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High water bids keep critics' hopes afloat

By Mel Hyman

Bethlehem's new \$10.7 million water treatment facility could cost several million dollars more than originally projected, thus forcing the town board to schedule a new public hearing on the project.

Construction bids for the plant — some of which have been awarded — are coming in at \$2 million to \$3 million more than the town had estimated originally.

As a result, representatives from the project's consulting engineers, Fraser & Associates of Rensselaer, will address tonight's town board meeting to explain the cost overruns.

Supervisor Sheila Fuller said the cost overrun could be attributed in

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Senior prank costs district thousands

By Mel Hyman

It was senior pranks week at Bethlehem Central High School last week, and apparently a group of young people thought that vandalizing the playing fields and storage sheds would be funny.

Since Monday, June 13, was the last day of classes, Bethlehem Police were keeping an eye on the high school just in case some students took the idea seriously. They stopped a car full of teenagers at 2:15 a.m. and the kids said they had heard that a prank was being planned and they wanted to check things out.



It was out-and-out vandalism. If the individuals are caught, the school district will press charges.

Jon Hunter

Police checked things out for themselves and found no evidence of mischief or wrongdoing, according to Lt. Frederick

Holligan. Then at about 6 a.m. police received a call from a member of the Bethlehem Soccer Club reporting extensive damage to the soccer fields, storage sheds and the bridge linking the high school with the playing fields.

The soccer field goal posts were uprooted, spray painted and dumped on top of a storage shed, Holligan said. Dugouts were spray painted, Sani-Johns were spray painted with graffiti and a tractor in the maintenance building was tampered with.

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Bethlehem board OKs anti-drug plan

President vows 'shoulder-to-shoulder' support

By Dev Tobin

Pledging "we will not be in your way," the Bethlehem Central school board endorsed a report by high school administrators, teachers, parents and students

that calls for a broad plan to combat drug, alcohol and tobacco use.

"We have to change the ambiance in our school environment," said board president William Collins at last week's meeting. "We will be shoulder-to-shoulder with you in the trenches. We will support you with time, money and incentives."

BCHS Principal Jon Hunter said that the minority of students who use drugs/alcohol/tobacco on school grounds "must not be allowed to infect the other kids."

Representing a group of parents and staff who have been meeting on the issue, Hunter and parent William Cushing out-

lined a goal — "making a measurable impact on decreasing student drug and alcohol use/abuse, verbal harassment, physical harassment and sexual harassment at our school" — and an action plan to reach that goal.

Among the initiatives in the plan are to:

- institute a new search policy for students, parking lots and lockers that may include sweeps by drug-detecting dogs.
- use a breathalyzer in the nurse's office with parental referral.
- make immediate medical referrals, including ambulance service, for impaired

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Southgate developers confident about K mart

By Mel Hyman

With or without Super K, the developers of the Southgate Commons shopping center plan to forge ahead.

Reports have been circulating recently that K mart Corp. will scale back plans to build combination grocery/merchandise megastores dubbed "Super Ks" because

ment with us was approved by their board of directors. We have an escrow account set up (for K mart) and if they default, we can always file a lawsuit."

If it should come to that, Shore said, "We would start looking for a replacement, but we don't expect that to happen."

The reports about a slowdown in the expansion plans of K mart were prompted by a recent decision by the company's shareholders to reject a plan to raise between \$600 million and \$900 million to build the more than 50 new Super Ks now on the drawing board.

A second Super K for the area is tentatively planned for Route 7 in Colonie, and that may also be in jeopardy.

K mart's current store in Bethlehem, located in the Town Squire shopping plaza, is expected to close when and if Southgate comes to fruition.

In outlining the Southgate proposal for the chamber, Shore noted that the Rubin Organization has owned the 75-acre parcel on Route 9W just south of the intersection with Route 32 since 1971. The land was acquired in anticipation of plans by Montgomery Ward to anchor a regional shopping center at the site that would have been larger than Southgate.

When Montgomery Ward pulled out, the proposal died, Shore said, but the

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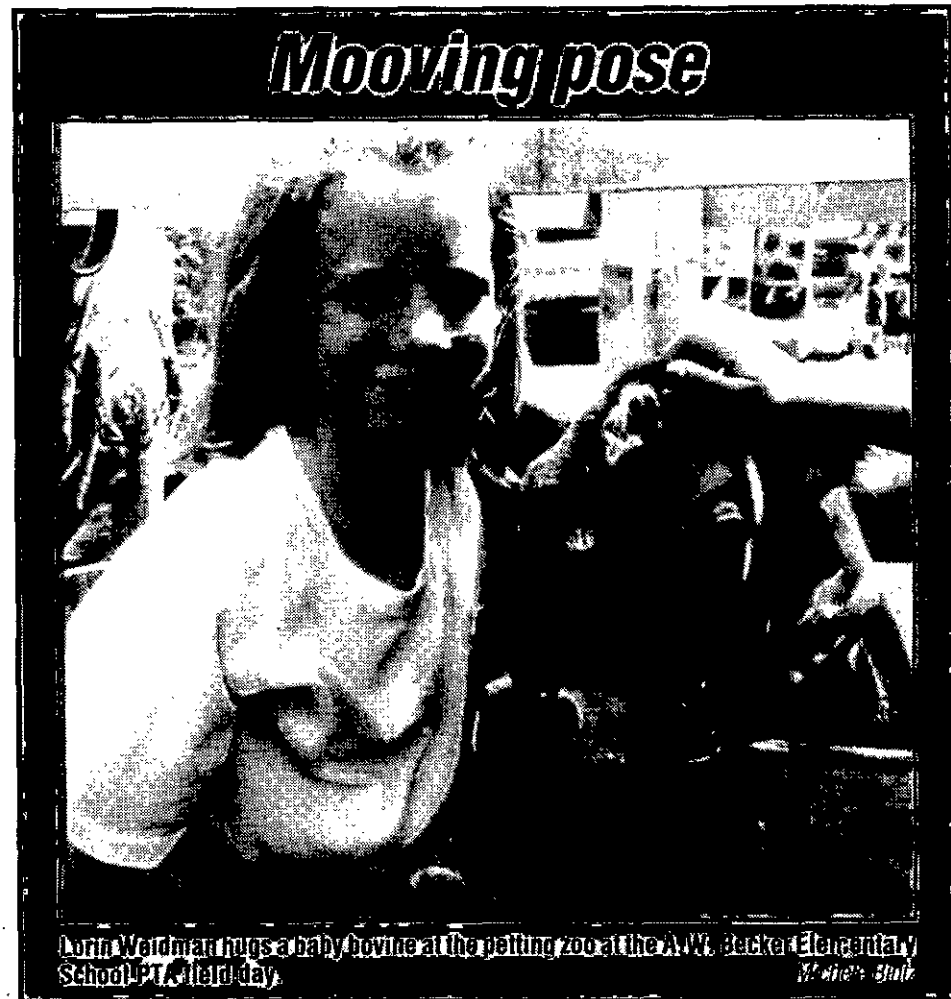
Southgate developers still expect Super K to anchor the mall.

of cash flow problems affecting the company.

A 191,000-square-foot Super K is slated to be one of the two anchor tenants for the 423,000-square-foot Southgate project. A large home improvements store, similar to Builder's Square or Home Quarters, is said to be the other likely anchor.

Speaking to the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce last week, Leonard Shore, executive vice president of the Rubin Organization, said the developers have a signed sales agreement with K mart that is legally binding.

"We haven't heard anything" about a change in plans, Shore said. "Their agree-



Lorin Weidman hugs a baby bovine at the petting zoo at the A.W. Becker Elementary School PTA field day.

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Matt Tobler from the Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District shows Katelyn Berger how to test for water pollution at the recent Conservation Field Day at Voorheesville Elementary School.
Theresa Barrowman

Police probe burglaries

Bethlehem police are investigating a spate of burglaries that occurred over the past few weeks.

A home on Lasher Road in Selkirk was broken into on Saturday, May 28. The burglars made off with a considerable amount of money and jewels.

Entry was gained by kicking in a rear door of the house, police said. Among the items reported stolen were a camcorder, a scanner, diamond-studded earrings, a diamond wedding band, emerald earrings and more than \$8,000 in cash.

On Tuesday, May 31, a house on Wheeler Road in Glenmont was burglarized. Entry was gained by breaking a window in an attached garage, police said.

Among the items stolen were a color television, onyx cuff links, an Indian belt buckle and \$700 in cash.

On Friday, June 3, police were notified of a break-in at F&R Safety Products on Wemple Road in Glenmont. Entry was gained through a window in the rear of the building. Cash and office items were reported stolen.

The Wickes Lumber Co. on Route 9W in Selkirk was burglarized on Wednesday, June 8. Once again, entry was gained through a window on the rear of the building, police said. More than \$600 was reported stolen.

The J.J. Keenan Construction Co. on Bask Road in Glenmont was broken into on Thursday, June 9, according to Lt. Frederick Holigan.

The thieves rifled through some cabinets and an unlocked safe, police said. No report has been made yet on the company's loss.

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Rural Place residents win again in court

By Mel Hyman

The battle over whether to allow a takeout deli/catering service at the corner of Rural Place and Delaware Avenue shows no sign of abating.

State Supreme Court Justice George Ceresia has denied the Town of Bethlehem permission to appeal an earlier ruling that invalidated the site plan application of Manning's Menu — an Albany-based delicatessen looking to move to Delmar.

Ceresia in effect reiterated his prior ruling, according to Planning Board chairman Martin Barr, and the next step is for the town to seek judicial review by the Appellate Division of State Supreme Court.

In his latest decision, Ceresia restated his belief that the "planning board and town building inspector arbitrarily and unlawfully failed to comply with the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Code" on issues such as the adequacy of on-site parking, setback requirements and deed restrictions.

In April, Ceresia voided the site plan approval and building permit granted to Manning's Menu last year. The action was taken after Rural Place residents banded together and filed an Article 78 proceeding against the town in State Supreme Court.

The neighbors have consistently maintained that they were never asked for input on the project,

which they claim will create traffic safety problems, particularly for the children.

Rural Place is a short, dead-end street with no sidewalks located just before the railroad bridge that crosses over Delaware Avenue.

Barr noted that Ceresia had not invalidated the Manning's Menu application, but merely sent the case back to the planning board for "further deliberations."

The application is "far from dead," Barr said. But if the Appel-

There may be a need to re-evaluate the parking plan.

Martin Barr

late Division denies the application (to appeal), "then we'll take it back and see what we can do. There may be a need to re-evaluate the parking plan."

Rural Place resident Anthony Umina said the latest court decision further vindicated the neighbors' position that a high-density business such as Manning's Menu did not belong on a street like Rural Place, especially since Delaware Avenue narrows to one lane only a few feet from the junction with Rural Place.

A neighborhood yard sale to help defray legal expenses incurred by the 20 or so people living on Rural Place was held last weekend and was highly successful, Umina said.

Sidewalk work snarls Delaware Ave. traffic

For the next several months, traveling on Delaware Avenue will not be a real fun experience.

That's because the state Department of Transportation is in the midst of installing 110 new curb cuts on Route 443 (Delaware Avenue) in Delmar and Elsmere.

The construction will cause lane

reductions during the day on the busy thoroughfare.

The \$300,000 project is intended to make all the intersections on Delaware Avenue that have sidewalks handicapped-accessible, in compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

DOT planner Paula Kelly said she sympathized with Bethlehem residents who already face traffic delays as a result of another state project — replacing the Delaware Avenue bridge over the Norman-skill.

Completion of the handicapped ramp project is expected by the end of the current construction season, Kelly said.

Traditionally, cities and villages have been diligent with regard to making their intersections accessible to people in wheelchairs, she noted.

But "suburban areas like Delmar, Loudonville, East Greenbush and Schodack" have generally been lacking in this area and "that's where we're focusing our energies."

Mel Hyman

Safety siblings



Taking a break from Saturday's sweltering heat are Matthew Rodgers, 8, Jenelle Rodgers, 4, and Timothy Rodgers, 6, at the Family Safety Day sponsored by the Albany County Sheriff's Department Voorheesville patrol to celebrate its 25th anniversary.

Elaine McLain

Selkirk's Schwartz challenges Faso

By Mel Hyman

As soon as Republican Assemblyman John Faso announced he was dropping his bid for state comptroller and would run for reelection instead, all of his would-be successors — both Republicans and Democrats — vanished.

All except for Democrat Tony Schwartz of Selkirk, that is. Schwartz, a member of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education, remains in the race, and despite some tough odds, vows to battle Faso to the finish.



Schwartz

Rather than having the typical background for politics — law or education — Schwartz is a small businessman who prior to starting Albany Associates Cleaning Service in 1981 was a sergeant in the Albany County Sheriff's Department for eight years.

His main reason for running is simple. He believes Faso has been too busy trying to move up the political ladder to attend to the needs of his constituents.

"For the past 11 months, he hasn't been doing the job he was elected to," Schwartz said. "He's looking beyond this horizon and is playing some type of musical chairs. The people in this district deserve a full-time assemblyman, which is what I plan to be."

Faso campaigned virtually nonstop across the state since early last year in an attempt to line up rank-and-file Republican support for his comptroller bid.

It appeared he had the nomination locked up with about 65 percent of the delegates in his camp at the state Republican convention recently.

But in a last-minute shuffle, state Republican officials asked Faso to step aside in favor of Herb

London, who had threatened to run for governor on the Conservative Party line, but was assuaged when he was awarded the comptroller's spot on the ticket headed by state Sen. George Pataki.

Faso dismissed the charge that he's ignored his constituents. "I haven't found too many people who have suggested that except for people interested in running against me. I understand that they have to say something."

If elected, Schwartz promises to meet on a regular basis with community groups in all four counties represented in the 102nd Assembly District.

The district includes Bethie-

hem, Coeymans, Westerlo and Rensselaerville in Albany County, all of Schoharie County, all of Greene County except for Catskill and three towns in Columbia County. Faso, a four-term incumbent, lives in Kinderhook.

Schwartz said the recent state budget, which was more than two months late, was a disgrace.

He insisted that as a member of the Democratic majority in the Assembly, he would have more influence than Faso, who has always been in the minority.

Faso has built his reputation on being a (Gov. Mario) "Cuomo basher," Schwartz said. "It's about time someone paid attention to the real issues in the district."

Crandall leaves BCMS for Nisky principal's post

David Crandall, assistant principal at Bethlehem Central Middle School for the past three years, will leave to become acting principal of Iroquois Middle School in Niskayuna next fall.

Crandall, 37, had taught middle school social studies in Niskayuna before coming to BCMS in 1991. His departure, along with the retirement of longtime Principal Fred Burdick, means that both top posts at the middle school will be occupied by new administrators when school reopens in September.

Crandall accepted a two-year interim position, made possible by a leave of absence by the current principal at Iroquois.

"It's difficult to leave BCMS," Crandall said. "The teachers, parents, kids and community have all been very supportive. I'm going to miss a lot of people, but I'm sure we'll stay in touch."

Crandall was "a very positive force at the middle school," commented Superintendent Leslie Loomis. "He is bright, sensitive and very capable — an exceptional assistant principal."

Crandall's handling of student discipline was "fair and consistent, earning him the respect of teachers, students and parents," Loomis said.

The Iroquois job "is a good advancement for Dave, a chance for him to serve in the principal's role," Loomis added.

Crandall had been one of the finalists for the principalship at BCMS, which ultimately went to Stephen Lobban, currently principal of Genet Middle School in East Greenbush.

"I'm not leaving because I'm unhappy," Crandall noted. "The Iroquois job is a great professional opportunity."

Dev Tobin

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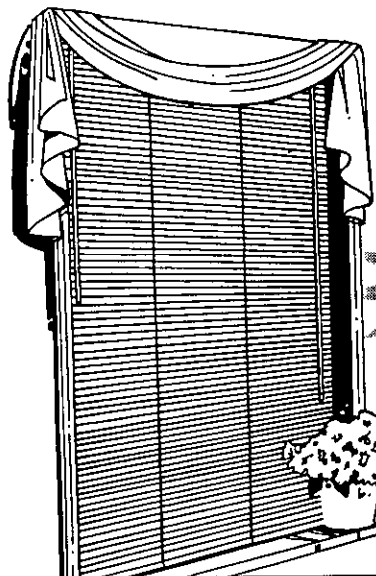
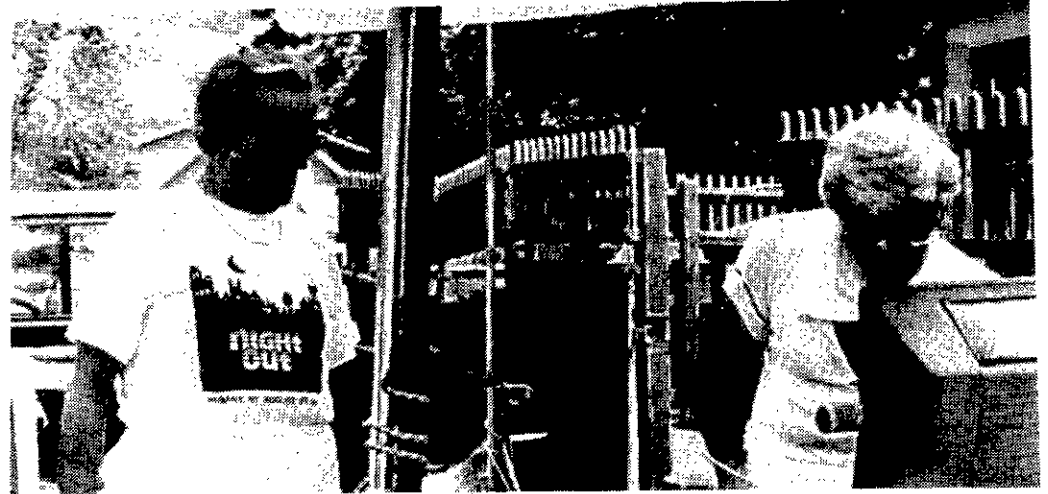
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Bethlehem turns out for Chris

Chris Junco Day, a fund-raiser on Saturday at Brockley's Restaurant for the 5-year-old Delmar boy who has juvenile chronic myelocytic leukemia, raised more than \$6,500 for medical expenses. Marty Plesser was the big winner in the 50-50 drawing, taking home \$1,700. William Beers won \$400, but returned the money to the fund. Clockwise from below, Henry Junco, Chris' great uncle, and Ralph Piazza act as outdoor chefs; restaurant owner Greg Brockley and Amy Junco, Chris' sister, pick the winner of the drawing; Nancy Brockley shows off items that were on sale; Tom Stricos of the Delmar Fire Department lets his daughter Lauren, 2, handle the wheel; and Chris Junco gets ready to take a sip from his chocolate milk.

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BC decision makers reach compromise

By Dev Tobin

Bethlehem Central's shared decision making plan is "99.99 percent" complete, and the school board and the committee of teachers, parents and administrators who drew it up have resolved the final, controversial .01 percent — student participation on the high school site-based team.

The plan, developed through consensus over two years, calls for a two-person high school "student advisory committee" which would "attend meetings on an invited basis as student input is needed."

In January, a solid majority of

According to the BC plan, the site-based teams at each school, composed of teachers, parents, administrators and support staff, will have "significant input" on building-level issues including hiring and allocation of staff, student behavior and discipline and how to spend the per-pupil allocations each school receives.

At last week's meeting moderated by Terry Schwartz of the state Education Department, the two sides moved gingerly toward the compromise that will enable site-based teams to get up and running by the fall.

decision making is."

Board president William Collins, who used the 99.99 percent figure, noted that the board had "achieved a better understanding that the shared decision making committee foresaw full student participation" in the high school team.

"Students are the biggest stakeholders in the system; they're the reason we're here," said board member Pamela Williams, adding she will "absolutely" keep an eye on the process to ensure that full student participation occurs within a reasonable period of time next year.

Superintendent Leslie Loomis said, "It's important to reach a compromise that enables us to move ahead in good faith. We didn't want to push ahead unilaterally with some people reluctant."

BCHS sophomore Josh Kagan, who raised the issue of student participation at the January board meeting and is slated to be one of the student members of the high school team, said the compromise seemed "grudging and half-hearted, just to get the plan passed", adding that "only time will tell" whether it will work.

Kagan also said he was disappointed that for "an important meeting on issues that directly affect students," no students attended or were even notified that the meeting was taking place.

The board will consider, and likely adopt, the plan at its meeting Wednesday, July 6, at 8 p.m. in the district offices, 90 Adams Place.

After board approval, the shared decision making committee will meet to decide on how to implement the plan for the coming school year, Loomis said.

It's important to reach a compromise that enables us to move ahead in good faith. We didn't want to push ahead unilaterally with some people reluctant.

Leslie Loomis

the school board rejected that approach, firmly advocating full participation by two students with the other 15 members of the high school team.

The essence of the compromise, reached at a three-and-a-half-hour meeting last week of the decision making committee and the school board, is that the plan's wording will remain the same, with assurances that full student participation will take place within the 1994-95 school year.

The district missed the Feb. 1 deadline to submit the plan to the state, and the committee had not been able to amend the plan by consensus, largely due to opposition to full student participation by the Bethlehem Central Teachers Association.

"I appreciate what you've all been through," said Schwartz, associate commissioner for regional field services. "Conflict and compromise are part of the natural growth process" in developing shared decision making plans.

Jane Feldman, vice president of the Bethlehem Central Teachers Association, said that trust needs to be developed at the outset of the process.

"People are waiting to see if this will work," she said. "I feel we're in a fishbowl. They look at our committee as a microcosm of the site teams."

Teachers association president Roberta Rice noted, "This document is a mosaic of hundreds of compromises, and to change it now cuts into the heart of what shared

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V'ville board slates second budget vote

By Dev Tobin

With \$20,000 in unspecified cuts and \$30,000 more in state aid, the revised Voorheesville school budget for 1994-95 will carry an estimated 3.6 percent tax rate increase for district residents in New Scotland, the school board decided Monday.

The previous budget, rejected by voters 593-476 on June 8, carried an estimated 4.3 tax rate hike in New Scotland (one of the lowest in the state for a defeated budget):

The new spending plan of just under \$12 million will go back before the voters on Wednesday, July 20, from 2 to 9:30 p.m., in the foyer of Clayton A. Bouton High School on Route 85A. The board will hold an informational hearing on the revised budget during its organizational meeting Wednesday, July 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the large group instruction room at the high school.

For three hours Monday, the board debated how to revise a spending plan board member Mary Van Ryn called "the tightest budget I've ever been a part of in my nine years on the board."

The board decided not to cut, or put up as separate propositions, the three new initiatives in the proposed budget — School to Work, updating computer education at the high school and initial implementation of the Middle Level Task Force recommendations.

"The last three years, we've been beating the hell out of this place trying to save money," said board member C. James Coffin. "There comes a time when we have to deal with issues like technology at the high school, or we'll end up with a second-rate program."

Board member Steven Schreiber said he opposed the idea of putting the new initiatives before the voters as separate propositions. "If they're beaten as propositions, you can kiss them goodbye forever," he said.

Superintendent Alan McCartney initially asked for \$40,000 in discretionary cuts, in order to reduce the New Scotland tax impact by one full percentage point, to 3.3 percent. "We need to do something politically" to respond to the first budget's defeat, McCartney said.

Several board members expressed concern that a \$40,000 cut may severely impact the district's fund balance, setting the stage for a potential double-digit tax increase next year.

Schreiber's proposal to authorize McCartney to trim \$20,000 instead of \$40,000 was approved 5-2, with Coffin and board president John Cole voting no.

The board also approved a \$1.2 million interim budget so the district can pay its July and August bills.



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Matters of Opinion

When sympathy becomes tangible

Who can tell how a Clinton-Moynihan-Mitchell-Cooper-Gibbons health plan might have been of assistance in the case of Christopher Junco?

The crushing cost of the treatment (including a bone marrow transplant) for the five-year-old's leukemia might well have been eased—and the remedy expedited—if the "reforms" envisioned for the nation's health-care policy had been in place.

The issue of health-care charges and availability surely rises to the fore in such an instance, in comparison to the matter of "universal coverage."

As it is, Christopher's neighbors have seen the need, and have responded helpfully with fund-raising efforts. The community's heartfelt answer to the dilemma of Christopher and his family showed a compassion well

Editorials

calculated to lift spirits beyond the useful though relatively modest contributions that a little town can make.

For their initiatives and imagination in reaching out for assistance to an ailing child and his beleaguered family, numerous local people and organizations deserve recognition: The Delmar Fire Department, Brockley's restaurant, and many, many individuals.

And at present, contributions to the fire department's catastrophic account will be of additional help. Plus, for plucky Christopher, an awareness that a whole town is pulling for him.

Mixed signals

The community's applause should come spontaneously for all those individuals associated with the drafting and approval of a proposal intended to reduce alcohol and other drug use by Bethlehem Central High School students.

"Changing the ambiance in our school environment," as the school board's president expressed it, is a noteworthy goal—and one undoubtedly more easily stated than attained. It is noteworthy in one perhaps unintended respect, as well: it represents an official recognition of the existence of a problem. Denial-time is in the past.

Disturbingly, however, in the same week that the Board of Education endorsed this positive proposal, the school itself was defiled by a number of its own students, presumably some of this week's graduates. As a news story in this issue reports, the vandalism caused damage mounting into thousands of dollars. This event, it could fairly be said, serves to point up major problems of attitude and deportment that defy any number of reports and resolutions to remedy.

Vandalism, as such, was not one of the topics that the current "action plan" cited. But can there be reasonable doubt that this kind of misbehavior is inevitably linked to the juvenile defiance of authority which alcohol/drug use represents? The goal of "decreasing student drug and alcohol use/abuse" is an unassailable one, and it seems quite unlikely that even the most rebellious spirit in the student body would dissent overtly.

It is possible to voice a few quibbles without diminishing the importance of having this proposed plan brought to the front and receiving official endorsement.

Downhill from here

For six months past, we have impatiently though appreciatively watched the days lengthen until, as Emily Dickinson would have said it, there came a day at summer's full.

Here we are at the longest days of the year, and under a full moon we must begin the descent into gradually lengthening shadows. This very evening might well be the time for a perfect midsummer's night's dream.

Between dawn and sunset the day is now less than thirteen and a half hours in length,

Possession and use of alcohol (illegal for high school students on account of their juvenile status) and of drugs in other forms is one matter, a serious one indeed. Use of tobacco—which is associated with illegal drugs in this document—is quite another, however undesirable and regrettable this show-off habit is. We suggest that the two issues are distinctly different enough to warrant separate treatment.

And is harassment of whatever kind, properly included within the scope of this particular effort?

Some of the "initiatives" recommended are going to be exceedingly difficult to put into force, and seem unrealistic enough to create wonder about the realism employed in offering such suggestions. The "as-yet unspecified steps" to prevent youngsters from retreating into toilet areas to have a nicotine break appear far from practicable so long as young people are hooked on the drug.

The idea of dogs nosing out students in school, or their lockers or cars, is pretty radical. The ACLU will be on this one fast if it is tried.

The goals of the proposal and the intentions of its promoters, are all laudable. We wish it and them success. Fighting words, though, need to be backed up with the realism of genuine muscle.

In the meantime, at least some of the good intentions and strong language probably must be assessed in the context of a student body whose members include vandals capable of fouling their own nest. It's hardly a reassuring prospect.

though the welcome summons of daybreak and the reluctant farewell to gathering dusk gives us many more sunlit hours. A fruitful time of the year, in more ways than one.

Summer's blessings also bring certain hazards, some of which have been recognized more widely only in quite recent years: It still seems advisable to caution the public about overexposure to the sun and to unusual heat. Confinement of pets—as well as people—to closed automobiles is one ever-present danger which can be preventable with a little thoughtful preparation.

Wild animals don't deserve cruelty of circus conditions

Editor, The Spotlight:

Circuses are great places for professional human entertainers—jugglers, clowns, acrobats—but they are terrible places for wild animals.

Before a circus made a recent appearance at the Bethlehem high school as a fund-raiser to help make a playground safer, the event's sponsors were assured that the animals are humanely cared for. What could be better? Money raised in a kind and family fun atmosphere for a good cause.

Unfortunately, the situation is probably not so gentle or benign. The circus owns the horses, ponies, and dogs but they hire wild-animal acts. Last year they contracted a bear act and this year they obtained an elephant act. Although assuring us that all the animals are well treated, when asked for specific information about the elephants, the circus representative was unable to even provide the name of the owner of the elephants or the name of the act.

Therefore the history of the elephants which he insisted are treated so well remains in shadow. However, we know that contracted-out animal acts typically deny animal performers their basic right of freedom of movement. They are kept prisoners from their own homes: a natural environment and the miles of land

Vox Pop

that would comprise their normal range.

Constant traveling from town to town is hard enough on human performers, but it is entered into voluntarily and they have "time off." For the animals, usually only during a performance are they released from their confining cages, chains, or trains. These conditions produce stress and deleterious psychological effects. Reports of the training of animals with painful, cruel methods including beatings are common. It is abnormal for wildlife to perform tricks or endure other animals riding on their backs.

The natural dignity which we cherish in ourselves and admire in wildlife is stripped from the circus. All we have left for our children to watch is a pathetic creature dressed up in human decorations and performing demeaning stunts. Is this fun? We are teaching our youngsters to desensitize themselves to another creature's pain.

Animal abuse flourishes because the victims are unable to speak for themselves and because circuses are funded with our ticket money. While the circus music is merry, it covers up the misery of

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Memorial donations asked to aid the Christopher fund

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have been reading about the Delmar Fire Department's efforts to raise funds for Christopher Junco and his family to help defray medical expenses for the bone marrow transplant he is to have.

I would like to send out a request to everyone in the community who helped our family cope with the loss of my brother, Kipp Niles, in 1977 to leukemia: Please make a donation in his memory to this worthy cause.

Many of you expressed to me a

frustration with not being able to do anything to help. I too felt that frustration the day I found out I was not a bone marrow match for my brother.

That is why I have been so moved by this opportunity to do something for someone else in our community. I hope you are too.

Please send donations to: Key Bank, c/o Christopher Junco Fund, 343 Delaware Avenue, Delmar 12054.

Voorheesville *Becky Niles Letko*

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When ladies were offered your seat

The depredations of the hard winter have exposed, among all the potholes, some additional pitfalls in the form of ancient steel long buried under layers of black-top.

In many communities, trolley tracks were torn up between 1940 and 1945 as a contribution to the mills making World War II armaments. This was a recognition that buses, many of them elderly even then, were due to come into their own. In some cases, the buses were no more than jitneys carrying only a few passengers at a time. At about this time, too, "trackless trolleys" came into vogue in some cities—actually, buses powered by overhead electric wires, with trolley poles flexible enough to enable the bus to make curb stops and then enter normal traffic flow.

But hereabout, the old-time trolley lines remained until buses fully took over. Their tracks were just covered over with asphalt. Occasionally, as is the case this spring, they are exposed spottily as paving breaks up. Albany's Delaware Avenue (among other locations, I'm sure) offers some picturesque examples.

How many other cities, out of the hundreds which once had trolley lines (or "streetcars"), still have thousands of tons of buried steel in their streets can't be even guessed by now.

New York City had many different lines, and my recollection is that usually the rails were torn up. On most of those lines, the power came not from overhead wires but from wires beneath the surface of the streets. Trolleys

helped make some of the outer boroughs accessible to working people. In Manhattan, a line ran almost the length of Broadway,

Uncle Dudley

and there were crosstown lines on such streets as Forty-second.

And now, according to a squib in *The Times*, the trolley is going to make a comeback in New York City—specifically, right on Forty-second Street. Such news had to bring back some personal memories of the old crosstown line on that song-and-storied street.

Many, many years ago I was a patron—frequently, an impatient patron—of that nickel-a-head ride.

At the time, I was only a kid, and a green one at that. I still had ideals, the work ethic, and all that malarkey. I had wangled a summer job—a fill-in, on-call arrangement—at one of New York's dailies, one that's now deceased. In those times, they called young sprouts like me "copy boys," but that was before political correctness, before anyone thought of computerization, and also when there were nine newspapers in Manhattan, plus the *Eagle* in Brooklyn and the *Home News* up in the Bronx. Jobs were mighty scarce, so when you heard someone call "Copy!" you really hustled.

The job included such wondrous errands as fetching a Bromo for the editor and even getting to see the first few innings of the Giants and Yankees games.

The first few innings were all

I'd see because the reason I was there was to take a few photographic plates from a photographer and hurry them downtown to the sports desk so there could be appropriate picture coverage of the game in the bulldog edition. (These were daytime games, of course—night baseball hadn't arrived yet.)

From the Polo Grounds or Yankee Stadium I'd race out with the precious cargo, nab the next southbound subway express train (also at a nickel) and hop off at the Forty-second Street station. From there, it was the trolley across town to Second Avenue.

But the trolley would get caught in a snarl and creep along, bell clanging angrily. Terrible! The pictures were being delayed! So, around Seventh Avenue I'd jump off the trolley and, afoot, run across Manhattan: Sixth, Fifth, Vanderbilt, Park, Lex, Third, Second. I must have slowed to a walk somewhere along the way, but that's not a strong part of the memory. And the reward was that a picture of DiMag stroking a homer or King Carl fanning another enemy batter always did make the early edition. The job wasn't much, it didn't last very long, but eventually I even got a Social Security card with the name of that fantastic newspaper on it. I treasured that card until (much later) a three-year-old threw it, along with all my other IDs, out of the car while we were on a trip.

And now the trolley is coming back to Forty-second Street, they say. It'll take more than a bit of time to arrange, but I'll be there. This time, I'll ride the length of the street.

So who's your friend in Katmandu?

As fond of figures as I am, I was overjoyed to find some startlingly significant statistics secluded somewhere in a sophisticated, satisfying, six-issues-a-year magazine, "Country Life" (summer issue).

Listen to this: "The average American these days leads a stuffed and stressful life. Each of us, in an average lifetime, spends 70,696 hours at work, 9,346 hours cleaning house, 9 months fuming in traffic jams, 8 months opening junk mail, and 2 solid years on the telephone."

(They've got something wrong here; almost all my junk mail is never opened, and even if it were opened and duly read it couldn't possibly account for one-third much time as I spend on the phone (just answering the recorded solicitations that punctuate every evening.)

But to continue: "We make 8,958 trips to the supermarket, wash 8,493 loads of laundry, file 42 federal income tax returns, and spend 5 years just waiting in line. We move 14 times and drive 413,226 miles."

Again, some of those figures have to be suspect. For instance, the average head-of-household is going to file many more than 42 tax returns. But unless a couple

files separate returns, one person may not file any returns at all. The same kind of division of responsibility applies to such chores as laundry and shopping.

Constant Reader

The author of the article in question, Rebecca Rupp, one of the magazine's contributing editors, thereupon muses that, "Furthermore, we do none of these things (work, traffic jams, lines, etc.) alone: we operate in connection with some 250 million other persons in the country and more than 5 billion others on Earth.

"Our social network has become so closely interwoven," she notes, that we are according to one (unidentified) study, "a mere five people—acquaintances of acquaintances—away from any other human being on the planet. A five-link chain between each of us" she points out "and some distant citizen of Singapore, Santiago, Katmandu."

Think that over: is it literally true? If the anonymous conductors of that "study" are to be believed, you might regard this planet as more of a planette, it

seems to me.

Then Ms. Rupp goes on to declare that this startling statistic supports the main theme of her essay: the pull of islands. Her family lives on one, in Lake Champlain just off the Vermont shore.

"Interlinked though we are, too much togetherness breeds contempt; too much activity leaves us with too little time to ponder. We all need solitude and silence. . . . All of us are at times loners, isolationists, escapists. . . . Lovers of quiet places."

"Country Life" (which also bears the word "Harrowsmith"—its original name—as part of its title) is a useful magazine. I enjoyed a variety of articles in this issue and picked up some vital information such as the fact that the magnolia is named for an early 18th century French botanist, Pierre Magnol. And some fascinating inside stuff on the life and habits of the porcupine, including the peculiar mating practices which produce but one offspring per year per coupling. I loved this charming little article. And, also, an astronomer's reminder of the probable dates of this summer's Perseid meteor shower (the nights of August 11-12 and 12-13). "If the sky is clear either night, you are guaranteed to see some meteors—maybe lots."

Reminders of a hard winter as the summer comes on

The contributor of this *Point of View* is Director of Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, having worked in various positions at the Center for 20 years. He lives on Game Farm Road with wife Charlene and son Jeffrey. Special interests include bird study and recreational flying.

By Alan Mapes

The long hard winter is well past—how soon we forget when we are cooking in the 90-degree heat! Around Five Rivers this spring, though, nature offered some interesting reminders of the season past. Both the plants and the wildlife are showing some changes resulting from the deep snow pack and the late arrival of spring.

Ice-out at the ponds was a good two weeks late, so the Canada Geese were late starting their nests. Normally, they build nests and lay eggs within a few days of the water opening. Young geese hatched around mid-May this year, not the usual time of about May 1.

As a result, we may need to delay our annual goose-banding roundup. The young ones must be grown enough for the aluminum bands to stay on their legs. These numbered bands help us find out where our geese winter, how long they live, and similar useful research.

Some of the migrant birds that return in March and April, those that winter in the southern U.S., were quite late appearing. Red-winged Blackbirds first showed up on March 12, the latest date ever recorded.

The later-season migrants returning in May were pretty much on time, or even early. Most of these birds winter in the tropics. Some species "dribbled" back over a period of time that was longer than usual. Our first Eastern Kingbird was seen on April 30 (actually, a little early) but the pair that nest in my old apple tree didn't return until three weeks later.

What will the Mockingbirds do next winter when they can't feast on the rose hips sacrificed this year?

Plants are also showing some unusual traits. Forsythia bushes and Rhododendrons around the Capital District produced flowers only on the lowest branches, the ones that were buried in the snow. Apparently the cold winter wind killed the exposed flower buds, although to me the winter did not seem that much colder than average.

The most noticeable plant damage at the Center was to our big Multiflora Rose bushes. Most of the canes were killed and the bushes are now sprouting back from the roots. Multiflora was introduced to the area years ago, and now has a unique connection to the Northern Mockingbird. Those gray virtuosos of song imitation make good use of the rose bushes all year long. In nesting season, the mockers build their nests in the thorniest, thickest parts of the big (up to 12 feet high and 15 feet diameter) rose bushes. More important, the mockingbirds feed on the plentiful crop of rose hips throughout the winter. Some people attribute the northerly spread of Mockingbirds primarily to the planting of Multiflora. What will these birds do for winter food without the rose hips?

Eastern Bluebird numbers are drastically down. We have two nesting pair in our boxes, not the normal five or six pair. Bluebird surveyors in the Cobleskill area (where there are hundreds of nest boxes) report the same situation. It seems the hard winter combined with last year's poor nesting season to hit the birds hard. On the bright side, I suspect the great number of nesting boxes available now around the Capital District will speed recovery of the population.

Our booming Wild Turkey population took a cut this winter from starvation. The deep snow made it hard for them to find food. I saw one of the big birds in a Staghorn Sumac bush right along a highway shoulder, feeding on the seed heads—very unusual behavior for the normally wary turkey.

When hard winters produce a lot of snow, I always think of the



Matters of Opinion

Community center proposed at remodeled Town Squire

Editor, The Spotlight:

I do not believe that, despite what your correspondent "M.D." says, I am "all wet" about needing a teen center. How many young people between 10 and 18 has he talked with about the need for a facility? Let me say that being a scoutmaster and being with countless numbers of boys does inform me what they want. These guys tell me that I am not all wet.

I am very happy to say that people who know me are telling me to keep up the good work on this subject. Believe me, I shall. Two days ago, I saw bikes lying all over the sidewalks at the Four Corners. Is this what we want? No, we need a teen center. This building could also serve the entire community and simply be called the Bethlehem Community Center. There are empty sections of Town Squire shopping center that could be remodeled for this purpose. The old Grand Union could be changed into a nice-sized theater.

I do not claim to be an engineer on how this could be accomplished. I am only a voice wanting a place where all can go and have a safe, good time. "M.D." is right that 9W will expand into an area where there will be more business than ever. But just maybe there will be nice havens to go too.

George William Grandy Delmar

Animals

(From Page 6)

the wild animals. Take a look at the sad eyes of the elephants as they perform.

Nor does retirement bring any relief. Instead, circus animals are either sold to roadside-zoos or to an exotic game ranch to be shot at point-blank for trophies. As one group stated, while children may dream of running away to the circus, animals probably dream of running from the circus.

The public, unknowingly, is placed in a dangerous situation, too. "Trainers" have been known to lose control of these animal performers resulting in injuries to spectators. Reports of investigations by the U.S. Department of Agriculture make for disturbing and scary reading.

Funds can be raised humanely! Many exciting non-animal circuses have sprung up around the country delighting audiences with brilliant human performances. Bethlehem residents would welcome this type of entertainment and would never again have to endure those horrific animal acts.

Marion Stark

For The Fund for Animals

Family Fun Night raises \$1,001 at Glenmont School

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Friday evening, June 3, the Glenmont School family truly lived up to its motto, "Care About Yourself, Care About the People and Things Around You."

Students, parents, and staff worked together to hold our Glenmont Family Fund-raiser. We held a "Sub Supper" served by our staff, a "Spring Basketball Shoot-out," and a raffle to raise money for a family at Glenmont whose young son has leukemia.

The following area businesses generously donated prizes for our "Spring Shootout": Waddingham's Country Fare, Gibby's, Mangia's, Shirley's Ceramics, I Love Books, Ultimate Video, Deli Plus (in addition they supplied our subs at a discount), Wacky Wings, Angela's Pizza, Little Caesar's, A Little Bit of Italy, Pizza Hut, Campus Pizza, Windflower, Ben & Jerry's, Tollgate, Friendly's, Carvel, Tee Time Golf, Del Lanes, Dunkin Donuts, Radio Shack, KMart, My Place and Co. and Chazar Pharmacy.

We raised \$1,001.90. We all—students, parents, and staff—worked hard, and we had a great time doing it. What occurred that evening at Glenmont Elementary School is what caring is all about. Thank you all!

Kathi Davey
Heidi Aupperle
Co-chairs

Southgate 'monitors' win thanks from a convert

Editor, The Spotlight:

Just what we needed, another letter on the Southgate project.

I attended the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce meeting on June 16 where we heard both sides of the Southgate issue. Representatives of the development company presented its side of the story and representatives of "Citizens Monitoring Southgate" presented theirs.

I came to the meeting with both an open mind and the belief that the project had both positive and negative impacts for our community, but more positive ones. I am now convinced that the negative impacts outweigh the positives.

The representatives of "Citizens Monitoring Southgate" presented a well researched, cogent argument that didn't just oppose the project plans, but proposed a sensible alternative that would better serve the community.

I relocated my family to the Capital District three years ago and chose Bethlehem from among the other surrounding communities for the same reasons that many others have. I previously lived in Westchester County and have seen communities subjected to expansion and growth, which took place in the absence of careful planning. The results have been exactly what one would expect:

unmanageable traffic, overcrowded schools, high taxes, transience, and visual disturbances.

Our town, through effective community planning, has been successful in maintaining the quality of life that we enjoy. It is not a mistake that we enjoy the quality of life that we do. The commitment of elected officials and concerned citizens in Bethlehem has succeeded in assuring it.

My purpose is not to garner votes for or against the Southgate project. The project will not be decided in The Spotlight or by popular opinion. Five years from now, the mall will or will not be in our midst. My purpose in writing is to acknowledge the efforts of the "Citizens Monitoring Southgate." These folks have given their unselfish devotion to preserving the quality of life that we know. They are motivated to maintain that quality at their personal expense. I am impressed and converted.

Dennis Wax

Glenmont

The Spotlight welcomes letters from readers on subjects of local interest. Letters are subject to editing in keeping with our rules of fairness, accuracy, style, length. All letters must carry the writer's signature, address and telephone numbers.

Winter

(From Page 7)

White-tailed Deer. Deep snow makes it hard for these pointy-toed creatures to move about and find food. In the Adirondacks and

Catskills, life is a lot harder for deer and there was considerable starvation. Down here in the lowlands, however, starvation is rare.

Some homeowners might feel that a little starvation wouldn't be all bad. Deer numbers are very

high and dooryard shrubs got chewed up even more than usual this year, and that is saying a lot! Even the young White Pine trees at the Center where browsed hard. They are certainly not a favorite winter food source for deer. We did see some skinny deer along about March, and reproduction may be reduced a bit this year. Does are more likely to have single fawns rather than twins when winter food is scarce. We can hope.

Whether you found the winter good or bad, it certainly gave us some interesting changes on the natural scene. I hope you can take time out enjoy the ever-changing-show outdoors.

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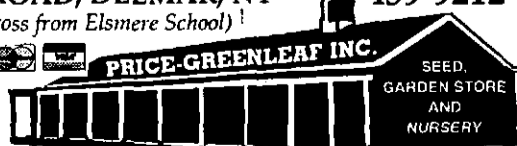
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Rural Place residents raise funds to pursue legal case

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Saturday, June 11, Rural Place families sponsored a neighborhood block sale to raise additional funds to help defray the costs of their continuing legal battle with the Town of Bethlehem.

Last fall, town officials approved the proposed construction of Manning's Menu, a deli and catering business, on Rural Place, a dead-end residential street. Approval was given despite inadequate on-site parking setback violations, and deed restrictions.

After failing to convince the town Planning Board to reject the "Manning's Menu" proposal, the families were successful in obtaining a favorable ruling from the State Supreme Court annulling the site plan approval and voiding a building permit.

The Saturday block sale succeeded in raising the money necessary to continue opposing the project. Residents of Rural Place are truly grateful for the growing

expressions of support we have received throughout the town, and particularly to those who assisted in making the block sale a success.

We have recently been advised that the Supreme Court denied the town's motion to appeal Judge Ceresia's decision regarding the "Manning's Menu" project. We feel that the combined court decisions validate the objections we originally presented to the the Planning Board.

We hope in light of the aforementioned, that future proposals for this site will receive thorough scrutiny by public officials and concerned citizens. The residents of Rural Place remain committed to preserving the character and safety of their residential neighborhood.

We again express our gratitude to those who have supported us and contributed.

Rural Place Residents Association

Anthony Umina

Mark Peckham

Water-use rate differential should be public, justified

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem officials have provided an incomplete cost analysis of water costs, leading to misleading and inaccurate conclusions. Residential water-users will be subsidizing the construction of the new \$10.7 million water facility to meet the additional industrial water demand.

Water charges in Bethlehem include a water rent of \$1.07 per 1,000 gallons of water used and a water property tax of \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The water tax appears in our January town tax bill.

In 1993, the average family of three paid \$2.60 per 1,000 gallons of water compared to a rate of \$1.23 for the four largest industrial users.

The 1993 cost to Bethlehem for producing and distributing water was \$1.84 per 1,000 gallons.

In 1992, Supervisor Ringler signed a long-term contract to sell water to Selkirk Cogen amounting to \$1.79 per 1,000 gallons. This is 45 percent less than what the average residential water user pays.

Bethlehem's Commissioner of Public Works has projected that residential water rates will remain at \$1.07 per 1,000 gallons until the year 2002 and that industrial water rents will gradually increase. Unfortunately, the average current residential user pays twice as much as the industrial users.

Our elected officials should provide needed oversight of our water rates and taxes and should

make available the actual cost analysis and cost comparison of residential, industrial, and commercial water charges. Any significant differences in rates should be justified.

Sherwood Davies

Delmar

Editor's note: In response, Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller states:

"Residential taxpayers will not be subsidizing industry. Large water users maintain their own water services at their expense. The Water District owns and maintains more than 150 miles of water mains and more than 3,000 residential water services to generate the same revenue as one industrial account. Residents pay \$1.07 per 1,000 gallons. Industry pays \$1.14 per 1,000 gallons. Both pay the same water district tax rate. Selkirk Cogen will pay \$1.69 per 1,000 gallons, which will generate more than \$1.5 million per year in water revenues. This is in addition to \$900,000 in town and school taxes. The new water project is being paid for by industry. There will be no increase in the residential water rates from this project."

New Soccerplex fields need watering helpers

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Soccer Club would like to express its gratitude to the contractors, Robert H. Finke and Sons, Inc., of Selkirk, and John DiGiulio, Inc., of Albany, for their generosity in time and equipment in getting the new Soccerplex ready to open.

The club also acknowledges with appreciation a contribution of \$1,000 from Norris G. Benway, the area supervisor for Texas Eastern Products Pipeline Company in Selkirk.

The site committee chairperson, Dan Dzekiorius, is looking for volunteers to get the fields watered. Any person with questions about the club may contact our president, Bill Silverman, at 439-6465.

Theresa Barrowman

Glenmont

Words for the week

jitney : A small bus or a car, especially one traveling on a regular route, that carries passengers for a low fare, originally five cents. Previously, a five-cent coin; a nickel.

Depredation : The act or an instance of robbing, plundering, or laying waste.

Senior Babe Ruth league called Mickey Mantle equal

Editor, The Spotlight:

I must take exception to The Spotlight's report on Mickey Mantle Baseball, which appeared in the June 8 issue. The article reported the previous week's Mickey Mantle game activity. However, rather than stopping there, it went on to quote the Bethlehem Mickey Mantle coach, Jesse Braverman. Mr. Braverman noted that there was a Senior Babe Ruth 16-year-old team in Bethlehem (the same age group that plays Mickey Mantle), but insinuated that Mickey Mantle is the league of choice and that its level of competition is superior to Senior Babe Ruth. I am the coach of Bethlehem's Babe Ruth's 16-year-olds.

I take issue with Mr. Braverman's quotes for two reasons. First, they have nothing to do with Mickey Mantle game results and had no place in the article. The fact that the Mickey Mantle team split two games has nothing to do with whether its coach thinks his league is superior to Senior Babe Ruth. The relative quality of the two leagues has no bearing on this article. And, secondly, Mickey Mantle is not the "league of choice." Its roster is selected

solely by the coach without the benefit of tryouts. It may be the league of Mr. Braverman's choice, but half of my Babe Ruth 16-year-olds are not members of the Mickey Mantle team and are qualified, competitive ballplayers. Lastly, they are happy to be part of Bethlehem Senior Babe Ruth.

Neil K. Isaacs

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Ravena library to hold summer reading events

Elementary school age listeners and readers are invited to sign up for "Read Around The Clock" at the Ravena Free Library on 106 Main St.

On Wednesdays beginning July 6, the library will hold group activities at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

An awards picnic finale is set for Wednesday, Aug. 17.

The "Young Writers" group, for grade-three and up, will meet Thursdays at 1 p.m., from July 7 to Aug. 4, at the library. A make-up session will be held Thursday, Aug. 11.

The town bus will stop at the library at 1 and 4 p.m. weekdays throughout the summer.

A Becker playground story hour will be hosted by the library on Tuesdays at the school on Route 9W in Selkirk.

For information, call the library at 756-2053.

Baccalaureate slated at Ravena church

The Grace United Methodist Church in Ravena will hold its

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 439-3167



annual baccalaureate service for this year's Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School graduating class on Thursday, June 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the church on 16 Hillcrest Drive.

For information, call 756-6688 or 756-6689.

Early dismissal ends RCS school year

The last scheduled day of classes in the RCS district is Thursday, June 23. Students will be dismissed at 1 p.m.

RCS graduation set

The RCS High School graduation ceremony will be on Friday, June 24, at 6:30 p.m. on the back lawn at the school.

For information, call 756-2155.

Church youth make donation to camp

Children of the Bethlehem Community Church's junior church recently attended an open house at Camp Pinnacle in Voorheesville and presented \$155 worth of horse equipment to Gaye Newbegin, the camp's horse director.

Among the gifts were helmets, halters, leads, collars, pads and brushes. Fund-raising was conducted by the youngsters over the past five months to meet the needs of the 12 horses at Camp Pinnacle.

Attending the open house were: Matt Bittner, Julianne Bub, Mike Buff, Zara Carkner, Joel Constantine, Michael Kissling, Charity Lucente, Erik Lukatschat, Amanda McDowell, Greg Pilon, Laurie Pilon, Jessica Menrath, Dale Boice, Terry Pilon, Barabra Carkner, Claudia McDowell, Bill McDowell and Ruth McDowell.



Dale Boice, left, helps Joel Constantine carry some of the equipment the Bethlehem Community Church youth group donated to Camp Pinnacle.

Cable work angers V'ville residents

By Dev Tobin

The good news about subdivisions with utility services buried underground is the lack of visual clutter from poles and wires.

The bad news is the disruption that comes when any work needs to be done on the underground wires.

Residents of Salem Hills in Voorheesville found that out recently when Cablevision began a project to replace its wires.

"They just started digging and tearing up our lawns," an angry resident said. "They were also moving the wires from the back of

the houses to the front."

Mayor Edward Clark said that Cablevision had told the village informally about the project, which involves replacing the current copper wiring with fiber-optic cable.

"We didn't realize it was such an extensive project and that it involved moving the wires from the back of the houses to the utility right-of-way in front," Clark said.

The village stopped the work, Clark said. "We need more detailed plans and a public information effort."

The village has scheduled a

public meeting with representatives of Cablevision for Saturday, July 23 at 7 p.m. at the Voorheesville firehouse, Clark noted.

At the meeting, company representatives "will explain their process and guarantees of repair" to affected lawns and driveways, Clark said.

Chambers to mix at Heritage Park

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will participate in a joint chamber mixer on Wednesday, July 6, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Heritage Park First Base Cafe in Loudonville.

The event will include an all-you-can-eat buffet and reserved seats at the Albany-Colonie Yankees-Harrisburg Expos game. Other participating chambers include Latham, Guilderland and South Saratoga.

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Full steam ahead



Fifth-grader Brendan Jordan carries the pigskin during the football relay race at last week's Field Day at the Glenmont Elementary School.
Elaine McLain

Clock winding down for seniors

Graduation rehearsal will be at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School on Thursday, June 23, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The rehearsal speaker is John Sittig, math teacher, football coach and Natural Helper adviser.

Immediately following rehearsal, the class, faculty and staff meet on the high school lawn where seniors will challenge the faculty and staff to a softball game.

Commencement will be Friday, June 24, at 7 p.m. under a tent on school grounds with no limitation on tickets.

Students should arrive at the high school at 6:15 p.m.

This year's graduation speaker is Yvonne Perry, a soap opera star on "As the World Turns" and a 1984 Voorheesville graduate.

For information, call the school at 765-3314.

Scout potluck dinner and awards scheduled

Scouts from Troop 73 and their families are invited to the annual end-of-school-beginning-of-summer potluck dinner today, June 22, at Howard Coughtry's woods on Hilton Road.

Each family should bring plates and utensils and a salad, main dish or dessert to share.

Recognition and presentation of awards will be given to the

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Voorheesville

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Scouts, and incoming Webelos will be welcomed.

Summer programs set

The Voorheesville Summer Swim Program will begin on Monday, June 27, and continue through Aug. 5.

Preregistration is necessary and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Red Cross approved swimming instruction will be offered in three sessions: June 27 to July 8; July 11 to July 22, and July 25 through Aug. 5.

Afternoon swim is set from noon to 2 p.m. and evening sessions from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Applications are available at the school office or the public library.

For information, call 765-3314.

The Voorheesville Summer Recreation Program begins on

Monday, June 29, and continues through Aug. 5.

Tennis lessons will be Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and adult tennis lessons will be on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Adult basketball is set for Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:15, 7:15 and 8:15 p.m.

A soccer clinic for children in grades one through four will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. at the elementary school.

Adult tennis league will be on Tuesday and Thursday evening with sign up required in advance.

To sign up or for information, call Bobby Pearce, league coordinator, at 765-4302.

Horseshoes will be on Wednesdays at 5 and 6:30 p.m.

Arts and crafts will be offered in the village park on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon for all children.

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V'ville's Meade named Hartwick scholar

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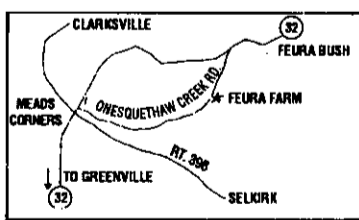
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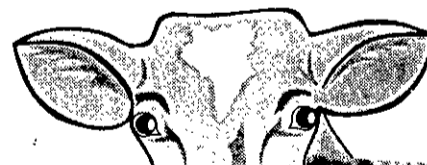
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Concerts on the green feature local performers

The library is again holding its popular Evening on the Green outdoor concerts this summer. A community tradition since 1966, the concerts showcase local performers.



The Wednesday Evening on the Green 1994 attractions are:

- July 13 — Electric City Chorus — barbershop quartets and chorus.
- July 20 — BluesWing — blues, jazz and pop for all ages.
- July 27 — Capitaland Chorus — women's quartets and chorus.
- Aug. 3 — Skip Parsons' Clarinet Marmalade — jazz and standards.
- Aug. 10 — Village Volunteers — fife and drum corps.

All performances are on the lawn at the rear of the library at 451 Delaware Ave.

The Village Volunteers will play at 7 p.m.; all others will begin at 7:30 p.m.

There is no charge for admission. Those attending may wish to bring a lawn chair or blanket.

In the event of rain, programs will be held indoors in the community room.

In response to the popularity of the first round of on-line catalog training programs, the library is continuing to offer computerized catalog training. Classes are avail-

able on Tuesdays from 10 to 10:45 a.m., Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m., or Fridays from 2 to 2:45 p.m.

The hands-on sessions emphasize accessing materials by author and/or title and keyword subject searching. Class size is limited. Call the reference desk to reserve a time.

Students age 11 and up and interested adults can start the summer by learning new ways to keep your charges smiling and out of trouble when you babysit.

Peggy Steinbach, a teacher and story teller, will share her child care expertise at "Babysitters' Bag of Tricks" on Thursday, June 30, at 7 p.m.

Use her ideas for arts and crafts, storytelling, songs and indoor or outdoor activities to create your own bag of tricks to bring along whenever and wherever you care for children.

Register for this free program by calling the children's room.

For information or to register for a program, call the library at 439-9314.

Anna Jane Abaray

Correction

Due to an editorial error, staff of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System were incorrectly identified in the June 15 edition. Ann E. Marshall, Douglas E. Maeder and Frederick A. Oliver, all of Delmar, and John C. Miller of Feura Bush were recently honored for their years of service to the retirement system.

Nature program offers family fun

The Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will offer a nature program for families this summer. The program, for parents and children between the ages of 2 and 8, will feature discoveries, games and crafts.

Sessions will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 2 through 5, Aug. 9 through 12, Aug. 16 through 19, and Aug. 23 through 26.

The program costs \$25 per family for materials fees. Registration is limited.

For information, call 475-0291.

AARP to lunch at Normanside

The June luncheon of the Tri-Village Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will be held Tuesday, June 28, at Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, Elsmere.

A cocktail hour will be held from noon to 1 p.m., followed by luncheon. Cost is \$12.

School census staff to go door to door

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education recently appointed census enumerators to conduct the school census, as mandated by state law.

They will be conducting door-to-door surveys through June 30, collecting and verifying such family information as names, dates of birth of all children residing in the household, and mailing and resident addresses.

Census takers are Lori Anderson, Sue Davis, Carol Fullum and Pat Hommel.

Farmers' market slated on Fridays

A farmers' market will open on Friday, June 24, at 9 a.m. in the parking lot of St. Thomas Church, Kenwood Avenue, Delmar.

The market will be held each Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Oct. 28. For information, call 439-2493.

Delmar original



Rick Bedrosian of the Rick Bedrosian Band will be performing a show for all ages at the Bethlehem Public Library on Tuesday, July 12, beginning at 7 p.m.

Banagan, Lyman honored with Jukins memorial award

Two members of the Bethlehem Central High School Class of 1997 were honored recently with the Andy Jukins Memorial Award by the League of Women Voters of Albany County.

Jukins, a member of the Class of 1997, died after he was struck by a pickup truck Dec. 16 on Route 85 in Slingerlands. His mother Pat is a member and past president of the League.

The award was presented to Kelley Banagan, daughter of James and Dee Banagan of Delmar, and Sean Lyman, son of Scott and Sue Banagan of Delmar.

The award recognizes citizenship, participation, fairness, re-

sponsibility to self and others, passion for learning, and a sense of hope for the future, qualities shared by Andy, his family and the League, according to League spokeswoman Bonnie Beard of Delmar.

The award will be given to two students in each of the four years the Class of 1997 is in high school, and a permanent plaque engraved with the names of award recipients will be hung in the high school.

Church plans trip to Emerald Isle

The Onesquethaw Reformed Church is planning a trip to Ireland from Nov. 11 through 16.

The \$740 cost per person includes round trip airfare from New York City, double occupancy at a hotel, most meals, coach tour and taxes.

Round-trip transportation to New York City is available at a cost of \$40 per person.

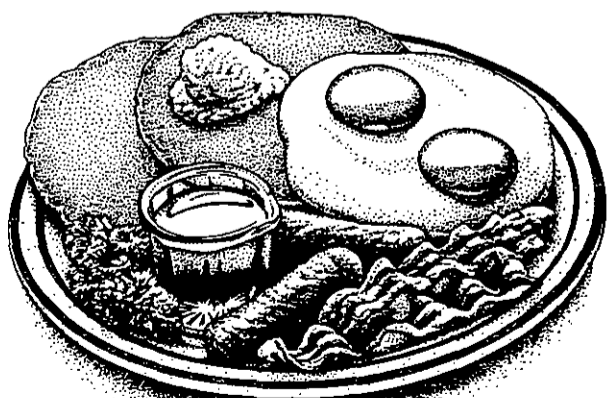
Deposits are due by June 27. For information, call Linda Bathrick of Celtic International Tours at 768-2994.

Red Cross to teach babysitting basics

The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will offer the American Red Cross babysitting course for youngsters ages 11 and up on Wednesday and Thursday, June 29 and 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The class costs \$25. For information, call 439-4131.

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Program to focus on Helderbergs

Lovers of the Helderbergs will get a double dose of beauty and information when the library hosts Clear Mountain, a slide show about the region on Thursday, June 30, at 7 p.m.

The show, produced by the New Scotland Historical Association and funded by a grant from the Capital District Arts Decentralization Program, features photographs by Dietrich Gehring and narrative by Laura Ten Eyck.



Seasonal views both of and from the Helderberg Escarpment that illustrate the region's many faces — agriculture, nature and small town life are included in the program.

The Helderbergs were given their name by the Dutch who settled in the region and come from the words "helder" for brighter or clearer, and "berg" for mountain. It is a particularly apt name for this range which could be seen on the horizon by the early settlers all the way from Fort Orange, now Albany.

Ten Eyck and Gehring, who live and work in the shadow of the mountains, hope that their words and images will inspire local residents to perceive the landscape in a new way and to work toward protecting the escarpment.

In the hall gallery, a different view of the Helderbergs is on display throughout July in Gehring's exhibit of Polaroid image transfers of the mountains. The exhibit photos were created by projecting an original transparency onto Polaroid color film.

The works can be seen during the library's regular hours, Mon-

Weekend fund-raiser to help cancer tot

A benefit car wash/bake sale for Christopher Junco, a local 5-year-old suffering from juvenile acute myelocytic leukemia, will be held on Saturday, June 25, from 9 a.m. to noon at the old Grand Union parking lot in Voorheesville.

Proceeds from the event will help Junco's family pay for a bone marrow transplant scheduled for July.

Those wishing to make personal donations can send them to: DFCA, c/o Key Bank of New York, 343 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12054.

day through Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Friends of the Library will sponsor an artist's reception on June 30 immediately following the slide show. The program is free and open to the public at the library at 51 School Road.

For information, call 765-2791.

Children will have a unique opportunity for time travel this summer in the 1994 Read Around the Clock Summer Reading Club. The program, designed to encourage reading throughout the summer, serves children entering kindergarten through grade-six and provides weekly programming centered around the time theme.

Children going into kindergarten through grade-three will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesdays from July 5, to Aug. 16, while those in grades-four through six will meet on Wednesdays. On July 13, there will be two sessions with the first starting at 2 and the second at 3 p.m.

Programs will run the gamut from tie dye to Renaissance folk tales and include a wide variety of topics to pique children's interests in different time periods. Participants are asked to keep track of the number of hours they read each week and will have an opportunity to enter into a weekly prize drawing.

Sign-up dates for the club begin on Monday, June 27, and Tuesday, June 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

and on Wednesday, June 29 from 2 until 8:30 p.m.

Those who can't make any of the dates can register at any time throughout the summer. Read Around the Clock T-shirts will be available at the sign-ups in both children's and adult sizes for \$6.50 and \$7.50 respectively.

Congratulations to Mildred Zimmermann, winner of this year's Friends of the Library prize of a stay at the Appel Inn. Zimmermann and husband Virgil, a former Friends' president, plan to celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary at the Inn in July.

Many thanks to the Inn, Elegant Touch Caterers and Voorheesville Wines and Liquors for their contributions to the drawing.

Kudos are also in order to Nancy Mosher and all of the many people who helped with the annual book sale on Memorial Day weekend. A special thanks to Bill and Kim Young and everyone who helped build and decorate the Friends' parade float.

The Friends recently elected a new slate of officers. The officers are: Alida Vollaro, president; Mary Ann Morrison, vice president; Diane Connolly, secretary; and Janet Willey, treasurer.

Nimblefingers and the Library Quilters will meet on Tuesday, June 28, at 1 p.m., but in July will be switching to Mondays for the remainder of the summer.

Christine Shields

Prizes highlight celebration

Some lucky Bethlehem Central High School senior will take home \$1,000, the first prize at the Senior Celebration on Friday, June 24, at the American Legion Post in Elmsere.

Other cash prizes and gift certificates will highlight the all-night post graduation party that begins at 11 p.m.

Party organizers have also planned games, entertainment and refreshments.

Tickets for graduating seniors will be \$15 at the door. For information, call Dennis Coker at 475-0624.

Retirees luncheon planned

Albany area retired teachers are planning a luncheon on Thursday, June 30, at 12:30 p.m. at Normanside Country Club in Elmsere.

For reservations, call Pat Fallek at 765-4692.

Grand opening set for RCS center

The RCS Enrichment Center's grand opening and fun fair is set for Saturday, June 25, from noon to 6 p.m. at Oak Brook Manor on Route 9W in Ravena. All are welcome.

For information, call 756-3812.

Del Lanes to host summer 'Teen Nights'

Del Lanes on Delaware Avenue in Delmar will once again sponsor "Teen Nights" every Friday from 7 to 11 p.m. through July 29.

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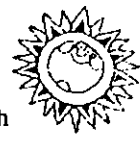
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Sports

Bethlehem retains its grip on 1st place

By Scott Isaacs

The Bethlehem 17-18 year old senior Babe Ruth team ran its record to 6-1 and maintained its hold on first place in its division after sweeping a pair of games last weekend.

On Friday, June 17, the team destroyed Latham 15-2 at Heritage Park. Josh Wiley contributed a strong effort on the mound in sweltering heat, striking out nine batters in only four innings.

Brian Garver closed out the five-hitter, pitching three innings and striking out four.

Leading the offensive assault for Bethlehem was Mike Soronen, who smacked two doubles. Brian Garver chipped in with a single, three runs scored and four stolen bases. Wiley helped his own cause with a single and three RBIs.

John Svare had two RBIs, while Nate Kosoc, Eric Bartoletti, Chris Myer, Bill Conway and Scott Isaacs had singles. Bartoletti, Conway, and Greg Sack had one RBI each.

On Sunday, June 12, Bethlehem defeated Colonie II at Whitehall Field, 9-4. Soronen pitched six strong innings, striking out nine. Nate Kosoc finished

Babe Ruth

up the seventh for the save. Kosoc and Bartoletti were the heroes offensively, each blasting a home run and a double.

Also for Bethlehem, Wiley had three singles and two RBIs, Soronen had two singles and an RBI, and Matt Nuttal, Nathaniel Sadjak, John Svare and Matt Winterhoff all had singles.

Bethlehem's domination of the league may be attributed to a talented pitching staff and a perfect defense to this point.

The pitching staff of Kosoc, Soronen, Wiley and Garver have combined for 72 strikeouts in seven games.

The defense, led by the glove of shortstop Winterhoff, has committed six errors in seven games.

The hitting has also been an unexpected bonus, with Winterhoff, Keith Riccio and Wiley providing the offensive spark.

The team is looking to move its record to 7-1 when they take the field Thursday at Colonie.

Beeline soccer a big success

The Bethlehem Soccer Club sponsored the second annual Jim Roche Memorial Beeline Tournament recently with 84 teams filling the soccer fields at the Bethlehem High School.

There were 15 divisions of play based upon age. First place teams for Bethlehem were the Under-9 boys, the Under-10 boys and the Under-14A girls, who played in the Under-16 division.

The Bethlehem Under-11 boys team (playing in the Under-12 division), the Under-14B girls and the Under-17-boys team, all took third place.

The Bethlehem Rangers (Under-9 boys) finished first in the Mohawk division after five games. The Rangers first played the Niskayuna Phantoms in a close match, 2-1, where Bob Barrowman scored the first Bethlehem goal and Brendan Ennis scored the winning goal in the closing minutes of the game.

The Rangers' next victim was Watervliet as both their offense and defense gelled in the 4-1 victory. Goals were scored by Barrowman, Matt Glannon, David Medvesky and Brendan Tougher. The defense was led by the aggressive play of Dominic Ciprioni and Matt Swiatowicz, who kept Watervliet at bay through most of the game.

Bethlehem faced the bigger Clifton Park Rockets with a three-goal play by Brendan Tougher and a 3-1 victory. The defense was led by the determined play of Scott Braaten, Doug DeMarco, Patrick Farley and Megan Volo. The fourth game saw a lapse in team focus resulting in a 0-0 tie with Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk.

The Rangers' final game pitted them against the then-first place



Bethlehem's Devin Van Riper (foreground) tries to control the ball during recent Beeline Tournament action.

Saratoga Cobras. Bethlehem needed a win to finish first. The Rangers responded with their best display of soccer skills and teamwork this year in a 5-0 win and a first place victory.

The team was led by Brendan Tougher, who had a hat trick, and single goals by Kevin Allen and Matt Glannon combined with precise passing by Evan Gall. Goalkeeper Andrew Osterman allowed only three goals on the day.

The Bethlehem Sonics (Under 10 boys) took first place by winning four out of five games to edge out a tough Hoosic Valley team by just four points in the standings.

Ben Salqvitz, Andrew Blickensderfer and John Thibdeau split the goalkeeping duties, never allowing more than two goals in a game. The defensive field play

was anchored by Thomas Stewart and Pat Dawson as sweepers and with Tyler Ursprung keeping the ball in the opponents' half of the field. Evan Romanoff, David Zurenko and Nick Criscione applied the defensive pressure, causing numerous turnovers that set up the Sonics attack.

The offense scored from a combination of passing, ball movements and dribbling by Steve Maltzman, Dan Fuchs and Matt Curtin while Chase Chesky and John Thibdeau combined on long crosses to put the ball in the net.

Taking third place in the Under 12 division was Bethlehem's Under 11 boys team with a 1-2-2 record for the day. Goals were scored by David Perlmutter and Chris Kasarjian. Kevin Richman, Dan Kohler, Chris Weyant and Sam Abrams played solid goalkeeping.

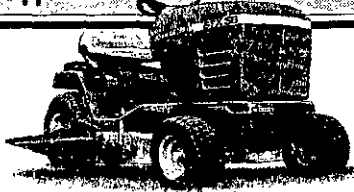
The main offensive support came from David Ginsberg and Devin Van Riper. Defense men were Andy McNamara, Brian Axford, Rodrigo Cerda, Andrew Golden, Jed Rosenkrantz, Dan Toga and Josh Kapczynski.

The tournament also held a shoot-out contest in each age division. Bethlehem's Under-15 player, Kevin Smith, won the trophy in the Under-17 division.

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Daddy's home!

Father finds fulfillment in nurturing role

By Corinne Lynne Blackman

Martin Gnacik has two jobs. When he's not working part-time framing pictures for his Guilderland-based business, he's busy doing what he does best, playing full-time dad to his three daughters, Rachel, Eva and Emily.

Although women have been doing it for years, today's man has been thrust into the arena of a new era of

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Martin Gnacik shows off the elaborate playhouse/jungle gym he built with the help of daughters Rachel, left, 13, Eva, 10, and Emily, 7.

Elaine McLain

'Real' men excel in elementary school classes

By Michael Kagan

The man with the Flintstones tie was playing a game show host in front of the blackboard. It was Jeopardy time in Mr. K's classroom.

"I want 'Hodge Podge' for 200," said one of his fourth-graders.

"You got it!" said Mr. K, pointing at the contestant. He pulled an oak tag card off the blackboard.

"Okay, this one's division," said Mr. K, who teaches at Glenmont Elementary School. Outside his classroom he goes by the name David Ksanznak. "This can be used for your baseball leagues and softball leagues to figure out your batting averages."

Ksanznak has taught at Glenmont for three years after five years teaching fifth-grade in Virginia. He's one of only nine men in Bethlehem Central School District's five elementary schools who teach regular classes.

"The kids don't see a lot of male teachers, but really I'm just another teacher," he said.

"I wanted him because I had two next-door neighbors who said he was the best teacher," said Jessica Matthews, one of his pupils. "He's a man, but it's really no big deal. He's just really fun. He gave us all nicknames." Hers is "Jessa."

"He jumps up on desks a lot when he's teaching," said Ryan "Ryno" Livingston. "He's pretty crazy."

More and more male teachers are choosing to go into elementary education, which Ksanznak said is good news. "It's good for kids to see it both ways," he said.

Voorheesville Elementary School has four male classroom



David "Mr. K" Ksanznak plays game show host in his fourth-grade class's game of math Jeopardy at Glenmont Elementary School. *Michael Kagan*

teachers. There are 16 male elementary teachers in the South Colonie Central School District, and 18 in North Colonie.

"Years ago, because I was male, I had to do all the bus drills," said Mike Sail, a fifth-grade teacher at Boght Hills Elementary School and a 20-year veteran of elementary education. "That was a long time ago, though."

In 1964, when Donald Robillard, now the principal of Glenmont Elementary School, started teaching, he was the only male classroom teacher at the Elmsmere school. "There was a tendency to place some of the quote 'problem'

males with me because they thought something magical would happen," he said. "Now we realize it's the teacher's style and personality, not their sex."

According to Sail, parents often requested him for their children, especially early in his career, because they thought they needed a "strong male." "Just because they're male doesn't mean they're going to be better with discipline," he said.

"Mr. K lets us do everything," Risa "Pieces" Cohen said. "It's not because he's a guy. That's just him. He's a fun teacher."

According to Ron Danforth, an associate in educational information services at the state Education Department, in 1975 19.1 percent of first through sixth-grade teachers in New York State were male. In 1990, that figure was 13.4 percent, but that doesn't mean fewer men teachers are choosing the lower grades.

"In the last 10 years, males in general have been dropping like flies from teaching," Danforth said. "The decline in elementary teachers is not nearly as severe. Actually their proportion is increasing quite a bit."

In 1975, 40.6 percent of all teachers were male, compared to 30.4 percent in 1992. The percentage of men teaching kindergarten tripled from 1970 to 1990, although men still represented only 3 percent of kindergarten teachers.

"When I was in school, my whole education through eighth-grade, I never had a male teacher. ... Now it's a little more common to have male candidates for elementary teaching positions," Robillard said.

"It's societal. I think for a long time men felt there was less status involved at the elementary level," Sail said.

Melvin Gonzalez, who's finishing his second year teaching fourth-grade at Forts Ferry Elementary School, said he was the only man in his education classes in college. He had originally planned on going into police work.

"I was just feeling out courses, looking for a major. I found myself taking more education classes. Also, I wear glasses. My vision wasn't good enough for police

work," he said. "I felt more comfortable working with young kids. I think I'm able to be a little more patient. They're open minded and they're willing to listen. They're still willing to learn. They're still innocent."

"You work with a child for an entire day so you have a greater chance to make an impact," Sail said. "They're not just in for 40 minutes and then out and another group in. ... When you ask people which teachers they remember, I think they remember all their elementary school teachers' names."

"You get to teach them so many things that they haven't really ever done before, whether we're doing fractions, or whatever it is," Ksanznak said. "When they get something right for the first time, it's just a great feeling."

He said that men he knew in college were sometimes discouraged from teaching elementary school because the money wasn't as good, but improved teacher contracts have changed that somewhat.

"A lot of men now can see elementary education as an opportunity to impact children at an early age. We're attracting a higher caliber male," said Robillard. "You just get to see things from a male perspective too, which is slightly different. It just makes the school more reflective of the real world."

According to Gonzalez, part of the attraction of teaching elementary school is the possibility of going into administration. Ksanznak said growing up with a father who's a principal helped get him interested in working with children.

"Mr. K said he wants to be a principal," "Ryno" Livingston said. "But I don't know if he was joking. I hope he stays a teacher."

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Single fathers numbers growing

There are more than one million single fathers in the United States, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. That's a jump of about 35 percent in the last five years.

Single mothers still outnumber single fathers 4 to 1, but their numbers only grew by 7 percent over the same period.

Employers sometimes are unsympathetic to fathers' needs to spend time with their families, though the Family Leave Bill passed by Congress last year grants fathers leave after the birth of a newborn.

Such trends point to the need for affordable day care. Some studies have shown that fathers have adjusted their hours to spend more time at home when their children aren't in school.

Today's man: International sportsman

Summer soccer fever fuels fervent quest for tickets

By Mary Ahlstrom

If he is a sport enthusiast, today's man will do anything to get tickets to any hot sport — and World Cup Soccer is hot!

Rumor has it scalpers are getting \$750 to \$1,000 a ticket and bookmakers report that total betting on the 52-match contest could possibly top \$45 million, 10 percent more than 1990 World Cup in Italy.

Soccer fever invaded my own family when a frequent, friendly customer recently came into the Blue Water Cafe, my son's New Canaan restaurant, and gave Bill two tickets to the Italy vs. Ireland World Cup Soccer game.

Bill had to make a decision. Who's the obvious candidate for two World Cup tickets to see Ireland play at Giants Stadium? After some thought, he decided on cousin Pat Donnelly in New Jersey and cousin Desmond who lives in Northern Ireland and flies to a Giants game at the drop of a hat. Bill extended the offer and, without a minute's hesitation, Desmond's was on his way.

Coincidentally, although he didn't have tickets, our friend Henry Andersen's nephew Dag Fin came from Norway to the Catskills to cheer his countrymen on to victory. Finally, he acquired tickets to three games through the Norwegian Embassy. Henry and Fin don't mind the long drive to Washington and New Jersey as long as the Norwegian team is playing. A fan is a fan.

The international airports are full of spectators en route to World Soccer games. Today's American man could be adding another sport to his list of favorites.

The game of soccer — it's shrinking the world. Soccer is hot — it's fast, furious and we're told that millions of people are playing the game. It's international, just like today's man.

But what about tomorrow's man — and women?

In the town of Colonie, youth soccer is vying for popularity with more traditional sports such as baseball and softball. Two programs — the Latham Circle Soccer Club and the Village of Colonie Soccer Club — offer teams for boys and girls ages 4 to 19. The village of Colonie program even has a league for preschoolers, who play what's called "micro-soccer."

In 1978, when the Latham program began, they could field just two teams. Today, 15 years later, the spring league accommodates 355 youngsters and it continues to grow. Both programs also offer a fall/winter indoor recreation league and promote equal opportunities for both male and female athletes.

In Bethlehem, the Soccer Club is comprised of an intracub (recreational), travel (competitive) and over-30s programs. Some 400 children play spring intracub at the Bethlehem Town Park and another 250 children play travel soccer. More than 900 players signed up

Colonie Village residents take to the field early for this popular sport, with "micro-soccer" beginning at the preschool level.



Bethlehem's youngest soccer team, U8 Mixed, completed an eight-game sweep at the recent Niskayuna Soccer Tournament, to become champions of their division. The team includes, front row, from left, Elon Backer, Chris Lee, Colin Cassidy, Liam Brennan, Matt Narode and Alison Maher; and back row, Roger Backer, assistant coach, Aaron Kolodny, Casey Heim, Jed Bierman, Alex Semenoff, Jordan Murray and coach Greg Maher.



this past week for the fall intracub program.

younger players this fall.

is in June and the Capital Cup on July 4th weekend.

The fields at the new \$250,000 Soccerplex off Wemple Road in Glenmont are now being seeded and should be ready for the

The club also sponsors three major tournaments a year at the high school. The indoor tournament runs from January through March, the BeeLine Tournament

As I watch them run down the field, I like to ask myself: Will these kids be playing in Europe or Asia some day?

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Daddy

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changing attitudes toward parenting.

Thirteen years ago, when Gnacik and his wife, Carol, started their family, they put their children into day care like legions of other young working parents. However, "We didn't like what was happening at day care," Gnacik said. "In child care programs, there is too much turnover. Our children would get at-

bands, Gnacik admits.

"Nurturing came easy because I had a nurturing family and childhood. That part was not the adjustment. Roles society laid out for men and women were changing, and I was at the forefront of it," he said.

Eva, now 10, was in kindergarten when her father took over the main child-care responsibilities. She finds being with her father much more enjoyable than going to day care.

having women in the house. Today, it does not seem cool unless she (the housewife) is doing it all," Gnacik said.

"I feel for mothers who are solely a mother, a wife, a stay-at-home person, because they are stigmatized. One of my clients who is a 'domestic engineer,' in a social situation, is ignored by everyone at parties who view her as not having a real job. She is cast aside, and that's too bad. If there were more esteem, society would be a lot different."

Gnacik's decision to defy the stigmas of his lifestyle and be the stay-at-home dad with an at-home profession gives him a balance, he said, one that allows him to be the visible father while still attending to and fulfilling his personal goals.

"I think as a male nurtured in the '50s and '60s, I cannot accept the situation of being solely a Mr. Mom. There has to be connections to the rest of the world. The world is not sympathetic to househusbands and for my own self-esteem, I need to go out in the world."

According to Loudonville psychologist Betsy Osborne, who specializes in separation, divorce and remarriage, there is an increasing awareness of the signifi-

cant roles each parent plays in the child-rearing arena that helps to balance the scales of parenthood.

"With the woman's movement, things started to change. As women got more involved in the work force, there came an awareness for men to be more involved in their children's lives," she said. "Men are not only recognizing the need, but they want to be in their children's lives."

Although Gnacik's decision to be a homemaker was a personal choice, he believes that most men are not as fortunate. With more women climbing the corporate ladder, an increasing number of men are being pushed out of jobs and are faced with few alternatives than to be househusbands, Gnacik believes.

"With affirmative action programs where there is more emphasis on hiring women vs. men, men are locked out of places. Young men are taking up traditionally female roles, maybe because women can get better paying jobs," he said. "I have a little animosity there. I feel because of the emphasis on minority and women hiring, many men would be out there. They are not doing what women used to be doing. They are doing what is now neces-

sary."

But, still, Gnacik believes that men have faced their responsibility and are good at it. "Men have accepted their new roles well. Many people thought that men were not capable of the nurturing part, and I think they have proven they are."

In addition to nurturing, he's also become proficient at laundry, shopping and cooking.

According to daughter Eva, Gnacik is really the best cook in the family. "Nothing against my mom, but she doesn't cook as much as my dad. She usually just heats up his leftovers."

With a wife employed as a budget examiner for the state, Gnacik reflects on the role he has played as a full-time dad in each of his children's lives, and sees a lot to be proud of. "I feel good about myself, but I also want others to know that I am not just a househusband. I am more than a Mr. Mom. Although I view rearing children as very important, I also consider my own continued life. Kids need to see that, too. They need to see that parents are people, too."

With my dad, I can do an art project, or sit down and talk to him about things that are bothering me. In day care, I had friends, but there was really nobody I could talk to about things like that.

Eva Gnacik

tached to them (providers) and they would leave. It was time to do something of our own."

"We consciously made a decision to raise a family, and I didn't want to pass that responsibility off to the general public."

With the rising cost of child care an added factor, Gnacik surrendered his full-time obligations to his business, then located in Albany, to dedicate more time to his child at home. Although the choice was important to him both financially and emotionally, the adjustment was hard because of the stigma attached to homemakers and so-called househus-

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In a culture that stereotypes men as the masculine, strong-hearted, breadwinning breed, Gnacik found himself suffering as a minority in a society that downplayed the importance of child rearing and his role in it. The lack of sensitivity forced him to re-evaluate the benefits and drawbacks of being a househusband.

"The women's movement did not embrace the importance of



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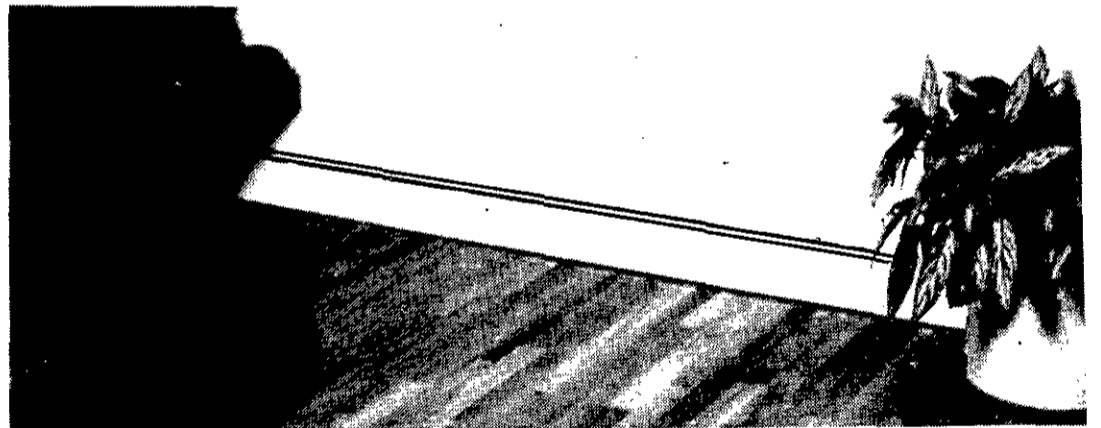
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- Bethany I — 2-5
- Westerlo II — 1-6
- Delmar Full Gospel — 0-8

Sharks blank Guilderland in soccer

The Bethlehem Soccer Club's Under-10 Boys A team, the Sharks, shut out Guilderland 2-0 on goals by Mark Bulger and Dan Dugas.

The defense of Mike Hoghe, Stephen Perazzelli, Andrew Swiatowicz and goalies Mike Nuttall and Erik Turner kept Guilderland's offense quiet.

Forwards Ryan Dalton, Zachary Gray, Steve Hoghe, Dan Kidera

and Tim Kindlon developed many scoring opportunities.

The Sharks' win followed a 1-1 tie at Greenbush. Kindlon scored Bethlehem's goal in that game.

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No-hitter for DelGiacco

By Joshua Kagan

Mike DelGiacco highlighted a so-so week for Bethlehem's Mickey Mantle team (3-4, 3-5), pitching a no-hitter against Saratoga in 90-plus degree heat on Saturday, June 18.

Bethlehem blew out Saratoga 12-1 in the second game of a doubleheader on June 18. Lansingburgh easily beat Bethlehem 7-1 in the opener.

In his no-hitter, DelGiacco allowed only four baserunners, three of those coming off defensive errors. Saratoga's lone run resulted from two Bethlehem errors. DelGiacco (3-0) has won all of Bethlehem's games this season.

"He has really good command of his breaking ball," Bethlehem coach Jesse Braverman said of DelGiacco. "His control has improved since the spring. He has good velocity on his fastball and he mixes things up well."

Jeff McQuide drove in two runs on two hits against Saratoga and Rich Petri, Ted Hartman and Scott Isaacs each drove in one run for Bethlehem.

Martin Cadioux accounted for Bethlehem's only score against Lansingburgh with a run-scoring single. Lansingburgh has only one loss this year.

"Lansingburgh is one of the top teams in the league," Braverman said. "We didn't stay with them on that day. We weren't able to play at their level."

Bethlehem now sits in the middle of the 15-team Eastern New York Mickey Mantle league. In order to qualify for the playoffs at the end of the regular season, Bethlehem must move into the top five in its league.

"At 3-4, we're still not out of it," said Braverman, "but, so far, we haven't shown any sign of beating the top teams. We haven't shown much offense against the better pitchers. We have beaten the teams below us and we have lost to teams above us."

In a non-league game, Latham defeated Bethlehem 7-6 in a nail-biter on Wednesday, June 15. Latham tied the score with two outs in the seventh to send it to extra innings and scored the winning run in the ninth.

Dan Conway pitched six strong innings, striking out 11, for Bethlehem. Petri had two hits and two RBIs.

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Drug

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students.

- take as-yet unspecified steps to eliminate cigarette smoking in the lavatories.
- provide smoke-enders clinics on campus.
- increase staff in-service on the issue of adolescent drug/alcohol/tobacco use.

"No one has come to us with an idea that is too far-out," Collins said.

Cushing said that the plan is "a challenge to the silent majority of parents and students to participate and show support. We need to make a loud statement that drugs are not allowed on school property."

Barbara Bartoletti, co-president of the high school PTA, said that parents specifically have to support teachers who report their children for drug/alcohol/tobacco use or possession.

"Parents have to take responsibility and say, 'If it's my child, I will be right behind the teacher,'" Bartoletti said. "This is a unique opportunity to say, 'Enough is enough.'"

Ethan Schoolman, a high school student, agreed and called the initiative "startling and impressive."

Schoolman said, "I've heard a lot of talk before, but I feel a bit more hopeful. Right now, there's an attitude in the high school that drugs, alcohol and tobacco are OK and that you won't get caught."

Superintendent Leslie Loomis said that both parental support and student leadership will be necessary "to make the progress we need to make."

In a related matter, the board

adopted a report that will extend the sanctions against on- or off-campus drug/alcohol/tobacco use for athletes to all students participating in extra-curricular activities.

The Task Force on Student Responsibility and Extra-curricular Participation also strengthened the athletic pledge card, noted Fred Powers, BC athletic director and co-chairman of the task force.

New grounds for losing athletic eligibility include "hosting drinking/drug parties and/or any violation of the BC student handbook that results in an external suspension," Powers said.

The pledge card will also be included more prominently in the new parent/student athletic guide, and the wording amended to reflect that both parent and child have read and understood the pledge.

For extra-curricular activities, students and advisers will develop "consequences that are pertinent to each club" during the first meeting of the year.

The club advisers "all thought it was a great idea," said Holly Billings of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, co-chairwoman of the task force.

The school board's next meeting will be Wednesday, July 6, at 8 p.m. in the district offices, 90 Adams Place in Delmar.

Tri-village AARP seeks committee members

The Tri-Village Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons is seeking committee members for the upcoming chapter year beginning in September.

For information, call George Weber at 439-5711, Bill Pritchard at 438-5555 or Bob Hendricks at 439-5525.

Water

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in part to delays in construction caused by the excessive amount of time it took to obtain the necessary permits.

"We're about a year behind schedule," she said. The state Department of Environmental Conservation only recently gave the final go-ahead for the project, which involves pumping water from an aquifers under Schermerhorn Island to a water treatment facility on Clapper Road.

The bulk of the water will be used by the Selkirk Cogen facility, which supplies power to the nearby General Electric plastics manufacturing plant.

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developers have no intention of backing off this time.

"We have hung in there (since 1971)," Shore said. "We don't want to hang in there any longer. The time has come" for commercial development of the site.

The size of Southgate was the subject of lengthy debate at the Thursday, June 16, chamber meeting at Normanside Country Club.

Jim Dombrowski and Karen

Despite the added cost, "There will no increase in residential rates," Fuller said. "That's for sure."

The added cost of the project will be borne by Selkirk Cogen and the other industrial water users in town. The six million gallons per day produced by the plant will also provide the town with a backup water supply.

The town is paying for the new plant with bond anticipation notes. Fuller said she expected that a public hearing will have to be held in the near future before the town board can approve added any expenditures.

Project opponents, who call themselves "Clearwater for Bethlehem," are expected to be out in

full force for the public hearing since they strongly criticized the town board for not fully apprising the public of the project when it initially came up in January 1992.

"They've underestimated the operational costs tremendously," said Clearwater spokesman Sherwood Davies. "I'm very skeptical of the claim that residential rates won't be affected given the steep increases in water rates we've seen over the past few years."

Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor said the initial cost projections were "based on the best information we had available at the time."

Regardless, the shortfall should be covered by a few extra cents per thousand gallons of water charged to the town's industrial users, he said.

Bonventre, representatives of the Citizens Monitoring Southgate group, argued that only community-sized shopping centers, along the lines of Delaware Plaza, should be allowed in town.

They recited a litany of concerns that ranged from traffic, noise and lighting to the effect on small businesses in town from large discounters.

Bonventre urged that careful scrutiny be given to the impact that Southgate could have on the quality of life in Bethlehem. "Most

of us moved here because of the schools and the rural-suburban way of life," Bonventre said. "If we wanted shopping centers around us, we could have moved to Wolf Road."

At least 50 percent of the shoppers expected at Southgate will come from outside the town. That does not jibe with the goals outlined in the master plan now before the town board, Bonventre said, which recommends shopping centers designed to serve town residents.

Prank

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"They made a real mess of the place," Holligan said.

While a senior prank of some type is an annual tradition at BCHS, Principal Jon Hunter said last week's incident went far beyond what is ordinarily deemed acceptable.

"It was out-and-out vandalism," Hunter said. "If the individuals are caught, the school district will

press charges, because pranks that deface property or harm people" cannot be condoned.

Hunter added that he felt strongly that the actions of a small group of individuals should not tarnish the image of this year's senior class, which he described as a "real good group of kids" who "set a very positive tone" for the school.

The damage is estimated to be in "the thousands," Hunter said, which is an "unfair expense to have to pass on to the taxpayers."

No arrests have yet been made in connection with the incident. The implements of destruction (cans of spray paint, paint brushes and a gallon of Dutch Boy house paint) were left behind and recovered by police.

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Albany Medical Center

Girl, Alyssa Lena Robinson, to Kristin Decker and Christopher Robinson, Selkirk, April 22.

Girl, Calla Nichole Jacobs, to Barbara and Hugh Jacobs, Selkirk, April 22.

Girl, Gabrielle Marie Liguori, to Mary and Joseph Liguori, Voorheesville, April 22.

Boy, Eric James LaFever, to Nancy and Steven LaFever, Delmar, April 24.

Boy, Ian Matthew Berke, to Sandra and Stuart Berke, Slingerlands, April 28.

Boy, Samuel Bruce Wooster, to Nancy and John Wooster, Delmar, April 29.

Boy, Joseph Thomas Dwyer, to Mary and James Dwyer, Selkirk, May 1.

Girl, Elizabeth Dolores Agneta, to Kathy and Carlo Agneta, Delmar, May 7.

Boy, Connor Lloyd Weightman-Alonzo, to Erin Alonzo and Thomas Weightman, Voorheesville, May 14.

Boy, Matthew Thomas Kroeze, to Jennifer and Robert Kroeze, Delmar, May 23.

Boy, Schuyler William Simard, to Michele and Jay Simard, Delmar, May 23.

Girl, Hayley Shirley Margrit Nye, to Nina and Andre Nye, Delmar, May 24.

Girl, Mary Frances Elizabeth Chmielewski, to Kerry and Bradley Chmielewski, Selkirk, May 25.

St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Michael Joseph Platel, to Lori and Mark Platel, Elsmere, May 26. Maternal grandparents are Frederick and Muriel Webster, Elsmere, and paternal grandparents are John and Lorraine Platel, Delmar.

Girl, Caroline Grace Sidford, to Janet and James Sidford, Delmar, June 9.

Out of town

Boy, John Andrew Standish, to Pamela and John Standish, Charleston, S.C., June 14. Maternal grandmother is Jeannette Hall of Delmar.

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David Reusswig and Elizabeth Papa

Papa, Reusswig to marry

Elizabeth Marie Papa, daughter of former Delmar residents Joseph and Emma Papa, and David Lee Reusswig, son of William and Nancy Reusswig of Glenmont, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University at Albany. She is a licensed real estate agent for

Realty USA in Delmar.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Allegheny College and currently attends Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is employed as a laboratory manager by Fibers I.D. in Albany.

The couple plans a Nov. 5 wedding.

Class of '94

Elmira College — Justin De-fazio of Slingerlands (bachelor's in sociology and anthropology).

Emma Willard School — Hilary Gale and Naomi Lieberman, both of Slingerlands; Nandita Sugandhi of Glenmont, and Elizabeth Schlang of Voorheesville.

Hudson Valley Community College — Robin Crocker of Glenmont (with presidential honors).

Johnson & Wales University — Dominick Matarrese of Delmar (bachelor's in hotel/restauration management).

Messiah College — Randolph Gambelunghe of Delmar (bachelor's in elementary education).

Mildred Elley Business School — Kathleen Kelly and Joy LaBelle, both of Slingerlands; Barbara Mendrick and Sherri Stears, both of Delmar; and Barbara Conklin of Glenmont.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute — Stephen Wallace (master's in business administration) and Devin Barry (bachelor's in engineering physics), both of Selkirk.



James Oakley and Suzanne Houston

Houston, Oakley to marry

Suzanne Elise Houston, daughter of Darrell and Patricia Houston of Delmar, and James Jeffrey Oakley, son of William and Patricia Oakley of Anderson, S.C., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of SUNY Plattsburgh and Union College. She is employed as a math and computer science teacher by the U.S. Department of Defense at

Yokota Air Force Base, Tokyo, Japan.

The future groom is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and Louisiana Tech University. He is a major in the U.S. Air Force based at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

The couple plans an August wedding.

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Car wash benefits sick child

A car wash/bake sale in the parking lot of the old Grand Union in Voorheesville Saturday, June 25, from 9 a.m. to noon will benefit Christopher Junco, the 5-year-old Delmar boy who needs a bone marrow transplant to fight leukemia.

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Obituaries

Cilman Paul Woods

Cilman Paul 'Woody' Woods, 79, of Cathedral City, Calif., and formerly of Delmar, died Saturday, June 4, at Desert Hospital in Palm Springs, Calif.

Born in Water Valley, Miss., he was an honor graduate of Cairo High School and attended the University of Illinois on a four-year academic scholarship after placing first on the Alexander County Scholarship examination.

Mr. Woods was an Army veteran of World War II, attaining the rank of first sergeant. He was awarded the Purple Heart after being wounded on Christmas Day 1945 in the English Channel. He also received the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Service Medal, the American Theater Service Medal and the American Defense Service Medal.

He had worked for General Electric in Albany, where his responsibilities included managing the major appliance parts department.

Active in Cub Scouts in Delmar, he was the first 'Den Mother' the group ever had.

Survivors include his wife, Eva Wehrle Woods; a son, C. Paul Woods of Cathedral City; two sisters, Josephine Lewis of Ann, Ill. and Ann Reihm of Columbia, S.C.; and a brother, John Tom Woods of Evansville, Ind.

Burial was private at Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Ruth S. McGraw

Ruth Schilling McGraw, 80, of Glenmont died Saturday, June 18, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, she was a graduate of Albany High School.

She worked as a legal secretary for the Meyer Jeneroff law firm in Albany for 50 years. She also worked for the state Department of Audit and Control.

She was a member of the Evangelical Protestant Church of Christ, Albany, and the Tuesday Night Suburbanites Bowling League at South End Lanes.

Survivors include her husband, James F. McGraw; a son, Jerry McGraw of Clifton Park; three daughters, Sandra Westfall of Selkirk, Karen McGraw of Greenwood, Steuben County, and Michelle McGraw of Watervliet; a sister, Marjorie Dale of Albany; and three granddaughters.

Services were from the Norman E. Dascher Funeral Home in

Albany. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 440 New Karner Road, Albany 12205, or the American Lung Association, 8 Mountainview Ave., Albany 12205.

Kenneth B. Kiley

Kenneth B. Kiley, 87, of Selkirk died Friday, June 17, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Little Falls, Herkimer County, he lived in Selkirk since 1969.

Mr. Kiley worked as a manager for the General Electric Co. in Schenectady for 25 years. He retired in 1972.

He was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Ravena.

He was husband of the late Ruth VanDyke Kiley.

Survivors include a son, James Kiley of Selkirk, and a daughter, Linda Ferrigan of Voorheesville.

Services were private.

Contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service, Box 246, Selkirk 12158.

Arrangements were by the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

James O'Connell

James J. O'Connell, 83, of Voorheesville died Sunday, June 19, at his home.

Born in New Jersey, he was a longtime Albany area resident.

Mr. O'Connell owned and ran the Aurania Club in Albany and the Normanside Country Club in Elsmere for many years before retiring 11 years ago.

He was husband of the late Wilhemina O'Connell.

He is survived by a sister, Marie Crowley of Deland, Fla.

Services were scheduled for 10 a.m. today, June 22, at Hearley and Son Funeral Home, 1561 Western Ave., Guilderland.

Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery in Albany.

Slingerlands fireman completes course

Firefighter Walter Eck Jr. of the Slingerlands Fire Department recently completed the educational methodology course conducted by the state Office of Fire Prevention and Control at the New York State Academy of Fire Science.



Slingerlands Postmaster Ed Connors, left, and Charles Argow Schade show off one of Schade's renderings of the postal facility that are on display at the Slingerlands post office. Hugh Hewitt

An artist's view of local post offices

By Hugh Hewitt

Through the efforts of Slingerlands Postmaster Ed Connors and Charles Argow Schade, local artist and resident for 45 years, aspects of the history of the Slingerlands post office have been assembled for the enjoyment of residents.

When the post office was moved from the Toll Gate Restaurant building to its present location two years ago, Connors had a bit of the old installed in the new—the original window counter now forms the western wall of the interior.

Watercolors by Schade document three post office locations. The earliest was in the rear of William P. Deganaar's grocery store, which was in the brick building next to the present fire house.

Copies of photographs, the gift of Helen and Evelyn Frazier, picture former postmasters Deganaar and Sophie Gleason. A recent Schade watercolor shows the post office in its location in the Toll Gate building. And the most recent acquisition, another watercolor by Schade, is of the present building.

Also displayed, courtesy of John

Hutchinson, is a copy of the document appointing Jacob Vagle as postmaster on Jan. 13, 1897.

The Slingerlands Post Office was established in 1852 when the hamlet was known as Norman-skill. During the ensuing years, the post office has been an integral part of the community in several locations.

This is a community with deep residential roots and the Postal Service is an integral part of those roots. The post office is proud to serve the community and provide a sense of history for its customers to enjoy.

Baltis revises subdivision plans

By Dev Tobin

The largest subdivision in New Scotland history has been revised again but will have to wait another month to see if it gains preliminary approval from the planning board.

Palisades Heights, on the site of the former Indian Ladder drive-in on Route 85, is now proposed by developer Peter Baltis as 68 lots on 37 acres, with a 90,000-square-foot playground in the middle.

William Sheehan, Baltis' attorney, said that the developer had complied with the board's wishes in adding a playground to the project and placing it where the board recommended.

Baltis said that the project would offer "affordable housing," in the \$120,000 price range, but that "The more this drags on, the more is passed on to the consumer."

He is applying for a second preliminary approval for the more-than-three-year-old project because the prior approval lapsed before he was able to secure an agreement with the town of Bethlehem to supply water to the subdivision. Bethlehem is still generally opposed to any extension of water service beyond the required 150 feet of Route 85.

The planning board declared

itself to be lead agency for the project under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, but has to notify other interested agencies and allow them 30 days to respond to the lead agency designation before it can grant preliminary approval, said board chairman Robert Stapf.

Bob Cook, head of the town's water advisory committee, has questioned whether the development's package sewage plant can discharge into an intermittent stream.

Lewis Buckman, project engineer, said that state Department of Environmental Conservation officials who have reviewed the project "did not indicate that it (the discharge) would not be allowed."

In other business, the board reviewed a proposed new Niagara Mohawk substation in Unionville.

Bob Weedon, project manager, explained that the electric utility needed to upgrade its service capability due to growth in the Unionville service area.

Weedon said that the electromagnetic field from the new substation would be lower than that generated by the old substation.

The board scheduled a public hearing on the special use permit for the substation for 7 p.m. on

Wednesday, July 12.

In other business, the board:

- Forwarded to the zoning board of appeals with favorable recommendations the setback variance requests of James Dunn of North Road, Clarksville, and Dean Sommer and Holly Cheever of Clipp Road.

- Scheduled a public hearing for July 12 on the proposed subdivision by Cornell University of 38 acres into seven lots on Bennett Hill and Tarrytown roads.

- Decided to let the building department review and approve a minor modification of the Mountain View Estates subdivision on New Scotland Road, New Salem.

V'ville festival garners library praise

"Small Town at the Millennium," presented by the Voorheesville Public Library, was chosen to represent the many outstanding activities that took place in 1993 among members of the Upper Hudson Library System. The event received the 1993 UHLS Library Program of the Year Award.

"Small Town at the Millennium" was a week-long festival celebrating the spirit of life in the Voorheesville Community.

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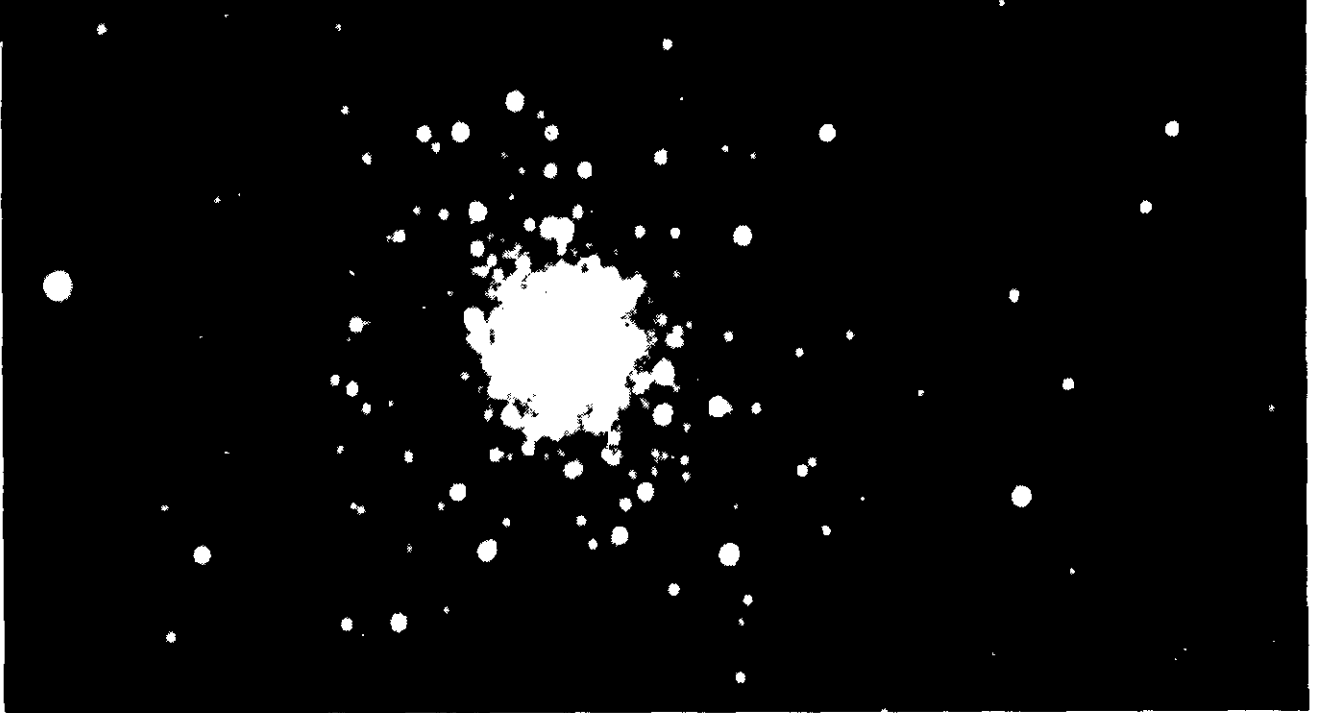
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Youngsters ponder night skies at area planetariums



Richard Monda, left, director of the Schenectady Museum Planetarium, operates the controls of the star projector at the planetarium. Above, a globular cluster photographed in the constellation Hercules.

By Eric Bryant



When Richard Monda was a youngster, he'd stare up at the starry night sky and wonder, where, why, how far, how big? The next day, he'd walk to the local library and pore over books on astronomy, learning constellations and star names.

"It's just something I've been interested in since I was old enough to be outside by myself at night," he said.

These days, Monda makes learning a little easier for area youngsters who ponder about the night sky. As director of the Schenectady Museum Planetarium, he oversees a variety of programs for school children and community groups interested in learning more about the firmament—the billions and billions of stars, planets and other objects that make up the universe, as Carl Sagan might say.

This summer, the planetarium is sponsoring a number of shows and discussions to help introduce children to the world of stargazing. It's a hobby that often lasts a lifetime and can bring constant enjoyment, whether you just want to know the names of the constellations or delve deep into the mysteries of the universe.

The planetarium's summer shows will be aimed at children of all ages, according to Monda.

Starting on June 28, programs open to the public will run at 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays. Weekend programs will continue through the summer at 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. starting on July 2.

• Tuesdays to Fridays: June 28 to July 29

12:30 — The Space Shuttle: An American Adventure (wide screen video)

1:30 — The Sky Zoo (for children 2 and older)

2:30 — Stars of Summer (constellation show, age 5 to adult)

• Tuesdays to Fridays: Aug. 2 through Sept. 2

12:30 — Genesis (wide screen video)

1:30 — The Little Star That Could (for children 2 and older)

2:30 — Stars of Summer

• Weekends: July 2 through Sept. 4

1:30 — A Visit to the Moon (children 2 and older)

2:30 — Stars of Summer

3:30 — The Mars Show (ages 5 to adult)

Admission to the shows is \$5 for adults, and \$2.50 for children 12 and under.

Two special workshops will be offered for budding astronomers in July at the museum planetarium. "Charting the Stars," for 9- to 12-year-olds, is set for July 21, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Participants will make a star chart and then take it into the planetarium to find out how to use it. There will be an \$8 fee for non-members of the museum and \$5 for museum members. Call the museum education de-

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Shiver me timbers!



Salty tales of the sea spun by a Barbary Coast Pirate will be one of the special events at the Children's Weekend, which opens the Sterling, NY Renaissance Festival on July 2 and 3.

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Grand Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m. Information.

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

RENSELAER COUNTY

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

HEALTH FAIR
Includes cholesterol, diabetes and glaucoma screenings, Price Chopper Glenville Pharmacy, 290 Saratoga Road, Scotia, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 356-9294.

"GETTING STARTED"
an early pregnancy class, Bellevue...The Woman's Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Schenectady, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Information, 346-9410.

SQUARE DANCE
Single Squares of Albany, Ponderosa Hall, Airport Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 664-6767.

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

THURSDAY
JUNE 23

ALBANY COUNTY

INFORMATION SESSION
for the Empire State College of the State University of New York graduate program, Northeast Center, 845 Central Ave., Albany, noon. Information, 587-2100.

BANKING TALK
Robert A. McCormick, CEO of Trustco Bank, to speak on "Community Reinvestment Standards and the Community Bank," College of Saint Rose Dining Hall, 420 Western Ave., Albany, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost, \$25 per person, \$135 per table of six. Information, 454-5272.

ICD SUPPORT GROUP
implantable cardiac defibrillator support group, Cusack Auditorium of St. Peter's Hospital, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Information, 454-1232.

UNLIMITED MINDS
Unlimited Minds, an organization designed to increase opportunities for African-Americans, is organizing a dinner to benefit its 1994 Leadership Development Institute, dinner at the El Caribeno Restaurant, 244 Washington Avenue, Albany, 6 to 9 p.m. Cost, \$20. Information, 434-8933.

BUSINESS SEMINAR
on developing an environmental audit program, presented by the Business Council of New York State, Holiday Inn Turf, Wolf Road, Albany, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost, \$129 for Business Council members, \$189 for non-members. Information, 465-7511.

THE QUEST
a contemporary, systematic study of spiritual principles, Unity Church, 725 Madison Ave., Albany, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 475-9715.

FARMERS' MARKET
Albany YWCA, 28 Colvin Ave., Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 438-6608.

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

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

"FOR MOTHERS ONLY"
support group for new mothers, Bellevue...The Woman's Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-9410.

SARATOGA COUNTY

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

FRIDAY
JUNE 24

ALBANY COUNTY

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
sermon on "The Longest Shabbat," B'Nai Shalom Reform Congregation, 420 Whitehall Road, Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5283.

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.

SENIORS LUNCHEON
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

SARATOGA COUNTY

FAMILY FUND GOLF TOURNAMENT
second annual tournament to benefit the Community Health Plan Family Fund, Eagle Crest Golf Club, 1004 Ballston Lake Road, Ballston Lake. Cost, \$90. Information, 783-1864.

SATURDAY
JUNE 25

ALBANY COUNTY

FUND-RAISING BASKETBALL GAME
between the Albany Boys and Girls Club Running Rats and the Delaware Avenue Price Chopper Hawks, to benefit sickle cell anemia research at Albany Medical Center, at the Albany Boys and Girls Club, 21 Delaware Ave., 2 p.m. Tickets, \$5. Information, 262-5513.

LICENSE FREE FISHING
anyone can fish without a state Department of Environmental Conservation license, continued June 26, throughout New York State.

TORAH STUDY
B'Nai Shalom Reform Congregation, 420 Whitehall Road, Albany, 10 a.m. Information, 482-5283.

NATURE WALK
in the Albany Pine Bush, begins at the flag poles on the State University of New York at Albany campus, Washington Avenue, Albany, 10:10 a.m. Information, 462-0891.

HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR
beginning at Albany Visitors Center, 25 Quackenbush Square, Albany, and continuing through downtown Albany, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information, 434-6311.

RENSELAER COUNTY

HEALTH FAIR
continued June 26, focusing on self-help techniques and alternative medicine, Fallsafe Risk Management, Hedley Park Place, Building E, 433 River St., Troy, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Cost, \$2. Information, 477-6566.

SARATOGA COUNTY
WORLD WAR II AIRSHOW
featuring American and German airplanes, Saratoga County Airport, Geysers Road, Saratoga, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost, \$5. Information, 436-0103.

SUNDAY
JUNE 26

ALBANY COUNTY

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE SOCIAL
with a craft fair and a bake sale, to benefit the East Berne Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary, East Berne Fire House, East Berne, noon to 4 p.m. Information, 872-2625.

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

MONDAY
JUNE 27

ALBANY COUNTY

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

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

TUESDAY
JUNE 28

ALBANY COUNTY

HEALTH CARE CONFERENCE
"H.E.D.I.S.: Report Card for the Future," sponsored by Capital District Physicians' Health Plan, conference on measuring health plan performance, The Desmond, Albany-Shaker Road, Albany, 7:30 to 11 a.m. Information, 452-1823, extension 356.

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



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SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

Berkshire Theatre Festival opens with musical about Northern Ireland

As a product of its New Works Project last summer, *Brimstone* has been developed over the past winter to now open the Berkshire Theatre Festival's new summer season Friday (June 24).

With book and lyrics by Mary Bracken Phillips and music by Paddy Meegan, *Brimstone* deals with the ongoing conflict in Northern Ireland. The book and music of *Brimstone* treat the passionate event that have torn a country apart with bold, often comic, strokes while delving into the reasons for the conflict.



Martin P. Kelly

This world premiere of the musical will play through July 16 and then be prepared for a New York opening given the response it receives from critics and audiences at the Stockbridge, MA theatre.

Information and reservations at (413) 298-5576.

Park Playhouse provides sampler of *Brigadoon* production

The two young performers, direct from New York, stood against a brick wall in the Albany Washington Park boathouse and took their small audience to Scotland with their voices as they sang two songs from the upcoming *Brigadoon*.

Carina Andersson, a lovely red-haired singer who last appeared as a featured singer in *Cyrano*, the Musical on Broadway, and a tall, dark and rugged-handsome Michael Levesque, sang as the star-crossed lovers in *Brigadoon*.

From their first notes, it was easy to see that these were actors comfortable in their characters and, even more so, as ease with the beautiful Lerner and Loewe music.

Both are Equity actors who were recruited in New York to join a company of local professionals who will present the free musical from July 5 through August 14, a total of 36 performances with seating for upwards of 3,000 people each night.

The production will include bagpipers from the Schenectady Pipe Band to lend authenticity to the show.

Herb Ellis, president of the Park Playhouse, now in its sixth season, urged more corporate support for the production. It already has 40 corporate sponsors who, with the city of Albany, have contributed upwards to \$250,000. But, he said, "we still need another \$100,000 to meet the season's budget."

New this year will be a visitation program to four locations on successive Wednesday afternoons when a shortened version of the musical will be performed for people unable to come to the park. One such location will be the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center.

On Wednesdays, a special children's program will be presented prior to the production. It will begin at 6 p.m.

Information on the season or reservations for *Brigadoon* (some seats available at a slight charge), call 434-2035.

MacHaydn Theater prepares to open Broadway Tony Award-winning musical

As *Singin' In The Rain* completes its run this weekend, MacHaydn Theater is preparing *City of Angels* for its first local production, beginning Wednesday, June 29.

This musical played at Proctor's during the 1992-93 season but has not been done by local groups since that time. Built around the private detective movies of the 1940s, *City of Angels* is a clever use of fantasy as an actor moves from "real" life into the life of the fictional detective.

In the Broadway and touring productions, much of this change was attained by lighting and costuming with the "real" portion in full color and the fictional played in black and white costumes and shaded lighting to suggest the film noir aspect of movies of the Forties.

City of Angels at the Chatham theater through July 10. Reservations and info at 392-9292.

Around Theaters!

IDO, I Do, musical comedy at the Georgian Hotel, Lake George (668-5401)...*What I Did Last Summer* at the Dorset Playhouse, near Manchester, VT ((802) 867-5777)...*Luncheon With Legs*, musical revue about '20s gangster, noon June 23 and June 28, at Lakehouse Restaurant, Richfield Springs (279-9247)

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The Spotlight CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 22

BETHEHEM

TOWN BOARD
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.

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.

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

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.

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

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

THURSDAY
JUNE 23

BETHEHEM

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. or 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. Information, 475-9573.

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.

BETHEHEM 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.

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND FAITH TEMPLE
Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

FRIDAY
JUNE 24

BETHEHEM 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
JUNE 25

BETHEHEM 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.

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

CAR WASH/BAKE SALE
to benefit Christopher Junco, old Grand Union parking lot, Voorheesville, 9 a.m. to noon.

SUNDAY
JUNE 26

BETHEHEM 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.

BETHEHEM 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.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Eucharist, breakfast, coffee hour, 8 and 9:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

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 BETHEHEM 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, 10 a.m., nursery care provided, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

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

GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday school and worship service, 10 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.

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.

BETHEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
85 Elm Ave., Delmar; continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m.; worship service at 9:30 a.m.; nursery care; coffee/fellowship. Information, 439-4328.

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
worship service, 9:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 439-0548.

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, 765-2895.

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
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided. Information, 768-2916.

MONDAY
JUNE 27

BETHEHEM INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING
Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-0057.

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

QUARTET REHEARSAL
United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

SUMMER READING CLUB SIGN-UP
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

TUESDAY
JUNE 28

BETHEHEM

JUNE LUNCHEON
American Association of Retired Persons, Normansville Country Club, Salisbury Road, noon, \$12.

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING
Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-0057.

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

THRIFT SHOP AND LUNCH
sponsored by the South Bethlehem United Methodist Women's Organization, at the church on Willowbrook Avenue, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information, 767-9953.

BINGO
at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Route 144, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

BETHEHEM AARP
chapter meeting, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
town hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3356.

VOORHEESVILLE VILLAGE BOARD
village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

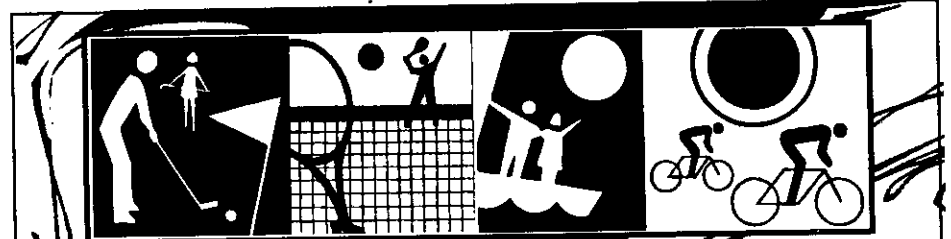
NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

SUMMER READING CLUB SIGN-UP
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 29

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.



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Stars

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partment to register.

With pieces of a wayward meteor headed for the surface of Jupiter this summer, the planetarium will offer a Jupiter Watch on July 22 at 7:30 p.m. Although the collisions could cause a major disturbance on the surface of the planet, they will take place on the side opposite the one we can observe from Earth. There will be a planetarium show and discussion, followed by telescope observing on the museum grounds.

Just under two years old now, the Henry Hudson Planetarium at Quackenbush Square in Albany (the corner of Clinton Avenue and Broadway) will also be conducting weekend shows through the summer. Albany's visitor center director Elizabeth Spencer-Ralph said a children's show will be at 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays, followed by a general audience show at 12:30 p.m.

Another thing to note about the planetariums — they're air conditioned. That's important to remember when you're looking for a way to cool your children down on a hot summer afternoon.

But you don't really need a visit to the local planetarium to be a competent stargazer. Libraries offer books showing star charts for different times of the year. From there, all you need is a flashlight to read your chart by and a clear night under the stars.

For those interested in finding out more about the world of astronomy, there is a local group — the Albany Area Amateur Astronomers — who meet on a regular basis. Monda said the group often meets at the George Landis Arboretum in Esperance or at a site in West Glenville, far away from the glare of city lights which can detract from the view of the night sky.

"It's a good local group, an outgrowth of the old Schenectady Astronomy Club," said Monda. "We've probably got about 100 members now."

To get to the Schenectady Planetarium, take the Thruway to Exit 25, which leads onto Route 890. Get off 890 at the Broadway exit, turn right and then take another quick right at Millard Road, which will lead into Nott Terrace. Look for a full-size green and orange diesel locomotive and then Nott Terrace Heights, which is the road that leads to the planetarium and museum.

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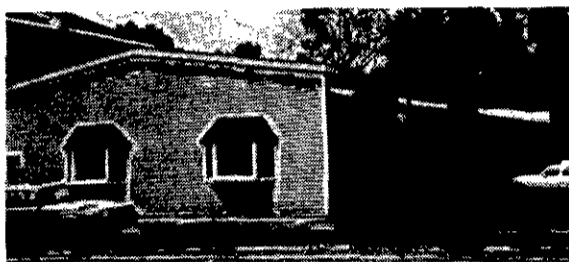
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Ship's visit rekindles memories for local nurse

By Dev Tobin

The last time Voorheesville nurse Diane Deeley saw the hospital ship Anastasis, it was docked halfway around the world in Dakar, Senegal, serving as the floating headquarters of a medical mission to that impoverished West African nation.

Deeley spent three weeks last fall working out of the Anastasis providing basic sanitation and health care to Senegalese villagers as part of the Mercy Ships medical missionary program.

Now the Anastasis is docked in Albany for three weeks on the last stop of a three-month, five-port tour of the eastern United States. The world's largest non-governmental hospital ship is touring to recruit volunteers and contributors to the cause of providing basic medical care to Third World people.

"It's exciting and emotional" to see the Anastasis in Albany, Deeley said. "It's a very different feeling when you think you're never going to see the ship and the people on it again."

Deeley hosted "a real American picnic, with hot dogs, hamburgers, corn on the cob and potato salad" for some of her friends from the Anastasis at her Deerfield Court home.

"It gave them a chance to get off the ship and see a part of America," she said. "For many of them, this is their first time in the United States."

Although last year's mission used up all of her vacation time from St. Peter's Addiction Recovery Center, Deeley said, "It's a totally different kind of nursing, but I'd love to go back, on a regular part-time basis, and set up immunization programs."

Deeley said that her work in Africa was eye-opening and fulfilling.

"It was mostly emergency room care — penicillin to kill infections, oral rehydration for diarrhea and setting broken bones," she recalled. "Apart from what we were able to do in the clinic, I think the people there were touched that there were people in the world who cared enough to go and help."

The Anastasis will be at Shed 5 of the Port of Albany through Sunday. Visitor tours are offered Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. For information, call 465-2918.

The Mercy Ships program, which now includes four hospital ships, is a project of the interdenominational Christian organization Youth with a Mission, headquartered in Lindale, Texas.

The Spotlight remembers

Ten years ago, these stories were making headlines in *The Spotlight*.

• Voters in the Bethlehem Central School District rejected a proposed 1984-85 budget for the second time 2,018-1,363. The \$16.4 million spending plan was about \$380,000 less than the one previously voted down by an even wider margin.

• Parent volunteers installed a fitness trail at Glenmont Elementary School. Equipment for the trail was donated by parents, teachers, and Farm Family and Travelers insurance companies.

• New officers of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Auxiliary were **Pauline Ouder Kirk**, president; **Lois Smith**, first vice-president; **Carol Smith**, second vice-president; **Myrtle Flis**, recording secretary; **Celeste Partak**, corresponding secretary; and **Janet Johnson**, treasurer.

• Winners of the Bethlehem Tennis Association's spring tournament included **Dave Denny** and **Linda Burtis** in singles; **Larry Slattery** and **Ned Stifel** and **Jean Balint** and **Ann Treadway** in doubles; and **Craig Jones** and **Jodi Jones** in mixed doubles.

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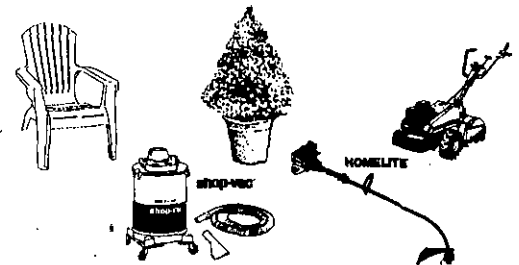
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