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# Bethlehem cop kills raccoon after attack by rabid animal

By Mel Hyman

When Bethlehem Police Officer Wayne LaChappelle's hair stood on end last week, it wasn't because he had just gotten a punk haircut.

LaChappelle was responding to a rabies call on Flint Drive, which is off Feura Bush Road. When he got there, he spotted a sick-looking raccoon running across the front lawn straight toward the owner's chained-up dog.

LaChappelle drew his service revolver and shot the animal before it reached the dog. But that wasn't the end of it.

Just a moment or two later, LaChappelle heard a squeal from behind and, as he turned around, another raccoon was standing on its hind legs about 3 feet away getting ready to charge him.

"My hat was about 5 feet off my head," he recalled. "I kicked him away before he had a chance to bite me. Then I shot him. It was him against me.



"I've been an avid outdoorsman all my life," he said, "but now I'm a bit leery. It's scary

high. A total of 639 animals have tested positive, including 616 rabid raccoons.

According to Dr. James Cruce, county health commissioner, "We're very close

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Wayne LaChappelle

out there. Our animal control officers are going non-stop."

In light of the state's first documented death

of a human from rabies in recent memory, health officials advise continued caution for those living in rural and suburban areas.

This is the largest outbreak in the state in 100 years, said Ward Stone, senior wildlife pathologist for the state Department of Environmental Conservation. "It's still very strong. The animal control officers in Albany County have done a great job with their reporting."

Albany County health officials said that the number of confirmed cases remains

to having peaked," although "it will still be some time before the raccoon numbers are sufficiently diminished so that we see a big drop-off."

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## BC tax hike less than expected

By Dev Tobin

The final tax rates for the Bethlehem Central School District are lower than estimated in May, when voters overwhelmingly approved the district budget.

District taxpayers in Bethlehem will see a 4.35 percent hike in school taxes, more than half a percent better than the 4.86 increase forecast, according to a report to the school board at last Wednesday's meeting.

The effect on district taxpayers in New Scotland is less clear, since the town just completed a reassessment.

The local tax levy for the district

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# Board members consider changing homestead law

By Mel Hyman

Changes in state law could spell relief for town businesses when the Bethlehem Town Board meets to discuss possible changes in the homestead provision at its Aug. 25 meeting.

Town Assessor Dave Leafer submitted new assessment figures to board members last week, and those numbers will be the basis on which the board decides either to revise homestead, scuttle it or leave it intact.

The law, as adopted by the board last year, dictates that business and commercial enterprises pay a slightly higher tax rate than the owners of one, two or three-family residences.

The purpose of the law was to correct the inequity resulting from the town's

*My mind is open. There are still some questions that I'd like to have answered.*

Charles Gunner

changeover to full valuation assessment. The townwide reassessment that occurred in Bethlehem last year did result in a moderate shift of the property tax burden from the commercial to residential.

A change in the state law governing homestead now stipulates that all vacant land of 10 acres or less be included in the homestead category. That, along with a steady rise of new construction in town, may have narrowed the inequity and eliminated the need for the homestead provision, according to Leafer.

Last year, the board was split on the question and the homestead ordinance passed by a narrow 3-2 margin. The nay votes were cast by Supervisor Kenneth Ringler and Councilman Frederick

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## Helping hands, hearts



Selling T-shirts at Saturday's dance-a-thon to benefit Dan Willi are, from left, Kathy Bleyman, Carolyn Myers, Debbi Stewart, Liz Russo, Wendy Wright and Stefani Bobo. Willi, a 1993 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, was injured in a diving accident July 12.

Elaine McLain

# Cops make DWI arrests

Bethlehem police arrested two motorists last week on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Todd S. Nathan, 23, of 201 Adams St., Delmar, was stopped at about 12:43 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, on Delaware Avenue for improperly using his high beams, police said.

He was charged with DWI and possession of a small quantity of

marijuana. He was released pending a Sept. 7 appearance in town court.

Johanna M. Stocker, 30, of 198 Mt. Hope Drive, Albany, was stopped at 1:47 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, on Route 85 for weaving across lanes, police said.

She was charged with DWI and scheduled to appear at a later time in town court.

# Man nabbed for forgery

Bethlehem police arrested a Pennsylvania man last week with a rap sheet more than a foot long.

Thomas R. Nardi, 48, of Pennsylvania, was taken into custody at about noon Friday, Aug. 6, police said. He was charged locally with three counts of second degree forgery, one count of third degree forgery and one count of attempted grand larceny.

Nardi, who was operating under the alias of Hector M. Lopez when arrested, is wanted by at least nine other police agencies in New York State. "He's got about

20 aliases that we know of," said Bethlehem Police Lt. Frederick Holligan.

He was allegedly trying to cash a check for \$7,500 on an account he had opened with bad checks at another Key Bank branch several days before.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department has filed 41 felony charges against him, plus he is wanted by police agencies in Troy, Albany, Colonie and Ithaca on similar charges. "He's been making a living in this manner for quite some time," Holligan said.

# Store burglary probed

Bethlehem police are continuing to investigate a burglary at the Cumberland Farms store on Route 9W in Glenmont.

The store, just south of the intersection with Feura Bush Road, was broken into at about 2:20 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, police said. Forced entry was made

through a side door.

About \$1,500 worth of merchandise was stolen, according to police, including 53 cartons of cigarettes, a quantity of instant Lottery tickets and about \$30 in rolled change. A store safe was also damaged during the break-in.

# Recycling hotline available

A Business Recycling Hotline is now available through the Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Albany Regional Chamber of Commerce.

To use the hotline, call 434-1214, ext. 44, and leave a message describing the type of information you need about recycling and

waste reduction.

Sharon Fisher, Bethlehem's recycling coordinator, has provided the chamber office with copies of the brochure *The Bottom Line: A Guide to Waste Reduction for New York State Businesses*. Call 439-0512 for a copy.

# Award winner



The Stratton VA Medical Center's Physician's Recognition Award was presented to Dr. Aldona Baltch (center), by Dr. Lawrence Flesh of Voorheesville, right, chief of staff, and Dr. Harry Wilbur of Glenmont, chief of urology.

# Safety day set at Elm Avenue Park

Saturday, Aug. 21 is Safety Awareness Day at Elm Avenue Park, and local business sponsors are encouraging families to join them for an information and fun-filled event.

Participating organizations include Aircó, Bethlehem Town Fire Officers, Conrail, GE Selkirk, Selkirk Cogen and Owens-Corning.

This is a chance for local industries to spread the message of safety to the community and have fun doing it.

Exhibits and demonstrations are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2

p.m. Admission is free, and there will be adult and children's door prizes, as well as some give-aways for the children and hot dogs and beverages. There will also be a children's safety poster contest.

This is a day for the whole family. Exhibits and demonstrations will cover a wide range of topics.

There will be fire trucks on display, a canine unit, an animal exhibit with Dean Davis, a blood pressure clinic, the Coeymans Dive Team, and information on recycling and rabies control.

Vince and Larry, the auto safety

dummies, will also be put on a demonstration.

Representatives from each of the organizations will be on hand to answer any questions you might have. Join in the fun while learning more about safety in the home.

### Demonstrations include:

- Dean Davis' Animals: 10:30 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.
- Canine Demonstrations: 11:30 a.m., "Hershey" and noon, "Grardo"
- Auto Safety with Vince and Larry 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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## Water watchers



Getting their feet wet in the Onesquethaw Creek as part of the Water Watch program sponsored by Hollyhock Hollow are, from left, Matthew Neri, Michael Smith and Lydia Galligan. *Michele Bintz*

## Waste wood project stymied by local law

By Mel Hyman

Plans to grind up tons of scrap wood at the Port of Albany for eventual use as a power source may have run afoul of the town's solid waste law.

The owners of Capital Wood Recycling last week asked the Bethlehem Town Board for permission to run a wood-processing operation on 1.5 acres just over the Albany city line in the town of Bethlehem. It's estimated that about 25,000 tons of waste wood will be handled at the facility each year.

Unfortunately for Bio-Burn Corp. of Utica, the parent company of Capital Wood Recycling, their lawyer was not aware of the town's solid waste law, which forbids the importing of waste products into the town.

The town board decided to delay taking action until it was clear if there were conflicts with the ordinance.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation has already issued a construction permit for the facility. The developers are now seeking an operating permit from the town.

The facility is expected to be operated by Harlan Metz, the owner of a former construction and demolition debris landfill in South Bethlehem.

Before the matter was tabled, Councilwoman Sheila Galvin

asked the representatives of Bio-Burn where the wood would be coming from.

The vast majority will come from within a radius of 25 to 30 miles, replied company president William Glover. Some major sources are expected to be General Electric, Price Chopper and Niagara Mohawk.

About 80 percent of the scrap wood will be industrial pallets and skids from warehouses and distribution centers. The remainder will consist of tree stumps and tree trimmings collected by NiMo and state, county and local highway departments.

***We've had a spotless record from the DEC since 1981. If there's wood that's been chemically treated, we won't take it.***

William Glover

All shipments arriving at the Port of Albany will be visually inspected to make sure the wood has not been chemically treated. No construction debris or treated wood will be accepted, according to company officials.

"We've had a spotless record from the DEC since 1981," Glover told the board. "If there's wood that's been chemically treated, we won't take it. We won't take any skids from the leather factories in Groversville, because they've had a problem with chromium getting on the skids."

It's possible that Bio-Burn could still operate the facility, according to Supervisor Kenneth Ringler.

Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz has been working on the language of a variance procedure whereby a business could request exemption from the provisions spelled forth in the solid waste ordinance.

That resolution should be ready for the board's consideration in September.

"On the surface, it seems like it may be a very good project," Ringler said. "We'll have to see if it qualifies (for an exemption) once the variance procedure is decided on."

One other potential conflict with the solid waste law would be Bio-Burn's plan to operate the facility on a 1.5 acre site. The ordinance stipulates that a minimum of five acres is needed for any waste-processing facility.

Glover assured the board that there would no significant increase in truck traffic in the town, since most of the vehicles will simply take on their load and head out the Thruway toward Chautauqua County, where the energy plant is located.

## Last chance nears to buy bicentennial book

By Susan Graves

Since April 5, when *Bethlehem Revisited* debuted in print, 1,400 copies of the book on the town's history have been sold. Although Senior Editor Floyd Brewer is delighted with the book's reception so far, he is afraid some residents will miss out on the one-time chance to get a copy of the publication.

"The greatest need is to call attention to the fact that the book is still available," he said.

A total of 2,200 copies were printed, and Brewer does not expect the hardcover book to be reprinted.

*Bethlehem Revisited* is chock-

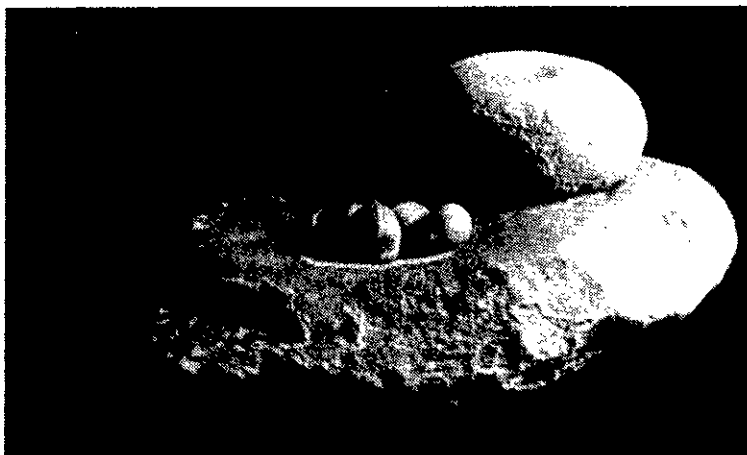
full of details about the town, from prehistory right up to modern times. The book, which celebrates the town's bicentennial, is rich in both information and illustration. A total of 361 photos are included, many from the past and many current shots taken by Chuck McKinney, associate editor of publication and design and co-author of the chapter on prehistory.

Brewer and McKinney are currently working on articles for professional journals that further detail some of the information in *Bethlehem Revisited*.

"It's my way of going the extra mile," Brewer quipped. One piece, "700 Years of Ceramics on the Nicoll-Sill Estate, Bethlehem, N.Y." was published in *The Bulletin*, the journal of the New York State Archaeological Association.

The book is the first of three publications to commemorate the town's 200th birthday. The second book, with a deadline of 1994, is Brewer's own personal diary spanning a 10-year period. The final publication, scheduled to come out in 1995, will be a scholarly look at Bethlehem's archaeology.

Brewer said he conceived of the idea for the publications in 1985. At that time, he said, he and former town historian Ed Mulli-



This photo of a stone mortar and pebble hammerstone, used by Indians 2,000 years ago in the town of Bethlehem, is one of almost 400 illustrations in the town's bicentennial history, *Bethlehem Revisited*. *Chuck McKinney*

gan wanted to put Bethlehem's history on two footings, first as a way for the general public to rediscover the town and second as a vehicle for scholars. "We want to share the knowledge we learned so others can build on our work."

According to Brewer, *Bethlehem Revisited* is truly the result of a group effort, reflecting the contribution of many local people. "At every step, including the digs and historical research, we went to outside people," for advice. "We tried to enlist local talent everywhere. I feel really lucky to be doing this kind of work in this community."

*Bethlehem Revisited* is available at 10 local bookstores, including Friar Tuck in Delaware Plaza and the new Barnes & Noble store in Colonie. Copies are also being sold at town hall and at the Albany Institute of History and Art. The 501-page book sells for \$29.

Bethlehem residents have given the first publication a warm reception, said Brewer, who fears that some people are not aware that the book is still available.

A retired professor from the University at Albany, Brewer has lived in Bethlehem for 26 years. He and his wife Coleen have two grown sons, Jeff and Mark.

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### Five Rivers schedules activities for teachers

A Project Learning Tree workshop for educators is scheduled on Wednesday, Aug. 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar.

The workshop will introduce educators to environmental and conservation activities about forest resources that can be used in the classroom. Each participant will receive a Learning Tree activity book and other environmental teaching materials for classroom use.

Participants should bring a bag lunch. Pre-registration is required.

A program on insects will be offered on Tuesday, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m., at the center. This program will be repeated on Thursday, Aug. 26, at 10 a.m.

A guided walk along the Vlo-mankill Trail will be offered on Saturday, Aug. 28, at 9:30 a.m. at the center. Participants will discuss wildlife and plants along the way.

The guided programs are all free. Participants should dress for the outdoors and bring identification books, if possible.

For information, call 475-0291.

### Jonas joins staff of Bethlehem chamber

Carol Jonas, a long-time Delmar resident, recently joined the staff of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.

Jonas, who has been working with chamber staff and volunteers in membership development, will now assist with membership programs.

# Owner not afraid of bookstore Goliaths

By Mel Hyman

With the arrival of colossal, anything-you-ever-wanted-to-read bookstores in Colonie, it's no wonder that Melissa Steen felt a little out of place.

The owner of a small, independent bookstore called I Love Books, Steen was situated in Builder's Square Plaza for the past three years.

### Steen plans on a cozy atmosphere where people won't feel overwhelmed.

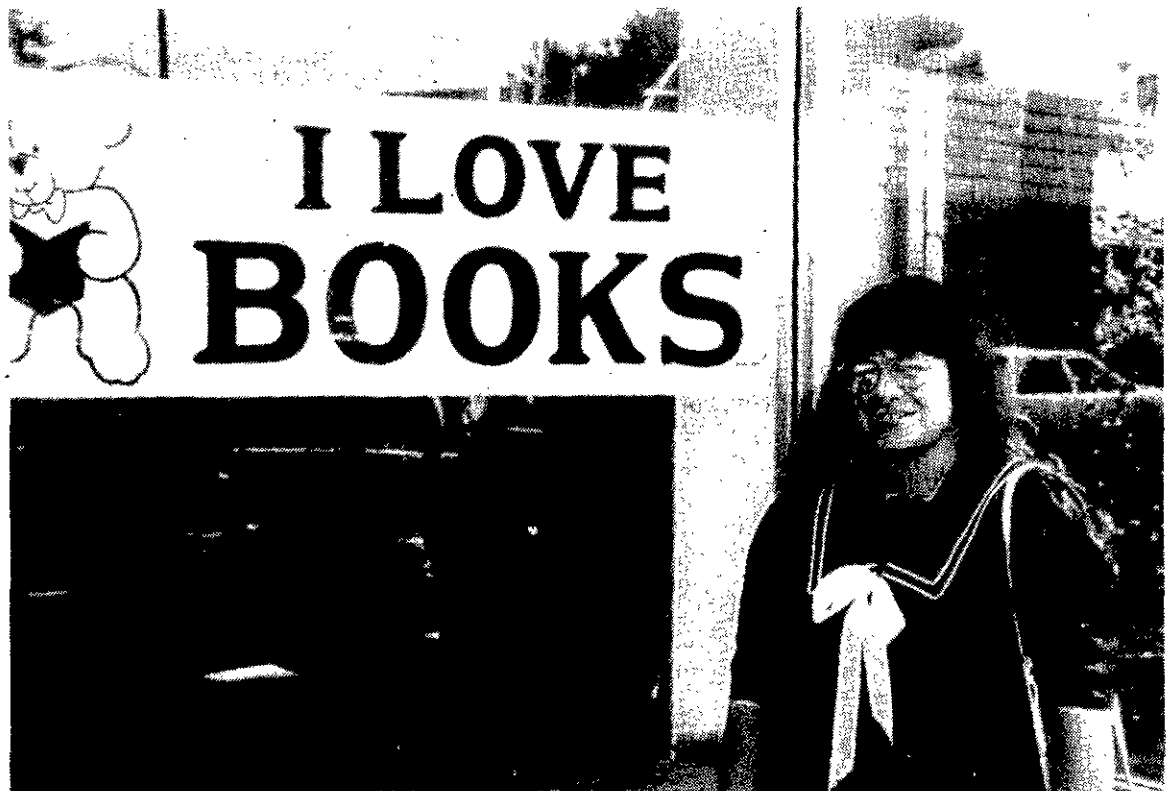
It wasn't so much the competition from the Wolf Road mega stores that she feared, but the low visibility her store received from being immersed in a sea of other Colonie retailers.

Now she's looking forward to a totally different scene.

As of Sept. 1, she expects to be operating out of 380 Delaware Ave. — the former home of the Village Furniture Company.

"We had really wanted to be in Delmar," she said, "but when we first looked around we couldn't find a place. When our lease came up for renewal, it just so happened that the village furniture store became vacant.

"Delmar is a community of readers," she explained. "A good sign of that is that the library is



Melissa Steen, owner of I Love Books, is moving her store from Colonie to Delmar. She figures she'll be much happier in the former Village Furniture store at 380 Delaware Ave.

always busy and it's one of the best libraries in the area."

Steen certainly doesn't plan on offering 190,000 titles like the new Barnes & Noble. But she does figure on providing the type of customer service that will keep people coming back.

"We carry a little bit of everything," she says, "especially children's books. We special order books that we don't have and can usually get them in quickly, in just a few days."

If parents are curious about a certain children's book, chances are that Steen can make a recommendation because she's made it a point to read most of them.

In keeping with the Victorian-style decor of the store, Steen plans on a cozy atmosphere "where people won't feel overwhelmed."

There should be free coffee on tap and some leisurely places to peruse the merchandise, which will also include magazines and greeting cards.

Steen doesn't expect to butt heads with the superstores as far as prices go, but discounts will be in effect, especially for schools and libraries.

The store will also try to carry as many independent, small press publications as possible, Steen said.

The layout of the store does seem ideal for a bookstore and given the high visibility of the Four Corners area, she may yet prove the adage, smaller is better.



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# Planners OK shop permit

By Dev Tobin

Convinced that the business will have little impact on neighboring residences, the New Scotland Planning Board conditionally approved a special use permit for a transmission repair shop on Route 32 in Feura Bush at last week's meeting.

The board acted following a public hearing in which no one spoke either for or against the proposal.

Following the approval, Tammy McNeile will lease the repair shop behind her house to Marty Flansburg, who hopes to have Perfection Transmission open by the first of September.

McNeile said that no cars waiting to be repaired would be stored outside. "I'm very firm about that because I live there," she said, adding that the site is scarcely visible from either Route 32 or Quarry Road.

Board Chairman Robert Stapf asked about the sanitary conditions in the shop, and McNeile replied that she planned to rent a portable toilet.

With the concurrence of the board, Stapf then added as a condition of the special use permit that the sanitary conditions of the shop meet the county sanitary code.

The repair shop will need permanent toilet facilities and running water, according to Stephen Lukowski, county director of environmental health.

"The use of a holding tank or a Port-a-John on a permanent basis is not acceptable under state envi-

ronmental conservation law," Lukowski said.

Other conditions on the permit include restricting hours of business to between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday to Saturday and keeping the outside lighting on the building from spilling over onto neighboring properties.

In other business, the board deferred making a decision on Bradley Pivar's request to convert a Route 85A residence to a professional office pending submission of a site plan.

Pivar said that the house would be used as a law office for his brother Jack, and as a medical office for a part-time enteral-stomal therapist.

The Pivars operate a company that provides enteral and stomal products (for tube feeding of mostly elderly patients in nursing homes). They noted that no sales, service or deliveries (aside from patients who have appointments with the therapist) would take place at the New Scotland site.

No one spoke for or against their proposal at a public hearing prior to the regular meeting.

The board also heard its monthly update by Sid Dunston on his work to come into compliance with the town's junkyard ordinance.

Dunston said that work on the berm to screen the property along Route 443 was nearly complete and that he had moved more than 300 cars so far.

"Now, we'd like to have (building inspector) Paul Cantlin come up and see what we have to do at

the garage," said Dunston, adding that it will be difficult to meet the ordinance's requirement of a 50-foot setback before screening at the garage site.

"You can't get 50 feet, you'd be in the (Onesquethaw) creek," he said.

The board also set a public hearing for 7 p.m. on Sept. 14 on David Berschwinger's proposed addition to a non-conforming residence at the intersection of Altamont and Koonz roads.

## Town awarded records grant

The Town of Bethlehem has been awarded a \$32,485 grant for the renovation of space to establish a secure, safe and cost efficient depository for town records.

This is the second grant the town has received for this purpose. The grants are funded by the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund through the state Education Department.

Town Clerk Kathleen A. Newkirk is coordinating the renovation project, which is expected to enhance record retrieval functions and ensure the preservation of significant documents.

## Annual Altamont Fair to feature 4-H exhibits

A variety of exhibits from the 4-H and the Cornell Cooperative Extension will be on display at the Altamont Fair through Aug. 22.

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## Pole painter



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## Matters of Opinion

**Cheap at the price**

It's possible to make that broad statement, even though the precise cost is not yet available. We're speaking of a forthcoming proposal on behalf of members of the Delmar Fire District that would establish a pension program for them.

Keeping a volunteer department up to authorized and necessary strength is not easy, and the creation of incentives for recruitment and retention is an essential aspect of a fire department's responsibility.

Allowing firefighters to qualify for pension benefits can be important in that task, as more and more volunteer departments have determined. Elsmere's volunteers have recently qualified for benefits similar to those that will be sought for Delmar's 56 members.

The pension benefits would, of course, be reflected in residents' taxes, but the amount is described as nominal. Considering the

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cost of maintaining a paid department as an alternative to the volunteers who serve so loyally and effectively, it truly is possible to assess their pension costs as not only justified but prudent. This assumes terms and management that would be appropriate, as so far seems to be the case.

Further information will become available next Monday at an informational meeting before a vote on Thursday evening of next week. The fire commissioners' chairman, Gerald Day, forecasts that the benefits, known as "service awards" would have a profound effect on keeping the force active and strong — and that outlook would seem to assure its approval.

**The Big Parade**

When George Washington marched his troops into a hostile city such as Philadelphia, they came single file so that their meager ranks would require longer to pass a given point, thus presumably wowing the skeptical Tories.

When Bethlehem's Big Parade marches through Delmar on Labor Day, the file will boast approximately the same strength as the General's patriots — one thousand two hundred and twenty-two. (Stretched out that way it does look more impressive than four little numerals, doesn't it?)

**Blow, blow, thou winter wind**

Seems as though summer has barely arrived, but now — no question about it — winter is well on its way. "Back to school" specials in stores have already chilled the hearts of kids everywhere. The Neiman Marcus holiday (meaning Christmas) catalog has arrived. Monday Night Football has resumed.

Red raspberries have disappeared; blueberries and dewberries are the more likely dessert of the day. The colors of the landscape have been changing; already, purple loosestrife is fading. Goldenrod is coloring the fields brilliantly, mingling democratically with blue and purple asters. On higher ground, bits of maple foliage is tinged red, and Virginia creeper, too.

Overhead, shorebirds such as sandpipers have moved southward, to be followed by

**Town with a heart**

Barely two months after he was graduated from Bethlehem Central High School, acclaimed as its most well-rounded student, Dan Willi remains in intensive care with injuries sustained in a swimming pool mishap.

His courage, resilience, and strength have seen him through for several weeks, but the road to complete recovery will require all his tenacity and the other qualities that make him so respected to classmates and townspeople alike.

With that prospect in mind, Bethlehem

But our marchers will be augmented by some attractions that even General Washington couldn't muster: floats, bands, a trolley-like bus, fire engines, a Tulip Queen, musicians who will include a female corps of drummers and buglers, and even a venerable Chevrolet of 1957 vintage. That's a parade, son!

If it's the century's largest, as advertised by Marty Cornelius, this is a parade that will deserve the longest and loudest sustainable applause from the largest and happiest throng that ever enjoyed the smashing finale of a world-class bicentennial celebration.

their young, who will have to rely on sheer instinct. August is a favored time for warblers to begin their trek to the tropics. And in some of our wetlands and rivers, you can spot a great blue heron or an egret.

The deer who will invade your yard and dot the snowy landscape are joined now by fawns, larger now, and more readily visible to a casual observer.

Early mornings are cooler, almost chilly. Human beings change with the season, as well. Returning summer vacationers are casting an eye at the sky as they give thought to their departure for Florida so they can avoid the subtlety of the change of season. Out in the shadow of the hills, the Fair is on. At Helderledge, the day lily festival will be winding down. And Peter Ten Eyck has begun the rich red harvest from a hundred acres of his orchard's bounty.

rallied to help Dan Willi last Saturday. Several hundred persons turned out for the dance-a-thon arranged on his behalf which earned nearly \$8,000 toward his medical expenses. It was a touching tribute to honor Dan and his family, speaking much not only of them but of the BC student body and of Bethlehem residents generally.

The confidence of his fellow-citizens, and their admiration, was amply demonstrated in last week-end's almost impromptu response to the question: How can we help? It was a whole community's affectionate get-well card.

**Bill Strong preserved development's trees**

Editor, The Spotlight:

Within the past few weeks, during an exchange of letters about recent and proposed subdivision developments within Bethlehem, the name of William B. Strong appeared more than once, not always wholly complimentary.

I want to contribute these comments. Just about twenty years ago Mr. Strong was the principal developer of a group of about sixty condominium homes between Delmar and Slingerlands.

He made a singular and noteworthy policy in developing that area, which is identified as Woodgate. He placed the structures among existing trees, rather than destroying the large grove in which they were to be situated. The result was that several

**Vox Pop**

hundred trees were preserved, and in the intervening two decades they have, of course, grown magnificently.

Compared with the typical development on denuded land, Mr. Strong's Woodgate is a model and a monument. It might be inaccurate to term it "unique," but in ambiance it truly rates in the very topmost category. I believe that Bill Strong deserves thanks and commendation for his foresight and skillful determination on behalf of the environment and outstanding landscaping.

Woodgate Resident  
(name submitted)

**Finders not keepers for an honest citizen**

Editor, The Spotlight:

Community service can take many forms and touch us all in many ways.

As members of a volunteer fire department, we perform a duty of service to the public. But we receive public recognition for this service at parades or in letters of commendation. We also receive personal expressions of thanks from those we have helped. These mean a great deal to us. It makes us feel good to be appreciated and recognized.

Now it is our turn to publicly acknowledge another kind of citizen: a very rare individual; an anonymous citizen. On Aug. 4, between 7:30 and 8 p.m., a man called, asking for directions to the North Bethlehem Fire Department. A few minutes later, he arrived with one of our business envelopes. He said he had found it at the fire training tower in Bethlehem. He left without leaving his name, before we could thank him. That envelope contained \$80 in cash.

This simple act was a reminder to us that there are still some honest people who serve their community in very private ways.

John Baideme  
Secretary

**Dr. Murnane thanked for offering service**

Editor, The Spotlight:

My wife and I would like to commend Dr. Thomas Murnane for offering free mammography to women who have not had mammography, probably for financial reasons, or those over 40 years old with no medical insurance. This provides a vitally needed service in the best tradition of the medical profession. Our community is fortunate to have Dr. Murnane practice among us.

Both of us have been patients of Dr. Murnane's. We hold him in the highest regard, both as a physician and as a person.

Bertold E. Weinberg

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## Clark, Marilyn and you—all on TV

Are you as curious as I am about the term "interactive television"? I keep hearing about it and reading articles in magazines and newspapers on how it's going to change our lives.

Interactive television seems to be riding like a tidal wave over the shores of our lives. It is a term we'll all be using within the next five years as often as we use "phone," "computer," or "grocery list" now.

Interactive television is fast becoming a way of life. In fact, we use it now in its rudimentary form with the cable shopping networks where you can order by phone.

But soon—and "soon" is the key word—our television screens will be catalogs. We'll punch up a subscreen with a remote control unit and leaf through pages of a catalog to find items we may be interested in purchasing.

And that's not all! We'll get more information by punching another button to talk to a customer-service representative through a phone hookup connected to the TV.

With the expected proliferation of cable channels—upwards of 500 on a normal set—there'll be all sorts of special services offered for a fee or as part of the usual cable service. From personal golf lessons to beauty tips, marital advice to astrology readings, services will bloom in a way that we never dreamed were possible.

We'll select a special movie with interactive television. By punching up a number on the same remote control you use now, you'll have a selection of movies. Make your final choice and the movie will start immediately. For a visit to the refrigerator, simply use a

pause button on your remote control. And if you're watching the movie when the phone rings, punch up the call on your screen

### Commentary

Martin Kelly

and see the party you're talking to. It's the ultimate in couch-potato exercises.

*But there's a deeper involvement with interactive television that is mind-boggling in its ramifications.*

By merging computer programming, video photography, and Hollywood filmmaking, individuals may eventually star in their own movies and control the plot.

It is now possible to view a movie especially prepared and programmed to control the plot line on computer. For example, if you want a character to take a different action, you need only give

### 'Interactive television' promises to open up participatory viewing

this request on a computer. The technique is an offshoot of video games.

But wait! You personally can get inside that movie or video game. Technical wizardry will enable you to videotape (against a blue screen) a variety of your physical movements and then enter this tape into a computer. There it will join up with the special movie that permits interchangeable plot lines with you as a character who can be manipulated at will. Dialogue can be inserted simply by speaking to the computer. All of this science exists now.

We've seen some early indications of this wizardry with the Coca Cola advertisements where the late Jimmy Cagney, Cary Grant, and Louis Armstrong were inserted into live-action commercials, complete with original dialogue.

It has been suggested—and the science is available also—that formerly popular stars can be programmed by computer so that whole new films can be made as if these actors were alive and being filmed before cameras. Their past words and actions can be reprogrammed so they become part of new stories.

*Think of it! You may be able to appear as a romantic costar with Clark Gable or Marilyn Monroe or romp in a comedy with the Marx Brothers.*

More philosophically, such techniques can give a sense of immortality. Once you have videotaped yourself and are programmed on a computer disk, you are preserved forever. Later generations of your family will be able to insert the disk and put you right in the middle of their family videos, hear you respond to certain situations through your own words and actions and even give advice to relatives who are yet unborn.

Five centuries ago, Ponce de Leon was looking for the Fountain of Youth and failed to find the mystic place that would keep us young and alive forever. It appears that computer wizards of the 20th century—and the 21st—will make it possible.

The thought that we can "live" in future centuries is the height of fantasy—but also the stuff of reality.

## Playing the power cards in D.C.

How do you write a 3,500-word article "Assessing New York's D.C. Power" and never really mention Alfonse D'Amato? That was the feat of a Brockport State University political scientist, Sarah Liebschutz, in the current issue of "Empire State Report."

Despite this omission, which must have been difficult to accomplish, the article is really nicely informative as a rather timely analysis of the state of our shrunken Congressional delegation in Washington.

As a result of the 1990 census, we lost three more seats in the House of Representatives, reducing New York's strength there to 31. (Two generations ago, or less, the number was 47).

The article undertakes to show how and why "New York's problems in Washington go beyond a shrinking number of representatives."

In answer to the question: "Has New York's clout in the Congress been irreparably harmed?" the author's view is equivocal: "The jury is still out."

Far behind California now in size (52 to 31), ours still is the second largest, slightly ahead of Texas' 30. But its effectiveness is

### Constant Reader

handicapped by the members' low seniority.

Democrats, of course, have an 80-vote margin in House membership, and the New York delegation is Democratic, 18 to 13. But in 1992, there were 12 members who did not return this year, thus creating a major turnover and sacrifice of seniority and leadership positions.

Complicating the problem is the fact that "The New York delegation has long been negatively perceived by the rest of the House." One member is quoted to the effect that the delegation "still makes people nervous." Another remarked, "If something becomes a 'New York issue,' we are dead!" And the delegation "is widely known for its clear divisions in personal styles and ideologies"

between Upstate and "the City"—another impediment to effectiveness.

Finally, the author gets around to discussing Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan and his influence as the new chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate. He is, in fact, the first New Yorker since 1946 to serve as chairman of any standing committee in the Senate—and the first to chair the Finance Committee since 1847.

Then Alan Emory, the Watertown Times correspondent who writes monthly for the magazine, follows with a shorter piece, "Senator Moynihan Discovers Power," which is an appreciation of his influential status. Specifically, his key role in bringing to President Clinton's attention the credentials of Ruth Bader Ginsburg is described: "He provided the rationale by which Clinton chose her," and in the Senate he acted as her sponsor.

Altogether, the two articles are a good contribution to understanding of the delegation and of its principal player.

## Computeritis: a malady that will cure itself

*The contributor of this Point of View, a resident of Loudonville, is president of The Writers Workshop of the Albany Public Library. Earlier this month, she attended the annual writers seminar of the International Women's Writing Guild at Skidmore College.*

By Hyla Clapper Minner

### Point of View

The day my husband came home with our 486-33MH computer and Desk Jet 550C printer, our lives were changed irrevocably. The gestation period for this milestone in our lives was a long one—several years, in fact. He made the decision to buy a computer after he retired, then studied the Consumer's Guide, shopped every computer store within fifty miles, compared brands, changed his mind, and delayed.

To paraphrase an item he saw last Fall, that had a great influence on him, "If you purchased a computer six months ago, you're sorry now. If you get one now, you'll be sorry in six months."

That little bon mot was a reflection of the technological advances made and expected in the computer field. It proved to be right on target. Of course, we were both glad he waited, not only because of the advanced technology, but the financial saving was considerable, too. Oddly, as designs advanced, prices came down.

Right from the beginning, I was not enthusiastic about the idea of buying a computer; mostly, because he expected me to use it, too. I had a fine electric typewriter, with a Spell Right feature, that suited my limited needs quite well.

Not wanting to be negative, I helped him change the spare bedroom into a computer room. Everything was removed except my file drawers and desk. We paneled one wall, painted the other, and he improved the electrical wiring circuits. Then we bought a special piece of furniture to hold this new addition to our lives.

For several days, after the purchase was finally made, I was aloof but polite. My husband, son, and son-in-law unpacked boxes, set up the furniture, and assembled and installed the components.

### Instead of trying to follow incomprehensible instructions, I found a patient mentor—my daughter—to see me through

The first big turn-off was the prodigious amount of reading material that came with the myriad pieces of equipment. It was intimidating and mind-boggling. I had read just one thing, from a beginner's computer book borrowed from our library, that really stuck in my mind. It said that the best thing to do is get yourself a mentor and learn from him/her. While this may be considered a cop-out by some, it seemed like a great idea to me.

Follow the instructions? I couldn't even understand them. I also learned, from my library book, that the computer has a language all its own and a whole different meaning for some ordinary words. For instance, to me, a *window* is something you have to clean inside and out four times a year or your neighbors take Brownie points off your housekeeping status. A *mouse* is something you hope never to see in your home. (But if you do, you stand on a chair and scream.)

My hands-on introduction was as subtle as a lover's seduction of a shy maiden. My husband showed me how to use the mouse to play a game of solitaire. As luck would have it, I won the first game and was hooked. Actually, there was very little difficulty. You can't cheat or play creatively. The only challenge is speed, for a higher score. But, it is quite a giggle when you win and see the cards reshuffle. You expect sirens to go off.

Soon, I was introduced to a new game called Minesweeper. This was definitely more adult, with a time limit imposed for scoring.

My spouse began to get worried and started calling me compulsive. I prefer to say *determined*, and stuck with it till I gained

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Matters of Opinion

# 'A touch of mystique' charms Delmar visitor

Editor, The Spotlight:

I spent plenty of summers at beautiful Delmar, visiting my son, Richard DeFichy. He has moved out of town, leaving behind the home where he resided—a cute, well-landscaped place. It was sold to an artist because of its potential space for art work—a glass-enclosed patio suitable for a studio, and a storeroom or workshop behind the garage.

I found Delmar a quiet suburb, picturesque, real country—a community in which one would be proud to rear a family.

Its arboreal splendor gives it a touch of mystique. Quaint homes neatly landscaped, lawns trimmed, flowers bursting in varied colors.

Children were riding bikes, some playing football, basketball, or baseball on Delmar's wide streets. None are heavily trafficked like Manhattan, Brooklyn, or Queens.

There are no rowdies nor is it crime-plagued, reeking with drug addicts. Yes, sir, a child is lucky to be raised in Delmar.

We'll miss Delmar. Its small shopping center bursting with

activity. There's ample parking space—and it is sparkling clean. And I'd rate Grand Union as the foremost supermarket, topping many I have patronized downstate.

On Delaware Avenue is an old-style tavern named My Place, and it's just that—a place to enjoy a burger and fries and a cool draft beer. Service was excellent and prices reasonable.

I feel like a lost soul now—no Delmar to visit summers. Where can I enjoy a small, quaint town like Delmar?

Lou DeFichy

Seaford, L.I.

Ironically, as the amount of outside income increases above these limits, the percentage of tax increases is less.

Maybe Mr. McNulty doesn't consider these people in the middle income category. If that's the case, in what category does he place himself and the other fat cats in Congress earning two to three times as much but who will not be assessed any increase in income tax?

We're all willing to pay our fair share—but to burden one group of citizens with a higher percentage of tax increase than any others, regardless of income, does not qualify under any definition of "fair share."

Delmar

Russell L. Parker

# Computer

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the status of expert.

After that, I settled down to learn the serious abc's of practical computer usage. My husband is a good teacher, but my daughter, Sally, is my mentor. She has more patience.

After much frustration, I finally typed my first letter and a huzzah of joy was heard all through the house. My experiences have not all been happy. One day, I reached over to turn on the printer and turned off the surge-protector instead. That shut everything down and I lost a difficult morning's work.

Not to worry: While I felt like weeping, I accepted it philosophically as a learning experience. At least, I was confident it would never happen again. *Wrong!* The very next day, I did the same thing.

It helped to remind myself that I was still in kindergarten computerwise. I also put a cap over the surge-protector switch.

What do I think of the computer, now that I am a bit experienced? My life as a writer is divided. There is B.C.—before computer—and the present. I had to type some envelopes on my typewriter recently and it was like going back to pre food processor and microwave days. Later, Sally told me that my computer and printer will even do envelopes. I love it.

With an encyclopedia, thesaurus, dictionary, spell check and the ease of insertion, deletion, and correction at my fingertips, the time I happily allocate to the keyboard has increased many, many times. The drudgery is gone. Writing has become a pleasure.

Formal training is definitely in the immediate future and I look forward to a long and happy relationship.

## 240 seniors who dined thank all who helped

Editor, The Spotlight:

On behalf of members of Bethlehem Senior Citizens, Inc., and other residents, I wish to thank VFW Post 3185 of Delmar for a wonderful dinner served to 240 of us on Aug. 5 at the Slingerlands Fire Department picnic area. We again are very appreciative of the many hours spent to supply and prepare the delicious food. The dinner was a great success.

We are likewise grateful to the Slingerlands Fire Department and Auxiliary for use of the area and for the efforts to assure that the day would be as pleasant as it was; and also to other members, especially the younger group who helped make the senior citizens very comfortable while attending to their needs.

Also thanks to members from American Legion Post 1040, Elsmere; Elsmere Fire Department; Bethlehem Police Department and assistants of the Auxiliary Police and others who attended to the seniors' needs; and to the Town of Bethlehem Social Services supervised by Joyce Becker.

Alfred H. Kelsey  
President

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# Tax on Social Security will hit some unfairly

Editor, The Spotlight:

This is in reply to Representative McNulty's letter in the Aug. 11 issue which echoes the Clinton administration's line on its new tax plan.

Mr. McNulty states: "There will be no income tax increase on middle income Americans." This, of course, is untrue unless he feels that senior citizens on Social Security are no longer Americans.

The truth is that the new tax plan raises the amount of Social Security that is taxed from 50 percent to 85 percent for individu-

als with incomes over \$34,000 a year and couples with incomes over \$44,000.

Translated into numbers, this means that an individual over 65 receiving between \$8,000 and \$10,000 a year in Social Security and \$40,000 in other income will have his total income tax increased from 10 percent to 12 percent.

A retired couple over 65 receiving between \$12,000 and \$18,000 a year in Social Security and \$50,000 in other income will have their total income tax increased from 15 percent to 21 percent.

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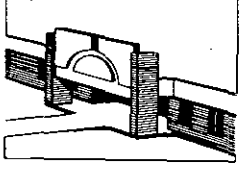


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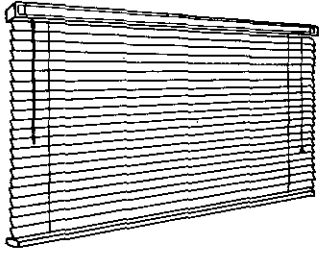
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## With his good nature and humor intact, 'a fighter' comes through long ordeal

Editor, The Spotlight:

We are not sure what exactly happened the night of July 12; there was no "horseplay" around the pool, no alcohol or drugs—just an accident. The doctors feel that Dan hit the top of his head and friends said he dove into the deep end of the pool. He fractured his fifth cervical vertebra.

When friends at the scene of the accident realized Dan was in trouble they pulled him from the pool and performed CPR till the ambulance arrived. We were not given much hope at the hospital but Dan is a fighter and made it through the night; he made it through the next day; he made it through the weeks that followed.

### Words for the week

**Ramification:** A derived effect, consequence, or result. The result of ramifying, specifically a branch or offshoot. It relates to the arrangement of branches on a plant.

**Rudimentary:** Elementary; incompletely or imperfectly developed; vestigial. A rudiment is a first principle, element, or fundamental.

**Proliferate:** To multiply rapidly; increase profusely. To create or reproduce in profusion.

**Mentor:** A wise, loyal adviser; a teacher or coach. From Greek mythology: Mentor was the loyal friend and adviser of Odysseus, and a teacher of his son, Telemachus.

He survived a drowning, three-way fracture to C-5 vertebra, the "roto-bed" and Gardiner-Weller

*Dan Willi, having beaten a drowning, fractures, surgery, and complications, is ready for new challenge*

tongs (traction that was reset three times), a slipping halo brace, bone grafting and operation to stabilize the fracture, "ICU psychosis," and lung complications. He has amazed the doctors and nurses with his good nature and sense of humor through this painful ordeal.

We are now hoping his lung capacity continues to improve so he may enter the Kessler Rehabilitation Institute where he will learn to use his muscular capabilities to their fullest extent. He is anxious to begin this new challenge.

At that time, mail can be sent to Dan as follows:

Dan Willi,  
Kessler West  
Kessler Institute for  
Rehabilitation, Inc.  
Pleasant Valley Way,  
West Orange, NJ 07052

We would like to thank his many friends and the whole community for your show of concern over the past five weeks and especially last Saturday. It is greatly appreciated; we are overwhelmed by everyone's generosity.

Our hope is that Dan's friends will all be blessed in whatever you do this fall and remember that life is very fragile—please handle it with care.

With love and appreciation,  
Alan and Gretchen Willi

### Ambulance crew wins a family's gratitude

Editor, The Spotlight:

I want to extend my deepest thanks to the three members of the Voorheesville Area Ambulance Service who cared for and delivered my mother to St. Peter's hospital at about 2 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 6. Despite having been awakened at so late an hour, their speedy arrival, gentle kindness, and efficient monitoring of her vital signs will forever be remembered by the family members present.

Judith A. Langer

Voorheesville

## Blood donor describes eligibility condition

Editor, The Spotlight:

The information that *The Spotlight* has published recently about the need for increased numbers of blood donors has served a very useful purpose, I am sure. As a donor, I am committed to helping all I can to ensure that an adequate supply is available to the Red Cross for use in emergencies.

Here is some information that I have acquired at one time or another in connection with my own blood donations, and it occurs to me that it might be helpful in further informing people who may have hesitated because of questions. For example, many people may wish to know whether they are eligible.

Here are some of the requirements:

Prospective donors must weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Donors between the ages of 17 and 75 who meet all other medical criteria may donate without specific approval from a physician. Certain limitations apply to persons under 17 or over 75.

Eight weeks must elapse between donations. As an indication of the preciseness with which this qualification is regarded, it is stated that a "donor may give on

the fifty-sixth day following a previous donation."

The Red Cross enumerates more than forty specific conditions which may or may not have a bearing on the suitability of a prospective donor for giving blood. These conditions include certain aspects of a person's state of health; certain diseases; medications; or even occupations (such as flight crews or persons engaged in work hazardous to themselves or others).

Prospective donors who give an affirmative answer to various of these questions during pre-screening may be deferred during the medical examination because of additional information obtained. Deferrals may be for only a period of time; deferred donors should check back after the prescribed waiting period.

Each unit of blood is tested for six different transfusion-transmissible diseases, and the blood is used only if all tests are negative. This is done with every donation, whether from a first-time donor or a 20-gallon donor. Obviously, the Red Cross is completely committed to the purity of the blood supply.

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### Institute schedules beer sampling

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The program will feature a lecture on home brewing, tips on

tasting, live music and hors d'oeuvres.

Reservations are required, and tickets will cost \$17.50 for museum members and \$20 for non-members.

For information, call 463-4478.

### Methodist church sets fair and auction

The Trinity United Methodist Church will have its 38th annual Lord's Acre Auction, Fair and Chicken Barbecue on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the church on Route 143 in Coeymans Hollow.

Variety booths will open at 10 a.m., the auction will take place at 2 p.m. and the chicken barbecue will be served from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

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The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce's September membership luncheon will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 15, at the Normanside Country Club in Delmar at noon.

Speakers will be from the Center for Economic Growth and the League of Women Voters.

The cost is \$10 and reservations are required by Sept. 13. For information, call 439-0512.



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## Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

Everyone benefits from trees no matter where they grow, but planting a tree in an urban setting is especially helpful.

Although it is estimated that 610 million trees cover about 30 percent of cities across the nation, doubling that number would triple the beneficial environmental effect.

The American Forestry Association estimates that one tree can absorb as much as 48 pounds of carbon dioxide every year. Excessive carbon dioxide is a major contributing factor to global warming.

Trees not only provide shelter to various wildlife species such as birds and insects, they can help prevent erosion during rainstorms by slowing the movement of water by 14 percent. Trees reduce the need for air conditioning by providing shade, and also act as sound reduction barriers in noisy areas.

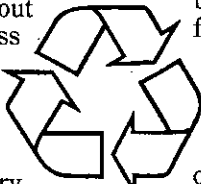
Although difficult to scientifi-

cally quantify, trees also provide psychological benefits. Studies show that patients experience shorter stays in hospitals, and students perform better on tests because of the calming effects of greenery in visual surroundings.

In financial terms, the addition of trees can increase the real estate value of property by as much as 20 percent.

However, in spite of the benefits, urban areas present specific problems to trees. Air pollutants such as sulfur dioxide, ozone, fluorides and nitrogen oxide may stunt their growth, and other problems can be caused by de-icing salts, chemicals, scorching sun reflecting off concrete and glass, oil and urine from pets.

Many local garden shops have information on how to protect trees in urban settings. In spite of the yearly task of raking leaves, it's well worth the effort.



## Host families are needed for foreign exchange students

Host families are needed for exchange students of junior and senior high school age. Some students will be participating for the full school year, while others will arrive at various times during the year for periods of three or six months.

Students bring their own spending money and are covered by health and accident insurance. Many New York high schools

have deadlines for exchange student enrollment, so the host families are needed as soon as possible.

For information, call Ruth Dobozi, area director at International Fellowship Inc., 1-800-647-8839, or Pam Ellsworth with SHARE! at 1-800-377-8462.

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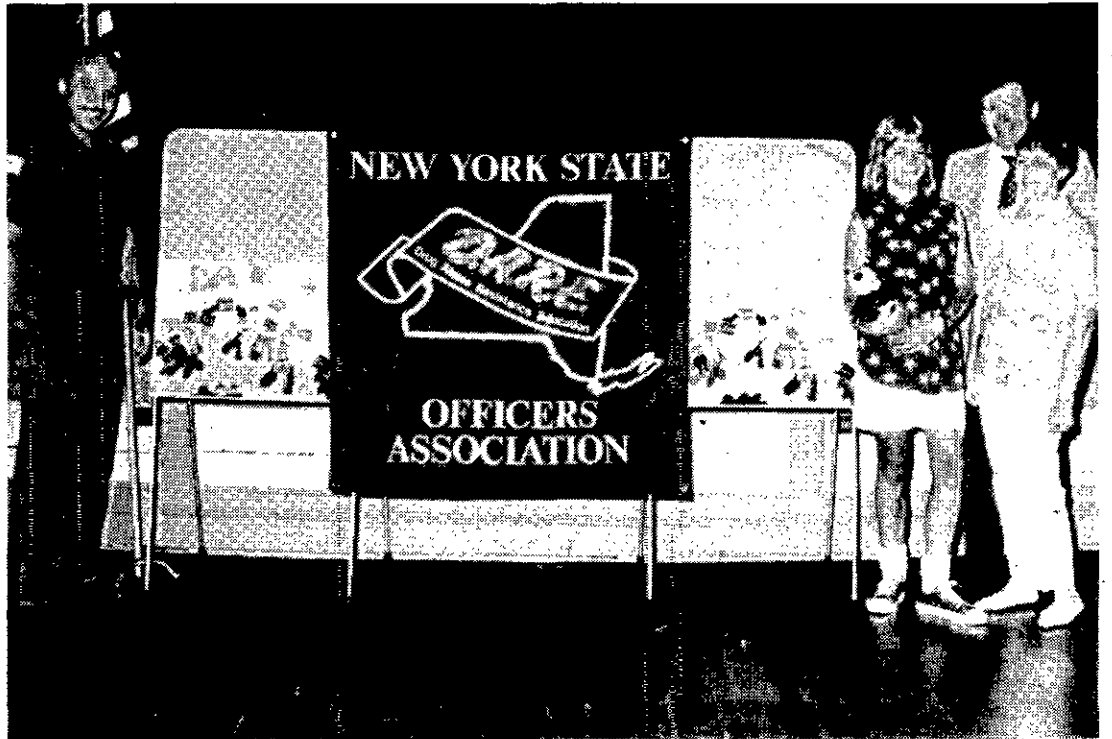
## Yard sale to benefit area chorale society

A yard sale to benefit the Capitol Hill Choral Society is scheduled on Saturday, Aug. 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Saint Paul's Church, 21 Hackett Blvd. in Albany.

Proceeds will benefit the society.

For information, call 732-3312.

## Peerless poster



A poster by Liz Knoll of Delmar (third from right) is the state winner of the National Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) poster contest. Here, Knoll is congratulated by, from left, DARE officer Chris Bowdish, Bethlehem Supervisor Ken Ringler and her art teacher Betty Koban. The contest, in which students expressed the meaning of DARE in poster form, received more than 100,000 entries from 822 schools statewide.

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## Arts grants available

By Donna Moskowitz

In Shakespeare's day, artists, musicians, poets and even writers found patrons to support their work.

Today, little money from either private and public sources is available to encourage creative endeavors.

However, there is a small amount of state funding available for local artists, through grants provided by the state Council on the Arts. Locally, the New Scotland Historical Association received a \$700 grant last year and will apply again this year, according to Nancy Sinclair, administrator of the Capital District Arts Decentralization plan.

Sinclair said the association used last year's grant to document the history of the Helderberg Mountain range by preparing a slide show for libraries and schools. The request for funds this year will be for enhancement of that project.

Last year's grants ranged from \$225 to \$2,500. Although the maximum grant is \$5,000, requests in that range are rarely granted, she said.

The purpose of the program is to encourage the arts in areas outside of Manhattan, especially among under-served populations, said Sinclair, who handles the program for Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady counties. While she does not know how much funding will be available in 1994, Sinclair said the Capital District received \$38,325 this year and could receive a similar amount next year.

Funds are not granted to individual artists, but to those working with a registered not-for-profit organization or charity.

For area artists seeking information on applying for the state funds, two seminars have been scheduled. The first, on Wednesday, Aug. 25, will be at the Rensselaer County Council on the Arts in Troy, and the second, on Tuesday, Sept. 7, at the Albany-Schenectady League of Arts.

Attendance at a grants seminar is not required, Sinclair said.

The application deadline is at 5 p.m. on Sept. 24. A community-based review panel will decide which projects to fund, and the decisions will be announced in December, Sinclair said.

## Fife and drum corps to play at library

Delmar's Village Volunteer Fife and Drum Corps will play at the Bethlehem Public Library's "Evening on the Green" today, Aug. 18, beginning at 7 p.m.

In the event of rain, the group will play in the library's community room. Call 439-9314 for information.

## Library sets reception for workshop kids

A reception for children who participated in the Bethlehem Public Library's "Children's Writers Workshop" is scheduled on Thursday, Aug. 19, at 7 p.m. Children who participated in the library's 1992 workshop are also invited to attend.

Workshop members have been meeting weekly since July 9 to write, illustrate and bind their own books. Twenty-four books will be presented to the library at the reception, and will remain in the library for a year for other children to use.

Young authors who participated in last year's workshop are invited to attend and take their books home with them.

For reservations, call the children's room at 439-9314.

## The Spotlight remembers

This week in 1983, these stories were making headlines in *The Spotlight*.

- Bethlehem Supervisor Tom Corrigan announced that the town would build sidewalks on Delaware Avenue from Longwood Drive to Tierney Drive to make it safer for Bethlehem Central High School students who walk to school along that route.

- Norm Cohen and his jazz group and the Delmar rock group *Strange Anatomy* played at Elm Avenue Park Saturday night, in an attempt to provide entertainment for local teens who complained that there's "nothing to do" in town.

- New Scotland conducted a preliminary survey on the possibility of providing municipal water to Clarksville. "It looks pretty good," said consulting engineer Ronald H. Laberge.

- Frank Warner of Voorheesville, an industrial photographic specialist for Niagara Mohawk, was named Nikon Industrial Photographer of the Year.

## RCS teachers attend workshop

More than 30 teachers and administrators from Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District recently attended a workshop on curriculum writing and outcomes-based education.

The workshop was led by Jim Collins, staff development specialist from Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady BOCES.

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## Lobster bake set at Selkirk firehouse

The Selkirk Fire Company No. 2 lobster bake is scheduled on Sunday, Aug. 22, from 1 to 9 p.m.

The menu includes lobster, shrimp, sausage, clam chowder, hot dogs, one-half barbecued chicken, corn on the cob, baked potato, beer and soda.

The day's events also include music, bingo and prizes. The minimum age for admission is 21.

For information, call 767-9513, 767-2858, 756-8445 or 767-3014.

### Hollyhock workshop includes 'Water Watch'

Participants in a workshop at the Hollyhock Hollow Audubon Sanctuary in Selkirk recently spent the day along the Onesquethaw Creek, where they took part in the "Water Watch" program.

Workshop members measured water temperature and pH levels and collected water habitat creatures.

### New pupils can attend Becker open house

A.W. Becker Elementary School on Route 9W in Selkirk will host an open house on Wednesday, Sept. 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event will allow kindergartners, new entrants and their parents to tour the school. Refreshments will be served.

For information, call 767-2511.

### RCS students attend journalism workshop

Senior high students who want

### Madison Emporium seeks girls clothing

The Madison Emporium, a not-for-profit thrift shop at 25 Delaware Ave. in Albany, is seeking girls clothing in sizes 6, 8 and 10.

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Store hours for August are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit the senior services of Albany.

For information, call 434-8524.

### Ravena church lists schedule of events

Grace United Methodist Church on 16 Hillcrest Drive in Ravena has announced its upcoming events.

Alcoholics Anonymous will meet on Thursday, Aug. 19, at 7:30 p.m. (non-smoking group) and on Monday, Aug. 23, at 7 p.m.

Morning worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 22.

The bargain shed will be open from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Aug. 24, and on the first Saturday of each month.

On Wednesday, Aug. 25, the TOPS club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Al Anon will meet at 7 p.m. and a Bible study will begin at 7:30 p.m.

For information, call 756-6688.

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principal Andrew DeFeo. Other workshop sessions were directed by Anna Marie Bonafide.

Students also toured the *News-Herald* facility in Ravena.

### Indoor picnic set for Ravena seniors

Senior Projects of Ravena on Bruno Boulevard will host an indoor picnic on Saturday, Aug. 21, at 2 p.m.

For information, call 756-8593.

### Church to serve lunch on Tuesdays

The South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Willowbrook Avenue will continue serving its Tuesday home-cooked lunches for the public throughout the month.

Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the church thrift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the building behind the church.

## Good guy award



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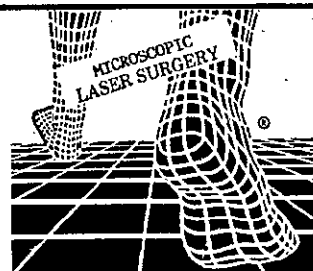
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# Voorheesville students receive new schedules

A schedule for the 1993-94 school year has been distributed to all students attending the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School.

It is necessary to examine the copy for any needed additions, deletions or substitutions. If a problem arises, students must notify the guidance office on Aug. 24, 25 or 26 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Schedules will be finalized for the opening of school. The official schedule will be distributed on the first day of school.

For information, call the guid-

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### Voorheesville

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ance office at 765-5529.

### Workshop has openings in last season session

The Heldeberg Workshop's last summer session is scheduled from Aug. 23 to 27. The one-week course is open to the public.

The workshop is located at the base of the Helderberg Mountains

on Picard Road in Voorheesville. Selected courses are available. Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to noon.

An open house is scheduled on today, Aug. 18, at 8 p.m. Families will have the opportunity to learn about bats from Emily Davis Mobley, a bat expert.

The rain date is Thursday, Aug. 19.

An evening of folktales, riddles, music and campfire songs is slated at the workshop on Tuesday, Aug. 24, at 6:45 p.m. Rain date will be Wednesday, Aug. 25. For information, call 765-3066.

### Seniors to visit Myrtle Beach

New Scotland Senior Citizens have a full bus ready to travel to Myrtle Beach, S.C., on Oct. 24 to 30. A deposit is needed to reserve a seat.

The seniors will have a craft/game day at the Wyman Osterhout Senior Citizen Center on Wednesday, Aug. 18 and 25, at 10:30 a.m. After a morning of scheduled events they will have lunch at the center.

For information, contact Lois-Crouse at 765-2107.

### Be sure to register

Primary Day will be Tuesday, Sept. 14, from noon to 9 p.m.

In New Scotland, the only primary contest will be for the Conservative party line in this year's town elections.

The board of elections is verifying addresses for the general election. If you have moved, you must re-register in person or by mail.

For information, call the board of elections at 487-5068 or 487-5069.

### Bouton graduate earns Eagle Scout award

Brian Wuttke, a 1993 graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, will receive the Eagle Scout award at the high school on Wednesday, Aug. 18.

After seven years of merit badges, community projects and other work, Wuttke will receive his award at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The son of Judy and George Wuttke of Stonington Hill Road, Voorheesville, he will attend SUNY Brockport in the fall.

Matt and David Hoyt, David Stapf and Eric Wuttke recently attended the 1993 National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia. The four Scouts, members of Troop 73, toured Washington, D.C., and participated in other Jamboree activities.

### Community garden schedules harvest day

A "Garden Harvest Day" is scheduled on Thursday, Aug. 19, at 11 a.m. at the State Office Building Campus community garden in Albany.

The community garden is being sponsored by the Albany Service Corps, Food Pantries for the Capital District, Hunger Action Network of New York State and the Office of General Services.

The produce from the garden will be distributed by the Food Pantries for the Capital District and area soup kitchens.

Representatives from sponsoring groups, along with volunteers and members of local feeding programs, will be on hand to answer questions and work in the garden.

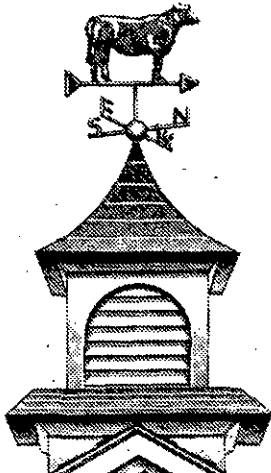
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# Fife and drum corps to close summer series

The Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps will bring the library's 1993 "Evening on the Green" summer concert series to a close tonight, Aug. 18, beginning at 7 p.m.

The 57 members of the corps will perform under the direction of music master Will Welling and drum major and director Buz Olsen. Their music, uniforms, flags, equipment and slow, dignified marching step replicate the military bands of the Revolutionary War era. The early American music played by the corps is typical of 18th-century arrangements.



The Village Volunteers have been active for 37 years and are one of 15 founding members of the International Company of Fifers and Drummers. They participate in parades, festivals, concerts and musters throughout the Northeast. This year, the corps hosted the 1993 National Muster, drawing 23 fife and drum bands to Delmar.

"We had groups from as far away as Newark, Del.," says corps publicist Mickie Ahl. They recently joined seven other drum corps from New York, Wisconsin and Michigan for an Ancient Music Weekend at Fort Ticonderoga.

The Volunteers have been appearing at the Evening on the Green concerts since the early 1970s.

"I'm not sure which year we started, but Buz Olsen joined when he was 10 years old, and he's been playing at Evening on the Green as long as he can remember," Ahl

said.

Their annual appearance at the library has become a way to attract new members, Ahl said. The corps holds a meeting at the library every September for prospective members.

The tunes and rhythms, color and pageantry of the Village Volunteers can be enjoyed by all in this year's free Evening on the Green performance. The rain site for the event is the community room.

This month, Michelle Locke of Delmar is displaying her collection of pop-up books in the Children's Room display case. Pop-up books are usually children's books that have movable, often ingeniously designed, three dimensional illustrations.

Locke's collection includes pop-up editions of H.A. Rey's *Curious George*, Ludwig Bemelman's *Madeline*, books by Jan Pienkowski, and several nature and other non-fiction books.

The Children's Room is showing films for children in preschool through grade-two today, Aug. 18; at 10:30 a.m. The short films "The Picnic," "Pig's Wedding" and "Three Little Pigs" will be shown.

For more information on these or other events, call the library at 439-9314.

Anna Jane Abaray

## Cooperative extension slates talks on health

The Cornell Cooperative Extension will sponsor a presentation on "Lower Fat in the Diet" at the Doane Stuart School today, Aug. 18.

The presentation will begin at 9 a.m.

For information, call the extension at 765-3500.



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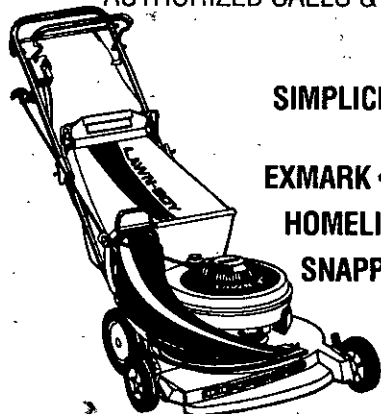
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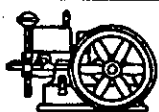
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## Book club big success

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### Voorheesville Public Library



Average attendance was very high throughout the seven-week program with approximately 100 children taking advantage of Tuesday meetings for the younger group each week.

An average of 35 fourth through sixth-graders attended Wednes-

day meetings each week. In addition to enjoying innovative programs that ran the gamut from magic to music with a smattering of cooking thrown in, children read more than 2,000 hours throughout the course of the summer!

Today's (Wednesday) final session for grades-four through six will be Build Your Own Bird Feeder. The 2 p.m. session, led by Sue Limeri, will give participants a chance to provide a feast for backyard pals this winter. Children must bring their own hammer to the program.

Summer Story Hours also finish up this Friday, Aug. 20, with a 10:30 a.m. program. Watch this space for details on Fall Story Hours scheduled to begin on Monday, Sept. 13.

Christine Shields

## LaSalle Class of '68 sets 25th reunion

The La Salle Institute Class of 1968 will have its 25th year class reunion on Saturday, Sept. 25, with a three-hour dinner cruise aboard the Captain J.P. Cruiseline in Troy,

beginning at 7 p.m.

The cost is \$40 per person, which includes dinner and an open bar.

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**V'ville girls in AAU**

By Kelly Griffin

Becky Dawson and Kristen Person of Voorheesville recently competed in the National AAU Girls 13-and-under Basketball Championship in Knoxville, Tenn.

The two Voorheesville freshmen are members of the Albany Capitals Basketball Club, which was one of 80 teams in this year's tournament, part of the Amateur Athletic Union's Junior Olympics.

Both girls gave glowing accounts of their experiences, especially their participation in the opening ceremonies with over 9,000 fellow athletes in the University of Tennessee stadium.

"Florence Griffith-Joyner was there and she lit the torch and everything. It was really cool," said Person.

The Capitals played well enough to compile a 3-3 record and reach the round of the top 32 teams in the tournament. The highlight of the week for the girls

was a five-point victory over Potomac Valley. This Maryland team won the National Championship last year as 12-year olds, and was seeded first this year as 13-year olds.

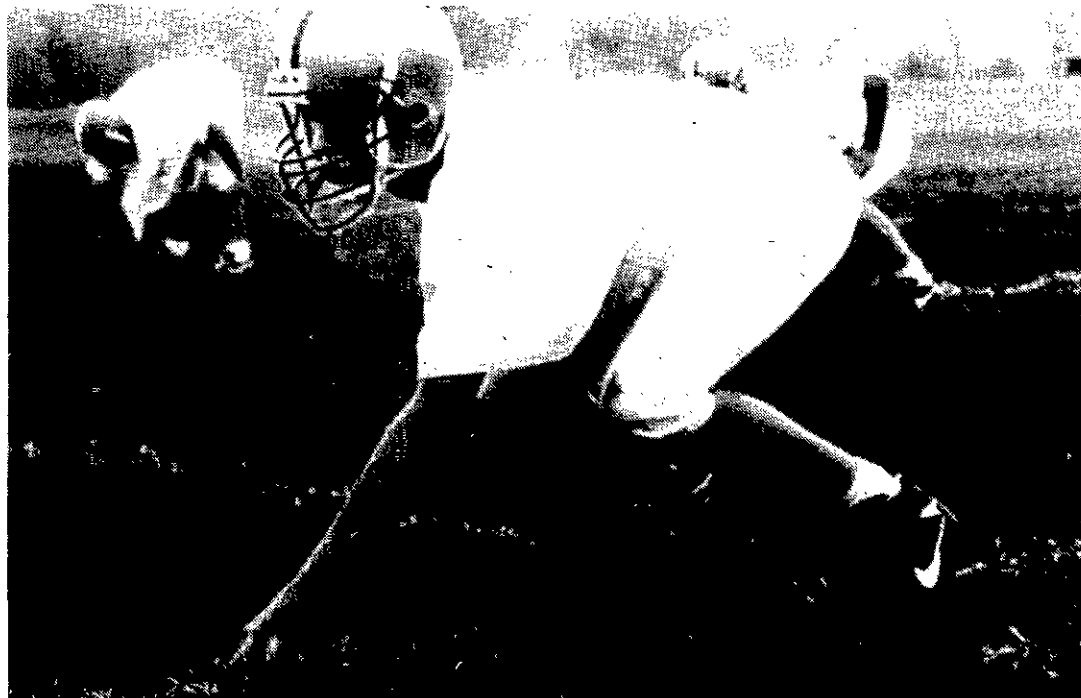
Coach George Person was pleased with his team's performance in its first appearance in the nationals.

"The competition was incredible," said Person. "We saw two girls who could actually dunk the basketball."

Person guided his team to wins over St. Louis, Georgia and Potomac Valley. Losses came at the hands of Oklahoma, Shreveport and Cincinnati.

Both Dawson and Person are three-year veterans of AAU basketball, and among their many experiences, they rate competing in Knoxville as the most exciting. "We met people from all over," said Dawson. "It was great."

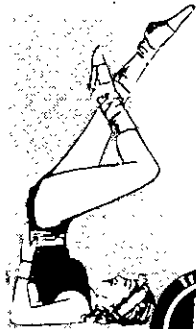
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# Dolphins do swimmingly during Dog Days meet

On Aug. 7 and 8, the Delmar Dolphins Swim Club hosted their annual Dog Days Swim Meet at the Elm Avenue Park.

Two hundred swimmers from 18 clubs participated in the meet. The Dolphins swam through rain and shine and won the team, high-point trophy. In addition, seven Dolphin swimmers won individual high-point trophies for their age groups.

Among 8-and-under girls, Courtney Arduini placed second in the 50 fly, 50 back and 50 free. She came in third in the 50 breast and won the second place, high-point trophy for her age group. Seven-year-old Larissa Suparmento medaled in both the 50 back and 50 breast and swam her personal best time in the 50 free.

Thalis Orietas won the high-point trophy for 8-and-under boys, coming in first in the 50 fly, 50 back, 50 breast and 50 free. Seven-year-old Ricky Grant came in fifth in the 50 fly and fourth in the 60 back.

Nine-year-old Becky Corson earned six medals, finishing fifth in the 200 IM and 100 fly, sixth in the 50 fly, seventh in the 100 breast

and eighth in the 100 back and 50 breast. Kathleen Shaffer won fourth place in the 50 breast, sixth in the 100 breast and seventh in the 50 fly.

Nine-year-old Kathleen also swam personal bests in three other events. The newest 9-year-old Dolphin, Caroline Shanor swam a personal best time in the 50 back.

Among 10-year-old girls, Sara Gold won eighth place in the 50 fly and swam personal best times in the 100 free, 50 breast and 50 free. Katie Xeller won a fifth place medal in the 50 fly and swam personal bests in the 50 back and 50 free.

The 9-and-10-year-old girls placed second in the 200 free relay and third in the 200 medley relay.

Ten-year-old Richard Bailey finished fifth in the 50 breast, seventh in the 50 free and fourth in the 100 breast. He also swam his personal best time in the 100 free. The younger Bailey brother, 9-year-old Bradley, swam to personal bests in the 50 back and 50 free.

There were two medal winners among 11-year-old girls. Elyse McDonough came in first in the

200 IM and 200 free, second in the 50 back (meet record), 100 fly, and 100 back. She was third in the 100 free and fifth in the 50 fly. She also swam a senior event coming in third in the 200 back.

Tara Ornoski was sixth in the 200 IM and 200 free, seventh in the 100 breast and eighth in the 100 free. She also achieved personal best times in the 50 fly, 100 back, 50 breast and 50 free.

The 11-and-12-year-old boys dominated their age group, led by Sean Boyle who won the individual high point trophy. Twelve-year-old Sean swam in 10 events and came in first in nine of them: the 200 IM, 100 breast, 50 back, 100 back, 200 free, 50 breast, 50 free, 100 free and Senior 800 free. He set new meet records in the 50 back, 50 breast, and senior 800 free. He came in third in the 50 fly. Eleven-year-old Brian Dowling won the second place individual high point trophy finishing first in the 50 fly (meet record) and in the 100 fly.

Tim Corson won nine medals, including second in the 100 breast and 50 back, and third in the 200 IM, 100 back, 200 free, 50 breast and 100 free. Jason Hessberg took

a medal in the 100 free.

Bob Pasquini won four medals as an 11-year-old, including a fourth in the 100 breast. He also swam personal best times in the 100 free, 50 fly and 50 free. Eleven-year-old Chris Shaffer medaled in all his events placing second in the 50 fly, senior 200 fly and 100 fly. He was third in the 50 free, and fourth in the 200 IM, 200 free, 50 breast, senior 200 back, and 100 free.

The 200 free relay team of Corson, Dowling, Hessberg and Shaffer won first place. Boyle, Dowling, Pasquini and Shaffer set a meet record with their first place finish in the 200 medley relay.

Among 13-14-year-old girls, Erika McDonough set four meet records and won the second place individual high point trophy. She was first in the 400 free and 200 back, second in the 200 IM, 200 fly, 100 back, 200 free, 400 IM and 800 free. She finished third in the 100 fly and fourth in the 100 free.

Jill Dugas won a fifth place medal in the 200 breast and swam personal best times in every one of her events. Nadine Maurer won both the 100 and 200 breast events. She received fourth place medals in the 200 IM, 100 back and 50 free.

Thirteen-year-old Maggie Tettelbach earned a medal in all of her events. She was second in the 50 free, third in the 100 back, 200 back and 100 free and fourth in the 200 free.

The team of McDonough, Dugas, Maurer and Tettelbach won the 400 medley relay and was second in the 400 free relay.

Thirteen-year-old Steve Corson won the individual high point trophy for his age group, setting new meet records in the 400 and 800 free events.

New Dolphin, 15-year-old Dan Mawhinney, swam in the senior age group and medaled in all his events. He won the 200 fly and came in third in the 200 IM.

Two exhibition relays were put on by Dolphin coaches Ken Neff, Jordano Quaglia, ex-coach Doug Schulz and Dolphin swimmers Billy Leary and Milt Orietas.

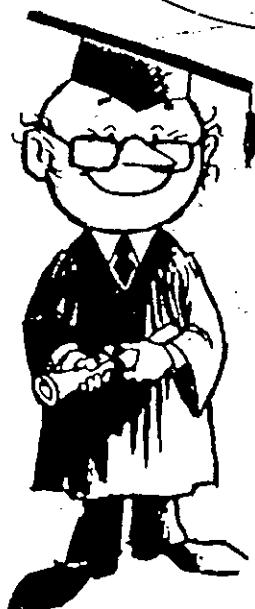
Three Dolphin team members qualified for the Adirondack District Eastern Zone Championship Team: Sean Boyle, Brian Dowling, and Erika McDonough.

The Dolphins will begin a new season in mid-September. For information on the Delmar Dolphins call Kathy Dowling at 475-1689 or Mike McDonough at 439-3805.

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Karen Rosewater and Dr. Aubrey Stoch

## Rosewater, Stoch wed

Karen Michele Rosewater, daughter of Lewis and Sondra Rosewater of Delmar, and Dr. S. Aubrey Stoch, son of Eugene and the late Aaron Stoch of Cape Town, South Africa, were married July 4.

Rabbi Eric Kaye performed the ceremony in the Hall of Springs, Saratoga Springs.

Sarah Axelrod was maid of honor and David Rosewater was best man.

The bride, who will keep her

## DiGesare, Abraham plan wedding

Pamela A. DiGesare, daughter of Thomas DiGesare of Delmar and Maureen DiGesare of Arroyo Grande, Calif., and Jay Abraham, son of Norman and Carol Abraham of Jacksonville, Fla., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bishop Maginn High School and

name professionally, is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Yale University. She is currently a fourth-year medical student at Yale University Medical School.

The groom earned a medical degree from the University of Cape Town and is currently an intern at the Faulkner Hospital in Boston, Mass.

The couple lives in Brookline, Mass.

currently attends the University of South Carolina.

The future groom is a graduate of Clemson University and is employed by the Xerox Corp. in Augusta, Ga.

The couple plans a May 1994 wedding

## Births

### Albany Medical Center

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Boy, Michael Patrick Parker, to Athena and Dr. Michael Parker, Glenmont, July 12.

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Boy, James Cameron Currier, to Beverly and Jim Currier, Voorheesville, July 16.

Boy, Christopher John Collier, to Laura and Brian Collier, Delmar, July 16.

Girl, Jessica Marie Serfilippi, to Mary Jane and Geoffrey Serfilippi, Delmar, July 17.

Boy, Stephen Joseph Drobner, to Christine and Arthur Drobner, July 19.

### St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Matthew Thomas Gruber, to Lynn and Thomas Gruber, Delmar, July 3.

Boy, Michael Jared Berkowitz, to Roberta and Ned Berkowitz, Slingerlands, July 6.

Boy, Alexander William Lanchantin, to Kristine and John Lanchantin, Glenmont, Aug. 4.

Boy, Joseph Jude Cillis II, to Sharon and Joseph Cillis, Voorheesville, Aug. 7.

## Class of '93

New York University — Matt Mantaro, formerly of Delmar, (master's in business administration).

SUNY Binghamton — Amy Aylward of Delmar (bachelor's in psychology, magna cum laude).

## Local students make dean's lists

The following local college students were named to the dean's lists at their respective schools for the spring semester.

Bryant & Stratton — Diane Liebenau of Delmar.

St. Michael's College — Kevin Mosmen of Delmar.



Gregory Gill and Jennell Simpson

## Simpson, Gill to marry

Jennell Simpson, daughter of Richard and Janet Simpson of Selkirk, and Gregory Gill, son of Geraldine and the late John Gill of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High

School. The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and has enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps.

The couple plans an October 1994 wedding.



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## Obituaries

### Walter Greene

Walter G. Greene, 70, of South Road in New Salem, died Tuesday, Aug. 10, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Warrensburg, Warren County, he lived in New Scotland since 1946. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

From 1946 to 1979, Mr. Greene worked for the state Department of Labor's Division of Unemployment Insurance Employers' Contributions. He was a supervisor when he retired.

He was a member of the Civil Service Employees Association Retirees and a charter member of the New Salem Fire Department.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Greenfield Greene; his mother, Dora Greene of Fort Pierce, Fla.; and a brother, Harold Greene of Fort Pierce.

Services were from the Reilly and Son Funeral Home, Voorheesville. Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, New Scotland.

Contributions may be made to the Voorheesville Area Ambulance or the American Cancer Society.

### Diane Church

Diane Meilinger Church, 59, of Hoosick Falls and formerly of Voorheesville, died Sunday, Aug.

15, at her home.

Born in Richmondville, she graduated from Voorheesville high school in 1953.

She went to work in the claims department of the New York Telephone Co. in 1965 and retired in 1989 as the claims department manager after more than 24 years of service.

Mrs. Church was a member of the New York Telephone Pioneers. She enjoyed bingo, traveling and spending time at the beach.

Survivors include her husband, Lawrence J. Church; a son, Donald Hackel of Voorheesville; a daughter, Deborah Gavigan of Hoosick Falls; five stepdaughters, Jean Smith of Strong, Maine, Anna Church of Averill Park, Sarah Crawford of Valley Falls, Linda Pollard of Portland, Ore., and Dody Linsey of Florida; two sisters, Nancy Mosher of Voorheesville and Carolyn Tashjian of East Greenbush; four brothers, Robert Meilinger and Ronald Meilinger, both of Voorheesville, Richard Meilinger of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, and Edward Meilinger of Northville, Fulton County; and many grandchildren.

Service were scheduled for today at 10 a.m. from the Thomas M. Barber Funeral Home, Petersburg.

Burial will be in Meadowland Cemetery, Petersburg.

### Batya Goldstein

Batya F. Goldstein, 58, of Delmar died Saturday, Aug. 14, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Germany, she fled the country with her family during World War II. She settled in Chicago and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago.

Mrs. Goldstein held management positions with the state Department of Transportation.

Later, she held senior posts at the Bureau of Community Affairs for the New York Department of State and at the state Department of Labor's Policy Planning Division.

She was a founding member and

of the Capital District Chapter of Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America.

She was also a sponsor of the Lake George Opera, Tanglewood Festival, Glimmerglass Opera and the Williamstown Theater Festival.

Mrs. Goldstein traveled extensively with her family and had lived abroad for short times. She also enjoyed sailing in the Caribbean in the winter.

Survivors include her husband, Walter Goldstein; a brother, James Ingo Freed of New York City; a daughter, Miriam Goldstein of Arlington, Va.; two sons, Marc Goldstein of Boston and Daniel Goldstein of Delmar; and a grandchild. Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, Delmar.

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### County ARC facility slates Las Vegas Night

The Albany County Association for Retarded Citizens will conduct a Las Vegas Night on Saturday, Aug. 21, from 7 p.m. to midnight.

The facility is located at 334 Krumkill Road, on the corner of Krumkill and Blessing roads in Slingerlands.

The event will be open to the public, ages 21 years and older. Food and beverages will be served.

### AARP schedules trip

The local chapter of the American Association of Retired People (AARP) will sponsor a trip to Maine from Sept. 7 through 10.

For information, call John Angerami at 439-4064 or Dominic Caminiti at 439-2449.

## Retiree saw changes during school career

By Dev Tobin

Although he hadn't planned on retiring for another four or five years, Eugene Fitzpatrick reconsidered when the Bethlehem Central School District offered a special retirement incentive last December.

"Everything just seemed right, so I said, 'I'm gonna go,'" although "getting out in January was not the greatest because of the terrible weather."

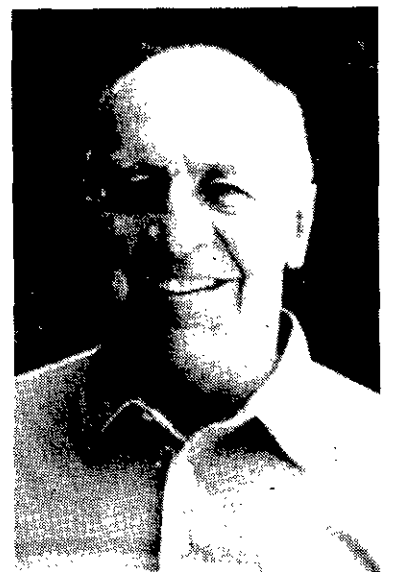
Fitzpatrick, who spent 32 1/2 years at BC, the last 20 as a guidance counselor, saw many changes along the way.

Things have changed a lot from the days when he advised girls to become nurses or teachers, he said. "There are so many different career opportunities now for kids, and a lot more of them are going on to two- or four-year colleges."

After sending his own five children through Bethlehem schools, Fitzpatrick had a second perspective on how things have changed for high school students.

"There's more pressure, but these are good kids—real strong students from strong family backgrounds," he said. "Bethlehem's a good place for families to grow up. I'm very happy my kids went to school here."

A physical education teacher for 13 years and a lacrosse official for 30 years, Fitzpatrick will be back in zebra stripes this fall, officiating at high school football games.



Eugene Fitzpatrick

He's continuing to officiate, he said, because "I really enjoy being involved, in the middle of things, I'm staying in shape by walking, riding my bike and working in the garden."

Fitzpatrick also keeps busy working on his camp in Schroom Lake, an ongoing project of 20 years. But he still has a lot of spare time, so he's "keeping his eyes and ears open" for a suitable part-time job.

Residents of Rowland Drive in Delmar, Fitzpatrick and his wife Frances have visited their children in Michigan and Virginia, but they can't travel as much as they would like because Frances is still working in real estate.

## Dogwood trees made available

Ten free white flowering dogwood trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation this month.

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting, between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10, with enclosed planting instructions.

The 6 to 12-inch seedlings are

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Members also receive a subscription to the foundation's news magazine, *Arbor Day*.

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## Death Notices

The Spotlight will print paid Death Notices for relatives and friends who do not or have not lived in the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. The charge for a paid death notice is \$25.

We will continue to print Obituaries of residents and former residents of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland at no charge.

### - Jennifer L. Pastori -

Jennifer Lynne Pastori of Buckingham died Monday at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia as a result of injuries sustained in a horseback riding accident. She was 13.

She was born in Logan, Utah, the daughter of Michael T. and Ruth M. Moehrie Pastori, now of Buckingham, formerly of Slingerlands and Delmar.

Jennifer was a student at Holicong Middle School where she was a member of the school band and had received various art awards. She was given the "Hardest Worker of the Class Award" last year.

While in elementary school, she participated in various special chorus performances and took piano lessons. She attended the Bethany Bible Fellowship Church in Hatfield.

Jennifer also was a horseback rider and just last week took the championship in her novice class at the Upper Bucks Horse Park.

Surviving besides her parents are maternal grandparents Alfred and Ruth Tasker Moehrie of Doylestown; paternal grandparents Ramon and Martha Ritch Pastori of Slingerlands, N.Y.; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Bethany Bible Fellowship Church, 75 W. Broad St., Hatfield. Burial was in Doylestown Cemetery, Doylestown, PA.

Contributions may be made to the Jennifer Pastori Scholarship Fund for the Delaware Valley College/Equine Science Program for Veterinary Students, in care of Trish Kieffer, Third Federal Savings/Doylestown Division, 60 N. Main St., Doylestown 18901.

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## Home for the Heart

### Exhibit highlights Irish-American history

By Erin E. Sullivan



any Irish-Americans have heard about the immigrant experiences of parents and grandparents, or read about them in works like John McCue's poem on this page. But a walk through the Irish-American Heritage Museum on Route 145 in East Durham, Greene County, can transport visitors directly to the real heart of the matter — the emotions of their ancestors on the shores of America.

Over 45 million Americans today claim Irish ancestry, which may be one reason for a surge of interest in Irish-American history. Films such as "Far and Away," an epic which tells the story of Irish immigrants in the 1840s, and "The Kentucky Cycle," a dramatization of the lives of Irish immigrants between 1775 and 1975, have brought sell-out crowds to theaters.

The Irish-American Museum, however, provides the first formal cultural exhibit dedicated solely to the hardships and accomplishments of these immigrants.

The museum's new "Home for the Heart" display uses photographs, documents and artifacts from everyday life to tell the stories of millions of Irish immigrants who helped build America. Although the exhibit focuses on the Irish, many of the stories could apply to any group of immigrants.

The museum's 44 panels and six murals are divided into three categories: "Leaving Home and the Promise," "The Voyage and Arrival," and "Settling in America and Irish Influence."

The first two sections focus on conditions in Ireland, the depressed economy, traveling con-

ditions and the arrival and settlement. "Settling in America and Irish Influence," which takes up the entire second floor of the museum, details Irish immigrant life in America, including entertainment, religion, Irish leaders and the work force.

Included in this summer's exhibit is a photograph of a young Irish immigrant, Julia Jackman, taken in Troy in 1910. Sheila McVeigh, Jackman's great-

*When we landed in America,  
it was on the 12th of May,  
At eight 'o clock in the morning  
at Philadelphia quay,  
With multitudes around us  
our passengers to view,  
I won I was a stranger;  
there was not a one I knew.*

—from John McCue's "Voyage Poem" written on his arrival in Philadelphia and sent home to his relatives in Kilmarrenan Parish, County Donegal, May 12, 1856.

niece, presented a diary, poems and several other artifacts and photos of Julia to Joseph J. Dolan, chairman of the museum's board of trustees. McVeigh and her mother, Julia O'Keefe Butler, Jackman's niece, have pieced together the story of the immigrant's family history.

According to McVeigh, Jackman came to America on her own, but never lost contact with her

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This photo of former Troy resident Julia Jackman is part of the "Home for the Heart" exhibit at the Irish-American Heritage Museum.

## Maritime museum show will float your boat



The Rondout II Lighthouse in Kingston will be featured in this Saturday's classic boat show.

By Donna Moskowitz

Picture this: a steady stream of wooden boats sail slowly past a working lighthouse.

Is this a return to the early 1900s? No, it's the Hudson River Maritime Museum's Antique and Classic Boat Show, scheduled on Saturday, Aug. 21. The 10th annual show will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the museum, located on the Rondout Creek in Kingston.

About 40 to 50 antique wooden boats "of all sizes and shapes" will be docked near the museum, said Lisa Cline, associate director. A high point of the show will be the 3 p.m. "parade of boats," when vintage watercraft from the 1900s to the 1960s will travel up and down the Rondout Creek.

Museum staff will also be on hand to take visitors by boat to the Rondout II Lighthouse, located in the middle of the creek. The still-functioning lighthouse,

built in 1913, "is literally a house in the middle of the river," Cline said. Visitors may climb its four flights of stairs to see the lantern tower.

There is a fee of \$5 per person to travel to the lighthouse, but children under 4 may visit for free, Cline said.

The museum, founded in 1980 to preserve the maritime history of the Hudson River, is located at the site of the former Cornell Steamboat Company, one of the biggest tugboat concerns in the Hudson Valley, Cline said.

Inside the museum, "Lifeboats, Lighters & Liberty Ships: WWII Shipbuilding on the Hudson River" is the featured exhibit. A film shows the launching of boats built on the Rondout, Cline said.

Outside the museum, visitors will be able to watch

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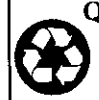
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# Heart

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family in Ireland. It is said in the family that she died in 1916 of a broken heart when she learned her boyfriend could not join her from Ireland. She is buried in St. Peter's Cemetery in Troy.

Items like Jackman's poetry and diary have helped to unfold the story of Irish immigration during the past four centuries. "We have five cases of artifacts and memorabilia from all over Ireland," said Dolan. "One interesting item is a book the immigrants used to learn how to conduct themselves in America. All the items are very valuable, which is why they are encased."

"Home for the Heart" marks the fourth exhibit season at the museum. Last year's exhibit, "Pat Riots to Patriots," highlighted the assimilation of the Irish into society and their roles in defending their new country. Sponsored by the New York Army and Air National Guard, the historian for the Fighting 69th Regiment of New York helped assemble the artifacts.

This year, however, is unique, Dolan said, because "it is the first exhibit that has been researched and curated entirely by the museum. We usually rent panels and draw in portions of our exhibits from other sources, but not this year."

In 1990, the museum received a \$10,000 grant from the New York State Council on the Arts to start the research. The executive committee then met to decide what the exhibit topic should be. "We decided to start at the beginning with the story of Irish immigration," said Dolan.

"Home for the Heart" is the only ex-

hibit of its kind in America, he added.

Because it was designed in sections, the display can be taken apart for traveling. After its premier presentation this summer at the Irish American Heritage Museum, parts of the show will be shipped around the country for display in other areas.

According to Dolan, each section has the potential to be developed into a separate exhibit sometime in the future. The museum also plans to bring parts of the exhibit to schools throughout the North-east.

The Irish American Heritage Museum is dedicated to preserving and promoting Irish-American art, culture and history. It was founded in 1986 as a not-for-profit cultural and educational organization permanently chartered by the state Board of Regents.

"Home for the Heart" will run through Oct. 11. The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens and children, with a special family price of \$9.

For information about the "Home for the Heart" exhibit or the museum, call 432-6598 or write to the Irish American Heritage Museum, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany 12207.

## Museum schedules tours of historic Hyde Park homes

The New York State Museum will sponsor a trip to the Roosevelt Homes in Hyde Park, with lunch at the Culinary Institute of America, on Saturday, Aug. 21, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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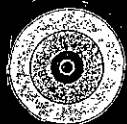
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Thursday tours, from 2 to 4 p.m., include the "Top of the Hill" visit to the Capitol Building, and the "Cherry Hill" tour, with a guided visit to the Historic Cherry Hill Mansion.

Friday tours are "The

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All tours are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For information, call 434-6311.

### LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Playground Components for the Town's Parks & Recreation Department. Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on Monday, August 30, 1993 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed Kenneth J. Ringler, Jr., Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each bid shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all of the bids.

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## Dinosaur display roars into museum

Dinosaurs!, a new exhibit at the New York State Museum, will be on display through Jan. 2.

Leading the pack, in its first appearance ever in the Northeast, is a life-size Tyrannosaurus Rex. Baby dinosaurs and nestlings are also part of the display.

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# Attack

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At this time, Stone added, he's fairly confident that any raccoons seen during the daytime can be considered rabid.

"More than a year ago, I predicted there would be a heavy outbreak in Bethlehem," he said, in particular because so many raccoons make their homes locally. "There are more than 100 per square mile in some areas" of the town.

Strange-acting raccoons have been found in barns, under porches and nestled in garages, but other than trying to make these structures more secure, Stone said, there's not much that can be done.

The second deer in Albany

County infected with the rabies virus was found last week on Waldenmaier Road in Bethlehem. That shouldn't come as a shock, however, because wildlife such as woodchucks, skunks and deer are at direct risk.

The recent death of the Sullivan County girl from rabies may not have been the first in 49 years as reported in the media, Stone added. "Physicians are not attuned to diagnosing rabies. It's possible that a few more may have slipped through the cracks."

Stone recommended that residents continue to follow common sense precautions, such as not putting food for pets outdoors, avoiding strange-acting wildlife and having pets vaccinated.

# Homestead

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Webster. One of those voting in favor, Councilwoman Sheila Fuller, said she was still perusing the figures, but it appeared on first blush that property owners in the homestead category might be better off this year as a result of the inclusion of vacant land.

"It could have a significant impact," Fuller said. "There's a lot of vacant land that used to belong to farms. ... I still have to go back to last year's figures. This is not something I want to take lightly. And I want to hear what the other board members have to say."

Councilwoman Sheila Galvin, another homestead proponent in '92, said she doubted her vote would change. "To be perfectly honest, based on what I've seen thus far, my position hasn't changed."

The third vote in favor of homestead was cast by Councilman Charles Gunner. "My mind is open," he said. "There are still some questions that I'd like to have answered."

Galvin said she would be surprised if the board made a final decision at its next meeting, although it was a good idea to settle the question as soon as possible.

# College names La Valle as resident assistant

The University of Delaware's office of housing and residence life recently announced that Leah La Valle of Delmar is among 97 students who will work as resident assistants during the 1993-94 academic year.

The students were chosen in a competitive selection process and will be placed in charge of a residence hall floor to serve as an educator, counselor, community leader and resource person for other undergraduates.

The university employs a total of 170 students as resident assistants, serving the 7,200 students housed on campus.

# Mothers of triplets to meet at Bellevue

Bellevue Hospital, 2210 Troy Road in Schenectady, will host the Tri-City "Mother of Triplets" support group on Monday, Aug. 30, at 7:30 p.m.

The program will include a lecture on "Dental Care for Children," presented by Karen Leavitt, a dental hygienist with a Latham pediatric dental practice. The discussion will address preventative care for children through 6 years of age.

The support group gives mothers an opportunity to exchange ideas on loving, raising, teaching, and coping with the day-to-day issue of parenting three babies.

For information, call 346-9410.

# Tax

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is \$24,522,141 out of a total budget of \$33,749,746. About 92 percent of the levy will be raised in Bethlehem, and 8 percent will be raised in New Scotland.

Both Bethlehem and New Scotland recently completed property revaluations, so their tax rates are as close as they've ever been, according to Franz Zwicklbauer, assistant superintendent for business.

For school purposes, the Bethlehem rate will be \$15.025 per thousand of assessed value, and the New Scotland rate will be \$15.003 per thousand.

The tax rates for the Bethlehem Public Library are also nearly identical — \$1.105 per thousand for Bethlehem and \$1.103 for New Scotland. The local tax levy for the library for 1993-94 is \$1,803,780 out of a total budget of \$2,165,780.

To avoid a 2 percent penalty, taxes must be paid by Sept. 30. After Oct. 31, unpaid taxes will be turned over to the county for collection.

Superintendent Leslie Loomis praised Zwicklbauer's work in estimating the tax impact of the budget, and the school board's work in holding taxes to a "4 percent increase at a time when our enrollment is growing 3 percent a year."

In another matter, Loomis said that the science supervisor's position had been offered to a candidate, and he expected to hear his decision sometime this week.

Peter Maxson resigned from the science supervisor post last month after serving for one year.

The board's next meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 1, at 8 p.m. in the district offices at 90 Adams Place.

# Girl Scout councils recognized

The Hudson Valley and Mohawk Pathways Girl Scout councils recently received certificates for "Outstanding Commitment to the Stewardship of America's Public Lands and Natural and Cultural Resources" for Riverwalk.

Riverwalk is an annual community event presented by both councils where the Hudson and Mohawk rivers are celebrated as

important natural resources.

This year's Riverwalk, scheduled on Sunday, Oct. 3, is free and open to the public.

The award was presented by Bruce Babbitt, secretary of the interior.

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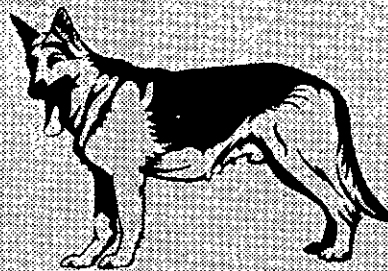
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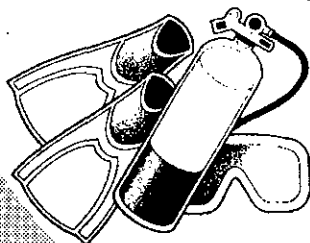


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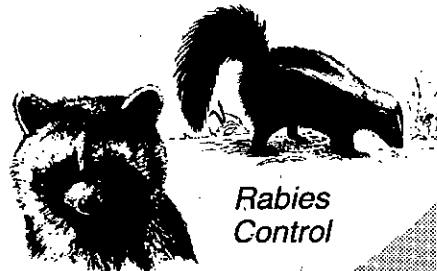
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