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On your toes

Family Section Page 29

Hopes for ANSWERS went up in smoke

This is the first in a series of articles addressing the issues of solid waste in the Town of Bethlehem.

By Michael DeMasi

In the early 1980s, with the town landfill nearing capacity, Bethlehem officials embraced a report recommending the town join ANSWERS — a regional authority that uses a shredder in Albany to dispose of its garbage.

SPOTLIGHT ON SOLID WASTE

In the words of former Town Supervisor Thomas Corrigan, ANSWERS seemed like a "viable and economic" solution at the time because the town could dump its waste out of town for a relatively cheap \$2.50 per ton.

Opened in 1981, the ANSWERS plant shreds household and commercial waste into two-inch squares that are burned at an incinerator on Sheridan Avenue. The state Office of General Services uses the energy to heat and cool the Empire State Plaza.

The other option for the town was to build a new landfill, but that was considered too expensive and too difficult to carry out because of government regulations.

In March 1983, the town signed a contract with ANSWERS to haul its municipal solid waste there.

"It wasn't a bad deal for Bethlehem because it was a regional solution," said Town Supervisor Ken Ringler, pointing to the 14 municipalities that

belong to ANSWERS. "But then things changed."

By August of 1986, the ANSWERS plan had become mired in problems. Among them: the volume of solid waste arriving at the facility exceeded the amount OGS could burn, and the lack of markets for the metals and boiler ash generated by the incinerator forced the authority to dump much of it in Albany's Rapp Road landfill.

What was supposed to have been an efficient way of converting waste to energy, while at the same time preserving needed landfill space, became a costly and ineffective solution.

Today, the tipping fee has soared to \$64.50 per ton. And, according to Albany Commissioner of Public Works George Nealon, unless the incinerator's smokestack is upgraded to meet proposed new state environmental regulations, the facility may be forced to close in February 1995.

In addition, said Nealon, at the present rate the Rapp Road landfill could run out of available space by 1997.

Bethlehem's landfill, along with most of the landfills owned by the partners in ANSWERS, was forced to close in the mid-1980s because of tougher state standards.

As a result, Malcolm Pirnie, a consulting firm located on Washington Avenue in Albany, was hired by ANSWERS in 1987 to study potential sites in Albany County for a regional landfill.

In 1988, a Solid Waste Task Force, headed by Bethlehem Commissioner of Public Works Bruce Secor and made

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Cost and landfill closings brought about crisis

By Susan Wheeler

A "man-made" solid waste crisis is facing municipalities, said Thomas Zimmie, professor of civil and environmental engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

The problem is landfills that do not meet state standards are closing and the construction of state of the art landfills are costly.

According to Zimmie, the state Department of Environmental Conservation is forcing the closure of open, or unlined, landfills that threaten the environment and population. Today's landfills must be lined with a double

layer of polyethylene material on top of a clay liner, and must also include

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Dennis J. Wolterding

two leachate collection removal systems.

The solid waste crisis is not caused by a lack of capacity, but rather by the lack of the right kind of capacity.

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A goose enjoys Sunday afternoon's sunshine at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road. Elaine McLain

Bethlehem school board candidates air views

Stories by Michael DeMasi

The following are profiles of the four remaining candidates for the Bethlehem Central Board of Education. A total of seven candidates are running for three seats on the board. Two of the seats carry a three-year term; the third seat has a one-year term.

board member would be to reduce class sizes and approve money for maintenance work in the district.

Blendell said he first became interested in the school board after the district this year proposed shifting a teacher from Elsmere to another elementary school.

"I attended budget meetings and that really got me involved in the school system," he said.

Having worked professionally with budgets for 19 years, Blendell said he has "some good suggestions" for the district and is open-minded.

"When I feel I have an opinion, I'm going to get it across to everyone," he said.

On smaller class sizes, Blendell said the district needs a long-range plan, although that may involve hiring more

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Daniel Blendell

Age: 40
Residence: 18
Lincoln Ave.,
Elsmere

Profession: superintendent of purchasing and travel for New York State Banking Department

A resident of the community for two-and-a-half years and a member of the Elsmere PTA, Blendell said his priorities as a



Blendell



Kelly



Stevens



Wilkie

Elections for board candidates and voting on the \$31.7 million school budget will be held Wednesday, May 6, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the middle school upper gym.

Doctors prescribe 'no incinerator' for town

By Susan Wheeler

Incineration technology fails because of negative health effects, according to Dr. Richard Orsi, a 15-year member of Physicians for Social Responsibility.

Orsi, a Selkirk resident and practicing family physician, joined members of Bethlehem Work On Waste at the Bethlehem Public Library Monday night for a discussion of the negative impacts of incineration. The group scheduled the presentation after the town board voted to hold a June 18 referendum on the concept of incineration in the town.

The town's Solid Waste Task Force recently presented the board with three solid waste management options. One option is a proposal by the Energy Answers Corporation which includes construction of a waste-to-energy incinerator on Cabbage Island.

Incinerators emit many potential carcinogens, both into the air and as ash, according to Orsi. Although there is not much data



Dr. Richard Orsi

available on these materials, they still present a risk, he said. During Monday night's talk, he focused on lead and lead poisoning because that data is available, although "not accepted universally."

According to Orsi, who serves as treasurer/secretary for the local chapter of PSR, all humans are born with a certain amount of lead

in their bodies. The blood lead level becomes a threat, especially for younger children, when they are exposed to lead in any quantity.

Since incineration does not destroy or alter lead, but recirculates it, it is potentially more harmful in an inner city.

Data provided to Orsi from the Energy Answers Corporation indicates that the company's waste-to-energy incinerator in Rochester, Mass., SEMASS, emits 1,700 pounds of lead per year into the air.

The facility accepts about 1,900 tons of waste per day, of which approximately 750,000 pounds is lead, according to Patrick Mahoney, EAC president. Of that amount, 99.73 percent of the lead is captured, and not released into the environment. Lead that is recovered from the facility's fly ash is stabilized and neutralized before it goes into a landfill, making it immobile, he said.

The standards for determining blood lead levels have recently become more strict. According to 1984 statistics, 17 percent of children age 6 and under had more lead in their blood than they should, Orsi said. And, because lead "bioconcentrates," the effects of increased lead in the environment which are not visible now could show up in future generations.

Orsi, whose group was launched to deal with issues that affect patients' health, such as nuclear war and toxins in the environment, stressed that screening children ages 6 to 72 months for lead poisoning is important. He also recommended reducing potential threats, such as environmental hazards.

If incineration is part of the environment, materials going into the incinerator should be detoxified. For ultimate prevention, residents should not accept any lead, including that emitted from an incinerator, he said.

John Thomas, president of Citizens for Responsible Progress, Inc., is in favor of incineration. He disagreed with the method of the presentation, saying the group was pulling on residents' heartstrings by centering the discussion around

negative impacts of incineration on children.

According to Bethlehem resident Dr. Steven Sandler, the problem with incineration is that its negative affects are added to what is already potentially harmful in the environment. "This could push (some children) over the edge," he said. "It's just another source of a toxin that scares me."

One Delmar resident is interested the development of a technologically sound, cost effective facility to handle the town's solid waste. John Cameron Brown Jr., a retired professional engineer, said that although all types of waste disposal have drawbacks, the public needs to do its best to keep the waste stream as pure as possible.

The NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) syndrome has got to end, since the waste management facility, whether a landfill or incinerator, "has got to go somewhere," he said.

BWOW members urged residents to ask questions and examine the EAC proposal.

"Don't assume it'll be safe," said Betsy Lyons, who termed the incinerator a "waste of energy" facility.

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EnCon awaits closure plan for Metz landfill

By Susan Wheeler

The state Department of Environmental Conservation is waiting for a revised closure plan for the Spawn Hollow Road landfill, which recently stopped smoldering, according to James Sacco Jr., an EnCon engineer.

The construction and demolition debris landfill, owned by Glenmont resident Harlen W. Metz Jr., had been smoldering for months. According to Sacco, Dunn Corporation of Colonie, the engineering firm hired by Metz to test the South Bethlehem landfill, has pulled its equipment from the site. Dunn last month pumped slurry — a watery cement mixture — into the ground to control the subsurface smoldering.

"I believe they put the fire out," said Sacco, who visits the site about once a week. "I can't see any smoldering and the temperatures

have gone down. At other times I was able to see the smoldering."

Metz is expected to present EnCon with a revised closure plan by mid-May, according to David Engel, Metz's attorney. The plan should include a proposal for a gas control system.

The system may be either active or passive, according to Sacco. EnCon will then review the plan and either accept it or send it back for further revision.

The C&D landfill stopped accepting waste last month, according to Sacco, and the newly accepted waste is being covered with gravel. In addition, Metz is bringing in clay to go on top of the gravel layer. The gravel layer is designed to provide better ventilation for landfill gasses. Once a venting system is installed, he said, the gravel and clay layers work hand

in hand with the system to control gases.

In addition, Sacco said he can no longer detect off-site odors generated by decomposing materials. Neighbors had complained about odors, saying they were causing them to get sick.

"I can smell it (the hydrogen sulfide odor) on top of the landfill where the vent is open," he said. "But there is no off-site problem and I did drive around the landfill."

Engel said he has received fewer complaints from neighbors about the off-site odor problem in recent months. "We worked diligently to control it."

Metz is still required to adhere to requirements laid out in a February EnCon complaint, which ordered him to submit engineering plans and specifications for a gas control system, a post-closure monitoring and maintenance plan and a plan for attending to a failure of the gas control system.

According to an order issued by EnCon in July, the site is to be properly closed by June 1. Engel said he does not know if the closure deadline will be met. "I don't know what the conditions will be like on the first of June."

Although an April hearing was postponed because the site fires were under control, EnCon still has the right to call a hearing with Metz and his attorney, according to Gary Peck, an EnCon attorney.



James Sacco Jr., a state Department of Environmental Conservation engineer, performs a site study at the Spawn Hollow Road construction and demolition landfill.

Hans Pennink

"EnCon can restore it to the calendar at any time," he said.

Engel said he has indicated to EnCon there is no need for a hearing because he and his client are willing to work cooperatively with the department.

Waste Management of Eastern

New York had been dumping at the site since last fall. Money received by Metz for the dumping has been earmarked for the site's closure. According to Engel, "a lot" of the closure is being paid for by money in the account, however, he refused to detail the economics of the closure.

Police charge tourist with snack food theft

By Eric Bryant

A British tourist ran afoul of Bethlehem police after he allegedly shoplifted several snack food items and a pie crust from Delmar Convenient Express in late February.

But, following his disposition in Bethlehem Town Court early last week, 28-year-old Kevin Pinney was escorted to Albany County Jail by agents of the Immigration and Naturalization Service where he awaited travel arrangements back to his native England.

Pinney, a native of Coventry in the north Midlands, has been having problems with the law almost since he arrived in this country in late November. He was arrested by Troy police on a minor shoplifting charge on Dec. 30 and, according to the immigration service, Pinney continually used off-color and offensive language during his hearing in Troy City Court.

"Although I wasn't there, I was told he was profusely vulgar and that's why he spent so much time in jail waiting to get arraigned. When the judge would try to talk with him, he would tell him where to go," said INS local assistant official Bill Donohue.

Pinney came to America on a

special visa-waiver pilot program set up to allow citizens of certain countries to come here without the usual State Department screening process. The conditions of Pinney's visa stated that he could only stay in the United States for a period of 90 days and would waive his right for a deportation hearing.

Citizens of all western European countries and Japan are allowed the screening waiver, Donohue said, because past experience has shown they are the least likely to stay beyond their allotted time. According to his visa application, Pinney had never been arrested in his native country, Donohue said.

Pinney's 90-day stay in America was due to officially end Feb. 27, the day after his trial in Troy. With INS agents poised to follow the Englishman in case he decided to extend his stay, Pinney was instead arrested by Bethlehem police that day, after he was caught shoplifting \$13 worth of food.

According to Donohue, Pinney refused to answer questions during his arrest and stood mute at his arraignment last Tuesday. Though Pinney was legally bound to return to England before February 27, his arrest and subsequent stay in jail kept him in this country for an additional 50 days.

Donohue said problems with foreign tourists breaking American laws or coming to this country with previous unknown convictions are rare, but have happened in this area in the past. Several years ago, an Irishman was deported after immigration officials discovered he was wanted on a weapons charge in his native country.

Delmar lawn sale to help homeless

The Delmar Presbyterian Church will have a giant lawn sale, called "Mission Possible," on Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

School's Out adds kindergarten care

By Susan Graves

School's Out, Inc., a non-profit child care program in Bethlehem, is planning a half-day kindergarten enrichment program beginning in September.

The morning program will initially serve 20 children, said Judith H. Cresswell, School's Out executive director. "This is the care the child would need when not in school."

The new program for kindergarteners was developed following a 1991 community survey to assess the needs for such care. That survey indicated an "overwhelming" need for care for kindergarteners since they only attend regular school for half-days.

The current program, which serves about 400 elementary school age children in Bethlehem, was started nearly 10 years ago by Marty Cornelius, president of the chamber of commerce.

"I needed after school care for my kids and there wasn't any," she said. Back then the term "latch key kid" was a real dirty word, but the more people Cornelius talked to, the more she discovered were facing the same dilemma about what to do with their children after school. "It's unbelievable — the more parents I talked to, the more I found were in the same boat," she said.

Back in 1983, Cornelius said, "I started calling everybody — friends, relatives, school adminis-



Judith Cresswell

trators," to help solve the problem. She also contacted all the churches in town to help find housing for an after-school program. First United Methodist on Kenwood realized the need and agreed to provide space for the program. She credits former Superintendent Larry Zinn for helping the group also get started at Hamegrael.

But despite the success of School's Out today, Cornelius said initially "It was an uphill struggle," partly because of the attitude that "mothers should stay home."

However, through determination on the part of many volunteers and support in the form of

seed money from the business community, School's Out became a reality beginning with a group of 12 children, a director and a part-time teacher. Today there is a staff of 40 who work in the district elementary schools. School's Out also has rental agreements with four Bethlehem churches, First United Methodist, Delmar Presbyterian, Delmar Reformed and Glenmont Community. "It's a real grassroots story that identified and met a need and is sustained by a lot of community involvement," said Cresswell.

She emphasizes that School's Out is not simply a babysitting service. The program is designed to enrich the child's day with social and recreational activities. Some recent activities during school vacation week included a visit from a dog obedience expert, a walk to Ben & Jerry's, a toy exchange and a trip to Howe Caverns.

"It's child care that wraps around the school day," Cresswell said.

She recommends that parents, who would like to enroll their children, get on a waiting list. All children who are eligible to attend Bethlehem schools can attend School's Out.

Fees for children who attend a full-time School's Out program are \$55 per month. The fee for the kindergarten program will be \$75 a week. For information about the new program or to get on the waiting list, call 439-9300.

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BC teachers take national honors

By Michael DeMasi

For helping strike up the band, keeping the flutists in tune and not letting the drums drown out the clarinets, Bethlehem Central music teachers Louise Ferris and George Smith received national recognition for their accomplishments.

Ferris, an instrumental music teacher and director of the Wind Ensemble at BCHS, was given the 1992 Heidi Castleman Award by Chamber Music America, a national organization committed to making chamber music a part of American cultural life.

The \$1000 award spotlights the efforts of teachers who head exceptional chamber music programs for students. Ferris shared the award with a teacher from San Francisco.

"I was surprised because when I applied I felt it was a long shot," said Ferris. "We were the only public school out of the four to win national awards. I thought it would go to a private institution."

Ferris, who has been teaching at the high school for 10 years, said she developed the small ensemble program at BCHS to enrich the music education of band students and teach group cooperation.

"At the high school it's important to incorporate chamber music into the programs because students have to be independent and develop better rhythmic skills," said Ferris.



Bethlehem Central music teachers George Smith and Louise Ferris display the awards they recently received from Chamber Music America, an organization dedicated to making chamber music a part of American culture. The two won national recognition for their work with local student musicians.

Ensembles now active at the high school include two brass quintets, a saxophone quartet and a woodwind quintet.

Smith, in his 15th year in Bethlehem schools, is the music teacher at the middle school and also conducts the seventh and eighth grade bands. He was given a citation of excellence from the National Band Association, based on the performance of the middle school bands at the New York State

Band Directors Symposium in March 1991.

Smith said he tries to build a solid musical foundation in his students before they graduate to the rigors of the high school band.

"I try to have the kids reach their potential," said Smith. "They have more talent than they sometimes realize."

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Heather Carron, left, and Wendy Wright, a Bethlehem Central High School junior, recently attended the school's annual gown exchange. Proceeds from the event benefit Students Against Driving Drunk.

Elaine McLain

BCHS class of 1957 plans 35th reunion

The Bethlehem Central High School class of 1957 will have its 35th reunion on June 13.

The dinner-dance will be at the American Legion Post on Elsmere Avenue in Delmar beginning at 6:30 p.m.

A letter of invitation has been mailed to all known class members. Graduates are asked to call friends to make sure they have received the invitation.

For information, call Lars Alanson at 439-7119 or Deanna Blodgett Loucks at 439-1008.

Drama club students to wash and recite

Bethlehem Central High School's drama club will offer its second annual Shakespearean carwash on Saturday, May 16, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the National Savings Bank parking lot at the four corners in Delmar.

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Library budget projects small spending increase

Decker elected to national board of advocates for learning disabled

By Eric Bryant

The Voorheesville Public Library will see moderate growth in spending during the 1992-93 budget year, but library trustees said they will continue to increase programs.

The total library budget will increase six percent from \$350,554 to \$370,950. New Scotland residents can expect a four percent increase in their tax levy if the budget passes May 13.

According to the library's Gail Sacco, "tough economic times and sensitivity to the burden of the taxpayer," forced the library to make sacrifices across the board. Only step salary increases mandated by the salary schedule were given to librarians and support staff.

Total personnel costs, the largest section of the library's budget, were raised eight percent. No cost-of-living salary increases were given.

Material expenses — the purchase of new books, periodicals or other media — were kept at current levels. The library purchased a total of 1,852 new items during 1991, including books, books on tape, videos and compact discs.

Sacco said she hopes additional grant funding will continue to support the library's numerous programs.

The Voorheesville library was

one of only 20 across the country to receive a grant from the Modern Poetry Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities to discuss contemporary poetry this year.

A New York State Council for the Humanities grant will once again support the library's story hour for children.

Sacco said the library provides a variety of other programs such as a computer users group, the summer reading program, a babysitting certification program, elderhostel and tax counseling for senior citizens and a variety of other programs funded by volunteers, grants, or through the regular library budget.

The library registered 938 new borrowers this year. Since the opening of the new building, 3,658 people have registered for library cards.

Funds from the sale of the former library building on South Main Street were used to purchase plants for landscaping the new building. Sacco said the library trustees are exploring the possibility of purchasing computers with some of the remaining funds.

"These are tentative plans, but there is interest in a CD ROM," Sacco said. With the trustee's overall plan to automate the library's systems, a CD ROM would aid both library staff and patrons.

By Eric Bryant

New Scotland resident Clare Decker was recently elected to the national governing board of the Learning Disabilities Association of America — a non-profit group which advocates for the learning disabled.

For most of her adult life, Decker has been involved with numerous charities at the local and state level. She has served in various capacities for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the Saint Anne Institute in Albany, and the Wildwood School — the local chapter of the Learning Disabilities Association.

Serving currently as vice president of the Wildwood board and secretary to the state board, Decker, along with LDA representatives from across the world, gathered in Atlanta March 5 for an International Conference on Learning Disabilities. Her name was submitted to the nominating committee by her fellow state delegates at the conference.

Delegates voted Decker onto the 15-member national board where she will serve a two-year term. As a member of the national board, she was also appointed to sit on the education, finance and mental health committees.

Compared to her 13 years of work on behalf of cystic fibrosis,



Clare Decker

Decker is fairly new to the learning disability field. She was originally named to the Wildwood School board in 1988 and has since served there in a variety of capacities.

In her first few years on the board, Decker helped Wildwood locate and obtain a new site on Old Curry Road in Niskayuna to house the school's facilities, and also worked to obtain a Dormitory Authority bond for the construction project. Along with several other health care professionals, she initiated an innovative tuition-based program called Dimensions,

which served the learning disabled for two years at Wildwood.

"Compared to most, I'm a newcomer," she said. "Many have been involved on a lifelong basis because they have children served by Wildwood. It's a little unusual."

Decker sees her work on the LDA national board as a "rounding out" of her experiences. As a teacher in the Albany City School District during the 1960s, she saw children who "clearly were different."

Thirty years ago, when Decker first observed children who had trouble comprehending certain basic skills no matter what teaching technique was used, the concept of learning disabilities was virtually unknown. In 1987, a Congressional report estimated that between five and 10 percent of the country's total population has some form of learning disability which can come in a myriad of forms — some of the more common being dyslexia and attention deficit hyperactive disorders.

Decker, a Swift Road resident, is a graduate of the College of New Rochelle. She received a master's and doctorate from the State University at Albany and is currently a master's candidate in Special Education at the College of Saint Rose.

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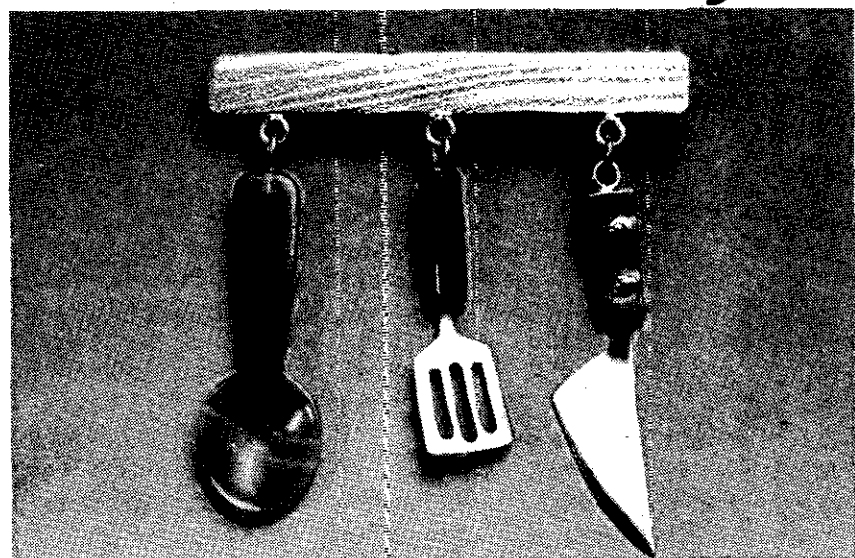
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Matters of Opinion

Voting again on excellence

The Bethlehem Central School Board has proposed a \$31.6 million budget for 1992-93 school district operations. It reflects a \$1.8 million increase in spending and presumes an identical amount to be raised by additional taxes on property in the town.

It seems reasonable to suggest that even if the district receives all it is asking in what is repeatedly described as a bare-bones program, experience may show that not all those dollars need be spent to achieve the desired result of "excellence."

(The same can be said for the Bethlehem Public Library and its \$2 million budget.)

The BC board and administration make a strong argument for support of the spending and taxing plan in the May issue of "BC Highlights," the district's public relations publication (of which this is the seventh such mailing of the year).

The publication is informative though some of its graphics and statistics are all but overwhelming and some reader/voters may find themselves wishing for clarifications. For example, though the text refers repeatedly to "Zero percent expenditure increases," a tabular rendering of the anticipated expenditures shows actual increases in each of eight categories, and decreases or no change in only three items (Board of Education, special contractual items, and debt service).

The item showing \$372,000 income from interest on investments may also raise questions. Presumably this is attributable to collection of all taxes in September but spending of the proceeds spread out during the many months following. This could be construed as supporting the idea of semi-annual instead of annual tax-due dates. Taxpayers thus would be able, theoretically, to obtain the interest on half their obligation for the half-year.

The fact that the 6.04 percent increase in the budget is, as announced, "the smallest in eight years," is relatively gratifying. But an extrapolation of the data indicates the cost of BC education has increased well over 50 percent in that time.

A clearer cable picture?

None of it will reduce your TV cable charge or improve your access, say, to Channel 5 instead of MTV but, as Cablevision's basic monthly rate goes up again on Friday, local subscribers at least can look ahead to some improvements in what they're receiving for their money.

For months past, Bethlehem's team of negotiators—mostly volunteers but headed by Supervisor Ringler—have been sitting across the table from Cablevision management working out terms for a 10-year franchise extension. The length of the arrangement makes particularly significant whatever concessions that our negotiators may be able to attain.

(The fallacy, of course, is the federal law that forbids any control over subscriber rates and programming. For the past several years, this has been one of the worst giveaways of Reagan-style deregulation.)

It appears that one of the principal gains in the new terms would not directly concern present subscribers but rather extend service to several rural areas that are now without cable.

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The anticipated increase of 154 in enrollment for the coming school year is of a broader concern than addition of (the equivalent of) about 11 teachers this year. Demographically, is it possible to determine more about the source of this expanding enrollment? What portion of the children are from families of relatively long residence in the district? Contrariwise, what portion come from families who have arrived within the past year (or last five years)?

The answer could supply intimations, surely of interest to Bethlehem residents, about this kind of impact by newly developed (and proposed) residential areas.

Selecting the trustees

The task of a school trustee is arduous and, though rewarding in certain aspects, it may at times seem thankless. The work and its result is of great importance not only to the schools' functioning but to the entire community. The latter is true especially in the need to refrain from leaning unduly on property-owners' ability to support the system.

It is the staff's responsibility to produce "excellence" in results and to establish goals for continued improvement. The trustee must, in part, support those efforts and aspirations but also, in good part,—with good-humored skepticism—provoke questions and occasionally even to nay-say.

BC voters next week will find seven names of good citizens on the ballot, seeking election to three vacancies. Five of the seven lack board experience; one has served a few months; one has been with the board for two decades. All have the advantage of personal familiarity with the district's schools. *The Spotlight* has sought, in this issue and last week's, to provide each with the opportunity to present his or her credentials and beliefs. We believe that persons who expect to vote will do well to review these statements.

We may be able to have better customer-service conditions, such as response time for repairs or installation, and handling of complaints. An opportunity to make monthly payments locally would be welcomed by many. Upgrading of the quality of reception on some channels would be hailed as an agreeable bonus.

Holding over Cablevision's head some potential penalties if it fails to do what it's supposed to do would provide some leverage for consistently acceptable performance.

Almost everyone would hope that the negotiators will be able to gain some additional funds from Cablevision for Bethlehem schools and public-access channel at the library. And an improved revenue stream into the town treasury would be especially useful, if, perhaps, the town's share of all cable fees collected by Cablevision could be increased from the present 3 percent to as much as 5 percent.

Altogether, some subscribers may feel fractionally more cheerful as they pay the additional dollar in the May bill.

After attack on child, animal control is issue

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a resident of Feura Bush and a member of the neighborhood association, I would like to correct some misconceptions that have arisen about an April 3 dog attack on a child in the town and subsequent efforts by neighbors to do something about it.

The issue is not about enacting a ban on pit-bull dogs for a corner of the Town of New Scotland. This is not what the Feura Bush community is seeking. It is, rather, that the town be able to enforce its own laws and provide for public safety. There are important questions here that should concern everyone across the Town of New Scotland.

When Simon Foulger was attacked April 3 by dogs which had broken away from Robert Lewis, he received severe injuries and conceivably might have been killed. The reluctance of the Foulgers to submit Simon to the stress of press interviews has unfortunately caused their side of the story to go unheard. Some accounts on television and in print have given the impression that Simon may have provoked the attack and that these animals have never behaved this way before.

Vox Pop

In point of fact, Simon was going about his own business on his family's property when these dogs, who were unrestrained, broke away from Mr. Lewis and crossed a street to attack Simon in his own driveway. This behavior should not have been a surprise to Mr. Lewis; these dogs have previously attacked other people in the neighborhood. At least one of these incidents was reported to the animal-control officer, but apparently nothing of great consequence was done at that time.

It should be noted that although there is a leash law in the town, none of the dogs involved in the attack were on a leash at the time. Disregarding the danger to other people from these animals for the moment, it should be pointed out that Mr. Lewis lives on Route 32 which can have heavy traffic, and these dogs should have been restrained for their own protection. Beyond that, Mr. Lewis clearly had more dogs at that address than town regulations

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Seniors' cable service price break has blips

Editor, The Spotlight:

I doubt if all your Bethlehem readers who have cable TV are aware of a discount offered by the cable company to senior citizens—those of 65 years or more. The discount, on basic service, is rather small but it certainly can be useful in these times.

There are a few catches, however. People should be aware of them, as well. First, of course, you must apply, using a company form. I suppose that's understandable.

But if the service is in the name of a family member who is not yet 65, the discount is not available even though a qualifying person is making the application. For

example, if a woman of 64 or younger happens to be the cable subscriber officially, her husband is not eligible for the lower rate even though it is he who writes the check to pay the bills. (The service can be transferred to his name, but of course there is a charge for that.)

Further, if you are buying any of the extra channels beyond the basic service, you are no longer eligible for the discount, because (according to the company's reasoning) you obviously don't need the price break!

Give me a break!

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Letting go . . .

I recall, from many years ago, reading a magazine piece that offered a proposition to the effect that the few weeks of late winter and early spring are when many elderly or ailing people die. They have at last surrendered the hopeful premise of rejuvenation, in the face of the quixotic season's prolonged denial of renewal.

A friend of mine died this month, in the windswept days of early April, before any but the hardiest crocuses had appeared and just before the Red Sox lost their first game. Ralph had known for many months that his days were numbered. The end always was on the horizon; only the actual time was uncertain. Ralph was not, chronologically, a young man; he had passed the biblical allotment and in another month he would have reached his seventy-fourth birthday. (He was less than two years old when the Sox sold Babe Ruth to the Yankees.) To a great many among today's population, that's *old* — they have not yet had occasion to discover the secret that no one is old until and unless he (or she) wills it that way.

Not young, as the world measures time, but Ralph surely was not old. He was as acute an observer as ever, as sage a counselor, as unemotional a realist, right up to the end.

Last month, an Uncle Dudley column took shape completely around ideas that Ralph wrote to me (he had had to dictate the letter). His thoughts were published here within 10 days before his death.

Ralph was a victim of a cancer that is relatively common among men; his was not detected in time, and despite immediate treatment

Uncle Dudley

thereafter his system was invaded, gradually at first and then more rapidly. Over a period of a year or more its effects were debilitating, almost constantly painful, often unbearable, and finally vastly destructive. Midway, he gave up his golf — a most symbolic phase of recognition, of simply letting go.

I write about this because it bears on a developing realization of my own. This relates not only to Ralph but, I believe, to countless individuals who have been afflicted by one of the scourges that 20th century medicine has not conquered.

As a thorough reader of newspapers, I peruse the daily obituaries and death notices. You probably have noted, as I have, the frequency with which these memorial notices include such expressions as "died after a prolonged battle against cancer" (or, in these days, "against AIDS.")

The intent of the phraseology is honorably identifiable — but, I have concluded, the choice of language states the sad matter inaccurately.

The "battle against cancer" is intended as a forlorn tribute. Rather, it is the physicians and surgeons who have been "bat-

ting" the disease. The patients — both those who survive the life-threatening condition, and those who do not — are battling something quite different. Their battle is for bravery. It is for dignity. It is for patience, for the ability — while in their singular loneliness — to comprehend the unspeakable agony of family and friends and to reach out to them quietly, meaningfully, helpfully.

Those are the goals of the battles which the ill — especially the terminally ill — wage daily. Many are the heroes who emerge, and they inspire the rest of us. Ralph was one of those heroes. His matter-of-fact courage sustained his family with humor and loving perspective. In effect, he dedicated the last months of his life to closing the books on it in an orderly, useful manner and in preparing those who had always depended on his unassuming constancy to accept this final gift. It reflected gloriously on a caring, constructive life and illustrious career.

So it is, I am persuaded, with so many people who have been granted the opportunity to have life's ultimate lesson assigned in an heroic time of winding down, painful though it be in all its outward manifestations.

Some years ago, in a country weekly newspaper I read an obituary of a citizen who clearly had earned himself a valued place in his community. The final line was: "There went a good guy." For my friend Ralph, who likewise was eminent in his profession and community, I write now the same heartfelt sentiment.

A Mussolini in Italy's politics

It certainly didn't seem to excite much interest among the media in this country, so I was accordingly pleased to be able to read about the election of a young woman named Alessandra Mussolini as a member of the parliament in Italy earlier this month.

She's not merely the granddaughter — with no apologies, to say the least — of Il Duce, she also holds beliefs that warrant the description: "A dedicated follower of fascism."

The source for the information is "The Sunday Times Magazine" — the London Sunday Times, that is. They title the five-page article "Beauty and the Beast," and explain that though 29-year-old Alessandra, a "blonde and beautiful niece of Sophia Loren . . . was a former actress" she was not yet famous, and her political debut was the answer. But, in so doing, she was "raising the ghost of grandpa to fan the flame of Italian neo-fascism."

Her actual credentials seem to be slim or less, and though much of the magazine's attention is very pictorial, the real interest in the article focuses on her party, the Italian Social Movement (MSI), whose 80,000 members make it less than a significant party. "Using Alessandra Mussolini as a figurehead to band together Italy's authoritarian, nationalistic right wing is slightly sinister. Even more so is the extent to which Italians

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gloss over the 20 years of Mussolini's dictatorship and the fact that he aligned himself with Hitler."

"In Italy, the expression goes, politics go straight to the stomach . . . According to recent statistics, 44 percent of the population have no idea whom to vote for. Strippers and housewives run alongside the Socialists. The radicals run alongside the bird-shooting hunters' party, who run against the fast-lane motorists' party. There is the Party of Love, featuring a Genoese stripper called Moana Pozzi, who ousted Cicciolina, the Hungarian soft-porn star. The Rifondista communists (the extreme left) are pitted against the PDS (the communist party). The MSI are rivals to another right-wing party . . . There are 240 parties. "People are voting for the Alessandra Mussolinis and the Moana Pozzis. They're protest votes, but they're still votes. It's a bit like Buchanan in America."

The same issue has two or three

other articles either informative or diverting. "Dumps of Death," tells us that "On the bed of the shallow Baltic Sea lies an ugly legacy of the second world war — thousands of tons of chemical weapons, including gases used in Nazi extermination camps. After nearly 50 years of immersion, the canisters and shells that contain them are rusting through . . ."

Finally, I have to admit reluctant response to an article surveying the marriage choices of Prince Felipe of Spain. No fewer than 13 royal young ladies from Monaco and Liechtenstein to Belgium and Norway are rated on "queenly quotient" and the "Felipe factor." Amusing, and amply illustrated.



For a freshman legislator, frustration, disillusion

The contributor of this Point of View was elected last November as a Republican member of the Albany County Legislature, representing the 36th District. A resident of Delmar, he is a supervisor of social studies at Bethlehem Central High School.

By Dominick DeCecco

Last Fall, the issues facing the candidates running for the Albany County Legislature focused on honesty in government, opening up the process of government, and dealing with the enormous deficit projections incurred under the Coyne regime.

Since 15 freshman members

were elected in November, many expected that fresh new winds of reform might blow through the chamber and restore county government to the people. All freshman legislators met and pledged to consult with each other and to work for passage of a bipartisan reform agenda. Unfortunately, the winds of change were blowing the wrong way!

The so-called "reform" Democrats were very quickly co-opted by the organization and were given committee chairs and other leadership positions within the party. These so-called reformers have, with very few exceptions, consistently voted the "party line" on all substantive issues dealing with reform.

County Executive Michael Hoblock has had a difficult time getting his agenda through the Legislature because he has so little power under our County Charter. When the Executive and Legislature were of the same political party, it was very easy for them to make deals and give accommodations to special interests.

All our efforts to get the County Charter reform package to the people have been stalled by the Democratic majority who do not want to see this on the ballot in November. They argue that there is a need for more time in which to thoroughly discuss the issues. Evidently 13 years of discussion are not enough for some people!



He finds a 'raw display of powers' on even the petty issues

As a legislator interested in reform, I have been frustrated by the party bickering and party politics. In almost all cases, whenever a reform idea is presented by the Republicans, it is almost always voted down along straight party lines. In some cases, our bills have been sent to committee, where they re-emerge as Democratic bills. The raw display of power is seen on even petty issues such as where the counsel to the majority should sit!

One of the reform measures that we were able to get passed was the bill which made each committee meeting start after 5 p.m. This enables working people to attend if they so desire. It has also led to an increase in committee meetings. I understand that some committees had not met in over five years! We are also in the process of requiring all contracts to be approved by the County Attorney and all bills to be paid with purchase orders — something which in any business is standard operating procedure.

I am on three committees: Penal, Social Services, and Conservation. I find that the debate within these committees is always amicable, but when issues get to the floor, party politics takes over. The real work of the Legislature takes place in committees. Now, thanks to Sue Tatro, County Attorney, we have documentation for every bill to be voted on by the Legislature. This is quite a departure from past practice, when the Legislature merely rubber-stamped resolutions handed to members by the leadership.

We have enormous problems facing us this year and for several years to come, notably the possibility of a \$17 million deficit, airport expansion, and increased mandates from the State which we must pay for. As we get closer to election time, party rhetoric will heat up. The redistricting proposals before the Legislature are sure to get everyone upset. I know that I will

Matters of Opinion

'Little red car' owners absolved as bad drivers

Editor, The Spotlight:

This letter in response to the letter to the editor entitled, "The Dangers of Mixing Lipstick and Gasoline?". I'm sure that the fact that women are getting in more accidents has nothing to do with the fact that more women are driving everyday. When I say driving I don't mean loading the kids in the back of the station wagon for scouts or some routine trip to the grocery store.

Mr. Larson seems to ignore that there is anyone else with bad driving habits but women. I personally feel, young or old, there is nothing wrong with anyone owning a little red car, and if a young woman can afford it, good for her!

As if it wasn't bad enough Mr. Larson forced his so-called observations on the readers, he actually

took the opportunity to offer reasons why we, awful women drivers do such things! Well, I'm sure that Mr. Larson's credentials back up everything he had to say! Though I must reward his reluctance to use the words, "combative" and "arrogance," I'd like to think next time he had better be a little more reluctant and leave them out altogether.

For Mr. Larson, I have a few words:

The next time you observe anyone's driving habits, see past the sex of the driver.

The next time you observe anyone's driving habits, try your own!

If you are married my condolences to your wife.

If you're not, well, that explains it.

Clarksville

Lynne Petruska

DeCecco

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be moved around at the pleasure of the Democrat majority. It is unfortunate, in all these acrimonious debates regarding district lines, that everyone is looking out for his or her own interests and that the interests of the people are often overlooked.

I decided to run last year because it promised to be a learning

experience for me. It has been that. It has also been very frustrating and emotionally draining. I can certainly sympathize with elected officials who are deciding to retire due to the frustrations of the job. I have learned a great deal and hope to continue to be able to serve to the best of my ability those who elected me.

Vox Pop**Public's support urged for Cohoes Music Hall**

Editor, The Spotlight:

I believe the human spirit must have around it the beauty of art. We cannot and should not look at art as an "extra" to be enjoyed only if money is available. Art is essential for the nourishment of spirit within each of us.

My hope is that the Capital District will respond to this human need for all of us. In particular, may we continue to support the fourth oldest active theater in the country, Cohoes Music Hall. Cohoes Music Hall represents not just a building, recognized by the National Register of Historic Places, and not just a business, but a place that enriches our lives and the lives of our children.

Cohoes is a treasure, a unique place in our community, and the Cohoes Music Hall allows us all to have an affordable experience of music theater. If we give up on Cohoes Music Hall, we give up an opportunity to experience the beauty of the arts. Our spirits need the beauty of this theater.

Sr. Lucie Nordmann, rscj
Headmistress,
The Doane Stuart School

Animals

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allow, and his handling of them leaves much to be desired.

The performance of Mr. Boehlke, the animal control officer, needs to be examined in this case. Regardless of the job he has done elsewhere, he has been less than responsive in this matter. By his own admission he can be difficult to contact and does not always have time to carry out the job of animal-control officer. The Town Board itself recommended that people with animal complaints not try to contact Mr. Boehlke directly but call the sheriff instead.

Clearly the town needs to review the position of animal-control officer. It should determine what sort of training and qualifications are necessary to carry out the job, what resources are needed, how much time should be devoted to it, and what specific regulations the officer should be expected to enforce. If the town can not provide adequate animal control through this position, it should make other arrangements.

As far as banning pit bulls is concerned, this is a non-issue. A breed-specific ban is unworkable, both because there are legitimate breeds that would be unjustly affected, and because cross-bred dogs like the ones involved here would not be covered. What the town should focus on is irresponsible dog ownership.

The town needs to clearly determine the conditions under

which people may own dogs, both for the welfare of the animals themselves and for the people around them. It is entirely appropriate for the town to address the matter of vicious dogs for example, by defining what sort of behavior can cause a dog to be officially labeled vicious, and what the owner should be expected to do to protect the public from the animal and vice versa. In the case of Mr. Lewis, it would not seem difficult to do so. Beyond that, the town needs to establish meaningful penalties for those who ignore the regulations, and enforce them.

The unfortunate circumstance of the attack on Simon Foulger has served to point out a problem in the Town of New Scotland. The community needs to be reassured that other events like this do not occur in the future. Who knows how many other situations like the one created by Mr. Lewis may be found in the area? Aside from the risk to public safety, the town could face serious financial consequences if the matter of animal control is not addressed.

It is an unhappy symptom of the times that the threat of liability lawsuits is ever-present. As a taxpayer in the Town of New Scotland, I hope that the town will act to preserve public safety in a responsible fashion which will ensure that any potential liability in the event of a future animal attack will be clearly the responsibility of the owner.

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PHP/ CVS deal termed an undesirable policy

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am a Medicare recipient who also is a member of the Capital District Physicians' Health Plan.

As a PHP member, when I need to have a prescription filled, I must take it only to a CVS pharmacy. Everyone who has experience with PHP knows this, of course, but many other individuals would have no reason to know it. I personally feel that this exclusive arrangement between PHP and CVS—naturally of advantage to both of them—is against public policy. It benefits a huge chain that comes into our area from out of state, at the expense of the small local retailer who always has been a cornerstone of individualized attention to the public's health needs. Isn't there some way this arrangement can be reviewed? Where is Attorney General Abrams when such a monopolistic practice in public health is being enforced on us by these large concerns?

Of course, I and other PHP members have a so-called co-pay for each prescription (and doctor visit, etc.) On the statement given to the patient with each filling or refill of medication, this co-pay of \$3 has been shown, along with

two other figures: the CVS retail price of the medication and the balance after co-pay (to be charged to PHP: I don't know if there is then a nice discount from CVS to PHP, but it seems only reasonable that this would be so).

The last time I had a refill I paid the \$3 with a check and received the CVS confirmation of the transaction. However, upon looking at it I found heavy black lines drawn through the price and the balance. The figures were completely illegible.

"What's this about?" I asked the pharmacist. "Oh," she said, "they don't want you to have that information."

I wonder. It does seem like another case of less than meets the eye. The whole thing has a touch of under-the-counter dealings.

PHPatient
(name submitted)

Curious queries concern assessments, recycling

Editor, The Spotlight:

Re: Assessments — Why is it that 41 percent of commercial properties and 35 percent of industrial properties (Spotlight chart of March 18) will see tax reductions of more than \$500?

Re: Recycling — If the town has a new container for recycling magazines, why is it not scheduled to be at "Community Bethlehem" on May 16, with residents advised ahead of time so they could accumulate and drop them off that day?

Just curious
Delmar (Name submitted)

Editor's note: The revaluation process was designed to place a correct value on all properties, commercial and residential. Presumably the change referred to indicates that those properties have been overtaxed in the past.

The magazine-recycling container will be on hand at the "Community Bethlehem" observance as reported in The Spotlight.

Words for the week

Co-opt: To persuade or lure (an opponent) to join one's own system, party, etc. Also, to add to a group by vote of those already members. And, to appoint as an associate.

Rhetoric: Two distinct meanings: (1) The art of using words effectively in speaking or writing; now, the art of prose composition or skill in this. (2) Artificial eloquence; language that is showy and elaborate but largely empty of clear ideas or sincere emotion.

Martial arts tournament supports DARE

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Spotlight recently ran a series of articles on the Bethlehem DARE program. In this series one important aspect of local involvement in the DARE program was omitted.

For the past three years Michael D. Friello, owner and head instructor of Hudson Valley Tae Kwon Do and Fitness Center in Delmar, has sponsored an annual martial arts tournament to benefit DARE. These tournaments have exposed hundreds of people to the DARE program and have provided DARE with over \$20,000 in support, an accomplishment that is certainly worth noting.

We believe that Mr. Friello, his staff, and supporting volunteers, the hundreds of martial arts instructors and students from throughout the northeast and Canada who participated in the tournaments, and all of the family and friends who sponsored their participation for the benefit of DARE deserve to be recognized. Without their hard work and generous contributions, the local DARE program would be seriously diminished.

This community is truly indebted to Mr. Friello.

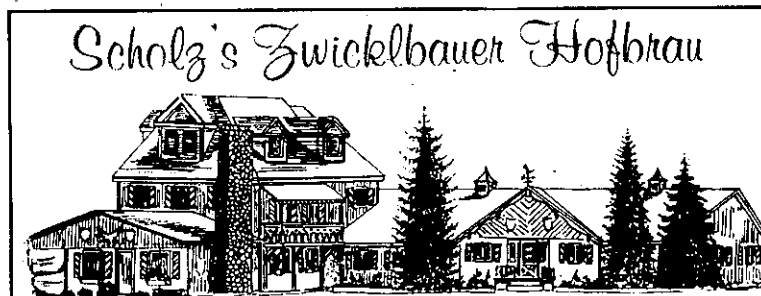
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Decade's doubled costs hardly are 'bare bones'

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Wednesday evening, April 15, at the Bethlehem Central Board of Education building, I attended the annual budget meeting of the Bethlehem Central school system. The approximate 30-minute presentation was presented by Dr. Leslie Loomis, superintendent of the district.

With the use of a visual aid machine, the \$31.6 million budget was presented to those in attendance without any printed facts or figures being distributed. I was amazed that there weren't any printed copies available and that the attendance was so small.

In years past, when I attended budget meetings, I remember attendance so large that the high school auditorium was used, and printed material (of limited value) was available.

Due to the continued escalating school budgets in the past 10 years, (1983—\$15,455,435; 1993 proposed budget—\$31,664,092) I feel it's past time to speak out against this fiscal abuse. We are talking about a budget to educate our children which might be compared to a fair-sized city's.

Dr. Loomis spoke of the budget as being "cut to the bone"; ladies and gentlemen, a budget that's in the millions of dollars and has

doubled in 10 years is not a bare bones budget.

Chief executive officers of many of America's large corporations are found to be overpaid for their performance. Our school systems are no exception to these findings. The Bethlehem superintendent's salary for 1990-91 was \$91,312 and increased for 1991-92 to \$97,704. The two assistant superintendents' salaries for 1990-91 were \$79,947 each and increased to \$85,543. Salaries for principals in 1990-91 were \$1,035,532 and increased to \$1,091,511. How many principals do we have?

We have administrators experimenting with ideas that have been tried before, then dropped; programs given a new name and brought around again in the name of progressive education (when in actuality it's regressive education). It puts an extreme amount of burdensome paper work on the teachers and uses up their quality teacher/student time.

When will district residents demand "pay for performance" of these C.E.O.s (superintendents and principals)? We are top-heavy with administration in this school system.

John H. Mead
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Matters of Opinion

Less chess, more stress unless there's largesse

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing in response to the April 22 letter to the editor regarding the importance of continuing the funding to support the Chess Club at BCHS.

My husband learned to play chess in a Bronx high school chess club in the 1930s and has enjoyed a lifetime of chess. At present, he is involved in a correspondence chess tournament—and doing very well.

Chess is available to people of practically all ages and of every physical status. It is a convenient, portable, stress-reducing activity for convalescents; people stranded in waiting rooms; travelers on trains, planes, etc.—and it keeps those little gray cells moving.

In short, the Chess Club should be actively encouraged and supported—certainly not eliminated.

Annette Bloodstein

Delmar

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.

Reduce county staffing or 'get out of the way'

Editor, The Spotlight:

Your "Cut First, Tax Later" editorial in *The Spotlight* of April 15, is a well-stated exposition of the fiscal picture in Albany County.

The Republicans in the County Legislature are working to close the county's potential \$17 million deficit without increasing taxes. We call for streamlining government operations, by consolidating and eliminating unnecessary and overlapping functions.

Unfortunately for the county's taxpayers, the Democratic leadership has attempted to protect their favored sons and daughters by advocating an increase in Albany County's sales tax. They continue to ignore the need to restructure county government, and the fact that Albany's taxpayers can no longer afford to subsidize their political operations. Their preference for a sales tax increase instead of workforce reductions is an insult to the residents of Albany County.

Fortunately, due to the leadership we are getting from the

County Executive, the county is already finding projected reductions in the deficit of nearly \$6 million through a hiring freeze and other cost-saving measures. Republicans want to further reduce the county's costly bureaucracy by reducing the number of non-essential appointees hired not for their skills but for politics.

Republicans want the county to continue to provide essential services, but we insist that the bloated bureaucracy be streamlined to ensure the future financial stability of the county and its taxpayers.

Albany County has fiscal problems that are not entirely of its own making. Unfunded state mandates, particularly the soaring costs of Medicaid and welfare, and a sluggish economy have contributed to its projected deficit. However, the wound is somewhat self-inflicted. Decades of irresponsible and self-serving practices by the Democrats have taken a toll on Albany's finances.

In the last election, Albany's voters elected change but the Democrats are still clinging to business-as-usual—patronage at the expense of taxpayers. It is obvious they are incapable of leading the charge for fiscal responsibility. They should either follow the Republican efforts to downsize county government, or simply get out of the way.

W. Gordon Morris, Jr.
Albany County Legislator
34th District

BC commitment lauded on special education

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have been a member of the Bethlehem Central President's Council for the past two years representing parents of children with handicapping conditions. I attend budget meetings and pay particular attention to how money is being spent on special education. This budget contains an \$81,600 increase in special education, including 1.4 teachers and 1.6 aides. At the budget hearings, the school board voted to start a program this summer at Clarksville for children who require 12-month education.

The board also agreed to explore the feasibility of starting an integrated pre-school to meet the needs of pre-schoolers with handicapping conditions who reside in Bethlehem. I see these as strong signs of commitment to special education by the administration and the school board.

This past year a new special education class was begun at Slingerlands. This program has been very successful. It has allowed children to remain in their home district and receive a quality education while at the same time be mainstreamed with their typical peers at Slingerlands. All children and the whole community will benefit from this experience making this a fine example of our tax dollars being well-spent.

I support the budget and I urge all those who care about special education to vote "yes" on May 6.

Judy Fruiterman

For the information of persons who wrote letters to *The Spotlight* endorsing personal friends who are candidates for the Bethlehem Central Board of Education, it is the newspaper's policy not to publish letters of personal endorsements, unless they are also relevant to campaign issues.

Half-day kindergarten care program planned

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of School's Out, Inc., (SOI) I wish to express appreciation to all those in the community who took the time to complete and return the kindergarten survey. Because of the large number of families in need of half-day kindergarten care, a program will open in September.

A new type of child care for SOI, the kindergarten enrichment program will serve an initial group of 20 children who attend afternoon kindergarten classes at their respective schools. To ensure high-quality care for this component of SOI, a small group seemed prudent. No afternoon child care is planned. No part-time enrollment will be accepted. Information on the kindergarten enrichment program and the waiting list is available by calling 439-9300.

Judith H. Cresswell
Executive Director

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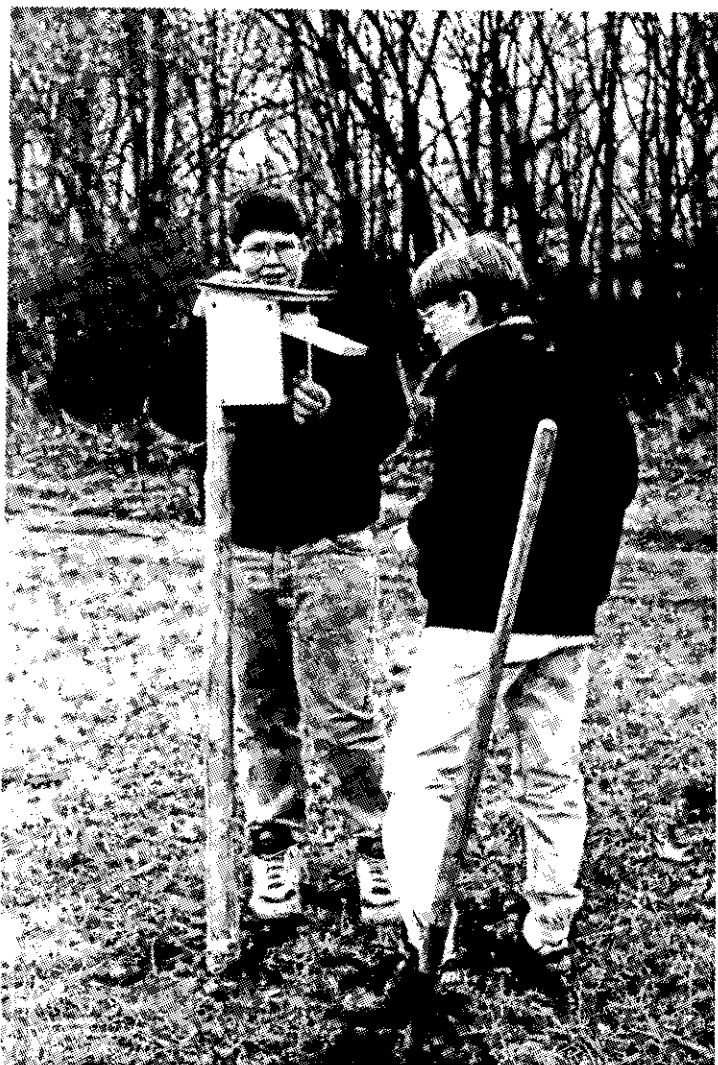
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Elaine McLain

Bethlehem schools slate music program

Bethlehem Schools Summer Music Program will run from July 6 through 31, co-sponsored by the school district and the Bethlehem Music Association.

The program has two separate components — lessons for students already involved in the instrumental music program, and "Meet the Instruments" for incoming fourth and fifth graders who have not yet started an instrument.

Youngsters already involved in band, orchestra, or instrumental lessons will receive two lessons a week comprised of one private lesson and one ensemble lesson. The cost for this program is \$40.

"Meet the Instruments" will offer incoming fourth and fifth graders an introduction to families of instruments, to help them make an informed choice about

the selection of an instrument. The cost for the twice a week program is \$25.

Scholarships will be available through the Bethlehem Music Association for youngsters who wish to participate but are not able to due to cost. The programs will be held Monday through Thursday mornings at Bethlehem Middle School.

For information, contact Sam Bozzella, music supervisor, at 439-4921.

Bellevue to offer class on early pregnancy

Bellevue Hospital, 2210 Troy-Schenectady Road, Schenectady, will offer "Getting Started," an early pregnancy class, on Wednesday, May 13, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

College sets sessions to give information

Empire State College will host information sessions on Friday, May 1, at noon, Tuesday, May 12, at 6 p.m., and Wednesday, May 27, at 4 p.m. at the Capital District Center, 845 Central Ave., Albany.

Rossi gets scholarship from Owens-Corning

Michael Rossi, son of Robert and Katherine Rossi of Selkirk, has been named a 1992 Merit Scholar.

Rossi, a senior at Bishop Maginn High School, was awarded a Merit Scholarship from the Owens-Corning Foundation.

He plans to major in civil/environmental engineering at Clarkson University or the Rochester Institute of Technology, and eventually pursue a career in architecture.

Scleroderma society sets educational forum

The Capital District Branch of the Scleroderma Society will sponsor an educational forum on Saturday, May 2, at 2 p.m. at Sunnyview Hospital in Schenectady.

Speakers will include physicians and cosmetologists.

For information, call 882-1012.

St. Peters to offer visiting skills course

The Pastoral Care Department at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany will offer a five-week course on improving skills in visiting the sick or homebound.

The course will be on Thursday afternoons, from May 7 to June 4.

New Scotland church sets roast beef dinner

The New Scotland Presbyterian Church will have its annual roast beef dinner with homemade pies on Saturday, May 2, at the church on Route 85, New Scotland.

The cost will be \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children 5 through 12. Under five will eat free. Baked goods will also be for sale.

For information, call 587-2100.

Take a break, recreate!

The town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department and Bethlehem Central School District will sponsor a Middle School Talent Show on Saturday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m.

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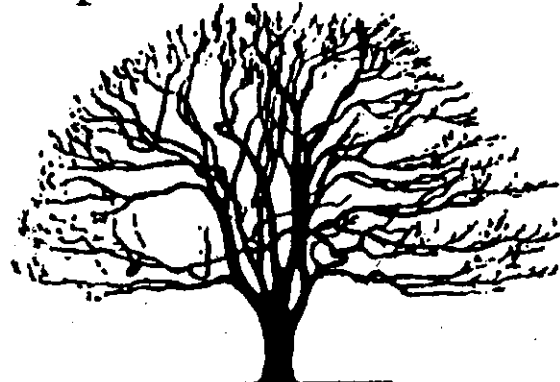
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Bethlehem residents run for Tulip Queen

By Michael DeMasi

Seven finalists for Albany's Tulip Queen were announced today, and there is a very good chance the winner, who will be chosen next week, calls Bethlehem home.

Three of the finalists named today—Jennifer Lasher, Krysten Ragone and Jennifer Recene—all graduated from Bethlehem Central High School within the last six years.

For 44 years, Albany has been crowning a Tulip Queen in conjunction with the Tulip Festival. The queen represents Albany at citywide functions and fund-raisers and also does volunteer work in the community.

Maureen Duda, festivals coordinator for the city, emphasized the contest is not a beauty pageant. She described the queen as "a person who is able to speak well, get along with people, can think on her feet and is friendly."

After being nominated by a relative or friend of the family, each of the women went through two rounds of judging as the field of nearly 70 was narrowed down to the seven-member court.

Lasher, 23, grew up in Slingerlands and graduated from BCHS in 1986. She went to Northeastern University, received a degree in Criminal Justice in 1990 and currently works as a paralegal with Roemer & Featherstonhaugh in Albany.

"It was quite a surprise to me when they called me and asked me to come in for the interview," said Lasher, who was nominated by her mother's best friend.

"I think they're looking for a

Delmar CHP plans infant CPR course

Community Health Plan (CHP) will offer a two-session infant and child CPR program beginning Tuesday, May 5, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the Delmar Health Center.

The program is for adults to learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation for infants and children.

The class is open to both CHP members and non-CHP members on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be a charge for registration.

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friendly, outgoing person who is responsive to the needs of others," she said. "I don't think they have any basis in beauty, just to be neat and presentable."

Ragone, 21, has lived in Delmar her whole life and graduated from BCHS in 1989. She is currently pursuing a degree in paralegal studies at Schenectady County Community College and hopes to work with a law firm after she graduates this May.

"I was so happy, I didn't think I'd make it that far," said Ragone of her selection to the court.

The judges asked the contestants about their interests, hobbies, plans for the future and involvement in the community. But, most grueling of all, they said, were questions about Albany's history.

Ragone said she thought she "blew it" when she couldn't remember the "million dollar staircase" is located inside the Capitol building.

"It's not held against her if she doesn't know" that much about the city's history, said Duda.

Jennifer Recene, 22, lives in Delmar and graduated from BCHS in 1987. She has a bachelor's degree in English and Communications from the State University of New York at Potsdam and currently works at The Desmond Americana in Colonie.

"I never really thought I was the type of person to be in this," said Recene, who was nominated by her father. "I was really flattered."



Bethlehem residents Jennifer Lasher, left, Jennifer Recene and Krysten Ragone are among the seven contestants in the running for Tulip Queen during the annual spring Tulip Festival in Albany's Washington Park. This year's winner will be crowned May 9.

She said she won't be disappointed if she isn't chosen as queen. "It's been fun up to here. It would just be a bonus if I won."

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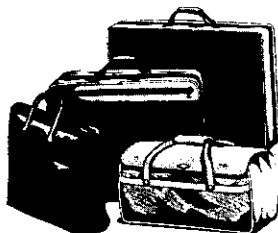
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Board sets hearing on signage

The Bethlehem Town Board set a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, to consider a request from the Traffic Safety Committee to establish no parking signs on county Route 52 in front of the Elm Avenue Park.

After Supervisor Ken Ringler received letters from community members stating it is a safety hazard for cars to park along the road, he asked the Traffic Safety Committee to look into it. The group concluded it is a safety hazard to have cars parked along Route 52.

The board set the public hearing last week during its regular meeting.

In other business, the board

- heard from local school students regarding Earth Day, April 22. The middle and high school

students asked the board to pass a resolution in support of a new packaging law which is currently before the state Legislature.

Board members agreed they needed time to evaluate the bill. Ringler said it would be placed on the May 13 town board agenda.

Grenz is appointed to judicial committee

Delmar resident Eugene Z. Grenz has been appointed to the Committee on Character and Fitness of the Third Judicial Department by Presiding Justice Leonard A. Weiss.

The committee evaluates the character and fitness of candidates for admission to the New York State Bar.

Alzheimer association opens center

The Caregiver Resource Center of the Capital District chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 85 Watervliet Ave., Albany, will open on Friday, May 1, at 3 p.m.

A plaque honoring the late

Stacia Losewicz will be unveiled by her husband, Clarence Whiteman, whose gift made the resource center possible.

For information, call 438-2217.

Humane society offers pet adoptions

The Capital District Humane Association will offer a variety of healthy dogs and cats for adoption on Saturdays, May 2, 9, and 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and May 23 and 30, from 11:30 to 2 p.m.

The event will be at the Super-

Zatlin joins firm as account executive

Dayle Zatlin of Glenmont has joined the staff of Sawchuk, Brown Associates, an Albany public relations/public affairs firm, as an account executive.

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Zatlin, who recently moved to the area from New Hampshire, was a marketing communications consultant to Digital Equipment Corporation, Nashua, N.H.

Arts council arranges filmmakers festival

The Columbia County Council on the Arts will present the Columbia County filmmakers festival on Saturday, May 2, from noon to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 3, from noon to 7 p.m. at the Studio Theater in Hudson.

Area filmmakers will discuss their work after each screening.

The program will include Frank and Caroline Mouris, who won an Academy Award for *Frank Film*, and documentary filmmaker Deborah Shaffer, who won an Academy Award for *Witness to War: Dr. Charlie Clements*.

For information, call 672-4738.

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The workshop will be led by Jay Silverman.

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The Saratoga County Fair is looking for entertainers to perform July 21 through 26.

Bands, singers, comedians and other entertainers are invited to participate.

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SHARE support group to meet at St. Peter's

SHARE, a support group for people who have experienced the loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, ectopic pregnancy or neonatal death, will meet on Thursday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the large board room of St. Peter's Hospital, Albany.

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Town picks study sites for Orchard Park wells

By Eric Bryant

New Scotland officials recently chose two study sites in the Orchard Park Water District which had been earmarked by C.T. Male Associates P.C. as prime candidates for drilling.

The decision marks the first step toward preliminary drilling of wells for the district.

Supervisor Herbert Reilly Jr. said he will attempt to contact the owners of the study site properties, which are located on both sides of Route 85A south of the Delaware and Hudson railroad tracks. An option to drill on the property must be obtained by the town before preliminary drilling can begin.

Reilly said the target areas, each some 10 to 15 acres in size, are located near the Hilton estate and Forest Road. The two sites were

chosen because the depth of underground gravel deposits indicated a significant water supply.

Previous candidate areas, such as the Larned Mine/Tall Timbers property, had a gravel depth of 60 feet, Reilly said. According to geological survey work done by C.T. Male, the new sites contain 111 feet of gravel, which draws water "like a sponge," Reilly said.

The supervisor also noted that the new sites are closer to other areas which also need water, such as Forest Road and Route 155.

Also, the board agreed to allow the state Department of Environmental Conservation to administer \$60,000 in member items obtained by the town this year. Earmarked for work on the Orchard Park district, the member item funding will pay for a significant portion of the water district's preliminary drilling.

Old Songs to sponsor guitarist Eric Bogle

Songwriter and guitarist Eric Bogle will perform on Monday, May 4, at 8 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Voorheesville.

The performance is sponsored by Old Songs, Inc.

Bogle, who was born in Scot-

land, is a citizen of Australia and has been awarded the Australian Peace Award and the Order of Australia. This is his fifth U.S. tour.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students, and \$5 for children 12 and under.

For information, call 765-2815.

Five Rivers to host family exploration day

The Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, will present a family-oriented exploration of the outdoors on Saturday, May 9, at 2 p.m.

Children must be accompanied by parents and pre-registration is necessary. The fee for the program is \$2.

For information, call 475-0291.

Quilters club to hear lecture on Japan

Quilters United in Learning Together will meet on Friday, May 8, at 9:30 a.m., at the United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Anna Marie Tucker will present a lecture entitled "Come Fly With Me," describing her trip to Japan.

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By Joseph Cardamone

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As common an occurrence as a motor vehicle accident may be, it still causes, in addition to any injuries, confusion and anxiety to those involved.

The basic law concerning all motor vehicle accidents can be found in Article 51 of the New York State Insurance Law, formally known as The Comprehensive Automobile Reparation Act; but, more commonly known as the "No Fault" law.

Under this statute, the economic losses of accident victims, such as medical expenses and lost income, are provided for by virtue of "First Party" benefits given to all injured drivers, passengers and, when necessary, pedestrians. These benefits are provided regardless of who may have been at fault. Generally, the injured party is entitled to all reasonable and necessary medical expenses and 80% of lost income up to \$1,000 per month, with a total limit of \$50,000.00.

Whether or not an injured party can make a claim for non-economic losses, most notably pain and suffering, depends on the nature of the injuries. Section 5102 (d) of the "No-Fault" law defines injuries deemed to be serious; and, the injured party must have a serious injury before any claim can be made for non-economic losses.

The least complicated categories of serious injury are death, dismemberment and loss of a fetus. All fractures, no matter how minor, are considered serious injuries; however, there is still some doubt whether a chipped or fractured tooth will qualify.

Another category of serious injury is any significant disfigurement and has been held to mean an injury or scar which a reasonable person would regard as unattractive, objectionable or the subject of pity or scorn.

The statute also lists the following types of serious injuries; permanent loss of a body organ, member, function or system; permanent consequential limitation of use of a body function or system.

Finally, the statute describes the most general category as being a medically determined injury or impairment of a non-permanent nature which prevents the injured person from performing substantially all of the material acts which constitute such person's usual and customary daily activities for not less than 90 days during the 180 days immediately following the occurrence of the injury or impairment.

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IDA gives green light for warehouse project

By Susan Graves

The Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency last Friday gave the go-ahead to a \$3 million building project proposed for Hannay Lane.

Malm Realty Company is planning to build a 32,000-square-foot warehouse to house Hamilton News Company, Inc. in Glenmont. Hamilton News will move from its current site to the new structure on a contiguous piece of land. "We've outgrown what we built 20 years ago," said Sanford Sheber, a consultant to Malm Realty.

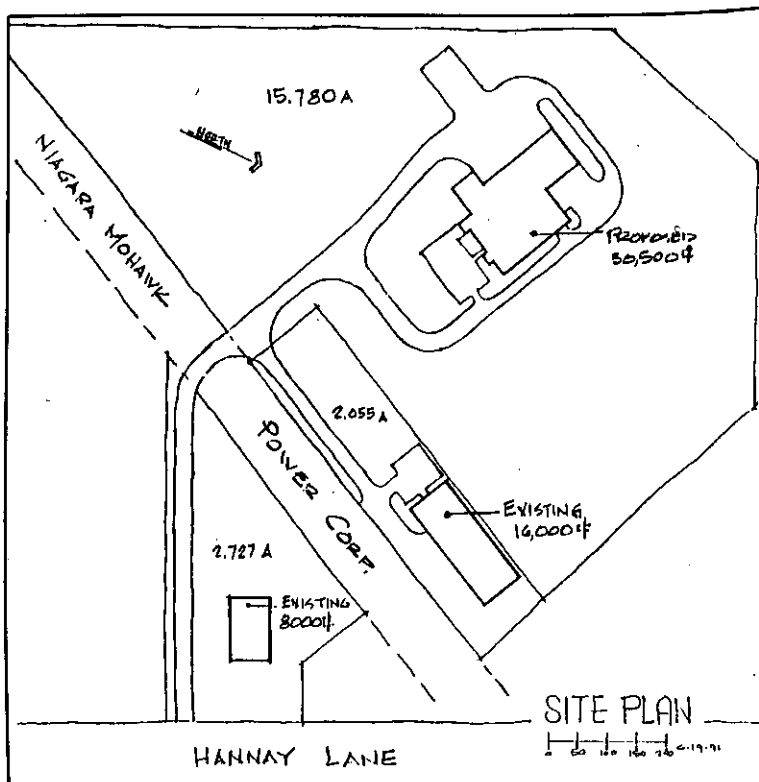
"It's the kind of thing we're looking for," said Ken Ringler, IDA chairman. The project is designed for an area zoned light industrial.

Hamilton News is expecting to add 15 new employees to its operation, which currently employs 50 people. The building Hamilton News currently occupies will probably be leased, Sheber said.

The project will be completed on a 15.7 acre site and includes a warehouse, distribution center and offices. Malm Realty purchased the land last year for \$499,999.

As part of the project, an access road will be constructed to the site.

The project will be funded by taxable bonds and already has a commitment from Norstar Bank, according to Paul Goldman, an attorney representing Malm Realty at Friday's meeting. "We ac-



The new Hamilton News warehouse, shown above in the upper right hand corner, is expected to cost roughly \$3 million. Work also includes construction of an access road.

quired the land, and that's our equity."

The IDA board voted unanimously to pass a negative declaration and inducement resolution allowing the building plan to go forward. "Our planning department recommended a negative

declaration, and I do not see any negative effects to the environment," Ringler said.

Malm Realty can now proceed with its application for building permits.

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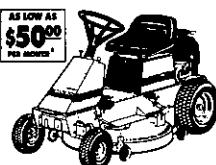
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Delmar nurse tapped for superior work

By Eric Bryant

A Delmar woman who revitalized the Albany Medical Center's obstetric patient education services could be named New York state's Nurse of Distinction at an awards ceremony this afternoon.

Patricia Coffey, R.N., M.S., was named one of eight statewide finalists this year for the fourth annual Nurse of Distinction awards presentation at the Empire State Plaza. The eight finalists, all representing different regions of the state, were chosen from among 401 original nominees.

Coffey came to Albany Medical Center in 1987 as the Women and Children's Nursing Division's first nurse/educator. Charged with expanding patient education services, she has since created 10 separate programs for expectant mothers and a variety of materials to educate families about obstet-



Patricia Coffey

rics, gynecology, family planning and pediatrics. According to Linda Millenbach, R.N., M.S., Coffey has taken the program from virtually

nothing to form one of the most comprehensive programs in the state. Earlier this year, Millenbach nominated Coffey for the Nurse of Distinction award.

"Pat's enthusiasm, compassion and competence have spurred dozens of other staff members to get involved as patient educators," Millenbach said. "She has truly revolutionized the manner in which the staff orients itself to their diagnostic and care regimens."

According to Millenbach, Coffey's leadership and example, have been a catalyst for 25 other staff members to actively participate and teach in the educational programs.

When Coffey arrived at Albany Med, the only formal patient education for expectant mothers

consisted of a tour of the obstetrics unit. But in her brief tenure, Coffey has created: a smoking cessation class for pregnant women and their spouses; a breastfeeding class for expectant mothers; Cesarean birth and early pregnancy classes; a Lamaze childbirth series; a Lamaze refresher course; a sibling course to prepare older brothers and sisters for a new baby; and an educational series on vaginal birth after a previous Cesarean birth.

Coffey has also served a key role in informing low-income women what health care services the medical center can provide for them during pregnancy.

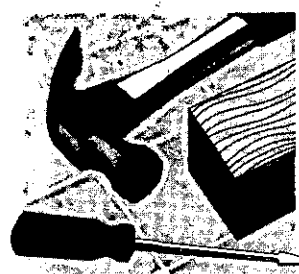
"Because of her, hundreds of women have been educated in the 'Project Impact' program. The goal of the program is to reduce the number of low birth weight babies through educational pro-

grams and financial reimbursement," Millenbach said.

Millenbach feels Coffey's greatest impact at the center is perhaps her work in developing and expanding of the lactation services which include prenatal classes, in-hospital patient visits in the postpartum and neonatal intensive care nursery, in-services for staff and telephone counseling of families after delivery.

Coffey, an Adams Place resident, earned a bachelor's in nursing from Syracuse University and a master's degree in the field in 1986. In addition, she is an international board certified lactation consultant and a certified childbirth educator. Before moving to the Capital District, she worked in the Syracuse area as a clinical nurse specialist, a childbirth educator, a private practice lactation consultant and as an adjunct assistant professor at Syracuse University's School of Nursing.

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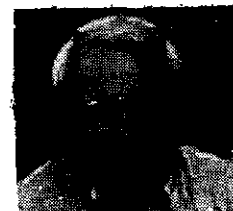
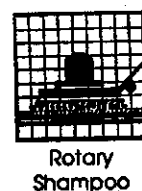
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Incinerator is topic for town meetings

The town of Bethlehem will sponsor a series of community meetings to provide information gathered by the Solid Waste Task Force about the proposed waste to energy incinerator.

Town residents will vote on the proposed incinerator on Thursday, June 18.

The first meeting will be Thursday, April 30, at the South Bethlehem Firehouse on Route 396 in South Bethlehem.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 7, at the Selkirk Firehouse Number 1, Route 396.

There will also be a meeting on Thursday, May 19, at the Glenmont Elementary School, Route 9W, Glenmont.

The final meeting will be on Thursday, June 4, in the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

All meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 439-4955.

V'ville residents plan 'trash stash'

The arrival of spring often means the arrival of litter, and the residents of Voorheesville are ready.

The annual "Trash Stash" will be held on Saturday, May 2, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Trash bags will be distributed to volunteers to clean up the litter on the streets. Residents will meet at the Village Green behind the American Legion Hall, and complimentary hot dogs and soda will follow the cleanup.

For information, contact 765-2692.

Air band to perform at elementary school

The third annual elementary student council Air Band Show will be held at the Voorheesville Elementary School on Friday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the gym.

Proceeds will be used for maintenance of the playground.

NEWS NOTES

Voorheesville

Susan Casler
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Schools take part in Earth Day events

Earth Day Festival will be celebrated today, April 29, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior High School and Voorheesville Elementary School.

In addition to the exhibits and demonstrations, an owl and hawk presentation will take place at the grade school. There will be activities and refreshments for everyone.

Students attend conference on peer counseling

Voorheesville students were among those attending the Natural Helpers Conference, "Kids

Helping Kids," which took place on April 15 at the College of Saint Rose.

Natural Helpers are students who receive special training to help other students deal with the pressures of academic and social life. Topics covered included alcohol, grief, HIV/AIDS, sex and violence in dating relationships.

In addition to Voorheesville, 11 other schools participated in the conference, and there were approximately 275 students involved in the day's events.

Sponsors for the seminar were Albany County Substance Abuse Prevention Program, Conifer Park, Life Start, Capital District Physicians Health Plan, Trustco Bank and Albany County STOP DWI.

Registration deadline set for college boards

Registration deadline is Friday, May 1, for the college board Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and the

college board Achievement Test (ACT) which will take place on Saturday, June 6.

Information and registration forms can be obtained at the counseling center at the high school.

School orders equipment from register receipts

Voorheesville School District has announced that \$75,000 worth of cash register receipts were collected from Grand Union and \$258,753 from Price Chopper.

As a result, the district has ordered a color TV, a computer, music keyboard, software, two gym mats, two microscopes, two laser video discs and two class sets of calculators.

Correction

Lynn Finley's new address was incorrectly listed in the April 22 edition of *The Spotlight*. The correct address of Lynn Finley Photography is 339 Delaware Ave.

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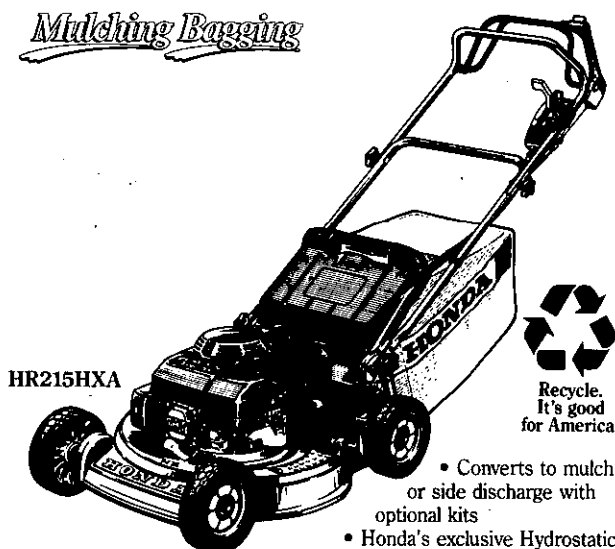
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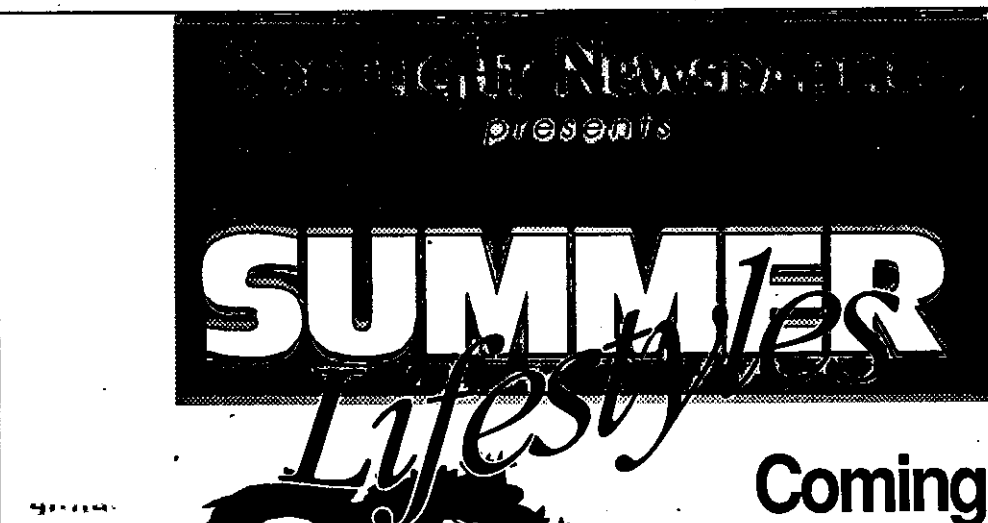
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Bethlehem Grange to cook up roast beef supper

The Bethlehem Grange will serve a family style roast beef supper on Saturday, May 2, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Beckers Corner Grange, Route 396, Selkirk. The cost for adults is \$7, and \$3.50 for children 5 to 12. For special seating arrangements, call 767-2770 or 767-3342.

Ravena library offers job bank info

The Ravena Free Library, 106 Main St., now receives the Capital District Job Bank and civil service postings weekly. The bank has the most up-to-date listings of work opportunities in the area.

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Sports Cards will discuss baseball card collecting tonight, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. He will talk about collecting basics, value and appraisal, trading and card exhibits and sales shows. This program is free and open to the public.

Preschoolers and their families are invited to show their toothiest smile during the "Crocodile Smiles" storytime Thursday, April 30, at 10:30 a.m. at the library.

DAR presents award to Ravena teacher

The Hannacrois Chapter of the NSDAR, Coeymans, presented the Outstanding Teacher of American History Award to RCS history teacher Donald Prockup.

He has been teaching in the district since 1967 and is currently department chairperson.

The award was given based on his service and dedication to students and the commitment to ideals espoused by the DAR including patriotism, the expectation of excellence from students and an ability to make history "live" in the minds of students. Prockup was also DAR first runner up award

winner in New York.

RCS school partners meeting tonight

The RCS senior high school partners in education will meet tonight, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

RCS board to meet

The next scheduled board of education meeting will be Monday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the board offices, 20 Thatcher St., Selkirk.

Board of ed candidates must file petitions

Candidates for school board

seats must have their petitions, containing 35 signatures, returned to the board office, 20 Thatcher St., Selkirk by close of business, Friday, May 8.

The RCS budget vote and election of school board members was moved ahead one month, to Wednesday, June 10, in order to bring the spending budget to a more reasonable level.

A budget hearing, open to the public has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school, Route 9W, Ravena.

Delmar CHP to offer communication course

The Community Health Plan will offer a six-session communication skills course for couples beginning Wednesday, May 6, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the center on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

The course is designed to help couples resolve their difficulties by learning to send clear messages, listen more accurately and resolve conflicts.

The course will be led by Joe Zoske, C.S.W. The fee is \$36 for CHP members and \$72 for non-members. Registration deadline is today, April 29.

For information, call 783-1864, ext. 4444.

Pinocchio slated at Slingerlands school

The Slingerlands school fifth grade choir will present *Pinocchio* on Thursday, May 7, and Friday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium on Union Avenue. The play will be directed by Virginia Dale. Tickets are \$2.50 and can be purchased at the door.

Senior citizens are invited to attend a free matinee dress rehearsal on Wednesday, May 6, at 1:45 p.m.

For information, call 439-7681.

Progress drama club features Village Stage

The drama group of the Progress Club will feature the Village Stage at their annual potpourri. "That Marvelous Movie Music" will be presented at the fellowship hall of the Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue.

This free event on Friday, May 1, at 8 p.m. is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Colman participates in internship program

Rebecca A. Colman of Slingerlands recently participated in the Career Discovery Internship Program at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine.

Colman, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High school, is completing her junior year at Bates.

Through the program, Colman spent several days with Bates alumnus Michael A. Goldberg, a fellow in pediatric and child clinical psychology, at Judge Baker's Children's Center in Jamaica Plain, Mass.

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Stories, films scheduled Library says thanks to volunteers

Preschoolers, ages 2 to 5, and their adult companions are invited to see the short films *New Friends*, *Pierre* and *Scruffy* on Friday, May 1, and Saturday, May 2, at 10:30 a.m.

The library will have a special edition of "Preschool Storytimes" from May 5 to 28. Because fewer children are expected to participate during May's warmer weather, registration will not be necessary.

Toddlers, ages 22 months to 3 and 1/2 years, accompanied by an adult, are invited to hear stories at 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays and at 10:15 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Preschoolers, ages 3 and 1/2 to 6, are invited to drop in for stories on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. or 1:30 p.m., and there will be a story hour that all members of the family can attend together on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m.

A comprehensive four-week babysitting course for youngsters age 12 and up will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Fridays, May 8, 15, 29 and June 5. The course, which will include child care safety, will be taught by American Red Cross instructors. Those attending all four sessions will be eligible for Red Cross certification.

The babysitting course is being coordinated with the town of Bethlehem Youth Employment Service. Participants will pay a materials fee for the course manual. To pre-register, call 439-9314.

Marguerite "Peg" Lewis, a part-time member of the library staff, will talk about "Caldecott: the Man and the Award" on Sunday, May 17 at 2 p.m.

Randolph Caldecott was a nineteenth century writer and illustrator of children's books who inspired the award given annually for the best picture book for children.

Lewis, a Delmar resident and former librarian at Glenmont Elementary School, is author of the recent book *Randolph Caldecott: The Children's Illustrator*. She will show slides and examples of Caldecott's work, as well as Caldecott Award-winning books.

School-age youngsters, teachers and adults are invited to attend.

Preschoolers ages 2 to 5 can bring their blankets and bears to the ninth "Teddy Bears' Picnic" on Wednesday, May 20, at 10:30 a.m.

Garden club plans annual plant sale

The Helderview Garden Club is sponsoring its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 9.

The sale will be at the Voorheesville Stewart's store from 8 a.m. to noon, and at the Voorheesville Pharmacy from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

For information, call 765-2780.

Registration is required for this perennially popular storytelling event and participants are asked to bring a half-dozen cookies to share.

Kids of all ages won't want to miss the "School's Out Freaky Film Fest" on Friday, May 22.

Preschool fantasy fans can catch *The Fool and the Flying Ship* (30 minutes) at 10:30 a.m. In the film, Robin Williams' menagerie of voices teams up with the Klezmer Conservatory Band in this wacky retelling of a Russian folk tale.

At 2 p.m., join us for the "School-age Simply Atrocious Science Fiction" film *The Forbidden Planet* (90 minutes).

Children's room assistant and movie fan Carole Lillis says, "This is a sci-fi flick from the 50s that is so bad, it's good! Kid's parents paid to see this when it was first run. They'll have to see it at the Library — it won't be on the tube." Critic Leonard Maltin gives this film three and a half stars for its "great effects and eerie electronic score."

The library will say thank you to all the people who have volunteered this year with a reception tonight, April 29, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Nearly 100 volunteers have presented programs, baked cookies, hung artwork, arranged displays, filed cards, planted shrubs.

Voorheesville Public Library



built shelves, served refreshments and performed a myriad of tasks that allow the library to provide so many "extras" to our patrons.

Board of trustees President Fred Volkwein will present certificates of appreciation to some special folks who have really gone above and beyond the call of duty. Refreshments will be served and entertainment will be provided by harpist Martha Gallagher.

Voorheesville resident Diane Wozniak will display her paintings at the library throughout May.

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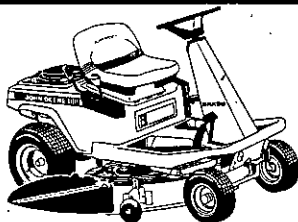
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The Friends of the Library are selling raffle tickets to benefit the

library as well as the winners. First, second and third prizes are \$250, \$150 and \$50. Tickets are \$1 and are available at the circulation desk or from a friend. The drawing is on Saturday, May 23, at 4 p.m. at the library. Winners need not be present.

The board of trustees will hold its month meeting on Monday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m.

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SPORTS**Eagles soar into Cooperstown's historic Doubleday Field**

By Michael Kagan

The Bethlehem Central varsity baseball team took advantage of its school vacation last week to do some traveling. Along the way they won two of three road games, including a victory at historic Doubleday Field in Cooperstown.

The Eagles defeated Corning West, a Cooperstown team, 10-3, in Cooperstown Tuesday, April 21, before returning home to be edged out by the Burnt Hills Tartans, 5-3, on Wednesday, April 22. BC closed out the week on Friday, April 24, with a resounding 9-1 trashing of the Colonie Raiders. Bethlehem's record now stands at 7-2 (4-2

league).

Playing in the home of baseball's Hall of Fame, the Eagles responded to a 2-1 deficit at the close of the first inning by pounding out a five run second inning, highlighted by senior catcher Matt Quatraro's two run triple.

The Eagles catcher drove in a total of three runs on the day, and collected two hits.

BC iced its win with four insurance runs over the next two innings, as juniors Ben Comtois and Mike Gambelunge each added two hits. Junior pitcher Josh Lanni limited Corning West, to five hits,



A Bethlehem Central player slides into third base safely in a game last week. Hans Pennink

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fanning 11 for a complete game win.

The magic of Cooperstown did not follow Bethlehem home, however.

Twenty-four hours later, the Eagles lost a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning as the Tartans pounded senior starter Mike Aylward for four runs. Bethlehem, despite out-hitting Burnt Hills 6-4 and being the beneficiary of four Tartan errors, never pushed a run across the plate for the rest of the day.

Two days of rest later, Aylward and the Eagles were a different team altogether. Aylward held the Colonie Raiders to four hits and one run in a complete game victory, while his offense picked up 12 hits. BC led 4-0 after one inning and 8-0 after two.

Quatraro and Comtois were responsible for two thirds of Bethlehem's runs and a third of its hits. Quatraro had a two run double and connected for a solo home run, while Comtois hit two doubles, driving in three runs!

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SPOTLIGHT ON...

Voorheesville's Cortney Langford

By Erin Elizabeth Sullivan

Through rain, sleet and snow you can count on two things: the postman bringing the mail and Voorheesville High School's Cortney Langford practicing her basketball game.

The basketball court near Langford's house has become a second home to the Blackbird junior and her practice has paid off. This year she was named to the Colonial Council All-Star team and received honorable mention on the *Daily Gazette* All-Area team.

"I practice a lot," Langford said. "My uncles and my father have always helped me and have been very supportive."

With the high school season over, Langford now plays as a guard for the American Eagles, a 16-and-under American Athletic Union team that competes throughout the country. This is Langford's second year on the team.

"Cortney is a lightening-quick player with a great long-range shot," said Michael Gallivan, the Eagles coach. "She's a pleasure to coach."

Langford also plays on the Voorheesville varsity tennis team. Last fall she went undefeated in the Colonial Council and won the singles council championship.

Langford's abilities have made her a much sought after student. She has been contacted by nearly 150 colleges, including Kent State, Princeton, Dartmouth and Georgetown University.

She hopes to receive a basketball scholarship and is sure she will study pre-law no matter where she goes.

Editor's note: "Spotlight On..." highlights the achievements of local high school athletes.



Langford

Eagle laxers shorthanded, drop two

By Josh Norek

With several players out of the line up, the Bethlehem Central boys varsity lacrosse team put up a courageous fight as it sustained two losses last week.

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Cooper-Varney Church softball league scores

Cooper-Varney Church softball league's scores for the week of April 23 are: St. Thomas II 18, Bethlehem Community 4; Presbyterian 11, Westerlo 4; Clarksville 7, Methodist 1; Voorheesville 14, St. Andrews 11; Onesquehaway Valley 11, Bethlehem Lutheran 8; Wynantskill 8, Bethany I 7.

to illness, injuries, and vacation, the Eagles lost to Shaker 12-0 on Monday, April 20. Shaker, one of the strongest teams in Section II, had just come off the heels of a big victory downstate in a tournament where the lacrosse competition is much more intense.

Bethlehem Pop Warner announces sign-ups

The final sign-up for Bethlehem Pop Warner are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 2, at the town hall.

On Friday, April 24, BC was defeated by Troy 4-3. Bethlehem's quest for victory was stopped short when Matt Thornton's shot on goal bounced off the post. Scoring for the Eagles were Tim Mooney, Matt Woodside, and Chad Albert.

The team's next game will be at Schenectady on Thursday, April 30.

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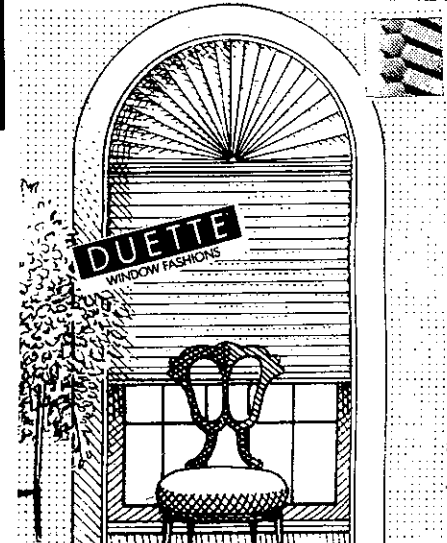
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□ Solid

(From Page 1)

up of roughly 30 local residents, began examining the town's solid waste problems.

While the task force was studying the problem and Malcolm Pirnie was collecting data for its report, a new player on the scene emerged. In April 1989, American Ref-Fuel, partly owned by Brown-Ing Ferris Industries of Long Island, announced their proposal to build a waste-to-energy plant on Cabbage Island, located south of the Port of Albany in Bethlehem.

Under full capacity, the \$200 million facility was expected to handle 1,500 tons of waste per day and produce up to 40 megawatts of power, enough for up to 25,000 homes.

However, the burn plant was met with opposition by residents, among them Bethlehem Work on

Waste. By July 1990, Ringler proposed a moratorium so the town could enact its own solid waste facility regulations.

In May 1991, the long awaited Malcolm Pirnie study was released. Much to the chagrin of officials and residents, nine of the 14 Albany County sites deemed suitable for a regional landfill were located inside Bethlehem town lines.

"There are sites (in Bethlehem) that have less impact than others, but I see impact in all," said Ringler at the time.

With regard to the Ref-Fuel proposal, in April 1991 Ringler recommended the proposal be put on the ballot for voters to decide its fate. But, by the fall of 1991, there was no need for such a vote because the company rescinded its proposal and set its sights on a location in Green Island, instead.

Also in the fall, the town began soliciting proposals from munici-

palities and private companies for a solid waste management system. By December, nine proposals were received.

Last month, the task force recommended two of those options to the board: construction of a new regional landfill in town at a cost of \$6 to \$10 million; or approval of a waste-to-energy burn plant on Cabbage Island proposed by Energy Answers Corporation.

They also presented a third, "alternative" option: haul waste out of town.

If the third option is chosen, the task force recommends that it be viewed in conjunction with an integrated program of waste reduction, reuse, recycling, composting, converting waste to energy and landfilling.

Just three weeks ago, the task force presented their proposed law governing solid waste facilities to the town. If adopted by the board, the law would outline minimum criteria for the siting, design, construction and operation of solid waste facilities.

On June 18, the town will hold a referendum to determine if residents support the concept of incineration in Bethlehem. A no vote would tell the town board incineration shouldn't be considered as a solid waste management option.

A yes vote would direct the town to pursue incineration as part of its plan, but would not grant specific approval of the EAC burn plant.

□ History

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"EnCon is closing down landfills that do not meet regulations, that cause pollution problems. This is causing the crisis," said Zimmie. "It's a man-made crisis, but I'm not saying EnCon is wrong."

Forced closing of landfills in the state began in the early 1980s.

At that time, the state was given federal money to examine landfills, according to Dennis J. Wolterding, an engineering geologist with EnCon's Bureau of Municipal Waste Permitting, Division of Solid Waste. The federal money lasted for about two years, and in that time 120 landfills were inspected.

According to Wolterding, those that had a reasonable probability of adversely affecting the environment or public health were classified as "open dumps," and the names were sent to the federal government. In the state, 56 facilities were included on the list of open dumps compiled by the federal government.

Walterding managed the open dump inventory for EnCon.

Six landfills in the Capital District area were termed open dumps, according to Wolterding, including Albany County's town of Colonie landfill, as well as two in Schenectady County and three in Saratoga County. About 65 percent of the state's 56 open

dumps are closed and 30 percent are slated to close immediately.

The other 5 percent have been upgraded, he said.

The federal criteria were criticized as not being stringent enough, Wolterding said, noting that the open dump inventory listed only those that had violated minimum criteria. The federal open dump regulations were expanded last October, especially those for landfills accepting municipal solid waste. These regulations will be in effect by October 1993.

The state's solid waste management requirements are considered more rigid than federal standards, and were amended in 1981 and again in 1988 in "great measure," Wolterding said. "EnCon has been aggressively closing landfills that are a threat to health or the environment."

EnCon has closed over 350 landfills since December 1982, according to Wolterding. Of 518 landfills that existed statewide in December 1988, now just 167 are in operation.

There are 14 active municipal and industrial waste landfills in Albany, Schenectady and Rensselaer counties.

Of Albany County's four active landfills, two are slated for closure. A portion of the City of Albany's interim landfill, located on Rapp Road, has a remaining

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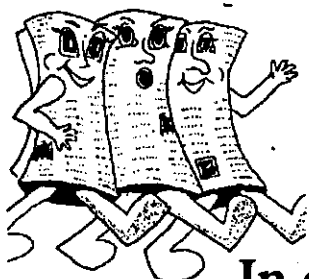
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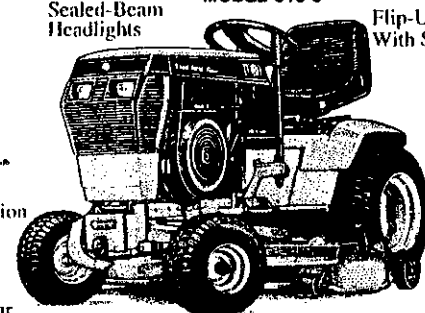
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None of Schenectady County's two landfills are set to close, but all eight of Rensselaer County's landfills should be closing, according to Wolterding.

"New York state does have a landfill disposal capacity crisis," Wolterding said. "In the Capital District, my feeling from solid waste managers is that there appears to be a solid waste disposal crisis."

The state's solid waste management law leaves the handling of solid waste to each municipality. Each plan must follow the state's solid waste management priorities, or the hierarchy, according to James Sacco Jr., an EnCon engineer.

The most important priority is to reduce the amount of solid waste generated, reuse or recycle material and recover, in an environmentally acceptable manner, energy from solid waste that can not be reused or recycled, Sacco said.

The least preferred method is to dispose of remaining solid waste by landfilling or other methods approved by EnCon.

In the past, according to Wolterding, the state preferred a waste-to-energy facility over landfilling, but, "Because of different factors, including the public, now landfilling is the answer."

The state requires each municipality, or any group of municipalities working together on solid waste management problems, to have a long-term solid waste management plan approved by EnCon, Sacco said. Because the newly designed landfills are expensive to build and operate, municipalities are joining together.

"It's a regional answer," he said.

Regions that have joined forces include Jefferson and Lewis counties, which together form the North Country Development Authority. According to Wolterding, the authority's landfill proposal was approved after four and a half years, which is relatively fast.

Franklin County's 14 dumps were replaced by one 18-acre regional landfill, said Bob Phaneuf, an environmental engineer with EnCon's Bureau of Municipal Waste Permitting, Division of Solid Waste. The new landfill should last for about 20 years.

"There is a trend of regionalization across the state to offset the cost of establishment and operation of double-liner landfills," he said.

Phaneuf said state of the art landfills, which have "quite a good performance," are usually designed specifically for the site. However, some general construction guidelines are available.

EnCon's hypothetical landfill, designed in 1988, was 20 acres, placed 30 feet below grade and set to be filled to 60 feet above grade. All the landfills require a 5-foot final cover system. After construction and quality assurance tests, the tipping fee for the hypothetical facility would be \$6.55 per ton.

Albany's interim landfill cost \$365,000 per acre to construct, Phaneuf said. "That's in the ballpark of what's been predicted."

Total operating costs of a state of the art landfill are estimated at \$65 per ton, he said. "The containment systems for these landfills is affordable (for the communities)."

According to Phaneuf, 33 planning units had submitted solid waste management plans to EnCon as of July 1991. Approximately 28 of those plans recommend development of a regional landfill as the preferred method of solid waste disposal for the planning unit, he said.

Single parents group to meet at church

A new group for single parents will meet Sunday, May 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave.

The featured speaker will be Helen Volk, owner and operator of Beyond Clutter, who will speak about "Managing Time and Space in Your Life."

Cost is \$2 per person, and child care is provided. Participants should bring a bag lunch.

Candidates

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teachers and spending more money. "What they did this year was just a Band-Aid on a problem that is getting bigger."

Although spending on maintenance projects such as the bus garage roof may not always be the highest priority for the district, he said, it's important to keep on top of these problems before the costs spiral out of control.

"The maintenance problem I do want taken care of right away," he said. "I don't think we can wait any longer."

In addition, Blendell said he finds it hard to believe the district doesn't have better coordination between the schools' computers. He feels that a coordinator is needed.

To pay for these projects, he said, the only answer is to raise taxes since there will be less state aid coming into the district.

"Nobody wants to pay more taxes but we have to support the school district," he said. "This community has grown by leaps and bounds and we have new people coming in and they have children and right now taxes is the only alternative."

Another goal for Blendell is to increase the community's involvement in the school district and draw in new people who have good ideas to offer.

"I don't think the board and administration have all the answers and certainly can use some outside help," he said. "Our board needs a spark in there to get it going, to get more involvement in the community."

Blendell, who has two children attending Bethlehem schools, said he plans on living in Bethlehem for a long time and wants to ensure the students in the district continue to get a quality education.

Jim Kelly

Age: 38

Residence: 45 Louise St., Delmar

Profession: Lawyer

Kelly believes the district must rearrange its priorities so the needs of children come before the needs of administrators and professionals.

As evidence of this need, Kelly points to the ratio of students to non-classroom professionals in the high school. BCHS ranks first in the Suburban Council with most professionals per 1000 students and also has one of the fewest number of teachers per students.

"I think those priorities are wrong," he said. "I want to know

why it is we can't be number one in classroom teachers instead of number one in non-classroom professionals."

A resident of the community for eight years, Kelly said the chief ability he brings to the board is his willingness to question the way things have been done in the past.

"They accepted as truth that last year's budget was correct," he said. "I don't buy that. I don't buy that any budget is sacrosanct."

"I think we should have looked at the budget from square one and built up from the bottom."

Among other priorities, Kelly said, the district needs a long-term plan to address the increases in enrollment, and a technology coordinator to ensure computers in the schools are used efficiently and adequately.

"The thing I'm most concerned about is we address the issues of technology on a consistent, district-wide basis to enable children in Bethlehem to be sure they're going to be able to succeed."

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League, Kelly also serves as a coach for the Bethlehem soccer league and basketball league. He is also a member of the parish council at Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Kelly's four children attend the St. Thomas school and, although they are headed for BCHS, he said he has heard criticism because they aren't currently in district schools.

"I've heard the criticism that's around that my children don't go to public schools," he said. "I find it offensive but I also believe it's their right to free speech.

"I think people who know me know I'm active in the community because I seek the betterment of the community and will continue to give a great deal of my time because I think the activities I'm involved with are worthwhile."

Dennis J. Stevens

Age: 46

Residence: Van Dyke Road, Delmar

Profession: assistant vice president for facilities and operations at the University at Albany

Chosen by the school board in August 1991 to fill the remainder of Sheila Fuller's term, Stevens has decided to run for a full term.

"I think that having served a year on the board and being familiar with the process is certainly a

benefit," said Stevens. "However, that experience alone does not provide the qualifications necessary for someone to serve on the board."

Stevens points to his management and budgeting skills as assets he has brought to the board. He said his work with the administration has given him "much greater appreciation for the issues and day-to-day operations of the district."

Stevens has one child in the district.

He said improving the communication between the board, residents, teachers and students is one of his goals for the next three years.

"Communication is key to any organization, and I think it's especially important in these very difficult fiscal times that clear lines of communication exist between the various parties involved in the operation of the school district."

As for the needs of the schools, Stevens said the district has to "move forward" in providing additional computers in the classroom.

"If one waits around until they think the latest and greatest technology has been developed before making a purchase, one will wait forever," he said.

Stevens said the board did a good job this year of balancing the needs of students versus seeking new money from residents. He said the board can not go back to the taxpayers "year after year and ask for more money" without demonstrating first why it's needed.

Stevens said he has no fear of being caught up in the anti-incum-

bency mood that seems to prevail among voters nationwide.

"I see my incumbency as a positive attribute and not negative in any way," he said. "The broader state and federal political (scene) with respect to incumbents I don't believe will cloud the issue here in Bethlehem."

"If I didn't perform, I'd probably expect to be weeded out."

Jason Wilkie

Age: 19

Residence: 134 Kenwood Ave., Delmar

Freshman at University at Albany

Fresh out of BCHS, Wilkie said he has a better sense than other candidates of the district's needs and would provide students with a voting seat on the board.

"Because I'm in a different generation than most of the people who are running, I think that I reflect some of the immediate concerns that are coming up as the world changes," he said.

"I think I'm raising a lot of issues that I don't think a lot of the other candidates are raising."

Among his positions, Wilkie wants more of "pro-gay, non-moralistic" sex education in the high school. He also advocates the creation of a department for students to study the oppressed in society, and a "no-confidence vote" option for administrative policies.

He described the no-confidence

vote as a way for students to petition for a referendum to vote down administrative policies they don't approve of. Also, if 53 citizens sign a petition that they are dissatisfied with a board member's performance, he said, they should be able to have a referendum to remove the member.

Wilkie pointed out that 53 signatures is the same number needed to file a petition to run for the board.

"(My views) are out of what we have come to accept is the mainstream, but I think they're a viable alternative," he said.

"I don't think as one person I'm necessarily going to be able to control the board, but I think that I'll have some influence in being able to communicate for people who want to bring their appeals to the board in a very direct way."

Although he will be attending college full-time next year, Wilkie said, he will still have enough time to serve on the board. Living at home and commuting to school will help him to stay in touch with the needs of the community, he said.

"I think in many ways I have more time as a student and a more unconventional schedule which frees me up a lot more of the time," he said.

Wilkie said a vote for him will mean there is a person who represents the student body sitting on the board.

"Even if I don't win, what I think is really important is that certain issues that haven't been raised before are raised," he said. "At the moment, the campaign is more important to me and I'm just taking it one step at a time."

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This plan should be practiced at least twice a year. These drills are not a race, and everyone

should get out quickly, but carefully. Be sure that babysitters and overnight guests are also familiar with the plan, and the meeting place. Check your smoke detector to see that the battery is working.

This plan can also be used on vacation. If you are staying in a hotel or motel, look for two ways out of your room. Make sure you know where the stairs are located. Make sure your room has a smoke detector. When possible, stay at a facility that has a sprinkler system.

A few minutes of planning can make a big difference in an emergency.

Ten Eyck is promoted in public affairs firm

Rebecca Ten Eyck of Slingerlands has been promoted to the post of public relations assistant at Sawchuk, Brown Associates, an Albany public relations/public affairs firm.

THE YOUTH NETWORK

Elementary Networks group learns drug refusal skills

The elementary Networks group, made up of fourth and fifth graders from each of Bethlehem's grammar schools, will have its last meeting of the school year on May 19.

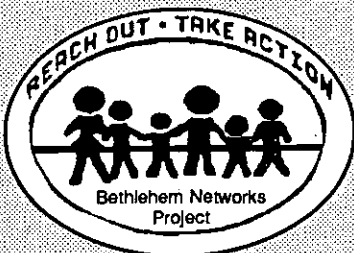
These pupils have been learning and practicing skills to help them protect themselves from drugs. In late May and early June, members of the elementary group will present a program to third graders on how to use resistance and refusal skills.

Sixth graders at Bethlehem Middle School have been working on updating the student guidebook, "Moving Up To Middle School." The guidebook, written by and for students, contains valuable information for children who will be making the transition from elementary to middle school. Fifth graders will receive the guidebook when they visit middle school on May 15.

Approximately 15 seventh graders have been recognized by the Bethlehem police for being "caught in the act of being good." These students, who have been selected by their teachers for exhibiting good citizenship, received a phone call from a Bethlehem policeman and a certificate of recognition.

Pupils have been honored for such reasons as tutoring other pupils after school, being helpful to classmates and being considerate of others.

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Spotlight on the Services

Navy Seaman Recruit Wayne R. Warner, son of Nancy Maguire of Route 9W, Glenmont, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Warner, a 1991 graduate of Richmondville Central High School, joined the Navy in January 1992.

Marine Pvt. James M. Martin, son of David A. and Geraldine R. Martin of Feura Bush, recently completed recruit training.

Martin is a 1991 graduate of Albany High School.

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Also, Patrick Ryan of Selkirk was awarded the Dearstyne History Scholarship, given in honor of William Dearstyne, class of 1931. The award recognizes excellence in the study of history and government.

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The bride-to-be is a 1985 Bethlehem Central High School graduate and attended Hudson Valley Community College. She is employed by Guilderland Reinsurance Company as a claims technical assistant.

Her fiancé is a 1984 graduate of

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School. He graduated from Hudson Valley Community College in 1986 with an associate's degree in electrical construction and maintenance. He is a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 724.

A May wedding is planned.

In Voorheesville The Spotlight is sold at Stewarts, Voorheesville Pharmacy and Voorheesville Mobil

Community Corner

BC district budget vote set

The Bethlehem Central School District will have its budget vote on Wednesday, May 6.

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Obituaries

John A. VanDusen

John A. 'Jack' VanDusen, 74, formerly of Delmar, of 12 Colonial Square in Peterborough, N.H., died Monday, April 6, in Peterborough.

Born in Akron, Ohio, he was a longtime Delmar resident. He also lived in Loudonville and Slingerlands before retiring to New Hampshire seven years ago.

He was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and became an Eagle Scout when he was 16. He taught at Linton High School in Schenectady for 14 years before he retired.

Mr. VanDusen made doll house miniatures and scale models. He was on the Action Council at Saratoga Performing Arts Center and headed its festival of miniatures for several years. He constructed models of the SPAC amphitheater and the National Theater of the the Dance at Saratoga.

In Peterborough, he was active on the Town Budget Committee, the Friends of the Peterborough Town Library. He was also a volunteer at the local hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Ellen Parser VanDusen, two sons, Eric VanDusen of Pasadena, Calif., and Dennis VanDusen of Chevy Chase, Md.; a daughter, Margot Donovan of Delmar; two sisters; and six grandchildren.

Mr. VanDusen donated his body to medical science. A memorial service will be Sunday, May 3, at 2:30 p.m. at Peterborough Unitarian Church.

Contributions may be made to the Peterborough Unitarian Church, P.O. Box 543, Peterborough 03458 or the Friends of the Peterborough Library, c/o Betty Brocklebank, P.O. Box 292, Peterborough 03458.

Frank W. Kane

Frank W. Kane, 69, of Shady Grove in Selkirk died Tuesday, April 21, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he lived in Selkirk for the past 35 years.

Mr. Kane was a bus driver for Greyhound for 10 years before he became a self-employed truck

driver. He retired from Pinkerton in 1982 as a security guard.

A World War II Coast Guard veteran, he was a member of the Selkirk Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Kane was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Ravena.

Survivors include his wife, Audrey Jarrett Kane; two daughters, Patricia Laney of Fayetteville, N.C. and Kathryn Duma of Amsterdam; two sisters, Mary Kane of Colonie and Betty Golden of Albany; and 10 grandchildren.

Services were from St. Patrick's Church in Ravena. Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands. Arrangements were by Babcock Funeral Home, Ravena.

Contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service, P.O. Box 246, Selkirk 12158.

Francis Wesley Totten

Francis Wesley Totten of Delmar died Monday, April 20.

Mr. Totten worked at Bailey's Garage in Elsmere for more than 20 years.

He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Fish Totten; two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Susan) Peters of Slingerlands Mrs. William (Carol) Quattrochi of Delmar; a sister, Mrs. William (Theresa) Durst of Germany; and five grandchildren.

Services were from St. Paul's Episcopal Church Chapel in Albany.

Burial was in Bethlehem Rural Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Meyers Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Rescue Squad.

Edith Spates Dappert

Edith Spates Dappert, 96, formerly of Delmar, died Saturday, April 25, at the Life Care Center, Plano, Texas.

Born in Taylorville, Ill., she moved to Albany in 1930. She moved to Texas in 1988.

An elementary school teacher

before her marriage, she organized and directed the Children's Theater in Delmar. Later, she became a theatrical booking agent for National Concert Artists Corp. and the Sol Hurok Agency in New York City. Among her clients were Hal Holbrook and the piano team of Ferrante and Teicher.

Her main professional work was a 25-year stint as tour director for a Shakespearean theater company, the National Players of Catholic University in Washington, D.C. She retired from that post at age 79, having been cited at a silver anniversary program dedicated to her as one of the leading theatrical managers in the United States.

Mrs. Dappert was a charter member of the Albany League of Arts along with founder Lewis A. Swyer and Vivienne Anderson. She was a member of the New York State Council on the Arts, appointed by former Gov. Nelson Rockefeller to serve for five years. She also served on the steering committee of the Saratoga Performing Arts Center before its opening.

She was a member of the Custer Road Methodist Church, Plano, and a former member of the First United Methodist Church of Delmar. She was a life member of the Delmar Progress Club, a board member of the Capital Hill Choral Society, a member of the Women's Council of the Albany Institute of History and Art, the Legislative Women's Club, and the Women's Committee of the Rensselaerville Institute.

She was the widow of Anselmo Fulton Dappert.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Lou Cummings of Delmar and Joan Flanders of Richardson, Texas; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held in the Restland Wildwood Chapel, Dallas.

Contributions may be made to the Methodist Home for Children, in care of Custer Road United Methodist Church, 6601 Custer Road, Plano, Texas 76023.

Arrangements were by the Restland Funeral Home, Greenville road, Dallas.

V'ville playground to close on May 2

The Voorheesville Creative Playground will be closed on Saturday, May 2, to allow sealer to be applied to the apparatus.

The playground will re-open on Sunday, May 3, at noon.

Square dance club sets ice cream social

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By Susan Wheeler

Romantic, serious and bouncy are terms choreographer David Otto uses to describe Sunday's Hudson River Dance Festival.

The event will be presented by his dance troupe, The Capital Ballet Company, at the Empire State Performing Arts Center's Kitty Carlisle Hart Theater at 2 p.m. The New York Dance Theater and the Mid-Atlantic Ballet will join Otto's dancers in the varied production.

Otto, a former soloist with the New York City Ballet, formed The Capital Ballet Company last December.

The festival will feature the music of Mozart, Tchaikovsky and Gershwin, as well as Hershey Kay's orchestration of Gottschalk's *Cakewalk*. According to Otto, the two-hour program serves as a good introduction to music and dance for all ages.

"The production is not too complicated to understand," he said. "And it's not too long to sit through."

There is no particular storyline which weaves through the production, and each ballet has its own flavor, Otto said.

In his new ballet, *Concert Suite*, sub-stories or conversations take place in the background. In one scene, Otto explains, two girls are chatting about their boy-friends. They later discover they are in love with the same boy, portrayed by Otto's 12-year-old brother, Eric. The girls chase him off stage.

Even those with little experience in ballet can appreciate the production for its entertainment value, according to Otto. His hope is that audience members will be satisfied with what they saw. "I know we're in the middle of recession, and the

audience is paying money," he said. "They should be entertained and feel good."

Because the pieces are varied, the audience will see dance that ranges from "Broadway ballet" to traditional ballet.

The Capital Ballet Company will perform two premieres. The first ballet, a romantic, classic piece, is set to Mozart's *Eine Kleine Nacht Musik* and is choreographed by Peter Naumann of the New York City Ballet. Thirteen-year-old

Elizabeth Waterhouse of Newtonville will participate in the ballet as a corps member.

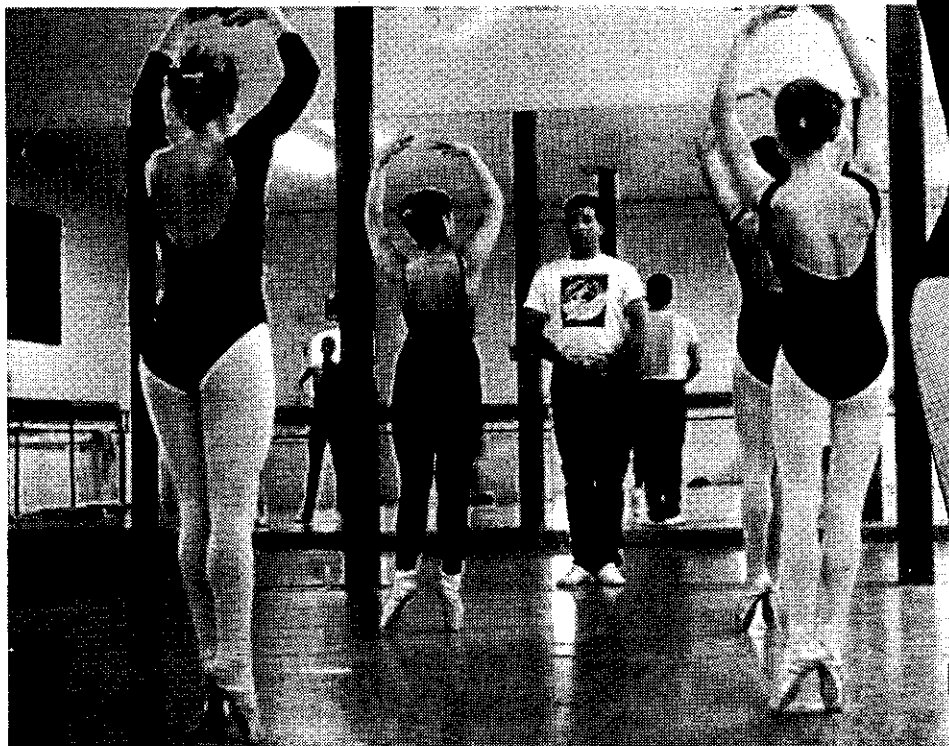
The second piece, *Concert Suite*, is choreographed by Otto and is a lively, bouncy ballet, he said.

Delmar ballerina Alyssa Kahn, 15, will dance the principal role and Waterhouse will perform in a duet.

Frank Ohman, a former principal dancer with the New York City Ballet, directs the New York Dance Theater. His company will present a revival of his *Melodie*, a ballet set to several Tchaikovsky waltzes and portions of *Souvenirs of the Beloved Place*. This romantic piece was first performed by the Boston Ballet in 1975, he said.

Otto's mother, Leslie Ann Otto, is the artistic director of the Mid-Atlantic Ballet Company, which will perform the premiere of two ballets. One, set to a medley of Gershwin tunes, is "real up," and the other, set to selections from Tchaikovsky's *Piano Concerto #3*, is a seri-

□ ON YOUR TOES/page 33



David Otto, above, leads a rehearsal with members of The Capital Ballet Company. Newtonville resident Elizabeth Waterhouse, right, will participate in the upcoming festival. Elaine McLain

ON YOUR TOES

Art meets entertainment
in area dance festival



A Cornell University research scientist checks the rate of sap flow in the modern method of maple sugaring.

How sweet it is...

You can get a taste of the maple industry

By Kathleen Shapiro

Math wizards out there, consider this: It takes 40 gallons of sugar sap to make a single gallon of maple syrup.

So, how much sap will it take to keep visitors happy at the New York State Maple Festival being held this Friday at West Capitol Park in Albany?

The answer is simple. A lot.



Traditionally, horse-drawn sleighs transported maple collection tanks from the sugarbush to the sugarhouse.

Thousands of visitors are expected to bring their sweet-tooths to the sticky celebration from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and organizers are willing to bet they won't go home disappointed. In addition to an all-day pancake breakfast, state maple producers will be on hand to drizzle syrup over everything from ice cream to fresh fruit, while others will offer candies, creams and sugars.

Music, dancing and entertainment will round out the afternoon.

"The music and noise reverberates off all the office buildings, so nobody can miss us," promised Carol Budliger of the state Department of Food and Agriculture, which organizes the annual event with the cooperation of the Maple Producers' Association and area businesses. "We're expecting it to be bigger and better than ever this year."

As an added attraction, sponsors will be giving away free maple sugar snowcones and sour pickles. Yes, pickles.

"It's an old tradition that when you have something sweet like syrup you're supposed to follow it up with something sour like a pickle," explained Budliger.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

NUNSENSE

comedy, The Sage Colleges, Troy, May 1-2, 8 p.m. Information, 270-2248.

MOTHER, I'M HERE

musical, Empire State Performing Arts Center, Albany, April 30-May 10, Thurs., Fri., Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 3 p.m. Information, 473-1061.

HERE'S MY CARD

presented by Sheila Grant, therapy major at Russell Sage College, Sage Troy Campus, James L. Meader Little Theatre, May 5-6, 7:30 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

BROADWAY BOUND

comedy, Capital Repertory Company, Market Theatre, Albany. Preview performances May 5, 6 and 7, pay what you will performance on May 3, runs May 8 through June 7, Tues. through Fri. 8 p.m., Sat. 4:30 and 8:30 p.m., Sun. 2:30 p.m.

SOCIAL SECURITY

regional premiere, comedy, St. Andrew's Dinner Theater, Albany, May 1-3, Fri., Sat. 7 p.m., Sun. 5 p.m. Information, 463-3811.

HIAWATHA

performed by The Catskill Puppet People, The Junior Museum, Troy, May 2, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 270-8009.

TRU

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

ON GOLDEN POND

Highlight Acting Troupe, Raymertown Evangelical Lutheran Church, May 8, Fri., 8 p.m.; May 9, 6:30 p.m. dinner theatre. Information, 279-9031.

HANSEL AND GRETEL

children's tale, Steamer No. 10 Theatre, May 2-3, 2 p.m. Information, 438-5503.

A WALK IN THE WOODS

play about superpower confrontation, Steamer No. 10 Theatre, May 8-9, 15-16, 8 p.m., May 10 and 17, 3 p.m. Information, 439-6404.

SHIRLEY VALENTINE

comedy, Steamer No. 10 Theatre, April 30, May 1-2, 8 p.m., May 3, 4:30 p.m. Information, 438-5503.

CABARET

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

A COUPLA WHITE CHICKS SITTING AROUND TALKING

zany off-Broadway hit, Home Made Theater, Saratoga Springs, May 1-2, 8:15 p.m. Information, 587-4427.

MUSIC

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Tsung Yeh conductor, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, May 1, 8 p.m. Albany Palace Theatre, May 2, 8 p.m. Information, 273-0038.

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and University Community Symphonic Wind Ensemble season finale concert, University at Albany, May 4, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

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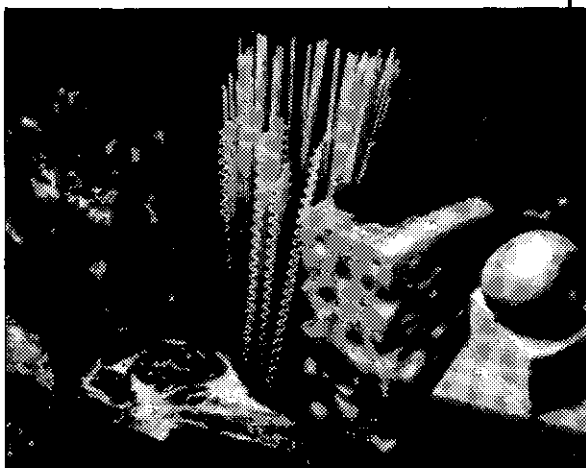
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BILL MILLER IN CONCERT

children's concert at 3 p.m., folk concert at 8 p.m., Spencertown Academy, Spencertown, May 2, Information, 392-3693.

FUDGESICLE CONCERT

by the Sagettes, The Sage Colleges, Troy, May 1, 8 p.m. Information, 270-2306.

PETER OSTROUSHKO

mandolin/fiddle virtuoso, with guitarist Dean Magraw, The Eighth Step, Albany, May 2, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

OLD SONGS COUNTRY DANCE

participatory dance, Guilderland Elementary School, May 2, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

MARVIN HAMLISH

in concert, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, May 2, 8 p.m. Information, 346-6204.

JAZZ FESTIVAL

seventh annual, The College of Saint Rose, Albany, April 29, 7 p.m. The Chambers, Albany, May 2, 10 p.m. Information, 454-5195.

A MAY NIGHT OF MUSIC

mezzo-soprano Donna Schulte, pianist Peter Mahlgan, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, May 1, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

PERLEY ROUSSEAU TRIO

Jazz, L'Ecole Encore, Albany, April 29, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 437-1234.

ONE HEART

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NOONTIME CONCERTS

Findlay Cockrell, and Gene Zilka, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, May 12 and 26, Information, 374-3321.

FLUTE AND ...

will include music for flute and harpsichord, cello, piano and violin and music by Lionel Nowak and Alice Font, Bennington College, May 6, 8:15 p.m.

DANCE

HUDSON RIVER DANCE FESTIVAL

Capital Ballet Company, New York Dance Theater, and Mid-Atlantic Ballet Company, The Empire State Performing Arts Center, Albany, May 3, 2 p.m. Information, 432-5213.

SQUARE DANCE

Single Squares, mainstream/plus with rounds, St. Michael's Community Center, Linden St., Cohoes, couples and new graduates welcome, May 6, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Information, 664-6767.

BIENVENIDA PRIMAVERA

dance/social, Riverview Country Club, Rexford, May 2, 8 p.m. Information, 664-3878.

THE PARSONS DANCE COMPANY

creative modern dance, The Empire Center, Albany, May 8, 8 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

AWAKENINGS

modern dance concert, Andrea Isaacs' Moving Images Dance Co., Emma Willard School, Troy, May 1-2, 8 p.m. Information, 272-1557.

LECTURE

THE GOLDEN AGE OF JAZZ

Hazen J. Schumacher Jr., Century House Restaurant, Latham, May 6, 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-1074.

DANIEL SERRA-BADUE

discussion of his work and concepts behind his 1992 Presentation Print for the Print Club of Albany, Albany College of Pharmacy, New Scotland Ave., Albany, May 3, 3:30 p.m. Information, 459-2674.

JAMES HOBERMAN

film critic for The Village Voice, Bennington College, May 5, 8:15 p.m.

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Cohoes Public Library, 169 Mohawk Street, Cohoes, 7-9 p.m. Information, 235-2570.

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College of Saint Rose, St. Joseph Hall Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 454-5195.

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

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

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St. Michael's Community Center, Linden St., Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 664-6767.

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

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THURSDAY
APRIL 30
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ALCOHOLISM EDUCATION

two-session program dealing with co-dependency, April 30 and May 7, Consultation Center, 790 Lancaster Street, Albany, 6-9 p.m. Cost is \$30. Information, 489-4431.

SMALL BUSINESS START-UP AND SURVIVAL

workshop, Ramada Inn, Western Ave., Albany, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 765-3500.

COMMERCIAL LENDING AND CREDIT ANALYSIS

two-day seminar, University at Albany, April 30 and May 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 442-3932.

POETRY AND FEELING

three-session writing course, the Hudson Valley Writers Guild, 19 Clinton Avenue, Albany, 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$30, \$25 for guild members. Information, 449-8069.

RENSSELAER COUNTY
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for prospective pre-school and primary school families, Emma Willard Children's School, 285 Pawling Avenue, Troy, 6:30-8 p.m. Information, 274-3476.

SARATOGA COUNTY
ARTS MANAGEMENT CAREER DAY

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conductor and pianist Tsung Yeh will speak on his impressions of America, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 1-2 p.m. Information, 439-6317.

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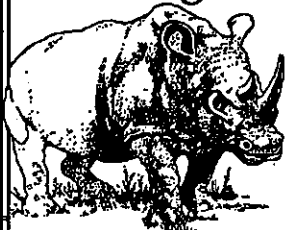
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SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

Final play of Neil Simon's trilogy opens previews at Capital Rep

Broadway Bound, which opens for previews Sunday (May 3) at the Capital Repertory Company in Albany, follows *Brighton Beach Memoirs* and *Biloxi Blues*, both of which revealed the life of Eugene Jerome (a thinly-disguised Neil Simon), torn between becoming a Yankee pitcher or a writer. Writing won out as he chronicled his family's troubles with a humorous twist.

In *Broadway Bound*, Eugene catches on as a fledgling CBS comedy writer much as Simon did with the now-famous *Show of Shows*, the pioneer of television's great comedy shows.

In the Capital Rep production, Rick Lawless returns to continue his role as Eugene which he played in previous productions of *Brighton Beach Memoirs* and *Biloxi Blues*.

For Capital Rep, this Simon play, the final production of the 1991-92 season is important because a strong audience turnout will help the theater close the fiscal gap caused by an almost \$400,000 deficit.

Following the Sunday "Pay What You Will" preview, low-priced previews will be held May 5, 6 and 7 prior to the official opening Friday, May 8.

For more info, call 462-4534.

Mother, I'm Here reprised at The Egg in two-week engagement

Maria Riccio Bryce's musical *Mother, I'm Here* will have a reprise production starting Thursday (Apr. 30) for two weekends at the Empire Performing Arts Center in Albany.

Co-sponsored by the Empire Center and the newly-formed Skye Productions Inc. (the composer and her husband, Alan Bryce), the musical was originally commissioned by the Schenectady YWCA in 1988 to celebrate the organization's 100th anniversary.

The eight-performer musical revue chronicles women's march from innocence to full experience in social events.

Last September, the couple produced *Hearts of Fire*, a large musical first done two seasons ago at Proctor's to commemorate the burning of Schenectady in the 17th century.

Performances of *Mother, I'm Here* will be Thursdays through Sundays through May 10. For more info, call 473-1845.

Summer schedule at MacHaydn Theater filled with variety of musicals

Starting with the outrageously popular *Nunsense* (May 20), the summer season at MacHaydn Theater in Chatham features musicals that stretch throughout the 20th century. From the turn-of-the-century *Desert Song* (June 17) to *La Cage aux Folles* (July 22), the season covers a montage of musicals.

There's *The King and I* (June 3) and Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Evita* (July 1) to the season's closing two productions, *Camelot* (Aug 12) and *Oliver* (Sept. 2).

For more info, call 392-9292.

Actress proves right person for role in Social Security

Well-known local actress Phyllis Gottung plays the aging mother with a love affair in the comedy, *Social Security*, at St. Andrew's Dinner Theater in Albany. With this role, originally done by Olympia Dukakis on Broadway, Gottung demonstrates why audiences and fellow actors have praised her over the years.

She has polished her comedy roles at St. Andrew's, and with a regular turn as a member of Riverview Productions' touring mystery-comedy, *The Recital*.

Social Security plays Friday (May 2) through Sunday. For more info, call 463-3811.

Around Theaters!

Cabaret at Schenectady Light Opera Company through May 10 (355-1699)...*Lend Me A Tenor*, a wild farce at Glens Falls Community Theater through Sunday (1-792-1740)...*Nunsense*, farce about fund-raising nuns at Russell Sage College, Troy through Saturday, May 2 (270-2248).

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First Church of Christ Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

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Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Road, Elsmere, Information, 439-7864.

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provides volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience, Monday and Wednesday mornings, archaeology lab, Route 32 South, Information, 439-6391.

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1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, evening prayer and Bible study, 7-9 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

NEW SCOTLAND
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every Wednesday, Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, Information, 765-2109.

STORY HOUR

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 4 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

MOUNTAINVIEW

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH evening service, 7:30 p.m., Bible study and prayer, Rt. 155, Voorheesville, Information, 765-3390.

THURSDAY
APRIL 30
BETHLEHEM
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.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

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.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

WOMEN'S INTERFAITH OBSERVANCE

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, social, noon to 12:45 p.m., program 12:45 to 2:30 p.m., bring a sandwich, dessert and coffee provided, Information, 439-9976.

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.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

85 Elm Ave., Thursdays, Bible study, 10 a.m.; Creator's Crusaders, 6:30 p.m.; senior choir, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

BOWLING

sponsored by Bethlehem Support Group, for parents of handicapped students, Del Lanes, Elsmere, every Thursday, 4-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-7880.

NEW SCOTLAND
FAITH TEMPLE

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

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL

Grace United Methodist Church, 16 Hillcrest Drive, Ravena, 7 p.m., Information, 756-6688.

FRIDAY
MAY 1
BETHLEHEM
PHOTOGRAPHY BY ANDY SPENCE

photos from Old Songs Festival in Altamont, exhibition at Bethlehem Central Library, Delaware Avenue, Delmar, through end of May, Information, 439-9314.

ABSTRACT PAINTINGS AND MULTI MEDIA

by Edna McCoy, exhibition at Bethlehem Central Library, Delaware Avenue, Delmar, through end of May, Information, 439-9314.

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.

GARAGE SALE

Glenmont Community Reformed Church, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., sandwiches and beverages available, Information, 465-3836.

CHABAD CENTER

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

FREE LEGAL CLINIC

for Bethlehem senior citizens, first Fridays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Appointment required, 439-4955.

ELMWOOD PARK FIRE DISTRICT

first Fridays, North Bethlehem firehouse, 307 Schoolhouse Road, 8 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND
STORY HOUR

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY

luncheon, Grace United Methodist Church, 16 Hillcrest Drive, Ravena, 1 p.m. Information, 756-6688.

SATURDAY
MAY 2
BETHLEHEM
RUMMAGE SALE

St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., bag sale 1-2 p.m.

GARAGE SALE

Glenmont Community Reformed Church, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., sandwiches and beverages available, bake sale, Information, 465-3836.

CHABAD CENTER

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

NEW SCOTLAND
WORKS BY DIANE WOZNAK

opening reception, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 2-4 p.m., Information, 765-2791.

SUNDAY
MAY 3
BETHLEHEM
SOLID ROCK CHURCH

1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, morning worship 11 a.m. Information, 439-4314.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

church school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; youth group, 6 p.m. Rt. 9W Selkirk, Information, 767-2243.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday worship service, 10:15 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; Tuesday Bible study, 7:15 p.m. Meetings held at the Auberge Suisse Restaurant, New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, Information, 475-9086.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

morning worship service, nursery provided, 10:30 a.m., Sunday school, 9 a.m.; evening fellowship, 6 p.m., 201 Elm Ave., Delmar, Information 439-3135.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

worship 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.

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

worship, church school, nursery care, 10 a.m.; coffee hour and fellowship, 11 a.m.; adult education programs, 11:15 a.m.; family communion service, first Sundays, 585 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Information, 439-9252.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST

service and Sunday school, 10 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Information, 439-2512.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DELMAR

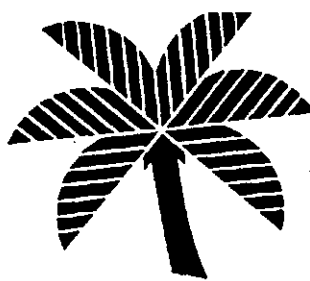
worship, 9:30 a.m.; church school, 9:45 a.m.; youth and adult classes, 11 a.m.; nursery care, 9 a.m. to noon, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, Information, 439-9976.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Eucharist followed by breakfast, 8 and 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided, Poplar and Elsmere Ave., Delmar, Information, 439-3265.

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

worship service, church school, 10 a.m.; fellowship hour and adult education programs, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, Information, 439-1766.



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NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday service, 11 a.m. 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour. Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem. Information, 767-9953.

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Sunday school and worship, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Rd., Slingerlands. Information, 438-7740.

LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

worship meeting, Bethlehem Grange Hall 137, Rt. 396, Beckers Corners, 11 a.m. Information, 235-1298.

NEW SCOTLAND**JERUSALEM REFORMED CHURCH**

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour. Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 732-7047.

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m., coffee hour following service, nursery care provided, Clarksville. Information, 768-2916.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE

worship, 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m., church school. Information, 765-2895.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Bible 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.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND

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

UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH

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

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

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 Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

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.

FAITH TEMPLE

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

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school, 9 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., coffee and fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Junior high UMYF, 6:30 p.m., senior high UMYF, 7 p.m., 16 Hillcrest Drive, Ravena. Information, 756-6688.

MONDAY MAY

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BETHLEHEM

BCMS SINGLE PARENT GROUP
middle school "Pit," Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

BLANCHARD POST MEETING

8 p.m., Poplar Drive, Elsmere. Information, 439-9819.

DELMAR KIWANIS

meets at Sidewheeler Restaurant, Days Inn, Rt. 9W, 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.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Elmwood Park Fire District, first Mondays, North Bethlehem Fire House, 589 Russell Road, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 869-6996.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

provides volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience, Monday and Wednesday mornings, archaeology lab, Route 32 South. Information, 439-6391.

TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM

first and third Mondays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

NEW SCOTLAND**4-H CLUB**

meets first and third Mondays, 7:30 p.m., home of Marilyn Miles, Clarksville. Information, 768-2186.

QUARTET REHEARSAL

United Pentecostal Church, Route 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.

VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

51 School Road, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m., Information, 765-2791.

JUNIOR HIGH CHOIR

Grace United Methodist Church, 16 Hillcrest Drive, Ravena, 6:30 p.m., Information, 756-6688.

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

Grace United Methodist Church, 16 Hillcrest Drive, Ravena, 7:30 p.m., Information, 756-6688.

TUESDAY MAY

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BETHLEHEM**BETHLEHEM SPORTSMAN'S CLUB**

membership meeting, clubhouse, Dunbar Hollow Road, Clarksville, 8 p.m.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

DELMAR ROTARY

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

ONESQUETHAW LODGE 1096 F&AM

first and third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

SPOTLIGHT TEENSCENE

By Michael Kagan

Spring break is over, which means summer vacation is knocking on the door.

Schoolwork will soon cease, but, for a large number of young people, the search for a summer job will soon begin. Considering the current economic climate, jobs are not as plentiful as they have been in the past.

To help in the process, many towns have started youth employment bureaus to help match teens with potential employers. These bureaus typically handle such jobs as lawn mowing, babysitting and office work.

In Bethlehem, the town's Youth Employment Service (YES) is located at the Parks and Recreation Office at the Elm Avenue Park and is open from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. For information, call 439-0503.

The town of Colonie's bureau can be reached at 456-3786.

Any high school junior thinking about a career in the armed forces

may want to try for a nomination to one of the four service academies: the Air Force Academy, the Naval Academy, the Military Academy at West Point, or the Merchant Marine Academy.

State Senator Alfonse D'Amato's office will accept applications for nomination until Nov. 1. Nominations will be announced in February.

For information, write to Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, Leo O'Brien Federal Building, Room 420, Albany 12207.

Anyone interested in lifeguarding or camp counseling will want to look into the eight-hour basic life support and CPR course to be offered by the town of Colonie Emergency Medical Services Department and the Fuller Road Fire Department on Saturday, May 23, at 8:30 a.m., at the firehouse at the intersection of Central Avenue and Fuller Road, Colonie.

The fee is \$10. For information, call 452-4207.

LEGAL NOTICE**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 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

LEGAL NOTICE

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 of 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 Zwickibauer
School District Clerk
Dated: March 4, 1992
(April 29, 1992)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on May 13, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY to consider proposed Local Law No. 3 of 1992, concerning the Permitting of Solid Waste Management Facilities within the Town of Bethlehem.

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

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
Kathleen A. Newkirk
TOWN CLERK

Dated: April 8, 1992
(April 29, 1992)

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM ALBANY COUNTY NEW YORK BOARD OF APPEALS 445 DELAWARE AVENUE DELMAR, NY 12054 (518) 439-4955

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 6, 1992, at 8:15 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Michael and Theresa Conte, P.O. Box 127, Glenmont, New York 12077 for Variance under Article XIV, Housing Density, 128-60A (6) (d) Interim Development Density Act and Variance under Article XVII, Side Yards, 128-75, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for the renovation of an existing residence for use as a dental office and an upstairs apartment at premises 606 Route 9W, Glenmont, New York.

Charles B. Fritts
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(April 29, 1992)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM ALBANY COUNTY NEW YORK BOARD OF APPEALS 445 DELAWARE AVENUE DELMAR, NY 12054 (518) 439-4955

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will reopen the adjourned public hearing of April 15, 1992 on Wednesday, May 6, 1992, at 8:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take additional testimony on application of Selkirk Cogen Partners, L.P., One Bowdoin Square, Boston, Massachusetts 02114 for Special Exception under Article VI, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for the construction of a cogeneration facility as a public utility use, using natural gas at premises General Electric Company's Plastics Division manufacturing complex at premises Selkirk, New York.

Charles B. Fritts
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(April 29, 1992)

On your toes

(From Page 29)

ous, neoclassical dance, he said.

The dance festival will give children the opportunity to view dedicated dancers as role models, according to Otto.

The Capital Ballet Company features dancers who are advanced students between the ages of 13 and 21. Most of them are currently under Otto's direction at his dance school, the Albany Dance Institute, which opened in September 1990 on Myrtle Avenue.

Otto's classes teach them responsibility and commitment, and prepare them to participate in a professional dance company, he said.

The company dancers rehearse about five hours a day, seven days a week. "They are dedicated students," he said, "they're focused."

Otto, who left the New York City Ballet in 1989 after nine years, said the move was made for personal growth. He lives in Saratoga Springs, an area he fell in love with during his summers there with the New York City Ballet.

The festival will help Otto "test the waters," he said. Because the dance company is new, he is unsure whether there is an audience for it in the Capital District.

He said the performance, which he hopes will become an annual event, should bring in a varied audience, including children and seniors. Some of his dancers have presented lecture demonstrations to area senior groups. "Now they (the seniors) follow the girls," he said.

Before the performance, a champagne reception will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday at The Egg, to benefit the Albany Dance Institute. The tax-deductible tickets are \$25 and the proceeds will help establish a scholarship fund for the school.

"It'll be nice, fun," Otto said. "By then I'll be able to use a couple of glasses of champagne."

Ticket prices for the dance festival are \$10, and \$6 for children and seniors.

And while the audience is enjoying the performance, what will Otto be thinking? "Do I have to sneak out of the theater? Or will they hate it or like it?"

Maple

(From Page 29)

Thanks to the recent trend of warm days and cold nights that get the sugar sap running, maple industry experts are predicting an excellent season this year, with plenty of syrup to keep New York high in the ranks of the country's top maple producers.

"A lot of people don't realize that New York is one of the largest maple producers, second only to Vermont," said Budliger, noting that the state last year produced 308,000 gallons of syrup valued at more than \$7 million.

In addition to edible treats, Friday's festival will also feature flower and crafts sales, folk music by the Porters, the rhythmic footwork of the Hill Country Cloggers and sugar-making demonstrations by several of the state's leading maple producers.

Tickets to the pancake breakfast are \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children 5 years and up. Children under 5 eat free.

Although maple-sugaring is not the primary source of income for most producers, it has earned its place as a family tradition, said Budliger. Nearly one quarter of those involved in the industry have been doing it for more than 30 years.

"It's a way of life, and for many, it's also a rite of spring," she said. "There are people who just get a real thrill out of it."

For festival information, call 457-0127.

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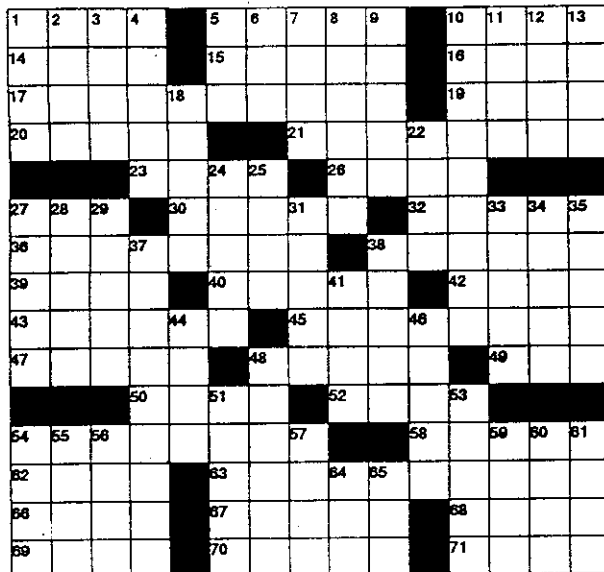
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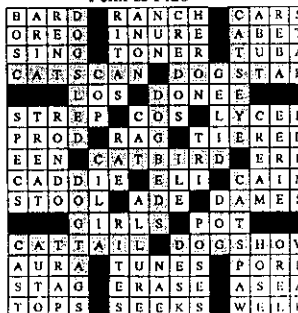
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- 5 Book of the Bible
- 10 _____ archy: Rank
- 14 Fatigue
- 15 African antelope
- 16 In regard to
- 17 Irish author
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- 20 Glue
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- 23 Witches
- 26 Turn sharply
- 27 Mouths: Latin
- 30 Typical weather
- 32 Pass legislation
- 36 Emerald
- 38 Ms. Muffet's surprise
- 39 Jacob's wife
- 40 Moore's specialty
- 42 "An apple _____"
- 43 One's possessions
- 45 Irish stout family
- 47 Teacher's words
- 48 Reddish brown dye
- 49 Soak flax
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- 52 Peasant
- 54 Signal Corp. employees
- 58 Caroline's nickname
- 62 C.E.O. for one
- 63 Inishmore
- 66 Precedes shake or weed
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- 68 News slant
- 69 Baseball's Mel & family
- 70 Corners
- 71 Como _____: Spanish



- 7 Vaccine discoverer
- 8 Salad ingredient
- 9 Fred Astaire's sister
- 10 Celt
- 11 Privy to: 2 wds
- 12 Ireland to poets
- 13 Depend
- 18 Respond to a stimulus
- 22 Retain
- 24 Hand warmer
- 25 Trig function
- 27 Gapes
- 28 Pee Wee
- 29 Every sock has _____
- 31 Combine
- 33 Snake
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- 41 Centers of solar systems
- 44 Placed the golf ball

- 46 Fed. agents: Slang
- 48 Intense fear
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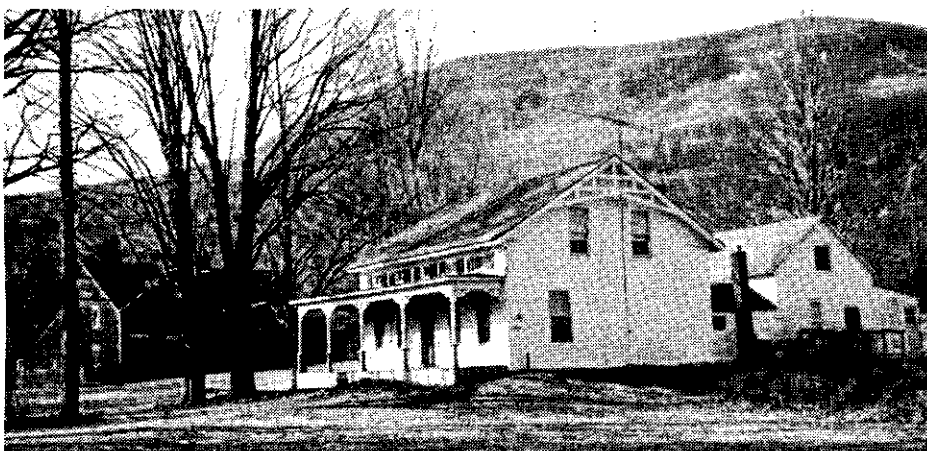
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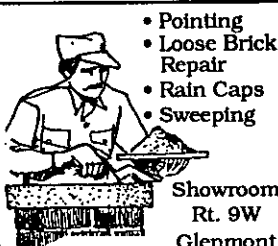
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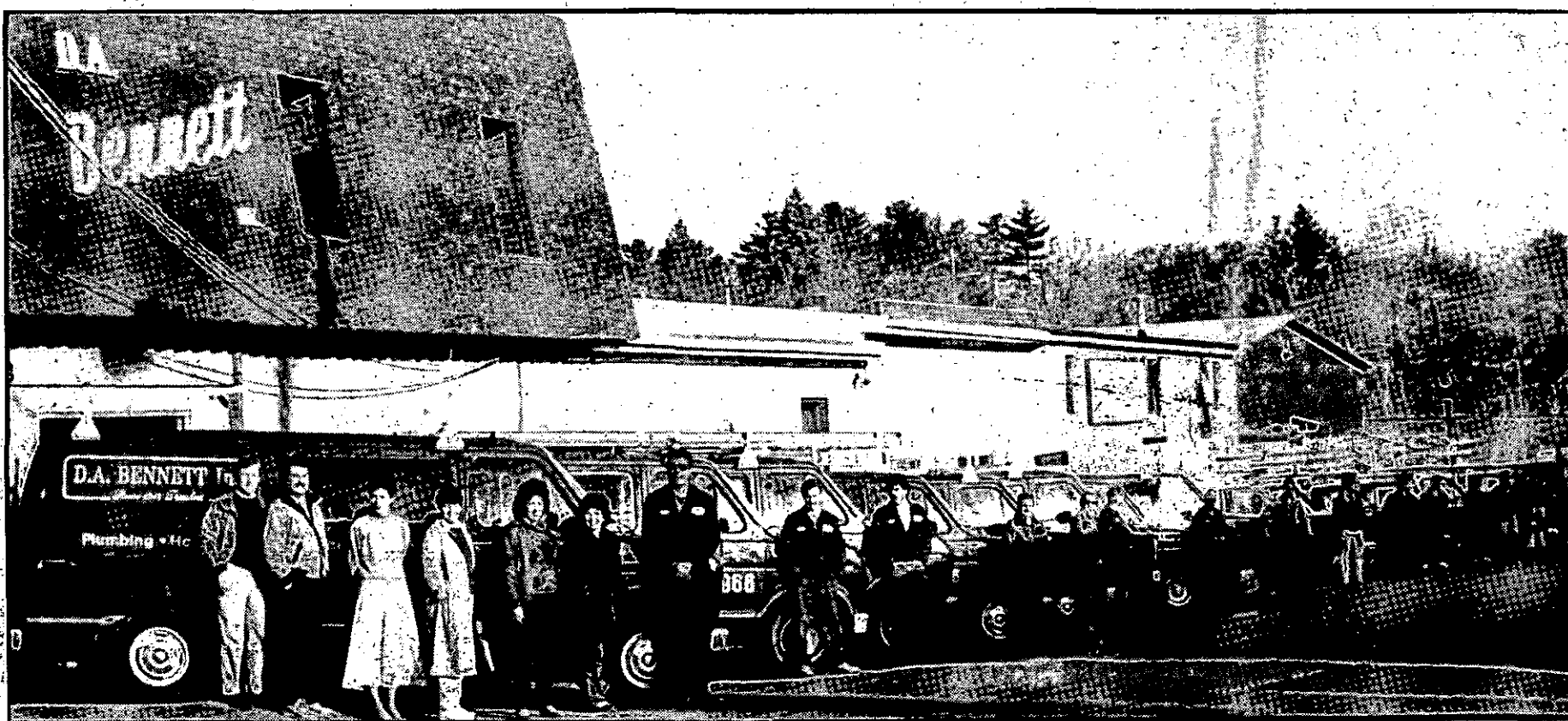
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