

## Alcohol, drugs part of growing up in Bethlehem

By Michael Kagan

Part one of a two-part series

No one can say with certainty how many Bethlehem teens use alcohol. Whatever the numbers, however, everyone seems to agree that it is definitely a part of life for many teens.

"Everyone, basically, I would imagine, drinks," said Beth Borofsky, an incoming junior at Bethlehem Central High School.

Other students generally agree.

Incoming seniors Nicole Ciotti, Mike Futia and Joe Morrell all estimated that an overwhelming majority of BCHS students have at least experimented with alcohol. Futia and Morrell put the figure at more than 95 percent.

Kristen Mahony, who will become the president of the BCHS chapter of Students Against Drunk Driving in the upcoming school year, went as high as 99 percent.

The students' answers seemed to have little to do with the types of social groups they prefer.

Borofsky, an 'A' student, is an editor of the school yearbook and a member of Peer Helpers and the debate club.



Corbett

Morrell, who described himself as a 'B' student, plays on the varsity football team, while Ciotti is a member of the drama club and the National Honor Society. Futia plays baseball and said he is generally an 'A' student.

Ciotti thought about a third of the BCHS population has used illegal drugs, with marijuana and hallucinogenic mushrooms being the drugs of choice, while Borofsky said she didn't know of anyone who she was sure has used drugs. Mahony said "a pretty high percentage... a lot of people" have experimented with drugs.

"I wonder if it's an issue of how much of it is occurring," said BCHS Principal Dr.

Jon Hunter. "If it is occurring in our community, it is going to impact on students. ... There are incidents which underscore the point that there is a problem."

Despite the students' confidence that a vast majority of Bethlehem teenagers have taken at least one drink and that many have also experimented with illegal drugs, there's little scientific evidence to determine how widespread this type of substance abuse actually is.

Very few local student surveys have been taken, and those that have are of

questionable reliability because of the small size of the sampling. The reliability of even the large-scale drug surveys has been questioned because students may not answer honestly.

In a state Division of Substance Abuse Services survey of 35,000 fifth- through 12th-grade students released in October 1991, 75 percent of seventh- through 12th-graders said they had taken a drink at least once in their lives.

"The problem with all surveys is that if

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Billings

## County sales tax hike nearing final OK

By Mike Larabee and Mel Hyman

Brother, can you spare \$34 million? Deficit-ridden Albany County will be seeking an answer to this question during a public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, July 28, in the legislative chambers at the county courthouse on Eagle Street.

The hearing has been set to discuss the county's plan to bump up its sales tax from 7 to 8 percent, a move that would bring in an estimated \$34 million in new revenues based on 1991 county sales figures.

While no one is hailing the plan as ideal, supporters, including Republican County Executive Michael Hoblock, say the one-year hike is the best and only way to handle budget problems that have reached a crisis point.

But opponents, including GOP members of the county legislature, say the tax could deal a severe blow to a fragile economy struggling out of recession, sending shoppers and businesses out of the county. Instead, they say, vary

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## Sudden Perot withdrawal stuns local campaigners

By Susan Graves

The glory that was Ross Perot has paled as quickly as a shooting star for local organizers, who had confidence in the Texan's ability to capture the presidency.

Bethlehem's Jim Grady, who had worked for months promoting Perot's candidacy, feels bitter about last Thursday's announcement to drop out of the race. "The people did their job — he didn't do his," he said, "A lot feel he didn't keep up his part of the bargain."

Grady said he has spent "hundreds and hundreds of hours" working for Perot since

last February when he first saw him on the *Larry King Live* TV show. Grady believes the volunteers supporting Perot have been "sold down the river for his (Perot's) own personal gain."

Colonie organizer Jeff Madden is more disappointed than disgruntled about Perot's decision not to run. "Yesterday, the im-

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Madden

## Planning board in driver's seat on Glenmont Plaza entranceway

By Mel Hyman

Don't hold your breath, but the long-awaited northbound entrance from Route 9W into the Glenmont Plaza shopping center could actually materialize.

Representatives from the town of Bethlehem, Glenmont Plaza and the state Department of Transportation met recently to discuss alternative ways of building and

financing an ingress and egress from Route 9W, according to Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz.

And the prognosis was positive.

"I think we're very close to a deal," Kaplowitz said. The plaza owners, DOT and the town planning office have agreed on a design for the new entrance and exit

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Postmaster Edward C. Connors stands outside the new Slingerlands Post Office, 1399 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands, which opened for business on Monday. See story on page 5. Elaine McLain

# Simple steps increase security

By Mel Hyman

Larcenies and burglaries in town are up. And, for the most part, it's because people are not taking simple precautions.

That's the assessment of Det. James Corbett of the Bethlehem Police Department, who wants to stem the tide and save people a lot of aggravation and expense.

"We are kind of laid back (in Bethlehem)," Corbett said. "I don't want to intimidate anyone," but some of the safeguards against crime are "so darn easy to do, yet people don't understand it."

The theft of bicycles, lawn furniture and car stereos always increases during the summer. But Corbett says there have been more incidents this year than normal.

"It's so simple to just walk into an unlocked garage and ride (a bicycle) right out." The solution? Keep the garage door locked, even during the daytime when you might be around.

If someone spots suspicious activity of any sort they should call the police right away, says Sergeant Joseph Sleurs. "They're being very brazen about it. The next day may be too late. We need

27,000 eyes out there helping us."

Many of the vehicle larcenies could be avoided just by keeping the doors locked, he noted. The newer automobiles can be quite attractive to those desperate enough to steal, and often contain CD players, tape decks, radar detectors and cash.

**Bottom line — lock your house and lock the vehicle.**

Det. James Corbett

It's easy to get lulled into a false sense of security living in the tranquil suburbs, Corbett said. "It's that 'it won't happen here' mentality. Bottom line — lock your house and lock the vehicle."

Town residents who are on vacation for part or all of the summer can notify the police department, who will arrange for spot checks of the house. There is no charge for these random visits.

The police will gladly register articles such as bikes, gas grills and lawn furniture and, while that's no guarantee that a theft won't occur, it'll make it much easier to track down the culprit, Corbett said.

"Even if they try to deface it or paint it over," the specially-engraved registration number can be detected.

Another free service offered by the Bethlehem police is a security survey, where a police officer will visit a home to check for ways someone can get in.

## Punkintown Fair opens July 30

The New Salem Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring the 50th Punkintown Fair from Thursday, July 30, to Saturday, Aug. 1, at the firehouse.

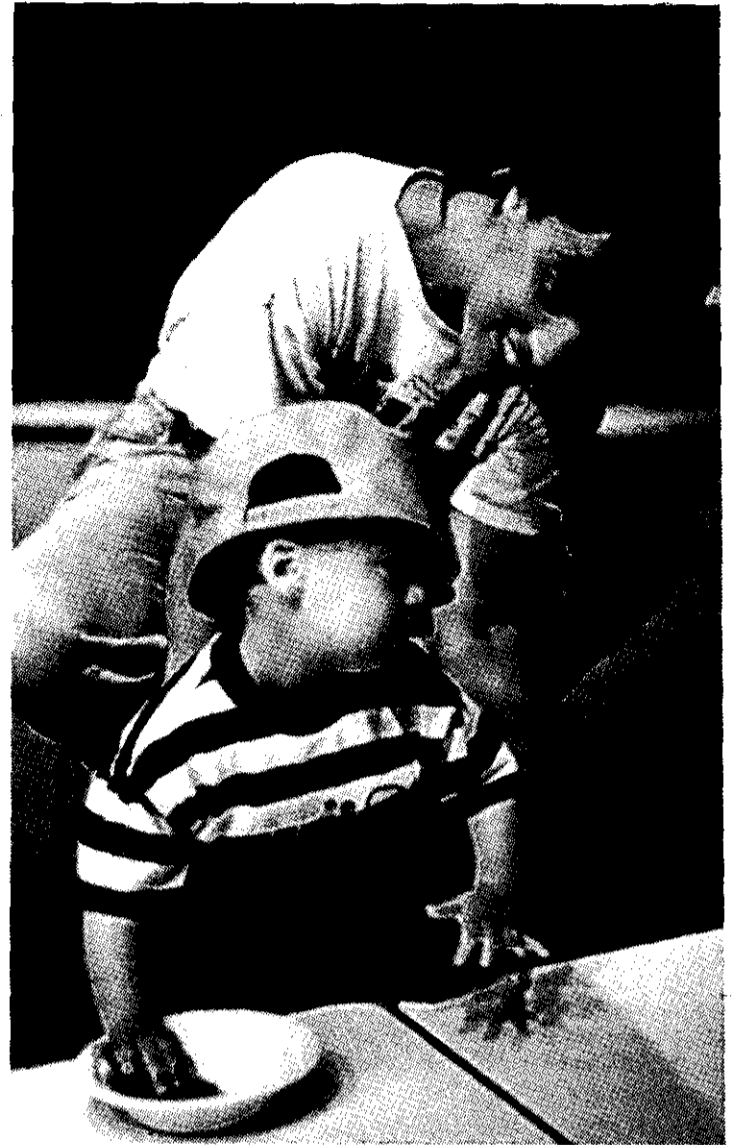
The firehouse is located at the intersection of New Scotland Ave-

nue and Route 85A in New Salem.

The fair will start at 7 p.m. on July 30 and 31, and at 4 p.m. on Aug. 1, when there will also be a chicken barbecue.

For information, call 765-4334.

## Some morning rhymes



Debra Nozik and son Ethan, 2, of Delmar enjoy Rhyme Time with Mother Goose last Thursday morning at the Bethlehem Public Library. Elaine McClain

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Public Access is pre-empted for the TripleCast.

American Movie Classics moves to channel 25, where it shares the channel with CNBC.

The TripleCast appears on channels 8, 31, 37/61.

When the TripleCast is completed, all channels will return to their familiar locations.

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# Fish rescue project underway in Delmar

By Amy Jo Tanner

Let it not be said that Robert and Judy Gregory of 531 Delaware Ave. are engaged in acts of cruelty to fish.

The fish in question are the former inhabitants of the Gregorys' pond, and the question of cruelty has arisen as a result of the drainage of the pond causing the unfortunate death of several fish.

Fish-lovers in Delmar became concerned when they noticed dead fish in the drained pond, which is something of a landmark in the town. Many have stopped to ask the Gregorys what was going on, and the Bethlehem Police Department has even received inquiries.

These advocates of fish rights may be relieved to know that thousands of fish were removed from the pond prior to drainage, and are staying with friends in neighboring waters while the pond is made into a better habitat.

"We've had several people stop to ask questions," Gregory said, "and that's normal curiosity in a town. I know some people are mad because some of the fish died, but we saved thousands."

The process began when Gregory began to notice that fish were dying. He became concerned, and had an official of the state Department of Environmental Conservation come over to examine the pond. The DEC representative said excess silt was making it difficult for the fish and other forms of life to be supported by the pond.

The Gregorys decided something must be done, and five weeks

ago began the necessary work to deepen their pond. First, they removed as many fish as possible.

"We took, oh good grief, thousands out. We put them in 30 gallon garbage cans and took them to Jess Turner's pond and Carl Macri took many, many fish up to his pond. We're getting a bum rap on this because we can't save them all and there were a few fish who died. But, if I left the pond the way it was, all the fish would have died."

The pond is currently only about 3 feet deep. According to Gregory, they plan to make it about 5 feet deep by bringing in heavy equipment and hauling the silt away.

Gregory, who has been in the area for 53 years, said he remembers the pond from his childhood.

"When we were little kids — of course, I'm going back a ways now — we used to ice skate on it, so it's been here for as long as I can remember," he said.

Gregory said his grandchildren use the pond to fish for the fun of it, and put the fish back after they catch them.

The Gregorys plan to complete the process as soon as possible, although, he said, Mother Nature has held up work by keeping the pond basin wet with rainwater.

When the pond is re-filled, some 200 fish who are camped out in a garden pond next door will come home to a new and improved pond where they will live happily ever after, thanks to a little help from some friends.



The Delmar pond owned by Robert and Judy Gregory sits drained and drying in the sun, waiting for workers to finish hauling away excess silt that will make it deeper and provide a healthier environment for the thousands of fish that normally live in its waters.

Amelia Chandler

## Confusion comes to a head over local campaign signs

Mel Hyman

Someone must have thought they knew who was behind the "Justice for All" signs that have cropped up around town recently when they added the name of Ross Perot to a sign at Krumkill and Schoolhouse roads.

Perot was the Independent candidate for president — until he dropped out of the race last week, that is. But the person who is really behind these signs is also running as an Independent, although he's set his sights considerably lower.

Delmar resident Thomas M. Dexter is seeking to oust Republican incumbent Peter Bishko in the special election for Bethlehem town justice this fall.

Unlike Perot, Dexter has every intention of staying the course — providing he obtains 600 nominating petition signatures between now and Aug. 25.

An enrolled Republican, Dexter sought the Republican nomination twice this year but was rebuffed by the town's GOP hierarchy. In January, attorney Peter Bishko was named by the Bethlehem Town Board to replace former GOP Justice Roger Fritts, who resigned to become an Albany County public defender.

Dexter was passed over once again last month when town GOP leaders decided to endorse Bishko for the special election in November.

A brouhaha developed over the town board's selection of Bishko when Councilwoman Sheila Galvin complained that the board should have interviewed more than one candidate for the job. By rubber stamping the choice of Bethlehem Republican leaders, she claimed, the board was shirking its responsibility to choose the most quali-



Unlike Ross Perot, Thomas Dexter has every intention of staying the course.

The "Justice for All" signs were meant to introduce residents to the central theme of his campaign. Dexter promises not to accept any campaign contributions so that favoritism never becomes an issue in town court.

He also believes that the public has little familiarity with the local justice system. "I've spoken to literally hundreds of people and most of them don't know either of their justices."

What the town really needs is a full-time justice, Dexter said, to network with local organizations and educate people on how the judiciary works. He points to his extensive background in the criminal justice field, from which he retired in 1988.

Dexter, 59, received a bachelor's degree from Siena College and a master's from Syracuse University. He also studied at Albany Law School for two years, and said he had spent almost his entire career in the fields of probation and corrections.

## Bond project promises smoother field surfaces

By Amy Jo Tanner

Young athletes at Bethlehem Central schools will soon have smoother surfaces for their sports activities.

Work being done on the school playing fields to correct drainage and other problems is nearing completion, according to school officials.

"The athletic fields have uneven and unsafe playing surfaces and poor drainage and need refurbishing," said Superintendent Leslie Loomis.

The project is staying well

within its budget. Although the 1989 bond issue set aside \$575,000 to improve high school and middle school playing fields, Franz Zwicklbauer, assistant superintendent for business, said only \$491,000 has been spent to date.

The damage to the fields located next to the high school has occurred because of overuse, according to Loomis. "Most of the fields were intended solely for physical education and not interscholastic playing use. This, combined with extensive use for town recreation and youth sports programs, has caused the damage," he said.

Loomis said parents, coaches and faculty members all spoke strongly in favor of field improvement when the bond issue was up for a vote. "Anyone who has driven by the high school after a storm has seen the problem with drainage," he added.

School playing fields are classified by an A, B or C rating, with A status described as excellent, and C representing a poor playing surface.

Bruce Houghton, supervisor of maintenance and buildings for the district, explained, "We realized we could not have class A fields, and are bringing them up to class B, which I think is acceptable for high school play."

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## Rising water rate reflects increase by Albany board

Large-scale water users in Bethlehem will see a slight rate increase reflected in their next billing.

Homes or businesses using at least 8,000 cubic feet and less than 40,000 cubic feet will see their rates go up from \$1.12 per 100 cubic feet to \$1.18 per 100 cubic feet. The rate hike was needed to offset an increase passed on by the city of Albany Water Board.

Bethlehem purchases about a half million gallons of water per day from Albany. About four million gallons per day comes from the town reservoir and wells.

The vast majority of town residents will not be affected, said Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor. The average homeowner uses from 200 to 300 gallons per day.

"You'd have to use more than 500 gallons a day" for the entire four-month billing period to be affected, he explained.

# BC teacher earns national honor

By Amy Jo Tanner

An art instructor at Bethlehem Central High School has received national recognition for her efforts, beating out 10 other teachers from around the state.

Jeanette Pace of Delmar received the National Art Education Association Award as the New York Art Educator for 1992 at the recent NAEA national convention in Phoenix, Ariz.

The process began when Pace was chosen to represent the capital eastern region of the state Art Teachers Association. She then went on to be judged along with the 10 educators from other state regions.

In accepting the award, Pace recognized the many people who enable her to carry out her job. "The award represents not just me, but my peers, students and my husband. I was the one who received the award but it really belongs to all the people I work with," she said.



Jeanette Pace

Pace also gave thanks to departing Bethlehem Central administrator Briggs McAndrews for his support of the art programs in the

district. "Briggs was one of the key people behind me who enabled me to get done what I wanted to."

According to NAEA President James M. Clarke, "The NAEA award winners exemplify the highest quality of art educator in the nation today. They are leaders, master teachers and unique individuals who have given their very best to the field of art education. We are proud to recognize these outstanding members."

Members of the NAEA include elementary and secondary art teachers in 50 states, and representatives from America's major art museums, state departments of education, arts councils and major colleges and universities throughout the United States and in 66 foreign countries.

Pace has also been the recipient of the Amy Rachel Whittier Award, the Pratt Institute Award for Excellence in Art and the Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Award.

# Three stopped in Bethlehem for DWI

Several arrests for driving while intoxicated were reported over the weekend by Bethlehem Police.

Keith Patterson, 33, of 2 Euclid Ave., Delmar, was arrested about 8:55 p.m. on Sunday, July 19, near the intersection of Route 140 and Kenwood Avenue, police said.

He was stopped for having only one taillight and was later charged with failure to keep right and DWI. He is scheduled to reappear Aug. 4 in Town Court.

Elizabeth Flecha, 30, of 13A

Birch Glen Drive, Waterford, was arrested about 3:53 a.m. Friday, July 17, along Route 9W near Bender Lane, police said.

She was charged with DWI, aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and possession of marijuana, according to Sergeant Joseph Sleurs. She was released pending an Aug. 4 court appearance.

Robert K. Oliver, 66, of 115 Roweland Ave., Delmar, was arrested about 11:16 p.m. Saturday,

July 18, at Kenwood Avenue and Delmar Place, police said.

He was stopped for failure to keep right and later charged with DWI. He was released pending an Aug. 4 court appearance.

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## VOORHEESVILLE

# Cole re-elected

The two top office holders on the Voorheesville Central School Board were re-elected recently.

At the board's annual organizational meeting, John Cole was re-elected as president and Steven Schreiber as vice president for 1992-93.

Valerie Ungerer was elected clerk of the board.

Other appointments included: Sarita Winchell, treasurer, Deborah Brennan, deputy treasurer, and Marilyn Schaff, internal auditor. Donald Meacham, Melvin Osterman, and the firm of Hiscock and Barclay were appointed school attorneys.

The board also accepted a \$3,177.85 donation from the Voorheesville PTA creative playground committee. The funds were the remainder of those raised for the construction of the playground, and the PTA asked that the money be used for playground maintenance.

The next regular meeting of the school board will be Monday, Aug. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria.

# Businessman to battle for Nolan's Senate seat

By Robert Webster Jr.

After years of working for other candidates, a Newtonville man has thrown his hat in the ring for the 42nd State Senate District.

Christos Apostle, 56, of 17 Meadow Lane is gathering petition signatures to challenge Sen. Howard Nolan, a 16-year Senate veteran, in a primary for a district that comprises a large part of Albany County.



Apostle

Thursday Apostle began collecting the 500 signatures necessary to get his name on the Sept. 15 primary ballot, making him yet another candidate running on an anti-incumbent platform this year.

Even if he fails to win the primary, Apostle has said he would most likely run as an Independent for the seat.

several universities in New York State, specializing in sociology and anthropology, Apostle left academia 22 years ago to begin a career in real estate.

No newcomer to the political scene, Apostle worked extensively on the Michael Dukakis and Paul Tsongas presidential campaigns, serving as the Capital Region

coordinator for Tsongas' presidential bid earlier this year.

It was his work on those campaigns, said Apostle, that made him realize he could do a better job than the people he was campaigning for.

"After running several campaigns very successfully, after a time I thought I was better than the candidates," said Apostle. "I always felt I could do a better job, and that under the right circumstances, it would be my turn." Apostle may have felt it was his turn as early as 1990, starting with his resignation from his position as Democratic Party committeeman of the 32nd Election District.

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## New Scotland property owners to receive printout on parcel

By Robert Webster Jr.

Sometime this week, every property owner in the town of New Scotland should receive a printout of data on his parcel that will form the basis for a new tax assessment, said New Scotland Assessor Richard Law III.

The Cole-Layer Trumble Co., a mass appraisal firm, has been collecting data on every parcel in New Scotland, said Law, as required by the state Board of Equalization and Assessment.

At the same time, Law said, the town board decided to use the data collected by the firm to carry out a full-value revaluation of all property in town. The board felt that, by mailing the current data, they would make it easier for owners who disagreed with their valuations to seek reappraisals.

The printout will include specifications of the individual owner's parcel, as well as a glossary of terms used in the printout. A cover letter will explain the procedure which must be used to change information if it is believed to be incorrect.

The letters will list the location and dimensions of the property, as well as the type of water and sewer hook-ups, the style of building and if outbuildings are present, said Law.

The sale date and price of the property, if it has been sold since January of 1991, will be listed, but not the dollar amounts for the tax value of the property and tax amounts from revaluation, as the numbers have not yet been generated, he said. The numbers should be available sometime next spring, so the new valuations can be used for the September 1993 school tax bill and the January 1994 town and county tax bill.

Individuals who find no error in the printout do not have to return the mailer. Anyone who believes the evaluation is in error should contact the town to request reconsideration.

Property owners who refused to allow data collectors to enter their homes, and find error with the valuations made from outside, must allow data collectors to enter if they wish to contest the data, said Law. If the homeowner refuses a revaluation inside the home, the official figure will remain unchanged.

## Post office move improves service

By Robert Webster Jr.

Neither rain, nor sleet, nor a postal facility the size of a closet kept the Slingerlands Post Office from getting the mail out for more than 40 years.

While the rain and sleet seem inevitable for postal workers everywhere, at least the crowded conditions are no longer an obstacle, as the entire operation moved into a spacious, brand-new structure on Monday.

Open for business at 8 a.m. its first day, the new facility at 1399 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands is nearly five times larger than the old office next to the Tollgate Ice Cream Shop, said Postmaster Edward C. Connors.

"We went from working in a closet straight into the 20th century," said Connors of the new facility, which encompasses roughly 55,000 square feet.

Packing up the mail and relocating to improved facilities is a rarity in the Slingerlands postal district, as the new home is only the third in the district's history.

The post office was originally housed in what is now Carrazzo's submarine and deli shop, just a mile west of the new building, said Connors. The relocation to the Tollgate took place in the 1950s.

Watercolor renditions of the two original postal facilities, painted by local artist Charles Argow Schade, hang in the lobby of the

new offices.

With so much space at its disposal, the new facility has more than doubled the number of post office boxes — 1350 boxes as opposed to 600 — said Connors.

**We went from working in a closet straight into the 20th century.**

Edward Connors

"There is a larger availability to people," he said, citing the location as perfect for commuters on their way to Albany. "We will have the mail ready before 9 a.m., so the commuters can stop at their box on the way to work."

Like any other postal facility, the Slingerlands staff does much of its work outside the office, delivering the mail. Unlike many branches, this office covers a large area which encompasses not only its namesake area of Slingerlands, but portions of Bethlehem, New Scotland and Guilderland as well.

The office will service approximately 2,600 families daily, said Connors, with its four full-time

drivers covering nearly 120 miles apiece.

"We really needed the new facilities to accommodate the growing community," said Connors. He pointed to the construction of five new housing developments and a new senior home in the area as catalysts for a potential population explosion over the next few years.

"It's a facility the community can be extremely proud of," said Connors. "It really is one of the nicest constructed in the Albany division of the post office."

However, in spite of the benefits to the community, no one is happier with the move than the postal employees themselves.

"It's really going to be a breath of fresh air, give us some breathing room," Connors said. "We won't be bumping into each other anymore."

With eight part-time employees and a workspace so small it could fit in half of the new building's lobby, finding a space to work was always a challenge, said Connors.

"Everywhere we turned we were stepping over something or dodging somebody," he laughed. "We'll probably get lost in all this space."

## Epilepsy Association appoints Liberty

The board of directors of the Epilepsy Association of the Capital District recently named Jeanine Liberty as executive director.

A graduate of the College of Saint Rose and a five-year member of the Epilepsy Association, Liberty has a bachelor's degree in business administration.

She recently completed training as an executive director at the Epilepsy Foundation of America headquarters in Maryland.

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## Matters of Opinion

**Want more sales tax? Speak up!**

Next Tuesday the hapless residents of Albany County are due for a break.

To fulfill legal niceties, the Albany County Legislature will hold a public hearing then on the additional one percent sales tax just before it becomes an inescapable reality. We believe that people who oppose additional taxation (especially this regressive tax) as a preferable alternative to reducing an overgrown government should turn out and let their opposition be known.

True, it's very late because the legislators are scheduled to vote on imposing the sales tax immediately after the hearing.

It's a hearing that should have been held months ago when it would have had a much better chance of achieving an effective impact. Now, the hearing is all but a travesty.

Nonetheless, hard questions deserve their place on the agenda: What consideration, if any, has been given to an obvious alternative — an increase in the county's tax on real estate? How much saving has been attained in 1992 by County Executive Hoblock's belt-tightening? Can you explain and justify the opposition to further desirable reductions in payroll?

The answers, if factual, may be harder than the questions.

**Time to undo Homestead**

The Bethlehem Central Board of Education, having marched up the Homestead hill, straggled back down again to the strains of "We didn't really mean it." The sole exception to the refrain was the veteran who vowed that he wouldn't have retreated except that he saw the whites of the enemy's eyes.

The time approaches—if, in fact, it is not already overdue—for the Town Board to look into the same matter. Back in the spring, the board took a hasty vote that was intended to facilitate the school district's move to adopt the Homestead provisions for tax adjustments. But, having done so for such a benign motivation, the Town Board is now stuck

**Democracy in America**

Such was the title that Alexis de Toqueville gave to his lengthy analysis of what he found during a historic visit to the 24 states of the U.S. beginning in 1831.

It was during his inspection trip that the Town of New Scotland was chartered in 1832, separating its extensive and rocky acres from Bethlehem. Almost as though taking note of this development, Toqueville devoted no fewer than a dozen pages of his book to a description and evaluation of townships, contrasted to only a single page on the county.

"The township," he wrote, "seems to come directly from the hand of God. But although the existence of the township is coeval with that of man, its freedom is an infrequent and fragile thing. . . . Until the independence of

**The corn is golden**

Just a little late, and so more welcome than ever, corn from local fields began to reach tables in our towns this week. One burgher took home nine ears from Kleinke's — and found that he had grossly underestimated the demand.

**Editorials**

So far, the sales tax has been a party-line issue. The Democrats' 25 members have been solidly for the added tax; the Republicans' 14 in minority have been united in opposition.

The Democrats can lose as many as five votes from some uneasy legislators and still have enough to ensure passage of the next tax. They may well seek to bolster their margin (and nullify the Republicans' solid-front position in the forthcoming campaign) by pressures on individual Republicans. Indeed, some pressure may originate in the towns, whose own budgetary picture will be brightened by their 40 percent share of the tax proceeds. We see this as shortsighted and politically suicidal.

Republican legislators could bolster their position, in fact, by encouraging hold-the-line constituents to be heard next Tuesday (July 28) at 7 p.m. at the County Courthouse. And advocates for all those near the "poverty line" might well activate those constituents, for they will absorb more than their share of such a tax.

with those provisions until its majority members undo their good deed.

The rationale for enacting Homestead's provisions was to offer a modicum of property tax relief to homeowners (about 75 cents' worth a week, typically). When it turned out that this gesture would incur heavy penalties on businesses, farmland, and apartment residents, while imperiling the town's open lands, the tide of opinion turned decisively against Homestead.

The three Town Board members who voted for it should give timely attention, we believe, to moving for its repeal. The next move is properly theirs.

townships is amalgamated with the manners of a people, it is easily destroyed; and it is only after a long existence in the laws that it can be thus amalgamated. . . ."

Now, 160 years later, New Scotland seems to have passed the test of time along with its sister townships in the fabric of American life. The apprehensions of the visitor from France for the survival of this "fragile thing" have proved to be needless after all.

In 1982, New Scotland had a big sesqui-centennial festival during this same week of July. *The Spotlight* published a special edition. This year, the anniversary will be noted more quietly, but we are pleased to send congratulations on the town's continued growth and optimistic outlook.

We had been subsisting on corn from the Catskill area for a fortnight, enduring promise of freshly picked ears with the delicate whitish kernels. Now our patience is its own reward. So much for chilly springs. Pass the butter!

**Reilly disavows campaign, deploring its negativism**

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank *The Spotlight* for the recent editorial supporting the legitimacy of my candidacy in the 104th Assembly District. I felt at that time, as I do now, that Assemblyman Dick Conners and I share the same traditional values that would guarantee all the people of the 104th quality representation.

Dick Conners is leaving a big pair of shoes to be filled and he surely will be missed. He knows who he is, where he came from, and where he was going — and he never forgot who elected him. He gave dignity to the title politician. I sincerely wish him and his family well.

Unfortunately, from what I have seen of the initial stages of the campaign to choose his successor, I am sorely disappointed with

**Vox Pop**

rhetoric by the candidates. Obtaining signatures in order to be on the ballot is a simple task compared to the level of negative campaigning that is beginning to surface.

I do not have the "elastic conscience" needed to forge the "unholy alliances" needed to win, nor the desire to subject my family to the kind of abuse they would have to endure.

I must regretfully state that I will not be a Democratic candidate for the Assembly seat being vacated by Assemblyman Conners.

Herbert W. Reilly, Jr.  
Supervisor,  
Town of New Scotland

Voorheesville

**Current system of naming BC's speakers justified**

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a 1992 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, I must admit that I was taken aback when I first read of discontent over allegations of sexism in the choice of this year's commencement speakers.

Perhaps, being a male, I am not as vigilant as some about sexism, but after considering the issue, I will agree that, in retrospect, there was not a fair representation of female students among this year's speakers.

However, the current criticisms of the selection process are completely unwarranted in my mind, and I find adominable more recent suggestions by some for a return to the formal and public recognition of a valedictorian and a salutatorian as a remedy to this problem.

A favorite teacher of mine at BCHS has often said, "It's easy to

complain about a problem. What's hard is suggesting solutions."

This is very apropos, because, lost amidst the controversy over commencement speakers is the simple fact that there is nothing inherently discriminatory in the way the three student commencement speakers are chosen.

The senior address is delivered by the person who wins in a vote of the entire senior class, and the invocation and benediction are by students selected by the Senior Class Council, which was ironically composed of more females than males this year. This selection process appears to me to be well within the bounds of fairness, and certainly could not be said to represent anything other than the opinions of the class. Criticisms of it on this basis simply are not valid.

Now come proposals, from a small minority, to return to a class-rank system officially designating

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## Collapse of the myth foretold

Exactly nine weeks ago, in *The Spotlight's* issue of May 20, the Uncle Dudley column foresaw the collapse and end of the Perot candidacy for President. With its heading of "A self-made myth and the presidency," that column seems worth recalling because of its unusually timely analysis of him and his now-aborted campaign. Except for one extensive deletion made for space reasons, the column read as follows:

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 exami-

### Uncle Dudley

nation. He was allowed audaciously to unilaterally pronounce himself fit to lead the country on the strength of nothing except over-confident self-judgment.

When some serious newspeople (Tim Russert, for one splendid 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 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 insights. 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-government. To 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.

## Can Clinton be elected President?

It has been quite a while since I have mentioned an issue of "Empire State Report," the monthly that is published in New York City under apparently private auspices. It describes itself as "The magazine of politics and public policy in New York State," and sells for a rather high single-copy price of \$3.50.

In fact, I'm not sure that when I have referred to the magazine in the past the words were always very complimentary. But I was quite taken with the July issue, especially the considerable output of the editor, Alex Storozynski. His principal piece in this issue is the cover story, asking the question, "Can Clinton get there from here?"

The "there" is obvious, and the "here" is keyed to the timing of the issue, coinciding as it did with the party's convention in New York.

"The question remains: can Bill Clinton be elected President?"

That is the point of these 3,000 words, thoroughly and sensibly reasoned out. His conclusion goes like this:

"History has shown that voters tend to vote their pocketbooks, so a lot is riding on the 'impending' economic recovery.

"Other issues to watch for: Whether the press concentrates on Bill Clinton's 'character' or his economic plan; how much Clinton's fellow Democrats beat up on him, or support him; how much Clinton talks about raising taxes; what kind of vision thing, or gaffes, Bush and Quayle can put

### Constant Reader

on the table. At this point, he added a reference as to whether "the American people wake up in time to see through Ross Perot." This became outdated, of course, as did a full page of commentary by Mr. Storozynski denouncing Mr. Perot and declaring it would be "a sad day if Americans elect this man."

Mr. Storozynski is the co-author of an article about New York City's approaching deadline for a solution to its solid-waste problems. Something of a companion

piece is in a consideration of the state's 10-year-old bottle deposit law; "a growing number think the landmark law has outlived its usefulness."

As a litter-abatement program, the law has been effective: last year, 75 percent of more than 6 billion containers were recycled. "Say what you will about the law, New York is undeniably cleaner

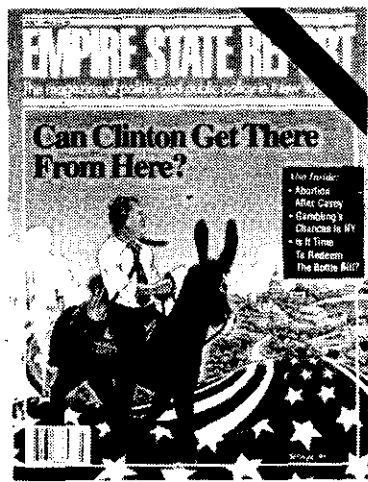
"The problem is the bill has become a catch-all for the state's failure to adequately fund other environmental and social welfare programs... It's being stretched too thin."

A third piece in this category emerges from two Californians in a discussion of cities' liability in suits about toxic substances in their solid waste.

Alan Emory, the very solid Washington correspondent for the Watertown Times contributes one of his analytical essays, "House exodus leaves New York without clout." What the headline means is that several Congressmen are retiring, which diminishes the state delegation's influence

"One Capitol Hill veteran predicts that 'it will take a decade' for New York to regain the influence it now has in the House of Representatives."

"Empire State Report" is not too easily found in magazine stores. A year's subscription is \$35.



## Freedom and value: focus for Albany Symphony

The contributor of this Point of View is the newly appointed Music Director of the Albany Symphony Orchestra. He formerly was associate conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic. At the 1992 conference of the American Symphony Orchestra League in Washington, he was named one of three Leonard Bernstein American Conductors and made his Kennedy Center debut conducting the Baltimore Symphony in a Stravinsky suite.

By David Alan Miller

As I take the baton and assume the Music Directorship of the Albany Symphony Orchestra, I wish to share some reflections as a new resident of the Capital Region.

### Point of View

I'm excited about moving to an area in which the arts are easily accessible for the public. In other urban areas (such as Los Angeles, with which I am personally familiar) the prices are often prohibitive, making the arts a hobby of the elite, rather than the expression of the many. The commute to arts performances and exhibits, too, throws up a wall in a city the size and population of Los Angeles. The 30-mile trip from Long Beach to the Music Center in downtown L.A. is impossible for those without cars — there's no public transportation between those locations. For those who do have a vehicle, that trip can take two hours.

On the other hand, the Capital Region is incredibly accessible. Within one-half to one hour, any resident within the constituency of the Albany Symphony Orchestra can arrive at either the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall or the Palace Theatre in Albany. And financial accessibility? An entire subscription to the Albany Symphony costs the same as a ticket to a single concert by orchestras in other large cities.

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Such freedom and value!

The Albany Symphony offers an exceptional program this coming season: Where else will the works of living composers be premiered — with those composers present? James Primosch will premiere his new offering, *Some Glad Mystery*, in December; Michael Torke will present a world premiere piano concerto and his famous work, *Ash*, which Peter Martins choreographed for the New York City Ballet.

### The orchestra is unique in its mission of balancing masterpieces with the music of our time

The Albany Symphony is the orchestra of choice for composers to premiere their works. As audience members in the Capital District, you have the same kind of first-night privilege as those who, for instance, were so fortunate to have heard the premiere of Beethoven's *Symphony No. 7*: you're in on the ground floor of something great.

The Albany Symphony Orchestra is unique in this mission of bringing live classical music to its audience. We thrive on that delicate balance between the music of our time and masterpieces from the past. Once again this year we received an ASCAP Award for Adventurous Programming of Contemporary Music at the American Symphony Orchestras League conference in Washington, D.C. This is the eighth time the Albany Symphony has been recognized for its willingness to scale musical mountains not often ventured by other performing arts organizations. Our ambition knows no rest.

We also wish to work with the senior community: the Vintage Classics Program, group discounts, afternoon concerts, and a talk by the Music Director can be a forum in which older citizens and the Symphony can meet for reasonably priced performances which meet the needs of older audience members.

Another part of our mission is to make this great live classical music available to children and young people. We have watched in horror as New York State and the United States government have cut back the funds for arts. We are concerned about the "America 2000" proposal put forth by the Bush Administration.

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## □ Symphony

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This proposal is a 300-page dictum which outlines the future goals of the Department of Education. It is such an ambitious plan for the education of America's children — our future — and yet there is *not one word* about music or art.

Children have the right to their musical and artistic heritage and to the expression of their creative selves. To this end, the Albany Symphony Orchestra will continue to bring music to the schools. We will seek funding and present our programs for children and young people. Our new series, the Sunday Symphonies, and school programs will educate and delight a new and enthusiastic segment of the population. The Albany Symphony — your orchestra — will help you work through

the end of this century and glide into the next with music that connects the soul-stirring past with the visionary future.

I invite you to join us for a sample of the Albany Symphony as we present a pops concert at Charter Day festivities in Washington Park on Friday of this week (July 24) at 5:30 p.m.

The opening concert of our season is Friday, Oct. 2, at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall and Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Palace Theatre in Albany. For information and tickets, call 465-4755. This sixty-second season of the Albany Symphony Orchestra — the oldest performing arts organization in the region — will show us at our most inspiring. Hear the future now!

### Words for the week

**Gaffe:** A blunder; faux pas

**Impending:** About to happen; imminent. Also, threatening.

**Debacle:** An overwhelming defeat. A total, often ludicrous, collapse or failure. Also, a breaking up of ice in a river, etc.; a rush of debris-filled waters.

## □ Grads' grades

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students as valedictorian and salutatorian. This is touted as a corrective for the "unfair" selection of speakers. The argument states that this, along with inclusion of a valedictorian and/or salutatorian speech at commencement, would ensure that there would be female speakers every year.

However, the logic behind this idea is somewhat unsound, since there is absolutely no guarantee that the top students in any given year will be female. To assume this is an insult to all the males of Bethlehem Central, and one equally as odious as that felt by some of the females this year.

One parent, in a July 15 *Spotlight* news article (erroneously titled, "Top students' voices silenced by Bethlehem Central policy") stated that "there has long been a lack of any tradition concerning how the valedictorian and salutatorian participate in graduation here."

This is inaccurate. In fact, it was tradition until some 10 to 15 years ago, when the district, in a progressive move, abandoned that elitist system of ranking. The district maintains the current policy of simple, numbered ranking, with-

out public titles, for a very good reason. A policy similar to the former one places too much emphasis on two members of the class at the expense of the other 280, who may have worked just as hard during school. It may place those top two in an uncomfortably public position.

I, for one, would not want my class rank broadcast about, either as a trophy, or, conversely, as a condemnation. In addition, this method instills an overly competitive feeling not conducive in public high schools. There could conceivably be five people within a tenth of a point of each other at the top of the class (which has happened), yet one would receive all the recognition, despite the virtually insignificant difference in average.

One needs look no further than some neighboring districts to see the negative effects of formal naming of top students. In many districts, once the top two are named, they receive excessive publicity in the yearbook as well as local newspapers. It serves to minimize the accomplishments of all other students after that point. That is intellectual snobbery at its

worst, and I think very few members of my class would appreciate it.

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Commencement ceremonies are not intended to honor any particular individuals; they are meant to celebrate the achievements of all, which culminate in graduation. If anything, top stu-

### Formally identifying two top students downgrades effort of all the others

dents should play a lesser role at graduation, as it is merely a facile step in their education.

*I feel that the real heroes of graduation should not be those who have achieved academically and continuously received recognition, but those who have really struggled to make it through; those who could never be sure they would graduate, and for whom it is the end of their formal education. For them, it is truly a celebration of accomplishment and a crowning achievement.*

As for the top students, their day in the sun is yet to come, and they should be secure enough to realize that and yield for once to their less academically inclined peers.

While some members of the class may not have felt adequately represented or acknowledged by this year's commencement speakers, that is solely the result of their own votes or those of their representatives, not some pervasive discrimination.

I think that at this time, people's personal agendas should be put aside, lest divisive feelings permanently tear Bethlehem Central's Class of 1992.

Delmar *Stephen Bradt*

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Your Opinion Matters

**Just how excited were young swimmers at the Toll Gate?**

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing to inform your readers of an incident that took place at the Toll Gate restaurant

Three years ago I took over a local swim team as head coach. Their tradition after meets was to go to the Toll Gate to celebrate. Since I respect tradition, I continued this practice. However, for the last three seasons, we have been treated with ill-will, disrespect, and lack of courtesy.

On the evening of July 1, Mr. Zautner, the proprietor, verbally and physically chastised some of my young swimmers for their behavior. In two incidents, Mr. Zautner slapped one of my swimmers on the head with a newspaper for being too loud and yelled at a five-year-old for tapping a coin on a table. My team's behavior, though excited and exuberant, was not out of line for children's behavior in an ice cream parlor. One of the waitresses joined in scolding my young group. We were encouraged to go to Friendly's on other occasions.

Our team has ended its tradition of patronizing Toll Gate.

Toll Gate is a lovely ice cream parlor and not many such shops in the Capital District can compare to its lovely and historic setting both inside and surrounding the restaurant. However, if kids can't feel safe there and if their business isn't even wanted, the staff should be brought up to the standard which such a lovely place deserves.

Voorheesville Kevin Tyrrell

*Editor's note: When asked to respond to this letter, Bob Zautner said: "At the Toll Gate, we try to make everybody happy, and for the past 43 years we have been doing that with a high degree of success."*

**Restore missing items to RCS budget, is plea**

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like, through your columns, to address the following to residents in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District.

A matter of some urgency is before us, and we are asking once again for your support and involvement. The issue is the restoration to the RCS School District budget of items not included in the contingency budget.

These items include expenditures for the library, computers, all athletic programs, purchase of buses, teacher training, and safe transportation. What is left to us to choose are the items which enhance the quality of the educational program in our community, and indeed the quality of life in our community for our children.

The RCS Youth Soccer Club has endorsed reinstatement of all these items to the district budget. Many families will be away on summer vacation when this vote takes place, disenfranchised by a poorly thought-out election process. The responsibility for passage will hang heavily on those who are not away.

If you believe in the responsibility of the whole community to share the burden of providing for its children, (but did not find your way to the voting booth in the last

budget vote) it is imperative that you do so now. Cast a "yes" vote for those who are denied their right to vote by the failure of the district to assure absentee ballot provisions.

We have never asked young children to walk dangerous highways to get to and from school. We have not asked them to find their own forms of activities, or to do away with homecoming or basketball games. We have never deprived them of the benefits of the schools as cultural and social centers. Are we so shortsighted that we would do so now?

We urge you to make every effort to cast your vote on July 29 in favor of all the budget propositions. We urge you to support positive youth development in the community. We ask you to urge your neighbors to get out and vote "yes"!

Above all, don't let the community take out its frustration over higher taxes at all levels of government by shortchanging its own children. That would be mean-spirited, penny-wise and pound foolish. Invest in youth: vote yes on July 29.

Roger Kelly  
President,  
RCS Youth Soccer Club

**Perot 'couldn't take it': secret of his campaign**

Editor, The Spotlight:

I believe that the real secret in the strange campaign of Ross Perot, including his overnight pullout, is that he had expected to walk all the way to his coronation without encountering any genuine opposition. He didn't foresee any criticisms or the necessity of having to answer questions civilly. When he found out that the royal road to the White House would not be uninterrupted bliss, it was too much for his autocratic being.

Mr. Perot did not expect that he would be seen by common folks as answerable to them. His initial appeal for followers to take the initiative and do the work to make him officially a candidate, and then the President, was an early tipoff that he had only to speak and everyone would obediently fall in step.

But despite the disillusioned, the unthinking, and the fringe fanatics who followed along, there were other people who were ques-

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tioning and unconvinced. And still other who smelled something from Denmark.

Ross Perot couldn't take this — and he quit while his campaign was only in its second trimester.

We've read accounts of bullies who realized that they had got themselves into more of a fight than they had figured on — and left the presumed opponents waiting at ringside. That's Ross Perot — a bully who can't take it. Another good expression, I believe, is that he proved himself to be a welscher. He took a lot of naive and trusting people out on a limb with him and then he took off in the only parachute (a golden one).

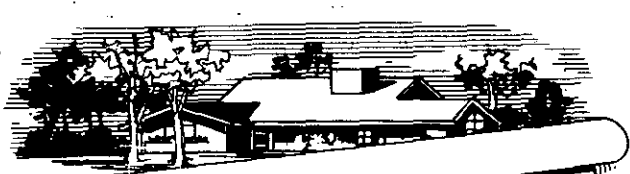
Whoever now wins the election of 1992, we can thank God that it won't be this miserable little faker.

Frank E. Root

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# □ Growing up

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you get results that people don't like, people say kids aren't really answering fairly because kids want to appear to be more evil," said Holly Billings, president of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, a community organization which works to provide alternatives to drug use.

Dr. Robert Millman, professor of psychiatry and public health at Cornell University Medical College in New York City, said he considered the larger surveys to be generally reliable, although some students might deny or exaggerate use.

"These surveys are reasonable attempts," he said. "A survey where you've got all the high school kids or you've got all the households or a selected group of households that would imply the whole is best for behaviors that are pretty widespread, like alcohol or pot."

"It's my view that in the high school it's less acceptable now than it was a couple of years ago to be a non-drinker. Maybe that's incorrect," said Billings.

Younger teens have even more varied ideas on the degree of drug and alcohol use among their peers.

Katie Lillis, an incoming eighth-grader at Bethlehem Central Middle School, thought only about 10 percent of that school's pupils have ever experimented with alcohol, and she said she wasn't aware of much drug use.

Adam Waite, who will be entering the high school in the fall, agreed, saying that "not very many" middle school pupils drink, possibly as few as 5 percent. He said drug users were also "very low in numbers."

But not everyone in the middle school paints the same picture. Patty Lauder, who just completed eighth-grade, said "probably most"

middle schoolers had used alcohol, while about a quarter had tried illegal drugs.

BCMS principal Frederick Burdick said drug and alcohol use at the school is "relatively small. We have not had any incidents this year. That some students are experimenting, we would assume yes, but we don't know how large a percentage."

Mahony said many students who use alcohol or drugs start in "ninth grade, sometimes earlier. It's getting younger and younger. I know people who are not even in high school who drink."

Teens of all ages agreed that most drinking takes place on weekends at parties. Parents, they said, are sometimes aware of the alcohol use, but are more often out of town or at least out of the house.

When asked what the town's teenagers drink, most said beer is predominant, but it's not the only choice.

"Vodka—that's a big one," said Borofsky. Ciotti said Southern Comfort is also very popular. "Whatever's cheapest," said Morrell.

It may be somewhat harder for teenagers to get alcohol since the drinking age was raised from 18 to 19 in December 1982, and then from 19 to 21 in December 1985, but many apparently are still able to acquire the desired booze.

Detective James Corbett, head of the Bethlehem Police Youth Bureau, said the police have tried

to discover where underage drinkers get alcohol.

"It's been very difficult to purchase anything within the confines of the town of Bethlehem," although, he said, there are still ways for kids to get what they want. "You can steal it. You can go someplace where you know you're not going to get proofed. There's all kinds of possibilities."

"It's very easy for kids to get it," said Mahony. "They just go out and find people on the street to buy it for them. It's really easy for them to do."

Morrell and Futia said alcohol is often purchased in Albany, although there are some beverage stores in Bethlehem which will sell to minors.

Nationally and statewide, use of alcohol and most drugs has declined significantly over the past decade.

According to the annual survey of graduating high school seniors sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the number who said they had taken five or more drinks in a row in the two weeks prior to being questioned declined from 41.4 percent in 1981 to 33.0 percent in 1989.

The DSAS survey indicated that 54 percent of fifth through 12th-graders had used marijuana in 1978, compared to 46 percent in 1983, and only 24 percent in 1990.

"We're not seeing the drinking in the bushes and that kind of stuff

like we did five or six years ago," said Corbett. "I've been here 15 years and based on what I see, it's nowhere near what it used to be."

"Since 1979, almost all drug use has gone down in adolescence," agreed Millman. "Most of the drugs peaked in '79, coke peaked about '84, and since then it's been down. There's absolutely no question that drug use is way down in the middle class kids who are in school. Alcohol is also down in the middle class. The one problem is people are drinking younger."

The DSAS study reported the highest rates of drugs and alcohol use in what it called the Northeast Region, a 17-county area reaching from the northern end of the state to the Catskills. While 75 percent

of seventh through 12th-grade students throughout the state had used alcohol, 81 percent of those surveyed in northeastern and western New York said they had used alcohol.

In the Northeast Region, 33 percent of the seventh through 12th-graders reported marijuana use, while the corresponding statewide figure was only 24 percent. The study concluded that "while the problem is concentrated in urban areas, the highest rates of use are actually found among upstate, white youth."

Those in Bethlehem who worry about the use of alcohol and drugs by teenagers have a lot of company around the country.



"I don't think Bethlehem is the worst or unique in its difficulties," Billings said.

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# Plaza

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and it's up to the town planning board to give the green light, he explained.

A successful outcome could mean better days ahead for the troubled shopping center, which still has several vacant storefronts and more than \$600,000 in mechanics liens against it. Plaza management also has reportedly been getting static from prospective tenants who are reluctant to rent space because of the lack of a northbound ingress from Route 9W, Kaplowitz said.

One of the stipulations the planning board made before approving the project was that the developer post a \$150,000 performance bond as a guarantee that a turning lane would be constructed from Route 9W north into the plaza.

When the developer failed to construct the turning lane—partly due to the difficulty of procuring the right-of-way from a cemetery adjacent to the site—the town decided to barricade the plaza entranceway from Route 9W.

That's the way things have stood since the Plaza opened in 1990.

The town could call in the performance bond, Kaplowitz said, but that might involve litigation. Planning board attorney Robert Alessi said the parties involved were looking for an alternative to calling in the performance bond.

Planning board chairman Martin Barr said the proposed design drafted by the planning department included a southbound exit

from the plaza onto Route 9W right where the barricade is now and an entrance/exit from 9W just north of the barricade.

Barr was a bit more cautious about the outcome, noting the town is still trying to figure out what corporate entity is responsible for making the roadway improvements.

Ownership of the plaza has apparently changed hands more than once, he said, adding "I have not been able to pierce the mystery."

The planning board refused to allow northbound traffic on Route 9W to enter the Plaza without a turning lane because it felt the sight line was not sufficient for vehicles approaching from the rear.

There is a curve along 9W just south of the plaza and trucks often come barreling up the highway, which makes for an even more hazardous situation, Barr said.

The news that traffic from 9W might soon find its way into the plaza was taken with a grain of salt by John Waddingham, owner of Waddingham Footwear. "I don't know why the entrance was never opened. I talked to DOT and they said they had no problem with it, then at the last minute the town changed its mind. It's been two years and nothing has been done... It certainly hasn't helped at all."

Richard Agins, attorney for the current Plaza owners, acknowledged that the barricaded entrance has "caused us tremendous problems. We're hoping the difficulties will be straightened out as soon as possible to everyone's satisfaction."

# Perot

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diate feeling was shock that he would pull out, but now I think I understand. You just can't beat City Hall," he said from his tavern in Kimberly Square in Loudonville.

Madden, who also became involved as a Perot supporter in February, said his place had become "a local headquarters" for backers of the billionaire. When local supporters learned of Perot's

## Bethlehem police staff complete state course

Bethlehem Police Department employees Maureen Bartkus, senior telecommunications training officer, and Paul F. Roberts Sr., m/sergeant, recently attended the emergency command and management/hazardous materials course conducted by the Department of State's office of fire prevention and control at the New York State Academy of Fire Science.

## Mothers' Time Out to meet July 27

Mothers' Time Out will meet on Monday, July 27, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The topic will be "Skin Care and Easy-to-do Summer Make-Up."

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decision, Madden said he "saw tears in grown men's eyes."

"A lot of us spent a lot of time, energy and money, but I don't blame him, I blame the system," he said.

Grady, on the other hand, said the volunteers have "burned Perot's bridges for him" in New York. "The petitions are in Dumpsters all over the state," he said. Last week, the petition drive to get Perot's name on the ballot was launched, and although Perot had encouraged supporters to continue that effort, for Grady, it's a dead issue. "It's over, it's dead, everybody bailed out."

But Madden, who got the first signature on a Perot petition in New York on the steps of the Capitol in Albany, isn't sure about the fate of the petitions. He said volunteers were to meet at 7 p.m.

Tuesday at his tavern to discuss what to do. "I don't know where we go from here," he said.

Madden and Grady also differ on what Perot's decision will mean in terms of the outcome of the election.

Grady believes Bill Clinton is now a shoo-in for the nation's top office, but Madden thinks George Bush will win re-election.

The only way Grady sees a Bush victory would be for the Republicans to drop Dan Quayle as his running mate. "I really don't understand the Republicans. The only way they could win is to dump Quayle," he said. "He's hurting the Republican Party and has been hurting them all along."

But Madden thinks Bush might have the edge. However, "Right now my frustration in politics is at a peak."

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## Palmer appointed VP at Bank

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A graduate of Siena College, Palmer is a Certified Public Accountant, and a member of the

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the state Society of Certified Public Accounts and the National Association of Accountants.

He is also a member of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, the American Institute of Banking and the Siena College Alumni Association.

## Students to head Emma Willard groups

The Emma Willard School recently announced that two local students will head student groups during the 1992-93 school year.

Jessica Harper of Delmar will

serve as co-head of the school's art and literary magazine, *Triangle*.

Karen Shamoun of Slingerlands was elected to serve as secretary/treasurer of the sophomore class.

## Pop Warner plans parents' night out

Bethlehem Pop Warner is sponsoring a parents' night out on Friday, July 24, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Delmar.

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## VFW plans picnic at Slingerlands park

The annual VFW picnic, sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3185, the Slingerlands Fire Department and Bethlehem Senior Services, will be on Thursday, Aug. 6, at 12:30 p.m. at the Slingerlands Fire Pavilion.

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# Firefighters on parade

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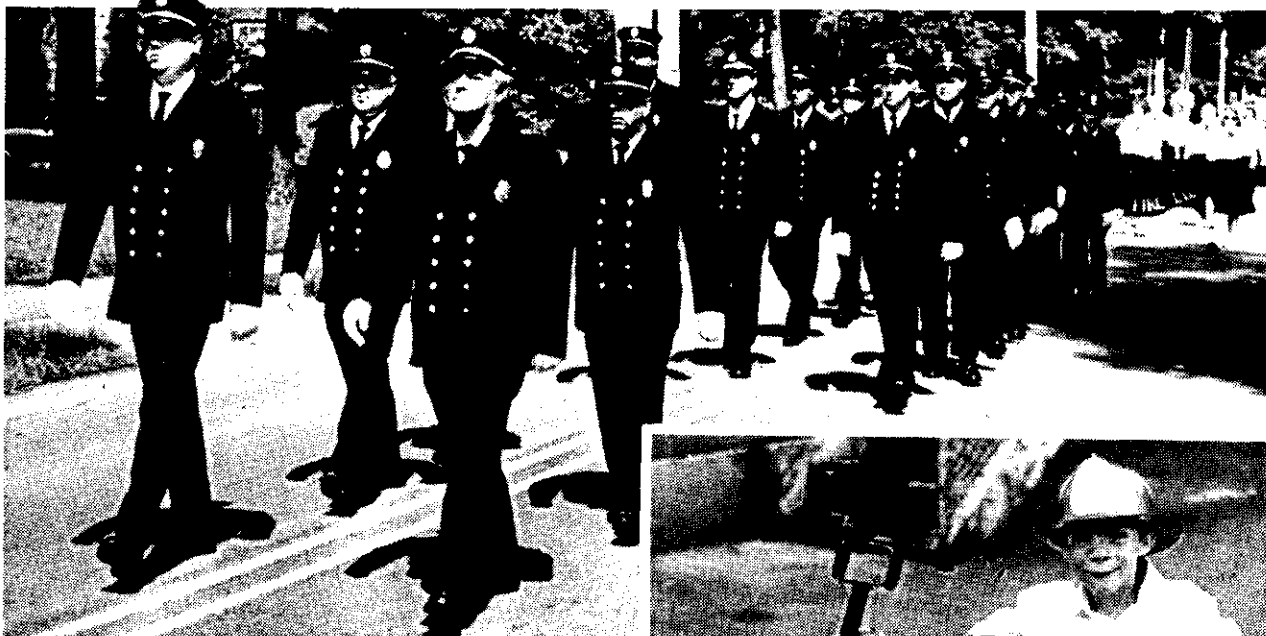
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Holly and Cody Masters saddle up a different kind of steed as part of the West Albany Fire Department's addition to the parade.



Grand Marshal Ken McNary and driver Hank Turner hit the road in a Model-T firetruck.



Members of the Elsmere Fire Company A., Inc., keep in step during the Saturday afternoon parade.



You're never too young to start preparing for a life of service as a firefighter, as Tim Veltman, 8, proves.



Tim McSweeney prepares to lay down a marching beat for the Mardi Gras Parade on Friday.



Chicken Hawks Hudson Mohawk Ladies Auxiliary members Norrine Cooke, left, and Carolyn Day, take a break from the festivities.



Bea Harmon of the Elsmere fire department applies makeup to Stephanie Wright before Friday's parade.

### Take a break, recreate!

The town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will host a Magic Variety Show featuring Steve Johnson on Tuesday, July 28, at 7 p.m. at Elm Avenue Park.

The program will take place near the warming area.

The event is open to the public, and will be held rain or shine. Admission is free.

#### CPR course offered

The course, "Basic life support for the professional rescuer" will be held on Monday, July 27, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall.

Pre-registration is required by calling 439-4131. The course fee is \$13.

## RCS teachers go to summer school

Through federal and state grants, many Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk district teachers are "going back to school" for summer training.

According to Nancy Andress, director of instructional services, a number of workshops for teachers will be held during July and August.

A conference on inclusion of students with disabilities in regular classroom settings, called "Kids Belong Together," is set for Thursday, July 23.

Speakers will be Jim Black and Barb Ayres of Syracuse University and Dr. Mary Garrett of Beginnings Preschool.

On Wednesday, July 29, Dr. Rebecca Harlin of the State University College at Buffalo will offer a "Language Arts Summer Refresher" for elementary and middle school teachers.

On Wednesday, Aug. 5, Jill Eggleton, a principal from New Zealand, will deliver a workshop, "Evaluation in Reading, Writing and Spelling" for elementary teach-

ers. The workshop is sponsored by the Wright Group Publishing Company.

On Aug. 19, 20 and 21, Patricia Baldauf of the Educators' Training Center will train teachers in William Glasser's Control Theory.

Finally, on Aug. 24 and 25, Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady BOCES, Bethlehem Central School and RCS will host children's librarian Dr. Beverly Kobrin.

Kobrin will present a two-day workshop, "Get Real: Choosing and Using Nonfiction Children's Literature" for elementary teachers.

All programs will be at the RCS Middle School on Route 9W in Ravena. Registration is open to RCS parents and staff.

For registration information, call Andress or Eileen Jones, administrative intern, at 767-2516.

## Artist joins reading club

Summer Reading Club at the library continues this week with a "hands-on" art experience for kids.

"New York is Reading Country!" is the program theme, and "Art in the City" is a most appropriate activity. Join local artists Diane Wozniak and Josette Guatella and friends as they help the club with college, abstract art

"Johnny Appleseed" and "John Henry" will be shown. The films begin at 2 p.m. and run until 3:10 p.m. Popcorn will be served.

Adults with a penchant for poetry should plan to attend the Writer's Group meeting on Thursday, July 23, at 7 p.m. New members are welcome to share their work and benefit for constructive suggestions.

Summer Story hours meet three mornings a week, Monday at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, at 10 a.m. and Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

The library is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. during July and August. For information on any of our programs, call 765-2791.

Christine Shields



and more. The fun begins at 2 p.m. today, July 22.

Kids in kindergarten through grade-three will see some animals they might encounter while camping in the Adirondacks when wild-life biologist Mark Brown visits on Tuesday, July 28.

A native of the North Country, who has worked in the Adirondacks for 21 years, Brown will be sharing slides of animals such as bear, deer, moose and lynx. In addition, kids will get a chance to see and touch mounts of some of the smaller animals including raccoons and beavers.

Club members with last names beginning with A to M should come at 2 p.m. while all others come at 3 p.m.

Cool Kid's Cinema will include some larger than life stories this Thursday, July 23, when the Disney versions of some familiar legends are screened. "Paul Bunyan" and the legends of

## Harvey wins award for service to youth

Shannon Harvey, a student at Sarah Lawrence College, received a service award at the recent National Youth Service Day 1992 celebration.

Yonkers Mayor Terence Zaleski presented the award to Harvey by for her involvement in the "Project Pride" community outreach program.

She is the daughter of Jack and Pat Harvey of Delmar.

Harvey has been tutoring children three days a week at Public School 12 since October 1991. The children, ranging in age from 7 to 12, come from families with single mothers, many of whom are either current or former drug users.

## CDTA starts shuttle to serve Saratoga

The Capital District Transportation Authority has announced a new bus service in the city of Saratoga.

The "Saratoga Visitors Shuttle" is designed to provide people with transportation within the Saratoga core area during peak months.

The shuttle will operate through Sept. 6 on Wednesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Its route is along Broadway in both directions, with Skidmore College

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By Richard K. Bohl

The purchase or sale of a home often represents the single greatest investment made by most people. While the purchase of a new home may be the realization of a lifelong dream it also poses a significant risk of financial loss or disappointment if a person enters into a real estate transaction without being aware of the legal rights and responsibilities involved.

Once the potential purchaser has selected the home of choice a purchase offer must be submitted to the seller. The is typically made by way of a fill in the blank contract form supplied by a real estate broker or attorney. When the contract form is accepted and signed by the sellers, the purchaser is obligated to purchase and the seller is obligated to sell the home is question. Both sets of obligations are however subject to various conditions or contingencies that may allow one party or the other to cancel the contract.

Common contingencies include the purchaser's right to obtain mortgage financing approval and satisfactory inspections and tests of the major structural components of the home. If the home fails to pass the inspections or if the purchaser fails to obtain loan approval, the purchaser has the right to cancel the contract and receive a refund of any deposit monies paid. It should be remembered that not every contract form provides the necessary contingencies and in all cases strict time deadlines limit a party's right to utilize the right of cancellation. In order to insure that a purchaser or a seller is adequately protected legal counsel should be obtained as early in the transaction as possible. Whenever possible a potential purchaser or seller is wise to have the purchase offer reviewed by an attorney prior to making or accepting the offer. Because it is not always possible to coordinate the attorney's review of the offer prior to its submission and acceptance, most commonly utilized contract forms contain a provision known as the Attorney's Approval Clause. This clause allows the attorney for the purchaser of the seller to cancel the contract, even though signed and accepted by both parties, if the attorney finds the contract to be legally objectionable or deficient. It should be remembered that this clause, like all contingencies in the contract must be exercised within a certain number of days as stated within the contract.

The purchaser should be aware that the contract typically provides that the purchaser shall at the time of closing reimburse the seller for any taxes paid in advance by the seller for the period of time beginning on the closing date and running to the end of the tax billing period. It should be noted that different municipalities have different types of taxes and tax billing periods. Because the tax adjustments with the seller can amount to thousands of dollars the purchaser should consider this issue prior to making the offer so as to avoid an unexpected expense at the time of closing.

The closing of a real estate transaction customarily takes place at the office of the attorney for the mortgage lender. At the closing the purchaser will execute a Note and Mortgage along with a long list of disclosure statements and various affidavits. In essence a Note represents the purchaser's promise to repay the money loaned to the purchaser, along with the interest, over a period of time pursuant to various terms and conditions. The Mortgage documents act to secure the purchaser's promise to repay the loan by putting the new home up as collateral. If the purchaser fails to make timely payments or breaks the other promises contained in the Note and Mortgage, the lender may sue the purchaser and foreclose on the mortgage. The loan proceeds, along with the balance of the purchase price if any, are paid to the seller at the time of closing. In return the seller shall execute a Deed which accomplishes the legal transfer of property from the seller to the purchaser.

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ral, drawings, barn building tools and scale models that document the most common types of barns in the state.

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## Bradley University to interview students

Representatives from Bradley University in Peoria, Ill., will conduct interviews with area high school students interested in attending college in the fall of 1993 on Monday, July 27, from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Albany Marriott on Wolf Road.

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## Jazz group makes Delmar debut

The library's Evening on the Green will have something old and something new for jazz fans on July 22 and 29.

Something new will happen tonight, July 22, at 7:30 p.m., with the the Delmar debut of SuperNOVA, an electric jazz ensemble. Not Necessarily the Blues had

The band's third recording, a 1991 release on CD entitled "So Good So Far," has been getting lots of air play and good reviews. "SuperNOVA is an amazingly tight and fresh band," says *Keyboard Magazine*. Don't miss them.

Skip Parsons Quartet will play next Wednesday, July 29, at 7:30 p.m. Parsons will feature classic tunes popularized by jazz and swing music great and clarinet virtuoso, Benny Goodman. Parsons will also showcase the music of Sidney Bechet, a New Orleans jazz saxophone pioneer.

The *New Grove Dictionary of Jazz* dubs Bechet "one of the consummate artists produced by this music."

Parsons, on soprano sax and clarinet, will be joined by Tom D'Andrea on drums and Ernie Belanger on bass. Guitarist and recent Bethlehem Central High graduate Aaron Speevak will round out the foursome. Also joining the group will be the guest musician Mike Benedict playing vibraphones.

George (Skip) Parsons Riverboat Jazz Band is a Capital District institution and has been a regular

attraction at Evening on the Green concerts.

In recent years, the Feura Bush native put together Clarinet Marmalade, which he says is "A mix of 2, 3, 4, 5 instruments, anything besides the R.J.B." Last summer, Parsons and his troupe were in Toronto for the Canadian International Jazz Festival, and hope to return this year. He has also recently received an invitation to play at another international jazz festival — in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The free concerts will run through Aug. 12 on the the lawn. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket. If it rains, the event will be held in the library Community Room.

*Anna Jane Abaray*

## Lions Club installs new slate of officers

The Bethlehem Lions Club recently installed its new slate of officers at the Normanside Country Club, in a ceremony led by past district governor Dusty Rhodes.

The new officers are: president, Joseph Manzi; first vice president, Joan McFarland; second vice president, John Coffey; third vice president, Vincent Ferraro; immediate past president, Suparmanto; secretary, Robert DeGroff; and treasurer, Maynard Goyer.

Also, membership director, Sylvester Bower; tail twister, Michael Murphy; lion tamer, William Vaughn; one-year directors, Sidney Kaplan and Frank Downes; and two-year directors, Edward Kuta and Patrick Stellato.

New members Joseph Rooks and Richard Hughes were also installed.



originally been slated to appear, but due to illness, their performance will be rescheduled for the fall.

SuperNOVA plays a state of the art blend of pop fusion and new age music, spiced by Latin rhythms. Core members of the band are keyboard artist Greg Speck and percussionist Brian Melick. Melick plays drums and at least 45 percussion instruments, ranging from UDU drums to brake drums and transmission gears. The duo, working together since 1986, will be joined by Jim Rissacher playing electric guitar, Chris Rabinski on bass and drummer Mike Paradise.

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Holiday Inn at Lake Placid.

The conference, designed for the primary care physician, physician's assistant and nurse practitioner, will focus on the diagnosis and examination of lower back and neck pain.

For information, call 382-4595.

## Food booths serve family favorites

Selkirk Fire Department Number 2 on Glenmont Road in Glenmont will be transformed into a carnival this Friday and Saturday, July 24 and 25, and next weekend on July 31 and Aug. 1.

The 18th annual Firemen's Carnival will have food booths opening at 6 p.m. to serve such family favorites as burgers, wings and hot dogs, and also raw and steamed clams, chowder and fish fries.

Kiddie and adult game booths, including games of chance, will open at 7 p.m. The "moon walk" and pony rides are also scheduled.

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Funds raised by the carnival will be used for firefighter's supplies and activities, and for donations to the Selkirk ambulance and local trauma center.

### RCS budget vote set for July 29

Residents will vote on line items in the RCS budget on Wednesday, July 29, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the senior high school on Route 9W, Ravena.

Line items include interscholastic sports, sports transportation, purchase of equipment and supplies, library books, club activities, in-service staff training, field trips, extended transportation for students living within two or three miles from schools, and a choice of two bus proposals.

### Summer reading fun continues at library

The Ravena Free Library, 106 Main St., continues its "New York is Reading Country" summer program on Wednesday, July 29, with a chance for kids to decorate T-shirts and show off how they feel about their state.

The program will begin at 1:30 p.m., and participants should bring a plain white, oversized T-shirt.

## Applications available for post office job

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## Bouton honors extra milers

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Three years ago, the board decided to recognize individuals who unselfishly contributed to the school district. Superintendent Alan McCartney said, "There are people who come forward to volunteer and give that extra mile."

Extra mile plaques were awarded to: Robert Andrews, Richard Brehm, Margaret Fennel, William Hotaling, William Kelly, Carol LaPointe, Anne Lennox, Robert Mitchell, Erica Sufrin, Joseph Sapienza Jr., and Old Songs Inc.

### Archery classes to begin

Archery instruction will be offered at the Rockwona Archers, Heldeberg Workshop Grounds, Picard Road in Voorheesville.

The classes will be on Saturdays, Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Instructors will emphasize olympic recurve style with a single string bow. The weekly cost is \$2 per person or \$3 per family. Archery equipment is available, or participants can sup-

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ply their own equipment. For information, contact Jack McCullen at 452-6405.

#### Eighth-graders earn CPR certification

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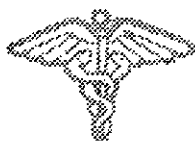
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Also participating were Brian Lancot, Bobby Lee, Lauren Leonard, Matthew Logan, Deb Malley, Erin Markham, Dan Meservy, John McGinty, Kara Odell, Jennifer Patachnick, Ann Marie Pjero, Nick Praga, Kim Relyea, Dan Rissacher, Jeff Ruby, Sam Saleh, Greg Sanderson, Elicia Schachne, Sal Scannapieco, Jacob Van Zutphen, and Alison Walter.

#### Kiwanis sponsoring soccer program

The New Scotland Kiwanis will conduct soccer registration at the Voorheesville Elementary School Creative Playground on July 23, 28 and 30 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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Her office will be located at 231 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

### Day elected president of ladies auxiliary

Carolyn Day of Delmar was recently elected president of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association Ladies Auxiliary at the organization's annual convention in Albany.

She also serves on the board of directors of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York.



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## Ambulance service plans ground-breaking

The Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service will hold a ground-breaking ceremony and kick off a fund-raising campaign for its first squad building on Monday, July 27, at 7 p.m.

The site is located on Route 9W in Selkirk between Creble and Lasher roads.

At the ceremony, brief remarks will be made by town officials as well as members of the Selkirk Fire District, which has provided garage facilities at local firehouses for ambulances. Members of the Bethlehem Grange, the founding sponsor of the ambulance service, will also speak.

Representatives of the Lasher family, who donated the land for the building, will be on hand to assist in the ceremony. Refreshments will be served, and the event is open to the public.

The service provides 24-hour volunteer response for medical emergencies in the ambulance protection district of Glenmont, Selkirk and South Bethlehem. Once completed, the new building will house the squad's two certified ambulances, and will include space for training and community meetings. A fall opening is planned.

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# Luck of the draw dooms Bethlehem Mickey Mantle

By Michael Kagan

The Bethlehem Mickey Mantle baseball became the Upper New York tournament runner-up over the weekend in Syracuse, concluding the season with a 19-5 league record (19-7 overall). Bethlehem finished the regular season in second place in the Eastern New York Division.

The Blue Eagles started its bid in the double elimination tournament on Thursday, defeating Valley, a team from the southern Syracuse area, 1-0 at Liverpool High School. Bill Conboy pitched the complete game, one-hit shut out, walking four and striking out six. Chris Macaluso scored the lone run on a single by Conboy.

The next day in Syracuse, Bethlehem faced up against its arch rival, Colonie which also won its first game. The Blue Eagles made sure it was not contest, scoring six in the first inning and two in the fourth for an 8-1 victory. Brian

Dudzik pitched a complete game, walking one and striking out six. The game was highlighted by a bare handed, Willie Mays-style over the back catch in the outfield by Matt Dambrosi.

Liverpool-Honda City became the next step on Bethlehem's tournament ladder later on Friday, as Bethlehem won 2-1. The story of the game without question was Bethlehem pitcher Brian Garver, who came one out away from completing a perfect game, retiring the first 20 men to face him.

Leading 2-0 with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning, Garver let up a fly ball to left center, which was scored an error, preserving at least a no hitter. The next batter, however, singled home the first Liverpool run, making the score 2-1. Garver gave up one more single before inducing a ground out to end the game.

Did he lose his concentration after the first fly ball? Braverman,

who went to the mound after that error, said no. "I just told him when I went to the mound that, 'You know, you have done an incredible job to this point and we have to now focus on winning the game, not necessarily be upset about a perfect game and no hitters.' He just told me not to worry, that it was fun while it lasted," he said.

For the next game, the Blue Eagles drew Clifton Park, the team which finished ahead of them in the Eastern New York Division. Braverman was forced to use Garrett Wilcox, who had played for the Bishop Maginn varsity team during the school year and was drafted by Bethlehem at the end of the season. Wilcox, however, came down with chicken pox the night before the game. Deemed contagious, he lasted five innings before leaving with exhaustion after allowing one unearned run. In the end, Bethlehem lost, 3-0.

Three teams remained. South

Troy, Clifton Park, and Bethlehem, all had 3-1 records in the tournament. Clifton Park drew a bye for the semifinal round, matching South Troy and Bethlehem against each other in a morning game Sunday to determine who would challenge Clifton Park that afternoon.

"Unfortunately, we didn't get it," said Braverman of the drawing for the bye. "That meant you had to play an extra game and some team could sit there. That's a very critical thing actually. I think that was probably the most important thing that happened the whole weekend."

So at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Bethlehem and South Troy took the field. Braverman sent his number one pitcher, Conboy, who he had hoped to use in the finals, to the mound. Once again, however, the germs of the world tried to thwart the Blue Eagle effort, as Conboy and third baseman Mike Pelletier

were forced to play through stomach bugs. "You have to have luck, and we didn't have quite enough of that," said Braverman.

Bethlehem jumped out to a 2-0 lead early, with Pelletier driving in both runs on singles. In the fourth, though, South Troy answered back with three runs, taking a 3-2 lead.

Conboy lasted six and a third innings before his stomach forced him out of the game. John Scutter, a draftee from Cobleskill who had also pitched an inning in the Clifton Park game, relieved and finished the inning.

The Blue Eagles came to bat in the top of the seventh, still trailing by one run. Chris Macaluso grounded out, and Pelletier flew out. One out away from elimination, Dambrosi reached an error by the first baseman, and pinch hitter Mike Breslin went to first after being pegged by a fastball. Pinch hitter and draftee Chris Rosebeck walked to load the bases, and Gary Van Wormer, hitting in the clutch, cleared the bases with a double. Bethlehem led, 5-3, and was three outs away from the finals.

Rosebeck took over the pitching and South Troy rallied to send the game into extra innings on a single, double and a two-out single.

Both teams put two runners on in the eighth, but neither scored. In the ninth, Breslin led off with a single and stole second. Rosebeck struck out on a curveball in the dirt, but avoided the catcher's tag, allowing Breslin to move to third on the throw to first. Van Wormer then came through again with a sacrifice fly. Rosebeck returned to retire the side in order in the bottom of the ninth, propelling Bethlehem to the afternoon final game with Clifton Park.

Scutter, appearing in his third consecutive game, took the start in the finals and held Clifton Park scoreless for four innings. In the fifth, Scutter began to tire, and, with the help of sloppy Bethlehem defense, Clifton Park put together a seven-run inning. Clifton Park took the tournament championship, 7-0.

"The pitching the whole tournament, our pitching was brilliant," he said. "It's a very good accomplishment because we won as many games in the tournament as the team that won it. Of course we would have liked to have won the thing, (but) we're very proud of this team."



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# Tomboys have great time under Brunswick lights

The Bethlehem Tomboys 16 and under tournament squad participated in the Brunswick-Lansingburgh Tournament July 17-19. The tournament was played in a round-robin format, in which every team plays every other team.

The Brunswick complex is a picturesque place to play softball: In a setting reminiscent of "Field of Dreams" the right field fence abuts a corn field and the hills that serve as a natural backdrop turn purple in the evening light.

The trophies for the tournament are also special: two players, a runner sliding into a base at the feet of a throwing fielder, a depiction, no doubt, of an attempted double play.

By Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m., halfway through the tournament, the West Albany, Lansingburgh, and Hoosick Falls teams had records of 2-0 and the Bethlehem, Brunswick and Cohoes teams were 0 and 2.

The 4 p.m. game was Bethlehem vs Hoosick Falls. Solid defense by the Bethlehem squad, which had been shaky defensively during their first two games, against West Albany and Lansingburgh, held Hoosick Falls to just six runs while scoring eight runs themselves. This was Hoosick Falls' first defeat in the tournament and was a virtual shutdown of an offense that had scored 23 runs against Brunswick in their previous outing.

In Sunday's 10 a.m. game, Bethlehem defeated Cohoes 21-17 to give them a record of 2 and 2, with one game left, against Brunswick, scheduled for 8 p.m. Sunday night. The Bethlehem team was looking forward to playing a game under the lights.

There was a possibility that a 3-2 record could force a three way tie for second place, between Be-

thlehem, Lansingburgh and Hoosick Falls. This could only happen if Hoosick Falls defeated Lansingburgh in the noon game. Lansingburgh spoiled this possibility by defeating the Hoosick Falls squad and torrential rains spoiled the rest of the tournament by converting the softball diamond into a quagmire. However, enough games had been played to award first place to West Albany and second place to Lansingburgh. Bethlehem gained third place for their efforts.

However, the rain couldn't dampen the spirit of friendly competition as Bethlehem and Brunswick agreed to return on Monday night to play the final game, just for fun.

The Bethlehem Tomboys that played for the 16 and under team in Brunswick were Robin Bellizzi, Shannon Flynn, Melissa Trent, Melanie Dale, Meg Teresi, Kristen Cushman, Laura DelVecchio, Allison Thomas, Jennifer Browe, Torre Hallenbeck, Tina Maiorana, Kelly Krueger and Karen Recene. The manager was Peter Recene, and the coaches were Dick Dale, Brian Cushman, Harding Hallenbeck and John Thomas.



Bethlehem's Jennifer Tompkins braces herself for action during a recent Tomboys tournament game.

## Saratoga polo match sponsored by CSR

The College of Saint Rose Board of Associates will sponsor the Saint Rose Cup Polo Match on Saturday, August 15.

The event will begin with a champagne buffet at 5:30 p.m. and will continue until 8:30 p.m.. Polo matches begin at 6 p.m. at the Saratoga Polo Field in Saratoga Springs.

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## Babe Ruth All-Stars rally but fall short in tournament

After two wins and two errorless games in the 14 and 15-year-old District 5 Babe Ruth All-Star Tournament, Bethlehem came out flat against Whitehall.

Poor play had Whitehall ahead 7-2 after three innings. Then Bethlehem rallied when Aaron Thorpe and Josh Willey singled leading off the fourth inning. Walks to Tom Leyden and Greg Sack followed.

Pinch hitter Mike Soronen doubled to clear the bases, and Eric Bartoletti singled, to tie the game. Josh Deyeo walked and singles by Mike Bonenfant and Willey put Bethlehem up 9-7. They scored again in the sixth on Leyden's double and Bartoletti's single to offset two runs scored by Whitehall. Bethlehem led 10-9 going into the fateful last inning.

Willey had relieved after effective pitching by Kevin Blanchard. Whitehall's leadoff hitter singled, and an error had runners at first and second. Willey threw out the following hitter and struck out the next. An intentional walk loaded the bases.

Two fastballs, two strikes and Bethlehem was one pitch away from victory. But a single by the

Whitehall hitter ended Bethlehem's hopes.

The rematch against Colonie was an afterthought. Colonie quickly took a 9-2 lead. Bethlehem did not quit. Nathan Kusoc walked to begin the fifth inning, and Bonenfant singled. A home run by Soronen made the score 9-5. A sparkling unassisted double play by Nathaniel Sajdak aided Bethlehem's cause.

Chris Seavey led a late rally, and Josh Naylor was a presence behind the plate. Second Sacker Chris Leonardo made a nice play late in the game. Once again a shoulder injury limited the role of Matt Winterhoff. Bethlehem was finally eliminated from the tournament, losing to Colonie by a score of 10-6.

### CSR names sports information director

David Alexander, a former sportswriter for *The Westerly Sun*, Westerly, R.I., was named the first full-time assistant for sports information at the College of Saint Rose recently.



Josh Willey of the Bethlehem Babe Ruth All-Stars heads for home in recent action against Whitehall. Bethlehem rallied late in the game but fell short. Elaine McLain

### Glenmont Job Corps wins national award

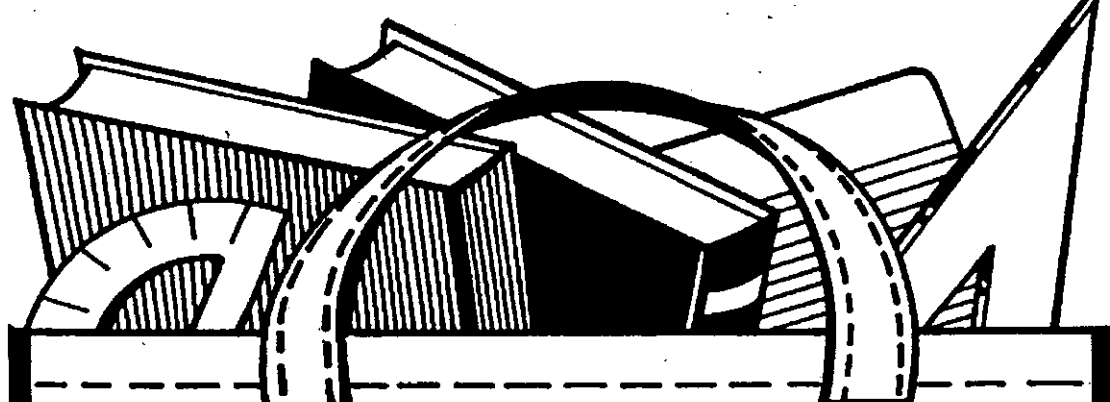
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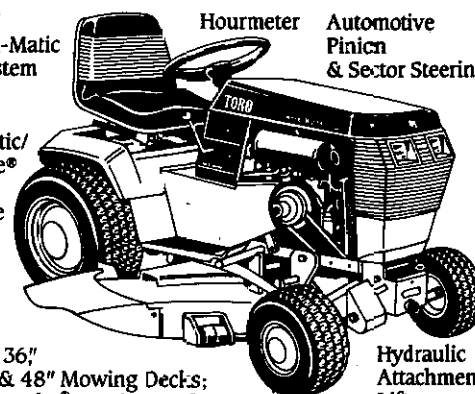
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# □ Sales tax

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new tax should be linked to deep cuts in the county's payroll and expenses, addressing what they contend are the problems that brought about the budget crisis in the first place.

Either way, the move is expected to win approval from the Legislature, all but rescuing the county from the brink of a deep budgetary abyss while giving strapped local governments a sudden windfall of sorts.

The county, facing what Hoblock says will be a total deficit of \$9.5 million if a tenuous airport land sale planned for this year falls through, would get roughly \$20.5 million if the one-year, 1 percent hike in the sales tax goes into effect as planned Sept. 1. The tax revenue, which would arrive in government coffers in stages over the course of the next 12 months, would still leave a roughly \$1.5 million deficit this year but would take care of a larger one expected for 1993, according to Hoblock.

Another \$13.5 million would go to local governments on a per capita basis.

With its 27,500 residents, the town of Bethlehem would get a sizable chunk — about \$1.3 million based on last year's sales tax figures.

Sales tax revenue is divided among state, county and local governments. Of Albany's current

7 percent tax, 4 percent goes to the state while 3 percent is divided between the county government and the local city, town and village governments within the county.

The move would — for the time being — make Albany the only local county to raise its sales tax from 7 to 8 percent, causing some business people to fear a mutiny of shoppers from Albany to bordering counties.

As far as the Bethlehem business community is concerned, the jury is still out.

Chamber President Marty Cornelius said she wanted to attend the July 28 public hearing along with some board members before taking an official position.

She is a bit apprehensive, however. "I'm concerned that it could have a bad effect on retail sales, although I'm not convinced that for the extra 1 percent people will leave Albany County. For small ticket items you can use that much up in gas.

"What I need to know is what this is going to do for Albany County and why will it last only one year. How is it going to solve all our problems?"

"I'm not keen on it at all," remarked County Legislator W. Gordon Morris, R-Bethlehem. "I plan to continue voting against it until we've cut the budget as far as we can while still retaining vital services.

"It's not going to be good for retail business or anyone else," he continued. "It's something every-

one loses on. The sales tax is not (tax) deductible in any way, shape or form for either the customer or the business. It's money out the window."

The idea that the 1 percent increase will only last one year is a myth, Morris maintained. "Just look at anywhere else it's been passed. Once they've been established they're never dropped."

While all other area counties are said to be giving serious consideration to following suit if Albany opts for 8 percent, Saratoga County is considering reducing its rate to 6 percent. The idea is based on the basic business principle, said Saratoga Board of Supervisors member Roy McDonald, that if you out-price the competition, you may draw in more customers and come out ahead.

"We can't control or try to control what is happening outside Saratoga County," said McDonald. "But we can capitalize."

Albany County already has won permission from the state Legislature to raise the tax, though the bill awaits the signature of Governor Cuomo. Late last month, the Legislature voted 23-13 along straight party lines (with the Democrats providing the majority) to support the proposed hike.

Hoblock, who originally had linked his support of the move to

deep cuts in county spending, agreed not to veto the increase at the request of state Assembly leadership. The Assembly refused to authorize the hike without Hoblock's backing, and he was forced to make a choice between the tax and the future of the county, he said.

"I could do what I did or I could allow the county to crumble," he said, "which may happen anyway, frankly."

According to Hoblock, without the sales tax increase the county will be forced to either eliminate a huge portion of its services or raise property taxes by as much as 50 percent. The \$20 million sales tax infusion will give him time to work on structural changes he believes are needed to improve efficiency in county government.

Right now, Hoblock is the prime mover behind a proposal to revise the county charter and place more power with the county executive.

So far, media coverage of the proposal has given little attention to the boost the tax will give to local governments. While the increase is projected to bring in \$20 million for the county, it will bring in an additional \$14 million for county cities, villages and towns.

The city of Albany would get the largest chunk — around \$4.5 million — with the towns of Colo-

nie, Guilderland and Bethlehem following.

But Bethlehem Town Supervisor Ken Ringler said the money would not represent a windfall for the town, which has struggled under losses of about \$500,000 in state aid over the past few years plus an equal amount in federal revenue sharing funds eliminated in the late '80s.

If it comes to pass, the extra money should have a very positive impact on the property owner, Ringler said. "It will help offset possible tax increases due to shortages in the general fund."

The town may be able to proceed with equipment purchases that have been on hold for some time, he said, plus there may be funds available for police, parks and recreation and senior citizens.

New Scotland Supervisor Herb Reilly also expects that much of the additional sales tax revenue will go for highway expenses. The state has significantly reduced its contribution in this area so that the town's highway budget has been negatively affected — especially in the operation and maintenance areas.

New Scotland should earn an extra \$421,000 in sales tax revenues should the 1 percent hike be enacted.



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The Rev. Anthony Gulley conducted the ceremony at Holy Cross Church.

Lisa French was matron of honor.

Donna Corcione, Debbie Decker, Kate Kowalczyk and Kristi Lombardo were bridesmaids. Jane Tsamardinos was junior bridesmaid and Lea Tsamardinos was flower girl.

Jeff Carlson was best man. Mike Van Ravensway, Michael Lind, Michael Corcione and Joseph French were ushers. Timothy Anastasio was junior usher.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Hudson Valley Community College and the University at Albany. He is assistant manager of First American Bank.

The bride, a graduate of Albany High School, is currently attending the College of Saint Rose.

After a wedding trip to the Pocono Resort, the couple resides in Albany.

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Girl, Bobbie Sue Melody Jewel, to Ruth and Robert Wilson, Berne, June 27.

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## Devine, Cartwright wed

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The Rev. Philip Ciuppa of the Virgin Islands, cousin of the bride, conducted the ceremony at Saint Thomas the Apostle Church.

Joy Ann McPheters was maid of honor. Erin Delaney, Robin Cartwright, sister of the groom, and Caron Duffy were bridesmaids.

Michael Joseph Cartwright, brother of the groom, was best man. Jimmy Cartwright, brother of the groom, Robert Devine, brother of the bride, and Anthony Zepeda were groomsmen. Roger Veteto and Douglas Delaney were ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, and Saint Mary's College. The groom is a graduate of Texas A & M University. Both are management consultants for Ernst & Young.

After a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple resides in Atlanta, Ga.



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Jennifer Hammer McGee

## Hammer, McGee marry

Jennifer Eileen Hammer, daughter of Donald and Linda Hammer of Newport, R.I., formerly of Delmar, was married to Captain Robert Dietrich McGee, son of Harold and Jeanne McGee of Shelter Island, Suffolk County, on April 25.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and St. Lawrence University. A lieutenant in the U.S. Army Military Intelligence, she is stationed at NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.

The groom, also a graduate of St. Lawrence University, is a captain in the U.S. Army Military Intelligence and is stationed at NATO headquarters in Brussels.

The wedding was performed by the Rev. Robert Hawkins of Brussels, Belgium, at St. Mary's Church in Newport, R.I. A reception followed at the Naval Officer's Club in Newport. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The maid of honor was Jennifer Curley. Bridesmaids were Meg Hammer, Anne Hammer and Julie Hammer, all sisters of the bride.

The best man was Harold E. McGee, father of the groom. Ushers were John McGee, brother of the groom, and Daniel Grumley, John Taylor, Mark Badertscher and Capt. Joel Schlachtenhaufen.

The couple resides in Brussels, Belgium.

## Spotlight on the Services

### Jubrey returns to Camp Lejeune

Marine First Sergeant Michael J. Jubrey, son of Kathleen Frasier of 543 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, recently returned with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit to Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, following a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean.

He joined the Marines in September 1973.

### DeVoe completes Navy basic training

Todd T. DeVoe, son of Loren W. DeVoe of Delmar, recently completed basic training at the Navy's Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

A 1989 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, DeVoe joined the Navy in March, 1992.

### Feamley completes National Guard course

Air National Guard Airman Brenda A. Feamley, daughter of Marilyn J. Niles of Delmar, recently graduated from the medical administrative specialist course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas.

### McCollum promoted to senior airman

Veronica A. McCollum, San Vito Dei Normanni Air Station, Brindisi, Italy, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of senior airman.

McCollum, a Morse systems operator, is the daughter of Carol A. Bailey of Voorheesville and Ronald C. Bailey of Cooperstown.

She is a 1988 graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School, Voorheesville.

### Army association commends Channel 31

Channel 31 of Delmar was among five area cable TV stations to receive certificates of commendation issued by the Capital District Chapter No. 1704 of the Association of the United States Army.



Margaret DeAngelis and David McIntire

## DeAngelis, McIntire to wed

Donald and Mary DeAngelis of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Mary DeAngelis, to David Reed McIntire, son of Peter and Marcia McIntire of Chatham, Mass.

DeAngelis is a graduate of Mercy High School and Bridge-

water State College. She is a teacher for autistic children at the May Institute in Chatham.

McIntire is a graduate of Chatham High School and is in business with his father at the Peter J. McIntire Excavating Co.

A June 1993 wedding is planned.



## Softball game to benefit Kids' Place Playground

Kids' Place Playground will sponsor a softball game against the NewsChannel 13 All-Stars on Friday, July 24, at the Elm Avenue Park. For information, call 767-9156.

Kids' Place "Pennies from Heaven" collection boxes are at various locations around town.

Building dates for the playground will be from Sept. 3 through Oct. 3. To volunteer to help with the construction, call 439-091 or 439-4087.

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## Obituaries

### Walter Schaller

Walter "Bill" Schaller, 80, of Hudson Avenue in Delmar died Tuesday, July 14, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he lived in Delmar for the past seven years.

Mr. Schaller retired in 1955 as deputy building commissioner for the city of Albany. After retiring, he moved to Florida and was a building inspector there, and later was head of building condemnation for Dade County.

He returned to Albany in 1966 and resumed ownership and operation of Schaller's Market in the South End until his retirement in 1974.

Survivors include his wife, Marion Lennon Schaller; a son, Thomas F. Schaller of Delmar; two daughters, Lisa Sunkes of Delmar and Virg Leary of Colonie; three brothers, George Schaller and Harry Schaller, both of Albany, and Herman Schaller of Glenmont; two sisters, Mary Waldbillig and Agnes Urschel, both of Colonie; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were from Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, with burial in Our Lady Help of Christians Cemetery in Glenmont.

### Katherine Kurtessis

Katherine Melco Kurtessis, 71, of Glenmont Road in Glenmont died Wednesday, July 15, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Born in Albany, she was a lifelong Capital District resident.

She was a waitress at her family's diner in Glenmont in the early 1930s. During World War II, she was a machinist at the Watervliet Arsenal. After the war, Mrs. Kurtessis worked at Albany Hard-

ware and Iron, retiring in 1953 to raise her family.

She was a member of St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church in Albany.

She was the widow of Peter J. Kurtessis.

Survivors include two sons, Jacob P. Kurtessis of Albany and Nicholas P. Kurtessis of Delmar; a sister, Sophia Melco of Albany; and four grandchildren.

Services were from Tebbutt Funeral Home in Delmar and at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church.

Burial was in Graceland Cemetery.

### Frances C. Bradt

Frances Clarke Bradt, 81, of Delaware Turnpike in Unionville died Sunday, July 12, at her home.

Born in New York City, she was a longtime resident of Unionville.

Mrs. Bradt had been employed by the state Thruway Authority in Glenmont. She retired in 1974.

She was the widow of Claude A. Bradt.

Survivors include a brother, Charles B. Clarke of Slingerlands, and a grandson.

Services were from Tebbutt Funeral Home in Delmar. Burial was in Jerusalem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

### Theodore T. Newkirk

Theodore T. Newkirk, 53, a lifelong Selkirk resident, died Tuesday, July 14, at St. Peter's Hospice, Albany.

Mr. Newkirk was a mechanic with the Bethlehem Highway Department for 35 years.

Survivors include his mother, Grace C. Newkirk of Selkirk; two

daughters, Constance Feight of Sultan, Wash., and Brenda Newkirk of Selkirk; two sons, Kenneth Newkirk of Troy, Pa., and Robert Newkirk of Selkirk; three brothers, John Newkirk, Edward Newkirk and Donald Newkirk, all of Selkirk; two sisters, Louise Goes and Barbara Pickup, both of Selkirk; and two granddaughters.

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

Arrangements were by the Babcock Funeral Home, Ravena.

### Nathaniel G. Mattice

Nathaniel G. Mattice, 65, of Feura Bush died Thursday, July 16, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Richmondville, Schoharie County, he was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was employed by Conrail for more than 44 years.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Vadney Mattice; two sons, Nathaniel G. Mattice Jr. and Kenneth W. Mattice, both of Feura Bush; a daughter, Jane D. Ryerson of Feura Bush; a brother, Gerald Mattice of Glens Falls; a sister, Melba Willey of Punta Gorda, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

Services were from Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush.

Burial was in Jerusalem Cemetery, Feura Bush.

Arrangements were by A.J. Cunningham Funeral Home, West Street, Greenville.

Contributions may be made to the Jerusalem Reformed Church Memorial Fund or the Onesquethaw Volunteer Rescue Squad.

### George M. Hammes Sr.

George M. Hammes Sr., 74, of Glenmont died Wednesday, July 15, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

He was a lifelong Capital District resident and attended Albany public schools.

Mr. Hammes was a motor vehicle operator at the Watervliet Arsenal, retiring in 1982. Previously, he was employed by the Schenectady Army Depot until it closed. He had 40 years of service between the two companies.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving with the 7th Armored Division.

Mr. Hammes was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and the American Legion Nathaniel Blanchard Post, Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Gardner Hammes; a son, George M. Hammes Jr. of Clarksville; a sister, Lillian Shepard of Watervliet; and two grandchildren.

Services were from Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Delmar. Arrangements were by the Norman E. Dascher Funeral Home, Albany.

Contributions may be made to the Hemo-Dialysis Unit, Albany Medical Center Hospital or Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance, Selkirk 12158.

### Edward E. Hale

Edward E. Hale, 82, of Cherry Ave., Delmar, former railroad real estate manager, died Thursday, July 16, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Yonkers, he moved to Watertown in 1947 and then to Rochester in 1954. He moved to Delmar in 1971.

Mr. Hale was a district real

estate manager for the former New York Central Railroad and the Penn Central Railroad for 47 years before retiring in 1971.

A member of the First United Methodist Church of Delmar, he also belonged to the Pisgah Lodge of Masons, Bethlehem Senior Citizens, Second Milers, Friends of the Bethlehem Public Library and the American Association of Retired Persons.

Mr. Hale also held memberships in the church's Care Corps, the Bethlehem Men's Republican Club, and the Hudson-Mohawk Industrial Gateway. He volunteered for the American Lung Association and the American Red Cross.

He was the widower of Catherine Munroe Hale.

Mr. Hale is survived by a daughter, Jean Griffin of Park Ridge, N.J.; two sons, Edward E. Hale Jr. of Delmar and Donald M. Hale of Albany; a sister, Maud Bonnell of Yonkers; and three grandchildren.

Services were at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church, the American Lung Association, or to the American Cancer Society.

### Nancy Pape

Nancy Frangella Pape, 87, of Ravena, a homemaker, died Saturday, July 18, at St. Mary's Hospital, Troy.

A lifelong resident of Coeymans, she was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Ravena and a member of its Altar-Rosary Society.

Mrs. Pape was also a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, the Columbiaettes, the Ladies of the Assembly and the Mothers of Priests.

Mrs. Pape was the widow of Rocco Pape.

She is survived by six sons, John P. Pape, Carmino A. Pape, Alfred E. Pape and Edward J. Pape, all of Coeymans, Robert R. Pape of Shrewsbury, Mass., and the Rev. William H. Pape, chaplain of St. Mary's Hospital; five sisters, Virginia Orsino, Mary Orsino, Julia Mayone and Irene Frangella, all of Coeymans, and Idella Corrado of Larchmont; a brother, John W. Frangella of Coeymans; 11 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were at St. Patrick's Church, Ravena. Burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Coeymans. Arrangements were by the Chicorelli Funeral Home, Ravena.

Contributions may be made to St. Patrick's Church, 21 Main St., Ravena 12143, or to St. Mary's Hospital, 1300 Massachusetts Ave., Troy 12180.

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## Empire State Games

### Homegrown talent on display

By Robert Webster Jr.

In the world of amateur sports, there is nothing that captures the pageantry, passion and spectacle of competition like the Olympic games.

Although not quite an international event, this week's Empire State Games in Albany will feature an Olympic-sized spirit of competition. Now in its 15th year, the series of athletic contests will showcase some of the best amateur talent in New York State.

This is the second year the games will be held in the Capital District.

More than 40,000 athletes tried out for the games, said Fred Smith, public relations director for the games, and nearly 7,500 are expected to compete in Albany.

"This is top-notch competition," said Smith. "These are the best athletes in all of New York State."

The games will begin with the Opening

Ceremonies tonight, July 22, at the up-town campus of the University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., in the stadium behind the physical education building.

The "spectacular, Olympic-style opening activities," said Smith, will feature music, aerial demonstrations, a hot-air balloon launch, fireworks and the lighting of the torch.

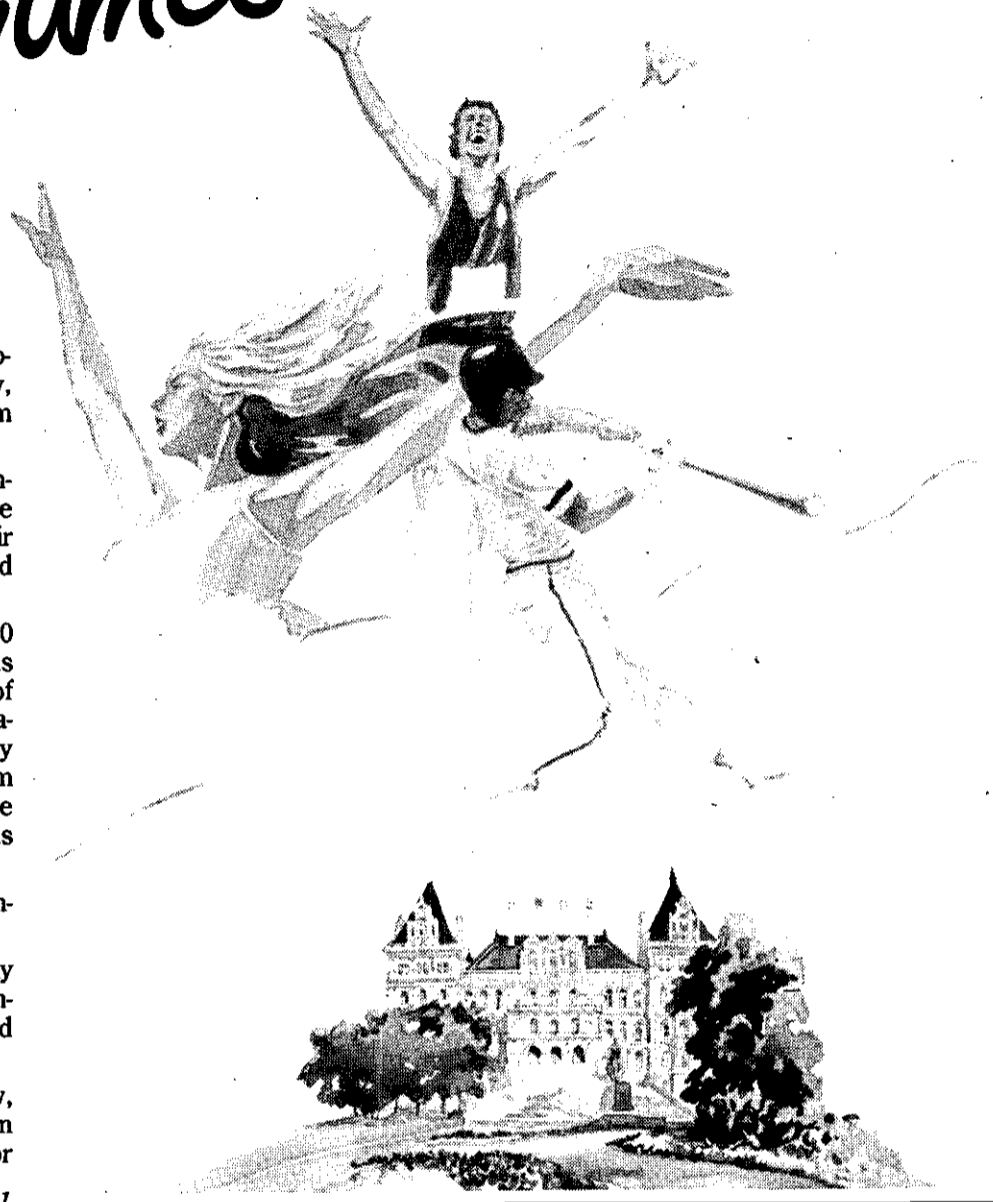
The gates open at 5:30 p.m., and early arrivals will hear the sounds of the Dixieland Ambassadors and the Albany Police Pipes and Drum Band, and watch the antics of roving clowns and jugglers.

"It's great family entertainment," said Smith.

The ceremonies will officially begin at 7:30 p.m. with an aerial demonstration by four F-16 fighter jets stationed in Syracuse, said Smith.

The parade of athletes will follow, along with introductory speeches from Mayor Thomas M. Whalen III, Governor

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## This 'Day at the Races' won't break the bank

By Michael Kagan

It can sometimes be expensive to spend a day at the races. There's the parking, the admission, refreshments — and then the money you might lose betting on the horses.

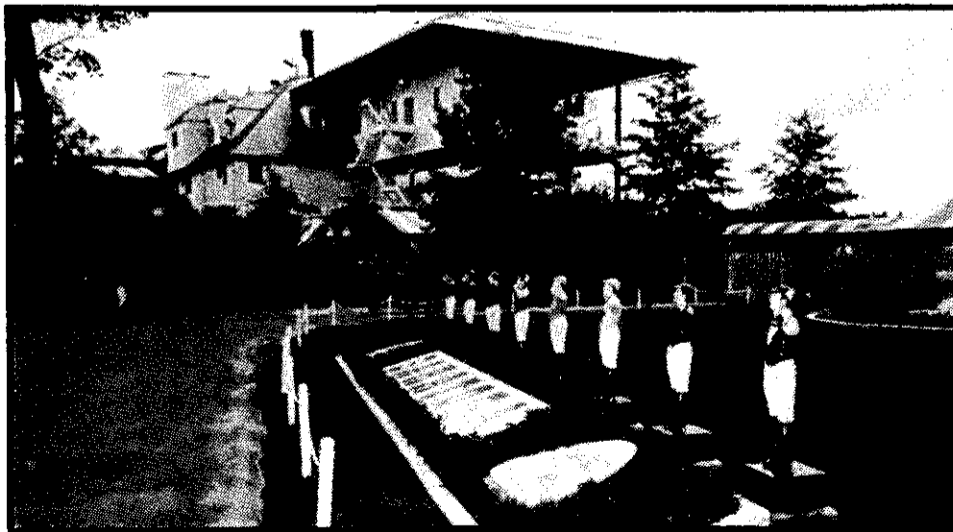
But on Sunday, July 26, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., you can leave your wallet at home.

That's when the Saratoga Race Course will swing open its gates for the 12th annual free open house, sponsored by the New York Racing Association.

"The whole day is dedicated to the family. We have things for kids, we have things for fathers, mothers," said M.K. Powers, organizer of the event and spokeswoman for NYRA. "It's just a day to be with your family, just to see what the race course is all about."

"There's four steeplechase races, as well as an array of entertainment. We have everything from a jazz band to inflatables."

For the first time, there will be a children's fashion show at 1:45 p.m. in the Clubhouse, with summer and fall apparel provided by Cohoes Fashions. Circus



With the Clubhouse looming in the background, the Saratoga Race Course looks ready for an onslaught of visitors at its annual open house.

shows, featuring performances by three clowns, will run all day. Powers described the events as "real interaction."

Mr. Bouncety-Bounce will be bouncing all day. Punch and Judy puppets, sponsored by the Adirondack Trust Company, will entertain children with shows at 12:30

and 3:15 p.m.

Skip Parson's River Boat Jazz Band will play from noon to 4 p.m. and the St. Regis String Band will give performances at 11 a.m. in the Clubhouse and 12:30 p.m. in the Grandstand.

The North Country Cloggers will show

off their steps at 12:30 and 2 p.m. in the Grandstand.

Also of interest will be the backstretch tours, which leave every half hour from the Clubhouse entrance, beginning at 11 a.m. "They tour the barn and the training track," Powers said. "They pretty much show you what it's like to be a horse at the Saratoga Race Course."

Local racing experts will give handicapping clinics at noon and 2 p.m. "It's all about how you can bet a horse," Powers said. "They help you prepare for the upcoming season. They tell you how to bet, what horses to look for."

Other events include the Saratoga Media Pursuit, in which members of the local media will participate in a question and answer style scavenger hunt.

Mr. Slim's Goodtime Vaudeville Revival will be at 1 and 3 p.m., and there will be a Kids Corner of hands-on activities all day.

The steeplechase races are at noon, 12:30, 3 and 3:45 p.m. The four races have a total purse of \$32,500, and will be run on

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# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

**THEATER**

**LA CAGE AUX FOLLES**  
comedy, The Mac-Haydn Theatre, Chatham, through Aug. 9, Wed., Thurs., Fri., 8 p.m.; Sat., 5 and 8:30 p.m.; Sun., 2 and 7 p.m. Information, 392-9292.

**THE RECITAL**  
mystery theater comedy directed by Martin Kelly, Mario's Theater Restaurant, Campbell Ave., Troy, July 25, 2:30 p.m.; July 28, 12:30 p.m. Information, 279-9247.

**CRIMES OF THE HEART**  
Round Lake Auditorium, Round Lake, July 24 and 25, 8 p.m. Information, 899-7141.

**GREATER TUNA**  
Cohoos Music Hall, through July 26, Thurs. and Fri., 8 p.m.; Sat., 4 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. Information, 725-4926.

**WEST SIDE STORY**  
musical, Park Playhouse, Washington Park, Albany, through Aug. 16. Information, 434-2035.

**DANCE**

**NEW YORK CITY BALLET**  
through July 25. SPAC. Information, 587-3330.

**AN EVENING OF STARDUST MEMORIES**  
National Museum of Dance Gala, Saratoga, July 25, 7 p.m. Information, 584-2225.

**MUSIC**

**MARIE OSMOND**  
Starlite Music Theater, Latham, Friday, July 24, 8 p.m. Information, 783-9415.

**WILLIE NELSON**  
Starlite Music Theater, Saturday, July 25, 8 p.m. Information, 783-9300.

**GENE PITNEY**  
Starlite Music Theater, Thursday, July 23, 8 p.m. Information, 476-9300.

**BYRD-IN-THE-BUSH**  
five recorder players, Spencertown Academy, Saturday, July 25, 7:30 p.m. Information, 392-3693.

**ALBANY SYMPHONY**  
pops concert, Washington Park, Albany, July 24, 5:30 p.m. Information, 465-4755.

**PAULA ABDUL**  
SPAC, July 26, 8:15 p.m. Information, 783-1333.

**PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA**  
opening night, SPAC, July 29, concert, 8:15 p.m.; activities, 6 p.m. Information, 783-1333.

**CONCERTS IN THE BARN**  
Lee Shaw, local jazz pianist, The Pruyn House, Newtonville, July 29, 7:30 p.m. Information, 783-1435.

**THE DRIFTERS**  
nostalgia group, Alive at Five concert, Albany, July 23, 5-8 p.m. Information, 434-2032.

**FENNIG'S ALL-STAR BAND**  
country music with Bill Spence, "Concerts in the Barn," Pruyn House, 207 Old Niskayuna Road, Newtonville, July 22, 7:30 p.m. Information, 783-1435.

**SUMMER '92 FREE EVENTS AT THE PLAZA**  
Samba-Rama, July 23, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; The Newports, July 24, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Super Nova, July 28, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; New Storyville Stompers, July 29, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; West Capitol Park, Albany. Information, 473-0559.

**U.S. COAST GUARD BAND CONCERT**  
and Dixieland Jazz Band, Empire State Plaza, Albany, July 26, 7 p.m. Information, 473-0559.

**BAROQUE FESTIVAL 30**  
concerts, Saratoga National Historical Park, Stillwater, July 25, 1 and 3 p.m.; Greenfield Center, July 26, 4 p.m. Information, 893-7527.

**THE ELIXIR OF LOVE**  
Berkshire Opera Company, Cranwell Opera House, Lee, Mass., July 22, 25, 29, 31, and Aug. 1. Information, (413)243-1343.

**COLLAR CITY POPS**  
Vito and his Little Big Band, July 22; Bill Fuller Quartet, July 29; 12:15-1:45 p.m.; The Jazz Connection Big Band, July 26, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Riverfront Park, Troy. Information, 272-0652.

**THE MARLOWE BIG BAND**  
18-piece jazz dance band, Chaucer's Restaurant, Route 9, Clifton Park, July 26, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Information and reservations, 383-3660.

**SAINT ROSE SUMMER JAZZ PROGRAM**  
concert, July 24, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-5143.

**SANTANA'S LATINO RHYTHMS**  
with guest Phish, SPAC, Saratoga, July 27, 8:15 p.m. Information, 476-1000.

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

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different tours each week, departs from Albany Visitor's Center, Quackenbush Square, through September, Thurs., 2-4 p.m.; Fri., 2-3:30 p.m. Information, 434-6311.

**VISIONS OF WASHINGTON IRVING**  
tours and workshops, State Museum, Albany through Sept. 6. Information, 474-5801.

**HISTORIC SCHENECTADY:**  
A Walking Tour, including Proctor's Theater, July 26, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 474-5801.

**CLASSES**

**DRAWING CLASSES**  
by Julie Hill-Williams, Saratoga County Arts Council, July through August, in Adirondack Trust Bank, Saratoga Springs. Information, 584-4132.

**LECTURES**

**CONVERSATIONS ON DANCE**  
with members of the New York City Ballet, National Museum of Dance, Saratoga Springs, July 23, 6-7 p.m. Information, 584-2225.

**PRELUDES**  
talks by local choreographers prior to each of the Empire State Performing Arts Center dance events, Lewis A. Swyer Theatre, 7 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

## Ballroom of romance

The popular comedy-musical "La Cage Aux Folles" will be part of the summer slate of entertainment at the Mac-Haydn Theatre in Chatham through Aug. 9. Performances are 8 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights, 5 and 8:30 p.m. on Saturdays and 2 and 7 p.m. on Sundays. For information, call 392-9292.



**READINGS**

**POETS IN THE PARK 1992**  
Roz Lee and David Kirschenbaum, July 25, at the Robert Burns statue in Washington Park, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 438-6314.

**WORKSHOPS**

**DANCE WORKSHOPS**  
collaboration between Bennington College and the Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, July 26-Aug. 8 and Aug. 9-23. Information, (802)442-5401).

**SUMMER JAZZ PROGRAM**  
performance and instruction, through Aug. 14, College of Saint Rose, Albany. Information, 454-5195.

**FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

**THE SARATOGA COUNTY FAIR**  
exhibits and entertainment, July 21-26, 9 a.m. to midnight.

**OPEN HOUSE**

**SARATOGA RACE COURSE**  
family entertainment, racing, games, handicapping seminars and backstretch tours, July 26, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 783-1333.

**FESTIVALS**

**COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
July 22-26 and Aug. 5-9, Hunter Mountain. Information, 263-3800.

**AUDITIONS**

**TALENT SHOW**  
4th annual talent showcase at the Altamont Fair. Registration deadline, Aug. 1. Information, 861-6671.

**VISUAL ARTS**

**VISIONS OF WASHINGTON IRVING**  
exhibit to honor Irving, State Museum, Albany. Information, 474-5877.

**A SUMMER'S DAY**

photographs by Joel Meyerowitz, State Museum, Albany. Information, 474-5877.

**STATELY BUILDINGS**

State Museum, Albany, through October, Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 473-8037

**GASTON LACHAISE**

sculpture and drawings, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls, through Aug. 2. Information, 792-1761.

**IMPRIMATUR**

exhibition, The Albany Institute of History & Art, through Sept. 6, Tues.-Sat., noon-5 p.m.

**REMEMBER THE CHILDREN**

exhibit organized by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, State Museum, Albany, through Sept. 18. Information, 474-5877.

**A WILD SORT OF BEAUTY: PUBLIC PLACES AND PRIVATE VISIONS**

gallery tour and discussion, Adirondack Museum, tour, 4 p.m.; evening lecture, 7:30 p.m.; Promenade Evenings 6-7:30 p.m., July 20. Information, 352-7311.

**A VIEW OF THE AMERICAS**

photographs by Connie Frisbee Houde, Simple Gifts, Albany, through August. Information, 465-0241.

**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE**

through Sept. 7, Saratoga Springs, Wed.-Sun., 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Information, 584-9330.

**WORLDS OF ART**

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

**CHESTERWOOD**

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

**FORMATIONS**

group show, with sculptures by Sharon Bates, Nadia Miriam Dabul, Jeanne Flanagan and David Krepfle at Russell Sage College, Troy, Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sun., noon-4 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

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**OPEN HOUSE**  
for expectant parents, Albany Medical Center Hospital, New Scotland Ave., Albany, 7-9 p.m. Information, 445-5162.

**BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**  
Women's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7-9 p.m. Information, 452-3455.

**FARMER'S MARKET**  
through November, Evangelical Protestant Church, Alexander and Clinton Streets, Albany, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

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

**RENSSELAER COUNTY**

**CHORUS REHEARSAL**  
sponsored by Capitaland Chorus, Trinity Episcopal Church, 11th Street and 4th Avenue, North Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-4384.

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**

**RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING**  
Glen Worden School, 34 Worden Rd., Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 355-4264.

**ABORTION RIGHTS FOR MINORS**  
lecture on parental consent for abortions, Union College, 17 South Lane, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 370-6172.

THURSDAY  
JULY 23

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**FARMER'S MARKET**  
through November, Townsend Park, Central and Washington Avenues, Albany, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

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

**SARATOGA COUNTY**

**EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP**  
Four Winds Hospital, Algonquin Activities Building, Crescent Ave., Saratoga 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

FRIDAY  
JULY 24

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**EVENING OF JAZZ**  
College of Saint Rose, Saint Joseph Hall Auditorium, 985 Madison Avenue, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Free and open to public. Information, 454-5195.

**FARMER'S MARKET**  
through November, Ten Broeck Street and Manning Blvd., Albany, 3-6 p.m.

**MOTHER'S DROP IN**  
sponsored by the Capital District Mothers' Center, First Congregational Church, Quail St., Albany, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 482-4508.

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

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**

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

**SARATOGA COUNTY**

**"GETTING YOUR MONEY OUT"**  
lecture on retirement plan distributions, Gideon Putnam Hotel, Saratoga Spa State Park, 7:30 a.m.-noon. Cost is \$25. Information, 583-0891.

SATURDAY  
JULY 25

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**TOUR OF POESTENKILL GORGE**  
sponsored by the Hudson-Mohawk Industrial Gateway, Polk Street, Troy, 10 a.m. Cost is \$5. Information, 274-5267.

**FARMER'S MARKET**  
through November, First Congregational Church, Quail Street and Maple Avenue, Albany, 9 a.m.-noon.

SUNDAY  
JULY 26

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**POLISH PICNIC**  
Polish-American Community Center, Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, 1-7 p.m. Cost is \$5. Information, 456-3995.

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

**SARATOGA COUNTY**

**SARATOGA RACEWAY OPEN HOUSE**  
tour the Saratoga Race Track, Saratoga Springs, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 584-3255.

MONDAY  
JULY 27

**ALBANY COUNTY**

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

**SENIORS LUNCHE**  
Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Road, Albany, 4:45 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**RECOVERY, INC.**  
self-help group for former mental and nervous patients, Unitarian Church, of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**

**SCOTTISH DANCING**  
Salvation Army, Smith St., Schenectady, 8-10 p.m. Information, 783-6477.

**RECOVERY, INC.**  
self-help group for former mental and nervous patients, Unitarian House, 1248 Wendall Ave., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

TUESDAY  
JULY 28

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**INFANT AND CHILDSAVER COURSE**  
sponsored by the Albany Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 6-10 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person or couple. Information, 462-7461.

**GARDEN TOUR**  
sponsored by the Hunger Action Network for NYS, W. Averell Harriman State Office Building Campus, Albany, 11 a.m. Information, 434-7371.

**COUNTY SALES TAX HEARING**  
public hearing on proposed increase in Albany County sales tax, Albany County Legislative Chamber, 112 State Street, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 447-7168.

**BINGO**  
Albany Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

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

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

**CAPITAL TOASTMASTERS CLUB**  
for people who wish to develop speaking skills, Anthony's Park Plaza Restaurant, 27 Elk St., Albany, 5:45 p.m. Information, 489-0936.

**CIVIL AIR PATROL**  
Albany Senior Squadron, Albany Airport, 7 p.m. Information, 869-4406.

# SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

## Dorset Theatre Festival features comedy about business tycoon

Danny De Vito made a successful movie of *Other People's Money* but this work actually began as an incisive comedy which played at the Capital Repertory Theater in Albany several years ago following a successful off-Broadway run.

Now the Dorset Theatre Festival near Manchester, Vermont is scheduling this timely and funny look at the take-over mania that swept the business world in the Eighties.



Martin P. Kelly

The production opens Thursday (July 23) and features Broadway performer Ray DeMattis as Larry Garfinkle, known as "Larry the Liquidator" because he buys failing companies and then sells the pieces for a profit.

De Vito played Garfinkle in the movie with his own abrasive, coarse comic style. DeMattis who appeared in Broadway's *Gypsy* and *City of Angels* as well as the Huxtable family's accountant in *The Cosby Show*, has spent several summers at Dorset, appearing in *Greater Tuna* and *A Thousand Clowns*.

In *Other People's Money*, playwright Jerry Sterner, a one-time stock broker, writes of a money man attempting to take over a failing New England cable and wire business despite the efforts of the town to keep him at bay.

The production at the Dorset Theatre Festival plays through August 8 with two performances on Saturdays. For more info, call (802) 867-5777.

## La Cage Aux Folles returns to MacHaydn Theatre

A show producers Lynn Haydn and Linda MacNish were a bit timid about several seasons ago has proved such a favorite that it is being brought back for a second time this season.

A poll of theater goers last season found that *La Cage Aux Folles* was high on the list of musicals they wanted to see so the Chatham producers scheduled it again this season. It opens tonight (July 22) for two weeks.

Jerry Herman's musical about an outrageous nightclub in southern France where the chorines are not what they appear to be, was a big Broadway hit in the early '80s.

Michael Shiles who initiated the role at Chatham several seasons ago, returns as Georges, the club's owner, who must conceal his relationship with the show's star when his son brings his prospective in-laws to visit.

Shiles has appeared this past season as W. C. Fields in a touring company of *Ziegfeld Follies* and worked in *Fiddler On The Roof* in Atlantic City.

*La Cage Aux Folles* is based on a 1960s French film comedy but in Herman's adaptation, it features such well-known songs such as *I Am What I Am*, *The Best of Times* and the title song. For more info, call 392-9292.

## Theater Barn continues tradition of Agatha Christie mysteries

For five seasons, producer Joan Phelps has found success with Agatha Christie mysteries each summer season at her Theater Barn in New Lebanon, Columbia County.

The Route 22 theater near Pittsfield opens *Towards Zero* Thursday (July 23) as the latest of the Christie productions. It will run for two weeks, Thursdays through Sundays.

Phelps has built a core of actors and directors attuned to the intricacies of doing Christie mysteries so that the combination of tension and comedy are achieved.

The producer mixes plays and musicals in her season each year, blending the Christie tradition with the latest comedies and small musicals, one of which will be *Nunsense* at the season's close. For more info, call 794-8989.

## Around Theaters!

*West Side Story*, musical adaptation of Romeo and Juliet at the Park Playhouse in Albany's Washington Park, through August 15. Free.....*The Visit*, European tragicomedy of ex-lovers meeting as mature individuals, at Williamstown Theatre Festival through August 2 (413-597-3400)....*I Ought To Be In Pictures*, Neil Simon's comedy about Hollywood, at the Lake George Dinner Theater, through October 15 (668-5781)....*Greater Tuna*, satire set in small Texas town as two radio announcers perform as 20 characters, at the Cohoes Music Hall through Sunday, July 26 (235-7969)

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# Races

(From page 27)

the turf course over National Fences, synthetic brush fences used in most steeplechase races in the United States.

"It's absolutely free," said Powers. The only items which will cost money at the open house are the concessions, but picnic coolers will be allowed in the picnic area. "All the concessions and refreshments are local charities so all the money goes back to them," she said.

The event was started to provide an introduction to horse-racing, Powers

said, "for people who don't know or have never been to the race course to come and see what the race course has to offer."

Last year, a record of about 17,000 people attended the open house, Powers said. "We're hoping to surpass that," she said.

Parking, available on lots off Union Avenue in Saratoga, is free. The Union Avenue gate will open at 11 a.m.

Opening day for the Saratoga meet is Wednesday, July 29. For information, call 783-1333.

## Epilepsy Association offers puppet show

The Epilepsy Association of the Capital District is offering performances of "The Kids on the Block," a free puppet show dealing with the subject of epilepsy.

Shows are available for library programs, camps, birthday parties, school classrooms and other events.

For information, call 456-7501.

## Chesterwood to host flower show

"Summer's Compliments," the 11th annual Chesterwood Flower Show, will be on Saturday, July 25, from 1 to 5 p.m., and Sunday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The show, which will be at Daniel Chester French's Stockbridge, Mass., summer estate, will feature special floral arrangements in the period rooms and porches of the mansion and studio.

The show also includes a lecture entitled, "The Private Landscape: Flowers

as a Setting for Sculpture," presented by gardener Elvin McDonald and landscape designer Margaret Hensel on July 25 at 2 p.m.

The lecture will focus on the design and installation of a landscape flower garden at Chesterwood featuring a sculpture by Susan Rodgers. Tickets for the lecture are \$15.

For information, call (413) 298-3579.

# Empire

(From page 27)

Mario Cuomo, games chairman Robert Macfarland and University at Albany president H. Patrick Swygert.

The torch is expected to arrive around 9 p.m., said Smith, with a torch-lighting ceremony and fireworks to follow at 9:20 p.m.

More than 15,000 area residents attended last year's ceremonies, said Smith, and games officials are anticipating even more this year.

"Word got around about last year's spectacular opening ceremonies," Smith said, and the traffic snarls many residents feared never surfaced.

The actual competitions will take place Thursday through Sunday, with 28 featured games at 40 different venues throughout the Capital District. "Anyplace there is a field, court or swimming pool, we've got it booked," Smith said.

That easy accessibility from all points in the Capital District and beyond makes the games a hit among the working crowd in particular, as they may take in some of the action before hitting the daily grind at work.

"We've seen people at the morning games in their business suits who stay for

an hour or so and hustle off at nine for work," said Smith. "The beauty is you can go in the morning, go home and then come back at night with the entire family. There is always a competition going on somewhere."

With such a wide range of competitions, including archery, fencing, bowling, baseball, diving, lacrosse, rowing, tennis or even kayaking, there is sure to be a sport to please everyone.

Admission charges for the various events are: \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6 to 12 for the opening ceremonies; \$5 for adults and \$3 for children for a day pass, which is good for all events on a single day; and \$12 for adults and \$6 for children for a master pass, which is good for the opening ceremonies and all events every day.

Tickets can be purchased at any Fleet Bank office in the Capital District or at the door of any event.

Games coordinators are still seeking volunteers to help out with transmitting box scores and results, said Smith, and anyone interested should call the media center at 442-3377.

For information on locations and times of events, call 474-8889 or 434-1217.

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## Weekly Crossword

"Barcelona Oro"

By Gerry Frey

### ACROSS

- 1 Lasso
- 5 "What's it all about"
- 10 London buggy
- 14 Pub offerings
- 15 French river
- 16 1960 Olympic site
- 17 Transmitted
- 18 1984 Olympic site
- 20 Marijuana
- 21 Gab or love follower
- 22 Ms. Verdugo
- 23 Make amends
- 25 Hindu teachers
- 27 Private teachers
- 29 Biondi & Spitz, eg
- 33 A Musketeer
- 34 Studies the book
- 35 Narcotics org.
- 36 Archer
- 37 Haley novel
- 38 Ms. Verdon
- 39 Tail: Combining form
- 40 Biological class.
- 41 Sound
- 42 1976 Olympic site
- 44 1984 triple jump winner
- 45 Slippery ones
- 46 Repair the barrier
- 47 Cognizant
- 50 Army chow
- 51 Word of surprise
- 54 1988 woman's 400 winner
- 57 Used car guarantee
- 58 Play parts
- 59 Fry
- 60 Secluded valley
- 61 Sub \_\_\_\_\_ Confidential
- 62 Parisian girls
- 63 Concerning:2 wds

- 7 Boxer's need
- 8 Retirement svgs.
- 9 Poet's word
- 10 Introductory
- 11 Type of model?
- 12 Prayer ending
- 13 Mountain table
- 19 Microorganisms
- 21 People in favor
- 24 Hammer, eg
- 25 Hits flies
- 26 Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
- 27 Ms. O'Neal
- 28 In \_\_\_\_\_: Pre-birth
- 29 1988 Olympic site
- 30 1984 hurdles winner
- 31 Pee Wee or Della
- 32 More eels or Della
- 34 Ms. Barret & others
- 37 Fisherman's need
- 38 Francisco de \_\_\_\_\_:Painter

### DOWN

- 1 File
- 2 Margarine
- 3 1988 winner Jackie Joyner-Kersey's event
- 4 NC's time zone
- 5 Debbie & Fred
- 6 Slack

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- 40 Salute
- 41 Affirms
- 43 Ms. Brewer
- 44 '36 winner Owens & others
- 46 French pension
- 47 Partly open
- 48 Texas City
- 49 Social insects
- 50 Handle roughly
- 52 Sword handle
- 53 Site of 1952 winter games
- 55 Compass pts.
- 56 Actor Kilmer
- 57 Dentists org.

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 (July 22, 1992)

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DATED: July 14, 1992  
 Valerie Ungerer  
 District Clerk  
 (July 22, 1992)

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Dated: July 20, 1992  
 Board of Education  
 Franz. K. Zwicklbauer  
 District Clerk  
 (July 22, 1992)

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## Institute panel to discuss preservation of churches

Five national experts on preservation of historic churches will present a panel discussion Saturday, Aug. 1, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at The Rensselaerville Institute.

The village is celebrating the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church and the 150th anniversary of construction of the present church building.

Called one of the finest examples of Greek revival architecture in the country, the church's foundation is now threatened by severe damage from dampness and drainage problems. A 200th anniversary building restoration fund drive has been started to raise \$150,000 to preserve the structure.

The discussion, "Why Preserve Historic Churches?" will be moderated by the Rev. Thomas Phelan, dean of the school of Humanities and Social Sciences at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Phelan is also secretary of Partner for Sacred Places and a trustee of the Preservation League of New York State.

Other panelists include the Rev. Thomas Pike, Diane Cohen, Edward Mohylowski and Wesley Haynes.

Pike, rector of St. George's and Holy Communion Episcopal Church in New York City, will speak on "Why Preserve Historic Churches, The Philosophical

Underpinning." He is president of Partners for Sacred Places.

Cohen, co-executive director of Partners for Sacred Places in Philadelphia, will discuss "The National Scene Vis-a-Vis Preservation of Historic Churches."

Mohylowski is director of the Sacred Sites Program of the New York Landmarks Conservancy and editor of *Common Bond*. He will speak on "The New York Scene."

Haynes, technical consultant to the Preservation League of New York, will discuss "How to Preserve Historic Churches."

During the panel, Mohylowski will present a grant from the Sacred Sites and Properties Fund to aid in the church's restoration.

There is no charge to attend, but reservations are requested. For information, contact bicentennial chairman Jay McChesney at Box 38, Rensselaerville 12147, or phone 518-797-3133.

Settled in 1787, the entire hamlet of Rensselaerville is listed on the national and state registers of historic places. The village is located at the end of Route 85, about 45 minutes southwest of Albany.

Other bicentennial celebrations this summer include a homecoming dinner Aug. 1 and an auction of art and antiques on Aug. 29, both to benefit the restoration fund.



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There is one way, at least, that lunchtime can be a little more interesting. Hop on a bus and ride it on into Capitol Park in Albany one afternoon. There's food for both the stomach and the mind.

To feed the armies of state workers who emerge from the marble structures around the Capitol every weekday between about 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., food stands line the streets.

And they're not all hot dog and pizza stands, either.

There's Mexican, oriental, vegetarian, Middle Eastern, Mediterranean and kosher food. For those who favor more nutritious dishes, there's a salad bar and fresh fruit stand. For

those who don't, there's frozen yogurt and Ben and Jerry's ice cream.

There's even a flower stand, but the roses and carnations don't make a very good lunch.

But don't just go for the sake of your stomach.

In addition to the entertainment of watching people in expensive suits squabbling over the business of the state, there are often bands or other types of acts on hand for the lunch hours.

After you've filled yourself up on Albany's street food, the city, which is full of life on weekdays, is at your fingertips. Lark Street's alluring shops are just a few blocks away, and the Empire State Plaza is literally across the street.

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If you fiddle around with the radio, you can get into trouble when you're in an unfamiliar area. Odds are, you scan for a certain kind of station at the same time as you look for signs or landmarks. To play

it safe, look for a station only while you're stopped at a light or pulled over. Or simply turn the radio off until you know where you are or get through a stretch of heavy traffic.

It also dangerous to read maps or jot down notes when you should be watching the road. If you have to look at a map, go over the route thoroughly before you head out. By the time you're close to your destination, you shouldn't need to take more than a quick glance at the map while you're stopped.

It can't hurt to give yourself a little extra time, either. "You should always

plan your trips so that you've got enough time to reach your destination," says Dave Coblentz, a route supervisor and winner of a 10-Year Safe Driving award at Instant-whip Foods in Columbus, Ohio.

- Travel talk—The growing popularity of car phones presents another potential hazard. George Hachey, a training officer for maintenance and fleet vehicles at Calgary Transit in Alberta, Canada, advises drivers not to answer the phone until they can do so safely. "If you're taking a corner or a curb, or if you're dealing with a tight traffic situation, don't answer the phone until you're in the clear,"

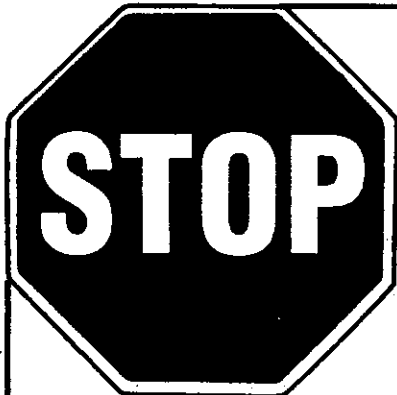
he says. Choose a model with a speaker so that you can keep your hands on the wheel while you talk.

- Tricky weather—The weather, of course, is always a potential distraction. Rain and fog can block your abilities to see. But beautiful summer days also pose distractions. When the sun is out and you feel good daydreams can steer your attention away from the road. People or scenic views along the road can also catch your eye. A glance is fine, but anything more can be dangerous. Warm weather can also tire you out if you're not well-rested. A poor night's sleep or a missed

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Things like that "are always distracting," says Coblenz. "But you have to have a clear mind. Driving isn't a 50 percent, 70 percent or 90 percent percent situation. It's 100 percent. All the time."

• Battle boredom—Every profession has its dull moments. When you travel back and forth over the same route or

terrain, it sometimes takes extra effort to stay alert.

One solution is to flip to a new radio station. If you usually listen to jazz or easy-listening station, it might perk you up to switch to rock or pop music. An all-talk station or a news program can be an interesting change of pace, too.

It also helps to get out and move around. Take five minutes to pull over at a rest stop for a drink or some fresh air. That can make the upcoming stretch of road easier to face. A few simple exercises or stretches will also get your system moving.

Another boredom fighter is to pick out a set of regular landmarks to watch as you go about your business. An old house being rehabbed, for example. Or maybe an office building under construction or a

public beach where there's always something going on. But don't get so involved that your landmarks become a distraction. Rather, think of yourself as a beat cop, just making the rounds and keeping

an eye on things.

National Safety Council, 1121 Springlake Drive, Itasca, IL 60143-3201. Submitted by Derek J. Ewing, Mgr., E&E Defensive Driving Assoc., Loudonville.

### Crossgates Mall slates kids' programs

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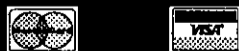
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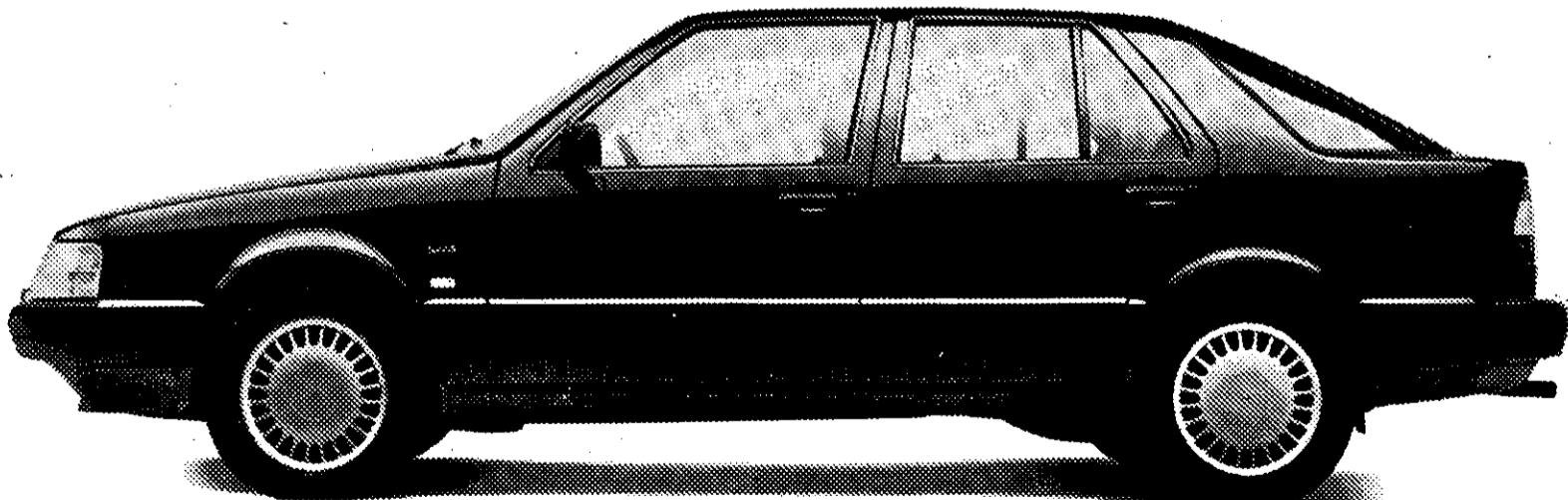
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