

BC budget reflects losses and gains

District will lose some positions

By Michael DeMasi

The \$31.7 million Bethlehem Central school budget that will be presented tonight at a public hearing contains a mixed bag of nearly \$283,000 in cutbacks, ranging from the elimination of staff in the middle school and high school to a 60 percent reduction in equipment allocations.

Faced with increasing enrollment, the effect of revaluation on some residents' taxes and a cut in state aid, the board of education was forced to wield the budget knife in a number of areas.

At the high school, the cuts will mean the elimination of a guidance supervisor, money to help fund musical productions, the chess club and \$7,000 in funding for the athletic department. At the middle school, a special education position has been eliminated.

District-wide, there will be one-third less money for the Artist-in-Residence program, a \$5,000 cut to the library budget and a 5 percent reduction for supply purchases.

"If you talk about quality as the ability to prepare students well, we will begin to fall behind," said Briggs McAndrews, assistant superintendent in charge of instruction and curriculum. "The more we cut into these portions of the budget, (the more) we will have a long-term detriment to the program."

Although guidance supervisor Jacquelyn Birch said she expected the district to eliminate her position, she was disappointed when she learned of the decision.

"The administration told me this was a direction (they were headed)," said Birch.

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Lobbyists win over BC board

By Michael DeMasi

In what Superintendent Leslie Loomis referred to as "trying economic times," the Bethlehem school board often faced a packed house when it came time to weigh proposed cuts to next year's budget.

This year, also, Loomis said, "There has been a very high turnout. I think it's indicative of the fact people care deeply about this budget process, which programs are supported and what the bottom line is."

Thanks in part to lobbying efforts by supporters and participants, some

items facing cuts in the \$31.7 million spending plan were saved at the last minute. The budget was adopted by the board on March 31 and will be put before voters on May 6.

"The most persuasive thing to me is additional information," said board member Bernard Harvith of the budget deliberation. "If people come and have details about how important the program is, how many kids have benefited and how many are devoted, those things are very persuasive."

One of the administration's proposals

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Selkirk man wins \$76k in pick five lottery game

By Susan Wheeler

With \$10 in his pocket, David Hodges of Selkirk strolled into the Bonfare market on Route 9W last Friday and bought his weekly lottery tickets.

On Monday, the state lottery office gave him a check for \$76,733.50.

I like to dream about winning. I think about what I'm gonna do with it.

David Hodges

"I wanted to play my favorite numbers, but I didn't have the card with me, so I bought \$10 in 'quick pick' numbers," said Hodges, 34. "I couldn't believe it."

The winning numbers were 3, 9, 16, 17 and 38. The Take Five numbers are drawn Friday evening, but Hodges, a regular lottery player for the past 10 years, usually waits until Monday morning to check them because he likes to dream through the weekend.

"I like to play the numbers," he said. "I

like to dream about winning. I think about what I'm gonna do with it."

Before Hodges checked his numbers



Nancy Splonskowski, of the state Lottery, awards Selkirk resident David Hodges his check.

Monday morning, he said everything was going wrong. He took his dog to the vet, cleaned up his home, then realized he never checked the tickets. "I got the tickets out of my jacket and threw them on the

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Meetings set to give facts on waste disposal options

By Susan Wheeler

Bethlehem officials have scheduled four public meetings on the town's solid waste management options.

According to Commissioner of Public Works Bruce Secor, the series of meetings will be held in different locations throughout the town and summarize the Solid Waste Task Force's work. The group's 15 field trips, including a trip to

Energy Answer Corporation's waste-to-energy facility in Massachusetts, will be reviewed.

All terms used in discussing solid waste management alternatives will be defined through slides, video tapes and a discussion of the recommended options, Secor said.

After the public meetings, a special

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Holiday treat



Christa Farrell of Glenmont searches the Easter Bunny's basket for a treat last Saturday at the Dime Bank on Delaware Avenue in Elmsmere.

Elaine McLain

Bethlehem cops nab burglary suspect

By Susan Wheeler

Bethlehem Police Department patrol officers, detectives, supervisors and K-9 unit are responsible for the arrest of a Troy man wanted on a bench warrant and in connection with a Van Wie Point burglary.

Det. John Cox, assisted by Lt. Frederick Holligan and Officer Scott Anson, Friday, April 3, arrested 27-year-old Terry Lee Brown, 2 Park Ave., after an approximately three-hour pursuit, according to Bethlehem Chief Richard LaChappelle. Albany Police Department's K-9 unit and state police assisted Bethlehem police, he said.

Brown was charged with felony burglary, grand larceny, attempted burglary and on an Al-

bany County Court bench warrant charging him with burglary and grand larceny in connection with a Slingerlands burglary, LaChappelle said. Brown was arraigned before Judge Peter Wenger in Bethlehem Town Court on the three felony charges and before Supreme Court Justice Thomas Keegan in Albany County Court on the bench warrant. He was remanded to Albany County Jail.

Bethlehem police were called to a home on Wheeler Road in Glenmont at 1:50 p.m. Friday after a burglary alarm sounded, the chief said. The officers found forced entry and the suspect was believed to have fled into the woods at the rear of the house. The entire area was cordoned off and an extensive search was con-

ducted, he said.

Bethlehem's K-9, Grando and his handler, Officer Wayne LaChappelle, recovered much of the stolen property in the wooded area south of the home, the chief said. About \$8,000 worth of property, including collectable stamps, coins and assorted jewelry, was found.

Two witnesses reported seeing a male believed to be the suspect carrying a handgun in the area of the Wheeler Road home, LaChappelle said.

Grando and Albany's K-9 unit pursued the suspect north of the home on the Hudson River shoreline, LaChappelle said. Cox apprehended Brown at the rear of a residence on VanWie Point Road at approximately 5 p.m., he said. Brown was carrying stolen stamps and coins.

Nearly all of the stolen property was reclaimed, although several coins are still missing, the chief said. The suspect's handgun was not recovered.

Brown's attempted burglary charge came from an early afternoon incident that same day on Halter Road in Glenmont. He attempted to gain entry to a home about 2 miles north of the Wheeler Road home, according to the chief.

Orchestra tuning up for fund-raising effort

The Delmar Community Orchestra has received \$200 from Stewart's Shops, the first contribution to its recently opened 1992-93 fund-raising campaign.

The group is asking the public, local businesses and community organizations to help meet the orchestra's goal of \$3,000 for the purchase of new music.

The orchestra, which began in 1941 with only seven members, is now composed of about 50 amateur musicians from Delmar and the Capital District. Membership is open "without audition to all who are serious about having fun playing music together," according to Mildred Stahl, the conductor.

Rehearsals are held Monday evenings at the town hall in Delmar.

The orchestra plays "pops" music and classical works at about seven concerts a year throughout the area. Their most recent concert was at the Bethlehem Library on March 28.

In addition to fall and spring performances at the library, the

orchestra performs at local nursing homes, developmental centers, churches, and an annual Christmas concert for the public at the Bethlehem middle school. The next scheduled concert will be at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar on Monday evening, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. to benefit world hunger organizations.

Local businesses and individuals who wish to contribute to the orchestra's fund-raising campaign should send their contribution to George Carpenter, treasurer, Delmar Community Orchestra, 480 Stratton Place, Delmar.

A copy of the orchestra's annual report is available from the Department of State, Office of Charities Registration.

Slide show to feature arctic wildlife refuge

The Audubon Society of the Capital Region will host a program featuring a multi-media slide presentation entitled "Alaska's Last Great Wilderness" on Friday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m., at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar.

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Charles Schade

Art winners on display

By Susan Graves

If you haven't been to the library lately, chances are when you visit, you'll be besieged by oohs and ahs of visitors admiring the Bethlehem Art Association's exhibit.

The annual spring juried member show has 62 works on display in the library foyer, said Charles Schade, art association member and first-prize winner.

"This is one of the major shows of the year," and most of the works are for sale, he said.

Schade, a retired architect, paints at least three times a week and specializes in watercolors. His favorite subjects are landscapes and historical buildings. In this show, he won a first for his rendering of the "Old Niskayuna Station."

Art association President Colleen Skiff Kriss who also has some pieces in the show, including a work called "Cousins-Folly, Innocence and Love," said the group's next big project is coming up in June. The Bethlehem Bicentennial Kickoff Art Show will run throughout the month at the library. There will be a reception for the artists and awarding of

prizes from 7 to 9 p.m. on June 8 in the library community room.

In that show, works will reflect the theme of Bethlehem past. Some of the works will be included in the three publications the Bethlehem Archaeological Group and the Bethlehem Historical Society are working on to commemorate the bicentennial.

Ideas for possible bicentennial artwork include depicting a Mohican chief negotiating the sale of Bethlehem lands to Europeans, a still life of an object recovered from the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem farm site reflecting the lifestyle of the time, or a picture of Edward Heath delivering milk either with horse and wagon, or a Dodge panel truck in 1925.

The Bethlehem Art Association was formed in 1966 by Barbara Wooster and Marge Foster. The group held its first meeting in the community room of the National Commercial Bank and membership dues were \$3 a year.

The association was formed to stimulate public interest and promote the understanding and appreciation of fine art, Kriss said. She also said the association serves as a support for members.

Preska waits for confirmation

By Susan Wheeler

Former Delmar resident Loretta Preska, recently nominated by President George Bush to fill a U.S. District Court judge seat, is waiting for her turn to come before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"I have no clue what to expect," Preska said. "The committee has information on cases I've worked on. They can ask anything, as we know."

Preska has yet to find out when she will go before the judiciary committee, which has the power to confirm her position. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato recommended to the President that Preska be nominated for the federal judgeship in Manhattan, she said.

"I'm very honored and delighted."

The 1966 Bethlehem Central High School graduate was active in the town when she was growing up. She recalled her days as a Girl Scout in Mariner Troop Number 5 as a time when her leadership and self-reliance developed. She attended national conferences in Idaho and Hawaii.

In addition, Preska served as a community ambassador to Denmark, a responsibility which required "absolute commitment," she said. "All of those things helped me become the person I am today."

During her years at BC, Preska remembers Fred Burdick, her former high school English teacher and currently the district's middle school principal, as a mentor. "He's a wonderful teacher," she said.

Preska said once she was addressing the Bethlehem Lions Club and Burdick was in the audience. "He came up to me after the



Loretta Preska relaxes with Katherine and Matthew.

speech and said 'Nice transitions,' she said. "It was so wonderful. Here was the person who taught me to write and he said I made nice transitions" from one subject to another.

"Loretta was an outstanding student. She's a person of very fine character and an excellent scholar," Burdick said. "We're very proud of her."

Prior to her education at BCHS, Preska went to St. Thomas School. Following her high school graduation, she spent four years at The College of Saint Rose. She graduated in 1970 with a bachelor's in chemistry. "I received a wonderful start and wonderful education in the Capital District."

Preska went on to Fordham Law School. She graduated from there in 1973 and decided to stay in Manhattan. She worked at a large law firm, then moved on to her current firm of Hertzog, Calamari & Gleason. She has spent 10 years working with mostly

commercial civil litigation, and is now anticipating the new potential position.

"It's such a wonderful job," Preska said. "Such interesting cases come before you, and you have the opportunity to work with the people — the lawyers and litigants."

Everyone in Preska's family, including her husband, Thomas Kavalier, an attorney, her two children, Matthew and Katherine, and her father, Delmar resident Victor Preska, is pleased with her nomination, she said. "My 6-year-old son is so delighted... He'll run up to me, hug me and say, 'Judge Mommy.'"

Victor Preska still lives at the home he built and his daughter grew up in on Van Dyke Road. In fact, it was during a recent visit home that she got the call from President Bush. "It was really unbelievable," she said.

Preska's father said his daughter's nomination is happy news. "Mr. Cool is on cloud nine."

Dog days on hand for Bethlehem Police Department

By Susan Graves

Bethlehem and Albany police are going to the dogs.

This year, the police departments are co-hosting the 1992 National Police K-9 Tactical Deployment and Decoy Seminar from April 20 to 24.

According to Bethlehem Officer Wayne LaChappelle, there will be more than 30 K-9 units from all over the country at the seminar. One of the primary goals of the

program is to create community awareness about the function and value of canine units. "We want to show the communities that have K-9s exactly what these dogs can do," he said.

In demonstrations planned for Wednesday, April 22, beginning at 6 p.m. at Bethlehem Central High School's football field, "There are some really exciting scenarios, people won't be able to believe" what the dogs and their handlers will respond to, said LaChappelle.

The program includes: tactical area searches, tactical tracking, criminal apprehensions and narcotics detection.

Many of the instructors who will participate in the seminar are nationally recognized K-9 experts. Sgt. Harold Bennett, a member of the Norfolk, Va. police department and the K-9 SWAT team, will teach the tactical use of the K-9. Retired Sgt. Ken Burger from the Chicago Police Department, known for his expertise in decoy instruction, will also participate in the seminar. Burger, LaChappelle said, stresses the importance of the handler's trust in the dog. "Go with your

dog, trust your dog," is critical to a unit's success, LaChappelle said.

LaChappelle will be working with his canine partner, Grando, who is already something of a local celebrity. Grando and his handler give frequent demonstrations at local schools and for community groups, including day-care centers and nursing homes.

Working with Grando, LaChappelle said, "has been the most rewarding aspect of my career."

"The only regrets I have are the years I didn't have a canine," he said.

He believes the dogs are invaluable to a department and a community. Because of tracking abilities, the dogs (mostly German shepherds) can be used in almost all areas of police work from finding lost children to apprehending armed criminals.

LaChappelle and the Albany officers are selling T-shirts to help defray the cost of the seminar. For information about the seminar or to purchase a shirt, call Lt. Colin Clark or LaChappelle at the Bethlehem Police Department at 439-9973.



Officer Wayne LaChappelle and Grando take a break from training exercises. They are gearing up for the 1992 National Police K-9 Tactical Deployment Seminar. Demonstrations will be held at Bethlehem Central High School's football field on Wednesday, April 22. Bethlehem Police Department is co-hosting the event with Albany's department.

Susan Graves

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V'ville school board candidates see finances as principal problem

By Eric Bryant

A pair of New Scotland residents will vie for the Voorheesville school board spot vacated by Judith Shearer this spring.

Shearer announced earlier this year she would not seek re-election.

Running to fill the vacancy are Robert Boyle, a territory manager for Mallinckrot Medical Inc. and Dr. Erica Sufrin, a clinical psychologist and associate professor at Albany Medical College.

Both candidates said the board's main priority in the upcoming years should be to maintain strong educational programs in the face of tight finances.

Boyle, a newcomer to school politics, said he felt compelled to run after reading that no candidates had come forward. Both candidates filed their nominating petitions on the last available day.

"No, I've never run for anything. I read in *The Spotlight* last Thursday that nobody had come forward, and I just thought it was a shame that no one was showing an interest ... The next day I called the school and asked what was necessary. I got the petition and got the signatures that night from around this neighborhood," Boyle said.

An Orchard Park resident for 13 years, Boyle said he sees evi-

dence on his own street of fixed-income homeowners who are having trouble meeting the rising tax levy.

"We have people whose kids have grown up and moved out. They probably have their mortgage paid off and they keep having to put away more and more each year for taxes. Money is the main problem for this school district."

Boyle and his wife, Michele, are both graduates of Siena College. They have two children attending the Voorheesville Elementary School—Jamie, a third-grader and Tracie, a first-grader.

Boyle said he hopes to bring "new fresh ideas" to the board if elected.

Sufrin, a West View Road resident, said she looks forward to "the real challenge of maintaining programs in the face of tight finances" if elected.

"This is our future as a country, it's as simple as that. When you factor out colleges and universities, we [the United States] rank something like 46th in the world in spending on education," Sufrin said.

Sufrin, who also has two children in district schools—seventh-grader Christopher and fourth-grader Matthew—described the current situation at Voorheesville as "spare but solid." She said she has been impressed with the commitment she's seen from her children's teachers and district administrators.

"That's one of the wonderful things about Voorheesville. They really welcome any input from parents, and the administration and teachers really seemed committed to the program," she said.

Sufrin, who ran unsuccessfully for a board seat two years ago, said she has been fairly involved with school activities over the last few years.

SADD day



Members of Bethlehem Central High School's Students Against Driving Drunk chapter recently staged an event to draw attention to alcohol related automobile accidents. To dramatize the rate of drunk driving fatalities, club members, including Lucy Bassett, left, and Amy Winters "died" every 23 minutes. Elaine McLain

Workshop to introduce aquatic project WILD

The Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, will offer a workshop introducing aquatic project WILD for teachers on Wednesday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Pre-registration is required. For information, call 475-0291.

She points to her work with the elementary school science club, a group she said she helped start in 1990, as one of her strongest achievements. The science club organizes field trips, ecology projects and sponsors hands-on activities for the district's elementary school students.

Sufrin was also an elementary school room parent for the past two years and is a member of the junior high school advisory committee.

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Library board budget proposal calls for 4.6 percent increase

The Bethlehem Public Library board of trustees has announced the proposed budget for 1992-93.

The \$2,046,267 budget represents a 4.6 percent increase over the current budget, the smallest increase in more than 10 years.

The budget will be voted on by residents of the Bethlehem Central School District on Wednesday, May 6, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Bethlehem Middle School.

Although the proposed budget calls for curtailment of some services, the salary category, which makes up 61 percent of the total budget, is increased. The salary increases are called for in the three-year contract with CSEA, which is currently in its last year.

The remaining increases are in the category of employee fringe benefits, which makes up 15 percent of the budget. Mandated increases for federal Social Security payments and the escalating cost of health care coverage account for this increase.

Because the library circulation increased more than 10 percent last year, the board recommends holding the current \$200,000 budget level for library materials.

All other budget items, including equipment, the automated circulation system, postage, special programs, travel, utilities, supplies, insurance, building maintenance and contractual expenses, have been held to current levels or reduced.

The proposal anticipates revenues of \$395,000 from photocopier receipts, state library aid, book sales and fines to supplement local funding. However, income from investments is expected to decrease due to depressed interest rates.

Decreased spending in the current fiscal year has resulted in a balance to be carried over to next year.

Although the fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30, revenues are not received until late September. Therefore, the budget proposal includes \$195,000 to meet expenses from July through September 1993.

If passed, the budget will result in a tax levy of \$1,651,267 for the district. Because revaluation of all properties is currently under way, it is not possible at this time to

calculate tax rates for individual property owners.

In addition to the budget proposal, the ballot will include a provision to fill a vacancy on the library board of trustees for a five-year term.

The seat is being vacated by William Seymour, a New Scotland resident, who is stepping down after serving as a trustee for 15 years.

Susan Freisem Birkhead, of Delmar, is seeking election to the seat. Birkhead is an active community volunteer, the mother of two children and a regular library user. She is currently serving as vice-president of the Friends of the Bethlehem Public Library.

The library's annual budget meeting will be on Thursday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the board room of the library.

For information on the budget and trustee election, contact board president Joyce Strand at 439-6224. Library director Barbara Mladinov and public relations librarian Anna Jane Abaray can both be reached at 439-9314.

Anna Jane Abaray

Police nab drivers on DWI charges

Bethlehem police recently arrested five drivers on misdemeanor charges of driving while intoxicated.

Craig R. Daniels, 45, Quail Street, Albany, was arrested for DWI Wednesday, March 25, at 9:53 p.m. after he was stopped on Route 85 near Blue Cross for failure to keep right, police said.

Ellen O'Brien, 35, Plymouth Avenue, Delmar, was arrested for DWI Saturday, March 28, at 5:28 a.m. after she was stopped for failure to keep right and an inadequate tail light on Delaware Avenue near Bedell Avenue, police said.

Gregory Moore, 20, Fieldstone Lane, Weymouth, Mass., was arrested for DWI Friday, April 3,

at 2:28 a.m. after he was stopped for failure to keep right on Frontage Road, police said.

Nathan C. Turon, 24, Hall Place, Albany, was arrested for DWI Friday, April 3, at 10:13 p.m. as he pulled into Verstandig's parking lot, police said.

John S. Fiorillo, 31, Excelsior Avenue, Saratoga Springs, was arrested for DWI Friday, April 10, at 2:59 a.m. after he was stopped on Delaware Avenue near Euclid Avenue for inadequate lights, police said.

In addition, Bethlehem police recently arrested three drivers on felony DWI charges.

Gerald F. Connolly, 52, Myrtle Avenue, Albany, was arrested for felony DWI Saturday, March 28,

at 11:30 p.m. after he was stopped at Delaware Avenue and Paddock Place for passing through a red light, police said.

Richard A. Gudz Jr., 29, Maple Avenue, Selkirk, was arrested for felony DWI Sunday, March 29, at 3:23 a.m. after he was stopped at Route 9W and Feura Bush Road for failure to keep right, police said.

Steven P. Szalkowski, 37, Ivaloo Avenue, Albany, was arrested for felony DWI Saturday, April 4, at 10:56 p.m. after he was stopped on Poplar Drive for failure to keep right and failure to signal, police said.

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'Eggstra' careful



19-month-old Tyler and Kevin Shreffler (left to right) take a close look around Michael and Linda Olmstead's home in Delmar during the neighborhood's annual Easter egg hunt last weekend.

Elaine McLain

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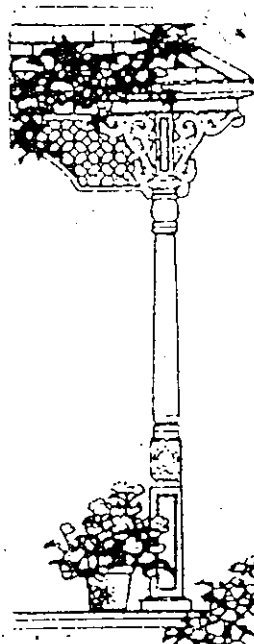
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That was true from the Great Society of LBJ to the happy-go-lucky unsupervised sprawl of Ronald W. Reagan; from the anything-goes ascendancy of Nelson Rockefeller to the all-things-to-all-people ambitions of Mario Cuomo; and from Coyne I to Coyne IV closer to home.

Now, as is only too well known, everyone's humming a different tune. (Well, almost everyone.) There has been general recognition that public payrolls have bulged out of bounds, frequently out of sight. And that something sincere must be done about them — again, at all levels. Some remedial steps have been taken, despite the dislocations that these cause and the resultant pain among individuals displaced from public employment into, presumably, private enterprise.

Here in Albany County, the necessary response has been more laggard than might have been expected of a government that has been sliding for many months into deep financial trouble, with ultimate bankruptcy finally becoming an actual threat.

The delay is attributable, of course, to the unfortunate fact that the same man (and accomplices) that created the problem remained in control through 1991.

When the housecleaner, Mike Hoblock, arrived to work on the mess, he confirmed the payroll problem as soon as he curled back a corner of the carpet. The coinage problem was only too evident.

His common-sense solution to a substantial part of the cleanup was properly declared to be paring the payroll across the board. Department heads have received the mandate to show how they could trim their staffs by, alternatively, 10, 15, or 20 percent. (One problem here is that, historically, those department chiefs have considered themselves responsible to the County Legislature rather than to the managerial Executive. To

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ensure accountable responses in situations such as we now see, revamping of the Executive's role through County Charter revision is imperative. That's another issue — but one not to be put aside.)

Coincidentally, today happens to be the target date for the administrators to show their hands. One must assume that, in good faith, they will provide the County Executive with the flexible schedules he needs to trim, cut, or slash where necessary in order to produce a viable budget.

The alternative to the layoffs is said to be an additional sales tax of 1 percent. This is a burden that falls most heavily on those residents least able to sustain one more thumb on the scale. In economists' jargon, it is a "regressive" tax. That means it becomes proportionately lower as individuals' income goes up. Low income, relatively more tax. Further, of course, such a tax quickly becomes an invitation (especially on major purchases) for buyers to save by going elsewhere to shop.

It is difficult to understand the reasoning of those members of the County Legislature's majority party who would insist on the added sales tax as a proper step to take at this time in trying to solve the county's huge deficit. Unthinkable (one would assume hopefully) that the Democrats would be seeking to hang this unpopular tax on the neck of Mr. Hoblock — who doesn't want it other than as a last-gasp option if all his managerial strokes can't completely close the budgetary gap.

The legislators of both parties who are conferring regularly with Mr. Hoblock should reach agreement speedily that (1) county employment must be reduced substantially; (2) through this and other available managerial decisions a realistic budget must be worked out and adopted; and (3) a sales tax should be put aside as a potential alternative.

The sacred season

Close upon the end of Ramadan, the most holy month of the Muslim calendar, the western world approaches the coincidence of some of the most solemn days of the Hebrew and Christian years. All, it is humbly necessary to note, are governed by phases of the moon.

As Christians' observance of Good Friday comes to a close, Passover will begin at sundown, with its observance continuing for seven or eight days according to individual belief and practice. (This is Nisan, seventh

month of the year in the Hebrew calendar; Passover begins in its fourteenth day.)

A full moon rises shortly after midnight on Friday, and Easter thus, as ever, falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs after March 21.

The faithful of each of these great faiths may well have in mind, as they worship, the underlying interdependence of all mankind — as is, perhaps, signified by the intervention of another celestial body.

Look, listen—and smell

Smell the freshly thawed ground and the newly freed rushing water. Look up to see how the trees are responding to the messages in the air. Look down to find signs of new growth among grasses and wildflowers.

The suggestions are offered by the ardent volunteers at Five Rivers Education Center near Delmar, but the pleasures they advocate are open to all of us, wherever—if only we stop, look, and listen.

And, say the Five Rivers folks, smell—feel the change in the air.

Specifically, they add, seek out numerous delights at the Center: Arrival of the first Canada geese; the bluebirds and robins already on hand. The turtles, frogs, muskrat holes, chipmunks, and perhaps a beaver.

(A "Beaver Tree Trail in Spring" guide points out many new happenings for those who will make the circuit around the Center's pond.)

We are appreciative of these pointers in the Spring issue of "Rivers Ramblings."

Charter referendum important this year

Editor, The Spotlight:

Your strong recent editorial in support of charter reform should be appreciated by Albany County residents. Let's get on with it! Let's have charter reform in 1992. Let's give the people of Albany County the opportunity by referendum in 1992 to decide the course of the Albany County Charter and indirectly the course of Albany County.

On Jan. 1, 1976, Albany county, pursuant to a public referendum, endorsed the concept of a county Charter. Within months, the County Executive, James J. Coyne, called for a Charter Revision Commission, which was then appointed.

Some two years later, in 1978, that commission issued a report, which in part called for a clear definition of duties and responsibilities of the county's executive and legislative branches. The commission suggested a stronger County Executive, with the powers of appointment of his own department heads, and with the power of veto, subject to a legislative override.

The suggestions of the commission were substantially ignored.

In 1991, a series of all-too-familiar indictments were handed up, and once again the call for charter revision was heard. This time the call came from editorials, from legislators, and in the fall of the year, from the general populace, which voted for a County Executive who had campaigned on a platform of charter revision (as did many Republican and Democratic legislators).

Vox Pop

Last Jan. 13, Resolution No. 27, calling for creation of a County Charter Revision Commission, appeared on the County Legislature's agenda. The resolution was sent to the law committee, where it languished for two months. Not until yet another resolution was introduced, calling for discharge of Resolution 27 from the law committee, did the committee act.

Finally after lengthy debate, it was decided to report Resolution 27 to the floor of the Legislature for its March meeting. There were, however, significant changes which would call for a delay in the charter revision process. Such a delay was unacceptable to the County Executive and to the minority Republican members of the Legislature.

At the Legislature's meeting on March 9, Resolution 27 was reported, incorporating the delay, putting charter reform off until 1993, and deleting the names of all its original sponsors, they being Republicans.

After extensive discussion, the charter reform bill with a built-in delay was passed by the majority, with the Republicans voting in opposition. The opposition was not to charter reform, but to the delay.

William N. Young, Jr.

Editor's note: Mr. Young, a Republican County Legislator, represents the 33rd District, incorporating Guilderland and part of New Scotland.

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Isaac: A mind for all seasons

You undoubtedly noted the obituary notices for Isaac Asimov. The headlines tended to emphasize his trail-blazing contributions to science fiction over the past 40 years and more. But his career was a great deal broader than

Uncle Dudley

that—and so was the man. He easily qualifies as the most unforgettable, the most remarkable person I've ever known.

Your Uncle Dudley is reluctant to admit it, but at one time in his life he served as an editor. I refer to the monthly magazine "Science Digest," and it was in that connection that I enjoyed—and vastly benefitted from—an association with Dr. Asimov.

During that time, I edited some 40 or 50 articles by Isaac, each of which required preliminary discussions and after-the-fact reviews of the draft manuscript. Their range was as far-reaching as his brilliant intellect: from fusion power to preventing another ice age; from women in science to food produced by chemistry alone. He asked, and described, what is probably beyond our universe, predicted the fantastic growth of computerization, and declared that though you can move forward through time no one can ever go back in time. I remember a fascinating piece on a Global Computerized Library that could free us all for a new kind of life, becoming "a perfect antidote to boredom."

The very first article that Isaac wrote for me on assignment was an "open letter to President Carter" upon assuming the presidency. In it, he urged the President to become "space-oriented," and to begin planning on an international scale the steps "we may safely take to get on the only road that will lead to the salvation of civilization."

Exactly a dozen years later, that article was reprinted, verbatim, as President Bush took office—for the benefit of readers of . . . *The Spotlight*!

A most enjoyable enterprise, for me, was inspiring and following through on, "How good a scientist was Sherlock Holmes?" We called it "The Problem of the Blundering Chemist," and, on the basis of numerous Holmesian fallacies, concluded that despite his "profound" knowledge of the subject, he managed to leave an amateur's thumbprints all over a dozen of his detections. The cover of that issue featured a photo of Isaac, in a deerstalker, examining a "clue" with a magnifying glass. (Somewhere among my mementoes is a companion photo in which your truly appears in a Watsonian stance.) Holmes was just one of the numerous complicated subjects on which Isaac became an authority (sometimes the authority). One of his books was "Asimov's Sherlockian Limericks."

Limericks, as you perhaps know, were a favorite diversion of Isaac's restless mind. He published three versions, for example, of his "Lecherous Limericks." That is only suggestive of the breadth of his interests and knowledge: from "Asimov's Guide to the Bible" and "Asimov's Guide to Shakespeare" to "Annotated Don Juan" and "Annotated Paradise Lost." I'm mentioning just a sampling of titles beyond the topics within all fields of science and technology; these fields were, after all, the basis of his career and his reputation. He had a long series of "How Did We Find Out?" books covering aspects of life that everyone should know about (but doesn't).

In science fiction, as is so well known, he really defined the lim-

In addition to his books, regularly produced at the rate of about 10 a year, Isaac Asimov wrote for a variety of magazines "Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine," "Fantasy and Science Fiction," and "Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine" were where his work appeared most often of late, in addition—for several years—to "Science Digest." His contributions there ceased when the publisher decided to convert the comfortably informational magazine into one attempting to clone Bob Guccione's pop success, "Omni" (The conversion didn't take, and the magazine was killed after a few years.)

its with his "Foundation" trio of 40 years ago; and just to punch holes in what can easily become a clubby atmosphere as stuffy as any country club in Little Rock, he also wrote "Thirteen Crimes of Science Fiction" and "Seven Deadly Sins of Science Fiction."

Pure fiction, too, was one of the byways of his mind. "Murder at the ABA" (American Booksellers Association convention) was said to be his own favorite, but he dashed off dozens of "Black Widower" short mysteries which later were collected in a series of books, such as "Tales of the Black Widowers." (I must admit a certain bit of pride in having offered Isaac an alternative solution to one of the Black Widower puzzles; he termed it better than his own and included a note to that effect in one of the collections.)

The obits state that, by the end,

Taking note of Pulletser prizes

Briefly, let me call your attention to the Pulitzer Prizes in journalism, just awarded. The news is, I think, that in the 10 categories where awards were made, women journalists won or shared five. This represents a tremendous turnaround in recognition. For instance, in Reporting, 38 years went by before a woman receive the award, and in 75 years only five women have won. In categories

Isaac's published books totaled nearly 500 (this includes numerous anthologies, collections of collections, etc.) At the time of publication of his two-hundredth volume, we threw a celebratory luncheon for him in a dining room high over midtown Manhattan. And thereby hangs a little tale:

An important feature of the Black Widower stories is a question put to the Black Widowers' dinner guest at each monthly meeting: "How do you justify your existence?" By prearrangement, I asked that question of Isaac at the end of our luncheon. His answer was: "I sing!" and thereupon proved that he could, recalling some of his favorite tunes of days gone by.

I missed an opportunity, I'm sorry to say, to be Isaac's guest at a dinner gathering of an actual small group whose meetings had provided the inspiration for the Black Widowers. Sadly, I had to be elsewhere at that time. But being the guest at a luncheon of the Dutch Treat Club, where Lowell Thomas gave what proved to be his valedictory was a thrill I'll never forget.

Undoubtedly, many people reading these little reminiscences of Isaac Asimov have their own impressions of him, for during several summers he spent a week at the Rensselaerville Institute. My own last contact with him was, more or less by chance, at a delightful Sunday brunch at the Tavern on the Green in Central Park (only a few steps away from his thirty-third floor aerie on West Sixty-sixth Street just off the park).

Thinking about Isaac, I rummaged through some papers and came up, coincidentally, with these notes that he had written to sum up his own life and work:

"I have been avid to learn and to teach. When I was seven years old, I taught my five-year-old sister to read. I have been fortunate to be born with a restless and efficient brain, with a capacity for clear thought and an ability to put that thought into words. Placing it all at the service of my avidity, I have published (a large number) of books as of now, and am well-thought of in consequence. As you see, none of this is to my credit. I am the beneficiary of a lucky break in the genetic sweepstakes."

A "restless and efficient brain"—and the most astounding breadth and depth of genius . . . truly more amazing than any of the stories of fantasy that he created.

Constant Reader

such as National Reporting, International Reporting, and Editorial Writing the record is similar. Anna Quindlen's prize in Commentary was only the third. A woman cartoonist's award was the first.

I liked the remark attributed to Ms. Quindlen's 8-year-old son: "Is there any money?"

Mistakes can't be undone in capital punishment

The contributor of this Point of View serves as death-penalty coordinator for Amnesty International's Local Group 361 of Albany. He is a legislative aide in the New York State Assembly.

By Gary Henning

In an annual ritual, the New York State Legislature is again contemplating whether or not to reintroduce capital punishment.

Point of View

With the Legislature only two votes short of reinstating the death penalty, it is particularly timely to examine why capital punishment should not only be rejected in this state, but abolished throughout the United States as well.

Many arguments are offered against the death penalty. Two arguments, however, stand out. First, the death penalty is cruel and unusual punishment; and, second, innocent people have been, and will continue to be, executed.

If you hang a prisoner by his or her arms until they experience severe pain, or apply electrodes to a prisoner's skin and apply 100 volt shocks, it is met with moral condemnation—and rightly so. Why, then, is it acceptable for the state to hang a person by the neck until he or she is no longer breathing or to send 2,000 volts through his or her body to cause death?

The death penalty is a premeditated killing, performed by the state, carried out at a pre-arranged time. The psychological suffering of the prisoner caused by knowing the exact time and manner in which he or she is to die is not quantifiable.



Our use of death penalty puts U.S. in the company of Iran, Iraq, and China

Great physical pain occurs during executions. In 1983, the electrocution of a prisoner in Alabama required three charges over a 14-minute period. A malfunction in the electric chair in Florida in 1990 caused flames to leap from the prisoner's head every time the current was turned on. This past January in Arkansas, witnesses heard the prisoner cry in pain as the prison executioners tried to find a vein in which to insert the needle for the lethal injections.

(Since the executioners in Arkansas were having trouble finding a vein in which to insert the needle, the death warrant was in danger of expiring. The prison officials were about to cut the prisoner's arm open to find a vein had the condemned man not helped the officials finally find one. This man actually had to assist in his own execution!)

We can inflict this kind of punishment on other human beings only if we treat them as objects. By placing a hood over the head of the condemned person or injecting him or her with lethal drugs behind a curtain, we spare the witnesses from seeing the pain the condemned prisoner is suffering as he or she is being killed.

The strongest argument of all against the death penalty is that, if it is reinstated in New York, innocent people will be executed. Amnesty International, the human rights organization, has reported that eight people have been mistakenly executed in New York State in this century. From 1965 to 1988, 26 other people were wrongly convicted of murder in New York's state courts. If New York had the death penalty during this time period, these 26 innocent people might have been executed.

We can never have enough safeguards to ensure that no innocent person will be executed. The justice system is made up of fallible human beings; mistakes will be made. The death penalty, however, is irreversible; nothing can ever right the wrong of a mistaken execution. Marquis de Lafayette once wrote, "I shall ask for the abolition of the punishment of death until I have the infallibility of human judgment demonstrated to me."

Some may say that a few wrongly executed persons is an acceptable price for society to pay. But it is innocent people, not "society," that pay the price of mistaken executions. These wrongly executed people are human beings whose lives are being taken for the supposed greater good of society. This is

Matters of Opinion

Phone book ZIPs found incorrect

Editor, The Spotlight:

Your "Constant Reader" column of April 1 about the ZIP codes now included in the telephone directory was on the mark — except for the fact that the people who compiled the ZIPs are in error in several places, resulting in confusion and possible mail delivery difficulties.

For example, there are three Russell Roads in the area. The

ZIPs for all three are incorrect. On Russell Road in West Albany where I live, the ZIP listed is 12206 — but 12205 is correct. About 40 people are affected in this case. Other nearby streets, also in Colonie, are wrong: North Street is listed as 12204, but 12205 is correct. Wilkins Avenue, listed as 12206, also is 12205 properly.

I wonder why New York Tel (or NYNEX) didn't simply use the

ZIPs which they have in their own computers for billing, etc. I'm also wondering how many other ZIP codes as shown in the new directory are incorrect.

You mentioned a Pulitzer Prize jokingly in the column. I think that, on the basis of performance, it should be Booby Prize or something of that sort.

West Albany William Seifert, Jr.

Wiper cleans mud from your headlight

Editor, The Spotlight:

For many years I have been troubled by the bother in keeping mud splashes cleaned off my headlights, particularly at this time of year when the streets and roads are so dirty.

I try to remember to give the lamps a swipe before starting off after each outing, but I have given up on getting other members of the family to do that. And of course this has no effect at all on what everyone else on the road is doing. And what they are able to see, because the cloudy headlamps definitely do reduce visibility. I consider this to be a major safety hazard. But just yesterday I happened on what may be a major breakthrough in this regard. In the parking area at a convenience store I passed a parked car which had miniature (windshield) wipers on the headlights!

Unfortunately, the driver of that car drove away before I was able to stop and return in order to inquire about particulars, such as where to find such a handy appliance and how well the wipers work out.

Chick Outen

Bethlehem

Kids' Place Karnival was wildly successful

Editor, The Spotlight:

The organizers of the Kids' Place Playground Group extend our gratitude to the Bethlehem community for its generosity and support for the Kids' Place Karnival, March 21.

We are overwhelmed by the support and thank everyone who pitched in, contributed, expressed support, and had a great day of fun.

This exciting event was wildly successful. Town Hall was packed for the entire event, and the joyous, smiling faces leaving were a testament to the fun found within.

Events like the Kids' Place Karnival prove that people will contribute to help us build a dream. We are looking forward to more events in the coming months. By working hard to develop smaller, out-of-pocket donations, as well as larger corporate donations, Kids' Place will truly evolve as a complete community project.

The community can become involved by joining committees and contributing ideas, energies,

and spirit. To find out about our committees, please contact Lisa Finkle (439-4087) or Lauren Finkle (475-1272).

Michael Cooper/
Laura Giovannelli

Veterinarian's caring compassion commended

Editor, The Spotlight:

We would like to add our appreciation to that of Elaine Richter (in her April 1 letter), to publicly extend our thanks to Dr. Laura Tenney of the Delmar Animal Hospital.

We, too, had to say goodbye to a sweet and gentle feline friend, Sarah, after 18 years of companionship. Dr. Tenney's compassion and composure in the face of our honest tears and sadness was a tremendous source of strength and comfort. She demonstrated the finest qualities of a professional physician and a caring person throughout Sarah's life.

Dr. Tenney's dedication, care, and concern for animals as well as for those who share their lives is most deeply appreciated. We are very fortunate to have Dr. Tenney as a professional member of our community as well as a friend.

Mary, Howard, & Jesse Jack
Elsmere

Appeal on attack dogs voiced after boy is hurt

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am 13 years old and a resident of Feura Bush. I am writing to tell you about an incident that recently happened in our neighborhood.

A fourth-grade boy was coming down his driveway on his way to my brother's birthday party. On his way he was attacked by the neighbor's pit bulls. The neighbor was apparently bringing his dogs from his house, unleashed and unchained, to a fenced-in part of the yard.

The boy's mother heard him screaming and ran outside. She grabbed a snow shovel from the porch and, with the help of two men, was able to get the dogs to stop by hitting them. She brought her son inside and called the hospital before driving him there.

He was bitten in his legs, ankles, buttocks, but mainly his face. He received at least 40 stitches on his face alone. His injuries required plastic surgery.

Could this have been prevented? The answer is a definite yes. First, such a dog should not, in my opinion, be bred at all. But since they are, some people do keep them as pets. Why? I think they believe it's "cool" or "tough." And then how "cool" is it when an innocent person, a child nonethe-

less, is injured? Still, people do keep them as pets. If they do, then the dogs should be at a residence away from children and elderly people. Second, people who insist on having a pit bull should keep it on a leash when taking it outside!

The young boy was lucky even to have lived. By some luck, or hand of God, his mother was home. And what if she wasn't? What about young mothers taking their babies or little children to the park? What about children riding their bikes? What about elderly people out for a walk? And what about the nearly 15 children who catch the school bus at the spot of the attack?

I can assure you that three of the dogs are gone. But the boy's mother and a witness say they saw at least five, possibly six, dogs attack the boy. Yet the owner said only three attacked, so only three were taken away.

I'd say that things are pretty bad if you can't even walk the streets of your own neighborhood without the fear of a brutal attack by uncontrollable dogs.

Jessica Sengenberger

Feura Bush

Mistakes

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clearly too great a sacrifice to ask of an unlucky few.

Last month, local Amnesty International groups sponsored a day-long forum on the death penalty. The featured speaker was Shabaka WaQlimi. Shabaka was on death row in Florida for 14 years. In 1987, he was freed when a federal appeals court overturned his conviction, finding no cred-

ible evidence linking him to the crime in question. At one point, Shabaka was 14 hours away from being killed for a crime he did not commit. Many more Shabakas have not been, or will not be, so lucky.

Worldwide, the trend is towards abolition of the death penalty. The United States is the only western, industrialized nation that uses capital punishment for ordinary crimes. Our country's use of the death penalty puts us in the company of such progressive nations as Iran, Iraq, and China. We cannot show that killing is wrong by repeating the act of killing.

New York State should not add its name to the list of states that still carry out this most cruel and unusual form of punishment.

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School board's position on Homestead defended

Editor, The Spotlight:

I thought your editorial entitled "Straight-Shooting Homesteaders" was incredibly pointless and stupid. Do you really believe that a school district, compelled by an irrational state system of education finance to rely so heavily on real-property taxation, must stand mute when the impact of town-wide revaluation is debated?

Perhaps, a school board is only compelled to take such a vow of silence when two people who have served the district with dignity and distinction now serve the town similarly in their capacity as Town Board members.

Reasonable people can have legitimate differences of opinion about the Homestead provisions of the State's Real Property Tax Law. I think it unreasonable to expect that elected public officials on the Board of Education or the Town Board should be constrained to say nothing for fear of your stinging charges of untoward "campaigning." As I said; pointless and stupid.

However, I believe you have an absolute right to be pointless and stupid. It's your paper, your ink, and our First Amendment. I would not have

written to you about a merely pointless and stupid editorial. (Heck, I didn't do that when I was the butt of such editorials!)

"Straight-shooting homesteaders" included a throwaway line which demeaned and belittled the memory of a man of depth and character beyond your ability to comprehend. Did you feel some perverse need to balance the praise in your preceding editorial by caricaturing Jim Michaels as callously indifferent to the character of the whole community in which he built? In one tawdry and casual stroke of the pen you have attempted to cheapen his life and capitalize on his death (as timely for the purposes of your editorial). Many people in the community he helped to build with his sweat and love will not stand mute and allow you to do either. You should be ashamed of yourselves for your tasteless and tactless opportunism.

William F. Collins

Glenmont

Editor's note: Mr. Collins is a member of the Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District.

Full-value assessment: tax rip-off?

Editor, The Spotlight:

The "full-value" assessment program is being exposed for what it really is — at best a fiasco and at worst a monumental tax rip-off.

It is only a scheme to raise taxes and our elected officials and public servants don't even want to take responsibility for it; they hide behind a hired consultant. Doubt it? Why does a "public servant," the assessor, refuse to take calls about changes, but rather refers them to the consultant? Never

mind the "workload" excuses — these "public servants" are supposed to be working for us.

Let's take a step back and have another look. This full value assessment is supposed to be "revenue-neutral." Is it? When my family's disposable income is reduced (as this tax rip-off will inevitably do) our spending will simply go down, and no one cares.

I would like the answer to two simple questions:

• Why doesn't the school district just cut down spending?

• Why don't we ever hear of anyone's property taxes going down, as a result of this new-found "fairness" in property taxation?

Philip K. Raeder Jr.

Feura Bush

Editor's note: Brian Lastra, the assessor, states that he does not refuse to take calls concerning the reassessment but is completely willing to discuss problems and answer questions.

Finnegan Associates, currently possessing the appraisal reports and valuation data concerning each property, is, however, the best source of information.

In fairness the reassessment should not be regarded as a "scheme to raise taxes." Actually, according to a town tax-shift analysis, prepared by the State Division of Equalization and Assessment, approximately 42 percent of residential property owners will see a tax decrease.

Does anyone know?

Editor, The Spotlight:

I wonder if anyone knows why it is that the green arrow for turns appears at differing stages in relation to the change from red to green, depending on the location? I would think that a uniform sequence for use of the arrow would be the safest way.

Elizabeth Rombough

Friend in need: changing tire at midnight

Editor, The Spotlight:

Fortunately for me, there are good samaritans in our community. Several weeks ago I had a flat tire on I-787 on my way home from work at 11:30 p.m. There were no phones in sight and I knew that I couldn't get the tire changed myself. A very unpleasant situation to be in.

First, a man stopped to help me change the tire; but since I was obviously distrustful, and barely cracked the window to talk, he offered instead to call a towing service and he left. What seemed like hours passed and no tow truck. A second man stopped and offered to help. I knew who he was and so I gratefully accepted. Much to my surprise, just as he was finishing, the tow truck appeared.

In the end, I owe a great deal of thanks to the first gentleman who stopped and who really did get help for me. Also thanks to Bleau's Towing service who came to my aid based only on the phone call of a passerby — not really knowing if I would be there. Finally, to the second man, who changed my tire — thanks!

It is great to know there are people like you.

Delmar

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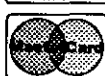
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Matters of Opinion

Driving businesses out harms whole community

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a former merchant for 31 years in Delmar, I would like to offer some perspective from a businessman's point of view. I find the Homestead ordinance very objectionable to ongoing business in the Town of Bethlehem. Most businesses are already in a fairly high tax situation resulting from past tax practices. The recent revival program has emphasized this inequity by reducing some business assessments. The new Homestead ordinance tends to nullify this correction.

The present business climate is indeed critical considering the recession and competition from

the out-of-town giants such as Sears, J.C. Penney, Caldor and others. To enter the business community one must consider the heavy risk involved in financial loss, the dedication in time, talents and ability.

If our inhabitants are forced to shop out of the town, we lose our share of sales tax revenues, thereby throwing that loss back onto local homeowners by way of higher property taxes.

Local business supports local endeavors such as Little League, PTAs, churches, etc. If we lose local business we lose that. Shouldn't we be careful of shooting ourselves in the foot?

When local business closes, the services provided by that business are denied to our residents. For example, Tri-Village Meats, Mullen's Pharmacy, Hilchie's Hardware.

The Homestead ordinance, supported by Superintendent of Schools Loomis, gives the homeowner a minor short-term break at the expense of business. As Mr. Loomis said, "I have a school budget to get passed." How shall I have a thought! How political!

Alan Hilchie
(Former owner of
Hilchie's Hardware)

The Spotlight welcomes letters on matters of local interest. Writers are urged to keep letters as brief as possible. Letters will be edited for taste, style, fairness and accuracy.

Stay back 2 or 3 seconds or more from car ahead

Editor, The Spotlight:

Your editorial of several weeks ago discussed the serious bad-driving practice known as "tailgating." One reason it is so serious is that drivers tend to follow the rule of thumb you cited. That rule of thumb has long been obsolete and has been replaced a "seconds (of time)" rule which is not only easier to use but applies at any speed.

The New York State Driver's Manual recommends the "two-second rule." The American Association of Retired Persons "55 Alive/Mature Driving" defensive driving course for drivers over 50 years of age recommends a "three-second rule." Both agencies recommend increased times of three, four, five, or six seconds for bad weather and slippery roads, to maintain a safe space cushion.

At 50 miles per hour (73.3 feet

per second), a two-second gap requires 147 feet between vehicles. A three-second gap requires 220 feet. It is easier to count seconds than estimate following distances and confines the evaluation to the same parameter (counting seconds) rather than making a distance computation for varying speeds.

The 50 feet you suggest for 50 miles per hour using the ten-foot rule is applicable to a speed of only 17 miles per hour for the two-second rule and only 11 miles per hour for the three-second rule. In other words, to allow only 50 feet at 50 miles per hour provides a gap of less than 3/4 of a second — and now you know why there are so many rear-end accidents.

It is not always easy to apply the two-second rule as traffic volumes increase because the tailgaters want to follow bumper-to-bumper and fill in the gaps. However, to increase your chances of avoiding a rear-end catastrophe, keep your distance.

BOU auction big success

Editor, The Spotlight:

Thank you, thank you, thank you! The BOU auction was a great success! Many people worked, giving time, energy, creativity. Business and professional people donated items, services, money.

Special thanks to Dave Murphy and Joe Schaefer, our tireless auctioneers, whose humor entertained us all. Much of the credit for the auction's success goes to Cyndi Reilly and Marilyn Corrigan, whose calm efficiency and organization resulted in all those Live and Chinese auction items. Thanks to Susan Backer, who pulled it all together.

Thanks to the community — to all those who came to share a fun evening and support Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited.

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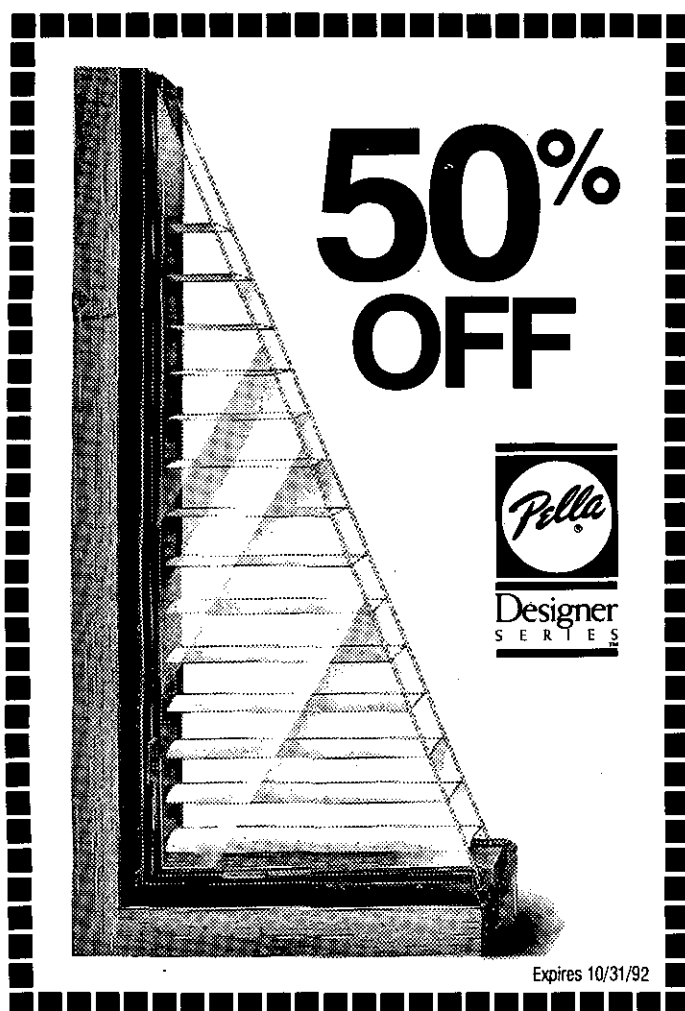
Holly Billings

Charles A. Herr
Editor's note: Mr. Herr is AARP Assistant State Coordinator with responsibilities for the Driver Improvement Program and "55 Alive/Mature Driving."

Word for the week

Limerick: A nonsense poem of five anapestic lines, now often bawdy, usually with the rhyme scheme aabba, the first, second, and fifth lines having three stresses, the third and fourth, two; the form was popularized by Edward Lear. One dictionary (Webster's New World) provides this example of the form: There was a young lady named Harris/ Whom nothing could ever embarrass/ Till the bath salts one day/ In the tub where she lay/ Turned out to be plaster of Paris.

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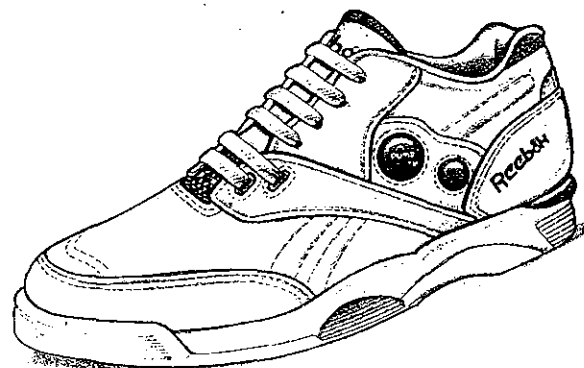
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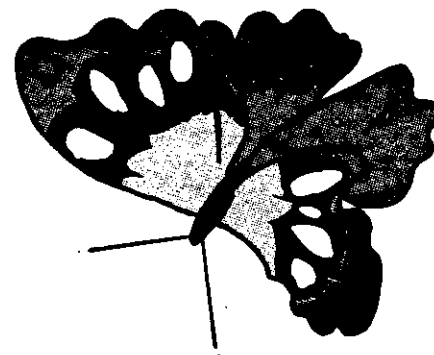
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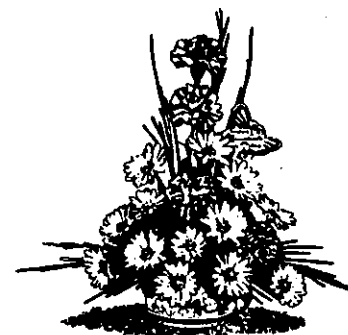
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On the 'bright side of Easter' we face life and death with hope and faith

The saddest scene in Franco Zefferelli's film, "Jesus of Nazareth," depicts Mary, the mother of Jesus, holding her dead son's body in her arms after he had been taken down from the cross.

Rain pours off the lifeless face of Jesus and her own as she wails in her sorrow and holds his body close to her breast.

Michelangelo carved the same poignant tragedy in white marble, producing one of the world's religious masterpieces. It stands today in St. Peter's Basilica, Roman Catholicism's largest shrine, Vatican City, and is the most notable of the treasures there.

The body of Jesus was taken away for private burial by Joseph of Arimathea, a "closet" follower. He had asked Pilate for this favor and had been granted permission. He and Nicodemus, another follower, had then bound the corpse in linen cloths along with the required spices in accordance with Jewish burial customs.

Focus On Faith

The Rev. Canon Kenneth Cleator



On Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene and Mary and Martha went to the tomb to embalm the body of Jesus while mother Mary was too crushed and grieving to accompany them.

Mary acted as any mother who loved her son would do. Watching her son die on the cross was a terrible mental and emotional ordeal. If only Jesus had listened to her when he was in his hostile encounter in that first year of his mission and his enemies were relentless and cruel in their lies. She had pleaded with him to come home and reopen the carpenter shop.

If only Jesus had not listened to that mad cousin of his, John the Baptist, who himself was doomed from the beginning. If only . . .

and now this horrible end, death by crucifixion, Rome's disgusting, degrading way of getting rid of thieves, criminals, rebels, and other undesirables.

Mary lived on the dark side of Easter where humanity is always afraid, crushed, confused, unsure, feeling as if the whole world is against it. Mary had reached the abysmal depths of despair and depression, hugging her memories and wishing her pain would go away.

Mary was, in a sense fortunate: she had these resources in her Hebrew faith and scriptures and the support of the friends who had come back from Jesus' grave with an astounding story.

The gospels are silent on that dramatic moment when Mary Magdalene and Mary and Martha returned with the news they had seen Jesus alive again. At first the

mother could not believe what she heard. But the women stuck to their story and slowly Mary began to believe with them.

Later, when she heard the apostles, including Thomas, verify the women's account and watched them regroup in Jerusalem and start planning to continue Jesus' unfinished mission, she joined in the prayers and the fellowship of the apostolic community.

To live on the bright side of Easter is to face life and death with hope and courage and faith. "Rejoice," wrote St. Paul to the members of the church in Philippi in northern Greece. "Have no anxiety about anything but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

Those early Christians thought and prayed as they did because they believed Jesus Christ was a living presence and power. "Look at the sequence," said the Scottish preacher, James S. Stewart, "risen from the dead, therefore alive forevermore; therefore our contemporary; therefore able to confront us face to face."

That confrontation forces a

person to examine and assess his life style and values and motives and goals in the light of the life of Christ and his teachings.

The result should end in a conversion and transformation which produces a personality, committed to loving God and his neighbor as he loves himself.

Living on the bright side of Easter means that a person will

'Rejoice!' in St. Paul's words. 'Have no anxiety . . . but by prayer . . . let your requests be made known to God'

not be afraid of death and dying. In the fourth century, that golden-mouthed preacher and bishop of Constantinople, John Chrysostom, liked to tell his hearers every Easter that no one need fear death for the Savior's death and resurrection had set him free. Christ had risen, he affirmed, and the demons were defeated. Christ had risen and the angels rejoiced. Christ had risen and life reigns.

The words of people who had come to the end of their days and had moved into the great adventure called death are testimony enough that those who live on the bright side of Easter welcome it.

As he lay dying, John Wesley said, "The best of all is, God is with us."

Looking round at the sad faces at his bedside, Oliver Cromwell exclaimed, "Will no one here thank God?"

As Peter Marshall, Presbyterian chaplain of the Congress, was carried out on a stretcher following a heart attack from which he did not recover, he said to his wife Catherine, "I'll see you in the morning."

And finally Jesus, "Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit."

Why live on the bright side of Easter?

Living on this side in the world of today, to quote Hans Kung, one "can truly humanly live, act, suffer, and die: in happiness and unhappiness, life and death, sustained by God and helpful to men."

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BC junior achievers learn business savvy

By Michael DeMasi

From learning the basics of the American economic system to starting their own lawn mower company, pupils at Bethlehem Central Middle School are getting a crash course in the fundamentals of the business world.

Through Junior Achievement, eighth graders in Mary Carmody's home and career skills class are learning about checking accounts, income taxes, credit cards and all the other ins and outs of personal finance.

"Basically what we teach are life skills," said Carmody, whose pupils are nearing the end of the 10-week program that meets once-a-week. "It's a good experience because it's a sharing with the business community."

Junior Achievement is the oldest business and economic education organization in the country. Started in 1953, the program relies on volunteers from the community who offer their knowledge and expertise of business practice to youngsters in local schools.

"They get a feel for the real business world by having people from the business community come to talk to them," said Robert DeGroff, assistant to the general manager at Hartford Insurance and one of the local professionals conducting the "Project Business" program in Carmody's class.

"I try to relate what we do in class to what I do in my business."

The "Project Business" course is just one of the six programs run by Junior Achievement. There is also a 15-week "JA Company Program" that enables high school

Computer users group to meet at library

The computer users group of the Voorheesville Public Library will have its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 23, at 7 p.m., in the library's computer room, 51 School Road.

Brian Muller will speak to the group on "An Introduction to D.O.S."

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Robert Degroff of Hartford Insurance helps Chris Leonardo (seated at right) complete a Junior Achievement workbook exercise in Mary Carmody's eighth-grade class. Seated next to Leonardo is Nathaniel Sajdak. *Michael DeMasi*

students to run their own company (including selling stock and marketing products) and a second-grade program that uses colorful posters and hands-on activities to teach pupils about the variety of occupations in a community.

"We are preparing young people for the world of work through developing an understanding of the economic system," said Ed Murray, president of Capital District Junior Achievement.

"The thing that makes this program unique is that the classroom takes on the flavor of the person in front of the classroom."

The topics in each lesson are presented first in theory and then students do practical exercises to learn first-hand about writing checks, having a credit card and even filling out an income tax form.

"We had them do a survey as to

whether it would be profitable to start a lawn mower business," explained DeGroff, who said the exercise is to help understand the costs and risks involved in starting a company.

"At eighth grade there's a certain perception of business that there's not a lot of expenses involved with starting up a business," he said. "You just don't start up a business."

Another exercise gave the pupils the selling price of a hamburger and a list of costs that went into making the burger. They then had to figure how much profit they could earn on each one.

Much to the dismay of the pupils, they learned they couldn't earn \$1.20 on a burger that sold for \$1.30.

DeGroff then gave them a good piece of business advice:

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New Scotland to review well sites

By Eric Bryant

New Scotland officials are scheduled to meet at town hall today, April 15, with representatives of C.T. Male Associates.

The 4 p.m. meeting will focus on the Orchard Park water district and the engineering firm's preliminary identification of potential areas to site wells for the subdivision.

"We've identified broad areas on the tax maps. Hopefully, at this meeting, the board will be able to tell us what they know about the properties," said C.T. Male's John Montagne.

According to Montagne, discussions with the board will hopefully narrow down the appropriate ar-

reas for exploratory drilling. The selection of more precise areas will be followed by a meeting with the Albany County Department of Health to discuss any exploratory drilling, he said.

Montagne and senior hydrogeologist John Munsey are expected to attend the meeting along with members of the town board, assessor Richard Law and town attorney John Biscone. Montagne said he hopes to find county or state land for the drilling project. Getting use of private property to sink wells is "a different experience every time," he said.

Member items worth \$60,000, which were included in the recently-passed state budget, will

also be on the afternoon's agenda. The items — \$50,000 from Sen. Howard Nolan and \$10,000 from Assemblyman Richard Connors — have been earmarked for work on the Orchard Park district.

Town board members are expected to discuss an agreement with the state Department of Environmental Conservation regarding administration of the member items. Reilly said today's special meeting was set because town officials needed to approve the administration agreement before their May meeting.

Last year, a \$10,000 Orchard Park member item helped pay for legal and engineering expenses. Reilly said this year's \$60,000 boost will be used to defray costs of the well siting, exploration and drilling.

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Programs scheduled for spring break week

The library will have programs for children of all ages during spring vacation week. All programs are free and open to the public. For information or to register, call the Children's Room at 439-9314.

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On Monday, April 20, the Children's Room will present a Beatrix Potter Film Festival. At 10:30 a.m., preschoolers ages three and up are invited to see "The Tales of Beatrix Potter: Show Me a Story." This 43 minute film tells Potter's best-loved animal tales with narrated animation and accompanying musical score. School age children in grade two

and up will enjoy "Tales of Beatrix Potter: The Ballet." Royal Ballet dancers bring to life Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle and other characters from Potter's world, where mice brew tea and frogs go fishing. This 90 minute feature film begins at 2 p.m.

Children in grades two to four are invited to "Believe It or Not," a program about mythical creatures, on Tuesday, April 21, at 2 p.m. Kids will learn about unicorns, dragons, minotaurs, mermaids and other fanciful beings and have fun putting on a shadow puppet play together. Call to register.

In celebration of Earth Day, on Wednesday, April 22, school age youngsters and adults companions are invited to see Dean Davis, the popular and humorous lecturer on wildlife topics, as he presents "Camouflage and Mimicry" using a bevy of 15 to 20 live animals. Davis is the founder of the Living World Ecology Center.

Families with children ages two to five will enjoy coming to a "Stuffed Animal Pet Show." Hear pet stories and songs, then enter a stuffed animal in our pet show for judging. All will earn a ribbon to show how special their pet is. Don't forget to bring along your best or favorite stuffed animal. As a convenience for working families, the program will be offered on Thursday, April 23, at 7 p.m. and on Friday, April 24, at 10:30 a.m.

The library will be closed on Sunday, April 19, and will reopen on Monday, April 20, at 9 a.m.

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By Paul W. Van Ryn

Q: Is it against the law to tape record a telephone conversation with another person, when that person does not know about the recordings?



Paul W. Van Ryn

A: The law concerning the tape recording of conversations varies from state to state. Some states absolutely prohibit the tape recording of any telephone conversation, or any other kind of conversation, without the consent of both parties. Obviously, the government cannot tape record anyone's conversations without first obtaining a permission from a judge. This permission is usually called "Warrant".

In New York State, it is permissible for anyone to tape record a conversation as long as they have the consent of one of the people involved in the conversation. Therefore, if one of two or even three or four people involved in a conference call tape records the conversation, or consents to someone else tape recording the conversation, it is perfectly legal. This is also true if a person is "wired" with a microphone, and the conversation takes place in an office or on the street. This is specifically permitted under both Penal Law Section 250.00 and Criminal Procedure Law Section 700.05. New York's highest court, The Court of Appeals, has also explicitly stated this in the case of *People v. Lasher*.

However, it should be noted, that you are not permitted to "tap" your own phone, or tape record conversations on your own phone unless you have the consent of the people involved in the conversation. You do not have an absolute right to tape record all phone calls on your office phone or your home phone. Thus, where a husband taped his own phone in order to try to catch his wife in incriminating conversations with her boyfriend, it was found to be a violation of the Penal Law. The court held that since the tape recording was made without any of the participants' permission, it was inadmissible as evidence in court, and that the husband had committed a crime.

Q: If I die without a Will, who gets my property? The State?

A: New York citizens who die without a Will have their property distributed to their relatives and next of kin, not the State. Someone who dies with a spouse and children will have their property distributed one third to the spouse, and two thirds to the children in equal shares. If there is only one child then that child and the spouse both get one half. A person who dies survived only by more distant relatives will have their property distributed to those persons. Only a person who dies with no relatives at all will have his/her property distributed to the State.

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RCS moves budget vote to pare down spending

The RCS budget vote and election of school board members has been moved ahead one month to June 10.

The district business administrator said the delay will give administrators and board members time to make cuts in the preliminary spending budget. The spending plan now would mean an increase of more than \$2 million from the current year, a 12 percent increase, most of which would be picked up by district taxpayers, Rodger Lewis said.

"This is not a realistic budget. We're going to have to do some hard thinking."

"We will be scrutinizing all

budget categories from personnel to paper clips," he added, "We'll communicate with all staff members, who will be asked to help us prioritize the budget requests."

Prospective board candidates now have until May 8 to file petitions for the three open at-large seats. Two incumbents have filed James Feuerbach and Mona Selover have already filed petitions. Board president Wayne Fuhrman, whose term also expires this year, is not running.

Joseph Eissing of Ravena, Derek George of Glenmont, Joseph Laux of New Baltimore and Joseph Scalzo of Selkirk have also filed petitions.

Church seeks vendors for May craft fair

The Clarksville Community Church is seeking craft and flea market vendors for Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The cost will be \$10 for table space or \$15 to rent a table.

For information, call 765-3160.

Community church plans bake sale

A bake sale will be sponsored by the Glenmont Community Church on Saturday, April 18, at the entrance to K-Mart in Glenmont, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Proceeds of the sale will benefit the church building fund.

Fire commissioners to meet in Selkirk

The board of commissioners of the Selkirk Fire District will meet on Monday, April 20, at 7 p.m. at Selkirk Firehouse Number 2 in Glenmont.

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Mini festival set April 25

Voorheesville is one of five local libraries hosting a Mini Imagination Festival on Saturday, April 25, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Guest artist Leslie Keeble will conduct an intergenerational jewelry making workshop. Family members can create their own personal book pins with the festival's theme of "Seeking New Horizons." Children age 6 and up and their parents are asked to bring "found objects" that can be used to describe themselves or family members.

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Examples of materials that would fit the bill are old or new family photos, items relating to cultural heritage and childhood treasures. Registration is required and enrollment is limited, so call the reference desk soon at 765-2791.

A special bedtime story hour entitled "Staying Up Late at the

Library" is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. to help celebrate the school vacation. The entire family is welcome.

Regular story hours for the week of April 20 will feature stories, films and activities about ducks. Sessions are Mondays at 10:30 a.m., Tuesdays at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at 4 p.m. and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

The library has been busy adding to its video collection and has acquired some titles that fall into particular film genres. Film noir, which appeared in the U.S. after World War II, is characterized by a dark, somber tone and a cynical, pessimistic mood. Many people credit *Citizen Kane* as an early example of film noir because of its eerie visual tone, use of flashbacks and somber lighting, and first-person narration, all hallmarks of the genre.

The library's collection also contains some of the more recent titles including *Chinatown* (1974), *Body Heat* (1981) and *The Grifters* (1991). Stop by and borrow a film for two days, and you'll be treated to a mini lesson on film history.

Christine Shields

MS group to meet at Bethlehem library

The Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group of Albany County will meet on Tuesday, April 21, at the Bethlehem Public Library, at 2 p.m.

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Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

It's time for spring cleaning and, this year, remember that items which could still be useful should be passed on instead of thrown in the trash.

Reusable furniture, clothing, working appliances and housewares are needed by local organizations. Call Capital City Mission, 462-0459, St. Joseph's Housing, 434-4934, and Catholic Maternity Center, 438-2322.

Also, Albany County Opportunities, 463-3175, and the Volunteer Center, 434-2061, will find other places that need good reusables.

Don't forget the Niagara Mohawk refrigerator roundup, which accepts working refrigerators. Call 1-800-836-1010, and they will not

only pick up your energy-wasting appliance free of charge, but will hand you \$50 on the spot.

Old textbooks and Tri-Village directories can be stacked in a box and taken to the Slingerlands firehouse on Community Bethlehem Day, Saturday, May 16.

When the cleanup items are disposed of properly, then it's time to spruce up the garden. On Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m.

to 2 p.m., free wood chips and leaf compost will be available at the highway garage.

After April 25, there will be a bin outside the gate at the highway garage where chips or compost will be available as long as they last.

A fish fry dinner will be held by the New Salem Fire Department Auxiliary on Friday, April 17 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the firehouse on Route 85A in New Salem.

Adult dinners are \$5.50, senior citizens are \$5 and children are \$3. The dinner will consist of fish fry, salad, chowder, beverage and dessert.

This fund-raiser will help support the Firemen's Home in Hudson.

Key Club members attend convention

The Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School recently sent six Key Club members to the 44th annual Key Club Convention which was held in South Fallsburgh.

Attending the convention were: Elizabeth Baltis, Jenn Casler, Rebecca Coffin, Jamie Conklin, Amy Fike, Renee Parmelee and Key Club adviser Mark Diefendorf.

More than 1600 members from around the state participated in

Fish fry fete set at firehouse

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such activities as election of new officers, a reception, governor's dinner, caucus session, talent show and awards program.

Heldeberg Workshop sets summer program

The Heldeberg Workshop has mailed out summer program brochures.

This half-day educational day camp, located on Picard Road in Voorheesville, is chartered by the state Board of Regents and is open to the public.

A sampling of the courses available will be nature, sculpture, animal communication, spelunking, creative writing and many more.

The first session will be July 6 to 17; second session is July 20 to 31; third session is Aug. 3 to 14; and fourth session is Aug. 17 to 21.

For information, contact 865-2777.

Voorheesville schools schedule spring vacation

Spring vacation for the Voorheesville School District will begin on Thursday, April 16. Classes will resume on Monday, April 27.

Continuing education classes held at the high school will not meet the week of April 20 to 24 due to spring vacation.

American Legion to hold Easter Sunday breakfast

The annual Easter Sunday breakfast will be held on April 19 at the Voorheesville American Legion Post #1493.

Historical group changes meeting date

The Bethlehem Historical Association's next meeting has been changed to Thursday, April 23, at 8 p.m., at the Cedar Hill School at the intersection of Clapper and River Roads.

Pam Rowling, director of the George Landis Arboretum, will speak on "Native Trees and Shrubs."

For information, call 767-9919.

After Easter program planned at firehouse

The Slingerlands Fire Department is sponsoring an after Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 25, at 11 a.m. in the park next to the firehouse in Slingerlands.

In the event of inclement weather, the hunt will take place in the firehouse.

Program on recycling planned at Five Rivers

The Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, will offer a workshop entitled, "Green Living," on Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The program, sponsored by the Cooperative Extension of Albany County, will focus on reducing, reusing, and recycling wastes in the home setting.

The workshop is intended for families and children over eight years of age.

Pre-registration is necessary. The fee is \$5 per family, or \$3 for Five Rivers Limited members.

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7 become Stephen ministers

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Members of the Stephen Ministry class at the Delmar Reformed Church who completed four months of training are Laurie Hawley, Betty Clark, Bruce Hawley, Dr. Philip Drew, Joyce Looman, Neil Smith, and Judy Becker.

For information about the program, contact the Delmar Reformed Church office at 439-9929.

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RCS ensembles to jazz it up

The Ravena Coeymans Selkirk School District Music Department will present an evening of jazz today, April 15, at 7 p.m. at the senior high auditorium.

The Middle School Jazz Ensemble will perform first followed by the Columbia High School Jazz Ensemble directed by Rick Hambricht, and the RCS Senior High Jazz Ensemble. The finale will be presented by the Upstate Jazz Ensemble, an 18 member, non-profit organization of dedicated teachers and performers, under the direction of Scott Andrews.

Andrews is also director of both RCS jazz ensembles.

The evening will include music of Count Basie, Buddy Rich, Maynard Ferguson, Stan Kenton and Duke Ellington. Admission is free and open to the public.

PTO meeting set at Ravena Elementary

The Ravena-Coeymans PTO has scheduled a meeting today, April 15, at 7 p.m. at the Ravena Elementary School on Mountain

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Road. Board of education building and grounds committee members will be on hand to discuss the future of that school and to address alternative plans to the lack of space issue. All residents are welcome.

PIE to meet at Ravena school

RCS middle school Partners in Education will meet today, April 15, at 7 p.m. at the school.

REACH group to meet

The REACH planning committee will meet today, April 15, at 3:30 p.m. at Ravena Elementary School.

Schools to close for spring break

There are no classes scheduled for RCS students from Friday, April 17, through Friday, April

24. Classes will resume Monday, April 27.

RCS board to meet on Monday, April 20

The RCS board of education will meet on Monday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the board building, 26 Thatcher St., Selkirk.

Glenmont seniors host luncheon at Alteri's

The First Reformed Church, Route 9W, Selkirk Sunshine Seniors, will host a luncheon at Alteri's Restaurant on Route 9W, Glenmont, Tuesday, April 28, at noon. All seniors 55 and older from Glenmont, Selkirk, South Bethlehem, Delmar, Feura Bush and Westerlo are welcome to attend the luncheon and join the group. For information, call group president, June Milburn at 439-7179.

Selkirk fire company fish fry planned

Selkirk Fire Company Number One Ladies Auxiliary will hold its final lenten fish fry supper on Friday, April 17, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Selkirk Fire Station on Maple Avenue. The cost is \$4.50 for adults and \$2 for children ages four to 12 years.

Bob Kovachik to speak at April AARP meeting

The Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet on Tuesday, April 28, at 12:30 p.m., at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The meeting will feature WNYT-TV meteorologist Bob Kovachik. For information, call 439-3305.

Kerri Fuhrman chosen as exchange student

Kerri Fuhrman of Delmar was recently accepted by Youth For Understanding International Exchange to be an exchange student.

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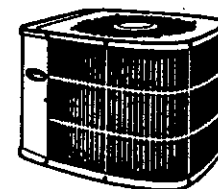
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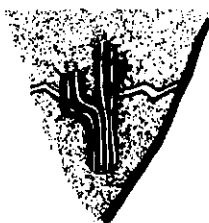
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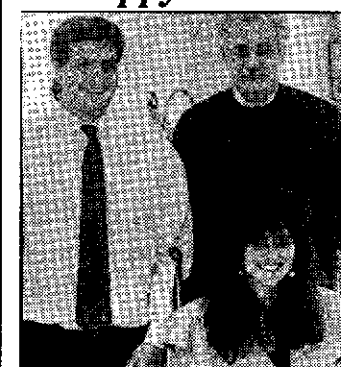
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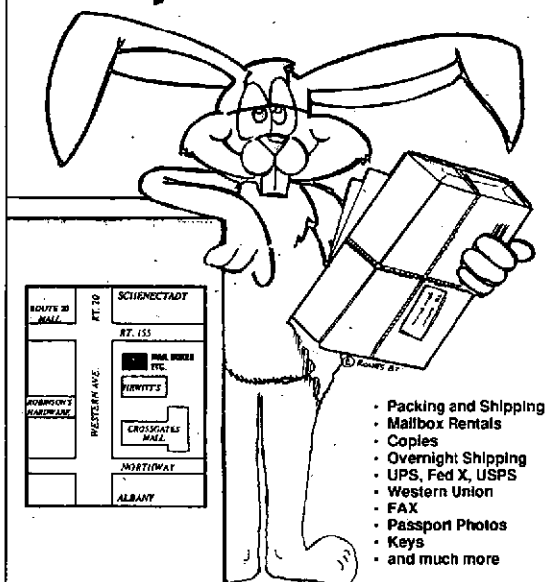
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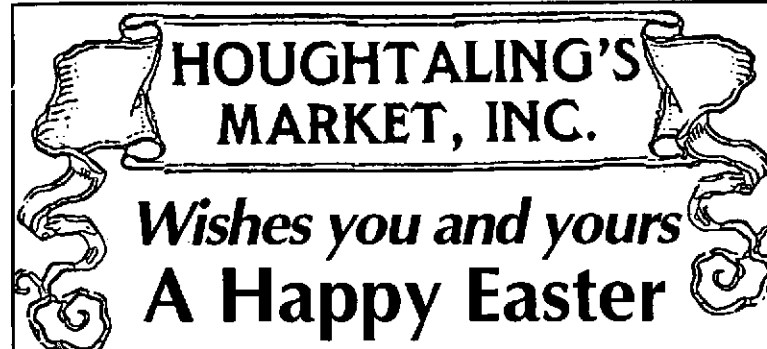
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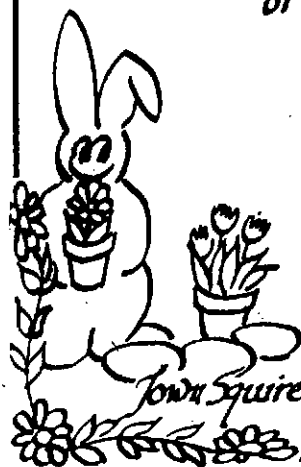
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als was to hire two more teachers for grades one through five and reassign a teacher from Elsmere Elementary to either the Glenmont, Hamagrael or Slingerlands schools. A total of 71 additional students are expected to enroll at Glenmont, Hamagrael and Slingerlands next year, with a decrease of 35 projected at Elsmere.

Although the proposal wouldn't have pushed Elsmere's student-teacher ratio in grades one

through five beyond the district average of 23.5, it met resistance from Elsmere parents and the Elsmere PTA's class size committee.

They argued that removing a teacher from Elsmere would cause a "bulge" of up to 28 students in fourth and fifth grade classes at the school and that enrollment projections for next year at the school were too low.

After weeks of debating the issue, the board decided in a 4-3

decision to fund an additional teacher in grades one through five — bringing the total hired to three — rather than reassigning a teacher from Elsmere.

"I don't think they would have looked at the issue so closely if there wasn't so much response from the community," said Christine Doran, spokesperson for the class size committee. "We had to lobby very hard and we think they heard."

A preliminary decision by the board not to fund a boys jayvee lacrosse team at the high school next year also didn't sit well with a number of residents. At subsequent meetings, parents, students and members of the Lacrosse Booster Club lobbied the board to reinstate the \$7,680 in funding.

"You really need a feeder program or we're going to get killed by established programs like Shaker, Albany Academy and Shenendehowa," said Tim McSweeney, a senior at BCHS and one of the players to speak before the board.

An agreement was reached between the board and boosters for the district to fund a boys and girls varsity team next year, with the remaining costs for the jayvee teams paid for by the boosters.

"I'm greatly enthused," said varsity girls coach Nancy McKenna. "They understood the student body was speaking strongly. I have to commend the kids for coming out."

□ Budget

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"But when the board voted five to two I was very disappointed. They should have known how far we've come."

In her four-year term as guidance supervisor, Birch said she improved the department by making the counselors a cohesive group. She also implemented a number of programs, including a 10th and 11th grade parents' night to help students and parents prepare for the college application process.

"When there's a supervisor around you can react to the community and its needs and provide programs," said Birch.

Her responsibilities will be taken over by a new director of pupil personnel services. According to McAndrews, the director will oversee the guidance department as well as special education teachers, psychologists, social workers and speech therapists in the district.

Although it hasn't been decided where Birch will be placed next year, McAndrews said it's likely Birch or one of the other high school counselors will be moved to the middle school. As a result, Yvonne Doberman, the student assistance counselor in the middle school, will likely lose her position.

"I would lament if any of the services I provided were not there

next year," said Doberman, who started a number of programs in the middle school during her three year tenure, including Student Wellness and Training — or SWAT, as it's commonly known — and a support group for single parents.

"I'm sure it will not continue if I'm not there," she said.

A \$1,100 cut to the BCHS theater group means they will have to borrow money from the district next year to pay for the royalty fees to musicals.

Despite the loss, Joyce Laiosa, president of the Bethlehem Theatre Support Group, said the musical and drama productions can still "go on fine."

"I felt the board did the best they could under the circumstances," she said.

One group that won't survive a cut is the high school chess club. The \$700 to pay for an adviser was also dropped from the spending plan.

"We should not only teach kids in the classroom, but we should give them other opportunities as well," said Glenn Peterson, a special education teacher in the high school who is acting adviser of the club. "Not everybody can play on a baseball team or tennis team and there should be an opportunity for everyone to compete."

Sports programs at the high school will also be cut. According to Athletic Director Fred Powers, the reductions include eliminating some non-league varsity games and jayvee scrimmages to save on travel costs. Powers said the schedule reductions will likely effect sports that play more than 16 games a season, such as soccer, field hockey, basketball, baseball and softball.

"Anytime you take away opportunities for athletes to participate, it impacts on the quality of the program," said Powers.

The public hearing is set for tonight, April 15, at 8 p.m. in the district offices on Adams Place. The public is invited to comment on the budget but no changes can be made because it has already been adopted by the board.

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SPOTLIGHT ON

SPORTS

BC Eagles soar over the diamond

By Michael Kagan

The Bethlehem Central baseball team opened its regular season last week with three wins in three games, defeating Ravena, 22-3, the Guilderland Dutchmen, 12-0 and the Mohonasen Warriors, 9-1.

Senior catcher Matt Quatraro led the Eagles, going seven for 13 at the plate in the three games, driving in 11 runs and slamming three home runs.

BC pitchers racked up 15 strike outs in the Ravena romp. Starter Matt Shortell tallied seven in his three innings, allowing one run, as did Josh Lanni in the next three innings, in which he allowed two runs. Dave Miles pitched the seventh, striking out one. Shortstop Mike Gangelunge went 3-5 in the game, driving in three runs, while Quatraro drove in five with two home runs.

The Eagles walked their way to the Guilderland triumph, accepting 15 free passes from Dutchman hurlers, while starter Mike Aylward went the distance to complete a two hit shutout, striking out nine. Third baseman Mike Pellettier drove home two runs, as did Quatraro. Bethlehem also stole six bases in the game.

The BC running game, which coach Ken Hodge has said he would like to use more aggressively this season, reaped further rewards on Friday, as the Eagles stole six bases in winning their

only closest game of the week against Mohonasen.

The Eagles led 6-1 in the bot-

RCS scalps Cocksackie, 10-7

By Kevin Van Derzee

After reaching the finals of their tournament with a win over Cocksackie, 10-7, the Ravena-Coymans-Selkirk Indians varsity baseball team wasn't able to complete the tourney as the game was canceled due to inclement weather.

In the game against Cocksackie, Ravena sent junior Mike Burns to the mound in hopes of winning their first game of the year in front of the home crowd.

After retiring the visitors without giving up a run in the first inning, the Indians dug in. With runners on first and second and nobody out Dan Gallagher tripled, driving in two runs. Chris MacMoran walked to drive in Gallagher and leave the bases loaded. Eric Powell then scored on a wild pitch to end the scoring for Ravena.

The host team came back in the second inning with three more runs on one hit. After Burns walked and stole second he scored when Gallagher got on base by a two base error. After Powell walked, Gallagher scored on a ground out by Paul Kendall. John Orsino then singled, driving Powell home to make the score 7-0.

After giving up five runs in the

tom of the sixth inning when the Warriors loaded the bases and came only feet away from hitting a grand slam to draw within one.

next three innings Ravena rebounded in the fifth inning to score three more runs and closed the scoring for the day. Orsino scored from second on Don Keeler's single. Skip Whitman then scored on a Burns double. Powell drove in the last run of the game on a walk with the bases loaded, driving in Keeler.

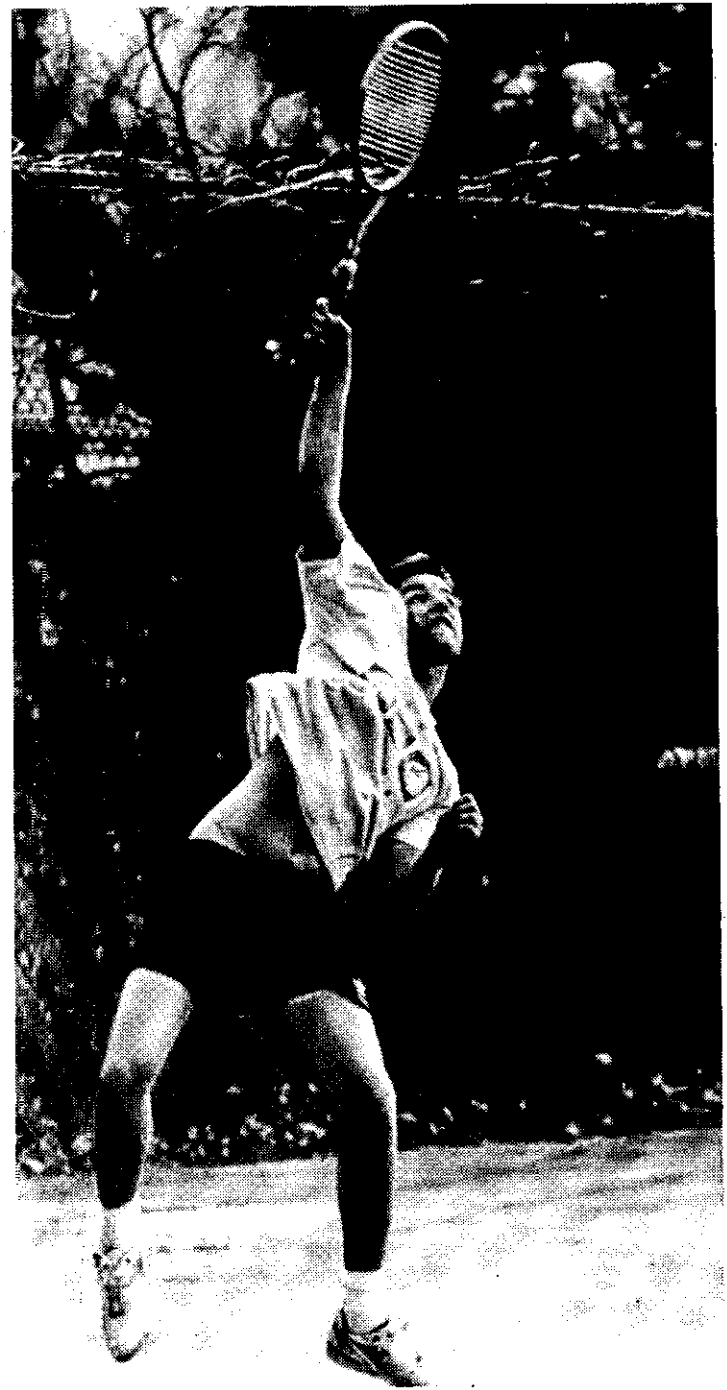
Earlier in the week the Indians traveled to Ichabod Crane for a non-league game with the Raiders. After being down 2-0 most of the game the Indians scored two runs in the top of the seventh to tie the game.

After Gallagher doubled and Powell walked, Kendall reached on an error and Gallagher scored. MacMoran drove Powell home from third on a force out to tie the game.

In the bottom of the inning starting pitcher Kendall loaded the bases up before Burns came in and gave up a sacrifice bunt and the Indians lost 3-2.

Powell led the Indians in their first game of the season, collecting two hits and a stolen base as the Indians had a dismal performance, losing 21-3 against the Eagles of Bethlehem.

Serving notice



Voorheesville's number one seed Aaron Luczak rockets the ball over the net during a match last week against Schalmont. Luczak lost the match, 7-6, 3-6, 6-4, and his team came up short against the Sabres, losing 4-3.

Elaine McLain

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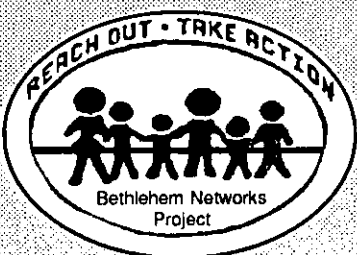
Open since October, the PIT is the meeting place for 40 to 50 pupils each day, from 2:18 until 4 p.m. The snack bar is popular, as are the pool tables and graffiti wall.

Two pool tournaments and a dance contest were held recently, complete with prizes.

Groups and individuals have been invited to speak at the PIT on topics such as teen alcohol use, suicide prevention and boy-girl relationships. Last Monday, Sharon Felson of the Town Youth Employment Service spoke about summer jobs and alternatives.

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Lady Blackbirds sweep first three softball games

By Greg Sullivan

Voorheesville's girls varsity softball team tore through last week's opening games with three easy victories over league rivals Emma Willard, Cohoes, and Mechanicville.

The Ladybirds opened their season on Monday, April 6, with a home game against league newcomer Emma Willard. The game was no contest from the start as an overmatched Emma Willard team fell victim to an onslaught of Voorheesville hits, walks and runs.

During the almost three-hour game, Voorheesville players reached first base by way of some 27 walks and a birrage of hits. The Ladybirds then capitalized on the easy scoring opportunities on their way to welcoming Emma Willard to the Colonial Council with a 44-8 drubbing.

Two days later, the Ladybirds met up with a more formidable opponent, Cohoes. But this time it was Griffin who began the game

on the mound for Voorheesville, and she was practically untouchable.

Throughout the course of the seven-inning game, the freshman right hander hurled a one-hitter while striking out 12 Cohoes batters and allowing only one run.

The Voorheesville offense supported Griffin with 21 runs, sparked by the bat of senior third baseman Pam Harms, who had a four-hit day including three singles, a triple and four runs batted in.

On Friday, April 10, Voorheesville played its third game of the week, at home against Mechanicville. Again the Ladybirds took control of the game behind the pitching of Griffin, who tossed a four-hitter while striking out five. Along with her efforts in the 15-1 victory, the Voorheesville defense once again proved itself to be solid, letting up only one Mechanicville run in seven innings.



Voorheesville freshman Kelly Griffin throws a pitch during a game last week against Mechanicville. Griffin notched a four-hitter on her way to a 15-1 victory. *Elaine McLain*

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Murphy, Heineman to marry

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Heineman is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Massachusetts Institute of Tech-

nology and University of Michigan Law School. He is an attorney in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Barnard College, Fordham Law School and Harvard Divinity School. She is an assistant chaplain at Harvard in Cambridge, Mass., and an assistant minister at Church of Our Savior in Brookline, Mass.

An August wedding is planned.

Shelmerdine, Heineman to wed

James J. and Shirley Shelmerdine of Clarksville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Ann Shelmerdine, to Matthew Scott Heineman, son of Robert K. Heineman Jr. and Beverly F. Heineman of Delmar.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and The College of Saint Rose.

She is an administrative assistant for Keystone Builders Inc. in Delmar.

Her fiancé is also a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and The College of Saint Rose. He is an operations analyst for MTS Inc. in Wellesley, Mass.

A June wedding is planned.

TV31 to present local interview

TV31/Bethlehem programming coordinator Gregg Clapham has announced that the station will cablecast a program about the preparations for Community Bethlehem, the town-wide cleanup campaign and family outing event set for May 16.

Spotlight Publisher Richard Ahlstrom interviews Delmar resident Mark Stuart, chairman of this year's cleanup effort, and Cindy Reilly, area coordinator for Delmar and Elsmere.

The program will air as a special edition of the station's "Public

Service" series on Monday, April 20, at 4:30 p.m. and on "TV31 Presents..." on Wednesday, April 22, at 7 p.m. According to Clapham, "This is the kind of community-based coverage that TV31 does best. Local programming is what public access television is all about."

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BOU raises \$8,500

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The event raised approximately \$8,500 to help support youth programs in Bethlehem. Approximately 400 people attended including families and children.

Many volunteers contributed to the event including parents, teachers, students and other community members. Students

worked all aspects of the auction from decorations to refreshments to the raffle and Chinese auction.

Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Bonanza and the Chinese auction were especially popular. Auctioneer and Slingerlands principal Dave Murphy led the live auction with his quick sense of humor.

BOU's goal is to provide alternatives to drugs and alcohol use for Bethlehem's youth.

Community Corner



Theater troupe talks to teens

An Improvisational Theater Troupe will perform *What's Really Going On?* in Delmar, 12054 NY on Wednesday, April 29, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall.

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Obituaries

Shirley Giebel

Shirley "Pat" Meier Giebel, 72, of Greystone Drive in Voorheesville, died Sunday, April 5, at her home.

Born in Rochester, she received a bachelor's degree from Syracuse University and master's degrees from Columbia University and the State University at Albany. She also studied educational psychology at Russell Sage College.

She was an elementary school psychologist for the Niskayuna School District retiring in 1978.

Mrs. Giebel was a member of the Schenectady Chapter of the American Association of Univer-

sity Women and served as a member of the board of directors of the Schenectady County Historical Society.

Survivors include her husband, Roy L. Giebel; a daughter, Susan Jones of Harrison, Westchester County; a son, Garrick Giebel of Londonderry, N.H.; a sister, Carol Harlowe of New York City; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at the Unitarian Society of Schenectady.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospital Foundation for Hospice, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany.

Arrangements were by Cremation Funeral Service in Delmar.

Women's club meeting to focus on herbal tea

"Magic with Herbs" will be the topic of the dinner meeting of the State Street Business and Professional Women's Club to be held tonight, April 15.

The featured speaker is Jean Argus, herbalist and owner of Jean's Greens in Medusa. Argus will discuss teas to ease disease, fresh-dried herbs, ointments and tinctures.

The meeting will be held at the Stone Ends Restaurant. The cost of dinner is \$16.

A cocktail hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the dinner and the meeting to follow at 6:30.

For reservations, call 462-9965.

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Lottery

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counter," he said. "Then I said to myself, 'I might as well look at these damn things.' I couldn't believe it. The second ticket was exact."

Hodges and another Capital District resident, Allan Gibbs of Halfmoon, were both first prize winners in Friday's Take Five drawing. After taxes, Hodges said he received about \$55,000. "It's still good money," he said.

The one-time prize will "make things a little easier" for Hodges and his girlfriend, Darlene Luck, he said. They had been planning to buy a new, manufactured mobile home. Now they are looking elsewhere, he said.

An Owens-Corning Fiberglas employee, Hodges said he had been worried about job cutbacks. In addition, he was moved to the lowest rung on the plant's pay schedule after being out on disability because he hurt his back shoveling.

After celebrating at his favorite "watering hole," My Place & Co. in Delmar, with beer and wings, Hodges went home. "Paul, the bartender at My Place, knows what a struggle Darlene and I have been through," he said. "He gave me some wings."

Waste

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referendum will be held on Thursday, June 18, to gauge residents' views on incineration in the town.

During last week's town board meeting, Secor summarized the task force's work and presented three solid waste management options to the board.

Construction of a waste-to-energy incinerator by Energy Answers Corporation on Cabbage Island, and re-initiating talks with neighboring municipalities about developing an integrated solid waste management system were the first two options. The third option, hauling Bethlehem's waste out of town, was presented as an "alternate option."

Although there was some opposition from residents to the idea of incineration in the town, the board unanimously voted to follow the task force's recommendation and hold the referendum. "The question is whether the community will support a waste-to-energy facility," Secor said.

Because the referendum is not a survey, a no vote would tell the town board that incineration should not be considered as a solid waste management option, according to Assistant Town Attorney Michael Smith.

"A yes vote would direct the town to pursue incineration as part of its solid waste management plan," Smith said, "i.e. the town would be able to allow a private entity to site and operate a waste-to-energy facility within town as part of its disposal plan. It does not, however, constitute approval of a specific contract or take away from the town the ability and responsibility to implement this direction in a legal and cost effective manner."

The public meetings are set for:

• Thursday, April 30, 7:30 p.m., at the South Bethlehem Firehouse, South Bethlehem

• Thursday, May 7, 7:30 p.m., at the Selkirk Firehouse #1, Route 396, Selkirk

• Tuesday, May 19, 7:30 p.m., at Glenmont Elementary School, Route 9W, Glenmont

• Thursday, June 4, 7:30 p.m., in the Bethlehem Central High School auditorium, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar

The June 4 forum, sponsored by *The Spotlight*, will focus on the pros and cons of incineration, Secor said. It will also include a short overview of the other solid waste management options.

In addition to the above meetings, a townwide mailing is planned which will present a summary of this information. Secor said the mailing is scheduled to be sent out in late May.

In other news, the board scheduled a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, on the proposed local law for the "Permitting of Solid Waste Management Facilities." The law would offer the town more control over refuse disposal within its borders. The legislation outlines minimum criteria for siting, design, construction and operation of facilities.

If residents have questions on the proposed law, Secor said he will try to answer them at the first two of the four public forums on solid waste management options.

Delmar church plans Mission Possible sale

Delmar Presbyterian Church will hold a giant lawn sale on Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The sale, called Mission Possible, will benefit various mission projects and organizations which address homelessness, hunger and children's issues.

Donations of items for the sale will be accepted at the church every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon through May 16. The church is located at the corner of Cherry and Delaware avenues.

For information, call 439-9252.

Hill wins recognition at Doane Stuart fair

Scott Hill of Delmar was recently recognized for his work in the Joseph Henry Science Fair.

Hill is a sixth-grade pupil at the Doane Stuart School.

Architect to discuss church rehab

Local architect Benjamin Mendel, Jr., will give a slide lecture on "The Nitty-Gritty of Renovation" at the Bethlehem Public Library at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21.

Mendel will discuss his experiences in renovating old or historic

buildings, including a detailed account of the work done at the Presbyterian Church in Johnstown.

The lecture will be followed by a question and answer period. The program is free and open to the public.

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Family

Family festivities make Easter more meaningful



The altar at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar is decorated with Easter lilies for Sunday's celebration.

Elaine McLain

By Susan Wheeler

Before sending the kids to bed Saturday with visions of the Easter Bunny filling their baskets, Christians can give children something more to think about — the real meaning of Easter.

According to Sister Maria Mercurio, director of the religious education program at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany, families can make Easter less commercial.

For example, Sister Mercurio said, new Easter clothes can represent becoming a new creation in Christ, rather than just adornment.

Easter baskets are good for children if they are taught to look beyond them as "baskets of goodies to devour." If children are shown the signs of new life in each basket, such as the green grass and eggs, then they will see more meaning in Easter, she said.

Elizabeth Denault, director of religious education at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar, agrees. "Easter baskets go along with Easter, but children need to know they are not Easter all by themselves."

Even the Easter Bunny has religious significance.

According to James Clouser, senior pastor of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Latham, rabbits are a part of the Easter celebration because they repro-

duce in the spring. "It's a celebration acknowledging new life in the spring, new life in Christ," he said.

Focusing on the religious aspect of Easter during Lent and Holy Week, especially during the three days before Easter, helps families enjoy a more meaningful Easter season together, according to Denault.

Sharing meals and saying special prayers during meals is one way for families to deepen their faith together. Dinner

Younger children can understand in a simple way that Jesus died for them if it's explained and they are brought to church.

Elizabeth Denault

on Holy Thursday can be made into a "simplified Passover meal," where the mother lights candles and the father blesses the meal, she said.

Inviting friends or those without family to breakfast on Easter morning is also a way to share the meaning of the holy day, Denault said.

Prayers for the Domestic Church includes prayers for meals during the Easter season, as well as for other occasions. "Praying with your family is like creating your own little church at home," she said.

Visiting nursing homes or shut-ins on Easter afternoon spreads Easter's message as well, Clouser said. This expres-

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Jewish feast of freedom starts Friday

By Michael DeMasi

Passover, the Jewish feast of freedom, begins Friday at sundown when Jews practice a ritual begun during Biblical times to celebrate the exodus of Jewish slaves from Egypt.

"Passover celebrates the birth of a people," said Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl of Congregation Ohav Shalom in Albany. "It's also a celebration of the beginning of spring."

During Passover, Jews avoid eating *chametz* — leavened food — a practice that recalls the unleavened bread eaten by the Jews during their flight from Egypt. In the Bible, God sent Moses to Pharaoh, the ruler of Egypt, to ask him to free the Jews from slavery. When Pharaoh refused to let them go, God inflicted nine plagues on Egypt, but each time Pharaoh wouldn't relent.

The 10th plague, however, forced Pharaoh to give in and he ordered the Jews to leave immediately. Since the Jews did not have time to bake their dough into high, spongy loaves, they ate *matzah*, a flat, crisp, unleavened bread.

Before the start of Passover, many Jews cleanse their homes of leavened food and also use separate pots, pans and cooking utensils that are preserved especially for the holiday.

"The whole search for leaven is symbolic of the search within," said Rabbi

Paul Sifton of Temple Israel in Albany. "[Leaven] is the souring element of our personality."

On the first two nights of Passover, Jews celebrate with a seder, a meal and service commemorating the exodus from Egypt.

In the middle of the table is the seder plate, which contains such symbolic items as a hard-boiled egg, a green vegetable, horseradish, haroset and a roasted lamb bone.

Each of the foods symbolizes a different feature of Passover.

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Sarah Herman (top) and Elizabeth Max, Mackenzie Goodman and Adam Burman (at left, from left to right) decorate their own versions of Elijah's cup to celebrate Passover.

Michael DeMasi

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

TRU
one-man show, Robert Morse as Truman Capote, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady. April 28-29, 8 p.m. Information, 346-6204.

THE CHANGELING
Jacobean drama, Skidmore College. April 23-25, 8 p.m. Information, 584-5000.

THE STORY OF BABAR, THE LITTLE ELEPHANT
by Stage One: The Louisville Children's Theatre, Empire State Performing Arts Center. April 26, 1, 3 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

CABARET
musical, Schenectady Light Opera Company. April 24-25, May 1-2, 8-9, 8 p.m.; April 26, May 3, 10, 2 p.m. Information, 355-1699.

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

A COUPLA WHITE CHICKS SITTING AROUND TALKING
zany off-Broadway hit, Home Made Theater, Saratoga Springs. April 24-25, May 1-2, 8:15 p.m.; April 26, 2 p.m. Information, 587-4427.

THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD
Victorian vaudeville melodrama, RPI Players, RPI Playhouse, Troy. April 16-18, 23-25, Thurs.-Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Information, 276-6503.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM
University at Albany Performing Arts Center. April 22-25, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

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Visual and Performing Arts Center, Bennington College campus. April 22, 8:15 p.m. Information, 802-442-5401.

PERLEY ROUSSEAU TRIO
jazz, L'Ecole Encore, Albany. April 29, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 437-1234.

CROFUT AND BRUBECK
members of the Crofut Ensemble, Siena College. Loudonville. April 25, 8 p.m. Information, 783-2527.

PERLEY ROUSSEAU & PEG DELANEY
Perley, vocals; Peg, piano, Tom Sawyer Motor Inn, Albany. April 24, 6-8 p.m. Information, 438-3594.

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David Brickman, violinist; Michael Beattie, pianist; guest artists concert, University at Albany Performing Arts Center. April 22, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

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LECTURE

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lecture by Roger Kimball, editor and art critic, Bennington College. April 23, 8 p.m. Information, 802-442-5401.

GERTRUDE STEIN: MEDITATIVE LITERATURE AND FILM
program by Stan Brakhage, film-maker, Union College, Schenectady. April 16-17, 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Information, 370-6172.

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Catherine Crier, guest speaker, Russell Sage College, Troy. April 22, 12:40 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

FORM OF ALIENATION
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part of Great Decisions lecture series, Albany Public Library, Washington Avenue, Albany, noon-1 p.m. Information, 475-1326.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS GROUP
meeting, Colonie Community Center, 1653 Central Ave., Colonie, 7 p.m. Information, 427-0421.

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Capital District Transportation Authority board room, 110 Watervliet Ave., Albany, 4:30 p.m.

SENIOR CHORALE
Albany Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP
Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

BREASTFEEDING COURSE
Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-1774.

BABYSITTING
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 5:30-8 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

LECTURE ON MULTICULTURALISM BASHING
in higher education, Kellas Formal Lounge, Sage Troy Campus, 7 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

CHEMOTHERAPY LECTURE
Bush Memorial Center, Sage Troy Campus, 8 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP
meeting, Capital Region Geriatric Center, West Columbia Street, Cohoes, 10 a.m. Information, 438-2217.

SCENECTADY COUNTY
FILM MAKER OFFERS LECTURE
Stan Brakhage, College Center Auditorium, Union College, Schenectady, 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Information, 370-6172.

FRIDAY
APRIL 17

ALBANY COUNTY

CHORAL GROUP TO PERFORM
"St. John's Passion," performed by the Choir of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, State and Lodge Streets, Albany, 12:15-1:30 p.m. Information, 434-3502.

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.

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

SCENECTADY COUNTY

RECOVERY, INC.
self-help group for former mental patients and former nervous patients, Salvation Army, 222 Lafayette St., Hillard Rm., Schenectady, 10 a.m. Information, 346-8595.

SATURDAY
APRIL 18

ALBANY COUNTY

FATHER'S RIGHTS ASSOCIATION
meeting, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Avenue, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 274-6674.

SUNDAY
APRIL 19

ALBANY COUNTY

SCOTTISH DANCING
Unitarian Church, Washington Ave., Albany, 7-10 p.m. Information, 377-8792.

MONDAY
APRIL 20

ALBANY COUNTY

"ORGANIZE OR AGONIZE"
effective management course, sponsored by the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Council, 240 Canal Square, Schenectady, 4-6 p.m. Information, 372-5656.

HOME MAINTENANCE
course, Albany YWCA, 28 Colvin Ave., Washington Ave., 6-8 p.m. Information, 438-6608.

CDTA MEETING
Capital District Transportation Authority board room, 110 Watervliet Ave., Albany, 4:30 p.m.

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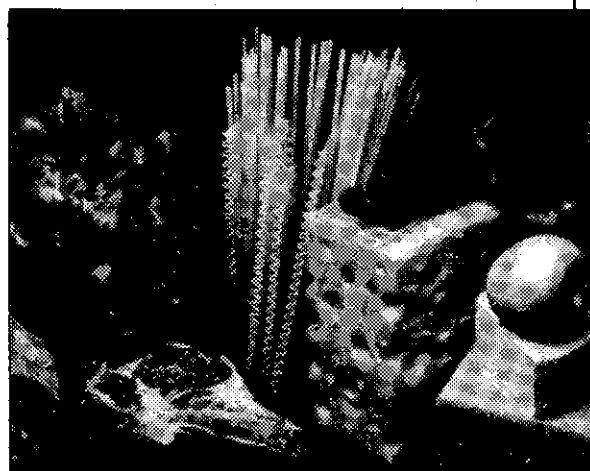
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SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

Ballet company joins symphony in joint presentation May 9

For the first time since 1978, the Albany Berkshire Ballet Company will present a program with full symphony orchestra support.

A total of 45 members of the Albany Symphony Orchestra will supply the live music for a presentation of the full-length *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

The joint announcement by both ballet and symphony officials for the May 9 performance at the Palace Theater in Albany indicates that the two groups are attempting to pull audiences from followers of both organizations.

Since 1988 when the ballet troupe, then the Berkshire Ballet Company, moved from its previous home base in Pittsfield, Mass., performances used taped music.

On one other occasion, in 1978, the ballet company was accompanied by a full orchestra when it did *Romeo and Juliet* in Pittsfield.

Peter Kermani, chairman of the Albany Symphony Orchestra's board of directors, said "It is our expectation that joint productions such as this will expand audience support for both resident companies." Prentiss Carnell, president of the Albany Berkshire Ballet's board of directors, echoed this statement. "Arts groups must work together with a creative synergism that will help each other weather these difficult economic times."

The ballet company's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was premiered in Albany in September 1989 and since that time has been performed in Rochester and Raleigh, N.C. Madeline Cantarella Culp, the company's founder, is also its artistic director. Joel Revzen will conduct the orchestra for this performance which will be presented at 8 p.m., May 9.

For more info, call 465-4663.

Heritage Artists subscribers helped by other theaters

When Heritage Artists ceased operations several weeks ago with two productions still to go to complete the season, almost 2,000 subscribers were left holding tickets for these two shows.

The group which produces at the Cohoes Music Hall, admitted that it didn't have sufficient cash to reimburse the subscribers.

As a show of cooperation, seven other theaters and arts organizations in the area have banded together to help Heritage Artists by offering tickets to their theaters in exchange for the unused tickets for the Cohoes Music Hall.

Tickets to *Groucho* and *Annie Get Your Gun* will be exchanged by the New York Theater Institute, the Capital Repertory Theater, The Albany Symphony, Proctor's Theater, the Empire State Performing Arts Center, the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall and the Starlite Theatre.

Some of these groups are having financial difficulties of their own but have banded together as a show of cooperation to support one of its number trying to recover from long-standing debt.

For more info, call the box offices of these cooperating groups.

Proctor's Theater books Robert Morse in his one-man Truman Capote show

Fresh from presenting a wonderfully entertaining production of Neil Simon's *Last in Yonkers*, Proctor's Theater prepares for two performances of *Tru*, the one-man show with Robert Morse.

Due at 8 p.m. April 28 and 29, the production won four awards for Morse, reminding audiences that the actor hasn't lost the talent that won him a Tony for *How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying* 30 years ago.

The play reviews two days in the life of the infamous and irreverent author Truman Capote—during the Christmas season of 1975—10 years before Capote's death and well before the downbeat circumstances of his final decline.

Capote, one of the most famous authors of his day, is now remembered for his antics as the wry commentator on social and literary figures.

For more info, call 346-6204.

Musical mystery opens two-weekend run at RPI

The Tony Award-winning musical, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, will be revived Thursday (April 16) by the RPI Players featuring students and area community performers.

Directed by Joseph Phillips who's staging his 10th production at RPI, the musical is set in the 19th century and built around the a melodrama based on an unfinished Charles Dickens' novel.

The mystery death that occurs during the performance is solved with the help of the audience, an involvement that requires extemporaneous performances by the actors to adjust to the selection by the audience.

The production involves 27 performers and a full orchestra who will present the musical Thursday through Sunday and April 23, 24 and 25.

Tickets available at the RPI Playhouse, 15th Street, Troy.

Around Theaters!

Death of a Salesman, Arthur Miller's famed drama at the Berkshire Public Theater, through May 2 in Pittsfield, Mass. (413-445-4634)...*Godspell*, musical based on the Gospels at Siena College April 23-25. (783-25227)...*The Sum of Us*, Australian comedy at Capital Repertory Company in Albany, through April 26. (462-4534).

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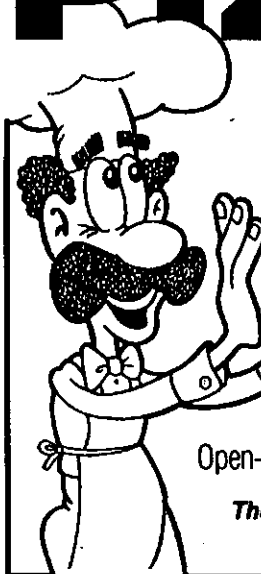
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THURSDAY
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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT
SERVICESParks and Recreation Office,
Delmar, 2-4:30 p.m. Information,
439-0503.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

meet every Thursday at
Bethlehem Town Hall, 445
Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30
p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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.

KABBALAH CLASS

In Jewish mysticism, every
Thursday, Delmar Chabad
Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m.
Information, 439-8280.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

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

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

sponsored by Project Hope and
Bethlehem Opportunities
Unlimited, meets Thursdays, First
United Methodist Church,
Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information,
767-2445.BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN
CHURCHMaundy Thursday service, 7:30
p.m. 85 Elm Ave., Delmar.
Information, 439-4328.

BOWLING

sponsored by Bethlehem
Support Group, for parents of
handicapped students, Del
Lanes, Elsmere, every Thursday,
4-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-
7880.AMERICAN LEGION
LUNCHEONfor members, guests and
membership applicants,
Sidewheeler Restaurant, Albany
Motor Inn, third Thursday, noon.

NEW SCOTLAND

ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN
CATHOLIC CHURCHHoly Thursday Mass of the Lord's
Supper, 7 p.m., Mountainview
Road, Voorheesville,
Information, 765-2805.

FAITH TEMPLE

Bible study, New Salem, 7:30
p.m. Information, 765-2870.FRIDAY
APRIL 17

BETHLEHEM

RECOVERY, INC.

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

WELCOME WAGON

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Welcome Wagon visit, Mon.-
Sat. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Information, 785-9640.

CHABAD CENTER

services and discussion followed
by kiddush, Fridays at sunset,
109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar.
Information, 439-8280.BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN
CHURCHworship service 7:30 p.m., 85
Elm Ave., Delmar. Information,
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all levels welcome, third Fridays,
St. Stephen's Church, 7:30 p.m.
Information, 462-4504.

NEW SCOTLAND

ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN
CATHOLIC CHURCHGood Friday masses at 3 p.m.,
Children's Stations of the Cross,
7 p.m., Passion and Death of
the Lord, Mountainview Road,
Voorheesville. Information, 765-
2805.

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
APRIL 18

BETHLEHEM

WELCOME WAGON

newcomers, engaged women
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Welcome Wagon visit, Mon.-
Sat. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Information, 785-9640.

BAKE SALE

to benefit Glenmont
Community Church, at K-Mart
in Glenmont, 10 a.m.
Information, 436-7710.

CHABAD CENTER

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

NEW SCOTLAND

ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN
CATHOLIC CHURCHHoly Saturday Easter Vigil
service, 8 p.m., Mountainview
Road, Voorheesville.
Information, 765-2805.SUNDAY
APRIL 19

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Closed for Easter, will reopen
Monday, April 20, 9 a.m.
Information, 439-9314.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday worship service, 10:15
a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.;
Tuesday Bible study, 7:15 p.m.
Meetings held at the Auberge
Suisse Restaurant, New Scotland
Road, Slingerlands. Information,
475-9086.BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY
CHURCHmorning worship service, nursery
provided, 8 and 10:30 a.m.,
Sunday school, 9 a.m.; evening
fellowship, 6 p.m., 201 Elm Ave.,
Delmar. Information 439-3135.DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCHworship, church school, nursery
care, 10 a.m.; coffee hour and
fellowship, 11 a.m.; adult
education programs, 11:15
a.m.; family communion
service, first Sundays, 585
Delaware Ave., Delmar.
Information, 439-9252.BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN
CHURCHworship services, 8 and 10:30
a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.
Nursery care available 8 a.m.-
noon, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar.
Information, 439-4328.

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH

worship and Sunday school,
nursery provided, 9 and 11 a.m.
adult education and children's
program, 10-10:50 a.m. Nursery
care available, 386 Delaware
Ave. Information, 439-9929.FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST
SCIENTISTservice and Sunday school, 10
a.m., child care provided, 555
Delaware Ave., Delmar.
Information, 439-2512.FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF
BETHLEHEMchurch school, 9:30 a.m.;
worship, 11 a.m.; youth group, 6
p.m. Rt. 9W Selkirk, Information,
767-2243.FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF DELMARworship, 9:30 a.m.; church
school, 9:45 a.m.; youth and
adult classes, 11 a.m.; nursery
care, 9 a.m.-noon, 428
Kenwood Ave., Delmar.
Information, 439-9976.GLENMONT REFORMED
CHURCHworship, 11 a.m., nursery care
provided; Sunday school, 10
a.m. 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont.
Information, 436-7710.NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY
CHURCHSunday school, 9:45 a.m.;
Sunday service, 11 a.m. 10
Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere.
Information, 439-7864.ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCHEucharist followed by breakfast,
8 and 10:30 a.m., followed by
coffee hour, nursery care
provided, Poplar and Elsmere
Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-
3265.SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED
METHODIST CHURCHSunday school, 9:30 a.m.;
worship, 11 a.m., followed by
coffee hour, Willowbrook Ave.,
South Bethlehem. Information,
767-9953.SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCHworship service, church school,
10 a.m.; fellowship hour and
adult education programs,
nursery care provided, 1499
New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands.
Information, 439-1766.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont,
morning worship 11 a.m.
Information, 439-4314.UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP CHURCHSunday school and worship, 10
a.m., 436 Krumkill Rd.,
Slingerlands. Information, 438-
7740.LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN
CHURCHworship meeting, Bethlehem
Grange Hall 137, Rt. 396,
Beckers Corners, 11 a.m.
Information, 235-1298.

NEW SCOTLAND

JERUSALEM REFORMED
CHURCHSunday school, 9:30 a.m.;
worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by
coffee hour, Route 32, Feura
Bush. Information, 732-7047.CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY
CHURCHSunday school, 9:15 a.m.;
worship, 10:30 a.m., coffee hour
following service, nursery care
provided, Clarksville.
Information, 768-2916.FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLEworship 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
church school. Information, 765-
2895.MOUNTAINVIEW
EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCHBible hour for children and
adults, 9:15 a.m.; worship
service, 10:30 a.m.; evening
service, 6:30 p.m. nursery care
provided for Sunday services,
Rt. 155, Voorheesville.
Information, 765-3390.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Sunday school and worship, 10
a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.;
evening service, 6:45 p.m. Rt.
85, New Salem. Information,
765-4410.St. Paul's
Lutheran ChurchWestern Ave. at Washington
Rev. Dr. W. Hempel, Pastor
463-0571

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thur Euch	7:30pm
Good Friday TRE ORE	12-3pm
Tenebrae	7:30pm
Saturday, Easter Vigil	7:30pm
41st Sunrise Service	6:30am
in Washington Park	
Easter Worship	10:30am

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- The resurrection and life

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

THURSDAY — 7:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Choir and Communion Service. The Chancel Choir will
present the Holy Week Cantata, To Calvary by Everett Titcomb. Commu-
nion will also be shared.

FRIDAY — 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The Chapel will be open for prayer 12 noon - 3-hour service at St. Stephen's

SUNDAY, EASTER DAY

- 6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at Bethlehem Cemetery
- 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast at the Church
- 9:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service
- 12:00 Noon Coffee Fellowship

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday	7:30 PM
Good Friday	7:30 PM
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Easter Morning	8:00 AM
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worship service, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, Rt. 85 and Rt. 85A, New Salem. Information, 439-6179.

ONESQUETHAW CHURCH

worship, 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., Sunday school, Tarrytown Rd., Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND

worship, 10 a.m., church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Rt. 85, New Scotland. Information, 439-6454.

ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Easter Sunday masses at 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., Mountview Road, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2805.

UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH

worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship time, Delaware Turnpike, Delmar. Information, 439-5001.

FAITH TEMPLE

Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. New Salem. Information, 765-2870.

MONDAY
APRIL 20

BETHLEHEM DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

Passover

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The egg and green vegetable represent life and the coming of spring. Haroset, made of apples, cinnamon and wine, is a brick color and symbolizes the mortar used by the Jewish slaves to build the Pyramids. A taste of the horseradish reminds Jews of the bitter life suffered by their people. And the roasted lamb bone stands for the animal sacrifices performed in the Temple in Jerusalem.

A traditional Passover meal consists of chicken soup with matzah balls, chopped liver, brisket, gefilte fish, and kugel, a type of potato pudding.

Another tradition is to have the youngest child in the family ask the "four questions," the answers to which retell the story of the exodus.

MOTHER'S TIME OUT

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

WELCOME WAGON

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PUBLIC WATERFOWL MEETING

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 457-5400.

DELMAR KIWANIS

meets at Sidewheeler Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Days Inn, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-5560.

AL-ANON GROUP

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

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QUARTET REHEARSAL

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
APRIL 21

BETHLEHEM**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 2-4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

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DELMAR ROTARY

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NEW SCOTLAND**STORY HOUR**

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

Easter

(From Page 27)

sion of caring for others is "one of the nice things that takes place during Easter."

Introducing children to church when they are young offers them the opportunity to understand the religious aspect of Easter. According to Denault, Easter is the central part of the Christian faith. "Younger children can understand in a simple way that Jesus died for them and rose from the dead," she said, "if it's explained and they are brought to church."

The Rev. Alfred Siegel of the Loudonville Presbyterian Church in Colonie includes a special children's sermon during his 11 a.m. service on Sundays. He said that when he prepared his Easter Sunday sermon for children, he gathered symbols commonly used for the holiday. "I'll show them various symbols, such as an egg, and discuss their meaning," he said. "The egg means new life."

Children benefit most from religious education if parents take an interest in what they learn and discuss it with them. According to Denault, even movies about Christ's death and resurrection offer children some insight into the real meaning of Easter. She called *Jesus of Nazareth* "a particularly good film."

"When children watch the movie, they see it as well as hear it," Denault said. "It

stays in their minds and they remember it."

Other activities families can do during the Easter season to remind them of the religious meaning behind the celebration include making crosses out of two twigs on Good Friday, and collecting symbols of new life on an Easter Sunday walk, said Sister Mercurio. "Children and adults respond to doing things experimentally. It's concrete, it makes it come alive."

Silence is another part of the holiday that should not be overlooked, she said. During periods of silence, families can reflect on scriptures and explore the meaning of Easter, according to Sister Mercurio. Time should be set aside for quiet periods, especially on Good Friday afternoon. "Silence can be a charity. It's not all bad to try for a little while to be quiet."

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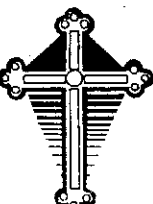
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Maundy Thursday (April 16)
10:00 am and 7:30 pm The Holy Eucharist

Good Friday (April 17)
12 noon - 3:00 pm Ecumenical Service of Hymns, Prayers, and Scripture Readings with preaching by local clergy on the Seven Last Words of Jesus (come and go as schedule permits)

7:30 pm The Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Eve (April 18)
7:30 pm The Great Vigil of Easter, followed by festive Easter Feast

Easter Day (April 19)
8:00 am The Holy Eucharist followed by Easter Breakfast
10:30 am Festival Eucharist with music by the Choir of St. Stephen's, followed by Easter Party, including an Easter Egg Hunt and Pinatas for the children

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SPOTLIGHT TEENSCENE

By Michael Kagan

April vacation is only a few days away, and anyone who doesn't know how they'll spend the time should look into the Kaleidoscopes program offered by the Junior Museum, 282 Fifth Ave., Troy.

The activity, which will be on Monday, April 20, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, will allow participants to learn more about the science of light as they build their own kaleidoscopes. The program is designed for students in grades eight through twelve.

Pre-registration is required, and the cost is \$5 per person, or \$4 for museum members. For information, call 235-2120.

Anyone who has long wanted to travel to foreign countries but has never been able to manage it should look into doing the next best thing — experience a foreign culture in their own home. Local families are needed to host foreign exchange students for the 1992-93 school year.

One exchange program, Spanish

Heritage, is seeking hosts for high school students from Spain and Mexico. The students arrive in the U.S. shortly before the school year begins and return when it ends. Each is fully insured, brings his own personal spending money, and expects to take on a share of household responsibilities and to participate in family activities.

Students are screened by Spanish Heritage. Families may select the youngster of their choice from extensive student applications, family photos and biographical essays.

American students may also become exchange students to Spain. They should be between 15 and 18 years old and interested in living with a host family and attending school in Spain. Students must have a strong academic record. Shorter summer vacation programs are available.

For information on any of Spanish Heritage's exchange programs, call 1-800-888-9040.

Puppet talk



Albany's Center for the Disabled is bringing its Disabilities Awareness Program to area elementary schools this month. In the program, puppet characters explain their disabilities to pupils in kindergarten through sixth grade. The goal of the program is to educate children on the similarities between disabled and non-handicapped children rather than the differences. Pictured are puppets Mark and Melody with presenters Liz Chase, left, and Christina Buff.

LEGAL NOTICE

VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Annual School District Meeting
Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held in the auditorium of the Clayton A. Bouton High School in said district on Tuesday, 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 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: schoolhouse - Clayton A. Bouton High School

hours - 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

And notice is also given that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the district not later than the 30th day preceding the school meeting. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the district, must be signed by at least twenty-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.

LEGAL NOTICE

Valerie Ungerer District Clerk

Dated: March 9, 1992
And notice is also given that at 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.

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Gail Sacco Clerk

Dated: March 9, 1992
(April 15, 1992)

TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed bids for Contract No. 5 - System Modification, Clarksville

LEGAL NOTICE

Water District, will be received by the Town of New Scotland at the Town Hall until 3:00 o'clock p.m., local time on May 8, 1992 and then at said office, publicly opened and read aloud.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans and Specification and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond and other contract Documents may be examined at the following place:

TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND, TOWN HALL, 2019 NEW SCOTLAND ROAD, SLINGERLANDS, NEW YORK 12159 AND/OR LABERGE ENGINEERING & CONSULTING GROUP LTD., 4 COMPUTER DRIVE, ALBANY, NEW YORK 12205.

Copies may be obtained at the office of the Town Clerk upon payment of \$50.00 deposit for each set. If the Town is requested to mail the Contract Documents, there will be an additional charge of \$5.00 for postage.

All qualified bidders upon return of full Contract Documents, will be refunded the full deposit. All non-bidders, upon return of full Contract Documents, will be refunded one-half of the deposit. All documents, returned for refund, must be received complete, in good condition and within thirty (30) days of the Bid Opening.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the Contract.

BIDDERS OF THIS WORK WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS #11246, #10925, #11375. THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDERS AND CONTRACTORS UNDER THIS ORDER, WHICH CONCERNS NON-DISCRIMINATION ON EMPLOYMENT, ARE EXPLAINED IN THE SPECIFICATIONS.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
Corinne Cossac
Town Clerk

Date: April 10, 1992
(April 15, 1992)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland, Albany County, New York, held at the Town Hall, in Slingerland, New York, in said Town on the 1st day April, 1992, at 8:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time.

Present:

HERBERT W. REILLY, JR.
Supervisor
JOHN SGARLATA
Councilman
CRAIG SHUFELT
Councilman
PETER W. VANZETTEN
Councilman
RICHARD DECKER
Councilman

In the matter of

A proposed increase in the Maximum Amount Authorized to be Expended in Connection with the Establishment of a Water District in the Town of New Scotland, Albany County, New York, to be known as Clarksville Water District in said Town.

RESOLUTION APPROVING INCREASED CONSTRUCTION COSTS

WHEREAS, after all necessary proceedings were duly had and taken in accordance with the provisions of the Town of New Scotland, Albany County, New York, has heretofore duly established Clarksville Water District at maximum estimated cost of \$1,815,500; and

WHEREAS, an additional increase in the construction costs is now deemed to be required to raise the final construction cost of said project to \$2,703,000; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board held a public hearing from the Town of New Scotland on March 30, 1992 at 7:30 P.M. at the Clarksville Community Church conserving the increase in the construction costs of the Clarksville Water District to the amount of \$2,703,000; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing received at such public hearing was favorable for the increase in said construction costs; and

WHEREAS, the increase in construction costs for the Clarksville Water District is in the public interest to be authorized in order to complete this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland hereby authorizes an increase in the amount of \$465,000.00 to the total construction cost of the Clarksville Water District to a new full construction cost of

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\$2,703,000.00, all in compliance with §209-h of the Town Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to permissive referendum of the residents of the Town of New Scotland; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town of New Scotland is hereby directed to post and publish a notice which sets forth this resolution in order to inform this public of its adoption and their right to a permissive referendum herein.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately, subject to the permissive referendum terms.

The question of adoption of the forgoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

HERBERT W. REILLY, JR. Voting Yea
JOHN SGARLATA Voting Yea
CRAIG SHUFELT Voting Yea
PETER W. VANZETTEN Voting Yea
RICHARD DECKER Voting Yea

The Resolution was thereupon declared adopted.
(April 15, 1992)

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual election of the inhabitants of the above named school district will be held in the upper gymnasium of the Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York, on Wednesday, May 6, 1992, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. EDT.

The Board of Education will present for consideration the school district budget for the period of July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993. Copies of said budget may be previewed by any inhabitant of the district during the seven (7) days immediately preceding the annual election, except Saturdays and Sundays, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., EDT at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, and the office of the elementary schools, the Middle School, and the High School of the district.

The Trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library will present for consideration the public library budget

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for the period July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993. Copies of the budget may be obtained at the reference desk of the library.

Petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1992 to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Bernard Harvith and George Sussman, and for a term of one (1) year, commencing the same date, to fill the unexpired term of Sheila Fuller, said seat being presently occupied by Dennis Stevens on an interim basis; and petitions nominating candidates for the office of trustees for the Bethlehem Public Library for a full term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 1992, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of William Seymour must be filed with the Clerk of the School District, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, not later than 4:30 p.m., EDT, April 6, 1992.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT votes upon the following:
1. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;
2. For the election of the members of the Board of Education of said Bethlehem Central School District, two (2) for a full term of three (3) years, and one (1) for a term of one (1) year, all commencing July 1, 1992, to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Bernard Harvith and George Sussman, and for the vacancy for the unexpired term of Sheila Fuller of one (1) year caused by her resignation, said seat being presently occupied by Dennis Stevens on an interim basis;

3. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Public Library and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;
4. For the election of one trustee to the Board of Trustees of said Bethlehem Public Library, for a full term of five years commencing July 1, 1992, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of William Seymour;

5. Upon the appropriation of \$283,500 to purchase six (6) buses for the Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor.

Franz Zwicklbauer
School District Clerk
Dated: March 4, 1992
(April 15, 1992)

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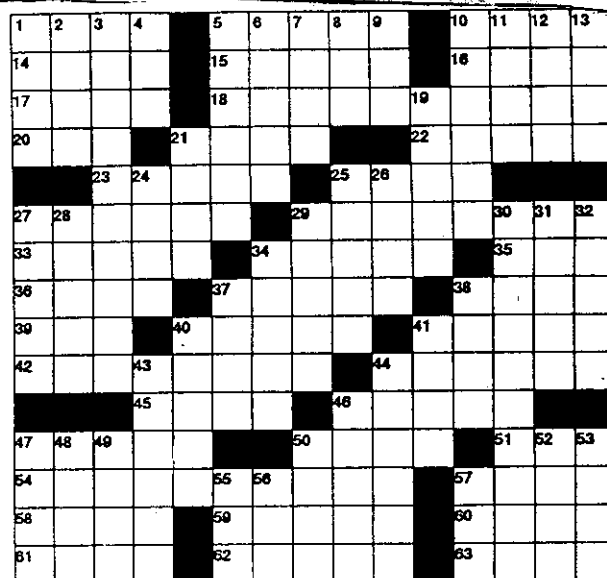
By Gerry Frey

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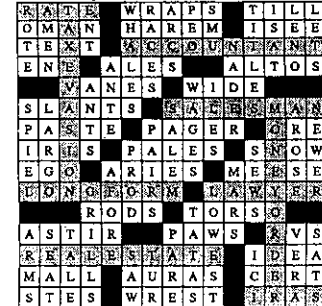
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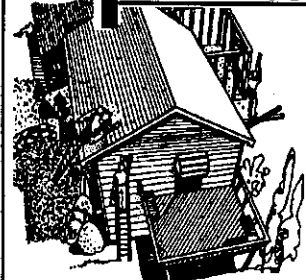
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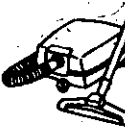
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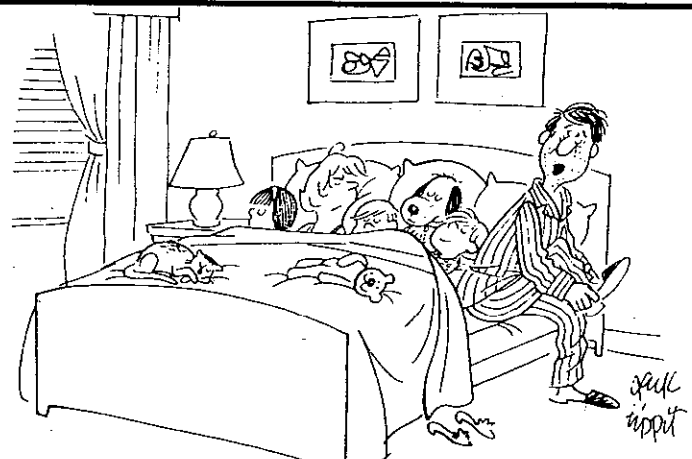
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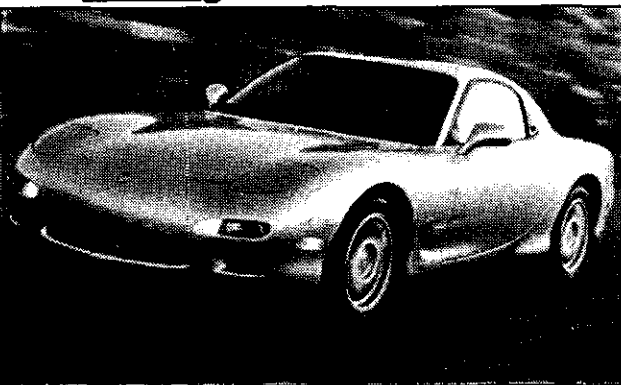
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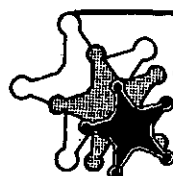
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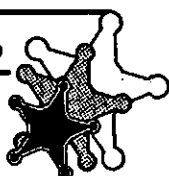


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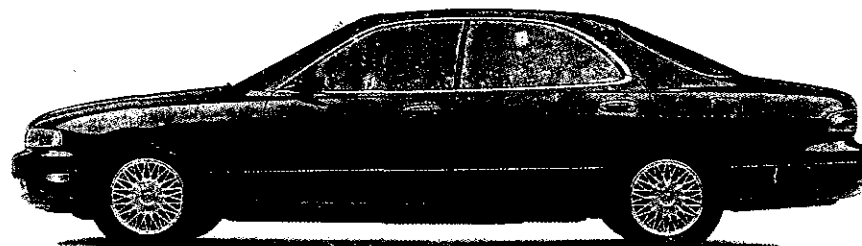
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