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Homestead tax rate draws mixed reviews

School district pushing for homestead rate

By Michael DeMasi

Should the Bethlehem Town Board enact the homestead provision, local residents will face a lighter burden when school taxes come due.

That's the message Bethlehem Central School District Superintendent Dr. Leslie Loomis and board president Pamela Williams will carry to the town board tonight at an open meeting on the homestead taxing policy.

If I did not attempt to do that, I couldn't live with myself.



Leslie Loomis

According to Loomis, the homestead provision would lower individual school taxes by an estimated two percent.

"Because we realize that individual taxpayers are hurting, we want to do everything we can to minimize the effects of re-evaluation," said Loomis. "If I did not attempt to do that, I couldn't live with myself."

Since reassessment has resulted in a shift of tax burden from non-homestead to homestead properties, the homestead taxing policy is intended to help compensate for that shift and lower the tax rate on homeowners. (One, two and three family homes, mobile homes and farms up to 10 acres are classified as homestead property. Non-homestead property includes commercial, industrial, public utility, vacant land and farms over 10 acres).

The town's reval figures, released last week, show that

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Bureau: Homestead will force farmers out

By Susan Graves

How ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm in Bethlehem after they've seen the homestead provision? You're not, according to Albany County Farm Bureau President Sheila Powers.

In other communities that have enacted the Homestead Provision, including Dutchess County, farmers have been forced to sell or go out of business, she said.

A homestead provision would financially benefit residential taxpayers in town but could force farmers out, according to Powers. When a homestead rate is in effect, tax rates for farmers and businesses go up.

The town is considering the provision as a way of easing taxes on homeowners whose assessments jumped dramatically in the town's in-process property revaluation. Under homestead (using last year's budget figures with new reval assessments), the general town tax rate would drop from 63 cents per thousand to 59 cents per thousand for residential properties and increase to 68 cents per thousand for farms and commercial properties.

And if the Bethlehem school district had adopted the provision (using last year's budget with new assessments), the school tax rate would have dropped from \$13.79 per thousand to \$13.53 for homes, but would have jumped to \$14.31 for non-homestead parcels, according to Ken Ringler, Bethlehem supervisor.

In general, homeowners whose parcels are designated as homesteads would save about \$40 a year, according to Brian Lastra, town assessor.

The town will hold a public hearing at 7:30 at its March 25 board meeting on a local law that would enable Bethlehem to put in place the homestead provision.

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DARE to move into high school

By Susan Wheeler

Drug Abuse Resistance Education, soon to expand into the local community's elementary and senior high schools, has been hailed as one of the strongest programs going for keeping kids away from drugs. According to Bethlehem Police Chief Richard LaChappelle, it's one of the best programs he has seen in his 25 years on the force.

"The DARE program nationally has been successful and effective for kids," he said. "The community, schools, law enforcement agencies and government work together. We may not see all the results now, but we will down the road. It's a very successful program."



Officer Mike McMillan, with DARE bear, Yogi, is ready to expand the DARE program. Elaine McLain

among one the first trained in New York as a DARE

DARE, which got its start in Los Angeles in 1983, is a non-traditional approach to keep kids off of drugs. According to Bethlehem's full-time DARE educator, Officer Mike McMillan, the Los Angeles department, like many others, found that simply arresting drug dealers was not an effective deterrent to drug use. "If you arrest five, there's always more to take their place."

McMillan, who works out of the department's youth bureau, was

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Finnegan fields fallout for reval tax figures

By Susan Wheeler

Despite four phone lines ringing incessantly, everything's going "pretty well" at Finnegan Associates, the company hired to perform Bethlehem's reassessment, according to Project Manager Estelle Christman.

Finnegan has scheduled 300 appointments with property owners who have questions regarding their new assessment, Christman said Thursday. By the end of Thursday afternoon, the business had received about 400 calls. "It's been heavy but not any heavier than we expected," she said.

In addition, the assessor's office in town hall dealt with approximately 350 property owners on the phone and in person last week and Monday morning, according to Diane Busick, administrative assistant to the assessor.

Most callers are longtime Bethlehem residential taxpayers who have seen an increase in their assessment and tax estimates, according to Assessor Brian Lastra. He directs them to Finnegan Associates, who can answer questions on how new assessment and tax figures were formulated. Notices with the new figures were sent out early last week.

Jack Donnelly, who has owned a two-family house on Rockefeller Road in the hamlet of Normansville since 1952, said he "went through the ceiling" when he read his notice from the assessor's office, stating the property was worth \$107,000-plus. A Real Estate agent estimated the value of the home at \$45,000 in 1985. "Their (Finnegan Associates) figure is completely way out of line."

Donnelly met with a Finnegan Associates representative last week. He said if there is a change in the figures, he will hear from the company by the end of April. As it now stands, his new assessment means an estimated net tax increase of \$1,501.

The town-wide reassessment, taken on in the spring of 1990, was started after the old "welcome stranger" procedure was deemed invalid in numerous U.S. and state Supreme Court decisions. Under the old rules, only those properties that were recently sold or just built were reassessed. In addition, the town had lost a lawsuit to the general partners of the Adams Station Apartments and was forced to reassess it.

"The wording in the court decision was very strong," Supervisor Ken Ringler said. "It said the town practices were wrong, and put the town in jeopardy. The court decision said to do it (the reassessment)."

The reassessment is revenue-neutral, which means that no new tax dollars are raised through the process. "The amount of taxes the town gets will stay the same," Ringler said. "The reassessment's goal is to fairly distribute the tax burden."

Barbara Stiglmeier, who purchased her single-family Glenmont home in 1974, said her net tax jumped \$922. "I was semi-flabbergasted," she said. "Five years ago I was thinking about selling my

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V'ville community mourns student's death

By Eric Bryant

Students and staff in the Voorheesville Central School District continue to come to grips with an accident that killed one student and left another seriously injured over the weekend.

David Bartholomew, 17, of Voorheesville, died Sunday afternoon from multiple head injuries suffered in an early morning car accident on County Route 404 in Westerlo. Bartholomew was a junior at Clayton A. Bouton Senior High School and also attended several classes at Bethlehem Central High School.

Students returning to classes at VCHS on Monday were informed of the accident in their homerooms and an emergency

response team was set up at the school to help counsel students.

"It's tough at 16 or 17 to deal with this situation ... they are mostly asking, 'Why?' and we don't often know all the answers," Voorheesville Principal Peter Griffin said Monday. "We just have to try and understand the loss and the frustration they feel. It's very difficult, especially at that age."

Griffin said the emergency response team, made up of counselors, teachers, support staff, the district health coordinator and others, was setting up a telephone support network by late Sunday afternoon and that students who wished to talk about the weekend tragedy were encouraged to do so.

According to Albany County Sheriff's Department Investigator Douglas Buzzard, the accident took place early Sunday morning when the driver of a 1985 Nissan, Lawrence Salvagni Jr., 18, of 233 Newport Court, Voorheesville, lost control of the vehicle and skidded sideways into a telephone pole on the driver side of the car. Westerlo firefighters and a number of area rescue crews responded to the accident, Buzzard said. Both Salvagni, also a Bouton junior, and Bartholomew were brought to Albany Medical Center early Sunday morning. Salvagni, who suffered a fractured left leg in addition to arm and facial injuries, left the intensive care unit and was upgraded to fair condition on Monday. On Tues-

day he remained in fair condition, according to hospital spokesperson Richard Puff.

Buzzard said Salvagni was charged with driving while intoxicated and imprudent speed but said the case has been forwarded to the county district attorney's office and further charges could be pending.

"The investigation is continuing, we're looking into the possibility of more serious charges ranging into criminally negligent homicide. We've been in contact with the DA and should find out a decision within the next few days," Buzzard said.

Back at Voorheesville, Griffin said the support services will last as long as they are needed, and he

hopes student contributions, like a giant get well card several are planning to send, will help Salvagni pull through.

"One student said to me this morning that this was the third or fourth friend he'd lost. This is always a tough time ... we just have to try and get back to normal," the principal said.

Bartholomew's obituary appears in this edition of the *Spotlight*.

Escarpment will make DEC Open Space list

It appears that the Helderberg Escarpment will gain priority status on the Department of Environmental Conservation's Open Space Conservation Plan.

The plan targets areas around the state for immediate environmental protection.

Francis Sheehan, a special assistant to DEC Commissioner Thomas Jorling, has given town officials "fair assurance" that the escarpment will appear on the priority list when changes on the draft statement are made.

Earlier this month, town board members voted 3 to 2 to form a resolution asking DEC to consider the escarpment as one of the priority conservation areas on the plan. Although other local environmental resources, such as the Five Rivers Environmental Center in Delmar, were included on the first priority list, the escarpment was not.

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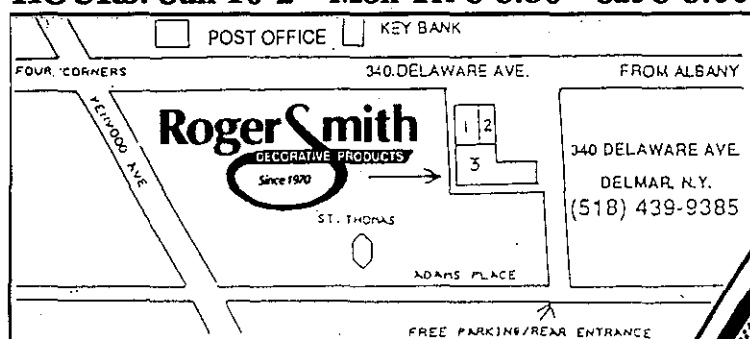
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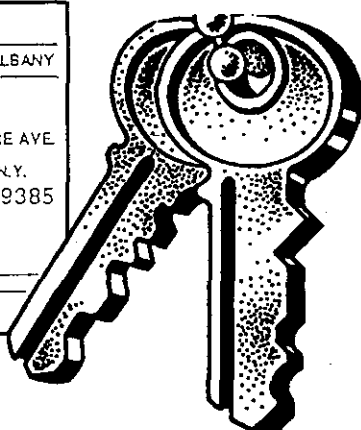
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Phone 'ad' could prove costly

By Michael DeMasi

Beware of that yellow pages phone bill you may have received in the mail recently — it could be a scam.

Just as thousands of new NYNEX telephone directories are being delivered in the area, an untold number of business owners are receiving a statement in the mail that looks like a bill from the company.

Printed on canary yellow paper and embossed with the familiar "Walking Fingers" logo, the billing lists the business owner's name and the business's address and phone number. It directs the business owner to send a payment if he wishes the business to be listed in the directory.

Although the statement may look like a NYNEX Yellow Pages bill, it is not. According to officials at NYNEX, about a half dozen national directory publishers solicit these mass mailings that, at least on the surface, appear to come from their company. The "Walking Fingers" is not a registered trademark and can be used at will.

NYNEX, however, does not bill customers via yearly bills. According to Phil Santoro, director of corporate communications at NYNEX Yellow Pages, the cost for a yellow pages listing is included on monthly bills from New York Telephone.

"They send you a solicitation to take out an ad in their publications," said Santoro. "Some look like a bill and they send it to lots of different businesses. A lot of businesses think it's from NYNEX and they pay for it."

Although the bill may in fact pay for a listing in a directory, Santoro said business owners should be wary of these publishing companies. "The question is: Do they publish a directory? And if they do, to whom is it sent and how many people?"

One local business owner caught on to the scheme before sending in her money. Linda Burtis, who runs the Delmar Tennis Academy, received a billing from "The Business Yellow Pages" on March 9 after getting a copy of this year's NYNEX directory.

"I thought, 'OK, it's for next year,'" said Burtis. "I thought this was a bill and not a solicitation. The listing was exactly as it appears in the yellow pages, and it had the 'fingers do the walking' logo."

However, Burtis soon became suspicious of the bill because it did not include the NYNEX name anywhere on it.

"I had to stop and figure out that it was two different enterprises," she said.

About a week later, Burtis re-

ceived another mailing, this one from "The New York Yellow Pages" published by North American Directories in New York City.

Although the statement clearly read "This is not a bill," Burtis said she was initially convinced it was from NYNEX because of the color of the paper and the logo.

She then realized it was, as she said, "a second bill from another deceptive company."

According to directory information in New York City, the company "North American Directories" does not have a listed phone number.

"How many companies do you know who send you a bill without a phone number on it?" asked Santoro. "How do you get in touch with these people?"

According to Marty Cornelius, president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, the chamber hasn't had complaints about the bills.

Santoro recommends businesses contact the state attorney general if they have any question about a billing they receive. The consumer protection board of the state attorney general's office can be reached at 474-8583.

In addition, businesses can contact NYNEX representative Alan Griffith at (508) 762-1331 or customer information at 1-800-44-NYNEX.

Playing for prizes



Sixteen-month-old Taylor Chase of Delmar scoops a duck to win a prize at last Saturday's carnival, held at Bethlehem Town Hall. Proceeds from the event benefit Kids' Place, a playground designed for the Elm Avenue Park.

Elaine McLain

Local school boards, residents to discuss budget decisions

Bethlehem to consider \$150,000 budget cut

By Michael DeMasi

A requested \$150,000 cut in the proposed 1992-93 Bethlehem Central School District budget could mean that no money will be funded next year for the purchase of equipment or teachers' attendance at workshops and seminars.

At its meeting last week, the board of education asked district administrators to devise a list of possible cuts to the proposed \$31.1 million budget for 1992-93. The requested cuts total \$150,000.

According to Superintendent Leslie Loomis, the additional cuts proposed by the district will include scrapping the \$39,000 set aside for educational equipment purchases as well as \$26,000 allocated for teachers to attend pro-

fessional workshops and seminars.

"This is an example of how deeply we're looking to cut to minimize the tax burdens for residents next year," said Loomis. "This board is very serious about cutting right to the bone."

If the cuts are approved, the district next year would not be able to purchase film, slide and overhead projectors and laboratory supplies.

"Every type of equipment (would be affected)," said Loomis. For instance, he said, the district couldn't replace a broken table or chair.

Loomis indicated that the remainder of the \$150,000 cut could come at the expense of athletic programs and other extra-curricular activities. However, he said, the district will not propose that any sports be eliminated from next year's package.

"We're agonizing over striking a balance between limiting the burden on taxpayers on the one hand, and providing for the educational needs of the kids in the community on the other," he said.

The board will consider the cuts at its next budget work session on Thursday, March 26, at 7 p.m. in the district offices on Adams Place.

Part of the district's effort to reduce the burden on taxpayers will include a request by Loomis and board President Pamela Williams at the town board meeting

tonight for the town to adopt the homestead taxing policy.

Without the town's approval, the school district can not pass its own homestead provision.

"We'll be asking the board not to take action for the school district's sake, but rather, to empower us with the ability to adopt homestead," he said.

In other action, the BCHS Lacrosse Booster Club asked the board to reconsider its preliminary decision to not fund a boys jayvee lacrosse team next year. At its meeting on March 11, the board voted to provide \$6,000 to fund a girls varsity lacrosse team but chose not to fund a boys jayvee team at a cost of \$7,680.

"Without a (boys) jayvee program, a varsity program will be doomed to mediocrity," said Dominick DeCecco, president of the nearly 100-member booster club.

Currently there is both a varsity and a jayvee boys team, but only the varsity program is paid for by the district. The jayvee team purchases its own equipment (at a cost of \$150 to \$200 per player), and relies on fund-raisers to pay for other costs.

Loomis said there is a possibility that the district will fund a jayvee team by using part of the \$11,000 currently approved for the boys and girls varsity teams.

V'ville taxpayers to give input on proposed \$11M budget

By Eric Bryant

Voorheesville Central School District residents will get a chance to hear more about the district's proposed \$11 million budget at 7 p.m. Monday during an open budget discussion in the high school cafeteria.

This is the third such session this year in which residents can voice their opinions on the budget process. District Superintendent Alan McCartney said information and opinions gathered at these meetings are used in helping to gauge what district residents want in the school budget.

"We started much earlier than usual this year (on the budget process) and getting the public involved through these discussions is part of it. It would be nice to think that all the people who have ideas would come out and present them," he said.

During the last budget hearing, McCartney revealed a tentative budget plan which called for an estimated 12 percent increase in the district's tax levy. More accurate numbers on state aid are needed before the district can finalize its budget plan, but McCartney said a proposed budget will be ready by Monday.

Monday's meeting is the final regularly scheduled budget dis-

cussion session before the district's annual meeting on May 12. Two regular school board meetings are scheduled prior to the annual meeting and budget vote on May 13.

The budget process this year differs slightly than those in the past in that it is being conducted without the small discussion groups that characterized last year's process, McCartney said. However, public input is still as important as ever, he said.

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Alan McCartney

"That's why it's important to have these meetings, hear ideas and provide the information that's asked for," the superintendent said. "As long as people can make an educated vote, either yes or no, it should be based on real information."

McCartney said a priority list of cuts has been formulated for the school board to review. In addition, the board is working to maintain small class sizes.

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Landfill closure plan awaits state approval

By Susan Wheeler

Harlen W. Metz Jr., owner of the Spawn Hollow Road landfill which recently stopped accepting waste, is waiting for state approval of a closure plan before further action is taken.

David Engel, Metz's attorney, said the state Department of Environmental Conservation served Metz on Feb. 18 with a notice of hearing and complaint.

EnCon engineers are reviewing the South Bethlehem landfill closure plan, which includes a system to control odor and combustion problems. They will also exchange sampling results with Metz's engineering consultants. Gary Peck, EnCon attorney, said that if the matter is not settled to the department's satisfaction, a hearing will be called April 20.

According to Engel, off-site odor problems at the construction and demolition landfill have diminished.

Engel also said that two areas of the landfill, one three times as large as the other, had elevated temperatures and smoke emission, indicating smoldering beneath the surface. Dunn Corporation of Colonie, the engineering firm hired by Metz to test the site, has been working to control the sub-surface combustion problems by pumping slurry into the ground. "We're just about complete in

abating the combustion and odor problems," Engel said last week.

Metz is required to adhere to EnCon's Feb. 18 complaint, which ordered him to submit engineering plans and specifications for a gas control system, a post-closure monitoring and maintenance plan and an approvable plan for responding to failure of the gas control system.

Metz recently submitted a response action plan for extinguishing the fires at the landfill, according to James Sacco Jr., an EnCon engineer. The closure plan and closure investigation report, submitted to the department last October, also need to be updated to meet EnCon's new requests, he said.

Although Sacco said he is concerned about Metz's plans for the gas control system, he thinks the June 1 closure deadline will be met.

Supervisor Ken Ringler said he is "watching very closely" to ensure the closure is moving in the right direction and stays on track.

Waste Management of Eastern New York had been dumping at the site since last fall. Money received by Metz for the dumping has been earmarked for the site's closure.

Police charge man for ticket scalping

A 27-year-old Connecticut man was arrested March 21 on misdemeanor charges after selling a Bethlehem police officer two tickets to Saturday's U2 concert, police said.

Joseph Daniel Crowley, 344 Woodland Lane, Orange, Conn., was arrested Saturday at 7:15 p.m. at the Glenmont Days Inn on Route 9W. He was charged with a misdemeanor for re-selling tickets to the U2 concert for \$140, according to Bethlehem Officer Bruce Oliver, who made the arrest.

Crowley sold the tickets to Oliver and Officer David Harrington for \$70 each. The tickets had a face value of \$25 apiece, he said.

Oliver said he and Harrington were in the area of the Days Inn when they were approached by Crowley and offered the tickets.

Crowley was arrested and transported to the Bethlehem Police Department, where he posted \$35 bail, according to a police report. He was released and is scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on April 7.

Family walk features tree identification

An outdoor exploration on tree identification will be held at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road in Delmar, on Saturday, April 4, at 2 p.m.

The program, "The Green World of Trees," will demonstrate some basic tree identification of bark, twigs, buds and the shape of trees, as well as the various uses of trees.

The walk is free and open to the public.

For information, call 475-0291.

Slingerlands swinger



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Bethlehem students create popular 'artwear'

By Susan Graves

Laura Taylor, who is displaying Bethlehem Central fashion, illustration and design students' work in her store window in Delaware Plaza, can't believe the attention the items are getting. "The reaction has been incredible," she said, "We had to put up a sign," to let customers know the student works were not for sale.

The students from Diane Segal's class say they learned a lot from the course, which generated the items in the display. "I used two machines (a sewing machine and a serger) I'd never used before," said Jen Grand, who made a pair of shorts, which have already gotten a lot of attention at Laura Taylor's Delmar store. The shorts, made from corduroy and cut up blue jeans, however, aren't for sale.

"The fabric became her pallet," for creating the shorts done in a variation of the log cabin design in quilting, Segal said. "Right now they're (the student creations) like their babies," that the students are unwilling to part with."

"Personally, I wouldn't want to give them up," Grand said, of her work.

"There's a lot of pride in that window," said Chris Malone, who made a patchwork on the back of a jean jacket. "My mom brings in

all her friends to see it."

For Manisha Tinani who made a fan that looks like a peacock, the course afforded her the opportunity to use her practical and creative talents. "At first, Mrs. Segal said, 'You're too rigid,' but now I can mix together my ideas in a practical and creative way," she said.

Segal refers to the students creations as "recycled garments," and she always encourages them to "embellish" their work.

For Dana Histed who has always been interested in design, the course has been fun in that it allowed her to "create my own clothes."

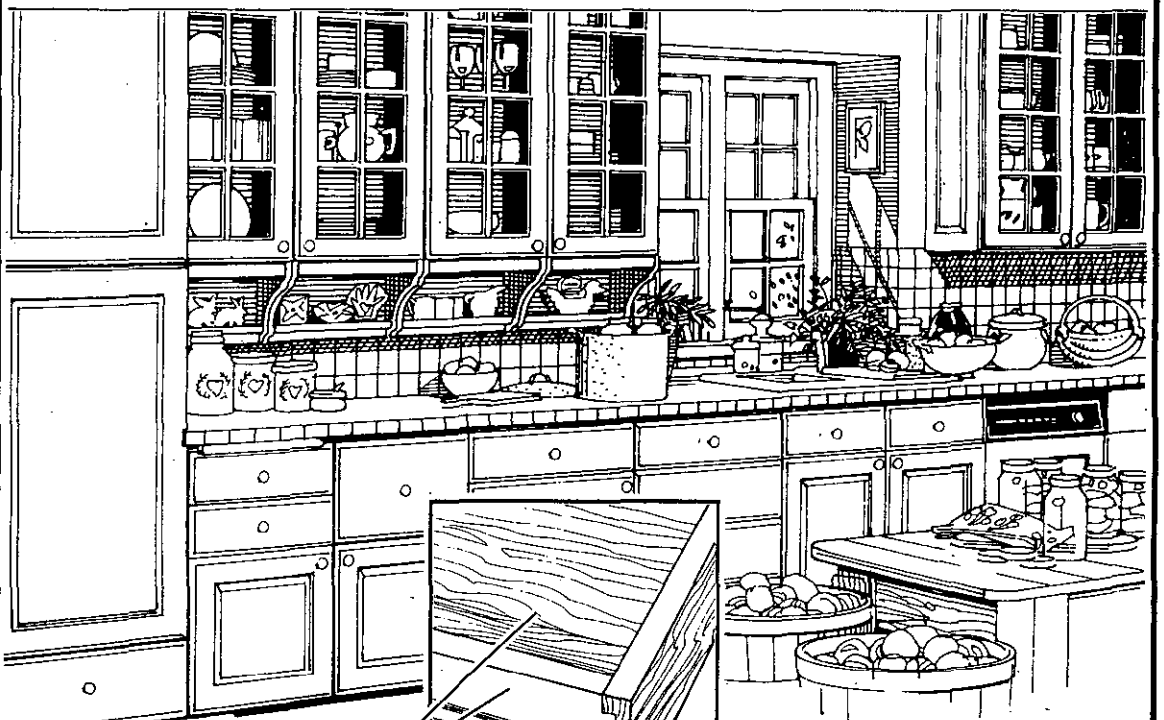
Segal's students also created jewelry also on display at Laura Taylor's. There will be a reception for the "Artwear" exhibit on Thursday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m., and all are welcome. "To me, 'It's an exciting opening for them,' Segal said.

The exhibit will be at the store through April 2. The 21 students in the fashion, illustration and design class have items in the exhibit, but right now Segal is looking ahead to the next project — shoe design to illustrate shoes through the eyes of master artists.



Chris Malone, Dana Histed, Manisha Tinani and Jen Grand are looking forward to a reception at Laura Taylor Ltd. in Delaware Plaza to highlight their art wear creations.
Susan Graves

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Matters of Opinion

"Ringler for supervisor"

Under certain conceivable circumstances, the headline on this editorial observation might have been, instead, "Ringler for Assembly."

There was a brief period in mid-March when the interim rumors of a new Assembly district embracing Bethlehem made it seem exceedingly plausible that this town's Republicans could choose the party's candidates in such a district. And, further, that the eminently logical designee for the nomination would be the effective supervisor, Mr. Ringler.

But that scenario was not fated to mature: The legislative district cartographers retracted their evanescent theory and intimated that Bethlehem (and Coeymans) would fall into a realigned area still having an incumbent assemblyman, John Faso.

Equally significant was Ken Ringler's own response. He had looked appreciatively at the outlines of the never-to-be district, and

The disgraceful districting mess

Overtone of the Assembly-District-That-Wasn't resonate insistently with a clamor that demands attention beyond concerns as to what legislator holds the office or which party holds a majority.

Bethlehem and neighboring Coeymans do not belong in a legislative district that takes in such remote townships as Carlisle, Summit, or Blenheim in rural Schoharie County or Halcott, Jewett, or Lexington down in the reaches of Greene County.

Our face is turned toward the Capital District politically, socially, fiscally, culturally. When we hear of consolidation of governmental services, it implies coordination with the other suburban towns and cities of Albany County (and, to a certain degree, of Rensselaer and Schenectady counties) — not of the disjointed counties to the south of us. With due respect to the good intentions of Assemblyman John Faso, a Columbia County resident entrusted with representing our interests in recent years, people of Bethlehem are victimized — in principle —

Bread and circuses

When times are tough, some harsh decisions result. Fewer eggs in the omelet. More miles on the '85 wagon. More TV, fewer movies.

But also more appeals from the community food pantry, from good people everywhere reaching out to put provisions on someone else's table. Most people will put humanitarian needs near the topmost priorities when called upon to do so.

The agencies serving such social purposes represent, however, only one part of the increased and insistent requests for greater volunteered support from us, the public. Unhappily, the appeals seem to descend on pretty much the same constituency. Your daily mail attests to that.

Among the supplicants for your spare dollar are several respected cultural institutions. For reasons that may include faulty management or board indifference—but that are, nonetheless, mostly irrelevant—a variety of these community ornaments are in trouble.

As of now, the viability of some institutions

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speculated aloud. (There's nothing wrong in ambition, and timing ever is important.)

Then he unequivocally said "no," at least for the immediate future. While we assay his credentials highly, it is impossible to argue with his decision that to leave now, or even to take on a strenuous campaign, "would break the trust" voters placed in him last fall when he sought reelection asking more time "to address the very serious problems confronting the Town of Bethlehem."

He holds open the genuine possibility that someday "the challenge of working on the state level" will arise with realistic timing—at which point he would expect to reconsider.

Meanwhile those "very serious problems" are on his desk every morning.

by being subordinated to his major concerns, which must lie elsewhere.

The computer-dominated manipulators of bare census statistics—even in their moments of straight-faced protestations of objective evenhandedness in drawing district lines—are nonetheless bound by the idealized goal of "one person/one vote" that the federal courts have foisted on the American people.

That's the root of the problem, and eventually it must be the burden of the electorate to arise and declare an end to this nonsense. Better to have moderate differences in the numbers within districts than to try to amalgamate totally dissimilar constituencies as now happens regularly.

As one mild but revealing indication of the distortions that arise in the present craze for precise equality of numbers, consider that in order to bring Bethlehem and other Albany County towns under Greene County's wing, the principal town of Greene—Catskill—is to be lopped off and dispatched to yet another district in another county.

is at a critical stage, the quality of their offerings potentially compromised, even their survival moot.

In the specific instance of live professional theater, the prospect must be faced that for 1992-93 the cupboard, and the stage, will be bare. (Meantime, we are blessed by active community theater groups aplenty.)

But both museums and music may suffer, as well. Cries of pain have been echoing hollowly from several quarters.

As at home, some harsh decisions are mandated for these highly deserving keepers of the Capital District's enviable tradition of cultural eminence. In varying degree, virtually every such organization locally must face up to the reality of altered circumstances.

Are we ready for the dark when the house lights go down at the close of this troubled season?

We suggest that, despite the obvious perils, some useful answers are at hand. In a future editorial, we will sketch in some potentially useful alternatives.

'Homestead Act' idea called ruinous to farms

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Town Board's consideration of adopting the Homestead Act, (establishing a two-tier tax rate program for the town's property tax system) may look appealing to home-owners, but the long-term impact promises to eliminate farmers and open space and increase our property taxes even more.

State law permits the town to implement the Homestead Act

Vox Pop

when real property is reassessed at 100 percent of its full value. This system pegs homesteads (home-owners) at a tax rate that minimizes the impact of reassessment.

But farmers get caught in the squeeze because, not only do they get reassessed at significantly

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Charade seen in promises by 5 'reform' Democrats

Editor, The Spotlight:

Your March 18 editorial, "Too Smart by 'arf,'" was a significant commentary on the role of the "reform" Democrats in the Albany County Legislature. Based on their actions to date, one can conclude that the five reformers' campaign for change was a charade.

There was promise that they would be the catalyst for reform in the Democrat ranks. Unfortunately, they have quickly become full-fledged members of the establishment.

There was promise that they would provide the needed margin to expedite charter reform of Albany County government. Unfortunately, as your editorial stated, they not only failed to accelerate charter revision, their spokesman was the principal advocate for delay beyond the November 1992 election.

There was promise that they would call attention to issues that must be addressed by the County Legislature. Unfortunately, they have been as quiet as their Democratic colleagues on the \$12 million deficit in the county's budget as approved in December.

In the months ahead, the County Legislature will be asked to approve specific Republican recommendations for charter revision, ethics reform, financial

disclosure, personnel practice, and budget reductions. The reformers' vote on these recommendations will determine whether they wish to be responsible.

James C. Ross

Editor's note: Mr. Ross is the Republican minority leader of the Albany County Legislature.

Environmental litanies disguise real goal: to halt town's growth

Editor, The Spotlight:

Each edition of *The Spotlight* brings further pleas for the protection of our environment.

Small isolated wetlands observed by most professionals in the field are judged to have absolutely no true environmental value.

These litanies of protection of our environment have a clear thread of negativism running through their rhetoric which is only a thinly veiled disguise on the part of our extremists to prevent, or at least stall, further growth in the Town of Bethlehem.

Lindsay M. Boutelle

Delmar

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How much can we get away with?

I'd like to suggest that no book issued in recent months has been more timely in scope than the one by Suzanne Garment, astutely titled only "Scandal." It reviews the growing problem of actual or perceived misbehavior by public officials, and the general loss of confidence in them.

It is sad to witness the repeated instances of crookedness that seems to pervade public life — not everywhere, of course, but in so many different places and levels of presumed responsibility.

A presidential candidate is admired by some for his coolness in handling accusations concerning his personal conduct and, more recently, matters of official conduct. The presumptuous behavior of some members of Congress created a scandalous situation compromising the reputation of an entire institution and its ability to function as it should.

Closer to home, we have not been immune to the virus that infects too many holders of the public trust, making the opportunity to enrich themselves the prime importance.

A friend and I were comparing notes the other day about the recent record of official conduct

and misconduct in our respective areas.

He is from a New England state, and though ordinarily I prefer to

Uncle Dudley

win such competitions it was a pleasure, in this case, to concede that he had the better presentation.

As I now reconstruct the several items of creative finagling that he offered in evidence, his home city and state presented a warmly cozy picture of kindnesses bestowed on erring officeholders and special pals.

Where else, my friend asks, is it possible for the following to happen:

1. A contractor gives a bribe to the mayor — and then sues the city because he then lost business because of the bribe.

2. The state legislature passes special bills for state employees

It's heartwarming to find a cozy picture of kindness to officeholders & pals

enabling them to buy substantial pension benefits for the time they've spent in jail.

3. A judge, after being indicted for taking bribes, argues that nonetheless he is entitled to all his pension benefits (for his non-faithful service as a jurist).

4. Another judge, dismissed for borrowing money from lawyers who appeared before him, receives only a suspended sentence for one year — while several of the lawyers who extended the loans are suspended from the practice of law for substantial periods of time.

5. The governor's son, who has no official position in the state's government, is put in charge of state contracts awarded to bidders — with the awards based on the amounts of contributions to the governor's reelection campaign.

6. In the state department administering the correctional institutions, the assistant director is himself on probation.

Ordinarily, it's not pleasant to have to admit that another community has it all over your own, but in this contest I was happy enough to name him the winner of "Can you top this?"

Advice for Democratic aspirants

The title seemed provocative, and certainly suggested a timeliness, in view of the presidential primaries that soon will be upon us here in New York.

"How To Win New York" was emblazoned across the cover of the March issue of "Empire State Report," which subtitled itself "The magazine of politics and public policy in New York State."

The writer is the magazine's editor, Alex Storozynski. He takes some 3,500 words to cover the subject, with the necessary assistance of a dozen gentlemen, almost all of whom have direct or indirect connections with the Democratic party.

In fact, it quickly became apparent that the article's title and substance were limited to considerations as to how one of the Democratic presidential aspirants

Our learned governor

Are you familiar with Pelagianism?

Constant Reader must confess an unfamiliarity with this term. (I must have been absent that day.)

So I looked it up. Pelagianism refers to Pelagius (4th century monk/theologian) who denied the doctrine of original sin and held that mankind has perfect freedom to do either right or wrong.

The reference appeared in the "How to Win New York" article, within a quotation from Governor Cuomo's recent address at Harvard.

could best hope to win the party's primary here and thereupon to defeat President Bush. Basic to the theme were observations by

Constant Reader

the governor and a poll of party members' thoughts on the No. 1 issue. (These were, in order, unemployment; economy/recession; poverty; health care, and — in much smaller numbers — crime, drugs, education, race relations, environment, taxes, and foreign policy. One quick reaction to these priorities' rankings is that something must have been amiss with the way the questions were asked.)

By far the greater part of the article employs extended remarks of the various authorities who are quoted. I'll try to recap, however, what appear to be the independent conclusions of the writer:

• "For the candidates to get out from behind the shadow of Governor Cuomo, they will have to go over his head and talk directly to the voters to show them that they understand the different nuances and complexities (here)."

• "Since (New York) has taken a beating from Washington during the Reagan/Bush era, New Yorkers want to hear how the Democratic candidates plan on turning this trend around."

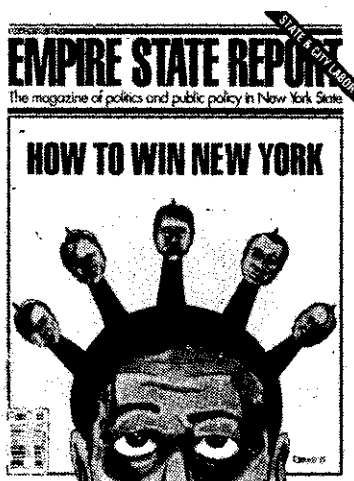
• "Some parts of the country curse New Yorkers as a bunch of foreigners, but many New Yorkers celebrate this heterogeneity . . . A candidate preaching tolerance would likely receive praise in New York."

• "This diversity and first-hand experience and witnessing of social ills such as homelessness, crime, and drugs has made many New Yorkers cognizant of these problems and more convinced that something has to be done." (This does not appear to correspond to the priorities cited in the polling.)

• "All the issues in this campaign are money issues . . . Some New Yorkers feel the candidates have yet to discuss how they will be able to get funds back into the federal budget for the programs that affect this state."

• "With their new federalism, Reagan and Bush virtually abandoned cities, thus throwing many of them into fiscal crisis . . . The numbers are not pretty, and many New Yorkers would like to know the truth about what the Democrats plan on doing about this."

The article is marred by a number of grammatical errors, as is the case with a shorter piece, also by the author/editor, on redistricting the state.



Why those 'lobbying days'? Hearts, lives, and caring

Pamela Ann Grant is a certified social worker with the State of New York. She has served as the assistant director of two statewide non-profits as well as interim coordinator of the Bethlehem Networks Project. Currently, Pamela works as a private consultant, does substance abuse prevention with preschoolers through the medium of clowning, and teaches aerobics and martial arts locally.

By Pamela Grant

Each year various groups descend upon Albany to make their views known to State legislators. Some come by the

Point of View

busloads, others are organized by employers who grant time off to participate, and still others come in small groups representing a larger constituency. Some are loud and unyielding, others politely listen as legislative staff tell them the difficulties of addressing their issue. And still others are quite politically savvy with persuasive bargaining chips to get legislators to back their cause.

My experience has been with state-wide, not-for-profit organizations attempting to educate and influence lawmakers. I recently coordinated the eighth annual Legislative Day for the New York State Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Addictions, Inc. (NYSCADA). Part of the Council's mission is to advocate for public policies to meet the needs of New Yorkers affected by alcoholism and other drug addictions. They strive to keep the public informed through training and publications, provide leadership and technical assistance in the development of a continuum of services, and provide 24-hour assistance through a toll-free hotline (1-800-ALCALLS).



Planning a legislative day starts with the development of a public policy agenda outlining the priority issues for the current legislative session. In the typical case of NYSCADA, for example, a public policy committee composed of board members and other individuals active in the field develops the first draft to be distributed to the NYSCADA Board of Directors as well as executive directors of local councils on alcoholism and other drug addictions. After everyone has had the opportunity for input, the final document is put before the board for approval.

Prospective participants must be convinced, early on, that their individual voices can make a persuasive difference in Albany

Once the key issues have been identified, supporting documentation must be developed. Position papers and fact sheets must be concise and in layman's terms so individuals concerned about the issues can feel confident meeting with legislators and their staffs.

A big piece of the work is convincing people that their individual voices can make a difference. Notice is sent months in advance announcing the date and presenting the public policy agenda. Local council directors are called upon to spread the word in their communities and organize transportation when possible.

Six weeks prior to the actual event, registration flyers are sent to members and other concerned individuals and organizations. A registration fee is required to cover the costs of materials and refreshments. While certain groups have the luxury of transporting people or essentially paying them to exercise their right to be heard, not-for-profit organizations are often forced to charge a nominal fee to cover expenses.

So why do people come?

People attend legislative days such as NYSCADA's because the issue touches their hearts and lives. Many have experienced or witnessed the devastating effects of alcoholism and other drug addictions on individuals and families. More importantly, they have also experienced or witnessed the joy of recovery.

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□ Lobbying BOU auction invites whole town to come

(from page 7)

They know first-hand the importance of services being available when needed, not merely when convenient. They know that there is hope only if the opportunity for help is present.

We make it clear that their story counts and that they don't have to be an expert on legislative issues to make an impact. Announcements reiterate the importance of first-hand accounts of how services have improved the quality of life for people or how lack of services can have devastating consequences.

Those taking part are provided with a packet of materials outlining the major issues of concern so they can identify how their story "fits." They are also assured that staff and board members can serve as resources to whom they can refer legislators if they are asked a technical question they are unable to answer effectively.

So why do people come? People come because they care and believe they can make a difference — a refreshing experience at a time when cynicism and complacency result in only about a quarter of eligible voters participating in the presidential primaries.

Editor, The Spotlight,

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited would like to invite all of Bethlehem to the sixth annual BOU Auction on Friday, March 27, 7:30 p.m. at BCHS. The event is a fundraiser to support youth programs and activities in Bethlehem.

Many local individuals and business people have donated their unique services, skills, and money to make the evening a success. A few samples from the long list of live auction items include:

Various paintings and prints; a stuffed moosehead made of fabric and fur from Gingersnips; hand-made afghan from Little Country Store, SAT course from Stanley Kaplan; sailing lessons; and a New Dads on the Block Concert. Many items have been donated to the Chinese auction as well.

Homemade desserts will be available at the auction. Anyone wishing to donate, may drop their specialty off at the High School at 7 p.m. on March 27. Admission is free, so bring the whole family!

Nan Hinman

□ Homestead Support 'overwhelming' for All-Stars benefit

(From page 6)

higher values (88 percent of farm properties will experience increased property taxes greater than \$500), but their new tax rates will be the higher, non-homestead rate sending their new tax bill through the roof.

Bethlehem's farmers contribute significantly to the scenic open space we all enjoy in this town. As we have seen in many parts of the Hudson Valley, the Homestead Act is substantially hindering our farmers' ability to afford ownership of the land. Also, as we have seen on many former cornfields, if the farmer can't afford to farm, it goes to houses requiring more town services (water, fire protection, sewer, police, etc.) that drive up property taxes even more!

Despite the notion that the Homestead Act looks attractive to home-owners, it will be devastating to our farmers, our town's scenic rural qualities, and our property taxes.

Let's not make a mistake that could render this town to unending suburban sprawl. Let's not make farming and open space nothing more than something to reminisce about. The Town Board should vote *no* on the Homestead Act!

Paul F. "Rick" Zimmerman
Director of Governmental Relations,
Delmar New York Farm Bureau

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Central Athletic Association thanks the community for its support of our recent fund-raiser, the basketball game between our BCAA All-Stars and the New York Giants.

This wonderful event illustrated to us what can be accomplished when we strive for a common goal. That goal was obviously to benefit Bethlehem student athletes. The community support was overwhelming.

Event coordinator Tom Yovine deserves a special thanks. Tom put his heart and soul into this game and the results of his effort were evident.

Thanks also to our 50 volunteers, the Bethlehem Police Department, the ambulance crew, and all the booster groups who helped make this a fun-filled afternoon. Our corporate sponsors, Ted Danz Heating & Air Conditioning, Davies Office Supply, and My Place & Company deserve a

big thank-you for their generous support.

The great effort and dedication of our BCAA All-Stars and Coach Bruce Svare reflected the true meaning of sportsmanship.

Betty Pratt
BCAA President

'True community feeling' apparent at the game

The efforts of everyone involved, from spectator to volunteer to player, should be applauded. Many groups benefited from the event but I think Bethlehem benefited the most. I sensed a true feeling of community and commonality as volunteer after volunteer showed up to help. Thanks to Bruce and the All-Stars; Betty and G.L.R.A.s; Fred and the administrators; the Volunteers of Bethlehem; and of course to Pepper, Dave, Ingy, Mo, and Everson. It was a good show.

Tom Yovine

Words for the week

Finagle: To obtain by trickery; swindle; to use devious (and often dishonest) means to achieve one's ends. Also, to obtain by indirect or involved means.

Pervade: To become diffused throughout every part.

Presumptuous: Overstepping due bounds (as of courtesy or propriety); taking liberties.

Savvy: For more than 200 years, this has meant practical know-how; or (as a verb) understand.

Heterogeneous: Consisting of dissimilar or diverse ingredients or constituents. (Note the difference from heterogenous — in which the emphasis is on the *og* — whose meaning is: originating in an outside source.)

Nomenclator: One who gives names to, or invents names for, things. Also, a book containing collections or lists of words.

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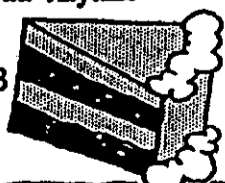
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Your Opinion Matters

Does Bethlehem need big new playground?

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am the parent of three children who attend Bethlehem Central Schools, and have lived in this community all my life. I am active in several community groups and have been involved in numerous fundraising events. I am writing in response to the March 18 article concerning the proposed "Kids' Place" Playground.

Perhaps the poor response to the Kids Place fundraising efforts indicates a general lack of community support for this project. In my opinion, the Town Park is not the place to put a \$90,000 playground. In fact, I don't think Bethlehem needs a \$90,000 playground. What we do need is to improve the existing playgrounds at our five elementary schools.

Approximately 2,000 students use the playground facilities at our elementary schools on a regular basis, nine months of the year. All the Robert Leathers' playgrounds that I have seen are located at schools where they can

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be used daily by school-age children as well as neighboring residents. This makes sense. However, because our district has five elementary schools, it would be impossible to justify the expense of putting such an elaborate playground at each facility.

In my opinion the best solution would be to continue the community fundraising effort, distribute the monies equally among the five elementary schools and improve the facilities we already have. Let's be practical and put the playgrounds where they are needed and where the maximum number of children will use them on a regular basis.

Glenmont Marilyn D. Corrigan

Recycling of phone books, magazines is frustrating

Editor, The Spotlight:

I think the Town of Bethlehem should give more notice of special recycling events like the telephone book collection, and also allow more than just a few days for it.

Those things are a pain in the neck to dispose of, and if there is only one way to get rid of them then the people who run the recycle operation ought to go an extra mile in giving residents a break.

'Memorable performance' at BC's band festival

Editor, The Spotlight:

When we moved to Slingerlands from Albany in 1964, our four children were educated in the Bethlehem school system. They have all done well as a result of the fine education they received.

We are now into the generation of grandchildren attending the elementary school at Slingerlands. Watching the grandchildren taking an active part in the varied curriculum has been a most enjoyable experience for us.

On Thursday, March 12, we witnessed a wonderful evening of music at the District Band Festival in which our 11-year-old granddaughter, Lauren McCarroll, took part as a saxophonist (my own specialty, as it happens).

I feel the same way about disposing of catalogs and magazines. Apparently there is nothing in the way of recycling that I can do with them unless the Town says so, and so far there has been only one day (a few hours) to take them somewhere for disposal. Much more frequent dates for collection (pick-up!) are needed badly. I want to recycle but I can't keep piling up these books forever.

Delmar Ready to Cooperate (Name submitted)

The program, under the direction of Mr. John Kinyon, was a magnificent performance and we feel the efforts of the Bethlehem music department should not go unnoticed.

Our sincere thanks to the Bethlehem School Board for moulding our young to become involved

in such a fine program. The ability of the elementary students to be a part of a presentation such as we witnessed was marvelous.

Too bad more people were not aware of this occurrence when some 530 students participated in what we would call "An Evening to be Remembered."

Raymond J. Zwack, Jr.
Slingerlands

As crocuses color the earth, Spring's first day is noted

Editor, The Spotlight:

About two years ago, *The Spotlight* published in your "Uncle Dudley" column a little story about a young woman who every year sent a very nice remembrance to a large number of friends and acquaintances. It was in the form of a hand-made card that made particular use of a "First Day of Spring" theme, and was sent to arrive—always anonymously—on that very day each year.

I recall that article, and I am wondering whether you happen to know if she has continued this endearing practice. Also, if the recipients still are in the dark when the annual gentle reminder shows up in the mailbox.

As I remember, you wrote that it goes to more than a hundred people. I wish I were on her list.

Mary Hopkins

Editor's note: Sorry, we can't help to add you to the list, since we don't know the identity of the sender. But we can tell you that the cards were in the mail again, arriving on Spring's first full day. As for the message, under a freehand sketch suggesting blossoms was this hand-lettered inscription (selected from, apparently, a French writer): "Who cares to find beauty in snowflakes, when crocuses color the earth."

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BC student to play Lincoln Center

By Michael DeMasi

Bethlehem Central High School senior Beth Kurkjian has come a long way since playing the role of Zeus in a fifth grade play.

Now she's headed for Lincoln Center in New York City.

After taking first place in the English Speaking Union's Shakespeare Recitation Sectionals Competition last month at Russell Sage College, Kurkjian will represent the Northeast Region in the National Finals at Lincoln Center on April 21-22.

"Unbelievable," said Kurkjian of her chance to perform on one of the world's most famous stages. "I'm really excited. Just to say I'm performing at Lincoln Center."

At recitation competitions, performers must recite a short scene from a play without the benefit of costume, props or other actors on the stage.

"You introduce yourself and tell a little bit about yourself," said Kurkjian, who performed a scene as Prospero from Shakespeare's "The Tempest." "And then I turn around and become this ferocious male."

Unlike conventional performances in which actors and actresses have time to build up their motivation for a dramatic scene, a performer in a recitation must deliver a convincing rendition "on the spot."

"I don't have four acts to get into that state of mind," she said. "It's all drawn from yourself."

This is the second year in a row a BC student has been chosen as a finalist in the competition. Last year, Erin Rodat impressed the judges with a performance from "Othello" as Amelia.



Beth Kurkjian

"You have to make the imagery concrete for the audience," explained James Yeara, the drama teacher at BC. "It's how you color the words and create in the audience's minds what these words mean."

Kurkjian's performance was so impressive that immediately afterward she was offered a four-year, \$8000 scholarship from the president of Russell Sage College.

Despite the offer, Kurkjian hasn't made any decisions about

next year. She is still waiting to hear from a few other colleges - including Vassar, Sarah Lawrence and Skidmore - and is keeping busy with rehearsals for BC's production of "Twelfth Night" in April.

"I would love to become an actress on Broadway," she said. "I'd like to make money, but that's not my idea of success."

"Acting would make me really happy."

Area piano students perform as part of library arts festival

Piano students of Anne Louise Rizzuto recently performed for the Delmar Progress Club in the community room of the Delmar library.

The program was presented in conjunction with the Festival of Arts.

Performing in the program from Hamagrael Elementary School were: Kristin Rizzuto, first grade; Leslie DiPaola, second grade;

Sloan Grenz, fourth grade; and Daniel DiPaola, fifth grade.

Performers from Bethlehem Central High School were: Jennifer Christian, ninth grade; Larissa Read, tenth grade; and Hillary Baron, twelfth grade.

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Residents' offer to move Bender farm raises new hopes

By Eric Bryant

The future of the 130-year old Bender farmstead appears to be on shaky ground following reports from a meeting between the land's developers and the town's historic preservation commission.

However, a recent proposal to move the house to a different location has raised new hopes.

Town historic preservation commission member Dennis Sullivan said Monday he had contacted investor Dr. James Murphy of Menands who "sounded positive" about accepting a plan that could move the historic building to the property of Tom and Gloria Ozimek on Upper Font Grove Road. The cost of moving the structure, estimated by Sullivan as being between \$10,000 and \$20,000, is a more tenuous matter however.

The Ozimeks met with Sullivan, town historian Bob Parmenter and councilman John Sgarlata last Wednesday to discuss moving the structure to a parcel of property adjacent to their home on Font Grove Road. Sullivan said the Ozimeks would donate the parcel to the town, possibly to be used as a town museum. However, both councilman Richard Decker and Sullivan have questions as to how

feasible the move is and who could pay for it.

"I just can't imagine the town getting involved in something like this," Decker said, noting that the town has a fiscal crisis of its own to handle without the burden of paying for the cost of moving the building. Decker also said that the historic significance of the building lay in its position on the Bender farm and, because the structure is not architecturally significant, moving it to a different location may negate its historic nature.

Sullivan is also concerned about how the move could be funded, saying "it's not likely a bake sale will raise \$10,000. That's an awful lot of money."

Murphy contacted Decker on Monday and told him he would give the historic commission a month to find a way in which the situation could be remedied. Murphy, who met with town officials a week earlier, had rejected several proposals forwarded by the town to preserve the homestead which he sees as an insurance liability.

Attending the original meeting between investors and town officials two weeks ago were Decker, councilman Peter Van Zetten, Parmenter, Sullivan, town assess-



The future of the 130-year old Bender farmstead is unclear while developers and town officials determine whether it can be moved. Elaine McLain

sor Richard Law, Ben Kroup of the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and Murphy, who was accompanied by another partner in the investment coalition which own the 195-acre plot of land surrounding the farmhouse.

The historic commission hoped to ask Murphy if the investors

would be willing to separate and sell off a portion of the land containing the home and barns but, according to Decker, Murphy said he was not at all interested in subdividing the land further.

The property, located near the Stonewell intersection of routes 85 and 85A, is fronted by the town's only "highway business" zone. It was once the site of the Bender melon farm, one of the most significant farms in New Scotland's agricultural history, according to Sullivan.

Murphy was not available for comment this week.

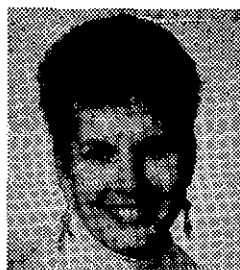
"I don't know how a preservationist would view it but I've been out to take a look at the property and, frankly, it looks pretty bad to me. It's not a shambles but it is not

currently livable. I know Peter [Van Zetten] has been out there too and he said the barns are in pretty bad shape," Decker said.

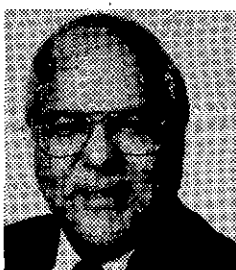
Decker and Sullivan both agree that the town simply is not financially able to take on a preservation effort by itself and, although several potential buyers have expressed interest in the property, no one seems to be willing to purchase the entire 195-acre parcel.

"The town is really in a bind. New Scotland prides itself on its rural character, and that's why people came out to all of those master plan meetings and said they wanted to see the town preserve its agricultural nature. There are creative ways available to do this but the town just doesn't have the money," Sullivan said.

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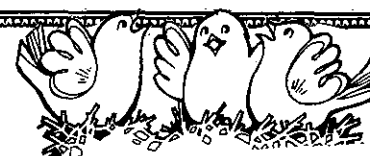


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V'ville students to go 'Barefoot in the Park'

Voorheesville Dionysians will present "Barefoot in the Park" at Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School on Friday, March 27, and Saturday, March 28, at 8 p.m.

Tickets will be sold at the door by members of the drama club for \$4 for adults and \$3 for students. This year's production will star Robert Stapf, Rebecca Logan, Lauren Adlowitz, Jonathan Getnick, Mike Thomas and Mike Parmalee. This comedy will be directed by Robert Andrews and student director Laura Blanchard.

V'ville schools close for conference day

Voorheesville schools will be closed on Friday, March 27, for a superintendent's conference day. Classes will resume on Monday, March 30.

Kindergarten screening will be at the Voorheesville Elementary school on Wednesday, April 1, and

Local history seminar to focus on women

The village of Voorheesville and the Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road in Voorheesville, are sponsoring the fifth annual Arthur Gregg local history seminar on Tuesday, April 7, at 8 p.m.

Delmar resident and historian Martha Dickinson Shattuck will

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Thursday, April 2 in the large gym. Parents or guardians pupils who need to schedule an appointment, can call JoAnne Donohue at 765-2382.

Ambulance service plans annual breakfast

Voorheesville Ambulance Service will have its annual breakfast at the Voorheesville American Legion on Voorheesville Avenue, on Sunday, March 29, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. The meal will consist of scrambled eggs, french toast, sausage, juice and coffee for \$4 for adult and \$3 for children. The proceeds will be used for the Sunshine Fund which is used to assist others.

speaking on "Wives, Mothers and Businesswomen: Women's Rights in Seventeenth Century New Netherlands."

The lecture is free and open to the public.

For information, call 765-2791.

V'ville mayor Poets plan performance wins in village vote walkaway

Voorheesville Mayor Ed Clark ran unopposed and was unanimously re-elected with 83 votes last Tuesday.

The mayor, currently in his second term of office, was forced to step down from the position for a day last September. Clark had recently retired from his position as director of research for the state Assembly, but a technicality in the state's retirement and Social Security law kept him from collecting his full benefits while serving as mayor.

After being out of office for 24 hours, Clark was reappointed by village trustees to fill out the term until a legal election could take place.

Village treasurer Lauren Tedesco said that 83 voters was a fairly good turnout in a village of 3200 residents, especially because the election was uncontested and on an off year.

According to Tedesco, the election was unanimous with no written votes recorded.

"The Poet as Storyteller" series at the Voorheesville Public Library winds up this week with a look at the works of W.S. Merwin on Thursday, March 26, at 7 p.m.

"The Artful Story" will include a lecture/discussion and reading of Merwin's poetry, which explores the contemporary themes of identity and alienation. Join us for an interesting evening filled with intellectual give-and-take by Dr. Charles Rossiter.

Voorheesville Public Library



The library will continue its "poetry explosion" next Thursday, April 2, at 7 p.m. when three area writers will share their work. Beginning the presentation will be Michael Larabee, a 1985 Voorheesville High School graduate, who recently published a volume of his own work entitled "anti inspiration." He will be accompanied by Martin Burke playing original compositions on acoustic guitar.

Voorheesville historian Dennis Sullivan, and Slingerlands resident Tom Corrado, an active member

of the library's poetry group, will follow with a sampling of their poems.

Also coming up at the library is the fifth annual Arthur Gregg local history seminar on Tuesday, April 7, at 8 p.m.

This year's speaker will be Martha Dickinson Shattuck, an editor for the New Netherland Project at the New York State Museum. Her talk, "Wives, Mother's and Businesswomen: Women's Rights in 17th Century New Netherland" will focus on the wide range of freedom that Dutch women enjoyed as compared to women in the English colonies.

The seminar, co-sponsored by the library and the village of Voorheesville, is funded by a grant from the New York Council for the Humanities.

The program is free and open to the public.

Story hours this week are on Monday at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday at 10 a.m. Wednesday at 4 p.m., and Friday at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

The library is located at 51 School Road, Voorheesville. For information on any of the programs, call 765-2791.

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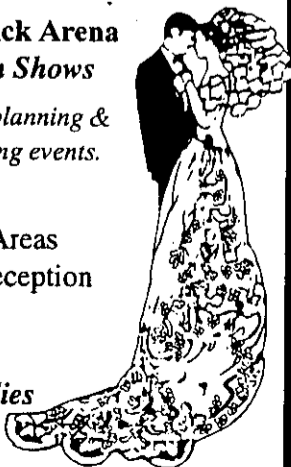
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Escarpment title could become legal cliffhanger

By Eric Bryant

A "quit claim deed" filed on a seemingly unowned piece of property at the base of the Heldeberg Escarpment has pitted a Delmar man against several of the property's neighbors and according to both sides involved, the dispute seems to be heading for a confrontation in the courts.

Last July, Delmar resident Spiro Socaris filed claim on a two mile stretch of property which runs along the base of the escarpment and borders the property of the Heldeberg Workshop, among others. According to Socaris, the property is listed on tax maps as unowned and through his claim he hopes to somehow preserve the land from development by the use of a conservation easement.

But several neighbors of the property feel the land is at least partially theirs, and both sides are busy researching title and individual deed property lines to find out exactly who owns what. That question, in the precise meets and bounds of surveying, is a large part of the problem, Socaris said. Claim on the land, which Socaris said consists largely of steep grades and rubble piled at the base of the escarpment, could go all the way back to the Van Rensselaer family land grant.

Representatives from the Heldeberg Workshop and several of the property's neighbors met last week to discuss ownership of the land. According to the workshop's attorney John Biscone, several neighbors believe

they can claim legal ownership to a portion of the property and the workshop itself is also laying claim to part of the land which runs beyond its facilities on Picard Road. The attorney said efforts to reach Socaris have not been successful and that the lack of cooperation may eventually drive the land dispute into court.

For his part, Socaris said there was little dispute among the parties until Biscone entered the picture. Calling him a "pitbull of a lawyer," Socaris said he has received "nothing but threats" from Biscone and said he expects a lawsuit to be filed against him sometime early next month.

"This whole thing is heading for a lawsuit and for no good reason. I would have gladly talked this over with Bill Morrison [of the Heldeberg Workshop] and tried to hash it out with him, but what I get instead is letters from their attorneys threatening to bring criminal prosecution if they find me on this land. I'm placed on the defensive when we should be working together on this, now we're at odds," he said.

Socaris said that through the Heldeberg Workshop's continued use of a portion of the land, they

can lay claim to that section. He feels, however, that they will attempt to claim the entire two-mile parcel and nullify his claim if it is taken to court.

still in the formative stage, but one that could possibly convey a conservation easement.

Socaris said he should receive a final report sometime this week

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Spiro Socaris

Socaris insists that his only purpose in laying claim to the land is to find some way to preserve it for public use. As an amateur rock climber, Socaris said he has been climbing the slope for the past seven years and discovered the unowned parcel when a friend bought land on the top of the escarpment cliff. Because ownership of the parcel is currently listed as "unknown," he feels that may put its future in jeopardy. The land has no current road access and would not be suitable for development even if he had that intention, he said.

Socaris said he has contacted the Nature Conservancy, who rejected a proposal to take over the land because the Delmar resident's claim was still in question. Officials at the Nature Conservancy led him to the Albany County Land Trust, a group that is

from a title researcher he hired to go over the deeds and tax maps that date back to 1832. After receiving this information, he said he will decide what to do next.

"I'm going to have to decide what I'm going to do ... is it worth it to me? ... Why am I so adamant? I really love this land, it's just awesome and it needs to be preserved. It will be preserved one way or another."

American Legion sets April chicken dinner

A barbecued chicken dinner will take place at the Voorheesville American Legion Post on Sunday, April 5, at 4 p.m.

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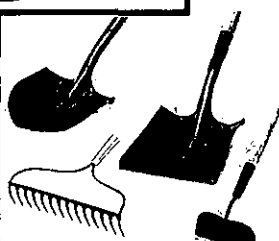
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Grange reaches 118th birthday

The Bethlehem grange, Route 396 in South Bethlehem, will celebrate its 118th birthday at the general meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 28, at 8 p.m. at the grange.

Grange members are inviting friends and neighbors to attend the meeting and celebration.

The Bethlehem grange has also scheduled a roast pork supper to be served Saturday, April 4, from 4 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$7 for adults, and \$3.50 for children 5 to 12.

For information, call 767-2770 or 767-3342.

South Bethlehem church plans spaghetti supper

The South Bethlehem United Methodist Church has scheduled a spaghetti supper on Saturday, March 28, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church on Willowbrook Ave.

Cost is \$6.50 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens, and \$3.50 for children over 3.

Call 767-9953 for information.

Ravena library installs copy machine

A self-service, coin-operated copy machine has been installed at the Ravena Free Library, on Main Street in Ravena.

The machine can reduce the size of copies, and make change. Copies are 20 cents each.

Story hours on the theme "Ducks Like Rain" will be held at the library on Thursday, March 26, and Saturday, March 28, at 10:30 a.m. Two to five-year-olds and their families are welcome to attend.

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The Ravena library is asking patrons to show support for public libraries by calling the American Library Association (ALA) at their toll free number, 1-800-530-888, by April 16. Calls will be tabulated and sent to members of Congress to show that residents support public libraries.

Local author plans Sunday workshops

Jim Nehring, Bethlehem teacher and author of "Why Do We Gotta Do This Stuff, Mr. Nehring?" will present a workshop at Ravena Free Library on Sunday, March 29, at 1:30 p.m.

Registration is required. Call 756-2053.

Becker PTA schedules building plan meeting

The Becker school PTA will host a meeting today, March 25, at 7:30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Barry Jones, Board of Education member and building and grounds committee chairman. Building renovation proposals will be discussed in detail.

Child care will be available.

PIE meeting set at high school

Parents in Education (PIE) will meet at the senior high school library today, March 25, at 7:30 p.m.

High school parents are invited to attend.

Hoblock to speak at Republican dinner

Albany County Executive Michael J. Hoblock Jr. will be the featured speaker at the New Scotland Republican Committee's 16th annual dinner/dance on Friday, April 3, at Crossgates Restaurant, Washington Avenue Extension in Albany, at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20.

For information, call 765-4470.

Safe driving course scheduled in Delmar

Beginning on Wednesday, April 1, Bethlehem Senior Services will be accepting reservations for the 55 Alive Safe Driving Course to be held on April 29 and 30.

This course is sponsored by the Tri-Village Chapter 1598 of the American Association of Retired Persons.

The course is open to any person 50 years of age or older. There is a course fee of \$10.

Those completing the course could receive a 10 percent discount on their automobile liability and collision insurance.

Class size will be limited. To register, call 439-4955, extension 170, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Volunteer tour guides needed at Five Rivers

The Five Rivers Educational Center, Game Farm Road in Delmar, is offering a volunteer education course on Tuesday, April 7, at 9:15 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to act as guides and teachers on tours with school classes and other youth groups.

For information, call 475-0291.

Spring programs set

The library is welcoming spring with programs for children of all ages.

In the children's room, toddlers are invited to bring their favorite stuffed baby animal to the library for an "Animal Babies" program on Friday, March 27, or Saturday, March 28, at 10:30 a.m.

Preschoolers aged two to five and their parents are invited to the Bethlehem Public Library for preschool films on Friday, April 3, and Saturday, April 4, at 10:30 a.m.

Registration is not required to see this 40-minute film program featuring "The Big Red Barn," "Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel" and "The Fly."

Children's room staff reports that during 1991 they presented 442 programs, which were attended by a total of 13,625 community children and family members.

In addition to film showings, the library presented theme programs for children from age two to young adults, story hours, outreach visits to schools and to the town's summer recreation program. That averages out to 8.5 free programs a week.

The staff also noted that, in 1991, they answered 9,864 reference questions, signed in 4,795 kids to use the computer, added 2,766 children's books to the collection and circulated 157,604 children's books and other items.

To take full advantage of the library, all you need is a borrower's card. If a child does not have a library card, it's the perfect gift for every child. It won't break, wear out, be outgrown or need batteries. And, best of all, it's free.

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As part of the program, toddlers will hear stories about Baby Beluga and about the egg that didn't want to hatch, play baby animal peek-a-boo, march in a stuffed animal parade and do a craft with cotton balls to help March go out like a lamb.

Children aged between 22 months and three years old, and an adult companion, can register for either day.

Parents, and children in grades three and above, are invited to the library Tuesday, March 31, at 7 p.m., to learn about "Dollhouse Miniatures" from Jan Coffey, president of Tiny Treasures of Elnora miniature club.

Coffey will talk and show slides about collecting and creating dollhouse furnishings and accessories. An exhibit of miniatures in three scales — 1 inch, 1/2 inch and 1/4 inch — will be included.

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Bethlehem Central names honor roll students

Bethlehem Central High School has announced high honor and honor roll students for the second semester of the 1991-92 school year.

High honor roll, grade 9: Daniel Aycock, Mark Barrett, Jared Beck, Paul Belemjian, Karin Bixby, Rebecca Bloom, Ross Borzykowski, James Boyle, Alicia Cacciola, Bradley Carnell, Sofia Cerda, Jennifer Christian, Sarah Cook.

And, Daniel Corbett, Katie Cross, Kristen Cushman, Julia Donnaruma, Nathaniel Dorfman, Jennifer Duffy, Melissa Dunkerley, Cynthia Dunn, Claire Dunne.

And, Michael Esmond, Larissa Filipp, Sarah Frank, Rebecca Furman, Janice Gallagher, Kevin Gallagher, Cheryl Goeldner, Nicole Gold, Lora Gurley, Jason Gutman, Emily Hartnett, Jessica Hildebrandt, Moira Hughes, Victor Hwang.

And, Kristen Beth Jones, Arif Kabir, Tricia Kandefer, Tamara Kaplan, Andrew Kinney, Shayna Klopott, Gabriel Koroluk, Kelly Krueger, Peter Loux, David Lussier, Katherine MacDowell, Christa Mancuso, Brooke Marshall, Scott Maybee.

And, Kathleen McGinn, Aaron Mimura, Meredith Moriarty, Christian Myer, Kathryn Nehrbauser, Brendan Noonan, Jill Notis, Matthew Nuttall, Benjamin Pierce, Janni Plattner, Michael Pressman, Keith Riccio, Nicole Roynce.

And, Ethan Schoolman, Nicole Sherrin, Richard Sherwin, Leah Staniels, Jennifer Stornelli, Margaret Teresi, Aaron Thorpe, Gloria Tsan, Kyle VanRiper, Anju Visweswaraiha, Karena Zornow.

Honor roll, grade 9: Christine Barwig, Sara Battles, Alyse Bebb, Thomas Birdsey, Michael Bonenfant, Carrie Boomhower, Emily Bourguignon, Andrew

Brennan, Jennifer Brereton.

And, Jennifer Browe, Trisha Burdick, Michael Butler, Patricia Caimano, Cara Cameron, Matthew Carotenuto, Christine Carroll, Shauna Caterson, Nicole Clark, Theresa Cleary.

And, Brian Cohen, Lynda Cohen, Robin Crogan, Erin Cykoski, Michael D'Aleo, Nathaniel Deily, Stephen Demarest, Joshua Deyoe, Jeffrey Dievendorf, Kelly Dobbert, Olivia Donaldson.

And, Colleen Doody, Terence Dwyer, Joel Dzekciorius, Eric Edie, Emily Fireovid, John Frattura, Joanna Furst, Scott Geis, Kristopher Gill, Karen Gisotti, Jocelyn Godfrey-Certner.

And, Megan Gorman, Leo Grady, Karen Grimwood, Jason Gudewicz, Torre Hallenbeck, Joshua Hasselbach, William Hawley, Jason Heim, Laura Hoffmeister, Emily Hunke.

And, Molly Hunter, Theresa Jeram, Elizabeth Karam, Kristyne Kondrat, Daniel Korenblum, Nathan Kosoc, David Lavalley, Danielle Leonard, Elizabeth Mahony, Michele Manning.

And, Shawn Martin, Bradley Mattox, Matthew Messina, Michael Moon, Katie Nardolillo, Darrin O'Brien, Ann Olson, Matthew Ostroff, Matthew Padula, Gregory Phelps, Jennifer Piorkowski, Timothy Rapp, Karen Recene, Kevin Rice, Jennifer Rifkin.

And, Scott Rivard, Patrick Roberts, Jessica Romano, Jeffrey Rosenblum, Reva Rotenberg, Daniel Ryan, Julia Rybatskaya, William Sanchez, Deborah Sangiovanni, Mahnaz Sarrafzadeh.

And, Kenneth Schulz, Karra Scisci, Brian Scott, Christopher Seavey, Andrew Sedlock, Ana Maria Shaye, Paul Shogan, Molly Shultes, Courtney Silver, Dana Slingerland, Matthew St. Lucia,

Joshua Stein, John Svare, Jennifer Tomlin, Charles Tommell, Jennifer Tompkins, Kenneth VanDyke.

And, Victoria VanHoesen, Michael Verhagen, Nina Wallant, Christopher Washousky, Jeffrey Wellman, Matthew Wing, Matthew Winterhoff, Samantha Wyche, Daniel Zox.

High honor roll, grade 10: Gianna Aiezza, Tamara Backer, Carrie Bailey, Jonathan Belfort, Robin Bellizzi, Jeremy Bollam, Bethany Borofsky, Sarah Bourguignon, Lauren Boyle, Lauren Brown, Michael Carpenter.

And, Casey Cornelius, Michele Craft, Sarah Crepeau, Cori Cunningham, Melanie Dale, Suzanne Dorfman, Allison Drew, Brian Dudzik, Kara Dumper, Elizabeth Dunn, Gail Fasciani, Myra Feldman, Seth Friedman, Sara Goldstein.

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Honor roll, grade 10: Matthew Allyn, Lynn Ansaldo, Christopher Babbitt, Aaron Baizman, Kamau Bakari, Catherine Barker, David

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Views On Dental Health

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FETUS FACTS

If you are a typical mother, don't ask where you went wrong if your infant is a thumbsucker. You are completely innocent. Thumbsuckers are born, not made. Medical pictures of the fetus show that many babies are already well into the habit of thumbsucking by the seventh month in the uterus. In fact, all kinds of preparations are going on before birth to get baby's mouth ready for its complex tasks.

Did you know that teeth are already beginning to form in the growing fetus just three months after conception? Indeed, some parts of the 20 primary teeth (also called baby teeth), can be recognized at this early stage. Even tiny pieces of the first permanent molars are growing. The rest of the permanent teeth wait until right after birth to start forming inside the gums.

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OB/GYN Update

By Edward J. Jacobs, M.D., F.A.C.O.G.

From here to maternity

Pregnant women should be aware that the Food and Drug Administration requires aspirin manufacturers to carry a warning on the labels of their over-the-counter products which advises pregnant women against taking aspirin unless directed to do so by a physician. This warning is made necessary by the fact that the taking of aspirin by a pregnant woman can affect the fetal circulation and the onset of labor. This may cause problems in the newborn or complications during delivery.

Over-the-counter aspirin products manufactured prior to 1991 may not have the new label warning, yet may still be on medicine cabinet shelves. Pregnant women should keep this in mind until the new labels become more prevalent!

Before taking any over-the-counter medication during pregnancy, it is always a good idea to consult your physician. Should you wish further information on today's topic or if you would like to schedule an appointment, please call our office at 465-3318

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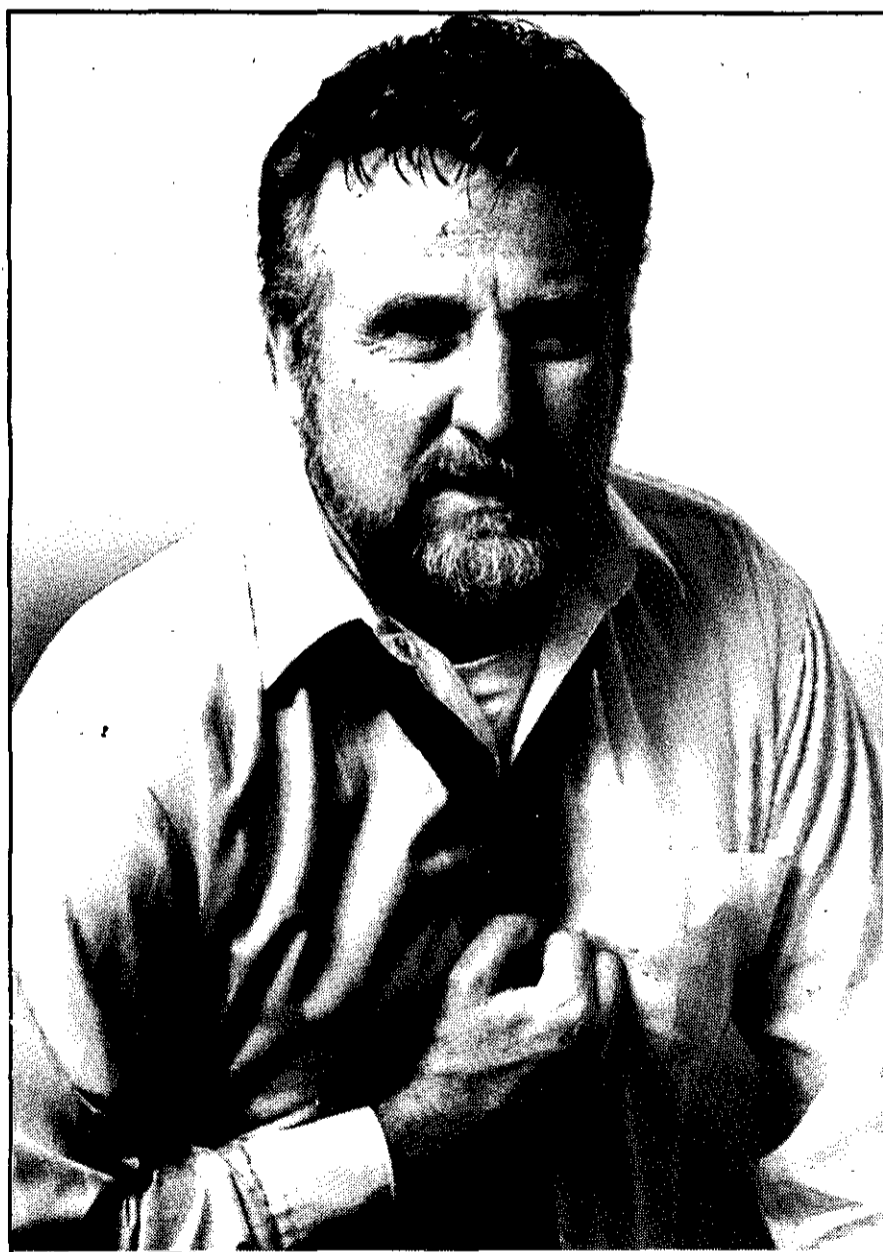
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Five Rivers plans outdoor family walk

A family-oriented exploration of the outdoors will be presented at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road in Delmar, on Saturday, April 11, at 2 p.m. Cost is \$2 per family.



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DARE

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educator. The 130 hours of training back in 1989 prepared him not only for teaching, but also how to teach kids to say "no" to drugs. The class was divided into small groups, each with a mentor, and ended with a graduation attended by children the officers had taught during training.

"It was so emotional, you get very close. At graduation, the kids hug you and wear the T-shirts you gave them," said McMillen, who has been with the department 11 years. "It really pumped new life into my career — I had always wanted to be a teacher."

Now McMillen is looking forward to more training, this time focused on teaching the DARE program to high schoolers. The program's concept is the same, he said, but the difference is that the classroom instruction, aimed at sophomores instead of middle schoolers, takes place on 10 consecutive days rather than one day a week over a 17-week period. An

advantage of the program is that the classroom teacher, most likely a health teacher, goes through the DARE training as well.

The high school DARE program is essential, according to McMillen, who said national statistics indicate drug and alcohol abuse is at a high level. One national statistic said 90 percent of all crime is drug related. According to statistics, a drug problem exists locally, but it's not publicized, he said.

"The high school program will reinforce previous drug resistance education and adds ways to say 'no' to drugs," said McMillen, whose first Ravena and Bethlehem classes are now in seventh and eighth grade respectively. "DARE is proactive. We're trying to solve the problem before we actually have a problem."

Teaching drug resistance to high school kids will be more difficult than teaching middle schoolers or elementary pupils, McMillen said. "It's easy to tell a sixth grader not to do it," but older students are more influenced by

peers, a society which says drinking is okay and "glorified advertising."

"I can't compete with Anheuser-Busch," McMillen said. "Ideally, they should never use drugs. The education is more for them to think about what they're doing before they get themselves in trouble. I can only give them the information, it's up to them to make the right decision."

Next month McMillen and Officer Ray Linstruth, a patrol officer with part-time DARE responsibilities, will begin teaching Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School pupils about drugs and personal safety. The elementary school program, which runs about four weeks, is designed for kindergartners through fourth graders. "This will be a first, it's supposed to be really neat," McMillen said. "The little kids are so cute. I'm looking forward to it."

According to LaChappelle, DARE succeeds because the department's committed to the program, as are the Bethlehem and Ravena school districts.

"I'm very enthused with the program," LaChappelle said. "I'm happy with the response by the schools. Their commitment is tremendous. It's unbelievable."

Bethlehem Police Department's DARE program has reached approximately 1,500 children in the towns of Bethlehem and Coeymans since it began. According to McMillen, the best part of the job is the way kids react to him. Most approach him with smiles, "even if out in public." He said he knows the kids really listen to him from the questions they ask and the essays they write at the end of the class. Parents often tell him how impressed they are with what their children learned through the program. "What would put the icing on the cake is

if I know the tactics I taught them worked," he said.

Although McMillen said DARE is a step in the right direction, "It should not be considered the answer." Reinforcement needs to come from parents, who need to practice discretion with drug use around their children. A DARE curriculum aimed at teaching parents skills to cope with various problems is being developed, he said. It will be taught to parents who have interest in the program.

Both local and state funds support the DARE program, McMillen said. The town pays the officers' salaries and federal drug grants are distributed through the state Department of Criminal Justice Services' DARE Department.

Jazz-rock group to play in Guilderland

Private Conversations, a local jazz-rock band, will perform at Nicole's Menu Restaurant, routes 20 and 155 in Guilderland, on Sunday, March 29, from 6 to 9 p.m.

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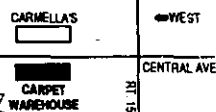


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Remembering Aunt Yetta



By Marlene Newman

My great aunt Yetta lived to be over 100. She spent her last years in residence at a "hotel" for the elderly in Long Beach, New York.

On my last visit she brought me into her modest room. I sat on the end of the neatly made bed as she opened a dresser drawer.

"Look, darling," she motioned to tidy stacks of photographs and old leatherbound albums. "Look," she went on, "Here is my life."

"Once I had a home, a husband and children to care for, friends to spend time with. This is what is left. Here is my life ... in a drawer."

*In my mind's ear,
her voice penetrates my
consciousness with
questions about my life.*

I remember my aunt. She was, like many women of her generation, tiny, not even five feet tall. She moved with the speed of an old silent movie. She was vital and intense. I loved her. In my mind's eye, she is still that dynamic wonder. In my mind's ear, her voice penetrates my consciousness with questions about my life. Sharp images flood my being, stronger than those faded photos in her dresser drawer.

Yetta was my grandfather's older sister. I remember Grandpa holding me in the heel of his hand, stretching his arm straight up over his head so I could touch the sky. I remember him crippled with arthritis, directing the world from his wheelchair. He, too, exists now only in my memory, in my mounting memorabilia.

I have become the custodian of the stories that are told in photographs and scraps of paper tucked into the recesses of drawers and cartons on closet shelves.

We tidy up after parents who grow old and die or grow old and can no longer care for themselves. And the task of sorting through these archives becomes a recreation of long past times and far off places, a resurrection of those beloved caretakers, and sweet, sweet remembrances of childhood.

In this wondrous age of stereophonic sound and videotape we can preserve our voices and moving images for those who are to be the chroniclers of our lives.



Marlene Neuman of Delmar, on left, remembers her great aunt Yetta, shown on right, as a woman who moved with the speed of an old silent movie.

Memoirs capture essence of past

By Mike Larabee

If a picture's worth a thousand words, then what are a thousand words worth?

Much, much more, according to writer Ann Settle, who will conduct a seminar on memoir writing at the senior citizens center in Colonie this month.

For Settle, seniors who pen autobiographies, no matter how formal or informal, give gifts of measureless value to future generations, preserving with a mature eye events and experiences that otherwise might be completely lost.

"They have maturity, and they can bring something to anything they write that young people can't because they have the experiences," she said. "They

have knowledge of a life that was very different, a life that really is the background for what we have today."

*My philosophy is
everybody has a story.*

Ann Settle

"Things that a younger generation only reads in history books can become very much alive through the experiences of older people," she said.

The workshop begins March 30 and will meet weekly for six weeks until May 4, though Settle said she'll extend the sessions if interest exists. Though class

size is limited, there are still spaces available, according to Lois Siegel, community services coordinator for the 91 Fiddlers Lane, Latham center.

Siegel said there's already been a great deal of interest in the classes. "I wish my father had done this," she said. "His childhood was so much different from mine and even more different from his grandchildren's."

While many people consider putting their life to paper — both for themselves and for benefit of generations to come — the prospect of beginning "I was born ..." and recording every subsequent detail can be overwhelming. Settle says it's

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What memories will be evoked when my keepsakes are catalogued? Will they see me as I saw the child I discovered my mother once had been when I stumbled upon her 2nd grade report card? Will they know my father was a shy, smiling boy in knickers on his bar mitzvah day? Will they know that I once was young and filled with dreams of romance when they unearth the dried remnants of my high school prom corsage? Will they savor a favorite dish whose recipe fades on yellowed newsprint hidden between the pages of a cookbook? Will they feel the contentment they felt as babies cradled in my arms as I proudly posed for the camera? Will they again experience feelings of accomplishment and pride when they come upon crayoned pictures with primitive scrawlings? Will they know how it feels to let go and send a child out into the world when they reread their letters and cards sent from distant places?

Will they relive their own childhoods as they sift through my life?

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Senior Expo 92 to feature food, fun and facts

By Susan Wheeler

Seniors and their families will be treated to two days of entertainment and education at the Capital District Senior Expo '92, set for Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16, at Colonie Center.

The expo, first of its kind in the region, is offered by five not-for-profit senior service organizations of the Capital District, according to Susan Streb, director of development at the Senior Service Centers of the Albany Area, Inc. Streb, who is also an event coordinator, says, "It's truly a regional effort. It's the first time the five groups have come together to offer information on programs and activities to seniors on a broad basis."

Proceeds from the event, which

will feature information booths, seminars and entertainment, will benefit Senior Service Centers of the Albany Area, Inc., Annie Schaffer Senior Center of Schenectady

The expo, which has been in the planning stages for about a year, is sponsored by several area businesses, including Key Bank of New York N.A., New York Tele-

seniors who take classes at the various senior centers. A quilt exhibit is planned, as well as an art exhibit, she said.

Entertainment will be provided by seniors from various choral, instrumental and dance groups during the event, Burns said. The entertainment schedule includes big band music, tap dancing and line dancing.

In addition, an intergenerational fashion show is scheduled. Models will be local seniors and children, Streb said, and clothing and accessories will be provided by Colonie Center merchants. The fashion show is tentatively set for Friday, May 15, at 12:30 p.m.

Cooking demonstrations, with the focus on healthy meals for one or two, will take place throughout the weekend, Burns said. The recipes will be available to participants and the meals should be "exciting to cook."

Another feature of the event will be the "Centenarian Celebration" for those 100 years old and older, according to Paul Tazbir, an event steering committee member and commissioner of the Rensselaer County Department for the Aging. He said that for the last several years Rensselaer County has held a centenarian bash to honor those 100-plus. ROUSE and his department joined forces for the expo, which he hopes will become an annual event, he said. Seniors from Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady and Saratoga counties are expected to participate in the expo's centenarian bash.

According to last year's numbers, there were 24 centenarians

who reside in Rensselaer County. Tazbir said he thinks that between 80 and 100 centenarians live in the four-county area, and hopes at least half of them will attend. "We would have about 4,000 years of life experiences in one place," he said.

Each centenarian will be honored with a certificate from President George Bush and share in a birthday cake baked by Freihofer's, he said. Centenarians' families are welcome to join in the celebration, tentatively set for Saturday after lunch. Anyone who is at least 100 years old who would like to join the festivities should call Tazbir's office at 270-2730.

Other entertainment is also planned. The organizations are working toward getting a celebrity to help kick off the event, Burns said, although nothing is confirmed.

Streb said area businesses will rent booth space to provide information on various topics, products and activities. All the information is geared toward those 50 and older, as well as their caregivers. "We want 100 businesses, and the response has been phenomenal," she said.

According to Burns, each of the five senior organizations will have booth space. She said the Colonie Senior Service Centers offers programs, trips, classes and lunches for seniors on a participant donation basis. The organization also depends on volunteer help, she said.

The expo is "going to be a nice event," she said. "It's upbeat about being older."

I hope everybody will come, not only seniors, but their families and caregivers, too.

Kathleen Burns

County, Inc., Cohoes Multi-Service Senior Citizens' Center, Inc., Colonie Senior Service Centers, Inc., and Rensselaer Organizations United for Senior Endeavors, Inc. (ROUSE), she said. Proceeds are expected to come from sponsors, booth rental fees and a program book.

phone, Price Chopper Supermarkets, Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield, Capital District Physicians Health Plan, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and Community Health Plan.

"It should be really nice," said Kathleen Burns, a steering committee member and assistant director of Colonie Senior Service Centers, Inc. The expo will take place throughout the mall, and events will be featured each day from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. "I hope everybody will come, not only seniors but their families and caregivers, too," said Burns, adding that the event is open to the public free of charge.

There are approximately 10 seminars scheduled for the two days. The seminars are designed to help seniors and their caregivers take a closer look at long-term care, housing options, legal issues of aging and other topics, Streb said.

Exhibits will be on display from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. According to Burns, all art work is created by



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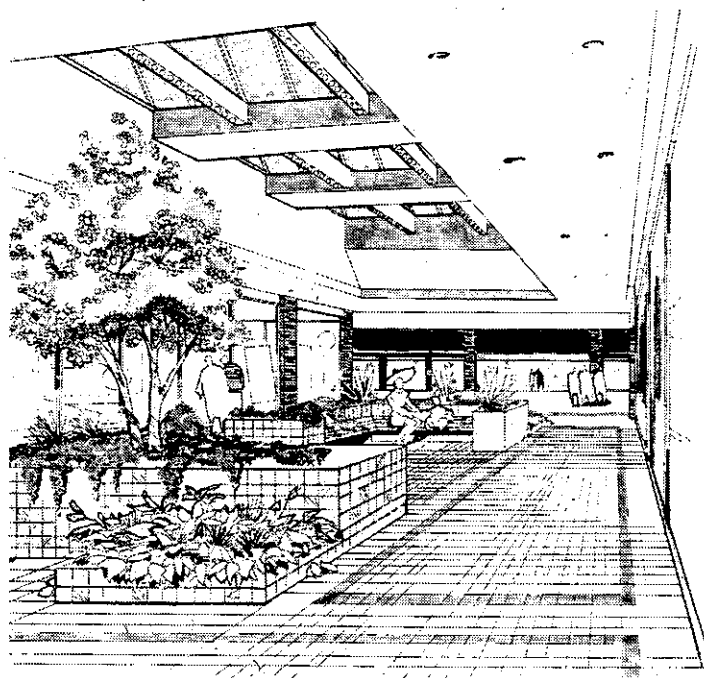
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Making meals more enjoyable

Mary Adams, gerontological specialist at the University of Oklahoma's Health Sciences Center, provides tips to making meals more enjoyable:

- Use foods with different textures.
- Add small amounts of sugar to enhance flavor.
- Eat regularly scheduled meals.
- Serve meals in opulent tray covers, use colorful napkins and fine silver
- Take advantage of local "Meals on Wheels" programs.

New business offers 'Special Care' to seniors

By Susan Graves

Many seniors pay more than they have to for health insurance coverage, according to Delmar resident Cindy Rogan.

Rogan, who began a business in Guilderland called Special Care six months ago, assists seniors in getting insurance reimbursement.

She said through her 12 years experience in the insurance field, she learned insurance reimburse-

"The chances are they won't be reimbursed," Rogan said.

Many seniors, she added, do not even question medical bills they receive, and when "they see a balance, they pay it."

What Special Care does first is to review the senior's primary insurance carriers to determine what the senior is entitled to. For people with chronic medical conditions, Rogan offers a monthly

Many seniors do not even question medical bills they receive ... when they see a balance, they pay it.

Cindy Rogan



Cindy Rogan offers clients special care. Susan Graves

ment was "a very large problem" for senior citizens.

Seniors often pay for services their insurance should cover. What Rogan does is to ensure that seniors get "maximum reimbursement."

"We can't control insurance costs, but we can control the method," in which bills should be paid, she said.

Problems often occur in follow-up procedures. If, for example, a senior sees a doctor who does not participate in their health plan, the patient is responsible for follow-up with the insurance company. Should the senior not follow up,

payment plan. Under that, Special Care guarantees the senior is correctly reimbursed, she said.

For one client, Rogan recently recovered \$630 that had been billed to her but should have been paid by the insurance company. "She was seeing a non-participating physician and paying \$100 each time," and those \$100 claims were never received by Medicare, said Rogan.

Seniors who join Special Care at the membership level, which costs \$10 a month, are also entitled to an analysis of their insurance coverage to prevent duplicate coverage. Clients also have access to an information and refer-

ral hotline. "Special Care acts as a referral base for its members, providing necessary information on things such as senior organizations, support groups and household information," Rogan said.

For those seniors, however, who might only need temporary help, consultation is available for an hourly rate.

One crucial factor for all seniors is to be sure they have a supplemental policy. "If you

don't," Rogan said, "it's a time bomb."

As of April 1, she said, all seniors will be able to choose from one of 10 supplements as a result of a change in the federal law.

"We make recommendations about what they have, what they should have and where they can get the most for their money."

Rogan said she has visited all local senior citizens centers, "And now I'm trying to tackle the caregivers" to get the word out about the service.

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Miracle 'cures' ease pain of lugging heavy wallet

By Kathleen Shapiro

Garlic pills, fish oil, copper bracelets, bee venom.

For most people, the list may sound like a collection of items found in a sorcerer's chest. But, believe it or not, these products are some of the most popular "health cures" on the market today.

Americans suffering from arthritis and other chronic ailments spend more than \$40 billion each year on fraudulent health care products, according to recent estimates by the National Research Council.

Most items turn out to be a harmless waste of money. Others—including L-tryptophan, a popular amino-acid based product sold over the counter until 1990—have been known to kill.

"I think it's the feeling of helplessness that drives people to try these things," said Dr. Martin Farber, chief of rheumatology at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady and chairman of the public information committee of the Arthritis Foundation of Northeastern New York.

With their high numbers, arthritis sufferers make up one of the most vulnerable groups targeted by makers of fraudulent health remedies.

"Despite the best of our abilities, people with chronic illnesses can deteriorate rapidly," explained

Farber. "This tempts a lot of them to say, 'What the heck,' and try unproven cures because they feel they can't be any worse off than they already are. The amount of money spent on quack remedies every year is just phenomenal."

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One of the most dangerous "medicinal" products found on the market in recent years is Black Pearl, an herbal preparation sold as a treatment for arthritis, heart disease, asthma, high blood pressure and other conditions. Also known as "chuifong tuokuwan," Black Pearl often contains a mixture of powerful ingredients such as steroids, anti-inflammatory drugs and tranquilizers.

Although Farber has not yet come across any Capital District patients using the small black pellets, he has seen many resort to other forms of unconventional treatment, including fad diets and dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), a solution that claims to relieve pain when applied to the skin, but actually can cause a host of harmful

symptoms, including diarrhea, skin irritation and possible poisoning.

During the L-tryptophan scare a few years ago, a number of area residents were hospitalized with eosinophilia-myalgia syndrome—

a serious, drug-related blood disorder that causes white cells to attack the muscles and lungs, sometimes resulting in death.

Even seemingly harmless remedies like wearing copper bracelets or using vibrators can do damage by giving the patient a false sense of security, said Farber. "They become harmful when they delay people from seeking proven medical treatment," he said.

Studies have shown that patients using unproven remedies may put off treatment for an average of four years, said Farber. "That's not always a problem, but sometimes it can be disastrous," he said.

Above all, patients should always check with their doctor before using an unproven remedy, he said. "If it looks too good to be true, it probably is."

Checklist For Spotting an Unproven Remedy

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Back to school through Elderhostel

By Michael DeMasi

Instead of heading for the beach or the mountains on your next vacation, why not go to college for a week?

Elderhostel, a nonprofit organization founded in 1975, provides adults over age 60 with the chance to take courses at more than 1,600 colleges and universities around the world.

Through the program, adults attend a school for one week and take up to three specially-designed courses in the liberal arts and sciences. Hostellers live in a dormitory, eat in the cafeteria and participate in a variety of extracurricular activities, field trips and cultural events.

"We're offering an alternative to a traditional sightseeing tour," said Daniel F. Dowd, director of New York state Elderhostel. "Anyone can go on a vacation. With Elderhostel we're allowing you the opportunity to do that in a safe and comfortable environment with people of similar interests."

Elderhostel was conceived in 1974 when Martin P. Knowlton, a research engineer, backpacker and world traveler, returned from a four-year walking tour of Europe and met with his friend, David Bianco, the director of residential life at the University of New Hampshire.

Knowlton was impressed by the influence that the youth hosting movement had on the attitudes of young people in Europe, and Bianco envisioned an expanded network of youth hostels in the United States. The idea then grew into establishing a network of elder hostels, which would enable those over age 60 to utilize education in their search for self-fulfillment.

"When a group of people come together for a limited time, it's amazing how close this group becomes," said Dowd. "It's a real benefit to study with people the same age."

Average tuition for a stay at an Elderhostel for one week is \$275, which includes lodging, meals, classes and extracurricular activities.

As for sleeping in a dormitory, Dowd said that it usually isn't a problem for the hostellers. the courses and field trips explore some aspect of the host country's culture.

Anyone can go on a vacation. With Elderhostel we're allowing you the opportunity to do that in a safe and comfortable environment with people of similar interests.

Daniel Dowd

"As long as they know the sleeping and bathroom situation ahead of time they're comfortable with it," he said.

Elderhostel has grown significantly since it was first offered at five colleges and universities in New Hampshire. By 1980, there were programs at institutions in all 50 states and more than 20,000 participants.

Today, Elderhostel has affiliated programs in more than 40 countries, including most of Europe, Israel, India, China, Japan and the former Soviet Union.

International programs typically last two to four weeks, and

In 1990, more than 220,000 hostellers took advantage of the opportunities for study and adventure.

For information call 617-426-7788 or write to Elderhostel, 75 Federal St., Boston, Mass. 02110-1941.

Tips on preventing burns and scalds

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Home sweet home not always wisest choice for older adults

Most older Americans want to stay in their current homes as long as possible, reports a new housing study by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

But staying home isn't always easy — or the best option.

"Home" may be an aging three-story house in a declining snow-belt neighborhood. Who's going to mow the lawn, shovel the snow, wash the windows and keep the place painted and repaired? Hiring help is an expensive and not always satisfactory option. Increased neighborhood crime may also be a concern.

For these reasons, a move to a Sun Belt community appeals to many seniors.

Those who choose to stay in their own homes may find renting out a room — perhaps to a companion/handyperson — to be an ideal solution. They may want to utilize community resources such as senior centers and area agencies on aging, and they also have the option of receiving additional income from a home equity conversion mortgage.

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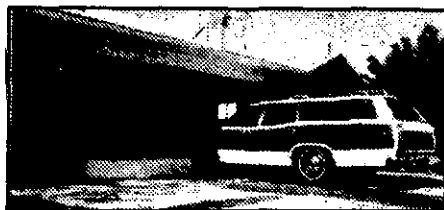
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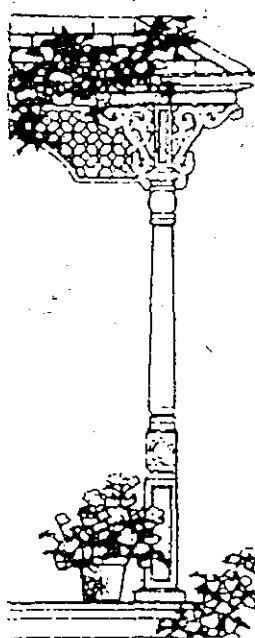
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Recreational programs help seniors tap, travel and tee off

By Hilary Lesser

Older adults in the area are taking advantage of a wide range of programs offered by their local senior centers, including information and referral services for seniors and their families.

The town of Colonie Senior Citizens Department and the Bethlehem Senior Citizens Department both view their centers as the best place to find referrals for services.

"This is the place to start for services," said Colonie town senior services director Janice Medved. "People who have questions can come here and we will refer them to the proper place."

Bethlehem director of senior services Karen Pelletier also described her agency as an information and referral service. She said the town offers 39 programs run primarily by volunteers.

"Volunteers give more than 10,000 hours a year — that's a lot of hours," said Pelletier.

One of the services, Meals on Wheels, uses the resources of Albany Meals on Wheels and town volunteers.

Transportation services are also provided by volunteers who take

seniors to malls, movies, plays, shopping and a variety of other locations.

There is also a service called "Friendly Calling," in which volunteers call homebound residents who may not have anyone to check on them.

Pelletier said the Bethlehem Senior Center "is a very happy place. Seniors should always feel welcome to come here."

She stressed how important it is for seniors to get out and make new friends. "It's important, no matter what your age."

In addition to the town service, whose primary function is to refer seniors to other agencies, Bethlehem also has a not-for-profit corporation called Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

This agency helps to raise funds, and assists the town department by providing additional programs and services to the Bethlehem community.

In Colonie, the not-for-profit agency is the Colonie Senior Service Centers, Inc. It operates out of the same building and co-sponsors a number of programs with the town of Colonie's senior department.



From left, Helen Feldmann, Mary Dana, Dorothy Zdziebloski and Lillian Weiler make crafts at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Older adults in Colonie and Bethlehem are taking advantage of a wide range of services provided by their town senior services programs. Both towns offer informational and referral services and recreational programs for older adults. They also work with not-for-profit agencies which provide additional services to seniors.

Elaine McLain

The corporation can apply for funds and grants available for older adult services and programs and serves residents of Colonie and surrounding communities.

The not-for-profit agency offers transportation, lunch programs, Bright Horizons Adult Day Service, dancing, a caregivers support program and health promotions

services.

It also offers singing, after-lunch programs and movies, watercolor painting, golf instruction, blood pressure testing, a newsletter and the Good Time Travel Group, which sponsors foreign and domestic trips for seniors.

One program the town is offering in conjunction with Colonie Senior Service Centers is a series on retirement.

"We are trying to approach the younger generations so they know

Take care to include basics when dieting

When dieting, always remember to maintain a normal, properly balanced intake of food containing all of the basic food groups along with needed vitamins and minerals. Dieters should simply reduce their intake of food.

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what's available," said Lois Siegal, town community service coordinator. The program addresses the problems that occur when a husband retires "and he decides to organize the house for you," she said.

Another function of the town department is to provide funding assistance to its eight clubs. Medved stressed the importance of the clubs, saying, "People in the clubs are like families."

She noted many of the clubs, like the pinochle group, have been "buddies for 20 years. They've grown older together," she said.

Medved said that for information or referral seniors should go to the town's department, but to take lessons in tap dancing or to join a club, Colonie Service Centers is the place to contact.

Kathleen Caulfield, director of Colonie Senior Service Centers, said their programs provide an excellent place for peer socialization.

She also credited the volunteers with playing a big role in keeping the center functioning. "Both the volunteers and the regular staff members enjoy working with the seniors. We get as much out of them as they get out of us."

Dining services available for seniors

Getting older has its virtues, one being that with age comes a variety of services available that make the golden years just that.

For older adults, ordering take-out Chinese or having a pizza delivered isn't the only way to get a break from cooking.

Many communities have a Meals on Wheels or other food service program that delivers hot, nutritious meals to one's door.

Especially convenient for shut-ins or handicapped individuals, such services also cater to special dietary needs, making them all the more attractive.

Such food services can be located by contacting local health and human services agencies, the county social services department or the area agency on aging.



From left, Harold Maher, Raymond Abare, Bill Walter and Carl Heidt play a game of pinochle at Bethlehem Town Hall.

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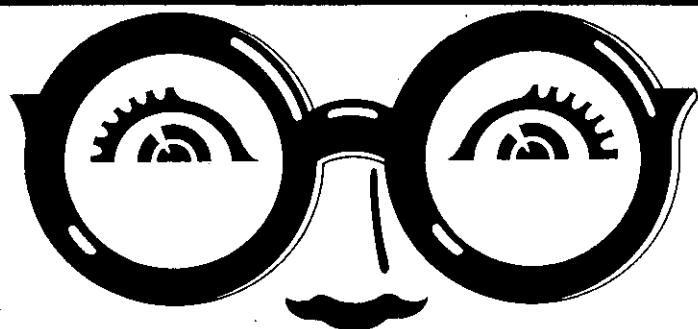
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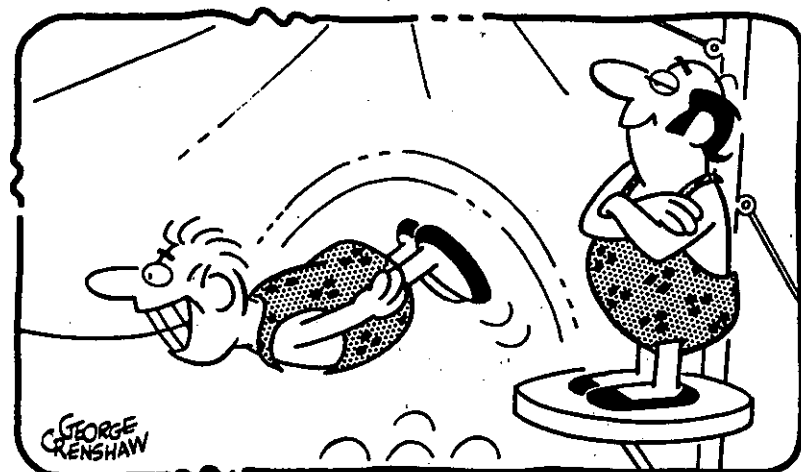
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Taking exercise in stride

Walking workout ideal for health-minded seniors

When it comes to fitness, senior citizens are leading the way for the fastest-growing fitness phenomenon — walking.

What used to be considered a leisure activity has become the most popular participation sport in America with over 67 million Americans walking for fitness.

Senior citizens have long considered walking to be an excellent way to keep fit. One reason the sport has become so popular with older Americans, as well as with other segments of the population, is that walking is the safest of all aerobic exercises.

People of all ages who have been injured while jogging or doing aerobics have turned to walking. While walking is not risk-free, most walking injuries can easily be avoided.

The most important piece of advice for someone about to begin a fitness program is to select the proper footwear. While most people understand the need for good running or aerobics shoes, they tend to put on any shoe to go walking. This is how walking injuries result.

Experts recommend the following tips when selecting a walking shoe:

1. Look for a shoe that was designed specifically for walking. Other sports like running or aerobics require different features for different movement patterns.

2. Make sure the shoe fits properly. Most people do not realize that the difference in a half size is only a fraction of an inch.

4. Try to walk on a hard surface in the shoe store, since padded carpets may give a false sense of comfort. Pay particular attention to whether the shoe feels like it cushions at the heel and ball of the foot where most of the shock of impact is absorbed. The heel alone absorbs about one and one-half times your body weight when

What used to be considered a leisure activity has become the most popular participation sport in America with over 67 million Americans walking for fitness.

3. Shop for shoes in the afternoon. Since feet tend to swell throughout the day, this will give a good indication of how they will fit with a bit more or less swelling.

5. Try to walk as hard and fast as you will when exercising, to be sure the shoes feel comfortable throughout the walking motion.

Disability benefits can affect some Social Security payments

Those receiving Social Security disability benefits should know that benefits from workers' compensation and other public sources may affect their Social Security disability check.

However, these benefit payments are not affected by disability benefits from a private source.

For newly entitled disability

beneficiaries, it often comes as a surprise that they won't be receiving full Social Security disability benefits.

Workers' compensation payments are made to a worker because of a job-related injury or illness. They may be made by a federal or state workers' compensation agency, an employer, or an insurance company on behalf of the employer.

Only disability payments that are made under a federal, state, or local government plan that pays for conditions that are not usually job-related may affect Social Security disability benefits. Examples are federal civil service disability benefits, military disability benefits, and state or local government retirement benefits based on disability.

Examples of payments that do not affect Social Security disability benefits are private pensions or private insurance benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs benefits, and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments.

In some cases, a disability payment from a federal, state, or local government won't affect Social Security benefits either. This is true only if the disability payment is from a government agency where the applicant worked, and at least 85 percent of his employment was during a time when the agency was paying Social Security taxes. Many government agencies do not pay into Social Security.

In general, the Social Security disability benefit will be reduced whenever the combined disability payments (including benefits paid to family members) exceed 80 percent of the earnings covered under Social Security.

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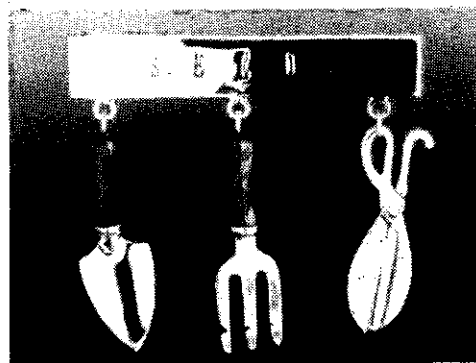
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Seniors and health workouts make for perfect fit

By Robert Webster Jr.

Most mornings, the thought of getting out of bed is painful enough, but getting out of bed and exercising?

You might as well ask some individuals to undergo a purely recreational root canal job. The fact is, however, a large part of the population is starting to exercise for the first time, and many are doing so at a later age than was common in the past.

In fact, when it comes to fitness, senior citizens are leading the revolution in a return to the healthy values that got lost along the way some years back.

"Anything that the 18-year-olds can do, the seniors can do," said Paul Scharnott, divisional manager of Bally's Holiday fitness center, 42 Wolf Road in Colonie.

Virtually every activity that the younger set participates in at the fitness center has its share of seniors as well, Scharnott said. "We

usually make small adjustments to the programs for seniors, but once they get started they do as well as the rest."

Creating an effective workout for the senior set varies by the individual, said Scharnott, but there are some exercise programs that are virtually unbeatable for seniors, including step aerobics, water aerobics, walking, working out on rowing machines and treadmills, swimming and biking.

"Any non-weight bearing exercise will give seniors a good, healthy workout," said Scharnott.

One of the most important things seniors should keep in mind when deciding to begin an exercise program, especially if they have not been especially active in recent years, is to start slowly.

Although a safe, effective workout will vary with each individual, a good start is a half-hour regimen of stretching and cardiovascular exercises two or three times a week, said Joyce Weis, a trainer at the Colonie Sports and Fitness Club, 636 Albany-Shaker Road in Colonie.

"We really try to design a program around the individual's goals," Weis said. "Some want to lose weight, others just want to tone up."

The all-around body tune-up is what most seniors are looking for when they start out, said Schar-

nott. "They are usually looking to gain some strength, improve their flexibility and keep their bones from becoming brittle — just general fitness."

Individuals with joint problems or arthritis shouldn't feel as if they can't participate, as activities such as swimming and light stretching not only improve strength but often alleviate some of the pain associated with the infirmities. "It's not as taxing on the joints, but you still get the resistance of the water for a great workout," said Scharnott.

Both Weis and Scharnott stressed that any individual looking to begin an exercise program should first have a complete physical done by their doctor, and then ask about what sort of program would be best suited for them.

If a doctor gives an individual specific instructions, Weis said she will always call the doctor herself and "set up a program we both think will offer the most benefits."

The social gains of exercise should not be overlooked, stresses Weis, as "the people in these programs become the best of friends. They really watch out for each other."

What about the myth that seniors should sit back the rest of their lives and forget about exercise?

"It's never too late to start," Weis stressed. "If more people started, they wouldn't regret it."

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Throughout history, it was always parent taking care of child — that is, until the 20th century. Today, thousands of adult "children" suddenly find themselves taking on the role of their parents' keepers by providing food, shelter, clothing, transportation, companionship and counseling.

Such responsibilities have created a "sandwich generation," consisting of middle-aged children wedged between the responsibilities of caring for elderly parents and the duties that go along with their own lives, such as children and jobs.

Mature adults are living well into their 70s, 80s and even 90s, thanks to advances in medicine and better living conditions. But, in spite of their increased longevity, many will suffer a greater number of chronic illnesses for longer periods of time than previous generations.

Also, advances in communica-

tion technology and transportation have decreased the travel time between many parents and children. So if Mom and Dad do need assistance, chances are good that parents and child can be united in a few hours or less.

Such child-caring-for-parent relationships are rarely easy on family ties, no matter how much love, loyalty and responsibility the younger generation feels toward the older one. The role of caregiver can be a difficult one, and many children feel helpless, cheated and deprived of the freedom, time and, often, money involved in taking care of Mom or Dad.

But, in the 1990s, such situations aren't without hope, and those who find themselves in the middle of the sandwich needn't feel that their lives are about to be destroyed forever.

When older parents come to stay, coping with the situation is largely a matter of adjustment, and not being afraid to get the necessary help. Experts say following a few simple suggestions can help make the situation easier for everyone:

• **Take a break.** Children car-

ing for an elderly parent full time can begin to feel closed-in. Leaving someone home alone who suffers from a disability or Alzheimer's is out of the question, and it's virtually impossible to take them on even short outings.

can get it though home-health programs offered by community hospitals, social service agencies and private businesses.

Well-planned programs offer services including full-time nurs-

anced meal plan that incorporates any special dietary needs and offer suggestions on preparation and ways to make dining more enjoyable.

Also, an organization such as Meals on Wheels can deliver a hot tray to your parent several times a week in order to free up your own schedule.

• **Add home safety devices.** Whether the house is yours or theirs, there are ways to make it safer and easier for elderly parents.

Some families actually hire a contractor to convert part of the house into a separate apartment for Mom or Dad. But, if money is a problem, there are still simple additions that can make all the difference to someone who is disabled.

Handrails, for instance, can help parents get around in the bathroom, while high-tech devices such as microwaves, television remote controls and cordless telephones with automatic dialers can greatly simplify life for someone who has trouble getting up and down.

Through hospital equipment suppliers, walkers, wheelchairs and hospital beds can be rented or purchased.

• **Get household help.** When caring for an aging parent, many children find there's little time for anything else. Domestic chores are often neglected in light of jobs and the responsibilities of their family members.

It is often helpful to hire a housekeeper, who can handle everything from cleaning tasks to taking out the garbage and grocery shopping. Other workers can sometimes be found who will take on heavy-duty tasks such as shoveling sidewalks or lifting heavy boxes.

Escort and chauffeur services will take Mom or Dad back and forth to a friend's house or shopping when family members are busy, while delivery services will bring needed prescriptions and other goods to the door.

Such services can buy time for already busy family members by relieving them of some of the endless running around required every day.

• **Get emotional support.** Besides physical support, children caring for parents often need to be upheld emotionally. Support groups for caregivers come in many shapes and forms, and can be a source of comfort in times of turmoil.

Organizations such as the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association often sponsor support groups.

Lights provide safety

All stairways and hallways should be well-lit, and jutting door-sills that offer the perfect opportunity for a fall should be removed.

Controlling sunlight glare is also very helpful, through the use of miniblinds to reflect the light or sheer draperies for a filtering effect.

Throughout history, it was always the parent taking care of the child -- that is, until the 20th century. Today, thousands of adult children suddenly find themselves taking on the role of their parent's keepers.

In such situations, adult day-care centers can be true lifesavers. These non-residential facilities provide nursing, recreational, food and medical services, offering families respite from the never-ending task of caring for an older parent.

Adult day-care can also be a good experience for parents. Once familiar with the situation, many enjoy the opportunity to interact with other clients, engage in the planned activities and socialize with staff.

In extreme cases, when an elderly parent needs help around the clock, a live-in aide might be recruited. Part chauffeur, part companion, part housekeeper and part nurse's aid, companions also can provide valuable emotional support for the caregivers — and often become a vital part of the family.

• **Use home-health services.** Parents who want to stay in their own home but need medical care

ing, personal care, family education and physical therapy, all in the comfortable surroundings of home. Parents can enjoy their familiar possessions while getting the care they need.

• **Plan nutritious meals.** Mealtime should be an enjoyable ritual that fills both social and biological needs. But, for many older adults, food can become a real burden. Many lack the ability to get groceries and prepare nutritious meals, while others simply lose interest in food altogether or avoid mealtime because they hate dining alone.

As a result, many older adults suffer from malnutrition, lack of energy and physical illness.

If you're taking care of an aging parent in your home, or keeping an eye on them at a location close by, one of the smartest moves might be to contact a nutritionist. He or she can analyze your parent's current diet, outline a well-bal-

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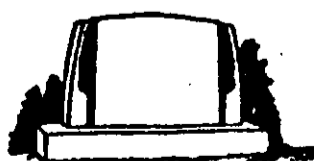


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The positives of owning an RV pretty much outweigh the negatives. But before making the big buy, seniors might want to rent one to get the feel of the land yacht. Also, they would need to look into insurance and repair costs.

Finding a suitable RV isn't hard. There are more than enough models in different styles, sizes and price ranges.

However, experts recommend a model that's basement style. This means there's plenty of storage under the RV for toys, tools and camping equipment.

Also, seniors should make sure that the RV has central air and heat. These can be run with electricity or the better choice, solar panels on the roof. Having solar panels to generate electricity will help you enjoy visiting even the remotest of locations.

And seniors should look for all the other necessities of home — a television set, VCR, microwave and a real shower.

There are more than 16,000 campgrounds across the nation, ranging from luxury resorts to the wide-open spaces of the desert.

With no worry about flights, hotels or even knowing much about the language, RV travel to Canada and Mexico also becomes more attractive for seniors.

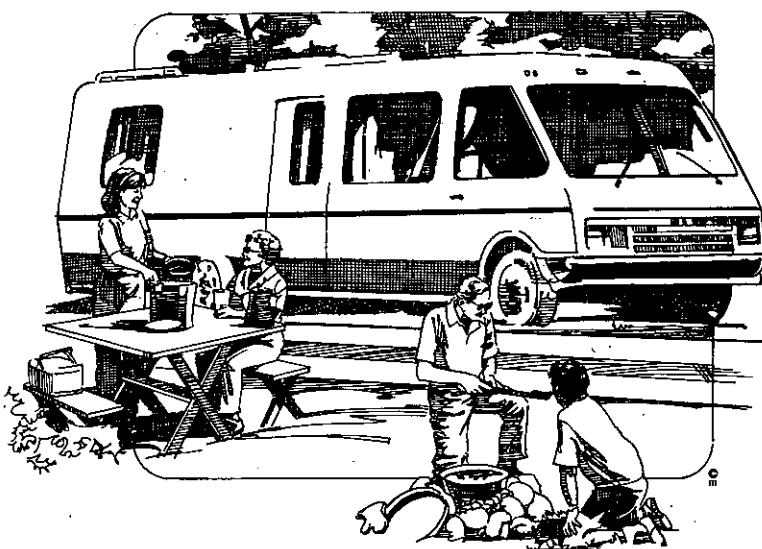
Improvement tips for hard-of-hearing

Seniors may want to consider increasing the volume of doorbells and telephones through the use of amplifiers, or adjust them so they are at a lower frequency (high-pitched sounds often are harder to hear).

Lights can be added to telephones and doorbells as a visual trigger for seniors.

Television hearing devices that utilize a cordless handset allow a person to listen to the television without disturbing others and actually improve clarity for many individuals.

Reduce noise nuisances by eliminating hard surfaces that echo — carpet, upholstered furnishings and curtains all help to muffle sound.



Recreational Vehicle transportation is one of the more popular ways to travel for the over 50 generation.

Elderly Medicare recipients may qualify for benefits

Recently announced changes in national poverty guidelines could result in more low-income Medicare beneficiaries being eligible for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary program.

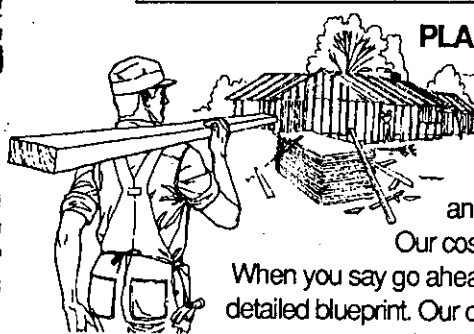
The QMB program requires states to pay premiums, deductibles, and co-insurance expenses for Medicare beneficiaries who meet the income and resource limits. The program is administered by the Health Care Financing Administration in conjunction with the states.

The rules vary from state to state, but, in general, to qualify:

- The applicant's annual income must be near or below the 1992 national poverty guidelines of \$6,810 for one person or \$9,190 for a family of two.
- The applicant's resources — such as bank accounts or stocks — may not exceed \$4,000 for one person or \$6,000 for a family of two. However, the applicant's home doesn't count as a resource and, in some circumstances, the car may not count either.

Eligibility for the QMB program is decided by the state. Elderly or disabled persons who have low income and very limited assets, and are a Medicare beneficiary, are urged to contact state or local welfare or social service agency to apply.

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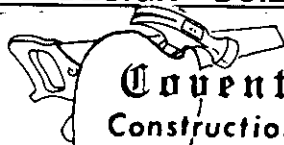
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□ Memoirs

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better just to recount memories about which you feel strongly, jumping from description of one meaningful or important event to another. She calls these descriptions "snapshots," and feels in many ways they are more valuable than true photographs.

"My philosophy is everybody has a story, actually lots of stories," she said. "In many cases, these people have families, especially grandchildren, who have no knowledge of what the past was like or what things were like for their grandparents."

She said she doesn't believe it's particularly important whether or not a memoir is published, viewing the works instead primarily as something an individual can offer their family.

Settle, who now lives in Saratoga Springs, became interested in helping to preserve first-person accounts of the past while working for a hospice in Connecticut. She was helping care for a terminally ill man in his 50s who was upset that he would never get to know his grandchild, and even more upset that his grandchild would never get to know him. So Settle interviewed the man and recorded the conversation, preserving on tape an oral biography.

From there she went on to her own family, recording and tran-

scribing interviews conducted with her parents and others. Her father has since developed Alzheimer's disease, she said, making the interviews even more valuable.

"He doesn't know anybody anymore," she said. "These are really very special."

While she believes tape recordings are a good way to preserve your life story if you don't like writing, she cautions against avoiding pen and paper (or computer keyboard) because of misconceptions about how a memoir "should" be written.

"A lot of people are intimidated because they think of writing with a capital 'W,'" said Settle. "But I think it's very important that the person's own voice be heard. That's really all that writing is. To me, it doesn't really matter what they want to write about."

"If they're interested in it, it will be interesting," she said.

A word to the wise ...

Many older adults practice health promotion by exercising, eating a balanced diet, reducing alcohol consumption and not smoking. But many people ignore one of the easiest and most effective life style changes - wearing seat belts.

Accidents are a major health concern. Almost 50,000 die every year in traffic accidents and another million are seriously injured.

Seniors can find jobs or volunteer positions

Loads of leisure time doesn't suit all mature adults, and many would love a part-time job or volunteer assignment.

However, since such opportunities rarely come knocking at the door, one must dust off his or her resumé and hit the ground running.

Seniors can enter an employment or volunteer program which would act as a liaison between older adults and the businesses and organizations in the community that serve them.

Alarm systems give senior security

Seniors, especially ones who live alone, might consider installing an intercom system, providing a personal alarm or subscribing to a medical-alert network for added security at home.

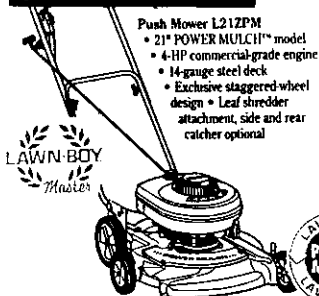
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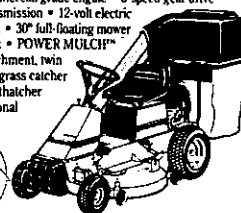


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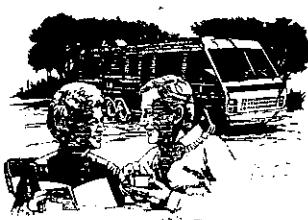
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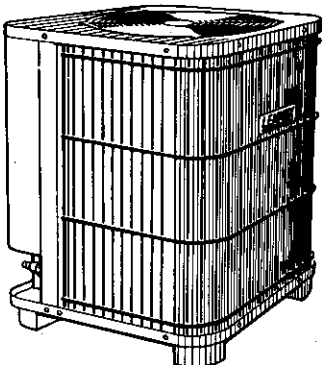
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home. A Real Estate agent's market value assessment was about \$89,000. Now it's \$137,400. We had a \$20,000 addition, even with that I don't know how it got that high."

According to Stiglmeier, who said her home is small, there is a disparity in assessment values between her's and her neighbors' homes. She was scheduled to meet with Finnegan Associates Monday to discuss her reassessment, and noted she is in favor of the homestead taxing policy. "I hate to see the businesses get the burden, there are a lot of family businesses in town, but I would like to see it enacted."

When a reassessment takes place, a tax shift from non-homestead to homestead properties (primarily residential properties) sometimes occurs. The homestead taxing policy is designed to mitigate that shift, taxing homeowners at a lower rate than others.

A public hearing on the homestead law is set for tonight at 7:30 p.m. at town hall. Ringler said if the town board enacts the provision, it would mean an approximately 4 percent savings for residential taxpayers. Because the board needs to vote on it by April 1, it is expected to act tonight. However, if taxpayers disagree with the provision, the board may need time to consider comments and

set a special meeting for the vote, he said.

One Delmar resident who bought her single-family home nine years ago said she was comfortable with the new system, which is based on the market value of the property. "It isn't a hardship," said Mickie Lynn of Adams Street. "It's a fair system — everyone's assessed equally on the value of their home. Because it's new, the transition is hard, but it's a better system."

Lynn said she saw a \$15 net tax increase. "I was curious when I opened up the envelope, but I had made up my mind that this is a better system. Someone new is not coming in and paying my share," she said. "If I were an older person I might be startled with a change, but I really feel OK about paying taxes in Bethlehem. None of the money is going to weapons, it's based on services we really get, and wonderful resources we have such as the schools and library."

Several seniors who had seen a net tax increase declined to comment. One 83-year-old New Scotland Road resident said he and his

wife were shocked at the value placed on their 78-year-old single-family home. The new assessment is \$291,600, a \$284,600 increase over their last assessment, performed "some time ago." He said they have lived in their home about 43 years.

The estimated tax increase is \$3,218. As for covering the increase in taxes, he said he is fortunate to have two pensions, although they do not increase at the same rate as expenses.

The New Scotland Road resident said he planned to meet with Finnegan Associates today. "My objection is that I feel their appraisal is much higher than seems logical, but I have no scientific data to bring it home." He said he plans to check the value of neighbors' homes, as well as tell the representative from Finnegan's that the roof is 25 to 30 years old, the back yard is "very swampy" and that some of the piping needs to be replaced.

Darlene Bell, who lives in Normansville, said her taxes jumped \$600, while her mother's, who also lives in Normansville, increased \$1,200. "What are they (Finnegan Associates) basing the property's worth on? What was their comparative? These projections are out of whack."

Bell checked the assessments of neighbors, town employees and town officials, and was planning on driving around town to see what the figures represented. "I'm starting with people I can find."

Ringler said there was a \$160 increase in taxes he pays for his home and a \$278 increase for his

business, Del Lanes.

Property owners with questions regarding the reassessment can call Finnegan Associates at 475-9043 to schedule an individual appointment. According to Lastra, appointments should be scheduled by March 27 and are set from now until April 10.

Volunteers are needed for Pine Bush program

The Pine Bush is looking for volunteers to help out in a unique fire-ecology management program on Saturday, April 4, at the City Preserve, Route 155 and Old State Road in the Pine Bush, at 9 a.m.

Under the supervision of the Nature Conservancy staff, volunteers will prepare sections of the Pine Bush for burning.

Volunteers are asked to bring trail clearing equipment, clippers, saws, chain saws, gloves and any

other equipment they can spare.

For information, call Mark Platt at 462-4062.

Five Rivers plans outdoor family walk

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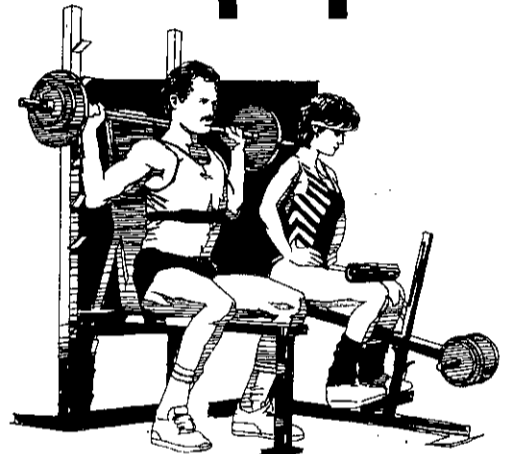
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Hawks top Rockets in BBC title game

Championship Sunday in the Bethlehem Basketball Club (BBC) was as exciting as watching the NCAA Final Four on national television. A capacity crowd cheered on gritty performances and last minute heroics as the club completed the 1991-92 season.

An upset-minded Rockets squad just fell short of stopping a potent Hawks scoring attack in the All-Star Division championship game as the Hawks prevailed 56-50. For the regular season champion Hawks, Ted Hartman (26 points) dominated the action at both ends of the court by finishing a number of twisting layups to the hoop and completing several steals.

Hawks teammate Andy Karins provided the margin of difference by sinking a clutch basket and several free throws with only moments remaining in the game. For the Rockets, Bill Robinson ripped the nets for 22 points and Joe D'Angelo chipped in with 12 to

keep the game close in the fourth period.

In the All-Star Division consolation game, the Spurs downed the Mavs 37-30 as Ed Bardelli (14) and Bill Leary (15) led all scorers. The Mavs were paced by Ryan Murray (11) and Sean Berry (8).

In the Pro Division championship game, the Lakers dashed to a 10 point halftime lead and were never caught as they upset the regular season champion Nuggets 50-46. For the winners, Mark Svare (16) and Scott Kind (14) paced a balanced scoring attack and team effort.

The inside play by the Lakers' Matt Tulloch was the difference in the game as he dominated the offensive and defensive boards. For the nuggets, Seamus Gallagher sparked with 25 points while Chris Gerber contributed 11.

In the College Division, Syracuse dumped Georgetown 39-32. St. John's outlasted Villanova 29-26.



The Bethlehem Basketball Club sportsmanship award winners are, from left to right: Front row - David Shaye, Adam Fryer, Mark Gilmore, Scott Krueger, Jim O'Keefe, Katie Dambrowski; Second row - Dave Martin, Tim Moshier, David Sherrin, Brian Schwartz, Toby Cushing, Ryan Venter, Ryan Peterson, Connor Berry, Andy McMillan; Back row - Scott Isaacs, Tim Staniels, Adam Bender, Andy Karins, Jesse Rodgers, Dana Reid-Vanas, Kyle Kalember. Missing from photo are Brian Davies and Peter Kvam.

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Brozowski continues undefeated streak

Bethlehem wrestler Tim Brozowski continued his undefeated streak by placing first in the Division V (13 to 14-year-olds) 103 pound weight class on March 14 at a tournament at Saratoga High School. The tournament featured approximately 400 athletes from over 30 schools in New York and Vermont.

Brozowski, who was unbeaten while participating on Bethlehem's modified/freshman team this season, won a hard fought match over fellow Bethlehem grappler, Jim Spinner.

Six other Bethlehem athletes placed in the top four of their weight classes.

Dan Hazen finished third in the 7 to 8-year-old (67 pound) category. Top finishers in the 9 to 10-year-old level were: 67 pounds (Dean Kawczak, second, and Bob Hazen, fourth). Top finishers in the 11 to 12-year-old bracket were: 73 pounds (Andy Loux, second), 77 pounds (Matt Wagoner, third), and 145 pounds (Rich Petrie, fourth). Jeff Brown (145 pounds) finished fourth in the 13 to 14-year-old category.

Swim club sponsors meet

The Schenectady Swim Club is sponsoring a Masters swim meet, Sunday, May 17 at The Union College Alumni Pool.

Entries should be postmarked no later than May 4. There will be no deck entries.

Warm-ups begin at 8 a.m., with swimming starting at 9 a.m.

For more information, call Tim Sinnenberg at 399-4223.

Practices are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. The team is coached by Dan McMahon. For information, call 449-2643.

Practices for the RPI Masters Swim Team are at the RPI pool in Troy. Practices are Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. The team is coached by Joe Macutek. For information call 276-2642.

'Fins capture three trophies

Coaches Elizabeth Skowron and Doug Schulz accompanied a large contingent of Delmar Dolphins swimmers to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute on Saturday, March 14, for the Adirondack Region "B" Championship meet.

In what was probably the finest meet for the team in the entire winter season, the Dolphins brought home three team-high point trophies among various age groups.

Ten members of the team also placed in the top six of their respective age groups in individual point standings.

Seven-year-old Becky Corson, swimming in the 8-and-under girls division, was sixth in her age group in individual point standings. She won the 25 yard breaststroke, was third in the 50 yard breaststroke and 25 yard butterfly, fifth in the 50 'fly and seventh in the 100 individual medley (IM). In the same age group, Kathleen Shaffer was fifth in the 25 'fly, ninth in the 100 IM and 10th in the 50 free.

Brian Dowling brought home individual high point honors among 9 to 10-year-old boys. He finished first in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle, 50 and 100 yard backstroke, and fourth in the 50 breaststroke.

Tim Corson, who was second in individual points, won the 100 breaststroke, was second in both the 50 back and 100 IM and was third in the 100 back and 100 breaststroke.

Christopher Shaffer, fifth in individual points, won the 100 'fly, was third in both the 200 free and 200 IM, fourth in the 100 IM and fifth in the 100 back.

Todd McCoy finished an impressive fourth in the 200 free, sixth in the 100 free, eighth in the 100 back and 11th in the 50 breaststroke.

Richard Bailey had a personal best time in the 50 breaststroke. The team of Dowling, Corson, Shaffer and McCoy won the 200 yard freestyle relay. The 9 to 10-year old boys won the team high point trophy.

Lisa Fong won the girls 9 to 10-year-old 200 yard freestyle and took 2nd in the 50 back. Elyse McDonough was third in the 50 'fly and eighth in the 100 free, 100 IM and 50 back.

The 11 to 12-year-old girls 200 yard medley relay team of backstroke Erika McDonough, 'fly specialist Nadine Maurer, breaststroke Arianne Cohen and freestyler Maggie Tettelbach finished first but were disqualified on a technicality in the first event of the afternoon session.

They were not disheartened, however, coming back to win the team high point trophy in their age group. Maurer won individual high point honors, finishing first in the 50 'fly and 100 IM, second in the 50 and 100 breast and eighth in the 50 free.

Erika McDonough won both the 50 and 100 yard backstroke, was fourth in the 100 IM, sixth in the 100 free, 11th in the 50 free and fourth in individual points.

Stephanie Fong tied for sixth place in individual points, finish-

ing second in the 50 'fly and 200 IM, fifth in both 100 IM and 200 free and eighth in the 100 back.

Maggie Tettelbach had an outstanding meet, achieving personal best times in all her events, and finishing second in the 100 free, third in the 50 free, sixth in both the 50 back and 100 IM and eighth in the 50 'fly.

Arianne Cohen, swimming in her first meet as a member of the 11 to 12-year-old group, finished third in the 100 IM and 200 free, fourth in the 100 free and ninth in the 100 back.

Katie Prescott and Lisa Goldberg had strong performances in their events. In the final event of the day for girls in this age group, the 200 meter freestyle relay team of Maurer, Fong, McDonough and Tettelbach took first place.

Under pressure from their female teammates, the 11 to 12 year-old boys turned in stellar performances as well.

The 200 yard medley relay team of Reid Putnam, Brian Strickler, Steve Corson and Scott Strickler easily took first place. Putnam went on to take second place in the boys individual point standings, winning both the 50 and 100 back and the 50 free, as well as taking second in the 100 free and seventh in the 100 IM. Brian Strickler was third in the individual standings. He took first place in both the 100 IM and 100 breaststroke, second in the 50 breaststroke, third in the 50 'fly and seventh in the 50 free. Steve Corson tied for sixth place in individual points and finished second in the 100 'fly, third in the 100 free, fourth in the 100 breast, seventh in the 50 'fly and ninth in the 100 IM. Scott Strickler was fifth in both the 50 and 100 free, sixth in the 50 back and tenth in the 100 IM.

Sean Boyle had an outstanding fourth place finish in the 200 IM and was sixth in the 200 free.

THE YOUTH NETWORK

A BETHLEHEM NETWORKS PROJECT

Hamagrael pupils learn to say 'I Can'

Bright neon posters proclaim the strengths of Hamagrael school's children. Diamond shaped pins that say "I Can" are being sported by pupils.

Both posters and pins are part of the month-long Hamagrael PTA-sponsored drug abuse prevention program.

Nationally, one week in March is targeted to highlight drug prevention activities. The Hamagrael PTA formed a special Drug Awareness Education Committee this year and expanded the program to include the entire month. The effort is called "Project: I Can".

This program was designed after surveying Hamagrael teachers, speaking with parents, reading current literature about drug abuse among youngsters and consulting experts in drug abuse prevention. The intent of the program is not to educate about drugs, but rather to help children recognize that they are valuable and to help them learn to make healthy choices.

Two lively programs about making healthy choices and avoiding drugs were presented March 6 by radio personality, ventriloquist and comedian Steve Charney and his puppet friend Harry. Performances were sponsored by Bethlehem Networks Project.

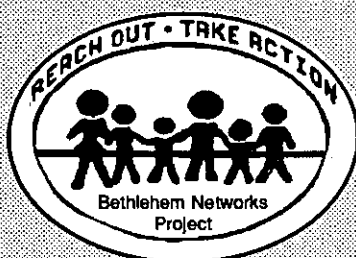
Mona Prenoveau of Bethlehem Networks Project presented a program entitled "Raising I Know I Can Kids" for the Hamagrael PTA. Posters and films about drug abuse prevention have been made available to teachers.

Bethlehem high school peer leaders will speak to students in April about respecting one another.

On March 28, from 1 to 3 p.m., a special program entitled "Together We Can" will be offered for fourth and fifth grade students and their parents.

The afternoon will focus on parents and children making choices that promote healthy minds and bodies. It will be led by Albany County substance abuse prevention specialist David Przybylo and program coordinator and coach John Furey.

This article was written by Marie Meyer, head of Hamagrael's Drug Awareness Education Committee.



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Powell, Forcier wed

William D. Powell, son of David and Judith Powell of Delmar, and Mary Jane Forcier, daughter of Gerald and Doris Forcier of Westport, N.Y., were married Dec. 28.

The ceremony took place at St. Philip Neri Roman Catholic Church in Westport.

Alana Forcier was matron of honor. Kristen Forcier and Geneve Forcier were bridesmaids.

Ralph Spinelli was best man. Joe Markowitz and Jerry Forcier

were ushers.

The groom is a graduate of the State University of New York at Cortland and is branch manager for Northeast Savings Bank in East Greenbush.

The bride is a graduate of The College of Saint Rose, and is employed by Bidnet in Albany.

After a wedding trip to Montreal and Naples, Fla., the couple resides in Albany.

Air Force awards medal to Giordano

Staff Sgt. Paul Giordano has been decorated with the Air Force Commendation Medal.

The medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Air Force.

Giordano is a production control specialist at Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Neb.

He is the son of Salvatore and Marion R. Giordano of Selkirk.

The sergeant is a 1979 graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School and a 1991 graduate of Southern Illinois University, Plattsburgh Air Force Base.

Lavillotti and Bennett win magnet contest

Mike Lavillotti of Glenmont Elementary School and Krissy Bennett of Elmsmere Elementary School were the winners of a contest sponsored by the Bethlehem Networks Project.

The contest called for fourth and fifth graders to design a refrigerator magnet which will be distributed to parents of elementary school pupils.

The winners received gift certificates to the Friar Tuck book store.

Speaker to discuss children's study skills

Parents want their children to succeed but do not always know how to best help them.

On Thursday, March 26, the Bethlehem PTA will host Pat Olson, a nationally-known speaker, who will present her strategies for helping children develop skills of organization and time management. The talk will begin at 7 p.m. in the Bethlehem Central Middle School auditorium.



Shirley and William L. Hotaling

V'ville couple celebrates 50th

William L. "Hoagy" and Shirley Hotaling of Voorheesville recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple was married on Feb. 22, 1942.

In celebration of the anniversary, a party was given by their children at the American Legion Hall in Voorheesville.

The Hotalings have two sons. Michael Hotaling and his wife, Trudy, live in Voorheesville and have a daughter, Gretchen. Steven Hotaling and his wife, Edie, live in Delmar and have a daughter, Crystal, and a son, Mark, who serves in the Air Force on overseas duty.

Hoblock to speak at Republican dinner

Albany County Executive Michael J. Hoblock Jr. will be the featured speaker at the New Scotland Republican Committee's 16th annual dinner/dance on Friday, April 3, at Crossgates Restaurant, Washington Avenue Extension in Albany, at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20.

For information, call 765-4470.

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

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Community Corner



Krivocheina to play at church

Adalena Krivocheina, an Albany area musician, will play a piano concert on Friday, March 27, at 8 p.m., at the Delmar First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Krivocheina will play a varied program.

The public is invited.

Those attending will be invited to contribute to the Bethlehem food bank.

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Obituaries

David J. Bartholomew

David J. Bartholomew, 17, of Voorheesville, died Sunday, March 22, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Mr. Bartholomew, who attended tenth grade classes at Bethlehem Central High School, was active in the Voorheesville Central High School sports program, participating in wrestling and varsity football and track. A heavyweight in the 250-pound weight class, he won the Colonial Council Division 2 Class C wrestling championship this year.

Survivors include his parents, Barbara Kipp and Paul Bartholomew; his stepfather, Derick B. Kipp Jr.; his stepmother, Denise MacDonald; his paternal grandparents, Francis and Shirley Smith Bartholomew; his maternal grandmother, Barbara Stephenson Caracci; three brothers, Edward, Paul Jr. and Joseph Bartholomew; and two sisters, Paula Newell and Beth Bartholomew.

Funeral services were today at 9 a.m. from Magin & Keegan Funeral Home, 891 Madison Ave., Albany and St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville.

Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, East Greenbush.

Contributions may be made to the David J. Bartholomew Memorial Wrestling Scholarship Fund,

in care of Voorheesville High School, Voorheesville 12186.

Joan Lambert Laffin

Joan Lambert Laffin, 64, of Willow Drive, Delmar, died Saturday, March 21, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

She was born in New Haven, Conn.

She was employed by the New York State Dormitory Authority in Elsmere and was a member of the Delmar Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include a son, Richard L. Laffin of St. Paul, Minn.; two daughters, Lynn L. Beatty of West Warwick, R.I. and Carol L. Kuhn of New Brunswick, N.J.; a brother, David D. Lambert of Pacific Palisades, Calif.; and four grandchildren. She was also the mother of the late James R. Laffin.

Services were Tuesday from the Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar and the Delmar Presbyterian Church.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Executive Park Tower Building, Albany, NY 12203.

Harriet Bliven

Harriet Marie Reed Bliven, 91, of Delaware Turnpike in Voorheesville, formerly of New Salem Road, died Thursday, March 19, at St. Peter's Hospital

in Albany.

Born in Gilboa, Schoharie County, she worked in law enforcement in Albany.

She was a member of Mountainview Evangelical Free Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Margaret Schapp of Voorheesville and Marcella Elliott of Albany; a brother, Henry Reed of Middleburgh; seven grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Brunk-Meyers Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Olga Minnie Matousek

Olga Minnie (Spaford) Matousek, 80, of Route 85, East Berne and Voorheesville, died Friday, March 6, at her home.

Born in Albany, she was a homemaker.

She is survived by five cousins and her dear friends, Helen and Jerry Hennessy of Cobleskill.

Private services were from Brunk-Meyers Funeral Home, 28 Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Mabel Margaret Jones

Mabel Margaret Jones, 73, of Clarksville, died Monday, March

16, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Winsted, Conn., she was a longtime Capital District resident.

She was a homemaker and retired nurse.

Mrs. Jones was a member of the Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Clarksville.

She was the widow of Harry L. Tompkins.

Survivors include four daughters, Eleanor Revette and Tina Marie Jones, both of Greenville, Gloria Crawford of East Berne and Joyce Marino of Albany; a brother, Clarence Smith of Colonie; two sisters, Doris Tompkins of Fishkill and Alverda Goewey of Guilderland; 19 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Services were from Fredendall Funeral Home, Altamont, with burial in Onesquethaw Cemetery, Clarksville in the spring.

Contributions may be made to the Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush 12067.

George Schaffer

George Schaffer, 73, of Delmar died Friday, Feb. 28, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Woodhaven L.I., he moved to South Bethlehem in 1927.

He was educated in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk schools. An Army veteran of World War II,

he was a POW for eight months in Germany.

He worked for Suburban Propane for 34 years, retiring in 1977.

He was a member of the American Legion, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, VFW, Albany County Pistol Club and the Colonie Elks.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine Schaffer; five sons, Richard and Peter Schaffer of Ravena; David Schaffer of Homer, Alaska, Dennis Schaffer of Selkirk and William Schaffer of Anchorage Alaska; and several grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial will be in the Elmwood Cemetery, Selkirk in the spring.

Marie A. Banahan

Marie A. Wilson Banahan, 85, of the Good Samaritan Home in Delmar, formerly of Selkirk, died Thursday, March 19, at the home.

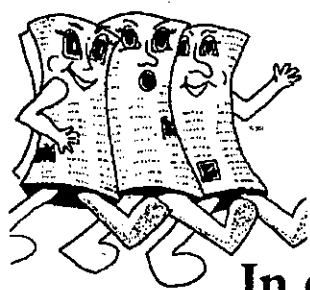
Mrs. Banahan was born in Albany.

She was the widow of William Banahan Sr.

Survivors include two sons, William Banahan Jr. of Selkirk and James Banahan of Selkirk; a daughter, Anne Weidman of Selkirk; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were from Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.



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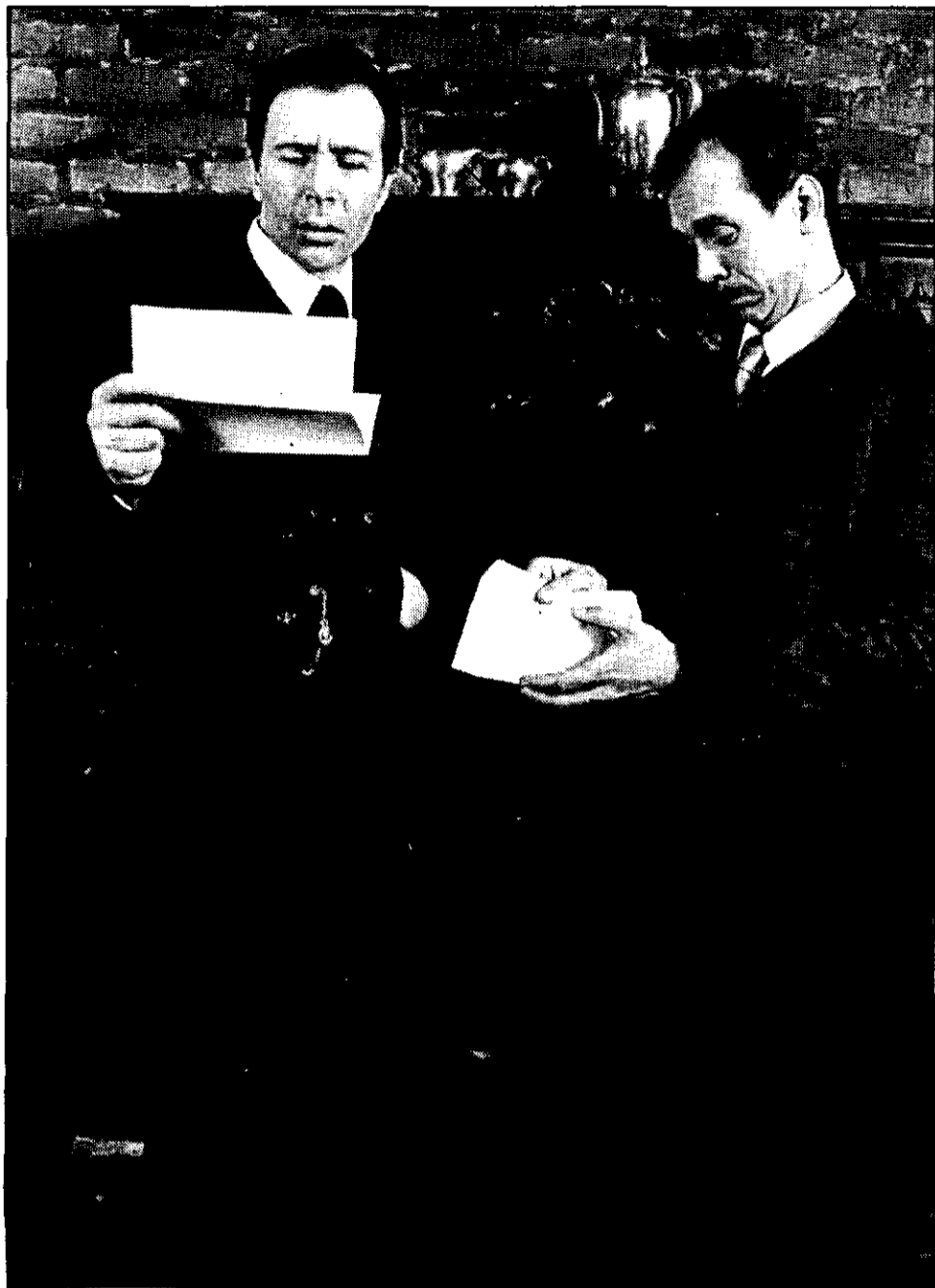
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Family



Joseph Larrabee-Quandt, left, plays the great detective Sherlock Holmes, with David Bunce as his ever-faithful sidekick Dr. Watson in "Sherlock's Last Case." The play opens this weekend at the Egg in Albany.

Sherlock Holmes to solve last case?

By Michael DeMasi



pondering the myriad of entertainment and cultural events to attend this weekend? Searching for clues on what to do?

The choice is, shall we say, "elementary."

The master of detectives and purveyor of deductive reasoning takes the stage in "Sherlock's Last Case" on Saturday, March 28, at the Egg. It could prove to be Holmes' final peer through a magnifying glass.

Staged by the New York state Theatre Institute, "Sherlock's Last Case" follows the trail of a mysterious letter sent to 221B Baker Street that spells danger for the detective.

The letter promises revenge for the death of Holmes' nemesis, Professor Moriarty, who is the very embodiment of evil.

The intent of the letter is "crystal clear" to Holmes.

"It means, my dear Watson, that within a very short period of time, only days perhaps, there is every likelihood that I shall be murdered," he says.

Intrigue and mystery soon unfold as a pale young woman reveals to Holmes an astonishing personal story, word comes of a death in the family of Holmes' housekeeper Mrs. Hudson, and Dr. Watson is found trussed up and gagged within Holmes' apartment.

It is then that Holmes disappears.

The play is directed by Ed Lange, a Delmar resident who has been at the helm of more than a dozen Institute productions, including "The Penultimate Problem of Sherlock Holmes" and this season's "Beauty and the Beast."

Lange said the play is not based on any of the Sherlock Holmes series or books but rather is an original work created by playwright Charles Marowitz.

"It takes a rather humorous look at the Holmes and Watson relationship," said Lange, the associate artistic director at the Institute. "It's a nice combination of comedy and mystery."

Rather than being a highly realistic portrayal, Lange said the production will be more on the melodramatic side, a style which audiences may not be accustomed to seeing mysteries performed.

"The style is going to be different from any mystery we've done before," he said.

Created by the state Legislature as a professional theater company and a state wide arts-in-education program, the Institute is based at the University at Albany. It employs professional actors, actresses, directors and technicians who also teach curricular subjects in school classrooms and in workshops the Institute.

"We use the productions as a new way of looking at subjects students are already studying," said Ron Nicoll, media relations associate at the Institute.

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Look through a living Kaleidoscope

By Eric Bryant

Calling their performance "whole language on the hoof," the Canadian-based Kaleidoscope Players will bring the story of "Stone Soup" to the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall on Saturday, March 28. The program is sponsored by The Junior Museum in Troy.

The performance, which begins at 2 p.m., is aimed at helping elementary and pre-school children recognize the power of storytelling and also allow them to have a good time while they're at it. Children at the show will have the opportunity to play storytelling games and sing songs along with the performers. Stories will be made up right on the spot and worked through by the players interacting with the audience.

In addition to "Stone Soup," a classic tale of cunning and trickery, the group will also perform two other works - "Anansi and Both of You," an African story about a spider who fools two hyena cubs into getting him food; and "The Gingerbread Man" a narrative told by the Stone Soup Man.

By actively performing the stories and embellishing on the narrative with audience involvement, the troupe attempts to make the use of descriptive language and storytelling more fun for children.

The award-winning group, in various incarnations, has been bringing their tales to children around the continent for the past 10 years. The Kaleidoscope

Players are an offshoot of British Columbia's Story Theater Company, a performance-based organization that through its work, supplements language arts curriculum in the schools.

"Folk tales and legends are often magical stories that teach a lesson or help explain a mystery of the world," said the company's director James Leard. "This year I've chosen to focus on the 'trickster' figure in folk tales. This is a character that has survived from earliest times and is represented in the myths of the gods and Aesop ... [the trickster] is the little man trying to survive by his wits in a world controlled always by someone else."

The main characters in the three stories all display how a cunning individual can get what he wants and sometimes get in trouble too, Leard said.

Tickets for Stone Soup are \$4 for children and \$6 for adults with a \$1 discount for members of the museum. For information about ticket availability and reservations, call The Junior Museum, 235-2120. The Troy Savings Bank Music Hall is located at the corner of Second and State streets in Troy.



The Kaleidoscope Players will bring their special brand of storytelling to the Junior Museum in Troy this weekend.

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GROUCHO: A LIFE IN REVUE
musical written by Groucho's son, Cohoes Music Hall, April 1-26, Thurs., Fri. 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 p.m.; Sun. 2 and 7 p.m. Information, 235-7969.

THE SUM OF US
story of a father and his gay son, Capital Rep, Albany. March 27-April 28, Tues.-Fri. 8 p.m.; Sat. 4:30 and 8:40 p.m.; Sun. 2:30 p.m. Information, 462-4534.

THE LUNATIC, THE LOVER AND THE POET
Shakespeare, The Empire Center, Albany. March 29, 8 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

GRAND HOTEL
musical, Proctor's Schenectady. March 31-April 2, 8 p.m. Information, 346-6204.

SMILES
annual variety show, Catholic Central High School, Troy. March 27-28, 7:30 p.m. Information, 235-7100.

SUMMER DARK
psychological thriller, Circle Theatre Players. March 27-28, Fri., Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m. Information, 674-3151.

SHERLOCK'S LAST CASE
comedy with suspense, March 26-15. Call for times, 442-5373.

CHAPTER TWO
directed by Patricia Bunce, The Schenectady Civic Theatre. March 25-29, Fri., Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m. Information, 382-2081.

TWELFTH NIGHT OR WHAT YOU WILL
Vincent J. Crummies Acting Troupe, Shakespeare's comedy, Bethlehem Central High School, Delmar. April 2-4, 9-11, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4921.

BAREFOOT IN THE PARK
The Voorheesville Dionysians in Neil Simon's comedy, Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, Voorheesville. March 27-28, 8 p.m. Information, 765-3313.

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chamber music, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls. March 28, 8 p.m. Information, 584-5000.

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Finckel Ensemble, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls. March 30, 8 p.m. Information, 792-4054.

ST. CECILIA ORCHESTRA
Alfredo Bonavera conductor, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall. March 27, 8 p.m. Union College Memorial Chapel, Schenectady, March 28, 8 p.m. Chancellor's Hall, Albany, March 29, 3 p.m. Information, 273-0038.

THEATRE ORGAN POPS
"Goldie" featured, Proctor's Schenectady, March 29, 2 p.m. Information, 346-6204.

HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ FESTIVAL AND CONCERT
The College of Saint Rose, Albany. March 27. Information, 454-5195.

RORY BLOCK
blues, folk and original pieces, Spencertown Academy. March 28, 8 p.m. Information, 392-3693.

FREDRICK MOSES
baritone in concert, College of Saint Rose, Albany. March 25, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-5231.

TOM PAXTON
folk music, The Eighth Step, Albany. March 27, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

THE RUDE GIRLS
Lyn Hardy, Debby Saperstone, Selma Kaplan, Diane Sanabria, The Eighth Step, Albany. March 28, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

ADALENA KRIVOCHINA
piano concert, First United Methodist Church, Delmar. March 27, 8 p.m.

OUT OF CONTROL
rhythm and blues band, Side Door Cafe, Guilderland, March 27, 10:30 p.m. The Metro, Saratoga Springs, March 28, 11 p.m. Information, 797-3939.

MIKE DAVIS
jazz trombonist, College of Saint Rose, Albany. March 27, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-5178.

MUSIC OF SPAIN
Flamenco guitarist Juan de la Sierra, auditorium, College of Saint Rose, 985 Madison Ave., Albany. March 28, 7:30 p.m. Information, 458-7596.

NOONTIME CONCERTS
Findlay Cockrell, and Gene Zilka, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady. April 14 and 28, May 12 and 26. Information, 374-3321.

WORKSHOPS

VOCAL WORKSHOP
with baritone Fredrick Moses, College of Saint Rose, Albany. March 26, 3-5 p.m. Information, 454-5231.

WHAT IS A HERO?
teacher workshop, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls. March 25, 4-6 p.m.; March 28, 10 a.m.-noon. Information, 792-1761.

TOURS

URSULA OF SWITZERLAND
factory tour, sponsored by The Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway. March 25, 10 a.m. Information, 274-5267.

LECTURES

THE LEGEND & SORE OF COOPER'S CAVE
John Lenger, lecturer, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls. March 28, 2 p.m. Information, 792-1761.

ROBERT PENN WARREN: THE POEMS OF HIS LIFE
R.W.B. Lewis lecturer, University at Albany's uptown campus. March 31, 8 p.m.

ART TALKS SERIES
Albany Institute of History and Art. "Art Since 1945," April 9, 12:10 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

READINGS

UNCOMMON MARTYRS: THE CATHOLIC LEFT AND THE PLOWSHARES MOVEMENT
by Fred Wilcox, Boulevard Bookstore, Albany. March 29, 3 p.m. Information, 449-8069.

JAMAICA KINCAID
and Jacqueline Carey read from their works, Bennington College campus. March 31, 8 p.m. Information, (802) 442-5401.

SHOW

THE GREAT DINOSAUR MYSTERY
family performance, The Empire Center, Albany. March 29, 2 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

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on going show, Bennington College. Through April 10, Mon.-Sat. 1-5 p.m.

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Invitational exhibit, Russell Sage College, March 30 through April 3, Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sun. noon-4 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

THE GALLERY AT HUNTER MOUNTAIN
area artists' exhibition. Gallery hours, Sat. and Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 263-4223.

ANDREA SALKOWE AND MARJORIE WHITE WILLIAMS
paintings and sculptures, Albany Center Galleries, Through May 1, Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sun., noon-4 p.m. Information, 462-4775.

ARCHITECTURAL DETAILS
selection of regional and state artists' works, Albany Institute of History and Art. Through May 23. Information, 463-4478.

FOR THE BIRDS
creative birdhouses, feeders, nests, drawings, paintings, sculpture and photographs of real and imaginary birds, The Catskill Gallery. Through May 9, Tues.-Sat. noon-4 p.m. Information, 943-3400.

THREE PERSON WATERCOLOR EXHIBIT
Stanley Maltzman, Thor Bostrom and Judith Gomory, Mountain Top Gallery, Windham. Through April 13, Wed.-Mon., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 943-3400.

RICO ESPINET
exhibit, Sage Junior College of Albany. Through April 10, Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Mon., Wed., Thurs. 6-8 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

JANET SORESEN
prints, Dietel Gallery, Troy. March 27-May 10, daily 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Information, 274-4440.

SWISS POSTER ART
from the CIBA-GEIGY Collection, University Art Gallery, Albany. Through April 12, Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.; Sat.-Sun. 1-4 p.m. Information, 442-4035.

STUDENT ART SHOW
works of students in the museum's winter fine arts classes, The Hyde Collection. Through April 4. Information, 792-1761.

FORMATIONS
group show, with sculptures by Sharon Bates, Nadia Miriam Dabul, Jeanne Flanagan and David Krepple at Russell Sage College, Troy. Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sun. noon-4 p.m. Information, 270-2246. Paintings by George Van Hook at Dietel Gallery, Emma Willard. Information, 273-0552.

A NEAT PLAIN MODERN STILE
Phillip Hooker and his contemporaries, 1790-1840, Albany Institute of History and Art. Through June 28. Information, 463-4478.

FOREVER WILD: THE ADIRONDACK EXPERIENCE
paintings, furniture, photographs, architectural drawings, maps, boats and baskets, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls. Through April 5. Information, 792-1761.

DREAMSCAPES
series of color photographs, Museum of the Hudson Highlands, Cornwall-on-Hudson. Information, 534-7781.

THE JANES WHO MADE THE PLANES
commemorates the 50th anniversary of WW II women aircraft builders, State Museum, Albany. Through June 30. Information, 474-5877.

THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE
life and works of 19th century Albany artists, Albany Institute of History and Art. Through May 17. Information, 463-4478.

THE DISCOVERY PLACE
hands-on learning center, State Museum, Albany. Daily 2-4:30 p.m.; Sat., Sun. 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

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 meeting, German-American Club, Cherry Street, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-2275.

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 luncheon for French conversation, Albany Ramada Inn, 1228 Western Ave., Albany, noon. Information, 785-8219.

GUEST ARTIST CONCERT: FREDERICK MOSES
 baritone singer, sponsored by the College of Saint Rose, St. Joseph Hall Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 454-5231.

BABYSITTING
 Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 5:30-8 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

RENSSELAER COUNTY
CHORUS REHEARSAL
 sponsored by Capitaland Chorus, Woodard St., Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 383-8051.

SQUARE DANCE
 St. Michael's Community Center, Linden St., Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 664-6767.

SCENECTADY COUNTY
RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING
 Glen Worden School, 34 Worden Rd., Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 355-4264.

THURSDAY
MARCH 26
ALBANY COUNTY
SISTERS OF COLOR POETRY READINGS
 College of Saint Rose, Campus Center, 420 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-5207.

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Albany Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

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Four Winds Hospital, Algonquin Activities Building, Crescent Ave., Saratoga, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

BABYSITTING

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 5:30-8 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

FRIDAY
MARCH 27
ALBANY COUNTY
"SOUTH END NIGHT"
 stories and memories about Albany's South End, College of Saint Rose, Campus Center, 420 Western Ave., Albany, 7-9 p.m. Information, 454-5157.

EVENING THEATER PARTY

sponsored by the College of Saint Rose, The University Club, corner of Washington Avenue and Dove Street, Albany, 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$16.25. Information, 454-5105.

HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ FESTIVAL AND CONCERT

College of Saint Rose, St. Joseph Hall auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. \$6 admission adults, \$3 for students. Information, 454-5195.

PORTRAITURE: A LASTING IMAGE

"Artful Looks" gallery tour, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 12:15 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

PEDIATRIC SWALLOWING DISORDERS

conference, Albany Medical College, New Scotland Ave., Albany, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost is \$45. Information, 449-4019.

MOTHER'S DROP IN

sponsored by the Capital District Mothers' Center, First Congregational Church, Quail St., Albany, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 482-4508.

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

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self-help group for former mental patients and former nervous patients, Salvation Army, 222 Lafayette St., Hillard Rm., Schenectady, 10 a.m. Information, 346-8595.

SATURDAY
MARCH 28
ALBANY COUNTY
SELF-DEFENSE FOR WOMEN
 workshop, Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost is \$30. Information, 452-3455.

SPRING STARTER 5K RACE
 sponsored by the Hudson-Mohawk Runners Club, the New York State Office Campus, Albany, 11 a.m. Cost is \$9. Information, 371-7338.

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF GIRL SCOUTING

celebration at the Empire State Plaza, Meeting Room Six, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free and open to the public. Information, 439-4936.

SUNDAY
MARCH 29
ALBANY COUNTY
PORTRAITURE: A LASTING IMAGE

"Artful Looks" gallery tour, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 1:30 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

ST. ROSE FACULTY RECITAL

Emma Willard School, 285 Pawling Ave., Troy, 3 p.m. Information, 454-5407.

SCOTTISH DANCING

Unitarian Church, Washington Ave., Albany, 7-10 p.m. Information, 377-8792.

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HUDSON MOHAWK HALF MARATHON

13.1 mile race sponsored by the Hudson-Mohawk Runners Club, begins at Proctor's Arcade in Schenectady, finishes at State University at Albany, 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$8 for members, \$10 for non-members. Reservations, call 456-4105 by March 24.

MONDAY
MARCH 30
ALBANY COUNTY
BABYSITTING

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 5:30-8 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

The Sum of Us opens Friday At Capital Rep in Albany

 A recent off-Broadway award winner, *The Sum of Us*, opens Friday (March 27) at the Capital Repertory's Market Theater in Albany as the fifth play of the six-play season.

 This production about a reconciliation between father and his gay son was substituted in January for the originally scheduled *The Baltimore Waltz* as part of the theater's reorganization to overcome the expected \$400,000 deficit for the season.

 Where *The Baltimore Waltz* promised to be one of the most challenging of any plays presented during the theater's 10-year history, *The Sum of Us* is described by artistic director Bruce Bouchard as one with "love, humor and understanding between father and son."

The Sum of Us plays tonight and Thursday (March 26) in lower cost previews.


Martin P. Kelly

For more info, call 462-4534.

Sherlock's Last Case opens Friday as Theatre Institute's latest play

 A quintet of permanent company actors tackle the latest theater excursion into the life of Sherlock Holmes. Charles Marowitz's imagining of the possibility of the death of the expert Victorian detective at the hands of Professor Moriarty is seen in *Sherlock's Last Case*.

Joseph Larrabee-Quandt plays the physician-detective in this latest production on Holmes' exciting career. The actor will play opposite David Bunce as Dr. Watson. Others in the cast include veterans Betsy Riley as Mrs. Hudson and John Romeo as Inspector Lestrade. Newcomer Gita Donovan plays Liza, the young woman in the mystery.

Associate artistic director Ed Lange has staged this production which opens Saturday night (March 28) at The Egg after 10 a.m. previews Thursday and Friday (March 26, 27) and Friday night (March 27).

Performances continue through through April 15. For more info, call 442-5345.

Grand Hotel due at Proctor's March 31 for three performances

 One of the most honored and splashiest Broadway musicals of recent years, *Grand Hotel*, arrives at Proctor's Theater Wednesday (March 31) for three performances featuring Brent Barrett of *All My Children* and Liliane Montevecchi who appeared in the New York version.

 Based on the 1930s Vicki Baum play, *Grand Hotel*, this musical production brings the special Broadway touch of Tommy Tune's staging and choreography to a tale of 1928 Berlin.

The lives of the various people who live in this hotel during the turmoil of Berlin in the Roaring Twenties forms the basis for the plot and the unusual musical numbers.

The production won five Tony awards when it opened on Broadway.

For more info, call 346-6204.

Simon's Chapter Two features debut of former TV anchor

 Marci Elliott, former TV news anchor for WTEN (Channel 10) and now a commercial spokesperson for automobile dealers, is making her local stage debut in *Chapter Two* at the Schenectady Civic Theater.

The production which continues tonight (March 26) through Sunday, casts Elliott as Fay, the energetic friend of the actress who falls in love with a recently widowed writer.

Elliott's role provides much of the comedy in the play which helped playwright Simon recover from his own loss when his wife died of a terminal disease.

For Elliott who worked with WTEN for more than eight years, playing this role is a decision to enlarge her own performing possibilities.

 For more info on *Chapter Two*, call 382-2081.

Famed Broadway actor does one-man show at The Egg

Brian Bedford, famed classical actor who's done Broadway roles and has been a standby at the Stratford Shakespeare Festival in Canada, appears for one performance Sunday (March 28).

 The Tony Award-winning actor will do a one-man performance of some of Shakespeare's most famous characters in a show he calls *The Lunatic, The Lover & The Poet*.

The performance is at 8 p.m. For more info, call 473-1845.

Around Theaters!

Angel Street, Victorian thriller at the Masque Theater, Chapel and Cultural Center (RPI) in Troy, through Sunday. (459-4961)... *Shirley Valentine*, one-woman show about a venture some British housewife, at Steamer No. 10 Theatre in Albany, Thursday (March 27) through April 11 (438-5503)... *Summer Dark*, psychological thriller at the Circle Theatre Players, Averill Park, Friday and Saturday (March 27 & 28) (674-3151)

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ecumenical Lenten bible study, with Rev. Lynn T. Joosten, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10-11 a.m.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 2-4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

TESTIMONY MEETING

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

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newcomers, engaged women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Mon.-Sat. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 785-9640.

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NEW SCOTLAND

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH evening service, 7:30 p.m., Bible study and prayer, Rt. 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

STORY HOUR

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 4 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

every Wednesday, Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, 6:30 p.m. Information, 765-2109.

THURSDAY
MARCH 26

BETHLEHEM

HOW TO AVOID CHECK FRAUD sponsored by Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, presented by Bethlehem Police Department, Town Police Court, 447 Delaware Ave., Delmar. For reservations, call 439-0512 by March 25.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 2-4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

NEW SCOTLAND

FAITH TEMPLE Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

CHANCE CHOIR REHEARSAL

Grace United Methodist Church, 16 Hillcrest Drive, Ravena, 7 p.m. Information, 756-6688.

THE ARTFUL STORY

lecture/discussion of the poetry of W.S. Merwin, led by Dr. Charles Rossiter, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

FRIDAY
MARCH 27

BETHLEHEM

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS CONCERT

Slingerlands Community Methodist Church, 8 p.m. Information, 439-6540.

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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.

NEW SCOTLAND

STORY HOUR

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

SATURDAY
MARCH 28

BETHLEHEM

WELCOME WAGON

newcomers, engaged women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Mon.-Sat. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 785-9640.

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4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE CLINIC

sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County, Bethlehem Public Library, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 3:45-5:15 p.m. Information, 463-4267.

SUNDAY
MARCH 29

BETHLEHEM

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS CONCERT

Slingerlands Community Methodist Church, 3 p.m. Information, 439-6540.

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- 5 Snakes
- 10 Type of Int.:Abr.
- 14 Saint indicator
- 15 Framer's job
- 16 Bread spread
- 17 Fresh
- 18 Avoid wedding bills
- 19 Rugs
- 20 Porky's pads
- 22 Porky's submarine
- 24 Fort _____, California
- 25 Birch boat
- 26 Tend the fire
- 29 Neg's opposite
- 30 Ethan _____
- 34 Employ
- 35 Not many
- 36 Bewitch
- 37 D.D.E.'s theater
- 38 Porky's babies
- 40 Uncooked
- 41 Hoofers
- 43 Native of _____
- 44 Horsefly, eg
- 45 Schnoz
- 46 Duke's conf.
- 47 Opposing teams
- 48 Annihilate
- 50 Gear tooth
- 51 What Porky does best ?
- 54 Elsie's burg
- 58 Russian sea
- 59 _____ wave
- 61 James _____ author
- 62 _____ Berra
- 63 Explicit
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DOWN

- 1 British gentleman
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- 11 Mixture
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Sunday school and worship, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m. Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

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Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. New Salem. Information, 765-2870.

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MONDAY MARCH 30

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

STORY HOUR

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

TUESDAY MARCH 31

BETHLEHEM**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 2-4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

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getting into the material."

"Sherlock's Last Case" runs March 28 through April 15 at the Egg in Albany. Ticket prices are: \$12-adults, \$11-seniors/students, \$6 for children under 12, and \$6 for the student rush (tickets sold just a few minutes before the start of a performance).

The Institute strives to be accessible to all theater-goers and offers three performances that are sign-language interpreted. Dates and times for those shows are April 2 at 10 a.m., April 9 at 10 a.m. and April 11 at 8 p.m. For information, call 442-5373.

Holmes

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the Institute for students to attend a workshop after the production."

The Sherlock Holmes production, for instance, lends itself to a discussion about deductive reasoning, logic, language, chemistry and the Victorian era.

"We use the play as a jumping off point," said Lange. "We teach the curriculum by using the play as an interesting way of

SPOTLIGHT TEENSCENE

By Erin Elizabeth Sullivan

It's the time of the year when most area high school seniors have received or are anticipating receiving their letters of acceptance or rejection from the various colleges to which they have applied.

Now, the students must decide which college they would like to attend for the next two or four years. But if students are worried about their parents' reactions to the arriving letters — too much money, too far away from home or not far enough — the College of Saint Rose is offering a program called "Parent Friends of Admissions."

At the session, parents of current Saint Rose students will talk to parents of students who have been accepted at Saint Rose, but who have not yet decided which college or university to attend. This is an attempt to bring a personal touch to the often impersonal process of college admissions.

The program, which allows parents to communicate in a one-on-one situation, is designed to help parents feel that they are part of the college recruiting process and to sort out their own pre-college anxieties. For information, students and parents can call the College of Saint Rose at 454-5209.

Anyone who is concerned about the environment, but just cannot get into clearing trees and shoveling dirt, there is another

way to express compassion for the earth.

Earth Poems, an area community arts project, is seeking submissions of poems. The group was organized in conjunction with Earth Day 1992 on April 22 and the ninth annual Readings Against the End of the World on April 25.

The theme of the poem project is "Earth: Celebration of the Great Mother."

Earth poems should be submitted in black ink on white paper. Poems should be short and able to be contained within a six inch by six inch page space. Hand printing is encouraged. Earth poems should be sent to: PeaceWorks, 66 Oakwood St., Albany, N.Y. 12208. They should arrive by Monday, April 20.

The poems will be displayed in two sets. One copy of poems will be exhibited in public spaces in the Lark Street/Central Avenue/Washington Avenue area in Albany from April 22 to 30. The other set of poems will be displayed at the Readings Against the End of the World which will take place at The Eighth Step in Albany from midnight Friday, April 24, until midnight Saturday, April 25.

For information, call PeaceWorks at 438-6314.

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LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 1, 1992, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Glenford H. Craft, Box 148, Clapper Road, Selkirk, New York for Variances under Article XVI, Front Yards; Article XVII, Side Yards; Article XVIII, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem to add apartment to existing building at premises Clapper Road, Selkirk, New York.

Charles B. Fritts
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(March 25, 1992)

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 Tues-

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day, May 12, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time for the purpose of announcing and presenting candidates for the Board of Education and for the consideration of a budget for the school year 1992-1993 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 May 12, 1992 the Annual Meeting will be adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 1992, at which time the meeting will be reconvened at the Clayton A. Bouton High School and the polls will be open and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:

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

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 schoolhouse in which school is maintained during the hours designated:

Clayton A. Bouton High School schoolhouse
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LEGAL NOTICE

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-seven 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 incumbent.

Dated: March 9, 1992
Valerie Ungerer
District Clerk

And notice is also given that the Annual School District Meeting the Public Library budget for the year 1992-1993 will be considered and such other business transacted as is authorized by law.

And notice is also given that at the conclusion of the transaction of business on May 12, 1992, the Annual Meeting will be adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 1992 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 Sally Ten Eyck.

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

And notice is also given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for library purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the seven days immediately preceding the Annual

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LEGAL NOTICE

Meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday at the following schoolhouse 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 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-seven 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: March 9, 1992
Gail Sacco
Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION OF RAVENA COEYMANS SELKIRK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with the provisions of Section 2017 of the Education Law the Board of Education of the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Central School District will hold a public hearing on the 30th day of April, 1992 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening at the Senior High School, Ravena, New York for the purpose of discussion of the expenditures of funds and the budgeting thereof for the school year July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY

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LEGAL NOTICE

GIVEN that the copies of a detailed statement of the amount of money which will be required for the said school year may be obtained by any taxpayer of the school district during the eight (8) days immediately preceding the 13th day of May, 1992, that being the day when the school district budget will be voted upon, except Saturdays and Sunday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the District Office of the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Central School District, 26 Thatcher Street, Selkirk, New York.

Petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education for three (3) full terms of three (3) years each must be filed with the Clerk of the District no later than April 10, 1992 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the District Office of the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Central School District, 26 Thatcher Street, Selkirk, New York. Each Petition must be signed by at least thirty-five (35) qualified voters of the district with their addresses and said petition must state the name and residence of the candidate. Vacancies on the board of Education of the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Central School District shall not be considered separate specific offices and the nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated in accordance with Section 2018 of the Education Law. Candidates receiving a plurality of the votes cast respectively for the several offices shall be declared elected in accordance with the provisions of Section 2034 of the Education Law.

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1. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said school district and authorize the levy of taxes therefor;

2. **RESOLVED:** That the Board of Education of Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Central School District, in the Counties of Albany and Greene, New York, is hereby authorized and directed to purchase six (6) school buses and expend therefore a sum not exceeding \$220,000 and to levy the necessary tax therefor and to issue obligation in anticipation of the collection of taxes in accordance with Education Law and Local Finance Law.

Rodger Lewis
District Clerk
Dated: March 3, 1992
(March 25, 1992)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 1, 1992, at 8:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of 5 Sisters Associates, DBA/Ross, c/o 14 Green Street, Albany, New York for Variance under Article VI, Permitted Uses, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem to replace an existing nonconforming use at premises 1342 New Scotland Road, Slingerland, New York 12159.

Charles B. Fritts
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(March 25, 1992)

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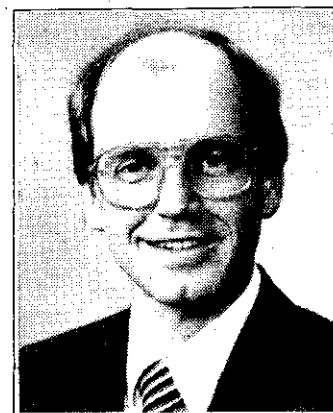
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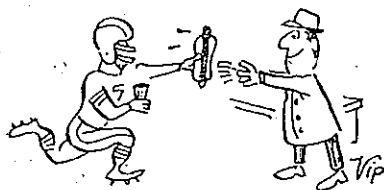
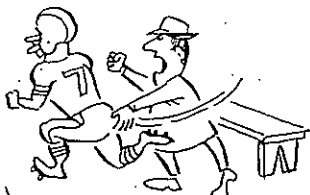
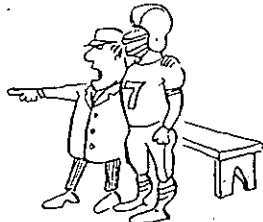
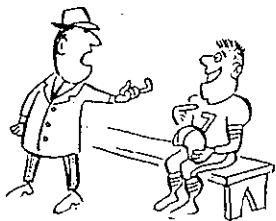
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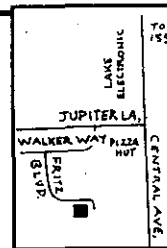
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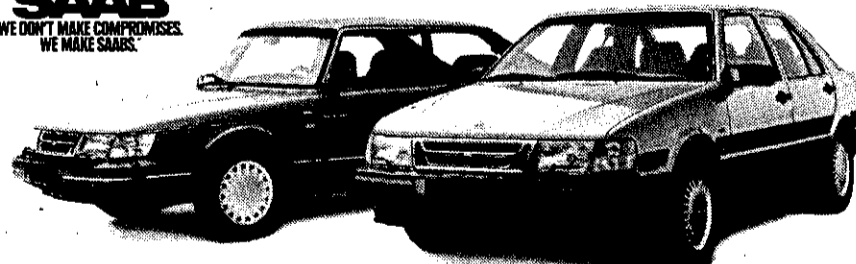
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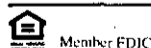
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