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## Nearby water systems pose no problems

By Mel Hyman

About 15 miles north of the new \$10.7 million water system planned for the town of Bethlehem is the water system for the village of Green Island.

Located on Center Island, smack in the middle of the Hudson River between Green Island and Troy, the system has a similar design to the one planned for Bethlehem on Schermerhorn Island along the Hudson River — it draws water from an aquifer extending beneath the riverbed.

According to Green Island Water Commissioner John Dowling, the system has supplied the village with excellent quality water for the past 90 years. The only glitches occurred prior to 1979 when the well infiltration system was comprised of perforated steel pipe that tended to clog.

When the infiltration pipes were changed to concrete about 15 years ago that problem ended, said Dowling. The Green Island wells themselves extend about 20 feet below the river bottom. The

horizontal infiltration gallery extends about 125 feet from the well cylinder.

"So far, so good," Dowling said. "The water quality is excellent. There's virtually no turbidity and on the few occasions that we have any appreciable amount of coliform, it's treated by the water plant."

Dowling noted that 60 to 80 townhouses are being proposed for Center Island, an indication of public confidence in the purity of the water supply.

"I know we've had Bethlehem (officials) over here and the (state) Health Department has been over here (examining the system)," he said.

While construction is slated to start on Bethlehem's new system later this year, opponents of the project have cited health concerns because the aquifer being tapped

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## Opponents vow to gum up plan

By Mel Hyman

Last week's town board meeting in which about a dozen members of Clean Water for Bethlehem angrily denounced plans to construct a \$10.7 million water system, is only "the tip of the iceberg."

That was the warning issued in the meeting's aftermath by Linda Burtis, one of the group's organizers. Over the next several

weeks, Burtis said, "We're going to create a groundswell of opinion to try and stop the residential part of this project from happening."

Group members realize that they need to move quickly with their public awareness program because the town board has authorized several construction contracts for the

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## BC teacher busted for drugs

Removed from classroom until case resolved

By Dev Tobin

Crack is scary — the potent, smokeable form of cocaine that inspires drive-by shootings, feral youth, crack babies and other pathologies normally thought to be the cursed province of inner-city slums.

So there is an it-can't-happen-here quality about the news that an eighth-grade English teacher at Bethlehem Central Middle School was arrested for felony crack possession Thursday in Albany.

Howard D'Arcangelis, 50, of Ely Street in Coxsackie, was arrested by uniformed Albany police officers at about 8:45 p.m. on Ten Broeck Street after he was observed making a drug transaction at Third and North Swan streets, police said.

Police found four clear plastic bags of crack in D'Arcangelis' shirt pocket, according to Albany Police spokesman Lt. Robert Wolfgang.

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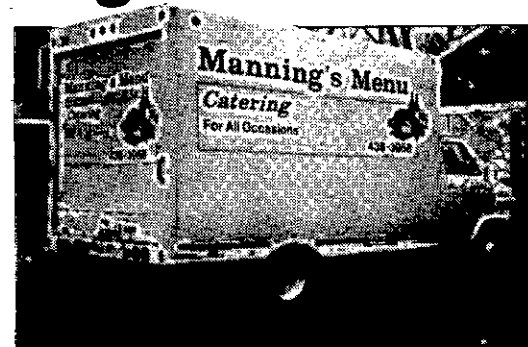
## Judge rules deli approval doesn't cut legal mustard

By Mel Hyman

The residents of Rural Place — for the time being at least — have proven that yes, you can fight city hall.

The 20 or so families on this short, dead-end street in Delmar banded together last year after learning that the Bethlehem planning board had approved the conversion of an existing single-family residence at 273 Delaware Ave., located at the corner of Delaware Avenue and Rural Place, into a take-out delicatessen and catering business.

They filed suit in state Supreme Court



in Albany and earlier this month their Article 78 action seeking to annul the

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## Spotlight wins press awards

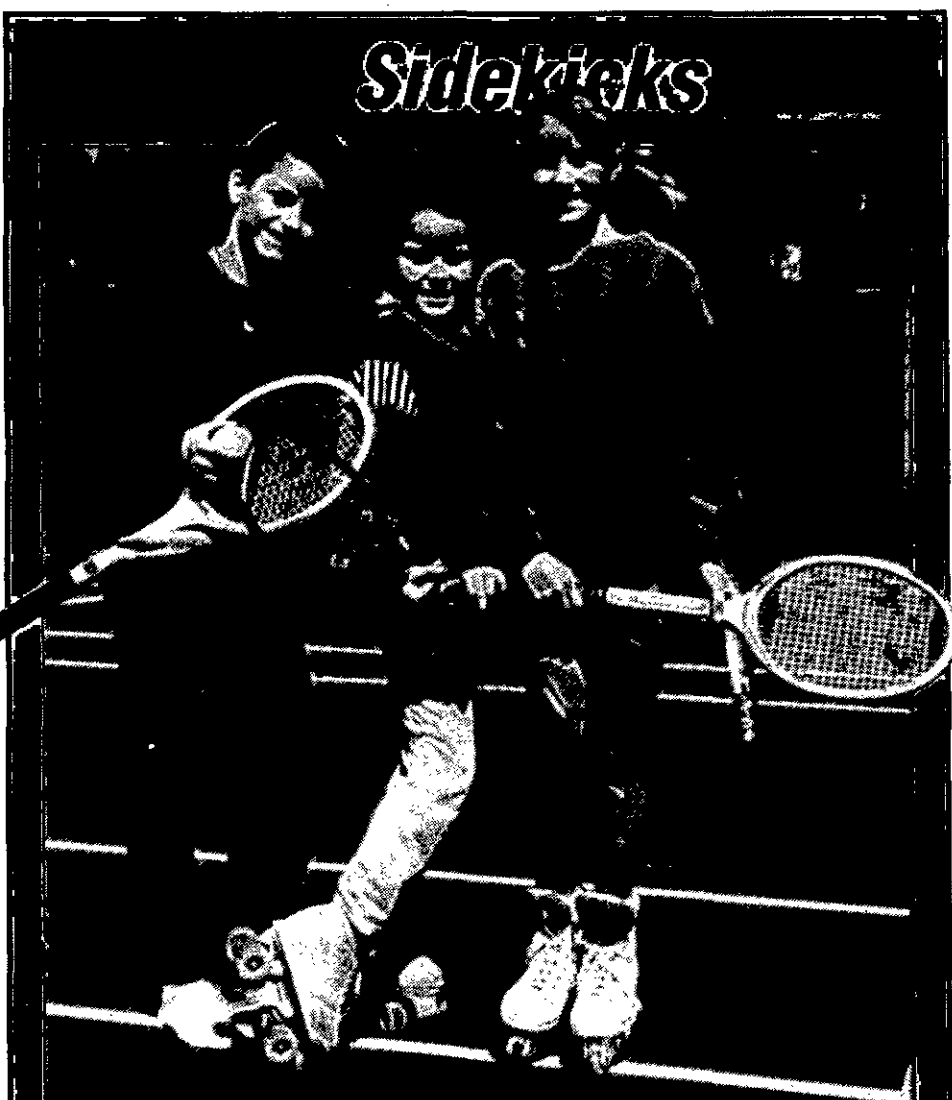
The New York State Press Association has honored the *The Spotlight* with five awards in its prestigious "Better Newspaper Contest" for work published in the paper during 1993.

The awards were announced at the association's annual convention, held Friday and Saturday at The Desmond on

Albany-Shaker Road in Colonie. *The Spotlight* was competing against weekly newspapers of comparable circulation.

For the second consecutive year, contest judges gave *The Spotlight* a first-place award in the competition's "Best Front Page" category. The judges singled out

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Crystal and Tiffany Hellman and Jada Schaming tackle two sports at once on a much welcome sunny day at Elm Avenue Town Park. *Hugh Hewitt*

## Seniors object to BC budget hikes

By Dev Tobin

It was too little, too late for a handful of senior citizens concerned with rising taxes at last week's public hearing on the Bethlehem Central School District budget.

The 1994-95 spending plan of \$35.7 million calls for a property tax rate increase of 4.99 percent for Bethlehem district taxpayers and 5.47 percent for New Scotland district taxpayers.

The estimated tax rates for next year would be \$15.81 per thousand (up 75 cents) of assessed value in Bethlehem and \$15.85 per thousand (up 82 cents) in New Scotland.

"This budget delivers a high-quality educational program at a reasonable expenditure," said Superintendent Leslie Loomis.

He said that Bethlehem "far outstrips" comparable school districts in Scholastic Aptitude Test results.

Several senior citizens asked the school board to hold the line on taxes to at least the annual cost of living increase.

"Seventy-five cents doesn't sound like big money, but 5 per-

cent is a lot to ask from seniors," said John LaForte of Elsmere.

"Over the last dozen years, school taxes have gone up at two to three times the rate of the Consumer Price Index," LaForte said. "You should set a cap of 3 percent, and do what you have to do to meet it."

Board President William Collins said that in addition to inflation of about 2.5 percent, enrollment in the district is going up another 2.5 percent. As a result, the new budget contains funding for eight new teaching positions.

Since February, the school board "has engaged in a very difficult balancing act between meeting students needs and being sensitive to the impact on taxpayers," Loomis said.

In its budget deliberations, the board "has shown restraint compared to other school districts, who have double-digit proposals," he added.

He said that next year will be the second year in a row that the tax rate in Bethlehem will be less than 5 percent, and that the overall 5.8 percent spending increase was the smallest in 10 years.

Compared to the 10 other dis-

tricts in the Suburban Council, Loomis said Bethlehem ranks 10th in the percentage of its budget coming from state aid, fifth in true value tax rate and third in student/teacher ratio ("the number one priority the board has focused on," Loomis said.)

Loomis said that the \$568,500 proposition for new buses will cost less than half that because of state aid and a grant for purchasing natural-gas-fueled buses.

Also on the ballot will be a proposition to refinance \$1,280,000 in obligations to the Teachers Retirement System, the Bethlehem Public Library budget of \$2,291,026 (an increase of 5.7 percent), two school board members running unopposed (Collins and Lynne Lenhardt) and a contest for a library trustee seat between incumbent Thomas Shen and William Howard.

Voting will be from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Bethlehem Central Middle School gymnasium, 332 Kenwood Ave.

Absentee ballots are available for residents who will be away or physically unable to get to the polls. Call 439-7481 for information on applying for an absentee ballot.

## Earth watchdogs



David Seegal and Kim Piper, Bethlehem Central members of the social awareness committee, hand out environmental pamphlets during Earth Day activities at the high school. Elaine McLain

## Delmar businesses burglarized

Bethlehem police are investigating the attempted burglaries of two Delmar businesses over the weekend.

The first incident occurred early Saturday morning when a cinder block was thrown through a window of the Stewart's Shop on Delaware Avenue near the railroad overpass.

The police were on the scene within two minutes, Holligan said, but a search of the area did not turn up a suspect. Police K-9 Grando also responded to the scene but there was no scent for

him to follow. Nothing was reported stolen and Holligan said he doubted whether entry was actually gained.

The following night, on Saturday, April 16, the Delmar Sunoco station was burglarized after the intruder(s) threw a tire ring through one of the overhead glass panels.

Holligan said more than \$1,000 worth of cigarettes were stolen from the service station at the junction of Delaware and Cherry avenues.

## Delmar man to answer 65 felony charges

By Mel Hyman

Delmar developer Paul A. Seiden will be in federal district court April 26 to answer 65 felony charges involving alleged fraudulent business dealings.

Seiden, 55, of 237 Elm Ave., was indicted by a federal grand jury last week on charges of extortion, conspiracy, false statements, theft, mail fraud, federal income tax evasion and obstruction of justice.

The indictment also seeks forfeiture of \$1.37 million.

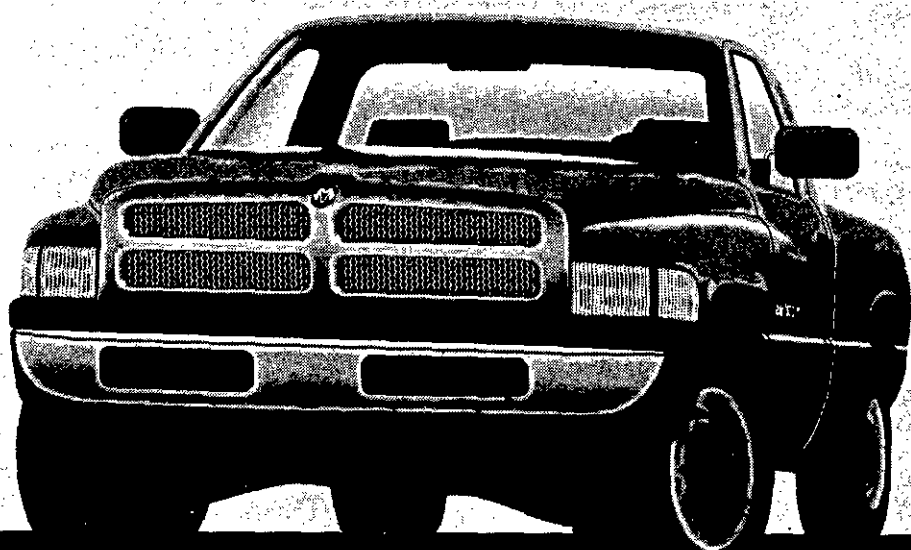
Seiden is alleged to have skimmed about \$1.1 million in builders' profits in connection with construction contracts for subsidized housing administered by the federal Farmers Home Administration.

The indictment also alleges that Seiden converted to his own use laundry income totaling about \$250,000 from the operation of coin laundry facilities at various projects managed by Seiden & Sons, Inc.

He is further charged with directing his employees to create "phantom tenants" for subsidized units that were actually vacant.

If convicted, Seiden faces up to 30 years in prison and fines as high as \$1 million on each count.

Seiden was unavailable for comment.



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## Assembly primary looms

By Mel Hyman

Whatformer Bethlehem Supervisor Ken Ringler hinted at last December will come true officially as soon as Assemblyman John Faso receives the Republican nomination for state comptroller.

Informed party sources say Ringler will seek the Republican nomination to succeed Faso from the state Assembly's 102nd District.



Ringler

Ringler said he was close to a decision, but declined to formally announce his candidacy.

"If I run for anything, it will be the Assembly," he said. "It's been my first choice all along."

Contrary to published reports, Ringler said he never had any intention of running for the state Senate, though he added, "It was a good feeling to have my name mentioned in that regard."

Since early last year when he announced he would not seek a third term as supervisor, citing personal and business concerns, Ringler has been mentioned in connection with the Assembly race, the battle for Albany County's Senate seat and the possibility of a run for Albany County Executive if Republican Michael Hoblock decides to leave office and campaign for the Senate. Earlier this year, longtime Sen. Howard Nolan (D-Albany) announced he would not run for another term.

How these musical chairs will eventually play out remains to be seen, but Ringler said his decision to consider only the state Assembly has "nothing to do with Mike Hoblock's decision."

Hoblock is expected to an-

nounce his plans after returning from vacation at the end of the month.

Ringler put a similar time frame on his own plans. "I'll have a decision within the next few weeks," he said.

If he runs, Ringler will almost certainly face a primary fight. Keith Stack, the Republican supervisor from Kinderhook, Columbia County, has already announced his intention to run for the seat, while former Schoharie County District Attorney Michael West has expressed an interest in running, but has yet to announce.

Faso, who has held the Assembly seat since 1987, plans on vacating the position to challenge incumbent Comptroller H. Carl McCall.

On the Democratic side, Delmar attorney Joseph Glazer formally announced his bid for the job two weeks ago. He waged an unsuccessful fight against Faso in 1992. No other Democrat has yet expressed an interest in running.

Glazer said he had no qualms about facing a popular Republican like Ringler in the fall election. "At (Ringler's) peak, he got something in the neighborhood of 7,500 votes. I got 19,200 votes when I ran for the (Assembly) seat in '92."

Bethlehem Town Republican Chairman Bernard Kaplowitz said he expected Ringler to win the GOP nomination and go on to victory in November.

"Albany County is the largest county in the district and Bethlehem by far has the largest number of votes. He should be a strong candidate," Kaplowitz said.

The 102nd Assembly District includes the towns of Bethlehem, Coeymans, Westerlo and Rensselaerville in Albany County; all of Greene County except for Catskill; all of Schoharie County and three towns in Columbia County.

## Burial vault case in limbo

State Supreme Court Justice Lawrence Kahn officially dismissed the town of Bethlehem's suit to regain control over the Slingerlands family vault last week, suddenly putting the historical site in limbo again.

In a ruling issued in February,

Judge Kahn indicated that he could dismiss the town's suit over ownership rights because Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz had made some technical errors in his presentation. But Judge Kahn also verified the town's title to the burial mound, which is behind Mangia restaurant off New Scotland Road.

James Bruner, attorney for Anthony Pizzitola, who still claims sovereignty over the site because he owns the surrounding land, said it was clear the town had lost being that the case was dismissed.

Kaplowitz, who acknowledged that technical errors were made, said Judge Kahn's decision implied that all the town needs to do to win the suit is refile in proper fashion. But for everyone's sake, it would be better to reach a negotiated settlement, he said.

"The lines of communication with the town are open," Bruner agreed. "No one wants to go back to court, because it costs too much money. It's not anything that we would relish."

## Star-spangled singers



"The Star Spangled Revue," a musical tour of the U.S. presented by the fifth-grade of Slingerlands Elementary School last weekend, featured, front row, from left, Christine Potter, Scott Lipnick and Alison Laufer, and back row, from left, Amanda Boltz, Shirah Pollock and Geoff Decker.

Hugh Hewitt

## Ravena looks to form library district

By Susan Graves

The Ravena Free Library operates on a shoestring compared to its neighbors in Bethlehem and Voorheesville, but library Director Judy Felsten is hoping that will change after May 11.

The library board of trustees president agrees the Ravena facility is in a word — small. "Compared to Bethlehem, we're not even on the shoestring," said Mary Lou Youmans.

On Wednesday, May 11, three propositions on the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district ballot could dramatically affect the library and the way it's run.

Proposition 4 would bring the library's service area — and tax authority — into accord with the boundaries of the school district. The library would be called the RCS Community Library and would serve portions of the towns of Coeymans, New Baltimore, Bethlehem and New Scotland and the counties of Albany and Greene under the provisions of Section 255 of the Education Law of New York State.

At present, the library is funded with money from the town of Coeymans and the village of Ravena. All told the annual budget is currently \$45,000.

School district libraries are not under the control of the school areas they serve, though elections for both institutions are held concurrently and the same group of property owners pay taxes for each. Bethlehem and Voorheesville both operate as school district libraries.

Proposition 5 would mean the annual appropriation would increase to \$103,337 for the Ravena facility (Bethlehem's proposed budget is \$2,291,026).

"The village board has been very supportive, they know they

can't fund it in the end," said Youmans. The village currently contributes about \$16,500 to the annual library budget.

Changing Ravena to a school district library would mean the library could expand its hours (now only 30 hours a week) become handicapped-accessible and also look for larger quarters, Felsten said. The library currently rents a 2,100-square-foot site at 106 Main St.

Because of the limited hours the facility is open, Felsten said, "It's very confusing for patrons. The referendum is an attempt to enlarge the base of support."

The library has a collection of 13,800 titles and has been suffer-

ing growing pains for some time. Of the 450 new library cards issued in 1993, about half were for patrons living outside the village.

The cost of maintaining the library for district taxpayers would be about \$12 a year, said Felsten. According to Youmans, "It's time to make facility worth using."

Proposition 6 calls for a board of seven trustees for terms beginning July 1.

Candidates for the seven trustee seats are Youmans, Donna Crisafulli, John Curley, Daniel Frye, Virgil Meliti, Edward Shea and Mary Ann Shubert.

Voting will be from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the high school on Route 9W.

## RCS board OKs budget

By Michele Bintz

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school board approved a preliminary 1994-95 school year budget at its April 11 meeting. The \$22.6 million package is 9.1 percent higher than last year's spending plan.

A budget hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the senior high school on Route 9W.

Four petitions have been submitted to the board office for candidates seeking election to the four board seats under contest this year. All four were submitted by incumbents.

Sarah Hafensteiner, Maurice Satin and Russ Sykes, whose three-year terms are expiring, and Diane Louis, recently appointed by the board to the seat vacated earlier this year by Barry Jones, have all decided to seek re-election.

The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the at-large race will win three-year terms, while the fourth-place finisher will serve out the remaining two years on the Jones seat.

The ballot will include three propositions for bus replacement, proposed improvements and alterations to the bus garage and an easement to the town of Bethlehem to property behind the board office on Thatcher Street in Selkirk.

A fourth proposition would create an RCS library district and include the election of seven trustees to govern the district.

The election is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the high school.

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# Planners hear escarpment concerns Subdivision plan sent back to developer for revisions

By Dev Tobin

The sun sets there, TV and radio stations broadcast from there, and the view from the top is spectacular.

The Helderberg Escarpment is the most prominent feature of the town of New Scotland. How intensely the lowlands under the Escarpment can be developed seems to be the remaining issue in New Scotland's master plan update process, at least according to those who spoke up at last week's informational meeting on the document.

About 25 people attended the meeting convened by the town's planning board in the auditorium of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Sen-

ior High School.

Board Chairman Robert Stapf said that the half-inch-thick document prepared by C.T. Male Associates over the last four years does not set specific acreages for the "low intensity" and "moderate intensity" zones, leaving that to a zoning committee.

"It's a bit of a cop-out by the board, but this is just a guideline, not a zoning ordinance," Stapf said. "It leaves a little flexibility when the zoning committee meets."

Under the updated plan, the Escarpment itself would have low intensity zoning, and areas west of Picard, Rock Hill and Upper Flat Rock roads would be a moderate intensity zone.

"The intent was to have a moderate buffer zone between the Escarpment and the residential density zone," Stapf said.

The document "sets a ceiling" of development intensity, Stapf said, and the zoning committee "has the discretion to be more restrictive."

"It's better not to talk about specifics this board has no control over," said board member Ray MacKay. Any zoning changes "will be another full-blown session with public hearings," he added.

Much of the discussion centered around the Picard Road area nestled under the Escarpment.

Under an earlier version of the document, that area was designated for residential density (one house per acre under current zoning), but the board had amended the plan to recommend moderate intensity there after hearing from people like Chris Albright of Martin Road.

Albright said that most landowners in the area had signed a petition calling for five-acre minimum lot sizes for the Picard Road area.

## Retirement planning topic of workshop

A free workshop will be presented by representatives of Waddell and Reed Financial Services to assist in preparing for your retirement years, on Wednesday, April 27, at 7 p.m., at the Bethlehem Public Library.

Some key issues to be addressed will include determining the amount of income available during retirement, how age affects taxes, maximizing pension benefits and IRA rollover choices. This free seminar is open to the public. Register for the program by calling 439-9314.

By Dev Tobin

A proposal for the largest subdivision in New Scotland history is back before the town planning board.

At the board's meeting last week, Peter Baltis again presented his plan for Palisades Heights — 77 residential lots on 37 acres at the former Indian Ladder Drive-in on Route 85. In 1992, the project had received preliminary approval, which has since lapsed.

Because of concerns over where children will play, the board sent Baltis back to the drawing board to design a recreational area on at least 10 percent of the acreage.

Board Chairman Robert Stapf suggested a small baseball field and a basketball court on a level piece of ground as a way to keep children away from the state highway, which has a speed limit of 55 mph.

Baltis said he had no objection to redesigning the project to create a pocket park.

Stapf also suggested, and Baltis agreed to, a berm along Route 85 "to restrict children from getting out onto 85 and to hide the subdivision from the road."

A larger concern is whether the project can receive public water from the Bethlehem main on Route 85, and whether it could receive preliminary approval without a water agreement. With public water, half-acre lot sizes would be allowed under current zoning.

"We know we have to have water secured, but it's difficult to pursue a water agreement before you have some kind of preliminary approval," said William Sheehan, Baltis' attorney.

"There's nothing new here," he

said, adding that the project's prior preliminary approval came without a water agreement in place.

Bethlehem is currently conducting a mapping and inventory review of its water system, Sheehan said. Bethlehem has generally been reluctant to provide water beyond the required 150 feet of Route 85.

Board Attorney Michael Mackey noted that the county planning board also wanted more detail on the project's plan for water and sewerage.

In other business, the board:

- Approved the Allen Farm subdivision, near the intersection of Spore and Bullock roads, into four lots.

- Approved a special use permit for Joseph Cataldo to build a two-family house at the end of Salem Court.

- Scheduled a public hearing for May 10 on Mark Fiato's request to add auto service to the auto sales already permitted at his property at 1970 New Scotland Road, across from the Stonewall Shopping Plaza.

- Reviewed a subdivision sketch plat on Cornell University's plan to subdivide 38 acres into seven lots at the intersection of Bennett Hill and Tarrytown roads. Representing Cornell, Kevin Brady said he would survey the area for water and septic suitability, and prepare a preliminary plat for the subdivision.

- Forwarded to the zoning board of appeals with favorable recommendations the area variance requests of Frederick Riester of Rowe Road, Ronald Horstman of Rarick Road, and Thomas and Theresa Flynn of Route 156.

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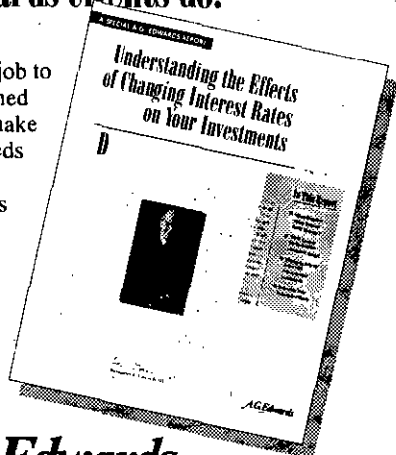
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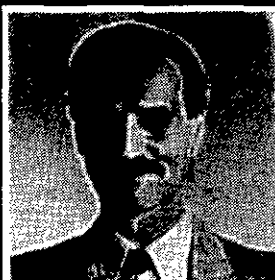
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## Eco-poems

Jack Rightmyer's sixth-grade English class at Bethlehem Central Middle School has been focusing on the upcoming Earth Day celebration. Here are several poems written by class members.

### Cardinal

Red, graceful as the wind,  
wide winged,  
like a shadow in the trees,  
a peaceful friend.

*By Moira Pulitzer-Kennedy*

### Somewhere

Somewhere in the forest.  
The sun shining brightly.  
Midday.  
The trees shaking.  
Birds flying crazy.  
Deer drinking water.  
The wind blowing gently.  
The grass shining green.  
Squirrels climbing trees.  
Picking up the leaves.  
I feel like I'm there.

*By Tim Hwang*

### Litter

Litter is everywhere, so be aware.  
Do people litter because they don't care?  
Wouldn't it be better if the Earth was litter-free?  
If you agree, it listen to me.  
Be better.  
All I can say is,  
KEEP OUR PRECIOUS EARTH,  
LITTER-FREE!!

*By Claire Bandel*

### Climbing tree

Brown, gentle like a song.  
Jagged  
a toy to some.  
A child growing and learning.

*By Elizabeth Cappiello*

## Drugs

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D'Arcangelis was charged with fifth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance (a Class D felony) for allegedly having more than 500 milligrams of crack, Wolfgang said.

After spending Thursday night in the Division 2 lockup, D'Arcangelis was arraigned Friday and released under \$5,000 bail. He is due back in police court May 3, according to his attorney Paul Pelagalli.

D'Arcangelis has no criminal record, Pelagalli said, and will plead not guilty to the charge against him.

D'Arcangelis is a tenured teacher with 26 years experience in the Bethlehem district.

"I'm shocked and saddened, and certain that the students will be very much affected by this," said BCMS Principal Fred Burdick.

D'Arcangelis is "a very competent teacher, very aware of English literature and English language usage," Burdick said.

D'Arcangelis has been placed on "special assignment" with pay in the district office, reporting to Superintendent Leslie Loomis and Judith Wooster, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction.

"He'll be doing curriculum work with no connection to any presence in the classroom," Loomis said.

D'Arcangelis will be replaced by a "top-quality" substitute teacher "for an indefinite period of time," Loomis added. At Bethlehem's current rate for substitutes, replacing D'Arcangelis in the classroom will cost \$60 a day.

"Mr. D'Arcangelis is innocent until proven guilty, and we will respect all of his rights, yet the district always takes a strong stand in cases of drug and alcohol abuse," Loomis said.

Prior to D'Arcangelis' arrest Thursday, "We had no indication that he had any connection with a controlled substance," Loomis said.

It's too early to tell whether the district will attempt to terminate D'Arcangelis, according to William Collins, BC school board president.

Were D'Arcangelis convicted of a crime related to Thursday's arrest, the board would examine the particular circumstances and how such a conviction would impact on D'Arcangelis' ability to effectively deliver services as a classroom teacher, Collins said.

The board could initiate a 3020-a proceeding to terminate a teacher convicted of a crime, and any individual can initiate a Part 83 proceeding to suspend or revoke a teaching certificate, according to Bill Hirschen, spokesman for the state Department of Education.

Termination under 3020-a or revocation under Part 83 are "likely but not automatic" following a felony drug conviction, Hirschen noted.

## Embroidery guild to meet in Delmar

The Capital District Chapter of the Embroiders' Guild of America will meet on Wednesday, April 20, at the First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Yvonne Welch will show slides and tell the stories behind ecclesiastical embroideries found in Capital District synagogues and churches. Most of these embroideries have been worked on or designed by chapter members.

A bag lunch is suggested. For information, call Susanne Kimura at 393-7347.

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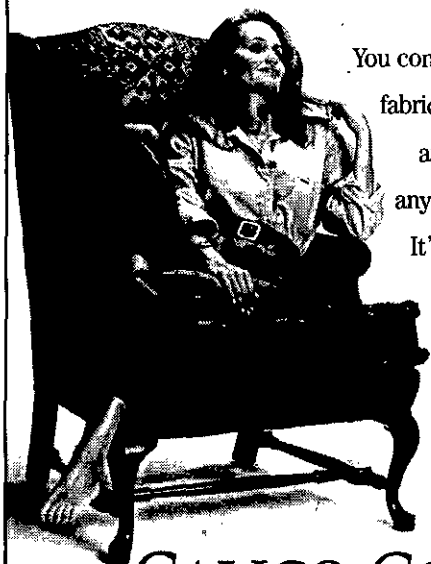
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## Matters of Opinion

### Help Spring's promise come true

With the long winter almost certainly out of the way, with spring officially a month old, with crocuses announcing the return of color to the world, robins on the wing, and the young Yankees once more, and still, inhabiting their greensward, it's time to take stock around the homestead.

And stock-taking is definitely what The Spotlight's annual Home and Garden section encourages and abets. In the section's pages within this week's edition, a reader will find ideas and instructions, hints and suggestions galore for making the most of the rejuvenation this season promises for both the residence and the great outdoors.

### Spotlight on The Spotlight's awards

Three first-place prizes, two second-place honors, and five "honorable mentions" were received by The Spotlight Newspapers in the New York Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest for 1993.

The awards, announced over the past weekend, speak for themselves in reflecting credit on the quality of the staff of these

### Editorials

For either the garden, the lawn, or the arbor, as well as the residence itself, each property invariably stands in need of the caring attention that can be bestowed best by those who enjoy its attractions and, frankly, its very own idiosyncrasies.

Home and Garden provides sources for the implements and materials to fit each family's special interests—to say nothing, of course, of the seeds, the saplings, and the shrubs that will make Spring's promise come alive again.

newspapers and the individual writers' consistent product.

As The Spotlight Newspapers' readers are aware, recognition by the press association's judges of the merit to be found weekly in our pages has become an annual event. On behalf of our readers, we are gratified by this impartial judgment.

### Move ahead on Southgate

Not really quite as controversial as Watergate, Southgate nonetheless has sparked a great deal of questions and discussion over the past many months since it was first proposed. We think it's time for the countdown to begin.

The elements in the "Draft Environmental Impact Statement" submitted by the developers to the Bethlehem planning board merit serious consideration there and in the Town

Board. A necessary public hearing and other opportunities for comment will permit full participation by residents.

The current plan appears to answer most objections about traffic and other environmental concerns, including those relating to the Glenmont school. The benefits to the entire community, such as employment and a better tax base, are considerable and should be decisive.

### Out of sight, out of control

Numerous aspects—some quite distressing—of New York State's policy on the education of pre-kindergarten pupils who have disabilities are detailed in this week's Point of View column by Gay Petri on the opposite page.

Among the topics she reviews are the excessive costs to governmental budgets and, of course, ultimately to the taxpaying public. Albany County Executive Michael J. Hoblock, Jr., is quoted to the effect that the present program has developed into "a second Medicaid" for counties' mandated expenditures.

To expand on such a doleful comment is enlightening and disheartening. Over the past thirteen years (including the projected 1994 cost) Albany County's expenses for

educating pre-kindergarten children with disabilities have multiplied by more than 600 percent—from somewhat over \$2 million to nearly \$12.5 million a year. In the last five years alone, the increase has totaled \$51.5 million.

The best that can be said of these data is that in the past four years the rate of increase has been diminishing somewhat.

From 1991 to 1992, the rate of increase was 16.9 percent. From '92 to '93, the rate was 15.4 percent. And from last year to this, the rise is "only" 10.7 percent.

The average annual rate of increase, 1991-94, is fractionally short of 16 percent. A convenient rule-of-thumb states that a 15 percent annual increase amounts to a 100 percent rise in a six-year period.

### Eddie Galvin

To a generation of tourists, schoolchildren, and more official visitors to the governor's offices, Major Edward M. Galvin came to personify the formidable majesty of New York State's government.

At the overwhelmingly impressive sanctum of the Executive Chamber, so far as the public could know it, he was omnipresent: Silent, watchful, ruggedly handsome though bearing the unmistakable mark of combat, he was a veritable Hercules near the portal behind which momentous judgments were being passed on the rest of us.

Eddie Galvin would desert that post only when the Governor of New York—serially named Dewey, Harriman, and Rockefeller—was absent. If the Chief Executive travelled, Major Galvin went, too, guarding his safety. Home or abroad, no awed spectator could mistake that safety was assured, or doubt who was in charge.

For a quarter-century in this responsibility, Eddie Galvin was a faithful and successful guardian not merely of security but likewise of dignity. He held the plum of all State Police assignments and never disappointed either his chief or his fellow-citizens.

### 'Awareness Week' combats toll of the drinking driver

Editor, The Spotlight:

April is Alcoholism Awareness Month nationally. It is hard to imagine any other drug except nicotine which causes more deaths. In America in 1992, approximately 17,699 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes. We use the term crash, not accident, because getting behind the

### Vox Pop

wheel drunk, then crashing into a neighbor, relative, or innocent stranger with over a one ton of mass clearly is no accident.

The drunk driver is in an al-

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### Voorheesville school taxes said to drive residents out

Editor, The Spotlight:

Your April 6 edition contained a letter to the editor from Richard A. Leach, Jr., written in his own behalf, that of his father and all others comprising the faculty of Voorheesville Central Schools. Therein he expressed his disdain respecting a resolution of the school board to adhere to the current salary schedules for teachers.

He properly pointed with pride to the awards, given two years ago, to both the elementary and high schools as "National Schools of Excellence." While acknowledging that students, their parents and the community bore some responsibility therefor, he attributed the lion's share of the credit to the teachers, thus, in his view, founding their entitlement to another raise in salaries.

The last such contract (1992)—one which "many have called generous," he says, but deprecates—placed Voorheesville teachers "a mere 244th out of 601 districts" reporting in the state and 149th out of 693 of them ranked on a "personal income per pupil" basis. In 1994, he concludes, "Voorheesville still ranks in the top quarter in the income per pupil category, while a salary freeze will drop the teachers' annual incomes into the lower half of salaries for educators within New York State." Such, he forewarns, may prompt the departure of some of those presently employed in our schools.

I am not in a position to dispute Mr. Leach's statistics though I do question his mathematics. Nor do I challenge his foreboding of teacher departures for greener pastures if the current levels of teacher compensation are maintained. Speaking for those of us who provide the bulk thereof, however—the parents and the community—we are acutely conscious of the impetus for departures. Ours takes the form of "For Sale" signs prompted by the increasing burden of Voorheesville school taxes.

Mr. Leach extols his father's teaching tenure of 27 years as exemplary. Undoubtedly warranted. Twenty-seven years ago, the Voorheesville school taxes on my domicile were slightly under \$400. For 1993, they were somewhat in excess of \$4,000 on the same property! With our new "full value" assessments, what 1994's school taxes will be—with no change in teacher salary levels—is unpredictable but undoubtedly incremental.

I therefore propose a compromise with Messrs Leach *et al*; you keep your current salary levels; I'll keep my current tax assessment; and we'll change the title of the 1992 awards to the "National Community of Excellence Award," in recognition of our mutual contributions to the education of our children, both in and out of school.

Kent H. Brown

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## Who is hiding the missing ace?

A recent book published by the Business Council, which they chose to call "The Comeback State," includes an introduction by two former governors of New York, Malcolm Wilson and Hugh Carey. (Can't you see them now, one hunched over the keyboard, the other leaning anxiously above to make certain that the spelling is ok and no subversive thoughts creeping in?)

The book's editors note that these two governors were, respectively, New York's fiftieth and fifty-first heads of state. That inevitably makes Mario M. Cuomo No. 52.

But after all, no one has ever suggested that he doesn't play with a full deck.

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The question in the weeks just ahead might be asked this way: Will the Republicans draw a joker again? Or is there any chance they will find someone capable of waging a campaign on his (her) terms, rather than Mr. Cuomo's?

Even with an election campaign in an early, stumbling stage, the Governor must at least occasionally spare some thought to the nagging question—nagging to most mortals, that is—of "What might have been."

Go back a mere 28 months. The Governor of New York had

the presidential nomination in his hands. What appeared to be a last-hour decision on his part took him out of the race. The elements of his judgment never were explained to the satisfaction of almost anyone.

Within weeks of the Cuomo

### Uncle Dudley

decision (paralleling Calvin Coolidge's 1927 announcement of "I do not choose to run"), a younger man who had moved up in the party's preferential stakes was defending himself adroitly against a variety of allegations and suspicions, successfully enough that he was able to dub himself a "Comeback Kid" and proceed to the nomination.

That nomination could have been Mario Cuomo's for the asking—and election as President of the United States.

The word "Whitewater," I guarantee you, never would have been heard outside the Ozarks.

Mario Cuomo, a man whose evident credentials so far outdistance those of William J. Clinton, would be in the Oval Office, focusing on North Korea without the diversion of the kinds of questions that are besetting the Clin-

ton White House.

I ask you, then, cannot reflections of this nature be occurring to New York's Governor this week? Might he not be reflecting, too, on the irony that he—whose address to the Democratic convention of 1984 electrified the party and made his reputation—stepped aside for a man whose convention address in 1988 made him a laughingstock?

The immediate problem for Governor Cuomo is persuading New Yorkers that his twelve years in office warrant election to another term. Somewhere in the equation will be the idea of a genuine contest between a man long considered to be presidential timber and the choice of Alfonse D'Amato and other Republican powers-that-be. Incumbent governors chronically are held in low regard—until they have a real-life opponent. Each of the three times that Nelson Rockefeller ran for reelection, he was considered an underdog, but he invariably won.

During this campaign, if Mario Cuomo were routinely asked, "Will you serve out a full term?" what might he answer? The question may seem idle—but is it not now possible that the Democratic party in 1996 will be seeking an electable presidential candidate?

## Family life, 21st century mode

There's a new magazine around bearing the plainspoken title of "Family Life," but once you get past the sepia cover (March-April issue) there's very little about the 120 pages that is plain or colorless.

Clearly, the magazine is planned and edited for that part of upscale households which include youngsters. (I refrain from using what appears to be the magazine's favorite word, which is "kids.")

The cover lines pretty much sum up the approach and the contents: 7 New Family Tax Breaks, Whiz Kid—Bringing Up Genius, The Mother Triangle—Childcare Rivalry, Mad Dads Unite to Fight Guns, Dude Ranches, CD-ROM for Parents: a complete guide.

I can imagine that the guide probably is "complete," for the seven pages devoted to this arcane (for me, at least) topic seem to take in most of what an eager/anxious parent (or child-deprived citizen, even) might wish or need to know about this phenomenon that's just crossed the horizon. Here's a telling expression from the principal article on the subject: "Until recently, I was a doubter about this new technoid weenie as I'm sure you are, and justifiably so, too." But, he adds, the technology is "just about ready for prime time and its prime beneficiaries will be the young, the young at heart, and even jaded teenagers." (The article is annoyingly full of jazzy expressions such as "all the coolest software," "slam

on a couple of respectable speakers," "pony up to the bar," or "slather balm on the soul of the most earnest parent.") The article, with a pair of informative sidebars, is useful, but be prepared.

### Constant Reader

As you finish it, you may find yourself enmeshed in eight pages of photos of winsome boys and girls wearing raincoats, rainhats, or boots, in a display intended to clue in some of those earnest parents as to what to buy to ensure that their own small fry are properly winsome too.

Having avoided this fate, turn back to the editor's page (almost lost in a forest of ads for Ralph Lauren, GAP, Reebok, Hush Puppies, and Baby Guess) and read more about CD-ROM, this time is a more civilized version of the English language. And a saner view:

"With all that fast-speed retrieval," the editor, Nancy Evans, asks, "who will teach them (children) patience, the joy of the hunt, the reward of the discovery? Who will teach them relevance: what's important, what's not? . . . Will what's known as critical thinking be zapped into the computer 'trash can' too?" Other important questions are asked, as well, as she observes that "We're talking about an entire world of information coming in on a different wavelength than the one we grew up with."

"And maybe," Ms. Evans adds, "this time we don't have to wait until an entire generation has grown up to assess the damage."

The issue contains a feature column, "Spring's Cool Sneaks," which augments what seems like a blizzard of advertising for politically correct footwear. But there's also a thoughtful essay called "The Importance of Time Alone" for children; Robert Coles on "Listening to Children" (including keeping your own mouth shut); and an informative, well-done article describing seven means of reducing a family's tax liability; though I mention this after the big deadline, I found it useful, as I imagine many others did. Many parents undoubtedly could benefit from a piece about planning a successful expedition with the youngsters to an art museum.

You'll also find Laptop Pets," about not only hamsters, gerbils, and guinea pigs but also "fancy rats," said to be "as close to a dog as you can get in a rodent." Better read this, if you're in the market after buying all the necessary juvenile togs and shoes, shoes, shoes.

"Family Life" retails for \$2.50 if you can find it, with an 800 number (4565576) for subscriptions, but no rate quoted. The magazine is a product of Jann Wenner, the mastermind previously of "Rolling Stone." I'd guess that it is conceived for that publication's earliest clientele.

## Segregation policy cheats impaired pre-schoolers

The contributor of this Point of View, a resident of Delmar, has been a member of the staff of the New York State Association of Counties in Albany since 1979. She has three children in the Bethlehem Central School District.

By Gay Petri

The area of special education has garnered more than a little attention from the press over the past year, so it was no surprise that local papers—including *The Spotlight*—have recently provided not only news stories but also editorials and letters to the editor on this issue.

Letters recently printed in these pages from parents who are critical of New York's special education system chronicled efforts to have their children schooled in the community rather than in far-flung school districts and segregated settings.

### Point of View

The current special education debate has brought together some fairly unlikely bedfellows: namely, parents of children with disabilities, academicians, civil libertarians, and taxpayers.



This is perhaps nowhere more clear than in the current New York State program known as the Preschool Handicapped Education Program serving three-to-five-year old youngsters with disabilities. The four factions noted above have joined forces numerous times in the recent past in order to express outrage over a program which, whatever its original good intentions may have been, has inappropriately served many young children and their families and contributed significantly to real-property tax increases statewide.

Many parents have questioned the benefit of a program which seems to favor placement of young children in segregated, full-time settings instead of encouraging service delivery in what federal law refers to as the "least restrictive environment"—the setting where the child would characteristically be found during the day.

### Well-intentioned pre-school program suffers from improper referrals, unsuitable settings, and inflated costs

Since the inception in 1989 of New York's mandated programs serving children ages three to five with disabilities, the New York State Association of Counties has watched the program closely on behalf of its constituents.

What counties around the state—without exception—have witnessed in the program is:

*Rampant self-referral by evaluators who serve as providers of services in the system; over-reliance on segregated, costly settings for services; and the resultant untoward growth in cost of the program.*

New York State and its counties share equally the cost of this program, whose price tag has grown from \$96.2 million in 1989 to what is expected to be well over \$500 million for the current school year.

County Executive Michael J. Hoblock, Jr., recently described the program for disabled preschoolers as a "second Medicaid program" for counties. Counties have protested vigorously since 1989 about the apparent lack of oversight of the program by the State Education Department, but it was the recently released audit of the program by the Office of State Comptroller that informed the general public of the program's shortcomings and cost.

The audit itself was undertaken in 1992 primarily because of the 68 percent increase in costs between 1989-90 and 1990-91, accompanied by a 55 percent increase in the number of children who enrolled in the program over the same period.

The audit report confirmed another long-held contention of county officials around the state—namely, that a disproportionate number of children diagnosed with speech impairments are represented in the program. The number jumped nearly 50 percent between 1989-90 and 1991-92, from 10,232 children to

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## Matters of Opinion

### Old Paint in last roundup in unique recycling event

Editor, The Spotlight:

Congratulations to the Town of Bethlehem, Passonno Paint of Watervliet and Sharon Fisher and the Town Highway Department employees! The paint recycling day at the town garage on Saturday, April 9, was a huge success.

We commend Passonno Paint and the town for their willingness to undertake this project, which is the first of its kind in the Capital District.

Over 400 cars with hundreds of cans of latex paint from cellars and garages in Bethlehem arrived at the garage. The cans were sorted, with full cans of acceptable latex being donated to Barn Raisers and the paint from partially full cans combined for reprocessing by Passonno into new paint.

Bethlehem Work On Waste applauds this effort.

Mary L. LoGiudice  
Elaine Cornelius

#### Thanks due to many

Editor, The Spotlight:

A resounding thanks goes to all the volunteers who helped make the special latex paint collection day a complete success.

Along those volunteering were recycling coordinators from five counties, representatives from

Cooperative Extension, the Department of Environmental Conservation, Bethlehem Work on Waste, Highway Department personnel, town officials and their families.

Special thanks go to Keri Cunningham and Robert St. John of Passonno Paint for their expert advice and Albany Alloy for lending the town a rolloff for the emptied cans, and an employee for the day.

Bruegger's Bagels, Delmar Beverage Center, and Vinnie's Pizza in Glenmont deserve appreciation for the refreshments donated. They were a real booster and kept everybody energized as the day wore on.

Finally, thanks to all the all residents who patiently waited in line.

Sharon Fisher

Recycling Coordinator

#### Words for the week

**Adroit**: Skillful in a physical or mental way; clever, expert, dexterous.

**Incumbent**: The holder of an office or benefice. Also (with on), resting upon as duty or obligation.

**Rampant**: Growing luxuriously; flourishing. Also, spreading unchecked; widespread. Violent and uncontrollable. And, rearing up on the hind legs.

### Aware

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tered state of consciousness; his psychomotor skills affected; and his judgment altered; and his reaction time slowed.

Each weekend night in Albany County, one out of every eleven drivers has made the decision that he or she can drive drunk. These people are our neighbors, friends, and family members. Many are alcoholics. Others just refuse to admit that alcohol can affect them. In the last twelve years, it is estimated that almost forty lives have been saved in our county by strict DWI enforcement. Yet, 121 people died in that same period due to the effects of drunk driving.

The Bethlehem Police Department has joined the county in a strict enforcement effort combining a campaign against underage drinking, DWI saturation patrols, and a long-term drug and alcohol awareness program: Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.), presented in the Bethlehem and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school districts and St. Thomas parochial school.

The results are meaningful. Over the last year, DWI arrests are down in Bethlehem by 19 percent. Alcohol-related crashes are down county-wide. To date, after suffering two deaths of high school students in 1992, we have had no alcohol-related fatalities in Bethlehem and only two DWI vehicular homicide cases in the entire county.

The success of the DWI effort which in Albany County is called

STOP-DWI and is headed by coordinator Sheriff James L. Campbell, who works with the police chief of each town or city. Albany's blanket patrol, which is a model of regionalized cooperation, soon will become a statewide effort.

The first victims panel in New York State was held in Bethlehem Town Court in June of 1989. Betty Martin of Glenmont, past president of New York State RID, whose daughter Michele was killed by a drunk driver in 1982 on the bypass; and Greene County resident Sharon Lalor, whose daughter Margaret was killed by a drunk driver in 1987, organized and spoke at this first panel.

While DWI-related fatalities have declined nearly 30 percent nationwide in the last ten years, we see other crimes related to drugs and alcohol rising with alarming frequency:

One possible suggestion to combat these crimes is to use some of the deterrence models and funding mechanisms to localities that were in the original New York State DWI legislation of 1981 to fight violent crimes. If we are ever to stem this violence, we must bring the words "personal responsibility" back into the justice system, the classroom, the workplace, and neighborhoods. This involves legislative action on crime bills in Congress and the State Legislature, as well as implementing controversial technologies as "genetic DNA fingerprinting" for serial rapists and repeat sex offenders, and other modern law enforcement techniques. We need a victim's "Bill of Rights" similar to Wisconsin's.

It is appropriate that the last week of a month which highlights alcohol abuse awareness is dedicated to victims' rights. On Sunday, April 24, at 1 p.m., a rally will take place in the front entrance of the Tricentennial park in Albany. The park is located on Broadway, across from the Peter Kiernan Plaza. At 1:30 p.m., the vigil moves to the First Church in Albany on North Pearl Street. Invited speakers include U.S. Attorney Gary L. Sharpe, Assistant District Attorney Cheryl Coleman, and several victims. The vigil is open to the public. Anyone who is interested in hearing about violence from

#### Sunday afternoon rally and vigil features message on victims' rights

those who have experienced the trauma, should please attend, listening to and sharing possible solutions.

The theme of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, "Facing Violence Today: Fewer Victims Tomorrow," signifies the twenty-year path that the victims' rights movement has had in the United States. It will be pointed out at the vigil that we still have a long way to go to have true and equal Victim Justice.

Denis Foley

Richard LaChappelle

Editor's note: Denis Foley is administrator of the Albany County STOP-DWI program. Richard LaChappelle chief of police of the Town of Bethlehem.

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## Your Opinion Matters

## Pre-school

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19,644. These figures compute to 58.82 percent and 64.40 percent of total placements of children with disabilities in the pre-school program. By comparison, only approximately 11 percent of the total school-aged population with disabilities was diagnosed as speech-impaired over the course of the same period.

The first question the parents of these young children should join civil rights advocates, academicians, clinicians, and real-property taxpayers in asking is this: Why aren't more of these children (particularly the 68 percent diagnosed as speech-impaired) receiving individual therapies in their home or day-care setting instead of in a segregated, costly facility?

*The annual tuition rate for these programs ranges in New York State from a low of around \$14,000 upward to close to \$40,000.*

These amounts do not include the cost of transporting preschoolers with disabilities to these centers. The Comptroller estimated that \$58 million could have been saved annually if the proportion of preschool children who were placed in center-based programs and who received itinerant services were similar to the proportion of school-aged children who were placed in those settings. The Association of Counties believes the Comptroller's estimate of savings is somewhat conservative.

Savings in the program would be that much greater if families of children with disabilities and the taxpayer were assured of objectivity in the evaluation process. In spite of current legislative efforts to prohibit the practice of self-referral in other facets of the health-care system, children are routinely referred to the services provided by the evaluator's own program.

The tuition-based reimbursement aspect of the state's pre-school program for children with disabilities has become an ongoing fiscal disaster for counties: under the preschool program,

when a child's education plan indicates placement in a center based program, the county pays a flat tuition rate. If the child fails to attend the program for weeks (sometimes months) at a time, the county is still responsible for full payment. (Fifty percent of it is reimbursed, much later, by the state.)

*As a parent, you wouldn't dream of paying an annual tuition fee if your son or daughter were taking only a semester's worth of courses.*

As a taxpayer, you do so all the time under the current state-mandated program serving three- to five-year old children with disabilities.

Parents of children with disabilities are becoming increasingly vocal in their desire to include their children in a regular education environment where they are more likely to acquire the skills they need to function in the community. A significant body of current literature supports the contention of these parents that their children learn better in environments which include non-disabled peers.

Barraged by steady increases to their real-property taxes, taxpayers understandably tend to blame locally elected officials. But what such taxpayers should be aware of is that state-mandated programs, including Medicaid and the preschool program for disabled children, drive such increases.

One of the many ironies of the fiscal dilemma posed by the mandated preschool program is that it simultaneously offers the opportunity to do right by the recipient of services and introduce cost-effectiveness into the program.

New York is in clear violation of federal law and regulation in its failure to place children with disabilities in less-restrictive, inclusionary environments. Such placements could result in substantial savings to the taxpayer.

*For the record, federal data reveal New York as one of the three worst states in its policies and practices for mainstreaming children with disabilities.*

## 1,200 meatballs disappear in the Lab School's interest

Editor, The Spotlight:

This is to thank all those who supported the pasta dinner and auction sponsored by the Bethlehem Laboratory School on Sunday, April 10. Thanks to the 321 customers who came for supper. Thanks to the fifty merchants who donated door prizes. Thanks to the many merchants who donated food and supplies. Thanks to the many Lab School parents who organized and carried off the event with great efficiency. Particular thanks to Bob James who cooked up twenty gallons of sauce and

twelve hundred meatballs(!), and to Darlene Dowse and Carol Berry who co-chaired the event. Thanks also to the small army of students who prepped, served, and auctioned off their services (babysitting, yard work, etc.).

After expenses, the event raised over \$1,800 that will go towards the important "extras" that make a school special—scholarships, field trips, awards, etc.

It's nice to be part of an old-time community event—something we need more of—that brings together the generations!

Federal regulations governing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act require that "to the maximum extent appropriate, children with disabilities, including children in public or private institution or other care facilities, are educated with children who are nondisabled; and that special classes, separate schooling, or other removal of children with disabilities from the regular educational environment occurs only when the nature or severity of the disability is such that education in regular classes with the use of supplementary aids and services cannot be satisfactorily achieved."

Advocates of civil liberties look

askance on New York's propensity for segregation of students with disabilities, and one child-advocacy group recently filed suit against the state for what it perceives to be New York's failure to enforce federal law and regulation regarding special education.

Non of the interested groups—parents of disabled children, taxpayers, civil libertarians, and academicians—should stand for anything less than a full-scale investigation of, and legislative action to correct, this program's documented shortcomings and open flouting of federal law.

That is at least as important as the stated goal of raising money.

Jim Nehring

Lab School Teacher

## And more thanks

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Lab School's "First Annual Pasta Dinner and Service Auction" is over and express sincere appreciation to all who helped make it successful. Thanks to our committee chairpersons: Rus Kratz, Shelia DiMaggio, Marilyn Corrigan, Nancy Martian, Pat Bush, Judy Languish, Carolyn Wenger, and Carole Doody; to Bob James, our chef; to the teachers, Jim Nehring, Michele Atallah, Sue Brockley, and Jane Feldman; the Lab School parents and students who all played very important roles in the event.

And to all the businesses which donated space, time, food or merchandise—thank you! We could not have done it without such support.

Carol Berry

Darlene Dowse

Co-Chairpersons

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Patrice Falance (top left), Keith Jackson, Lorena McGuinness and Kim Delisle relax outside the Main Square Shoppes. Matthew Walmsley (bottom left) basks in the sunshine along with his mother Louise. Michael Herald and Justin Class try rollerblading in Delmar, while Maria (left) Diana and Mercy LaJeunesse try their hands at a little yardwork.

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# Jr. high info meeting set *South Bethlehem 4-H group forms*

All parents and guardians of Voorheesville sixth-graders about to enter Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School are encouraged to attend an informational meeting on Tuesday, April 26, at 7 p.m. in the large group instruction room of the school's music wing.

Principal Terence Barlow and guidance counselor Barbara Blumberg will discuss academic requirements, seventh and eighth grade curriculum. There will be a slide and tape presentation.

For information, call the guidance office at 765-5529.

## Heldeberg Workshop plans new programs

The Heldeberg Workshop has mailed out brochures and applications for its four-session workshop to be held at the base of the Heldebergs on Picard Road.

Discoverland, science, art, folk arts, performing arts and high adventure courses will be offered. Class sizes are limited, so early registration is encouraged. Classes are held from 9 a.m. to noon with transportation available.

For information, call 463-3994.

## School board meets

The Voorheesville school board plans a special meeting on Wednesday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the large group instruction room of the high school's music wing.

The board will discuss and vote on the BOCES administrative budget.

For information, call 765-3313.

## Library trustee seat open

Residents of the Voorheesville school district who are considering a run for a position on the board of trustees of the Voorheesville Public Library must file

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a petition signed by at least 25 eligible voters and returned to the library by Friday, May 6, at 5 p.m. The election will be on Wednesday, June 8, at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School.

For information, call the library at 765-2791.

### Students visit Mexico

The International Department of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School sponsored a trip to Mexico City for the tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade classes during spring recess.

Robert Streifer, International Department chairman, chaperoned the trip, which included living with Mexican families, attending school, visiting historic sites, and relaxing.

Those attending were Heather Blanchard, Becky Brydan, Adam Fairbank, Christina Gaudio, Shannon McGee, Sam Neff, Matt Pilatzke, Bonnie Polzin, Kara Relyea, Pam Spardella, Jennifer Stapf and Doug Wuttke.

### Historic markers available

If you live in a historically significant home in Voorheesville or the Town of New Scotland, you may be eligible to purchase a 7-by-10 inch historical marker.

To obtain an application, call the village office at 765-2692.

Age of the home, its occupants and history influence consideration for the historic marker.

For information, call Dennis Sullivan, town historian, at 765-2468.

A 4-H group is now meeting at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Willowbrook Avenue Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Its 11 members are first through fourth-graders from the A.W. Becker school in Selkirk. The group recently completed a project recommended by Cooperative Extension called "Be A Food Detective."

They are currently working on woodworking and hope to tackle other projects including photography, sewing and gardening. All projects by the 4-H'ers are eligible for entry, competitive judging and award recognition at the Altamont Fair.

### Firefighters serve breakfast

Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1 on Maple Ave. will serve an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 24, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The menu includes pancakes, french toast, hash browns, sausage, eggs, juice, coffee, tea and milk. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children 4 to 10, and under 4 eat for free.

For information, call 767-9951 on the day of the event.

For information, call Judy Beach at 767-9645.

### History group sets speaker

The Bethlehem Historical Association will meet on Thursday, April 21, at 8 p.m. at the Little Red Schoolhouse on Route 144 at Clapper Road in Selkirk.

Guest speaker Robert E. Mulligan, junior associate curator of history for the state Museum, will present "Schuyler's Bateau — A Trip to the West in 1792." The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For information, call 767-3052.

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### Girl Scouts to register

The Ravena Neighborhood of the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council will hold its annual Girl Scout Round-up on Tuesday, April 26, at 7 p.m. at the RCS middle school on Route 9W.

Girls interested in becoming Scouts or adults interested in becoming Scout leaders are invited to attend.

For information, call 756-3587.

### ASAP seeks pupils and board members

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District After School Activities Program (ASAP), a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing quality child care is currently accepting enrollments for the 1994-95 school year.

Children in the RCS district kindergarten through grade-sixth are eligible to be part of the program.

ASAP meets school days from 3:15 to 5:45 p.m. at a cost of \$27.50 per child per week. Transportation is provided for Ravena and Pieter B. Coeymans elementary school pupils.

For information or to register for September, call 767-3459.

The ASAP executive committee is seeking RCS community members to fill four board of directors seats becoming vacant May 1. To qualify for consideration a letter must be submitted to Jan Palmer board president as soon as possible at ASAP, PO Box 527, South Bethlehem 12161.

For information, call 767-3459.

### School leadership teams announce meeting dates

Building Leadership Teams in the RCS school district have scheduled the following meetings:

- Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary, Monday, April 25, at 3:30 p.m. at the school.
- Middle school, Tuesday, April 26, at 2 p.m. at the school.
- Senior high school, Wednesday, April 27, 2 p.m. at the school.

### REACH set to meet

The RCS REACH Parent Support Group will meet Tuesday, April 26, at 7 p.m. at the middle school.

For information, call 756-8013.

### PTA elects new officers

A.W. Becker Parent Teacher Association officers for the 1994-95 school year are: Patti LeFevre, president; Deb Zraggen and Peg Neri, vice presidents; Susan Otis, secretary; Marc Hafensteiner, treasurer; Nanette Mayes, ways and means; Gayle Femminella, membership; Judy Covey, hospitality; and Debbie Moon and Laurie Dickerson, building leadership team representatives.

### PTA clothing sale boosts school spirit

The A.W. Becker PTA is sponsoring a spring "sweatshirt sale" fund-raiser.

Items ranging from T-shirts to sweatpants and jackets are light gray with the RCS "Indians" logo lettered in gold and outlined in green. Samples of available items will be on display at the school office from Wednesday, April 27, through Friday, May 6. Orders must be submitted by May 6. Order forms are available at the school or by calling 767-9143 or 767-9528.



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# Local poets to strut their stuff *Hats off to readers for cable TV special*

Last year the library's annual Poetry Performance Day was sidelined due to the Blizzard of '93, but this year with the popular event scheduled for April 30, the show should go on.

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The day will include the familiar open mike readings, set to begin at 11 a.m., and this year there will be a "Plugged In" poetry competition starting at 2 p.m. The contest, popularly known as a "slam," features poets reading their works before a panel of celebrity judges.

Assemblymen Arnold Proskin and John McEneny and Voorheesville Mayor Edward Clark will be on hand for the fun. Prizes will be awarded for the most popular performance although the competition is designed purely to have a good time and is not intended to reflect on the quality of the poetry.

Many stellar performers on the local poetry scene will be appearing that day.

More sedate poets, who simply want to read their work, can sign up for a 10-minute non-judged open mike time.

For information or to sign up to read, call Barbara Vink at 765-2791.

The planet Jupiter and many other celestial wonders should be visible tonight, April 20, when the Albany Area Amateur Astronomers set up their telescopes on the library's back lawn. Scheduled to start a bit later than usual, from 8:30 until 9:30 p.m., this live "star show" will give families a chance to learn a little more about the heavenly bodies.

In the event of cloudy or rainy weather, the action will move to the community room where a slide show will be screened.

On Thursday, April 21, storyteller Bill Cliff will present a medley of tunes and tales from Africa, India and Europe at 2 p.m.

The Spring Song and Story Fest is open to all school-age children.

There are still a few openings left for job counseling appointments with Susan Montague. The individualized sessions are designed for those seeking employment or interested in changing careers.

To take advantage of the free service, call the reference desk.

There will be an open seat on the library board of trustees in July with the expiration of the term of President Diane Connolly, who is not seeking re-election.

Candidates must be qualified voters of the Voorheesville School District and must file a designating petition with the director of the library.

Petitions can be picked up at the circulation desk and are due back, with a minimum of 25 signatures by May 6 at 5 p.m.

For information, call Gail Sacco at 765-2791.

*Christine Shields*

## Absentee ballots available in RCS vote

Residents of the Ravena-Coeys-Selkirk Central School District are reminded that they can sign up to vote by absentee ballot if they plan to be away from home during the budget vote and annual election scheduled on May 11 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

In order to vote by absentee ballot, a qualified voter must be a patient in a hospital, unable to appear at the polling place due to illness or physical disability, out of town as a result of business or studies, or on vacation.

To request an application for an absentee ballot, call the district clerk at 767-2514.

The library is celebrating National Library Week, April 17 through 24, with a cable TV special and a full schedule of programs.

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"Bethlehem Reads 1994," the library's televised readings will feature all new readings by some 70 local residents. It will be broadcast on TV31/Bethlehem in its entirety from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. today, April 20, and will be shown simultaneously in the library. April 20 has been designated as "Great American Read Aloud" day by the American Library Association.

Part I of "Bethlehem Reads" will be re-broadcast on Thursday, April 21, beginning at 1 p.m. The second half of the program will be televised on Friday, April 22 beginning at noon. The library salutes all "Bethlehem Reads 1994" readers.

In order of appearance they are: Charles Gunner, Marni Schwartz, R. Hooper-Hamersley, Alfred Restifo, Marlene Newman, Caroline MacArthur, Kathryn Zox, Michael Looney, Raymond Blanchard, Claire Ruslander, Lorraine C. Smith, Ann Parrott, Kim Andrews, Amy Schoch, May Blackmore, Marian Choppy, Daniel Hubbs, Marie Carlson, Jim Leonard, Marjory Chesney, Lynn Mather, Patricia Haskell, Betty Albright, Maureen Moran, Edrie M. Pregent, Santa Ganey, Elizabeth W. Deily and Barbara Kelly.

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This week, children can enjoy Battle of the Blocks, Barbara Bennett's popular Lego R building blocks program for children on Thursday, April 21. Kids ages 4 to 12, sign up for either the 2 to 4 p.m. or 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. session.

Look outside your window. What do you see? Everything from A to Z! Preschool children ages 3 to 6 are invited to the library on Sunday, April 24, at 2 p.m. to celebrate the wonderful world around us at "Windows on the World."

Please register for this story, song and craft program.

Next week, William A. Evans of the New York State Archives Extension Services will describe the many records available in the state Archives for use by genealogists and historians on Tuesday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m.

The program is free and open to the public.

Representatives from Waddell and Reed Financial Services will present a free workshop on pre-retirement planning at the library on Wednesday, April 27, at 7 p.m. Register for this free seminar by calling 439-9314.

Dr. Holly Cheever, Voorheesville veterinarian and animal rights activist, will present "I Love My Pet," a program for children about choosing and caring for pets on Wednesday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. RSVP by calling the children's room.

## La Leche League meets in Delmar

La Leche League of Delmar, a breast-feeding support group, will meet on Thursday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m.

"Nutrition and Weaning" will be discussed at the meeting.

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# Sports

## Dambrosi's absence hurts Eagles' start-up

By Ted Hartman

The Bethlehem varsity baseball team suffered consecutive losses in their first two games of the season.

The Eagles were shut out by Mohonasen by the score of 1-0. Junior Nate Kosoc pitched a complete game and was extremely effective in only surrendering five hits. Despite Kosoc's efforts, Bethlehem was unable to come away with a victory due to a lack of offense. Eagle hitters struck out 10 times and only senior Pat Dewilde tallied a hit.

"He (Mohonasen's pitcher) was a decent varsity pitcher, but we weren't ready to hit yet," said senior outfielder Seth Friedman.

"It was our first game, but I think we should have hit better," said BC Coach Ken Hodge. "Nate pitched a good game."

Bethlehem's next game pitted the Eagles against Glens Falls in nonleague play. This time offense was not a problem, though pitching was. Glens Falls outscored Bethlehem 12-7 and had 14 hits to Bethlehem's eight.

Friedman produced two hits and two RBIs. Juniors Nate Kosoc and Eric Bartoletti also had two hits for the Eagles. Senior starting pitcher Brian Dudzik added a triple.

It is important to note that the Eagles were not at full strength for either contest. Due to the illness of senior shortstop Matt Dambrosi, Bethlehem has had to play certain players out of position in the field. Dambrosi's absence also has had a negative effect on the offense because he is a strong hitter.

Fortunately, he is expected to return to the lineup by next game. Seniors Brian Garver and Brian Dudzik have filled in at shortstop for the past two games.

Garver also pitched in relief against Glens Falls, along with junior Mike Soronen.

"It (Dambrosi's absence) has forced us to play a lot of guys out of position, and he was going to be our leadoff hitter, said Hodge, "although Dudzik and Garver have played well defensively at shortstop."

## BC girls have rough start

By Laura Del Vecchio

The Bethlehem girls softball team got off to a rocky start last week losing their first two games of the season.

They dropped their season-opener against Shenendehowa, 5-3. Shen got on top right away scoring two runs in the first inning.

BC got a run back in the third inning when Melanie Dale had a two-run triple and then scored on an RBI single by Leigh Stevens.

"We hit really well," said captain Susy Mannella. "Things just

weren't falling into place."

In their second game of the week they lost to the Mighty Warriors of Mohonasen, 4-2. The only two runs scored by BC were in the fourth inning.

Melissa Trent pitched complete games in both games and didn't give up any walks against Mohonasen.

Coach Dot Mueller was moved up from last year's JV team to become the varsity coach. Last year's varsity coach, Sandy Collins, will be assisting her.

BC has a very young squad,

having graduated 10 players from last year's team which went 8-7. Returning from last year's team are Mannella, Dale, Trent, Allison Thomas and Robin Bellizzi.

Also on this year's team are juniors Jen Browe, Jen Tomkins and Meg Teresi; sophomores Marcy Finkel and Jeanna Bellizzi; and freshmen Leigh Stevens, Liz Waniewski, Meghan Dalton, Jen Hahn and Marcy Ryan.

## Takin' a rip



V'ville's Jen Delaney takes a cut during recent Colonial Council action. The Blackbirds pounded Holy Names last week, 13-5. The girls are 4-1 on the year.

Elaine McLain

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# Four Dolphins headed for Princeton

Members of the Delmar Dolphins Swim Club recently participated in the Adirondack District Short Course Championship meet held at Union College.

Courtney Arduini won the 8-and-under girls 50 yard backstroke in a time of 39.91. She finished second in the 100 freestyle, 50 butterfly and 100 individual medley (IM), fourth in the 50 free and fifth in the 50 breaststroke.

Emily Fong won an eighth place medal in the 50 back. Ricky Grant took fourth place in both the 'fly and back, and sixth in the IM. Joseph Cardamone finished fifth in both the 'fly and back. Scott Solomon was eighth in the breaststroke and IM.

Representing the 9-10 year old girls, Becky Corson finished fifth in the 50 'fly. Kathleen Shaffer was seventh in the 100 'fly. Talis Oritas took fifth in the boys' 50 breaststroke and sixth in the 100 breaststroke.

Lisa Fong won the 11-12 year old girls 100 IM in 1:06.39, and the 200 IM in 2:24.10. She was second in the 50 free, the 500 free and 100 breaststroke, third in the 50 breaststroke, fourth in the 50 'fly and 200 free. Elyse McDonough finished fourth in the 100 back, 200 IM and 500 free, sixth in the 100 'fly and eighth in the 50 back.

Bobby Pasquini won the 11-12 boys 100 yard breaststroke in 1:18.48. He was third in the 50 breaststroke. Brian Dowling fin-

ished second in the 100 'fly, third in the 100 back, fourth in the 50 'fly, 50 back and 100 IM, fifth in the 50 free, 200 IM and 500 free. Chris Shaffer was third in the 50 'fly, fourth in the 200 IM and 100 back.

Erika McDonough was second in the 200 back, fourth in the 100 back, fifth in the 500 free and 400 IM and seventh in the 200 IM. Maggie Tettelbach was sixth in the 100 free and seventh in the 50 free. Nadine Maurer was second in both the 100 and 200 breaststroke events and eighth in the 100 'fly.

Stephanie Fong finished third in both the 100 and 200 breaststroke. Sarah Hotaling took sixth place in the 100 back and eighth in the 200 back. The 400-yard medley relay team of Sarah Hotaling, Stephanie Fong, Nadine Maurer and Maggie Tettelbach finished fifth.

The 400 yard freestyle relay team of Hotaling, Fong, Maurer and Erika McDonough also took fifth place.

Reid Putnam was third in the 200 back, fifth in the 100 back, sixth in the 100 free, 200 free and 200 IM, seventh in the 500 free. Steve Corson was fifth in both the 100 and 200 breaststroke. Sean Boyle was sixth in the 400 IM.

The boys 400 yard freestyle relay team of Steve Corson, Scott Strickler, Sean Boyle and Reid Putnam finished in third place. They were fourth in the 400 frees-

tle relay and sixth in the 200 free relay.

Swimming with the senior girls, Cailin Brennan was second in the 200 'fly, seventh in the 400 IM, eighth in the 500 free.

Larissa Suparmanto, Melanie Hill, Sarah Kundel, Tara Ornoski each had excellent performances at the meet.

Lisa Fong, Erika McDonough, Nadine Maurer and Brian Dowling qualified to participate in the Eastern District All-Star meet to be held at Princeton University.

## '69 Mets in town

Members of the World Champion 1969 New York Mets will be at Heritage Park on Friday, May 6, to raise money for the ALS Regional Center at St. Peter's Hospital.

The Mets contingent will face a team made up of local celebrities. Tickets for the 7 p.m. game are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster or at Heritage Park. The gates will open at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call the ALS Regional Center at 454-1629.

## Pop Warner to meet

The April Bethlehem Pop Warner football monthly meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 25 at the VFW post on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

# Strong individual efforts bode well for BC track

Strong individual performances hint at a strong season for the Bethlehem boys track team.

Bethlehem opened their season on Tuesday, April 12, when the squad traveled to meet Scotia and Mohonasen. BC lost 96-83 to Scotia, but triumphed over Mohonasen by a huge margin, 118 to 56. Matt Fiato won the 100m in 11.8 seconds. Rob Kind was the winner in the long jump and the triple jump. Sophomore Muhammed Umar helped the team out with his 25.5 second, first-place finish in the 200m.

BC also had strong relay teams. The 400m relay team consisting of Umar, Rick Sherwin, Kind and Fiato, won this event. The 1600m relay team, comprised of Matt Zalen, Scott Rivard, Mike Fritts and Fiato, finished first in a time of 3:45.5 seconds.

Head coach David Banas said times would have been faster, but it was a bad day because of the rain.

The team's second league meet was also away on Thursday, April 14, when they challenged Colonie and Guilderland. Although both teams scored more points than BC, the Eagles delivered great performances.

Kind won the long jump competition again as well as the triple jump. Banas said his distances were really good for this time of year. Mike Fritts came in first in the 400m hurdles with a time of 58.4 seconds. "He is the only person in the area to go under 60 (seconds) so far," Banas said, "and he's done it three times already."

Fiato improved his 100m time to 11.2 seconds. Dave Lussier had a good showing in the shot put by throwing over 40 feet. Jason Gutman performed well in the high jump by clearing six feet.

According to Banas, "(this is) the highest jump from this school in a long time."

There were great performances from the younger kids on the team. Eighth grader Tim Kavanaugh "probably ran the best," said Banas. He was clocked at 2:15 when he crossed the finish line in second place in the 800m. He turned in the same time during his leg of the 3200m relay.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF BOND RESOLUTION

Mr. Peter Trent moved and Mr. Dennis Stevens seconded the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION of the 13th day of April 1994 authorizing the issuance of serial bonds of the Bethlehem Central School District Albany County, New York in the principal amount of Two Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand and no/100 (\$282,000.00) Dollars for purchase of school buses. BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK:

SECTION 1. Serial bonds of the Bethlehem Central School District in the amount of Two Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand (\$282,000.) Dollars are hereby authorized to be issued for the purpose of raising funds to pay the cost of the purchase of three (3) seventy-five (75) passenger buses; one (1) twenty (20) passenger bus and one (1) forty-seven (47) passenger bus.

SECTION 2. The estimated maximum cost of the purchase of such school buses is the sum of Two Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand (\$282,000.) Dollars. The plan for the financing of such object or purpose consists solely of the issuance and sale of serial bonds herein authorized to be issued in the principal amount of Two Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand (\$282,000.) Dollars.

SECTION 3. It is hereby determined that the object or purpose for which the said serial bonds are to be issued is set forth in subdivision 29 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law and that the period of probable usefulness of such object or purpose is five (5) years.

SECTION 4. The President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to designate these bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265 (b) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The School District does not reason-

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ably expect to issue in excess of \$10,000,000 of its general obligations in the calendar year ending December 31, 1994. The School District covenants it will take any necessary action, do all things and not take any prohibited action to insure that the interest on the bonds will be exempt from Federal income taxation at all times.

SECTION 5. The validity of the bonds herein authorized may be contested only if:

1.) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Bethlehem Central School District is not authorized to expend money;

2.) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or

3.) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitutions.

SECTION 6. Pursuant to Title 6 of Article 2 of the Local Finance Law, the Clerk of the Bethlehem Central School District is hereby directed by the Board of Education as the Finance Board of such Central School District to publish this resolution together with the notice required by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law at least once in each of the officially designated newspapers of the school district.

SECTION 7. This resolution takes effect immediately.

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION THE BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWNS OF BETHLEHEM AND NEW SCOTLAND COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual election of the inhabitants of the above named school district will be held in the upper gymnasium of the Bethle-

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hem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York, on Wednesday, May 4, 1994, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. EDT.

The Board of Education will present for consideration the school district budget for the period of July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1995. Copies of said budget may be previewed by any inhabitant of the district during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the annual election, except Saturdays, and Sundays, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., EDT at the Educational Service Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, and the office of the elementary schools, the Middle School, and the High School of the district.

The trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library will present for consideration the public library budget for the period July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1995. Copies of the budget may be obtained at the reference desk of the library.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing to discuss the proposed budget will be held on the 13th day of April, 1994 at the Educational Services Center located at 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York at 8:00 p.m.

Petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1994, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Dr. Thomas Shen must be filed with the Clerk of the School District, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, not later than 4:30 p.m., EDT, April 4, 1994.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT votes will be taken upon the following:

1. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the

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estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

2. For the election of the members of the Board of Education of said Bethlehem Central School District, two (2) for a full term of three (3) years, all commencing July 1, 1994, to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of William Collins and Lynne Lenhardt;

3. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Public Library and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

4. For the election of one trustee to the Board of Trustees of said Bethlehem Public Library, for a full term of five years commencing July 1, 1994, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Dr. Thomas Shen;

5. Upon the appropriation of \$568,500 to purchase ten (10) buses of the Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor.

6. Upon the appropriation of \$1,280,000 for the payment of amortized amounts outstanding for Teacher Retirement System contributions for the 1988-89 fiscal year and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots for voting on these propositions may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, NY 12054. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the School District Clerk, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on each of the five days prior to the annual election on May 4, 1994, except Saturdays and Sundays, and such list will also be posted at the polling place on May 4, 1994.

Franz Zwicklbauer  
School District Clerk  
March 4, 1994  
(April 20, 1994)

## LEGAL NOTICE

### TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of the Town of New Scotland, New York, will hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 7.405 of the Zoning Law on the following Proposition:

Variance Request No. 177  
Request of Thomas & Theresa Flynn for a variance of the regulations of the Zoning Law to permit the subdivision of a parcel of land into two lots, one with road frontage of fifty (50) feet and the other with road frontage of approximately eleven (11) feet, being a variance to Article II Section 11.160 of the Subdivision Law and Article VIII Section 8.200 of the Zoning Law for property owned by Thomas & Theresa Flynn situated as follows: on the west side of Route 156, approximately one half mile east of Tygett Road, in the R.A. District.

Said hearing will take place on the 26th day of April, 1994 at the New Scotland Town Hall beginning at 7:10 o'clock P.M.  
Dated: April 13, 1994

Albert Danckert  
Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals

(April 20, 1994)

### TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of the Town of New Scotland, New York, will hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 7.405 of the Zoning Law on the following Proposition:

Variance Request No. 179  
Request of Ronald Horstman for a variance of the regulations of the Zoning Law to permit the construction of an addition to a pre-existing, non-conforming structure within the fifty (50) foot front yard setback requirement, being a vari-

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ance to Article II Section 2.401 for property owned by Ronald & Kris Horstman situated as follows: on the northeast side of Rarick Road, adjacent to the Town of Bethlehem and New Scotland Town lines, in the R.F. District.

Said hearing will take place on the 26th day of April, 1994 at the New Scotland Town Hall beginning at 7:20 o'clock P.M.  
Dated: April 13, 1994

Albert Danckert  
Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals

(April 20, 1994)

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of six (6) New or Reconditioned Automatic Voting Machines, for the use of said Town.

Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 4th day of May, 1994 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 to Mrs. Sheila Fuller, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. 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 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 and/or reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF  
THE TOWN BOARD  
OF THE TOWN  
OF BETHLEHEM

Kathleen A. Newkirk  
TOWN CLERK

Dated: April 13, 1994  
(April 20, 1994)



## Opponents

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system, including contracts for pumping wells, transmission lines and a water treatment plant to be built on Clapper Road near the New York State Thruway.

"We're going to see that every resident, realtor, restaurant owner and doctor and dentist understands that come 1995 they will be drinking and using water that, at least indirectly, comes from the Hudson River," Burtis said.

While the town appears ready to build "a Cadillac of a (water) system," "What's going to happen down the line?" Burtis asked. "Twenty years ago we were told that silicone breast implants were safe. Now they're known carcinogens. What good will it be for us to say 20 years down the road that we shouldn't have taken water from a source that has PCBs, heavy metals and assorted other forms of contamination?"

Clean Water's attempt last week to force a public airing of the water question was rebuffed by the town board. Each board member in turn stated their oppo-

sition to reopening the discussion. A public hearing on the project was held in January 1992 and few people attended.

But that's the way it normally works, according to Supervisor Sheila Fuller.

This was not a railroad job," Fuller said. "This was an topic the media covered all through '92. Water was never really an issue until the fall (campaign) of '93. Now it's here again. Do you really think we're sitting here ready to allow water for our residents that may not be healthy?"

Both the state Department of Health and the state Department of Environmental Conservation have approved the plant's concept and design. "You have to understand this project is well under way," Fuller added.

"So is the atom bomb," quipped Joseph DuClos, president of the Hudson Avenue Neighborhood

Association.

The town has spent more than \$2 million to date on engineering studies for the project. Test bor-

ings made on Schermerhorn Island — site of the pumping wells — showed the aquifer that lies under the Hudson River to be virtually free of bacteria and contamination.

"If there is one shred of evidence on how this could become a cause for concern, I would put the brakes on it," said Councilman George Lenhardt.

"I have received zero phone calls on the matter," said Councilman Fred Webster. "Most people seem comfortable with the speed that we're going."

Plans for a new water system to augment the town's main water source were prompted by the specter of rising costs to Bethlehem for the purchase of surplus water from the Albany. At one point in 1991 Albany threatened to turn off the spigot and terminate its arrangement to sell water to the town.

But Clean Water representatives claim that Bethlehem walked away from the negotiating table without ever hearing any numbers.

Not everyone attending last week's board meeting opposed the system, however.

"I support the town board," said Michael Olmstead. "I've read about it in the paper for two years. It's water that's already in the ground, so why not use it? Why should we be held hostage by Albany? It's like the Kuwaitis buying oil from Iran."

## Systems

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near Schermerhorn Island is recharged by Hudson River water.

Another river-fed system is located about 15 miles to the west of Green Island. The Niskayuna town water facility, recently honored for the excellence of its water, has similarities to what Bethlehem has on the drawing board.

The Niskayuna system, built about 20 years ago, has pumping wells on the Mohawk shoreline, about 50 feet from the edge of the river. The aquifer being tapped lies about 50 feet below ground level.

There's no doubt the aquifer is indirectly recharged by the Mohawk, said Niskayuna Public Works Commissioner Peter Kent. But to do date, there have been "no coliform or bacteria counts" and "no PCBs."

Kent said from what he under-

stands it would be highly unlikely that PCBs, which have a sticky, oily consistency, could penetrate the sand and gravel bed that separates the aquifer from the river bottom.

Bethlehem Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor said he is not surprised by the experience of Green Island and Niskayuna because, regardless of what opponents to the Bethlehem system say, the source for the new plant is groundwater, which tests have shown to be of excellent quality.

The main differences in what Bethlehem has in mind is that there will be a 1,000-foot infiltration gallery, which will increase output and flow, and the town's inclusion of an ozone treatment procedure that will mean far less chlorine will be needed in the treatment process. "It's the first of its kind in the state," Secor said.

## Awards

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the paper for its "catchy headlines, well-written stories, great layout and wonderful photos."

The award was based on the submission of three of the paper's 1993 front pages, all compiled and composed under the supervision of Managing Editor Susan Graves. The pages included articles by Graves and staff writers Mel Hyman and Dev Tobin, plus photographs by staff photographer Elaine McLain and columnist Michele Bintz.

The *Spotlight* also won first place for overall coverage of the environment, plus honorable mention certificates for its editorial pages, Progress edition and a spot news story written by Tobin.

The judges said *The Spotlight* "covered a lot of ground" on the environment in its Feb. 3, 1993,

edition. The issue featured three Page 1 stories by Hyman on solid waste controversies, plus another front page article by Tobin delving into concerns about Niagara Mohawk power lines near Voorheesville Elementary School.

In the spot news category, Tobin was honored for his story reporting the views of the mother of 18-year-old Larry Salvagni, sentenced to state prison for the DWI accident that killed Voorheesville teen David Bartholomew. "Terrific story of DWI follow-up," the judges said. "(It) took a lot of nerve to do that story."

The *Spotlight's* sister paper, the *Colonie Spotlight*, also received a first-place award for a news story on the murder of Cheryl Knapp written by Eric Bryant, a former Delmar resident and BCHS graduate.

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April 12 - 15, 1994

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April 19 - 22, 1994

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April 26 - 29, 1994

Some discoloration may be seen during this flushing program, which could result in staining of laundry. Run water til it clears.



**Attention Parents**  
of



**7th and 8th Grade Soccer Players**

The school district is not funding a competitive, interscholastic soccer team for the 94-95 school year. The Bethlehem Soccer Booster Club funded this team for the 93-94 school year but will not do so again without your support.

Do you think there should be a team?  
Would you work to raise money to fund a team?

**Come to the next Booster Club meeting.**  
**Thursday, April 28, 1994 - 7PM**  
**Bethlehem Central High School - Room 46**

## Slingerlands man attends conference

David E. Farstad of Slingerlands, vice president of Key Bank of New York's national accounts department, recently participated in the Treasury Management Association's Career Express Conference in Washington, D.C.

The conference, which was developed by treasury professionals seeking career advancement

through quality education, included presentations and workshops on subjects vital to career and industry growth.

Farstad, who has more than 10 years of experience in corporate cash management, spoke about disbursement reviews and case studies for improving working capital.

## Bethlehem graduate made radio anchor

Susan M. Budzyna, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn., has been named a co-anchor and reporter for radio station WZZK in Birmingham, Ala.

In her new capacity, Budzyna will be responsible for writing and presenting the news, in addition to hosting periodic interview programs.

## Nurse nominated for state distinction

Patricia A. Waniewski of Glenmont was recently nominated for the state Legislature's 1994 Nurse of Distinction Award program.

Forty registered nurses in northeastern New York were nominated for the award. Waniewski is the manager of the Wellness Center at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

## Insurance firm helps teen fulfill dream

Due to the efforts of Farm Family Insurance in Glenmont and the Northeast New York Chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, 16-year-old Erin McCarthy of Albany recently enjoyed a vacation with her parents at Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

Farm Family sponsored a walk-a-thon in September that raised \$4,436 so that McCarthy, who suffers from cancer, could fulfill her dream.



Trina Longano and Christopher Essex

## Longano, Essex to marry

Trina Marie Longano, daughter of Linda Longano of Wheeling, Ill., and John Longano of Las Vegas, Nev., and Christopher Don Essex, son of David and Elizabeth Essex of Glenmont, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Southern Illinois University. She is a staff accountant for Comdisco,

Inc., in Rosemont, Ill.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Aurora University. He is employed as a customer service representative by Fisher Scientific in Itasca, Ill.

The couple plans a May 29 wedding.

## ZBA slates three public hearings tonight

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals has scheduled three public hearings on Wednesday, April 20, at the town offices located at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

At 7:30 p.m., the board will hear the application of Donald and Gloria Foley of 37 East Fernbank Ave., Delmar.

The board will consider the application of Frank and Catherine Daley of 7 Longmeadow Drive, Delmar, at 7:45 p.m.

At 8 p.m., the board will hear the application of Mr. and Mrs. Ajay Sanghi of Dover Drive, Delmar.

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## THE YOUTH NETWORK

A BETHLEHEM NETWORKS PROJECT

### Networks seeks funding, public support

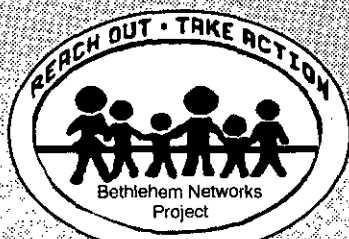
Bethlehem Networks Project is funded by a grant from the Governor's Task Force on Integrated Projects. According to recent information the project will lose its funding after June 30.

Project managers Holly Billings, Bill Cushing and Cheryl MacCulloch are looking for possible alternative funding sources.

The Spotlight has always been extremely supportive of project activities, and the recent article and editorial on the matter have been very helpful.

If you are interested in expressing your support for Bethlehem Networks Project, write to Mr. Thomas Sheldon, executive deputy commissioner, New York State Education Building, Room 125, Albany 12234.

Some of the programs you may want to write about include: the Middle Works Welcome Picnic, "Home Alone" safety programs, open basketball at BCHS on Friday evenings, study skills courses at the Bethlehem Public Library, and the distribution of magnets with community phone numbers and legal flyers regarding parent liability.



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Kathleen Egan and James Hedderman

## Egan, Hedderman marry

Kathleen F. Egan, daughter of Richard and Frances Egan of Albany, and James P. Hedderman, son of Eleanor Hedderman of Slingerlands and the late Robert Hedderman Sr., were married Oct. 30.

The ceremony was performed by Father Paul Roman, the bride's uncle, at St. Teresa of Avila Church in Albany. A reception followed at the Polish Community Center, also in Albany.

The honor attendants were Eileen Egan and Emilie Egan, the bride's sisters.

The best man was Jay Guinn, and ushers were Kevin Egan, the

bride's brother, and Thomas Hedderman, the groom's brother.

The bride is a graduate of Bishop Maginn High School and SUNY Oneonta and currently attends Sage Graduate School. She is employed as admissions counselor/student activities director at the Albany College of Pharmacy.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Plattsburgh. He is employed as a courier for Federal Express Corp.

After a wedding trip to Orlando, Fla., the couple lives in Delmar.

## Mail weddings, engagements

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

Black and white photos are preferred, but color photos are acceptable. Polaroid photos cannot be printed.

For information and submission forms, call 439-4949. Mail announcements to 125 Adams St., Delmar 12054.

## Births

### Albany Medical Center

Boy, Matthew Eli VanNatten, to Linda and Robert VanNatten, Clarksville, Feb. 11.

Boy, Gear Hayden Kowalchuk, to Jenise and Jack Kowalchuk, Slingerlands, Feb. 22.

Girl, Katelyn Nicole Rodier, to Bonnie and John Rodier, Delmar, Feb. 23.

Girl, Hilary Lauren Forrest, to Nancy and George Forrest, Delmar, Feb. 27.

Girl, Sara Michele Buckley, to Joanne and Michael Buckley, Slingerlands, March 1.

Boy, Brock Francis Whiting, to Roberta Brock-Whiting and Bradley Whiting, Glenmont, March 2.

Girl, Meghan Anne Pentak, to Michelle and David Pentak, Glenmont, March 3.

Girl, Jessica Ann Madsen, to Nancy and Kristopher Madsen, Slingerlands, March 4.

Boy, Michael Gregory O'Brien, to Nicole and Michael O'Brien, Delmar, March 4.

Girl, Samantha Mary Van Schaick, to Mary and Jeffrey Van Schaick, Glenmont, March 9.

Boy, Lucas George Carpinello, to Beth and George Carpinello, Delmar, March 10.

Boy, Zachary Ellis Rockmore, to Kristen and Jeffrey Rockmore, Delmar, March 13.

Boy, Michael Benjamin Iselin, to Lauren and Harold Iselin, Delmar, March 14.

Girl, Kelsey Elizabeth Pratt, to Kathleen and David Pratt, Delmar, March 15.

### St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Lauryn Elizabeth Bowman, to Kimberly and Steven Bowman, Delmar, April 5.

Girl, Jennifer Lynne Cillis, to Carol and Jim Cillis, Voorheesville, April 7.

Boy, Scott Lee Blair Jr., to April Beers and Scott Blair, Glenmont, April 7.

Boy, Thomas Andrew McHugh, to Peggi and Dennis McHugh, Selkirk, April 12.



Jennifer Fritts and Timothy Fox

## Fritts, Fox to wed in June

Jennifer Marie Fritts, daughter of Roger and Patricia Fritts of Delmar, and Timothy J. Fox, son of Thomas and Jane Fox of Selkirk, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Dean Junior College. She is employed as an assistant teacher

for special education at St. Coleman's Home.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Mitchell College. He is employed by Fox Family Enterprises.

The couple plans a June 4 wedding.



## Slingerlands Fire Department hosts "After-Easter Egg Hunt"

The Slingerlands Fire Department will hold its annual "After-Easter Egg Hunt" at the park next to the Slingerlands firehouse on Saturday, April 23, at 11 a.m.

The grounds will be divided according to age groups, so that all children will have an equal chance in the egg hunt, candy hunt and egg-rolling contest.

Prizes will be awarded in each category.

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## Obituaries

### Mary J. Roberts

Mary J. Roberts, 88, of Arch Street in Bethlehem died Friday, April 15, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Born in Brooklyn, she was a longtime resident of the Capital District.

Mrs. Roberts was a homemaker and a communicant of St. Margaret Mary Church in Albany.

She was the widow of Walter C. Roberts.

Survivors include four daughters, Mary L. Fryer of Ballston Spa, Kathleen A. Brown and Josephine Roberts, both of Colorado, and Martha M. Endres of East Greenbush; a brother, Andrew Powers of Newfoundland; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Rockefeller Funeral home, East Greenbush, and St. John the Evangelist Church, Rensselaer.

Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, East Greenbush.

### Richard A. Seal

Richard A. Seal, 46, a resident of Santa Fe, N.M., and formerly of Delmar, died Wednesday, April 13, in Santa Fe.

He was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Tufts University.

Mr. Seal worked for the *New*

*Mexican newspaper.*

Survivors include his mother, Ruth W. Seal; a sister, Barbara A. Seal of Delmar; and two brothers, David G. Seal and William T. Seal, both of Syracuse.

Services will be private and at the convenience of the family.

Burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery.

### Benny Thomas

Benny Thomas, 75, of School Road in Voorheesville died Thursday, April 14, in Lake Wales, Fla.

Born in Schenectady, he was a longtime Voorheesville resident.

Mr. Thomas was a retired plumber and a member of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union Local 7 in Albany and the United Association of Journeyman and Apprentice Plumbers.

He was a member of the Voorheesville Fire Department and Voorheesville Ambulance. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2420 in Lake Wales.

Survivors include a sister, Jenny Sickles of Voorheesville, and a brother, Nelson Thomas of Voorheesville.

Services were from the Reilly & Son Funeral Home and St. Matthew's Church, both in Voorheesville.

Burial was in St. Adelbert's Cemetery, Rotterdam.

### Ernest Fischer

Ernest Fischer, 72, of Delmar died Friday, April 15, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Born and educated in Rockport, Ind., he was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific and European theaters. Before moving to Delmar, he had lived in Colonie for many years.

He was a winter resident of Florida.

He was a plumber with the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union Local 7 in Albany, retiring in 1983.

Mr. Fischer was a past president of the Albany Amateur Radio Association and was known by the call letters WA2WSY.

He was a former member of the Sacred Heart Church choir in Okeechobee, Fla.

Survivors include his wife, Grace D'Amico Fischer; two daughters, Nancy Snow of Latham and Mary L. Bailey of Glenmont; two brothers, Lindy E. Fischer and Don Fischer, both of Evansville, Ind.; and six grandchildren.

Services were from the McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany, and the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Delmar.

Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery, Colonie.

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

### Dorothy Manley

A memorial service was held for Dorothy French Manley, 99, of Wheat Ridge Colo., and formerly of Delmar, died Dec. 26 at the Mountain Vista Health Care Center.

Born and educated in Batavia, Genesee County, she was a graduate of the music teaching program at what is now the State University College at Fredonia. She taught school in Gowanda, Erie County, and Falconer, Chautauqua County.

When she lived in Delmar, she was involved in community theater and was a Red Cross volunteer and first aid instructor.

She was a member of the Progress Club, the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs and

the Fortnightly Club of Albany.

She was the widow of Henry Manley.

Mrs. Manley was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Lakeland, Fla., the Mountain Vista Health Center Chapel Choir and the Calvary Episcopal Church in Golden, Colo.

Survivors include a daughter, Joyce Forney of Sedon, Ariz.; two sons, Robert Manley of Tucson, Ariz., and Douglas Manley of Guilderland; a brother, Donald French of Green Valley, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the Dorothy French Manley Scholarship Fund, Fredonia College Foundation, Fredonia 14063.

Arrangements were by All States Cremation Services, Wheat Ridge.

### Michael Lindner

Michael J. Lindner, 41, of Palmer Avenue in Delmar died Monday, April 18, at his home.

Born in Queens, he was a graduate of Syracuse University.

He was a sales representative for the Bureau of National Affairs since 1985.

Mr. Lindner was co-chairman of the fund-raising committee for the Elm Avenue Park in Bethlehem.

He was a member of Temple Beth Emeth in Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Nadine Kflowitz Lindner; two daughters, Sarah Lindner and Hannah Lindner, both of Delmar; and a sister, Joan Greenfield of Great Neck, Long Island.

Services were from Temple Beth Emeth. Burial was in Temple Beth Emeth Cemetery in Loudonville.

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

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planners' site approval for Manning's Menu was decided in their favor.

In the ruling issued by Supreme Court Justice George Ceresia, the planning board was found not to have followed the town zoning ordinance when considering two site plan design elements: the number of parking spaces proposed and set-back requirements for a wooden deck with a four-foot wide canopy planned for the Rural Place side of the building.

"The building permit issued ... is revoked," Judge Ceresia wrote, and "final approval of the site plan application of John J. Manning Jr. ... is annulled."

Rural Place resident Mark Peckham, who along with Anthony Umina and Philip A. Valenti brought the suit on behalf of the Rural Place homeowners, said the neighbors felt "vindicated."

### Veterinarian to give pet care program

Voorheesville veterinarian, and animal rights activist Dr. Holly Cheever, will present "I Love My Pet," a program about pets for children on Wednesday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m.

She will discuss the responsibilities of pet ownership, including how and where to select a companion animal, and how to care for it. School age children and their parents are invited to bring their questions to this fun and informative program. RSVP by calling the Children's Room of the library at 439-9314.

### Mothers to meet

The Mothers Time-out Group will meet this Monday, April 25 at 10 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church. Beth McGuirk will be presenting information on the topic Home and Personal Security. For information call 439-9929.

### Cut-a-thon slated at Delmar Hair Studio

A cut-a-thon will be held at the Hair Studio on 374 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Sunday, April 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All donations will be given to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

For information, call 439-6479.

### Chicken dinner slated at church

A "Chicken 'n Biscuit Dinner" will be served on Saturday, April 23, at the Onesquethaw Reformed Church on Tarrytown Road in Feura Bush.

Serving times are at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

The cost for adults is \$7.75, \$3 for children ages 6 to 12, and \$1 for children under 5. For reservations, call 767-9693.

"We felt all along it was inappropriate because the kind of traffic generated would be incompatible with our street and the neighborhood ambiance," he said.

Judge Ceresia concluded that the planning board failed to consult the town zoning board of appeals before deciding on the parking space and building set-back requirements.

As a neighborhood, "We felt that we were never allowed adequate input," Peckham said. "Hopefully, if the developer continues to pursue this site we will be given that opportunity."

"From the planning board's point of view, there is nothing in the decision that indicates that we did anything wrong, other than not seeking an opinion from the board of appeals," said board Chairman Martin Barr.

### Anna May Coyne

Anna May Coyne, 93, of Albany, mother of Sister Mary Frederick, principal of St. Thomas School in Delmar, died Saturday, April 16, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Corinth, she moved to Albany in 1918 and had lived in the Capital District most of her life. She graduated in 1921 from the former Troy Hospital Training School as a registered nurse.

She worked as a nurse at Brady Hospital from 1942 to 1962.

Mrs. Coyne was a member of the Albany Diocesan Catholic Nurses and a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Delmar.

She was the widow of Charles J. Coyne.

In addition to her daughter, survivors include two sons, Charles V. Coyne and Richard F. Coyne, both of Albany; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Corinth.

Arrangements were by the McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany.

Contributions may be made to the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, Delmar 12054, or Mass offerings may be made in her memory.

## 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.

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# Family Entertainment

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## Re-created sitcom lets viewers revisit the 70s

By Eric Bryant

Dust off the bell bottoms and polish up those two-tone leather shoes, the Brady Bunch, or a reasonably bizarre facsimile, has returned.

Called "The Real Live Brady Bunch," the name about sums it up. Actors who look and dress eerily like the real thing will fill the Proctor's stage next Wednesday, spouting word-for-word the corny cajoling and heart-to-heart father-sons of original Brady Bunch episodes.

This is what you might call nostalgia, Generation X-style — homegrown values played as hypocrisy. For those who get the joke — and there are a lot of grown-ups out there who grew up wanting to be a Brady — it's a chance to walk down memory lane and chuckle at that TV fantasy land.

The brainchild of two Windy City sisters, Faith and Jill Soloway, "The Real Live Brady Bunch" ran for 14 months at Chicago's Metraform Annoyance Theater beginning in 1990. The play moved east in 1991 and was a huge success at the off-Broadway Village Gate Theater. Now in a national road production, it will be at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady, Wednesday, April 27, at 8 p.m.

The Soloways said they came up with the idea after a friend did a dead-on imitation of Jan, the Brady sister who was known chiefly for agonizing endlessly over her status as a middle child.

"That should be a play," Faith remembers saying. Within a week, it was; within a month, it was attracting standing room only crowds every night.

"Faithful to the material," the Soloways decided to simply recreate each episode word-for-word. Delivered with a kind of dead-pan timing, phrases like "Let's go tell Greg we're sorry for acting like selfish brats," which Marcia spouts in one episode, ring like off-key but familiar chimes.

According to the Soloways, original series creator Sherwood Schwartz (also the comedy genius behind "Gilligan's Island") visited the show six months into the run and gave the production thumbs up. "He was treated like an aging rock star," said Faith Soloway. Sherwood allegedly reassured the folks at Paramount, which originally produced the show, that the Soloways were doing well by the Bradys.

The production changes every two weeks, giving the actors at least a little more dialogue, if not a different typecast. The Proctor's show will add a little something extra from the 70s nostalgia file. Davy Jones, of the made-for-TV singing group the Monkees, will highlight the show/episode titled "Getting Davy Jones." You can imagine the plot line — Brady girls agog over pop star, boys nonchalant, pop star shows up unexpectedly at Brady household. Surprise! Happy ending.

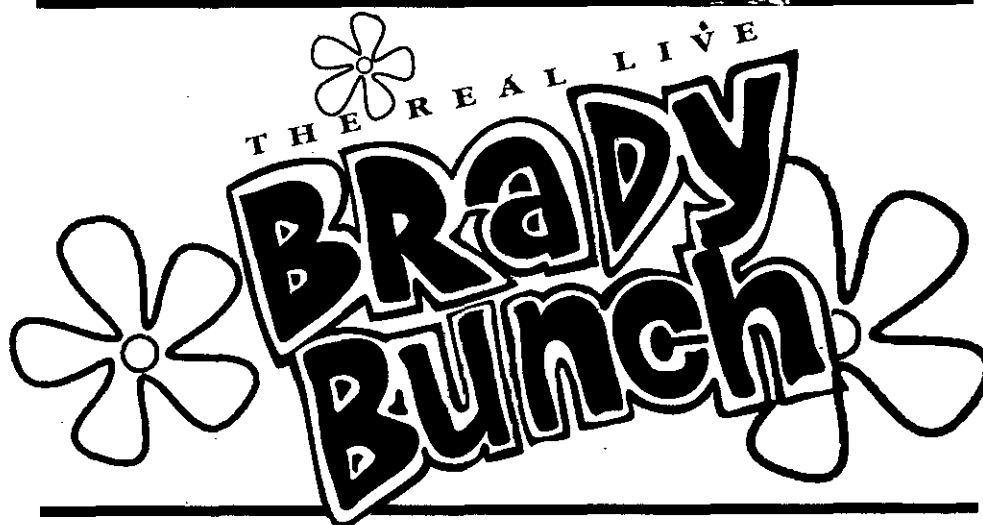
What is the fascination here? Pure nostalgia.

Growing up in the 50s, kids watched "Ozzie and Harriet" and "Father Knows



It's much more than a hunch: Proctor's Theatre will serve up a dose of Generation X-style nostalgia with the performance of "The Real Live Brady Bunch," with special guest Davy Jones, on Wednesday,

April 27, at 8 p.m. Above, the show's cast strikes a pose unforgettable to anyone who grew up watching TV episodes of the saccharine 70s family comedy. Tickets are \$28.50, \$25.50 and \$22.50.



Best." The prototype family a generation later was led by Mike and Carol Brady. By then, father and mother knew best, although sometimes not as much as Alice, if I remember correctly.

Legions of latchkey kids, and others whose mothers couldn't drag them away from the television, grew up wanting nothing more than to be a Brady. Who wouldn't? In 22 minutes (plus commer-

cials), Bobby or Peter or Cindy or Marcia or Greg or even Jan, could get themselves in a real fine mess and then, through the loving patience and guidance of their parents, resolve their conflicts with warm fuzzies. For a generation which grew up thinking of television as an alternate reality, this was what life was supposed to be — parents endlessly worrying over their children's problems, sibling rivalries solved, but most of all, happy endings.

Before "The Real Live Brady Bunch," the Proctor's evening kicks off with "The Real Live Game Show," a production which also got its start at the Annoyance Theater. Contestants, who are picked from the theater audience, vie for prizes during several rounds of inane ribaldry.

Tickets for the game show and the Brady experience are on sale at the Proctor's box office and at all TicketMaster locations. The cost for adults is \$28.50, \$25.50 and \$22.50.

# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## THEATER

### "SIGHT UNSEEN"

by Donald Margulies, Capital Repertory, Albany, through May 1, Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Friday, 8 p.m., Saturday, 4:30 and 8:30 p.m., Sunday, 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., \$16 to \$23. Information, 462-4531.

### "THE ELEPHANT MAN"

by Bernard Pomerance, Masque Theater production, Siek Campus Center, Hudson Valley Community College, April 22 and 23, 8 p.m., April 24, 2 p.m., \$7.50, \$5 senior citizens and students. Information, 459-4961.

### "AS YOU LIKE IT"

Shakespeare's romantic comedy, Lab Theatre, Performing Arts Center, University at Albany, April 20 through 23, 8 p.m., \$8, \$6 senior citizens and students. Information, 442-3995.

### "OUR COUNTRY'S GOOD"

Foy Campus Center, Siena College, Loudonville, April 21, 22 and 23, 8 p.m., \$10 adults, \$8 non-Siena students and senior citizens, free for the Siena community. Information, 783-2431.

### "POINT OF VIEWS"

series of student-written and directed one-act plays, campus theater, The College of Saint Rose, 1000 Madison Ave., Albany, April 22 and 23. Information, 454-5242.

### "THE REAL LIVE BRADY BUNCH"

recreation of the "Getting Davy Jones" TV episode, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, April 27, 8 p.m., \$28.50, \$25.50, and \$22.50. Information, 346-6204.

### "HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING"

award-winning Broadway musical produced by the Schenectady Light Opera Company, Opera House, 826 State St., through May 8, Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m., Sundays, 2 p.m., \$14 Fridays and Saturdays, \$12 Sundays, half-price children. Information, 399-9359.

### "THE LADIES LOCKER ROOM"

by Sarah Blacher Cohen, Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, April 23, 8 p.m., and April 24, 2:30 p.m., \$15, \$10 senior citizens and students. Information, 442-5490.

### "A HATFUL OF RAIN"

by Michael Gazzo, Home Made Theater production, Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Springs, April 22 through May 7, \$14 or \$12. Information, 587-4427.

### "THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE"

operetta by Gilbert and Sullivan, Filene Recital Hall, Skidmore College campus, Saratoga Springs, April 22 and 23, 8 p.m., April 24, 3 p.m., \$5, \$2 senior citizens and students. Information, 584-5000, ext. 2604.

### "FLY OR DIE"

Bread & Puppet Theater production, The Eighth Step Upstairs, 14 Willett St., Albany, Monday, April 25, 8 p.m., \$8. Information, 434-1703.

## MUSIC

### CONCERT

featuring the Russell Sage Women's Choir, Bush Memorial Center, Russell Sage Troy Campus, Wednesday, April 20, 8 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

### ANDES MANTA

traditional folk musicians from Ecuador, Guiderland High School, Route 146, Guiderland, Monday, April 25, 8 p.m., \$12 adults, \$10 senior citizens and students, \$5 children. Information, 765-2815.

### CHARLIE KING

The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany, Saturday, April 23, 8 p.m., \$10. Information, 434-1703.

### STUDENT UNDERGROUND

music by and for students, The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany, Friday, April 22, 8 p.m., \$4. Information, 434-1703.

### L'ENSEMBLE

spring concerts, Albany City Arts Building, 60 Orange St., Albany, Saturday, April 23, 8 p.m., Recital Hall, University at Albany uptown campus, Sunday, April 24, 3 p.m., \$10, \$5 senior citizens and students. Information, 436-5321.

## CONCERTS

The College of Saint Rose Masterworks Choral and the University at Albany Choral and Orchestra, Recreation and Athletic Center, University at Albany, Saturday, April 23, 7:30 p.m., Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Madison Avenue, Albany, Sunday, April 24, 7:30 p.m., \$5 adults, \$2.50 senior citizens, free for students. Information, 454-5231.

### MAGICAL STRINGS

Hawthorne Valley School, Route 217, Harlemville, Sunday, April 24, 3:30 p.m., \$7 adults, \$5 children and senior citizens, \$20 families. Information, 672-7092.

### RANDALL ELLIS

obolist, Recital Hall, University at Albany, Sunday, April 24, 3 p.m., \$10, \$5 senior citizens and students. Information, 442-3995.

### SWING SPRING CONCERT

with vocalist Laurel Masse, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Friday, April 22, 8 p.m., \$12. Information, 273-0038.

### JAZZ FESTIVAL

presented by The College of Saint Rose, Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., \$16, \$14 students. Information, 454-5195.

### TERRY CHAMPLIN

guitarist, Doane Stuart Chapel, 799 South Pearl St., Albany, Saturday, April 23, 8 p.m., \$12, \$8 students. Information, 458-9231.

### MARLOWE & COMPANY BIG BAND

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Friday, April 22, 8 p.m., \$10. Information, 273-0038.

### RED RAVEN & THE MOCKINGBIRDS

Borders Books & Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, Friday, April 22, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

### SKIP PARSONS' CLARINET

MARMALADE Haggerty's, 155 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Friday, April 22, 8 p.m. to noon. Information, 439-2310.

### LONNY FIBER

trumpeter, Performing Arts Center, University at Albany, Friday, April 22, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

### "DANIEL PART I"

George Frederick Bristow' oratorio, University at Albany, Recreation and Convocation Center, Saturday, April 23, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

## DANCE

### UNDERPRESSURE

eba Dance Theatre production, Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, Tuesday, April 26, 10 a.m., \$5, \$4 groups of 20 or more. Information, 473-1845.

## CLASSES

### DANCE CLASSES

eba Center For Dance Movement, 351 Hudson Ave., Albany, through June 30. Information, 465-9916.

## LECTURES

### "ENHANCING BODY IMAGE"

by Donna Lochner, Consultation Center, 790 Lancaster St., Albany, Tuesday, April 26, 7 to 9 p.m., \$18. Information, 489-4431.

### IMMIGRATION ISSUES

by James Cockcroft, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Sunday, April 24, 2 p.m., \$3 museum members, \$4 non-members, \$3.50 senior citizens and students. Information, 463-4478.

### PANEL DISCUSSION

of Thomas Keneally's *Schindler's List*, The College of Saint Rose, 420 Western Ave., Albany, Monday, April 25, 7 p.m. Information, 454-5102.

### SHAKESPEARE'S SONNETS

by Helen Vendler, author and poet, Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center, University at Albany, Tuesday, April 26, 8 p.m. Information, 442-5620.

## READINGS

### MARK NEPO

from his book of poetry *An Acre of Light*, Borders Books & Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, Saturday, April 23, 3 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

## POETS

### EARTH POEMS

appearing in store windows in the Lark Street/Central Avenue area, Friday, April 22. Information, 438-6314.

## FILM

### "MRS. DOUBTFIRE"

Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Wednesday, April 20, 3:30 and 8 p.m., Thursday, April 21, 3:30 and 8 p.m., Saturday, April 23, 3:30 and 8 p.m., Sunday, April 24, 4:30 and 7 p.m., \$2 adult downstairs, \$1 children balcony, \$2 children balcony. Information, 382-1083.

### "HOWARDS END"

starring Anthony Hopkins, Vanessa Redgrave, and Emma Thompson, Roger Bacon Hall, Siena College, Loudonville, Wednesday, April 20, 7:30 p.m. Information, 783-2325.

### CHINESE FILMS

"Still Dancers of Long Bow Village," and "Yamaha Fish Stall," Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Sunday, April 24, 2 p.m.

### "BEETHOVEN'S 2ND"

Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Wednesday, April 20, 1 and 6 p.m., Thursday, April 21, 1 and 6 p.m., Saturday, April 23, 1 and 6 p.m., Sunday, April 24, 2 p.m., \$2 adult downstairs, \$1 children balcony, \$2 children balcony. Information, 382-1083.

### "WHAT BECOMES A LEGEND? — THE MAKING OF THE ARTIST"

video series, New York State Museum Theatre, Albany, Fridays in April at noon. Information, 473-7521.

## FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

### HENRY HUDSON PLANETARIUM

"Bear Tales And Other Grizzly Stories," 11:30 a.m., "Message of Starlight," 12:30 p.m., Albany Urban Cultural Park, 25 Quackenbush Square, Saturdays in April. Information, 434-6311.

### "HOW HARD CAN FOSSILS BE"

family workshop, New York State Museum, Albany, Saturday, May 14, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Pre-registration required by April 20, \$6, \$4 children. Information, 474-5877.

### SPRING BREAK SPECIAL PROGRAM

Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., April 22, 10:30 a.m. to noon, \$4, free for museum members. Information, 463-4478.

### "A TOUCH OF WILD"

New York State Museum, Albany, Sunday, April 24, 1 and 3 p.m., \$2.50, \$1.50 children. Information, 474-5877.

### TRAVELING CIRCUS

sponsored by Bread & Puppet Theater, Lakehouse, Washington Park, Albany, Sunday, April 24, 3 p.m. Information, 438-6314.

### PERISCOPE WORKSHOP

New York State Museum, Albany, Saturday, May 7, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Pre-registration required by April 22, \$12, \$10 museum members. Information, 474-5801.

### GOOEN'S BALLOONS

magic and comedy with Alan Gooen, Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany, Sunday, April 24, 1 and 3 p.m., \$6, \$4 senior citizens and children. Information, 438-5503.

## VISUAL ARTS

### MIRRORS: REFLECTIONS OF SOCIETY AND SELF

New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Aug. 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily. Information, 474-5877.

### THE GURLEY-SMART COLLECTION

surveying and engineering instruments, New York State Museum, Albany, through May 29. Information, 474-5877.

### "WORKING WITH TRADITION: THE ACADEMIC ARTIST"

works by artists teaching in the SUNY system, New York State Museum, Albany, through May 15. Information, 474-5877.

## Weekly Crossword

### "Cooperstown Hopefuls"

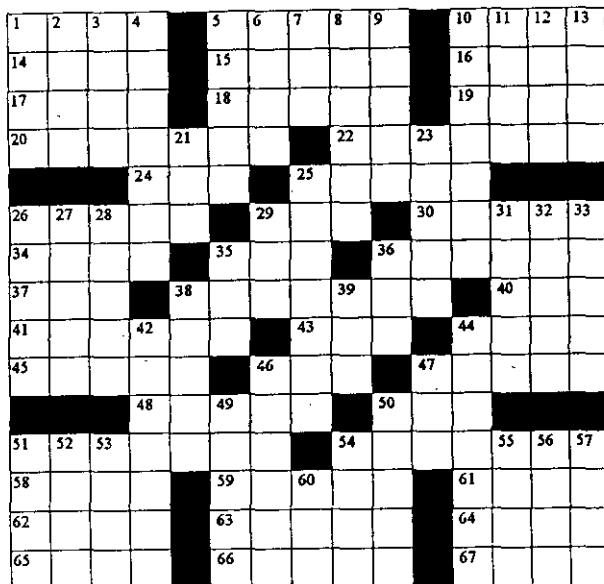
By Gerry Frey

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# AROUND THE AREA

WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 20

THURSDAY  
APRIL 21

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

BABYSITTING COURSE  
recommended for students 11  
and older, American Red Cross,  
Hackett Boulevard and Clara  
Barton Drive, Albany, 8:30 a.m.  
to 4:30 p.m. Cost, \$25.  
Information, 433-0151.

RENSSELAER COUNTY  
FAMILY GENEALOGY  
PROGRAM  
"Family Happenings: My Family  
Tree—Genealogy for Kids,"  
Rensselaer County Historical  
Society, 59 Second St., Troy,  
10:30 a.m. to noon. Cost, \$1 for  
children, \$2 for adults.  
Information, 272-7232.

FRIDAY  
APRIL 22

ALBANY COUNTY  
NORI AWARDS CEREMONY  
to recognize creative  
excellence in communications,  
hosted by the Ad Club, Empire  
State Plaza, Albany, 5:30 p.m.  
Cost, \$30. Information, 237-3825.

ECONOMICS CONFERENCE  
through April 24, "Women in the  
Global Economy: Making  
Connections," led by historians,  
social scientists and labor  
activists, State University of New  
York at Albany Campus Center,  
Washington Avenue, Albany.  
Cost, \$30, \$20 for students.

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

ALBANY COUNTY  
OPEN HOUSE  
for prospective students  
entering grades Pre-  
Kindergarten to 12, Albany  
Academy for Girls, 140  
Academy Road, Albany, 8:30 to  
10:30 a.m. Information, 463-  
2201.

ADDITION TREATMENT  
WORKSHOP  
"Multicultural Influences and  
Addiction Treatment Models,"  
led by Dr. Shirley Jones, SUNY  
social welfare professor, Albany  
Ramada Inn, Western Avenue,  
Albany, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost,  
\$49. Information, 454-1232.

FAMILY YOGA PROGRAM  
"Movement and Relaxation for  
Kids and Moms," led by yoga  
expert Suzy Arenos, sponsored  
by the Capital District Mothers'  
Center, First Congregational  
Church, 405 Quail St., Albany,  
10 a.m. Cost, \$5 per family.  
Information, 475-1897.

LOW-COST BREAST SCREENING  
for uninsured women, room ME-  
722 of Albany Medical Center,  
New Scotland Avenue, Albany,  
8:30 a.m. to noon.

CHILD BEARING FAMILY CLASS  
room D-105 of Albany Medical  
Center, New Scotland Avenue,  
Albany, 7 to 9 p.m. Information,  
262-5162.

FARMERS' MARKET  
Holy Cross Church, Western and  
Brevator avenues, 2 to 6 p.m.,  
Information, 272-2972.

INDOOR FARMERS' MARKET  
Bus Terminal Area, Empire State  
Plaza, Albany, 1-1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

RENSSELAER COUNTY  
CHORUS REHEARSAL  
sponsored by Capital and  
Chorus, Trinity Episcopal  
Church, 111th Street and 4th  
Avenue, North Troy, 7:30 p.m.  
Information, 237-4384.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY  
CANCER SEMINAR  
"Ovarian Cancer—The Silent  
Disease" led by Dr. Mary Joyce  
McGinnis, OB/GYN,  
Bellevue...The Woman's  
Hospital, 2210 Troy Road,  
Schenectady, 7:30 p.m.  
Information, 346-9410.

SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE  
sponsored by Single Squares of  
Albany, Ponderosa Hall, Airport  
Road, Scotia, 7:30 to 10 p.m.  
Cost, \$3.50. Information, 459-  
2888.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP  
for those who care for  
Alzheimer's parents, Royce  
House, 117 Nott Terrace,  
Schenectady, 1 p.m.  
Information, 438-2217.

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

ALBANY COUNTY  
MCENENY TO SPEAK  
on "A Father's Legal Rights in  
Albany County and New York  
State," sponsored by the  
Capital District Chapter of the  
Father's Rights Association,  
Albany Public Library, 161  
Washington Ave., Albany, 7  
p.m. Information, 374-2346.

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT  
annual rally against rape and  
for women's liberation  
sponsored by the Albany  
County Rape Crisis Center,  
Washington Park Lakehouse,  
Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 447-  
7100.

LOW-COST BREAST SCREENING  
for uninsured women, room ME-  
722 of Albany Medical Center,  
New Scotland Avenue, Albany,  
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP  
RECOGNITION  
first annual dinner sponsored by  
the Business Advisory Council of  
the Center for the Disabled,  
John Kemp, of United Cerebral  
Palsy Associations, Inc., will be  
the keynote speaker, Omni  
Albany Hotel, State and Lodge  
Streets, Albany, 6 p.m. Cost,  
\$50. Information, 437-5611.

BREAKFAST MEETING  
of the Health Care Managers  
Association of Northeastern  
New York, The Desmond, 600  
Albany-Shaker Road, Albany,  
7:30 to 9 a.m. Cost, \$8.  
Information, 262-3499.

BREAKFAST SEMINAR  
"OSHA Guidelines: What You  
Don't Know Can Hurt You,"  
sponsored by the Guildland  
Chamber of Commerce,  
Albany Ramada Inn, 1228  
Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 a.m.  
Information, 456-6611.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP  
University Heights Health Care  
Center, 325 Northern Blvd.,  
Albany, 5 p.m. Information, 438-  
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Compeer, at Crossgates Mall,  
Washington Avenue,  
Guildland, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Information, 489-4791.

FARMERS' MARKET  
corner of Pine Street and  
Broadway, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2  
p.m. Information, 272-2972.

WOMEN'S INFERFAITH  
OBSERVANCE  
32nd annual, Holy Cross Church  
and Family Center, Western  
Avenue, Albany, Information,  
455-3411.

LA LECHE LEAGUE  
breastfeeding support group,  
Woman's Health Care Plus, 2093  
Western Ave., Guildland,  
10:30 a.m. to noon. Information,  
439-1774.

## SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

### Two actors reunited in roles in *Prisoner of Second Avenue*

For Carol Jones and Michael Ryan, the roles of a beleaguered couple in Neil Simon's *Prisoner of Second Avenue* are just a continuation of their onstage relationships over the past six years.

Here the two actors appear at St. Andrew's Dinner Theater in Albany this weekend and next as a couple faced with an economic setback in Neil Simon's prophetic comedy about the euphemistic term for job loss, downsizing.

Jones and Ryan most recently played a rich bickering couple in Simon's *Rumors* last fall at the same theater and in previous years in a series of British farces staged by Riverview Entertainment Productions company at St. Andrew's.

The two actors also appear together in the company's touring mystery, *The Recital*, in which she is a mysterious Russian emigre and he's a defrocked Irish priest.

Both have found their niche in farce and comedy in the past 10 years and they have been cast together in some of their best work, including a touring production of Simon's *The Last of the Red Hot Lovers*.

Jones has also directed Ryan over the same period but their association is more closely recognized for their performances together.

Simon's comedy, *Prisoner of Second Avenue*, was written in 1971 during an economic downturn in this country and Riverview produced it 10 years ago during another Wall Street setback. Now, the script sounds like it was written yesterday and director Richard Walsh has found the relevance of the script uncanny.

Others in the cast include Criss Maciaone, Joan A. Jamison, Fulvia Hickman and Robert Couture.

*Prisoner of Second Avenue* will be presented April 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 and May 1. Reservations for dinner and show at 463-3811.

### Spoof on business subject of show at Schenectady Light Opera Company

A show that's a marquee keeper's nightmare, *How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying*, opens Friday, April 22, for a three-weekend run at the Schenectady Light Opera Company's theater in Schenectady.

Dealing with conniving executives, nepotism and all-around nasty business dealings, the Frank Loesser-Abe Burrows musical swept honors in 1970 when it was introduced on Broadway with Rudy Vallee as the rich man who ran his business in absentia while savoring all the fruits of others' labors.

In the Schenectady production, William Hickman recreates the Vallee role in the latest of his appearances in SLOC's productions. While rehearsing for this production, Hickman has also been appearing in daytime performances of revues and *The Recital* produced by Riverview Entertainment Productions where he also serves as an associate producer. As such, he is also working on a new revue written around the late and unlamented Legs Diamond for a summer touring presentation.

But, at SLOC, Hickman is having a high time being outrageous as the man who breezes through an office, upsetting the syncophants and creating envy among lower echelon workers.

The musical is a farcical jab at business that still has relevance after almost 25 years. *How To Succeed* plays through May 8. Reservations and info at 399-9359.

### Around Theaters!

*Sight Unseen*, award-winning off-Broadway play at the Capital Repertory Company through May 1. (462-4534) • *The Ladies Locker Room*, a new comedy by local playwright Sarah Blacher Cohen, at the Performing Arts Center at the Egg Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24 (473-1845) • *A Hatfull of Rain*, drama at HomeMade Theater in Saratoga through May 7. (587-4427) • *As You Like It*, Shakespeare's comedy at the University at Albany tonight through Saturday, April 23, (442-3995) • *Dear Liar*, two-character play about George Bernard Shaw and Mrs. Patrick Campbell, at Steamer 10 theater in Albany through Sunday, April 24. (438-5503).



Martin P. Kelly

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# The Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY**  
**APRIL 20**
**BETHLEHEM**
**EMBROIDERS' GUILD OF AMERICA**

Capital District Chapter, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Avenue, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 393-7347.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

**BINGO**

Blanchard American Legion Post, 16 Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

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

**TESTIMONY MEETING**

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

**WELCOME WAGON**

newcomers, engaged women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Monday to Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information, 785-9640.

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH**

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

**BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB**

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

**PUBLIC MEETING**

Water Filling Management, Fivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, 7 p.m. Information, 457-5400.

**BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233**  
Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**

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

**NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS**

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

**AA MEETING**

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

**AL-ANON MEETING**

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

**FAITH TEMPLE**

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

**"SCAN THE NIGHT SKY!"**

astronomy program, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 8:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**4H TEEN COUNCIL MEETING**

Cornell Cooperative Extension, Martin Road, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3500.

**THURSDAY**  
**APRIL 21**
**BETHLEHEM RECOVERY, INC.**

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

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

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

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

**CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM**  
Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

**AMERICAN LEGION LUNCHEON**

for members, guests and membership applicants, Blanchard Post, 16 Poplar Drive, noon.

**AA MEETINGS**

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

**TOWN OF BETHLEHEM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**  
Route 144 and Clapper Road, Selkirk, 8 p.m. Information, 767-3052.

**NEW SCOTLAND**
**NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB**

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

**FAITH TEMPLE**

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

**SPRING SONG AND STORY FEST**

with Bill Cliff, for school-age children, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 2 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**FRIDAY**  
**APRIL 22**
**BETHLEHEM**

**SPRING NATURE WALK**  
Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, 10 a.m. Information, 475-0291.

**CHABAD CENTER**

Friday services, discussion and kiddush at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-8280.

**AA MEETING**

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**
**YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS**

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

**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 23**
**BETHLEHEM**
**AA MEETING**

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

**BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP**

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

**SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL DINNER**

Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, 4 to 8 p.m., \$5, \$2.50 children. Information, 436-7160.

**AFTER-EASTER EGG HUNT**

Slingerlands Fire House, Slingerlands, 11 a.m.

**SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 24**
**BETHLEHEM**
**UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Information, 438-7740.

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST**

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-2512.

**BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Sunday school, 9 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., nursery provided, evening fellowship, 7 p.m., 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

**NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., 10 Rockefeller Road. Information, 439-7864.

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH**

worship service, 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

church school, 9:45 a.m., worship services, 9:30 and 11 a.m., 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9976.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

85 Elm Ave., Delmar; worship services at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School and bible classes at 9:15 a.m.; nursery care; coffee/fellowship. Information, 439-4328.

**ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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**SELKIRK CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**

Bible lecture, 9 a.m., Watchtower Bible study, 10:25 a.m., 359 Elm Ave. Information, 767-9059.

**SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

worship service and church school, 10 a.m., fellowship hour, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road. Information, 439-1766.

**SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Willowbrook Avenue. Information, 767-9953.

**DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

worship service, church school, nursery care, 10 a.m., fellowship and coffee, 11 a.m., adult education, 11:15 a.m., family communion service, first Sunday, 585 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9252.

**DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH**

Sunday school and worship service, 9 and 11 a.m., nursery care provided, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM**

church school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., youth group, 6 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

**GLENMONT REFORMED CHURCH**

Sunday school and worship service, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, 1 Chapel Lane. Information, 436-7710.

**CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon, 35 Adams Place. Information, 439-4951.

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH**

Latin Mass, 10 a.m., Route 9W, Glenmont.

**NEW SCOTLAND**
**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:15 a.m., Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85. Information, 475-9086.

**FAITH TEMPLE**

Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship service, 7 p.m., New Salem. Information, 765-2870.

**ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 a.m., Mountainview Street, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2805.

**JERUSALEM REFORMED CHURCH**

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 732-7047.

**NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH**

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 10 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 765-2354.

**ONESQUETHAW REFORMED CHURCH**

worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

**UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH**

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship, Delaware Turnpike. Information, 439-5001.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND**

worship service, 10 a.m., church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 439-6454.

**UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., choir rehearsal, 5 p.m., evening service, 6:45 p.m., Route 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE**

worship service, 10 a.m., church school, 10:30 a.m., 68 Maple Ave. Information, 768-2895.

**MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**

worship service, 9:30 a.m., evening service, 6:30 p.m., nursery care provided, Route 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

**CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
WATER DISTRICT NO. 1  
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK  
EXPANSION OF WATER  
SUPPLY FACILITIES  
CONTRACT NO. 1B  
GROUND WATER INFILTRA-  
TION SYSTEM**

Separate sealed proposals for Contract No. 1B for the Expansion of Water Supply Facilities, Ground Water Infiltration System for Water District No. 1 of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, consisting of the following work:

Contract No. 1B - Project consists of the construction of a ground-water infiltration system consisting of two (2) eight foot diameter precast concrete in-ground pump stations, furnishing and installing four (4) vertical turbine raw water pumps, approximately 705 L.F. of 12 inch diameter PVC infiltration piping with processed stone and gravel filter system, approximately 25 L.F. of permanent driven steel sheet piling, approximately 1465 L.F. of temporary steel sheet piling, approximately 125 L.F. of 12 inch diameter ductile iron pipe, and approximately 690 feet of 24" ductile iron pipe and 165' of 16" ductile iron pipe, with appurtenances, adjacent to the Hudson River, will be received by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, New York, at its office in the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, until 2:00 p.m. local time, on Wednesday, May 11, 1994, and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Plans and Specifications for the proposed work are on file and are now publicly exhibited at the Office of the Town Clerk, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, and at the Office of J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates, P.E., L.S., L.A., P.C., Consulting Engineers, 22 High Street, Rensselaer, New York. Copies of said plans and specifications can be obtained at either of the above addresses.

A deposit of \$50.00 will be required for each set of plans and specifications furnished to prospective bidders, which sum will be refunded only to those submitting a formal bid, if said plans are returned in good condition within ten (10) days after the opening of bids. If additional sets of plans and specifications have been obtained, one-half the amount of the deposit will be refunded upon the return, in good condition, of each additional set. Refunds will not be made to non-bidders or materialmen.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, drawn upon a National or State Bank or Trust Company, to the order of the Town of Bethlehem, New York, or a bond with sufficient sureties in a penal sum equal to five percent (5%) of the bid, conditioned that if his bid is accepted, he will enter into a contract for the same and that he will execute such further security as may be required for the performance of the contract. A separate Performance and Payment Bond, each equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount will be required of the successful bidder, and the bonds shall be satisfactory to the Town Board.

The bidder to whom the contract may be awarded shall attend at the said opening place of the said bids, with the sureties offered by him, within seven (7) days after the date of notification of the acceptance of his proposal, and there sign the contract for the work in triplicate. In case of his failure to do so, or in case of his failure to give further security as herein prescribed, the bidder will be considered as having abandoned the same, and the certified check or other bid security accompanying his proposal shall be forfeited to the Town.

The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids submitted. No bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, New York.  
Kathleen A. Newkirk  
Town Clerk

Dated: April 13, 1994  
(April 20, 1994)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
WATER DISTRICT NO. 1  
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK  
EXPANSION OF WATER  
SUPPLY FACILITIES  
CLAPPER ROAD WATER  
TREATMENT PLANT  
CONTRACT NO. 4G-GENERAL  
CONSTRUCTION  
AND/OR CONTRACT NO. 4E-  
ELECTRICAL WORK AND/OR  
CONTRACT NO. 4H-HEATING  
WORK  
AND/OR CONTRACT NO. 4P-  
PLUMBING WORK**

Sealed proposals for Contract No. 4G-General Construction, consisting of new construction of a 6 MGD water treatment plant, complete, including treatment buildings, treatment units, chlorination system, ozone system, chemical feed systems, chemical storage tanks, raw water balancing tank, ventilation system, fuel storage tanks and related pipe, fittings and appurtenances, water service, pumping equipment, 2 MG clearwell, 20 MG open raw water reservoir, sludge disposal system, site utilities, roadways, grading and improvements, and all work required to complete the project as specified herein, except that specifically assigned to other prime contractors; and Contract No. 4E-Electrical Work, consisting of furnishing and installing equipment described in Specifications 16010 through 16945 and wiring of all other electrical equipment except low voltage HVAC system controls. This includes underground and above ground conduit and cable for signal, 120, 277, 480 volt and 13.2 KV service. Also included is excavation, concrete pads and foundations, step down transformers, and medium voltage switchgear, 480 volt service including grounding, MCC, automatic transfer switch, service entrance switchboard, power factor controllers, variable speed drives, engine generator set, lighting, transformers, electric heaters, fans, SCADA computer system, secondary control system, telephonedialer, monitoring instrumentation, level transmitters and chart recorder; and Contract No. 4H-Heating Work, consisting of a plant heating system including an oil fired furnace, air handler and ductwork plus a control area heating and cooling system, including air handler, ductwork, and heat pump, plus all associated items for a complete heating and heating/cooling system; and Contract No. 4P-Plumbing Work, consisting of hot and/or cold water in-plant distribution piping to lavatories, laboratory, janitor's closet and hose bibs; grinder pump and related piping; floor drains, waste and vent piping; electric hot water heater; bathroom fixtures; safety station supplied by General Contractor; water service meter, backflow preventer, pressure reducing valve and appurtenances; janitor's service sink and miscellaneous related items required for a complete plumbing system, will be received at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, until 2:00 p.m. local time, on Thursday, May 26, 1994, and will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Plans and Specifications for the proposed work are on file and are now publicly exhibited at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Delmar, New York, and at the Office of J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates, P.C., Consulting Engineers, 22 High Street, Rensselaer, New York. Copies of said plans and specifications can be obtained at either of the above locations. A deposit of \$150.00 will be required for each set of plans and specifications furnished to prospective bidders, which sum will be refunded only to those submitting a formal bid, if said plans are returned in good condition within ten (10) days after the opening of bids. If additional sets of plans and specifications have been obtained, one-half the amount of the deposit will be refunded upon the return, in good condition, of each additional set. Refunds will not be made to non-bidders or materialmen. Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, drawn upon a National or State Bank or Trust Company, to the order of the Town of Bethlehem, New York, or a bond with sufficient sureties in a penal sum equal to five percent (5%) of the bid, conditioned that if his bid is accepted, he will enter into a contract for the same and that he will execute such further security as may be required for the performance of the contract. A separate Performance and Payment Bond, each equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount will be required of the successful bidder, and the bonds shall be satisfactory to the Town Board. The bidder to whom the contract may be awarded shall attend at the said opening place of the said bids, with the sureties offered by him, within seven (7) days after the date of notification of the acceptance of his proposal, and there sign the contract for the work in triplicate. In case of his failure to do so, or in case of his failure to give further security as herein prescribed, the bidder will be considered as having abandoned the

same, and the certified check or other bid security accompanying his proposal shall be forfeited to the Town. The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids submitted. No bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

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five percent (5%) of the bid, conditioned that if his bid is accepted, he will enter into a contract for the same and that he will execute such further security as may be required for the performance of the contract. A separate Performance and Payment Bond, each equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount will be required of the successful bidder, and the bonds shall be satisfactory to the Town Board and the Town Attorney. The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids submitted. No bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. By order of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, New York.

Kathleen A. Newkirk  
Town Clerk

Dated: April 13, 1994  
(April 20, 1994)

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
WATER DISTRICT NO. 1  
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK  
EXPANSION OF WATER  
SUPPLY FACILITIES  
TREATED WATER  
TRANSMISSION MAIN  
CONTRACT NO. 6A**

Separate sealed proposals for Contract No. 6A for the construction of the Expansion of Water Supply Facilities, Treated Water Transmission Main for Water District No. 1 of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, consisting of the following work: Contract No. 6A - Project consists of the construction of approximately 7,700 linear feet of 24 inch diameter ductile iron water main and appurtenances, including one 36 inch steel casing bore, two 30 inch steel casing bores and one 18" steel casing bore along with approximately 3,100 linear feet of 1-1/4 inch to 8 inch diameter sewer mains and appurtenances. will be received by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, New York, at its office in the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, until 2:00 p.m. local time, on Thursday, May 12, 1994, and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud. Plans and Specifications for the proposed work are on file and are now publicly exhibited at the Office of the Town Clerk, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, and at the Office of J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates, P.E., L.S., L.A., P.C., Consulting Engineers, 22 High Street, Rensselaer, New York. Copies of said plans and specifications can be obtained at either of the above addresses. A deposit of \$100.00 will be required for each set of plans and specifications furnished to prospective bidders, which sum will be refunded only to those submitting a formal bid, if said plans are returned in good condition within ten (10) days after the opening of bids. If additional sets of plans and specifications have been obtained, one-half the amount of the deposit will be refunded upon the return, in good condition, of each additional set. Refunds will not be made to non-bidders or materialmen. Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, drawn upon a National or State Bank or Trust Company, to the order of the Town of Bethlehem, New York, or a bond with sufficient sureties in a penal sum equal to five percent (5%) of the bid, conditioned that if his bid is accepted, he will enter into a contract for the same and that he will execute such further security as may be required for the performance of the contract. A separate Performance and Payment Bond, each equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount will be required of the successful bidder, and the bonds shall be satisfactory to the Town Board. The bidder to whom the contract may be awarded shall attend at the said opening place of the said bids, with the sureties offered by him, within seven (7) days after the date of notification of the acceptance of his proposal, and there sign the contract for the work in triplicate. In case of his failure to do so, or in case of his failure to give further security as herein prescribed, the bidder will be considered as having abandoned the

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same, and the certified check or other bid security accompanying his proposal shall be forfeited to the Town. The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids submitted. No bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, New York.

Kathleen A. Newkirk  
Town Clerk  
Dated: April 13, 1994  
(April 20, 1994)

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
WATER DISTRICT NO. 1  
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK  
EXPANSION OF WATER  
SUPPLY FACILITIES  
TREATED WATER  
TRANSMISSION MAIN  
CONTRACT NO. 6B**

Separate sealed proposals for Contract No. 6B for the construction of the Expansion of Water Supply Facilities, Treated Water Transmission Main for Water District No. 1 of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, consisting of the following work:

Contract No. 6B - Project consists of the construction of approximately 9,800 linear feet of 20 inch diameter ductile iron water main and appurtenances. will be received at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, until 2:00 p.m. local time, on Wednesday, May 04, 1994, and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud. Plans and Specifications for the proposed work are on file and are now publicly exhibited at the Office of the Town Clerk, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, and at the Office of J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates, P.E., L.S., L.A., P.C., Consulting Engineers, 22 High Street, Rensselaer, New York. Copies of said plans and specifications can be obtained at either of the above addresses. A deposit of \$100.00 will be required for each set of plans and specifications furnished to prospective bidders, which sum will be refunded only to those submitting a formal bid, if said plans are returned in good condition within ten (10) days after the opening of bids. If additional sets of plans and specifications have been obtained, one-half the amount of the deposit will be refunded upon the return, in good condition, of each additional set. Refunds will not be made to non-bidders or materialmen.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, drawn upon a National or State Bank or Trust Company, to the order of the Town of Bethlehem, New York, or a bond with sufficient sureties in a penal sum equal to five percent (5%) of the bid, conditioned that if his bid is accepted, he will enter into a contract for the same and that he will execute such further security as may be required for the performance of the contract. A separate Performance and Payment Bond, each equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount will be required of the successful bidder, and the bonds shall be satisfactory to the Town Board. The bidder to whom the contract may be awarded shall attend at the said opening place of the said bids, with the sureties offered by him, within seven (7) days after the date of notification of the acceptance of his proposal, and there sign the contract for the work in triplicate. In case of his failure to do so, or in case of his failure to give further security as herein prescribed, the bidder will be considered as having abandoned the same, and the certified check or other bid security accompanying his proposal shall be forfeited to the Town. The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids submitted. No bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, New York.  
Kathleen A. Newkirk  
Town Clerk  
Dated: April 13, 1994  
(April 20, 1994)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held in the auditorium of the Clayton A. Bouton High School in said district on Tuesday, June 7, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time for the purpose of announcing and presenting candidates for the Board of Education and for the consideration of a budget for the school year 1994-1995 and for the transaction of such other business as is authorized by the Education Law. And notice is also given that at the conclusion of the transaction of business on June 7, 1994 the Annual Meeting will be adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 1994, at which time the meeting will be reconvened at the Clayton A. Bouton High School and the polls will be open and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect 2 members of the Board of Education for a 5 year term to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the terms of C. James Coffin and Thomas N. Thorpe, Jr.

2. To vote on the Annual School Budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

3. To vote on the following Proposition:

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District (herein after the "District") is hereby authorized to purchase three vehicles, namely two sixty passenger buses and one nineteen passenger bus, for the purpose of transporting pupils of the District and including necessary equipment and ancillary costs as required for pupil transport and to expend therefore amounts not to exceed One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Nine and 00/100 Dollars (\$125,929.00); and said expenditure shall be supported by trading in two vehicles valued in total at Eleven Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$11,350.00) and a tax levied in 1994 hereby voted in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Nine and 00/100 Dollars (\$14,579.00), and said expenditure and tax levy is hereby authorized. And notice is also given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday, at the following schoolhouse in which school is maintained during the hours designated:

Clayton A. Bouton High School  
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

And notice is also given that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the district not later than the 30th day preceding the school meeting. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the district, must be signed by at least twenty-five qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidate and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated including at least the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent. And notice is further given that letters requesting application for absentee ballots may be received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the seventh (7th) day before the election. Requests should be addressed to: Clerk, Board of Education, Voorheesville Central School District, Voorheesville, New York 12186  
Dated: April 11, 1994  
Valerie Ungerer  
District Clerk

And notice is also given that at the Annual School District Meeting the Public Library budget for the year 1994-1995 will be considered and such other business transacted as is authorized by law. And notice

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is also given that at the conclusion of the transaction of business on June 7, 1994, the Annual Meeting will be adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 1994 at which time the meeting will be reconvened at the Clayton A. Bouton High School and the polls will be open and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect a member of the Library Board for a 5 year term to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Diane Connolly.

2. To vote on the Public Library budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

And notice is also given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for library purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday at the following schoolhouse in which school is maintained during the hours designated:

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Dated: April 11, 1994  
Gail Sacco  
Clerk

(April 20, 1994)

**TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING  
BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD  
OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of the Town of New Scotland, New York, will hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 7.405 of the Zoning Law on the following Proposition:

Variance Request No. 178  
Request of Frederick Reister for a variance of the regulations of the Zoning Law to permit an addition to a pre-existing, non-conforming accessory structure within the front yard setback of fifty (50) feet, being a variance to Article III Section 3.304 for property owned by Frederick Reister situated as follows: on the west side of Rowe Road, approximately three hundred (300) feet south of the intersection of Collabek Road, in the R.F. District.

Said hearing will take place on the 26th day of April, 1994 at the New Scotland Town Hall beginning at 7:00 o'clock P.M.  
Dated: April 13, 1994

Albert Danckert  
Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals  
(April 20, 1994)

## NOTICE BIDDERS

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Village of Voorheesville will be accepting bids on the pick-up of garbage and recyclables, including newspapers. Specifications will be available at the Village Office, 29 Voorheesville Avenue, Voorheesville, N.Y. on Monday April 10, 1994. Bids will be opened on April 25, 1994 at 10:00 a.m. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the Board of Trustees  
Village of Voorheesville  
Lauren C. Hatch  
Village Clerk

Dated: April 6, 1994  
(April 20, 1994)



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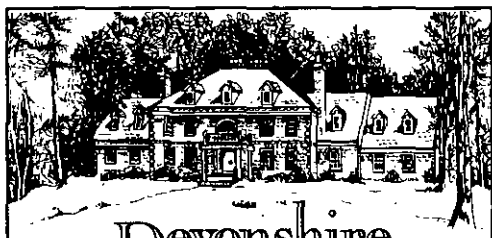
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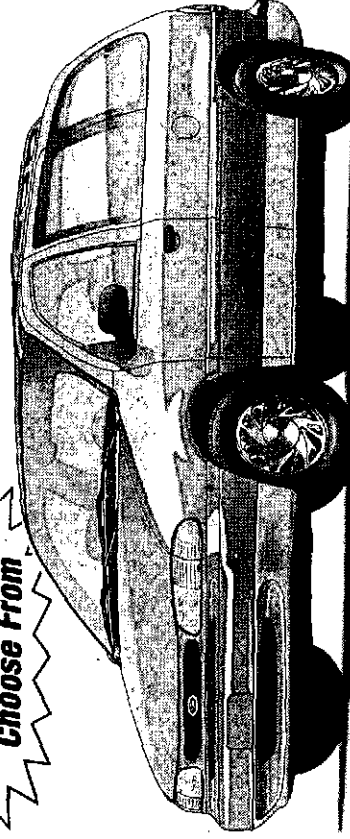
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# Home & Garden

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**By Susan Graves**

Even if you're not in the market for a \$825,000 home nestled in Devonshire Hills in Slingerlands, you can get a glimpse of your dream house in the upcoming events planned by Vanguard in support of the Albany Symphony Orchestra.

From straightforward tours of the new home sponsored by Chrisleigh Builders of Loudonville, Landale Development Corp.,



# Create a home for wildlife in your own backyard

By Corinne Lynne Blackman

From woodpeckers to bats, to butterflies to squirrels, anyone can create an inviting habitat for wildlife right in the backyard, says Ken Coutler, owner of Wildlife Unlimited on Western Avenue in Albany.

With birdseed and feeders, an educational kit and the right environment, you don't have to be an expert to create a haven for your wildlife friends.

Coutler, a wildlife specialist, who opened the store six months ago as part of a 162 member franchise, has seen birdwatching grow into a favorite American pastime for both young and old. The store offers everything from free advice to elaborate bird feeders, and unique gifts for bird lovers.

"People are valuing nature a lot more," he said. That's why when Coutler was looking for a career change after 30 years as a bank executive, he turned to nature for help. With anything from bird houses to bird baths, he can help you make your own bird sanctuary right outside your home.

Getting started is very easy.

According to Coutler, four basic ingredients are essential: food, water, cover and places to raise young.

Suet, one common type of animal fat that provides energy to wild birds, can be very enticing especially for woodpeckers, wrens and chickadees. Available in cakes and tubs, suet has become a very important diet for birds particularly during the winter when the absence of insects creates a demand for high caloric intake in order to stay warm.

Feeders are available in various sizes and shapes from wood to squirrel-proof feeders. There are suet feeders, hummingbird feeders and even fish tank feeders that provide a one way close-up way to enjoy birdwatching right inside your window.

There are also feeders to accommodate the smallest of birds. You can have your pick of what is best for your environment and budget. "The more feeders with different types of seeds and other foods, the more different types of birds you'll attract. Once you decide what type of bird you want, 'presenting the food in the proper



Ken Coutler with some of the many birdhouses at Wildlife Unlimited.

Photos by Elaine McLain

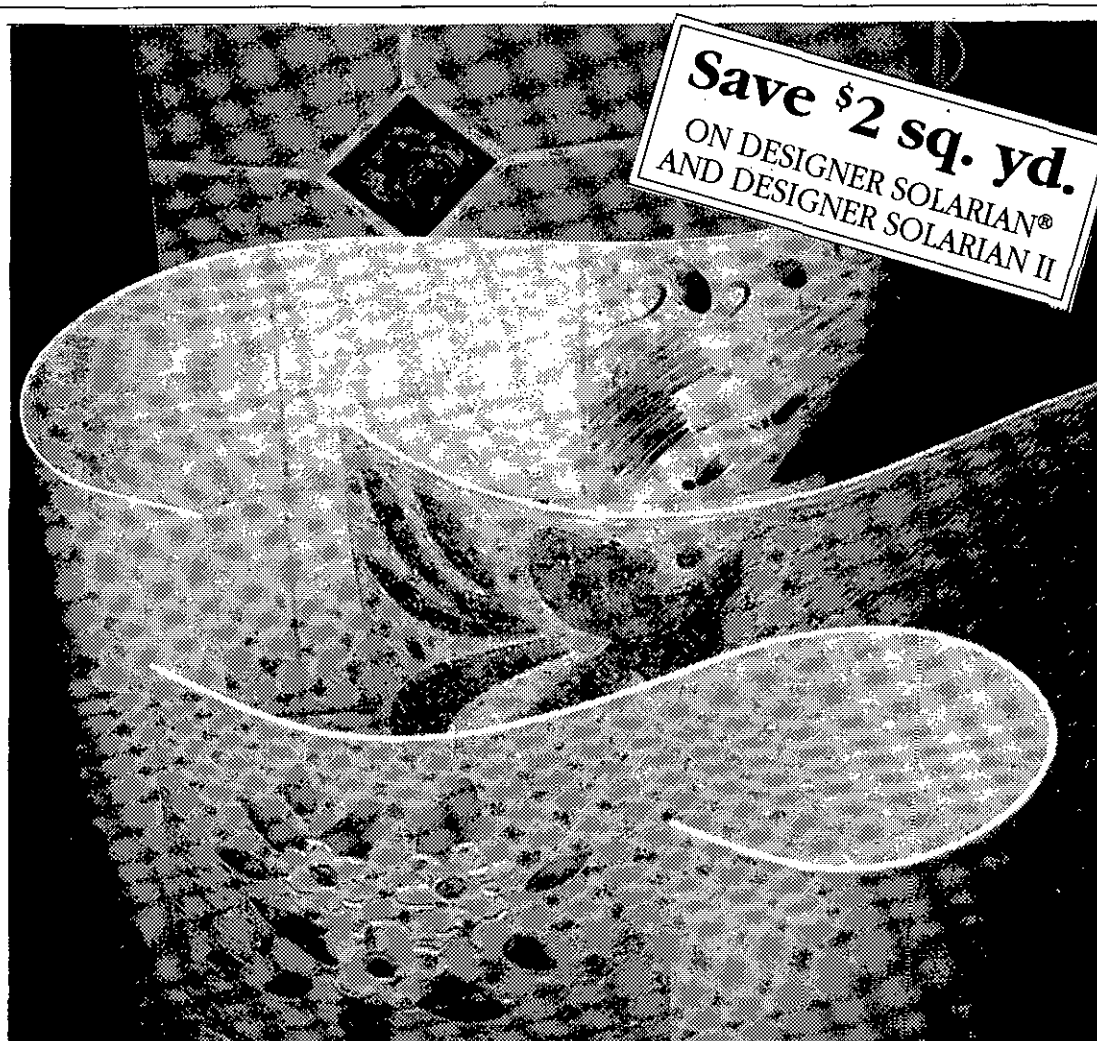
manner" is equally important, said Coutler. "Feeders need to be where birds can see it," he said.

Even during the winter, water is very important to wildlife for baths and drinking. Baths come in many designs including drip sprouts which allows more con-

tinuous attractive flow of water for birds to either drink drop by drop or wallow in bathing underneath.

Other styles include fountain bird baths and even a simple ceramic and plastic baths are very inexpensive and easy to assemble.

Finding a safe place for food and water makes a big difference as to whether or not birds will bathe, eat or nest. Keeping birds away from predators and other hazards is the key to their enjoyment. "If it's an extremely cold and windy place or a cat is next to



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the food, it can discourage birds," Coutler said. Anything from plants to shrubs, even hollow logs or piles of rock can provide a secure shelter for them.

Ideally, an area that includes a variety of shelters from small shrubs to big trees, allows the birds and other wildlife to choose the

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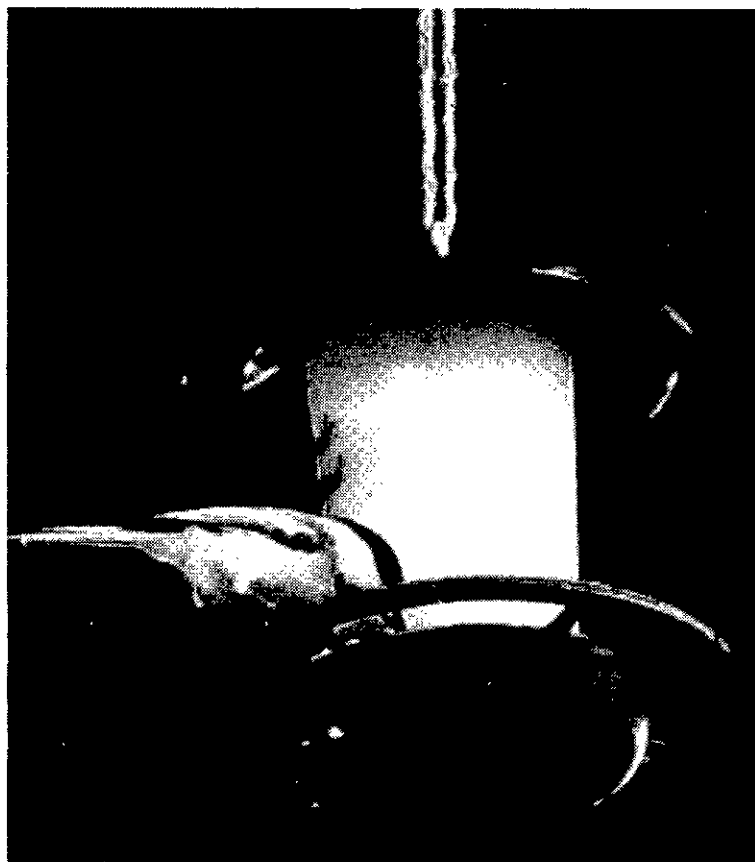
most comfortable abode.

Like humans, all birds need a place to eat, socialize and nest. While trees provide a nice setting for socialization, bird houses satisfy this need as well.

Bird houses are easy to build and easily attached to posts, fences or trees. Wildbirds Unlimited carries its own patented line of bird houses made of quality wood for easy viewing, ventilation and space for nesting. You can choose from a wren box designed for small birds such as chickadees with a hole only 1 1/8" in diameter or bluebird boxes designed for Eastern and Western birds.

"Basically you are copying a hole in a dead tree," said Coutler. And that makes a house a home even for new wildlife friends.

For the more experienced bird



A bird enjoys a meal in a backyard feeder.

watcher or anyone interested in learning more about wildlife and different species they can attract, the store offers free literature and advice and can arrange special talks and slide shows for any bird

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### Winter of 93 set new temperature records

The winter of 1993-94 set new records. The daily Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. systems in January averages 24 degrees Far-

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## Carry out a garden to patio or porch

Container gardening continues to gain popularity for many reasons.

Container gardens are portable, providing year-round color and continual redesigning options. They also work well in small spaces.

But there are some tricks to container gardening.

Get started by analyzing your available space. What kind of sunlight and moisture will plants get there? For example, if it's shady, you'll need to choose plants that will thrive in those conditions, like impatiens or hostas.

Use both annuals and perennials. Potted annuals arranged in a bed introduce variety and provide nearly continuous color. Or try dwarf orange trees or miniature roses, both of which can be brought indoors when cold weather hits.

The containers you use make a difference. Certain plant varieties, such as cacti, require shallow, porous and breathable containers like terra cotta.

Others like more moist conditions and prefer ceramic or plastic pots, which tend to hold water. The size of the pot also matters; for instance, roses need pots two times the size of the root ball. Make sure your containers have existing drainage holes or drill your own using a ceramic drill bit.

Healthy well-balanced soil is critical to successful container gardening. Potting mixes that contain sphagnum peat moss are the best bet. Peat moss is a natural, sustainable resource that retains moisture (nearly 20 times its weight in water) and nutrients to promote deep root growth.

Before planting, place pieces of wire mesh or broken pottery over your container's drainage holes to keep the soil from washing away with every watering.

Put enough soil in the bottom so when you place the plant inside (after gently loosening the roots with your hand), the top of the root ball is even with the lip of the pot. Fill in with soil and lightly tamp it down. Water, drain and add more soil if necessary.

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# Home putting green can help lower score

By Dev Tobin

On a standard par-four golf hole, the theory is that two strokes are spent going the first 300 to 400 yards and the last two strokes on the last few yards, on or around the green.

While many golfers are pounding out drives at local driving ranges in preparation for the season, most professionals, including the mega-best-selling Harvey Penick, advise that practicing the short game — putting and chipping — is the surest and quickest way to lower your score.

Since practice greens are nowhere near as available as driving ranges, one possibility for the serious golfer is creating a putting green in the backyard.

For a couple days work and several hundred dollars in materials, you can build your own 1,000-square-foot putting green, according to information from the Toro Manufacturing Corp.

The company's 12-step method for building a green involves:



Dr. Ben Hahn of Delmar practices the pesky six-footer at Normanside Country Club in Elsmere. *Hugh Hewitt*

- Getting a soil analysis of the site from Cooperative Extension that would indicate the levels of nitrogen, potash, phosphorous, lime and other nutrients.

- Setting the boundaries of the green, tilling to a depth of six inches, raking to remove debris, and shaping the green's contours to provide drainage.

- Adding limestone if necessary, and tilling again to six inches.

- Spreading a half-inch of peat and other fertilizers as indicated by the soil test, and tilling again.

- Raking and rolling to establish a firm surface.

- Watering thoroughly for a week, then raking and rolling again.

- Raking starter fertilizer into the soil.

- Seeding with a suitable strain of bentgrass.

- Raking to cover the seed and watering lightly but uniformly to encourage germination.

- Letting the grass grow, then mowing with a special putting-green mower gradually down to a height of one quarter inch. If you don't want to spend the \$1,000 or more for a special greens mower,

a reel mower can get down to about one half inch.

- Applying about 10 pounds of organic fertilizer every three weeks until summer (if seeded in the spring).

- Treating the green periodically with appropriate fungicide and insecticide.

The major expense for a backyard putting green could be the special mower, which runs \$4,600 new and around \$1,000 used, according to Dave Varner of Grassland Equipment and Irrigation Corp. of Latham, a leading supplier of golf course-related equipment.

"A surprising number of people have their own greens," said Varner, noting that most use reel hand-mowers with the rollers down as far as possible.

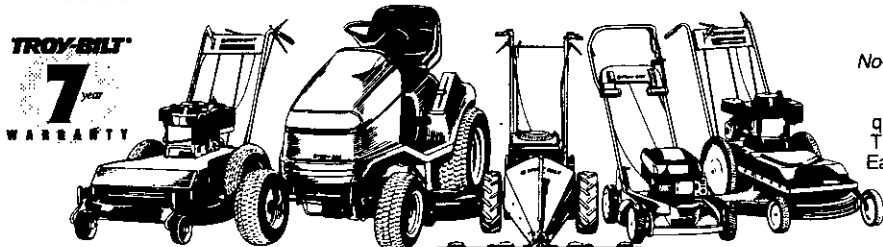
To find a used greens mower, "Your best bet is to contact golf courses," Varner said.

Some people have also built their practice green indoors, on a concrete base covered by an artificial surface, Varner said.

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# Let great outdoors all hangout — inside your home

By Eric Bryant

Sunrooms, solariums, greenhouses — the names are different but the concept is still the same. It's a growing trend in the home construction business, creating airy glass-panelled rooms to let, as one builder said, "the outside in and the inside out."

The trend began in the 1960s with attached hothouses for plants. It wasn't until the 1970s, when the energy crisis had homeowners struggling for cost-saving solutions, that the concept of creating a glass-walled room for actual living space took hold.

According to local contractors, however, the first building kits for sunrooms didn't stand up too well. Pushed onto the market by companies looking for a fast buck, many were designed poorly — they leaked, they were ugly and condensation formed on the inside of the window panes. Some, often built by unhandy do-it-

yourselfers, had little temperature control, making them cold in the winter and unbearably hot in the summer.

Over the past two decades, sunroom designs have become not only more energy-efficient but also built to higher standards. Styles have also become more wide-ranging, moving from a traditional cedar post design or an even more traditional glass conservatory to sweeping curved glass on reinforced aluminum. Kits still can be purchased for the home handyman, but several companies locally specialize in installing custom-made or prefabricated solariums.

One Energy on Central Avenue in Colonie has been installing their own series of solar rooms and several national kit brands since 1987. Company manager Jackson Davis said people buy their sunrooms for a variety of reasons.

"We had one person that built a sunroom and just filled it with wa-

ter tanks. The sun would heat up the tanks and that would be the backup heat source for his house. On the other extreme, some people build solariums and just fill them with plants. Ninety-nine percent

cially in the summer, but you can design around it," using ventilation and heat shades, according to Michael Kitner of Sky's The Limit Solariums in Troy.

Using the concept of passive solar heating, sunrooms trap and

that. They can really brighten up a room."

One of the most attractive things about solariums today is their adaptability. They can be an add-on to a den or office, a way to create a breakfast nook or a larger kitchen. Only the imagination limits what can be done.

"We use kit materials to do custom work," said Kitner. "As long as we have a starting point and a reasonable idea of what the customer wants, we can usually work with them."

Cost for the addition of a solarium depends on the scope of the project. A small three-window bay could cost several thousand dollars. "You can go up from there and literally take it as far as you want to go," said Kitner.

Most kits cost somewhere in the range of \$40 to \$100 per square foot. To have a contractor design and build a solarium costs around \$125 to \$200 per square foot.

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of the people, however, use these areas as year-round living spaces," he said.

Depending on how it's positioned on a home, the room's ability to catch and trap the sun's heat can be a positive or a negative factor if not addressed properly. "Heat gain can be a problem, espe-

store the sun's energy. Rooms can have either single, double or triple glazing, depending upon the location of the room and how much heat can be stored once the sun goes down.

"Sunrooms enhance the interior living space," Kitner said. "They add space but it's more than



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# Pool paraphernalia gives writer sinking feeling

By Elaine Jackson Cape

My husband says if we get any more paraphernalia for our pool, there won't be any room for the kids in the water.

Maybe he's right, but over the years I've discovered a little-known natural law: there's always one more kid than the number of toys in the pool.

It doesn't matter if the surface of the water is completely covered by boats, rafts, loungers and tubes, the very minute my back touches the chair, I hear "Mommy, I don't have anything to play with!"

So, every year, when the new pool catalogues come out, I pore over them, hoping I'll find the magic toy that will let me relax for just five minutes. So far, however, my efforts have been in vain.

While I'm looking for toys, my husband is searching for the very latest in pool gizmos. For several years, he's tried desperately to

convince me that what we really need is an automatic pool cleaner.

Those of you who have too much sense to install a pool at your home may never have heard of this wonderful new invention.

The device, a cross between a robot and a vacuum cleaner, is programmed to crawl over the sides and bottom of the pool picking up anything in its path, like leaves, dirt, loose change and small children.

I was all set to order one this year when I happened to read the words: "Will not climb out of the pool." Immediately, I had visions of this R2D2-like creature leaving the pool and setting out through the neighborhood, gobbling up everything in its path.

On second thought, if the machine would vacuum up that little yipping dustmop that our neighbors call a dog, it might almost be worth it.

The reason I'm thinking about buying this gadget is that when it comes to vacuuming the pool there is a serious shortage of labor in my house. Even though the children begged and pleaded for the pool, and made tearful

promises to help maintain it, it always comes as a complete surprise to them all that the dirt and leaves littering the bottom aren't part of the natural landscape.

My older son, who is never too busy to earn a buck shoveling snow or raking leaves for our neighbors, suddenly discovers a pressing engagement elsewhere whenever he sees that I'm about to mention that the bottom of the pool is actually blue, not brown.

My daughter, who hardly ever

responsible for most of the dirt that makes its way into the pool, is always more than eager to vacuum. Unfortunately, his efforts are so energetic, and he falls into the water so many times during the process, that the bottom always looks worse when he finishes than it did when he began.

The only time I can be sure of enough help is when we open the pool in the spring. My husband says it reminds him of an old-fashioned barn raising, when all the

mission control on the day of a launch. They stand around in somber groups discussing the procedure and offering suggestions, most of them contradictory.

As it turns out, it's a good thing the neighbors bring their own tools. Even though we have so much equipment in the basement that we can hardly get down the stairs, it never fails that the ones that are absolutely essential are missing.

One year, we had to canvass the whole neighborhood in search of a Vaseline. I have no idea why on earth Vaseline is necessary to open a pool but, apparently, it's impossible to accomplish the task without this one essential component.

We did get some strange looks, though, from some of our neighbors.

As the day wears on, my husband becomes more and more exasperated. The only thing that saves him is that, no matter how many tools are lying on the grass, he has to make at least three trips to the hardware store. And, of course, every trip requires a minimum of four men to advise him.

The thing I don't understand is

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takes her nose out of whatever book she happens to be reading, says she'll help as soon as she finishes "this chapter" — which I estimate will happen in the fall.

The little one, who actually is

neighbors would come together to help those in need.

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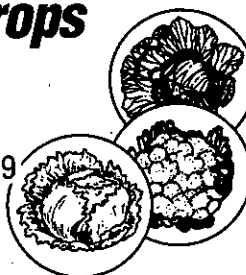
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how they can leave in search of a screwdriver and come back with a whole car full of gadgets. The worst part is that I know every one of these essential items will be gone only three short months from now when the time comes to close the pool.

Another reason we're short on tools is that my husband often "borrows" pieces of pool equipment during the off-season for other uses. This winter, for example, he decided that the skimmer pole would be perfect to unplug some pipes in the basement.

Unfortunately, the pole got stuck in the pipe, creating an impossible jam. Of course, we were having 20 people for dinner and, at

first, I thought we were going to have to entertain them with no plumbing.

After spending the entire afternoon trying to get the pole out, he finally had to call Roto-Rooter. The workmen never did seem to understand why there was pool equipment in our plumbing, but they did manage to unplug the pipes and return the toilets to a functional state.

Once the neighbors have finished helping us open the pool, it takes 24 hours for the pool chemicals to render the water safe for swimming.

So, it's the day after opening day that really draws the big

gin to gather after lunch, bringing towels, goggles, suntan lotion, jugs of drinks, pretzels and chairs.

The children watch eagerly we carry mountains of equipment from the garage and arrange it around the pool. When the last chair is in place, my husband gives the signal: "Pool's open," and quickly steps back to avoid the stampede.

Finally, after two days of back-breaking labor, it's time to relax. I sink back, drink in hand, into my chair. Then, just as my back touches the cushion, I hear the familiar cry: "Mommy, I don't have anything to play with."

## Painting your house can be a fun project

Now that winter has finally ended and you've come out of hibernation, you may notice how dreary the outside of your home looks. Sprucing up the outside of your home may not be as difficult as you think. Painting your home can be done in eight easy steps.

- Estimate the condition of the wood or siding. Look for faded areas caused by sun exposure and weathered siding and be prepared to tell your paint retailer what kind of siding you have and the condition of the wood.

- Choose the right tools for the job. Using the right tools and buying them all at once will save time and extra trips to the store. Necessary tools include a two-handed scraper with a curved blade for removal of peeling paint, a wire

brush for removing cracked glazing around door frames and windows, sandpaper and blocks for smoothing over rough areas, silicone acrylic or acrylic latex caulk and a caulking gun and three different size brushes for painting: 2-, 3- and 4-inch bristle brushes (natural bristles for oil paint and nylon for latex).

- Properly prepare the surface for painting. To prevent doing the job over again, you must make sure that all loose paint has been scraped off the house. Painting over loose paint isn't a short cut, because the old paint will cause the new paint to peel and ruin the work you have done.

- Cleaning the exterior of the home so that it is free from dirt, dust, grease and mildew and the

new paint can stick to the house. Washing down the house with a household detergent will kill the mildew and prepare the surface for painting. Be sure to rinse the house with clear water to remove all detergent residue.

- Make sure the house is completely dry before painting. If the house is wet or a lot of moisture is on the surface, the paint will not adhere properly.

- Priming a wood surface to prevent the paint from soaking into the surface and causing an uneven appearance. Primers can be tinted close to the color of your paint, so it will dry the color you select.

- Choose your color and have a lot of brushes and paint rollers on hand.

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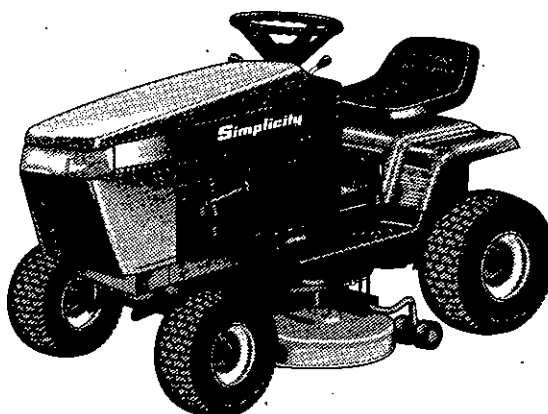
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# Bonsai creations require gentleness & patience

By Donna Moskowitz

Bonsai is "a gentle art," according to Pauline Muth, president of the local society dedicated to growing the miniature trees.

Bonsai (pronounced bone-sigh) is the Japanese technique of cultivating dwarf trees through training and pruning.

"It takes reading and knowledge and lessons ... You're not only creating a tree into its style, you take care of it the rest of its life. It's a gentle art, a patient art," said Muth, a West Charlton resident who has been training bonsai for 15 years.

Bonsai existed more than 1,000 years ago in India, according to Muth. The technique began when trees were kept on Indian ships for medicinal purposes. In order to carry them on board, they had to be reduced in size.

The Indians traded with the Chinese, who then traded with the Japanese. Today, there are bonsai all over the world, Muth said. Many bonsai in Japan are hundreds of years old and are handed down from generation to generation.

Another bonsai enthusiast, Bob Hammond, said the hobby can keep you busy "365 days a year." The Glenmont resident owns dozens of the miniature trees, including a 25-year old Japanese maple and a 30-year old Amur

maple.

Hammond's bonsai, like most of the diminutive trees, are outdoor plants. He has about 25 trees that are bonsai and 75 "little trees that are not bonsai yet" because they have not been trained into the interesting shapes for which bonsai are known.

The little trees require a lot of attention. Hammond said his bonsai need to be watered two or three times each day in the summer. During the colder months, the bonsai have "winter quarters" in a shed behind his home.

For those who would like to try to grow bonsai indoors, they should acquire "anything that would not be hardy in the north," said Muth. Fig trees and serissa (Chinese snow rose) are common indoor bonsai, she said.

Juniper, pine, maple, elm, "the list goes on forever," are suitable outdoor bonsai, she said.

Some bonsai growers purchase small trees from local nursery men and then shape the trees into various styles. Many enthusiasts, however, don't buy bonsai, but prefer collecting samples from the wild.

Muth suggested that amateurs interested in bonsai "do some reading, take some lessons first." It's important to learn how to take care of a tree properly, she said.

Several books Muth recommended are "Essentials of Bonsai," published by Timber Press, "Bonsai Basics," by Pessey and Samson and "Bonsai" by Harry Tomlinson.

For those who receive a bonsai as a gift, Muth has the following suggestions:

- First, determine whether it's an indoor or outdoor variety. Evergreens are usually outdoor plants.

- Water the bonsai from the top down. "Don't soak your bonsai. That's the number one thing that kills them. Allow good drainage to occur."

- Water as often as needed. In warm weather that could mean once or twice a day.

- Bonsai must be fertilized regularly. Muth suggests one-quarter strength liquid fertilizer throughout the growing season. For indoor bonsai, that's January through August. For outdoor plants, it's "as soon as the ground defrosts until Aug. 1."

- Fertilize with regular waterings, or use time release fertilizer.

- Keep the bonsai pinched so it retains its shape. For some trees, that might mean pinching off new growth once a week while they're growing.

- Bonsai have to be transplanted on a regular basis. Young trees should be transplanted every year, using fresh soil in the same-



Bob Hammond of Glenmont is a longtime bonsai cultivator.

Donna Moskowitz

sized pot as before. In addition, their roots must be trimmed back. This is done in the spring for outdoor bonsai, and in the middle of summer for indoor plants.

- Bonsai need plenty of light. Outdoor plants need full sun, "unless it's burning hot in the summer." For indoor bonsai, "try for southern exposure but be careful not to burn them." Indoor plants must be turned every day to give them even light.

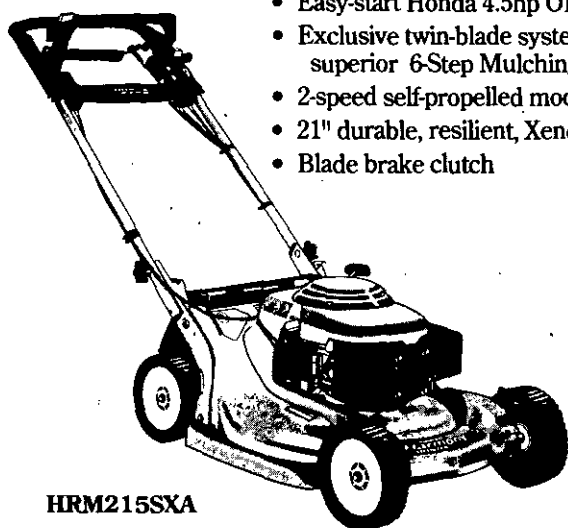
- For indoor plants, "get them outdoors for the summer."

- Also, for indoor bonsai, humidity is a major problem. Houses are dry, so growers need to provide humidity. Muth suggests filling a large tray with water and placing some blocks in the tray to hold the tree up so it's not actually in the water. Muth noted spraying the bonsai would work "if you could do it every 15 minutes."

- To prevent insect problems, one could apply chemicals, but Muth prefers not to use them. She

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When the area has been properly amended with organic matter, rake it smooth. If you're seeding, spread a seed that grows well

in your region over the entire bed, about three pounds of seed for every 1,000 square feet of lawn.

Lightly rake the seed into the soil and cover with a quarter-inch layer of peat moss. If sodding, lay out the rolls and fill in cracks with a quarter-inch layer of peat moss.

Finish with a fertilizer. Water both seeded and sodded lawns with a fine spray every other day for the first two weeks.

To fix brown spots in your lawn, loosen the soil in the affected area to a depth of six inches. If the dead spot stems from dog urine, discard the top two inches of the soil. Work a two-inch layer of peat with a thin layer of starter fertilizer into the soil, then spread a handful of

seeds over the area.

Rake lightly to barely cover the seeds, top dress with a quarter-inch layer of peat to protect them until germination, and water daily for two to three weeks.

You can convert your existing lawn into thick, green turf in just one season by increasing the nutrient- and water-holding capacity of your soil.

Simply rake a half-inch sphagnum peat moss over the entire lawn. You also can add lawn foods and vermiculite (for additional aeration) to the top dressing.

Other lawn care tips include:

- Mow often enough to maintain your desired height, without cutting more than one-third of the grass blade's height at once.

- Set your mower blades at two inches and keep them sharp so they don't shred the grass. Torn grass blades have more tissue exposed, making them more vulnerable to disease.

- Mow when your grass is dry for a cleaner cut. Let your grass clippings disintegrate into a moisture-retaining mulch.

- Give your lawn a deep watering once a week, not counting rain.

# Chemical treatment is key to healthy pool

Are you ready to enjoy the crystal clear water of your backyard swimming pool? On the surface, your pool may appear clear. However, underwater it may contain invisible algae and bacteria, making pool water unsanitary.

"Water is a well-known vehicle for transmitting diseases. Minor ailments, such as eye and ear infections, rashes and skin lesions, can be transmitted by pool water that has not been properly chlorinated," says Dr. Stuart Stollhoff, clinical associate professor of family and community medicine at the University of Nevada School of Medicine.

There are four key components of proper pool water care: primary sanitizer, water balance, shock treatment and algicide.

"A maintenance routine that prevents problems, such as algae and bacteria build-up or water discoloration, is the easiest way to enjoy a clean and healthy pool during the swim season," says Neil Lowry, a Ph.D. chemist who

consults with government and industry on pool and spa maintenance.

Although all of these components are important for a clean, clear and healthy pool, an extra weekly boost of chlorine added to the pool, called shock treating, is an essential part of any preventive pool care regimen.

It is also a sure way to eliminate bacteria, algae and other common contaminants — such as suntan oil, perspiration, dirt and grass — that can enter the pool and cause further pool water and health problems.

It is important to use a chlorine-based shock treatment product that makes the water sparkling clear (oxidizes) and kills bacteria and algae (sanitizes).

Here's a tip: If the label of your shock product says you can swim immediately after shock treatment, it is a product that only oxidizes, but does not kill bacteria and algae.

Interested in additional information about shock treating your pool, or about the importance of chlorine for sanitizing pool water?

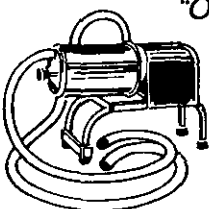
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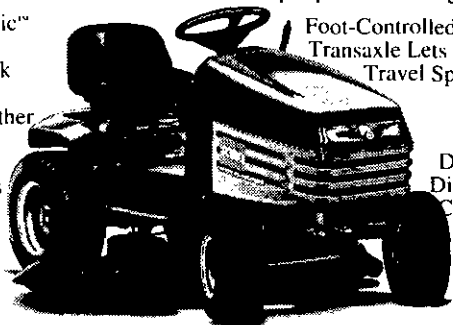
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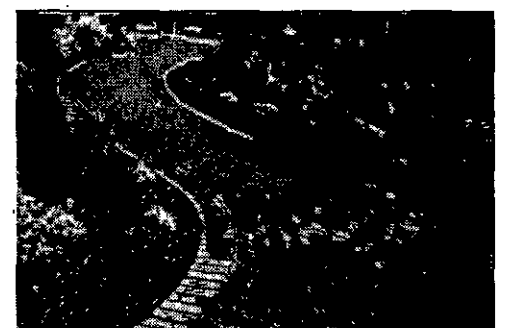
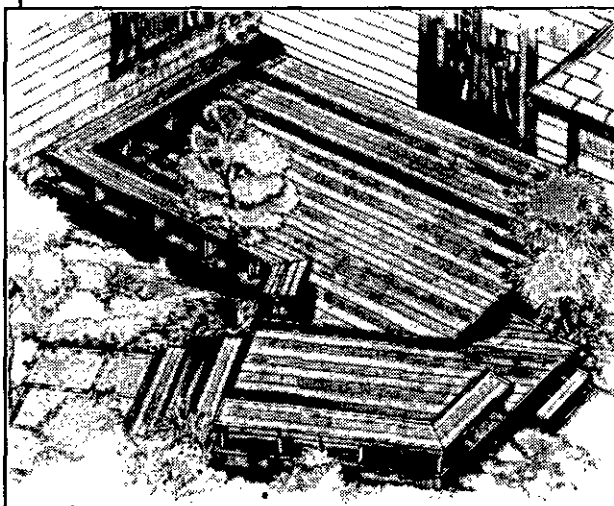
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# Controversy over lawn pesticides hits home

By Mel Hyman

The controversy over the use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers in residential settings will soon be hitting home.

A group of about 30 environmental activists will be canvassing Capital Region neighborhoods this summer spreading the word about the supposed dangers of commercial pesticides and asking homeowners to promise that they will refrain from the use of chemicals on their lawns.

The canvassing operation has already started, according to group organizer David Blumkin of Delmar, and the response received from neighborhoods in Albany and Rensselaer has been good.

"We got about 30 or 40 pledge forms going door to door along New Scotland Avenue (Albany)," Blumkin said. "We'll be heading out to a different area every two weeks telling people about the possible hazards with regard to pesticide exposure, providing them with information on alternatives and, if they're interested, have them sign pledge forms that they won't use them on their property."

"Sometime this summer we'll be in Delmar. That's for sure," he continued. "We also have members who live in Latham and Loudonville, so we'll probably be can-

vassing those areas as well before the end of the summer."

Blumkin, who volunteers his time for the anti-pesticide campaign, said he was spurred into action three years ago when he suffered skin and respiratory problems after a pesticide application in his neighborhood (Rowland Avenue).

"I'm concerned about my children," he added. "Some of the pesticides being used contain known carcinogens."

While there may be some hazards involved in using chemically based pesticides, the risk is minimal or nonexistent when the chemical compounds are applied by licensed, trained professionals.

That's the contention of Joe Castanero, technical manager for the Northeast region of Tru-Green CHEMLAWN, which has a local office on Albany Street in Colonie.

"A much more responsible thing to do is to have people who are experienced do the application," he said, "as opposed to a homeowner who has no experience and just relies on reading a label. It's a lot more logical to hire a professional since trained people can readily identify insect and weed problems."

Homeowners who take the

"shotgun approach, hoping to hit the nail on the head with a variety of materials," can often make mistakes.

"Another misconception," Castanero said, "is that we use materials that you can't purchase over the counter."

That's not true. I consider myself an environmentalist. The materials we use, when applied properly, pose negligible risks. That's really the only way to do it."

Tracy Frisch, coordinator for the New York Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides (NYCAP), insists there is no completely safe way to apply chemical pesticides.

## Your lawn becomes entirely dependent on periodic chemical fixes.

Tracy Frisch

Whether liquid or dry, pesticides don't just stay on the lawn, no matter how carefully they are applied, she said. In fact, they can easily drift through open windows and are often tracked indoors by people and pets.

They have the potential for invading soil and water supplies, and if they permeate the home, NYCAP says, they can be eaten, inhaled or absorbed through the skin.

You might want your lawn to look like a golf course, which is what keeps the lawn care companies in business, but NYSAC claims that the regular application of pesticides destroys whatever organisms are in the soil — including natural predators — and leaves the lawn vulnerable to renewed pest infestations after the pesticides wear off.

"Like a drug addict, your lawn becomes entirely dependent on periodic chemical fixes," Frisch said.

NYCAP is excited by the public awareness campaign now under way, Frisch said.

Among those who have signed up for the canvassing effort are a postal letter carrier "who became ill from walking across lawns that have been chemically treated" and "three organic landscapers who can recommend a good natural fertilizer program that introduces organic matter into the soil."

A healthy lawn is a balanced ecosystem where 95 percent of organisms are beneficial, according to NYCAP. "Cornell (University School of Agriculture) did a study on nematodes, which get rid of grubs," Frisch said.

Grubs are the immature larvae of certain beetles that eat roots, Frisch said. "When you cut the grass too short" and introduce pesticides, the nematodes are destroyed.

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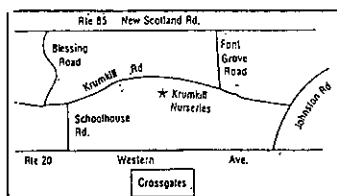
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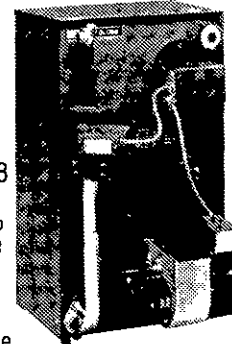
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How do you construct a garden pond? Start by selecting a location on your property where the ground is fairly even, although because of the flexibility of the liner some leveling can be achieved when digging your pond. The pond should be placed where it will get approximately six hours of sunlight per day.

While you can place your pond anywhere, it is not recommended to place it directly under trees, since falling leaves can foul the water and tree roots will make



Give your yard that extra dimension with a pond that is easy to construct and maintain, and will provide years of trouble-free enjoyment.

digging difficult. Using a heavy garden hose or a rope, free-form your pond design to conform to your landscaping scheme.

When constructing your pond, dig both a shallow area and a deep area. Fish will feed on insects in the shallow area, and it is the ideal

place for potted plants such as lilies.

The deep area will provide security for your fish and protect them from birds and small animals. Depending on your climate, the deep area of your pond should be from 24 to 40 inches, and the

shallow area from 4-12 inches.

After digging out your pond location, line the ground with sand, carpet padding or even old newspapers, before installing the liner. This will protect the liner against sharp, protruding objects such as roots and rocks.

To create that professional look, build a rock border around your pond, allowing the rocks to overlap the edge of the pond by about two inches. You can landscape back around the pond and even build a patio, if desired.

Maintaining your pond is very easy. Obtain an economical, permanent pond filter and air pump, as well as a full line of water chemicals and foods to ensure that your fish will prosper. And if you want to add the grace and beauty of a waterfall or fountain to your pond, purchase a powerful water pump.

What kind of fish should you put in your pond? The hardiest are large common or comet goldfish. Depending on the size of your pond, these hardy fish will grow rapidly and can withstand the worst climates. As long as the water in your pond does not freeze to the lowest depths, these fish can survive the cruellest winters.

What should you do in the winter? Nothing! After the first frost, remove your filter and leave your pond alone until the onset of spring.

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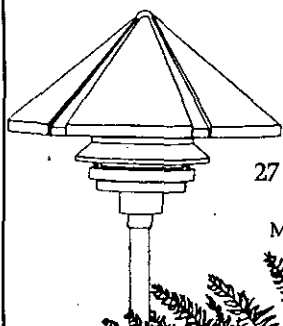
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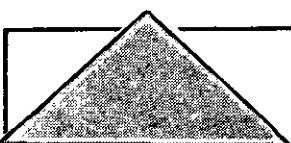
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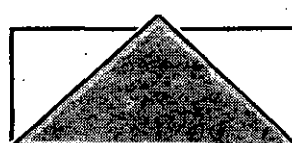
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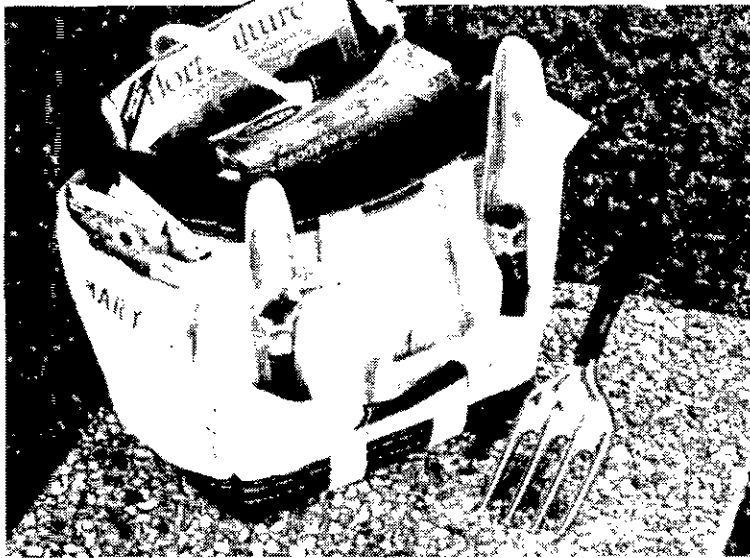
- From seed to harvest, getting organized is easy with the Gardener's Journal. The soft-cover book includes pages for planning the garden layout, record keeping, pockets for seeds and brochures, and much more. (\$9.98)

- For the gardener who hasn't got everything: A Gardener's Bag and Tools. The heavy-duty canvas tote is designed for years of service. Ten pockets keep seeds, tools and gadgets. Three aluminum hand tools have a lifetime warranty. It can even be personalized with the grower's name or initials. (personalized, \$41.98 and plain, \$39.98)

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# Simple steps can improve your bulbs

Few moments in life are as welcome as the first sign of spring, when the green shoots of fall planted bulbs first pop up out of the ground.

They promise and deliver spectacular beauty, and your hard work last fall planting tulips, narcissi, crocuses and other bulbs is rewarded with glorious blooms.

While you're enjoying the view, it's a good time to think ahead to next year. Some simple steps taken now can pay off with a yard full of beautiful bulb flowers for many springs to come.

Give "naturalized" bulbs a spring energy boost. The term naturalized refers to bulbs that are left in the ground to return year after year. Some are better "returners" than others.

The most important step when planting bulbs is to treat the top two or three inches of soil with a peat moss mixture.

Most tulips, for example, are magnificent their first year of bloom, but diminish over time. On the other hand, narcissi, such as daffodils, will not only return, but multiply over the years.



The most important step when planting bulbs is to amend the soil properly with Canadian sphagnum peat moss. Dig two or three inches of peat into the top eight inches of the soil prior to planting bulbs. It also pays to give your bulbs a spring energy boost by injecting a shot of a high-nitrogen liquid fertilizer.

When the first shoots appear in spring, naturalized bulbs appreciate a shot of a high-nitrogen liquid fertilizer. The nutrients can be absorbed through the plant's

leaves as well as the roots.

When the blooms of spring bulbs in garden beds have faded, cut the flower heads off, but leave the green foliage. Professional

bulb growers in Holland call it "heading" the bulb. By removing the flower, the plant will expend no effort making seed pods.

It will put its energy into building a strong, healthy bulb for next year's bloom.

This technique is especially helpful for tulips, but is labor-intensive and best confined to bulbs in the bed and border.

For naturalized bulbs, say a whole field of daffodils, it's not worth the effort. Natural is natural.

If bulbs are growing in the lawn, hold off mowing the lawn until the naturalized bulbs die back.

For a good return next season, it's necessary to let the foliage remain for six weeks. This is usually not a problem for very early bulbs, such as crocus.

However, for later blooming daffodils, six weeks may be too long to let the lawn grow.

In that case, mow them down, and next fall confine your "daffs" to a more marginal area of the yard.

## It pays to know ABCs of roofing

Need a new roof? If you do, you're not alone. More than four and a half million homeowners will re-roof their homes this year.

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When it comes to which product to choose and why, the homeowner has to rely, for the most part, on the knowledge, expertise and recommendations of his roofing contractor, says Bob Garrett, director of marketing, residential roofing products for GAF Building Materials Corp.

"Unlike shopping for a car, there's no test drive," says Garrett. "But there is one similarity—you want to buy the best quality and value your budget allows."

Often, knowing the roofing alphabet and asking the right questions is a good way to be sure you'll get a high-quality roofing product and years of peace of mind.

The alphabet Garrett refers to — ARMA, UL and ASTM, among them — are acronyms for various industry associations and testing organizations.

ARMA stands for the Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association and is comprised of the major producers of asphalt roofing shingles. While shingle products will vary from one manufacturer to another, the choice of an ARMA member will assure you that the companies you're considering are reputable ones that will stand behind their products.

When you've narrowed the search to one or two manufacturers, collect product brochures and roofing shingle samples. "That's where UL and ASTM come in," says Garrett.

Underwriters Laboratories (UL), a well-known product safety laboratory, establishes and operates a product safety certification program. Their testing concludes that items produced under the service are safeguarded against reasonably foreseeable risks.

When shopping for roofing look for a "Class A" or "Class C" UL rating. This means your roofing choice has passed rigorous testing for fire and wind resistance to assure maximum protection for your home, with Class A being the highest fire and wind-resistance rating available.

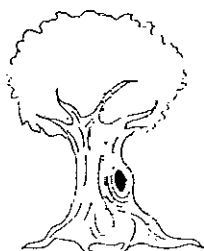
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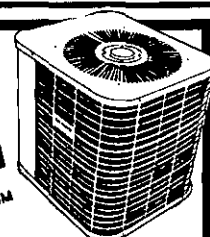
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# Home buyer fair slated at armory

On Saturday, April 30, more than 75 of the area's major lenders, realtors and community housing resource agencies will gather from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the New Scotland Avenue Armory for the first Capital District Home Buyer Fair.

This free event, organized and sponsored by Northeast Savings, in cooperation with the City of Albany, the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), the Greater Capital Association of Realtors, Inc. (GCAR) and the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) of Northeastern New York, was designed to provide prospective home buyers with a one-stop outlet for information on all aspects of home buying.

The Capital District Home Buyer Fair is part of Mayor Jerry Jennings' effort to focus on neighborhood revitalization in Albany.

"Rebuilding and revitalizing our city's neighborhoods cannot be accomplished by simply changing existing policies," Jennings said.

"If we are to seek a permanent, lasting change, we must start by rebuilding the foundation for change by educating the young adults of today who will be the homeowners and neighborhood residents of tomorrow," Jennings added.

Joseph Culver, vice president of residential lending at Northeast Savings, said, "The decision to purchase a home in today's market requires research, planning and a more complete understanding of the roles of various participants, from buyers' brokers to home inspectors and secondary market lenders. That's why this event is an ideal way for residents to learn more about the responsibilities and benefits of home ownership."

At the fair, visitors will have the opportunity to obtain information on more than 1,500 homes for sale from over 20 real estate offices, discuss low fixed-rate financing options with more than 20 mortgage lenders, and gain access to the various housing grants, government financing programs and counseling services available from local non-profit and city housing agencies.

In addition, educational workshops moderated by representatives of Fannie Mae, the nation's largest source of home mortgage funds, will be repeated during the day, with experts detailing the steps involved in the home purchase process.

Mortgage Bankers Association members will offer free consultations and mortgage pre-qualifications.

"We are very pleased to participate in the Capital District Home Buyer Fair because we know that lack of information on the home buying process is still a serious obstacle keeping Americans from reaching their dream of home ownership," said Ken Bacon, senior vice president of Fannie Mae's Northeastern Regional Office.

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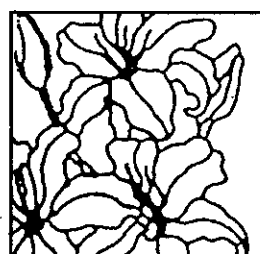
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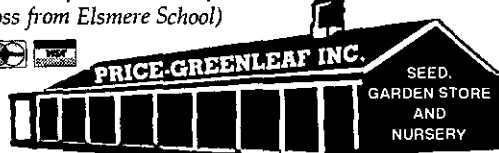
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## Top 10 questions on heat pumps

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1. What is a heat pump? A heat pump is essentially a central air conditioning system that also has the ability to heat your home during cold weather months.

It's called a "heat pump" because it pumps heat into your home in winter, and pumps heat out of your home in summer. Its ability to both heat and cool makes it a very economical and efficient home comfort system.

2. How does a heat pump work? In summer, it functions as a standard central air conditioning system, pulling the heat out of your home and releasing it outside.

In winter, it simply reverses the process, extracting the heat that's present in outdoor air and pumping it into your home.

3. How can a heat pump obtain heat from cold winter air? As strange as it may seem, heat is

present in all air, even air that's well below freezing. Think of the way your refrigerator removes unwanted heat that accumulates when you open the door and place warm food inside. You can feel that heat coming back into your kitchen from the refrigerator's exhaust fan. In a similar way, heat pumps remove heat from cold outdoor air and delivers it inside your home.

4. What does a heat pump look like? A typical heat pump installation consists of two parts: an outdoor unit that contains the outdoor coil, compressor, reversing valve and fan; and an indoor unit that contains the indoor coil, supplemental heater, and fan. The outdoor unit looks exactly like a central air conditioner in both size and appearance. The indoor unit is called an air handler and looks like a gas furnace.

5. Where is the furnace? There isn't any. The heat pump takes its place. Because a heat pump simply moves heat from one place to another, there is no burning of fuel to make heat, no smoke and no fumes.

6. Do heat pumps have effi-

ciency ratings? They have two: one for heating and one for cooling. The heating rating is called the Heating Seasonal Performance Factor (HSPF), the cooling rating is called the Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER). In both cases, the higher the number, the greater the efficiency and the lower the operating costs. When comparing ratings, remember that they are based on the combination of the outdoor unit and the indoor unit.

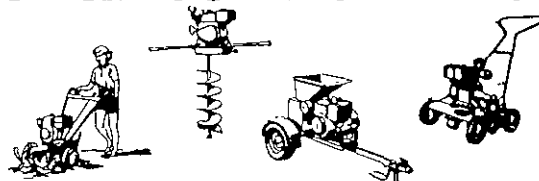
7. Why is a heat pump so economical? Because during the heating season, a heat pump simply has to move heat instead of making it. Unlike a furnace, the heat pump simply collects heat that already exists in the outdoor air and pumps it into your home.

8. Why do heat pumps have supplemental heaters? Heat naturally migrates from warmer to colder areas through windows, doors, ceilings and walls. Insulation, weatherstripping and caulking slow down this heat loss, but cannot totally eliminate it. The colder it becomes, the faster a home loses heat. The supplemental heater helps the heat pump during weather extremes when a home may lose heat faster than the heat pump can replace it. Electric heating elements in the indoor unit turn on automatically to make the difference.

9. Can heat pumps be installed in existing homes? Yes, especially if you already have a forced-air heating system, suitable ductwork and adequate insulation. Heat pumps can work with any forced-air heating system—gas, oil, propane or electric.

10. What is a variable speed heat pump? In many heat pumps, the compressor always operates at full speed regardless of the home's heating or cooling requirements. In a variable speed heat pump, the compressor continuously adjusts its speed to match the amount of heating or cooling needed in the home. This increases its efficiency, saves energy, and results in quieter operation and greater comfort.

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# Tips on getting African violets to bloom again

The African violet is America's most popular, and often its most frustrating, house plant. How many times have you bought an African violet in full, glorious bloom, watched the blooms die, and then waited weeks, months, even years, gnashing your teeth because no new blooms appeared?

You're not alone—it happens to lots of us. That's the bad news.

The good news is that by following these few simple tips, you'll be amazed to find that your violets will be in bloom almost year-round for years and years.

Whether you have a pink, purple or white violet, whether its leaves are mottled or plain, ruffled or straight, the care of your African violets is always the same—somewhat demanding.

Success with African violets begins with purchasing the plant at a nearby nursery or garden center, rather than at a supermarket. The quality of the nursery plants is usually much better.

Before completing your purchase, scrutinize the plant carefully to make sure there are no bugs on any of the leaves or stems.

The main reason most people have trouble getting their violets to bloom is lack of light. So when you bring your plant home, find a good, bright spot where the plant will get lots of diffused sunlight. The best location for an African violet is either a sunny windowsill with a western exposure, or under artificial light.

Violets should be watered from the bottom so place the plants in trays filled with about an inch of water. The top of the soil should be moist to the touch.

Add a few drops of high-quality liquid fertilizer to the watering can each time you water. This "constant feed" method of fertilizing was developed by greenhouse growers. African violets can grow quite successfully under artificial light; in fact, many professional growers prefer this method. But for most, the kitchen windowsill is the spot of choice.

Another secret to growing lush, vibrant violets is to unpot your plant, slice off about an inch from the bottom of the root system, soil and all, put an inch of perlite or sponge rock in the bottom of the pot, then replace the plant in the pot. This potting method, known as "the Texas style," helps prevent death from over-watering by allowing excess water to evaporate, thus not drowning the violet's fine, fibrous root system. It also provides the root system with vital extra oxygen. Wait until the soil

dries out before watering again.

Contrary to popular belief, African violets love to have spray baths, which keep them clean and increase the humidity around the plant. Just make sure to spray lukewarm water, as cold water will leave spots on the plant's leaves.

Another problem many growers encounter is "suckers," or new plantlets, that develop in the crown of the plant. These suckers get packed in so tightly that light can't get to the center of the plant, so pick or snip out the suckers as they develop. The additional light this provides is important to keep your violet blooming.

Try to keep the humidity as high as possible around your violets and make sure there's proper circulation.

Once you set up just the right environment for your African violets, you'll be rewarded with beautiful blooms all year long.



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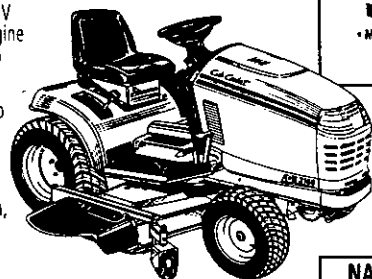
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City, town or country, wildflowers don't just grow in the wild, they're everywhere: buttercups sprouting from cracks in the sidewalk; black-eyed susans popping up in playing fields; or dandelions growing from a back doorstep.

In the *Wildflower Field Guide*, naturalist Carol Ann Campbell accompanies budding botanists out into the field as they hunt for common wildflowers. With field notes that provide each species' history, average height, habitat and blooming time, kids start the search.

Using the guide's full color illustrations and a bit of detective work, they identify and classify the flowers they've found. Along the way, kids learn how plants take care of themselves, the role they play in meals and medicine and why some open at sunrise while others wait for evening.

Once they've collected fresh wildflowers, kids dry their catch in the sturdy Wildflower Press and can preserve them in a record book called a herbarium or use them to create greeting cards, stationary and other imaginative crafts.

After a few forages through the neighborhood, kids may know more botany than many weekend gardeners. Perhaps a summer of collecting will grow into a lifelong passion for nature, or at least a new appreciation of science class. The *Wildflower Field Guide and Press* is available at local bookstores.

## Clean up and green up your lawn

### Homespun lawn care recipes use soap and beer

What do liquid dish soap, chewing tobacco and ammonia have in common? They're all ingredients in Jerry Baker's tried-and-true home remedies for what ails your lawn and garden.

For more than 30 years, Jerry Baker (America's Master Gardener) has been teaching people how to clean up and green up their yard and garden (or "yarden," as Baker calls it) with his Grandma Putt's homespun recipes and down-to-earth advice.

For a happy, healthy yarden that is the envy of all your neighbors, Baker suggests you follow these five easy steps.

1) Shampoo your lawn. "Do unto your yarden as you would do unto yourself. Bathe your lawn to eliminate winter residue and daily pollution," says Baker.

Washing your garden also allows Baker's other homespun remedies to penetrate the soil and do their job more effectively.

To mix up Jerry's Yarden Sham-

poo, combine one cup of chewing tobacco juice, one cup of liquid dish soap and one cup of antiseptic mouthwash in a 20-gallon hose-end sprayer and spray over 2,500 square feet of yard and garden area once every three weeks.

2) Rid your lawn of dandruff. Thatch, which Baker refers to as the earth's dandruff, is one of the biggest gardening problems.

To get rid of thatch, Baker recommends combining one can of beer, one can of regular (non-diet) cola, a half cup of liquid dish soap and a half cup of antiseptic mouthwash in a 20-gallon hose-end sprayer, filling the remainder with water and spraying over 2,500 square feet of lawn.

Be sure to repeat throughout summer and into fall, since thatch is a recurring problem.

3) Yardenes, like people, need to eat a balanced diet, so it is just as important to feed your lawn as it is to water it, Baker says.

To give your lawn that much-needed energy boost, combine one

can of beer, one cup of liquid dish soap, one tablespoon of molasses or clear corn syrup, one half cup of household ammonia and one cup liquid lawn food in a 20-gallon hose-end sprayer. It will cover 2,500 square feet.

4) To eliminate pesky weeds, combine one cup of liquid dish soap, one cup of ammonia, and one teaspoon of instant granulated tea dissolved in a cup of water in a 20-gallon hose-end sprayer and apply between 1 and 3 p.m. on a bright, sunny day. Spray only on the weeds. Baker recommends following up with either a liquid or dry weed-control product.

5) Warmer weather brings hungry insects that eat your plants and spoil your fun, warns Baker.

Get rid of them by combining one cup of lemon-scented liquid dish soap, one cup of chewing tobacco juice and one cup of lemon-scented ammonia in your 20-gallon hose-end sprayer, filling the balance with warm water and spraying over 2,500 square feet of your yarden.

"After tasting this tonic, the bugs will be so busy in the bug bathroom doing the green apple shuffle, they won't have time to come around and bother you or your yarden again," says Baker.

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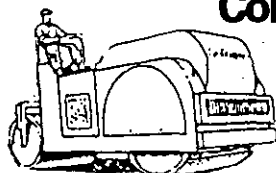
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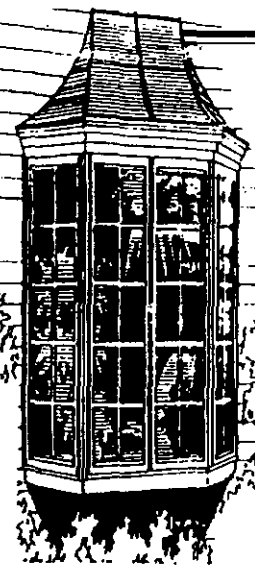
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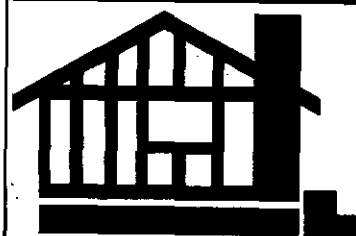
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# How to prevent unsightly roof algae stains

Perhaps you've noticed it on roofs in your neighborhood, or even on your own light-colored asphalt-shingle roof: dark green or black staining that appears to be slowly enveloping the entire roof surface, masking the original color of the shingles in ugly streaks that run from ridge to eaves.

This staining, commonly referred to as a fungus growth and often mistaken for tree sap, soot, dirt or moss, is actually the result of algae formations that have spread across the roof's surface. Though this growth — generally a blue-green algae — occurs on asphalt shingle roofs found in all parts of the country, it is most noticeable in the Southeast, where warm, humid conditions provide an environment conducive to algae formation, and where the white and lighter-colored shingles, popular there, provide an especially stark contrast to dark algae stains.

Indeed, algae growth is primarily an aesthetic problem — a particularly vexing one for the homeowner who may have invested thousands of dollars in a new, visually appealing roof. Still, many homeowners mistakenly believe that the dark stains are an indicator of more serious shingle performance problems. However, there is no evidence algae growth affects shingle performance.

This is small consolation to the homeowner whose roof is affected by algae staining, which may take many years to be truly noticeable (the staining you see is actually several generations of dead algae build-up), but can occur within only months of application of the shingles.

So what can a homeowner do to combat algae growth? Most of the steps homeowners can take are aimed at preventing algae growth; once staining has occurred, there's little one can do to stop it from recurring. Consider these options:

- Algae stain removal. A solution of chlorine bleach diluted with water can be used to lighten and partially remove algae discoloration, though often the cure is worse

than the disease. That's because aggressive scrubbing or high-power spraying of the shingles — not to mention the foot traffic associated with such a cleaning operation — can loosen and wash away granules, leading to premature shingle failure. What's more, run-off or spray from the cleaning solution could affect not only shrubs, trees and grasses, but gutters and downspouts as well.

Even if proper care is taken in cleaning the affected area — using a sponge, for example, and taking care to avoid walking directly on the roof surface — the results, at best, will be only temporary, since the algae will very likely begin growing again almost immediately.

Commercially available algicides may also be effective in temporarily cleaning a roof. However, caution must be used in selecting such a product, as solvent- or oil-based solutions will damage the shingles.

- Algae-resistant zinc strips. For the homeowner whose shingles are already stained, but are only a few years old or other-

wise performing acceptably, perhaps the simplest solution to the problem of algae growth is to apply zinc strips at intervals across and up the roof, and along the roof ridge. Like zinc granules, these strips release algae-killing oxides that disperse with moisture. The wash that the strips create may even help alleviate existing algae-growth problems, though the process is likely to be very slow, and the staining won't be removed completely.

**Algae growth is primarily an aesthetic problem. There is no evidence that algae growth affects shingle performance.**

What's more, though typically only several inches wide and applied in inconspicuous areas very near the top of the roof, zinc strips may not be aesthetically pleasing to some.

- Algae-resistant roofing. When it comes to shingle discoloration caused by algae growth, an ounce

of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Asphalt shingle manufacturers have discovered that zinc- or copper-coated granules, mixed in with the colored ceramic granules used in the shingle manufacturing process, release a wash that prevents the formation of algae. This wash, when dispersed by moisture, is toxic to the algae but not harmful to the surroundings.

The most commonly observed difference between zinc- and copper-coated algae-resistant granules is that zinc will sometimes produce a "bloom" effect — a build-up of zinc oxide that appears as a white spot on the shingle until weathering disperses the oxide. This bloom may detract from the

overall appearance of the roof, most noticeably in darker colors.

There's another aesthetic difference between copper-coated and zinc granules: While copper-coated granules can be designed to blend in unobtrusively with the rest of the shingle granules, zinc granules may produce a grayish cast in virtually every shingle color.

Most shingle manufacturers produce algae-resistant versions of their regular asphalt shingle products, though typically these products are available on only a limited or regional basis. Homeowners considering new construction or reroofing should consult their architect or roofing contractor about the availability of algae-resistant shingles in their area.

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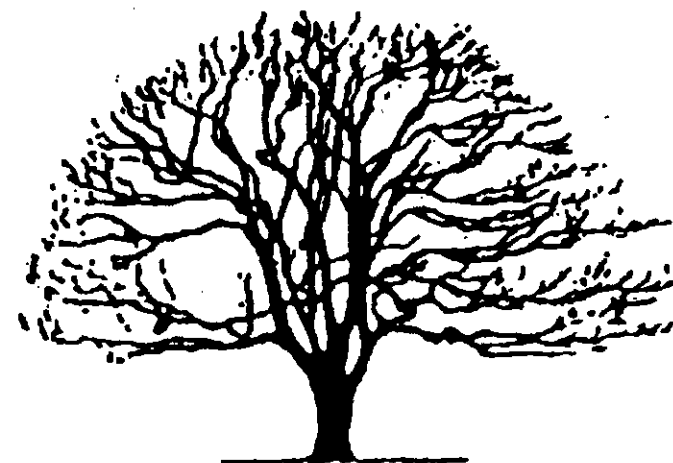
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If your air conditioner is no longer cooling properly, it could involve something as simple as replacing a fuse, resetting a circuit breaker or checking to see if the thermostat is set properly.

If an electrical problem isn't the cause, the refrigerant may be low if the system still runs, but doesn't cool enough. However, if the problem involves any major part, such as the compressor, you would hear strange noises similar to those of mechanical equipment not running correctly.

When your air conditioning system starts giving you more problems than you can afford to fix, you should consider replacement.

Because newer equipment usually is much more energy-efficient than older central air conditioning or heat pump systems, you might actually save money by replacing your old system before it completely wears out.

In some cases, the money you save in reduced utility costs might pay back the all or most of the purchase price of a new system.

For more information about the basic rules to follow for keeping cool at minimum cost this summer, send for ARI's free pamphlet *How to Keep Your Cool and Save Cold Cash*. Send a stamped, self-addressed business envelope to ARI, Dept. 94/U1, 4301 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 425, Arlington, Va. 22203.

## Easy steps to a beautiful lawn

The birds are chirping, the weather is warm and sunny, and the parking lot is full at your local garden center. Before you rush out and buy the stuff you used last year with only so-so results, read on to find out that good lawn care doesn't have to cost a fortune and can even be an enjoyable experience.

Fertilizer is the first thing people think of as they get outside and inspect their somewhat yellow-looking lawn. Fertilizer is important, since it will green up your grass, but more importantly, it can be used to condition the soil underneath. Good, healthy soil encourages deep roots, which help fight disease and drought and help crowd out weeds.

You should buy a naturally-based fertilizer, with slow-release organic nutrients that will nourish your lawn over several months, instead of the quick-green approach of pure chemical-based blends. Children can even walk or play on the lawn immediately after application of natural-based fertilizers.

Besides fertilizing, here are some other things you can do to have a thick, healthy lawn this spring:

- Use a mulching mower to mulch your clippings. Leaving clippings on your lawn instead of collecting them adds nitrogen to

your soil and eliminates disposal problems.

- Sharpen your blade. A sharp mower blade will be more efficient, and won't leave your lawn with a brown cast, caused by a dull blade tearing the grass. If you sharpen the blade yourself, be sure to take equal amounts off each side to keep it in balance.

- Dethatch and aerate. Many lawns that have been over-fertilized and over-watered have an excess amount of surface roots known as thatch. This growth must be removed or your lawn will literally choke to death by not getting enough air and water down to the roots. Clear off the thatch with a special rake and then follow up by renting a core aerator. This device takes cores or plugs out of your

lawn to help break up hard-packed soil and to encourage root development. Leave the soil cores on your lawn — they'll help break down the thatch layer as they decompose.

- Leave your lawn high. Cut no more than one-third of the grass height at one time so that you encourage a deep root system.

- Topdress bare spots and overseed. Bare spots should be raked and covered with topsoil and reseeded with a grass type appropriate to your area. You might want to introduce some new types of low-maintenance grasses to your lawn that need less care and hold up better in dry spells. Three examples are tall fescue for the northeast, buffalograss for the midwest, and zoysia for the south.

## Plant new bulbs in spring

Bulbs are among gardeners' favorite plants, thanks to their self-dividing and natural disease and insect-resistant qualities.

Even if you missed the traditional fall bulb planting season, you still can have glorious beds of bulbs with new varieties you plant in the spring for summer and fall blooms. These include ever-blooming daylilies such as "Chicago Sunrise" and "Summer Wine," both Hemerocallis hybrids.

Before planting, make sure the

area in which you want to plant the bulbs is sunny and well-drained. Use only plants which thrive in your region. Good varieties for all areas are daffodils, grape hyacinths and gregi-type tulips.

The most important step before planting is to properly amend your soil. Most soil contains too much sand or clay and needs to be amended with sphagnum peat moss.

If you're amending an existing bed, dig about three inches of sphagnum peat into the top eight inches of the soil.

If you're creating a new bed specifically for your bulbs, dig out any existing sod first. Then, dig a hole about six inches deep (depending on the bulb sizes you're planting), saving the soil on a tarp.

Combine one-third peat moss to the amount of garden soil on the tarp, and put about two inches of the newly-amended soil into the hole. Before placing the bulbs snugly in the soil, look for the dried, fibrous roots at the bottoms of the bulbs, and make sure the other, pointed ends are facing up. Fill the new bed with the rest of the mixture, mounding it above ground level for good drainage.

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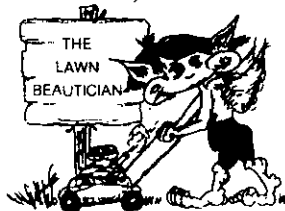
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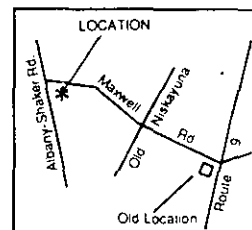
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# Modern motion detectors light up home security

Vandalism and home break-ins are occurring at record rates. While police departments across the United States toil to reduce the incidence of home burglary, the National Criminal Justice Reference Service estimates that 72 percent of all households have a lifetime likelihood of being burglarized.

How, then, can consumers help protect themselves and their property?

According to crime prevention experts, bright lighting is one of the biggest deterrents to prowlers, and many recommend use of motion detection lights to "catch" an intruder before he enters your home. A motion detector security light will automatically turn itself on when motion is sensed in the protected area, alerting a would-be prowler that he's been spotted.

Today's motion detector units utilize a high-tech passive infrared system to concentrate on a selected area. The motion detector studies the darkened area and responds only when a heat source, such as a person or automobile, moves in to the protected zone. When the motion detector senses movement, it instantly turns the outdoor lights on.

Available systems will also activate indoor lights or alarms, alerting homeowners of zone violation and prompting intruders to flee. After the motion stops, lights will stay on for a predetermined time, then shut off automatically.

Motion detector lights are easy to install and simple to operate. Most come pre-wired and fully assembled, with easy-to-follow instruction manuals.

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# Man believes in \$100,000 tomato 'miracle'

Stern's Miracle-Gro Plant Food has again raised the stakes for amateur gardeners as it begins its second year of seeking a winner for the biggest gardening prize ever offered — the Miracle-Gro \$100,000 Tomato Challenge.

Besides the cash prize, the first person to use Miracle-Gro to grow a tomato bigger than the 7-pound, 12-ounce gargantuan that holds the current world record will also win the chance to appear in a Miracle-Gro television commercial. According to a Gallup Poll, there are sure to be lots of contenders, since 95 percent of the 29 million American families who plant vegetable gardens grow tomatoes.

"Truly giant tomatoes don't come along every day," says current record holder Gordon Graham of Edmond, Okla. "But somewhere among the seven billion tomatoes grown each year, someone is going to combine the right seed with a little luck and Miracle-Gro to make my world record tomato look like a cherry tomato!"

An avid amateur gardener, Graham says his whopper of a pomme



Miracle-Gro Plant Food will pay \$100,000 to the gardener who grows a tomato bigger than the 7-pound, 12-ounce giant grown in 1987 by current world champion Gordon Graham. The actual tomato was sliced up to make 21 sandwiches for Graham's family and friends. Should no one capture the prize by the end of 1995, the money will be donated to the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

d'amour (yup, that's French for tomato) was a delightful surprise. "I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw it," Graham, a painting contractor, said.

He used the popular Delicious

variety, one of many seeds that produce large tomatoes. He says his family and friends enjoyed 21 "absolutely delicious" tomato sandwiches after the official weighing and measuring.

Graham communes with his plants, sings to them, plays them country music on the radio (they're partial to Kenny Rogers, he says), and provides lots of Miracle-Gro and soil-building compost. "My world champion tomato has made me a TV star," he says. "I'm having a ball!"

**Truly giant tomatoes don't come along every day. I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw it.**

Gordon Graham

The previous world record of 6-pounds, 8-ounces was grown in 1976 by Clarence Daley of Monona, Wis., who also used Miracle-Gro.

Graham credits a 91-year-old Hopi Indian with teaching him to garden. "He taught me to respect the earth. You've got to put back what you take out," he says.

Graham recommends enriching the soil with a compost of decomposed vegetable scraps, manure, sawdust, ground bark chips,

oak leaves and grass clippings, liberally sprinkled with a solution of Stern's Miracid. The nitrogen in Miracid feeds the microbes in the compost and helps them convert the yard waste into rich soil faster.

One of Graham's secrets is that he matches the amount of plant food with the normal growth rate of the plant.

"It's sort of like the way people eat," Graham says.

"When the plants are babies they eat little meals frequently. As the plants grow and become teenagers, they are growing fast and their need for energy grows too, so I feed them bigger meals more frequently," he explained. "Finally, when the plants are totally mature, they don't need to eat as much as often."

Graham says anyone who spots a truly gargantuan tomato on their vine should let it grow as long as possible. Photograph it as soon as it is picked and quickly bring it to an overnight express courier for shipping to Miracle-Gro \$100,000 Tomato Challenge, Nationwide Consumer Testing Institute, 1415 Park Ave., Hoboken, NJ 07030.

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# Vanguard

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and Niagara Mohawk Gas to a Showhouse Gala to a preview party, there is something to whet the appetite of everyone who appreciates the best in a new home that reflects the charm of the past.

In Vanguard's 30-year history,

**There is something to whet the appetite of everyone who appreciates the best in a new home that reflects the charm of the past.**

this is the first year a gala is on the agenda. The new event, set for Saturday, April 30, from 7 to 11 p.m., focuses on a "Carnival of Animals" theme.

At the gala, guests are invited to "graze among the tables catered by the Glen Sanders Mansion," said Nancy Norman, volunteer coordinator for Vanguard and the Albany Symphony. Tickets for the gala at the Showhouse are \$100, and black tie is optional. Teresa Broadwell and Thrivin' on a Riff Orchestra will provide music for dancing.

But if you prefer to see the house in the light of day, consider a May Day Preview Party and House Preview on Sunday, May 1, from 2 to 4 p.m.

For a \$30 admission, guests can enjoy the house along with hors d'oeuvres and a buffet reception. The Jody Shayne Trio and the Schenectady Pipe Band will provide the entertainment on the grounds of the Showhouse.

On Monday, the house will officially open for tours given on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday tours are scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. through Monday, May 22.

Tours are \$10. For visitors who opt to prolong the taste of the good life, there will be lunch (\$10) at the Classical Cafe and a fashion show. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 489-2233.

A gift shop with home and fashion accessories and crafts and gifts is part of the tour along with a garden shop (open on weekends) with plants and lawn accessories.

The Showcase house, situated 1.1 acres, features 5,700 square feet of finished space and a three-car garage. The house has a stone front and white cedar Shaker roof. Inside there are two fireplaces — one in the living room and one in the family room — a formal dining room and state-of-the-art kitchen.

The first floor also has a guest room/study, and a full and half baths. Upstairs, there is a master

suite with his and her closets, a sitting room. There is also a large room decorated as a second study. Three additional bedrooms and two full baths complete the second floor. According to Chrisleigh representative Lorraine D'Aleo of Slingerlands, Susan and Dan Lanzetta, principals of Chrisleigh, wanted their home to be "timeless and classic. The Lanzettas' attention to detail guarantees a total look," D'Aleo said.

Inside, 20 prominent local designers, including Eileen Schuyler's Village Furniture Company in Delmar, have decorated the rooms for the tours.

Gail DiTommasi, Vanguard president, said the group is a major financial supporter of the orchestra and raises a minimum of \$35,000 a year for ASO. Vanguard — 270 strong — was started 30 years ago by Slingerlands resident Susan Yager Cook. "She was a real dynamo," Norman said. This year Vanguard hopes to raise \$130,000 in support of the orchestra.

In addition to the annual showhouse project, Vanguard members help the orchestra with mailings and serve as ushers at orchestra performances.



A section of living room in the Vanguard Showcase house in Devonshire Hills in Slingerlands.

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Sod has more going for it than its ability to give fast satisfaction. You can plant it any time of year as long as the ground isn't frozen; and it's much less likely to be infested with weeds while it's getting established.

Start by making the soil rich and fluffy. Over the area in which you plan to lay the sod, spread out organic matter, such as compost or peat, to a depth of about three inches and turn it six inches into the soil.

Before mixing in the organic matter, add lime at the rate of 50 pounds for each 1000 square feet.

The soil should then be leveled with a rake and rolled firm enough so that it won't leave deep footprints when stepped on. This also prevents uneven settling that can result in a rough lawn.

Once this has been done, the sod can be laid. Make certain that the strips are pushed tightly together to prevent gaps. If the lawn is sloping, lay the sod perpendicular to the slope to prevent erosion.

On a steep slope, short wooden stakes may be driven through the sod and into the soil to hold it in place until it has rooted down. Complete the job by rolling the lawn to press the sod firmly against the soil and to eliminate any bumps.

Turfgrasses are heavy feeders. The new sod will come with little more than an inch of soil to sustain it until it has rooted into the ground, therefore a fertilizer application is essential.

Make a light application of a high-phosphorous liquid plant food, which is especially effective in stimulating root growth and helping the sod get established.

In addition to feeding, it's very important that the new sod be kept moist until established. In the summer, this may require watering every day. To check, lift a corner of a sod strip here and there to see if it is still moist. If it has begun to dry out, watering is needed.

In three or four weeks, you will no longer be able to lift a corner of a sod strip without resistance. This indicates that the sod has rooted down and is ready for routine maintenance.

During the growing season, applying plant food once a month, as well as mowing and providing an inch of water each week (when natural precipitation falls short of that amount), will provide assurance of having a healthy, well-groomed lawn.

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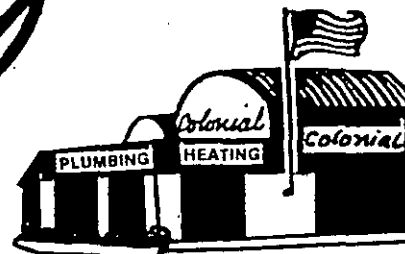
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