of "better safe than sorry." But opponents of lawn pesticides maintain the chemicals pose severe health threats, have been inadequately tested and, on top of all that, are unnecessary.



Opponents of lawn pesticides say prevention is the best cure for weed and pest problems.

Elaine McLain

"One day they tell you you can't eat an egg and the next day they tell you you can," Bartholomew said. "Or the next group comes along and says 'Well, you shouldn't eat a lot of eggs but you can eat a few'."

"Which one do you believe? Which one has more credence? The end result is whether it's food or clothing or care for your yard, the consumer ends up being confused."

The basic premise behind natural or organic yard care is that that lawns kept in a healthy condition overall are less prone to damage by insects or disease, he said. Fertilizing and frequent watering, if it doesn't go against watering restrictions, can prevent problems down the road, said Bartholomew.

"Just keeping it healthy keeps the lawn more thick, by keeping it more thick you crowd out weeds and crab grass. If the lawn is growing vigorously, then it's less likely to have a disease or an insect problem," he said.

But there are no guarantees with pesticide-free lawn care, Bartholomew said. In an extension "how-to" report titled "Lawn Care Without Pesticides," Horticulturalist Norman Hummel warns that people need a "realistic perception" of what a pesticide-free

lawn care program will ultimately produce. "There is no panacea," he said. "You may see weeds and an occasional dead area in the lawn. Problems such as these, however, can be kept to a minimum. A lawn that is properly maintained will be vigorous, healthy and much more tolerant of diseases and insects."

But lawn chemicals don't always work either, Bartholomew said. And Tracy Frisch of the Albany-based New York Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides says "prevention is the best cure for lawn problems."

"People sometimes have the erroneous assumption that pesticides make the grass grow nice," she said. "Good care for the soil, appropriate watering practices, mowing high enough, frequently enough with a sharp blade, having appropriate mixtures of grass seed for your particular setting, these are the first line of defense."

In addition, she argues avoiding pesticides is part of being a good neighbor. "Some people for a variety of reasons are much more sensitive to pesticides," she said. "A lot of people are very sensitive and end up prisoners in their own

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By Mary Ahlstrom

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In spite of this I've been praised by friends and even relatives for my extraordinary gardening talents. The truth is—it's not me—it's the house. Our house just happens to have all the windows in the right place.

Years ago a friend gave me a Christmas cactus. She showed me how to break off a piece of the plant and stick it into soil in another pot. I did this. No rooting, no cultivating, no digging, no fooling.

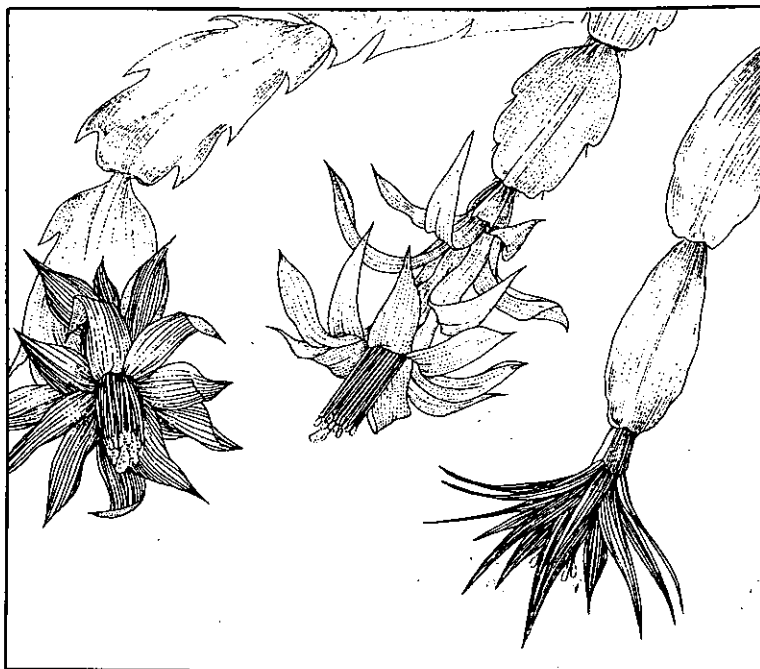
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Other give-for-less-effort plants are Swedish and English ivy. Grape ivy gets along nicely with barely any light. Full and green but no flowers.

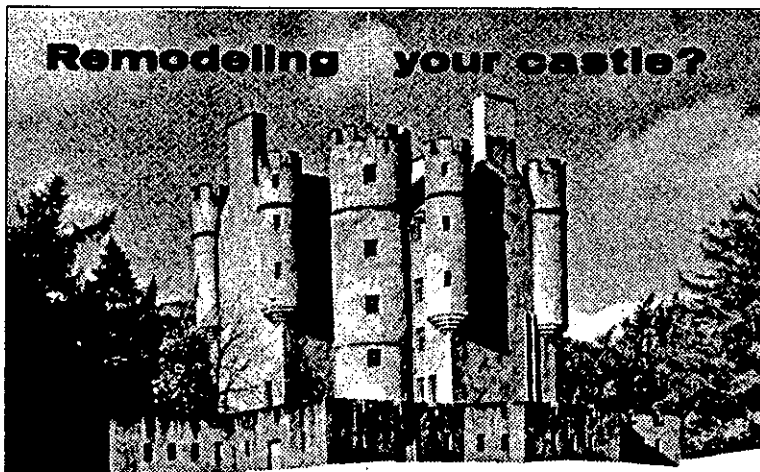
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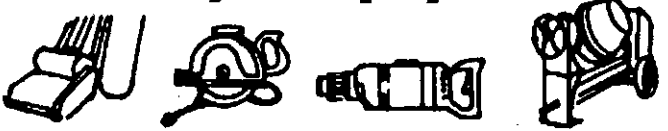


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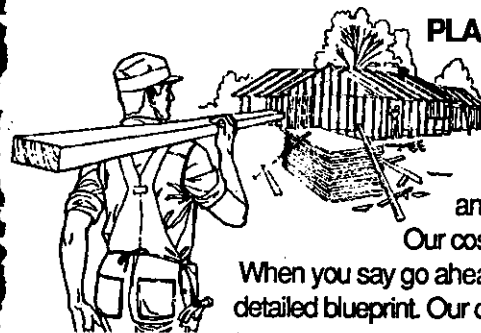
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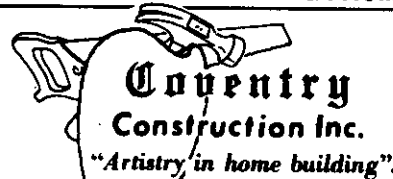
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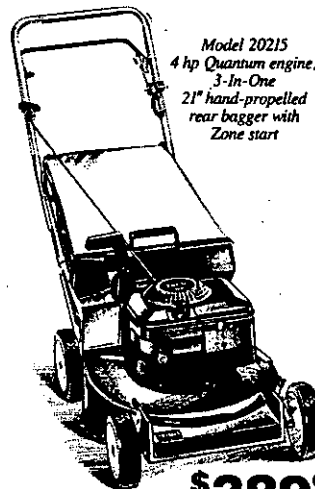
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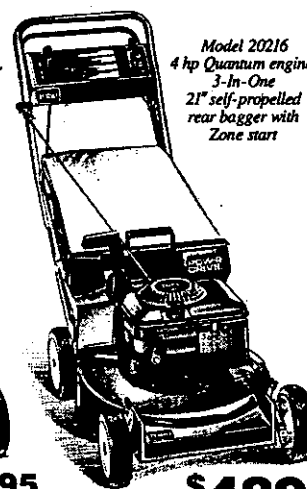
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A five-minute shower uses about 40 gallons of water; install a low-flow shower head and you'll reduce the amount of water by three-fourths. Or simply turn off the tap while you lather.

How much water do you use while waiting for the water to get hot each morning? Collect the wasted water in a bucket and pour it over thirsty plants.

And speaking of plants — consider xeriscape, landscaping with hardy native plants that are drought tolerant. If this isn't an option, reduce water evaporation by mulching trees and shrubs.

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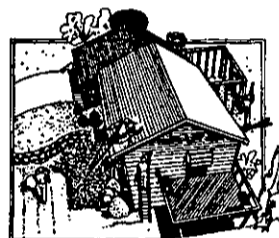
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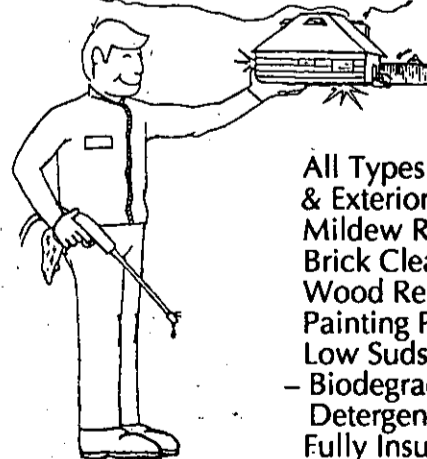
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Your own Garden of Eden—sun-ripened tomatoes, golden ears of corn, tangy-sweet berries and crisp apples—will be rewarding.

A benefit to gardening: home-grown fruits and vegetables give more nutritional value of those found on supermarket shelves.

Choosing a site

Locate your garden in an area that receives at least seven hours of sunlight. Think creatively as a designer to maximize space that will provide a feast for the eye as well as the palate.

Some examples: Create garden beds around complementary color schemes. Support climbing or trailing foliage with pyramidal or tepee supports, arches and fences. Also think about companion planting—garlic and rue, and basil and tomatoes.

Design your garden for a multitude of flowering. When the weather gets too hot for lettuce, switch to something different, then replant lettuce again when summer fades.

Preparing the garden bed

Good soil is essential to give fruits and vegetables proper nourishment.

Vegetables require earth that consists of at least one-third organic material. Peat moss, for instance, can retain 20 times its weight in water and slowly releases water and stored nutrients to plant roots.

What size garden should you start with? It depends, of course, on how much space is available, and how much you're willing to work. A modest-size plot, a 10-foot plot, provides a "kitchen" garden.

Start the planting process by digging out the garden bed to a depth of 12 inches. Shovel the backfill onto a tarp to make soil preparation and cleanup easier.

Break up the clods of dirt and remove rocks, roots, weeds and other junk. Then mix in a ratio of one-half to one-third of moistened peat moss—depending on the type of soil in your neck of the woods.

Using a water-retentive soil enhance will cut down on how often you must water fruits and vegetables, but it's important to give the garden a deep, penetrating soaking. This will tide you over in times of insufficient rainfall.

Morning is the best time to

water. Adding nutrients to the soil, such as organic fertilizer, also is recommended. For this, one should consult the local garden center and use as directed.

What to grow?

If you want to know which vegetables and fruits grow best in your climate, simply ask friends, neighbors, gardening clubs or call the Cooperative Extension Service.

In general, crops that grow best in cool weather include: Jerusalem artichokes, beets, broccoli, carrots, cabbage, celery, lettuce, mustard greens, onions, peas, potatoes, radishes and spinach.

Crops that grow best in warm weather: Globe artichokes, fava beans, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, lima beans, peppers, soybeans, squash, sweet potatoes and tomatoes.

Among the easiest crops to grow are tomatoes, beans, beets, lettuce, potatoes, salad greens and radishes. The most challenging include cantaloupe, cauliflower, corn, leeks, parsnips and watermelon.

Consider these three guidelines: (1) plant the vegetables you want to eat, (2) plant crops that do well in your area, and (3) decide whether your crops will be used for fresh eating or for freezing, storing, drying and canning.

Weeds and bugs

With weeds, as with life, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. The cardinal rules: get them while they're young and avoid chemical herbicides.

Plan to put in most of your weeding time in the spring. After that, you probably won't need to weed but once every two weeks. Also buying weed-free manure and compost fresh manure in a well-heated heap.

Another weed disinfectant, if you will, is mulch. Not only do mulches hold water and add nutrients to the soil, they also keep down weed growth.

Among organic materials, dried leaves, ground corncobs, grass clippings, wood chips and sawdust are considered top mulch material. Plastic sheeting, usually black, also is popular.

As for herbicides, the risk of damaging plants is just too great. Plus, the obvious reason, they can be dangerous to your health.

Now on to insects and other diseases. To have an insect-free garden is like asking for a stress-free life.

Again, the vigilance of maintenance is the best defense to crop-destroying infestation. Plant disease-resistant varieties, if you can, give your plants good care and learn to recognize signs of disease.

Here's a shopping list of common pest and their favorite meals: aphids devour beans, celery, peas, peppers and tomatoes; slugs and snails feast on Globe artichokes, lettuce and peppers; wireworms love beets and carrots; flea beetles have a sweet tooth for eggplant and radishes, and striped beetles eat beans, corn and cucumbers, melons and squash.

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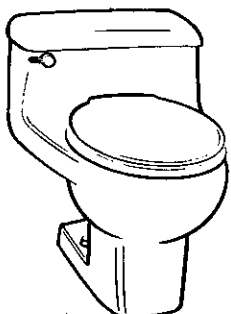
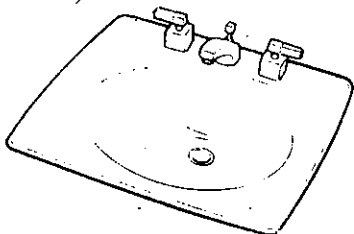
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These are a few of the vegetable facts in the new Cornell Cooperative Extension publication "Vegetable Fare: Displaying Vegetables at Their Best." The 48-page bulletin gives information on 38 vegetables, including when and how to harvest and trim each for the best quality and display. The author, Roger Kline, tells how to select and display vegetables for judging competitions including standards for garden vegetable exhibits and judging guidelines. Storage information is also covered.

The information is useful to anyone who displays vegetables for sale or exhibits vegetables in judging competitions or is interested in knowing more about vegetables.

According to Kline, a former senior extension associate in the Department of Fruit and Vegetable Science, New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University, "vegetable gardeners of all ages are proud of their ability to produce their own food and eager to show off the products of their gardening efforts. This publication was designed to help them do that."

Copies of "Vegetable Fare" (161L10-14) are available from the Cornell University Resource Center, 7 BTP, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850. The \$6.90 cost covers printing, shipping and handling.

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Lawns

(From page 18)

homes or end up having to leave their neighborhoods during the spray season."

"There's not a wall around a person's property that keeps the pesticide effects off of their neighbors," she said. "Whether or not an individual homeowner or consumer feels that lawn pesticides are a way to go in terms of being good neighbors, in a community their use can cause a great deal of harm to others."

Hummel said the first step to a healthy natural-care lawn is selecting an appropriate species of grass for the site. Kentucky bluegrass is the lawn grass best adapted to New York conditions, but others work as well, he said. In addition, a properly fertilized lawn will demand fewer pesticides, according to Hummel. Lawns should be fertilized two to three times a year, he said.

Likewise, proper mowing discourages weeds, and will make the lawn more resistant to some pests, Hummel said. Mowing height affects the size of a lawn's root system. The shorter the mowing height, the shallower the system, and the lawn will then be more susceptible to injury in drought and less tolerant of root feeding insects and root pruning diseases. Kentucky bluegrass and

fine fescue lawns should be mowed at 2 to 3 inches. Tall fescue lawns should be mowed at 3 inches, Hummel said.

As for watering, Hummel recommends deep watering whenever signs of wilt appear in early summer. Deep watering encourages deeper rooting, he said. As summer progresses, waterings should be shallow and more frequent, he said.

He said the best time to water a lawn is early morning when evaporation losses are low and leaves will dry off quickly. Evening watering favors disease development, according to Hummel.

Royalty had fondness for flowers

Anne of Brittany, who married Louis II of France in 1499, was very fond of flowers. She grew more than 300 varieties of them in her garden at Blois.

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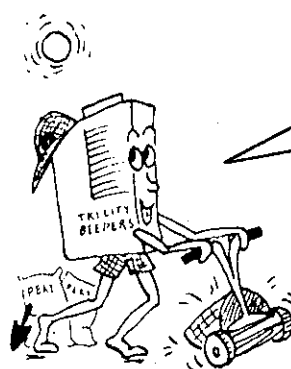
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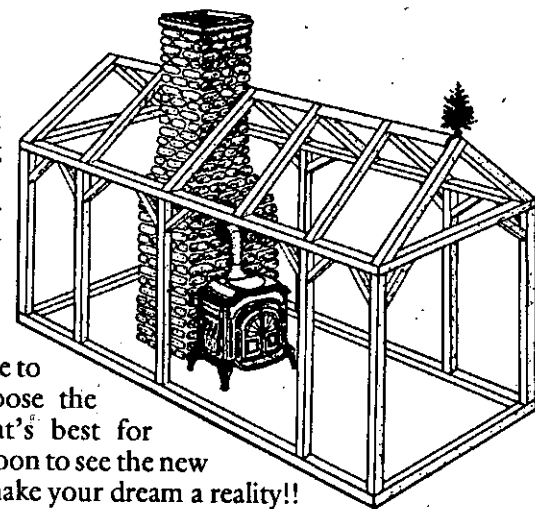
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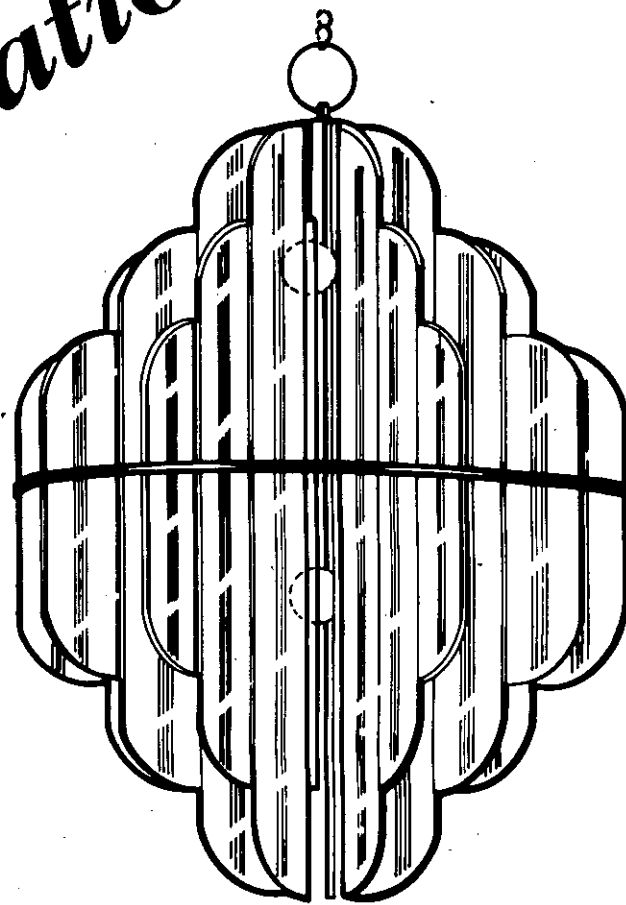
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Hurler tosses one-hitter

By Kevin VanDerzee

The RCS Indians were scheduled to play three league games last week, but only played two due to a rainout with Schalmont.

On Wednesday the Indians played host to the Cohoes Tigers. The Tigers leadoff hitter singled up the middle on the first pitch of the game before Julio Colon retired three of the next four hitters. That would be the most offense Cohoes would receive as Colon threw a one hitter and struck out eleven.

The Indians got on the board in the bottom of the first as Jerry Stevens singled and Colon tripled to score Stevens. Colon also scored after an overthrow to third base.

RCS scored once again in the fifth inning with a combination of hits and errors. Dan Gallagher reached on an error by the shortstop, and Shawn Morrow then drove him home with a double. Rob Newkirk had a sacrifice fly to drive in another and Ed Nieves doubled to drive in the last run of the game.

to Lansingburgh to play a hot Knights squad, who were coming off a victory against previously unbeaten Watervliet. In the bottom of the first Lansingburgh scored five unearned runs off of Colon. Shawn Morrow came in to pitch in the bottom of the second and gave up two runs in the fourth inning to put the Knights on top 7-0. The Indians received back to back singles from Nieves, John Orsino, and Adam Leonardo to load up the bases when Stevens hit into a fielders choice for an RBI, putting runners on the corners when Colon hit a sacrifice fly to drive in the Indians last run of the day.

Baseball league seeks players

The Bethlehem Baseball League is seeking players 16 and older from the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Central School District. Teams play a 16 game schedule and the fee is \$50 (includes \$20 refundable uniform deposit).

To register, call Bill Neumann at 477-8967 (evenings) by May 3.

On Friday the Indians traveled

Little league winds up for 37th year

By Susan Graves

Tri-Village Little League is all spruced up and ready for its 37th season. Opening ceremonies will begin at noon on Sunday, April 28, at Magee Park on Kenwood Avenue in Elmsere.

Tri-Village President Dick Everleth said in addition to honoring two former league presidents, a plaque will also be presented in honor of the new building, which was completed last year.

This year, about 600 youngsters will participate in the league, and there will be 44 teams.

Prior to opening day the organization is conducting the year's major fund drive. The little leaguers are selling magazine subscriptions to raise money, and the result of their efforts will be announced during opening day ceremonies, Everleth said.

A major event set for this season is the Major League All-Star Tournament, which Tri-Village is hosting in July, he said.

In addition, after the regular season the league is planning a

second season in late July. During that season, no standings or rankings are kept, Everleth said. "It's a fun season. It gives the kids something to do."

The league is also continuing work on its capital improvement program. Last fall, capital funds were used to completely redo the infields and put finishing touches on the new building.

Everleth said local businesses have continued to support the league despite the recession. "It's

been a good year, we even have a couple (businesses willing to sponsor teams) on hold," he said. "This is a very good town for supporting teams."

In that spirit, Tri-Village is willing to lend its support to a new Challenger League for handicapped youth. Whitehall Little League in Albany has been designated as home for the Challenger division, which will accept members from the whole Albany city area. "We're going to support it as much as we can," he said.

Lady Eagles edge Burnt Hills

By Jason Wilkie

Last week was a full week for Bethlehem school softball — one in which the girl's doubled their season win record and their loss record.

The Lady Eagles opened the week against the 8-0 Suburban Council perennial power, Mohonasen. The game, played in Rotterdam, ended with Bethlehem being overwhelmed 14-6 despite the Lady Eagles' top-notch defensive

team of Kris Malone, pitching, and Mary Beth Breslin, catching.

The girls were up again at plate Thursday evening facing off against Shenendahowa. Playing against a respectable team, Bethlehem managed to hold the score tight. Ultimately, the Lady Eagles lost, but only by one run, 7-6. Senior Brenda Fryer had a single and triple for two RBIs, while junior Lisa Domermuth had one RBI and two hits.

BC wound up the week with a welcome win against their Burnt Hills rivals. The 9-7 victory brought the team's season to two wins, four losses. Fryer scored four runs during the game.

Bethlehem's coach, Sandy Collins, said the victory over Burnt Hills was a sign things were looking up for the team. She cited the "very close" game against Shenendahowa as being a "positive step."

"Defensively we can play anyone," Collins stated. "They have to believe in themselves and I think that's what happened Friday (against Burnt Hills)."

Collins sighted Fryer's three for four effort at Shenendahowa and Lynn Smith's accomplishments against Mohonasen, (2 singles and one RBI) and later at Burnt Hills (four hits and an RBI) as being indicative of what the team is capable of offensively when they believe in themselves.

Golf and tennis competition set

Participants in the Albany and Schenectady Jewish Community centers' Golf and Tennis Day, dedicated to the memory of Estelle Golub, will be eligible for sensational prizes and will have the opportunity to bid on valuable auction items on Thursday, May 16 at the Colonie Country Club in Voorheesville. A condo at Hilton Head is among the auction items, and for the lucky winner of the hole-in-one contest, a car from North Star Chevrolet, Mechanicville awaits. For information or an invitation, call the Albany Jewish Community Center at 438-6651 or the Schenectady Jewish Community Center 377-8803.

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Birds pound Watervliet, Cohoes

By Kevin Taylor

The Voorheesville boys tennis team has started off on the right foot by winning both of its first two league matches in convincing fashion.

The Blackbirds crushed Watervliet 6-1 in their opening match of the season. Senior Matt Hladun led the way with a crushing defeat at the number one singles. Sophomores Aaron Luczak and Kevin Relyea followed followed suit with straight set victories. Exchange student Roberto Lopez also won his singles match, while both

Tennis

doubles teams won easily as well. The lone Bird defeat was suffered by senior Mike Kaine at number five singles.

The Birds played just as well in their demolition of Cohoes, 7-0. Hladun started the ball rolling again with an impressive 6-3, 6-3 win. Luczak, Relyea and Lopez all won in straight sets. Exchange student Bjoern Joergensen took over for Kaine at number five and recorded a pro-eight victory, 8-2.

Once again both doubles teams came through with easy pro-eight victories. The edition of Joergensen and Lopez has lifted the Birds.

Although the season is still young, the Blackbirds did get a break when their scheduled match against league-power Albany Academy was cancelled last week due to inclement weather. This postponement will allow the Birds more time to prepare for the Cadets, making the confrontation more competitive.

Church hosts dinner

A chicken and biscuit supper will take place on April 27, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at Dormansville United Methodist Church on Route 312. No reservations are necessary.

Birds lose by "only" 8

By Erin Elizabeth Sullivan

"It was only eight to nothing."

This was an all-too-frequent comment that sounded in the ears of Voorheesville baseball coach Don McDonald after losing 8-0 to Watervliet last Tuesday.

"I am pleased that we kept them out of double figures, but it should have been closer," McDonald said. The Blackbirds made seven errors and just could not get a piece of the curve balls that Watervliet's senior pitcher Billy Williams ripped over the plate.

While the Birds managed two hits, singles by Angelo and Dan Tarullo, no Voorheesville player saw the third base bag the entire game.

Against the senior-dominated Watervliet, Kevin Taylor, pitching,

and Tom Giantasio, catching, led the game. Taylor has been switching back and forth as pitcher and catcher. This frequent throwing can be tough on a player, and McDonald said he doesn't necessarily feel comfortable with this. However, he said, "Kevin is a hard worker and likes to be in the game no matter where."

The next day, playing at Albany Academy, the Cadets literally walked away from the Birds, 18-8.

Voorheesville's 12 walks added to Academy's nine resulted in a "long game," according to McDonald. "Jack (pitcher Jack Brennan) couldn't find the plate," he said. "All pitchers have a game like that, there's not much you can do about it."

The game was a combination of wild pitches and passed balls. "When the pitching is inconsistent, it is hard for a catcher to know where to go," McDonald said. Brennan was relieved by Giantasio, who followed Brennan's example.

However, the Blackbirds' offense seemed to come alive that game. Dan Carmody, at first base, broke out of his slump with two hits, including a double and four RBI. These were Carmody's first two hits of the season. "He was having some trouble with the mechanics of his swing," McDonald said, "but it looks like he is on his way to ironing them out."

Tarullo contributed two hits and an excellent defensive game at third. "Dan has been a little tentative at third, he needs some aggressiveness in the field. He made some tough plays that game," according to McDonald.

While the spread of runs was greater in the Academy game, McDonald said he saw more positives come out of it, including better defense, nine hits and eight runs.

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Babe Ruth baseball begins at BC

Bethlehem Babe Ruth baseball begins Thursday, April 25 at Bethlehem Central Middle School. Two games will be played, one on the front field and a second on the new field in back beginning at 6 p.m.

Each team will play 17 games in two divisions with the season coming to an end the last week in June with a picnic for all players, managers and coaches.

Academy plans Earth Day events

In celebration of Earth Day, students from The Albany Academy and The Albany Academy for Girls will visit Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, on Game farm Road, Delmar, and attending a series of seminars on environmental topics.

On Wednesday, April 24, on the campus of the two schools, a joint Earth Day program will be held. Dr. Bruce Piasecki, professor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Center for Urban and Environmental Studies, will speak on the topic: "In Search of Environmental Excellence." The address is open to the public; anyone interested in attending should contact Joan Lewis at 463-2201.

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Two candidates challenge for library seat

By Susan Wheeler

Bethlehem Central School District voters will have the chance to vote into office a new assistant treasurer for the Bethlehem Public Library's Board of Trustees on May 8 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the middle school on Kenwood Avenue.

Slingerlands resident Florence Harris, who has been assistant treasurer for the past six years, said she "sincerely regrets that for personal and family matters," she will not be able to run for another term. She said she "really enjoyed" her time on the board.

Candidates for the seat are Melissa McCandless Palmer, a Slingerlands resident for 35 years, and Gregory Stevens. Palmer is a retired bookkeeper from Del Palmer Appraisal Corp. in Albany. Stevens, a Slingerlands resident for 11 years, is assistant dean of the college of humanities and fine arts at the University at Albany.

Palmer said she and her family have enjoyed the library for 35 years, and have watched it grow from the "charming little building on Adams Place to the present sophisticated facility." Before starting her family, she worked as an occupational therapist. When her three children were young, she volunteered for various organizations. She taught English to foreign students for Literacy Volunteers of America-Albany, Inc., was a board member and secretary on the original Women's Council Board of the Albany Institute of

History and Art and a cashier in its luncheon gallery. She volunteered for career orientation day in the school district and as a treasurer, among other positions, for St. Peter's Church in Albany. Before working at Del Palmer Appraisal Corp., she was business manager and assistant to the chairman of the theater department at the University at Albany.

The Junior League of Albany awarded Palmer the Sustainer Bowl, an award for outstanding volunteers, in appreciation of her various volunteer activities. "I have done a great deal of many different things," she said. "I think the variety of my experience is good. It gives me the ability to contribute from a wide background."

"The library may not be all things to all people, but it comes close. However, at this time of reduced state allocations and tight money generally, it will take even greater board study and care to maintain current standards, keep up with technical developments

and serve our community," Palmer said.

"I would like to be part of our library's future," she said. "I know I have the time and I know I have the interest."

Stevens, who has been at the University at Albany since 1980, was previously an assistant professor of English at Auburn University in Alabama. He has three children, two of whom are currently in the Bethlehem school district. He has participated in many humanitarian programs through his position at the university, including serving as executive director of the Capital District Humanities Program since 1983.

Stevens worked as the theme coordinator for the Albany School of Humanities, formerly School 23, the magnet school. He is on the Bethlehem Lutheran Church's Christian education board and board of directors, and is vice-president of Historic Cherry Hill

Sale at Child's Hospital

There will be an "attic-cellar treasure sale" April 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and April 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Child's Nursing Home auditorium, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany.

Marion Camp, Polly Van Woert, Lydia Wilt, Ethel Smith, Kathy Shanley, Betty Krug, and Marilyn Cline, all of Bethlehem, sit on the board of managers at Child's and have worked on the event.

On sale will be "everything that you'd find in attic straight down to the cellar," said Camp. "We've got some very nice things and then we've got some things that would be classified strictly as rummage."

For information call, 439-1046.

In Clarksville The Spotlight is sold at the Clarksville Quik Shop




Community Corner


Fire company hosts Clarksville dinner

The Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company will sponsor a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, April 28, at the fire hall in Clarksville. An "all-you-can-eat" meal of tossed salad, spaghetti with meat sauce, bread, dessert, and beverage will be served from 1 to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for kids under 11, \$4.50 for seniors, and \$5 for all others. Takeout is 25 cents extra. For information or orders, call 768-2823.


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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, May 1, 1991, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of J. Scott Merritt, 55 Salisbury Road, Delmar, New York 12054 for Variance under Article XII, Percentage of Lot Occupancy, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem to enclose existing concrete patio with screen porch at premises 55 Salisbury Road, Delmar, New York.

Charles B. Fritts
Chariman
Board of Appeals
(April 24, 1991)

VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Annual School District Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held in the auditorium of the Clayton A. Bouton High School in said district on Tuesday, June 11, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time for purpose of announcing and pre-

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senting candidates for the for the Board of Education and for the consideration of a budget for the school year 1991 - 1992 and for the transaction of such other business as is authorized by the Education Law.

And notice is also given that at the conclusion of the transaction of business on June 11, 1991, at which time the meeting will be reconvened at the Clayton A. Bouton High School and the polls will be open and the polls will be open and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect 1 member of the Board of Education for a 5 year term to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of David Teuten.

2. To vote on the Annual School Budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

And notice is also given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the seven days immediately preceding the annual meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday, at the following school-

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house in which school is maintained during the hours designated:

Clayton A. Bouton High School (schoolhouse)
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (hours)

And notice is also given that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the clerk of the district not later than the 30th day preceding the school meeting. Each petition must be directed to the clerk of the district, must be signed by at least twenty-five qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidate and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated including at least the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.
Dated: April 8, 1991
David Teuten
District Clerk

And notice is also given that at the Annual School District Meeting the Public Library budget for the year 1991 - 1992 will be considered and such other business transacted as is authorized by law.

And notice is also given that at the conclusion of the transaction of

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business on June 11, 1991, the Annual Meeting will be adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 1991 at which time the meeting will be reconvened at the Clayton A. Bouton High School and the polls will be open and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect a member of the Library Board for a 5 year term to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Homer Warner.

To vote on the public Library budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

And notice is also given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for library purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the seven days immediately preceding the annual meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday at the following school house in which the school is maintained during the hours designated:

Clayton A. Bouton High School (schoolhouse)
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (hours)

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And notice is also given that the petitions nominating candidates for the office of the Library Board must be filed with the clerk of the Library Board not later than the 30th day preceding the school meeting. Each petition must be directed to the clerk of the Library Board, must be signed by at least twenty-five qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidates and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated including at least the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.
Dated: April 8, 1991
Gail Sacco
District Clerk
(April 24, 1991)

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on May 8, 1991, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to consider Local Law No. 2 of 1991, Revision to Article IX, Unlawful Obstructions, of the Bethlehem Town Code, Section 39, Section 40, Section 41, and Section 42.

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All parties in interest and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CAROLYN M. LYONS
TOWN CLERK

Dated: March 27, 1991
(April 24, 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 May 8, 1991, at 8:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to consider Local Law No. 3 of 1991 to Consider Revisions to Chapter 61, DOGS of the Bethlehem Town Code, Section 1, Purpose; Section 4 Definitions; and addition of Section 5H, Restrictions.

All parties in interest and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CAROLYN M. LYONS
TOWN CLERK

Dated: April 24, 1991
(April 24, 1991)

Drug administrator to speak at library

William P. Rockwood, Ph.D., will give a talk at the Bethlehem Public Library about the latest theories and discoveries in the field of drug and alcohol addictions on Thursday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m.

Rockwood, program administrator for Crossroads, a Delmar drug and alcohol counseling clinic, will cover the results of recent studies and give an overview of professional discussions.

Library plans children's programs

The Bethlehem Public Library has planned two children's programs.

On Friday, May 17, at 10:30 a.m., children ages 2 to 5 are invited to bring blankets and bears for the Teddy Bears' Picnic. Please bring a half dozen cookies to share. Registration is limited.

Girls and boys in grades 2 to 4 are invited to bring a jump rope to the library on May 30 at 4 p.m. to learn new jump rope songs and rhymes.

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Obituaries

Anita M. Preska

Maj. Anita M. Preska, 38, a nurse in the U.S. Air Force and former Delmar resident, died April 2 while on duty in Bitburg, Germany of an apparent heart attack. She was stricken while at her duty station in the 36th Tactical Fighter Wing Hospital in Bitburg. She had served in the recent Persian Gulf War.

Born in Delmar, Maj. Preska was a 1971 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, where she had been active in intramural and interscholastic sports. She received a bachelor of science in nursing in 1975 from Niagara University and a master's degree in pediatric nursing from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1977.

After completing her studies, she joined the Air Force, where she specialized in pediatric nursing. While in the Air Force, she was stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio; Hahn, Germany; and at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington, D.C.

She is survived by her father, Victor R. Preska of Delmar, and her sisters, Loretta Preska Kavalier and Carolyn Preska Kavalier, both of New York City.

Services were held in the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar. Arrangements were by Meyers Funeral Home of Delmar.

Burial with full military honors was at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Colonie.

Contributions may be made in honor of Major Preska to the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council Inc., 750 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Marjorie Adriance

Marjorie Rings Adriance, 71, of Delmar, died Sunday, April 14, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, Mrs. Adriance was a Delmar resident for the past 45 years.

Before her retirement in 1980, she had worked as a dental technician at Northeastern Dental Lab Corp. in Albany.

She was a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

Survivors include her husband, Orson Adriance; two sons, Joseph Adriance of Knox and Michael Adriance of Delmar; four sisters, Marion Conklin and Dorothea Miley, both of Albany, Catherine Rings of Delmar and Annie Rings of Staten Island; a brother, Frederick Rings of Westmere; and three grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Rescue Squad.

Services were by Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Harry C. Chase

Harry C. Chase, 89, of Glenmont, died Sunday, April 14, in St. Peter's Hospital.

Born in Chase's Lake, Lewis County, he moved to the Capital District in 1924. He was educated in the Chase's Lake school system.

Before retiring in 1979, Mr. Chase was mill manager for Marvin Millwork Co. in Albany. Prior to that, he worked for vari-

ous lumber yards in the Capital District.

He was a communicant of St. Mary's Church in Albany.

He was husband of the late Mary C. Martin Chase. He is survived by three sisters, Anna C. Ward of Pulaski, Oswego County, Della C. Burr of Gloversville and Nellie Turck of Croghan, Lewis County.

A service was held at St. Mary's Church.

Services were by Zwack and Sons, Albany. Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

Beatrice Galanka

Beatrice I. Galanka, 82, of Greenleaf Drive, Delmar, died Wednesday, April 17, in Albany Medical Center after a brief illness.

Born in Moscow, Ind., Mrs. Galanka grew up in northern Michigan and attended Western Michigan College. Before moving to the Capital District 23 years ago, she lived in Oyster Bay, Nassau County and New York City.

In Michigan, she was a teacher and taught first through eighth grade. Later she was a governess for the Roosevelts in Oyster Bay and New York City for several years.

A pianist and songwriter, Mrs. Galanka wrote popular songs, and had 10 songs copyrighted. She played the piano as a volunteer for Albany Medical Center and at various functions at Delmar Reformed Church, where she was a member.

She is survived by her husband, Paul O. Galanka; a son, Michael Galanka of White Plains; a daughter, Alice M. Galanka of Delmar, and a brother, Ernest B. Isaacsen of Traverse City, Mich.

Services were held Saturday at Delmar Reformed Church. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery. Arrangements were by Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless, 26 S. Swan St., Albany, N.Y. 12210.

Florence Rothaupt

Florence M. Rothaupt, 94, of Ponderosa Drive, Voorheesville, died Sunday, April 14, in St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Duaneburg, Mrs. Rothaupt lived in the Voorheesville area for most of her life.

Widow of Frederick O. Rothaupt, she was the oldest active member of the New Scotland Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Merle Whitney of Voorheesville; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the New Scotland Presbyterian Church, New Scotland Road. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Altamont.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the New Scotland Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund.

Ezra Hallenbeck

Ezra Hallenbeck, formerly of Delmar, 90, died Friday, April 19 at the Evergreen Health Care Center, Stafford Springs, Ct.

Born in Selkirk, he resided in Altamont before moving to Delmar. He had lived in Enfield, Ct., since 1984.

He worked for the Niagara-Mohawk Power Corporation for 31 years and retired as a regional serviceman in 1965.

Husband of the late Marguerite Collins Hallenbeck, he is survived by one son, Roger E. Hallenbeck of Enfield; a brother, Wilbur E. Hallenbeck of Selkirk; three grandsons and two great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home, with burial at Elmwood Cemetery.

Church stages play

A three-act play, "The Bride Breezes In," will be presented by the South Bethlehem Methodist Church Drama Group on May 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. Ticket donations for each performance are \$6.50 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens and \$3 for children. Tickets are available from all cast members or at the door.

THE YOUTH NETWORK

Facts on alcohol offered to parents

April is Alcoholism Awareness Month. For the next few weeks we will be giving you some information about alcohol and alcoholism. The following "Thoughts for Parents" is taken from a brochure developed by the New York State Division of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse.

Ten facts about youthful alcohol use:

1. More kids get into trouble with alcohol than any other drug.
2. Less than half of the country's fourth to sixth-graders know that alcohol is a drug.
3. For the majority of young people, the first experience with alcohol takes place before their high school years.
4. By the time they graduate, nine out of 10 high school students have used alcohol.

5. Ten percent of students in grades 7 to 12 in New York get drunk once a week or more.

6. Alcohol use is linked to delinquency, truancy, poor academic performance and teenage pregnancy.

7. Only four out of 10 high schoolers think that heavy weekend drinkers are at risk of harming themselves.

8. About one-third of fourth to eighth-grade students believe that drinking is a "big problem" among kids their age.

9. Eleven percent of New York's seventh to twelfth graders describe themselves as "hooked" on alcohol.

10. The three leading causes of death among young people — accidents, homicides and suicides — are all significantly related to alcohol use.

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Here comes

the CIRCUS!

By Susan Wheeler

A white rhinoceros and black panther stand looking at one another under the direction of animal trainer Flavio Togni. Instead of the battle that would ensue in the jungles of Africa, they work together to perform a unique act in the 120th anniversary edition of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, coming to the Glens Falls Civic Center and Albany's Knickerbocker Arena.

"The rhino and black panther are two natural enemies," said Joe Lewi, regional marketing director with Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. "It's a hard trick to get them to perform together."

Togni and other circus performers with The Greatest Show On Earth, including acrobats, trapeze artists, hair-hangers and clowns, visit the area in early May.

The circus first stops at the civic center on Tuesday, May 7, and Wednesday, May 8, for four performances; one each day at 4 and 8 p.m. The Knick hosts the show from Friday, May 10 through Sunday, May 12 for six performances. The opening performance is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Shows on



Flavio Togni (top), performing with one of his 17 elephants, makes his American debut in the 120th Anniversary Edition of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. Michelle Ayala (left), also new to The Greatest Show On Earth, juggles while suspended by her hair.



Saturday are 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday's two shows are at 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are priced at \$8.50, \$10.50 and \$12.50 for the Knick's shows, while they're \$10.50 and \$12.50 for the shows at Glens Falls. Tickets are available by phone, mail or in person for all shows and group rates are available. For information about the Glens Falls' shows call 798-0202. Call 487-2000 for information about the Knick's shows.

According to Lewi, the show coming to the area, the blue unit, is in the second year of a two-year tour, and has never been to the Capital District. Last year the red unit visited the area with a completely different show. The two units, both produced by Kenneth Feld, alternate cities and "try to outdo" each other, he said. "The size of the show is similar, but we try to make it bigger and better each year."

Last year's circus featured animal trainer Gunther Gebel-Williams' farewell tour. This year Togni and his family's circus act star in their only American performances. In addition to the rhino and panther act, Togni performs an elephant and horse act, and along with the help of family members, a three-ring Liberty Horses act, including 12 untethered Palomino horses, eight Arabians and seven Lipizzaners.

The elephant-horse act is something unique that the public seldom sees, Lewi said. "The horses look so small next to the elephants."

Togni, 30, was raised in a circus family. His parents, however, required him and his brothers to go away to school for a formal education, Lewi said. He said that the parents told their sons they'd be more than happy to receive them into the family's business, but only after they had the opportunity to make their decision based on personal experiences with the world outside the circus. Togni decided to join the circus after going to school. "Flavio is very knowledgeable," he said. "He works with his animals daily when he's not performing."

One of the more unusual acts traveling with the circus, hair-hanging performed by Marguerite Michelle and her two daughters, originated in the Orient. The artists, who perform a three-ring aerial act, braid their waist-length hair and wrap it around a metal clasp. While they are suspended 30 feet in midair from their hair, they juggle fiery clubs and rings, spin plates and perform acrobatic tricks.

Marguerite Michelle, who grew up in a family-owned circus in Mexico, learned the art of hair-hanging from her mother. She in turn taught her daughters, who together comprise the only hair-hanging act in the United States.

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Festival blooms with excitement for visitors and residents

By Kathleen Shapiro

Get ready to celebrate spring! As the site of this year's I LOVE NEW YORK Spring Festival, Albany will be pulling out all the stops and celebrating the season for seven straight weeks with flowers, theater productions, concerts, boats, grand openings, and more.

Sponsored in part by the state's I LOVE NEW YORK program, the annual festival is held in different areas of the state each year and is designed to attract tourists from around the world.

"It's part of the overall New York state effort to focus the attention of the travel press on different areas of the state," said Bern Rotman, a spokesperson for the I LOVE NEW YORK program.

In addition to annual events such as the Washington Park Tulip Festival and Empire State Regatta, Albany's I LOVE NEW YORK spring celebration will include more than 30 area activities, including new events such as arts and crafts

exhibits, sports competitions, and a number of musical and theater productions.

Although coordinating the celebration has taken almost two years, city festival planners had plenty of local events to choose from.

"There were a number of good (area) festivals existing and competing for attention, and we thought it would be good to bring them all under one umbrella," said Eugene Pittelli, chairman of the Albany spring festival.

The festivities will kick off this Saturday, April 27, with a nostalgic World War II-era USO show at the Washington Avenue Armory, complete with flags, bunting, and a big band and vocal trio.

Other new events will include the April 28 grand opening of the Plaza Art Collection at the Empire Plaza's Corning Tower, a Fine Arts Fair on May 10 and 11 at the Albany campus of Russell Sage College, and the introduction of the state museum's

first-time Native American Crafts Festival on June 15 and 16.

For those who like a good challenge, the city will celebrate the unlocking of their newly expanded Urban Cultural Park Visitor's Center with a "Discover and Uncover Albany Scavenger Hunt" on June 15.

The I LOVE NEW YORK Spring Festival will also include a number of dramatic events for theater fans, including Siena College's production of Czechoslovakian president Vaclav Havel's play "Temptation" (running from April 25 through April 27), and the world premier of "Vasilisa the Fair," a musical created by Soviet, British, and American writers. The musical will take place at the Empire State Plaza Performing Arts Center from May 6 through May 26.

Dance will also be featured, with the Berkshire Ballet taking center stage at Albany's Palace Theater on May 11 and May 19 with its production of "Cinder-

ella."

Last fall, the city planted 60,000 tulip bulbs which it hopes will bloom in time for one of the highlights of this year's celebration, the annual Washington Park Tulip Festival.

The floral festival will begin on Friday, May 10, with a noon parade featuring the traditional sweeping of the streets by young women in Dutch costume, and continue with food and entertainment throughout the weekend.

Not to be left out of the celebrations, sports fans and running teams from an estimated 250 corporations are expected to gather in Albany on May 23 for the Manufacturer's Hanover Corporate Challenge, while rowers from the northeast and Canada will hit the Hudson River on June 8 and 9 for the annual Empire State Regatta.

A detailed schedule of events can be found in the city's festival brochure, available at city hall and area hotels.



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6. Unhinge the back shell from the body. The liver is in the back and is considered a great delicacy by lobster aficionados.
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Mozart's Coronation Mass K.
317, Westminster Presbyterian
Church, April 28, 10:15 a.m.
Information, 436-8544.

**THE BERKSHIRE CHAMBER
SINGERS**
traditional and contemporary a
cappella choral music,
Spencertown Academy, April
27, 8 p.m. Information, 392-3693.

**SHEILA JORDAN WITH THE LEE
SHAW TRIO**
an evening of jazz, The Hyde
Collection, Glens Falls, April 26,
8 p.m. Information, 792-1761.

CLASSICAL MUSIC SERIES
The Berkshire Chamber Singers,
Spencertown Academy, April
27, 8 p.m. Information, 392-3693.

SKIP PARSONS
Riverboat Jazz Band, The
Fountain Restaurant, Albany,
Every Wed., 8-11 p.m., second
weekend every month, 10 p.m.-
2 a.m. Information, 768-2231.

ST. CECILIA ORCHESTRA
classical perestroika, April 25-28,
Thurs. Canfield Casino,
Saratoga, 8 p.m.; Sat. Troy
Savings Bank Music Hall, 8 p.m.;
Sun. Union College,
Schenectady, 7:30 p.m.
Information, 346-7996.

L'ENSEMBLE CONCERT
Chamber music concert series,
Albany City Arts Building, April
28, 3 p.m. Information, 436-5321.

MICHAEL COONEY
British and American folk music,
Old Songs Concerts,
Guilderland, April 29, 8 p.m.
Information, 765-2815.

**THE COLLEGE OF SAINT ROSE
JAZZ ENSEMBLE**
in concert, The Chambers,
Albany, Information, 454-5195.

KATE & ANNA MCGARRIGLE
acoustic folk music, The Empire
Center, Albany, April 27, 8 p.m.
Information, 442-5373.

YES
concert, Knickerbocker Arena,
Albany, April 25, 7:30 p.m.

RANDY TRAVIS
concert, Knickerbocker Arena,
Albany, April 26, 8 p.m.

FINDLAY COCKRELL
pianist concert, The Empire
Center, Albany, April 30, noon.
Information, 442-5373.

THE AMERICAN BRASS QUINTET
final concert of 1990-91, de
Blasis Chamber Music Series,
The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls,
April 29, 8 p.m. Information, 792-
1761.

**UNIVERSITY CHAMBER
SINGERS**
David Janower, conductor,
State University, Albany, April 28,
3 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

**UNIVERSITY-COMMUNITY
ORCHESTRA**
Nathan Gottschalk, conductor,
April 30, 8 p.m. Information, 442-
3995.

**UNIVERSITY-PERCUSSION
ENSEMBLE**
Richard Albagli, director;
University-Community
Symphonic Band, Henry M.
Carr, director, State University,
Albany, May 1, 8 p.m.
Information, 442-3995.

TRACEY M. FULGAN
mezzo-soprano vocal recital,
The College of Saint Rose,
Albany, April 29, 8 p.m.
Information, 454-5209.

DANCE

**LAURA DEAN DANCERS &
MUSICIANS**
total theatrical statement,
Empire Center at The Egg,
Albany, April 26, 8 p.m.
Information, 473-1845.

SHOW

ELLIOT FINTUSHEL
Mime/mask show, Steamer No.
10 Theatre, Albany, April 27-28,
Sat., 1 and 8 p.m.; Sun. 1 p.m.
Information, 438-5503.

SPRING INTO THE MUSEUM:
Peppermint Playhouse
Puppeteers, April 24, 1 and 3
p.m. Songs for Our Planet, April
26, 1 and 3 p.m. State Museum,
Information, 474-5801.

SATURDAY MORNING LIVE!
children learn how we can all
take part in "Saving Our Seas,"
April 27, 10:30-11:30 a.m. The
Travel Sketch Diary: A History
and How to, 1-4 p.m. State
Museum, Information, 474-5801.

RADIO BOOK SHOW
production of WAMC-FM 90.3
and State Writers Institute, non-
fiction writers and a playwright,
April 25, 8 p.m.

WORKSHOP

**CREATIVE ADVENTURE IN
PERFORMING ARTS:**
Summerstage 91 for young
people, NYS Theatre Institute's
Theatre Arts School, July 22-
Aug. 9 weekdays. Interviews for
acceptance must be
scheduled by May 3.
Information, 442-5395.

**COMMUNITY MURAL
WORKSHOP**
print making activity, children
ages 3-10, The Children's
Museum at Saratoga, April 27-
28, noon-3 p.m. Information,
587-1948.

**WRITING EFFECTIVE REVIEWS
FOR PUBLICATION**
basics of review writing, Writers
on Writing Workshops, Hudson
Valley Writers Guild, Inc.,
Albany, April 29, 7-9 p.m.
Information, 449-8069.

**DRAWING AND PAINTING
WORKSHOP**
basic techniques by Jane
Pingleton Evans, art instructor at
Albany Institute of History and
Art, Albany, Now through May
13, Mon. 2-4 p.m. Information,
438-6608.

LUNCH WITH ARTS PROGRAM
series of speakers, College of
Saint Rose Picotte Gallery,
Albany, April 24, May 1, noon.
Information, 454-5105.

CLASSES

MUSEUM ART CLASSES
watercolor, drawing for adults;
museum magic, art ventures for
children; clayworks; drawing
and painting; cooperative
classes; Albany Institute of
History and Art. Now through
May 25. Information, 463-4478.

READINGS

IN OTHER WORDS
Abakanie & Ellen, First Unitarian
Society, Schenectady, April 26,
8 p.m. Information 374-4446.

**READINGS AGAINST THE END
OF THE WORLD**
marathon benefits the Albany
Peace & Energy Council, The
Eighth Step, Albany, April 26-27,
24-hour performance.
Information, 438-6314.

GEOFFREY WOLFF
reads from his work, Hudson
Valley Community College,
Troy, April 24, 8 p.m.
Information, 374-4446.

JOHN BARTH
reads from his work, RPI, Troy,
May 1, 8 p.m. Information, 273-
0552.

FILM

MINI-FESTIVAL OF FILMS
by noted Cuban director and
filmmaker Tomas Gutierrez Alea,
State University, Albany, April
30-May 3, 7:30 p.m.

THE JUNGLE BOOK
based on stories by Rudyard
Kipling, State Museum, Albany,
April 27-28, 1 and 3 p.m.
Information, 474-5842.

CLASSIC FILM SERIES
Riders of the Purple Sage, April
26; Son of the Sheik, April 26,
7:30 p.m. University at Albany,
Information, 442-5620.

**MEMORIES OF
UNDERDEVELOPMENT**
first film from post-revolutionary
Cuba released in the U.S., State
University, Albany, April 30, 7:30
p.m.

DEATH OF A BUREAUCRAT
black-comedy attack on
bureaucracy, State University,
Albany, May 1, 7:30 p.m.

LECTURE

WENDY WASSERSTEIN
Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright
will speak, Emma Willard School,
April 25, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Information, 274-3698.

**A NEW LOOK AT SCHUYLER
MANSION**
A Discussion of Current
Restoration, Picotte Hall Art
Gallery, Albany, April 24, noon.
Information, 454-5105.

**THE CONFIDENT AGE: THE
AMERICAN RENAISSANCE**
series lectures, Albany Institute
of History and Art, April 28, May
5, 2 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

SHORT STORIES

lecture/film discussions, Sage
Albany Campus, April 30 May 7,
7-9 p.m. Information, 270-2246.
**HOW TO WRITE A BOOK AND
GET IT PUBLISHED**
sponsored by the Hudson Valley
Writers Guild, Inc. April 24, May
1, 8, 7-9 p.m. Information, 449-
8069.

FESTIVALS

HETER STREET REVISITED
part of the Imagination
Celebration, Hebrew Academy,
Albany, April 30. Information,
783-1333.

NYS MAPLE FESTIVAL
outdoor Plaza, Albany, April 24,
noon-4 p.m. Information, 382-
0049.

ARTVENTURE
family art day, I Love New York
Spring Festival, outside Plaza,
Albany, April 28, 1-4 p.m.
Information, 473-7521.

AUDITIONS

MENDELSSOHN CLUB
two awards for further vocal
study, plus experience through
participation. Competition, April
27. Information, 449-5894.

VISUAL ARTS

MEDITATIONS ON PEACE:
SOMOS UNO
part of I Love N.Y. Spring
Festival, State Vietnam
Memorial Art Gallery, Albany,
April 25-June 17, Mon.-Fri. 11:30
a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 473-
5527.

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Tues., Thurs., Fri. 10 a.m.-4:30
p.m.; Wed. 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Sun. 1-4 p.m. Information, 432-
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Wednesday 24
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NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

BETHLEHEM YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

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

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

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB EVENING GROUP
Bethlehem Library, 7 p.m., "Behind the Scenes of Mac-Haydn". Information, 439-3916.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP
provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience Monday and Wednesday mornings, archaeology lab, Rt. 32 South. Information, 439-6391.

NEW SCOTLAND MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL CHURCH

evening service, 7:30 p.m.; Bible study and prayer, Rt. 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS
every Wednesday, Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem. Information, 765-2109.

NEW SCOTLAND ELKS LODGE
meets second and fourth Wednesdays, 22 South Main St., Voorheesville, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2313.

OIL PAINTING EXHIBIT
Ruth Mesick, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY STORY HOUR
51 School Rd., Voorheesville, 4 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

Thursday 25
April

NEW SCOTLAND CHANCEL CHOIR
Grace United Methodist Church, 16 Hillcrest Dr., Ravena, 7 p.m. Information, 756-6688.

GIRL SCOUTS
Grace United Methodist Church, 16 Hillcrest Dr., Ravena, 7 p.m. Information, 756-6688.

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Ruth Mesick, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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.

BETHLEHEM YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

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

BATTLE OF THE BLOCKS
LEGO® brick-block building contest, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10-11 a.m., 11-noon, 1-2 p.m., and 2-3 p.m. sessions. Information, 439-9314.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS
meet every Thursday at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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

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

Friday 26
April

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.

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

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

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

OIL PAINTING EXHIBIT
Ruth Mesick, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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

Saturday 27
April

BETHLEHEM BETHLEHEM ART ASSOCIATION SPRING EXHIBIT

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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

CHICKEN AND BISCUIT SUPPER
4:30 p.m., Darmansville United Methodist Church, Rt. 312, no reservations. Information, 797-3730.

NEW SCOTLAND UNITED METHODIST WOMEN BAKE SALE
Grand Union in Faith Plaza in Ravena, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Information, 756-6920.

JR. HIGH UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MOVIE PARTY
Fellowship Hall, Ravena, 2 p.m. Information, 756-6688.

OIL PAINTING EXHIBIT
Ruth Mesick, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

First Church of Christ Scientist
service and Sunday school, 10 a.m.; child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-2512.

BETHLEHEM 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.; infants through adult, morning worship service, 10:30 a.m.; nursery care provided, evening fellowship, 6 p.m.; 201 Elm Ave., Delmar. Information 439-3135.

GLENMONT REFORMED CHURCH
worship, 11 a.m.; nursery care provided, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont. Information, 436-7710.

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

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.

Mt. Moriah Assembly of God
temporary services, Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, Rt. 9W, Albany, 2 p.m.; children's church, nursery provided. Information, 426-4510.

Normansville Community Church
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday service, 11 a.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

Sunday 28
April

BETHLEHEM 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.

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Sunday School, 9 a.m.; infants through adult, morning worship service, 10:30 a.m.; nursery care provided, evening fellowship, 6 p.m.; 201 Elm Ave., Delmar. Information 439-3135.

GLENMONT REFORMED CHURCH
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Theatre Institute

(From page 21)

"Very few people in the world can perform hair-hanging," she said, "and we like to keep it in the family."

Lewi said this is the first time Marguerite Michelle and her daughters have performed with Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus. "My head hurts every time I see that," he said.

Performing such an act is not always painless, according to Marguerite Michelle. "At first it hurt a lot, and took a lot of getting used to," she said. "I had to concentrate on what I was doing with my hands and feet, and not think about my hair. Sometimes there is some discomfort now, but it's more like scalp pressure. It doesn't really hurt."

There are several aerial acts in The Greatest Show On Earth. Many of the tightrope walkers accomplish their feats 30 feet in the air without a safety net. The Quiros family, which features three siblings, cross a 50-foot long wire in a three-person pyramid. Laurie Guty, who was not born into a circus family, performs a triple somersault off the trapeze.

The Winn Family, who hold two Guinness World Records, "Slide for Life" down an inclined steel cable. Teeterboard artists, such as the Morales Teeterboard Troupe from Mexico, perform somersaults which land them on the shoulders of other acrobats. According to Feld, the display of athletic achievement is "part and parcel" of the circus.



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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.

COLONIAL SCHENECTADY STOCKADE TOUR

Illustrated slide talk about the Schenectady Stockade, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. information, 439-9314.

BETHLEHEM ART ASSOCIATION SPRING EXHIBIT

Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1-5 p.m. information, 439-9314.

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, Clarksville, information, 768-2916.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE

worship 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m., church school, information, 765-2895.

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

16 Hillcrest Dr., Ravena, 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. worship, 11:30 a.m. coffee and fellowship, information, 756-6688.

ONESQUETHAW CHURCH

worship, 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., Sunday school, Tarrytown Rd., Feura Bush, information, 768-2133.

MOUNTAIN VIEW EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Bible hour for children and adults, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service, 7 p.m., nursery care provided for Sunday services, Rt. 155, Voorheesville, information, 765-3390.

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

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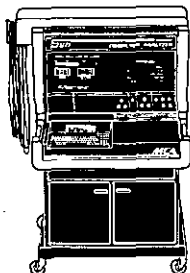
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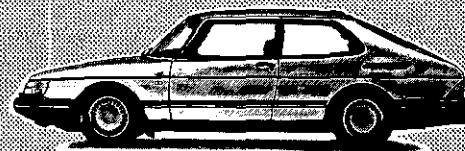
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