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Elsmere volunteers to ask for pensions

By Mel Hyman

Voters in the Elsmere Fire District soon will be asked to approve a pension program for qualified volunteer firefighters.

A similar program is already in effect for the North Bethlehem Fire District, while Selkirk voters spurned the concept just two years ago.

The vote is set for Tuesday, June 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the firehouse on West Poplar Drive.

Active volunteers with at least five years of service can qualify, and no firefighter would receive a benefit prior to age 65.

The maximum pension would be \$400 per month based on 40 years of active

service. Members must earn a minimum of 50 points per year by participating in fire company activities.

Fire company officials say that the pension program is crucial to maintaining an active and experienced firefighting force. While the current membership of 73 active volunteers provides an effective force, not all members are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"The fact is that day-time response is limited because many volunteers work outside of town," said Elsmere fire chief Richard Webster. "Only 18 volunteers work in the town of Bethlehem, which is cutting it

You can't look at fire companies in the same light as Little League or other groups.

Richard Webster

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Town property valuation sees \$36M move upward

By Mel Hyman

The total assessed valuation for property in the town of Bethlehem took a healthy jump over the past year despite the lack of any significant new commercial construction.

The tentative 1993 assessment rolls, now available for review at town hall, show the total taxable assessed value of property in Bethlehem at \$1,892,861,420, about

\$36 million more than last year's total of \$1,856,833,508.

"I think it's a relatively decent increase," said town assessor M. David Leafer, especially since the vast majority is attributable to new home construction and additions to existing homes like decks and porches. With residential construction, "You're not adding any big numbers."

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Tree-mendous move



Using the world's largest tree spade, workers from H.E. Jackson of Ballston Lake relocate a 35-foot copper beech away from power lines on the grounds of Verstandig's Florists in Delmar. Dev Tobin

BC top dogs earn keep, according to colleagues

By Dev Tobin

Compared to other Suburban Council school districts in Albany County, the Bethlehem Central School District has fewer administrators, but they are paid substantially more on average.

In part, the difference in average salary is because several BC administrators have worked for the district for many years, and in part the difference is because BC's fewer administrators handle more duties, said Superintendent Leslie Loomis.

Five BC administrators have been with the district for more than 20 years, according to district records.

"We seek the best people for the job, and compensate them fairly according to their qualifications and capabilities," Loomis said. "We are very lean. Our two assistant superintendents have more range and breadth to their jobs than would be the case in other districts."

The 14 administrators at BC (central office, principals and assistant principals) earn an average of \$74,372. BC has six schools and about 4,170 students.

The 17 administrators at North Colonie earn an average of \$71,073. North Colonie has eight schools and about 5,000 students.

The 19 administrators at Guilderland earn an average of \$64,489. Guilderland has six schools and an enrollment of about 4,750.

The 20 administrators at South Colonie

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Delmar man's spirit triumphs despite illness



As multiple sclerosis weakens his body, Frank Kramer is finding new strength from within. Mike Larabee

By Mike Larabee

A lot has changed for Frank Kramer in the last 11 years. Certainly a lot for the worse, but strangely enough, a lot for the better as well.

By the time Kramer, who lives on Adams Place in Delmar, was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis 11 years ago, he'd already tried his hand at just about everything that grabbed his attention.

A newly hired economics professor at Siena College in Loudonville, he liked to hike and take photographs, and had developed an expert's eye for car, motorcycle and bicycle maintenance. He played basketball and guitar, was handy with electronics equipment and computers and passionate about his left-leaning political beliefs.

If he had problems, they definitely didn't have anything to do with a shortage of self-confidence or stunted zest for living. More than likely, he says, they'd arise from a schedule too full of obligations and interests, a pace that

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Volunteers roll up their sleeves for cleanup

Dozens of Community Bethlehem! volunteers are ready to roll up their sleeves Saturday, May 22, to take on the task of making Bethlehem an even nicer town to live in.

The volunteer corps of the townwide fourth annual cleanup includes scout troops, local businesses, families, town officials and school organizations.

"As in years past, this year's group represents a solid corps of volunteers who want to preserve the beauty of our town and contribute to the growing spirit of community among our residents,"

said Mark Stuart, organizing chairman.

He said that the response this year has been better than expected. "This year's bicentennial spirit has helped our efforts," Stuart said. "I was concerned that interest may have fallen off in our fourth year, particularly since this year we chose not to have an afternoon gathering at the Slingerlands Park, but that was not the case."

He said Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce deserves a lot of credit for its role in making the cleanup effort a success, Stuart said, citing the work of the cham-

ber Executive Director Marty Cornelius, and Diane Smith, who contributed her personal time as a member of the Organizing Committee for two years in a row.

This year's volunteers include Brownie Troop 62 of St. Thomas, Glenmont Job Corps, Girl Scout Troop 709 of Delmar, Noreast Real Estate, the Caporta family of Fernbank Ave., the Frangella family of Paxwood Road, Brownie Troop 597 of Glenmont, Daisy Troop 599 of Glenmont, the Caulfield family of Delmar and the Bethlehem Central Key Club.

Also, the Central Delmar neighborhood Association, Paul Van Ryn and Lois Goland of Slingerlands, the eighth-grade student council of the Bethlehem Central Middle School, Cub Pack 258 of

Elsmere, members of the Bethlehem Planning Board, the Sagor family of Ruxton Road in Delmar, D.T. Dare Landscaping, Guertze Landscaping, McKeough Landscaping, Brownie Troop 42 of Delmar, Girl Scout Troop 123 of Delmar and Girl Scout Troop 365 of Delmar.

Co-chairman Fred Stratman of North Bethlehem also credited this year's success to the business community, whose contributions helped purchase trees, flowers and planting materials.

"This is one of the many goodwill efforts that our town's businesses undertake every year," Stratman said. "Whether it is the small corner business or one of the larger corporations in town, their contributions to the commu-

nity are invaluable and should never be taken for granted."


Contributors to this year's Community Bethlehem! include Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation, Potentials Management Corp. of Delmar, the Bethlehem Family Practice and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc. of Delmar.

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NEW SCOTLAND

Homeowners fume over new assessments

By Dev Tobin

Many who complain about their new assessments in New Scotland aren't really sure what their homes would bring on the open market, but Donna Brown has a pretty good idea.

Along with Peter Pizzurro, she bought a two-family house on Route 85 in New Salem three weeks ago for \$78,000. Monday she found out that the house was assessed at a full value of \$153,600.

"I knew the reassessment was going on, but I didn't know the taxes would double," she said before her informal meeting with Assessor Richard Law.

Grievance Day is Tuesday, May

25, and Law has been holding informal meetings with aggrieved taxpayers to help them prepare for going before the Board of Assessment Review, and in some cases, to bring their assessment reduction request before the board.

The Board of Assessment Review will hear taxpayers' grievances from 9 a.m. to noon, from 1 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday. If the board does not get to all the grievants, or if grievants choose not to wait, a sign-up will be available to set up hearings before the board later in the week.

Like many who complain of inaccurate information on their homes recorded by Cole-Layer-Trumble, the contractor for the

revaluation project, Brown doubted that anyone from CLT had visited the house, which was listed as a single-family residence.

"I don't think anyone ever went in the driveway. If they did, they would have seen two meters," she said.

Brown noted that the house had been on the market for more than six months, an indication that assessed values, at least in her case, do not reflect values in the current slow real estate market.

While none of the others who had informal meetings with Law Monday had recently bought their homes, they all told stories of inaccuracies and unequal values relative to their neighbors.

"Without being in the house, they decided that we had more bedrooms, bathrooms and fireplaces than we have," said Anne Eberle of New Salem Road.

said, "That's OK, we'll send you a form and you can make corrections on it," he recalled. "They reduced the assessment 10 percent, but that's not even close."

Kullman said he had recently put up new siding on his house, which evidently led CLT to state that the house was built in 1988, when in fact it was built in 1953.

New siding also

led to an inaccurate age estimate of Frank McCaffrey's Bullock Road house.

"I put new cedar siding on, and they said it was built in 1980," he said. "I bought it in 1970 and it was built in 1960."

The process of proving unequal assessment by using comparable properties "almost forces you to hire a professional," McCaffrey said. "I don't feel I should have to do that."

While Law has been kept busy dealing with some of the more than 800 aggrieved taxpayers whose taxes rose more than \$500 in the tentative assessment roll, he noted, "It appears 75 percent of the people are happy or satisfied with the work CLT did."

Law emphasized that "There is no such thing as a perfect revaluation project, but this one is, at the very least, adequate. The town was not shortchanged in any way, shape or form."

The mistakes in data collection result from "a human process," Law said. "I want to correct that data and come up with an equitable roll."

I knew the reassessment was going on, but I didn't know the taxes would double.

Donna Brown

"If you take the land number out, we're assessed twice as much as a couple of substantially more elegant homes," noted Don Eberle.

Bob Dougherty of Helderue Avenue recently had an appraisal done as part of a home equity loan application, and the CLT assessment was more than \$100,000 higher.

"They were never inside my house, and the square footage they recorded was excessive," Dougherty said. "Also, the comparisons with houses in other areas took my house right out of context."

Carol Willey of Ridge Road said she set up two appointments on Saturdays with CLT, and was stood up both times.

"They had the age of the house and the number of bedrooms wrong," Willey said. "According to three realtors and an appraiser I talked to, I could never sell the house for what it's assessed at."

No one from CLT came inside Nate Kullman's house on Maple Road, he said.

"They left a note, so we called for another appointment, but they

Former Dem chair eyes run

By Mel Hyman

Former Bethlehem Democratic chairman Bill Burkhard made unsuccessful runs for county legislature and town board in 1971 and 1973, respectively. With the lack of incumbents running for town board this year, Burkhard felt it was "time to step back in the box and take my swings."



Burkhard

Indications are that the town Democratic Committee will let him do just that when it meets on Thursday, May 20, to pick candidates for the fall election. Burkhard is likely to be joined by Susan Burns, also interested in a town board seat, and Matthew J. Kelly, who reportedly has the inside track on the nomination for town supervisor.

Burkhard is well aware of changing voter demographics in the town and says that's another reason he sees this as a year of opportunity.

While still outnumbered by a wide margin, Democrats have started to close the registration gap with the GOP. Currently, there are 7,858 Republicans and 5,206 Democrats registered in the town, compared to 7,960 Republicans and 4,467 Democrats just five years ago, according to the Albany

County Board of Elections.

Moreover, like other suburban towns in the area, the number of unaffiliated voters in Bethlehem has risen sharply. The number of independents in the town has increased from 4,546 to 5,179 over the same five-year period.

Burkhard was town chairman in the late 1980s when former Councilman Bob Burns became the first Democrat elected to the Bethlehem Town Board in 100 years.

Currently an occupational health and safety specialist for the Department of Health, Burkhard has 34 years of service with the state. He previously worked as an engineer with the state Department of Transportation in high-

way construction.

As the campaign progresses, Burkhard promises to delineate his views on a wide array of issues. If elected, he promises not to take adversarial positions just for the sake of it — assuming the Republicans retain control of the five-member council.

"I have always taken the position that the role of the out party is not to take an obstructionist stance, but to try and work things out in a harmonious way."

A resident of the town since 1968, Burkhard recalls when the idea of a master plan was first discussed in the early 1970s. Now that it's finally approaching completion, Burkhard said he's looking forward to its findings.

Newcomer vying for spot on ticket

By Mel Hyman

A relative newcomer to the town of Bethlehem, Susan Burns has wasted no time getting involved in community activities like Girl Scouts and the Kids' Place playground.



Burns

So it doesn't seem strange that all of a sudden she's being thrust into the limelight as she seeks the Democratic nomination for a town board seat.

Burns, 38, has a media background, which could serve her well during the coming campaign. Since 1988, she's worked as a writer/producer for Albany Educational Television, a full-service video production facility.

Born and raised in western New York about 30 miles south of Buffalo, Burns went to school at the State University of New York at Albany and decided to stay in the area.

"Bethlehem is a wonderful place to live," she said. "I have every

intention of staying here for a long time to come."

As interested as she is in the town, Burns wants to see Bethlehem remain a desirable place to live and that means making some hard choices over the next few years.

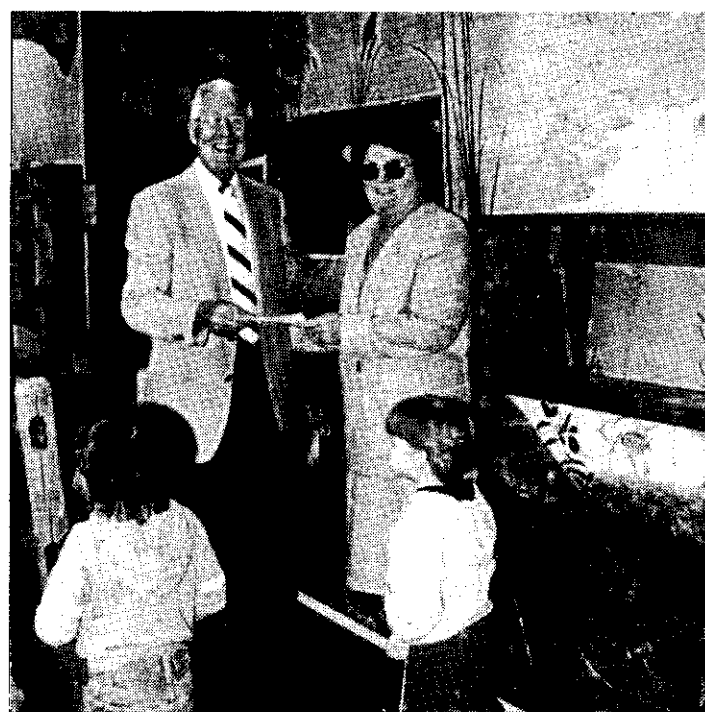
Land use planning and solid waste disposal are two high-priority items that need to be addressed by the board, she said. Other issues demanding attention include traffic, sales tax revenue, youth activities and senior problems.

She declined to give specific views on these issues until after the town Democratic Committee meets this week to officially nominate candidates.

Like her political colleague Bill Burkhard, Burns believes there's a need for bipartisan government in Bethlehem. There are no Democrats now on the five-member town board.

A recreational runner in her spare time, Burns noted that she finished third in her age category during the recent Mother's Day Race in Delmar. Looking forward to the fall, she said, "Hopefully my best race has yet to come."

Key contribution



Five Rivers Limited, the organization of volunteers behind the Five Rivers Environmental Center in New Scotland, got a \$5,000 boost from Key Bank last week. Above, Joan O'Sullivan, vice president of the bank's Elmsmere branch, presents a check to Five Rivers' Jim Tate while a pair of children examine a center nature display.

Elaine McLain

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Partnership committed to circulating pledges

Touhey 'Appleseeds' for Feura Bush

As part of its campaign to increase awareness of illegal drug use and underage drinking, the Bethlehem Community Partnership will circulate a written pledge to town businesses, service, school, youth and church organizations.

"The goal is to involve every institution in town," said Bethlehem Central School Superintendent Leslie Loomis, a partnership member.

"This is a way for organizations to make a public commitment to doing something about drug use and underage drinking," said Holly Billings, president of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, another partnership member.

The pledge reads as follows:

"As part of the Bethlehem community, we commit our organization to promoting healthy lifestyles for our youth, combating underage drinking and illegal drug use, and intervening in situations where underage drinking and illegal drug use occur."

Partnership members will present the pledge to the Bethlehem Central school board tonight (Wednesday), to the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce tomorrow (Thursday), and to the Bethlehem Town Board on Wednesday, May 26.

While a letter explaining the pledge has been drawn up, Loomis said that most of the contacts will be personal. For instance, Loomis will present the pledge to the district's PTA presidents.

Nights for teens to begin

The first weekly "Saturday Teen Night" will be Saturday, May 22, from 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. at the Back Home Buffet & Bakery, 55 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Students and adults of a Community Partnership Task Force helped plan this activity.

The admission fee is \$5 per person, and covers dancing, food, soda and live entertainment. This week's show features the Billy McFreak Band.

This weekly event prohibits alcohol, drugs and smoking. ID's will be required. Students in grade nine and teenagers to age 19 are welcome.

Band challenges are welcome, call 478-0701 for information.

Correction

As a result of an editorial error, last week's *Spotlight* incorrectly reported the activities and time of the Bethlehem Public Library's teddy bear picnic.

About 30 volunteers gathered in downtown Feura Bush on Saturday to plant some 225 shrubs, evergreens and fruit trees donated to beautify the community by longtime resident Carl Touhey.

"After the completion of the Route 32 railroad bridge and the 32 South roadway, I couldn't help but notice all the residents fixing up and sprucing up their lawns and properties," Touhey said. "So, I decided to help out. These trees and shrubbery will help give a nice introduction to a nice community."

For about 10 hours on Saturday, volunteers, including Onesquethaw Volunteer firefighters, local landscapers, heavy equipment operators and school-age kids, dug, shoveled, pushed, pulled, planted and watered a variety of trees and shrubbery along Route 32.

Landscape architect Mark Sengenberger designed and planned improvements on both sides of the railroad bridge embankments.

"Last year, Carl asked me to sketch up a plan for the beautification of this community, and I did," he said. "Last week, Carl called Charlie Houghtaling (Albany County Legislator), Fred Spaulding (Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company fire chief), John Loucks (town planning board member), and myself, gave the go-ahead, and here we are."



Volunteers Dave Ingraham, left, and Carl Touhey get down and dirty during the Feura Bush Beautification Project Sunday on Route 32S. Michele Bintz

Some minor work must still be done, but most of the heavy and tiresome part of the project has been completed. Residents and volunteers will continue to nurture and maintain these latest

additions to their roadside foliage.

"The trees will be greatly appreciated by our residents and all who come to our community, for years," Houghtaling said.

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Defeat bitter pill for Blue Ribbon schools

By Dev Tobin

The only school district in the state to have all its schools win national Blue Ribbons for Excellence—Voorheesville Central—saw its proposed budget for 1993-94 rejected by the voters last week.

Ironically, the defeat came while Voorheesville Elementary Principal Edward Diegel, Assistant Principal Janice White and teacher Kim Greiner were in Washington, D.C., to accept the school's Blue Ribbon.

The \$11,296,661 spending plan, which called for an estimated 7.32 percent tax rate increase, lost decisively 598 to 515. Two years

ago, when the junior-senior high school received its Blue Ribbon, a budget calling for a 14 percent tax hike was defeated.

School board president John Cole attributed the unexpected loss to the current reassessment in New Scotland and to a last-minute anonymous sign campaign.

"Reval had to have an impact," Cole said, adding that he was disturbed by the anonymous signs that cropped up in high-traffic areas in Voorheesville just before the vote.

The signs, which read "Can You Afford 7.32% School Tax Increase

—Vote No May 12th," were a bit of a surprise to district officials, since only two residents spoke up about the budget at the public meeting the night before the vote, and neither expressed opposition to the spending plan.

"It was quiet, but a lot of folks are obviously concerned over reval," said Superintendent Alan McCartney. "They found it hard to vote yes on another tax increase when they're not sure" how the new assessments will affect them.

According to preliminary figures from the state Division of Equalization and Assessment, the town-wide revaluation will raise

total property tax payments more than \$500 for more than 800 residential property owners.

About that many people have informally appealed their assessments, but the final tax impact won't be known until after the town Grievance Day May 25.

The school board will meet Monday, May 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the high school to consider what to do next.

"I'm inclined to let the community tell us where to go from here," Cole said.

The board can put up the same budget again, put up a revised budget with a lower tax rate, or go to a contingency budget with separate propositions for items like transportation and interscholastic athletics, McCartney said.

"We'll have to take a look at everything in the budget and see if we can trim some more," he said.

In a development that should lower the tax rate, the district can expect some additional revenue from a new \$8.7 million Tenneco gas pipeline that was inadvertently left off the town's tentative tax roll.

In other election results, a proposition to buy two new school buses passed 635-438. The buses may not be needed if the board adopts a contingency budget, which would limit busing to those students who live more than two miles from the elementary school and more than three miles from the junior-senior high school.

In an uncontested race, board member Steven Schreiber was elected to his third three-year term.

The Voorheesville Library budget of \$395,241 passed 617-477, and J. Fredericks Volkwein was re-elected to the library's board of trustees, also without opposition.

NEW SCOTLAND

Junk cars on a roll — out of town

By Dev Tobin

The New Scotland Planning Board received a positive progress report on the cleanup of Sid Dunston's automobile junkyard at the intersection of routes 85 and 443 in Clarksville.

The extremely wet weather of March and April had delayed the cleanup work, but Dunston made progress in the last few weeks of dry weather.

"I've moved 20 cars and five truck-loads of tires and wheels out of the front of the yard," Dunston said. "If you don't see an improvement, I've been wasting my time."

Board member Robert Smith noted that the work seemed more than half done, and board member Ray MacKay agreed.

"You're making progress in the

direction we want to go," he said.

Dunston estimated that the cleanup should be complete by early July, when "you'd be able to drive down the road and not see any cars."

In January, Dunston applied for a license for his junkyard and agreed to come into compliance with the screening provisions of the town junkyard ordinance.

Last summer, Dunston was cited for operating a junkyard without a license. The town board decided to hold the penalties in abeyance while Dunston works to clean up the lot.

Planning board attorney Michael Mackey advised Dunston to inform the town board of the progress he's making, since the planning board could not continue the stay of prosecution.

"We'll recommend that the town board continue the stay," said board chairman Robert Stapf. "We realize you're making an honest effort and the weather held you up."

In other business, the board approved a lighted sign for Tee Time Golf, a driving range and miniature golf facility under construction on Route 85.

The approval stipulates that the lights for the sign be turned off 30 minutes after the close of business, or 11:30 p.m.

The board also approved favorable recommendations to the zoning board of appeals on area variances for William Bannahan on Rowe Road and for Shirley Mosher on Tarrytown Road.

The next meeting of the board is Tuesday, June 8, at 7 p.m.

RCS budget passes in landslide

Last week, residents of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District approved the board's proposed \$20.7 million, 1993-94 school budget by a margin of 2 to 1.

"I'm delighted by the result," said Superintendent William Schwartz. "It indicates support for what we're doing for the kids."

Schwartz said the spending plan for next year is "very strin-

gent, but we will continue to move the district forward."

The new budget will raise property tax rates an estimated 4.38 percent for district residents from Bethlehem, and 2.99 percent for district residents from New Scotland.

The \$335,000 school bus replacement vote also passed by a 2 to 1 margin.



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Matters of Opinion

Biting the bullet—harder

With all possible respect for the men and women who set the policies and make the hard day-to-day decisions in local governments, where the hardest task of keeping civilization working goes on, we must dissent from the idea that the alternative to the loss of one form of taxation is an increase in some other taxing source.

That seems to be the story, however, over and over in various municipalities where the prospective absence of the additional sales tax revenue that was voted last year in Albany County is causing headaches and cries of anguish.

We hear that a town's property taxes might increase as much as 50 percent without the present sales tax revenues; another estimate is for 20 to 50 percent. Quite a difference, which to us suggests that a certain amount of scare talk is involved, as well as possibly irresponsible guesstimating. We also hear the expression "We can't cut anymore." What that really means is that some difficult deci-

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sion-making is in store. Of course, further cuts can be made—always.

Residents are tired of taxes in the local scene, just as they are apprehensive of Mr. Clinton's grandiose ideas that mean spending and taxation.

One of the current proposals is for a three-year extension of the sales tax 33 percent increase approved last summer for one year. Then the municipalities found that, having bought the golden goose, they couldn't make do without it. What makes them—or anyone—think that in the next three years conditions will be any better if they haven't been forced to get real with expenditures?

It seems very likely that the sales tax add-on proponents will carry the day. But that won't make it right.

The low vote for 'excellence'

An apparent contradiction appears again in the totals of this year's voting in the Bethlehem Central School District annual elections.

The 2,096 district residents who went to the one polling place, at the Middle School, a week ago were 37 percent fewer than those who voted in 1985, the high-water mark for demonstrated interest in district affairs for at least the past decade.

These figures, incidentally, are only for votes cast on the proposed budget (59 percent "yes"). In voting for members of the Board of Education (three unopposed incumbents seeking reelection), only about seven in ten voters bothered to cast a ballot for any of the three.

The 2,096 turnout was the smallest within the decade. During that time, there has been a steady decline in residents' interest, a trend punctuated by an occasional upward blip. In three early years, 1984-86, the total of persons who expressed themselves at the polls was nearly 4,000 greater than those who have voted in the three most recent years.

What has happened? Is there an actual decline in interest on the part of the general public, perhaps even on the part of those most intimately concerned—parents of the district's pupils? If that is the case, what

factors could be behind it, bewilderingly? Is there now materially less concern about the standards of excellence which have been the district's watchword for many years? Is there substantially less worry about the degree of prudence in the budgetary proposals? Has the district's public information program succeeded so well that the effect is to lull residents into confidence that all must indeed be well?

Correspondingly, is the level of confidence in the judgments and decisions of the school board now at such a peak that no citizen wishes to embarrass the members by requiring them to compete with contrasting personalities and differing ideas? Before the election, we expressed the view that a board securely cemented in place is not healthy, and now we say it again (while congratulating the three who have been returned to office with reasons to feel reassured about their wisdom). Even elections for the library trustees excite some actual competition.

We have also noted the probable discouragement to a substantial voter turnout in the district's repeated unwillingness to open more polling places. Having to trek from all over the district into a single schoolroom is a barrier to residents' participation. It ought to be corrected.

Memory and honor: the true spirit

As the national Commander of the American Legion, Roger A. Munson, reminds us in a formal statement, the observance of Memorial Day offers us an opportunity to stop and reflect on the unique history of the United States and our rights and responsibilities as citizens.

"Make no mistake," Commander Munson stated. "Memorial Day doesn't glorify war, for no one hates war more than those who have fought the battles. To the contrary, Memorial Day glorifies peace by reminding Americans that we are entrusted with remembering those who paid the ultimate price so that our great country would endure.

"Their selfless sacrifice spans the history of America, from the Revolutionary War to Desert Storm. These patriots left their homes

and families when their country called and gave their last full measure of devotion in defense of freedom.

"It is fitting that we celebrate on Memorial Day the freedom that has been won and sustained by our fallen heroes. They answered their country's call, put themselves in harm's way, placed the welfare of their comrades ahead of their own safety, and put duty ahead of personal interests. Their sacrifice must never be forgotten."

In many parts of the country in past years, Memorial Day also was known as Decoration Day—that is, a universal occasion for decorating the graves of those who have gone before. This, in essence, exemplifies the true spirit of the day set apart for such a solemn act of dedication.

BC's 12 pct. turnout branded as pathetic

Editor, The Spotlight:

I read your article on "BC budget passes by wide margin" in the May 12 *Spotlight* and was astounded by board President Pamela Williams's explanation of the low turnout (down one-third from last year). "I'd like to think people are satisfied with the work we do," she said.

About 12 percent of the eligible voters voted on the Bethlehem school budget and all we hear is the people must be satisfied? There are constant complaints of an uninterested public when our presidential elections get maybe 50 percent of the national voters out. My view is Bethlehem school-budget voters just don't give a hoot what the board does. If people don't get out and vote, they are complacent!

In the same article, we are advised that public participation in the board's budget workshops increased this year. From what I read, they were the special-interest groups.

But what has that to do with about 16,000 voters in the school district not coming out to vote? They were all satisfied? I think not. More likely, the general feeling is that parents don't care what the board does as long as the district continues to take their children and fulfills parental responsibilities during the day. "Just take my kid and don't bother me."

It is a pathetic assessment—but we have a pathetic populace in Bethlehem, except for the 2000+ who came out to vote.

Walter C. Waidelech

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Vox Pop

Honors recital shows soloists' high caliber

Editor, The Spotlight:

If you had happened to be walking along Kenwood Avenue on Monday, May 10, you would have heard the strains of Mozart, Brahms, and other composers wafting out through the open doors of First United Methodist Church. The event was the fifth annual BCHS Honors Recital which showcased the talents of 19 young musicians. These students are at Level 6, the highest level of performance for the New York State School Music Association Festival held in the spring each year.

The soloists were impressive, not only for the difficulty of their selections, but also for the poise and feeling which infused their performances. Years of lesson, daily practice, and other preparations culminate in an evening such as this. As the writer Bernard Edmonds described, "To trust yourself to test your limits—that is the courage to succeed."

The community should be proud of the caliber of this group. Our congratulations to those who participated. They include: Colleen Walsh and Olga Boshart, clarinet; Brian Lenhardt, tenor saxophone; Emily Fireovid, Mike Loegering, French horn; William Hawley, Benjamin Pierce, euphonium; Tom Birdsey and Aaron Thorpe, trombone; Kevin Rice, tuba; Rebecca Rice, viola; Julia Donnarumma, Jamie Somerville, Jennifer Thorpe, soprano; Moira Hughes, Kristen Jones, cello; Nicholas Sattinger, tenor; Janice Gallagher, violin; and Kim Hart, trumpet.

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Your Opinion Matters

24 = T. of your M.F. and C.

Here is a "test" that its adherents insist does not try to measure your intelligence, your fluency with words, and certainly not your mathematical ability. That's the kind of test I like, so I am passing it along. It was forwarded indirectly to Uncle Dudley from a local expatriate in Spain. (If you want to check out any answers, the FAX number is 0113472769377).

Now comes the "However" part: "It will, however, give you some measure of your mental flexibility and creativity."

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Uncle Dudley

- 57 = H.V.
26 = L. of the A.
7 = W. of the A.W.
1001 = A. N.
12 = S. of the Z.
53 = C. in a D. (with the J.)
9 = P. in the S.S.
88 = P. K.
13 = S. on the A. F.
32 = D. F. at which W.F.
18 = H. on a G. C.
90 = D. in a R. A.
200 = D. for P.G. in M.
8 = S. on a S. S.
3 = B. M. (S.H.T.R.)
4 = Q. in a G.
24 = H. in a D.
1 = W. on a U.
5 = D. in a Z.C.

- 11 = P. on a F. T.
1000 = W. that a P. is W.
29 = D. in a F. in a L. Y.
64 = S. on a C. B.
40 = D. and N. of the G. F.

I finally got a certain number (I'm not saying) of the answers, or presumed answers. Then I tried making up several similar test questions myself, and you'll find some of them below. Actually, when I read them over, I found that I couldn't remember the correct solution of a few. I hope you have better luck!

Here goes:

- 14 = L. in a S.
880 = Y. in a H. M.
168 = H. in a W.
3600 = S. in a H.
9 = I. in a G.
7 = K. to B. P.
3 = S. and O.

A Parade halfway to Reno

A couple of weeks ago you may have seen the cover story in Parade, the Sunday newspaper staffer most noted for its page of inane information about celebrities in response to questions posed by their press agents.

The article was titled "Will she be a force for change?" and it was an interview with Attorney General Janet Reno. It contained such colorful phrases as "She crossed her legs, smoothed her skirt, fixed her eyes on me, and said..."; "Her voice trailed off, and she shifted on the sofa..."; "Leaning forward, as if eager to be understood, Reno answered..."; "It was a joke, and she laughed heartily..."; "Her short hair was casually styled and she wore just a touch of makeup." And best of all, for an informative interview: "She declined to discuss the issue further, so we turned to other matters."

In other words, there's not a lot to be learned about the Attorney General in this article (which had no reference to the Waco fiasco, though it was published well after that event).

By contrast, the Washington Post National Weekly Edition (which was mentioned in this column recently) published a humdinger of a profile of Ms. Reno almost simultaneously with the Parade piece. It is, in fact, based on the Waco disaster as a starting point. Much of the long account focuses on her prior life in Florida, and is full of meaningful and amusing anecdote. It's very enjoyable reading, and informative at that, rounding out quite a picture of quite a person. People who read the Post article tend to come away persuaded, as the headline says, "She's going to be a different kind of attorney general."

Here are some of the items:

"The Attorney General's candor may surprise those used to politicians who duck and cover

when things go wrong. But Reno's friends say her decision to step up

Constant Reader

to the microphones (after Waco) alone was typical Janet. This is, after all, a 6-foot-2 woman who chain-saws trees for relaxation...

"She's a certified scuba diver, has canoed all of Florida's waterways, hoists guests up onto the house (in the Everglades) to show off her roofing job. She wears dutiful Saks suits but prefers the Army-Navy surplus store... At 54, she is a tenacious, serious woman who looms so large that behind her back colleagues call her 'Bigfoot.' But what's most striking... are her smaller, 3x5 moments. Like the warm Miami nights when Reno would lie in her backyard on the trampoline. She'd recite Coleridge in the moonlight with relatives until she fell asleep, surrounded by 35 peacocks, all named Horace."

Her mother (who like to wrestle alligators) built their house. Janet (Janny Baby to the family) grew up there "with no air conditioning, no fans, no washer or dryer and no television because her mother said it led to mind rot. They didn't practice religion but they studied the Bible, Greek mythology, the stars. They didn't play with toys but with donkeys and goats and cows and peacocks... Janny wanted to be a major-league pitcher. Then a doctor, rancher, marine biologist, and foreign service officer... She resented having to wear shoes, and she decided to become a lawyer because 'I didn't want anybody telling me what to do.'"

"Reno calls herself 'an awkward old maid with a very great affection for men.' In 1988, Jack Thompson, an anti-pornography crusader running against her, said Reno was a lesbian. He asked her

to check off a box on a questionnaire indicating her orientation. Reno swung her arm around Thompson and said, 'Don't worry, Mr. Thompson. I'm not a homosexual. I'm not bisexual. I love big, strong, handsome, rational, intelligent, kind and sensitive men. And I understand why you might be confused.'"

You finish this article persuaded that Janet Reno is going to do very well as Attorney General if the politicians she must work with will give her that chance.

The only violence that occurs in "Ming's Monster," a new book for children, is when a cat with black and white fur and big green eyes plays with the laces on his Mama's sneakers, tosses the silk pillow on the couch, and knocks all the books onto the floor.

That was when Ming was an indoor cat, living a sequestered life in a city apartment. But then he and Mama moved to a little house in the suburbs. And that's where the real story begins. For there he met a very scary monster with big teeth and brown fur, who turned out to be only another cat—a fearful new experience but one that began an important learning process. He encountered many different-colored monsters, and discovered that despite the distinctions they really were very much alike.

And thereby hangs a learning process for young readers, as well. Ming is the creation of an Albany native, Liz deBeer, who wrote the brief story which is lavishly illustrated in multicolored full-page pictures by a local artist, Catherine Fahey.

The story is charmingly told in outsize pages and it is published by Winston-Derek Publishers, Inc., of Nashville 37209.

Towns, cities are using sales tax riches poorly

The contributor of this Point of View was elected in 1992 as a Democratic member of the Albany County Legislature, representing the 20th District in Colonie. He is a resident of Latham who is legislative director of the social services committee of the New York State Assembly.

By Timothy D. Nichols

While town supervisors and the cities' mayors beg and plead with Albany County lawmakers to extend the 8 percent sales tax rate

Point of View

(now scheduled to expire on Aug. 31) one fact remains constant: your taxes will go up—and so too will government spending.

When you cut through the rhetoric, the argument put forward by the supervisors and mayors really amounts to a threat: Either support the 8 percent sales tax and fork over more of its revenue—or pay higher property taxes. With that prospect, you can expect to be bullied into accepting another year of 8 percent sales tax. Nowhere is there a commitment by localities to control spending.

A recent report, "Taxes Begin at Home," from the Business Council of New York State, showed that New York's local governments—namely towns, school districts and, in some cases, cities—far out-paced inflation in their spending from 1980 to 1990. Further, the towns and cities out-paced counties in spending, despite the many unfunded State mandates imposed on counties.

Closer to home, several of Albany County municipalities' expenditures were nearly twice the rate of inflation.

Let's look at some numbers. The rate of inflation during the study period (1980 to 1990) was 64 percent. Albany County's spending increased below inflation, at only 60 percent. Yet during the same time period, towns in Albany County spent at 101 percent! Guilderland, the lowest spender, came in at an amazingly low rate of only 30 percent. (If Guilderland is removed from the equation, the average spending growth jumps to 108 percent.) While the County of Albany spent below the inflation rate, towns and cities were on a spending frenzy.

With the freedom to collect 40 percent of Albany County's sales tax revenues, the towns and cities are hooked on this no-strings-attached income

Albany County's cities' average was 86 percent. But that does a poor job in reflecting that two of the county's three cities, Albany and Cohoes, had growth rates of 71 percent and 77 percent respectively. Watervliet was at 111 percent, obviously skewing the overall city average higher.

What this shows is that towns were the true spending culprits by comparison during the 1980s. Some local towns, with little or no bi-partisan balance, have had carte blanche spending. Take my home town of Colonie as an example.

Fourth highest in spending, Colonie's spending growth was 114 percent for more than the inflation rate of 64 percent. No wonder Supervisor Fred Field is leading the charge to keep the sales tax at 8 percent. During the '80s Colonie built a new Town Hall and a new police station costing over \$15 million.

To be fair, Colonie isn't alone. With the freedom for the past decade to collect 40 percent of the sales tax revenue of Albany County, municipalities have become hooked on the influx of this "no-strings-attached" revenue. The problem is, nobody has been watching what these municipalities were doing with the extra money. As a result, spending has soared.

This fact is more disturbing when you take into consideration the fact that, unlike towns and cities, counties are forced to pay for far more unfunded State-imposed mandates. Social services

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Your Opinion Matters

Student decries 'No' Voorheesville vote

Editor, The Spotlight:

Last week the Voorheesville School District's annual budget was defeated by a narrow margin of some 83 votes. Although a proposition to buy new buses was passed, the monetary increase on the district's taxes seemed just too high to allow the whole package to go through.



Sullivan

So now the cutbacks may begin again. The honored Voorheesville school system, recognized at both elementary and high school levels as a Blue Ribbon National School of Excellence, has to begin to cut the programs which earned it this strong reputation.

As a longtime student of the Voorheesville school system, I can say first-hand that for a district of its size, Voorheesville allows a student the opportunity to participate and become active in the school as well as in the community. School for me and the majority of the students at Voorheesville has become central focus in our lives. We devote the majority of our time to the academics, sports, and numerous activities and organizations within the school. It would be a shame to allow the great opportunities present in Voorheesville's school system to slip away.

I think it is important for members of the community to

hear a voice muffled if not ignored throughout the last several years: the voice of students. Arguments for and against the school budget have been at an all-time high these last few years with financial cutbacks from the state level, and tax increases locally. Meanwhile the student voice has been seemingly lost and I think it has become extremely important for us to be heard. Some think we are not direct taxpayers and therefore should not voice an opinion. Some even think that students who are 18 and are eligible voters should not exercise their democratic right because they are not providing the dollars and cents. But we might be able to provide some alternative sense.

The programs present within the school right now are not expendable extras. Not to the students. For example, several students have, or are about to, move on to promising careers in music-related fields partly due to the background they received while attending Voorheesville schools. Some have been highly recognized for their artistic talents partly as a result of the art or technology programs. Some students have had part of all their college costs paid for as a result of participation in athletic programs. Some of these programs have been a deciding factor for acceptance to prestigious colleges for students who are competing for openings with students from larger, better-known high schools.

Voorheesville students have been recognized at the academic level as well. Students have re-

ceived awards in nearly every academic core, writing, and math competitions. We have had AP Scholars, scholarship recipients, and leadership recognition. Students can be placed in technical or commercial-training classes or be offered remedial help as needed. These are, in fact, integral parts of our lives that, if taken away, will leave voids not easily filled. We need varied opportunities to allow as many students as possible to become involved in the school and community so we can stay positively directed.

Part of the reason Voorheesville schools received state and national recognition was the relationship the school has with the community. This is evident if one looks at the number and variety of community organizations that use school facilities and fields; that sponsor and support school groups; or that attend adult education classes. The schools and community should not be adversaries in the funding dilemma.

We should try to resolve the problem together, including student opinion. We attend school, go to classes, and participate in school-related activities, but one day we too will be the adult tax-paying population. We should be involved in the process now.

As a graduating senior, I could turn my back on the school community problems; after all, I have gotten all that I could from Voorheesville. I was able to participate in almost anything that I wanted to—it was available, the academic programs, the athletics, or the school organizations. All these helped me get into the college of my choice. The budget defeat won't directly affect me,

BCHS students protest loss of administrator

Editor, The Spotlight:

We, the undersigned students of Bethlehem Central High School, are writing to express concern about a recent administrative decision. The non-renewal of Assistant Principal Thomas Mawhinney greatly distresses us. Never before have we had an administrator who has had such a pronounced and positive impact on the school community.

An effective administrator is one with whom we feel we can relate. He or she should be approachable and willing to listen and to respond to our concerns. The atmosphere should not be "us" against "them"; rather, it should be administrators and students working together to create a positive learning environ-

ment. We have found that this goal is increasingly hard to reach; in four years three different assistant principals will have been replaced. Occasionally, a situation will arise when students need to have a connection to the administration who will be representative of their cause. We have found Mr. Mawhinney to be such a connection.

Over the course of the year, he has attended numerous sports competitions, dances, banquets, and concerts. He has involved himself with many local events, thereby showing his dedication to the community. This is exemplified by his work on Bethfest, the high school's student-run community festival. The time and energy he spent in preparation for this event was above and beyond the call of duty.

This year we had an administrator who took great pains to learn our names, and care about our lives. We in turn, had the opportunity to get to know him, and therefore are very upset to see him go. Mr. Mawhinney set a standard this year that should be upheld in the future, and as far as we are concerned, he will be a very tough act to follow.

It was there for me, and I appreciated it. I am also certain many other students would agree. Our community should not allow this superb area school experience to be slowly taken away.

Greg B. Sullivan

Voorheesville

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Voorheesville Plaza's assessment denounced

Editor, The Spotlight:

Business and industry in this country are in trouble. Bankruptcies are at an all-time high. Banks are failing. Millions of people are out of work. Everything seems to be moving to Mexico and Canada.

With this in mind, let's focus our attention on the decision by the Town of New Scotland Assessor, Dick Law, to arbitrarily assign totally unrealistic values to a number of commercial properties in the town, taking the calculated risk that all these business interests will not bring him to court for a reduction.

Cole-Layer-Trumble, a licensed, reputable firm, made judgements based upon accepted principles of appraisal to come up with values for both residential and commercial properties. They made their reports to the Town of New Scotland and were paid a tidy sum. Mr. Law, apparently unsatisfied with the appraisals submitted, has opted to take it upon himself to appraise these commercial properties.

I want to make a few points relative to the Voorheesville Plaza, a property in the center of Voorheesville that has really experienced economic hardship for

many years. The plaza has been hit with assessments that will effectively double the tax bill.

I want to let residents of the town know that we are on the verge of possibly seeing a beautiful new grocery store in the plaza, which would create many jobs for local teenagers, and give local residents an alternative source of food without the hustle-bustle of the large grocery stores in the area. It will help provide additional tax revenues for the local government and school district. It can help with many things, but we, as owners of the plaza, cannot do this and submit our tenants to unrealistic tax levies.

Further, doubling the assessment on the "strip" portion of the plaza, where the Voorheesville Pharmacy, Liquor Store, and Key Bank are located, will surely adversely affect these tenants. I know most people think that independent business people are "rich." Well, folks, they are not; they are living on a shoestring just like many families are today.

So, go ahead, Mr. Law and the Town of New Scotland. Let's chase away the only hope for a new grocery store in the town in 10 years; let's bankrupt our small

stores so everyone has to drive five miles to get a prescription filled, buy some spirits, do your banking. Better yet, let's have our teenagers ride their bikes down Route 155 and Route 20 to get to their part-time jobs. Great idea you have here.

One point to remember—without business and industry there are no jobs; without jobs we cannot afford to buy homes and prosper vis-a-vis "the American Dream." And remember, Mr. Law, without business in your town, residents will not be able to afford the taxes and have the quality of life that every town in America used to desire, not loathe as they seem to today. And, ultimately, remember that if the residents cannot pay you, you and many others are out of a job.

Then, maybe you will understand what the rest of America has to deal with; then, maybe something will be done to encourage expansion of your tax base, not just increasing your tax rates.

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Crazy for quilts: success for show

Editor, The Spotlight:

Those attending the Quilt Show at Bethlehem Central High School experienced a design panorama that not only stimulated the visual senses but also the creative soul.

Works of many talented artists were on display during the two-day event, including: The Town of Bethlehem Bicentennial Quilt, designed by Barbara Boynton, and Celebrate Bethlehem 1793-1993, designed by BCHS Fiber Art Class.

The Bethlehem Central Community Organization (BCCO) would like to express its appreciation to Pat Nuding, Beverly Reinhardt, and Quilters-United-In-Learning-Together for their generous donation to the BCCO scholarship fund; to Holly Billings, Ann Jacobs, and Betty Guard, for all their effort on behalf of the show; the Village Deli for providing gastronomical treats; and to everyone who attended.

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Becker school coping with space limitations

Faced with lack of space at the A.W. Becker Elementary School, parents, administrators and building leadership teams have put together a multi-age level educational plan.

According to a memo recently sent to parents by Becker principal Diane Kilfoile, there will be three kindergarten classes at Becker next year. The library will be used half of the day as a kindergarten room, and two combination first-second and third-fourth-grade classes will be set up.

An informational meeting about the space problem is scheduled tonight, May 19, at 8 p.m. at the school on Route 9W in Selkirk. The program will be repeated on Thursday, May 20, at 3:30 p.m. at the school.

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For information, call 767-2511.

Spring concert slated

RCS senior high school will present its spring concert on Wednesday, May 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium on Route 9W in Ravena.

PIE to meet

Middle school Parents In Education (PIE) will meet tonight, May 19, at 7 p.m. at the middle school on Route 9W in Ravena.

District grant council to meet Thursday

The RCS district drug-free grant council has scheduled a meeting on Thursday, May 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the board office, 26 Thatcher St., Selkirk.

At the meeting, the group will discuss the 1992-93 program and begin planning for the coming year. The council, made up of faculty, counselors, area clergy, parents and community agencies, advises the district on drug-free grant funded activities.

The group's next meeting will be Thursday, June 17, at the board office.

For information, call Gloria Jean at the Becker school at 767-2511.

Library goes to the beach

Preschool story hours this week at the Ravena Free Library, 106 Main St., will follow the theme "A Day at the Beach."

Programs are scheduled on Thursday, May 20, and Saturday, May 22, at 10:30 a.m.

South Bethlehem church slates drama and dessert

The South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, will present Neil Simon's comedy *God's Favorite* on Friday and Saturday, May 21 and 22, and June 4 and 5.

The evening will also feature dessert selections prepared by chef Roberta Osborn.

The cost of the dessert theater will be \$9 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$7 for children. The church is located on Willowbrook Avenue. For information and reservations, call 767-9629.

Grange dinner to feature New York state food

The Albany County Pomona Grange will have its annual "New York State Food" dinner on Saturday, May 22, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Grange on Route 396 in Selkirk.

The event is open to the public. The cost of admission is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

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Music mural brightens Bouton hallways

By Dev Tobin

Students working in a centuries-old art form, mural painting, have begun to brighten Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville.

The music wing of the school used to feel "sterile like a hospital," according to music teacher Lydia Tobler.

That feel has changed, Tobler said, thanks to a mural painted by students in Marie Triller's advanced drawing and painting class, which meets around the corner.

"I love it. The concept is just so marvelous," Tobler said. "Every time I look at it, I see something different."

The mural, done in acrylics, depicts a conductor leading various instruments, which are playing by themselves.

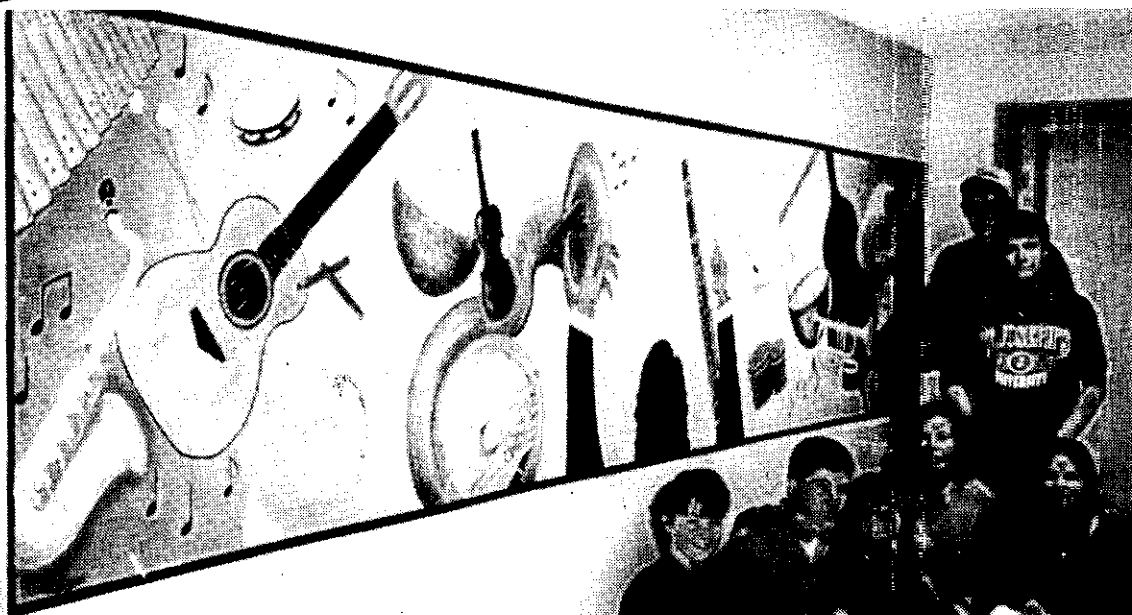
"The students were inspired by *Fantasia* to come up with the theme of instruments playing without people," Triller said. "They spent 10 weeks working on it, five of those with student teacher Lynn Wittemore from the College of Saint Rose."

Wittemore's help for the first five weeks of the 10-week project was crucial, because Triller could not be in the hall and in the classroom with her other students at the same time.

The students got so involved in the mural that they even spent time after school working on it, and were treated to pizza one night by the school's Friends of Music group.

Throughout the project, the students' skills evolved, Triller said.

"Beginning with a rough draw-



With the music mural they created are Voorheesville art students, from left, Jill Frender, Bob Sapienza, Samantha Tuttlebe, Kate Pakenas and Miina Laine, and, standing, Dave Burch and Mike Stone.

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ing, the concept just got better and better," she said. "The more they painted, the more they developed a keener sense of color and of three dimensions."

The music muralists are Dave Burch, Jill Frender, Miina Laine, Kate Pakenas, Bob Sapienza, Mike Stone and Samantha Tuttlebe.

Several of Triller's other students have also used murals with ancient themes to decorate her

classroom/studio.

The earliest surviving murals in the world — the cave paintings of Lascaux — inspired Mike McDermott and Joel Pompi to design and paint paleolithic animals on an overhead cabinet; and Beth Lucia and Marcia Gaudio turned a drab yellow storage cabinet into a brightly-colored replica of an Egyptian sarcophagus.

Triller said she hopes future

the music mural to come up with ideas for other murals at the school.

Bouton Principal Peter Griffin said that the cafeteria and gymnasium areas may be next in line for Triller's muralists.

"With her enthusiasm and the number of kids in the art program, hopefully this can continue," Griffin said.



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Neil has been active in the New York State Bar Association and is the incoming chairman of the General Practice Section. He was one of the founding longtime board members and past president of Arbor House, a shelter for battered and abused women. He has taught continuing education classes for attorneys as well as adult education on the law for the Bethlehem Central School District. He was also a long time Board Member of the University Club in Albany.

MICHAEL G. BRESLIN graduated from West Point in 1961. He spent eight years as an infantry officer including a tour of duty in Vietnam as an infantry company commander and left the Army with rank of Major in 1969. He graduated cum laude from the University of Toledo Law School as the Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review 1971-72. After a year as a Confidential Law Assistant at the Supreme Court Appellate Division in Albany, Mike joined the firm of DeGraff, Foy, Conway, Halt-Harris and Mcaley where he was a partner when he left to join his brothers in 1981. Michael's practice includes negligence, criminal, administrative and trial and appeals.

Michael has been active in the community. He was a twenty year board member and past president of the Hospitality House, a residential drug rehabilitating facility in Albany. He has coached for Little League, Babe Ruth and Tomboys; was a longtime religious education teacher at St. Thomas, and adult education teacher. He ran three times for Town Justice as a Democrat in Bethlehem in the 1970's, once getting over 49% of the votes and Town Democratic Chairman in the early 1980's. He is the Counsel for St. Anne Institute in Albany and the former General Counsel to the Capital District Transportation Authority.

Anne Marie Couser is a 1983 graduate of Albany Law School. She earned her undergraduate degree from SUNY Albany in 1976. Between college and law school, Ms. Couser was employed by the Albany County department for the aging for three years. It was here that she became interested in serving the senior citizens, and this interest has carried over into her legal practice. Her practice includes representing and advising elderly clients in their estate planning needs, including preparation of Wills & Trust Agreements, Health Care Proxies, Living Wills, asset protection/property management and conservatorship/Guardian proceedings. She also concentrates in the probate and administration of estates. If you are confined to your home or to a health care facility, Ms. Couser will meet with you there.

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Bouton band to make music at plaza

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Michael Tebbano, music director, will conduct the high school stage and concert band.

Senior prom set at Marriott Hotel

"Imagine" is the theme for the junior-senior prom at the Albany Marriott Hotel in Colonie on Saturday, May 22, from 7 p.m. to midnight.

Pictures will be taken at 7 p.m., and payment is requested at that time.

A dinner buffet will begin at 8 p.m. and includes either chicken piccata or baked lasagna.

D.J. Kevin Baker will entertain for the evening of dancing. Class advisers John Sittig and Karen Griffin said parents and friends are invited to view the coronation

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Walk down memory lane at the library

The Voorheesville Public Library will sponsor an evening of reminiscences on Thursday, May 27, from 7 to 9 p.m.

As part of the Small Town at the Millennium celebration, residents will have the opportunity to share memories and experiences of living in a small town.

For information, call the reference desk at 765-2791.

Fire volunteers to host hungryman breakfast

The Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department will hold two

Hungry Man's Breakfasts to coincide with Memorial Day and the Small Town Millennium celebration on Sunday, May 30, and Monday, May 31, from 7 a.m. to noon.

Breakfast will be served at the firehouse on Altamont Road and will consist of pancakes, sausage, eggs, toast, juice and coffee. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

This fund-raiser will benefit Voorheesville community and the fire department, who are hosting the 1994 Albany County Firemen's Association meeting.

For information, call Mike Hotaling at 765-4745.

Community to celebrate small town life

The Voorheesville community is coming together once again to participate in a celebration of Memorial Day and the Small Town

at the Millennium Festival.

First the 18th annual Voorheesville Memorial Day Parade will step off on Saturday, May 29, at 10 a.m. from the former Grand Union parking lot.

Marchers will assemble at 9:30 a.m. The parade will proceed down Maple Avenue, turn left onto Stonington Drive and right onto Mountainview Road.

Kindergarten children will join the parade at the Voorheesville Elementary School and continue down Maple Avenue. They will stop at Hotaling Park for a wreath-laying by the women's auxiliary.

Marchers will proceed to the American Legion Post where Mayor Ed Clark and New Scotland Supervisor Herb Reilly will speak.

At the end of the presentations hot dogs and beverages will be available.

Program to explore summer jobs for kids

A program on summer jobs opportunities for students in grade-six and up will be presented on Thursday, May 27, at 7 p.m., at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Town of Bethlehem Youth Employment Service Director Sharon Felson, Audrey Kibrick of the Volunteer Center of Albany and Linda Ohlerking, director of volunteers at Child's Hospital Nursing Home, will talk about how to track down worthwhile paid or volunteer jobs.

For information, call 439-9314.

Slingerlands carnival scheduled at school

A carnival is scheduled at Slingerlands Elementary School, 25 Union Ave., Slingerlands, on Friday, May 21, from 5 to 8 p.m.

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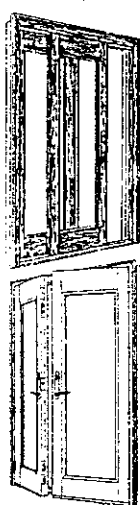
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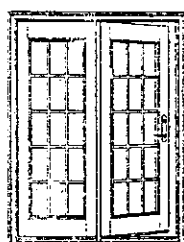
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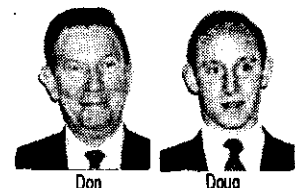
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Charter commission member to speak at Democratic dinner

Robert P. Roche, Albany attorney and member of the Albany County Charter Revision Commission, will be the main speaker at the Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner Dance on Saturday, May 22, at the Colonie Elks Club in Latham.

The event, which will begin at 6:30 p.m., is a campaign fundraiser for the Bethlehem Democratic Committee.

Roche will discuss a variety of issues accompanying charter reform and highlight the commission's recent recommendations to the Albany County Legislature.

Fire department plans Saturday pig roast

The North Bethlehem Fire Department, 589 Russell Road in Bethlehem, will sponsor a pig roast on Saturday, May 22, from noon to 7 p.m.

The menu includes roast pork, hamburgers, hot dogs, baked potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, tossed salad, rolls, chips and beverages.

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Youth group sale set

Members of the youth fellowship group of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, have planned a churchwide garage sale on Saturday, May 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Several families will display goods on tables in the churchyard. A bake sale is also planned. 30 Church Road, Selkirk.

The rain date is Saturday, May 29.

Also at the dinner, Jack Bailey will be honored for his service to the town's Democratic committee. Bailey is the committee's former vice chairman.

Tickets to the event cost \$25, and are available from Bill Burkhardt, 439-5476, or Susan Burns, 439-0986.

Artists sought for 'Family Day'

The Bethlehem Bicentennial Committee is seeking artists and craftspeople to display their work at the "Family Day" celebration at Elm Avenue Park on July 4.

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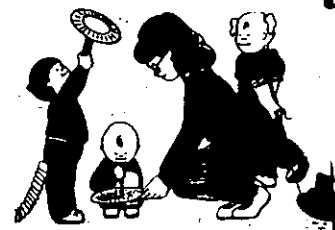
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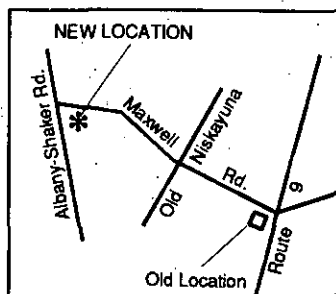
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Mark the millennium at festival

Memorial Day weekend is approaching and with it comes the eagerly awaited Small Town at the Millennium festival.

Voorheesville's annual parade begins at 10 a.m. on May 29, followed by a veterans' tribute, children's races on the village green, the Boy Scout 25-Mile "Tour de Troop" bike race and the 18th annual 15 km and 3.2 km race.

Voorheesville Public Library



And this year, there will be lots more to do beginning with the Friends of the Library Book Sale outside the First United Methodist Church from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Then, head inside the church social hall for a look at wonderful old and new quilts and rug hooking demonstrations from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Green and growing things from the Helderview Garden Club will be on sale outside the pharmacy from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., along with baked goods from the Neighborhood Girl Scouts. Stock up on great specimens culled from the

plots and the kitchens of our veteran local gardeners and bakers.

A clown will be on hand to entertain the under 12 age set at the games from noon until 2 p.m. in the village park sponsored by the PTA under the supervision of Lauren Welton.

Sidewalk chalk art and village murals will be created by kids with local artist Diane Wozniak at the library from 3 to 4 p.m.

The whole family should enjoy a Brooks' Chicken Barbecue hosted by the Kiwanis adjacent to Hotaling's Evergreen Park from 4 to 7 p.m.

And for the night owls, there'll be music on South Main provided by Phil Foote in our own version of dancing in the streets. Refreshments will be available for sale by Sponzie's Pizza and the Key Club. The party continues until 10 p.m.

Sunday kicks off with a look at area history. Stop by the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem from 1 to 5 p.m. for an open house at the New Scotland Historical Association Museum, and pick up a copy of the drive-yourself tour map to area highlights of our rich heritage.

Voorheesville Elementary School will be teeming with activity, beginning with sports and games for the whole family from 1 to 3 p.m. Everyone is invited, including the family pooch, who can be entered in the Neighborhood Dog Show at 1 p.m. (All dogs must be securely leashed.) The competition is low key, and everyone gets a prize. Call the library at 765-2791 to register.

The Rakowana Archers will demonstrate their expertise at this historical sport with some modern techniques, also at 1 p.m. If you would like a shooting lesson, call ahead to Warren Brockley at 872-0570.

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Local vet Dr. Holly Cheever will be on hand from 3 to 4 p.m. with cows, horses and goats for hands-on feeding and grooming experiences, along with some tips on humane animal care.

At 3 p.m. bring your appetite across the street to Smith's Tav-

ern for a watermelon eating contest for all ages. Winners will be rewarded with pizza gift certificates.

You can then drift on down Maple Road to Evergreen Park where Stewart's is providing a make-your-own-sundae feast from 2 to 5 p.m. While you're devouring your ice cream, you can donate a (small) piece of personal memorabilia for inclusion in time capsule, which we hope Voorheesville residents will open in the year 2093 during their annual Small Town Festival.

If you bring lawn chairs or a blanket and settle down on the grass, you can enjoy a short program which includes Mayor Ed Clark, the presentation of the People's Choice Art Award and the winners of the Friend's Quilt Raffle and a performance by the Community Choir, under the direction of Peg Dorgan, of some old favorite songs and sing-alongs.

In case of inclement weather, rain sites have been arranged for most of the events. Call the library at 765-2791 for a schedule. We are looking forward to a whole millennium's worth of pleasure on this weekend, and we want you to enjoy it.

Christine Shields

Onesquethaw church slates spring festival

The Onesquethaw Reformed Church in Feura Bush will sponsor its annual spring festival on Saturday, May 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Events at the festival will include a bake sale, a craft fair, a book sale and a community garage sale. For the children, pony rides, face painting and games are scheduled.

An auction will begin at 1 p.m., featuring a variety of items, including antiques, housewares, furniture, hardware and tools.

For information, or to arrange to donate items to the auction, call 756-8250, or 767-9143.

Chamber breakfast features police chief

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce's May breakfast program will be on Thursday, May 20, at 7:30 a.m. at Alteri's Restaurant on Route 9W in Glenmont.

The program, "How safe are you in your place of business, at home and in your car?" will be presented by Bethlehem Police Chief Richard LaChappelle.

A hot buffet breakfast will be served. The registration deadline is today, May 19. The cost is \$8.

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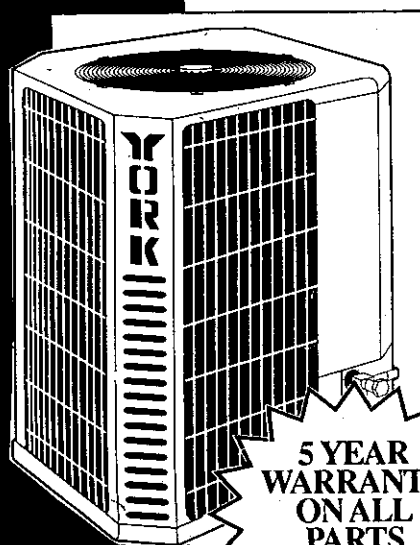
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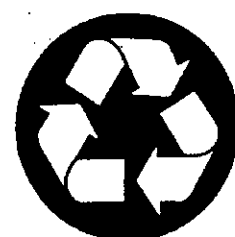
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Clownin' around



Sue Klein, aka Puffin The Clown, helps kick off Voorheesville's Small Town at the Millennium festival during the Humanities Open House Tuesday, May 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School on Route 85A. *Dave Bibbins*

Mystery maven to probe whodunits

Mystery maven Betsy Blaustein will visit the library on Wednesday, May 26, at 7:30 p.m. to talk about the latest trends in mystery writing and make suggestions for summer reading for fans of whodunit fiction.

Call 439-9314 to register for the presentation, which is free and open to the public.

Bethlehem has more than its share of mystery readers. Mystery sales account for about 10 percent of

Check It Out

Bethlehem Public Library

the library's fiction collection, and about 19 percent of all fiction circulated in 1992.

Blaustein, owner of Haven't Got a Clue mystery bookstore in Guilford, is not surprised by the genre's popularity. "Mysteries are like fairy tales. We like to see virtue triumph over evil. We also like to escape and solve puzzles too."

She credits Edgar Allan Poe with inventing the modern mystery, which was then refined by British writers including Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

The 1930s and 1940s were the "Golden Age" of mysteries, she says. Dorothy Sayers, Agatha Christie and G.K. Chesterton created plots and characters that gave insight into human emotions. American writers invented the

more realistic, "hard boiled" school of detective fiction.

Blaustein divides the current output into five basic categories. "Cozy mysteries" have British roots, a traditional format, domestic settings, and an amateur detective, a la *Murder, She Wrote*.

"Hard boiled" detective stories, epitomized by writers Raymond Chandler and Dashiell Hammett, feature urban settings and private detectives who are one dimensional characters with their own moral code.

A less violent, multi-dimensional version of these is what Blaustein calls "soft-boiled." These include the Ellery Queen novels and Rex Stout's books featuring Nero Wolfe.

Police procedurals, such as Ed McBain's 87th Precinct novels, are a category in themselves, as are mysteries with a topical or regional flavor, such as the Dick Francis stories about horse racing.

"The face of the modern mystery is changing," says Blaustein. "There's more character development, including minorities and women detectives and police. There is also crossover into other genres like science fiction, novel plot twists and humor."

Blaustein got into bookselling through the back door. She says,

"I graduated from SUNY Albany during the last recession and there were no jobs for Spanish majors." Eventually she became a merchandising manager for J.C. Penney in Connecticut.

When she returned to the Capital District 10 years ago, she confesses to reading about five mysteries a week. "I began to wonder, 'What if I had my own business?'" Blaustein said there were only about 10 mystery bookstores in the country then, all in big cities.

Blaustein put her business savvy to work, opening her store in 1989. Today the shop is one of 60 specializing in the genre across the country.

Anna Jane Abaray

Selkirk man receives engineering award

Selkirk resident Peter A. Cocozza, a Union College class of 1993 civil engineering major, was recently awarded the Moles Prize.

The award is given to a student whose academic achievement and application show outstanding promise of personal development leading to a career in construction engineering and management.

Cocozza is a 1989 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Voorheesville board sets budget meeting

The Voorheesville Central School District Board of Education will meet for a budget discussion on Monday, May 24, at 7:30 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, New Salem Road, Voorheesville.

The public is urged to attend. For information, call 439-2936.

Library sets book sale

The Voorheesville Library's annual book sale will be at the Voorheesville United Methodist Church, Maple Avenue, Voorheesville, on Saturday, May 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Donations of books, and volunteers to help with the sale are still needed.

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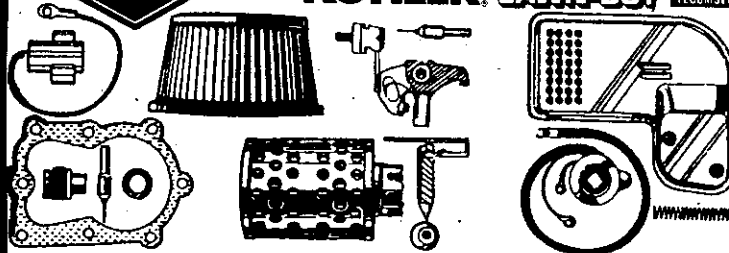
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SPORTS

BC eyes top spot in Gold Division

By Joshua Kagan

The Bethlehem baseball team (8-3, 13-3) won three of four games this past week, but remained behind undefeated Burnt Hills in the Suburban Council Gold Division.

The Eagles defeated Gloversville 14-9 in a non-league game on Saturday, May 15. Mike Gambelunghe drove in three runs, including a 400-foot, two-run homer in the third inning. The game was tied at nine in the fifth inning when Bethlehem scored two runs on a suicide squeeze bunt.

"They (Gloversville) are seven and two in their league right now," said BC coach Ken Hodge. "They're one of the better Class B teams. They have a very athletic team."

The Eagles used four pitchers against Gloversville, saving their

Baseball

staff for four consecutive games the next week.

"Gary VanWormer had trouble with control. He hasn't pitched in a while," Hodge said. "(Josh) Lanni wanted to give it a try in a non-league game. His control wasn't that good, but his arm was fine."

On Friday, May 14, Bethlehem beat Columbia 11-6. Gambelunghe, Lanni, and Mike Futia combined for eight RBIs.

Columbia scored all its runs in the first three innings.

"Columbia hit the ball hard real early," Hodge said. "They knocked Dudzik out in the second inning. Then Dave Miles came in and shut them down. Columbia's a decent hitting team."

In a non-league game on Tuesday, May 11, the Eagles defeated Schenectady 6-1 in Schenectady's Central Park. Lanni hit three singles and drove in one run. Mike Pelletier added a double. Kosac shut down Schenectady's bats, giving up just one hit, that in the first inning. He then set down 21 consecutive batters.

"He (Kosac) had an excellent day. The first guy got a hit, and that was it," Hodge said. "When you get 21 straight, there's not much you can say. It was excellent pitching."

In their only loss of the week, Niskayuna defeated the Eagles 5-4 on Monday, May 10. Bethlehem only registered three hits, those coming from Lanni and Marc Mannella. Miles gave up all five runs in the first two innings.

"It was a combination of walks and scratch hits," Hodge said. "Then Brian Garver came in and pitched very well."

"We didn't hit the ball well. We were flat early. We didn't get to the field until 22 minutes before game time. We came back from five-nothing to five-four, but we didn't have enough to pull it out."

Tops on Mother's Day



Linda Kimmey, of Clifton Park, was the first to cross the finish line during the 13th annual Mother's Day Race for women and girls in Delmar. *Hugh Hewitt*

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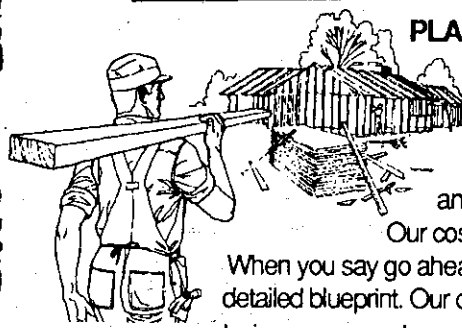
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Pop Warner signups

Bethlehem Pop Warner football and cheerleader registration is open to all youth, ages 8 to 15 who reside in the Bethlehem school district

Registration is slated to take place on the following Saturdays: May 22 and June 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

BC girls team stays hot Boys tennis team bounces back

The Bethlehem girls softball team (7-5) won two games and lost one last week.

Against Niskayuna on Monday, May 10, BC won 10-3. Niskayuna scored the first three runs on errors by BC, and going into the fifth inning, the score was 3-2, Niskayuna.

BC came back in the fifth and sixth innings, scoring four runs in each inning. BC had five back-to-back singles. Wendy Wright led the offense.

"We had problems early in the game" said coach Sandy Collins. "Our biggest problem is that we took them too lightly. Defense is usually our strong point."

Bethlehem's starting pitcher Regina Conti pitched an excellent game. She had three strikeouts, and gave up three hits. Melissa Trent pitched the last two innings.

On Tuesday, May 11, BC played Mohonasen, and avenged an early-season loss by winning 8-7 in extra innings.

BC went into the sixth inning winning 4-3. Mohonasen scored one run in the sixth to tie it up.

Sarah Mineau got a single for BC in the bottom of the eighth, and stole second. A sacrifice moved her to third. With two outs, Emily Barnes hit a blooper over the infield and Mineau scored the winning run for BC.

V'ville boys endure power outage

By Kelly Griffin

The Voorheesville baseball team dropped three straight decisions this past week to Mechanicville, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk and Schalmont.

According to Coach Don McDonald, the Blackbirds' lack of production at the plate was the main reason for the losses.

"We had no hitting whatsoever last week," he said. "So far this season, it's been our offense that's carried us. We just did not hit all week."

Prior to the three losses, Voorheesville was third in the Colonial Council in team batting and had three of the top 15 individual hitters in Derek Lewis, Greg Sullivan and Kyle Tracy.

"All of our stars took a nose dive last week," McDonald said. "Previously, the team had been averaging over 10 hits a game. Last week, 10 was roughly their three-game total."

"The pitching wasn't overpowering," McDonald said. "We're just not showing patience at the plate."

The Blackbirds have four games this week and two games next week to wrap up their season.

Looking ahead, McDonald says, "All season, we've counted on our hitting. We didn't get it last week but hopefully, we'll get it back to finish the season strong."

Melissa Trent pitched the first three innings, Stephanie Sodergren pitched the fourth and Trent came back in the fifth to finish up the game. The three pitchers surrendered only three walks.

Softball

"The pitching made all the difference in the world," said Collins. "Walks have been a big problem this season."

BC's final game was an 8-2 loss to last year's state champions, Columbia.

BC had only one bad inning, giving up four runs in the second. However, BC couldn't score enough off of Columbia's pitcher Jamie Hicks.

"They played well," said Collins. "Columbia is just a heck of a ball club."

BC will play its last three games of the season this week against Burnt Hills, Scotia and Shaker. "If we come in focused and keep our errors to a minimum, we can win all three," said Collins.

Soccer club signup

The Bethlehem Soccer Club will hold registration for the fall on Saturday, June 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

By Emily Church

The Bethlehem boys tennis team went undefeated last week, with strong wins over Saratoga, 7-2, Burnt Hills, 7-2, Mohonasen, 7-2, and avenged previous losses by defeating Gunderland on Wednesday, May 12, 7-2, and Niskayuna on Friday, May 14, by a score of 5-4.

Although BC lost to Shenendehowa and Niskayuna the previous week, the team bounced back, and now has the third best record going into team sectionals.

Coach Tom Straw attributes a number of factors to Bethlehem's comeback.

Lax team hangs in there despite adversity

By Jamie Sommerville

Another week of disappointment has confronted the boys varsity lacrosse team. With only a handful of games remaining in the regular season, the boys still have not brought home a victory.

On Tuesday, May 11, the boys took on Colonie for a home game under the lights. The first half was well played as the defense was strong and the midfielders worked hard. The second half was a different story.

John Bulger, Jason Heim, Dan McGuire and Tom Preska contributed scores for the Eagles in the 10-5 loss.

On Thursday, May 13, the boys

"Part of it is leadership, the seniors especially," Straw said. "The atypical weather has also thrown people off, it was a very strange start to the season. People have put in extra work, and things have really come together."

The Niskayuna match was one of those more exciting of the season. The second doubles team of Josh Norek and Steve Dorman have had an undefeated season, and continued their record with a win over the Niskayuna team, 6-2, 6-3.

First doubles, Alex Frangos and Dan Aycock, lost the first set, but came back to win 3-6, 7-6 (7-3), 6-2. Mike Pressman, who had

difficulties at the beginning of the season, improved his game tremendously to win at sixth singles in straight sets, 6-1, 6-2.

Jeremy Bollam, although losing in three sets to Niskayuna at second singles, is playing strongly.

Straw is impressed with Bollam's recent matches. "He is playing better now than he was at third singles. He could be our ace in the hole."

Team sectionals, in which the top eight teams in Class A qualify for the Section II tournament, will begin Tuesday, June 1.

Friday, May 14 seemed to be a carbon copy of Thursday's game. The defense was again strong as a total of 12 saves were made by BC goalies John Hempstead and Chad Albert.

Kansas had two goals, Brendan Noonan scored one and Tom Preska tallied one in the 13-4 loss.

Only four or five games remain and at this point, moral has plummeted.

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BC girls track team places 5th in field of 14

By Jessica Romano

The Bethlehem girls varsity track team showed their flexibility on Saturday, May 8, when they competed in the annual Hank Whisher invitational track meet at Niskayuna High School.

At the Whisher meet, the BC girls scored 29 points — which earned them fifth position out of 14 schools — and placed in six of the nine events in which they competed.

One of the team's most valuable middle distance runners, Kristen Ruso, won the 800-meter run in 2:19.1, despite a sore hamstring. The run was Ruso's best this season.

Assistant coach Mike McMillen said, "Our strongest runner is obviously Ruso. She has a personal goal of breaking the school record, and we hope to accomplish that by the end of the season."

Jessica Romano finished second in the 400-meter hurdles, posting a personal best time of 69

Track

seconds for the season.

The 3200-meter relay team of Cara Cameron, Kate MacDowell, Carly Moskowitz and Betsy Halenbeck, placed fifth with a time of 11:23.9.

The 400-meter relay team, consisting of Sara Svenson, Amy Schron, Romano and Molly Conway also finished fifth, with a time of 54.3 seconds.

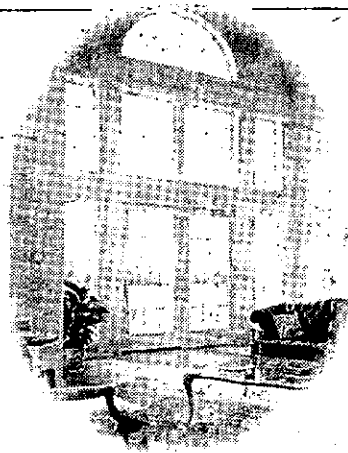
The 800-meter relay team of Ayana Bakari, Rebekah Connolly, Sanoma Morison and Schron made sixth place, and the mile relay team of Romano, Svenson, Conway and Ruso took the third-place trophy with a time of 4:25.

In the field events, Kristen Mahoney and Bakari each set personal records in the discus and long jump, respectively.

"We have a very young team, discus and shot-put wise, but they are working real hard, and growing as athletes," McMillen said.

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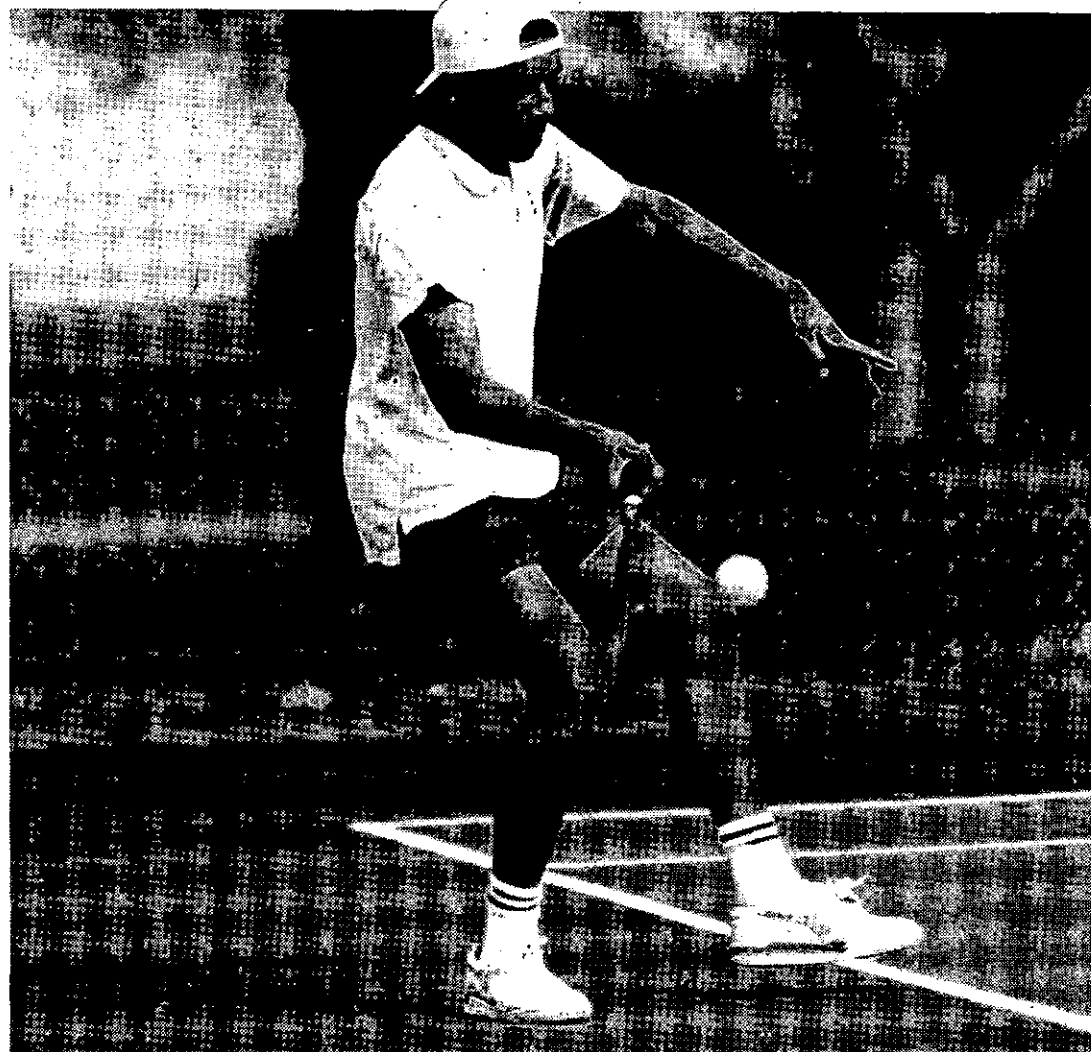
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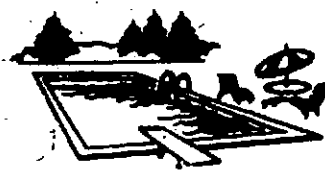
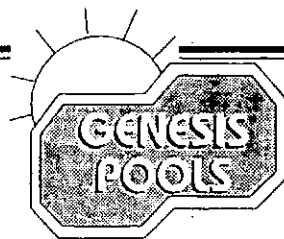
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Voorheesville foreign exchange student Fernando Camelo has helped the Blackbirds to a 6-2 record and second place in the Colonial Council. Dave Bibbins



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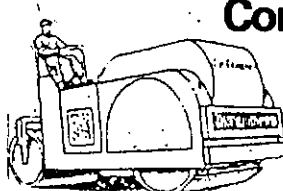
The Sharks, Bethlehem Soccer Club's Under-9 team opened their outdoor season with two wins. The season began with a 6-0 win over New Scotland and continued with a 5-1 win over Latham Circle.

Goal scorers included Chris Affinati, Mark Bugler, Steve Hoghe, Kevin Neubauer and Nitin Roper. Offensive support was supplied by Ryan Dalton, Dan Dugas, Dan Kidera and Erik Turner. The opponents' scoring was stifled by defenders Michael Hoghe, Tim Kindlon, Andrew Swiatowicz and Stephen Perazzelli.

Goalies Dan Dugas, Mike Nuttall and Erik Turner stopped several of the opponents' scoring opportunities. The Sharks finished third in their division in the Guilderland Soccer Club Tournament held on Saturday, May 15.

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Seasonal Inspiration

Inside: Local students express themselves in a gallery of poetry, essay, fiction and visual media, beginning with our cover shot by Dave Bibbons, a senior at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville. Bibbons took the photo recently in Washington Square Park in New York City.

5:30 a.m. Vigil

By Rebecca Bloch

This morning it is beautiful. The air is so crisp and cold that it seems like a piece of flawlessly clear crystal. Bundled in layers of clothing, I am still chilled. Annette, also cold, suggests that we run to get our blood moving.

Cold air explodes inside me with my first deep breath, threatening to immobilize my lungs. Fortunately they are strong, warm-

ing and expelling the air in small clouds that melt away before my face. The steady beat of our feet is slower and more controlled than my asthmatic response to the cold air.

It is not until we finally stop that I feel my blood begin to move, sluggishly at first and then hot with the beat of life and activity. It warms me as I stand listening to the coach seat us.

The silent ritual of putting a rowing shell in water and the gentle play between sport and the break of dawn...

"In the eight let's have ... Maryann, Kaitlin, Wendy, Vicky, Annette at four, Suzanne at three, Rebecca at two, and Trish at bow. Leah, you can cox them. In the straight four ..."

We are boated out shortly after, the eight of us spreading out

it, checked by shouts to slow down.

We step on the dock, a black linked chain of floating pieces that fit together like Legos, and it ripples as one by one we add our weight to it. Leaning the boat against our bodies, we roll it down, setting it gently, almost tenderly,

too far down where they become unbalanced and smack into the boat, bringing rebukes from coxswain and coach.

Leah begins her chant: "Starboards run your oars out. One foot on the strip, down and in. Ports, one foot on the strip, down and in. Tie in, count down when ready."

Mumbled numbers find their way to the stern, and we walk the boat down the long length of the dock until we are floating freely. Turning the boat parallel to the river with a few strong strokes, we begin to move, starting with one pair and adding people until all eight bodies are moving together. The faint lights of the street lamps and the motion of the water combine with the darkness to play tricks, making it seem as if we are speeding down the river. It almost feels like we are flying.

With each stroke I take, my body warms, until my fingers are no longer numb, and I can feel the texture of the wood beneath my calloused palm. I grow bold with the heat and remove my sweatshirt, exposing my bare arms. The sun has begun to creep into the sky. With its aid, I can see the purplish tint that the circular scar on my hands begins to take on, my only clue as to how cold I really am.

We enter into an area of rising mist which surges around us, helping the semi-darkness to hide us from the other boats, isolating us. A group of ducks, startled by our silent approach, erupt in a flurry of sound and ruffled feathers. The mist, heat stolen by the air from retentive water, surrounds and warms my skin, the tenuous membrane that keeps my life's fire from rising like that which encompasses me.

This piece will be published in the spring 1993 edition of Visions, Shaker High School's literary magazine. Bloch, a senior, is one of four editors of the magazine.

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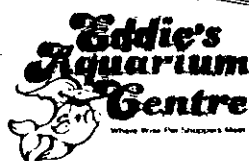
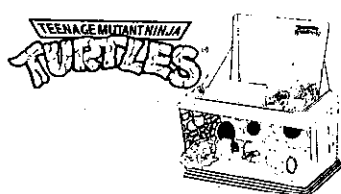
along the shell that sits at rest on the side of the boathouse. On command, we strain to lift the boat until it is over our heads and then set it to rest on our shoulders. Walking, like a many legged insect, we are silent; it is too dark and far too early for words.

Pushing the shell overhead once again, we walk down the short, steep hill to the water, our quickened pace as we start down

into the water. Half of us leave to pick up the long, slim oars.

Crash, crash, crash, crash. I race up the incline, making plenty of noise as my motion jangles the short metal bridge which connects the dock to the hill. Grabbing one oar in each hand, I walk slowly down to the boat, my water bottle hugged tightly between my ribs and elbow. I place the oars down gently, careful not to hold them

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Volunteer doors open wide during summer

By Susan Graves

A task force of the Bethlehem Community Partnership has compiled a list of summer volunteer opportunities for the second year in a row.

This year's brochure provides an expanded list of possible volunteer job for middle and high school age youth.

"Summer is a tough time for kids," said Mona Prenoveau, director of the Bethlehem Networks Project, a group that works to create activities which encourage a healthy lifestyle for youth.

Helping out at an area hospital, working with senior citizens, working at a day care camp for children with cancer or working in an office are just a few of the things youngsters can do over the summer. "It keeps them busy, away from TV and out of trouble," Prenoveau said.

Volunteer work also expands horizons for youth and gives them a sense of self-satisfaction in having helped someone else, she added. "There are so many positive ramifications — meeting people who are positive role models."

The brochure lists outdoor activities, including helping at the Delmar Tennis Academy camp, assisting in arts and crafts at the Heldeberg Workshop or caring for animals at Five Rivers Envi-

ronmental Center. Indoors, kids can help at the medical center or the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in a variety of ways.

The student response to last year's brochure was enthusiastic and many participating organizations asked that it be published earlier.

This year, Nancy Rice, working as a task force of one — with lots of help from her friends and Cindy Tomain of Networks — put together an expanded brochure. "We're hoping to really get kids involved. It's a great opportunity for them," Rice said.

Rice has already moved to her next project, which will list things youngsters can do in the summer.

The volunteer brochure also includes a list of tips on how to pursue a volunteer opportunity, as well as a map of local CDTA bus routes. Young people, ages 16 and under, can purchase a bus pass for \$14.95 that covers all CDTA routes throughout the summer.

The Bethlehem Public Library is sponsoring a program on "Youth Summer Jobs and Volunteer Opportunities" on Thursday, May 27, at 7 p.m.

Youth in grades six and up are invited to hear about how to track down paid or volunteer jobs. Sharon Felson, Bethlehem youth employment service director; Audrey Kibrick, from the Volun-

A Sampling of Summer Volunteer Activities

Working with Children

• **Five Rivers Environmental Center**, Delaware Avenue in Delmar. Students ages 12 and up can help out with the Family Summer Program and with the wildlife exhibit. Limited openings are available. For information, call Anita Sanchez at 475-0291.

• **Center for the Disabled, Clover Patch Camp** in Glenville. Students ages 14 and up can assist clients in the water or at meal time, or help with food preparation, gardening, music, drama and theater. For information, call Christina Buff at 437-5621.

• **Bethlehem Pre-School**, Route 9W in Glenmont. Students ages 12 and up can assist teachers. For information, call Eleanor Howell at 463-8091.

• **The Cornell Cooperative Extension Summer Scene**, Lincoln Park or Ridgefield Park in Albany. Students ages 14 and up can assist children ages 7 to 12 with arts and crafts, music and drama programs. For information, call Jane Celestine at 765-3500.

• **Albany Children's Academy**, 1110 Western Ave. in Albany. Students ages 16 and up can assist with arts and crafts, swimming and outdoor activities. For information, call Jackie Jackson at 459-5454.

• **Kenwood Child Development Center**, 799 South Pearl St. in Albany. Students ages 16 and up can assist child care workers. For information, call Gina Yarn at 465-0404.

• **Camp Good Days and Special Times**, Washington Park Lakehouse. Students ages 17 and up can assist counselors at day camp for kids with cancer, from June 21 through June 25. For information, call Shannon Campbell at 438-6515.

• **Heldeberg Workshop** Voorheesville. Students ages

15 and up can assist in arts and crafts, dramatics, nature study, music, projects and hikes in a variety of age groups. For information, call Bill Morrison at 765-2569.

• **Camp Nassau**, Guilderland. Students ages 14 and up can assist counselors from July 5 through Aug. 20. For information, call Richard Lang at 456-6929.

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• **Good Samaritan Nursing Home**, 125 Rockefeller Road in Delmar. Students ages 14 to 18 can assist with a variety of activities. An orientation, interview and medical form are required. For information, call Angela Fowler at 439-8116.

• **Meals on Wheels**, 20 Rensselaer St. in Albany. Students ages 16 and up can assist in the kitchen with food preparation and packing. For information, call Dean Osterhout at 465-6465.

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• **St. Peter's Hospital**, 315 South Manning Blvd. in Albany. Students ages 14 and up can volunteer. An interview, medical form and uniform required. For information, call Carolyn Kuk at 454-1515.

• **Albany Medical Center Hospital**, New Scotland Avenue in Albany. Students ages 14 and up can assist. For information, call Carol Favreau at 445-3491.

• **Child's Hospital**, 25 Hackett Blvd. in Albany. Students ages 14 to 17 can assist. For information, call Linda Oherking at 487-7499.

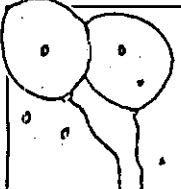
teen Center of Albany; and Linda Ohlerking, director of volunteers at Child's Hospital Nursing Home, will speak.

To register, call the library at 439-9314.

Partnership brochures will be mailed home with the middle school principal's newsletter this month and are available at the town park and at the library. Rice said ninth-graders will also receive

the brochure.

She said many Community Partnership members are excited about involving youth with volunteerism. "I hope we do a lot more with it in the future."



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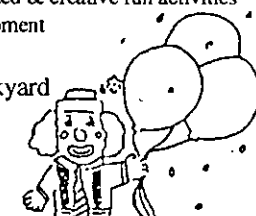
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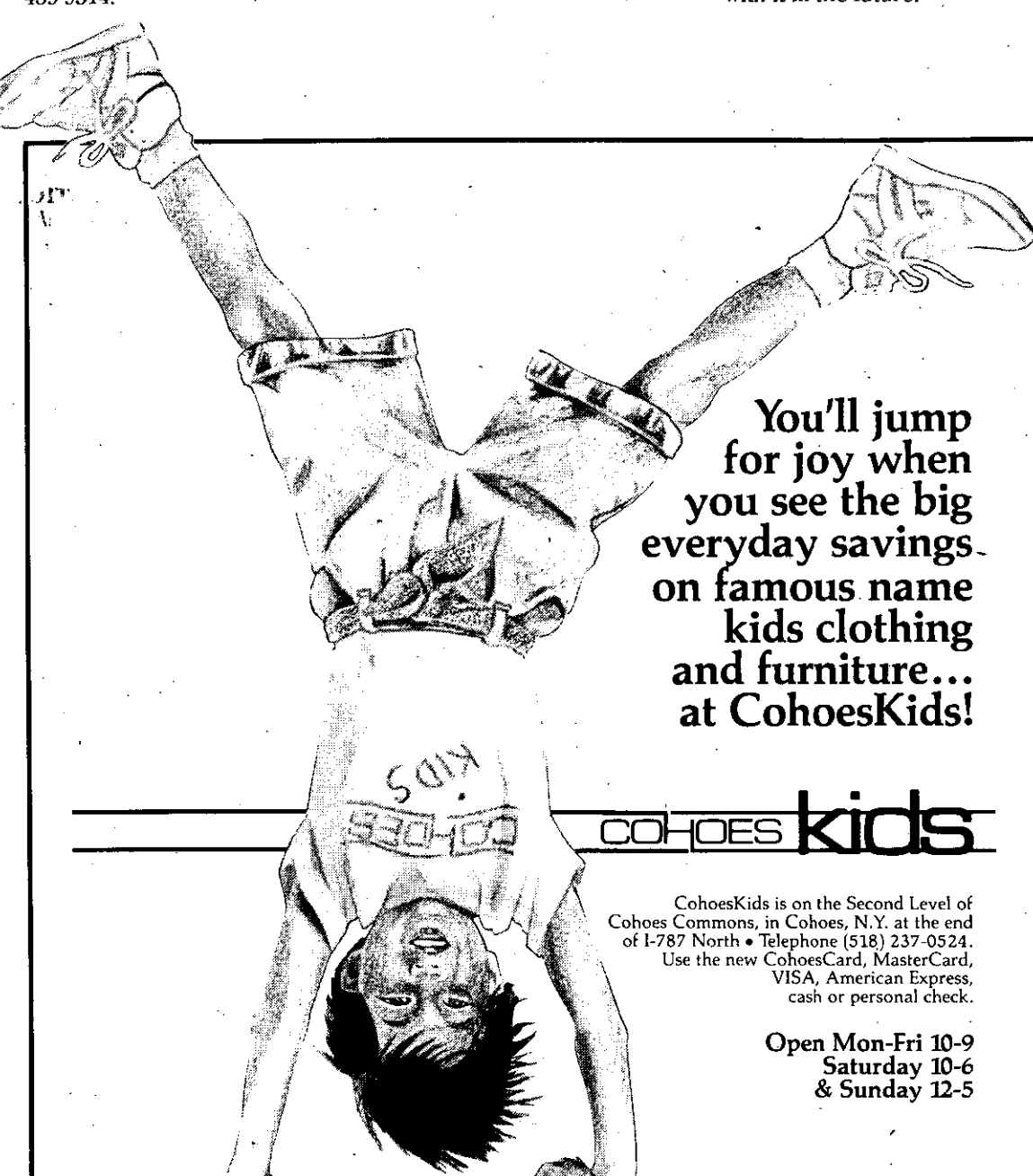


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Parents persist in trying to control children's choices

By Michael Kagan

When I was much younger, the most coveted culinary experience in the world was a meal at McDonald's.

I would often have traded my entire lunch just for a bag of their unbeatable french fries. Many of my friends might have turned down a catered feast, prepared by the most renowned chefs from all corners of the earth, to have their birthday party meals served in Happy Meal boxes.

Parents, as interested in reduc-

ing grams of dietary fat as their children were in removing the pickles from their Big Macs, did what they could to keep their kids away from Mickey D's. But, while they could reduce the number of visits, kids would always find a way to get their fill of McDonald's cuisine.

A friend of my mother's waged a heroic battle to shield her daughter from the dangers of fast food. For years, this valiant warrior struggled to keep her child from even knowing what McDonald's was.


But, alas, one can hold back the seduction of the Golden Arches for only so long. Her daughter, like most of the other sons and daughters I know, eventually ended up eating at McDonald's.

The tragic end to that epic struggle was perhaps a metaphor for what parents have to cope with as their children are exposed to more dangerous offerings than fast food. While not everything is as inevitable as that first trip to McDonald's, even the most persistent parents cannot entirely control what their children are exposed to, nor what choices they must make. In light of this fact, the traditional parent-child relationship needs to be changed.


The traditional role of parents is to "set limits." Many seem to think children will somehow respond to the rationale "because I




Spotlight writer Michael Kagan surreptitiously makes off with some treats from the Delmar McDonald's store. Parents often wage a quiet war over their kids' proclivity for fast food.
Elaine McLain




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said so." However, in the real world, that's not the way it happens. Nothing can protect people, children or not, against themselves.

Adolescents can be extremely skeptical of what they're told. If they ask why they should or shouldn't do something and they hear "because I'm your parent,"

I made my own decision to stop eating at McDonald's when the food started making me sick. The tragedy is that many teens are left to do the same thing with far more potent dangers than french fries. Parents can't keep their children from being confronted with truly dire risks any more effectively than they can restrict them from eating

As a society, we expect parents to love their children, to care for their children, to discipline but not abuse their children, but we do not expect parents to respect their children.

they'll assume there is no real reason.

Parents need to give real and believable reasons to their children if they seek to change their behavior. Many parents, I believe, are more frightened of having a genuine give-and-take discussion with their children than they are of drinking and driving or AIDS and pregnancy.

Teenagers have been having sex since the first human beings reached puberty and they've been drinking since the first grapes were turned to wine. Parents are not going to change this behavior by simply saying "no."

Many parents feel that the need to provide justification diminishes their authority. Providing reasons for desired behavior implies the child can disagree. For good or for bad, that is reality, and I think it scares parents.

The environment in which children grow up today gives them the opportunity to reject everything their parents tell them. The relationship between parents and children cannot function unless parents are able to respect their children enough to acknowledge this reality.

Many advocates of more traditional parenting say that children should be made to accept their parents' rules, that their unending questions of "why?" don't really have to be answered. In *To Kill A Mockingbird*, Atticus Finch says, "When a child asks you something, answer him, for goodness sake. Children are children, but they can spot an evasion quicker than adults, and evasion simply muddles 'em."

We need to change the way we think about parent-child relationships. The traditional vision of the relationship, in which children are subject to their mother and father until they reach some predetermined age or status, cannot function in a world in which children have to obey their parents only when their parents are around.

The only relationship that works when a child is away from his parents is one based on mutual respect. As a society, we expect parents to love their children, to care for their children, to discipline but not abuse their children, but we do not expect parents to respect their children. Unfortunately, a parent-child relationship based on respect is easier to talk about than to build.

fried hamburgers.

The difficult, ironic reality is, the more children are tempted to engage in behaviors not worthy of respect, the more the children themselves must be respected. Every child's future depends on developing a relationship with parents and the rest of the adult world. That relationship, if children are to negotiate the modern childhood, must change.

Michael Kagan is a senior at Bethlehem Central High School and a Spotlight staff writer.

Untitled poem

You make me think of almond butter.
Not because you're smooth, because you're not.

You make me think of almond butter because it's what you
were swallowing when I met you.
I'd never heard of almond butter sandwiches before.
In fact I'd never heard of almond butter.

Without knowing I'd guess the color of battered old leaves
after a hard winter beneath snow.
I'd guess smooth in some places and grainy in others, sort of
like the apricot exfoliating cream in my bottom drawer.
And I'd guess you were eating it because your wife had fixed
it for you in the morning and because she sees that it
matches what you wear.

I don't know what you said to me, I was thinking too absently
of almonds, but stumbling now I think you broke some
of the vases in my head.

I do know you dress entirely in almond butter corduroy, and
I s'pose it's so I'll ask why. But I'm not curious. I just wish...

I try to be open-minded, you know, but I think now I'll never
taste almond butter.

I am reminded too much of your jaundiced advice, oily and
sticky, and of a lunch hour ill spent.

By Alix Anderson

Anderson is a senior at Shaker High School. Her poem will appear in the spring 1993 edition of Visions, the school's literary magazine.



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Eighth-grader takes reins of leadership

By Dan Mojallali

Recently, I was chosen by my teacher at Bethlehem Middle School to attend a workshop on leadership skills at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Participants were chosen because of their potential leadership qualities.

When we arrived, we were greeted by the leaders and the sponsors of the youth leadership workshop, and given name tags and folders.

The first speaker, Dr. John J. Pelizza, talked about how a positive and negative outlook can affect how you feel. At the end of the day, he gave each of us a complimentary copy of his book *There's*



Dan Mojallali

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After the lecture, we had a quick break with refreshments provided by Mr. G's. At the end of break-fast, we split up into three separate groups for individual classes that we had selected before the workshop.

My first class was called "The Powerful Influencers," taught by Meg Bugler. In this class, we learned about how the alcohol and tobacco industries use advertising to try to persuade people to drink and smoke, and who they target with these ads.

At the end of this class, I moved to a class on "The Rain Forest: We Can Make a Difference," taught

by Brian Kellogg. We learned that the rainforests were not only being destroyed at an amazingly rapid rate, but that over 47 species of plants, insects and animals are becoming extinct every day because of this destruction.

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would buy acres of rainforest.

After the second course, all 60 of the students went into the lecture hall for lunch, also provided by Mr. G's. We also received a cup of "Ben & Jerry's Rain Forest Crunch" ice cream, from which 60 percent of the proceeds go to buy rainforest acres.

My friends and I agreed that it was a worthwhile experience.

After lunch, my third class was led by teens from the Bethlehem Central High School. They taught us communication skills that would help us better understand others and help them with problems. The class was called "Leaders—Communication is the Key."

At the end of the day, we were asked to evaluate the workshop. My friends and I agreed that it was a worthwhile experience, and that we would be happy to take it again.

To summarize my experience, I would like to thank BOU for donating the money for the day, all of the adults and teens who volunteered their time and the Bethlehem Central Middle School leadership club for sponsoring the workshop. And, finally, I would like to thank my teachers for selecting me for this workshop.

Dan Mojallali, an eighth-grader at Bethlehem Central Middle School, is serving an internship at *The Spotlight* as part of a business-mentor program sponsored by the Bethlehem Community Partnership.

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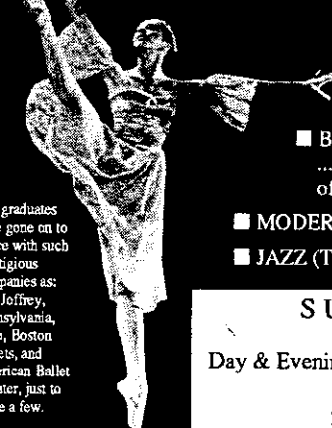
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Freshman has pointers for school board

By Samantha Bianchini

On several occasions, I have attended South Colonie district school board meetings. As a student in the district, I am interested in decisions made by the school administration and board that will impact my future.

Through my attendance at these meetings, I've come to realize how many people are working to improve the district.

As a student at Colonie high school, I feel that some of the most important issues are the curriculum, the atmosphere in the schools and the instructional methods used by the teachers.

Over the years, I have encountered a few teachers who fail to stick to the course curriculum, and waste time talking about their personal lives and movies that are not relevant to the material we're studying. Fortunately, there are more teachers who are so enthusiastic that it makes the students want to learn more.

Another problem is teachers who fail to set high expectations for their students. On the other hand, I have had teachers who stay right on top of their students all year and when one slips even two points, they are there to help.

Students can learn and be successful in an orderly, organized classroom. Ordinarily, the classes at Colonie High consist of one teacher or faculty member and a

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Samantha Bianchini

class of about 25 to 30 students.

Most teachers employ good teaching methods to deliver a well-established curriculum. In my Spanish course, for example, we

watch videos on the topic at hand, and learn about life in different Spanish-speaking countries. The curriculum also includes reasons to learn a foreign language, and how it opens our country's lines of communication.

In my English course, we recently finished reading the *Diary of Anne Frank*, and a few days later we had a guest speaker who talked about the Holocaust.

Students are mostly well-behaved, but of course there are exceptions. Sometimes students treat teachers with disrespect, and I believe that disciplinary actions should be more severe. Overall, I believe Colonie high school provides a good learning environment where students can become well-educated adults.

Increased student, parent and faculty involvement at the board meetings could help improve the performance of our schools. At the school board meetings I've

attended, only two faculty members and no students other than myself were present.

One way to increase faculty and student participation is to better publicize the meetings. Meetings could be announced in the schools as well as in the local newspapers.

Another change which I feel is

hour reports. Many covered very similar topics, and could have been condensed to much shorter lengths.

In addition to increased student, parent and faculty involvement, the board should focus on improving the curriculum, the atmosphere in the schools and the instructional methods used

The board should focus on improving the curriculum, the atmosphere in the schools and the instructional methods used by teachers.

necessary is to improve the efficiency of the board meetings, to help the board members get through the agenda more effectively.

At the past two or three meetings, different building planning teams have presented one to two

by teachers. Following these steps would mean not only a better education for the students, but a more effective and appreciated school board.

Samantha Bianchini is a freshman at Colonie Central High School.



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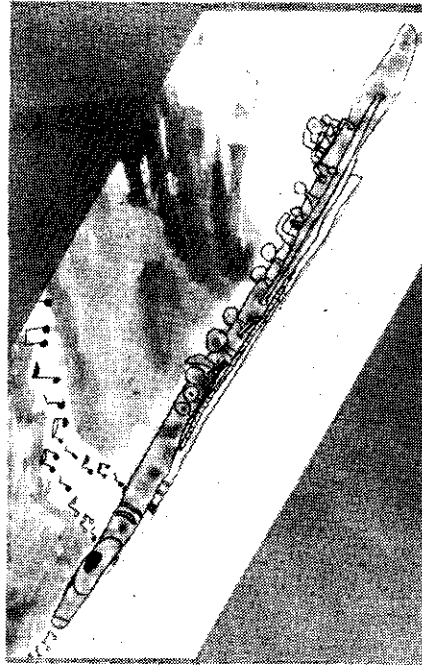
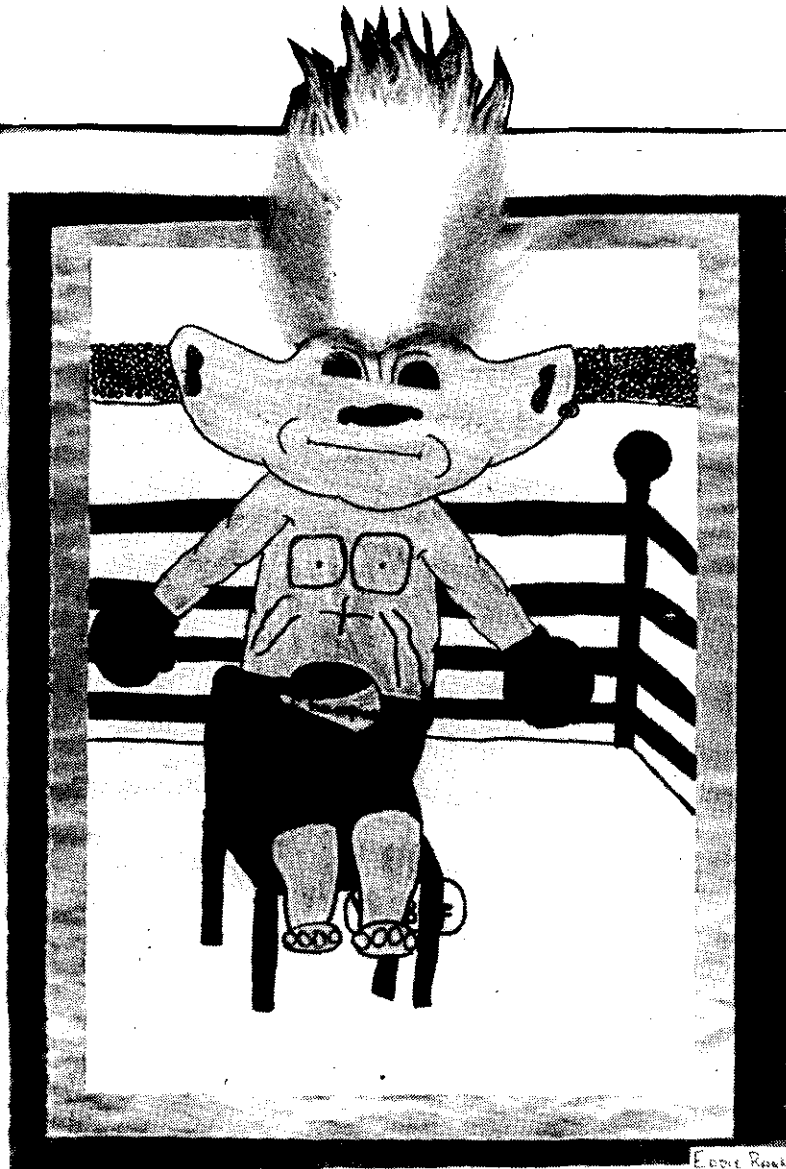
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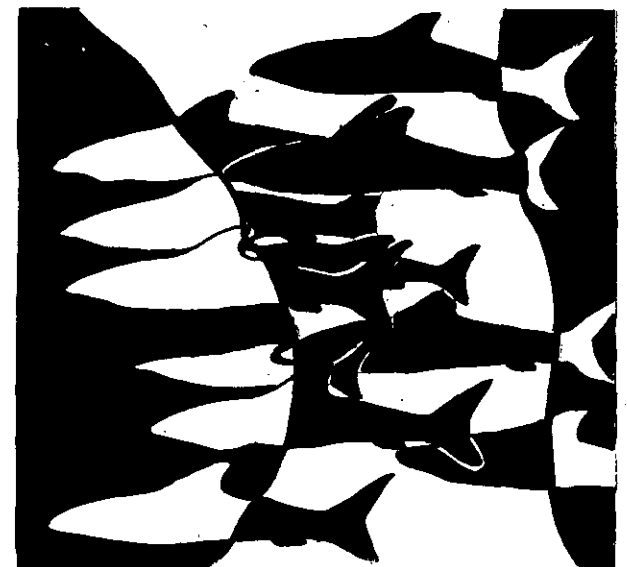
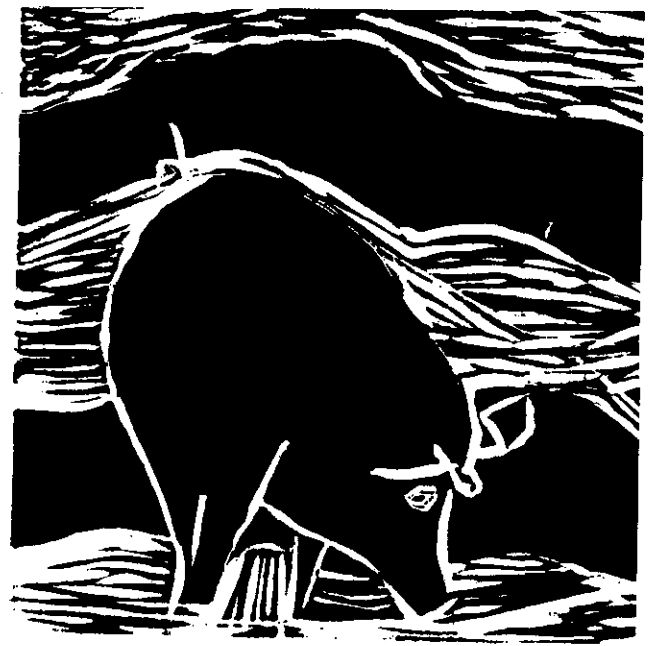
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Local talent at work



Students from several school districts have been working on projects for classes and local exhibitions. At right, Menands School sixth-grader Eddie Rankin used faux hair for a three-dimensional look. Above, Menands School second-grader Lauren Deeb used pencil, ink and watercolors for her painting of a flute. At left, Shaker Junior High School seventh-grader Kelly Saulpaugh employed printing techniques for "Pig," while classmate Mark Belice used markers to create "Negative/Positive Sharks."



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Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

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The most common tip is to reuse paper products such as Manila envelopes, file folders and corrugated boxes whenever possible. Typed sheets can be single-spaced, and discarded paper can be reused by printing rough drafts and informal memos on the unused side of the paper. Laser printer paper trays can be filled with half-used paper for drafts, and paper should not be recycled until both sides have been used.

Correction fluid bottles have brushes that seem to deteriorate

quickly, usually because the neck of the bottle is clogged. It can easily be cleaned out with a paper clip or the end of a scissors. By cleaning the neck of the bottle periodically, correction fluid can be completely used up before the bottle is thrown out.

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To share office waste prevention or reduction tips, call the recycling coordinator at 767-9618.

Bethlehem Elks plan sock-hop

Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233 will host a 50's-60's Sock-Hop Saturday, May 22, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the lodge on Route 144, Selkirk. Live music is by the GTO's. A dance contest and door

prizes are planned.

A donation of \$7.50 per person includes beer, soda, snacks and prizes. Hamburgers, hot dogs and french fries will also be available.

For information, call 756-9659.

Church to present God's Favorite

A modern version of the biblical story of Job is the next production of the South Bethlehem Players' Dessert Theater in the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Willowbrook Avenue.

The play, *God's Favorite*, is a two-act comedy by Neil Simon that examines the paradox of why bad things happen to good people through the story of Joe Benjamin, a 20th-century manufacturer.

"We look for plays that have significant opportunities for the people in our company," said Bob Kerker, who plays the much-put-upon Benjamin. "It's also fast-paced and extremely funny."

The Rev. Richard Reynolds, South Bethlehem UMC pastor, plays Sidney Lipton, God's intermediary with Job.

Rounding out the cast are June Tidd, as Rose Benjamin (Joe's wife); Charlie Kerker, Kelly Perry and Brian Perry as the Benjamins' children; and Robert Mayo as Morris and Rose Mayo as Mady, the Benjamins' servants.


The play is directed by Flo Barbic; Ken Savery is the set designer; and Alice Haskell is the costume designer.

God's Favorite will be performed Fridays and Saturdays, May 21 and 22 and June 4 and 5, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$6 for children, and include a selection of gourmet desserts prepared by church members.



Bob Kerker, as Joe Benjamin, and the Rev. Richard Reynolds, as Sidney Lipton, discuss fate in *God's Favorite*, playing this weekend at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church Dessert Theater.

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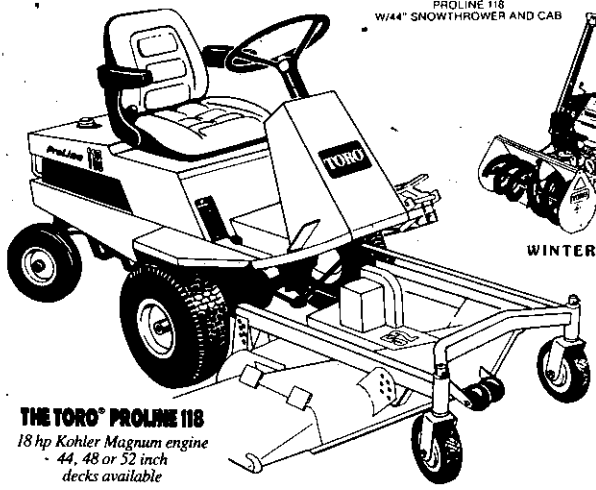


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pretty close" since four firefighters and an officer are needed to man each of the company's three pumpers and another six volunteers are needed to operate the company's ladder track.

Of the 18 volunteers relatively close by during the daytime, four are limited to serving as fire police.

"When you look at the gross numbers, it might seem like we're pretty well off," Webster said, "but there is no way to guarantee that every one of the 18 will be there."

If Bethlehem were strictly a residential community, then there might not be such a sense of urgency, said Anthony Granito, a former commissioner and an official of the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs.

Elsmere has changed over the years, Granito explained. "It's really a mixed community now, with commercial as well as residential, plus you have a number of high-risk facilities such as schools and nursing homes."

Not every property owner in Elsmere is thrilled with the idea, however.

"The thousand points of light were not supposed to drain the battery," says John LaForte of Dumbarton Drive. "I'm opposed to it. There are other volunteers who give generously of their time and energy to the community and receive no compensation."

"That doesn't take anything away from what these people do. We're all very grateful for their service."

Many of the volunteers work for the state or the town and if they put in 40 years they can probably retire on 75 percent of their salary, LaForte said. "Adding another \$400 a month on top of that is dipping into the kitty a little too far. A lot of people have to work many years just to qualify for a decent Social Security check."

While district officials mention the difficulty in retaining volunteers, particularly younger ones, LaForte said he's skeptical since the manpower level is only slightly below the limit established by the board of fire commissioners.

"You can't look at fire companies in the same light as Little League or other groups," Webster said. "There is a significant amount of training required, and last year 18 firefighters were killed in New York state."

Active volunteers in Elsmere spend more than 8,000 hours per year attending fires, emergency calls, training seminars, drills and meetings.

Asked whether some residents might consider the pension program just another perk, Webster said "There's no question that some of the departments have taken advantage of the public in terms of trips and things like that. But Elsmere has stringent cost controls," he said.

The proof of the pudding, he said, is that Elsmere has the highest possible ISO (Insurance Service Organization) rating. That in turn affects what the district residents pay for insurance coverage.

The pension program would

be financed by increases in the property tax levy. Taxes would increase 13 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The current levy is 82 cents per \$1,000.

Residents of the Selkirk Fire District defeated a similar type plan in 1991, although Charles Fritts, chairman of the Selkirk Board of Fire Commissioners, doesn't believe the vote truly reflected people's feelings.

"It was not the right time or the right place," he said. "We were in the middle of a recession."

Prior to the Selkirk vote, the board of fire commissioners had already included payments for a pension program in their budget — a fact that was not generally well received by the electorate.

Service award programs are not unique to Bethlehem, Fritts noted. There are hundreds of them across the state. "No question about it. We'll go for it again."

Other departments in the Capital District that have adopted the program besides North Bethlehem include Westmere, Latham, Defreestville, Wynantskill, Midway, Shaker Road-Loudonville and Copake.

There is a public information session scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 24, at the Elsmere Fire Station on West Poplar Drive.

Salaries

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earn an average of \$66,394. South Colonie has eight schools and an enrollment of about 5,300.

Smaller school districts generally have lower administrative costs, as with Voorheesville, whose six administrators average \$63,781. Voorheesville has two schools and about 1,200 students.

In Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 11 administrators earn an average of \$60,592. RCS has five schools and approximately 2,500 students.

In both Guilderland and South Colonie, administrative costs were an issue in this year's school

budget elections. Guilderland's budget was rejected by the voters earlier this month, and South Colonie's budget passed by a mere two votes. North Colonie's budget passed with 65 percent of the vote.

The BC budget passed easily by a 3-2 margin, and public concerns about administrative salaries were rarely voiced during the several months of public budget workshops preceding last week's vote.

During his budget presentation prior to the vote, Loomis noted that BC ranked sixth in the Suburban Council in its administrator/student ratio. None of the district's elementary schools has an assis-

Property

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A total of 783 building permits were issued by the town last year.

There were a few commercial projects that helped beef up the rolls, Leafer said, such as a new warehouse for Owens-Corning Fiberglas and a warehouse distribution center for Hamilton Press in Glenmont.

It's impossible to gauge what effect the increase will have for the average town resident, but it should help ease the property tax burden once a new budget is adopted later this year.

Taxes went down about 2.5 percent for 1993, but if the additional 1 percent Albany County sales tax is not extended then taxes could rise by a huge amount.

The new total also reflects some reductions made as a result of small claims and certiorari judgments from 1992. About 1,200 grievances were filed with the assessor's office last year, which is a extremely large amount considering the town's size. But the bulk of those were filed in response to the townwide revaluation that took place.

Leafer estimated that about \$45 million in assessed valuation was knocked off the rolls for last year by various reductions that were granted. He said he expects to lose nowhere near that amount for 1993.

The number of grievances filed this year has fallen off sharply. "To date, it's been pretty light," Leafer said. "I'd say we're likely to get in the neighborhood of 200 or so."

The assessment rolls will continue to be available for review from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday until Tuesday, May 25, the deadline for filing grievances.

Anyone wishing to file a grievance needs to submit the appropriate form and supporting documentation by Tuesday. The assessor's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 22, for people with questions about their assessments.

The Board of Assessment Review will meet at town hall from 9 a.m. to noon and from 6 to 8 p.m. on May 25, Grievance Day.

tant principal, and its total of four central office administrators is among the lowest in the council.

Loomis' salary of \$97,704 is third-highest in Albany County and third-highest in the entire Suburban Council, and he's worth it, according to school board president Pamela Williams.

"Les came to us (six years ago) with two degrees from Harvard and incredible experience," Williams said, adding that the district hired Loomis and Judith Wooster, the assistant superintendent

for curriculum and instruction who earns \$85,400, after both had "been around a good while in education" and earned doctoral degrees.

Loomis has kept the district "at the cutting edge of academic excellence," Williams noted, while also improving communication with the community outside the schools.

"He is out in the community all the time, explaining what the schools are doing," she said. "He has solid answers to the questions people have."

THE YOUTH NETWORK

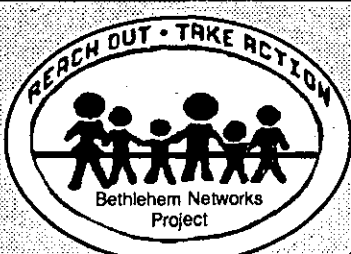
A BETHLEHEM NETWORKS PROJECT

Partnership pledge aims to curb alcohol use

The Bethlehem Community Partnership is a coalition of individuals and institutions working together to help young people get a good start in life by avoiding the use of drugs and alcohol.

The Community Partnership Pledge is an effort to unite organizations in the community in pursuit of this goal. Each participating organization chooses the steps it will take to advance the purpose of the pledge.

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Students named to dean's lists

The following local college students were named to the dean's lists at their colleges for the fall semester.

Bowdoin College — Bartholomew D'Alauro of Glenmont and Michael Kaine Jr. of Delmar.

Bryant & Stratton Business Institute — Joseph Ganley of Delmar and Barbara Stone of Voorheesville.

Hartwick College — Keith Tobin of Delmar.

Marist College — Henry Klein III of Delmar.

Northeastern University — Kevin Kelly of Voorheesville and Bruce Trobridge of Glenmont.

Trinity College — Emily Fraser of Delmar.

The University of Buffalo — Jennifer Grant of Delmar, Genise Fraiman of Glenmont, and Robert Feurbach of Selkirk.

The University of Michigan — Nicole Rosenkrantz and Jeremy Williams of Delmar and Jason Gomberg of Slingerlands.

BC student gives piano recital Sunday

Karen Jacobs will give a solo piano recital on Sunday, May 23, at 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. Delmar.

Jacobs, a Bethlehem resident, has been playing piano since age 5. She is a student of Findlay Cockrell and has performed in solo recitals, accompanied sing-

ers and choruses and given private lessons.

Her program will include Rachmaninoff's *Three Preludes*, a Beethoven sonata and a set of Spanish-influenced pieces by Albeniz, Ginastera and Copland.

The concert is free and open to the public. For information, call 439-9314.

Neighborhood group meets on bicentennial

The South Bethlehem Area Association (SBAA) will meet on Monday, May 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Willowbrook Avenue.

Residents are urged to attend to discuss ideas for South

Slingerlands firehouse to host info meeting

The Slingerlands Firehouse No. 1, 1520 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands, will host a public information meeting on Wednesday, May 19, at 7 p.m.

The meeting is designed to keep the people of Slingerlands informed about how the department provides fire protection and prevention in the community.

Country dance class planned at church

Nancy Karins and Rich Mandick will teach popular Country Western dances on Friday, May 21, from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont.

For information, call 432-5709.

Trooper assigned



State Trooper William Drapeau of Slingerlands, a 1985 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, has been assigned to Troop G, Selkirk, following his graduation last month from the State Police Academy. Drapeau is also a graduate of SUNY Binghamton.

Lions Club schedules annual used book sale

The Bethlehem Lions Club will sponsor a used book sale on Saturday, May 22, at Main Square on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

The sale, which will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., will feature more than 2,500 books and magazines.

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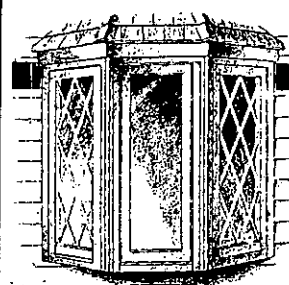


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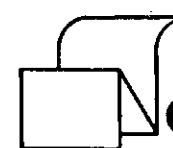


Historical house tour to begin at schoolhouse

As part of the town's bicentennial celebration, the Bethlehem Historical Association will host a drive-it-yourself tour of historical houses and sites on Saturday, May 22, from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The tour will begin at the red schoolhouse museum on Route 144 at Cedar Hill, where directions will be available.

The tours are free and open to the public.



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Obituaries



Ruth Radliff

Ruth Moak Radliff of South Bethlehem, died Saturday, May 15, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Born in Delmar, she graduated from Albany High School. She had been a South Bethlehem resident since 1935.

She was employed as a legal secretary before retiring in 1973 from the Albany law firm of Garry, Cahill and Edmunds.

Mrs. Radliff was a member of the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, where she served as church secretary for eight years, until the time of her death. She was also treasurer of the United Methodist Women at the church.

She was an avid bowler and a member of the Sunshine Senior Citizen Group of Selkirk.

She was the widow of Harold "Hap" Radliff.

Survivors include a daughter, Judith Homand of Uncasville, Conn.; two sons, Charles Radliff Sr. of South Bethlehem and Dennis Radliff of Delmar; three brothers, Ernest Moak of Greenville, Greene County, Roger Moak of Delmar and H. Allyn Moak of Voorheesville; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services were from South Be-

thlehem United Methodist Church on Willowbrook Avenue, South Bethlehem.

Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, South Bethlehem.

Arrangements were by Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice in Albany or to the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church.

Alvina Houghtaling

Alvina M. Ernst Houghtaling, 84, of Feura Bush, died Monday, May 10, at her home.

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

Mrs. Houghtaling was a clerk at the Albany County Supreme Court clerk's office for 17 years, retiring in 1975.

She was an elder of the Jerusalem Reformed Church and a past officer of the Bethlehem Elks Auxiliary. She was a member of the Albany County Democratic Women's Club.

She was also a member of the Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company. She was a charter member of the Albany County Volunteer Firemen's Association and auxiliary and past vice president of the New York State Supreme Court Clerks Association.

She was the widow of Charles E. Houghtaling.

Survivors include a son, Charles E. Houghtaling Jr. of Feura Bush; two daughters, Mrs. Alvin White of Selkirk and Barbara Van Schoick of Albany; a brother, John Ernst of Albany; a sister, Marie Overrocker of Fort Johnson, Montgomery County; six grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services were from McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany.

Burial was in Holy Spirit Lutheran Cemetery, Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush 12067.

Addison Cox Jr.

Addison Fletcher Cox Jr., 63, formerly of Delmar, died Sunday, May 9, at Bayfront Medical Center in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Born in Knoxville, Tenn., he graduated from Vincentian Academy in Albany. He moved to Florida in 1983.

Mr. Cox was employed by the Roberts Furniture Co. in Tampa, Fla.

Survivors include a daughter, Suzanne Cox of Albany; a son, Addison Fletcher Cox IV of Albany; a sister, Linda Schepkowski of New Port Richey, Fla.; and a granddaughter.

Services were from the Gulfport Memorial Funeral Home, Gulfport, Fla.

Burial was private.

Elaine Ginsburg

Elaine Gleckman Ginsburg, 60, of Blessing Road in Slingerlands died Thursday, May 13, at her home.

Born and raised in Providence, R.I., she moved to the Capital District as a teenager and was a longtime Albany resident.

She had worked as the executive assistant to former state Assemblymen Ralph Goldstein and Peter Abatte for more than 22 years.

Mrs. Ginsburg was a member of B'nai B'rith Women and the Independent Benevolent Society.

She was the widow of Bernard Ginsburg.

Survivors include three sons, Dr. Marc Ginsburg and Bruce Ginsburg, both of Slingerlands, and Scott Ginsburg of Guilderland; a sister, Karen Germain of Warwick, R.I.; and three granddaughters.

Services were from Levine Memorial Chapel, Albany.

Burial was in Independent Benovolent Cemetery, Guilderland.

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Spirit

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sometimes grew too frantic to permit any real insight into deeper questions about himself and his life.

"I had a problem with being too scattered," said Kramer. "I was always jumping from one thing to another and leaving a string of unfinished projects behind me."

At first, it appeared the disease, which attacks the central nervous system in different ways in different people, would not place severe restrictions on Kramer's interests.

His teaching schedule was unaffected and he continued to travel, ride his bicycle and volunteer his time. He even continued to take on his son, Jeff, one-on-one in basketball, where MS had a levelling effect, slowing Kramer a step and limiting his vision to balance his height and age advantage. Consequently, Kramer said, MS made their matches fairer.

But three years ago, the progression of Kramer's case of MS, which his doctors had come to believe would be mild, accelerated markedly, and his life changed dramatically as a result. Gradually, but inexorably, the disease began to exact a much heavier toll.

Following his return from a lengthy stint as a volunteer in Nicaragua, his students began to notice that it took him longer and longer to write instructions on the blackboard. Walking grew more difficult and the rigors of his job tired him so thoroughly he had little energy for anything else. Finally, he left the college for what he hoped would be temporary sick leave in the winter of 1989. But after about six months it became clear he'd be unable to return. Instead of getting better, the MS got much worse.

Kramer said he's always tried to live his life with an ethic of contribution in mind. His general goal, as he summarized it, was to leave the world a little bit better than it would have been if he hadn't passed through. As he steadily lost the physical ability to contribute in any manner clearly valuable, however, his sense of purpose was sorely tested.

An unnerving question confronted him: If you're important for what you do, then what are you when you can't do anything?

"Two years ago, I was pretty suicidal," said Kramer, "because my body wouldn't let me do anything I thought was important." Instead of being a helpful influence, he worried about becoming a burden on his wife, Mickie, and the people around him. He won-

dered, "Wouldn't it be better if I leave?"

Now confined to a wheelchair, his hands shake too badly to write or feed himself. Even reading is impossible because of tremoring movements in his eyes. But suicide couldn't be farther from his mind. Instead, his thoughts are occupied with a new awareness of himself — the mysteries of his emotions and spirit — and the people and things around him.

Much of that has developed through an exploration of a Hindu discipline called siddha yoga, practiced at a handicapped-accessible ashram about two hours south of Albany, Kramer said. Through exercises and meditation, he said, the teachings have helped him make peace with his circumstances. As a result, his sense of priorities has been transformed.

"The universe had to hit me on the side of the head with a two-by-four to get my attention," he said. And though he's unhappy about the way it happened, he now says he's thankful for the insight his struggle with the disease has brought him. "I doubt it would have happened if it hadn't been for my body," he said. "Something is happening that is really nice."

He no longer worries about changing the world or solving large-scale problems. He does what he can, he said, and most of what he accomplishes now takes place in the realm of day-to-day life, talking and listening to his friends, opening himself to the people who enter his life.

"My philosophy is changing quite a bit," he said. "Being alive, having consciousness, is such a precious gift, I haven't even thought about suicide in the last year, even though my body is worse."

While he has his bad days, Kramer said he's grateful for the way his illness has redirected his life, and remains hopeful enough about the possibility of "miracles" to continue to hang on to the guitar he's had since he was a teenager. The disease continues to advance, and he knows it may yet get much worse, but Kramer, now 45, prefers not to think about what he's lost.

"Should I be sad because roses have thorns or rejoice because thorns have roses?" is a saying he quotes often, a more poetic phrasing of the familiar adage about the relationship between attitude and quality of life: Is your cup half-empty or half-full?

"Except my cup is 90 percent empty and 10 percent full," he said. "I've just made more close friends, caring friends, loving friends, in the last two years than in all the rest of my life combined."

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Go Greek on Whitehall Road

By Dev Tobin

Greece comes to Whitehall Road this weekend, as St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church presents a three-day Greek Cultural Festival.

The annual event showcases authentic Greek food, music, dance, jewelry and handicrafts, and celebrates the diversity of Greek life, according to festival spokesman John Koutoufaris.

The festival takes over the church's parish center at 440 Whitehall Road, just south of New Scotland Avenue, Friday, May 21, from 5 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, May 22, from noon to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, May 23, from noon to 7 p.m.

The highlight of the festival is continuous Greek music and demonstrations of traditional dances.

The Festival Folk Dancers, more than 50 children ages 8 to 18, will perform 15 traditional dances, including the Kalamatiano, the Greek national dance, in authentic costumes accompanied by live music.

The dancing will be performed hourly in the parish center and in the festival tent.

Throughout the festival, diners can choose from 13 gourmet Greek appetizers, dinners and pastries, including moussaka, tiropita and baklava. All dinners are priced under \$10, and include salad vegetable, rice pilaf and bread.

New this year is the Taverna coffee shop for lighter dining, serving appetizers, pastries, coffee and drinks.

Also, the festival tent includes a Kiddie Korner serving hot dogs, hamburgers, French fries, as well as souvlakia and loukoumathes.

Besides food and fun, the festival offers guided tours of St. Sophia, with explanations of the mosaics and iconography unique to Greek Orthodox churches.

The tours will be at 6 and 8 p.m. on Friday; at 2, 4 and 7 p.m. on Saturday; and at 2 and 4 p.m. on Sunday.

For the shoppers, the festival has imported one-of-a-kind jewelry, icons, records and tapes, and paperweights

Traditional Greek costumes, dancing and music highlight this weekend's Greek Cultural Festival at St. Sophia's Church on Whitehall Road in Albany. Also featured are Greek gourmet delicacies, one-of-a-kind imported gift items, guided tours of the church and fundraising raffles.



of marble and onyx, all available at Festival shops.

Raffle tickets will be on sale at the festival, with the drawing for a \$10,000 prize Saturday at 9 p.m. and the drawing for a \$3,000 prize Sunday at 6 p.m.

The festival also sponsors the Albany County Heritage Essay contest, which attracted nearly 900 entries from area students in grades three through 12.

After researching their family history, students write about their own heritage and what it means to them.

The award-winning entries, as judged by area education, business and government, will be on display at the festival.

Admission to the Festival is free.

Nature preserve draws hikers to historic Rensselaerville

By Eric Bryant

Nestled in the southwestern corner of Albany County and hard in the shadows of the looming Catskill Mountains sits a village suited to the visions of Norman Rockwell's Americana.

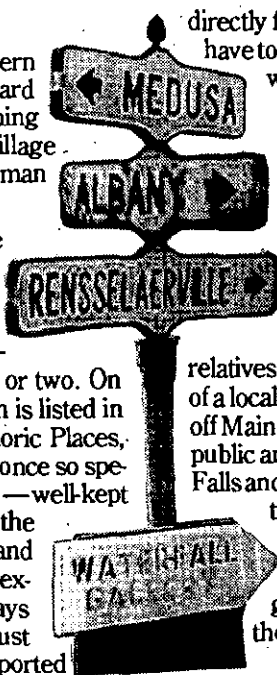
There are no convenience stores in tiny Rensselaerville. No stores period, really, unless you count several craftsmen's workshops, a gallery and an antique boutique or two. On the surface, this village, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, seems to epitomize what was once so special about small-town America—well-kept streets, the white church on the hill, a pond for kids to fish in and trails forever wild for them to explore. The village, on certain days and with the sun shining at just the right angle, could be transported

directly from the 1830s, it seems. You just have to ignore the cars and the telephone wires.

But for all the historic charm of the village, what draws most visitors down Route 85 and through the towns of Bethlehem, New Scotland and Westerlo, is the Edmund Niles Huyck Preserve—a 2,000-acre wood located adjacent to the village and deeded to a private land trust in 1937 by relatives of E.N. Huyck, the wealthy scion of a local family. Accessed via a parking lot off Main Street, the preserve is open to the public and contains scenic Rensselaerville Falls and Lake Myosotis, as well 10 miles of trails.

This spring and summer, birdwatchers and amateur biologists can have a literal "field day" at the preserve. Two birdwatching ex-

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DAYTRIPS

Rensselaerville

• **Location:** Southwestern Albany County, south of the Town of Berne and west of the Town of Westerlo.

• **Directions:** Southwest out Route 443 (Delaware Avenue) through the towns of Bethlehem, New Scotland and Westerlo. Route 443 joins Route 85 which ends in the Village of Rensselaerville.

• **Driving time:** Approximately one hour from Colonie; 40 minutes from Bethlehem; 30 to 40 minutes from New Scotland.

• **Cost:** Admission to the E.N. Huyck Preserve is free. Several birdwatching programs sponsored by the preserve this summer do have a fee.

• **Hours:** The Huyck Preserve is open from dawn till dusk.

• **Tours:** Nearly a dozen free tours, guided by scientists working at the preserve, will be given this summer. Call 797-3440 for details.

• **Food:** The Palmer House Cafe on Main Street is the only restaurant within the village. The restaurant serves dinner Thursday through Sunday beginning at 5 p.m. and brunch on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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I DO! I DO!

romantic musical, Capital Rep, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, Through June 6. Information, 462-4531.

THE LISBON TRAVIATA

Terrence McNally's comic/dramatic opera, Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, Through May 30. Information, 462-1297.

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musical, Mac-Haydn Theatre Inc., Route 203, Chatham, May 19 through 30. Information, 392-9292.

THE SECRET GARDEN

NYS Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Troy, May 19 to 21 to 27, and June 1 to 4, 10 a.m.; May 23 and June 5, 2 p.m.; May 21 and June 5, 8 p.m. Information, 270-6888.

STUDENT THEATER OUTREACH PROGRAM

drama and song to promote racial harmony and multicultural understanding, Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, Saturday, May 22, noon. Information, 426-2300.

TALKIES TO TECHNICOLOR

new revue by Martin Kelly, dinner theater, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, Sunday, June 6, 5 p.m.; Friday, June 11, 7 p.m.; Saturday, June 12, 5 p.m.; Sunday, June 13, 6 p.m. Reservations, 463-3811.

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VICTOR BERGE

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open stage, The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany, sign up every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

LIVE JAZZ BRUNCH BUFFET

every Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., The Inn at Saratoga, 231 Broadway, Saratoga. Information, 583-1890.

CLASSES

CAPITAL BALLET COMPANY WORKSHOP

sponsored by the Albany Dance Institute, Kitty Carlisle Hart Theatre, Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, Saturday, May 22, 7:30 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

POETS

3 GUYS FROM ALBANY

poetry performance group, Mother Earth Cafe, Quail Street and Western Avenue, Albany, Saturday, May 22, 7 p.m. Information, 439-0583.

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

ART AFTER DARK

study of parlor amusements, including shadow puppets, charades and dominoes, Rensselaer County Historical Museum, 59 Second St., Troy, Friday, May 21, 5 to 8 p.m. Information, 272-7232.

SINGER-SONGWRITER DAVID GROVER

blend of songs, stories and sing-alongs for children and adults, Spencertown Academy, Route 203, Spencertown, Sunday, May 23, 2 p.m. Information, 392-3693.

VISUAL ARTS

"BEYOND THE BROADSIDE"

verbal images in the visual arts, Rice Gallery, 135 Washington Ave., Albany, Through May 23.

ANCIENT CYPRIOT POTTERY

dating from 3000 B.C., The Hyde Collection, 161 Warren St., Glen Falls, Through June 13. Information, 792-1761.

LANDSCAPE ARTISTS

works of 38 contemporary photographers, New York State Museum, Albany, Through July 6. Information, 474-5877.

"THE PHOTOGRAPHER'S EYE"

featuring work from members of the Schenectady Photographic Society, Schenectady Museum, North Terrace Heights, Schenectady, Through June 30. Information, 463-1674.

JOSEPH SCHUYLER

photographs, Albany Center Galleries, Chapel and Monroe streets, Albany, Through June 18. Information, 462-4775.

LIFETIME PRINTS OF FREDERIC REMINGTON

capturing life of the Old West, The Hyde Collection, 161 Warren St., Glen Falls, Through June 20. Information, 792-1761.

"LANDMARKS"

artistic representations of various landscapes, Russell Sage College Gallery, Troy Campus, Through Aug. 6. Information, 270-2248.

"ART FOR FAITH'S SAKE"

multi-media exhibition with focus on faith, Vision Gallery, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, Through July 27. Information, 453-6645.

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

BABYSITTING

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

RENSSELAER COUNTY
CHORUS REHEARSAL

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

THURSDAY
MAY 20
ALBANY COUNTY
SENIOR CHORALE

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP

Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

BABYSITTING

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

FRIDAY
MAY 21
ALBANY COUNTY
MOTHERS' DROP IN

sponsored by the Capital District Mothers' Center, First Congregational Church, Quail Street, Albany, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 475-1897.

SUNDAY
MAY 23
ALBANY COUNTY
SCOTTISH DANCING

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

MONDAY
MAY 24
ALBANY COUNTY
BABYSITTING

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

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Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 4:45 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
SCOTTISH DANCING

Salvation Army, Smith Street, Schenectady, 8 to 10 p.m. Information, 783-6477.

TUESDAY
MAY 25
ALBANY COUNTY
TRUE FRIENDS

female incest survivors support group, Pineview Community Church, 251 Washington Ave. Extension, Albany, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 452-7800.

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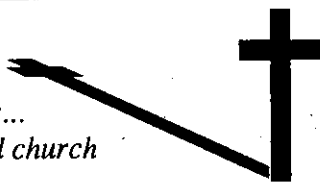
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SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

Mac-Haydn Theatre opens 15th season in Chatham with *No, No Nanette* revival

A popular 1920s musical, *No, No Nanette*, is being revived tonight (May 19) as the opening production of the Mac-Haydn Theatre's 25th season.

The theatre troupe which originally performed in the cattle-judging barn at the Chatham Fairgrounds, has been housed in its own theater nearby for the past 12 years.

No, No Nanette gained popularity in the late '70s through a Broadway revival that featured the late Ruby Keeler and Bobby Van. Since then, Mac-Haydn has had a successful presentation of the upbeat show. It was brought back this season because of audience demand.



Martin P. Kelly

The theatre, administered by artistic directors/producers Lynne Haydn and Linda MacNish, is one of the few summer companies throughout the country which produces musical comedy revivals.

No, No Nanette will be the first of seven musicals presented this summer. The schedule includes a production of a new *Phantom* that has been receiving plaudits around the country and is compared favorably with Andrew Lloyd Webber's version in New York.

No, No Nanette plays through May 30. Information and reservations are available at 392-9292.

New Lebanon's Theatre Barn celebrates 10th season with June 18 opening

Lend Me A Tenor, Ken Ludwig's zany farce, opens the 10th season for Theatre Barn at New Lebanon in Columbia County June 18. This will be the first of six productions.

The season announced by producer Joan Phelps has a new musical revue, *Closer Than Ever*, by Richard Maltby Jr. and David Shire opening July 1.

This is followed by the musical spoof, *Dames At Sea* (July 15); *The Hollow* (July 29); *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum* (Aug. 12); and *Pirates of Penzance* (Sept. 2).

Information is available at 794-8989.

Victor Borge brings his comedy recital to Proctor's Theater this Sunday

The seemingly ageless Victor Borge continues to tour his comedy recital throughout the country and appears in this region this Sunday, May 23, at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady.

The famed pianist/humorist combines fine musicianship with a sharp wit that produces surprises at each performance as he works off the audience's reaction to his humor.

Now 83 years of age, he continues to maintain an active schedule. When not performing his humorous recital, Borge is a serious musician who has conducted numerous symphony orchestras throughout the United States.

Information and reservations at 345-6204.

New musical revue to debut in Delmar at First United Methodist Church

A new musical revue, *Talkies To Technicolor*, produced by Riverview Productions of Albany will make its local debut Sunday, June 6 as a dinner theater presentation by the First United Methodist Church of Delmar. Performances are in the church hall on Kenwood Avenue.

Three more performances will be offered on the following weekend, June 11, 12 and 13. All are dinner theater performances.

Talkies To Technicolor moves from the post-silent film days through the era of the big movie musicals, featuring songs made famous by well-known stars in popular films.

The four performers, Janet Stasio, Grace Hepburn, Stephen Burns and William Hickman also contribute some of the humor of these musicals in the two-act presentation.

Hickman also serves as musical director and Joann Rautenberg is accompanist.

Information and reservations at 463-3811.

Around Theaters!

Ido, Ido, two-character musical at the Capital Repertory Company in Albany, through June 6. (462-4534)

The Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 19**
BETHLEHEM
**ADVANCED DIRECTIVES
PUBLIC SEMINAR**

Good Samaritan Home Chapel,
125 Rockefeller Road, 6:30 to 8
p.m. Information, 439-8116.

BC SCHOOL BOARD

90 Adams Place, 8 p.m.
Information, 439-7098.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 8
p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BINGO

American Legion Post 1040, 16
Poplar Drive, 8 p.m. Information,
439-9819.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT
SERVICES**

Parks and Recreation Office,
Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to
noon. Information, 439-0503.

TESTIMONY MEETING

First Church of Christ Scientist,
555 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m.
Information, 439-2512.

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newcomers, engaged women
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to Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Information, 785-9640.

**NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY
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Bible study and prayer meeting,
10 Rockefeller Road.
Information, 439-7864.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

**BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY
GROUP**

excavation and laboratory
experience for volunteers,
archaeology lab, Route 32
South. Information, 439-6391.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

Normanside Country Club,
Salisbury Road, 7 p.m.
Information, 439-4857.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m.
Information, 767-2886.

**ONESQUETHAU CHAPTER,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**
Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood
Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-
2181.

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Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.
Information, 765-3390.

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CITIZENS**

Wyman Osterhout Community
Center, New Salem, call for
time. Information, 765-2109.

AA MEETING

First Methodist Church of
Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8
p.m. Information, 489-6779.

AL-ANON MEETING

First United Methodist Church of
Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8
p.m. Information, 477-4476.

FAITH TEMPLE

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

**THURSDAY
MAY 20**
BETHLEHEM
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self-help for chronic nervous
symptoms, First United
Methodist Church, 428
Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m.
Information, 439-9976.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT
SERVICES**

Parks and Recreation Office,
Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to
noon. Information, 439-0503.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave.,
12:30 p.m. Information, 439-
4955.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

Delmar Chabad Center, 109
Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m.
Information, 439-8280.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

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

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town hall, 445 Delaware Ave.,
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AA MEETINGS

Slingerlands Community
Church, 1499 New Scotland
Road, noon, and Delmar
Reformed Church, 386
Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m.
Information, 489-6779.

NEW SCOTLAND
**NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS
CLUB**

New Scotland Presbyterian
Church, Route 85, 7 p.m.

FAITH TEMPLE

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

**FRIDAY
MAY 21**
BETHLEHEM
**SLINGERLANDS ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL CARNIVAL**

Slingerlands Elementary School,
25 Union St., 5 to 8 p.m.
Information, 439-7681.

**COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE
INSTRUCTION**

Glenmont Community Church,
Weiser Street, 8 to 10 p.m.
Information, 432-5709.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

all levels, St. Stephen's Church,
Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information,
462-4504.

DESSERT THEATRE

"God's Favorite," a humorous
rendition of the Book of Job,
with dessert, South Bethlehem
United Methodist Church,
Willowbrook Avenue, adults
(\$9), seniors (\$8) and children
(\$6). Information, 767-3390.

AA MEETING

First Reformed Church of Selkirk,
Route 9W, 7:30 p.m.
Information, 489-6779.

NEW SCOTLAND
YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

**SATURDAY
MAY 22**
BETHLEHEM
**ONESQUETHAW SPRING
FESTIVAL**

Onesquethaw Reformed
Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura
Bush, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Information, 767-9143.

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Route 144, Selkirk, 8 p.m. to
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Information, 767-2886.

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petting zoo, face painting and
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Community Church, Route 443,
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

COMMUNITY BETHLEHEM!

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445
Delaware Ave. Information, 439-
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DESSERT THEATRE

"God's Favorite," a humorous
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United Methodist Church,
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GARAGE SALE

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Church of Bethlehem, Church
Road, Selkirk, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

HOLLYHOCK HOLLOW DAY

spring clean-up, gardens tour
and wildflower nature walk, 9
a.m. to 2 p.m., Hollyhock Hollow
Sanctuary, Rarick Road, Selkirk.
Information, 767-9051.

AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85
Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information,
489-6779.

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Bethlehem Grange, Route 396,
Selkirk, 4 to 7 p.m., adults (\$7)
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Information, 767-2770.

**SUNDAY
MAY 23**
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SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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Volunteer Ambulance at the
Bethlehem Grange, Route 396,
Selkirk, 4 to 7 p.m., adults (\$5.50)
and children 5 to 12 (\$3).
Information, 767-9037.

**MONDAY
MAY 24**
BETHLEHEM
MOTHERS' TIME OUT

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

**SOUTH BETHLEHEM AREA
ASSOCIATION**

to discuss South Bethlehem
entry in Labor Day bicentennial
parade, South Bethlehem
United Methodist Church,
Willowbrook Avenue, 7:30 p.m.
Information, 767-2870.

DELMAR KIWANIS

Days Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m.
Information, 439-5560.

AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85
Elm Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information,
489-6779.

AL-ANON GROUP

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

**DELMAR COMMUNITY
ORCHESTRA**

rehearsal, town hall, 445
Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m.
Information, 439-4628.

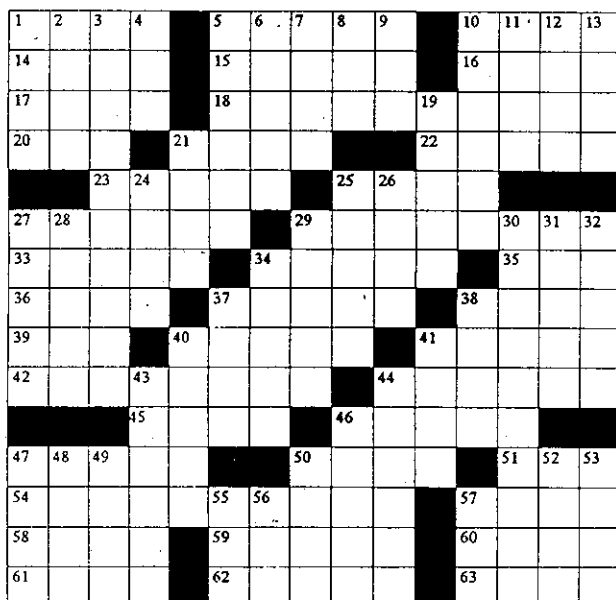
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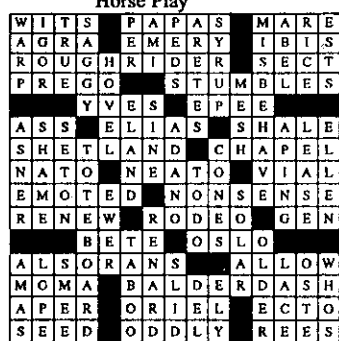
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- ACROSS**
- Archers needs
 - Musical drama
 - Celestial body
 - Mine entrance
 - Mr. DeMille
 - Sheet of glass
 - 1760 yards
 - STAIN A CORN ?
 - Also
 - Ballet skirt
 - Map part
 - Dreads
 - Can do
 - Antipastos
 - TAPE EWES
 - Conspires
 - Lists
 - Eithers' companions
 - Lines
 - Madam _____
 - Large coffee pots
 - Chemical ending
 - French greeting
 - Bandleader Shaw
 - A GNU RIME ?
 - Follows
 - Lairs
 - Deadly
 - Pacific Island
 - Hockey's Bobby & family
 - Doctor's org.
 - DRAG NO PANS ?
 - Filmflam
 - A wrongful act
 - Singer Mel
 - Lacking in color
 - College ent. exams
 - Transparent
 - River to the North Sea

- DOWN**
- Crimson Tide nickname
 - Norse god
 - WILL FOR DEW ?
 - Sault _____ Marie
 - Happens
 - Irish fuels
 - Beige
 - _____ Tin Tin
 - Chicken _____ King
 - Small piano
 - New Mexico art colony
 - Ms. Bancroft
 - Relax
 - Mosaics
 - Small boys
 - Consumes
 - Expect
 - Nota _____
 - Small shoot
 - Isolated
 - Watery part of blood
 - LOU'S ART CAP ?
 - Bert's pal
 - Burros
 - Remarkable things
 - Abel's brother
 - _____ major
 - Golf's Sammy



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- Worker (at times)
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United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

STORY HOUR
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

TUESDAY MAY 25

BETHLEHEM

RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
Albany County Department of Health, Bethlehem Town Park, Elm Avenue. Cats, 4 to 5:30 p.m.; dogs, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Cost, \$5 per animal. Information, 447-4620.

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP
First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 439-0503.

DELMAR ROTARY
Days Inn, Route 9W. Information, 482-8824.

NEW SCOTLAND

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
town hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3356.

VOORHEESVILLE VILLAGE BOARD
village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

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

WEDNESDAY MAY 26

BETHLEHEM

TOWN BOARD
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

RCS SPRING CONCERT
high school auditorium, Route 9W, Ravena, 7:30 p.m.

BINGO
American Legion Post 1040, 16 Poplar Drive, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 439-0503.

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

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

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

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MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
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NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS
Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

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

AA MEETING
First Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

AL-ANON MEETING
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 477-4476.

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

THURSDAY MAY 27

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self-help for chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9976.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 439-0503.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM
Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

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

AA MEETINGS
Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

THE SPOTLIGHT GUIDE TO RELIGIOUS SERVICES

CHURCHES

Baptist

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
worship service, Sun. 10:15 a.m. and Sun. school, 9:15 a.m., Auberge Suisse Restaurant, New Scotland Road. Info, 475-9086.

Christian Fellowship
UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH Sun. school and worship, Sun. 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Info, 438-7740.

Christian Scientist

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST service and Sun. school, Sun. 10 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave. Info, 439-2512.

Community

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH worship service, Sun. 10:30 a.m.; Sun. school, 9 a.m.; evening fellowship, 6 p.m.; 201 Elm Ave. Info 439-3135.

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH Sun. school, 9:15 a.m.; worship, Sun. 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided. Info, 768-2916.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH Sun. school, 9:45 a.m., Sun. service, 11 a.m., 10 Rockefeller Road. Info, 439-7864.

Episcopal

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Eucharist, breakfast, coffee hour, Sun. 8 and 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Info, 439-3265.

Evangelical

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH bible hour for children and adults, Sun. 9:15 a.m.; worship service, 10:30 a.m.; evening service, 6:30 p.m., nursery care provided, Route 155, Voorheesville. Info, 765-3390.

Eastern Orthodox

ST. SOPHIA CHURCH Orthos Sun. 9 a.m.; service 10 a.m., 440 Whitehall Rd., Albany. Info, 489-4442.

Lutheran

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH worship services, Sun. 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Sun. school, 9:15 a.m.; nursery care, 8 a.m. to noon, 85 Elm Ave. Info, 439-4328.

LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH worship meeting, Sun. 11 a.m., Bethlehem Grange Hall 137, Route 396, Beckers Corners. Info, 235-1298.

Methodist

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DELMAR worship, Sun. 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. to noon, 428 Kenwood Ave. Info, 439-9976.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE worship, Sun. 10 a.m., church school, 10:30 a.m. Info, 765-2895.

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sun. school, 9 a.m.; morning worship, 10:30 a.m.; coffee hour, 11:30 a.m.; 16 Hillcrest Drive, Ravena. Info, 756-6688.

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH worship service, church school, Sun. 10 a.m.; fellowship hour, adult education programs, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road. Info, 439-1766.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sun. school, 9:30 a.m., worship, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Willowbrook Avenue. Info, 767-9953.

Pentecostal

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Sun. school and worship, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m.; Route 85, New Salem. Info, 765-4410.

Presbyterian

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH worship, church school, nursery care, Sun. 10 a.m.; coffee hour and fellowship, 11 a.m.; adult education programs, 11:15 a.m.; family communion service, first Sun., 585 Delaware Ave. Info, 439-9252.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND worship, Sun. 10 a.m., church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Info, 439-6454.

Reformed

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH worship and Sun. school, nursery care provided, 9 and 11 a.m., 386 Delaware Ave. Info, 439-9929.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM church school, Sun. 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; youth group, 6 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk. Info, 767-2243.

GLENMONT REFORMED CHURCH worship, Sun. 11 a.m., nursery care provided; Sun. school, 11 a.m., 1 Chapel Lane. Info, 436-7710.

JERUSALEM REFORMED CHURCH Sun. school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Route 32, Feura Bush. Info, 732-7047.

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH worship service, Sun. 11 a.m., nursery care

provided, corner Route 85 and Route 85A, New Salem. Info, 439-6179.

ONESQUETHAW REFORMED CHURCH worship, Sun. 9:30 a.m., Sun. school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Info, 768-2133.

UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH Sun. school, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship time, Delaware Turnpike. Info, 439-5001.

Roman Catholic

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE Masses, Sat. at 5 p.m., and Sun. at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon, 35 Adams Place. Info, 439-4951.

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Traditionalist

Roman Catholic
ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH Latin Mass, 10 a.m. Sun., Route 9W, Glenmont.

Other

FAITH TEMPLE Sun. school, 10 a.m.; worship, 7 p.m., New Salem. Info, 765-2870.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH morning worship, Sun. 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Info, 439-4314.

UNITY CHURCH IN ALBANY worship service and Sunday school, 11 a.m.; meditation, Thurs., 7 p.m.; Bible class, Thurs., 7:45 p.m., 725 Madison Ave., Albany. The Rev. Arthur Wells. Info., 465-2159.

SYNAGOGUES

Reform

B'NAI SOLOM Fri. services, 8 p.m., 420 Whitehall Road, Albany. Info, 482-5283.

CONGREGATION BETH EMETH 100 Academy Road, Albany. Info, 436-9761.

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CONGREGATION OHAV SHALOM New Krumkill Road, Albany. Info, 438-7858.

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SPOTLIGHT TEENSCENE

By Michael Kagan

Since I'll be going off to college in four months, last week I started trying to copy the music I've borrowed from other people onto tapes. I don't want to have to spend \$15 on each album in a record store.

For the most part, I've been copying compact discs and tapes borrowed from my friends, parents and brother. But, the process has also been educational — I've learned how to use a record player.

Records had already been largely phased out by the time I took an interest in music. With tapes and CDs, usually all you have to know is whether to put it in right side up or upside down. I never had to worry much about needles, scratching or different speeds before.

The reason I'm using records now is that my parents have a whole collection of old albums left over from when they were in college. Apparently, they'd forgotten how to use a record player too, because they've all been stored for years in a dusty corner of the basement.

The reason they don't use them is that, first of all, they don't want to repair their record player, and, second, they don't like the sound quality of records. I like the sound of CDs better too, but I don't think they sound \$15 better.

In my non-expert opinion, after listening to records for part of one week,

a record in good condition actually doesn't sound all that bad. My parents both owned copies of a number of albums, so their collection has a lot of duplicates. My mother's collection has better sound quality, because many of my father's records look like an art student tried to make engravings in them.

I've also found that going through my own music collection illustrates how I've grown over the years. Since my musical taste at some points was embarrassingly bad, I'm now trying to figure out what to do with all these tapes and CDs I haven't listened to once since seventh grade.

On one hand, I'd like to destroy my memories of some of these groups. On the other hand, I hate to throw money away, especially since, at the time I bought them, the price of some tapes were equivalent to three months of my allowance.

With all the efforts to recycle, you don't hear too much about recycling old, embarrassing music.

A year or two ago, a local record store offered a deal in which anyone who brought in a used CD could get a discount on a new one. It may have been a gimmick, but at least it made it easier for people to get rid of music they could neither listen to nor throw out.

Spring fashion fling

Photos by
Elaine McLain



At the recent St. Thomas Spring Fashion Show and Dessert Party, clockwise from above, Katie Gould, Megan Dole and Aimee Gould take a break from modeling; Jennifer Gould and Kevin Smith show off smart prom wear; event planning committee members Cathy Griffin, Arlene Grady, Pat Fischer, Pam Seward, Martha Smith and Maureen Daley get together one more time; Maura and Kathleen Cullen enjoy the show; and Kathy Davis, Brianne Davis and Barbara Hodom model casual wear.



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The special events calendar includes:

- Glenn Frey and Joe Walsh, June 5.

- Lynyrd Skynyrd with Bad Company, June 21.

- Little Feat with The Band, June 25.

- Newport Jazz Festival, June 26 and 27, noon to midnight.

- Spin Doctors with Soul Asylum and Screaming Trees, June 28, 7:30 p.m.

- Kenny G, June 29.

- Moody Blues with symphony orchestra, July 2.

- Steve Miller Band, July 3.

- 10,000 Maniacs with World Party, July 11.

- Barry Manilow, July 18.

- New Orleans Festival, July 25, noon to 8:30 p.m.

- Yanni with St. Cecilia Orchestra, July 27.

- Allman Brothers Band, July 30.

- Tina Turner, July 31.

- Bon Jovi with Extreme, Aug. 1.

- Def Leppard with Ugly Kid Joe, Aug. 8.

- Paul Taylor Dance Company, Dance Theatre of Harlem and Lar Lubovitch Dance Company, Aug. 9.

- Steve and Eydie, Aug. 10.

- The Woody Herman, Artie Shaw and Glenn Miller orchestras, Aug. 17.

- Steely Dan, Aug. 22.

- Frank Sinatra, Aug. 24.

- The Beach Boys, Aug. 25.

- Peter, Paul and Mary, Aug. 26.

- Reba McEntire with Brooks & Dunn, Aug. 27.

- Clint Black and Wynona Judd, Sept. 5.

Chesbrough said that 10 to 12 additional special events will be announced in the near future.

The SPAC classical schedule includes the New York City Opera performing The Mikado on June 17 and 20, and Carmen on June 16, 18 and 19.

From July 6 to 24, The New York City Ballet will present a three-week tribute to its late founder and ballet master George Balanchine.

The company dances Tuesdays through Saturdays, with matinees on Thursdays and Saturdays.

From Aug. 4 to 23, the Philadelphia Orchestra and its chamber music players perform Wednesdays through Mondays.

Guest artists include Yo-Yo Ma, Chantel Juliet, Itzhak Perlman and Alicia de Larrocha. Pops concerts are scheduled for Aug. 12, with Henry Mancini, and Aug. 19, with Skitch Henderson. The Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Zubin Mehta, plays Aug. 15.

All times are 8:15 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

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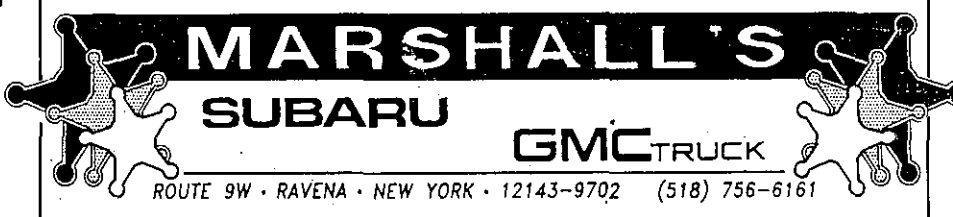
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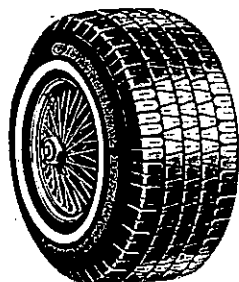
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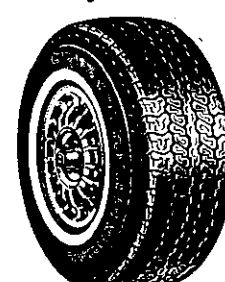
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LEGAL NOTICE FOR
SPECIAL FIRE DISTRICT
ELECTION
OF SLINGERLANDS FIRE
DISTRICTJUNE 2, 1993
TOWNS OF BETHLEHEM AND
NEW SCOTLAND
COUNTY OF ALBANY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a special election of the Slingerlands Fire District will take place on June 2, 1993, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Slingerlands Fire House located at 1520 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York, for the purpose of deciding whether to approve the following resolution of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Slingerlands Fire District:

"Bond Resolution of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Slingerlands Fire District of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, Albany County, adopted April 21, 1993, authorizing the acquisition of Midship Class "A" Pumper to be used in the prevention and suppression of fires in the Slingerlands Fire District, for the protection of life and property and stating that the estimated cost of said apparatus including necessary equipment, tools and other things appurtenant thereto, and authorizing the issuance of \$225,000.00 in serial bonds of the District and the expenditure of \$100,000.00 from an apparatus reserve fund, subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, to finance the acquisition of said pumper."

An abstract of such resolution concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof being as follows:

FIRST: That the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Slingerlands Fire District has determined that it is in the best interest of the Fire District to acquire a new Midship Class "A" Pumper and equip same for the prevention and suppression of fire in the Slingerlands Fire District;

SECOND: That the District wishes to adopt a plan for the financing of said acquisition including the expenditure from reserve fund of \$100,000.00 subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law and the adoption of a bond resolution, authorizing the issuance of \$225,000.00 in serial bonds, subject to voter approval;

THIRD: Authorizing the District to accept the lowest responsible bid for the delivery of said Midship Class "A" Pumper;

FOURTH: Estimating the maximum cost of said acquisition including necessary equipment appurtenant thereto and incidental costs to be \$325,000.00;

FIFTH: Appropriating said amount therefor and authorizing the issuance of up to \$225,000.00 of serial bonds to finance said appropriation and spending up to \$100,000.00 from the Slingerlands Reserve Fund;

SIXTH: Stating that the plan of financing consists of the issuance of \$225,000.00 of serial bonds of the Slingerlands Fire District and the expenditure from the Slingerlands Reserve Fund the sum of \$100,000.00 to pay for the cost of purchasing and equipping of a new Midship Class "A" Pumper;

SEVENTH: Stating that the proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by the bond resolution will exceed five (5) years;

EIGHTH: Stating that pursuant to Section 11.00(27) of the Local Finance Law the period of probable usefulness of said apparatus will be twenty (20) years;

NINTH: Authorizing the designation of the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of such bonds as "qualified tax exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code");

TENTH: Covenantee that the District will comply with all applicable provisions of the tax code in order to maintain tax exempt status of the interest on the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of such bonds.

Every elector of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, County of Albany, New York, who shall be a registered voter of said Towns and who shall have resided

LEGAL NOTICE

in the Slingerlands Fire District for the period of thirty (30) days next preceding this Special Election shall be qualified to vote upon the foregoing proposition.
BY RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS.
Dated: April 21, 1993

SUSAN PETERS
Secretary
SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT

Dated: May 11, 1993
(May 19, 1993)

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ALBANY
TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND
ASSESSOR'S NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Richard Law III, Assessor of the Town of New Scotland will schedule informal meetings to review the 1992 Tentative Tax Roll Assessments for anyone wishing to do so on the following dates at Town Hall:

May 12 7:00-9:00 PM
May 15 9:00-12:00 AM
May 17 7:00-9:00 PM
May 19 7:00-9:00 PM
May 22 9:00-12:00 AM

Further dates by appointment only.

RICHARD LAW
Sole Assessor
Town of New Scotland
Slingerlands, New York 12159
(May 19, 1993)

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ALBANY
NOTICE OF TENTATIVE
COMPLETION OF ASSESS-
MENT ROLL

(PURSUANT TO SECTION 506
OF THE REAL PROPERTY
TAX LAW)

HEARING OF COMPLAINTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the assessor of the Town of New Scotland, County of Albany, have completed the tentative assessment roll for the current year; that a copy thereof has been left with the Town Clerk at Town Hall, New Scotland, N.Y., where it may

LEGAL NOTICE

be seen and examined by any person interested therein until the fourth Tuesday of May next, and that on such day between the hours of 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 6 to 9 p.m. for a total of at least four hours, the board of Review will meet at Town Hall, New Scotland, in the said town, to hear and examine all verified written complaints in relation to such assessments, on the application of any person believing himself aggrieved thereby.
Dated this day of 1993.

RICHARD LAW
Sole Assessor
Town of New Scotland
Slingerlands, New York 12159
(May 19, 1993)

NOTICE TO BIDDER

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to resolution of the Town Board, Town of New Scotland, Albany County, New York sealed bids for the purchase of a Used Hydraulic Telescoping Excavator will be received at the Office of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Town of New Scotland, County of Albany, Slingerlands, N.Y. 12159, until 10:00 A.M. on the 10th day of June, 1993 at which time they will be opened and read aloud.

Bids will be submitted in sealed envelopes and shall bear on the face thereof the name and address of the bidder and title, "Bid for Used Hydraulic Telescoping Excavator".

Detailed specifications and bid forms are available to any interested bidder at the office of the Highway Superintendent.

The contract for the purchase of the above item will be awarded by the Town Board to the lowest responsible bidder. The Town Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids in its discretion.

All bids must be accompanied by Non-Collusion Bidding Certificate required by Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law.
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND
DATED: May 10, 1993

LEGAL NOTICE

MICHAEL HOTALING
Superintendent of Highways
(May 19, 1993)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of New Scotland, New York, will hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 7.600 of the Zoning Ordinance on the following proposition:

Variance Request No. 168
Request of Carmine Dowd for a variance of the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance to permit construction of a dwelling on a lot with 150 feet of width in the R.F. Zone requiring 200 feet of lot width being a variance of Article II Section 2.501 for property owned by Carmine Dowd situated on the North side of

LEGAL NOTICE

Rowe Road, approximately one mile from Cedar Grove Road.
Said hearing will take place on the 25th of May, 1993 at the New Scotland Town Hall beginning at 7:00 P.M.
Dated: May 12, 1993.

ALBERT DANCERT
Chairman,
Zoning Board of Appeals
(May 19, 1993)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of New Scotland, New York, will hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 7.200 of the Zoning Ordinance on the following proposition:

Variance Request No. 169

LEGAL NOTICE

Request of Shirley D. Mosher for a variance of the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance to permit an addition of more than a 25% increase in square footage to a non-conforming use being a variance of Article III Section 3.502.1 for property owned by Shirley D. Mosher situated on Tarrytown Road approximately one mile west of Meads Corners on Route 32.

Said hearing will take place on the 25th of May, 1993 at the New Scotland Town Hall beginning at 7:10 P.M.
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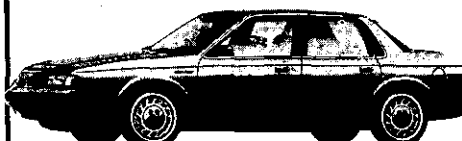
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peditions and a dozen guided tours on specific biological topics are planned between now and late August.

On June 5, the Second Annual Owl Prowl, complete with wine and hors d'oeuvres afterward, will be led by the New York State Museum's Dave Steadman. Steadman will also lead a family outing to view nesting birds at the preserve June 26 at 7 a.m.

Budding scientists may enjoy Huyck Hikes, which usually take place on Sunday afternoons and are free of charge. The sessions allow laymen to traipse alongside working scientists doing field studies at the preserve. For more information on this summer's events at the preserve, call 797-3440.

The preserve also contains the remains of the Huyck Felt Mill, which sat some 100 feet below Rensselaerville Falls during the 1880s. Huyck moved the mill to Albany in 1890 after spring floods destroyed his mill wheel.

With four or five operating mills and a central position among area commerce, Rensselaerville was a bustling center of activity during the first half of the 19th century. As

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business moved away from the small town and into the cities, however, the village's economy faltered. The last grist mill closed in the 1940s. Today the building is used to house the town's historical society.

Perhaps because of its rapid economic decline and geographical seclusion, Rensselaerville's appearance still suggests the 19th century. Some of the homes in the village were constructed as early as 1790, and many, including a connected string of brick homes along Main Street, look positively colonial. Rensselaerville isn't Williamsburg, Va., by any stretch of the imagination, but some real flesh and blood history remains here.

In the community cemetery up Methodist Hill sits a memorial honoring the dozen Rensselaerville soldiers who fell at the Battle of Petersburg in 1864. History has lost how or why these soldiers died in one of the last great battles of the Civil War, but their names and their memory live on at the memorial.

Rensselaerville Town Historian Porter Wright calls the Presbyterian Church at the corner of Main Street and Methodist Hill, "the finest example of Greek Revival you can find within a day's drive from here." In addition to the Episcopal Church, which dates from the early 1800s and whose spires can be seen entering the town, two other former churches are within the confines of the village and now serve as private residences.

Noted by a state historic marker, the village's crowded and cubby-holed library on Main Street was one of the first in the area and dates back to the town's first incorporation in 1790.

Although there isn't an actual food store within the village, there is a restaurant. The Palmer House Cafe on Main Street serves dinner Thursday through Sunday beginning at 5 p.m. Brunch is served on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Rensselaerville is a 35-minute trip from the City of Albany. To get there, follow Delaware Avenue south out of the city and continue through Bethlehem, New Scotland and Westerlo. Route 85 ends in the village of Rensselaerville.

Arts council seeks crafters

The Saratoga County Arts Council is recruiting craft artists to participate in the sixth annual Apple Harvest Arts Festival on Sept. 25 and 26, and visual artists for the Art in the Park shows on July 18 and Aug. 8.

The apple festival will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at Knight Orchards, 325 Goode St., Burnt Hills. The booth fee is \$55 for the two days.

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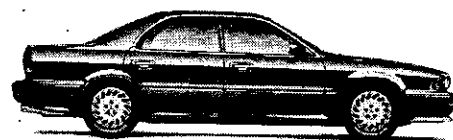
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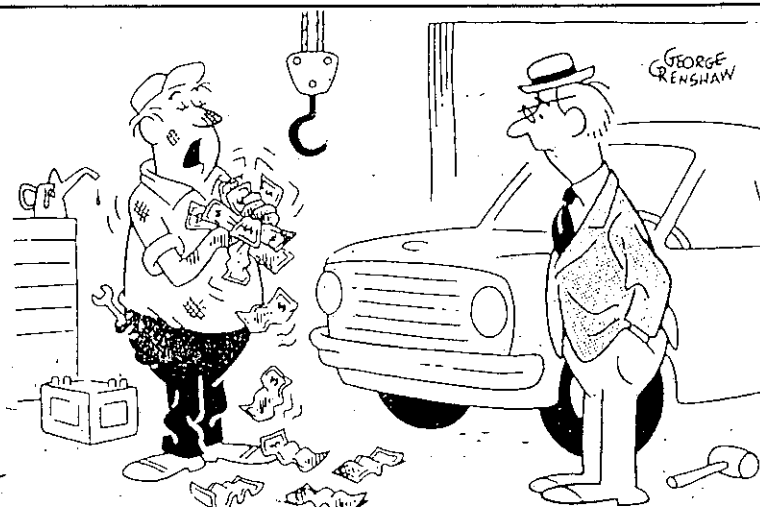
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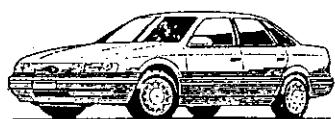
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