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Route 144 residents fear more fatalities

By Mel Hyman

Barbara Burt and Pat Geurtze have been neighbors along Route 144 between Lincoln Drive and Simmons Avenue in Glenmont for just over a year.

And they've seen enough.

Last week's fatal accident, in which a 31-year-old Cohoes man died after his car crashed into a tractor-trailer was the last straw for these women, as well as several others who called *The Spotlight* last week to voice concern.

Their basic fear is the traffic hazard created by vehicles speeding north and south on this two-lane road. "I'm concerned that people know that this is the second accident in four days," Burt said.

On Tuesday, Oct. 20, a driver fell asleep at the wheel, drove off the road and rammed his Mercedes Benz into a tree. "An eyewitness told me that the accident occurred at the exact same time that my



This Mercedes Benz veered off Route 144 last week and struck a tree just yards from where children were waiting to board a bus.

son was boarding the school bus about 70 yards up the road," Burt said. "It looked to me like the car was totaled. The tree was ripped right out of the ground. That's how fast he was going."

It was amazing that the driver escaped unscathed, police said.

Serious accidents along the stretch of
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Burglary blitz hits Delmar

By Mel Hyman

A rash of burglaries in the Delmar area over the weekend had police hopping and neighbors wondering what in the world was happening.

Five break-ins and one attempted forced entry were reported to the Bethlehem police, who are still investigating and gathering an inventory of what was stolen.

The first call, which police received at 8:10 p.m., came from Salisbury Road. Indications are that a front door was forced

open, police said. A camera, binoculars, silverware and antique jewelry were among the items stolen.

The owner of the Salisbury Road residence, along with his son, encountered the burglars when they came home Saturday.

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Political masquerade



Who says George Bush has given up all hope of winning in New York? Both he and Barbara were seen strolling through Delmar last week shaking hands. Doris Hodges of Elsmere (as Barbara) and her granddaughter Andrea Blaisdell (as George) turned more than a few heads.
Elaine McLain

V'ville 'corporal' relives Pickett's Charge

By Dev Tobin

Bryan Gosling of Voorheesville spent a hot week in August helping to re-create the Battle of Gettysburg for the upcoming Turner Network Television mini-series *The Killer Angels*, but don't call him an extra.

Gosling, his fellows in the 125th Volunteer Infantry Regiment and more than 4,000 Civil War re-enactors were "background artists" for the film, a tribute to their historical authenticity.

A retired lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve, Gosling is now a color corporal in the 125th, a company of re-enactors dedicated to "educating the public about the Civil War, and about what it was like for the average soldier," he said.

Gosling recounted his movie experiences in a lunchtime lecture with slides Thursday at the New York State Military Heritage Museum in Albany's Washington Avenue Armory.

"We sat around in the August sun to a degree a regular army would not allow, but I was sorry to see that week slip away," Gosling said.

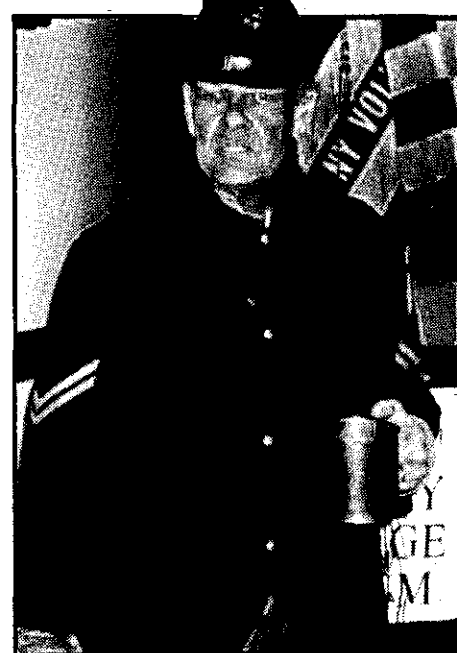
The production's commitment to authenticity impressed Gosling. "*The Killer Angels* will take you right into the firing line at the stone wall. It's really realistic," he said.

Showing a slide of "dead" horses littering the battlefield as "garnish," Gosling explained that horsehides sewn over plastic forms created the realistic effect.

Gosling praised Turner, a Civil War enthusiast, for working with the re-enactment community to ensure "a serious contribution to the interpretation of the Civil War."

A re-enactor/historian reviewed the script and gave the OK that guaranteed cooperation from re-enactor companies from across the country.

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Cpl. Bryan Gosling

BC sessions promote AIDS awareness

By Dev Tobin

Bringing questions about safety and condoms, almost two dozen parents attended the first AIDS awareness session sponsored by the Bethlehem Central School District Monday.

The group viewed a videotape, then directed questions about district policy to Superintendent Dr. Leslie Loomis, Dr. Andy Sullivan, district physician, Roger Fritts, district counsel, and Dr. Sara

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GEORGE P. KANSAS

What we got (or didn't get) when we elected the incumbent 34th district County Legislator...

- 14 years in the legislature and not one, single piece of significant legislation directly relating to the citizens of our town.
- A representative who, according to *The Times Union*, asks us to believe that, in June, he worked 43 hours a week on county government although he is employed by the State Senate which convened 19 full days in the same month.

The incumbent should come clean!

What electing the incumbent 34th district County Legislator has cost us...

- paid by you and I to the incumbent as salary and benefits over the past 14 years.
- to effect real change with bipartisan implementation of good ideas regardless of their party of origin!

What you can have this year...



- ♦ Openness to attitudes and solutions, whether generated by The Majority, The Minority, or the County Executive.
- ♦ Real efforts toward an and efficiently run and other county facilities.
- ♦ Participation in important County
- ♦ True, for Bethlehem in county government.
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- ♦

What it will cost you...

FOR GEORGE P. KANSAS !!!

Dear Neighbor,

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George P. Kansas

ON NOVEMBER 3RD PLACE A VOTE FOR CHANGE, PLACE A VOTE FOR...

GEORGE P. KANSAS

BC defends writing program

By Dev Tobin

Bethlehem Central English faculty explained the district's process writing program to an overflow crowd of parents and students at last Wednesday's school board meeting.

"This is a very well-researched program that began by analyzing what real writers do," said Val Falco, an elementary English coordinator. "Students progress through all the stages of writing: pre-writing, drafting, revising, editing and publishing."

Parents expressed concern that grammatical skills were getting short shrift in the 3-year-old program.

"Most of these kids won't grow up to be authors," noted Martin Horn. "We need to equip our children to function in the real world, and it seems that technical skills are being given less attention."

One high school student agreed, saying that he had to attend outside courses to learn the

grammar for the Scholastic Aptitude Test taken by college-bound students.

Falco responded that current professional studies suggest that students learn grammar best in the context of writing. She also noted that all but two fifth-graders in the district passed the state writing test, and the entire seventh-grade passed the test for that level.

Superintendent Dr. Leslie Loomis said he was "encouraged but not satisfied" with the process writing program, and was grateful for the "very positive tension" evident in the meeting.

"Thank goodness parents care this much," he added.

In other business, the board got its first look at a new policy regarding students and staff members with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the precursor to AIDS.

The board policy essentially tracks state law and state educa-

tion department regulations in requiring strict confidentiality and safety procedures for cleaning up body fluids.

"The responsible way to approach this is to assume we have some students and/or staff who have HIV," Loomis said. "It would be unusual in a district this size if there were not an infected student or staff member."

The district will expand its in-service training regarding HIV from nurses, coaches, physical education and special education staff to all staff, Loomis noted.

The district scheduled two awareness sessions Monday for the staff and the public. (See story on page 1.)

Loomis also reported that the proposed lab school was approved by the high school faculty by a 2-1 margin. If approved by the board at its Nov. 4 meeting, the interdisciplinary program for up to 120 high school students will begin next year.

The board also accepted the resignations of two long-time high school teachers, Richard Gorman and John Nyilis, who are resigning effective Dec. 31 to take advantage of the early retirement incentive program.

Town planners braced for more court action

By Mel Hyman

Some people say the only things you can count on in this world are death and taxes.

Well, members of the Bethlehem Town Board might have something else to add to that list: lawsuits.

The seemingly never-ending lawsuit filed against the town of Bethlehem, the town board and the planning board by Gladstone Development Corporation has surfaced once again.

Lawyers for Gladstone principals Jacques Blinbaum and Ted Gladstone have appealed a Sept. 15 decision by U.S. District Court Judge Frederick Scullin to the Second U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Judge Scullin ruled against the plaintiffs by dismissing the \$50 million federal action on the grounds that they had adequate remedy for their claims in New York state courts.

Arguments were heard Monday in the Appellate Division of

state Supreme Court on Gladstone's appeal of three state Supreme Court rulings that denied the developers' demand for relief.

Gladstone and Blinbaum, developers of the Meadowbrook Townhouse project, a 184-unit subdivision between Blessing Road and the Normanskill in Slingerlands, claim they have suffered irreparable harm because of delays allegedly made by the planning board in reviewing their project.

Ironically, the project was on last week's planning board agenda, but Gladstone asked for a delay in the board's decision as to whether the project would have a significant environmental impact until the Nov. 17 meeting.

At the Oct. 20 meeting, memos were submitted by the town engineer, town building inspector and town planning department as to unresolved environmental issues.

Several of these concerns have been voiced in the past, including soil suitability, slope stability, traffic impact, aesthetics, erosion on a nearby ravine and the subdivision's proximity to the Normanskill flood plain.

"There's a lot of stuff we really haven't gotten information on," said town planner Janine Saatman. Concerns such as these have partly contributed to the prolonged delay in acting on the project, which has been pending since 1984.

Lawsuits "develop a life of their own sometimes," said Councilwoman Sheila Galvin, who has hired her own lawyer to represent her in the \$40 million federal suit.

"I'm not thrilled to be dragged up on appeal with this, but that's their legal right," she said.

College preparation is Bouton goal

By Dev Tobin

Although the number of students attending college after graduation from Clayton A. Bouton High School is consistently in the high 80 and low 90 percent range, principal O. Peter Griffin says the Voorheesville school's goal is to prepare every student for higher education.

"We try to get 100 percent of our students to think they can go to college," he told *The Spotlight*. "If we set up college as a minimum expectation, kids will respond. We encourage them not to let the cost of college be the reason not to go on."

Griffin said he hears from graduates who went on to college that they were well-prepared, but he wishes funds were available for a more formalized study of graduates.

Two years ago, Bouton was cited as a Blue Ribbon School, a distinction bestowed on the district's elementary school this year.

"We have a very high number of students successfully taking Regents courses," Griffin noted, adding that the school's movement to cooperative learning will include more students in Regents-level instruction.

"Cooperative learning is a real challenge for youngsters with

learning problems, but we believe there is more to be gained by inclusion than by tracking," he explained.

Another new direction in instruction is in foreign languages, Griffin noted.

In response to parents and students, the school now offers exploratory courses in both French and Spanish for seventh graders.

"There was a concern that students made a choice in seventh grade that locked them into one language without knowing more about the other language," Griffin said. "French and Spanish are both Romance languages, so they don't lose much ground, and they feel better about their choice."

Griffin is also excited about the school's Natural Helpers program, which provides a way for troubled students to talk confidentially with their peers about their problems.

"Every school has an informal network of kids who are good listeners. We have tried to formalize this process so the kids get proper training," said Griffin, noting that

the helpers are not counselors, but are trained to know when to direct someone to get assistance.

Responding to concerns raised at the last school board meeting that Natural Helpers might become a clique of popular students, Griffin said the program was too important for that.

"The Natural Helpers are selected through a student survey, and are an excellent cross-section of the student body," Griffin explained.

High on Griffin's wish list is increasing instructional technology, especially computer use, at the school.

"Without any money to buy equipment, I'm worried that we might not be able to keep up," he said. "We need more technology here."

Griffin's work at Bouton was recently honored by the Administrators' Association of New York State, which presented him with the James E. Allen Award in recognition of his achievements in administration, especially in the curriculum area.

Nations united



Slingerlands Elementary School fifth-graders recently treated schoolmates to a trip around the world without ever leaving the building. To celebrate United Nations Day, pupils dressed in international costumes and put together displays featuring information and products from a number of countries. Above, Heather Pangburn, left, represents Sweden, while classmate Casey Danton is dressed in traditional Irish costume.

Elaine McLain

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County, town, village offices to close on Election Day

County, town and village offices will be closed on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3.

The Rupert Road transfer station and libraries in Bethlehem and Voorheesville will be open for their normal hours.

State and federal offices, including the Post Office, will be open, and there will be mail delivery.

Banks and shopping centers will be open for normal hours.

Cops nab two for DWI

Bethlehem police arrested two people over the weekend for allegedly driving while intoxicated.

Kevin C. Martin, 46, of 209 Mansion St., Coxsackie, was apprehended at 11:04 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, police said.

He was stopped on Delaware Avenue near Oakwood Place for speeding, and was later charged with DWI. He was released, pend-

ing a Nov. 2 appearance in town court.

Kenneth W. Downing, 54, of 16C Patterson Drive, Glenmont, was stopped at 12:16 a.m. Friday, Oct. 23, along Route 9W near Glenmont Road, police said.

He was charged with failure to keep right and DWI. He was released pending a Nov. 2 appearance in town court.

Election Day dinner at Methodist church

Trinity United Methodist Church, Route 143, Coeymans Hollow, will serve coffee from 10 a.m. until noon on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3.

will be served from noon until 7 p.m.

The price for the dinner is \$6.50 for adults and \$3.75 for children 12 and under.

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Glenmont couple charged in area drug sweep

Two Glenmont residents are in the Albany County Jail on federal drug trafficking charges stemming from last week's dragnet raid that netted 30 suspects from the Capital District area.

Paul Walters Sr., 33, of 31 Bobwhite Drive, and Gina Walters, 30, of the same address, were arrested on Thursday, Oct. 22. They were each charged with one federal count of conspiracy to distribute cocaine, crack and marijuana.

Paul Walters remains in the Albany County Jail while Gina Walters has been released on a \$10,000 personal recognizance bond.

The U.S. Attorney's office in Albany, which executed 31 warrants in conjunction with state and local authorities, has described the Walters as part of Albany's highest level drug ring. Nearly three pounds of cocaine, 19 pounds of marijuana, \$50,000 in cash, weapons and ammunition were seized in the pre-dawn raid at numerous



Through criminal forfeiture proceedings, this house at 31 Bobwhite Drive, Glenmont, may be seized by the government as profit from the sale of drugs.

locations throughout the Capital District.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Donald Kinsella said a box of .38 caliber ammunition was found in the house on Bobwhite Drive. No

drugs were discovered at the residence, Kinsella said, although Walters has admitted to owning a semi-automatic pistol found at an Albany residence also hit by police last week.

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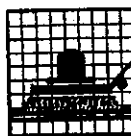
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Correction

An article last week on the recent hunting accident in Bethlehem incorrectly identified where rifles may be used to hunt big game.

Rifles cannot be used for deer hunting in Albany County although they are allowed in counties to the south such as Greene, Ulster and Delaware.

Deer season opens Monday, Nov. 16.



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McEneny, Bailey and Sullivan vie for Assembly seat

By Mel Hyman

In a switch from many of the political contests being waged this year, Democrat Jack McEneny and Republican John Bailey don't have anything nasty to say about each other.

On many of the issues that press people's buttons, however, they have divergent views.

STATE ASSEMBLY 104TH DISTRICT

Bailey supports passage of death penalty legislation in New York in cases of pre-meditated murder where the death of a police officer, public official or member of the press is involved.

"I'm aware that the statistics show that the death penalty has no effect on the homicide rate," Bailey said. "Yet I believe that in certain, well-defined and narrow circumstances, those who violate society's deepest values should pay the ultimate penalty."

McEneny simply says no to the restoration of capital punishment.

Bailey, 42, supports term limitations and says he will sponsor legislation to that effect if elected.

"I am a firm believer that there has to be a consistent turnover of people." Eight or 10 years in the state legislature should be enough, he said.

There are other ways to bring new blood into the political process, McEneny says, such as making it easier for candidates to gain ballot access and ensuring media coverage of candidate views without the need to spend exorbitant sums on advertising.

Term limitations are a "simplistic solution" that would put power into the hands of professional staff instead of elected representatives, he says.

Bailey does not seem to have any delusions about his chances in the 104th Assembly District where the Democrats have an overwhelming enrollment edge. At the same time, he's taken the last two months off from practicing law to campaign full-time.

A native of Voorheesville, Bailey prides himself on not being a pro-

fessional politician. Rather he describes himself as a professional problem-solver and promises to seek ways to reduce the state's huge budget deficit.

McEneny understands the implication, because he was pounded during the primary this year with charges of being an insider.

McEneny asks why should a person be criticized solely on the basis of having been involved in public service? After all, government is the number one employer in Albany, he says. "We're not exactly a one-horse town, but close to it."

The 49-year-old Albany native said he considers it a positive that he has 27 years experience as a teacher, social worker and an administrator on the local, state and federal levels.

McEneny's electoral baptism came last year when he waged a successful write-in campaign against longtime County Legisla-

tor Richard Myers. He is seeking to take the place of his former boss in the state legislature, retiring Assemblyman Richard Connors.

On other issues, Bailey opposes the \$800 million jobs bond act, claiming it will cost as much as \$2.5 billion by the time taxpayers pay the interest on the bonds.

Given the rough condition of the state's roads and bridges, it's more prudent to undertake the work now while interest rates are low, McEneny said. Moreover, "contractors are in a position where

they want to work now. It's a buyer's market," he added.

Bailey, who lives in Voorheesville with his wife Georgiann, opposes any additional raises while McEneny, who lives in Albany with his wife Barbara, said he would support one provided it was modest.

Right-To-Life candidate Joseph Sullivan rounds out the field. An unsuccessful candidate in the recent Democratic primary, Sullivan has continued to wage a low-budget campaign emphasizing his rather unique slant on some issues.

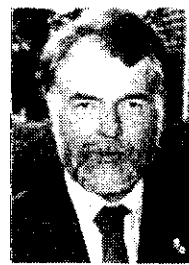
The 55-year-old Albany resident does not favor reinstituting the death penalty, but favors instead "automatic exile" or a "one-way trip to a tropical island" for those convicted of a heinous crime.



Bailey



McEneny



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Matters of Opinion

Take the pledge!

Those "Help Hoblock" signs that abound in yards all around the county were placed by Republican candidates for partisan advantage. We applaud their intent because the doughty County Executive needs all the help he can get. But, in truth, it's the sincere recognition of that need and the commitment to effectively follow through which counts in this election and the three-year County Legislature term.

Certain candidates of the opposition party might even qualify for the desired "Help Hoblock" bloc in the Legislature. True, the Republicans' goal is to obtain an absolute majority in the County Legislature — 20 seats out of 39. That would mean electing six new

Editorials

members next week, and defeating that many Democrats in districts their party traditionally holds. Gaining a majority of seats — or perhaps even a working majority — is the real key to helping Mike Hoblock successfully fulfill his mandate to bring the county's government into fiscal stability with effective management. The absence of such a majority is an invitation to continue the foot-dragging obstructionism that has prevailed this year.

Bipartisan?

A "working majority" necessarily would involve genuine bipartisanship for the immediate future and also over at least the next three years. Is that realistically possible?

On paper, the answer to this question should be "yes." On the record, it is infinitely more doubtful. On balance, however, perhaps there can be hope.

Facing the issues

The real answer depends from the honest readiness by candidates of both parties to "take the pledge" — to face up to several issues which together form a watershed of respect for the public good versus partisan or personal gain. What are those issues? Try these main ones on for fit:

- The Executive's *budget*, and all the elements that necessarily keep it in balance or invite chaos and bankruptcy.
- *Consolidation* of services, as variously proposed by Mr. Hoblock, such as transferring several lawyers' positions from diverse departments to the office of the County Attorney's office.
- *Creation* of a human resources department — again, as recommended by the Executive, with updated work rules; a change-over to a professionalized full-time work force rather than an inefficient and costly part-time pickup team; and a likely further reduction in staffing to appropriate levels.
- *Centralizing* of purchasing, printing, and custodial services in the interests of efficiency and of limiting the temptations for hanky-panky.
- *Coordination* of goals for development of the County Airport at reasonable levels of expectation, financing, and demand for service.
- *Cooperation* in initiatives for economic

Check list for candidates

How do they stand on:

- ✓ Charter reform
 - ✓ Consolidating services
 - ✓ Creating human services dept.
 - ✓ Centralizing purchasing
 - ✓ Coordinating airport plans
 - ✓ Cooperating on initiatives
 - ✓ Budget (balance or bankruptcy)
- (see editorial text for details)

development in the Capital Region but more specifically in Albany County.

Charter position central

• And, most fundamentally, support for the principle of reform of the *County Charter* as proposed by Mr. Hoblock and reinforced by findings and recommendations of the special management advisory commission that he appointed. This item clearly delineates the division between the currently weak Executive and a powerful Legislature. To operate effectively, the Executive must have the right to manage his executive and administrative responsibilities.

But far from recognizing this basic failing in the Charter, the Legislature's present majority appears inclined to go in the opposite direction: trying to abolish the Executive's position and instead substitute an appointive County Manager subject to their whimsical thumb.

Enlightened majority.

The carefree, unchecked administration of the prior County Executive is past. To borrow a phrase, "our long nightmare is over." But not quite. To the considerable degree that the County Legislature sat by while Mr. Coyne reveled in his excesses hardly commends its majority to a confident expectation of collaboration on these substantial issues.

But times have changed, along with certain of the personnel. Some encouraging gentle currents of air suggest a breeze — if not winds of change — may be moderating the insistence on doing things the old way through naked power plays.

Choices for voters

A majority of rightminded legislators — regardless of party — who are willing to commit to enlightened and consistent positions to "Help Hoblock" do the needed job: that's what should emerge from the Nov. 3 voting in Albany County.

The Spotlight Newspapers urge the county's citizens to consider carefully the character and commitment of their legislative candidates and make their choice accordingly.

Issues in Albany County

The Spotlight Newspapers asked prominent members of both Democratic and Republican parties to contribute statements on their respective positions pertinent to next week's election of 39 members to the County Legislature. Michael F. Conners, who represents the Fourth Legislative District, wrote on "One Democrat's Viewpoint." County Executive Michael J. Hoblock wrote of his perspective on the key issues.

We can and will make government work better for you'

By Michael F. Conners II

Albany County works. Some would have you believe that all is wrong and nothing right with Albany County government. Not only is such rhetoric wrong, but its divisiveness is a disservice to the people of Albany County.

The train of pain, the worst economic situation since the 1930s, has driven the program costs for the Department of Social Services up over \$33 million in the past two years. Runaway healthcare costs have driven the county's local share of Medicaid to over \$27 million in 1992. Aid to Families with Dependent Children will exceed \$31 million this year. Foster care costs have risen to almost \$9 million, juvenile delinquent care is over \$9 million, state training schools (secure detention for juvenile delinquents) is up to \$3 million, and the list goes on and on and on.

Mandated program costs have skyrocketed while state and federal revenues have been cut.

Holding the line on property taxes

Yes, last year's Legislature passed a budget with \$8 million of revenue from the sale of airport land that will not take place this year, but remember eight Republican legislators voted for that very same budget. This year, we introduced legislation that will prohibit the sale of county assets to be used as "one-shot" financing for

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'I need legislators who'll work with me for continued change'

By Michael J. Hoblock, Jr.

We can continue the tide of change in Albany County government on Election Day, Nov. 3

On that day, all 39 seats in the County Legislature are up for election. You will decide, as voters and taxpayers, the future direction of county government. To those who supported me last year, I will say that I believe that change must continue — that we must elect more Republican legislators because they will work with, not against, me.

In 1992, Republicans broke the veto-proof majority and you also elected me to clean up the mess in county government. Republicans have worked hard and have had to fight every inch of the way, but we brought open and accountable government to Albany County.

While we have worked to move the county in the right direction, the Democrats have made it clear that they want to restore a veto-proof majority — that means 26 of the 39 seats. If they get a veto-proof majority, they will effectively control every aspect of county government without any checks on their power from the County Executive or the minority legislators.

The way we were

That is the way it was before last year.

That is how the Knickerbocker Arena got built with massive cost overruns.

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Your Opinion Matters

Some past events cast their shadow

November the fourth — the morning after. By then, we presumably will know the outcome of the not-too-suspenseful presidential election and also learn the fate of the army of other candidates for national, state, and local offices.

But I am looking at the front page of a newspaper that's dated November 4 — and it already presents the results. The year was 1925 — so I guess that at least every 67 years the calendar is identical.

The newspaper is the New York American (one of three Hearst newspapers there in that period). Its price was three cents (but beyond a 200-mile radius the price shot up to four cents — perhaps due to the HCL in the Coolidge prosperity).

I am indebted to Bob Irish of Myers Travel for having loaned me this captivating glimpse of American political and social life.

The big news — trumpeted in two lines of banner type that stood an inch and a half tall (the commas alone were larger than the headline on this piece) — was the election of Jimmy Walker as Mayor of New York.

But there were other fascinating bits of news: Two bond issues sponsored by Governor Al Smith (totaling some \$400 million) seemed doomed to failure because of the "no" votes upstate, despite a heavy plurality in the big city. Interestingly, the biggest portion of the bond issues would go to eliminate railroad grade crossings

Uncle Dudley

— though you would have a hard time finding many crossings at grade in the five boroughs, which was where the chance for approval rested.

Even then, governors were seeking to mortgage the state's citizenry with do-good schemes. (At any rate, the grade-crossing work wasn't actually completed, as residents of some of our suburban towns can attest today.)

The 1925 election returns had other significant issues.

• Prominent among them was Prohibition — or, as it was often known then, the battle between the "wets" and the "drys." A "wet," A. Harry Moore, was elected governor of New Jersey that day. His opponent had the backing of the Anti-Saloon League, a political force in the '20s. Mr. Moore, who served a series of disconnected terms as governor, was a Democrat.

• In that year, women had been given the right to vote only a half-dozen years earlier. And in 1925, a woman was elected for the first time as a member of New York City's Board of Aldermen. She was

Ruth Baker Pratt, "wife of an oil magnate," and she went on to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives as a Republican.

• But an underlying struggle raged in many parts of the country against the Ku Klux Klan. The American's page-one summary showed that a Republican supported by the Klan had been elected mayor of Indianapolis. Elsewhere in Indiana, the Klan supported the winning Republican ticket in Hammond. On the other hand, the Klan-supported candidate for mayor of Detroit lost; in Buffalo, Frank X. Schwab was reelected mayor over Klan opposition. In Akron, "Klan control of Akron's schools" was brought to an end by the election.

It seems to me that it's reasonable to make these comparisons: First, to conclude that in the past nearly seven decades women finally have made substantial progress in the electoral process; Prohibition — which in its way rivalled the pro-choice/pro-life argumentation in dividing the country — was "a noble experiment" that failed dismally and was discarded. And surely we are better off now than when the subversive Klan was riding high.

However, one still-familiar note appeared on that page: a headline that read

WIFE QUIZZED, FRIEND HELD IN SLAYING OF HUSBAND

Celebrating a river and mountain

I have written admiringly before about the periodical "Water Ways," which describes itself in a subhead as New York's Waterfront News. "Water Ways" is published in newspaper tabloid format every month. For people who are concerned with the history, commerce, and ecology of the Hudson River and Valley (as well as New York's other navigable lakes and streams), this publication can be regarded as must reading.

In the current issue, the featured theme is maritime and environmental education, which may appear limited in scope of interest, but the opposite is the case. Further, the variety of contents offers an attractive menu. For example, I was taken with a piece titled "Rivers of the Soul," which proved to be an excerpt from a book that is almost mammoth in its dimensions: "The Hudson River Highlands," by Frances Dunwell. Permit me to quote briefly from that excerpt...

(The setting was the shore of the Hudson at Cold Spring, the occasion was a 1978 fund-raiser to help fight construction of a power plant at majestic Storm King on the west side.)

"Across the river, Storm King towered over us, cold and white in May's morning light. The Hudson is narrow here, and Storm King, although a relatively small mountain of 1,300 feet, seemed monumental.

"I had seen Storm King many times since childhood — but this was the first time it had touched my soul. From where we sat at the water's edge, it dwarfed us, awesome and magnificent — a raw element of the earth, created of

Constant Reader

fire and stone, swelling from the water toward the sky. It loomed over us, massive and mysterious. It was the moment when I understood why the people gathered there could have fought for so long to protect it...

"That day I had the chance to speak to many people who shared this feeling about Storm King, and as I did, a story unfolded. I learned that the Hudson River and particularly the Highlands have a history of affecting people in profound ways.

"For centuries, Storm King and the other burly mountain which form these Highlands — Dunderberg, Crow's Nest, Breakneck, Anthony's Nose, Bear Mountain, and Sugar Loaf — have awakened people's passion and repeatedly called forth dramatic, sometimes heroic, response...

"The Hudson Highlands, a stretch of river only 15 miles long, is the passage where the Hudson cuts through the Appalachian chain of mountains about 50 miles north of New York City, between Peekskill Bay and Newburgh Bay.

"Feared by Dutch sailors,

embraced by romantics, and captured on canvas by artists of the Hudson River School, the Highlands have cast a spell. Revolutionary generals stopped to admire the scenery as cannons exploded about them.

"The modern environmental movement was born from the legal precedents set by the Storm King battle, and with it the activism of people who understood that stewardship of the earth depends on the commitment and work of us all as individuals."

"The romance of the region found expression in the folk tales of Washington Irving, the designs of architect A.J. Downing, and the castles of millionaires. Nineteenth-century seekers found spiritual renewal in this untamed wilderness.

"The Highlands of the Hudson have played a special role in the social, cultural and political movements through which our nation has grown, shaping them and in turn being shaped by them."

As for "Water Ways," a year's subscription is \$15; the address is 132 Grand Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY, 10520. Tell 'em Connie Reader sent you.

A severe winter ahead? not necessarily so

The contributor of this Point of View has been a staff meteorologist at WNYT, Channel 13, since April 1988. He is also weather forecaster for radio stations WABY and WKLI. From 1977 to 1986, he was meteorologist at Channel 10, and in 1986-88, he was at a Pittsburgh TV station. A New York Stater from Port Chester, he received a degree in meteorology in 1971 from Lyndon State College in Vermont. He is a resident of Loudonville.

By Bob Kovachick

A subject that's on a lot of people's minds this time of year is: what type of winter we may have in the Northeast. After the summer we experienced, it may be natural to believe we are in for a rather severe winter.

Point of View

First of all, to recap the summer of 1992, we had only two days above 90 degrees during June, July, and August. July's temperatures averaged out to be the fourth coldest in nearly 170 years of temperature records in Albany and environs.

However, contrary to popular belief, it was not a wet summer but one drier than normal with rainfall nearly two inches below average in the area. It probably seemed wet to many, because when it did rain, more often than not, it fell during the weekend.

Now, let's move on to what may happen this winter. First of all, I should say that long-range weather prediction is quite difficult, and our current capabilities only range to making general, broad forecasts rather than about specific days in the future. In other words, we can say fairly accurately that the next season will be cooler or warmer, wetter or drier than average — but we certainly cannot make reliable forecasts about how warm or cold or sunny it will be on a certain day three months from now.

According to past weather records for many, many years we cannot draw any correlation between the weather from one summer to the next winter to the next summer and so on.

Sometimes, a chilly summer is followed by a snowy winter and sometimes it isn't; sometimes a chilly summer is followed by a warm, dry winter and sometimes it isn't... So, based on past weather records, we can ignore any possible relation between one season and the next. It's possible to foresee roughly a 50-50 probability that this coming winter will be tougher than average — but there is also a 50-50 probability that this winter will be easier than average.

To carry this one step further, even though three of the last four winters have had less-than-average snowfall, past weather records give no reliable guidance that we are "due" for a winter season snowier than average.

Past records offer no reliable guidance that the coming winter will be snowier-than-average

Some of the factors meteorologists put into the equation to try to make a forecast one season ahead are such things as the position of the Jet Stream, the temperature of Pacific Ocean waters, sunspot activity, weather patterns in the polar regions, etc., etc.

At this point, my best guess for our coming winter season, December through February, would be for temperatures to be below their average values and for precipitation to also average below normal.

So, in other words, temperatures will be on the cold side more often than not, but all precipitation (including snowfall) will be lighter than our average (which, by the way, is nearly 64 inches).

Perhaps my best answer to "What will this winter be like?" is: Call me in March and I will let you know!

Further, I must say that there really is no such thing as "normal" weather. In fact, weather is rarely, if ever, normal... A better term might be "normal average weather conditions."

☐ Weather *(from page 7)*

The speculation about global warming, the greenhouse effect, ozone depletion, climatic change (or whatever you wish to call it) cannot be answered today or tomorrow or even next year — or perhaps not even until the next century.

☐ **Conners** *(from page 6)*

Two contradict Fritts on ability to judge justices

Regarding the issue of qualifications raised by Mr. Fritts, he dwells on the need for a lawyer to serve as Town Justice due to the

Downsizing government, consolidation of services, and more planning have to be done in an intelligent and thoughtful manner. We need to empower our county employees to help us restructure county government so we can

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"complex legal" interpretations and decisions which must be made on an ongoing basis. Mr. Fritts quotes the Office of Court Administration, where he could have learned that 75 percent of the Town Justices in New York are non-lawyers. Mr. Fritts, it seems suggests that these non-lawyer Justices are less than qualified.

I did not in my letter of support for Tom Dexter "take a slap" at anyone in any position. I simply said that Tom Dexter possesses a wide range of experience in the justice system and has the character to dispense justice in a fair and even-handed manner. I now reiterate that statement of support

Delmar Steve N. Yelich

'I am not uninformed'

Editor, The Spotlight:

This is in response to a letter to the editor from Roger Fritts in the Oct. 21 *Spotlight*.

There was an implication that those who wrote letters on behalf of the candidacy of Tom Dexter for Town Justice were either unin-

formed, misinformed, or lacking in the capacity to have conclusions based on reason.

As one of the letter-writers, I can attest that the rationally approached obligations of objective research into the particulars and personalities were fulfilled.

Delmar Constance K. Elliott

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Hoblock

(from page 6)

That was the scenario that led to a scathing audit by the State Comptroller which criticized the county finances, no-bid change orders on construction projects, and no-bid contracts.

That was the scenario which allowed an unchecked county Industrial Development Authority to squander all our economic development funds on the Olympic Ice Hockey Facility in Colonie.

As examples of the difference between Democrats and Republicans, two major issues emerged in 1992. The first was charter reform, for which I campaigned last year. I am calling for equal legislative and executive branches of government with a system of checks and balances. I called for a public referendum on the charter this year.

The other major issue is the budget deficit. The 1992 Albany County budget was approved with a massive deficit — simply put, we

had a spending plan without the revenues to support it.

On the issue of charter reform, the Democratic majority put the issue off into next year. They don't want an Executive who can hold county department heads accountable. They don't want someone elected at-large to check on their actions. Instead, they have begun touting the idea of eliminating my job by creating a county manager appointed by them — something they never proposed when one of their own, Jim Coyne, held the job.

On the budget deficit, they have fought spending reductions all year long. They have insisted that the \$8 million one-shot they included in the budget from the sale of county land to the county airport will take place before the end of the year. So far, we don't have a single cent from that land sale — and we aren't any closer to having it than we were last year at this time.

They have resisted every Republican resolution to cut spending and some have even been foolish enough to predict that the county would end the year with a surplus. The majority response to the deficit was to call for attrition to reduce the size of the work force. Attrition has not done the job.

Before I proposed my 1993 budget, the Democrats predicted that I would savage Social Services, Mental Health, and Health programs to balance the budget. They were wrong. I called for increased spending on social programs in 1993 and was able to do it *without increasing property taxes!*

The Democratic majority has taken Albany County in the wrong direction. If you support the work that I am doing, give me legislators who will work with me — not against me. They've had 70 years to do the job; now it's time to give the Republicans the opportunity to show how much better our county government can be. The choice is yours.

Disappointed chamber still hopes on Homestead

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Oct. 14, the Town Board called a special meeting to discuss enactment of the Homestead Act in Bethlehem. The Chamber of Commerce was hoping that board members who voted in favor of the Act initially would reconsider their positions.

Regrettably, the Homestead Act, which sets up a two-tiered system of taxing non-homestead properties, including businesses, at a higher rate remains on the books.

On behalf of our nearly 500 members, the Chamber wishes to

publicly register its great disappointment with this lack of action. We stand by our earlier public position:

- The Homestead Act creates unfair inequities in the local tax structure,

- It sends a negative message to the local business community,

- And is, most importantly, bad for the economic health and quality of life in our community.

As always, members of the Chamber stand ready to make a positive contribution to the town and respectfully hope that members of the Town Board will ultimately reconsider their position.

Tom Mc Carroll, Chairman
Government Affairs Committee
Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce

Word for the week

Panoply: Any complete or magnificent coverings or array; also, any protective covering; also, a complete suit of armor.

As stated in last week's Spotlight, letters concerning the Nov. 3 election in this week's issue are limited to those in fair rebuttal to statements made in previously published letters.

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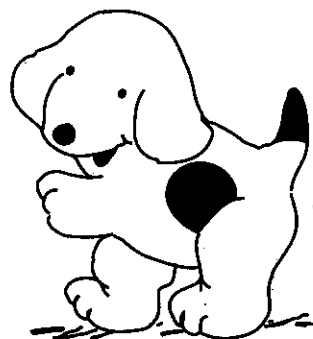
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Study disputes argument justices must be lawyers

Editor, The Spotlight:

As an Independent candidate for Bethlehem Town Justice, I must write to rebut assertions made by Roger Fritts in his Oct. 21 letter to the editor. He claimed that a town justice should be a lawyer. I am not a lawyer, though I have extensive experience in the justice system of New York State.

For substantiation of my point of view, I brought Mr. Fritts' letter to the attention of Doris Marie Provine, professor of political science and law at Syracuse University and author of the valuable book, "Judging Credentials: Nonlawyer Judges and the Politics of Professionalism."

Following are her comments in substance:

"This (view that a justice must be a lawyer) is a typical assertion among lawyer candidates for town justice. After using such an argument when I successfully ran for town justice (in Virgil, Cortland County), I set about studying the qualifications issue.

"With a grant from the National Science Foundation, a federal agency that supports scientific research, I surveyed the city, town, and village justices of this state, asking tough questions about due process, sentencing philosophy, and other matters that go straight to the issues judges face in local-court cases. I was quite surprised to find *no statistically significant differences between lawyer and nonlawyer judges on matters related to knowledge of law*. I did find a few philosophical differences, the most significant being that nonlawyers tend to favor plea-bargaining less than lawyer judges.

"I visited a number of lawyer and non-lawyer judges on their court nights. I noticed many individual differences in style and ability, but I found few associated with being a lawyer or not. One exception was that the nonlawyer judges tend to be more patient

Boards of Education lauded for dedication

Editor, The Spotlight:

Governor Cuomo has declared this week to be School Board Recognition Week.

I am privileged to work with nine of the most dedicated residents of our community who serve on our school board. I know firsthand of the hours and hours they devote to our students. Their job is not an easy one, particularly in these times of shrinking resources and increasing and ever-changing demands placed on schools.

Thank you, Maurice Satin, Sarah Hafensteiner, William Craft, James Feuerbach, Barry Jones, Joseph Scalzo, Mona Selover, Mark Sengenberger, and Russell Sykes, for a job well done.

William Schwartz,
Superintendent
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk
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with defendants, on the average, than their lawyer counterparts.

"Practicing lawyers often believe there must be something wrong with a study that shows a formal legal education does not have a significant impact in a job

like town justice. We lawyers spend a long time getting our education and it means a lot to us. Lawyers often tell funny stories about the way some nonlawyer judge dealt with an issue. Some of these stories are true. But just ask them to keep talking, and you will soon hear a story about a bizarre decision by a lawyer judge.

"As important a job as town justice is, and I believe it is *very*

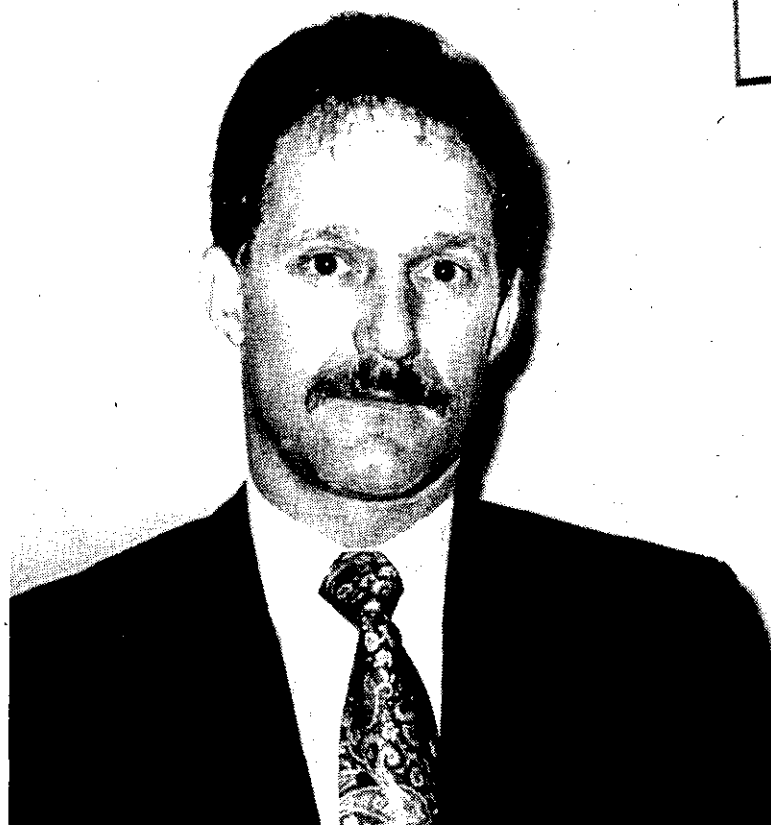
important, legal education is not the key to finding the right judge. Most of the judges in these courts are not lawyers. What counts is the capability of the candidate, the willingness to get the best instruction possible on the fine points of the work, and the would-be judge's sense of fairness. I don't know Tom Dexter well enough to argue that he is the man for the post in Bethlehem, but I do know

that it is unfair to hold against him the fact that he is not a lawyer."

I believe that Professor Provine's statement definitely refutes Mr. Fritts' contention. My longtime commitment to law and justice, and my exclusive attention to the court, will ensure the legal and human rights of all who appear before me.

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Matters of Opinion

Independence crucial to Town Justice office

Editor, The Spotlight:

After review of credentials, qualifications, and personal character relevant to judicial temperament, as well as consideration of conduct of the campaign waged to date, I find it necessary to take a public stand on the election for the office of Town Justice in Bethlehem. As a practicing attorney who regularly appeared in Bethlehem Town Court until the time of my election and taking office as a member of the Town Board, I am fully familiar with the requirements for the position of Town Justice. I have appeared in numerous town courts in this state presided over both by town justices who are attorneys and those presided over by non-attorney town justices.

In my opinion, the single most important characteristic any town justice must possess is judicial

integrity hinged on judicial independence. While political parties do play a significant role in selection of candidates under the existing system, political cronyism must not serve as the foundation of our judicial system. Competence, independence, and ability must be the only basis for judicial selection. Judicial integrity, equity, and impartiality alone foster public confidence on which that system must be founded.

Since the electorate retains the right to elect judicial candidates, with such right attaches the duty to exercise this franchise wisely.

Independence in the judiciary is not only laudable but absolutely crucial to maintaining public trust, respect, and confidence.

Public perception and public opinion of the entire judicial system starts with the office of Town

Justice. From the perspective of popular belief, credibility, veracity, and propriety untrammelled by political debts, obligations, and liabilities form the footings on which judicial trust are founded. Clearly, therefore, the position of Town Justice is the single most important office in the entire judicial system. This is the level at which the majority of people who have involvement with the judicial system have their only contact with that system. Judicial temperament, competence, and ability at this level are critical to establish credibility and public confidence that our system of justice will provide justice for all.

I have reviewed all candidates' qualifications, political background, and stature of independence. Based on this review I endorse Tom Dexter, independent candidate, for the position of Bethlehem Town Justice. His integrity and independence outweigh any alleged lack of experience. A full-time justice, free of political cronyism, with an understanding of all the public, far outweighs purported legal experience.

M. Sheila Galvin

Editor's note: Ms. Galvin's letter was sent in reply to a letter published last week.

Neri supported in vote for legislator in 36th

In The Spotlight's Oct. 21 issue, in which several letters were edited because of space limitations, three paragraphs were omitted for that reason from a letter submitted by Barbara Burt. At her request, The Spotlight is publishing her complete letter herewith.

Editor, The Spotlight:

George Scaringe urges votes for open government and states how Mike Hoblock has brought "daylight to the dark back rooms of Albany County government." On that, I agree. However, some other dark back rooms, right here in Bethlehem, need some sunshine and airing.

Some years ago, when we moved to Bethlehem, I was delighted to be enrolled as a Republican in a Republican town. But, after the local Republican shenanigans of just the past year, we should all ask ourselves if this party is any more responsive to the populace than the Democrats are in Albany. Same game, different name.

Particularly for those of us living in the southern end of Bethlehem, this year saw a long and

acrimonious fight against a huge supervisor-favored incinerator, which the people resoundingly voted down. How well were the people represented when our town supervisor was a proponent? The Homestead Act has had a major impact on farmers, most of whom are in this end of town. Do the town fathers represent us with that act? And while publicly saying they are against a massive regional ANSWERS landfill, can we really believe this when the town fathers have failed to negate this possibility by withdrawing from ANSWERS and seeking a town solution (option #2 of their own Solid Waste Advisory Committee)?

We in southern Bethlehem have been forgotten or abused at the hands of the current Bethlehem back room boys. Bethlehem needs a change to open government.

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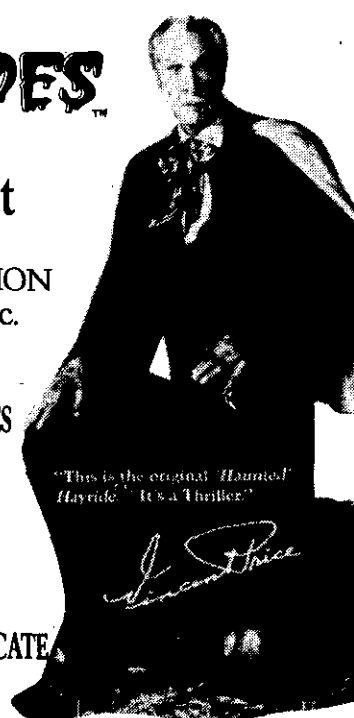
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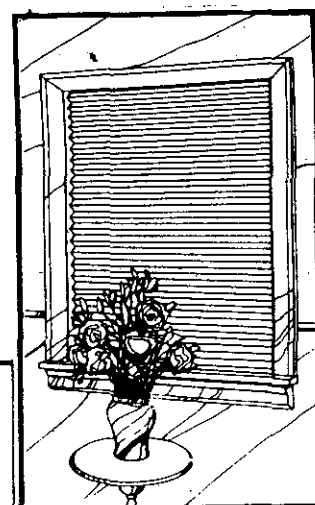


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Jobs bond proposal spurs debate

By Kathleen Shapiro

Voters across the state will have their say next month on whether to approve Gov. Mario M. Cuomo's \$800 million Jobs Bond Act, a proposal which supporters believe could immediately create as many as 24,000 new jobs.

Opponents of the bond act, on the other hand, have blasted it as too expensive and voiced doubts over whether the measure can provide the long-lasting economic benefits it promises.

The proposed economic plan — officially titled the Jobs for a New, New York Bond Act on the Nov. 3 ballot — was approved by the state legislature in July. It will authorize New York to borrow up to \$800 million in "seed money" to help finance infrastructure improvements across the state, including sewer and drainage systems, access roads, waste disposal systems, industrial parks, urban revitalization projects, energy facilities and waterfront and tourism-related developments.

Priority will be given to projects that utilize minority- or women-owned businesses, support apprenticeship training, or are located in economically depressed areas.

According to recent reports from the state Department of Economic Development, as many as 1,000 applications from communities interested in acquiring bond money have already been

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submitted. Under the rules of the proposal, local governments awarded funds must agree to pay 40 percent of the overall project cost.

business owners, have spoken out against the bond act on the grounds that any economic benefits will be outweighed by the high cost of repaying the bond over its 30-year life. Others have criticized the state for digging itself deeper into debt, and questioned whether the plan will really create the jobs it prom-

Opponents of the bond act have blasted it as too expensive and voiced doubts over whether the measure can provide the long-lasting economic benefits it promises.

If voters give their approval to the bond act, funding could be available in time for the spring construction season — a move which supporters say could create an estimated 24,000 jobs in the construction industry and related industries such as engineering, architecture and materials supply.

As many as 106,000 additional jobs are projected to open up once projects are completed and new factories, commercial centers and tourism destinations are firmly in place, according to those who believe the bond act will stimulate economic growth and attract businesses to the state.

Opponents of the proposal, including large numbers of small

businesses, have called for changes to the state's tax structure and regulatory oversight system in ways which will benefit businesses and allow them to grow without carrying a huge tax burden.

Orchestra to perform at library

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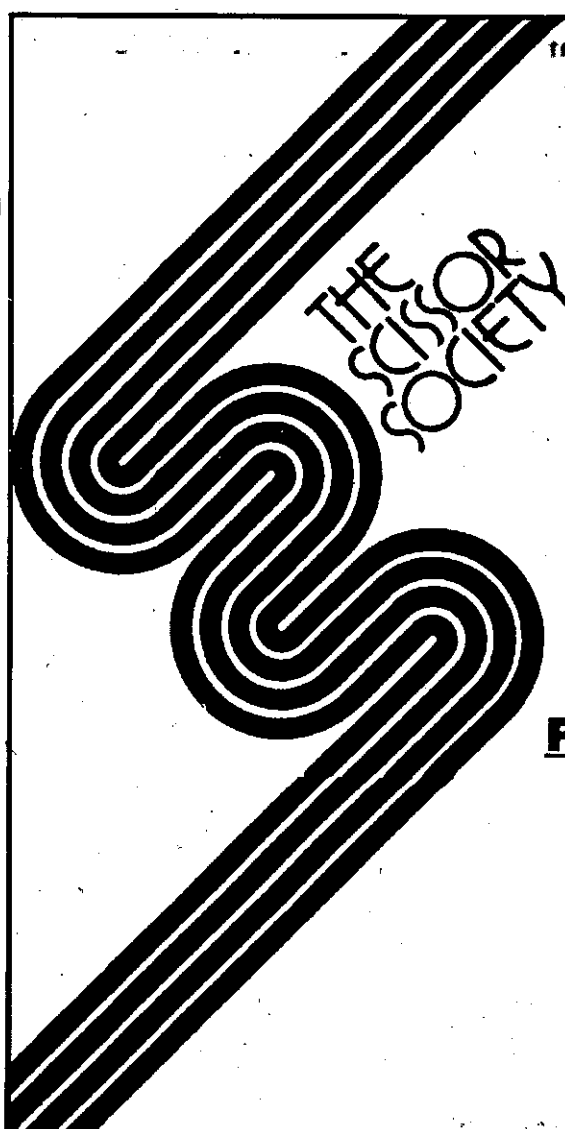
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Nolan facing challenges on GOP, Liberal lines

By Robert Webster Jr.

Longtime Democratic State Senator Howard Nolan will be challenged by two new faces in county politics this year, Republican Daniel Ehring and Liberal Norman Tillman.

A county resident for the past 17 years, Ehring, 32, of Delmar, is an accountant and attorney with the law firm of Crane and MacKrell. He has a master's degree in accounting from SUNY Albany and is a graduate of Albany Law School.

High on Ehring's agenda are creating a more competitive environment for individuals and corporations in the Albany area, shifting emphasis from jobs in the public sector to jobs in the private sector, and improvements to the assets of Albany County, notably the Port of Albany.

"I would like to see some kind of economic development plan where we are trying to create private jobs. We have a great public job base in Albany County," he said. "But it is time to seek out other avenues so we are not so dependent on state jobs."

Ehring said he would like to see a member of the majority elected to the state Senate position. "As a Republican senator, I could accomplish more than minority members would be able to."

Ehring, a former investigator with the State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation for seven years, lives with his wife, Jami, on 27 Hanover Drive in Delmar.

An 18-year incumbent and lifelong Albany County resident, Nolan, 60, said he has continued to be an easily accessible representative during his tenure, which has afforded him valuable insight into the needs and wants of his constituents.

Although there are several major issues facing the county, Nolan said, his focus this election year is on "race relations and especially their ties to jobs and education."

Nolan predicted that over the next 10 to 20 years race relations and education would be the two biggest issues in the county. "Education will make it easier for people to get good jobs, which is the first step towards positive race relations."

Pointing to his work on the



Daniel Ehring

Urban League board, Nolan said he has already begun "working very hard to promote harmony" in the county.

A senior partner in the law firm of Cooper, Erving, Savage, Nolan & Heller, Nolan is a graduate of Albany Law School and currently chairman of the Senate Minority Task Force on Indoor Air Quality. In addition, he is the ranking minority member of the Senate Codes Committee and a member of the rules, alcoholism and drug abuse, finance, agriculture and banks committees.

While in office, Nolan said he has been behind several initiatives in the Senate, including opening the Legislature's books to the public, establishing spending and contributions limits for campaigns and limiting the lengths of the legislative session.

He added that he has 18 years of "consistently voting against tax increases and large budgets, two areas that especially need to be

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addressed."

Nolan lives with his wife, Shannon, on 39 North Pearl St. in Albany. In addition to his political activities, he has served as a member of several boards, including St. Peter's Hospital, the Capital District Martin Luther King Jr. Commission, the Albany Urban League and the Child's Hospital Foundation.

Nolan has been especially active with the Cerebral Palsy Center for the Disabled, whose board of directors he has served on for 30 years. He has served as a member of the National United Cerebral Palsy Association Finance Committee, and is currently chairman of the center's Foundation Board.

Running on the Liberal ticket is Norman Tillman, 65, a county resident for more than 40 years.

The owner of his own small business, Discount Computer Center, Tillman previously was a lecturer in advertising and marketing, radio announcing and drama at SUNY Albany and the College of St. Rose.

Although this is his first attempt at public office, Tillman said he is ready to work for the constituents of Albany County, something he felt representatives in the past have not done.

"My number one priority would be to run a more efficient operation," he said. In criticizing the legislature, Tillman said he was not singling out Nolan, but "the



Howard Nolan

entire legislature is pretty irresponsible. It is time to re-examine the top echelon in the various depart-

ments and divisions."

Key areas for Tillman include ensuring the budget is passed on time, preserving the environment and working to improve human and civil rights in Albany County.

Tillman lives with his wife, Sarah, on 58 Edgecomb St. in Albany. Outside the political arena, he has served as a member of several boards in the past, including the Cerebral Palsy Center for the Disabled, the Leukemia Society of the Capital District, the Capital District Coalition on Human Rights and a past president of the Ad Club in Albany.

Active in the community, Tillman taught Sunday school for Congregation Beth Emeth in Albany and drama courses throughout the area for several years.

The Spotlight remembers 10 years ago

This week in 1982, these stories were making headlines in *The Spotlight*.

- Bethlehem's preliminary 1983 town budget called for a 3.8 percent increase in the property tax rate, a 5.4 percent hike in the water rate and a 2.8 increase in the sewer rate.

- In the 102nd Assembly District, which included Bethlehem, Republican incumbent Larry Lane was challenged by Democrat Bernard Melewski. In the 104th Assembly District, which included New Scotland, veteran Democratic lawmaker Richard Connors faced Republican Bob Bain.

- New officers of the New Scotland Kiwanis Club for 1983 were Joseph Perry, president; Leland Jackson, first vice president; Richard Goliber, second vice president; Dick Ramsey, treasurer; and James Hladun, secretary.

- Keyed by converted tight end John Zucker's 91 rushing yards, the Bethlehem Central Eagles won their first game of the year, edging Shaker 8-6 at home. The win was also the first of new football coach John Sodergren's career.



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GOP's Norman takes aim at McNulty in 21st

By Mel Hyman

At first blush, you might not notice many differences between U.S. Rep. Michael McNulty, D-Green Island, and his Republican challenger Nancy Norman.

But appearances can be deceiving. While both candidates for the newly created 21st District congressional seat are fairly moderate in their political views, they disagree on some major points.

Norman, 60, strongly supports term limitations for members of Congress while McNulty opposes them.

"Being a member of Congress was never meant to be a lifetime career," Norman says, "with the goal being the most lucrative pension system ever devised."

Challengers face a monumental task in trying to unseat a member of Congress, Norman said, because district lines are normally drawn so that a particular party has a substantial enrollment edge. Add to that the massive powers of incumbency and you end up with a 95 percent return rate.

"I do know that Mr. McNulty



Nancy Norman

hired a New York law firm to get the district cut the way he wanted," she charged. "It's time to put the people first and restore the democratic process."

McNulty, 45, denied that the lines of the 21st district were drawn with political purposes in mind. "It's basically a Capital District seat," he said, and was drawn in perfect accordance with state law. It encompasses all of Albany County, all of Schenectady County,

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most of Montgomery County and part of Rensselaer County. The Town of Waterford, in predominantly Republican Saratoga County, is also included.

Term limitations would infringe on the democratic process, McNulty said. Norman's proposal to limit members of the House of Representatives to four years in office is "really ridiculous." It implies that "people are not smart enough to choose who they want in office."

McNulty is aiming for a third, two-year term. The former state assemblyman said health care and the economy would be his primary concerns for the upcoming session. The cost of health care is "going through the roof" and some type of cost containment is needed.

A longtime producer and on-air personality with WMHT-TV in Schenectady, Norman agrees that health care and the stagnant economy must be addressed. She describes herself as a fiscal conservative with progressive views on social issues, such as abortion. She is pro-choice with no reservations attached.

Once again, Norman returns to the perks and privileges of office when describing her differences with the congressman.

"When (McNulty) got to Washington he voted for a 25 percent pay raise," she said. The salary raise from \$89,500 to \$129,500 was unwarranted. "It shows the arro-



Michael McNulty

gance of incumbents by voting themselves a raise in spite of the public outcry over it."

McNulty defended his support of the pay raise passed in 1989 by citing the huge cost of purchasing a home and living in the Washington, D.C. area.

Both Norman and McNulty favor cuts in the defense budget

with part of the savings invested in rebuilding the nation's roads, bridges and sewer systems. "Our infrastructure is in desperate need of renewal and renovation," Norman said.

McNulty agrees with the Democratic standard-bearer Gov. Bill Clinton that troop levels abroad should be reduced. "We need to get our allies like Germany and Japan to pay for their own defense costs."

McNulty is not in favor of outlawing abortion, but opposes federal funding except in cases of rape, incest or when the mother's life is threatened.

McNulty serves on the House Armed Forces Committee, the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service and the Select Committee on Hunger. He lives in the Village of Green Island with his wife Nancy Ann.

Norman, who is making her first run for political office, lives in Latham with her husband Bob Spearman.

Take a break, recreate!

The town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department's recreational swim program will begin on Sunday, Nov. 1, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Bethlehem Middle School pool.

Fees are \$1 for ages 5 to 13, and \$2 for ages 14 to 64. Those under 5 and over 65 are free. Participants pay each week.

Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Any Bethlehem town or school district resident may swim.

Shape Up, an intermediate aerobics class, began the second session on Oct. 27. The class meets Tuesday and/or Thursday from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Bethlehem Middle School.

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Supreme court candidates debate experience

By Michael Kagan

The four candidates vying for two Supreme Court judgeships in the third Judicial District bring a wide variety of experiences, from CIA officer to town party chairman, to their campaigns.

In the district which includes Albany, Rensselaer, Ulster, Columbia, Green, Sullivan and Schoharie counties, Democrats Karen Peters, 45, and Leonard Weiss, 69, and Republicans Bernard Kaplowitz, 55, and H. Clark Bell, 58, each are claiming they have what it takes to be an effective justice.

The judgeship is for a 14-year term and carries a \$95,000 salary. The court mostly hears civil cases.

Weiss, a resident of Albany who will also appear on the Conservative and Liberal lines, was elected to the court in 1978 and has served ever since. In January, he was appointed by Gov. Mario Cuomo to be the presiding justice of the court's appellate division.

Weiss also has been practicing law for more than 30 years. A disabled Army veteran of World War II, he served as Albany City Court Judge from 1977 to 1978 before being elected to the Supreme court.

A graduate of the University of Buffalo and Albany Law School, he is married and has four children.

Woodstock resident Bell, also

on the Conservative and Liberal lines, is a practicing trial attorney in Kingston and questioned whether Peters and Kaplowitz have the experience to be qualified justices.

"Judge Peters is a family court judge," he said. "The jurisdiction of the family court is child support, visitation, custody, child abuse, things of that nature and I do not believe that she has any significant experience in the Supreme Court jurisdiction."

"Bernie Kaplowitz is a very nice guy, but I'm really the only one who is a practicing trial attorney who works in the Supreme Court and is familiar with how the system works," he said.

Bell noted he has been a trial lawyer for more than 30 years. A graduate of Georgetown University and George Washington Uni-



Kaplowitz



Weiss

versity Law School, he worked on congressional staffs from 1953 to 1957, wrote briefly for the *Evening Star* newspaper in Washington, and worked for the Central Intelligence Agency from 1958 to 1961.

He represented Dutchess and Ulster counties in the state's constitutional convention in 1967 and was elected to the New York State Assembly in 1968, 1970 and 1972.

An attorney in private practice for 27 years in Ulster County, Bell and his wife have three adult children.

Peters has been a family court judge in Ulster County since 1984 and if elected would become the first woman to do so in the third district.

"Mr. Bell has never been a judge, so it's hard for me to comprehend how he would criticize



Peters



Bell

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my qualifications," she said. "The rules of evidence are very similar in all state courts. I've handled surrogate court, county court, supreme court and family court in my nine years on the bench."

Aside from being a family court judge, Peters has been director of the State Assembly Committee on Government Operations and counsel to the state Division of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse. She also worked as an assistant district attorney in Dutchess County, and was a senior partner in the New Paltz law firm of Peters and Weiner.

As a family court judge, she has worked to create and implement the Court Appointed Special Advocates program, the supervised visitation program, foster grandparent day care and the Second Chance program.

She has also been the chairperson of the third district's gender bias committee and served on the state bar association's committee on alcoholism and drug abuse.

A resident of Rosendale and a single mother of a five-year-old, she graduated from the George Washington University, the New York University School of Law, the Rutgers School of Alcohol Studies and the National Judicial College.

For his part, Kaplowitz disputed whether experience in a specific court is the most important criteria in selecting a justice.

"That's not what it's all about, frankly," he said. "What you want from a judge is intelligence, integrity and impartiality. I have experience, probably, in other areas of the law that (Bell has) probably never even heard of, but that's not as important as those other qualities — willingness to be as fair as possible to anyone that comes before the court."

A resident of Slingerlands, Kaplowitz has been Bethlehem town attorney for more than 14 years.

A former Albany County legislator, he has been chairman of the Bethlehem Republican Town Committee since 1977. He is a senior partner in the law firm of DeAngelis, Kaplowitz, Rice and Murphy.

A past director of the Government Law Center of Albany Law School and Union College, he is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Albany Law School.

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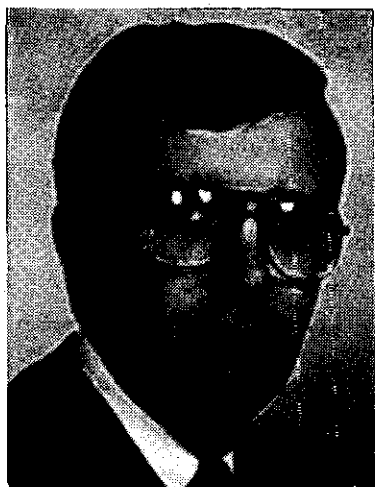
Caponera, Breslin pound pavement in court race

By Eric Bryant

If anything, Republican County Court Judge candidate Phil Caponera is a pragmatist.

"I've got to win big in Colonie to take this," he said, regarding the November election that will decide who will fill a vacancy created last November by the election of Judge Thomas Keegan to the state Supreme Court.

Caponera is squaring off against Democrat Thomas Breslin, a three-year veteran as judge in Albany County Family Court and a former trial lawyer in the county's district attorney and public defender's



Thomas Breslin

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office.

Caponera, hoping to capitalize on the Republican upsurge in the county following the election of County Executive Michael Hoblock last year, said he's been pushing heavily in his adopted hometown of Colonie as well as other Republican strongholds in the county such as Bethlehem and Guilderland. "Even Hoblock didn't win in the city of Albany, so I've got to concentrate my efforts where I know I can get the votes. I've got to win big in Colonie and then do very well in what are considered the Republican towns."

Breslin meanwhile, said he's not looking at any specific areas of the county to campaign in, but every night since mid-August he's been pounding the pavement to reach the voters. "I've been out there nearly every night asking the people to examine my record,



Philip Caponera

asking them for support," the Albany native said.

Saying he's already worn out a pair of shoes, Caponera is likewise travelling to the far corners of the county to seek votes in what is basically a campaign based on character and experience.

"When they say Salem Hills (in Voorheesville), believe me, there are hills," Caponera joked. "I'll tell you one thing though, the people

I've talked to seem to really appreciate that a candidate for judge is going door-to-door."

Both candidates seem to have a great deal of respect for one another and agree that, because there are few real "campaign issues," judicial races are generally decided on who has the best record and most experience.

While their party affiliations separate them, Breslin and Caponera developed in the world of Albany County law and politics during the same time frame. Caponera, 50, has focused his career as a judge in the town of Colonie, while Breslin, 46, has filled legal posts at the county level and as corporation counsel in Watervliet.

In addition to his Albany private practice and frequent stints substituting for other judges in the area, Caponera has served as a Colonie Town Justice since 1975. The Glens Falls native points to the fact that Colonie has one of the busiest courts not only in the Capital District but in the state with between 18,000 and 20,000 cases each year.

"I enjoy being a judge, plain and simple," Caponera said. Asked to run down his qualifications, he points to consistency and fairness on the bench, as well as reserved compassion when the case requires it.

"The most important thing any judge can do is keep an even hand and don't do something out of the ordinary."

Calling the county court post, "a lifelong dream," Breslin said he's worked within the county court system "almost since I got out of law school," a background that makes him the most qualified.

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Craft fair patrons can purchase holiday items

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Parent Teacher Organization will host a districtwide "Deck the Halls" craft fair on Sunday, Nov. 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the high school, Route 9W, Ravena.

"We have over 80 vendors scheduled, with more space requests every day," said craft fair coordinator Phyllis Ingraham. Vendors and exhibitors will be coming from as near as Delmar and Catskill to as far away as Greenwich and Valley Falls, she said. A wide variety of goods ranging from wood and fabric items to porcelain, jewelry and personalized glass engravings will be offered.

Food booths will serve beverages, fast food items and hot food such as hot dogs, burgers and soups. A bake sale is also planned.

"Wickes Lumber of Selkirk has donated a ceiling fan to be used as first prize in our giant raffle," Ingraham said. "Other area businesses have donated items for raffle made up into wicker theme baskets, from hair care supplies to

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children's activities."

Funds raised by the event will be used to purchase new classroom reading material.

Book character parade to celebrate reading

The A.W. Becker Elementary School book character parade has been scheduled for Friday, Oct. 30, at 2 p.m. at the school on Route 9W in Selkirk.

The parade is part of the Parents as Reading Partners (PARP) program, now in its final week.

Pupils will bring their costumes to school for the afternoon parade. Parents and siblings have been invited to attend.

Clothing drive to benefit Native Americans

The Becker Parent-Teacher

Association has planned its annual Native American winter clothing drive from Monday, Nov. 2, through Friday, Nov. 13.

This year's clothing donations will benefit the New York State Onondaga Nation, near Syracuse. Clean winter clothing for all ages may be brought to the school during regular business hours in bags or boxes, or may be sent in with students.

Donations of money are also being accepted to aid in transportation costs. Bethlehem's Hamagrael Elementary is participating in this year's drive as well as several area churches.

Skaters to roll in Becker school gym

The A.W. Becker Elementary School PTA will sponsor roller skating in the school gym on two Mondays, Nov. 2 and 9, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The event is limited to the first

100 students who sign up. Tickets are being sold in advance at a cost of \$3.50 per skater. Volunteers are needed to chaperone at the event.

For information or to volunteer, call 767-2405 or 767-3179.

Board of education sets Monday meeting

The RCS Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 2, in the board office, 26 Thatcher St., Selkirk.

A 6 p.m. work session is also planned on that day and is open to the public.

Library offers series on positive parenting

The Ravena Free Library, 106 Main St., Ravena, will offer a Cornell Cooperative Extension series on positive parenting during November.

The first presentation will be Wednesday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m. Barbara Eastman will discuss eat-

ing disorders and nutrition.

The preschool story hour scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 7, at 1:30 p.m. will be on American Indians. For information, call 756-2053.

Ladies auxiliary to host home products party

The Selkirk Fire Company No. 1 Ladies Auxiliary will host a Stanley Home Products party on Monday, Nov. 9, at 8 p.m. at the Selkirk firehouse.

Proceeds will benefit auxiliary support activities. Phone orders will be accepted at 767-9242.

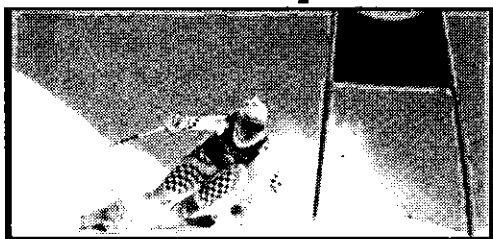
Ladies auxiliary schedules Saturday spoon dinner

The Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Unit No. 4 has scheduled a "spoon dinner" from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Clarksville firehouse, Plank Road.

Buffet items will cost 25 cents a scoop. A wide range of hot and cold homemade foods will be offered, including desserts.

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Bouton sets special services open house

An open house for special services at Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School will be tonight, Oct. 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

A three-to-five minute overview of the different services will be presented in the informal session. Special services included in this program will be: compensatory education, psychological, speech, committee on special education, counseling, pupil services team and child study team.

For information, call Linda Wolkenbreit at 765-3314.

NS Kiwanis slates installation dinner

The New Scotland Kiwanis plan their annual installation dinner at Pinehaven Country Club, Siver Road, Gunderland, on Friday, Oct. 30, beginning at 7 p.m.

Officers for 1992-93 are William Parmelee, president; James Hladun, first vice president; Dick Ramsey, second vice president; Warren Schlicker, secretary; and Pat Arthur, treasurer.

For information, call 765-4241.

Applefest scheduled at V'ville school

A traditional "Applefest" is slated for Saturday, Oct. 31, from 10 a.m.

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to 2 p.m. at the Voorheesville Elementary School gym.

There will be games, prizes, pony rides (weather permitting), pie eating contests and a cake walk. Pizza, fried dough, hot dogs and more will be available in the cafeteria.

The Voorheesville PTA is sponsoring this fund-raiser which will help benefit school programs. Admission is 50 cents.

For information, call Tricia Crosswhite 765-2048.

Sports boosters to meet Nov. 3

The Voorheesville Sports Booster Club will meet Tuesday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School in Room 104 to discuss fund-raising activities.

For information, call Lois Parmelee at 765-3027.

Don't forget to vote Nov. 3

Remember to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Polling places will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Election Day. To determine if a polling place is accessible to the handicapped, call the Board of Elections at 487-5068.

Church planning annual turkey dinner

The annual turkey dinner of the New Scotland Presbyterian Church, 2010 New Scotland Road, will be Saturday, Nov. 7, from 4 to 7:30 p.m.

Dinner will consist of tomato juice, green bean salad, butter squash and corn, turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls and butter. The women of the church have made homemade pies for dessert. After dinner, baked goods and fancy goods (crafts) will be on sale.

No reservations are needed. Adult tickets are \$7.50 and children \$3.50. For information, call 439-6454.

Spots available in continuing-ed course

Voorheesville Central Continuing Education has space availability for "How to Make Potpourri" on Thursday, Nov. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School.

Carla Mace is the instructor. The fee for the course is \$7 and material fee is \$6. To register, call Jim Hladun at 765-3314.

Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

Recycling paper must seem very confusing. After all, it's all paper, isn't it?

However, paper must be divided into categories based on its qualities or characteristics.

In the mailbox, we find paper in white envelopes, glossy envelopes, brown envelopes, envelopes with plastic windows, manila envelopes, special delivery envelopes, padded envelopes, corrugated box deliveries, and plastic and cellophane wrapped advertisements and magazines.

Plastic windows are not acceptable to the recycling process, and plastic or cellophane wrap is also not acceptable. Most items wrapped in plastic are recyclable, but the wrap must be removed and discarded in the trash. Envelopes padded with plastic bubbles should be discarded in the trash or reused.

No plastic should ever be mixed with any paper destined for the recycling facility. It is okay to place the paper items in a plastic bag if you have been instructed to do so by your hauler, but do not include any additional plastic, metal or glass inside the plastic or kraft bag containing paper items.

Brown envelopes and manila envelopes are another dilemma.

Brown envelopes are in the same category as kraft paper bags. Manila envelopes as well as manila folders can be placed with the

office paper.

Recyclables will be thrown in the trash if they are not prepared properly. That means that tape, sticky address labels and metal clasps must all be removed. Do not include any food container labels in the paper recycling stream. Labels from cans, etc., belong in the trash.

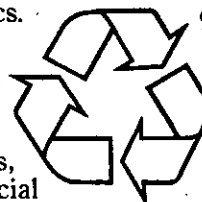
Many residents and businesses have expressed a fear that, because of the personal nature of some mail, confidential numbers and addresses may be read. I can assure you that with the volume of materials arriving at the recycling facilities there is absolutely no time to read the printed material.

Almost immediately, paper is put into huge bales. When recycled, the print is destroyed in order to manufacture new, clean paper.

One solution to this privacy fear is to use a black magic marker to cover the personal items. Or, a small portion of the page could be torn off and discarded.

Please do not throw candy and gum wrappers in the paper recycling bin. Wrappers are still considered trash and belong in the "throwaway" can. Also not acceptable is construction paper.

It is extremely important that plastic, metal and glass not be mixed with any type of recyclable paper.



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Come in costume for an afternoon of magic, mayhem and comedy provided by "Merwin the Mediocre Wizard," aka magician Scott Payne. After feasting on Halloween goodies, be sure to stop by the Young People's section to check out Halloween tales avail-

In November, antique bottles from the collection of Mark and Kathy Switzer of Voorheesville will be on display. Both exhibits can be viewed Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nimblefingers, a needlework group meeting on Tuesday after-

noons concentrates on embroidery, bargello, counted cross stitch with lots of companionship thrown in for good measure.

The next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 3, from 1 to 3 p.m..

The library will be open regular hours on Election Day.

Christine Shields

Halloween program to feature stories

The Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, will sponsor its annual Halloween gathering on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30 and 31, at 10:30 a.m.

Spooky stories, tricks, treats and a haunted house craft will be featured.

Preschoolers ages 3 to 6 are invited.

To pre-register, call the library at 439-9314.

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Today's Story Hour will also have a Halloween theme with some ghostly tales read by librarian Meg Hughes.

The Story Hour for Friday, Oct. 30, has been cancelled. The regular schedule will resume next week.

On exhibit beginning Monday, Nov. 2, and running through the month are works by Constance Elliott. A resident of Delmar for many years, Elliott has had varied careers, ranging from physical therapist to photocomposition editor to homemaker.

Although her preference is to portray unique human faces and forms, Connie also paints popular general subjects, landscapes, sea scenes and stilllife.

For two years, Elliott's works have been exhibited at The Art Gallery of Fells Points in Maryland, and locally she has exhibited and/or won awards at the Bethlehem Library and Town Hall, Pruyn House, Colonie Town Hall, the Sanford Library and the Albany Institute of History and Art.

In a recent competition, her painting of "The Paddock Store at the Four Corners circa 1918" was selected by the Bethlehem Historical Association and the Bicentennial Commission as "the best depiction of a significant historical building."

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SPORTS**V'ville girls volleyball breaks into win column**

By Greg Sullivan

Despite a four set loss to Cohoes last Wednesday, the Voorheesville girls varsity volleyball team broke the ice and recently picked up its first victories of the season.

On Tuesday, Oct. 13, the Ladybirds traveled to Waterford where they emerged with their first league victory in convincing fashion. It took the girls only four games to dispense with host Waterford in a best-of-five game format.

Voorheesville coach Jim Ascone said, "Allison Vinson, Chris Paraso, Michelle Martin, Becky Bryden, Angie Praga and Jen Stapf all played very well."

The victory party did not last long, however, as Ascone and the Ladybirds traveled to Emma Willard on Thursday, Oct. 15, where they faced one of their toughest league opponents of the season. The girls battled hard and played well, but came up short as Emma Willard handed Voorheesville the defeat.

The girls took the loss in stride, however, and bounced back on Friday, Oct. 16, by winning their second match in four days. Again their opponent was Waterford, but

this time the Ladybirds played in front of the home fans in Voorheesville.

Three straight games was all it took for Voorheesville to put away Waterford and pick up their second victory of the season. Good games were turned in by Cindy Law, Wendy Reynolds, Rachael Legere and Jill Kramer. Kramer, in fact, served eight straight points in one game contributing to her team's victory.

It was a complete team effort. They put everything together.

Jim Ascone

"I was extremely pleased with everyone's performance that week. It was a complete team effort. They put everything together," Ascone said.

This week the team plays its last three matches of the season against the Albany Academy for Girls, Tamarac and Ravena. "If we can keep the intensity of our play as high as it has been, these should be some very good matches," Ascone said.

Ruth roost rulers

Members of this year's Bethlehem Babe Ruth champions, Ted Danz Heating, gather at town hall during registration Saturday. Front row, from left, are Billy Soronen, Pete Flanigan, Bill Kosoc (coach), Matt Winterhoff and Kevin Blanchard; and back row, from left, are Dan Leyden (coach), Nathan Kosoc, Chris Bannigan, Tom Leyden, Mike Soronen and Bill Soronen (coach).
Dev Tobin

X-country teams finish with high hopes for future

By Pete Loux

The Bethlehem Central girls varsity and boys freshmen cross country teams both fared well on Oct. 23 at the Albany County Championships.

Led by juniors Nicole Mizener (9th place), Kristen Ruso (15th)

and sophomore Cara Cameron (26th), the girls varsity ended up fourth in the county.

Ninth grader Nate Sadjack placed 15th to lead the freshman boys to a fourth place team finish.

Last Tuesday, Oct. 20, both

varsity teams suffered defeats at the hands of Suburban Council powerhouses, Shaker and Shenendehowa, in their last dual meet of the season. Although the girls team was 2-8 and the boys 1-9, the future looks promising for BC cross country.

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BC lady swimmers improve record

By Joshua Kagan

The Bethlehem girls swimming and diving team improved their league record to 2-6 by defeating Scotia last week.

The Eagles beat Scotia 112 points to 71 on Friday, October 23. Bethlehem coach Sandie Banas was impressed by her team's performance. "They did a good job. We've been doing a lot of speed work, so we didn't see a lot of personal best times. They knew where they had to place, and they did that. Our next meet against Troy will be a close one, and it was

good that we won this one to get back on the right track," Banas said.

Anne Byrd had a big meet for BC. She won both the 200 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke and anchored the winning 400 freestyle relay team of Georgia Butt, Kelly Link, Cailin Brennan and Byrd. Jen Smith finished third behind Byrd in the 200 freestyle and Katie Cross placed second in the 100 breaststroke. Butt also finished second in the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle. Link came in third in the 50 freestyle. Brennan

won the 500 freestyle for the Eagles.

Clarissa D'Ambrosio won the 100 butterfly and placed second in the 200 individual medley. Shauna Dowd and Nina Teresi finished third behind D'Ambrosio in the butterfly and medley, respectively. Bethlehem received an automatic first through third sweep in diving because Scotia did not field any divers. Karrena Zornow, Laura Hoffmeister and Kerri Battle finished 1,2,3 for BC. In the 100 backstroke Meg Teresi and Stephanie Bobo finished 2-3, respectively.

BC girls volleyball team finishes with a flourish

By Jared Beck

The Bethlehem Central girls volleyball team finished its regular season in top form, with wins against Mohonasen, Oct. 22, and against Columbia on Oct. 23.

These two victories put the Eagles league record over .500 (8-7), and secured them the fifth seed in the upcoming Suburban Council tournament.

After suffering a quick defeat at the hands of undefeated Burnt Hills on Oct. 20, the Eagles rebounded, wrapping up Columbia 9-15, 15-11, 15-5, 15-13 and then Mohonasen 15-7, 15-12, 15-11. Coach Nancy Smith said simply, "It was a real good way to finish the season."

The tournament begins Oct. 27.

The Eagles find themselves placed in a pool with Burnt Hills, Scotia, and Saratoga. This season, Bethlehem has lost all four of its matches to Burnt Hills and Scotia, and has won its only match against Saratoga. The Eagles must find a way to finish second in the pool, so that they may move on to the finals on Oct. 29.

I think we might have a good shot," said Smith. "Both of our matches versus Scotia could have gone either way. If we can beat them, we can finish second."

The Eagles are awaiting news of acceptance into the sectional tournament, which begins Nov. 3. Because of Bethlehem's winning league record, the coach expects the team to be selected.

RCS gridders fall to Schalmont, 20-14

By Kevin VanDerzee

The Ravena Indians traveled to Schalmont Saturday to play the Sabres in a Capital Conference match-up. In a game in which the momentum bounced back and forth, the Sabres came out on top 20-14.

The Indians chose to receive the ball right away, hoping to open the scoring up early. After driving the ball down to Schalmont's 40-yard line, the Indians were forced to punt. The Sabres then went 75 yards on 12 plays to make the score 6-0 after the kick sailed wide right on the extra point attempt.

RCS then took the ensuing kickoff 74 yards on eight plays with junior Joe Esponosa scoring his first touchdown of the season.

The extra point attempt by Seth Roe was blocked leaving the score tied at 6-6.

The teams traded punts until there was about a minute left in the half. Roe was about to punt for the Indians when he fumbled and it was recovered by Schalmont, which scored two plays later for a 12-6 lead going into the half.

The Sabres scored first in the second half and converted the two-point conversion making the score 20-6. Elton Tune then scored for the Indians and Michael Jordan caught the extra point pass to make the score 20-14.

Ravena attempted to drive one more time but Romano was intercepted to end the Indians drive,

and the game, with Sabres winning 20-14.

Elton Tune once again led the Indians running game with 73 yards rushing.

Gambelunghe's 304 yards and 4 TDs key BC win

By Michael Kagan

Mike Gambelunghe shattered his own school rushing record Saturday as the Bethlehem Eagles outlasted home team Troy in a mud-match, 34-13.

Gambelunghe, who had set the school mark of 211 yards in the first game of the season against Schenectady, averaged just under of seven yards per carry in gaining 304 yards. He also scored four

touchdowns, all on the ground.

The Eagles never trailed, mustering 406 yards of total offense. Gambelunghe scored on a five yard run in the first quarter and quarterback Josh Lanni found tight end Dan Willi from 12 yards out early in the second quarter.

Gambelunghe scored another six points on a 10-yard run before Troy found the end zone twice for its only scores of the game.

The fourth quarter, like many quarters this season, belonged to Gambelunghe, as he scored two more touchdowns, on runs of six and two yards.

Playing on the rain-soaked field, the teams combined for three missed extra points.

Bethlehem's record now stands at 5-2 overall and 3-1 in the Metro-land Conference. Troy is 2-4 overall and is winless in four games in the conference.

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Victory lifts BC girls soccer from doldrums

By Jessica Romano

The victory over Columbia High, on Tuesday, Oct. 20, ended the Bethlehem girls soccer five game losing streak and boosted their league record to 3 and 8. Their season record was 8 and 8.

"We really needed to win," said coach Tony DiSilvio. If BC wins its remaining league games, it may be possible to go to the sectionals.

The Lady Eagles offense came back after training 1-0 in the first period. First to score for BC was Jessica Romano, assisted by Casey Cannistraci. Kristen VanDuzer then scored off a direct kick, following a Columbia penalty.

Cannistraci and Gisotti each added a point late into the second half. "I was scared in the first half because we were losing, but thank

God we came back and scored in the second," said DiSilvio.

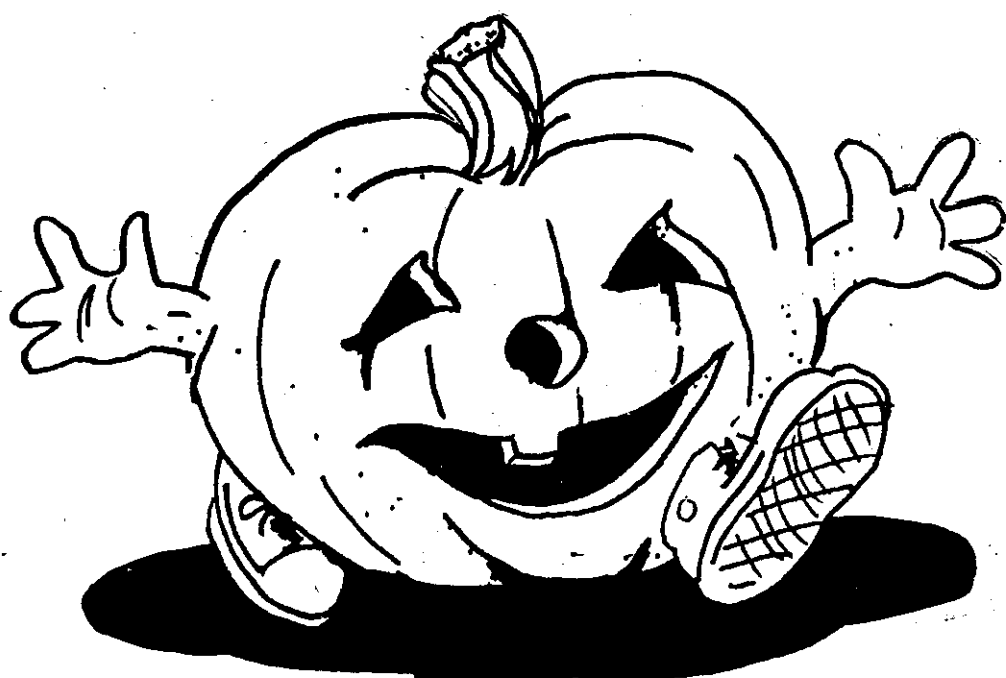
Despite missing two key defensive players, Lisa Dearstyne and Melissa Mann, the BC defense allowed only nine shots on goal. Goalkeeper Jennifer Radliff saved seven. "We hope to have Melissa Mann and Kristen VanDuzer back 100 percent for our next game," DiSilvio said.

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Pop Warner cheerleaders have their weekend in the sun

As Bethlehem Pop Warner football enjoyed an off-weekend, their four cheerleading squads competed in the annual competition in Colonie along with 58 squads from the Capital District area.

The Jr. Pee Wee girls, including Sarah Brandone, Amanda Boltz, Kelly Hasselbach, Lindsay Hill, Krystin Johnson, Heather Martin, Danielle Masterson, Lori Morrell (mascot), Nicole Osterhout, Kate Persing, April Rooney, Jessica Swan, Debbie Seward and Vanessa Zaranko, finished third in their division.

The Falcons Pee Wee squad just missed medal contention. Members are Courtney Atwood (mascot), Lauren Atwood, Alicia Boughton (mascot), Victoria Boughton, Lynn Berry, Jennifer Brossoie, Sara DaCorta, Lauren Englisbe, Alissa Kind, Sara Manco, Katie Noonan, Heather Pangburn, Gretchen Parker, Melissa Swan, Elizabeth Thomas, Elizabeth Walmsley, and Kelly Youngs.

Placing fourth in the Jr. Midget division were Abby Alexander, Janelle Bubeck, Jaime Leigh Gooding, Alyssa Hunke, Keri Johnson, Bridget McCaughin, Kelly Ray, Monique Roberts, Maria Santiago and Heather Smith.

The Midget Eagle squad finished in fifth place divisionally. Members are Dawn Bidgett, Kelly Boughton, Mandi Brozowski, Heather Clarke, Brienne Culkin, Katie Mooney, Mary Moutray, Chrissi Osterhaut, Amy Raab, Tara Rooney, Jessica Van Wormer and Rebecca Watt.

A spaghetti dinner is set for Thursday, October 29, at the Delmar Methodist Church. Call Cindy at 439-6037 for details.

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V'ville girls soccer team finishes second in Colonial Council

Greg Sullivan

After dropping the first two games of the season, the Voorheesville girls varsity soccer team made some drastic improvements and finished their regular league schedule last week among the top teams in the Colonial Council.

Their two wins over Waterford and Emma Willard, and a loss to Watervliet, gave the team a 7-3-4 league record, good for second place in the Colonial Council.

Last Tuesday, the girls had a shot to move within a half game of the division-leading Watervliet team, but couldn't manage to put any true scoring opportunities together. "The girls wanted to win so badly, but we simply played awful," said Voorheesville head coach Jim Hladun.

Watervliet jumped out quickly, scoring two first half goals before

dropping back into a defensive stand. By the time Voorheesville got anything going it was too late and the score remained 2-0, leaving Voorheesville with a modest second place finish.

"We seemed to forget how to play," added Hladun. "I was very disappointed."

The rest of the week, however, went more Voorheesville's way. On Thursday, the Ladybirds scraped out a 1-0 victory over Waterford. Junior striker Megan McCartney scored with about 11 minutes to go in the game.

Despite the results, Hladun was not altogether pleased. "The outcome was a win, but nobody really felt good about it. We outshot them 21-4, but couldn't manage to put the ball away."

On Saturday, at Emma Willard, Voorheesville seemed to come

together and play much better soccer. After failing behind 1-0 early in the game, the Ladybirds tied the game on a Kate Pakenas penalty kick to even the score to 1-1 at halftime.

In the second half, the game quickly shifted in favor of Voorheesville. "The second half was all ours," Hladun said. The Ladybirds pounded the ball continuously until senior Becky Bailly found the net off a corner kick, making the final score 2-1.

After the win on Saturday, Voorheesville finished second in the Class C division. They were scheduled to play the second place finisher of the class B division, Schalmont, on Monday. The game will count as a league game and may affect the seeding in the sectionals, which will begin late this week.

Registration is ongoing for Dolphins swim club

Registration for the fall/winter program of the Delmar Dolphins Swim Club is ongoing. The club offers a competitive swim program under the direction of experienced and certified swim coaches.

Several dual, developmental and invitational swim meets are

offered throughout the season. Various social activities are also offered for swimmers and parents/guardians alike.

Participants must be between the ages of six and 18, a resident of

the Town of Bethlehem or the Bethlehem Central School District and able to swim 25 yards consecutively without assistance.

For information, call 439-3805.

BC boys volleyball in gear for playoffs

The Bethlehem Boys varsity volleyball team, currently gold division champions, has increased its standing to second overall, behind Shenendehowa.

The Eagles began by defeating Mohonassen 15-7, 16-14 on Thursday. Team tri-captain Jason Silber said, "Our team played well. This prepared us for sectionals."

On Friday, they played a tension-filled game against Gunderland, the number 2 team in the blue division. The Eagles won the first game 15-11, but lost the second game 11-15 after making up a nine point deficit. They won the third game 15-11 to clinch their second place standing and bump Gunderland to third.

Coach Chuck Racey said, "We've won every key game so far, and we've moved ourselves up. I'm just glad we won those games. Andy Christian crushed them down against Gunderland today, Jason was the major force against Columbia and Brian in the other (key) games."

In commenting on their success, tri-captain Brian Mullan said, "In the beginning of the year they said we'd be a 6-12 team ... we're 14-4 now."

The boys volleyball sectional tournament will be held this week at Colonie High School.

Aiding in the team's wins last week were Chris and John Gould, Adam Carpenter, Christian Smith-Socar, Lee Eck, Dave Seegal, Jon Fisher, Tim Philippo, and Tommy Dorgan. To the delight of their fans, the Eagles walked off the court Friday with smiles on their faces.

Star Bowlers



Bowling honors for the week of Oct. 18, at Del Lanes in Delmar, go to:

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Sr. Cit. Women — Terri Price 174, 466 triple, Cora Kubisch 164, Doris Aupperle 435 triple.

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Women — Paula Cole 240, Sandy Vincent 541 triple, Peg Were 801 (4 game series).

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Maj. Girls — Erin Barkman 237, 792 (4 game series).

Jr. Boys — Dave Rose 218, 766 (4 game series).

Jr. Girls — Andrea Kachidurian 202, 705 (4 game series).

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Jr. Girls — Jennifer Preska 212, 532 triple, Nicole Hoke 201, 459 triple.

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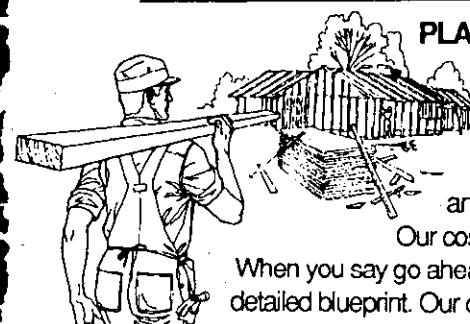
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Activities honor Native Americans

In November, the children's room of the library will celebrate 1992 as "The Year of the American Indian" with a series of programs and activities.

A Congressional proclamation calls on Americans to recognize and honor Native Americans, who have made "distinct and important contributions in many fields."

The children's room will provide a variety of programs for children of different age groups. Parents have requested programs for very young children, toddlers and preschoolers, who are just beginning to learn and develop reading and listening skills.

Children ages 2 through 13 from

the town of Bethlehem are invited to see the totem pole display and drop a wish for a favorite book in the Indian drum. At the end of Children's Book Week on Nov. 20, a name will be drawn, and the lucky winner will get his/her wish. One wish per child, please.



Native Americans are a diverse group of people, with different languages, clothing, shelters, foods and rituals. They belong to hundreds of tribes stretching from the Arctic Circle to the Gulf of Mexico.

On Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. Mary Galea of Feura Bush will present a lecture on Native Americans and their lore, handicrafts and artifacts based on her collections of arrowheads, pottery, beadwork, quill embroidery and Hop kachina dolls.

Galea has done workshops for local schools and has participated in numerous fur trade era rendezvous. The program is designed for youngsters in grades five and up and adults. To register, call the library at 439-9314.

On Thursday, Nov. 12, at 4 p.m., children in grades one to four can register for "Backyard Archaeology," and learn how to be a history detective in the backyard. Amateur archaeologist Donna Crisafulli will show the Indian arrowheads, fossils and colonial life artifacts she has unearthed in her backyard. Participants can bring a shell, arrowhead or similar object to make a fossil craft.

Preschoolers, ages 3 through 6, are invited to experience Native American culture at "Tom-Toms and Talking Hands" on Friday, Nov. 27, at 10:30 a.m.

The library will be open for regular hours on Halloween, Election Day and Veterans' Day. The library's regular hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m.

Anna Jane Abaray

Bethlehem task force targets teen drug and alcohol abuse

Approximately 45 Bethlehem residents and members of the Bethlehem Community Partnership Business Task Force met last weekend at the Roaring Brook Lodge in Lake George to create an alliance of community, schools and businesses to educate about and combat against alcohol and drug abuse.

The meeting was organized by Holly Billings, president of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, and Mona Prenoveau, Bethlehem Networks Project coordinator. The workshop was conducted by Brenda McGuire, prevention specialist with Northeast Regional Training Center of the federal Department of Education.

Five smaller groups developed objectives that they will accomplish by next spring in an effort to involve as many as possible in reducing illegal alcohol and drug use.

Fabric store to sponsor costume parade

Crafts and Fabrics Beyond the Tollgate, New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, is sponsoring its third annual Halloween costume parade and contest on Saturday, Oct. 31,

at 4:30 p.m.

The event is open to the public. Participants must wear a handmade costume. For information, call 439-5632.

American Legion sets spaghetti dinner

The American Legion Voorheesville Post 1493 will sponsor a spaghetti supper on Friday, Oct. 30, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Voorheesville American Legion,

31 Voorheesville Ave.

Cost will be \$5.50 for adults, \$3.50 for children 6 to 12 and free for children under five.

Takeouts will be available.

Slingerlands PTA plans Nov. 3 bake sale

The Slingerlands Elementary School PTA will sponsor a bake sale on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the

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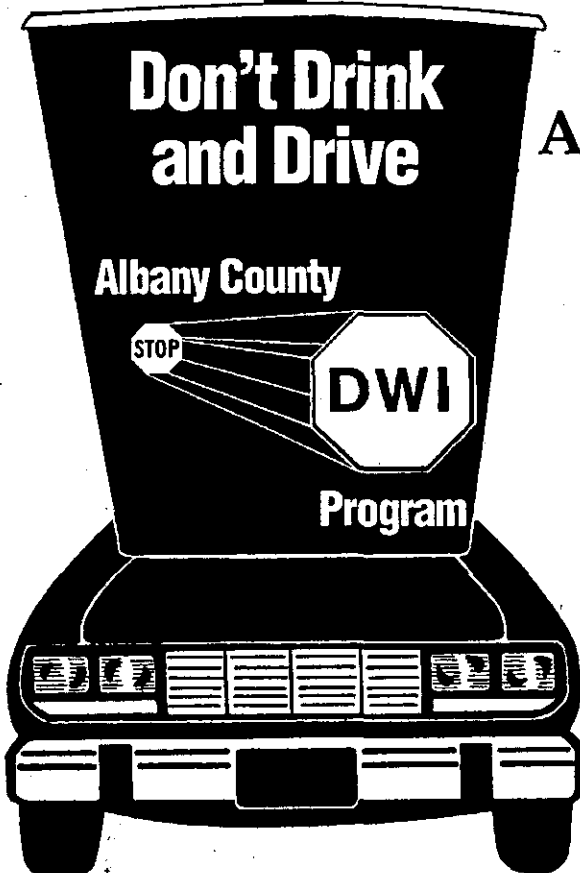
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□ Fatalities

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Route 144 between Wemple Road and the Three Farms Dairy are not uncommon, according to Geurtze, who moved to Glenmont a year ago after living in Unionville for many years. "If I witnessed four accidents within a mile of my house in 18 years that was a lot," she said.

Her son also happened to be waiting for the school bus last Tuesday when the Mercedes crashed. "I'm afraid to let my son go outside and rake leaves," she said. "I asked the DOT (state Department of Transportation) to do a traffic study a couple of weeks ago and they said something was already being done."

But Geurtze wants something done now — something concrete like replacing the broken center line with a solid line. And lowering the 55 mph speed limit.

"I get woken up in the middle of the night by tractor-trailers just flying by the house," she said. "I'm ready to put the 'For Sale' sign out. There was no water out there (in Unionville), but at least it was relatively safe. I hold my breath every time I take a left into my driveway."

Last Friday's fatal accident, which occurred at 2:41 a.m., was the second crash this year to claim

a life along Route 144 in Glenmont. Jose L. Robles, of 63 Saratoga Sites, was traveling southbound when his vehicle crossed over into the northbound lane and collided with a tractor-trailer driven by George E. Larkin, 35, of Lee, Mass.

A third vehicle, operated by Larry E. Rivers, 24, of South Main St., Coeymans, then collided with the tractor-trailer, police said.

Robles was pronounced dead at the scene while Larkin, Rivers, and James L. Douglas, 28, of Feura Bush, a passenger in the Rivers car, were taken to the Albany Medical Center Hospital by the Bethlehem Ambulance Service and the Delmar Rescue Squad. They were treated and released from the hospital.

Also assisting at the scene was the Selkirk Fire Department.

Burt attributes the traffic problem in part to trucks looking to avoid stoplights on Route 9W and tolls on the Thruway. "They don't pay any tolls but unfortunately the people on this road pay a toll of a different kind."

"I think this is the only area in Bethlehem that has a 55 mph limit where the road is two lanes," she continued. "People routinely travel 65 or 70 at the least."

Town police frequently patrol the area, but that's not enough, she said. "They can't be here around the clock," and that's how often the problem occurs.

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Board OKs removal of contaminated soil

By Michele Bintz

At a recent meeting, the Ravenna-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education approved the removal and disposal of contaminated soil caused by leakage of a 30-year-old failed 12,000-gallon in-ground oil tank in the south parking lot at the A.W. Becker Elementary School.

They also approved the conversion of the heating system from oil to natural gas, as recommended by Robert Abromaitis of HA2F Consulting and Engineering of Clifton Park.

According to business administrator Roger Lewis, the replacement of the tank — which was discovered leaking in a routine

pressure test last month — and the conversion of the existing system to natural gas could cost the district upwards of \$100,000.

Although the problem is not covered by current insurance policies, he said, the district is eligible for aid up to 64 percent of the cost to resolve the problem.

A temporary 1,000-gallon above-ground oil tank has been installed at Becker. However, board member Sarah Hafensteiner said she is concerned that students can't go outside during recess, and urged the board to act immediately to resolve the tank problem.

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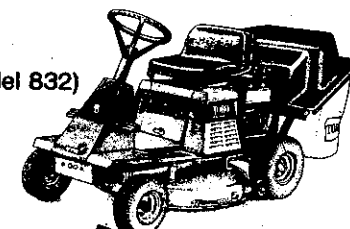
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Phillips, Zupan marry

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The Rev. William Vigne conducted the ceremony in the First United Methodist Church in East Greenbush.

Tracy Phillips was matron of honor, and Lisa Phillips, Lisa Compe, Linda Mehleisen, Kathy Decastro, and Doron Zupan were bridesmaids.

Nick Zupan was best man, and

Robert Phillips, Mario Decastro, Gino Decastro, Mike Phillips and Timothy Lussier were ushers.

The groom is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School. He is a paper worker for Fort Orange Paper Co. in Castleton.

The bride is a graduate of Columbia High School. She is a waitress at Ground Round in Clifton Park.

After a wedding trip to Niagara Falls, the couple lives in Guilderland.

Births

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Girl, Catherine Marie, to Marie and Patrick Sanderson, Delmar, Sept. 1.

Girl, Kaitlyn Elizabeth, to Patricia and Kevin Wilson, Glenmont, Sept. 7.

Girl, Allison Rose, to Diane and John Teevan, Delmar, Sept. 9.

Girl, Alexandra Emily, to Karen and Sam Randio Jr., South Bethlehem, Sept. 12.

Girl, Leah Yvette, to Alissa Reidy, Delmar, Sept. 14.

Boy, Matthew Joseph, to Patricia Lojano and Keith Whitten, Feura Bush, Sept. 14.

Boy, Francis Dylan, to Kim and Karl Seitz, Slingerlands, Sept. 16.

Boy, Dylan Maurice, to Gloria and Donald Foley, Delmar, Sept. 16.

Girl, Teagan Elizabeth, to Karen and John Waddingham, Delmar, Sept. 21.

Girl, Samantha Kaitlyn, to Christine Costa and Michael Porter, Selkirk, Sept. 25.

Boy, Matthew Travis, to Kimberley Treinen and Jeffry Montgomery, Delmar, Sept. 30.

Boy, Christopher Michael, to Kim Duncan, Selkirk, Sept. 30.

Girls, Cameron Anne and Kylie Healy, to Sue and David Caesar, Delmar, Sept. 30.

Boy, Christopher John II, to Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Bonacci, Glenmont, Sept. 30.



William and Jacqueline Hartloff

Larabee, Hartloff wed

Jacqueline Chenot Larabee, daughter of John Larabee of Hillsdale, Columbia County, and Marcia Larabee of Round Pond, Maine, and William Michael Hartloff, son of Ethel Hartloff of Hamburg, Erie County, and the late George Hartloff, were married Oct. 3.

The ceremony was performed by the Hon. Douglas Mills at the Cock'n Bull Restaurant in Galway, Saratoga County.

The matron of honor was Mary Smith, and Rebecca Owen, Cathy Misterman and Judy Rand were honorary bridesmaids.

David Champagne was best man, and David Larabee, Kyle Larabee, and Michael Larabee were honorary ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School and SUNY Albany. She is employed by Lower Forty Pre-Press, Colonie, and a graduate student of psychology in SUNY Albany.

The groom is a graduate of SUNY Cortland. He is employed by Allerdice Building Supply in Saratoga Springs.

After a wedding trip to France and Switzerland, the couple lives in Galway.

THE YOUTH NETWORK

A BETHLEHEM NETWORKS PROJECT

Business Task Force reports to chamber

Holly Billings, president of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, and Mona Prenoveau, Bethlehem Networks Project coordinator, have extended an official "thank you" to Marty Cornelius and the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.

Members of the Bethlehem Community Partnership Business Task Force made a brief presentation at the chamber's recent breakfast meeting.

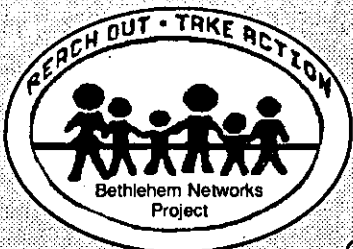
Denis Foley, Director of STOP DWI and Mike McMillen, DARE Officer, represented the Business Task Force. Other task force members are Evelyn Bernstein, Marilyn Corrigan and Mary Ahlstrom.

Foley and McMillen presented the results of a survey of local businesses, and explained how all members of the community need to be involved to help fight alcohol and drug abuse. They asked chamber members to work with the task force to create a youth/business alliance.

An example was given of how chamber members might help two eighth-graders trying to find outdoor volunteer work.

Also at the breakfast meeting, Billings and Prenoveau talked about the background of the Community Partnership and described the work of the other task forces.

For information about the partnership, call 439-7740.



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Eugene Millett and Candi Drobner

Drobner, Millett to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Drobner Sr. of Selkirk have announced the engagement of their daughter Candi Drobner to Eugene Millett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Millett of Coxsackie.

An April wedding is planned.

Celebrant Singers plan Delmar concert

The Celebrant Singers, an internationally known Christian music ministry headquartered in California, will present a concert of contemporary Christian music on Sunday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Community church, Delmar.

Their two-hour service is a

blend of inspiring music, praise and worship, and preaching of the Word. Featuring 10 singers and a 12-piece orchestra, this particular group of Celebrants has returned from an extensive mission outreach to East Africa, and is currently on a six-month tour of the U.S. and Canada.

Mail weddings, engagements

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

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

Send information to 125 Adams St., Delmar 12054.

Births

Bellevue Hospital

Girl, Jessica Nicole, to Margaret Lauretti and Scott Clemens, Slingerlands, Sept. 15.

Boy, Gregory Page, to Patricia and Brian Crawford, Voorheesville, Sept. 28.

Boy, Elliot John, to Sharon and John Shine, Glenmont, Sept. 29.

Girl, Meghan Elizabeth, to Mary and Patrick Seely Jr., Delmar, Oct. 4.

Girl, Amber Noel, to Tina Marie Hallenbach, Selkirk, Oct. 12.

Boy, Duncan Robert, to Elizabeth and Robert Gentner, Voorheesville, Oct. 12.

Teachers listed in 'Who's Who'

Several local teachers were recently listed in *Who's Who among America's Teachers*, including:

From Bethlehem Central School District: Virginia Dale, Muriel Nevens, Rosemary Norelli, Mignonne Philips, Roger Quackenbush, John Rightmeyer, Terry Ulion and James Yeara.

From Voorheesville Central School District: Patricia Burnham and Richard Freyer.

From Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District: Bruce Stott.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. Granton Bronk

Lovelace, Bronk wed

Cynthia Lovelace, daughter of Lewis and Patricia Lovelace of Delmar, and H. Granton Bronk, son of Frank and Joyce Bronk of Kensington, N.H. were married Aug. 15.

Rev. Alan Chase conducted the ceremony in Bethany Congregational Christian Church, Rye, N.H.

Cheryl Lovelace was maid of honor. Susan Elletson, Lori Fanning, Susan Tuttle, and Tricia Weber were bridesmaids.

Scott Goodrich was best man. Kenny Bronk, John Daigle, Todd

Harral, and Joseph Lutz were ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University of New Hampshire. She is employed by the Rochester Elementary School in Rochester, N.H.

The groom is also a graduate of the University of New Hampshire. He is employed by Nike Corporation in Greenland, N.H.

The couple resides in Elicot, Maine.



Delmar church slates annual country fair

The First United Methodist Church of Delmar will present its annual Old-Fashioned Country Fair on Saturday, Nov. 7, beginning at 8 a.m. at the church on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

Fair highlights will include handcrafted wooden children's toys, crafts and collectibles, a Christmas boutique, homemade baked goods, jams and jellies, plants and books.

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Obituaries

Ida Smith Foody

Ida Elizabeth Smith Foody, 90, a former Voorheesville resident, died Thursday at the Cheyenne Adult Home in Las Vegas, Nev.

Born in Voorheesville, she was a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar. She moved from Voorheesville to Florida 15 years ago, and to Las Vegas two years ago.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews, including Leonard Smith Jr. of Delmar.

Services are today at 11 a.m. from St. Thomas Church, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Meyers Funeral Home, Delmar.

Helene H. Entin

Helene H. Entin, 64, of Stan-dish Drive, Glenmont, died Tuesday, Oct. 20, at her home.

She was raised in Nassau and lived most of her life in New York City before moving to Glenmont from Yonkers two years ago.

Mrs. Entin was employed as an administrative assistant with Apple Bank of New York City, retiring in 1990.

She was a life member of Hadas-sah and was a great lover of tennis and music.

Survivors include her husband, Marvin Entin; two sons, Jeff Entin of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, and Glenn Entin of Brockport, Monroe County; a daughter, Meris Ruzow of Clifton Park; a brother, Bob Hochberg of Baltimore, Md.; and four grandchildren.

Services were from Beth El Cemetery, Oradell, N.J.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice, 315 South Manning Blvd. Albany 12208 or the National Tay-Sachs and Allied Diseases Association, 2001 Beacon St., Brookline, Mass. 02146.

Arrangements were by Levine Memorial Chapel, Albany.

Clayton E. Rose

Clayton E. Rose, 89, of San Diego, formerly of Delmar, died Monday, Oct. 19.

Born in Corning, Steuben County, he lived in Delmar for 21 years before moving to San Diego in 1971.

Mr. Rose taught in New York state public school systems for 43 years. He taught and served as principal of Hamilton High School

in Hamilton, Madison County, and as superintendent of schools in Penn Yan, Yates County.

He served as director of public relations for the New York State Teachers Association from 1950 until retiring in 1967.

He was a member of the Rancho Bernardo Community Church in San Diego, the Rancho Bernardo Rotary Club and was president of the Rancho Bernardo Homeowners Association.

Mr. Rose was also a member of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, The American Association of School Administrators and was president of the National School Public Relations Association.

He was husband of the late Jessie M. Rose.

Survivors include a daughter, Earlene R. Callahan of Rochester; a son, Clayton E. Rose Jr. of Delmar; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Albany Rotary Foundation, 16 Woodmont Drive, Delmar 12054.

Arrangements were by the Poway-Bernardo Mortuary, Poway, Calif.

Milton Snyder Jr.

Milton H. "Fuzzy" Snyder Jr., 61, of Cedar Grove Road, Selkirk, died Thursday, Oct. 22, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

A native of Berne, Snyder was a graduate of Ravena high school. He was employed as a truck driver by Callanan Industries, South Bethlehem, at the time of his death.

He was a member of the Teamsters Local 294 and a member of Selkirk Fire Co. 3.

Survivors include his wife, Fay Van Alstyne Snyder; a stepson, James Seaburg of Ravena; three stepdaughters, Susan Fink of Westerlo, Mary Quay of New Baltimore, Greene County and Faith Shear of Selkirk; two sisters, Virginia Coates of Schodack and Shirley Lee of Westerlo; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service was from Caswell Funeral Home, Ravena. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Roland Whitney

Roland Whitney, 68, of Oakwood Road, Delmar, died

Thursday, Oct. 22, at his home.

He was born in Brighton, Ontario and lived in Delmar for 44 years.

Mr. Whitney was a self-employed contractor in the Bethlehem area for many years.

He was a member of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post 1040, Elsmere Fire Co. and the Elsmere Rod and Gun Club.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Saulsbury Whitney; a daughter, Lori L. Whitney of Delmar; two sons, Alan R. Whitney of Ravena and Terry L. Whitney of Delmar; and six grandchildren.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery, Delmar under the direction of the Applebee Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to the DARE Project, Bethlehem Police Department, 447 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

Burglary

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day night, according to information provided to *The Spotlight*. The bandits reportedly exited through a bolted back door, which they broke down on their way out.

An \$800 reward has been offered for the return of the items stolen from Salisbury Road, with no questions asked. Information leading to the return of the items can be submitted to P.O. Box 394, Delmar 12054.

Homes on Huntersfield Road were hit twice. The burglars entered one residence through an unlocked garage, police said, and took jewelry and a camera. Another group of burglars — or possibly the same one — tried entering a second home on the street by removing several window screens and opening a rear screen door, but failed to gain entry.

"They may have been scared off," said Bethlehem Police Lt. Michael Vanderbilt.

The first incident on Huntersfield was reported at 10:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24., while the second call came into police at 11:29 p.m.

A few blocks away, burglars struck again, this time on Marlboro Road. The incident was reported at 11:10 p.m. Saturday, with the perpetrators breaking a window and stealing jewelry, coins and cash, police said.

Just around the corner on Louise Street, another residence was struck. The police were notified at 2:30 a.m. Sunday and entrance was gained by popping open a sliding glass door in the rear of the house. Silver flatware, a camera and a VCR were some of the items taken.

The fifth burglary occurred between 3 and 11 p.m. Sunday on Elkin Court, police said. Jewelry worth an estimated \$4,800 was reported missing. Once again, entry was gained through a slid-

AIDS

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Elmendorf from Albany Medical Center Hospital.

To allay concerns about casual transmission, Dr. Elmendorf said that there is no record of any transmission of the virus in school through biting, saliva or blood from an injury.

She noted that a study of deep puncture wounds by infected needles shows that less than 1 percent of those receiving the wounds catch the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) that is a precursor of AIDS.

The numbers of AIDS patients locally is rising, Elmendorf noted, with most of the increase among women in their childbearing years.

"There is a growing spillover into the pediatric population, as these women pass the virus to their fetuses," she said.

Although the video stated that persons "with a need to know" in the Los Angeles school district would be told which students are

infected with HIV, Loomis pointed out that under New York State's strict confidentiality laws, parents may choose not to inform school authorities that their child has the virus.

If school officials become aware, either formally or informally, of an infected student or staff person, Fritts explained, the law strictly prohibits disclosure to staff or parents without specific written authorization.

One parent asked if the district's health curriculum advocates safe sex with condoms.

"Our curriculum does not encourage sex, and specifically states that abstinence is preferable," responded Sullivan.

Whether condoms should be distributed at school "is an issue for the board of education, but I don't feel it's advisable," Loomis commented.

Asked whether infected students could participate in contact sports, Elmendorf said it would depend on the circumstances. "It depends on the severity of the illness. If they have HIV it's probably OK, but if they have full-blown AIDS they would probably be too sick."

Other questions dealt with what a student should do if he or she wants an AIDS test and the difference between AIDS and hepatitis B.

Monday's session is "probably the first in a series," Loomis told the crowd. "The questions you're asking indicate the kind of information we should be transmitting to other parents."

Corporal

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Noting that the real 125th regiment, composed mostly of volunteers from Rensselaer County, fought at Gettysburg, Gosling said the 20th-century unit recreated the regiment's presence at the pivotal battle of the Civil War.

"The regiment's colonel, George Willard, was killed on the second day, and on the third day, they helped repel Pickett's Charge," he said. "For the filming, we were in the same part of the field as they were — the stone wall near the Bryan farm."

Gosling and the rest of the 125th dressed as Confederates for part of the filming, in order to "galvanize" the effect of Pickett's Charge.

Commenting on a slide showing himself in Rebel attire with the actor playing Gen. Pickett, Gosling joked, "My advice to him was don't try it today."

Although the re-enactors camped out much as a 19th-century army did, the food was on Ted Turner — two hot meals and a lunch in the field every day, Gosling said.

In the film, Turner plays Col. George Patton, an ancestor of Gen. George Patton of World War II fame, who died leading his Virginia regiment in Pickett's Charge.

Turner's wife, "Gettysburg Jane" Fonda, was very gracious and thanked everybody at the review ceremony that concluded the week of filming, Gosling said.

The movie is adapted from the Pulitzer-Prize-winning novel of the same name by the late Michael Shaara. The book is a favorite of a majority of re-enactors, according to a 1989 survey.

The two-part, four-hour movie will be shown on TNT sometime next year, probably before the 130th anniversary of the battle, Gosling noted.

Following his talk, Gosling took a few minutes to discuss the new display room of the Military Heritage Museum.

"This is a remarkable collection that was hidden away for years," he said, referring to the displays of military uniforms, weapons and artifacts dating back to colonial times.

The museum, in the company rooms on the Washington Avenue side of the armory, officially opens on Saturday, Nov. 7, at 10 a.m.

A seminar on Operation Torch, the Allied invasion of North Africa in World War II, which took place 50 years ago, is planned as part of the opening festivities.

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I was a pre-teen *Dracula*



By Eric Bryant

Having been "weened" on the tradition of getting decked out each Oct. 31 as Dracula (always my favorite), a boxer (very cold), or a bum (the ultimate in last-minute costuming) and traipsing around the neighborhood with an old shopping bag, it's a bit depressing that the flow of costumed youngsters seems to have dried up a bit in the past few years.

Perhaps it's just that folks aren't having as many kids as when I was young, but these days it seems like half the candy in the family bowl goes to supposedly health-conscious middle-aged women rather than to children dressed as the Wolfman or Barbie.

I must admit that, as a youth, I never bobbed for apples or tried to eat a doughnut off a string. Maybe I missed out on some good wholesome fun, but I always got into the two most important aspects of the season — post-holiday sugar shock and sheer terror.

Picture a 10-year-old Dracula wearing Keds and fake plastic fangs, carrying an A & P shopping bag and a lust — not for blood — but Tootsie Rolls. That's me, greedily grabbing caramel popcorn balls from Mrs. Lawrence on Hawthorne Avenue, and double dipping at the house that has Reese's Peanut Butter Cups.

While the thought of razor blades in apples and crushed glass in Snickers bars terrified our parents, it didn't seem to concern us too much. We knew where we could go and where we shouldn't.

We also knew that Mrs. Lawrence made the best caramel popcorn balls in the entire known universe.

To get another chance at those gooey concoctions, we would swap costumes a couple of times a night, sometimes coming up with bizarre combinations like devil in a tutu or G.I. Pirate. She would recognize us, but it wouldn't matter.

I doubt if anyone still gives out homemade goodies. If they do, do cautious

parents throw them out because they're not hermetically sealed? I can understand the parents' perspective now, but it's hard for me to comprehend a Halloween without caramel popcorn balls and candied apples.

Aside from gorging on candy, the main purpose of Halloween in the eyes of a child is to simply and effectively terrify yourself. For me, terror came in the form of roving teenagers who would often prefer beating me up to stealing my precious package of sweets.

Some years later, for a short time, I would join those hooligans jumping out from behind bushes and buildings, as smaller bodies scrambled for safety.

As we got older — not quite to the roving teenager stage — the major scares became peer-induced, like daring each other to go near the one house in town that seemed haunted or walking through the graveyard. Granted, for a 12-year-old

□ DRACULA/page 36

Which witch is which?



Heather Pomykaj, 5, of Scotia, transforms herself into Heather Pomykaj The Witch (all in the spirit of the season, of course) at The Costumer in Northway Mall recently. She gets some help along the way from Michael Query. Quite clearly, she's the happy kind of witch, not preparing to turn anyone into a toad, but practicing her craft for the great candy hunt on Saturday, Oct. 31. Hundreds of temporary ghosts, monsters and other unusual figures are expected to be out on similar quests.

Photos by Hans Pennink



ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

contemporary British farce, St. Andrew's Dinner Theater, Albany, Oct. 30-Nov. 15, Fri., 7 p.m.; Sat. and Sun., 5 p.m. Information, 463-3811.

THE UNEXPECTED GUEST

mystery-melodrama, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, Oct. 29-31, Nov. 4-7, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

GYPSY

musical, Home Made Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park, Oct. 30-31, Nov. 1, 6-7, Fri. and Sat., 8:15 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m. Information, 587-4427.

CITY OF ANGELS

musical, Proctor's Schenectady Oct. 28, 8 p.m. Information, 382-3884.

LIPS TOGETHER TEETH APART

comedy, Capital Rep, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, Through Nov. 1. Information, 462-4531.

THE MIKADO

Gilbert and Sullivan opera, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady Oct. 30, 8 p.m. Information, 382-3884.

SIX CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF AN AUTHOR

by Luigi Pirandello, Skidmore Theater, Saratoga, Oct. 29-31, Nov. 1, Thurs., Fri., Sat., 8 p.m. Sun., 3 p.m. Information, 584-5000.

MUSIC

FLASHBACK

classic top 40 and oldies, Dominick's, Latham, Oct. 30-31. Information, 785-0936.

OUT OF CONTROL

Rhythm & Blues Band, Halloween parties, Pauly's Hotel, Albany, Oct. 30, 10:30 p.m. The Metro, Saratoga Springs, Oct. 31, 10:30 p.m. Information, 797-3939.

ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

concert, Fri., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall; Sat., Albany Palace Theatre, Nov. 6-7, 8 p.m. Information, 465-4755.

ECUMENICAL MUSICAL CELEBRATION

presented by The Capital Area Council of Churches, Trinity United Methodist Church, Albany, Nov. 1, 3 p.m. Information, 462-5450.

THE MAGIC IS MUSIC

The Empire State Youth Orchestra presents its 11th annual Young People's Concert, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Nov. 4, 10 a.m. Information, 382-7581.

BROADWAY BABY

Capitaland Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, Palace Theater, Albany, Nov. 1, 2:30 p.m. Information, 237-4384.

ALAN JACKSON

with Diamond Rio, Knickerbocker Arena, Albany, Oct. 30, 8 p.m. Information, 487-2000.

EVELYN & GLORIA

Latin America and Caribbean music, concert, Holiday Inn, Colonie, Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m. Information, 664-3878.

THE SAINT ROSE JAZZ ENSEMBLE

and the Empire State Jazz Ensemble, The College of Saint Rose, Albany, Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-5102.

FORWARD WITH SCOTLAND'S PAST

Battlefield Band, Guelderland High School, Nov. 2, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

THE MARLOWE BIG BAND

swing-flavored, jazz dance band, Mario's Theater Restaurant, Troy, Nov. 1, 6-9 p.m.

NOONTIME ORGAN CONCERTS

each Friday, 12:30 p.m., St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Albany, Information, 434-3502.

THE LYNN MORRIS BAND

bluegrass, The Eighth Step, Willett Street, Albany, Oct. 30, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

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.

AN EVENING WITH DEF LEPPARD

concert, The Knickerbocker Arena, Albany, Oct. 28, 8 p.m. Information, 487-2000.

DANCE

SHANGHAI ACROBATS/ DANCE THEATRE

Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Nov. 1, 7 p.m. Information, 346-6204.

SINGLE SQUARES OF ALBANY

Plus Level Square Dance with Rounds, St. Michael's Community Center, Cohoes, Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m. Information, 664-6767.

READINGS

THOMAS LOCKER

author and illustrator, artist-guided exhibit, reading, Albany Institute of History & Art, Nov. 1, 2-4 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

THE SHANGHAI ACROBATS AND DANCE THEATRE

traditional Chinese performance, with modern dance, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Nov. 1, 7 p.m. Information, 346-6204.

SNICKERING WITCHES

storytelling, singing, dancing and instrumental music, College of Saint Rose, Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-5221.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

pumpkins, goblins and ghost stories, Ski Windham, Oct. 30, 7 p.m. Information, 734-4300.

SIXTH ANNUAL FLAVOR OF WINDHAM

chef's exposition, cuisine from area restaurants, Ski Windham, Nov. 7-8, noon-4 p.m. Information, 734-4300.

TOURS

EXPRESS TOURS

Calico and Tin Horns: Thomas Locker, Oct. 30, Albany Institute of History and Art, 12:15 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

LECTURES

THE LIVES OF WOODLAWN CEMETERY

light-hearted slide lecture by Edward Bergman, State Museum, Albany, Oct. 31, 2 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

IROQUOIS HISTORY AND ISSUES

lecture series, State Museum, Albany, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 2 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

THE SYMBOLS OF ADVENT

slide and lecture on Advent season, Visions Gallery, Albany, Nov. 17, 7 p.m. Information, 453-6645.

SHAPING HISTORY

The Rensselaer County Historical Society collection, 1987-1992, Troy, Oct. 23, 5-8 p.m. Information, 272-7232.

VIDEO SERIES

PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST: SCULPTORS

lunchtime video presentations, State Museum, Albany, Every Thursday, through Nov. 19. Information, 473-7521.

FILM

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

animated musicals, State Museum, Albany, Oct. 31, 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

FILM SERIES

experimental film, Albany Institute of History & Art, Through Nov. 15, 2 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

CATSKILL GALLERY

submit slides and proposals for exhibits, Catskill Gallery and Mountain Top Gallery, Reviewing work for exhibit from July 1993-June 1994. Information, 943-3400.

CLASSES

FINE ARTS CLASSES

for children and adults, The Hyde Collection, Through Nov. Information, 792-1761.

WORKSHOPS

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SUNY School of Business, Albany, Oct. 29-30, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 442-3932.

APPLIQUE WORKSHOP

four-part course on applique designs and techniques, State Museum, Albany, Through Oct. 31, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Information, 474-5801.

AUDITIONS

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

cast of 13, Home Made Theater, Saratoga Springs, Nov. 1-2, 7-10 p.m. Information, 587-4427.

VISUAL ARTS

BACK PORCH PAINTERS

tole paintings, Millicent Newton and Betty Cardel, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, Through Dec. 11. Information, 270-7170.

WORKS OF GREG ZOLTOWSKI

ink and charcoal, Visions Gallery, Albany, Nov. 1-Dec. 28. Reception, Nov. 8, 2-4 p.m. Information, 453-6645.

PORTRAITS, POLITICS AND PSYCHOLOGIES

political portraits by Leon Golub, The College of Saint Rose, Albany, Oct. 30-Dec. 6. Dialogue with the artist, Nov. 5, 1 p.m. Information, 485-3900.

MATERIAL MATTERS

selections from the Williams College Museum of Art, Usdan Gallery, Bennington, Vt. Through Nov. 12.

SILENT CITIES

photographs by Camilo Vergara for the book *Silent Cities: The Evolution of the American Cemetery*, State Museum, Albany, Opens Oct. 30. Information, 474-5877.

CONSTRUCTION

by Betty Parsons, Rathbone Gallery, Sage JCA, Albany, Through Nov. 8, Mon-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Wed., Thurs., 6-8 p.m.; Sun. 2-4 p.m. Information, 445-1778.

Secret celebration



Marian Davis and Michael Ryan dance their way through a scene from the play *Happy Birthday*, which opens Oct. 30 at St. Andrew's Dinner Theater in Albany.

PARTS BUT LITTLE KNOWN

museum celebrates Adirondack Centennial, State Museum, Albany, Through Jan 18. Information, 474-5877.

DOROTHY ENGLANDER

exhibition, The Dietel Gallery, Albany, Oct. 30-Dec. 18. Information, 274-4440.

FREE HOME TRIAL

works by Andrew Boardman and Benjamin Jones, RCCA: The Arts Center, Troy, Through Nov. 13. Information, 273-4591.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVANGELS

by artists in the 1992 Photography Regional, Russell Sage Campus, Troy, Through Nov. 7. Information, 273-0552.

NACAN SCULPTURE COURT

works by John Nihart, Gary Orlinsky, David Peterson, Keycorp Tower, Albany, Through Nov. 13.

THE ADIRONDACKS: AN AMERICAN TREASURE

photos by Nathan Farb, State Museum, Albany, Through Jan 3. Information, 474-5877.

METAPHYSICAL DRAWING

works by Bruno LaVerdiere and Ed Smith, Five Points Gallery, Chatham, Through Nov. 7. Information, 392-5205.

A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS

works by Columbia County artists, Spencertown Academy, Through Nov. 2. Information, 392-3693.

GARDENS OF PARADISE

Oriental Prayer Rugs from the Huntington Museum of Art, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls, Through Nov. 8. Information, 792-1761.

ASSEMBLAGE OF ASSEMBLERS

art made from found, altered and artist-made objects, by Norman Hasselris, Nobuko Kamecke, Leah Rhodes and Al Strausman, Greene County Council On the Arts, Catskill, Through Nov. 7. Information, 943-3400.

SHARING OUR TRADITIONS

"Iroquois Women Today..." Museum of the Hudson Highlands, Through Nov. 30. Information, (914) 534-7781.

A MOHAWK IROQUOIS VILLAGE

features life-size recreation of a Mohawk Iroquois longhouse, State Museum, Albany, Information, 474-5877.

WATERCOLORS EXHIBIT

Colonie Memorial Town Hall, Newtonville, Through October. Information, 783-2728.

LIVING TRADITIONS: MEXICAN POPULAR ARTS

folk art paintings, textiles, weavings, ceremonial masks, dance costumes, carved animals, ceramics, Huichol yarn paintings and embroideries, University at Albany Museum, through Nov. 22. Information, 442-4035.

EXHIBITION: JURIED GROUP STILL LIVES

the GCCA Catskill Gallery, through Nov. 9, Tues.-Sat., noon-4 p.m.

19TH CENTURY UPPER HUDSON VALLEY CERAMICS

story of the ceramics production, Albany Institute of History and Art, Through Nov. 15. Information, 463-4478.

CHESTERWOOD

summer home and studio of sculptor Daniel Chester French (1850-1931), through Oct. 31. Demonstrations, Sat., 1-2 p.m., through Oct. 17. Information, (413) 298-3579.

FORMATIONS

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

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AROUND THE AREA

**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 28**
ALBANY COUNTY

CAPITAL DISTRICT HEMLOCK SOCIETY
meeting; First Unitarian Society, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 436-5625.

TECHNIQUES FOR CHARITABLE PLANNING

seminar, Desmond Americana, 660 Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie, 8-11:30 a.m. Information, 273-8596.

THE EFFECTS OF FAMILY ON THE INDIVIDUAL

workshop, Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Cost, \$18. Information, 489-4431.

GRANT FUNDING WORKSHOP
at the Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 11 a.m. Information, (212) 233-1131.

FALL FLU SHOT PROGRAM

Samaritan Hospital Prompt Care, Columbia Street Extension, Cohoes, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Cost, \$7. Information, 237-0913.

FARMERS' 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
Capitaland Chorus, Trinity Episcopal Church, 11th Street and 4th Avenue, North Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-4384.

GATEWAY PROGRAM ON BILLBOARD PRODUCTION
tour of Whiteco-Metrocom, the Capital District's largest billboard company, Burden Iron Works Building, Polk Street, Troy, 10 a.m. Cost, \$5. Information, 274-5267.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

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

**THURSDAY
OCTOBER 29**
ALBANY COUNTY

UNITED WAY OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK
meeting, Pine West Plaza, Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, 8 a.m. Information, 456-2200.

CHILDREN'S PLACE OPEN HOUSE

day care center for state and community employees with children ages 6 weeks through 5 years, Empire State Plaza, Swan Street, 7-9 p.m. Information, 473-7112.

FALL FESTIVAL

19th annual, sponsored by the Center for the Disabled, 314 South Manning Blvd., Albany, 5 p.m. Cost is \$40. Information, 437-5608.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION CONFERENCE

discussion of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, New York State Affirmative Action Officers Association, Howard Johnsons, Route 9W and Southern Blvd., Albany, 9 a.m. Information, 465-1473.

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF LOVE
four-part workshop, Renaissance Health Center, 928 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, 7-9 p.m. Information, 783-6992.

THE ART OF HEALING

workshop for those dealing with or treating catastrophic illness, Desmond Americana, 660 Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost is \$65. Information, 454-1174.

EMBRACING THE FEMININE AND THE MASCULINE

lecture, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$5. Information, 489-4431.

ADOPTION OPTIONS INFORMATION SESSION

Parsons Child and Family Center, 60 Academy Road, Albany, 7 p.m. Cost is \$35. Information, 426-2600.

FARMERS' 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.

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 30**
ALBANY COUNTY

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

Empire State Plaza, South Concourse, Albany, 6-9 p.m. Free and open to the public. Information, 473-0559.

SINGLES HALLOWEEN DANCE

Singles Outreach Services Inc., Polish Community Center, Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Cost, \$4 for members, \$8, non-members. Information, 785-9438.

FALL VEGETABLE FESTIVAL

Albany YWCA, 28 Colvin Ave., Albany, noon-2 p.m. Information, 438-6608.

MASQUERADE PARTY
to benefit the Capital District Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Washington Park Lakehouse, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$20. Information, 427-0421.

GRAND ESCAPE GALA

to benefit the St. Cecilia Orchestra, Peter D. Kiernan Plaza, Fleet Building, Broadway, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, <HEAD>CHILD DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

sixth annual, sponsored by the Center for the Disabled, Desmond Americana, 660 Albany-Shaker Road, Albany, 9 a.m. Information, 449-4019.

FARMERS' MARKET

through November, Ten Broeck Street and Manning Blvd., Albany, 3-6 p.m.

MOTHERS' DROP IN

Capital District Mothers' Center, First Congregational Church, Quail St., Albany, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 482-4508.

SENIORS LUNCHEONS

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

RECOVERY, INC.

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

HALLOWEEN DANCE AND COSTUME PARTY

sponsored by the Bud Light U.S. Water Ski Show Team, IUE Hall, Erie Blvd., Schenectady, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Cost, \$10. Information, 356-4244.

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 31**
ALBANY COUNTY

FARMERS' MARKET

through November, First Congregational Church, Quail Street and Maple Avenue, Albany, 9 a.m.-noon.

SHEPHERDING WORKSHOP OFFERED

Cornell Cooperative Extension, Martin Road, Voorheesville, 1-3 p.m. Information, 765-3500.

THE LIVES OF WOODLAWN CEMETERY

slide show and lecture highlighting the famous people buried in New York City's Woodlawn Cemetery, New York State Museum, Albany, 2 p.m. Cost, \$2. Information, 474-5877.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

film, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, New York State Museum, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Cost, \$2.50. Information, 474-5877.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

for children ages 1 to 12 years, Albany YWCA, 28 Colvin Ave., Albany, 3-4:30 p.m. Information, 438-6608.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

HALLOWEEN OPEN HOUSE

Junior Museum, 282 5th Ave., Troy, 4-7 p.m. Information, 235-2120.

CEMETERY WALK

through two Grafton State Park cemeteries, Route 2, Grafton, 1-3 p.m. Information, 279-1155.

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 1**
ALBANY COUNTY

SCOTTISH DANCING

Unitarian Church, Washington Avenue, Albany, 7-10 p.m. Information, 377-8792.

FALL OPEN HOUSE

College of Saint Rose, Activities Center, 404 Western Ave., Albany, 12:30-5 p.m. Information, 454-5150.

**MONDAY
NOVEMBER 2**
ALBANY COUNTY

RABIES LECTURE

Landis Arboretum, Lape Road, Esperance, 7 p.m. Information, 875-6935.

MENOPAUSE MINUS THE MYSTERY

two-week workshop, Nov. 2 and 9, Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilford, 7-9 p.m. Cost, \$30. Information, 452-3455.

SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

United fund for the arts moves closer to reality

There's movement now, backed by large business interests, to establish a regional partnership for the arts which will centralize funds for area arts groups.

It is an idea that was floated here and in other media and picked up by business and arts groups.

For the past six months discussions and meetings have been held by these arts and business leaders. Now, with the help of the Center for Economic Growth, a plan has been developed which draws plaudits from business leaders and some grumbling by arts directors.

The Center, a regional business council that has almost 400 of the largest area businesses as its members, took the ideas offered by various people who proposed the original idea and then developed it more fully.

Basically, according to Kevin O'Connor, president of the Center, the plan is donor driven. In other words, the firms who give the donations will decide who gets the money.

It is an attempt to cut down the number and variety of appeals directed at individual businesses by various arts groups. Someone once described it as a revolving door system of appeals. Businesses are often confronted by upwards to a dozen major arts groups for funds.

This barrage of appeals puts many firms in the position of having to select one group over another. With the new plan being offered, each individual appeal will be evaluated by a board and money given based on need and purpose.

This is something which disturbs the arts groups since many have developed individual firms that have supported them over the years. Much of this close association will be lost if a central united fund mechanism is formed.

However, it has been pointed out that money given by this new central fund will be for general operating expenses only. Arts organizations will be free to seek individual grants for particular performances or programs.

Start-up money has already been pledged by some of the Economic Growth members to pay administration expenses for this new regional partnership. It is expected that by spring a full-blown organization will be established.

British farce opens dinner theater season at St. Andrew's in Albany

Robert Couture returns as director to the St. Andrew's Dinner Theater to direct another British farce, *Happy Birthday*, a play which spins around mistaken identities and upset romantic liaisons.

Happy Birthday opens Friday (Oct. 30) for six performances over three weekends at St. Andrew's Dinner Theater, 10 North Main Avenue, Albany.

Last season at St. Andrew's, Couture directed another British farce, *Bedfull of Foreigners*, with the same cast as he has in *Happy Birthday*.

Couture has made a recent career locally of doing farces which have captivated the London audiences with plays which combine British music hall routines with French plotting that includes numerous doors and misunderstood characters.

Couture who is producer of the Roustabout Players in Troy which also does dinner theater in the winter, is also professor of theater at Hudson Valley Community College.

The cast in *Happy Birthday* includes Mary Keane, Marian Davis and Carol Jones as the women involved in the romantic mixups caused by the philandering of characters played by Michael Ryan and Donald Lutz. All five actors are veterans of St. Andrew's Dinner Theater productions.

Happy Birthday will be offered Friday (Oct. 30) at 7 p.m. and Sunday (Nov. 1) at 5 p.m. A prime rib dinner is served at those times with the show performed immediately afterwards. The production continues through November 15. Reservations at \$19 (dinner and show) are at 463-3811.

Around Theaters!

Lips Together, Teeth Apart at Capital Repertory Theater through Sunday (Nov. 1) 462-4534. *The Mikado*, touring Gilbert and Sullivan production at Proctors Friday, October 30, 346-6204. *Gypsy* at Home Made Theater in Saratoga Springs through November 7. 587-4427.

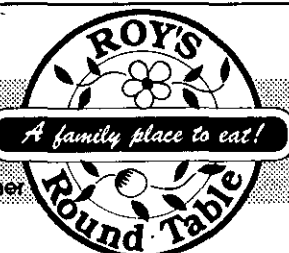


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The Spotlight CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 28
BETHLEHEM

BC PARENTS MEETING
for special needs, Bethlehem Central Middle School "Pit," 7 p.m. Information, 439-4921.

PERFORMANCE POETRY
hosted by Charles Rossiter, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 6-9 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
every Wednesday, Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-0503.

TESTIMONY MEETING
every Wednesday, First Church of Christ Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

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

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
every Wednesday, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Road, Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
every Wednesday, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, evening prayer and Bible study, 7-9 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP
every Monday and Wednesday morning, excavation and laboratory experience for volunteers, archaeology lab, Route 32 South. Information, 439-6391.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS
every Wednesday, Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, 6:30 p.m. Information, 765-2109.

NEW SCOTLAND ELKS LODGE
second and fourth Wednesdays, 22 South Main St., Voorheesville, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2313.

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 29
BETHLEHEM

SINGLE PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP
meeting, Gloria Jean, school counselor at A.W. Becker Elementary School, will speak on "Getting cooperation from the school when parents are divorced." Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, cost, \$2, 7-8 p.m. Information, 439-9929.

DUTCH BARN STRUCTURE
program sponsored by Dutch Barn Preservation Society, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

POP WARNER SPAGHETTI DINNER
First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, cost, \$5 adults, \$3, age 5-10, free, 4 and under, seatings at 6 and 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-6037.

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB
first travel group meeting, home of Lois Dillon, 7 p.m. Information, 439-5236.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
every Thursday, Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-0503.

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

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM
every Thursday, Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

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

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP
every Thursday, sponsored by Project Hope and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 767-2445.

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

BE A FOOD DETECTIVE
4-H leadership training, William Rice Jr. Extension Center, Voorheesville, 7:15-8:45 p.m.

FAITH TEMPLE
every Thursday, Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 30
BETHLEHEM

NIGHT WALK
Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

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

CHABAD CENTER
every Friday at sunset, services, discussion and kiddush. Information, 439-8280.

NEW SCOTLAND

SPAGHETTI SUPPER
American Legion Voorheesville Post 1493, cost, \$5.50, adults, \$3.50, children, 6-12, 4-8 p.m.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS
every Friday, United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 31
BETHLEHEM

HALLOWEEN OPEN HOUSE
environmental costumes encouraged, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

HALLOWEEN PARTY AND HAUNTED HOUSE
Slingerlands Fire Department, New Scotland Road, 7-9:30 p.m.

CHABAD CENTER
every Saturday, services and kiddush, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-8280.

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 1
BETHLEHEM

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

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
worship services, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; nursery care, 8 a.m.-noon, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-4328.

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH
worship and Sunday school, nursery care provided, 9 and 11 a.m., 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

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

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

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM
church school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; youth group, 6 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

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

GLENMONT REFORMED CHURCH
worship, 11 a.m., nursery care provided; Sunday school, 10 a.m., 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont. Information, 436-7710.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Eucharist, breakfast, coffee hour, 8 and 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Poplar and Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-3265.

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided, Clarksville. Information, 768-2916.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE
worship, 10 a.m., church school, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2895.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
Bible hour for children and adults, 9:15 a.m.; worship service, 10:30 a.m.; evening service, 6:30 p.m., nursery care provided for Sunday services, Route 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH
worship service, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, corner Route 85 and Route 85A, New Salem. Information, 439-6179.

ONESQUETHAW CHURCH
worship, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

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

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday school, 9 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., coffee and fellowship, 11:30 a.m., 16 Hillcrest Drive, Ravena. Information, 756-6688.

MONDAY
NOVEMBER 2
BETHLEHEM

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

TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM
8 p.m., Delmar Masonic Temple.

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

DELMAR KIWANIS
every Monday, Sidewheeler Restaurant, Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-5560.

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

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA
every Monday, rehearsal, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP
every Monday and Wednesday morning, excavation and laboratory experience for volunteers, archaeology lab, Route 32 South. Information, 439-6391.

TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM
first and third Mondays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

NEW SCOTLAND

4-H CLUB
7:30 p.m., home of Marilyn Miles, Clarksville. Information, 768-2186.

QUARTET REHEARSAL
every Monday, United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

STORY HOUR
every Monday, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 3
BETHLEHEM

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE
sponsored by PTA, Slingerlands Elementary School, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

ONESQUETHAU LODGE 1096 F&AM
8 p.m., Delmar Masonic Temple.

MEDICARE FORM AID
sponsored by AARP, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Appointments required, 439-2160.

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP
every Tuesday, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 1-6 p.m.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
every Tuesday, Parks and Recreation Office, Delmar, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-0503.

DELMAR ROTARY
every Tuesday, Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont. Information, 482-8824.

NEW SCOTLAND

STORY HOUR
every Tuesday, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville.

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Dramatic dancers



Nicole Laliberte, left, Bart Murell, Ed Robinson, Maude Baum, Lynda Capocéfalo and Vanessa Paige will perform in Maude Baum & Company's Brave New Dances on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6 through 8, at the eba Theatre, 351 Hudson Ave., Albany.

Alain Roullier

Kids can learn to create containers and candles

The New York State Museum will offer a "Crafts for Kids" program for children ages 9 through 12 on two Saturdays, Nov. 7 and 14, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The program, a series of hands-on workshops, will help children create their own containers and candles. Containers will be made at the first session, and candles will be made at the second.

The fee is \$8 per person, and museum members will pay \$6. The registration deadline for the first program is Wednesday, Oct. 28, and the second session deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 4.

For information, call 474-5801.

Capital District churches to sponsor music festival

The Capital Area Council of Churches will sponsor its annual Ecumenical Musical Celebration on Sunday, Nov. 1, at 3 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, corner of Lark and Lancaster streets, Albany.

The featured group will be "Bryd in the Bush," and choirs from First Presbyterian Church, Trinity United Methodist Church, Israel African Methodist Episcopal Church will perform.

The Capital District Community Choir and the Handbell Choir from the Delmar Presbyterian Church will also be featured.

For information, call 462-5450.

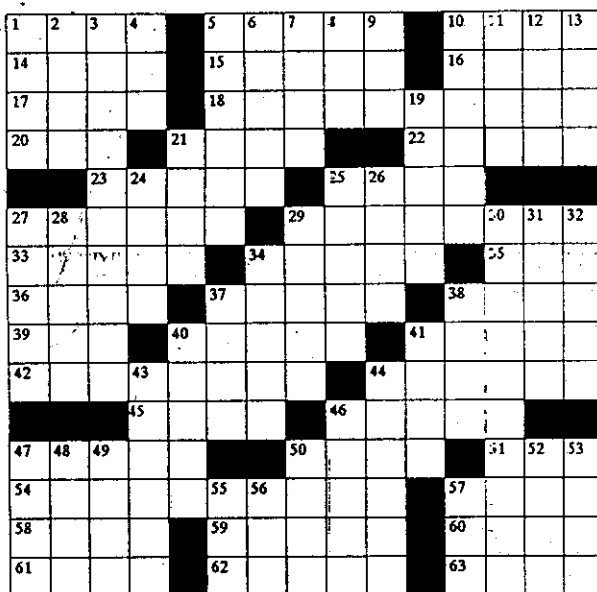
Weekly Crossword

"On The Street Where You Live"

By Gerry Frey

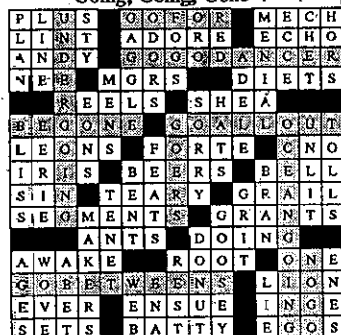
ACROSS

- 1 Interstate exit
- 5 Country estate
- 10 Lima's country
- 14 Distant
- 15 Worship
- 16 Center of rotation
- 17 Eye part
- 18 Famous shopping street
- 20 Comedian Knotts
- 21 Tire with dullness
- 22 Vocalize
- 23 Plant shoot
- 25 Highest point
- 27 Planet
- 29 Theater street
- 33 Sinned
- 34 Ships' berths
- 35 Nigerian
- 36 Golfers needs
- 37 Pacifists
- 38 Beat
- 39 One in Dijon
- 40 Transmits
- 41 Fred Flintstone's wife
- 42 Street predecessors
- 44 Abilene's State
- 45 Opera
- 46 Stanford
- 47 Semites
- 50 a hand
- 51 Parisian street
- 54 Advertisers St.
- 57 Collapsible shelter
- 58 State: French
- 59 Mr. Nero
- 60 Equestrian's need
- 61 Theol. institutions
- 62 Pares
- 63 James: Singer



- 6 Decorate with ornaments
- 7 Plant part
- 8 Pay dirt
- 9 Classic car
- 10 Separated
- 11 Theater sign
- 12 Shatter
- 13 Pusher's customer
- 19 Alexander Author
- 21 Cardinal, eg
- 24 Stage prompts
- 25 First sign of the zodiac
- 26 Robbers antithesis
- 27 Glass, ice and mixer
- 28 Sports palace
- 29 Wide Sts.
- 30 Financial street
- 31 Fragrance
- 32 Systems of exercise?
- 34 Sophia in Moscow
- 37 Lifeless
- 38 Penalize
- 40 Word with cheese or watch
- 41 Magician's need
- 43 Nuns clothing
- 44 Baseball's Ralph & family
- 46 Slant on an edge
- 47 Singer Ed
- 48 Evaluate
- 49 Eve's partner
- 50 Tardy
- 52 Single part
- 53 Sicilian volcano
- 55 Opposite: Abtrev.
- 56 Maiden name preceder
- 57 Three in Roma

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Dracula

(From Page 31)

Bela Lugosi impersonator, a stroll through a moonlit cemetery with the gravestones fairly glowing and the wind making an audible howl, is not a lot of fun, even with three of your best friends beside you. It is scary, though, and that's the way we wanted it.

As I remember, we never actually made it through the cemetery at a walking pace, but did sprint through once or twice, screaming at the top of our lungs. Running through a cemetery is tough, lots of obstacles.

In general, adults who really got geared up for the holiday (i.e. loud, scary mood music blaring out of their stereo speakers, costumes, mood lights, etc.) didn't thrill us too much. As really young kids we were too scared to go near these houses and, as we got older, the idea of seeing someone who may be your dad's business partner dressed up as Frankenstein's monster just made us laugh. Looking back, though, it was these people who really got the most out of the holiday.

The couple who lived across the street from us — aging hippies before it became a nationwide trend — really got into the spirit of the holiday. While still blocks away, you could hear the K-Tel Halloween Sounds album emanating from their house and wafting across the autumn winds.

Decked out in Addams Family costumes, they would invite us into their living room and show off a hilariously

bogus collection of dismembered bloody fingers, brains in a box (bread dough streaked with red food coloring) and ghosts on clothes lines flying down the staircase. It was laughable to us, but they were obviously having a great time.

There's something so silly and yet refreshing about seeing a grown woman dressed like Lilly Munster. It shows that at least on one day of the year, a person, no matter what their age, can forget that they have deadlines to meet, contracts to sign or meetings to attend and just act plain weird if they want to. Kind of cathartic, I would think.

I wonder if I still have that vampire's cape?

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that at the General Election to be held in this state on Tuesday, November 3, 1992 the following proposal will be submitted to the people for approval or disapproval: Ballot Proposal Number One, a Proposition.

THOMAS R. WILKEY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

ABSTRACT OF PROPOSAL NUMBER ONE, A PROPOSITION

The purpose of this proposal is to authorize the sale of State bonds of up to \$800,000,000 to provide moneys for the single purpose of funding infrastructure projects to promote the creation or retention of permanent private sector jobs. The State Legislature would be authorized to use the bond proceeds for state programs or for the payments of the state share of the cost of programs undertaken by or through a state agency or state or local public benefit corporation, industrial development agency, county, city, town, village, Indian nation or government or any combination thereof, for the purpose of funding infrastructure projects undertaken by or through such entities and to match federal or other funds which may form time to time be made available by Congress or from other sources to such entities for such purpose.

The proposal would allow the state to borrow up to eight hundred million dollars (\$800,000,000). It would also allow the state to refund the debt by issuing additional state bonds in sums up to or, under certain circumstances involving lower overall debt service, exceeding \$800,000,000.

Any bonds issued pursuant to the proposal, together with the income therefrom, would be exempt from state and local taxation, except for transfer and estate taxes. Such bonds would be issued as either taxable or tax-exempt for purposes of the federal internal revenue code and regulations thereunder, however, all actions taken pursuant to the proposal would be reviewed for consistency with provisions of the federal internal revenue code and regulations thereunder; however, all actions taken pursuant to the proposal would be reviewed for consistency with provisions of the federal internal revenue code and regulations thereunder, in accordance with procedures established in connection with the issuance of any bonds pursuant to the proposal which are intended to be federally tax exempt, to preserve their federal tax exempt status.

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FORM OF SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL NUMBER ONE, A PROPOSITION JOBS FOR THE NEW, NEW YORK BOND ACT

Shall chapter 649 of the laws of 1992 known as the jobs for the new, New York bond act, which promotes the creation or retention of permanent private sector jobs, by authorizing the creation of state debt to provide moneys for infrastructure projects in the amount of eight hundred million dollars (\$8,000,000,000) be approved? (Copies of the text of this proposal are available at your County Board of Elections)

(October 28, 1992)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 21, 1992, at 8:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Sandra Tutshen and Steven Cariali, 70 Bittersweet Lane, Slingerlands, New York 12159 for Variance under Article XVII, Side Yard, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for existing side yard in violation at premises 70 Bittersweet Lane, Slingerlands, New York.

Charles B. Fritts
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(October 14, 1992)

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 4, 1992, at 7:45 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Mr. & Mrs. Keith Cross, Delmar, New York 12054 for Variance under Article XII, Percentage of Lot Occupancy, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for the construction of additional living space and a garage at premises 46 Longmeadow Drive, Delmar, New York.

Charles B. Fritts
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(October 28, 1992)

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7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Darlene and George Dowse, 59 Alden Court, Delmar, New York 12054 for Variance under Article XII, Percentage of Lot Occupancy and Article XVII, Side Yards, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for the construction of a one car attached garage at premises 59 Alden Court, Delmar, New York.

Charles B. Fritts
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Charles B. Fritts
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(October 28, 1992)

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF BOND RESOLUTION

Mr. Dennis J. Stevens moved and Mrs. Lynne Lenhardt seconded the following resolution: A RESOLUTION of the 21st day of October, 1992 authorizing the issuance of serial bonds of the Bethlehem Central School District, Albany County, New York in the principal amount of Two Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Five Hundred (\$283,500) Dollars for the purchase of school buses.

BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK: SECTION 1. Serial bonds of the Bethlehem Central School District in the amount of Two Hundred and Eighty-Three Thousand Five Hundred (\$283,500) Dollars are hereby authorized to be issued for the purpose of raising funds to pay the cost of the purchase of four (4) sixty-five (65) passenger buses; one (1) twenty (20) passenger bus and one (1) wheelchair bus.

SECTION 2. The estimated maximum cost of the purchase of such school buses is the sum of Two Hundred Eighty-Three Thou-

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sand Five Hundred (\$283,500) Dollars. The plan for the financing of such object or purpose consists solely of the issuance and sale of serial bonds herein authorized to be issued in the principal amount of Two Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Five Hundred (\$283,500) Dollars.

SECTION 3. It is hereby determined that the object or purpose for which the said serial bonds are to be issued is set forth in subdivision 29 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law and that the period of probable usefulness of such object or purpose is five (5) years.

SECTION 4. The President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to designate these bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The School District does not reasonably expect to issue in excess of \$10,000,000 of its general obligations in the calendar year ending December 31, 1992. The School District covenants it will take any necessary action, do all things and not take any prohibited action to insure that the interest on the bonds will be exempt from Federal income taxation at all times.

SECTION 5. The validity of the bonds herein authorized may be contested only if:

1.) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Bethlehem Central School District is not authorized to expend money;

2.) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or

3.) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

SECTION 6. Pursuant to Title 6 of Article 2 of the Local Finance Law, the Clerk of the Bethlehem Central School District in hereby directed by the Board of Education as the Finance Board of such Central School District to publish this resolution together with the notice required by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law at least once in each of the officially designated newspapers of the school district.

SECTION 7. This resolution takes effect immediately.
(October 28, 1992)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland, Albany County, New York at Town Hall, Slingerlands, N.Y. on Nov. 4, 1992 at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of considering the contracting with the Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company for Ambulance Service to be provided by said Company to the Onesquethaw Fire Protection District upon the following terms wit:

(a) Said Fire Company shall provide suitable equipment and use same to its best use to provide Ambulance Service in said District;

(b) For such service said Fire Company shall receive the sum of \$27,532 per year;

(c) Such contract shall continue for a period of one year, January 1, 1993 to December 31, 1993;

(d) Such other terms as may be necessary or proper in connection with said contracting.

All persons in interest in the matter will be heard at such time and place.

DATED: Oct. 26, 1992
BY ORDER OF
THE TOWN BOARD
Corinne Cossac
Town Clerk
Town of New Scotland
(October 28, 1992)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland, Albany County, New York at Town Hall, Slingerlands, N.Y. on Nov. 4, 1992 at 6:50 P.M. for the purpose of considering the contracting with the Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company for fire protection to be provided by said Company to the Onesquethaw Fire

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Protection District upon the following terms wit:

(a) Said Fire Company shall provide suitable equipment and use same to its best use to provide Ambulance Service in said District;

(b) For such service said Fire Company shall receive the sum of \$79,156 per year;

(c) Such contract shall continue for a period of one year, January 1, 1993 to December 31, 1993;

(d) Such other terms as may be necessary or proper in connection with said contracting.

All persons in interest in the matter will be heard at such time and place.

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(October 28, 1992)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland, Albany County, New York at Town Hall, Slingerlands, N.Y. on Nov. 4, 1992 at 6:40 P.M. for the purpose of considering the contracting with the Voorheesville Area Ambulance Service, Inc. for Ambulance Service to be provided by said Company to the New Salem Fire Protection District upon the following terms wit:

(a) Said Company shall provide suitable equipment and use same to its best use to provide Ambulance Service in said District;

(b) For such service said Fire Company shall receive the sum of \$39,486 per year;

(c) Such contract shall continue for a period of one year, January 1, 1993 to December 31, 1993;

(d) Such other terms as may be necessary or proper in connection with said contracting.

All persons in interest in the matter will be heard at such time and place.

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BY ORDER OF
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Corinne Cossac
Town Clerk
Town of New Scotland
(October 28, 1992)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland, Albany County, New York at Town Hall, Slingerlands, N.Y. on Nov. 4, 1992 at 6:30 P.M. for the purpose of considering the contracting with the New Salem Volunteer Fire Company for fire protection to be provided by said Company to the New Salem Fire Protection District upon the following terms wit:

(a) Said Fire Company shall provide suitable fire equipment and use same to its best use to provide protection in said District;

(b) For such service said Fire Company shall receive the sum of \$120,000 per year;

(c) Such contract shall continue for a period of one year, January 1, 1993 to December 31, 1993;

(d) Such other terms as may be necessary or proper in connection with said contracting.

All persons in interest in the matter will be heard at such time and place.

DATED: Oct. 26, 1992
BY ORDER OF
THE TOWN BOARD
Corinne Cossac
Town Clerk
Town of New Scotland
(October 28, 1992)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PRELIMINARY BUDGET TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND SLINGERLANDS, R.D., N.Y. 12159

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of New Scotland, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1993 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Slingerlands, N.Y. 12159, where it is available for inspection by any interested person at all reasonable hours.

Further notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of

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New Scotland will meet and review said Preliminary Budget and hold a Public Hearing thereon at the Town Hall, Slingerlands, R.D., N.Y. at 7:10 P.M. on the 4th day of November, 1992 and at such hearing any person may be heard in favor or against the Preliminary Budget as compiled, or for or against any item therein contained.

Pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, the Proposed salaries of the following Town Officers are hereby specified as follows:

Supervisor	\$30,070
Supt. of Highways	\$32,556
Town Clerk	\$26,000
Town Justices (2) (each)	\$14,170
Councilman (4) (each)	\$5,153

Tax Collector \$8,365
DATED: Oct. 26, 1992
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
Corinne Cossac
Town Clerk
Town of New Scotland
(October 28, 1992)

NOTICE OF THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT TO KRUGER RECYCLING, INC. BY TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND

On June 15, 1992, the City of Albany, as agent for the members of the ANSWERS Wastashed Planning Unit, awarded a contract to Kruger Recycling, Inc. pursuant to section one hundred twenty-w of the General Municipal Law for the provision of materials recovery services to the members of the ANSWERS Wastashed Planning Unit. The validity of this contract or the procedures which led to its award may be hereafter contested only by action, suit or proceeding commenced within sixty days after the date of this notice and only upon the ground or grounds that: (1) such award or procedure was not authorized pursuant to that section, or (2) any of the provisions of that section which should be complied with at the date of this publication have not been substantially complied with or (3) a conflict of interest can be shown in the manner in which the contract was awarded; or by action, suit or proceeding commenced on the grounds that such contract was awarded in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
Resolution adopted October 19, 1992
CORINNE COSSAC
Town Clerk
Town of New Scotland
(October 28, 1992)

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Cartoon collector



Rob Curtiss of Schenectady shows some of his extensive collection of Ripley's Believe it or Not memorabilia, which has been featured by nine libraries, five newspapers and on WTEN-TV. Curtiss is coordinating a "show and tell" evening for collectors at the William K. Sanford Town Library in Colonie on Monday, Nov. 16, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Davis' shows to feature 'Animals Nobody Loves'

The New York State Museum will host a Wild Weekend with Dean Davis on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 21 and 22.

Davis will present the program "Ani-

mals Nobody Loves" at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Admission will be \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

For information, call 474-5877.

Antiquarian book fair to feature 1,000 vendors

The Albany Institute of History and Art will sponsor its 18th annual Antiquarian Book and Ephemera Fair on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the New Scotland Armory on New Scotland

Avenue, Albany.

The fair will showcase more than 1,000 exhibitors. Admission will be \$4.

For information, call 463-4478.

SPOTLIGHT TEENSCENE

By Josh Norek

For teens without a lot of cash, a concert at the Knick, Palace Theater, or SPAC can create quite a crunch.

Few people, however, take advantage of the wealth of free or cheap rock shows put on by national acts at area clubs and record shops.

For example, this Thursday, Oct. 29, local favorites the Spin Doctors will be playing at the Palace Theater for about \$20 a ticket.

Although it's nice to see them performing in a larger venue, there has been no shortage of opportunities to see the Doctors play before. In the past year, they have played at Bogie's twice, Saratoga Winners once, and gave a free acoustic show at Rhino Records.

Bogie's, located at 297 Ontario St., Albany, is a bar with a small stage that offers shows for all ages

every Sunday evening. Many of these shows are alternative rock.

In the past, major-label acts to grace the club's stage have included Material Issue, the Spin Doctors and the Mighty Might Bosstones. The cover charge usually ranges from \$3 to \$8.

Rhino Records on Central Avenue in Colonie is a large independent record store where recording artists often give free shows to promote their albums. While many of the artists are local, major-label acts that have played there include the Spin Doctors and Cracker.

Seeing a group at a smaller club can create an intimate musical experience. It's also an opportunity to see developing bands before they reach a higher level of commercial success, not to mention being easier on the wallet.

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FOUND

FOUND: September 21, men's bike in the vicinity of Delaware Avenue and Becker Terrace, 439-8503.

HELP WANTED

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS: Ideal hours for those attending school. Answering service operator, 3-11pm Saturday and Sunday and a fill-in for weekdays, 439-4158.

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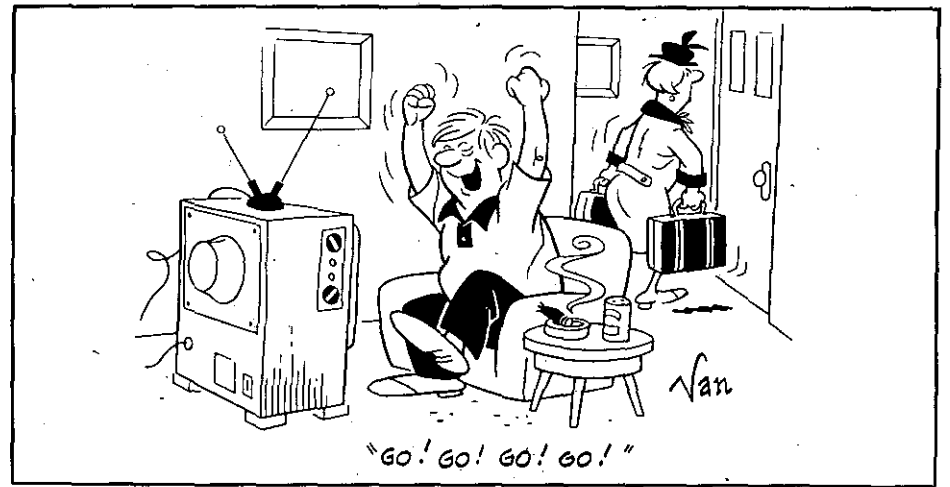
Driving is a full-time job, the I.I.I. notes, and drinking coffee while driving diverts your attention. If you hit a good-sized bump while holding a container of coffee, there could be a spill—and possibly an accident.

Many motor vehicle accidents could be avoided if drivers would simply go back to basics and not let coffee, a snack, the car telephone, the stereo or even the kids interfere with your driving.

While drinking coffee

and driving should be a no-no, it's okay if you're a passenger. In fact, a safe driver makes sure that only passengers use the car phone or have coffee.

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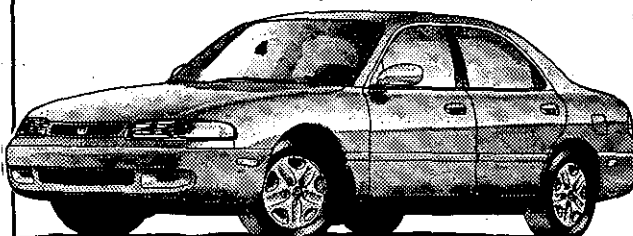
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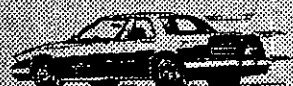
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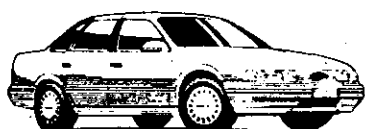
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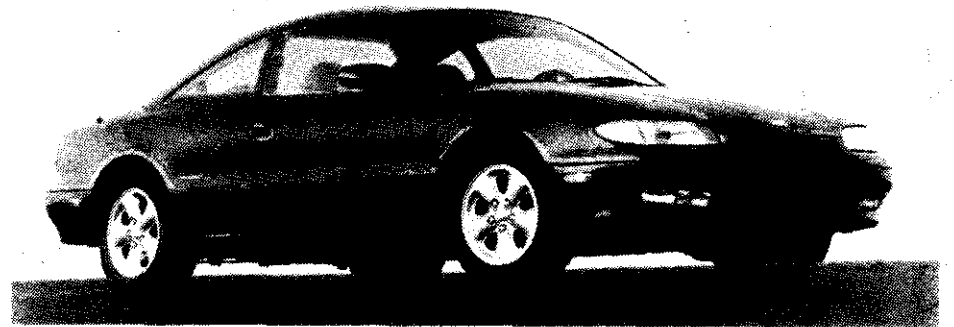
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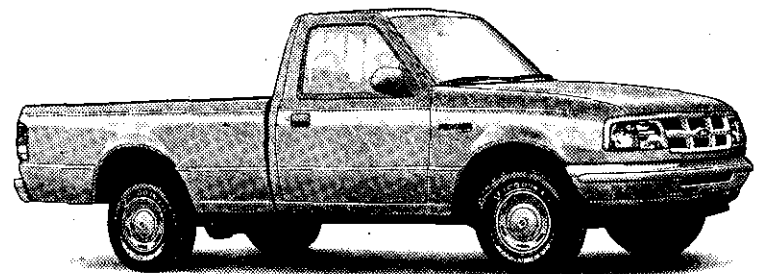
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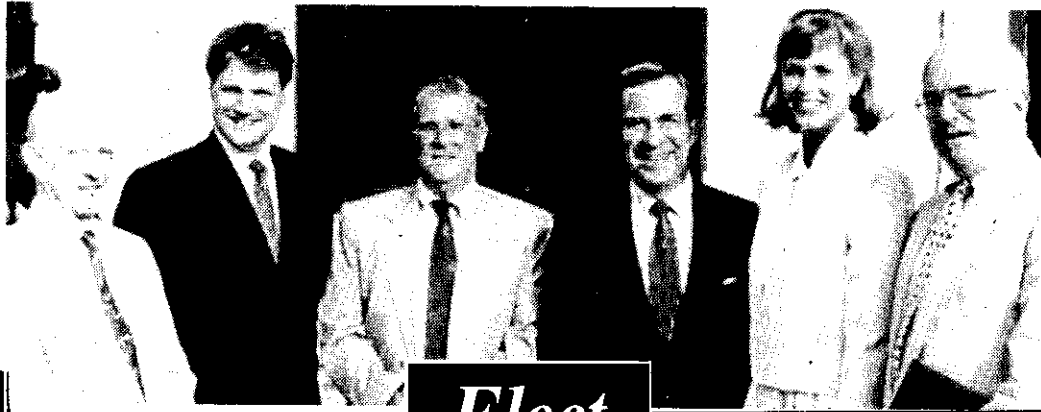


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Jobs bond proposal spurs debate

By Kathleen Shapiro

Voters across the state will have their say next month on whether to approve Gov. Mario M. Cuomo's \$800 million Jobs Bond Act, a proposal which supporters believe could immediately create as many as 24,000 new jobs.

Opponents of the bond act, on the other hand, have blasted it as too expensive and voiced doubts over whether the measure can

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provide the long-lasting economic benefits it promises.

The proposed economic plan — officially titled the Jobs for a New, New York Bond Act on the Nov. 3 ballot — was approved by the state legislature in July. It will authorize New York to borrow up

to \$800 million in "seed money" to help finance infrastructure improvements across the state, including sewer and drainage systems, access roads, waste disposal systems, industrial parks, urban revitalization projects, energy facilities and waterfront and tourism-related developments.

Priority will be given to projects that utilize minority- or women-owned businesses, support appren-

ticeship training, or are located in economically depressed areas.

According to recent reports from the state Department of Economic Development, as many as 1,000 applications from communities interested in acquiring bond money have already been submitted. Under the rules of the proposal, local governments awarded funds must agree to pay 40 percent of the overall project cost.

factories, commercial centers and tourism destinations are firmly in place, according to those who believe the bond act will stimulate economic growth and attract businesses to the state.

Opponents of the proposal, including large numbers of small business owners, have spoken out against the bond act on the grounds that any economic benefits will be outweighed by the high cost of repaying the bond over its 30-year

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If voters give their approval to the bond act, funding could be available in time for the spring construction season — a move which supporters say could create an estimated 24,000 jobs in the construction industry and related industries such as engineering, architecture and materials supply.

As many as 106,000 additional jobs are projected to open up once projects are completed and new

life. Others have criticized the state for digging itself deeper into debt, and questioned whether the plan will really create the jobs it promises.

Instead, they have called for changes to the state's tax structure and regulatory oversight system in ways which will benefit businesses and allow them to grow without carrying a huge tax burden.

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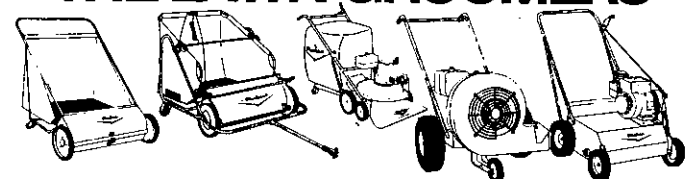
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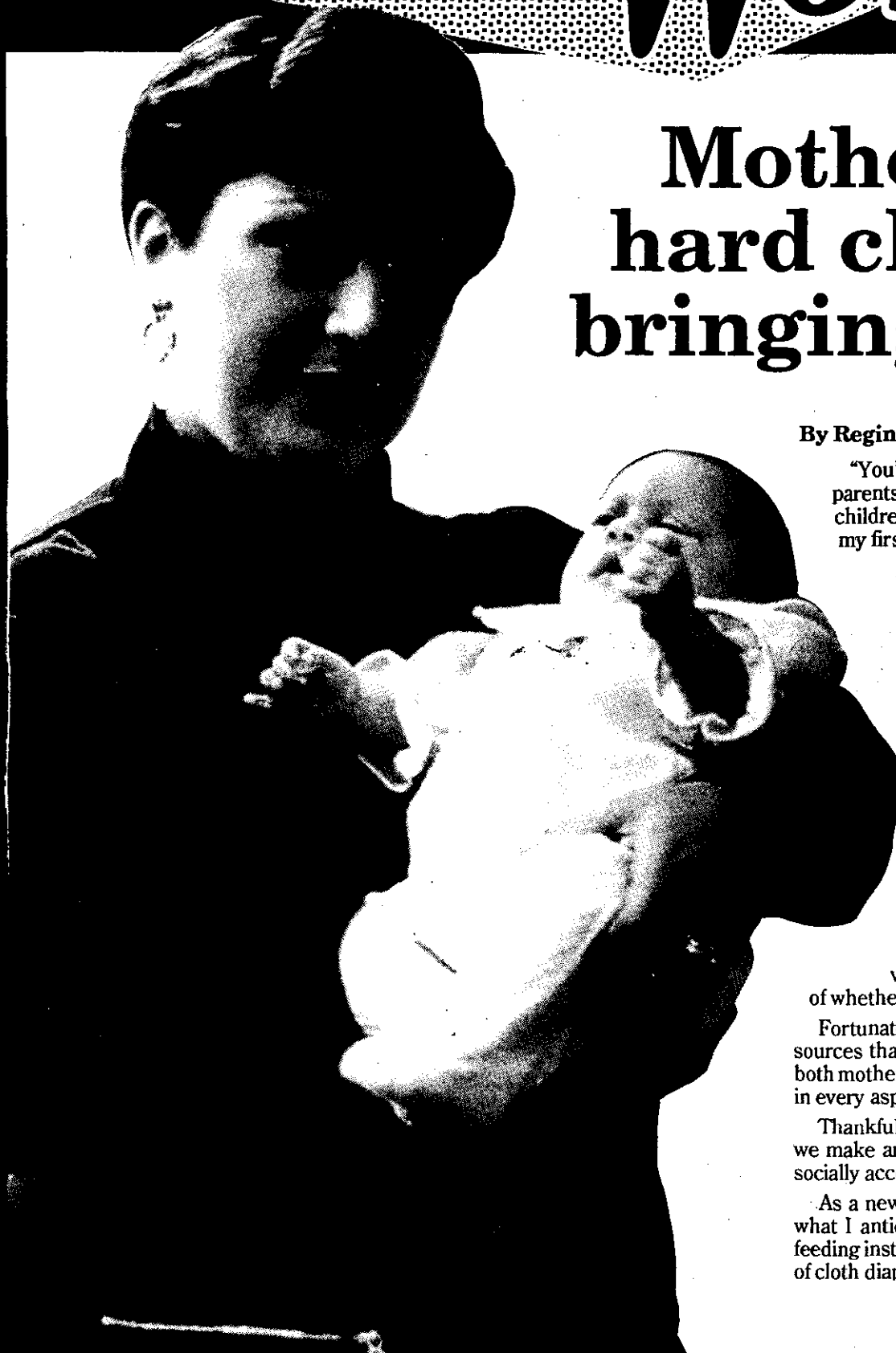
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Today's Women



Mothers face hard choices in bringing up baby

By Regina Bulman

"You're lucky there are so many choices for new parents today," a friend with grown children and grandchildren exclaimed when I announced I was expecting my first child earlier this year.

As I quickly write this while my beautiful 7-week-old daughter is sleeping, I realize the choices my friend talked about were some of the most difficult decisions my husband and I ever had to make. And, as Mallory Rose grows, I'm sure there will be many more.

My friend was right, though. Parenthood in the 90s is all about choices — all the way from childbirth methods to the perfect brand of baby wipes.

Today's expectant parents — signing up for prepared childbirth classes and deliberating over cloth or disposable diapers — can hardly imagine a time when mothers-to-be simply followed doctor's orders with little understanding of what was happening to them, and fathers nervously waited in smoke-filled rooms for the news of whether the child was a boy or girl.

Fortunately, parents today do have access to more resources than previous generations did, and society urges both mothers and fathers to take an active and informed role in every aspect of raising children.

Thankfully, we do have a choice, but what if the choices we make are not politically correct or in line with what's socially acceptable or popular?

As a new mother who was medicated through most of what I anticipated to be a "natural" labor, who is bottle-feeding instead of breast-feeding, using disposables instead of cloth diapers and going back to work and using full-time

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League helps women make their votes count

By Kathleen Shapiro

In 1920, just one year after American women first won the right to cast their ballots in national elections, the League of Women Voters was established by one of the country's leading suffragists.

It was Carrie Chapman Catt's goal to educate the nation's newly-enfranchised women on the im-

portance of being informed voters who would use their hard-earned new power wisely.

Seventy-two years later, the league has expanded its horizons and is taking that same message to all Americans.

"There's usually a debate every few years about whether we should change our name," said Karen Bonventre, programming vice president for the Albany County League of Women Voters, which was established in 1922, making it one of the nation's first chapters as well as one of its largest.

"We're really promoting the education of all voters," she said, pointing to the league's efforts to inform voters on campaign issues and register everyone from office workers to homeless people, students and the disabled.

In January 1922, Albany newspapers were touting the fact that



Karen Bonventre

there were no women in the Assembly for the first time since women were eligible to run for office in the state. Meanwhile, local women were busy forming the core of what would ultimately become a

powerful lobbying group of more than 100,000 members on the local, state and national levels.

As a nonpartisan organization, the League of Women Voters has built a strong reputation for fairness and is a respected leader in the field of organizing political debates. (Local league members were most recently involved in lending a hand during the recent debates between the two candidates for the U.S. Senate, state Attorney General Robert Abrams and Sen. Alfonse D'Amato.)

Throughout its history, the group has taken a stand on legislation and political issues without supporting or endorsing political parties or candidates.

In the 1970s, the organization opened its doors to men for the first time. Although mixed membership is common today, the league's foundations still run deep.

"I would say our agenda is definitely pro-female," said Pat Jukins, past president of the Albany County chapter. "We see that women are impacted by all issues, but we address a lot of the ones that men don't seem to think are important."

Among widespread concerns, such as defense spending and the economy, league chapters across the nation have been primary supporters on issues such as equal pay, more equitable divorce laws, family leave and legislation to help curb domestic violence.

"These are things that should be important to all people, but unfortunately (women) are the only ones who've noticed," said Jukins.

With next month's 1992 presidential election edging closer, the national league has concentrated much of its efforts on researching and pushing for four main goals: election reform to help eliminate negative campaigning and make voter registration easier for the majority of Americans; basic health care reform, including cost controls and universal health coverage; waste management and pollution control, with an emphasis on increased recycling; and privacy in reproductive choice that will force the overturn of legislative gag rules and guarantee a woman's continued right to make her own reproductive decisions.

Such issues are not taken lightly by league members. The organization has a comprehensive grassroots system for deciding which concerns to focus on, and what kind of a stance to take. It arrives at its positions by forming study groups on given issues and reaching a consensus locally. The results are then passed on to the national league, which takes its cue from local chapters around the country.

Members may not all agree on a position, but everyone has a vote in it, said Bonventre. "You can't get much more democratic than that," she said.

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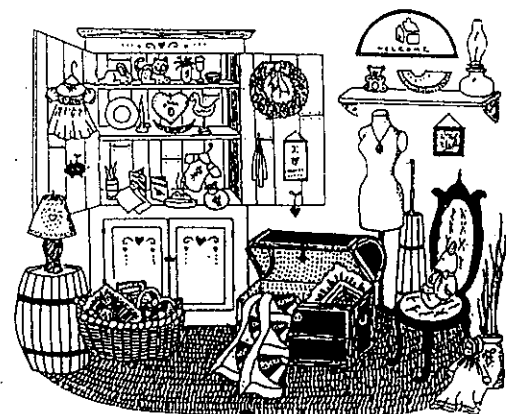
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Single mothers find joys outweigh frustrations

By Corinne L. Blackman

At 15 years old, Tameka Lawyer became pregnant. At 16, she had her first child.

Now, as a 21-year-old mother and a sophomore in college, she is struggling to complete her college degree while raising her 5-year-old son.

Sheryl Lontrato became pregnant four years ago. She left her son's father when the child was still a baby. Now, she juggles a full-time job at a restaurant with being the only parent at home.

Lawyer and Lontrato have something in common — they never planned to be single parents. Making the choice to have children was not an easy one, and the task of raising them has been even harder.

Lawyer said that her pregnancy was "something that just happened. I was young and I was scared and embarrassed," she recalls.

On the advice of her mother, who was very supportive when she became pregnant, Lawyer went to talk to a counselor. It was when she heard the baby's heartbeat in the doctor's office, though, that she decided to leave school and have her baby.

Lontrato was already out of school when her son was born, and living with the child's father. When she caught him with another woman, she packed her bags, took her child, and moved in with her parents. Now, she is raising her child alone.

Another mother, Jill LeCakes, became a single parent of three children through divorce. The hardest part, for her, was seeing other families together.

One night, at bedtime, her son told her, "But, Mom, I can't kiss my Daddy good night." She walked out of the room and cried, she said.

All three women have a lot of company in the single-parenting arena.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, last year over eight million women in America headed up single parent households, almost three times the number since 1970. In contrast, the number of men caring for children on their own is just over a million.

Thomas Swan, assistant director of counseling and psychological services at the College of Saint Rose in Albany, said these statistics represent the changing patterns of the society. "Long ago, people felt connected to their own," he said.

Although Swan thinks family values have not changed, he does, however, feel that the numbers show that women have become more independent — both financially and emotionally.

Next May, Lawyer's son JaQuaad Hemmingway will be 6. Although she does not regret her decision, she admits that the realities of motherhood are not what she expected.

"I couldn't hang out with my

friends anymore," she said. "My mother used to let me go out while she watched my son, but then she told me that she couldn't do that any more because I had to take more responsibility for him."

For Lawyer, parenthood has meant both sacrifice and hard work. "A lot of times I couldn't get what other people had or a lot of times I had to go without in order to give him what he needed," she said. This was especially true of school. Lawyer delayed going back to school in order to raise her son.

Sheryl Woloshyn, author of *Going It Alone, The World of the One Parent Family*, said these sacrifices are not uncommon. Based on the data she collected, only one-quarter of female single parents finished high school.

Although Lawyer was forced to leave school, she was one of the few to return. But school was not without its demands.

"Trying to finish high school being a single parent is tough," she admits. "My mother would watch him while I was in school and while I was doing my homework."

In May 1991, Lawyer received her high school diploma and, two months later, she enrolled at Saint Rose in the undergraduate elementary education program. Last semester, she made the dean's list with a 3.6 average.



Tameka Lawyer finds time in her busy schedule to help her 5-year-old son, JaQuaad, with his homework.

Corinne Blackman

It is generally assumed that women raising children alone are especially apt to face economic hardship.

According to Woloshyn, the problem is not really the absence of fathers, but the "absence of a male income."

Before Lontrato had her child, the child's father promised that he would always be around for them.

Once Lontrato had her baby, "He didn't want to play Daddy any-

more," she said. Without a job and money, Lontrato was forced to turn to Social Services for help.

"Money is always a problem. It's a lot of money to raise a child by yourself," Lontrato said. "I don't have a husband to fall back on, so the child is very dependent on me, and everything is money, money, money, and it gets expensive."

She sued her former boyfriend for child support. Now, after three

battles with him in the courts, Lontrato receives \$150 a month for her son.

Unlike the other mothers, LeCakes never had any trouble getting money from the children's father. "He always supported them. There was never a problem paying their child support."

Despite the drawbacks, the women take pride in their success as mothers.

"I keep pinching myself and saying, 'I've done it,'" Lontrato said.

Lawyer said her single motherhood has made her more mature, responsible and successful. "If I could do it all over again, I would do it the same. If it wasn't for JaQuaad, who would say I would have finished high school. Having him at a young age matured me and made me more responsible."

LeCakes said, "I think it's wonderful when a parent can say I love the adult my child has become. I love the adult each one of my children have become, and that makes the sacrifice worthwhile."

Corinne L. Blackman is completing her four-month student internship at Spotlight Newspapers. She currently attends the College of St. Rose in Albany, where she is pursuing a degree in public communications.

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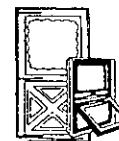
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Editor finds vocation in 'gender neutral' field

By Susan Graves

When Marlene Kennedy was a senior in high school, she was told she had two options as far as a career was concerned. She could either become a nurse or a teacher.

Kennedy, 40, now editor of the *Capital District Business Review*, said after thinking about her guidance counselor's advice, she decided teaching was the way to go since she hated the sight of blood. At that time, she didn't envision herself as a journalist because "the people who were out there were all men."

But Kennedy gives her old guidance counselor credit, since without the advice, she probably would not have gone on with her schooling.

Still, she said, as she went through college she realized, "This is not what I want to do." So when an internship opened up at the *Cortland Standard*, she began carving out a third option for a career.



Marlene Kennedy

Kennedy, like many neophyte journalists, began working on obituaries, weddings and society items at the daily publication in her college town, which had a circulation of about 13,000. She then moved on to cover meetings with veteran newspeople and ultimately landed a job as a reporter in 1976. "I began creating my own beat," covering planning and zoning board meetings, she said. Four years later, Kennedy was named city editor.

When she was 30, the Watervliet native said she began to look for larger opportunities in the news business. In 1984, she was hired by United Press International in Albany only to fall prey to hard times. "I was among the first wave of layoffs," she said.

Shortly after, Kennedy had her first child and withdrew from the work force only to be lured back by the *Business Review* to fill a temporary two-month position. But during that time, the paper —

which was in the process of a change of ownership — decided there was a need for two associate editors for news and special reports.

Kennedy moved into the news position and then to the managing editor's slot and finally to editor. "And here I am," she said.

If you've got what it takes, you'll just make it there.

Marlene Kennedy

But quick to give credit where it's due, she added, "If my husband wasn't who he was, I could never have pulled it off."

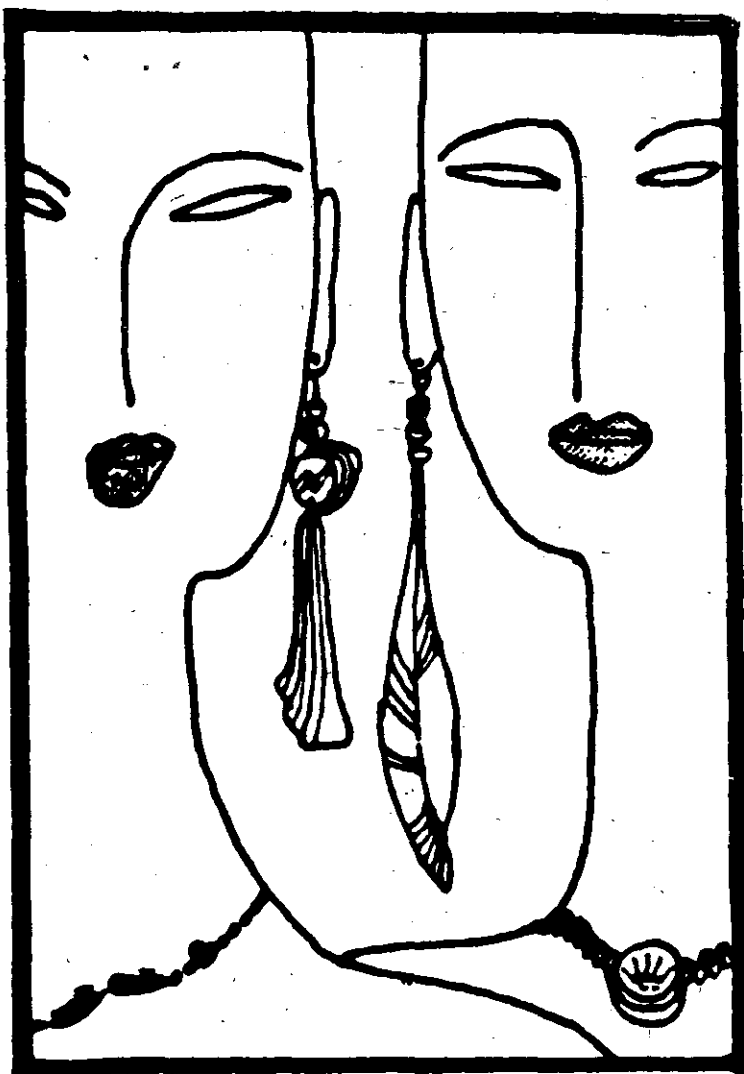
Kennedy's husband, Ed Peabody, cares for the couple's two daughters, Kenlyn and Meredith Peabody.

"Seriously, I could not do this if it were not for the support from him."

For Kennedy, her work is something that she has her heart and soul into "200 percent," she said. "It's very consuming."

Kennedy believes that journalism is "gender neutral" and that success depends upon how much you want it. "You'll get where you want to get," she said, "If you've got what it takes, you'll just make it there."

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Roddick has chronicled her world-wide adventures and business philosophy in her new book, *Body and Soul* (Crown Publishers).

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Anita Roddick

Entrepreneur will fight chaos for a fee

By Susan Graves

If you're one of those people who spends a lot of time worrying about where things are, you might benefit from the services from Leticia Miller.

Miller's business, *Secrets of Success*, is a new organizational consulting firm based in Albany.

Miller said she works with small businesses or those just starting out in a new venture to help make things run more smoothly. She'll give a top-to-bottom overview to help arrange things — from the most sophisticated business concerns to the way things are shelved or filed in a cabinet.

Miller can also help the harried homemaker who is knee-deep in volunteer or fund-raising work.

She believes there's a big need for her services, particularly among those between age 30 and 40. "They want to pamper themselves a little more. They're very busy and want their lives to run as efficiently as possible," she said.

In today's world, for many people, "It's a real juggling act to get your life to run smoothly," she added.

Currently as a measure of community goodwill and to promote her new business venture, Miller is offering to share her expertise in talks for community organizations. But she and another businesswoman, Leslie Vail of Living for Tomorrow, which deals with stress management and health related issues, don't come cheap.

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Leticia Miller

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Re-establishing friendships: just do it

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Claster's 1992 Gallup survey of 1,000 Americans reveals the following:

- Two-thirds of all American have lost touch with a close friend.
- The top reason for losing touch? Moving, by a long shot (55 percent).
- More than 90 percent would like to renew these relationships.

Claster, author of *Modern Living* and *Modern Giving*, says people are reluctant to get back in touch because they don't know how.

"After so much time elapses, people are at a loss for words," says Claster. "That's why I suggest not starting with words. Break the ice with a special gesture."

Here are a few tips for getting back in touch:

- Start by sending flowers. They'll express what words can't.
- Send an old photo of the two of you. Pictures are worth a thousand words, and evoke just as many memories.
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Activists make their mark in a man's world

By Mel Hyman

Betsy Lyons of Glenmont, spokeswoman for Bethlehem Work on Waste (BWOW), is used to dealing with a male-dominated culture, even as it exists within the environmental movement.

But that hasn't deterred her in the least. Working on environmental issues was "something I always wanted to do," she said. "It's been an interest of mine since college days."

She was a paid staff member of the Environmental Planning Lobby for six years and later a salaried staff member with the New York Land Institute.

For the past few years, she's opted for a part-time involvement because of financial constraints. "It's really rough for a woman to support a family" on the salaries offered in the environmental field.

"By and large, there have been quite a few women willing to spend tremendous numbers of hours doing environmental work at low wages," she said, but it's still a hard nut to crack when you consider this work your career.

"I went to a college that was totally male and went coed," she



Betsy Lyons



Cecilia Ghandi



Millie DiBlasi



Holly Billings

recalled, so that was good preparation for what to expect out in the real world. And when she worked for EPL as a lobbyist with the New York State Legislature, she was once again immersed in a predominantly male milieu.

"I don't think things have balanced out entirely," she said, even in environmental organizations.

Lyons, 36, was instrumental in the drive to defeat the proposal to build a regional garbage incineration plant on Cabbage Island in Bethlehem earlier this year.

Being a community activist was definitely not a life goal for Cecilia Ghandi, president of the Shaker Ridge-Vly Road Neighborhood Association in Colonia.

By her own admission, she "fell into it by accident." And, as the controversy over expansion at the Albany County Airport has grown, so has the importance of her work.

"A lot of people in this neighborhood have lived here for 30 to 50 years," she said. "They're not used to the noise of the jet engines running at night or the increased

traffic in the area."

The neighborhood association was instrumental in making sure an environmental impact statement was done before any expansion work began, she said. "It's gradually become a very important part of my life."

Ghandi, 49, opted for early retirement because she and her husband wanted more time to travel. "We're both amateur archaeologists and love to travel. We've been to Guatemala, Honduras, Belize, Mexico and India several times."

Besides making time for these little side trips, there are also six cats to look after, she said.

Ghandi said the time commit-

ment called for in being a community activist was not the only obstacle keeping more women from becoming involved.

"A lot of people believe they just couldn't effect a change. But I don't think that's just a problem exclusive to women."

A former educator and public relations expert, Ghandi was recently named to the board of directors of the Shaker Heritage Society.

Millie DiBlasi of Albany has always been energetic and high profile. So it's not surprising to see her name connected with much of what's happening around the Capital District arts scene.

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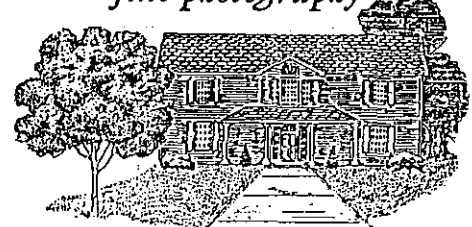
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Betsy Lyons

segment of Radio Free America on WRPI (91.5 FM). Twice a month, at either the Half Moon Cafe or Mother Earth's, DiBlasi hosts a cabaret night, which normally features a poetry segment, a musical interlude, a comedy routine and a dramatic presentation.

DiBlasi, 38, said being an arts activist is nothing new for her and, while she's always found herself in the midst of males trying to pave their way to success, "I'm used to it, although it's not always easy."

"I've been in the performing arts since I was a kid. I was one of two women in stage bands all through high school and college. Now it's myself and six men on the radio show. Nothing much has changed."

DiBlasi said she's looking for new venues in Delmar and Colonie for her arts presentations, most of which are free or involve of a minimal charge.

In a prior career choice, DiBlasi was a restaurant owner in

Wichita, Kan., where she had a weekly segment on the local talk radio show. Her "exotic, erotic Italian cooking" made her a celeb-

women involved in educational and drug prevention efforts over the years, but it cuts both ways, she said. "Unfortunately, more and more women are being forced to work for a salary to help support a family" and they are reluctant to get involved.

At the same time, she noted, "Those who have already been involved are being forced to go back to work to pay for things like college expenses for their children."

city of sorts, and her high point came when she was featured in a monthly arts magazine posing in a bathtub full of fettuccini.

Holly Billings, president of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, may not have quite as glamorous a vocation, but her contribution is equally significant.

She's been instrumental in broadening the base of the organization to include large numbers of parents as well as school administrators and local officials.

Under her guidance, the group's membership has swelled to between 200 and 300. In her own mind, there is nothing more important than promoting drug prevention programs in Bethlehem, and that's what she's dedicated her full-time efforts to for the past several years.

Billings, 50, was president of the Bethlehem Middle School PTA prior to becoming involved in BOU. Her training is as a public health nurse.

There have been numerous

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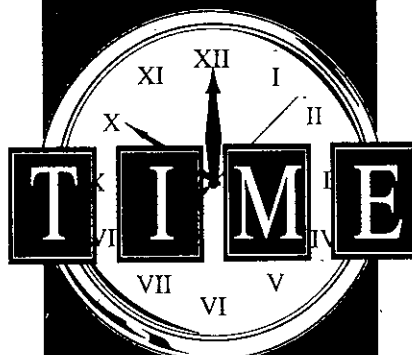
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Probing ins and outs of current fashions

By Laura Taylor

It's time to look into my crystal ball again to see what will happen in the fashion world in 1993.

Looking at fashion magazines really makes me wonder who buys all that stuff! Most women's magazines show the outermost fringes of fashion and usually at the highest price levels. It is difficult to believe that the average woman in the tri-cities area really cares what anyone is wearing in Paris when it comes to building her own wardrobe.

Keeping this in mind, I decided to ask local people in the fashion business what they thought would be *hot* in '93.

Fashion isn't just what you wear, it is also how you look, so keeping that in mind, I headed to Profiles Hair Design in Main Square to talk with Theresa Spinelli the owner. From Theresa I learned that today's look for hair was melded from a number of



Capital District businesswoman Laura Taylor straightens some of the latest fashions in her Delaware Avenue store.
Elaine McLain

of hair and nails is simplicity.

"If it can't get done in ten minutes, women just don't want the style," Theresa told me.

The 90s so far have been a real potpourri of styles. The basic ideas from most designers have been retro-dressing. Whenever the economy starts to falter, the big and small design houses look to the past to soothe their nerves.

Fun, vibrant color and lots of wonderful jewelry and accessories help to add life to many of the classic styles that are still popular. Finally, affordability and versatility remain important and sought-after facets of any fashion item.

The reasoning seems to be, "if it worked before, it'll work again, why take chances?" What's new is what's old—or whatever has been there all along, like Western wear, which has become one of the fastest growing clothing categories for women.

Although it has been around since anyone can remember, Western wear has made an appearance in a big way in our area. New York would not normally be considered a hot bed of things Western—but ever since Urban Cowboy left everyone with a taste for denim, the market for this style has grown.

Recently there has been a resurgence of Western dance and

music making the appropriate clothing extremely popular.

After speaking with Helen Warner, manager of Town and Tweed, I had the feeling she knew what was happening in fashion for the next season. Helen outlined some fashion points she thought would be important. Her "Hot" includes:

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Laura Taylor

- Long wrap skirt with short fitted jackets, somewhat like a waiter's jacket.

- Twin sweaters reminiscent of the 50s have made a comeback in wonderful soft cottons that work with blue jeans.

- City shorts, a key item for working women with great double breasted jackets.

- Stirrup pants in lots of colors with tunic sweaters.

Warner also mentioned the Southwest look in terms of using fringe as an accent on a more relaxed denim body. For spring she feels some hot colors will be "banana" and "sage."

Overall, there seems to be an anything goes attitude in fashion for the next year. Designers are creating long leggy looks in split dresses and short perky styles for those of us who enjoy the short looks.

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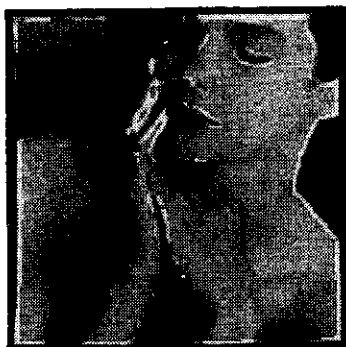
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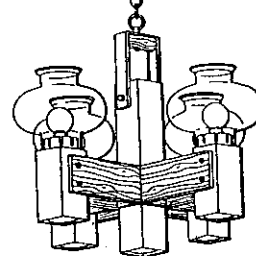
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Tax consequences complicate divorce discussions

Dividing property and assets, negotiating alimony payments and determining custody and child support are complicated and emotional aspects of any divorce. The New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants urges considering the tax consequences of these and other divorce-related matters in order to negotiate a more equitable settlement.

Even in two-income households, alimony is an important topic to be addressed as part of a divorce. Knowing the variety of forms of alimony many also influence how much money you will offer to or accept from your spouse.

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Many expenses that you pay on

your spouse's behalf after the divorce can also be considered alimony. For example, payment of your former spouse's share of the mortgage costs, medical or dental expenses, educational or training programs needed to re-enter the work force, as well as payment of

The amount of financial support you provide to your children does not determine your eligibility to claim them as dependents. The parent who has custody of the children for the greater part of the year is allowed to take the dependency exemptions. The custodial

owner. Regardless of where you reside, however, any property acquired by one spouse before the marriage, or any gifts or inheritances received during the marriage, are generally considered separate property and not divided as part of the divorce.

Property settlements negotiated as part of the divorce are generally tax-free. So, for example, an individual can transfer appreciated property (such as real estate or stocks and bonds) to a spouse in lieu of alimony payments without incurring a capital gains tax.

Similarly, if you opt to give the house to your spouse as part of the divorce settlement, you are not responsible for paying any capital gains tax that may result from the home's increase in value. These taxes become the responsibility of your former spouse upon the sale of the house.

If you and your former spouse decide to sell your home and then split the proceeds, each of you generally must pay a capital gains tax on your own portion of the proceeds. You can escape this tax only if you purchase a new home for at least as much as your share of the old home's adjusted sales

price.

Divorcees who are age 55 or over are subject to different tax rules. If you have lived in your home for at least three of the last five years, and are at least age 55 when you sell it, you may exclude from your income \$125,000 of gain realized from the sale provided you have not previously taken this exclusion. You both may qualify to exclude your portion of the gain if you each meet the residency and age tests are divorced at the time you sell your home.

While a house is often a couple's largest asset, retirement benefits are usually a close second. Some spouses seek to receive benefits from their former partner's pension, company profit-sharing plan or individual retirement account (IRA). The amount of benefits to be paid to the participant's spouse must be specified in a court order known as a Qualified Domestic Relations Order.

Understanding the tax consequences of divorce can be time-consuming. If you need professional tax advice in negotiating a fair settlement, you may take a tax deduction for the fees paid to a CPA or another tax adviser.

Do not assume that your property will automatically be divided in half as part of the divorce.

irrevocable life insurance premiums on policies assigned to a spouse may be considered alimony in the eyes of the IRS and entitle you to a larger tax deduction.

Child support is not considered alimony and is not deductible for the person who pays it.

Child support payments are fixed amounts and can only be changed by a court-ordered modification to your divorce decree. If you and your spouse verbally agree to a reduction in child support without a court order, tax courts will deem this a reduction in alimony payments.

parent can, however, transfer this right to the other parent for one or more tax years by filing IRS Form 8332.

Do not assume that your property will automatically be divided in half as part of the divorce. Rules about the division of property vary depending on whether you reside in a community property or a common law state.

In a community property state, each spouse owns half of the property, even if one has legal title. In a common law state, the person who holds legal title of the property is likely to be recognized as the sole



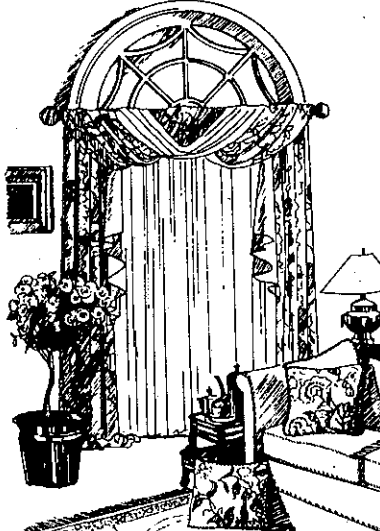
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In contrast, most women who



A new, minimally invasive surgical technique is sending more patients home within two days of a hysterectomy.

undergo the new procedure can leave the hospital within two days following surgery, have minimal pain, only three or four time marks and return to their normal activities in a week or two.

Laparoscopy was pioneered by gynecologists in the 1960s and is

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Women suffer most from migraines

Migraine headaches still attack and bedevil millions of Americans. Federal health statistics indicate that about 11 million Americans suffer from this condition. The cause of migraine headaches is not known. No cure is available either, although significant symptom relief can be achieved with pain-relieving drugs.

A migraine headache can continue from several hours up to several days. Eighty percent of all migraine sufferers are women. Migraine headaches also tend to run in families.

While most women have heard of osteoporosis, a crippling bone disease which affects 25 million Americans, it seems few understand the distressing physical and emotional effects this disease can have on their lives, according to a new Gallup survey sponsored by the National Osteoporosis Foundation (NOF).

The majority of women, the survey reveals, do not realize that osteoporosis can lead to significant loss of height, a painful stooped posture, and broken bones. All too often women wrongly think that brittle bones and a frail body are an inevitable part of growing older. Not surprisingly, the survey confirmed that few women knew that osteoporosis can be treated and prevented.

Treating osteoporosis is extremely important since the disease may leave a woman unable to care for herself. Everyday activities like lifting groceries or walking down stairs become difficult tasks.

Women with osteoporosis may lose the independence they have enjoyed for years because of painful fractures or disability resulting from a broken hip.

Despite the physical and emotional problems caused by osteoporosis, the survey of 750 women between the ages of 45 and 75 found that many were largely uninformed about the disease.

The survey revealed that 60 percent of women are unable to identify significant risk factors for the disease, such as having a family history of osteoporosis, having had surgery to remove ovaries before age 45, having a slender build, being Caucasian or Asian, not exercising regularly and smoking.

More than 80 percent of women are unaware that the disease often leads to hip fractures, even though experts say a woman's risk of breaking her hip is equal to the combined risk of developing breast, uterine and ovarian cancer.

More than 90 percent do not realize that death is a potential outcome of the disease. Given this widespread lack of understanding about osteoporosis, it is not surprising that three out of four women surveyed had never spoken to their physicians about the disease. Yet, experts emphasize that speaking with a doctor about osteoporosis may be the most important step in its prevention.

"Since osteoporosis is symptomless until broken bones begin to occur, it is especially important that women seek medical help early, when it is most effective," explained Dr. Lawrence Riggs, NOF president. "At the very least, these women should obtain available information from NOF or a health care provider."

Broken bones related to osteoporosis occur most often in the hip, wrist and spine. The spine is made up of a long series of connected bones called vertebrae. When a vertebra fractures, the spine can begin collapsing, leading to a loss in height and curvature of the spine.

Hip fractures are the most serious osteoporosis-related fractures since they often lead to long-term hospital and nursing home stays and, in about 20 percent of all cases, result in death.

Women are four times more likely than men to develop the crippling bone disease. After menopause, a woman's ovaries produce less estrogen, a female hormone which plays an important role in maintaining strong bones. Estrogen deficiency after the menopause may lead to rapid and accelerated bone loss, most of which occurs in the first five to seven years following menopause.

But osteoporosis can be prevented and treated. It is not a normal part of growing old.

"Today, more than ever, we can help women suffering from osteoporosis maintain their health and independence," Riggs said. "Treatments are available that can slow down the bone-thinning process, reduce the fracture rate, provide relief from the pain, and add both quality and years to a woman's life."

Doctors can tailor treatment programs to individual patients, taking into account, for example, if a woman is in the early stages of the disease or has already suffered a fracture. In any case, a treatment program will most likely include medication, diet recommendations, and an exercise program.

Women concerned about osteoporosis should discuss the disease with their doctor. Information is also available from the NOF, Dept. MR, 2100 M St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037.

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Study shows gender gap still exists in schools

Classroom conduct often fails test of fairness

By Rita Stein

In an era of increasing opportunity for women, does single-sex education still offer real advantages for girls?

At the Albany Academy for Girls, an independent, college preparatory day school for girls pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade, we believe that the answer is a resounding "yes." And, after reading the study "How Schools Shortchange Girls," many would agree.

The 116-page report, which examines virtually every major research study on girls and education from 1983 to 1991, makes clear that, in spite of 20 years of progress, girls in public schools are still "not receiving the same quality, or even quantity, of education as their brothers."

Commissioned by the American Association of University Women, and written by a team of scholars headed by Susan Bailey, director of the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women, the report confirms that gender bias in public schools not only exists, but carries damaging consequences for girls.

"This is truly a wake-up call to the nation's education and policy leaders, parents, administrators and guidance counselors that, unless we pay attention to girls' needs today, we will find out 15 years from now that there is still a glass ceiling," said Anne Bryant, executive director of AAUW.

Released last February, the

report concluded that:

- Teachers pay less attention to girls than boys.

- Girls still lag in mathematics and science scores, and even those who do well in those subjects tend not to choose math and science careers.

pact is that girls have their ambitions and dreams curtailed and boys have them encouraged," said Bailey.

Perhaps nowhere is this more apparent than in math and science.

Nationwide, 7.6 percent of boys take calculus, compared with 4.7

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- Reports of sexual harassment of girls by their male classmates are increasing.

- Some tests remain biased against girls, hurting their chances for scholarships and getting into college.

- School textbooks still ignore or stereotype women, and girls learn almost nothing in school about many of their most pressing problems, including sexual abuse, discrimination and depression.

In one of the best-known studies cited in the report, Myra and David Sadker observed teachers over three years and found that most teachers called on boys more often than girls, offered boys more detailed and constructive criticism, and allowed boys to shout out answers but reprimanded girls for doing so.

Over time, such bias holds girls back in school and erodes their self-esteem. "The long-range im-

percent of girls.

In science, the gap may be wider. Twenty-five percent of high school boys take physics, but only 15 percent of girls do.

Yet even girls who take the same math and science courses and do as well as boys on standardized tests are far less likely to consider technological careers — a decision that can limit their career options and future incomes.

"When you find young girls who are doing very well in math and science not even considering pursuing those subjects and young boys assuming they will, something is happening that is good for neither the individuals nor the nation," said Bailey.

Beginning in the early grades, basic developmental differences may place boys and girls of the same age at educational odds with each other, leaving one gender bored or struggling to keep up.

For instance, there are marked differences between the sexes in ability to sit still or hold a pencil; at one stage girls excel in language skills, at another, boys do better in math.

Also, the learning styles of boys and girls are not the same. Girls usually prefer to work in a cooperative manner; boys tend to compete. And, according to the research, if a choice must be made, it will favor the male students.

"A single-sex school allows teachers to focus solely on girls' developmental needs and learning styles," said Joanna Rowell, head of the Upper School at AAG.

Although the research is not definitive, most experts agree that self-esteem is a critical factor in academic achievement, and that low self-esteem may explain the drop in girls' achievement commonly seen in coed high schools

but not in all-girl schools.

"In an all-girl school, the girls hold all the leadership roles — in student government, on the literary magazine, the yearbook, and in organizing community outreach and social events. The result is an increase in self-esteem and an enthusiasm for taking on challenges," said Rowell, who noted that 73 percent of AAG students take physics, which is almost five times higher than the national average for girls.

"It comes down to the fact that at a single-sex school, opportunities abound and academic achievement and personal self-worth are not undermined," said Rowell. "Girls develop a strong sense of themselves as contributing individuals, and an attitude that women can accomplish anything."

Rita Stein is editor of the Albany Academy for Girls newsletter.

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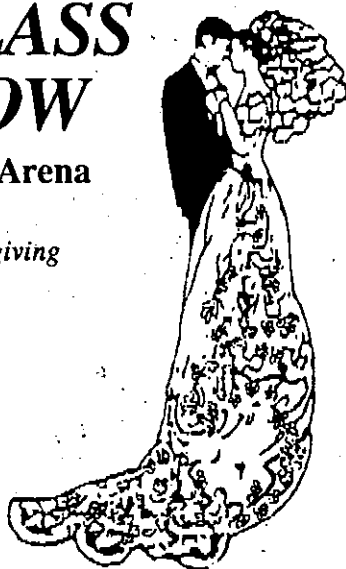
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child care, I can attest that each "choice" in today's world carries with it an enormous amount of pressure.

The question always looms: "Am I doing what's best for my baby?"

While I certainly would not want to trade places, I think back to the simplicity of my mother's generation, not because it was easier or better, but because they knew what was expected and the choices were already made for them.

Mothers were medicated through childbirth, without the luxury of making an informed choice about what type of medication was being used. Most mothers bottle-fed their babies according to Dr. Spock's prescribed schedule, and disposables were unheard of. There really was no question as to which parent would return to work.

And, while many of us were raised the way society expected our mothers to raise us, even today's parents find it difficult to ignore societal pressure of what is currently believed to be healthiest or best for baby.

It seems as though the pendulum regarding childbirth has swung back to where mothers can and do accept medication dur-

ing labor without feeling they are harming their babies. The idea of completely "natural" childbirth has been replaced by prepared childbirth classes, which include information on the option of different types of medication and how they affect baby and mother.

While the emergence of formula made bottle-feeding enormously popular (and an enormous business), most expectant

surrounding the use of disposables.

But perhaps the most erratic swing of society's pendulum concerns working families and child care. During the past few decades, women have received many conflicting messages — to go back to work and handle career and family, to stay home and be proud of their full-time job of mothering and to work from

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mothers are now encouraged to breast-feed. Mothers who choose this option no longer must face awkward stares or negative comments about their choice. In fact, with urging from doctors and nurses and so many recent articles about its benefits, I'm sure I'm not the only mother who feels a fair amount of guilt for *not* breast-feeding.

And when disposable diapers first came on the scene, heralded as one of the world's greatest modern conveniences, who would have imagined the environmental dilemma parents would have to work through before using them? I know mothers who have been lectured in supermarket checkout lines, Pampers in hand, by well-meaning strangers on the moral and ethical issues

home while caring for their children.

We've heard going back to work is bad for children in the long run, but staying home and putting career on hold is bad for mommy. We've heard day care does not fulfill a child's need for nurturing, and that a child that stays at home does not fulfill his socialization needs.

No doubt, decisions about childbirth and child care are complex, but my friend was right to envy today's parents. While we may always wonder if we're doing right by the baby, at least we can feel somewhat reassured that we're the ones making the choices that, hopefully, pave the way to our child's happy, secure and well-adjusted life.

Annual lecture to discuss battered women in Bible

"The Battered Woman in the Jewish Tradition: See No Evil, Hear No Evil, Speak No Evil" will be the subject of Congregation B'nai Sholom's annual Ruth Warshaw Memorial Lecture Sunday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Teacher and author Naomi Graetz will deliver the lecture.

The discussion will focus on rabbinic lore about violence against women, from the medieval period to the present time. Many laymen and religious leaders, Graetz said, remain unaware of the potential for male violence in the patriarchal attitudes of many Jewish texts.

Graetz is a native New Yorker who has lived in Israel since 1967 with her husband, Rabbi Michael Graetz. In addition to teaching at Ben Gurion University, Graetz lectures to volunteers who staff a hotline for battered women. She has also written a novel, *The Rabbi's Wife Plays at Murder*.

Graetz's articles on women in the Bible have been collected in *Male and Female S/He Created Them*, and she has lectured widely on the status of women in biblical lore and contemporary Israel.

Graetz's visit to Albany is being sponsored by the B'nai Sholom Women's Group in cooperation with the Judaic Studies Department at the University at Albany.

The Ruth Warshaw Memorial Lecture was established by Ruth Warshaw, an attorney and founding member of B'nai Sholom, who died in 1991 at the age of 94.

B'nai Sholom is located at 420 Whitehall Road, Albany. The lecture and reception are free to members of the congregation, and a \$2 contribution is requested of non-members. For information, call 482-5283.

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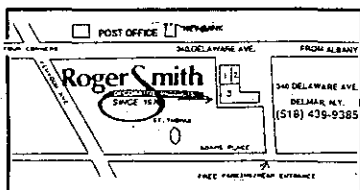
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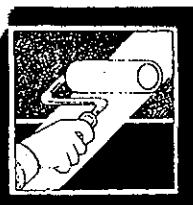
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