



## Local county legislators lose some home turf

By Eric Bryant

County legislators from Bethlehem and New Scotland will see a few major boundary shifts as well as the formation of a brand-new district in South Bethlehem if a redistricting proposal tentatively approved last week is signed into law.

In addition, two districts based in the city of Albany will cut new territory into North Bethlehem, "taking good Republican votes and drowning them in a sea of Albany Democrats," according to one local Republican legislator.

One major shift that has Bethlehem's legislators stinging is the permutation in what could become Dominick DeCecco's former 36th District. DeCecco, a Slingerlands resident, currently serves a constituency in his home hamlet, as well as the southwestern section of town including South Bethlehem, Selkirk and Cedar Hill.

According to the new plan, DeCecco will lose all of the southern portion of Bethlehem. His district will instead have a southern border on Feura Bush Road and

percent of the population in the town of New Scotland.

DeCecco seemed pragmatic about the shift, saying that he had originally lived in New Salem after moving to the area and

feels he can gain support from a broad constituency there as well as in Slingerlands. In earlier discussions, DeCecco's district had been set with 70

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*These Albany districts  
 are reaching  
 right down  
 into the  
 community  
 of North  
 Bethlehem.*



Jim Ross

extend northwest out New Scotland Road and into New Salem and the village of Voorheesville, creating a district with 60

## Taxpayers get more time to grieve assessments

By Susan Wheeler

Bethlehem land owners are being given an additional five days to petition for changes in their property reassessments.

The grievance period was extended from May 26 to June 1. According to Assessor Brian Lastra, the period was extended because there were many changes made to the tax roll after land owners met with Finnegan Associates, the town's reassessment contractor. The large volume of changes delayed the process of mailing

the notices, which were mailed out last week.

However, Grievance Day is still set for Tuesday, May 26, from 9 a.m. to noon and 6 to 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

Grievance forms are available in the assessor's office and can be filed any time before June 1.

Although it is not necessary for property owners to make a personal appearance before the board of assessment re-

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## School board considering Homestead pros and cons

By Michael DeMasi

With the Bethlehem Central school board set to hold a public hearing on the Homestead Act sometime within the next month, three school board members — one short of the majority — are either opposed to its adoption or lean in that direction.

Dennis Stevens, recently elected to a new term in office, is the only member to say for certain he doesn't support adoption of the measure.

"I'm in opposition to homestead because those I spoke with were concerned adoption would radically change life in the district and result in a major problem for farmers and large vacant landowners."

Board president Pam Williams and Peter Trent both say they are leaning against it, however they stressed their position is tentative and could change.

"It's very clear how the business com-

munity feels, and I certainly respect their position," said Williams. "At this moment it seems homeowners aren't pressuring the board to pass homestead."

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## Environment tops economics in waste dilemma

By Susan Wheeler

The handling of solid waste is big business and Bethlehem's solid waste management plan needs to be economically sound.

But the cost of waste disposal is not the town's only concern and certainly not its first.

"Economics should never be the primary concern," said Supervisor Ken Ringler. "First you weigh all the environmental impacts of the various proposals. Then you look at economics as a factor."

More than four years ago the town's Solid Waste Task Force was formed and



charged with seeking out the best long-term solid waste management alternatives for Bethlehem. The group identified seven waste streams generated in the town that require disposal and charted comparison

categories for each possible management solution. Items compared included environmental and economic impacts, what facilities would be required and degree of local control.

The town requested proposals for waste handling from neighboring municipalities and private industry. Nine proposals were received, but only a few stacked up on the comparison chart. Some proposals addressed more problems than others and task force members identified which systems would best handle the waste streams.

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## Day in the sun



Brooks Fortune, 2, of Slingerlands, eats his way through the festivities during Saturday's Community Bethlehem! celebration at the Slingerlands Volunteer Fire Company Park. More photos on Page 40.

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# 13% see assessments lowered

By Susan Wheeler

About 13 percent of Bethlehem property owners received good news from the assessor's office last week.

Notices on property assessments went out to all 11,500 Bethlehem property owners, but only 1,500 assessments were changed. According to Assessor Brian Lastra, about 99 percent of those changed were decreased.

The decreases came after property owners met with Finnegan Associates, the town's reassessment contractor. Finnegan reviewed 2,700 parcels.

Assessments on some parcels were decreased because the property was listed with data errors. The square footage on some homes was incorrect and other items that are not easily quantified, such as easements or traffic, contributed to the over-assessment, according to Lastra.

The types of parcels that received assessment changes have not yet been classified.

Bethlehem's diversity, especially its size and composition, made the reassessment process difficult, Lastra said. There are older homes, newer subdivisions, vacant land and large industrial areas in the town. "It doesn't fit into a nice package."

Although the reassessment is hard the first time through, the process's goal is to make assessments more equitable.

"We're changing what people are used to be paying," Lastra said. "Some were paying too much and some were not paying enough. When you raise people's taxes you're going to hear about it."

The notices also listed the parcels as either homestead or non-homestead. Homestead property includes one, two and three family houses, mobile homes, condominiums and farm dwellings on up to 10 acres of land. Non-homestead property includes commercial, industrial, agricultural property of more than 10 acres, public utility and vacant land parcels.

The homestead designation impacts on town and school tax rates. Owners of land listed as non-homestead in the Bethlehem Central School District will see a tax rate increase of up to 3.6 percent, while homestead property owners will see up to a 2.07 percent decrease in their school tax rate, Lastra said.

The BC board of education will hear public comment on adopting the homestead provision in June. The board will vote on the provision sometime later, but before school taxes are levied.

Property owners can grieve the parcel's homestead designation, as well as each parcel's actual value. But most land owners who disagree are upset with the total assessment, Lastra said.

Information on assessment figures and data collection is available in the assessor's office. Property owners are welcome to review the information. "Most people want to see what other assessments are and compare with their neighbors," he said.

# Faso remains in Bethlehem, challenged

By Eric Bryant

Assemblyman John Faso, R-Kinderhook, will continue to serve constituents in Bethlehem under a new state redistricting plan, but if the new boundaries get beyond two upcoming legal challenges, he may be serving voters in four highly diverse counties on both sides of the Hudson.

Faso's district currently covers the towns of Bethlehem and Coeymans in Albany County, approximately 40,000 constituents in western Columbia County and all of Greene County. The redistricting bill recently approved by Gov. Mario Cuomo, however, outlines a 102nd Assembly District which could stretch Faso's constituency to the far reaches of Schoharie County and throughout pieces of Albany, Columbia and Greene counties.

"From where I live, it would be a one-and-a-half or two-hour drive to some parts of my district," Faso said late last week.

The new district will include the towns of Bethlehem, Coeymans, Rensselaerville and Westerlo in Albany County; all of Greene County, except the town of Catskill; the towns of Stuyvesant, Stockport and Kinder-

## Dem announces run

Delmar attorney Joseph Glazer announced yesterday that he will seek the 102nd Assembly District seat held by John Faso, R-Kinderhook.

At a noontime press conference held Tuesday on the State Capital steps Glazer, a Democrat, announced his candidacy. The Hudson Avenue resident recently resigned from a position as legislative director and counsel for the New York State Association of Counties to concentrate full time on the Assembly bid.

Glazer, 31, has never sought public office but has worked on several Democratic campaigns and as the NYSAC legislative director for the past two years.

hook in Columbia County; and all of Schoharie County.

The odd crescent-shaped outline would not put Faso in competition with another incumbent, but he remains only partially satisfied with the outcome of the state's yearlong redistricting process. He said he's pleased to be serving Bethlehem and the majority of his district once again, but isn't pleased with the redistricting process as it played out across the state.

Calling it "the crassest kind of partisan gerrymandering" and "totally contrary to the public interest," Faso alleges Assembly Democrats rigged the redistricting system - especially in New York City - so that Democrats can once again control a powerful voting block in the Assembly. Faso was a minority member of the state Assembly's Task Force on Redistricting.

The redistricting bill is cur-

rently subject to two legal challenges, Faso said. The first, being headed by the Justice Department, is looking into the bill's compliance with the Voting Rights Act — a federal measure which ensures certain voting districts contain ethnically dominant populations. The second is a lawsuit brought by the Fund for Accurate and Informed Representation (FAIR) which alleges the redistricting process violated the one person-one vote rule and also violated the federal Voting Rights Act.

Faso said population deviations in some of the new districts exceed 9.5 percent and in almost all cases, it could have been kept near 5 percent while still respecting town and county boundary lines. This kind of deviation violates the constitutional legality of one person-one vote. While Republican state legislators are not plaintiffs in the lawsuit, Faso said they are sympathetic to the FAIR allegations. The case is currently before the Northern District Federal Court and should have a ruling within several weeks.

In any event, the lawsuit will most assuredly push the first date to circulate petitions for nomination back from its traditional date, June 9, to sometime in early July, the assemblyman said. The later date would make it harder for challengers to mount a successful campaign against incumbents.

Faso also had harsh words for Cuomo, who stated he was actively pushing for election reform earlier this year. According to Faso, Cuomo gave in to pressure from his own party and did not push hard enough for strict election reforms.

"The governor signing the bill was the utmost hypocrisy after what he said he wanted (in election reform). I've been saying recently that Gov. Cuomo is to election reform what Boss Tweed was to public contracts."

# Bargains!



Christine Hadden of Delmar finds some forgotten treasures during the Lori J. Bruel, Realtors Charity Garage Sale Saturday. Proceeds benefit BOU, Bethlehem Senior Citizens and Bethlehem Festival.

Elaine McLain

## VOORHEESVILLE

# Monitors enforce no smoking

By Eric Bryant

A plan to roust teen smokers from the bathrooms of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School has proved moderately successful, and student council leaders are urging continued vigilance and monitoring.

Working in conjunction with the school administration, the student council last month implemented a plan which included propping open bathroom doors and increased monitoring of the three sets of girl's bathrooms at the school. According to Noelle Crisafulli, student council secretary, and Assistant Principal Terrence Barlow, the preventative actions seem to be making a dent in the smoking problem. The two addressed the school board on the problem last week.

"The smoking hasn't stopped, but it is decreasing," said Barlow, who noted that since the monitoring has been stepped up, smokers have moved their activities other out-of-the-way places in the school.

A persistent problem seems to be the lack of people available for monitoring during the school day. Monitors and teachers' aides, who make random checks of the bathrooms, are also responsible for overseeing study halls and other tasks. When monitors are absent, the bathrooms they are scheduled to monitor are locked, Barlow said.

School board member Mary Van Ryn said she had been told that on certain days this past month only one of the girl's bathrooms in the school was open.

Barlow confirmed this, saying that if a monitor was not available, the bathroom was not available that day.

In light of the district's tight fiscal status, the board seemed hesitant to hire more monitors to step up enforcement. Van Ryn asked how faculty and staff have responded to the smoking problem today and in the past.

Barlow said teachers often do respond if they know smoking is going on in a bathroom and that the new "open door" policy is making such a problem easier to spot.

Barlow said he had received several phone calls from parents after the policy was first implemented. "Initially, there were a number of concerns from parents revolving around the privacy issue. I think it was a situation where parents were hearing one side of the story from their children ... in the end they may not have agreed with us but they understood the extent of the problem and why we are doing this."

The doors are propped open so that smoke could be seen easier by passers-by. However, there is no direct sight access to the stalls, he said.

Crisafulli noted that the open doors did seem to have an effect but more intensive use of monitoring will be needed to fully do away with the problem.

Smoking students aired their views during a public forum in April. An open Student Council meeting focused on the problem and Crisafulli said about 30 students participated.

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## Consultant refutes BWOW charge

By Susan Wheeler

A consultant has denied allegations by Bethlehem Work On Waste members that he was hired to advise the town on solid waste facility emission standards while working for an incinerator vendor.

Although Betsy Lyons of BWOW is correct in her assertion that Dr. Edwin Holstein is working on the American Ref-Fuel incinerator proposal for Green Island, he said he has no connection to the company or Cambridge Environmental, which was hired by Ref-Fuel to perform a risk assessment study.

Holstein said Monday he was hired by the Village of Green Island as a consultant to review the risk assessment report prepared by Cambridge Environmental. He is a physician and president of Environmental Health Associates, P.A., an environmental health consulting firm with offices in Cambridge, Mass., and Edison, N.J.

"Dr. Holstein was hired by Green Island, not Ref-Fuel," said Bruce Secor, task force chairman and Bethlehem commissioner of public works. "He was hired to see if their proposal makes scientific sense."

Members of BWOW addressed the town board during last Wednesday night's public hearing on the proposed local law, "Permitting of Solid Waste Management Facilities," at Town Hall.

Lyons said Holstein, the town's special consultant hired to advise the Solid Waste Task Force during drafting of the law, works for American Ref-Fuel, an incinerator operator.

"BWOW stated several times

to the town board the importance of selecting a consultant with no ties either to the companies proposing solid waste facilities in town or to major vendors of solid waste facilities," she said. "Dr. Holstein, the town's health consultant who steered the task force away from health issues, did not meet that criteria. BFI/American Ref-Fuel is no longer actively pursuing construction of a regional mass burn plant in Bethlehem; Green Island is now their target. And their health consultants are Cambridge Environmental Inc. and, according to their receptionist, Dr. Holstein is working on that project."

Holstein acted as a consultant to Bethlehem on state and federal health standards for various pollutants, he said. Task force members were interested in knowing if they should draft town health standards.

"I told them not to do that because it would be a massive scientific effort," Holstein said. The group would have spent tremendous amounts of money and time developing the standards. In addition, it would need the advice of various experts on pollutants from solid waste management facilities.

"It would be a waste of effort because it requires large conferences of scientists," he said. "It's an issue that's debated worldwide."

Secor agreed the town's task force, a voluntary group that met every other Tuesday for four years, does not have the scientific capability or economic resources to set such standards. The group developed the 62-page law with help from Holstein, the consult-

ing firm of Stearns and Wheler and Assistant Town Attorney Michael Smith.

"We would get so bogged down and not do anything if we tried to write regulations that do not exist on the state and federal level," Secor said. "This law is a beginning step. It gets the town directly involved in the permitting process. It's certainly a step in the right direction."

Holstein also recommended the task force not write town standards for specific pollutants because state standards for emissions from waste-to-energy facilities are "very stringent."

However, task force and BWOW member Saul Rigberg disagrees and criticized the proposed law for its "lofty words." He said federal Environmental Protection Agency provisions are often "watered down" to protect economic interests. In addition, he said the community's health, safety and welfare will not be protected by the law, as it states in the preamble, because it fails to set standards for pollutants from incinerators.

Rigberg said the law excludes such standards because Holstein advised the task force not to develop them and he was working in his own interest and on behalf of American Ref-Fuel.

The proposed law states the strictest provision, whether federal, state or local, will apply to all new and existing solid waste management facilities sited, constructed, operated or located within the town.

The law, once adopted, may be amended as new technology becomes available, or as time and money allows, according to Secor, who noted there has been criticism that more research on standards should have been done.

### Parents set workshop on communication

The Single Parents Group is sponsoring a workshop entitled "Communicating With Kids" on Sunday, May 31, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

## Dozer douser



Jane Ordway gives the anchors aweigh signal after breaking a bottle of champagne on the plow of a bulldozer. Ordway, president of the board of Beverwyck, celebrated the beginning of construction at the future retirement community in Slingerlands recently.

Elaine McLain

## Area groups to step off in Memorial Day Parade

The town of Bethlehem 1992 Memorial Day Parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 25.

Dr. John H. Browe, veteran of the Bataan Death March, will be grand marshal. Kenneth J. Ringler Jr. will be honorary grand marshal.

Among local groups attending will be the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, American Legion, and Auxiliary; Bethlehem Memorial Post 3185, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Auxiliary; Bethlehem Memorial Post 3185, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Auxiliary; Bethlehem Central High School Band; and Cyprus Shrine Temple of Albany.

Also, Onesquethaw Lodge 1096 F & AM; Bethlehem Lodge 2233, BPOE; Bethlehem Lions Club;

Elsmere Fire Company A; North Bethlehem Fire Department; Delmar Fire Department; Slingerlands Fire Department; Selkirk Fire District; and the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Following the parade a program will be held at the Memorial Park on Delaware Avenue.

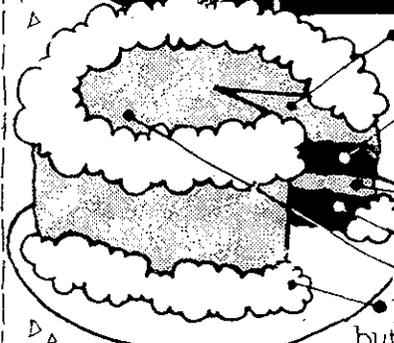
### Scouts set car wash as trip fund-raiser

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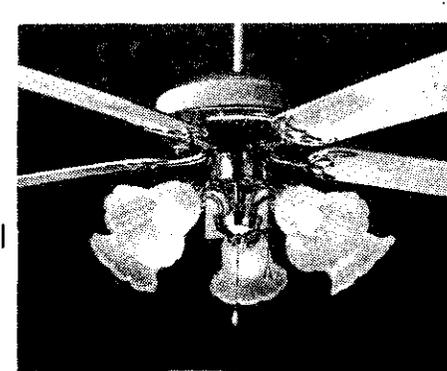
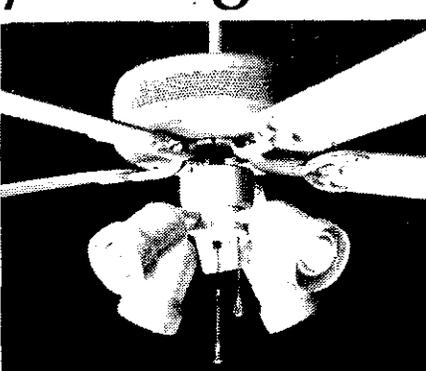
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# N. Scotland property marred with 'shoulder-deep' garbage

By Eric Bryant

Trash is becoming a problem on at least two properties in the Town of New Scotland.

In Clarksville, town officials are looking for a problem for a structure Supervisor Herb Reilly calls "a fire trap." The old tavern, located just off Route 443 on Plank Road, is "littered with garbage, in some places shoulder high," said Reilly. He said someone had been living in the structure up until about a month ago but it appears the structure is not now occupied.

Earlier this month, the town board authorized building inspector Paul Cantlin to deliver a citation to the property's owner, Beverly Wilkie of Flat Rock Road. Cantlin said Wilkie will now have a time frame in which to clean up the house. The board also authorized Cantlin to expend legal funds if Wilkie does not comply.

"The building is really close to the house next door, and that woman has little kids," said Reilly, who noted that a fire could easily spread from one structure to the next.

Cleanup is also a problem for Donald Cass, a Clarksville resident who owns property off Duck Hill Road that appears to be a dumping ground for construction debris and tires. Cass' property runs adjacent to a Niagara Mohawk right of way, and it appears someone is driving down the right of way service road, turning onto his property and dumping. Cass asked that a fence be constructed barring access to his property several years ago, but the power company has not yet erected the structure.

"A lot of people wouldn't even report something like this but it's important that we clean it up. He's

certainly not the one at fault but he would be the one who could get cited," Reilly said. The board authorized sending a letter to NiMo requesting that a fence be constructed.

In other business during this month's town board meeting, the board:

- approved the nomination of Martha Slingerland to the town's historic commission. Elizabeth Mason had earlier resigned from the commission.

- established a townwide cleanup day for public lands on Oct. 3.

- announced the town will receive \$26,399 in state aid this year. According to Reilly, that's a drop of approximately \$4,600 from last year's aid package and a drop of \$104,600 from the 1990 state aid package.

- learned from Michael Hotaling that 911 data collection is almost complete. Hotaling, who is coordinating the 911 program in New Scotland, told the board that residents who live off driveways with two or more homes should begin thinking of names for their driveway. All access roads with two or more homes attached must be officially named for the 911 system.

- set town Grievance Day for May 26 at the town hall.

## Memorial Day weekend closings

Here's a partial listing of what's open and closed in town during Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 23, through Monday, May 25.

- Delaware Plaza stores will be setting their own store hours but will be open at least Sunday hours, according to plaza management. Grand Union will be open 24 hours a day through Monday.

Main Square Shoppes will also be setting their own hours. Main Square management advises calling ahead.

- Key Bank will be open for regular business hours Saturday. All other banks in the area will be closed Sunday through Monday.

- Postal deliveries will take place as usual Saturday. There will be no deliveries Monday.

- The Bethlehem Public Library and Voorheesville Public Library will both be closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Both will open for regular hours on Tuesday.

- Both Bethlehem and New Scotland town offices will be closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday

- All offices of county, state and federal government will be closed on Monday.

## Fashion fun



Town and Tweed manager Helen Warner helps Emily McGrath get ready for the St. Thomas Annual Fashion Show and Dessert Party Friday night at St. Thomas School.

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## A utility that needs regulating

The deregulation theories fostered by the Reagan administration have cost every American dearly in the past dozen years. One of the costly ways came about through abetting the TV cable industry in its outrageous demand that — though clearly a public utility — it remains clear of the most important aspects of consumer protection.

The result has been an inability to control the rates by any governmental agency, ranging from Washington down to municipalities.

In practice, it goes like this: As of June 1, 1988, Cablevision (which serves Bethlehem, New Scotland, and a few other areas) raised its monthly "family" rate to \$15.95. Previously, the current "basic" rate had been \$10.50, with an "economy basic" of \$8.90. But forget that as ancient history, and look at the last four years.

Year after year, the subscriber's bill goes up — without recourse. There is no option if you want the benefits of cable television — pay or be cancelled.

## Decision for a decade

By Thursday, June 18, the NBA playoffs finally will be over. The Stanley Cup winner will be history. The Yankees, Mets, and Red Sox all will be out of pennant contention. Presidential aspirants will have depleted their repertoire and exhausted their audiences even before the conventions. The AC Yankees will be playing in Hagerstown or some such place. The Knick will be dark. Cosby will be off the air. The weekend is only a promise.

In other words, there will be no rational excuse that day for Bethlehem residents to let petty interests divert us from voting in the referendum on the future of the town's waste-disposal methods. The polls will be open for 12 hours — 8 to 8, and every person who is eligible to vote in general elections may cast a ballot.

The question on the ballot at all 27 polling places in the town will be:

"Shall the Town of Bethlehem as part of its waste management plan provide for the disposition of garbage, rubbish, and other solid waste matter collected or generated within

## A vote for restraint

It was a notice from County Executive Hoblock to the county's towns and cities that he expects them to begin sharing Board of Elections costs, which roused their dander and attracted attention last month. But closer scrutiny discloses more down-to-earth cause for distress all around.

The Board of Elections? Well, it supervises the November election each year, doesn't it? Maybe a primary once in a while; prepping the machines, counting the vote (slowly), certifying and ultimately publishing the results? A pretty darned relaxed kind of operation, one might expect.

So, how does the Board of Elections manage to spend slightly over \$1.1 million? Fairly easily, to all appearances . . .

The board has 20 full-time employees, according to its budget (as circulated by Mr. Hoblock to the various municipalities). These are the two commissioners (the top political plums); plus two deputies (who actually make

## Editorials

As of the first of this month, the latest "family" service increase went into effect — one more dollar each month. This raises the basic rate to \$21.95. Compared with 1988, the four-year jump in a resident's cost for cable amounts to 37.5 percent.

Locally, the oversight committee on cable operations has been negotiating a franchise renewal with Cablevision, while lacking the power to influence the rate structure or programming. The renegotiated contract will extend Cablevision as your supplier for another 10 years. (Cablevision entered our lives in 1976 in Bethlehem; in 1978 in Voorheesville; and 1980 in other areas of New Scotland that it serves).

Cable television is a public utility that should be captured under the net of a regulatory agency such as New York's Public Service Commission before we all get stung even more severely.

the Town by the disposition of such solid waste at a regional waste-to-energy incinerator plant, to be privately constructed, owned, and operated within the Town of Bethlehem on Cabbage Island?"

*The Spotlight* joins the Town Board, which framed the question and directed the referendum be held, in hoping that all eligible voters will turn out to express their wishes on what is probably our most important decision of this decade.

Meanwhile, to help ensure that all residents will have an opportunity to inform themselves personally on the issues, *The Spotlight* is sponsoring a forum, to be held at 7:30 on the evening of Thursday, June 4, at BCHS. The program will include presentations by the Solid Waste Task Force, the State Department of Environmental Conservation, Energy Answers Corporation, and Bethlehem Work on Waste. All residents are invited to attend.

And, as usual, the Vox Pop columns of *The Spotlight* are open to expressions of opinion on this important matter.

\$10,000 more than the commissioners), a pair of election administrators, a couple of supervising election specialists, a quartet of election specialists, and an octet of senior election specialists.

All that makes a \$400,000 bill (about 37 percent of the total cost). But then there's overtime (for the administrators?), plus something called "longevity" — before you even reach the employee benefits, calculated at 32 percent. So at \$576,000 we're well above half the cost of conducting elections — just to keep 20 people gainfully occupied.

Mr. Hoblock direly wants county departments to trim their payrolls by 10 percent or more. In this refuge of patronage, could he find a happier place to start? Historically, Albany gained notoriety for its fabled "\$5 vote." It appears that at its present level of expenditure, the Board of Elections is spending more than that just to accept the ballot of each citizen who visits the polls.

## Waste-to-energy plant can offer many benefits

Editor, The Spotlight:

When I found out that I will soon become a father for the first time, I started to think about what kind of world my child would grow up in. I realized that the decision to build a landfill in Bethlehem or a waste-to-energy facility would not only affect me but future generations.

Since I recently moved back to the Town of Bethlehem, I registered to vote and plan to vote "Yes" June 18. I don't want to leave a landfill as a legacy for my children. A modern incinerator can create energy from our trash and recycle hundreds of pounds of

## Vox Pop

metal each day. It will also be good for the economy, create new jobs, will help with our taxes, and will be a solution for our solid waste problem for many years to come.

I hope other people in the community will realize that if we don't burn the waste we will need a landfill — and a landfill is not something we want to pass on to the next generation.

Selkirk

Brian Bagley

## Old family farm faces 'Homestead' tax it can't afford, to support others

Editor, The Spotlight:

We are a couple living on a small family farm in Selkirk. My husband and his family have farmed this land since 1856. I consider his family to the original "Homesteaders."

Now the Town Board in its wisdom has decreed that we aren't "Homesteaders" here. In our retirement years on a small fixed income, we will be allowed to pay an additional tax to support the beautiful homes in Delmar.

Do I think this is fair? I do not! Can we afford it? We cannot.

Full-value assessment and the Homestead Act are legal ways to confiscate our land.

Selkirk

Marie and Warren Mead

## Turning to burning decried as a trap in waste issue

Editor, The Spotlight:

Is the Capital District going to become the trash-burning capital of New York State (or of the East Coast, for that matter)? It looks like a possibility! Are we going to let this happen, with Bethlehem as one of the locations for an incinerator?

I am very concerned about the appearance that the Town of Bethlehem is welcoming an incinerator. We have been so successful and set a very progressive

example in our recycling efforts. Bethlehem can even do so much more to reduce waste. Our citizens have done such a splendid job of supporting these "real" solutions to our waste problems. I think it would be very sad to see those efforts negated by the demands for waste from an incinerator. It seems like it would be a betrayal to be told we need to provide so much trash to support a hungry incinerator.

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## A self-made myth and the presidency

The hiss that you have been hearing is the telltale sound of air escaping from the overblown balloon that the media had been puffing up, pasting on a label that read: "H. Ross Perot."

And none too soon, this puncture.

Ross Perot as a serious candidate for the presidency of the country was never more than a bad joke. As a make-believe candidate, too, he is no more than that. But bad jokes often can get out of hand, and become something other than was intended.

What Ross Perot became was a menace.

As a totally unknown quantity, he was placed on exhibition in the late winter by such showmen as Larry King and David Frost, whose stock in trade is like that of the sideshow barker: "Step inside and view the two-headed dog." The pitchmen must always be on the prowl for a novelty to hawk, and in Ross Perot they unearthed a live one. Ratings competition took it from there; the shaven-headed wonder was passed from one broadcast booth to another. He was invited to offer his cruelly simplistic homilies without examination. He was allowed audaciously to unilaterally pronounce himself fit to lead the country on the strength of nothing except over-confident self-judgment.

Larry King and such are entertainers, and perhaps no culpability should attach there. But the professional news media fell into the barker's trap, and in paying

### Uncle Dudley

attention to the novelty (a temporary diversion from Madonna, Cher, Imelda, Leona, Magic, the no-Trumps) the networks and many periodicals seemed to take it seriously. Accordingly, the viewing public, too, started "aaahing" and "ooohing."

Many of us are disappointed in George Bush and uncertain about Bill Clinton, but temporary unrest about the pilot should not cause us to jump out of the plane. For several weeks, the media went overboard on Pat Buchanan, even on David Duke. Lately, Ross Perot has provided the diversion.

Fortunately, the demolition of the myth started as of the end of April (precisely one month tardy, some would say). A low muttering of "Yes, but," had begun, and it was left to Bill Safire to stick in the first knife. Some serious editorial slings and arrows have followed, including an analysis of his cynical use of television. You can count on more as timid commentators and impressionable anchormen wise up. You will be finding much less open-mouth gaping at the 90-Day Wonder by the Brokaws and the Rathens, and even less cheap exposure by call-in radio shows.

When some serious newspeople (Tim Russert, for one splen-

did example) tossed a harpoon in the form of hard questions and objections, the man within the balloon retreated. His excuse was that he needed time to figure out what he might stand for. The retreat will prove to be as catastrophic as Napoleon at Moscow, and as permanent.

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You may be asking by now, what then was menacing about H. Ross Perot?

Let me count the ways. First, though not necessarily the most important, was his blatant, disgusting promise to try purchasing the presidency with an unlimited supply of his own funds. Never has the country been insulted by such degrading arrogance as this "For Sale" sign Mr. Perot hung. (Forget how he accumulated his billions; never mind that he simply sits atop them with nary a gesture toward contributing significantly to doing good with the proceeds.)

The man obviously is of a fascist turn of mind. This has not yet been pointed out as bluntly as it deserves. He demonstrates a complete lack of understanding — either ignorantly or willfully so — of the Constitution, of how the American government works, of how consensus and decisions are reached in a democracy and in a representative government. His instinct, as he makes evident, is to bypass the Congress and perform

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## Perot: a Peron minus Evita?

Elizabeth Drew, the Washington correspondent who is familiar to many as Richard Rovere's successor in that capacity in "The New Yorker"; as a panelist on the weekly TV program, "Inside Washington"; and as the author of an occasional book on politics, has written a worthwhile 6,000-word article on Ross Perot in the magazine's May 18 issue (last week's).

Her analysis of the man and the political scramble he has created this spring is as sharp as it is extensive. It combines a sober and unemotional report on Mr. Perot (as a person and a political phenomenon) with a penetrating look at the deeper significance of his unexpected emergence and the merits of his approach to issues.

Part of Ms. Drew's essay tries to interpret what is going on in the Bush and Clinton campaigns as they adjust to Perot. "The Bush and Clinton camps' beginning to take Perot seriously was based on their recognition that he is playing on a potent force — the public's disgust with conventional politics, and its sense that the government doesn't work anymore. They recognize that he is also benefiting from the weakness of both major parties' probable candidates."

The greater part of the article, however, is devoted to seeking to assess what kind of person Mr. Perot is. I doubt that the all-too-familiar word "character" actually appears here, but the Drew analysis pretty much can be summed up with this in mind.

After noting that Mr. Perot is "using his knowledge of the new technology (and the money to pay

### Constant Reader

for it) in his effort to become President" and that "over the years, he has carefully cultivated his public relations and has been building his following," Ms. Drew calls him "a sort of mythic figure who has done much to create his own myth."

"While at one level Perot's candidacy fits the mood of the times, at another it's preposterous — and even alarming in its implications. It seems to be propelled by ego, desire for fame, and Perot's confidence that his business success qualifies him for all

manner of things. His candidacy has no frame of reference . . ."

"The precedent of electing as President someone who has enough money to spend on selling himself to the American people through the media and through the new technology is worrisome . . . His rudderlessness and his penchant for thought-through notions, plus the precedent that this kind of candidacy would set, are cause for unease.

"The basic premise of his campaign is (also) cause for unease . . . Perot's central governing idea of an 'electronic town hall' . . . upends the idea of representative government."

To this Ms. Drew adds: "There is in Perot's idea a large step toward plebiscitary government, and a whiff of mobocracy. It is a formula ripe for demagoguery, and Perot already has shown some demagogic tendencies. One is reluctant to use inflammatory words, but Perot's concept has the aura of quasi-fascism: Peron-style or Mussolini-style fascism, with the hero-leader, backed by 'the people,' breaking down impediments to having his way — all, of course, in their name." In another context, she notes that "Perot has shown in the past a definite conspiratorial bent, and a penchant for extra-channels action — two worrisome traits in a President. He has an affinity for the paramilitary."



## Salvaging the arts; it's an art unto itself

Martin P. Kelly spent 25 years as theatre critic for the Albany Times-Union. Since his retirement, last year, he has been contributing a theater column in the Family Entertainment section of The Spotlight Newspapers. A veteran of 40 years in theater, he is also producing artistic director of Riverview Productions, which produces at St. Andrew's Dinner Theater in Albany and as a touring company in the region.

By Martin P. Kelly

### Point of View

In the past several months there's been a rush of press conferences, newspaper editorials, letters to the editors, and public-service ads on radio and television, all urging more public support of the arts.

This activity has been generated by the fiscal crisis that is being experienced by most arts organizations, particularly the performing arts groups. One, the Heritage Artists theater troupe at the Cohoes Music Hall, has ceased operations because of short cash flow.

Another, the Capital Repertory Theater in Albany, worries it may not survive the season.

The Albany Symphony Orchestra carries a \$175,000 deficit into next season, a fact that would preclude a season unless this deficit is alleviated.

Among the reasons for this general plight are the recession and the cutback in arts support by federal, state, and local governments. Corporate sponsors have also cut back as they deal with their own economic problems.

Does it mean the end of the performing arts as we know it in the area? No, not necessarily!

There is an immediate need to get these organizations, and others like them which present professional performances, out of their current financial hole. That will take diligent fundraising, preferably on an organized, united way.

Right now, business people face a host of their peers coming through the door as representatives of various arts groups. The same businesses are hit time after time. What is needed is a more



### Adage that 'less can be more' is timely in avoiding costly excess in production and administration

unified method of soliciting this financial help. A united fund for the arts has been suggested and is being discussed by the various arts groups and their business associates.

Problems with the concept are evident, but overall it deserves serious consideration because it has the potential to involve the community more directly. In a united fund method of solicitation, five-dollar contributions by 20 people have more impact than \$100 by one business because more people become involved in the process — optimistically leading to greater participation as audiences.

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But, beyond that, there's a need to remember a timeworn adage in theater that "less can be more." It refers to containing excess in acting, staging, or set design which only distorts the play and hurts the overall production. The same can be said of administration of these arts groups.

Since the late 1960s when government — notably the Rockefeller Administration in New York State — began supplying financial support for the arts, we have witnessed a tendency to lose sight of the above adage. Theaters, orchestras, ballet companies, artists' colonies all began sprouting up around the country, often without a full grasp of sound business and organizational needs. New arts professionals — grants writers — became paramount to these arts groups. Expert grants writers were like gold to them. An individual who could understand and satisfy the bureaucratic requirements of these funding mechanisms, was prized by any fledgling theater or orchestra.

Government grants encouraged arts groups to seek growth and expansion in order to qualify for even more fiscal help from governmental agencies and, eventually, corporate benefactors. As these theaters, orchestras, and dance companies grew, the

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need to review their own fiscal and business practices was pushed to the background. It was the case of "grow or perish."

Many such groups developed a narrow band of interest even while believing they were serving the general community. Often, they fell victims to being considered elitist.

*Without question, many a performing arts group — theater, orchestra, or dance group, as examples — gains its impetus from the dreams of one person or a small group of people. Ego plays a great part in this dream.*

An artistic or music director has a goal for the group and/or a

Martin Kelly considers:

- A united way for arts
- Grants writers' role
- Students and seniors
- Marketing strategy
- Combining efforts
- Acumen from business

The Albany Symphony Orchestra has recognized this deficiency by scheduling a series of Sunday afternoon performances next season that will help acquaint the general public, youngsters included, with the intricacies of orchestral music in an entertaining fashion. It's a step in the right direction.

Ego often propels the creative dream but its goal may fail to match the community's needs as it descends into intellectual arrogance

theme for its activity. In too many cases, these goals don't match with the community's needs; they are not sufficiently broad-based. There are two large audiences which need to be brought into theaters and concert halls. These are the students and the senior members of our community.

Theaters need to reconsider their marketing plans. Students and senior citizens are available for matinee performances, yet the local professional theaters still schedule weeknight performances that generally draw poorly, rather than make an active campaign to switch these performances to daytime presentations. The senior population is an active one — just take a look at the people getting off buses at resorts and vacations spots and while school budgets have cut back student trips, why can't local businesses near the school be called upon to sponsor these trips?

Recently, George Thorn visited the area to conduct a seminar for local arts groups and their supporters. The author of "The Quiet Crisis in the Arts" urged a new look at the operation of arts organizations. His suggestion to combine forces and eliminate duplication in mailing and public relations, for example, is a very real idea for reducing expenses. Costume shops and scenery construction are other recognizable areas of cooperation.

But he also suggested a more important idea — consider the bare minimum each arts unit can do and still meet its mission. Less is more, he seemed to be saying. "Growth cannot be the measure of success for arts organizations," he said. What is most important is the impact of each group on the general community.

A community's taste for the arts should be cultivated but in proper

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as a dictator who "knows" what is needed to remedy any problem with a wave of the hand.

He proposes to enter the national political scene — and our government — absolutely devoid of political experience and in-

proportion. Artists are usually leaders in cultural experimentation — but while leading they need to keep the community in sight.

An artist has to believe he or she is the right exponent of the art and can move and/or inform an audience in an entertaining fashion.

Often this ego gets in the way of good sense by becoming intellectual arrogance. An artist can lead an audience while keeping in mind this audience's needs and desires. It need not be considered pandering to common tastes as long as these needs are used as a base from which to lead.

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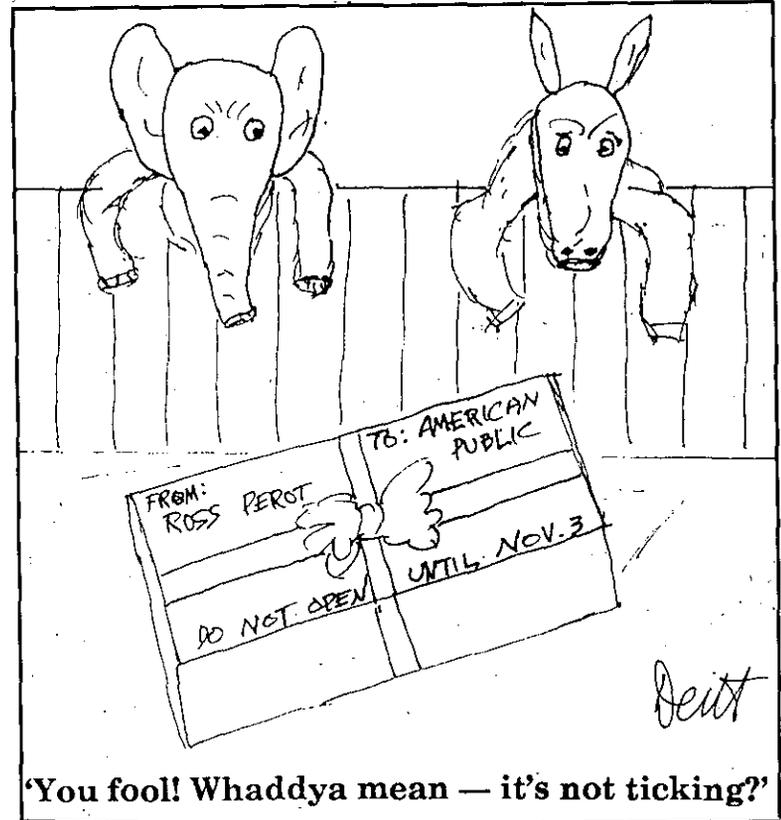
The business community, through various newly formed committees, is taking steps to assist a variety of arts groups. This is good as long as it is planned as an on-going, long-range program of cooperation. An infusion of practical business acumen should be blended with the imagination of the artistic community to find ways of presenting their various performances in exciting and intriguing ways that will spark greater community support. The arts community shares many of the problems of businesses and households throughout the country. All are attempting to survive a recession and period of social change. As suggested for businesses and individuals, flexibility of ideas and innovation will be paramount in surviving this severe fiscal crisis.

sights. He is beyond the reach (or the help) of a political party, which is the first challenge the nation has had by a "Man on Horseback," even one no more substantial than the shadows on a TV screen.

Ross Perot represents elements fundamentally inimical to the American way of self-govern-

ment. To regard and promote him for the nation's highest office is, indeed, a menace.

That nearly one-third of the nation's adults can be said to have responded to this Pied Piper even briefly is a cause for genuine concern — about our education system.



(Donald W. Haskins, a former staff member of The Spotlight, contributed this cartoon.)

Pole minus flag sets odd example

Editor, The Spotlight:

Would anyone enjoy seeing an oddity?

A floodlight beaming on a flagpole... minus the flag!

Come on BC Board of Education — you can set a better example than that!

Marjorie B. Davies

Delmar

Words for the week

**Fledgling:** A young bird just fledged (having grown the feathers necessary for flying); a young, inexperienced person.

**Plebiscite:** An expression of the people's will by direct ballot on a political issue, as contrasted to the representative government of a republic such as the United States.

**Mobocracy:** Rule or domination by a mob; the mob as ruler.

**Penchant:** Inclination, a strong liking or fondness.



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Your Opinion Matters

# Of superheterodyne tuning and the world's only Morris sofa

Editor, The Spotlight:

Uncle Dudley's recollection (May 6) of Morris chairs and Atwater Kent radios put me in mind of my own rural childhood home, in which both of these items figured, along with the cast-iron wood-burning range with its hot-water reservoir, the washboard-tub-wringer combo for the laundry, and the hand-crank telephone with neither pushbuttons nor rotary dial.

Those who, unlike some of us, were not born closer to the Battle

of Gettysburg than to Desert Storm may not realize that the old battery-powered radios needed a heavy lead-acid car battery and several large dry cells of the type used in the telephones, not just the half-dozen little "C" cells to today's "boombox" or the "Walkman's" pair of tinier AAs.

I recall how exciting it was when power poles and wires appeared along our road and the old three-dial battery set was supplanted by a brand new Philco electric with single-knob superheterodyne

tuning—a table model in the now classic cathedral shape that they reproduce today with solid-state circuitry. For reasons that were none of a young child's business, this beauty was replaced within a week or two by a floor cabinet with the identical configuration of dial and knobs, a set destined to serve as the family entertainment center throughout the Depression.

As to our Morris chair, it suffered back failure and was consequently transformed into what

may have been the world's only Morris sofa. These chairs had leather upholstery, removable wooden armrests, a footrest, and an adjustable back. Imbedded in the back and footrest were four hinged hardwood legs which, when extended, would support these parts at the same level as the seat, making a recliner similar to a doctor's examining table, only lower. When the back on ours would no longer stay up, it was fastened permanently in the prone position, the footrest was ex-

tended, one armrest was removed, and pillows were arrayed along its length against the wall—not the most comfortable or fashionable of couches, but adequate to seat several members of a happy, pre-TV family, while they listened to WGY Schenectady (NBC Red network), WJZ New York (NBC Blue Network), WABC New York (CBS), WOR Newark (Mutual), or even WLS, all the way from Chicago.

Nostalgically yours,  
Delmar Mauritz Johnson

## Bataan veteran heads Delmar Memorial parade

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem's annual Memorial Day parade will be held on the morning of Monday, May 25, under the sponsorship of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040 of the American Legion.

The parade will form at 10:45 a.m. on Poplar Drive, Herber Ave., and Elsmere Ave., adjoining the Legion post and Elsmere Fire House. Step-off time will be 11 a.m.

The honorary grand marshal is to be Bethlehem Supervisor Kenneth J. Ringler.

The grand marshal for 1992 is Dr. John H. Browe of Troy who is a World War II veteran of Bataan. He was called to active service in 1941 and assigned to a hospital in Bataan.

Disease, not the Japanese, led to the fall of Bataan early in 1942. Food rations were cut and by March, quinine, used to treat malaria, had run out. Dr. Browe relates that the lack of supplies left the allies in no condition for combat. "But if we knew what was going to happen we would probably have kept on fighting," he comments today.

The parade route will be: south on Elsmere Ave., to Bethlehem Cemetery and then proceed west on Kenwood Avenue, left on Adams Place and right on Adams Street to Delaware Avenue and Bethlehem's Memorial Park. At the park there will be a wreath-laying ceremony, prayer service, final Taps and playing of the national anthem to complete the memorial tribute to veterans of all wars. At the conclusion of the memorial services, the parade will disband by units, which will return to the Blanchard Post for refreshments.

Let's all turn out and pay tribute to these valiant "Heroes of Bataan."

Edmund D. Wood, Jr.  
Parade Chairman 1992

## Trap

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I think we all recognize that we cannot eliminate all trash after reducing waste, reusing resources, and recycling. As an alternative for residue, we now know how to properly develop a landfill which is virtually pollution-free. A recent *Spotlight* article described how this can be done. The desire to conserve landfill space serves to drive us toward continued waste reduction and long-term solutions instead of shortsighted semi-solutions that substitute one form of pollution for another. A well-managed landfill could also provide for future mining of what is waste now but later can be recycled as new technologies develop.

Please, I ask every citizen to search his or her soul and conscience: Can we and should we continue to rely on shortsighted polluting methods of waste management? Sooner or later we have to face "real" solutions. We, the

waste-makers, are the responsible party. Are we going to allow our wasteful habits to be an enormous source of revenue for some incinerator business which in turn leaves us with pollution and concentrated toxic ash residue?

Incinerators are human experiments on a grand scale, and our children and future generations may pay an awful price from a decision to support incinerators. We have already overburdened

our environment with poorly understood chemicals with unknown health effects.

Please don't let Bethlehem fall into the trap of this "easy out" by turning to burning.

Thanks to everyone who took the time to read this and for your thoughtful decisions on these very important issues.

Delmar Carol Butt

## 'Scooper law' reminder

Editor, The Spotlight:

With spring and summer upon us, everyone takes more pride in maintaining their lawns and property. As part of this effort, we would like to remind Bethlehem residents that last year the Town Board enacted a "scooper law" directed at helping to improve the looks and well-being of our neighborhoods.

Dogowners should not allow their dogs to deposit droppings of fecal matter on any private prop-

erty, Town of Bethlehem public roadways and sidewalks, or that portion of a front lawn owned by the town and maintained by the landowner as a front lawn. If this does happen, the dogowner should immediately clean up the droppings with a suitable container. (The law does not apply to guide dogs.)

Everyone's cooperation in this effort will be appreciated by our residents.

Kenneth J. Ringler, Jr.  
Supervisor



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Your Opinion Matters

# Town should concentrate on recycling, composting

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have been reading with interest the "Spotlight on Solid Waste" articles and am discouraged that Bethlehem town officials are still considering construction of a mass-burn waste incinerator. Our

town produces about 40 tons of waste each day yet town officials would allow one of many competing corporations to import 1,000 tons (2 million pounds) of waste into Bethlehem. Energy Answers Corporation in a large advertise-

ment in the May 13 *Spotlight* is putting on the pressure by assuring us that the incinerator produces "no hazardous or toxic byproducts," and that the incinerator will add 10 percent to the town budget.

Residents of Bethlehem must keep in mind that building an incinerator will not eliminate the need for a landfill. A 1,000-ton-per-day facility will produce 300 tons of ash which must be buried.

Reducing, recycling, and composting trash can reduce the amount of waste that needs to be landfilled to a point that makes building an incinerator unnecessary. One town with a larger population than ours (Brookhaven, Long Island) has been very successful in building a Materials Recycling Facility (MRF). The Brookhaven facility has reduced the waste stream by 73 percent.

An environmentally sound

comprehensive program like Brookhaven, if implemented in Bethlehem, would leave us with no smokestacks, no toxic emissions, and no threats to the health of adults and children.

The local chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility, which includes pediatricians and epidemiologists, is opposed to incinerators.

It is the responsibility of town officials to protect and maintain the health of the people of Bethlehem and the environment. For these reasons town officials should direct their energies towards implementing already proven recycling and composting programs.

Delmar *Miles Garfinkel*

*The Spotlight* welcomes letters on matters of interest. Letters may be edited for taste, style, fairness, and accuracy.

## 'Why not choose project benefiting Bethlehem the most?'

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to add my name to the list of people supporting the proposed resource recovery facility at the Port of Albany. The idea of replacing a huge regional landfill that might end up being built in Bethlehem with a plant that will use trash as fuel to create electricity is a good one for the town.

With so many companies interested in building a waste-burning plant in the area, it seems apparent that one will eventually be built. Why not choose to support the project that benefits Bethlehem the most?

The port seems to be the ideal place to put a new industry, and the environment laws will make sure it's a safe one. I plan to vote "yes" on the referendum and I encourage other residents to at least keep their minds open to all the possibilities for solving our solid-waste problems.

*Dee Van Wormer*

Selkirk

## Burn plant welcomed in Massachusetts home

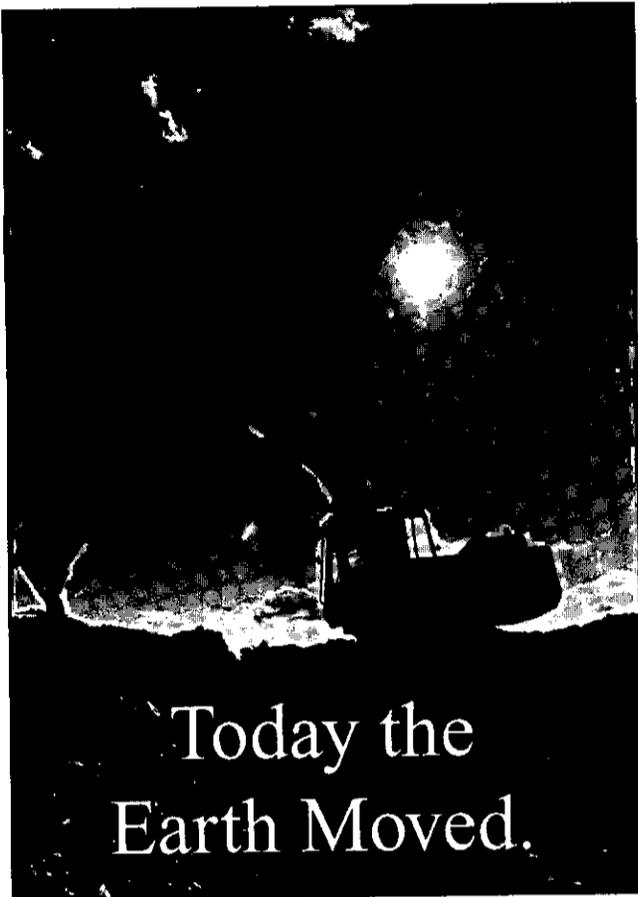
Editor, The Spotlight:

The waste-to-energy plant SEMASS has been operational in our town since 1988.

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# Incineration's hazards 'dangerous anachronism'

Editor, The Spotlight:

The big advertisement by the Energy Answers Corporation in the May 13 *Spotlight* in support of the proposed Cabbage Island incinerator was misleading. In fact the advertisement never once mentioned the word "incinerator," preferring the description "waste-to-energy resource recovery facility," which implies that the project is environmentally sound and energy-producing. Actually, waste-to-energy facilities, no matter how advanced, pollute the air and waste vast amounts of energy by burning material that could be recycled.

Environmental textbooks (like "Living in the Environment" by G. Tyler Miller) emphasize that incinerators are at best a poor short-term expedient that create barriers to long-term solutions. Even with advanced air pollution control devices, incinerators emit substantial amounts of hydrochloric acid, dioxins, particles of lead, cadmium, mercury, and other toxic substances into the atmosphere.

The incinerator, once built, will hinder recycling and reuse efforts and may actually increase landfill problems.

Although the ad claims that landfill should be used only as a last resort, the proposed Bethlehem incinerator will produce about 500 tons per day of highly toxic ash which must be landfilled. By contrast, some communities with active recycling programs can compost or recycle as much as 80 percent of their waste, and landfill

the rest. Does it make more sense for the ANSWERS communities to recycle and compost 548 tons, and landfill only 137 tons, or to landfill 500 tons of toxic ash from the incinerator?

Incinerators today seem like dangerous anachronisms. (The ANSWERS incinerator built 10 years ago on Sheridan Avenue is already obsolete and a pollution hazard).

Fewer incinerators are built each year in the U.S. as opposition to them mounts. If we build an incinerator we will shut the door on the new possibilities, and select a tired old solution that will leave behind debt and environmental decay. Please vote "No" on the June 18 referendum on the incinerator.

Delmar

Wil Downs

# Jobs, budget, ecology improve with SEMASS

Editor, The Spotlight:

I understand that Energy Answers Corporation has proposed a resource recovery facility for the Town of Bethlehem. I would like to express my support for the company and their work. As chairman of the Rochester (Massachusetts) Conservation Commission, I have been actively involved with EAC's SEMASS facility from when it was first proposed over 10 years ago.

My support is as strong as ever for the facility, and I hope that your community can reap the same benefits from their facility that ours has.

I have worked closely with SEMASS and Energy Answers Corporation staff throughout the development, construction, and startup of the base facility. It is refreshing to know that they are sin-

cerely concerned with protecting the environment and working to solve the landfill problem that exists on Cape Cod and throughout southeastern Massachusetts.

SEMASS has helped stop the contamination of the soil and aquifers of our region and is also generating 52 megawatts of electricity which reduces the area's dependence on the burning of fuel oil. Hundreds of tons of metals have been recycled, and the best equipment and technology for pollution control and ash management are used.

Their regard for their neighbors in our community is sincere and far-reaching. The area cranberry growers' concerns about the facility's effect on the bogs that surround it were addressed from the beginning, and SEMASS has

kept its promises about zero process water discharge and clean emissions from the plant.

They have also provided much-needed, good-paying jobs for local residents and have helped stabilize Rochester's town budget.

As commission chairman, and recognized in 1988 by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions for my dedication to the protection of the environment, I am a strong proponent for the SEMASS facility and what it has done to reduce pollution in Massachusetts. I hope that EAC is given the opportunity to do the same in its own back yard in New York.

Georgia D. Chamberlain  
Rochester, Mass.

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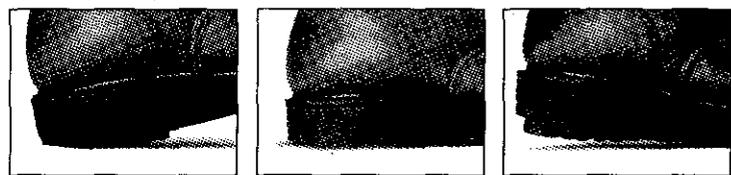
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# Bender farmhouse may get demolition reprieve

By Eric Bryant

The struggle to preserve the Bender Melon farmhouse is picking up steam again. A new party has come forward exhibiting interest in moving the house, and town officials recently learned that the farmstead is eligible for placement on the National Register of Historic Places.

The farmhouse and two adjacent barns were given a stay of execution about seven weeks ago when a group of investors who own the property said they would allow the town historic commission a month to find a way to move the house. Since then, at least one other person has stepped forward with proposals, but no concrete action to move the structure has taken place.

Now Steven Dootz, the owner of a local restoration company called Victorian Era Restoration, has expressed interest in moving the structure which faces possible demolition on its current site. According to his brother Brian, Dootz is interested in restoring

## Farm bureau sets grievance workshop

The Albany County Farm Bureau will have an open meeting tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Grange, Route 396, Selkirk.

The meeting will include a workshop for procedures on Grievance Day, and a discussion about the Homestead Act recently approved by the Bethlehem Town Board.

For information, call 872-1680.

the structure and perhaps using it as a home.

Dootz originally contacted Dennis Sullivan of the town's historic commission several weeks ago asking what the status of the home was and how he could get involved in helping to salvage the farmstead.

Sullivan had been in contact with Dr. James Murphy, one of a group of investors that own the Bender farm property, and suggested an arrangement wherein the investors could sell the farmhouse for a nominal fee. Estimated costs to demolish the house range from \$10,000 to \$15,000, and Sullivan said Murphy seemed willing

to agree to the sale because it would negate any demolition costs and also substantially lower the investors' tax rate.

The question remains as to where the house could feasibly be moved, for what cost, and whether Dootz or any other possible purchaser is willing to put up an initial investment to move and then refurbish it.

While still in the discussion stage, a small parcel of land nearly adjacent to the farm property has been brought up as a possible location for the home. A crescent shape parcel which runs along Route 85A just beyond the former Bender Farm is owned by the town

and has been discussed as a prime location because of its proximity to the original Bender farm. Town officials said the land would have to be bid out at public auction, but deed restrictions could be put on the property to restrict what type of buildings could occupy the site.

Dootz said last week that he had only briefly spoken to Murphy who told him he would discuss the move with his fellow investors and get back to him. As of Saturday, Dootz had not yet heard from the investors. The Dootzs have already contacted several house movers for estimates and feel the house itself is movable and "absolutely salvageable."

Town board member Dick Decker said the town's position on the matter is tenuous because it is essentially a private transaction. Decker, who has been working closely with the town's historic preservation commission, said he hopes the two parties will be able to strike a bargain and move the property to an appropriate location.

## Computer users set informational meeting

There will be an informational meeting about the Commodore Computer Users Group on Friday, May 29, at 7 p.m., at the Bethlehem Public Library, Delaware Avenue, Delmar.

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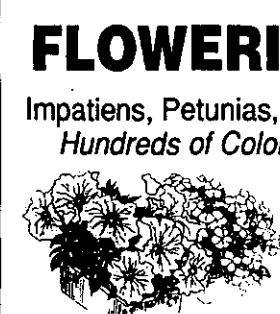
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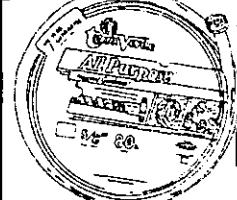
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# Grievance

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view, they can appear before the board on May 26 or sign up for a personal hearing. Hearings are being scheduled through June 1.

According to Sheila Powers, president of the Albany County Farm Bureau and a former grievance board chairwoman, a personal appearance before the board is preferable. On-the-spot presentations may broaden board members views of the property in question.

The assessor's office has handed out about 500 forms and

Lastra expects another 200 to 300 property owners to request them. The forms should be well-documented, he said, and owners should include photos of the property and neighboring property, as well as any floor plans of the home and recent changes.

"The grievance board will rely on what's in writing."

If property owners of one, two or three-family homes are dissatisfied with the review results, they can take further action. The Small Claims Assessment Review is for those who have filed a written

complaint about their property assessment and are not requesting a reduction greater than the amount sought in the written complaint.

Small Claims Assessment Review petitions are available at the Albany County clerk's office and cost \$25. They must be filed by July 31, which is 30 days after the town's revised tax rolls are due on July 1, Lastra said.

## Voorheesville grad earns award at RPI

Kyle Foster Larabee, a member of the 1992 graduating class of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, was awarded the American Institute of Architects Medal.

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Larabee, a Troy resident, graduated from Voorheesville High School in 1987.

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## Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

Plastics are various chemicals made up of long chains of hydrocarbons (carbon atoms linked together in chains with attached hydrogen atoms) called polymers. How these polymers are bound together and joined with chemical additives give us the great variety of plastics. All plastics, including polystyrene foam are manufactured from oil or natural gas, both non-renewable resources. Plastics account for 1.5 percent of the crude oil used in the United States.

Fifty billion pounds of plastics are produced in the U.S. each year. Plastics make up about 9 percent of our waste stream by weight and close to 20 percent of discarded waste by volume. Plastics could last up to five centuries in a landfill and polystyrene foam even longer.

In 1986, the Environmental Protection Agency listed 20 chemicals whose production generate the most hazardous waste. Five of the top seven are chemicals used by the plastic industry. They include propylene, phenol, ethylene, polystyrene and benzene.

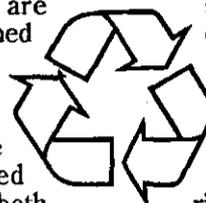
PVC, polyvinyl chloride, which

we know as number 3 plastic, is widely used in floor tile, window frames, pipes, many common office and home products as well as in the bottles we find on store shelves. One of the chemicals used in its production is benzene.

According to the Cornell Waste Management Institute, transporting the PVC precursor vinyl chloride is dangerous because it is highly explosive and toxic. Burning PVC produces toxic chlorinated hydrocarbons and hydrochloric acid. And yet there are good substitutes for most PVC applications.

Although plastics are the fastest growing segment of the waste stream, recycling of plastics is in its infancy. It is still important to minimize purchases packaged in plastic.

Two universities, Rutgers in New Jersey and RPI in Troy are testing the feasibility of recycling commingled plastics. Their method is not to hand sort the resin types but rather to use a process that causes like polymers to adhere to themselves for easier extraction.



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# Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce

by Marty Cornelius



## Commission selects distributor

Another area business has joined the growing list of Bethlehem Bicentennial sponsors.

John Wiedman of Capitaland Marketing Specialties has been named the official distributor of souvenirs and memorabilia for the event. As distributor, Wiedman will assist the bicentennial commission

in choosing the best items to help commemorate the town's 200th birthday.

Wiedman is a lifetime resident of Glenmont, where he lives with his wife Kathy and daughters Jaime and Kelly.

Wiedman recently won recognition for his work in the form of an all-expense paid trip to Australia awarded by a local advertising association.

In recent projects, he provided technical assistance to a Fortune 500 company and produced over 100,000 promotional items in an energy conservation program.

Current clients of Capitaland Marketing Specialties include: four GE locations in the Capital District, a radio station, several ad agencies, and many area school districts, builders and car dealerships.

### SPOTLIGHT ON Business

Capitaland Marketing Specialties has been in existence for over a year. Wiedman has owned his own company for six years and has been involved in advertising and promotion for more than 14 years.

Over the years, he has assisted many organizations in their choice of promotional items for area celebrations, including: Albany County Volunteer Fire Department, Hudson Mohawk Volunteer Fire Association, Elsmere Fire Department, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and GE Plastics.

Wiedman recently won recog-

## Smile for the birdie...



Bob Oliver of the Bethlehem Lions Club, left, presents a Polaroid camera to be used within Bethlehem Senior Services Outreach Programs to Jane Bloom, president of Bethlehem Senior Projects Inc., and Norman Kurland, treasurer of senior projects.

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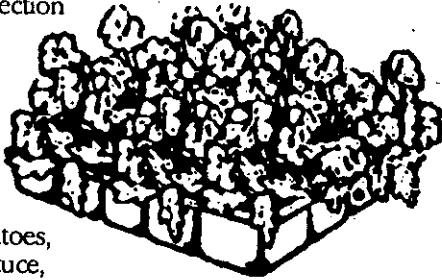
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# Five Rivers boosters announce three-year plan

By Susan Graves

Not even the sky's the limit for the major supporters of Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar. Five Rivers Limited, a wholly non profit organization founded in 1972 when the center was established that year, has announced a three-year development plan to meet some "pressing needs," said Jim Tate, a member of the Five Rivers Limited board.

The center, which is owned and staffed by the state Department of Environmental Conservation and was once was home of the Delmar Game Farm, accommodates more than 7,000 school children and 75,000 visitors every year. "Children have just a delightful time," said Tate, who retired as a district manager for Mobil Oil. Tate's home now abuts Five Rivers land since the center recently acquired 83 acres boosting the site to a total of 348 acres.

But the center has been cited for more than its natural beauty. Because of its outstanding programming, it has been designated a National Environmental Study Area by the National Park Service. In a Bethlehem, a Land Use Management Advisory Commit-

tee survey, listed Five Rivers as one of the most attractive sites in town.

Five Rivers Limited, which started with a handful of residents and now has a membership of 750, is closely related to that pro-

**The whole thrust is to get people aware of the facility.**

**Jim Tate**

gramming. Tate said the school program "is a perfect example of how a state agency and private organization can work cooperatively for the greater good of the community."

Five Rivers Limited members also act as greeters and guides, help with special events and manage the bookstore. "They also volunteer services for instruction of school classes," Tate said. And last fall, the group opened a teachers' resource library that includes hands-on exhibits and many reference materials that educators can borrow and use in their classrooms.

"We offer specific lessons to

teachers," said Gerry Oakley, an administrator of Five Rivers limited. "We had a library for years and realized we needed more than just books."

She said two grants, one from Namaste Foundation for a copier and another from the Mohawk Hudson Community Foundation for materials that teachers can borrow, helped get the resource library up and running. "It's a real good assist for teachers," said Tate.

Five Rivers Limited also provides funding for two student interns, who are hired for 12 weeks to assist center staff.

To further enhance Five Rivers, Tate said, the development plan includes a corporate solicitation program. One of the projects, Five Rivers Limited hopes to accomplish is establishing a wetland and observation towers. "We also want to enhance the environmental atmosphere of the facility," Tate said.

In addition, the group also is attempting to make the public more aware of the center and its offerings. "The whole thrust is to get people aware of the facility. ...We're hopeful of expanding the operation in the next few years."



Gerry Oakley and Jim Tate

Though the center and Five Rivers Limited are separate entities, the two work cooperatively to augment the center's effectiveness.

Tate even hopes Five Rivers will someday provide a home for a new Archimedes, a barred owl

who originally came to the center for treatment of a broken wing and stayed for 15 years until he died. "The kids miss him so much," Oakley said.

Five Rivers Limited is hoping to raise \$150,000 in its three-year campaign.



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# Bethlehem police make DWI arrests

Bethlehem police arrested two drivers on misdemeanor charges of driving while intoxicated while participating in the five-county regional STOP-DWI Blanket Patrol. The patrol took place from Saturday, May 2, at 10 p.m. to Sunday, May 3, at 5 a.m.

Spencer F. Pohl, 50, Font Grove Road, Slingerlands, was arrested for DWI Saturday, May 2, at 10:40 p.m. after he was involved in a one-car property damage accident on Elm Avenue near Delaware Avenue, police said.

Richard C. Riccio, 42, 22 Lavery Drive, Delmar, was arrested for DWI Saturday, May 2, at 10:39 p.m. after he was stopped for failure to keep right on Kenwood Avenue near Dumbarton Drive, police said.

Bethlehem police recently arrested several drivers on misdemeanor DWI.

Donald L. Dopp, 39, River Road, Glenmont, was arrested for DWI Thursday, April 30, at 8:34 p.m. after he was involved in an accident on Elm Avenue at Route 32 and stopped at Route 144 and Beaver Dam Road, police said.

James K. Kudzack, 32, 34-B Beacon Road, Glenmont, was

arrested for DWI Saturday, May 2, at 2:56 a.m. after he was stopped on Kenwood Avenue for having only one headlight, police said.

Kenneth G. Peck, 44, of West Cossackie, was arrested for DWI Friday, April 10, at 5:54 p.m. after he was stopped at a road check for failure to keep right on Route 144, police said.

Gary J. Demarest, 42, 1164 River Road, Selkirk, was arrested for DWI Friday, April 24, at 4:50 p.m. after he was stopped at a road check for failure to keep right on Route 144 near Retreat House Road, police said.

Lorri Jean Lemme, 28, 28 Magnolia Circle, Ravena, was arrested for DWI Saturday, April 11, at 2:21 a.m. after she was involved in a one-car accident on Cherry Avenue near Orchard Street, police said.

Robert E. Burdick, 52, 58 Lafayette Ave., Cossackie, was arrested for DWI Friday, April 10, at 3:43 p.m. after he was stopped at a road check on Route 144 near Corning Hill Road, police said.

Joann S. Tucker, 32, 161 Broad St., Schuylerville, was arrested for DWI Wednesday, April 22, at 1:21 a.m. after she failed to signal and

made an improper right turn at Delaware and Elsmere avenues, police said.

Matthew S. Warner, 25, 11-1 Woodlake Road, Albany, was arrested for DWI Saturday, April 25, at 3:37 a.m. after he was stopped for speeding on Krumkill Road, police said.

Richard Allen Fitzmaurice, 21, 32 Main St., Cohoes, was arrested for DWI Sunday, April 26, at 2:35 a.m. after he was stopped on Route 9W for leaving the scene of an accident, police said. After a license check, Bethlehem police determined Fitzmaurice was wanted by the Cohoes Police Department for violation of probation, police said.

Douglas R. Rosberger, 29, Route 9W, Glenmont, was arrested for DWI Sunday, April 26, at 3:17 a.m. after he was stopped on Route 85 and New Scotland Road for speeding and passing through a flashing red light without stopping, police said.

In other arrests, Kenneth J. Dooley, 35, 19 Mechanic St., Hoosick Falls, was arrested on felony DWI charges Monday, April 20, at 2:59 a.m. after he was stopped for failure to keep right on Delaware Avenue near Mason Road, police said.

## Town Board approves wording for June 18 referendum

The Bethlehem Town Board last week approved the wording of the proposal for the June 18 special referendum on incineration.

Voters will approve or reject the concept of incineration as part of the town's solid waste management plan.

If the majority of residents cast a yes vote, the town will pursue a solid waste management proposal by the Energy Answers Corporation that includes siting a waste-to-energy facility on Cabbage Island.

If residents vote no, then the town will not consider siting an incinerator in town as part of its solid waste management plan.

The wording for the ballot is as follows:

*Shall the Town of Bethlehem, as part of its waste management plan, provide for the disposition of garbage, rubbish and other solid waste matter collected or generated within the town by the disposition of such solid waste at a regional waste-to-energy incinerator plant to be privately constructed, owned and operated within the Town of Bethlehem on Cabbage Island.*

## BCHS class of 1952 schedules reunion

The Bethlehem Central High School Class of 1952 will have its 40th class reunion on Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Normanside Country Club, Elsmere.

The following class members have not yet been located: John Adams, Barbara Allen, David Braun, Carl Craw, Fred Daingerfield, Preston Dawes, Joanne Denniston (Laffer) and Jean Hanrahan.

Also, Rodney Holt, Douglas King, Marilyn Kitch, Bill Larson, Gerald Lather, Ruth McKinney (Monro), Leo Metchick, Ruth Noble, John Parker, Richard Steffen, Russell Steinke, Bob Sundell and Marsha Swartzfigure (Hartel).

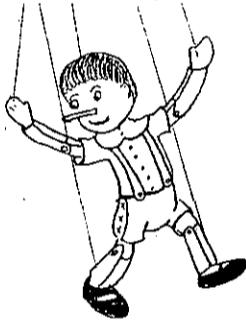
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# Waste

(From Page 1)

The task force was most concerned with finding an environmentally sound and economically feasible plan that offers a high degree of local control, according to Bruce Secor, Solid Waste Task Force chairman and commissioner of public works.

"Economics was never our driving force. Each option had to make sense environmentally as a waste problem solution."

Economics and the degree of control the town has over each option go hand-in-hand, according to Secor, who noted local control benefits taxpayers.

"The Solid Waste Task Force looked for a competent plan with local control because there's no doubt who's paying for it. Because when there are increases in the solid waste management plan, it's going to hit our residents."

After comparing the proposals, the group asked the town board to review three integrated solid waste management options. All require the town to vigorously pursue its waste reduction, reuse and recycling programs. In addition, any plan would need to meet requirements outlined in the proposed local law, "Permitting of

## Solid Waste Management Facilities."

One of the first two options is a proposal submitted by the Energy Answers Corporation. The Albany-based company presented a "comprehensive approach to all of the waste streams, identifies specific sites and facilities, allows local control of waste disposal and provides host community economic benefits," according to the task force's March 31 statement to the town board.

The EAC proposal includes continued use of the facilities on Rapp Road in Albany, including a waste shredder and landfill. These facilities are already paid for by taxpayers. In addition, Energy Answers proposes to construct a regional 1,000 tons per day waste-to-energy facility on Bethlehem's Cabbage Island.

Other existing facilities, such as the town's Bask Road recycling and construction and demolition debris recycling and disposal facilities, as well as the composting facility would also be used.

The EAC proposal is the most economical, long-term option for the town, which would have direct control over the facility's review, approval and monitoring. "Not one dollar of taxpayer money is in this proposal," Secor said. "They pay us, we don't pay them."

The town will benefit from two economic components, revenues and avoided costs. The total annual benefit equals approximately 10 percent of the town budget, or \$1,614,800.

Revenues are derived from host fees paid to the town as payments in lieu of taxes for each ton of non-town waste delivered to the facility on Cabbage Island. The town would receive \$710,000 for the 365,000 tons of waste per year needed to produce electricity. C&D host fees would average \$39,000 per year.

Some costs that previously were the town's responsibility would be taken over in part or whole by EAC. Such costs include free municipal solid waste disposal, about 10,000 tons per year, at the new convenience center. The avoided transportation and disposal costs are calculated to save the town about \$700,300. Other savings total \$165,500.

In addition, the EAC proposal would add jobs in the community and increase Bethlehem's tax base.

Residents will vote on the concept of incineration for the town on Cabbage Island on June 18. If the majority of residents votes yes, the town can then pursue the EAC proposal, which requires EnCon approval.

However, there are currently two other proposals for incinerators in the Capital District. American Ref-Fuel is proposing a mass burn facility for Green Island. Ogden Projects Inc. of Fairfield, N.J. recently proposed building a \$200 million burn plant at the Port of Albany, close to the Bethlehem border.

If EnCon decides EAC's proposal is the most environmentally sound and efficient, and residents vote yes next month, then Ringler welcomes the economic benefits that go with it.

"There's now a situation where there's a proposal for an incinerator a few hundred yards from the Bethlehem town line," he said. "If it's better for the environment, OK. But if the process chosen for Bethlehem is equal or better, then we'd like to have the economic benefits that go with that proposal rather than having the city of Albany have it."

The second integrated solid waste management plan, which would address all waste streams, includes the construction of a town-owned sanitary landfill. In order to make the option economically and legally viable, the town would need a partnership with at least one other similar-sized community. This plan would provide the greatest degree of local

control, assuming that Bethlehem would own and operate the landfill, Secor said.

Implementation of this plan requires substantial initial public expense and significant economic considerations, according to the task force's March 31 memo to the town board.

Tipping fees from outside waste would be used to help pay for the required facilities. The town would need a competitive tipping fee or a direct contract with haulers and industry to guarantee the 50 to 90 tons of waste per day required to make a new landfill and related facilities economically feasible.

The option requires the town to select a site for a landfill with enough space for an initial cell of 6 to 10 acres and room for future cells.

Start up costs include \$6 to \$10 million for construction of a landfill and convenience drop-off center for intensive recycling and continuous household hazardous waste collection, Secor said. The town would also need to budget for other costs, such as operating and monitoring the site, as well as closure and post-closure expenses.

Annual landfill operation costs, including paying off the debt service, is about \$1.6 million.

This option also includes a yard waste composting facility at \$500,000 to \$600,000. Secor said it would cost about \$156,000 annually for 10 years to run and pay off the facility's capital costs.

The third option, listed as an alternate one, is hauling Bethlehem's waste out of town. According to Secor, this option provides the least amount of local control over tipping fees and disposal methods and long-term reliability.

Nothing would be returned to the community, such as jobs or an added tax base. "There are no economic benefits," Secor said. "I don't know if this method of waste disposal makes sense."

In order to make this option a viable solution, the town would need to know its waste is being dumped or burned in an environmentally safe way and the contract is guaranteed for a long time. If it is not, the environment would be polluted, there could be legal complications in years to come and the town's fee to haul the waste would be increased through the years, he said.

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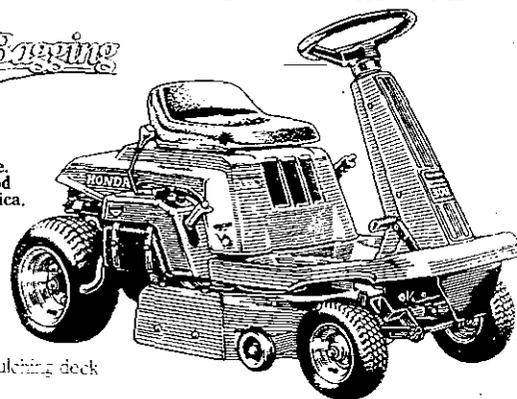
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# Gifts to library enrich community

The Board of Trustees and the Library staff have expressed their appreciation to Bethlehem Central School District voters for approving the Library's 1992-93 budget.



Arcane Weavers, the Halfmoon Button Club, area quilting groups and other groups which meet in the library have also made donations.

Two items which were donated recently were the wheelchair and walker available at the main entrance. The dishwasher in the community room kitchen was a gift of the Friends of the Library.

Other gifts over the years have added to the library building. Art gallery facilities were given in memory of Nina Wandall Voorhees by her family. The Media Center's sheet music collection was a gift from the Bethlehem Central school community in memory of music instructor Philip Storch.

In 1987, the Friends of the Li-

brary organized a fund drive for a new exhibit case, which was presented to the library as a memorial to the late Ethel Birchenough, a library trustee. Birchenough had earlier donated a Kawai piano to the library.

The flag in the community room was given in memory of Clifton C. Thorne, and a local literary organization recently donated a table for the children's room in memory of a deceased member.

Not all gifts to the Library are memorials. A gift of \$6,000 came from the Slingerlands Players, a former local theater group, to support the cultural life of the community.

The donation, which has grown in value to \$10,000, was used to

start an endowment fund. Earnings from the fund support specific programs and projects, such as the library's annual Wenzl lecture.

The library's grounds have been enhanced by plantings from the Delmar Progress Club and by benches given by the Village Stage and Drs. Netter, Lang and Appicelli through the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.

Other recent gifts include the lobby mural and two oils by Edwin Becker, and last year's Bethlehem Bicentennial award-winning watercolor, "The Antique Shop." Many other art objects, rare books, historic artifacts, furniture and even an Apple II microcomputer and software have also been donated.

Anna Jane Abaray

## SEMASS video offered for local viewing

The Energy Answers Corporation, the Albany-based company proposing a waste-to-energy incinerator as part of its solid waste management plan for Bethlehem, is offering to lend residents a 20-minute video of its SEMASS Resource Recovery Facility.

The video describes the SEMASS facility, located in Rochester, Mass., and developed by EAC, and explains its technology and environmental features. The facility proposed for Bethlehem's Cabbage Island would use similar technology and features, according to Mary Ann Mahoney, EAC information manager.

Interested residents should call the company at 434-1227 and request the video. A postage-paid envelope will be included.

Through the years, individual residents have also given gifts to the library as a way of benefitting the community.

Most recently, the library received a gift of \$1,000. The donors, longtime Delmar area residents, are frequent library users. Ways in which the gift can be used are currently being discussed.

According to the library trustees, gifts like this are important, because they may make it possible to provide materials, programs or services that would be difficult to support with today's economic constraints.

Many gifts the library has received were given as memorials in the name of departed friends or loved ones by individuals and organizations. Each memorial item receives a special bookplate naming the person being remembered and the donor.

The Delmar Progress Club regularly gives books or audiovisual materials in the name of deceased members. In recent years, the Progress Club has given *Looking After Antiques*, *Everydog*, *Wildflower Folklore*, *Women Volunteering* and *Scenes from Tanglewood* as memorials.

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# Chorus hits high note in state music competition

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School chorus, directed by Bill Baxter, won first place at the recent New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) competition at Niskayuna High School.

Competing with 25 other school districts, the group achieved a score of 93 out of 100.

The seventh and eighth-grade middle school band placed second in the NYSSMA two-day competition held at the South Colonie High School. The group is directed by Scott Andrews.

## Spring concert set at high school

RCS high school students will present their spring concert tonight, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school on Route 9W in Ravena.

Four groups will perform: the jazz ensemble, directed by Scott

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Andrews; the senior high choir, directed by Bill Baxter and accompanied by Annette Boprey; the Harmonics, a vocal jazz group directed by Kenneth Tyrrel; and the senior high band, directed by Brent Wheat and student teacher Kimberly Miseno.

## SADD group sponsors student blackout day

According to statistics, one person is killed and five are seriously injured in the United States every 23 minutes by a drunk driver. On May 14, to illustrate these numbers, RCS high school students chose to "die," at 23 minute intervals throughout the day.

The students wore black cloth-

ing and carried signs indicating their participation. They gathered around the flagpole at the end of the school day, to demonstrate the number of "deaths."

The event was sponsored by SADD, to emphasize the need for non-alcoholic beverages and designated drivers during prom and graduation activities.

## Becker school PTA elects new officers

The PTA of A.W. Becker Elementary School, Route 9W, Selkirk, elected officers for next year at the May 12 meeting.

Officers are: president, Donna Crisafulli; corresponding/recording secretary, Sue Heckman; ways and means, Gail Femminella; treasurer, Mike Ellis; public information, Michele Bintz; hospitality, Robyn Vagele; membership, Mary Jane Davis; BLT representative, Chris Pitts, and newsletter editor, Susan Otis.

The position of vice president remains vacant.

The membership also voted to endorse the proposal to close the Ravena Elementary School building and put additions on the two other elementary buildings.

On Tuesday, June 9, at 7:30 p.m., Becker PTA will give the community an opportunity to meet the eight candidates running for three

available board of education seats.

The candidates are: Joseph J. Eissing, Ravena; incumbent James R. Feuerbach, Selkirk; Derek George, Glenmont; Joseph Laux, New Baltimore; William J. Misuraca Jr., Ravena; Joseph P. Scalzo, Selkirk; incumbent Dr. Mona Selover, Coeymans Hollow; and Timothy B. Stalker, Selkirk.

The meeting will be held at Becker Elementary School.

## REACH plans meeting on motivation

The next REACH parent support group meeting will be held Tuesday, May 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Ravena Elementary School, Mountain Road, Ravena. Guest speaker will be Becker enrichment teacher Pat Schuler who will discuss underachievement and motivation.

## School recess scheduled for Memorial Day

There will be no classes in the RCS school district on Friday and Monday, May 22 and 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

School will resume Tuesday, May 26.

## Public hearing planned on school budget

A public hearing on the RCS school budget will be held Wednes-

day, May 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

## Ravena Free Library sets decorating class

May is national home decorating month.

To celebrate, the Ravena Free Library will sponsor a talk and slide presentation on "Decorating in the '90's" by interior designer Denise Maurer of TransDesigns, a manufacturer and distributor of custom furnishings and accessories. The program will be on Wednesday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the library on Main Street in Ravena.

Maurer's designs are featured in this year's Vanguard Showhouse. This program is free and open to the public.

Also at the library, licensed guide and fisherman Don Wood of Glenmont will discuss fishing techniques for the Mohawk and Hudson rivers, Saratoga Lake, Ballston Lake and Six Mile Waterworks on Wednesday, May 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the library. The free program is designed for both novice and experienced fishermen and women.

The library will be closed Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

## Flag boxes accept unserviceable flags

Boxes are available in several locations in Bethlehem to deposit American flags which are no longer usable.

In 1986, the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, American Legion, arranged for Clarksville Elementary School students to make collection boxes which were distributed to the schools in the Bethlehem Central School District, St. Thomas School in Delmar and the Bethlehem Public Library.

Bethlehem Town Hall also has a container available for this purpose, as does the Bethlehem Memorial Post 3185 and the Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233.

The flags are collected periodically from the boxes and burned, as regulated under the code for the disposal of unserviceable flags.

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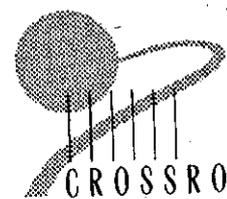
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Until recently, the problems associated with misuse of alcohol and other drugs did not seem to affect women to the extent that they affected men. Alcoholism, heavy drinking and problem drinking were seen mainly as problems with coping with the drinking of a male significant other (spouse, father, etc.). While this is still a big problem that needs addressing, recent research is uncovering far more women with misuse problems than previously imagined.

Women have always had more trouble with prescription and over-the-counter medications than men, perhaps, because they are quicker to seek help than males. (Of course, many males can only tough it out under the sedative effects of alcohol). Unfortunately, many women are now drinking along with taking medications, producing a powerful and destructive synergistic effect.

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By Christine Shields

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over, the "intergenerational" program will encourage participants to compose and share their own stories with the help of some type of meaningful artifact from home to help get them started. It could be an old photo or a favorite toy that sets you to spinning yarns, use your imagination.

Workshops will be held on Saturday, May 30 and June 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. Each session will accommodate 20 people. A public performance for friends and families is set for 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 13. To register for either

session, call the library at 765-2791. The public is invited and anyone is welcome to come on their own (without a relative) but because of limited space, sign up is a must.

As part of Voorheesville's Memorial Day festivities this year, the Friends of the Library will once again sponsor its annual book sale. This year, for the first time, the event will be at the Voorheesville Methodist Church at 68 Maple Ave. from 9 a.m. until noon. Also new on the agenda, is a Community Tag Sale on the back lawn of the library between 1 and 4 p.m.

A raffle for cash prizes of \$250, \$150 and \$50 will take place after the sale. The library is located at 51 School Road. To reserve a space at the sale, call Barbara Meilinger at 765-4923. Anyone with books to donate can call Nan Mosher at 765-2088.

Be sure to stop by tonight, May 20 at 7 p.m. for "We All Scream for Ice Cream!" a Bedtime Story Hour that will get your mouth watering. Luckily, appropriate refreshments will be on hand. The whole family's welcome.

# Early morning crash



Bethlehem police arrested the driver of this wrecked vehicle, Kevin P. Edmonds, 29, of 1517 South Main St., Coeymans, for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated after he was involved in a one-car accident on Route 144 south of Route 396 on Friday, May 15, police said. He was driving southbound on Route 144 at approximately 7:30 a.m. when the car ran off the right side of the road. It struck a mailbox and a dirt embankment, overturned and landed right side up. He refused to take a Breathalyzer test, police said. Edmonds was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital. He was released Saturday, May 16, according to a hospital spokesman. Susan Wheeler

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## Ride 'em pony!



Bobby Nickles, 4, takes a go 'round the old pony track with Kellie Lynch of Van Etten Farms in Altamont. Nickles was one of many children who enjoyed activities at the Slingerlands Elementary School Carnival Friday. *Elaine McLain*

## Bouton to raise voices in 'Music Month' concert

The Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School will celebrate Music Month with an all-vocal concert on Wednesday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The Junior High Chorus, High School Chorale, the Tri Rhythms and the newly formed Community Chorus will perform. Margaret Dorgan, music director, said there will be many solos and ensembles. The public is invited to the free concert.

### Memorial Day services start at town park

A dedication ceremony will kick off the 17th Annual Voorheesville Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 23, at the Town Park on Swift Road at 10 a.m. The parade will proceed down Swift Road, pass the Voorheesville Elementary School, continue onto Maple Avenue and stop at Hotaling Park for a wreath laying.

Marchers will continue to the Village Green for the annual Memorial Day services. The grand marshal is Michael Ulion, former assessor and charter member of Post 1493 of the American Legion. At the end of services, hot dog and beverages will be provided outside the American Legion Hall.

At 11 a.m. children's races will

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be held and at 11:50 a.m. a 25 mile Tour de Troop Bike Ride. At noon a 15km race will take place along with a 3.2km race and fun walk. Registration for these events will be at the American Legion from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on the day of the parade. Trophies, souvenirs and ribbons will be given to winners and participants. Bike helmets are mandatory for all entrants.

### Bouton students planning Junior Carnival

Clowns, clowns and more clowns will be at the Junior Carnival set for Saturday, May 30, at the Voorheesville Elementary School from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The junior class at the high school will entertain children with face painting, a funhouse, goldfish games, food and many prizes. Entrance fee is nominal and the money raised will help defray the cost of the Junior Senior Ball and also help support other school activities.

### Honor students offer tutoring service

The National Honor Society of the Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School will provide tutoring service to Voorheesville students.

The members will attempt to help students understand their subjects as well as improve their average. Amy Riddell, guidance counselor, and Kiki Volkwein, adviser, will schedule a time that is convenient for honor society member and the student to meet during a study hall or after school. For information, call 765-3314.

### BC seniors receive playwriting awards

Ben DiMaggio and Sarah Toms, both seniors at Bethlehem Central High School, were recently awarded honorable mentions in the Imagination Celebration's Young Playwrights Project sponsored by the New York State Museum.

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## Take the helm on a Dutch Apple cruise

By Michael DeMasi

You're at the helm of a giant ocean liner, steering a course through the high seas of the Atlantic, when suddenly the clouds turn a nightmarish gray and cracks of thunder shriek through the mid-afternoon sky.

The grip you hold on the steering wheel becomes tight as a knot as you scan the horizon, sensing that this could be the big one, the one that tests all your years of experience as a commander on the water.

A rim of sweat begins to take shape on your brow, your eyes hollow. Then, like a bolt of lightning, there's a tap at your shoulder.

"Hey, how about letting some of the other passengers try steering the boat for a while? You know, we paid for this too." Miraculously, the clouds disappear, the sky turns a bright blue and the Atlantic changes back to the Hudson River. Of course! You're riding on the Dutch Apple II, one of the touring vessels run by Dutch Apple Cruises in Albany.

But your sojourn as a captain wasn't just a figment of your imagination. On this cruise, they let you try your hand at being the skipper.

"We have to limit the time" though, said Jennifer Speck, general manager of Dutch Apple Cruises. "People get in there and love it so much they don't want to leave."

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"We get a lot of requests for everything," said Speck. "It depends on when you want to go and how much you want to pay."

On Mondays and Wednesdays, there is a three-hour lunch buffet cruise that sets sail at 11 a.m., and on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays a narrated sightseeing voyage pushes off the dock at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The captain of the ship, who is licensed and certified by the Coast Guard, provides the narration, and two deck hands are there to answer questions about the boat and its travels.

Saturday and Sunday nights feature three-hour dinner cruises, with entertainment by the Riverboat Band. Since there is no galley on board, catering is provided by Regans Steak-N-Seafood.

"Reservations are required for anything with food," said Speck.

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# Less can mean more for today's vacationers

By Mike Larabee

Summer is the season when minds with a tendency to wander tend to wander more than usual, and the work force en masse turns its attention to fresh air and sunshine beckoning beyond shop windows and office walls.

The distractions of the season can mean bad things for business owners coping with restless employees, unless they happen to own businesses poised to capitalize on the economics of rest and recreation.

More than any other, summer is the season for the weekend getaway.

Opportunities for two- or three-day mini-vacations abound in the Northeast, and Albany-area resi-

dents are well based for easy travel to attractions and accommodations throughout the region. Outside the state, Boston, the Berkshires, upper New England, Montreal and points in between are all within a few hours drive.

Inside New York, the list of getaway options is as long and varied as your imagination.

"There's something for every taste," said Sal Prividera Jr., communications manager for the state Hospitality and Tourism Association. "It ranges from your five star hotels in New York City if you want a getaway to the Big Apple to a bed and breakfast in central or western New York."

Though "I love New York" advertisements no longer travel

the television airwaves, the state attractions that inspired the spots remain and are ready to receive summer visitors. Nearly every corner of the state — from the Adirondacks to the Catskills, from the Finger Lakes to Lake Champlain — has something to offer.

Getaway-length vacations have become more popular during the recession, according to Robert McIntosh, managing director of The Sagamore, a 350-room resort hotel on Lake George in Bolton Landing. Vacationers seem to be taking more but shorter trips in order to spread out costs over a longer period of time, he said.

"People who would have flown somewhere for a vacation are taking a three-day weekend or visit mid-week because they can drive here and they're cutting a lot of costs out," McIntosh said. "The leisure travel industry, in general, has found that people are taking shorter and sometimes more frequent getaways rather than the week to two-week vacation."

"You can have two or three breaks in a year to get away to a new environment, but it isn't as costly as taking a major vacation to Mexico or Europe," he said.

Getaway vacation spots like the Rocking Horse Ranch Resort in the Catskills or Howe Caverns in Cobleskill appeal to families as well as those interested in more romantic pursuits. But Bucky Turk, owner of the Rocking Horse,



Accommodations at The Lakehouse On Golden Pond, a Rhinebeck bed and breakfast inn, include luxurious rooms overlooking a private lake.



says he's seen the same trend as McIntosh, though he attributes it to wider changes in society than those brought on by the recession. Turk said that when the ranch opened in 1958, it was common for visitors to stay for a month or even for an entire summer on occasion. But gradually busy schedules have eaten away at opportunities for long sojourns.

"I think people's pace is such that instead of taking their annual vacation, they're vacationing more often during the year, spreading their budget out, and taking a shorter stay," he said. "Every year the stays have been shortening down." But getaway vacations still have the same appeal as their more ambitious and longer counterparts — the chance to lose yourself in silence and beautiful scenery. "It's almost paradise," said Judy Kohler, owner of The Lakehouse On Golden Pond, a bed and breakfast inn on a 22 acre estate in Rhinebeck.



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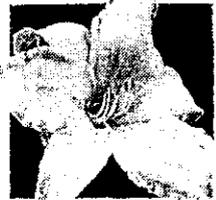
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# Camping: Getting back to or back at nature

By Robert Webster Jr.

Crystal blue lakes, fresh mountain air, chilly mornings around a crackling fire and day-long fishing excursions are the stuff dreams are made of and camping offers all these and more in a single vacation.

A nearly spiritual event, the act of camping allows me a respite from the world for a week or so, one where I can exist in the solitude of nature and escape reality for a little while.

But then there is the other contingent, so to speak, who see this communion with the great outdoors as a hay-fever inducing, mosquito-infested, meals-from-a-can journey away from rational, civilized thought where the coffee is as cold and gritty as the ground you've insanely decided to lay your head upon.

Of course, with the proliferation of campers in recent years, and parks with water and electricity hook-ups to boot, civilization has arrived in the great outdoors, especially when a major shopping center is within 10 miles of anywhere you go.

## For whiter whites, follow label directions

White is popular in the summer because it's cool and comfortable.

Fashion forecasters say that white is also going to be a hot favorite for clothing this year.

However, white garments need special attention when laundering. Garments can become dingy or yellowed from soil build-up, dirt or perspiration, insufficient hot water or detergent in the wash cycle, or improper sorting.

Experts say, to prevent dinginess, wash whites separately, read garment care labels, and follow detergent and bleach instructions.

If possible, hang whites out in the sun to dry. The sun will bleach them and the air will make them smell clean.

## Mold and mildew caused by moisture

Dampness and moisture can cause mold and mildew to grow on fabric furniture cushions if they are left outdoors.

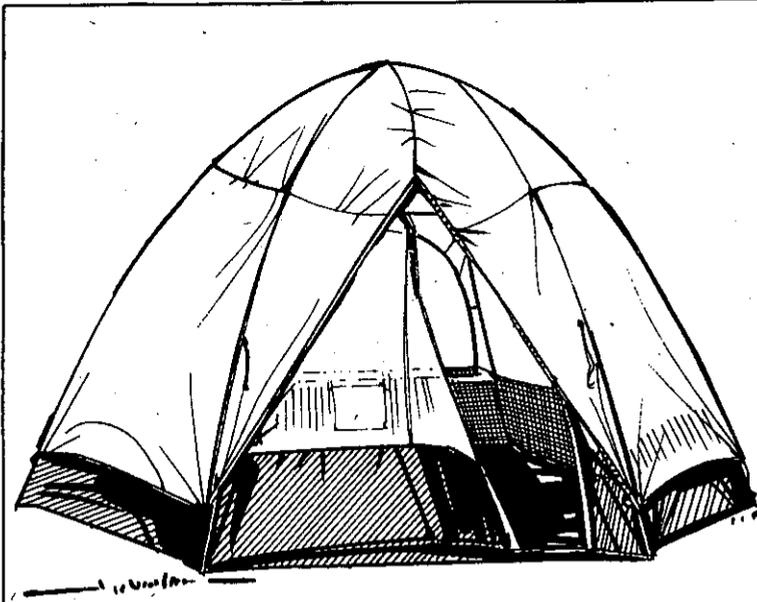
Experts say, to remove mildew, brush the fabric with a damp sponge or cloth.

Badly mildewed fabrics may be damaged beyond repair. However, if chlorine bleach is safe for the fabric, it may remove the stains. If not, the cushions should be soaked in hot water and fabric-safe bleach, and laundered in the hottest water that is safe for the fabric.

## French played tennis without a racket

The French originated tennis during the 12th or 13th century.

They called it *jeu de paume*, meaning game of the palm, because the players batted the ball back and forth over a net with their hands.



The ever-popular tent: Comfortable canvas cave or crucible of horrors? Only the truly hardy, or fool-hardy, may apply within.

Purists like myself have cried in vain over the years, wondering how the beauty of simplicity that camping offers could be so violated by these intrusions from the civilized world. Where we were all content to eat cold pork and beans from the can, now we can smell

microwave turkey dinners and hear the most recent made-for-television movie at the camp over. Traitors.

What these individuals in their campers, which they erected with the turn of the crank in under 30 seconds, are missing is the sense

of peace (some call it a stiff neck) that only comes with rolling up in a sleeping bag on the ground. That closeness to the earth offers me a chance to get back to basics, not to mention develop some lasting relationships with various multi-legged creatures.

The camper-contingent are, at the very least, missing out on an integral part of the experience—erecting the tent. You may laugh, sitting under your awning and watching me sweating and toiling for hours with 55 different poles and no directions, making it clear to everyone within a 5 mile radius that this is the year I'm finally going to label the poles.

Digging a trench around the tent when it rains is another test of the experienced camper, and it remains as a moment of truth in the life of the true camping connoisseur. I immediately rose to the occasion the one time I awoke in a miniature lake, running for my car and sleeping in the back

seat with the cooler and the groceries. The true camper knows when it's time to cut his losses.

The down side to the tent as the home-away-from-home is its instability, as a strong wind can send your abode flying up into the nearest tree or into the crystal blue lake. Either that or it will collapse on you while you sleep. The bruises fade fairly rapidly, so your best bet is to just roll over and hope you can cut your way free in the morning.

For those persons lounging in the air-conditioned comfort of their campers, I don't harbor any ill-will. The desire to get back to nature is strong, yet the ties to civilization hold you back and to that I can relate. The beauty of cold drinking water, hot showers, a newspaper and bathroom facilities that don't date back to the first World War are undeniable, but their place is elsewhere.

Maybe this summer I'll just rent a hotel room for the week.

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# Serve up heart-healthy meals this summer

By Susan Wheeler

Summer, with its emphasis on outdoor activity, is a great time to make some dietary changes. Cooking on the grill, if done properly, is heart healthy and tantalizes the palate.

Heart-healthy cooking is more than a matter of what foods are prepared — how they are prepared is important as well. According to the American Heart Association's *Low-fat, Low-Choles-*

*terol Cookbook*, better cooking techniques, such as grilling, avoid adding fat during cooking or allowing food to cook in its own fat. The best method is to place the meat or poultry on a rack and allow the fat to drip away from it.

Meats, poultry and fish can be grilled, and marinating the food before putting it over the coals adds extra flavor. For a meatless meal, grill garden burgers, made from a packaged mix or by hand,

and brown skewered vegetables over an open flame.

Since all good meals start after a trip to the grocery store, remember to buy meats and poultry that are no more than 15 percent fat.

The American Heart Association's cookbook recommends trimming all visible fat from meat before cooking and skinning chickens, as well as removing all visible fat beneath the skin. Fresh fish should be cooked for 10 minutes per inch of thickness. Add

five minutes if its wrapped in foil. Frozen fish requires 20 minutes per inch of thickness, plus 10 if wrapped in foil. Cooking time varies depending on the cooking method used, but fish is done when the flesh is opaque and it flakes easily.

The recipes that follow are from the American Heart Association's *Low-fat, Low-Cholesterol Cookbook*.

• **Oriental Grilled Chicken**

Marinade:  
2 tablespoons safflower or corn oil

- 1/4 cup honey
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup low-sodium soy sauce
- 1 clove garlic minced
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley
- 2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger or 1 teaspoon ginger powder
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 12 pieces chicken, about 4 pounds, skinned, all visible fat removed

In a bowl, combine all marinade ingredients and mix well. Add chicken and turn to coat all pieces. Cover and refrigerate for at least two hours, turning occasionally.

Grill chicken pieces six inches away from white-hot coals. Grill 30 to 45 minutes, brushing pieces with marinade and turning pieces frequently, until chicken is tender but not dry.

Serves six, two pieces of chicken per serving

• **Frozen Orange Cream**

- 3 cups vanilla ice milk, tightly packed
- 1/2 cup frozen orange juice concentrate
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract.

In a blender or the workbowl of a food processor fitted with a metal blade, blend all ingredients until fully mixed. Spoon mixture into dessert cups. Cover with plastic wrap and freeze for about two hours. If frozen longer, remove it from the freezer 10 minutes before serving to allow it to thaw slightly.

Serves six, 1/2 cup per serving

## □ Cruise

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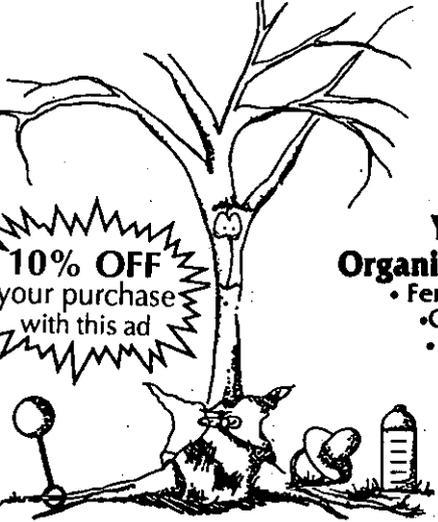
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# Woman wins V'ville seat

By Eric Bryant

Dr. Erica Sufirin, a clinical psychologist and mother of two school-age children, won the lone Voorheesville district school board seat up for grabs last week.

At the same time, voters overwhelmingly approved a \$10.8 million school district budget by a vote of 534-280.

Sufirin, who won a close 360-327 contest over Robert Boyle, said she was pleased with the results and looks forward to her upcoming five-year term on the board.

Sufirin's main goal will be to "make sure the board continues to place educational quality as its first priority," but the Westview Road resident is also keenly interested in continuing to open up the channels of communication between the school board and the community and also make the board's meetings more accessible to public discussion.

"In the past few years, the board and administration have made a strong effort to keep people informed as to what the issues are, what's going on," Sufirin said. She believes such communication would help foster greater interest among parents and community members in the district's activities.

Sufirin said the most frequent complaint she heard while out on the campaign trail had to do with the nature of the school board meetings. District residents told her that long discussions lasting far into the night discourage attendance and participation at meetings. Sufirin would like to encourage more public involvement at board meetings.

The clinical psychologist also hopes to utilize her professional research and communication skills when she is officially brought on board.

"It's second nature to me to gather information. Using my abilities as a researcher, I hope to be able to help out," she said. Listening and trying to understand



Erica Sufirin

people is also a key skill for any clinical psychologist and Sufirin hopes that ability can be put to use with her work on the board.

Sufirin has lived in New Scotland since 1978. She is married to Ed Horn, a research scientist with the state Department of Health. She was one of the founding members of the elementary school science club in 1990 and has acted as a room parent. She also served on the citizen budget committee and on the middle school advisory committee.

Passage of the budget package was welcome news to district

superintendent Dr. Alan McCartney, since the district had been operating on contingency after last year's unsuccessful budget vote. McCartney said the passage gives the administration up to two months of planning time that could have been lost to reworking a rejected budget.

"This helps make decisions for next year a little easier, allows us to write some grants, just opens up the time frame we have to work with," the superintendent said.

McCartney believes a combination of factors led to this year's overwhelming acceptance of the budget. Most obvious was the board's ability to keep the tax rate down. Early health care proposals and poor state aid figures helped make things look bleak early on, but, when the budget was finalized, the increase to the district's tax rate was held at 5.5 percent.

McCartney also points to the maintenance of programs and services as a second reason voters approved the budget.

Also approved last Wednesday was the Voorheesville Public Library's \$370,950 budget. By a vote of 553 to 247, voters approved the budget which will show a four percent increase in the tax rate.

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### Voorheesville grad studying in France

David Larabee, a 1989 graduate of Voorheesville High School and a junior at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., is spending an academic term studying French in Lyon, France.

Larabee, who is participating in the college's off-campus program, is majoring in history.

### Student to study marine life in Maine

Allison Drew of Delmar will attend the Acadia Institute of Oceanography 1992 summer session in marine studies at Seal Harbor, Maine.

The program is a field study of tidal pools, estuaries, salt marshes, sand beaches and off shore sampling.

Drew is a sophomore at Bethlehem Central High School.

## Champion chums



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# Eagles clip Spartans to keep championship hopes alive

By Michael Kagan

The Bethlehem Central Eagles kept their Suburban Council Gold Division championship hopes alive Monday by beating the Burnt Hills Spartans, 5-2.

In the critical game, Bethlehem sent its ace hurler, senior Mike Aylward to the mound. The Spartans countered with their ace, southpaw J.J. Pearsall.

Aylward served up more than Burnt Hills could handle, as he allowed only one earned run in gaining the complete game victory. The right hander gave up only four hits and two walks, while striking out two.

The Eagles got to Pearsall early, striking for two runs in the second inning and one in the third. Adam Perry and Matt Quatraro, who went

2-for-3 on the day, drove in two of the Eagles' first three runs. The third run scored on a wild pitch. Pearsall settled down, leaving Aylward and the Eagles clinging to a tenuous 3-2 lead.

Insurance was soon to come. With one on in the bottom of the sixth inning, Quatraro bounced a single up the middle, stole second, and moved to third on Aylward's

ground-out to shortstop.

Left-handed batter Josh Lanni, who had doubled earlier in the day, laced a home run to straight away center, giving Bethlehem a commanding three run lead.

The Eagles (12-3 in the Suburban Council, 15-3 overall) are now one-half game behind Burnt Hills in the standings. The Spartans have

no regular season Suburban Council games remaining. Bethlehem plays its last game vs. the Shenendehowa Plainsmen on Thursday, May 21, at 4 p.m. at the Bethlehem Central Middle School.

An Eagle win would secure a tie for first place, while a loss would clinch the Gold Division championship for Burnt Hills.

# Bethlehem netters extend unbeaten streak with four wins

By Joshua Kagan

The Bethlehem Central varsity tennis team remained unbeaten by defeating four suburban council foes last week. The Eagles' record is now 13-0.

On Friday, May 15, the Eagles defeated the Guilderland Dutchmen, 5-4, without fourth seed Brian Staff. Bethlehem shutout the Dutchmen earlier in the season.

First seeded Charles Kawas defeated his opponent, 6-1, 6-4.

Second seed Dave Rosenberg won his match, 6-3, 6-3.

Jeremy Bollam defeated Jaime Malphurs 6-2, 6-1. Bollam, the usual fifth seed, played fourth seed for the third time last week, winning each match.

Ed Lomotan was defeated by his Guilderland opponent, 6-3, 7-6. Lomotan is the normal sixth seed. He played fifth seed four times last week, winning three times.

Mike Pressman, a first doubles player, played four matches at the sixth singles position. He won all four matches. Against his Dutchmen opponent, he won 7-5, 6-1.

Russ Shah and Perry Fraiman lost their first doubles match, 2-6, 6-7.

Josh Norek and Rob McKenna lost their second doubles match, 4-6, 7-6, 3-6.

The Eagle's third doubles team of Steve Dorman and Dan Aycock beat their Dutchmen opponents 6-2, 6-0.

Bethlehem did not lose a set against Scotia on Thursday, May 14, even though Bloom and Fraiman were out.

Kawas cruised to a 6-1, 6-0 vic-

tory. Rosenberg easily won his match, 6-1, 6-1. Staff moved from fourth seed to third and easily defeated his opponent, 6-1, 6-0. Bollam moved up to fourth seed from fifth seed and beat his opponent, 6-0, 6-0. Lomotan moved up to fifth seed and won his match, 6-2, 6-0. Pressman moved up from first doubles to sixth singles to win his match, 6-1, 6-2.

Shah and reservist Dan Zox teamed up to defeat their opponents, 6-0, 6-0. Norek and McKenna played second doubles and won easily, 6-3, 6-2. Dorman and Aycock defeated their third doubles opponents, 6-0, 6-3.

On Wednesday, May 13, the Eagles defeated Saratoga, 6-3, without Bollam and Shah.

Kawas defeated his opponent

easily, 6-0, 6-1, as did Rosenberg 6-3, 6-0.

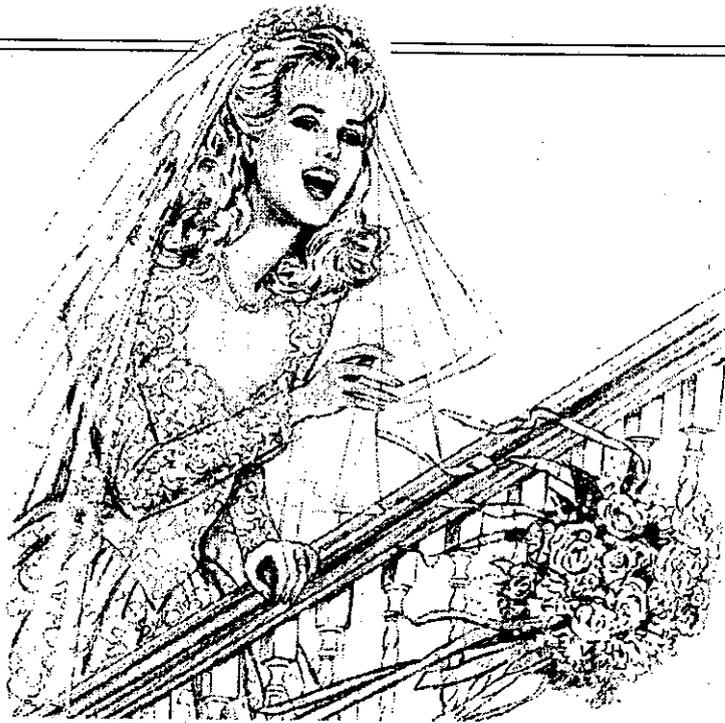
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Lomotan moved up from sixth seed to fifth and won his match, 6-3, 6-3.

Pressman moved up to sixth singles from first doubles and won, this time 6-0, 6-0.

Saratoga won all three doubles matches. Fraiman and Norek moved up from second doubles to first and were defeated, 6-3, 6-1. The third doubles team of Dorman and Aycock moved up to second doubles and lost, 6-4, 0-6, 2-6. McKenna and Zox, both reservists, played third doubles and lost, 2-6, 5-7.



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# Indians add three to win column

By Kevin Van Derzee

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk varsity baseball team played four games last week, posting a 3-1 record.

On Monday, May 11, R-C-S beat Voorheesville, 8-6. On Tuesday, May 12, the Indians hosted Mechanicville and knocked them off, 9-8. On Wednesday, May 13, they beat Waterford, 10-4. On Friday, May 15, the Cannoneers of Watervliet got revenge for an early

season loss, as they beat the Indians 18-5.

Against Voorheesville, R-C-S jumped to an early 8-0 lead before the Blackbirds put together a late six-run rally. But, R-C-S prevailed as Paul Kendall came in to pick up the save. Mike Burns, Eric Powell and Kendall each picked up two hits apiece.

Against Mechanicville, R-C-S jumped to an early lead and battled a late rally by the Raiders to win,

earning Kendall his second win of the year. Jerry Sevens, Chris Place and Powell each had two hits and combined for three RBI.

Against Waterford, R-C-S blew the game open in the fourth with eight runs on four hits, including two from Dan Gallagher. Gallagher ended the day with three hits and two RBI.

Against Watervliet, R-C-S struggled on defense, making eight errors. Gallagher and Kendall each had two RBI.

# RCS softball suffers trio of losses

By Kevin Van Derzee

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk varsity softball team suffered some tough games last week, as the team lost three and won one.

On Monday, May 11, the girls beat Waterford, 11-9. On Tuesday, May 12, R-C-S lost two games to Voorheesville, 21-12 and 15-9. On Friday, May 15, they lost to Holy Names, 12-4.

Against Waterford, R-C-S

## Army freshman chosen as rookie of the week

Army freshman Mark Houston, son of Pat and Darrell Houston of Delmar, was named Eastern Intercollegiate Baseball League rookie of the week recently.

In his starting debut on the mound, Houston pitched a complete-game six-hitter versus Patriot League champion Fordham. He also batted .308 for the week.

## Germann named senior athlete of the year

Kristen Germann, daughter of Anthony F. and Brenda Germann of Delmar, was chosen as the Senior Athlete of the Year at the University of Nevada. Germann, a senior swimmer majoring in Biology, holds 15 school records and was conference champion eleven times.

started off slow as Waterford built a 6-1 lead. The Indians then scored ten runs in the last four innings of the game, led by Dorothea Roberts who had three singles and four RBI. Tina Van Kempen had a double, single and one RBI.

Against Voorheesville, in the first game, Sarah Miller led the team with a triple, single and three RBI. Van Kempen added a triple, single and two RBI. In the second game, Miller led the team with a home run, triple and four RBI. Van Kempen and Roberts also added home runs in the game.

Against Holy Names, Kari Perrine had three singles and Candy

Burgess had two singles. "We should have been in every single one of those games but our defense hurt us," said coach Bruce Stott. "We made too many errors to win."

## Soccer registration set for Bethlehem club

The Bethlehem Soccer Club will hold registration for the 1992 Fall IntraClub program from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, and Monday, June 15, at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 443 Delaware Ave.

Children who reside in the town and were born before Dec. 1, 1988 are eligible.

### SPOTLIGHT ON...

## Bethlehem's Lynda Smith

By Emily Church

Since her days in the Bethlehem Tom-boys league, Bethlehem Central's Lynda Smith has loved playing softball.

"I have been very interested in sports since I was young," said Smith, a junior shortstop on the Bethlehem softball team. "So I decided to sign up."

That was back in third grade. In eighth grade, she made the high school team, and since her sophomore year, she has been on the varsity.

Although her batting average last year was .542, she said she is an even stronger player in the field. "My stronger points are my throwing ability and defense."

Coach Sandy Collins said Smith's success has come as a result of her dedication. Last year, Smith was named to the Suburban Council's All-Star team as an honorable mention.

"She is a perfectionist," Collins said. "She always wants to put forth her best effort." Smith is also an important force in team unity, she said.

Smith credits her father for part of her success. "My father got me started and is always giving me tips," she said.

"Spotlight On..." highlights the achievements of local high school athletes.



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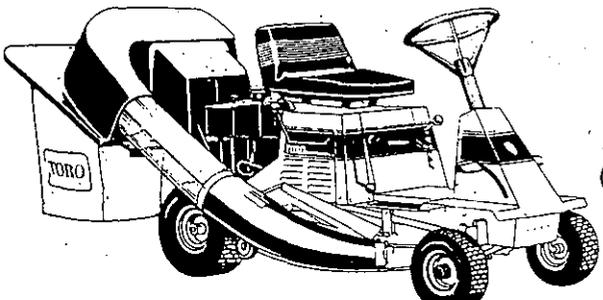
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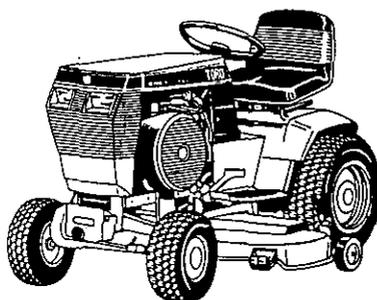
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# BC lady laxers notch first victory of season

By Emily Church

The Bethlehem girls lacrosse team captured their first victory on Thursday, May 14, with a score of 9-5 against Emma Willard.

Coach Nancy McKenna managed to play the entire 54 member team by rotating frequently. Melissa Mann was the goalkeeper for the entire game, blocking about 60 percent of the shots on goal.

McKenna was happy about the diversity of scorers. "I'm pretty excited, there were six different scorers at this game," she said. Tory McKenna had two goals, Anne Olsen had two, and Karen Zornow, Anja Visweswaraiyah, Sarah Clash, Kyle Doody, and Becky Paskewich each had one.

McKenna accounts the success to experience and increased confidence. "The overall field awareness is getting better and better," McKenna said. "They are more adept at basic skills and are much more confident."

McKenna expects that with the commitment level so far, the team will keep improving. The team's next games are both home. They play Saratoga today, May 20, and Columbia Thursday, May 21.

### Bethlehem Tomboys

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# Expert grapplers host summer camp

By Jared Beck

This summer, young area wrestlers will have a chance to learn from the best at the eighth annual Eagle Wrestling Camp. The one session program, sponsored by the Bethlehem Wrestling Club, will run from June 26 through July 2 at Bethlehem Central High School.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, participants will be instructed in areas such as technique, diet and strength and endurance conditioning. Each camper will be given individual attention throughout the program, which will culminate with an end-of-camp tournament. Video analysis will also be used.

Expected staff members include John Parisella, a former Division III College All-American and two time New York State Collegiate Champion; Shawn Sheldon, a 1988 Olympic team member; and Frank Famino, who took fifth place at the 1984 Olympics.

Other instructors include John Conway, head coach at Duanesburg Central High School; Section II Chairman Mike Poplaski; Bob Stulmaker, head coach at Saratoga High School; and Boston College Head Coach Rob Buttry.

All skill levels are welcome at the camp. The cost is \$85 per camper, with discounts available for multiple family members. For information, call 439-4921.

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Bethany I	14	Voorheesville	4
Delmar Reformed	9	Onesquethaw Valley	8

# Eagles fly high at dual-meet

By Jared Beck

A host of Eagles flew mightily on Monday, May 11, in a Bethlehem Central boys track meet at home against Guilderland and Colonie.

Bethlehem captured first place in four events: (100-meters) Pat Tully, 11.3; (1600-meters) Gary Hurd, 4:37.8 (400-meters) Matt Dugan, 50.9; (1600-meter relay) Andy Christian, Josh Dianni, Tully, and Dugan, 3:35.8.

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## Center for Disabled offers workshop

The Center for the Disabled, 314 South Manning Boulevard in Albany, will be sponsoring a workshop entitled "Replacing Problem Behaviors with Communication," on Friday, May 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

aggression, self-injurious behavior, tantrums and stereotyped behaviors associated with individuals with disabilities.

For information, call 449-4019.

The conference will offer a positive approach for responding to challenging behaviors such as

## Freshman honor unit inducts Fireovid

Jason Fireovid of Delmar was recently inducted into the SUNY Plattsburgh chapter of Phi Eta Sigma.

Membership in the national honorary society for freshmen is granted to students who achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or better during at least one semester of their freshman year.

Fireovid, an engineering major, is a 1991 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

## Fifth-grader wins three gold medals

John Gombel, a fifth-grader at Elsmere Elementary School, recently won three gold medals in the New York State Parks Games for the Physically Challenged at Amsterdam High School.

The medals were for precision throw, the 100 meter ambulatory race and the ambulatory slalom race.

## Doctor receives award from family service

Robert Giombetti, M.D., a Delmar pediatrician, was recently awarded the annual Family Service Award from Family and Children's Service of Albany.

Giombetti served the adoption program at Family and Children's Services for more than 20 years.

## Evening of entertainment set for Bethlehem birthday bash

The Bethlehem Bicentennial Commission needs volunteers to perform during the community's celebration of its 200th birthday on March 12, 1993.

All kinds of talent are needed — from classical groups to magicians, jazz performers to pianists. Special consideration will be given to local groups.

The organizers of the Bicentennial are planning an evening of entertainment at schools, churches and businesses throughout the town. Residents will be able to purchase buttons for admission to events on the night of the celebration.

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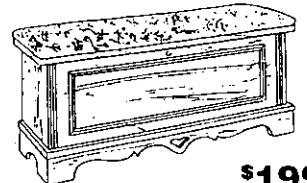
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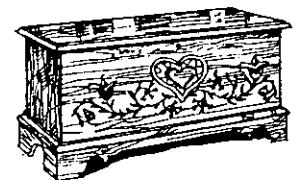
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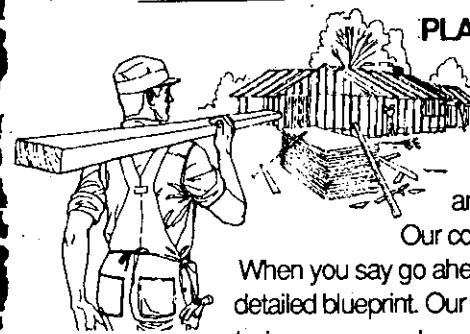
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## □ District

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percent of its population in New Scotland but negotiations pushed more of it back into Slingerlands, he said.

Republican Minority Leader James Ross and Delmar Legislator Gordon Morris both said they are not pleased with what happened to DeCecco's district, but Ross at least is generally pleased with the county's overall plan. DeCecco said, in his opinion, the redistricting decisions had been made amicably and he hopes to serve whatever constituency he is elected by.

Feeling the brunt of the DeCecco shift is 33rd District Legislator William Young Jr. Young, who lives outside the village of Voorheesville, will oversee a district pushed northward, out of the village, and stretching into the McGownville area of Guiderland. Like DeCecco, Young's district will now contain a majority of residents from a town not his own.

"Where my district was predominantly rural, it will now become more suburban. Although I've only served them for a year, I've received a lot of support from the people of Voorheesville ... but I've also worked in Guiderland for the past 16 years so it's not like I'll be moving into unknown territory," Young said, noting that he plans to run again in the upcoming November election.

All three of Bethlehem's Republican legislators are concerned about two districts which will be moving into North Bethlehem — most notably the 13th, which is

and will take in all of northern Bethlehem west of the Slingerlands Bypass and north to Krumkill Road. The district is currently served by Michael Richardson of 1055 Western Ave.

Also entering Bethlehem will be John McEneny's 14th District, which will extend south to Krumkill Road in Bethlehem from an area near the uptown campus of the University at Albany.

"This is another significant change. These Albany districts are reaching right down into the community of North Bethlehem," 35th District Legislator Jim Ross said.

Areas taken from DeCecco as well as Ross in the south will form a new 36th district in southern Bethlehem. The district will have its northern boundary along Feura Bush Road, Elm Avenue, Beacon and Wemple roads and Route 9W up to the Albany City line. It will also cut into the town of Coeymans between Route 9W and the New York State Thruway and down to the Ravena village line. Currently no incumbent lives within the tentative boundaries set by the county legislature.

Ross will also be losing a slice of Slingerlands and much of the southern portions of town he currently serves. His district will now push north across the village of Delmar and surround the eastern and northern section of Gordon Morris' 34th District. With a northern boundary on the Normanskill Creek, Ross' district will take in areas running southeast from the intersection of Kenwood and Elsmere avenues currently held by Morris.

"Those were excellent areas for me. Ross is going benefit from my years of cultivation!" Morris joked.

Except for losing the area south of Kenwood to Ross, Morris' district will remain essentially intact in the heart of Delmar and Elsmere.

New Scotland's other legislator, Charles Houghtaling Jr., will continue to serve a constituency in the remainder of the town as well as the entire town of Westerlo. Houghtaling has recently been hospitalized and was not available for comment.

County legislators have been scrambling with the redistricting plan for more than a year. Last summer, they received a consent decree from the federal government mandating that they form special ethnic majority districts. Questions surrounding those districts seemed to be resolved as the NAACP approved the tentative plan last week.

The full county legislature tentatively OK'd the proposal for the new district lines at a meeting last week.

A public hearing is set for May 28 so that county residents can be given a chance to comment on the proposed local law before it is sent on to County Executive Michael Hoblock. With Republicans, Democrats and the powerful NAACP lobby tentatively agreeing on the proposal, it seems unlikely the measure will be vetoed by Hoblock, Morris said.

The redistricting will require elections in each of the county's 39 districts in November.

## □ Homestead

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Trent, who owns Adams and Trent Appraisal Associates in Delmar, said that as a businessman he understands where the businesses "are coming from."

"Right now I would lean against" adoption, he said.

The other members — Lynne Lenhardt, Bernard Harvith, Bill Collins and newly-elected Happy Scherer — said they are undecided and need more time to review the reval information.

"I've listened to a lot of arguments, probably more against it than for it," said Lenhardt, who added her decision is still "up in the air."

"I'm open minded," said Harvith. "I want to know how many seniors have had increases in their taxes and may have trouble paying and how many businesses have had their taxes go up or down."

"I don't feel pressured one way or another," said Collins. "There are a number of legitimate interests in this issue."

"I need to be much better informed," said Scherer. "I can't take a position on it at the moment."

Although the public hearing on the Homestead Act wasn't expected to be held until July 1, Superintendent Leslie Loomis said it will be held "as soon as possible," either June 3 or June 17.

"It appears the necessary information will be available sooner than expected," said Loomis, referring to the town's tax roll and figures from the town on the impact of revaluation.

"As I understand it, the information which is already available on reval and homestead isn't going to change that much through Grievance Day," he added.

Townwide revaluation has resulted in a shift of tax burden from

non-homestead property (businesses, industry, vacant land and farms over 10 acres) to homestead property (one, two and three family homes, mobile homes and farms up to 10 acres).

The Homestead Act, which was adopted by the town on March 27, is designed to help compensate for that shift by lowering the tax rate on homeowners.

The school district now has the option of adopting homestead also.

According to estimates calculated by *The Spotlight* and supported by Lastra, should the school district adopt the act, it could mean a school tax increase in the 12 percent range for businesses, farmers who own parcels larger than 10 acres and vacant land owners.

According to the district, it would also mean a two percent reduction in taxes for homeowners.

Marty Cornelius, president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, said the chamber will likely urge the school board not to adopt homestead.

Cornelius, along with members of the chamber's board, met with Loomis last week to discuss the act.

"We are going to try and get something to the (school) board in writing before the hearing," said Cornelius. "It likely will state the chamber doesn't support homestead."

"I don't think the board understood the ramifications and how angry the business community would become" over this, she added.

The board will meet tonight, May 20, at 8:00 p.m. in the district offices on Adams Place.

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### Community comes together to sign Compact

Members of the Bethlehem community came together on March 13 and 14, at the Rensselaerville Institute, to establish the foundations for a Bethlehem Community Partnership.

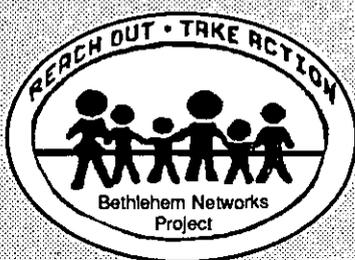
Participants in the conference included police officers, parents, town government officials, business representatives, teachers, school administrators and religious leaders.

One product of the workshop is the Compact, which states the participants' pledge to build a community that helps raise healthy children who can reach their full potential.

Signed by 45 town leaders, the Compact will be displayed at Town Hall, the Education Services Center, the Bethlehem Public Library and other locations. Copies of the Compact will be circulated throughout town.

The Bethlehem Community Partnership met again in April to plan follow-up activities to the workshop. The group divided into four task forces, each of which identified a specific problem. The task forces will meet again in May to plan actions and solutions.

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Raymond J. Roohan III and Dorothy A. Hartman

## Roohan, Hartman to wed

Mr. and Mrs. George Hartman of Selkirk have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy A. Hartman, to Raymond J. Roohan III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Roohan Jr. of Delmar.

employed by Jordan Marsh.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and St. Michaels College. He is employed by Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Keene State College. She is

A December wedding is planned.

### Mail weddings, engagements

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

Black and white photos are preferred, but color photos are acceptable. Polaroid photos cannot be printed. The close-up of the couple should be clear and sharp.

Send information to 125 Adams St., Delmar 12054.

## Bone marrow donors sought by registry

The week of May 18 has been declared Bone Marrow Donor Awareness Week. This is the third year New York has designated a special week for this issue, both to increase the public's awareness and offer individuals the chance to enter the National Registry.

The National Registry contains the names and tissue type information on approximately 500,000 people who would be willing to be bone marrow donors.

Anyone between the ages of 18 and 55 who is in general good health and willing to donate a small sample of blood can help.

A local donor recruitment drive will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. at Grasslands Equipment and Irrigation Corp., 892 Troy-Schenectady Road in Latham.

Anyone interested in becoming a donor, call 399-1983 or the National Bone marrow Donor Program at (800) 654-1247.

## Free skin screenings offered at St. Peter's

Free skin cancer screenings will take place on Saturday, May 30, at St. Peter's Hospital to coincide with the National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month, sponsored by the American Academy of Dermatology, Capital District Dermatological Society, American Cancer Society and St. Peter's Hospital Cancer Care Center.

Screening is by appointment only.

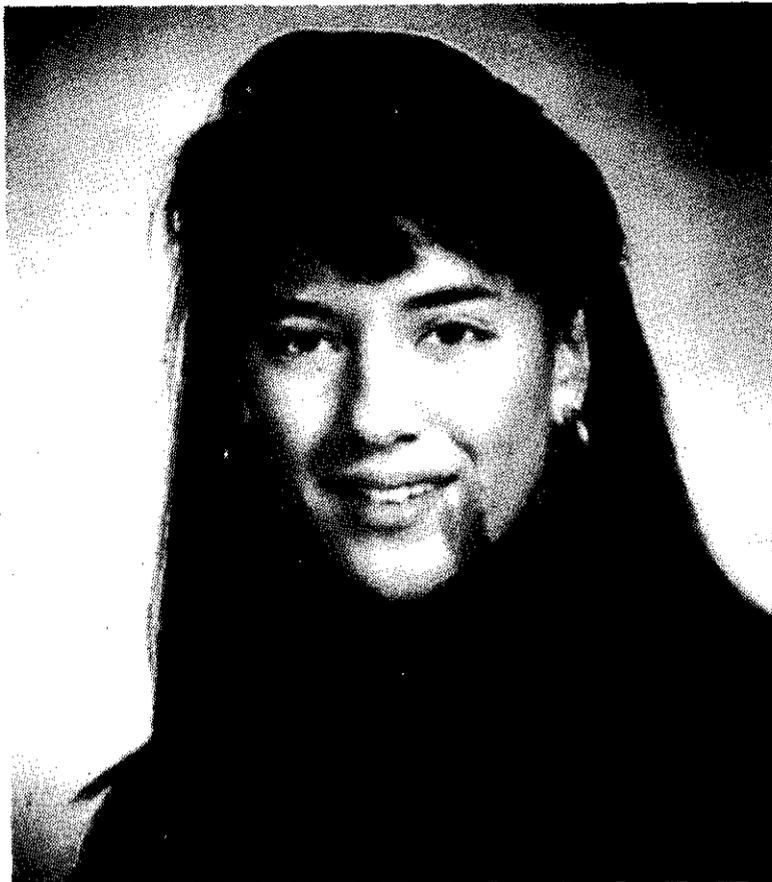
To register, call 438-0174.

## Veterans Industries available for work

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Joanne C. Ira

## Ira, Hogan to marry

Dr. Felix S. Ira Jr. and Marilyn Ira of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter Joanne C. Ira, to Lt. Michael C. Hogan, U.S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Hogan of Quincy, Mass.

Radcliffe Publishing School. She is employed by Sagalyn Agency in Washington, D.C.

Her fiancé is a graduate of College of the Holy Cross. He serves with the Naval Special Warfare SEAL Team Eight in Virginia Beach, Va.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Academy of the Holy Names, College of the Holy Cross and

An Oct. 2 wedding is planned.



## Sale to benefit Kids' Place

A rummage sale to benefit the Kids' Place Playground will be on Saturday, May 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere Avenue and Poplar Drive.

Organizers are asking for donations of toys, children's clothing and books, household items and tools.

Donations will be accepted at the church from Tuesday, May 26, to Friday, May 29.

For information on drop-offs, call 767-9156. To volunteer as a worker at the sale, call 475-1096



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# Obituaries

## Antoinette Stevenson

Antoinette Farinella Stevenson, 72, of Slingerlands, died Monday, May 11, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Rotterdam Junction, she moved to Albany when she was a child. She had lived in Slingerlands for the past four years.

She was employed by the Sterling Drug Co. in the ampule department for 40 years.

Mrs. Stevenson was a member of the Chemical Workers Union.

She was a communicant of St. Margaret Mary's Church, Albany.

Survivors include her husband, Howard Stevenson.

Services were from Chicorelli Funeral Home, Albany and St. Margaret Mary's Church. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rensselaer.

## Francis Schaefer

Francis Schaefer, 83 formerly of Delmar died Saturday, May 9, at his home in Tamarac, Fla.

Born in Albany, he lived in Delmar for a few years before moving to Florida.

Mr. Schaefer was an auditor for the state Department of Public Works in the Audit and Control Bureau for many years. Later, he was a co-operator of the former Schaefer Little Portion Shop on Delaware Avenue in Albany. He was also an auditor for Fuller Construction during the construction of the Empire State Plaza.

He was a World War II Army veteran.

He was a former parishioner of St. James Church in Albany and one of the original parishioners of St. Malachy's Roman Catholic Church in Tamarac.

He is survived by his sister, Helene O'Brien of Albany.

Services were from McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany. Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery, Colonie.

Contributions may be made to the Blessed Sacrament Church Memorial Fund, 607 Central Ave., Albany 12206.

## Wilbur Curran

Wilbur F. Curran, 89, of Delmar died Tuesday, May 12, at Childs Nursing Home in Albany.

Born in New York City, he had lived in Pleasantville, Westchester County, for 75 years. He was employed by Westchester County as a purchasing agent for 48 years, retiring in 1972.

Mr. Curran was a member of the Diamond Masonic Lodge in Dobbs Ferry, Westchester County, and the Delmar Reformed Church.

Survivors include his wife, Toleda Brown Curran; two daughters, Barbara Wagner of East Stroudsburg, Pa., and Mary Lussier of Delmar; a sister, Anne Spencer of Florida; and four grandchildren.

Services were from Delmar Reformed Church, with burial in the Bethlehem Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar.

## John J. Pilus

John J. Pilus, 84, of Feura Bush died Wednesday, May 13, at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center Hospital in Albany.

He was born in Newburgh, Orange County. He also lived in Hudson for a time.

He worked for the Crowley Dairy Co. in Albany for more than 15 years.

Mr. Pilus was an Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include a stepdaughter, Lynn Branley of Feura Bush; a stepson, Jon Branley of Athens; three brothers, Frank Pilus, Edward Pilus and Leonard Pilus, all of Newburgh; a sister, Mary Lore of Newburgh; three grand-

children; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were from Richards Funeral Home, Athens, with burial in Athens Rural Cemetery.

## Edward J. Prusik

Edward J. Prusik, 85, of Elm Avenue, Selkirk died Sunday, May 17, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he had been a resident of Selkirk for more than 50 years.

Mr. Prusik worked for 49 years for McKinney Steel in Albany, 42 of them as a foreman. He was retired.

He was a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Mach Behuniak Prusik; a son, Edward R. Prusik of Texas; two stepsons, Nicholas J. Behuniak and Richard F.

Behuniak, both of Selkirk; a sister, Mae Harford of Port Jervis, Orange County; and four step-grandchildren.

Services were from Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery in Selkirk.

Arrangements were by Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to charity.

## Kathleen M. Appel

Kathleen M. Appel, 81, of Pan-tages Mobile Homes in Selkirk, died Friday, May 15.

She was born in New York City.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph F. Appel; a son, Thomas J. Appel of Ballston Spa; and a sister Lillian McCullaugh of Long Island.

Services were held from Dreis Funeral Home, Albany.

## Artists plan 'Bizarre Bazaar' as part of library celebration

The Bethlehem Public Library will celebrate its eighth annual Library-Community Day on Sunday, June 14, from 1 to 4 p.m.

A community art fair, the "Bizarre Bazaar," will be part of the festivities. Community artists may participate by submitting up to five works ready for hanging.

Artists will hang their work on the library fence between 11 a.m. and noon on June 14. Space is

The show will be judged between noon and 1 p.m. Awards will be presented for paintings and watercolors.

Artists may also do sketching or painting demonstrations during the afternoon.

Pre-registration is not necessary and there is no entry fee.

For information, call the reference desk at 439-9314.

## BC senior wins Merit Scholarship

Stephen J. Bradt of Delmar, a senior at Bethlehem Central High School, recently won a University of Rochester Merit Scholarship.

Bradt, founder of Students Reduce Our Trash at BCHS, plans to pursue a career in medical and genetic research. He has been a co-captain of the varsity bowling team, and served on the yearbook staff for two years.

He is a two-year member of the National Honor Society, an advanced placement scholar with honors and a former BCHS student of the month.

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# Family Entertainment

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## Music, mirth highlight Starlite summer season

By Michael DeMasi

With just under 3,000 seats, and a circular stage that revolves during every show, management of the Starlite Music Theatre in Latham said "any seat in the house is a good seat" at every performance.

"The Starlite has a unique charisma," said General Manager Bob Belber. "It's an intimate theater in the round which offers an atmosphere unlike any facility in the area."

The circular stage is 35 feet in diameter, and the furthest seat is 17 rows back, only 52 feet away.

"You can get much closer to the audience than anywhere else," said Bobbie Donahue, the director of public relations.

This year, the Starlite boasts some 50 acts, ranging from the down-home sounds of country music stars Willie Nelson and Wynonna Judd to the comedy of George Carlin, Steven Wright, Rita Rudner and Louie Anderson.

"Country is very strong in the northeast," said Belber. "We have more sellouts in country than any other show."

Also appearing will be Tony Bennett, Alabama, Ray Charles, Dionne Warwick, Barbara Mandrell, Ann Margaret and the Pointer Sisters.

Children's shows such as *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *Pinocchio*, and *Cinderella* will be featured every Tuesday at 11 a.m.

"We had to start pre-selling those tickets because on the morning of the shows the lines were so long," said Donahue.

Built in 1956 as a circus tent that featured mostly musicals, Belber said the building was converted to a permanent structure, called the Colonie Coliseum, 18 years ago. In 1989, the name was changed to the Starlite Music Theatre.

Belber explained the Starlite is able to attract top-name performers because it belongs to the Northeast Theater Association, a group of seven theater-in-the-round venues in the northeast that books acts together.

"Managers look at that and say, 'Let's play seven shows in the northeast,'" Belber said. He explained that, in this way, concert managers are guaranteed a set amount of money rather than trying to book shows individually.

"We all communicate when we put the offer in," he said.

Although many concert arenas across the country had a bad year in 1991 because of the recession, Belber said the Starlite did well.



Celebrated country singer Willie Nelson is just one of the many entertainers booked into summer season at the Starlite Music Theatre in Latham.

"Surprisingly, last year we ended up in the black," he said. "Part of the reason is that, in a recession, more people spend money on local events."

The big news at the Starlite this year is the installation of an air conditioning system to keep fans cool on summer nights.

For those who don't want to miss out on advance sale tickets, the Starlite also offers two membership clubs: "season subscriber" and "inner circle club."

Season subscribers are guaranteed the same seat for every show, entitled to VIP parking, receive advance notice of all per-

formances and can purchase tickets for each show at a discounted price. The price is \$60.

Members of the inner circle club pay \$35, and receive seats in the first eight rows, VIP parking and advance notice of shows, and can buy up to four tickets at a discounted price for each performance.

The Starlite opens its season on Friday, May 22, with a triple-bill featuring Jefferson Starship, Dave Mason and the Marshall Tucker Band. Tickets are \$19.50 and are available at the Starlite box office or by calling 783-9300.

From art museums to zoos

## State Museum tours offer variety and excitement

Do you want to get away from it all for the day, or maybe even a night or two?

The New York State Museum is offering tours throughout the summer to places as close as Schenectady and as far away as Maine. Diverse offerings range from the Cloisters in New York City to the "Great Camps" of the Adirondacks.

The complete schedule includes:

- "The Met and Cloisters: The Garden As Canvas" features a tour of the Cloisters and the Metropolitan Museum of Art focusing on how flowers have been integral to artistic masterpieces through the centuries.

The trip will be on Saturday, June 20, from 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. The fee is \$60 per person, \$53 for museum members, which includes transportation, all admissions, tours and presentations.

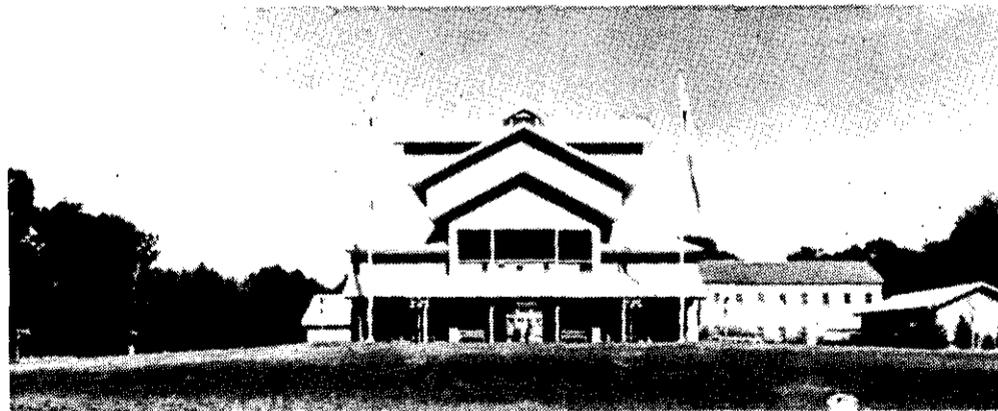
Registration is required by June 10.

- "A Bloomin' Excursion: Trip to the Brandywine Valley" is a two-day trip to Longwood Garden and the Winterthur Museum and Gardens.

Departure is Saturday, June 6, at 7 a.m., with the return scheduled for Sunday, June 7, at 8 p.m. The fee is \$190 per person, \$175 for museum members.

Registration is required by May 25.

- "Hudson Valley Excursion: Exploring Irving's Legacy" is a day-trip exploring the



A trip to Cooperstown to see the Glimmerglass Opera's performance of Mozart's *The Magic Flute* is one of the exciting excursions offered by the New York State Museum during the summer months.

world of Washington Irving through visits to some of the places that inspired his writings.

The tour includes the Martin Van Buren home and the grave-site of Jesse Merwin who is the basis of the Ichabod Crane character.

Also included is the Ichabod Crane Schoolhouse and the Luykas Van Allen House.

The tour is on Saturday, June 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee is \$42 per person, \$35 for museum members.

Registration is required by June 17.

- "Lions and Tigers and Bears: A Trip to the Bronx Zoo" takes families on safari at the wildest 265 acres in New York City.

The tour is Wednesday, July 8, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. The fee is \$52 per adult and \$47 per child, \$45 per member and \$42 per member child, which includes transportation, all admissions and tours.

Registration is required by June 24.

- "Petrified Sea Gardens: Geology Field Trip" is a discovery of Saratoga Spring's best kept secret — the Petrified Sea Gardens.

This geologically rich area is covered with acres of nature trails where participants can examine 500-million-year-old fossils and glacial formations.

The excursion is on Sunday, July 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee is \$36 per person, \$30 for museum members.

Registration is required by July 2.

- "A Day at the Opera: The Magic Flute" features Glimmerglass Opera's presentation of one of Mozart's most popular operas.

The trip is on Sunday, July 19, from 9:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and it begins with brunch at the historic Otesaga Hotel in Cooperstown.

The fee is \$80 per person, \$72 for museum members, which includes transportation, brunch and a ticket to the performance.

Registration is required by July 10.

- "Marine Science Field Experience" is a program for ages 13 through 16. Participants will carry out hands-on laboratory activities, marine and woodland field trips and discussion sessions on the weeklong trip from July 12 to July 18. The group will depart from Boston July 12.

The fee is \$700 per person, \$675 for museum members, which includes hous-

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## THEATER

**NUNSENSE**  
comedy, Mac-Haydn Theatre, Chatham, through May 31. Information, 392-9292.

**THE WIZARD OF OZ**  
adventure, Empire State Plaza Performing Arts Center, Albany, through June 14. Information, 442-5399.

**BROADWAY BOUND**  
comedy, Capital Repertory Company, Market Theatre, Albany, through June 7. Tues.-Fri. 8 p.m., Sat. 4:30 and 8:30 p.m., Sun. 2:30 p.m.

**THE GLASS MENAGERIE**  
dream play, Albany Civic Theater, through May 31. Information, 462-1297.

## MUSIC

**SKIP PARSONS' RIVERBOAT JAZZ BAND**  
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folk, jazz and blues. Spencertown Academy, May 23, 8 p.m. Information, 392-3693

**SKIP PARSONS' LAKE GEORGE JAZZ PARTY**  
and cruise aboard the Luc Du St. Sacrement. June 20, 8-11 p.m. Reservations, 439-2310.

**CHOIR OF ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
and friends will perform a concert of instrumental music, St. Peter's Church, Albany, May 24, 3 p.m.

**ONE HEART**  
Ken Shea and Maureen DeLuke, every Thursday, 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., Monaco's Village Inn. Information, 899-5780 or 393-5282.

**NOONTIME CONCERTS**  
Findlay Cockrell, and Gene Zilka, Proctor's, Schenectady, May 26. Information, 374-3321.

## DANCE

**SEEKING NEW HORIZONS**  
Forces of Nature, theatrical dance company, South Gallery Empire State Plaza, Albany, May 29, 8 p.m. Information, 473-0823.

**NATIONAL TAP DANCE DAY**  
sponsored by Crossgates Mall and The Kennedy Center Imagination Celebration, at Crossgates Mall, Albany, May 24, 4 p.m. Information, 783-1333.

**ANDREA ISAACS**  
and Moving Images Dance Company, concert/lecture-demonstration, Uncle Sam Atrium, Troy, May 20, 1:15 p.m. Information, 237-5756.

**MOVING IMAGES DANCE COMPANY**  
and Andrea Isaacs, choreographer, special program, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, May 22, 8 p.m. Information, 273-0038.

## SQUARE DANCE

Single Squares, mainstream/plus with rounds, St. Michael's Community Center, Linden St., Cohoes, couples and new graduates welcome. May 20, 27, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Information, 664-6767.

## LECTURE

**SCULPTURE IN THE PARK**  
by curator Janis Keane Dorgan, Academy/Lafayette Park, Albany, through June 25, Thurs. 12:15-12:45.

## FESTIVALS

**GOTTAGETGON**  
folk festival, Saratoga County Fairgrounds, Ballston Spa, May 22-25. Information, 489-4650.

## TOURS

**LONGWOOD GARDENS**  
and the Winterthur Museum and Gardens two-day adventure with the State Museum. Departs Albany June 6, 7 a.m., returns June 7, 8 p.m. Information, 474-5801.

## CLASSES

**ART COURSES**  
The Hudson Valley School of Art offers a two-day trip to Oland State Historic Site, June 20-21. Information, (914) 831-2537.

## WORKSHOPS

**SPRING 1992 WRITERS ON WRITING WORKSHOP**  
Hudson Valley Writers Guild, Albany, May 23, 10 a.m. to noon. Information, 449-8069.

**GROW FOR SHOW FLOWER SHOWER**  
learn to grow plants, for 5-7 year olds, State Museum, Albany, May 24, 11 a.m. to noon. Information, 474-5877.

**BOTANICAL ILLUSTRATION WORKSHOP**  
by scientific illustrator Patricia Kernan, State Museum, Albany, May 23, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 474-5801.

## ACTIVITIES

**EVENING OF THE ARTS**  
tours of art exhibitions from students in grades pre-K-12, dance and Glee Club performances, Dance Workshop will perform Peter Pan, May 20, 7 p.m. Information, 463-2201.

## VISUAL ARTS

**STONE STEEL GLASS**  
sculpture exhibit, Greenhut Galleries, Stuyvesant Plaza, through May 24, daily 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. noon-5 p.m. information, 482-1984.

**THE HISTORY OF STEPDANCE COSTUME IN AMERICA**  
Irish American Heritage Museum, May 22-Labor Day, East Durham. Information, 634-2286.

**OUR WILD ADIRONDACKS**  
photo exhibit celebrating the centennial of the Adirondack Park, Empire State Plaza, Albany, May 26-June 8, Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 432-1770.

**EXHIBITION**  
annual spring show, Greene County Arts and Crafts Guild, Columbia-Greene Community College, Greenport, through May 26. Information, 731-6132.

## WORLDS OF ART

Fenimore House, Cooperstown. Through October, daily 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

**CHESTERWOOD**  
summer home and studio of sculptor Daniel Chester French (1850-1931), through Oct. 31. Information, (413) 298-3579.

**GROUP SHOW**  
RCCA, Troy, through June 13, Wed.-Sat. 1-4 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

**MARSHA FARLEY**  
wall-hung sculptures, Catskill Gallery, through June 20, Tues.-Sat. noon-4 p.m. Information, 943-3400.

**INTERIOR MOTIVES**  
wild, sculptural table tops by Rhonda Cunha; paintings by Lynn Breslin; The GCCA Mountain Top Gallery, Windham, through June 22. Information, 734-3104.

**BRUNO LAVERDIERE:**  
The La Napoule Drawings, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls, through May 24. Information, 792-1761.

**WORKS ON PAPER: CHRISTIANS IN THE VISUAL ARTS**  
national juried art show, Visions Gallery, Albany, through May 29, Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Information, 453-6645.

**A NEAT PLAIN MODERN STYLE**  
plans, drawings, photographs and architectural fragments from 76 buildings, Albany Institute of History and Art, through June 28. Information, 463-4478.

**FORMATIONS**  
group show, with sculptures by Sharon Bates, Nadia Miriam Dabul, Jeanne Flanagan and David Kreple at Russell Sage College, Troy, Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sun. noon-4 p.m. Information, 270-2246. Paintings by George Van Hook at Dietel Gallery, Emma Willard. Information, 273-0552.

**THE ENDURING FLOWER**  
features objects that are adorned with the bud and bloom, State Museum, Albany, through June 28. Information, 474-5877.

**DREAMSCAPES**  
series of color photographs, Museum of the Hudson Highlands, Cornwall-on-Hudson. Information, 534-7781.

**THE JANES WHO MADE THE PLANES**  
commemorates the 50th anniversary of WW II women aircraft builders, State Museum, Albany, through June 30. Information, 474-5877.

# Tours de force

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ing, meals, instruction and all supplies and materials.

Registration is required by June 20.

Other scheduled strips include:

- "Historic Schenectady: A Walking Tour" features a behind-the-scenes tour of Proctor's Theater. The afternoon features a tour of the stockade.

- "United States Military Academy: Tour of West Point" features a tour of historic

West Point.

- "In Search of the Loon: A Day in the Adirondacks" features a guided tour through Loon country.

- "Celebrating the Adirondacks: The Great Camps and Beyond" features a weekend at the historic Sagamore, one of the "Great Camps" designed by William West Durant in 1897.

For information on itineraries and how to register for individual tours, call the state museum at 474-5801 on weekdays.

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## AROUND THE AREA

WEDNESDAY  
MAY 20

## ALBANY COUNTY

WORKING AND  
BREASTFEEDING

Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$15. Information, 452-3455.

## LECTURE ON LYMPHEDEMA

Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 452-3455.

## CPR COURSE

The Regional Emergency Medical Organization, 22 Warehouse Row, Albany, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 459-8251.

## LAMAZE CHILDBIRTH CLASSES

through June 24, Albany Medical Center Hospital, New Scotland Avenue, Albany. Morning sessions, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Evening sessions, 7-9 p.m. Information, 445-5162.

STUDENT ENERGY RESEARCH  
COMPETITION

statewide competition, Convention Center, Empire State Plaza, 9 a.m.-noon.

VEGETARIAN LASAGNA  
DINNER

sponsored by Save the Pine Bush, First Presbyterian Church, Willett and State Streets, Albany, 6 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for students, \$2 for children. Reservations, 462-0891 or 434-1954.

## BABYSITTING

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

## RENSSELAER COUNTY

## CHORUS REHEARSAL

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

## SQUARE DANCE

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

## SCHENECTADY COUNTY

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS  
MEETING

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

GUIDED TOUR OF THE LINCOLN  
BATH HOUSE

lecture and slide show, Saratoga Spa State Park, Lincoln Baths Building, Saratoga, 7:30 p.m. Information, 584-2535.

SCHENECTADY  
PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

meeting, First United Methodist Church, Lafayette and State Streets, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-1674.

## GREENE COUNTY

## RUSTIC FURNITURE WORKSHOP

lecture, demonstration and actual construction of a small scale rustic chair, Art Awareness Gallery, Route 42, Lexington, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, (518) 989-6433.

THURSDAY  
MAY 21

## ALBANY COUNTY

PARENTS OF MURDERED  
CHILDREN

meeting, West End Presbyterian Church, 585 Central Ave., Albany, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 383-6008.

HEALTH CARE MANAGERS  
ASSOCIATION

meeting, Desmond Americana, 660 Albany-Shaker Rd., Colonie, 7:30-9 a.m. Cost is \$8 members, \$10 non-members. Information, 439-6439.

## BREASTFEEDING

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

## ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

support meetings, Capital Region Geriatric Center, West Columbia Street, Cohoes, 10 a.m. Information, 438-2217.

GRADUATE INFORMATION  
SESSION

for graduate school and adult education, College of Saint Rose, Campus Center Conference Room, 420 Western Ave., Albany, 6 p.m. Information, 454-5209.

## SENIOR CHORALE

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

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT  
GROUP

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

## BABYSITTING

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY  
ABORTION DEBATE SCHEDULED  
AT UNION

leaders from both sides will be on hand to debate, Memorial Chapel, Union College, South Lane, Schenectady, 8 p.m. Information, 370-6118.

FRIDAY  
MAY 22

## ALBANY COUNTY

## "PATRIOTIC NOTIONS"

gallery tour, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 12:15 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

SUNDAY  
MAY 24

## ALBANY COUNTY

## SCOTTISH DANCING

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

## SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

Dorset Theatre Festival opens 16th  
Vermont summer season with new play

The first of two new plays will open the Dorset Theatre Festival in Vermont June 18 as part of a five-production summer season.

Situated six miles east of Manchester, the barn theater has long been an incubator of new plays, particularly since John Nassivera and Jill Charles formed the Dorset Theatre Festival in 1976 which has proved popular with Albany area fans.

*Saving Grace*, a new play by Tom Ziegler, opens June 18 and recounts the story of a 90-year old woman trying to live out her life peacefully in a mountain cabin in Virginia. A new development at her doorstep forces her to take action. The play runs through June 17.



Martin P. Kelly

The second new work, *The Country Club*, opens Aug. 18 and is the fourth play of the season at the Dorset theater. Written by Douglas Carter Beane, the play is set in the affluent Philadelphia suburbs and deals with the young country club set accepting a young woman from South Philly.

The rest of the Dorset season includes the musical *Godspell* (July 23-Aug. 8); *Other People's Money* (Aug. 13-22); and the season closer, *Write Me A Murder* (Aug. 27-Sept. 6).

This season, also, the American Theatre Works, the non-profit parent of the Dorset Theatre Festival, is producing *Cole*, a full-length revue of Cole Porter music from July 29 through Sept. 5 at the Equinox Hotel, nightly Wednesdays through Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m. For more info on both the theater and the revue, call (802) 867-5777.

Schenectady actor takes role  
in Broadway hit musical

Ron Kidd, an actor who cut his performing teeth in Schenectady Light Opera Company musicals, took over a role in *Will Rogers Follies* on Broadway this week and will stay in the company for at least six weeks during a transition as Mac Davis assumes the Will Rogers role for Keith Carridine.

Kidd plays the Wiley Post role, a man who comments on Rogers' life during the musical and the actual person Rogers perished with during an around-the-world flight.

Carridine is recreating his role as Rogers for the road tour which will play in theaters throughout the country and is rumored to be set for an appearance at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady.

As for Kidd, there is a possibility that he will be offered the role of Clem, Rogers' father, in the road tour with Carridine. This is a major role and if he gets it, it'll be the biggest boost in a professional career which began 10 years ago when the former teacher decided to test his wings on Broadway.

Mac-Haydn Theatre opens season  
with musical farce hit, *Nonsense*

The Mac-Haydn Theater opens its summer season tonight (May 20) with the musical farce, *Nonsense*, a show that's been running for seven years in an off-Broadway theater on west 42nd street in New York.

Built around a group of nuns who are staging a musical to get funds to bury some of their own.

This is the first time MacHaydn has staged the little musical but it may well not be the last. The theater, now nearing its 25th season, has been able to reprise many of its more successful musicals.

Among the musicals which the producers will repeat this season are *The King and I* (June 3-14); *LaCage aux Folles* (July 22-Aug. 9); *Camelot* (Aug. 12-30) and *Oliver* (Sept. 2-13). New to the Chatham theater this season will be productions of *Desert Song* (June 17-28) and *Evita* (July 1-19). For more info, call 392-9292.

## Around Theaters!

*Broadway Bound*, Neil Simon's ascerbic view of his beginnings as a comic writer, at Capital Repertory Company, through June 7 (462-4534)...*The Glass Menagerie*, Tennessee Williams' first play, at Albany Civic Theater through May 31 (462-1297)

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# THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY**  
**MAY 20**

**BETHLEHEM**

**TEDDY BEARS PICNIC**  
bring bears and blankets to ninth annual teddy bear picnic and story telling, ages 2-5, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

**BETHLEHEM BOARD OF APPEALS**  
public hearings on application of John and Donna Stigemeier, 7:30 p.m.; Eagle Associates, 7:45 p.m.; and A.T. Zautner and Son, Inc., 8 p.m.; Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-4955.

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

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

**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.

**NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

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

**BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP**  
provides volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience Monday and Wednesday mornings, archaeology lab, Rt. 32 South. Information, 439-6391.

**BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB**  
meets first and third Wednesdays, Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

**BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233**  
meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays. Information, 767-2886.

**ONESQUETHAW CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**  
first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

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

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

**NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS**  
every Wednesday, Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2109.

**WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!**  
bedtime story hour, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**THURSDAY**  
**MAY 21**

**BETHLEHEM**

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

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

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

**KABBALAH CLASS**  
in Jewish mysticism, every Thursday, Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

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

**PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**  
sponsored by Project Hope and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, meets Thursdays, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 767-2445.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN 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.

**AMERICAN LEGION LUNCHEONS**  
for members, guests and membership applicants, Sidelwheeler Restaurant, Albany Motor Inn, third Thursday, noon.

**FOOD STAMP FORM AID**  
third Thursday of odd numbered months, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 9:15 a.m.-noon. Appointments required, 439-4955.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

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

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

**FRIDAY**  
**MAY 22**

**BETHLEHEM**

**SCHOOL'S OUT FILMS FREAKY FILMFEST**  
*The Fool and the Flying Ship*, 10:30 a.m.; *The Forbidden Planet*, 2 p.m.; Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. 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.

**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.

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**

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

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

**SATURDAY**  
**MAY 23**

**BETHLEHEM**

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

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**BOOK SALE**  
sponsored by Friends of the Library, Voorheesville Methodist Church Parking Lot, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 9 a.m. to noon. Information, 765-2088.

**COMMUNITY TAG SALE**  
sponsored by Friends of the Voorheesville Library, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1-4 p.m., Information, 765-4923.

**SUNDAY**  
**MAY 24**

**BETHLEHEM**

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

**BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
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 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.

**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.

**GLENMONT REFORMED CHURCH**  
worship, 11 a.m., nursery care provided; Sunday school, 10 a.m. 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont. Information, 436-7710.

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

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

## Weekly Crossword

"A Man for All Seasons" By Gerry Frey

**ACROSS**

- 1 Seasonal word
- 5 Indian's family tree
- 10 Seasonal word
- 14 Man's name
- 15 Sports place
- 16 Unique person
- 17 Seasonal words
- 19 Eugene in Italy
- 20 Three in Florence
- 21 Butter's competitor
- 22 Battles with a lance
- 24 Seasonal word
- 26 Soup ingredient
- 28 Load
- 30 Clothes
- 33 Municipal
- 36 Regions
- 38 Tokyo's old name
- 39 Black and Red
- 40 Light separator
- 41 Bridle line
- 42 Pig pen
- 43 Causes to adhere
- 44 Amusement park attractions
- 45 Discharge
- 47 Shakespeare's river
- 49 Church officers
- 51 "He is the \_\_\_ favorite"
- 55 Picture holders
- 57 Italian wine city
- 59 Spanish gold
- 60 Strong affection
- 61 Seasonal words
- 64 Part of the U. S. A.
- 65 Starer
- 66 Allot
- 67 Harry's wife
- 68 Tall slender grasses
- 69 Minerals

**DOWN**

- 1 Religious groups
- 2 Love in Italy
- 3 Ancient French Saint

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- 4 Old times:Archaic
- 5 Shadowed
- 6 River in France
- 7 Grand \_\_\_ Nat. Park
- 8 Vane initials
- 9 Seasonal word
- 10 Tycoons
- 11 Seasonal words
- 12 Penny
- 13 Cupid
- 18 Adult female
- 23 Lyric poems
- 25 "Woe is me"
- 27 Russian City
- 29 Wage \_\_\_
- 31 Ms. Adams
- 32 Offspring, eg
- 33 Former Sov. Union
- 34 Network
- 35 Seasonal words
- 37 Free
- 40 \_\_\_ a portrait
- 41 Tough skin
- 43 Commanded
- 44 French sculptor
- 46 Mr Fudd & others
- 48 Electorate
- 50 Room in Paris
- 52 Planter
- 53 Speak pompously
- 54 Alfred \_\_\_ English poet
- 55 Spare tire ?
- 56 Pope's Diocese
- 58 Snow vehicle
- 62 Ripen
- 63 Latin love verb

Scrambled Hints

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

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH**  
1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, morning worship, 11 a.m. Information, 439-4314.

**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.

**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.

**NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH**  
worship service, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, Rt. 85 and Rt. 85A, New Salem. Information, 439-6179.

**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.

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

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND**  
worship, 10 a.m.; church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Rt. 85, New Scotland. Information, 439-6454.

**UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH**  
worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship time, Delaware Trnpl., Delmar. Information, 439-5001.

**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.

**MONDAY MAY 25**

**BETHLEHEM**

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

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

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**Art show**



Potter Bonnie Foster checks some of her work for the Loeust Knoll Artisans 14th Spring Show and Sale taking place May 29 through 31 at the junction of Route 85A and Picard Road in Voorheesville. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, and Friday from 7 to 9 p.m.

**SPOTLIGHT TEENSCENE**

By Erin Elizabeth Sullivan

Spring showers bring May and June proms at area high schools.

Unfortunately, the proms bring with them an increase in the number of drinking and driving accidents. This year, there are several programs which aim to decrease the number of such accidents.

At many schools, the Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD) group is offering a "Contract for Life." This written agreement states that if a student has had too much to drink, or his or her ride has had too much to drink, the parent will provide the student with transportation home, regardless of the time or place. The situation is expected to be discussed at a later time.

This contract also applies to parents who have been drinking or who are with a person who has been drinking. The student agrees to pick the parent up.

The contract is signed by both student and parents, and can be used not only after the prom, but at any time. Contact your school's SADD chapter to obtain a copy.

Another alternative is to sign what is known as the "Prom Promise." In this case, the student agrees not to drink any alcohol on the night of the prom.

The student receives a business-sized card, stating the promise.

The "Prom Promise" is not restricted to students who are attending the prom. Those who are not going or who are perhaps visiting for the coronation are encouraged to participate as well. Promise cards are also available through a local SADD chapter.

In addition to these two programs, some districts offer a "Safe Rides" program. This enables a student who has been drinking, or who is scheduled to ride with a person who has been drinking, to call for a safe ride home. Sober students and adults are on duty to respond to these calls.

In other schools, students can set up their own "taxi service." Students who do not plan to drink on prom night offer their services as drivers for those who are in need of a sober ride home.

If your school does not have a SADD program, call a local high school such as Bethlehem Central High School, 439-4921, or Voorheesville High School, 765-3314, for information on a safe prom night. Also, try setting up a taxi service with some of your friends.

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# Bethlehem: Clean and green



Tim Bush, 12, of Glenmont Troop 75 does his part by raking leaves at the Delmar Methodist Church.

*Photos by Elaine McLain*

Ed Miles of the Tri-Village Fife and Drum Corps holds a tiny pine.



Daniel and Ray O'Brien look like they're having a barrel full of fun with a barrow full of leaves.



Simona Patrascu, 4, of Delmar receives a pot of flowers from bank teller Trish Mackey of the First American Bank, Elsmere.



Girl Scout Troop 351 members are all smiles before they tackle some trash collecting tasks. From left to right are, Jessica Baggott, 9, Elisa Carpinello, 8, Emily Siemel, 9, and Rachel Malbin, 9.



Sherry Goldstein paints a rainbow design on a balloon for Kendra Kleinke as Ariele Sussman looks on. All three were attending the Community Bethlehem picnic at the Slingerlands Firehouse.

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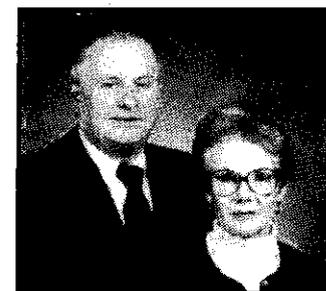
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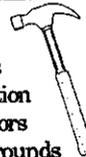
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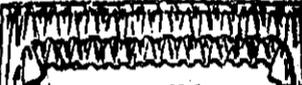
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**STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ALBANY TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND ASSESSOR'S NOTICE**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Richard Law III, Assessor of the Town of New Scotland will schedule informal meetings to review the 1992 Tentative Tax Roll Assessments for anyone wishing to do so on the following dates at Town Hall: May 12, 1992 from 7 to 9 p.m., May 16, 1992 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and May 18, 1992 from 7 to 9 p.m.  
RICHARD LAW III  
Assessor  
(May 20, 1992)

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION OF RAVENA COEYMANS SELKIRK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with the provisions of Section 2017 of the Education Law the Board of Education of the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Central School District will hold a public hearing on the 27th day of May, 1992 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening at the Senior High School, Ravena, New York for the purpose of discussion of the expenditures of funds and the budgeting thereof for the school year July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993.  
NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the copies of a detailed statement of the amount of money which will be required for the said school year may be obtained by any taxpayer of the school district during the eight (8) days immediately preceding the 10th of June, 1992, that being the day when the school district budget will be voted upon, except Saturdays and Sunday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the District Office of the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Central School District, 26 Thatcher Street, Selkirk, New York.  
Petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education for three (3) full terms of three (3) years each must be filed with the Clerk of the District no later than May 8, 1992 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the District Office of the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Central School District, 26 Thatcher Street, Selkirk, New York. Each Petition must be signed by at least thirty-five (35) qualified voters of the district with their addresses and said petition must state the name and residence of the candidate. Vacancies on the board of Education of the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Central School District shall not be considered separate specific offices and the nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated in accordance with Section 2018 of

the Education Law. Candidates receiving a plurality of the votes cast respectively for the several offices shall be declared elected in accordance with the provisions of Section 2034 of the Education Law.  
The following vacancies are to be filled on the Board of Education:  
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TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that on Wednesday, June 10, 1992 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Senior High School, Route 9W Ravena, N.Y. votes will be taken upon the following:  
1. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said school district and authorize the levy of taxes therefor;  
2. RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Central School District, in the Counties of Albany and Greene,

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town of Bethlehem on the 27th day of May, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. to consider amending the Traffic Ordinance of the Town of Bethlehem in the following respect:  
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Town of New Scotland  
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(Pursuant to Section 506 of the Real Property Tax Law)  
**HEARING OF COMPLAINTS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the assessor of the Town of New Scotland, County of Albany, have completed the tentative assessment roll for the current year; that a copy thereof has been left with the Town Clerk at Town Hall, New Scotland, N.Y., where it may be seen and examined by any person interested therein until the fourth Tuesday of May next, and that on such day between the hours of 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 6 to 9 p.m. for a total of at least four hours, the Board of Review will meet at Town Hall, New Scotland, in the said town, to hear and examine all verified written complaints in relation to such assessments, on the application of any person believing himself aggrieved thereby.  
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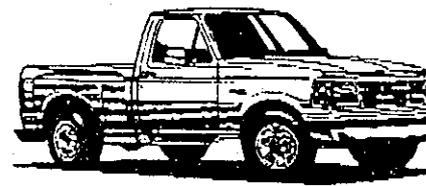
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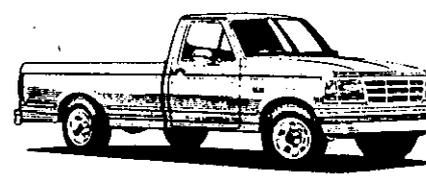
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**ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE DISTRICT ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Date: May 13, 1992  
 School District: Ravenna-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School  
 Address: 26 Thatcher Street, Selkirk, New York 12158  
 Subject: Asbestos Management Plan Annual Notification

RAVENA-COEYMANS-SELKIRK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT submitted in 1989, to the New York State Education Department, the school district's Asbestos Management Plan. In accordance with the EPA Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of

1987 (40 CFR Part 763), this memo is intended to fulfill annual notification, stating that the Asbestos Management Plan for all school district buildings are available and kept on file at each building and the Board of Education Office, 26 Thatcher Street, Selkirk, N.Y. 12158.

These records are available for review from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Monday to Friday.  
 For more information, please contact the following persons:  
 Douglas Kuhn, LEA Designee, phone number: 767-2514  
 William Schwartz, Superintendent phone number: 767-2513  
 Douglas Kuhn  
 Director Facilities and Operations  
 May 13, 1992  
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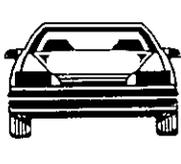
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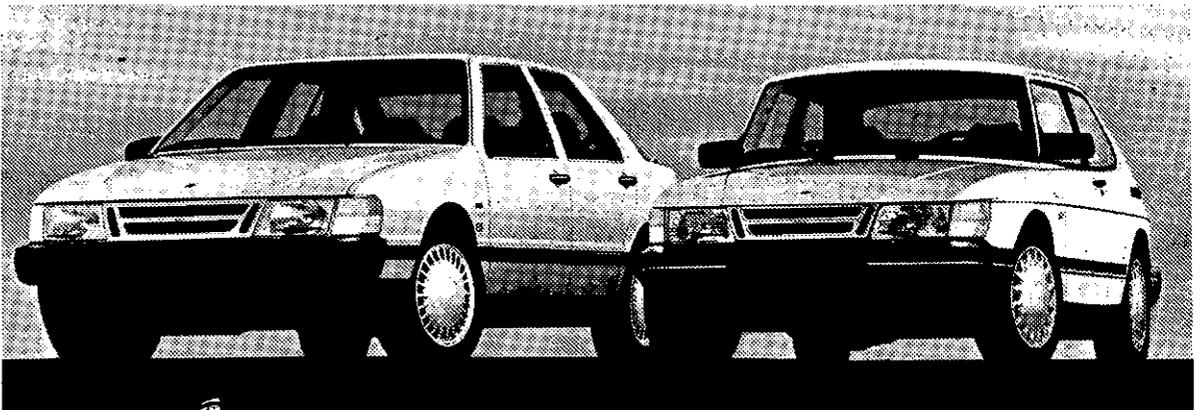
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