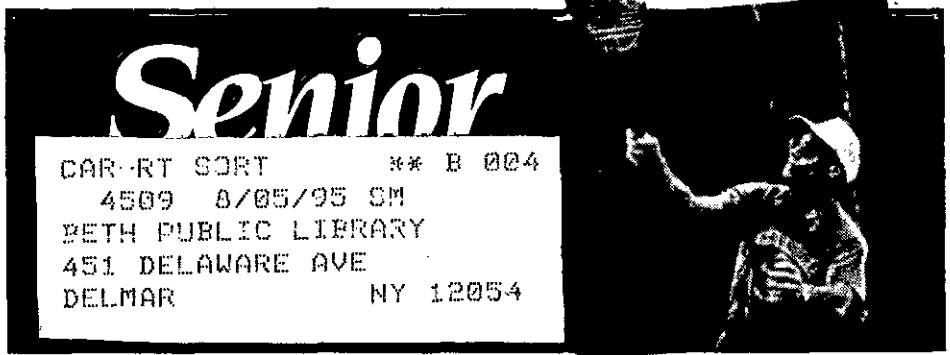


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## Pack man



Todd Thomas carries his 7-month-old daughter, Lauren, in a backpack to give her a better view of the Slingerlands Fire Department after-Easter egg hunt. *Doug Persons*

## Fuller lashes out against Jennings

By Mel Hyman

Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller is striking back.

Stung by criticism leveled at her last week by Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings, who recently made public details of negotiations between the city and town on a new water contract, Fuller called Jennings "totally out of line."

Since late last summer, Fuller said, the town has been trying to reach an agreement with the city for a supplemental water supply making it possible for Bethlehem to reserve the water from its new \$13.9 million plant for use strictly by industry.

But instead of responding with specif-

ics to the town's offer to buy water from May through October, Fuller said Jennings has seen fit to either ignore the town's proposal or make political hay out of the failure to reach an agreement.

"I think I have been pegged the bad guy in this deal," Fuller said. "What we in the town have tried to negotiate is very plain and simple. We're willing to purchase a minimum of 250,000 gallons of water per day for \$1.66 per thousand gallons, the same rate now being charged to Albany residents."

In addition, the town will agree to purchase a minimum of 50,000 gallons per day — on a yearly basis — to provide

□ FULLER/page 19



Fuller

## Kaplan looks to Olympics

Former BC hoop star now in her prime

By Joshua Kagan

Even though Anita Kaplan's college basketball days are over, her career is far from finished. The BCHS graduate is looking to play overseas for a couple of years and possibly in the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Ga.

Kaplan, 22, played on the gold-medal U.S. women's basketball team at the 1994 Goodwill Games in St. Petersburg, Russia, and was invited to try out for the 1996 national team. Twenty-seven women will compete for 12 spots on the team, which will practice together for one year prior to the Olym-



Anita Kaplan

pics. "It's not something I'm counting on," Kaplan said. "If things go ideally, it would be a great option. There are a lot of great basketball players, though."

Kaplan, who grew up in Delmar, has been in the national spotlight since her years at BCHS. As a high school senior, she was named a first-team All-American by *Parade Magazine*. This year, as a senior at Stanford University, she earned first-team Pac-10, first-team Pac-10 All Area and first-team Kodak District 8 All-Region honors.

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## DOT to widen Delaware Ave.

By Mel Hyman

Work on a scaled-down plan to widen Delaware Avenue in the vicinity of Delaware Plaza will begin next spring.

After a lengthy public comment period, the state Department of Transportation has decided to proceed with plans to create a left-turn lane beginning at the driveway to the Hess gas station and ending about 100 feet east of Plymouth Avenue.

The project would entail a 12-foot widening of Delaware Avenue (from 48 feet to 60 feet), along with signal changes to accommodate left-turning vehicles onto Normanskill Boulevard and Delaware Plaza, plus enhancement of left-turn access in and out of Euclid Avenue.

"We've tried to tailor the job to the public's concerns," said DOT project manager Steve Zargham. The original plan, floated in January, called for the widening of a 2,100-foot expanse from Plymouth Avenue to Mason Road. The revised project involves only 1,300-feet of roadway improvements.

"Safety improvement. That's been the driving force behind the project," Zargham said. Over the last four years, more than

100 accidents have occurred on Delaware Avenue within the project limits.

The project should significantly reduce the accident rate in this area for at least the

□ DOT/page 20

## Strand sets own limits on library post

By Susan Graves

A 17-year veteran of the Bethlehem Public Library board of trustees and current board president has decided to impose her own brand of term limits and call it quits this year.

Joyce Hunt Strand of Glenmont said, "After 17 years, whatever contribution you can make, you have made."

Strand was first appointed to fill an unexpired seat on the board in 1966, and became the panel's president in 1986.

She said it's time for new people with new ideas to join the board, which expanded from five to seven members this year.



□ STRAND/page 20

Joyce Strand, left, with library Director Barbara Mladinov

Susan Graves

# Deputies arrest man twice in same week

It was not a good week for Thomas H. Stagg IV of Voorheesville.

Stagg, 20, of North Main Street, was arrested twice by Albany County sheriff's deputies — once on Friday, April 14, for driving while intoxicated, and the second time on Thursday, April 20, for resisting arrest and unlawful possession of marijuana.

On the DWI charge, Stagg was stopped on Main Street in Voorheesville at about 2:10 a.m. for a traffic violation, and then failed several field sobriety tests, deputies said.

In the second incident, deputies responding to a complaint about a suspicious person in the area of Scotch Pine Road and Route 85A said they observed Stagg drop a plastic bag of marijuana to the ground. He was charged with

resisting arrest for refusing to let deputies handcuff him.

Stagg is due to answer the DWI charge in village court on May 15, and the other charges in village court on May 1.

Deputies also arrested two other men for DWI recently.

Roy J. Zwack Jr., 22, of Delaware Avenue in Delmar, was charged with DWI after he was stopped for traffic violations on Route 85A in New Scotland on Sunday, April 16, at about 3:15 a.m.

Zwack is due to answer the charge in New Scotland town court on April 27.

Paul A. Dicono, 28, of Queens Drive in Schenectady, was charged with DWI after he was stopped for traffic violations on Stonington Hill Road in Voorheesville.

# New Salem plans large garage sale

The consistory of the New Salem Reformed Church is sponsoring a community-wide garage sale on Saturday, June 3, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year, other local organizations have been invited to use the day for fund-raising events.

Residents are encouraged to have a garage, porch or lawn sale of their own. Those who wish to participate can help the church by signing up with the church to be on the maps of the area.

The maps will be available at more locations this year. They help buyers who come to the area to locate the different sites by number and will also list addresses of sites; days and hours set for each if different from the Saturday times.

The rate is \$7 per individual site or \$15 per group or organizational site. Organizers hope that residents, who do not sign up, will not have private sales of their own on June 3.

Sign up to take part by Saturday, May 13, by calling Barbara Van Zetten at 439-6179.

The church will accept donations of good used or new items. For donations of larger items that need to be picked up and stored, call Peter Van Zetten to make arrangements. He will also arrange to accept delivery of donations from May 22 to 31.

# Police nab 5 for DWI

Bethlehem Police recently arrested five people on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Richard Taber, 24, of 399 Delaware Ave., Delmar, was stopped at 1:55 a.m. Saturday, April 15, for driving on the shoulder of New Scotland Road and not wearing a seatbelt, police said.

He was released pending a future appearance in town court. The arresting officer was Brian Hughes.

Shannon Boomhower, 25, of P.O. Box 236, Ravena, was stopped at 12:05 a.m. on Saturday, April 15, for speeding on River Road, police said.

She was released pending a future appearance in town court. The arresting officer was Christopher Pauley.

Gene J. Skorupski, 22, of 6 Iroquois Drive, Albany, was stopped at 4:17 a.m. Sunday April 9, for speeding on the Slingerlands Bypass, police said.

He was released pending a future appearance in town court. The arresting officer was Christopher Pauley.

Stanley J. Homeyer, 40, of Pinellas Park, Fla., was stopped at 11:29 p.m. Sunday, April 9, in front of the Bethlehem Central High School after a tip was phoned in to police.

He was also charged with driving with a suspended license and released pending a future appearance in town court.

Gene Koreman, 55, of Route 9W, Glenmont, was stopped at 4:22 a.m. Tuesday, April 18, after being involved in a property damage accident on Route 9W in front of the Days Inn, police said.

He was released pending a future appearance in town court.

In other police news, Debra-Ann Koberk, 28, of Hamilton Street, Albany, was stopped at 4:37 a.m. Monday, April 10, for speeding on Delaware Avenue and charged with a felony count of aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, according to Police Lt. Richard Vanderbilt.

"She had 19 outstanding suspensions against her license," Vanderbilt said. She was remanded to the Albany County jail.

# Job Corps students excel in business contest

The Glenmont Job Corps team recently captured five first-place awards at the second annual Business Skills Competition.

Nine teams competed in the tournament. Glenmont won the overall competition, and earned awards for team spirit, best dressed, perfect computer score and quiz bowl competition.

The tournament, held in Oneonta, tested the various skills of the students, who are preparing

for careers as receptionists, clerks, typists, word processors and secretaries.

In addition to the five team awards, three Glenmont students won individual honors. Tuwana Green placed second in typing speed, and Kizzy Hopkins finished second and Suquana Banks came in third place in letters and memos. Banks also finished third in bank reconciliation, filing and the written test.

# Delmar Kiwanis to hear Diamond Dogs update

The Kiwanis Club of Delmar has scheduled a membership meeting on Monday, May 1, at 6 p.m. at the Days Inn on Route 9W

in Glenmont. Rip Rowan, general manager of the Albany-Colonie Diamond Dogs, will speak about plans for the baseball team.

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# Eggs-ellent



Alexandria Toomey scores some goodies in the Slingerlands Fire Department's after-Easter egg hunt Saturday. *Doug Persons*

# Haswell Farms nears planning OK

By Mel Hyman

The way has been cleared for preliminary approval of the 178-unit Haswell Farms subdivision off Feura Bush Road in Glenmont.

One of the largest single-family housing developments now proposed for the town of Bethlehem, Haswell Farms was closely scrutinized by planners and appeared to be headed for approval last year until an unanticipated snag surfaced.

The state Office of Historical Preservation had threatened to delay the project indefinitely if a main entrance road was not moved. Agency officials were concerned that the original location of Hasgate Road, directly across from Murray Avenue would threaten the integrity of the historic Haswell family farmhouse, which stands about 60 feet from the site of the proposed roadway.

An agreement was worked out recently whereby Hasgate Road would remain across from Murray Avenue, but with some design changes.

"They plan on lowering the grade of the road and putting some shrubbery along the bank between the house and the road," said Bethlehem Planning Board chairman Doug Hasbrouck. "That way you won't be able to see the traffic from the house, and there will be a lot less noise."

Earlier this year, the Office of Historic Preservation sent a letter

to the planning board withdrawing its objection. Initially, the agency had said it would require an in-depth analysis of the project, which could have delayed issuance of a required permit from the Army Corp of Engineers, unless Hasgate Road was moved at least 320 feet.

But that would have created a traffic nightmare, Hasbrouck said, and would have been unacceptable to the planning board. "There was really no other choice."

In addition to the Office of Historic Preservation, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Council on Historic Preservation have also recently signed off on the project.

The person in the center of the brouhaha, Ruth Haswell Hale, who has lived in the farmhouse all of her life, was consulted about the design changes to Hasgate Road and indicated she has no problems with them, Hasbrouck said.

In the state's view, the Haswell farmhouse is eligible for inclusion

on the National Register of Historic Places and is significant as a representative of rural 19th century architecture in Albany County. The house was built in 1820 by John Haswell I, head of one of the first families to settle in Bethlehem.

Much of the acreage targeted for development comes from the original farm, operated by six generations of Haswells during the 19th and 20th centuries.

Preliminary subdivision approval should be forthcoming, Hasbrouck said, with construction of the first homes possible this summer.

But Glenmont residents should not expect a flurry of activity too soon.

"The way the housing market has been this year, I would expect that you'll see a six-to-10 year buildout" for the project, Hasbrouck said. "(Town Building Inspector) John Flanigan told me he has only issued 20 building permits for new homes this year."

# Mr. Subb resurfaces

By Mel Hyman

If your life has not been the same since you heard that the Mr. Subb shop planned for the Four Corners was nixed by the Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals, take heart.

Walter Lotz, owner of the Del-

mar Convenient Express at the corner of Delaware and Kenwood avenues, plans to incorporate a Mr. Subb franchise into his market as part of an expansion scheduled for this spring. The only catch is that it will be strictly a takeout operation.

The original proposal for Mr. Subb included a 28-seat sit-down section along with regular takeout service. But the zoning board rejected that plan because of parking concerns.

Sharing the expanded Delmar Convenient Express along with Mr. Subb will be McCarroll's Village Butcher. Lotz said he expected to have an opening date for the businesses within the next week.

"Mr. Subb will have counter service only," Lotz said. "There will be no tables. When there is no one at the Mr. Subb counter, there will be pre-made sandwiches available."

Even with the expanded superette, sub shop and butcher shop, there will still be a 1,500-square-foot slice of retail left over at the Four Corners strip mall, Lotz said. Mall owner John Treffiletti is still looking for a business to operate in that space, formerly occupied by Linens by Gail.

Meanwhile, the groundwater testing conducted on the site of the former Getty gas station (in front of Convenient Express) has been completed.

Lotz said that before the Four Corners parcel can be turned into a parking lot and small town park, the Getty Corp. still has to remove two waste oil storage tanks that remain in the ground.

"They used to use (the tanks) for heating the place," he said.

The tanks are scheduled to be removed within the next several weeks. Lotz said he was optimistic that the former gas station parcel will be cleaned up this spring and the entire Four Corners area will have a new look by summer.

# Grinches grab Glenmont lumber

By Dev Tobin

Thieves have made off with almost \$1,000 worth of lumber that was to form the frame of the central building of the Big Backyard wetlands study area behind Glenmont Elementary School.

Glenmont Principal Don Robillard said the theft occurred in the first week of April, and that police have come up with no solid leads.

"Maybe somebody saw something or heard something" about the theft, Robillard said, noting that given the size and weight of the wood, two strong people and a "good-size" truck would have been necessary.

The lumber was taken from the southeastern corner of the school's Route 9W property, where it abuts Farm Family Insurance. The crooks probably drove their truck on the Farm Family access

road to get close to the woodpile.

The stolen wood (all treated) includes timber in the following quantities and sizes — nine 12-foot 6-by-6's, six 20-foot 6-by-6's, three 16-foot 4-by-4's, five 10-foot 4-by-4's, and 20 8-foot 4-by-4's.

The wood was to be the frame of a Dutch barn, proposed as the three-sided classroom building for the Big Backyard, an innovative outside wetlands study area being built with support from the school's PTA.

Work on the barn's timbers was to be done in part by pupils, with the help of an expert consultant in traditional peg-and-beam construction techniques, Robillard said.

"We're still going to go ahead with the project," Robillard said.

The consultant will be in the school Wednesdays and Fridays for the next few weeks, and Robillard will try to buy "enough wood to keep it going" for each week from school funds.

"We have the schedule all set up and have to move forward with it," Robillard said, but he was "not sure we can make the barn-raising by May 29," when it was originally scheduled.

Robillard said he has asked local construction and lumber companies for donations to help make up for the theft. The siding for the barn (from an old barn that was torn down) has already been donated, he said.

Robillard said that the theft was covered by insurance, but the school's policy carries a \$500 deductible and the claim may not be paid for some time.

# Delmar Presbyterian celebrates new addition

By Dev Tobin

Church dinners, a staple fund-raiser for most Christian congregations, used to be a family affair at Delmar Presbyterian Church, since the kitchen and fellowship hall were too small to open up the dinners to the general public.

That's all changed now, as the church prepares to celebrate the completion of a new, 3,000-square-foot addition on Sunday.

The church, at 585 Delaware Ave., will celebrate with a dedication ceremony as part of its morning worship at 10 a.m., then host an open house for the entire community from 1 to 3 p.m. In the evening, the church plans a ham dinner and musical program for its members in the new fellowship hall.

"This new building will change our life in many ways," said the Rev. Larry Deyss, pastor of the church of the past 14 years. "Through this new facility, we can expand our mission and carry out the message and ministry of reconciliation."

Of course, the major reason for the expansion was not to serve more dinners to non-members, but largely to provide room for a growing Christian education program, explained church elder Jean Felt.

"We need the new facilities because we have a lot of young families in the church," Felt said.

The Christian education program had outgrown its classroom space, and was meeting in the old fellowship hall, cordoned off by makeshift dividers, Felt said.

The new space contains five classrooms (one of which is a nursery), a library/lounge and a large fellowship hall, as well as modern kitchen and bathroom facilities, Felt said.

The design of the addition complements the contemporary look of the original church, built in 1961, and another smaller addition made in 1968. The focal point is a large cross, around which windows are framed in the new fellowship hall.

The addition, under construction since July, was designed by Ken Marsh of the firm of O'Connor & Marsh, and built by Machnick Builders.

The addition will cost about \$550,000, of which almost \$350,000 has already been pledged. A second pledge drive is planned to raise the balance.

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# Lyman, Schwab, Stevens vie for BC board seats

By Dev Tobin

For the first time in three years, there is a contest for school board in the Bethlehem Central School District.

Incumbents Dennis Stevens and Dr. Stuart Lyman are being challenged by James Schwab in a race where similarities rather than differences define the candidates.

For example, all three support the \$36.9 million budget and the \$850,000 technology proposition this year. And, on the issue of hiring an additional elementary school teacher for next year, Stevens and Lyman were the only two board members to support adding the teacher, and Schwab agrees that elementary class sizes have reached a critical level.

## Dennis Stevens

Stevens, 48, is completing his first full three-year term on the board. He was first appointed in 1991 to complete the final year of Sheila Fuller's term, when she was elected supervisor.

Stevens said that the district "needs to take a hard look at operations and use every dollar in the most effective way possible. We can't just sit down and add every year."

But he strongly supports adding teachers now, to try to keep up with enrollment growth that is projected to reach record levels early in the next decade.

"It's essential that we don't fall behind in our staffing needs," he said, adding that the board must keep an eye on "the core of the mission — improving the quality of education for all students and maintaining adequate teaching staff."



Dr. Stuart Lyman

Stevens said that his experience as assistant vice president for facilities at the University at Albany will be helpful as the district considers how to cope with steadily increasing enrollment.

"I can play a role in taking a critical look at facilities," he said. "I don't know it all, but I do know enough to know good ideas and creative solutions when I see them."

Stevens said the major challenge of the next three years is maintaining appropriate student/teacher ratios and adequate facilities in the face of enrollment growth and uncertain state funding.

## Dr. Stuart Lyman

Lyman, 46, was appointed to the board last year to complete the last year of the late Bernie Harvith's term.

A veterinarian and part-owner of Delmar Animal Hospital, Lyman said he is a "true community representative" as a small business owner, and not "just a par-



James Schwab

ent," although he does have children "all through the system — one daughter graduated last year and another started kindergarten this year."

Lyman said his first year on the board was "a real eye-opener, with a steep learning curve."

He said he would like to see the board become more involved in providing "thematic leadership" for the district, noting that much of the board's time is taken up with personnel oversight and budget work.

"The board can do more to reflect the community's desires," he said.

In the next three years, Lyman said he would like to see high school guidance counselors work better with "the great middle — the average student" — on college and career guidance.

He also said that elementary leveled education should be reviewed to ensure that it is challenging.

"There is a real perception by parents that what the system is expecting is less than what parents and children expect," he said.

## James Schwab

Schwab, 40, is a research professor at the Atmospheric Sci-



Dennis Stevens

ences Research Center at the University at Albany. He has been active in Parents for Excellence, the Hamagrael PTA, Tri-Village Little League and Bethlehem Soccer Club.

Schwab said he liked BC's "tradition of achievement and excellence, its outstanding staff and the many options available to students (outside the classroom) in athletics, music and theater."

He said he would emphasize student achievement, currently fourth on the district's list of goals, as the primary goal.

"If you put it at number 4, people look at it as number 4," he said.

With his background as a university professor, Schwab said he would bring his first-hand experience as a teacher, as well as experience writing and administering grants, to the board.

He also said he would like to make the board more accessible to the community — by televising board meetings over cable public access and by having a telephone answering machine at the district office provide agenda information prior to meetings.

"A lot of people feel the board and the administration only listen to be polite, not because they may learn something or have any in-

tention of changing their minds," he said. "It may be a problem of perception, but it's a problem, whether substantive or not."

Schwab added that he would like to see the board provide "some meaningful interaction and give-and-take" with the audience at its meetings.

Voting will be Wednesday, May 3, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the gymnasium of Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Ave.

## V'ville budget hikes taxes 3.5%

By Dev Tobin

Dire predictions that frozen state aid levels would devastate school budgets have not come true locally, as the Voorheesville school board is set to approve a 1995-96 budget that will carry the lowest tax rate increase in many years.

The board will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the large group instruction room of Clayton A. Bouton High School to formally approve the \$12.2 million spending plan.

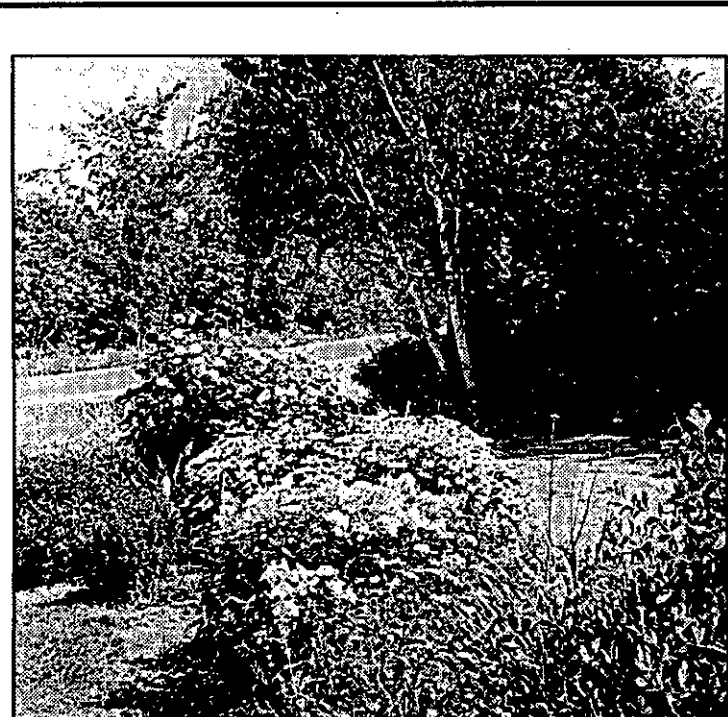
The board decided at its last meeting to take two 60-passenger buses and one five-passenger van, at a cost of \$121,200, out of the budget and put them into a separate proposition.

"We need the buses, and we didn't want folks feeling that we're holding the buses hostage by having them in the budget," explained Superintendent Alan McCartney.

The combination of the basic budget and the bus proposition will mean an estimated 3.5 percent tax rate increase in New Scotland.

Also on the ballot will be a \$261,000 capital projects proposition, but McCartney noted that state aid and leftover monies from previous construction projects will fully fund the work.

The proposed project includes removing underground fuel tanks, updating filters for the pool at the high school, installing water softeners at both schools, and carpeting over (instead of more expensive removal of) asbestos floor tiles at the elementary school.



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# New faces seek library seats

By Susan Graves

The Bethlehem Public Library Board of Trustees has turned the page on another segment of its history.

The library's governing body has been enlarged from five to seven members, and consequently, there are three board seats up for election this year on Wednesday, May 3.



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Trustee John Hathaway will run unopposed for a five-year term, and four other hopefuls will run for the remaining two seats.

Roger Beck and Jordan Langner are squaring off for a five-year seat on the board created by the retirement of longtime member Joyce Hunt Strand.

Beck, 43, of The Crossway in Elsmere, said he is running in part because "I want to make sure the library keeps on the course that it's on."



Beck

Beck, who holds a master's degree in library science from the University at Albany, is associate director of legislation for the United University Professions, representing 22,000 academic and professional employees of the state university system. Beck also serves as statewide treasurer of the New York State Labor Religion Coalition.

He said he is concerned that despite changes occurring through the "Information Superhighway," the traditional services of the library be preserved. "I want to make sure the library doesn't lose sight of this," he said.

He believes libraries are needed today more than ever before. And "The residents of the Bethlehem Central School District are fortunate to possess one of the finest libraries of its kind in the state."

An 11-year resident of Bethle-

hem, Beck and his wife, Mary Ellen, have two sons, Jared, a senior at BC, and Zachary, a sophomore.

Langner, 45, of Tamarack Drive in Delmar, views the library as the heart of the community. He believes his particular expertise — computers — would be an asset as a library board member. Langner, a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, works as a computer specialist for General Electric.



Langner

The task of handling new technology in the next 10 years will be "unbelievable," he said.

He said another big challenge for the library board in the future will be addressing the need for more space. "The question is with a tight budget, how do you deal with parking and expansion?"



Hathaway

Langner said his background in running his own business should help him address that question. Like the other candidates, Langner believes the library is a focal point of the community. "I meet more people at the library that I know than anywhere else," he said.

He and his wife, Hope, have two children, Emily, 9, and Jane, 5.

In addition, Paula Read of Longwood Drive in Delmar and Mary Blake are running for the three-year seat currently held by William Howard, who is not seeking re-election.

This is Read's second attempt to sit on the library board. She said she ran when she first moved to Bethlehem about 18 years ago.

Read, 45, who recently started a custom dress-making and design business, is a longtime library supporter. "I recognized right away what a resource this library

is to the community," she said. Her primary reason for running this year is to attempt to give back something to the library.

"It's not that anything's wrong, I'd just like to give something back," she said. "It's such a resource to the community, and not only our community but an example throughout the state."

Read is a graduate of Georgetown University and has a master's in education from the University at Albany.

She and her husband, John, have two children, Larissa, who is in college, and Andy, a junior at B.C.

Read's opponent, Mary Blake, 44, is a resource room specialist at Bethlehem Central Middle School. She said she decided to run because she is "interested in community service."

"We have a wonderful library, and need to make sure it remains a wonderful service," said Blake, who served on the LUMAC town master plan committee for a year. She said she feels her organizational skills would be an asset as a library board member.

Blake, her husband, Tom, and two children, Cullen, 14, and Meghan, 10, live in Colonial Acres in Glenmont.

John Hathaway, 42, of Darroch Road in Delmar is running unopposed. He was appointed to fill one of the newly created board seats this year. Hathaway is an architect with Einhorn, Yaffee and Prescott, P.C. in Albany.

He and his wife, Phyllis, have three children, Rachel, 9, Ethan, 7, and Michael, 2.

The library budget and trustee vote is set for May 3, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Bethlehem Middle School on 332 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

This year's budget proposal is a \$2,357,336 package, representing a 2.8 percent increase over last year's spending plan of \$2,291,026.

Prior to the vote, questions about the budget can be addressed to members of the board or Mladinov. She can be reached at the library at 439-9314.

# Boater's course slated in May

The Bethlehem Police Department Youth Bureau is hosting a Young Boater's Safety Course from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, and Saturday, May 13.

The course is open to anyone 10 to 16-years-old interested in operating a motor boat on New York State waterways.

Participants must attend both sessions to become certified. The courses will be held at the Bethlehem Ambulance building on Route 9W in Selkirk. Pre-registration is required.

To register, call 439-4955, ext. 170.

# Bluegrass concert slated

The Green Mountain Messengers will present a bluegrass concert on Saturday, May 6, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Community Church on 201 Elm Ave. in Delmar.

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### Get out and vote

On May 3, we will have the opportunity and duty to vote on the Bethlehem Central school budget and the candidates for board of education and library trustee positions. We owe it to ourselves, to the children and educators in our schools to vote.

#### Editorials

##### Know the candidates

Both the Bethlehem school district and *The Spotlight* have published information on the candidates for two seats on the board of education and three positions on the library's board of trustees. Reviewing this material will help you to learn about the candidates' qualifications so that you can vote for those whom you feel are best suited for the positions.

##### Vote on the budgets

The library and school budgets reflect the attempts to hold the line in this fiscally-tight year. In spite of rising costs and CSEA-required salary increases, the library budget calls for an increase of only \$66,310 for the 1995-96 budget.

The school budget increase of 4.15 percent seems to be reasonable, too, considering inflation and the increase in numbers of pupils. It's the lowest increase in 12 years. The proposition calling for buying five passenger buses to replace buses at least 10 years old is part of an annual program. Most of the cost will be paid by New York state. Many of the school district's costs have been cut to allow increases in other areas without affecting the caliber of our children's education. For instance, special education services will be provided locally rather than through the BOCES program.

However, costs for running the school system are increasing. This is in large part because of an increase in school enrollments. Next year, there will be 158 more pupils, a 3.6 percent increase, creating a need for additional staff.

##### Target technology

A major concern of our educators is the use of technology to enrich the curriculum in district schools. The long-range plan, called Target Technology, is designed to improve teaching methods and to provide our children with the knowledge necessary to fit them for the world after graduation from high school.

On Wednesday, we will be asked to vote on a technology proposition. It calls for spending an initial \$850,000 for training teachers, computers and related equipment and computer maintenance. None of the bonding for this expense will affect this year's budget. Moreover, starting in 1996 it will increase the average householder's tax only \$20 a year for five years.

We are living in a world in which computer literacy is becoming a necessity. The district's technology committee has been at work for more than two years developing a plan for updating old equipment and installing new computers and software which will be selected on the basis of curriculum needs. Scores of people from our community and many outside experts have been involved in this work.

In view of the importance of technology in educating our children, we believe this proposition should be approved. It is only the first step in computerizing our schools. The total cost is estimated to be about \$5 million and the overall project will take many years to complete.

Getting started in this technology program will provide the opportunity to modify and fine-tune the way we educate our children.

### Letters policy

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## The folly of recovery by timetable

The author of this Point of View is executive director of The Next Step, Inc., located at 276 Sherman St. in Albany. The Next Step is a 14-bed community residence serving women recovering from the disease of alcoholism.

By Mary A. Moyer

In our modern age of managed health care, some suggest that we can save money by limiting the amount of care provided to persons suffering from a debilitating illness such as alcohol or drug addiction. Further, they attempt to dictate the amount of time needed to treat maximally the individual sufferer, family members affected by the disease, children and society.



Those making these life-impacting decisions are of the opinion that the measure of successful recovery lies in the fact that drinking is reduced, that there is no further involvement with the criminal justice system, and that the addict is engaged in gainful employment. Still others believe that the free twelve-step fellowship programs are sufficient for recovery—a sense of the “don't drink, go to meetings and you're cured” mentality of years ago.

Recovery from addiction is not merely the cessation of alcohol and drug use. This must, however, occur before the dynamics of recovery can begin. Years of use create debilitation in the physical, psychological, social and spiritual life of the user, and each area must be addressed to maximize the recovery effort.

The amount of time needed depends on the level of damage caused by the chemical use and the accompanying lifestyle.

The chemical abuser coming into treatment today may be a person who was reared in an alcohol and drug abusing environment, subjected to domestic violence, sexual abuse or rape, and uneducated with no marketable skills. There may be a history of criminal activities related to the chemical use and for women a lifestyle of

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exchanging sex for drugs as a means of survival. Some women may have children who are in placement with relatives, in foster homes or other social agencies. They may be suffering from various medical problems. Few have social, interpersonal or independent-living skills.

The first course of treatment must be detoxification, which may take from several weeks to several months. Physical problems have to be addressed and the user must learn the basics of good health habits through exercise, proper nutrition and rest. The process of psychological treatment varies, but is generally a combination of engendering self-discipline, elevating self-esteem and the learning of non-chemical means of coping with conflict.

Basic social skills are integrated into the treatment plan as well as fundamental money management, negotiating skills and maintaining a household independently. Vocational and educational training enable the addict learn skills necessary for securing employment and becoming self-supporting.

**Needless to say, no treatment program can hope to change a lifetime of alcohol and drug addiction in six visits or 90 days. Treatment takes time, patience, intensity and longevity if we are to meet our goal of helping the addict return to society as a productive, contributing and taxpaying citizen.**

Spirituality is the core of recovery, and much time is needed to unlearn the street values associated with the chemical use lifestyle while learning sound values of honesty, trust and care of one's neighbor.

Throughout the process, the addict is introduced to a community fellowship program which provides support and teaches a way of life that will enable living chemically free and coping with the daily challenges of life.

No treatment would be complete without attention to the issues of co-dependency and the

special needs of children who have been subjected to the effects of addiction. Prevention is the key to making the downward spiral of intergenerational transmission impossible. Family members must be educated about the disease, learn about their own “isms” and receive treatment for the anger, depression and despair resulting from living with the disease.

Needless to say, no treatment program can hope to change a lifetime of alcohol and drug addiction in six visits or 90 days. Treatment takes time, patience, intensity and longevity if we are to meet our goal of helping the addict return to society as a productive, contributing and taxpaying citizen. Addiction is a primary, progressive, chronic and, if left untreated, fatal disease. It is incurable, but can be arrested with qualified and competent professional care in conjunction with community support. Every addict affects at least four other people. It is an emotionally contagious disease, a dangerous social disease and a debilitating family disease.

In these days when in the interest of saving money, the value placed on human life is lessening, we cannot sacrifice a human life

by placing a price tag or timetable on care. Stemming the tide of drugs and alcohol in our society means reducing the demand. Effective treatment certainly reduces the demand, saves money on the cost of incarceration, reduces the need for generations of public assistance and restores a strong sense of values in our communities.

Which is more cost-effective, good treatment adequately provided or minimal treatment with poor outcome success? If the treatment was for a member of your family, which would you choose?

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## Review Target Technology

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have taken a great deal of time to review the proposal for technology that has been set before the voters in the upcoming bond issue. Many of you that know me also know that I am a very strong proponent of bringing new technology to the classroom. Quite frankly, I am very unhappy with the proposal and recommend that we turn out in strong numbers to defeat it soundly.

My reasons are many, but in the interest of brevity I will mention just a few.

- Three computers per classroom for three months per year. This idea falls far short of any concept of integrating computers into the classroom. As chairperson of the Hamagrael Technology Committee for two and one half years, I can tell you that it will take six months to a year to integrate the computers into not only the limited space in many classrooms but into the everyday curriculum. To suggest that after three months of stress and stretching to make this thing work in a classroom the systems will then be removed and put into another classroom is ill conceived. This procedure is also very difficult to manage. Imagine, just as the teacher becomes comfortable with the systems, students and the integration of the each into his/her routines and style of teaching, the district picks up the system and rolls it into another classroom to start all over.

- The use of Power Macs is another major concern. Talk with experts in the field of computers and they will tell you that the Power Mac platform is expensive to buy, expensive to support with software and is not catching on in the marketplace. After talking with people who sell the system, I can also say with some authority that the system is neither easy to operate nor stable. The marketplace in

## 'The Wizard' was wonderful

Editor, The Spotlight:

The recently completed five-day run of Stage 700's "The Wizard of Oz" was the most successful student musical in Bethlehem's history. Over 200 students labored on it for three months, over 400 parent and adult volunteers worked on it and over four thousand people saw the show.

"The Wizard of Oz" is evidence of the excellence this community can achieve when parents, students and teachers work together.

A hearty "Thank you!" from the denizens of Oz:

- To all the businesses and individuals who took out ads;
- To all the shops and plazas that displayed signs for the show;
- To the members of the high school faculty, staff and assistant principals Mrs. Alida Smith and Mr. Richard Bassotti who created an encouraging environment for "The Wizard of Oz" and supported the students by seeing the show;

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my frame of reference is the business world. Yes, the Power Mac can run DOS-based programs, but why run DOS-based programs on a more expensive hybrid system. These systems can cost twice as much as a powerful DOS platform (586 x 75 MHz).

This is a bad plan. It is incomplete. It is not practical to implement or support. There is no infrastructure in place to facilitate a true networking of systems. This is a patchwork program designed to address a pressing need without offending the pocketbooks of the electorate. Dr. Loomis is more concerned with winning support for the bond issue than he is with adapting the best technology program.

To vote for this expenditure would mean spending \$850,000 on a patch with so many holes in it that it will cause frustration and confusion and will require additional patches in the very near term. While I applaud the effort and the publicity that have been brought to focus on this issue, I will not support this solution. I strongly suggest that we come up with a far more comprehensive program.

There are experts in the field who can help us develop the system. We are far too provincial in our approach to these issues. As a member of the district's technology committee for two years, I can tell you that there was a very definite bias among our administrators against using outside experts to help develop a comprehensive plan. Home-grown is great when you have the expertise, but the expertise is very limited at home.

Richard Sokoler  
Delmar

- To Dr. Les Loomis, Dr. Judy Wooster and the Bethlehem Board of Education for their financial support;

- To the Bethlehem Theater Support Group who organized parents and raised money to purchase much needed repairs to the light system in the auditorium.

And to all the Munchkins, Winkies, flying monkeys, Jitterbugs, wicked witches, techies, student directors, stage managers, cowardly lions, scarecrows, tinmen, good witches, Emerald City citizens, wizards, Dorothy's and Totos, remember:

- When someone tells you it can't be done, it usually means that someone can't or won't do it;

- There are always solutions, not just *one* solution;

- Always think forward and up.

Let the bluebirds fly.

James Yeara.

Director-Stage 700

## Our purpose in Vietnam was just and noble

Editor, The Spotlight:

A generation after it would have meant something, former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara confesses he pursued a war that was mishandled and could not be won.

This belated epiphany is immediately embraced by the self-righteous and self-centered anti-war activists—our President among them—who accept his words as vindication for their cowardice and often illegal behavior in the 1960's and 1970's.

McNamara is now making the rounds of the news and talk shows, shedding tears and publicly acknowledging his failure to expose the mistakes of the Vietnam War 28 years ago. Unfortunately, what he offers is too little, too late.

## Keep school playgrounds safe for our kids

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing to ask that those partying at the Hamagrael Elementary School playground be encouraged (by peers, parents, neighbors and, if necessary, the Bethlehem police) to go elsewhere.

On Easter Sunday, I visited the playground with my family, only to find it covered with beer cans, beer bottles, and cigarette butts.

If he had spoken up in 1967, tens of thousands of American families would not have had to shed tears for the loss of their loved ones on a distant battlefield. And hundreds of thousands of other Americans would not be burdened today with the physical and emotional scars of war.

McNamara's soul-cleansing for profit provides no solace for the families of those whose names are listed on the black granite wall. Nor does the smug attitude of the anti-war activists who grasp McNamara's words to bray, "I told you so."

Amid this new clamor over the Vietnam War, let's not forget that there was, at that time in history, a fierce enemy, that communism was a worldwide threat to all freedom-loving people.

Slivers of broken glass were everywhere — as if beer bottles had been smashed on the playground equipment—posing an extremely serious threat to the safety of this community's young children.

With the help of another family, we removed all visible debris and, with luck, we prevented injuries. But as summer approaches, and parties move outside, effort will be needed to keep this playground a place where children

can safely play.

It is undeniable that the war was misguided. Anyone who served three days could you tell you that.

But our purpose for being there was just and noble. Our nation's principles of justice and democracy and the sovereignty of the people of South Vietnam were the cause for which our troops served and sacrificed so much.

That fact can never be denied nor taken away from our Vietnam veterans and the families of those who did not come home.

John L. Behan, Director

NYS Division of Veterans' Affairs

Editor's note: Behan is a decorated Marine Corps veteran, who lost both legs while serving in the Vietnam War.

At a minimum, installation of a few garbage pails might encourage midnight users and others to behave more responsibly toward the young children who use this playground by day. In addition, neighbors and the town police will need to keep a watchful eye on this very isolated spot.

Janet Perloff Fossett

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**Assessing school quality**

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a member of the Voorheesville School Board for the past 12 years, I should be proud of the number one ranking the district received this year in the *Capital District Business Review*.

Surely, there are many good things teachers, administrators, and community members have done and continue to do on behalf of the students in Voorheesville, and with good results.

Nevertheless, I feel compelled to comment on the fundamentally erroneous approach that is used by the *Business Review* to "grade" the schools.

The ranking system used by the *Business Review* involves a simple addition of the scores of each district in nine performance areas. These areas include such things as the dropout rate, the percentage of students passing the minimum competency examinations in sixth grade math and reading, and Regents examination scores.

Educators have often claimed, and rightly so, that student performance is a result not only of what the school does, but of what takes place in the family and community.

Who could deny that school performance suffers when students have to struggle to survive amid broken families and communities plagued with poverty, violence, drugs and crime?

The reverse is also true; students coming to school from families and communities that place a high value on education, and have relatively few social problems, have a huge performance advantage.

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According to the ranking system of the *Business Review*, a school in a disadvantaged area that makes significant improvement in the dropout rates or reading scores of students would never achieve recognition since the absolute scores would still be low relative those of the more affluent districts.

An example from the business world could also make the point. If salesman "A" has \$200,000 in sales in a year and salesman "B" has \$100,000, is "A" a better salesman than "B"? Not necessarily. What if "A" sells a well-established product in a market area with an affluent population and with little competition and "B" is in exactly opposite circumstances?

In short, if the business community is interested in assessing the quality of schools, it would do well to look at such things as innovation and creativity in curriculum and teaching methods, the ability of the school to challenge students of all ability levels, the presence of high expectations for students and staff and the degree of community involvement.

These are admittedly difficult to measure, but pretending otherwise, that a simple summary score can differentiate schools on the basis of quality, is completely misguided.

The *Business Review* should either do the analysis that is necessary to identify and measure quality or drop its ranking exercise altogether.

Steven Schreiber  
Voorheesville

**Games being played at taxpayer's expense**

Editor, The Spotlight:

How long are the Democrats in town going to waste our taxpayer dollars on the Don Quixote-like task of trying to find a state agency which will support their claims that the new water system is unsafe?

The New York State Departments of Health and Environmental Conservation under former Governor Mario Cuomo's appointed Commissioners have examined, tested and approved the design and samples from the aquifer (yes it's an aquifer) and found the source to be safe.

Recently, the Department of Environmental Conservation has rejected a petition by Joseph

Glazer to modify, suspend or revoke the independent water supply permit issued to the town during Cuomo's administration.

Now the Democrats are talking about bringing a lawsuit and Mr. Glazer contends, "DEC's response is more political than analytical." The reality of the matter is that Mr. Glazer appears to be more interested in playing political games.

Sadder yet, these games are being played at the taxpayers' expense. Who is paying the costs for the experts of the Departments of Health and Environmental Conservation to refute the baseless charges proposed by Glazer? Who will pay the court costs asso-

ciated with this suit? Certainly not Mr. Glazer.

Those Democrats insistent on pursuing this issue should be ashamed of themselves for this waste of tax dollars. In these fiscal times, politics should be secondary and financial responsibility primary.

Intelligent debate on issues of public concern is a cornerstone of democracy. Let's hope Mr. Glazer and the other Democrats choose to engage in such debate sooner rather than later for the sake of all taxpayers.

Susan Redmond

Delmar

**Vote 'yes' on budget plan to improve our schools**

Editor, The Spotlight:

One of the most important ways you can help to improve the quality of your child's education is to vote "yes" on the Bethlehem school budget, Wednesday, May 3, at the Bethlehem Middle School.

The Bethlehem Central Community Organization (BCCO), the high school Parent/Teacher Association, has formally endorsed the school budget. In fact, BCCO produced and donated 10 large orange banners showing the date and location of the budget vote as a way to get Bethlehem parents more involved with their children's education.

Only 700 Bethlehem school parents voted in last year's school budget vote and the budget vote only passed by about 150 votes.

Through the efforts of the seven PTA organizations representing each school building,

hundreds of parents attended the 10 school board meetings held since January.

These parents spent many hours listening, researching, asking questions and talking about the budget with school board members, administration and faculty. This type of involvement is the only way that our schools can and will improve.

If you have any questions, please contact your school building principal, central administration or your school PTA.

It is up to you and every eligible voter to come to the Bethlehem Middle School at 332 Kenwood Avenue on Wednesday, May 3, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and vote "yes" on this school budget.

Bill Cushing  
BCCO President

**Writer 'can't wait' for supermarket in Slingerlands**

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing today out of concern for the lack of progress on the proposed Slingerlands Price Chopper. If I seem impatient — it's because I am!

We are weary of waiting for a supermarket other than Grand Union in this town. It's grossly unfair to town residents to wait endlessly for another choice for shopping.

The proposed center is a comparatively small and neatly arranged example of what can and should be built. It will provide many new jobs as well as contribute much-needed tax money to the town coffers. What are we waiting for — Southgate?

William Daubney

Glenmont

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**Wonderful 'Wizard' was memorable**

Editor, The Spotlight:

The recent Bethlehem Central High School production of "The Wizard of Oz" seems to me to have been a timely and perfect illustration of the opportunities and experiences available to our kids when the school district is assured of an adequate level of resources.

The production, directed by BCHS faculty member James Yeara, included students from every school in the district and drew on the talents of choreographer Fran Coccozza, BCHS music teacher Joseph Farrell and a host of parent volunteers who helped the high school turn out costumes, paint the sets, typeset the program and keep vigil over the Munchkins taking part in the play.

This was truly a district-wide event and all involved — the kids themselves, their parents, and the community at large who enjoyed the result — are sure to count it among their most memorable interactions with the Bethlehem Central School District, particularly the high school's committed faculty and talented students.

There is no doubt in my mind that productions of the caliber of "The Wizard of Oz" would be among the first undertakings to go if the school district budget is not approved by voters on May 3.

Vote "Yes" on the Bethlehem Central School District Budget on May 3!

Gay Petri

**Lions Club grateful**

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Lions Club wishes to thank the Bethlehem community for its support on Sunday, April 9, in making our 34th Annual Pancake Breakfast a success. Proceeds from the sale will be used for the Club's sight and hearing conservation projects and community service activities within the Town of Bethlehem.

We also thank the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post for the use of their facility and their usual generous support of the Bethlehem Lions Club.

John C. Coffey  
President

**Teens' behavior criticized**

Editor, The Spotlight:

I read with interest the letter, "Kids are people, too!" in the April 19 edition of *The Spotlight* regarding an April 7 incident at Ben & Jerry's. While the letter was supposedly written to tell the kids' side of the story from a youthful eyewitness, reading between the lines gives a clear indictment of the crude pack behavior so typical of young teenagers.

Based on the youth's letter and my own extensive experience with young teenagers as an employee in a local middle school, here is another portrayal of these events.

The store was packed with noisy kids, many starting their weekends by walking over to get a free ice cream after school. Some kids joined friends already there, some of whom were in line. An elderly couple waiting in line grew tired seeing kids crash the line and spoke to one boy who entered the line in front of them.

The boy claimed he was not crashing the line but only talking with his friends. (Who are these kids trying to kid? The oldest trick in the book for crashing a line is to casually join with friends. I've seen many people crashing lines this way, but have yet to see one who was just talking with friends.) The boy said something rude to the elderly couple, bringing on the "middle-aged man, who was a security guard."

This man was undoubtedly fighting a losing battle to maintain some sense of order during the afternoon crush. The boy's initial "apology" was probably another sarcastic comment, at which time the guard tried to escort the boy to the exit, which the eyewitness described by stating the guard "grabbed him (the boy) by the collar and then pushed him several times."

At this point the adolescent crowd probably turned on the guard like pack animals. Another boy yelled out a sarcastic comment about how awful kids are today and was asked by the guard what was so funny? The boy muttered something unpleasant which his friends chortled at and

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which the guard asked to be repeated so he could hear it.

At this point the boy lost all self-control and challenged the guard physically. After a brief engagement the boy stormed out of the store, enraged that his pride was wounded. The boy then kicked a car in the parking lot. Instantly he regained his composure and, according to the letter-writer, "politely explained to the owner of the car that what he did was wrong." (I would have loved to have heard that apology. I'm sure the car owner was pleased and drove away with warm feelings about today's youth.)

The letter-writer is correct in stating that "it is important that people hear the truth from eyewitnesses." It is also important to hear the truth unfiltered through anyone's perspective.

While my scenario is based only on a few facts gleaned from the original letter and my own knowledge of teenage behavior, I would bet my version isn't far off the mark. I'd love to see letters from responsible witnesses to find out what really took place.

If the security guard really behaved as the letter-writer claimed, he should be dismissed and possibly be subjected to charges. No matter how obnoxious their behavior is, adults should not strike children, especially in a fit of rage.

In the meanwhile, isn't it unfortunate that the good people who operate Ben & Jerry's have to be subjected to this type of incident? They are so generous with their time and products yet gangs of young teens frequently cause disturbances frequently after evening school events. I wonder how many of these unappreciative kids even bothered to say "thanks" for their free ice creams?

Name submitted

**Save our basketball program**

Editor, The Spotlight:

I understand that the Town of Guilderland has initiated a legal action that might ultimately lead to the closing of the Rev. Peter G. Young Center. This troubles me since I see only the good that accrues to approximately 150 young boys and girls in the St. Matthews/Community Basketball program.

The gymnasium, located within the center, has been our "home court." Our program and the many other positive programs which run out of this facility are in jeopardy.

The Village of Voorheesville and the Town of New Scotland are great places to live. We do, however, have our shortcomings. That we have no community or recreation center to call our own underscores this point. That's why the

center is so vital to us.

As a community, we don't have the facilities to accommodate our children.

Make no doubt about it, without the Rev. Peter G. Young Center, the St. Matthews/Community Basketball program is finished. Can anything be done?

True, I don't have all the facts. I'm not sure who's right or who's wrong. I honestly believe, however, that the center is a regional asset. It's my sincere hope that the adults who must resolve these sensitive issues can find a way.

Don't let egos, pride or politics get in your way. To do so will only penalize the children.

Bob Burns  
St. Matthews/Community  
Basketball

**A little lightness is welcome**

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to take a page from *The Old Farmer's Almanac* and make a prediction.

When *The Spotlight* issue of Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1995, hits the newsstands or is delivered to your mailbox, in addition to the news and local features, it will contain the usual two or three letters of science-legal-governmental babble from the Clearwater group.

Recent events won't change anything because little things like science, law and truth have not deterred them to date. Keep in mind that this is a group that once ran an ad including the phrase, "We beat the facts."

Oh, yeah! On Monday, Dec. 25, 1995, you should watch for

your mailman. As a result of a three-way conspiracy between *The Spotlight*, the postal service and our local governmental officials you will receive your special fine-print issue of *The Spotlight* that contains the public notices and legal advertisements that the town doesn't want you to see.

If you believe that, I'd like to sell you a toll road through an aquifer. You might use it to fund a retirement in the kind of place that Clearwater envisions, where truth is what they say it is and the regular tone of voice is very strident.

Then again, I may be wrong, because December follows election day.

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Delmar

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# Scaled-down Southgate in DEIS

*Smaller plan more palatable to some*

By Mel Hyman

Up to now, the developers of the proposed Southgate Commons shopping center have resisted talking about a scaled-down version of their project, which would allow it to conform with the town master plan.

But in their revised draft envi-

would stand Super K and another 6,000-square-foot structure. The north side would include 49,235 square feet of retail space in a commercial strip, plus two additional buildings with a combined 16,600 square feet of retail.

A total of 1,724 parking spaces would be provided under the slimmed-down scenario.

About 65 percent of the parcel would remain green space, with a wetlands mitigation area set aside at the northern end of the site.

Councilwoman Doris Davis, one of five town board members who will have the final say on the project, said she definitely favors the smaller version of Southgate.

"I certainly favor a smaller development," she said, contending it's more in line with what most people "in the community have been in favor of."

"If it has a supermarket and it doesn't cause problems for the community, I'm thrilled," she said.

The plan calls for two access drives on Route 9W — one entrance with a traffic signal opposite Magee Drive and an access drive about 600 feet north of Magee Drive that would not have a signal.

There would also be an access drive on Bender Lane. Circulation between the two developments is provided along the eastern portion of the site.

The most significant difference in the two plans is the effect they

would have on traffic.

Under the original proposal, which calls for 423,000 square feet of retail space, there would be a major impact on the traffic along Route 9W, Bender Lane and Feura Bush Road. The smaller version shopping center would have far less of an impact and, in the view of the developer (the Rubin Organization of Philadelphia, Pa.), there would be no need for any road improvements.

Under the original proposal, the developers offered to widen Route 9W (a state highway) from two lanes to four, from Bender Lane to just north of the shopping center, a distance of about one mile. The larger proposal also includes improvements to the intersection of Route 9W with Feura Bush Road.

Property tax revenues from a 250,000-square-foot development would total about \$434,690, of which \$296,200 would be Bethlehem Central School District revenues. The town's share of sales tax revenue from the smaller scheme has been estimated at about \$59,000.

The large-scale version of Southgate would provide \$757,000 in property tax revenues, of which \$511,000 would go to the school district, according to estimates.

"We'd definitely like to see a smaller project, if it was done well," said Karen Bonventre, spokeswoman for Citizens Monitoring Southgate, a citizens group that has been vocal in its opposition to siting a regional shopping center in Glenmont.

"It would certainly be a lot less objectionable," she said.

**If it has a supermarket and it doesn't cause problems for the community, I'm thrilled.**

Doris Davis

ronmental impact statement, recently filed with the town of Bethlehem, the developers provide a detailed overview of what a 250,000-square-foot shopping center would look like.

In the smaller scheme, the 75-acre site, which sits just north of the junction of Route 9W and Bender Lane, would still contain a 178,000-square-foot Super K Mart Center.

But instead of one long strip mall with more than 2,600 parking spaces, the reduced scale setup would consist of two separate shopping areas divided by a deep ravine. The ravine would be filled in under the larger proposal.

On the south side of the ravine

# Prof applauded



Reuben Silver of Delmar, left, psychology professor at Albany Medical College, is congratulated by Nicholas Cummings following Silver's induction into the National Academy of Practice in Psychology, a group of 100 distinguished psychologists.

# Local artist to show Greek iconography

Dimitrios Tsamardinos of Slingerlands will demonstrate painted Greek Orthodox iconography at the Albany Institute of History and Art at 125 Washington Ave. in Albany from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 29.

Iconography is the process of creating an artistic impression of religious icons.

Tsamardinos, a cabinetmaker and millwright, will demonstrate the traditional art form he first discovered as a child on Chios Island in the Aegean Sea.

The program is free for insti-

tute members, \$3 for non-members and \$2 for students and seniors. For information, call the institute at 463-4478.

# Methodist women plan weekend bake sale

The South Bethlehem United Methodist Women have slated their annual bake sale on Saturday, April 29, at 8 a.m. at the garage adjacent to the South Bethlehem post office.

The bake sale will feature homemade baked beans, macaroni, potato salad, bread and cakes.

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# Teacher to tickle ivories in free concert

By Dev Tobin

The Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning will present a free concert by one of its most popular teachers Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library.

Pianist Max Lifchitz, a music professor at the University of Albany, has taught three courses for the two-year-old institute, which provides academically rigorous continuing education, mostly for local senior citizens.

"We want to return to the community something of the success of the program," said Helen Adler, a retired Bethlehem Central High School English teacher who helped organize the institute.

Consistently high enrollments have provided a small fund surplus for the institute, which will "be plowed back into the intellectual life of the community" through events like Saturday's concert, Adler noted.

A graduate of Juilliard and Harvard, Lifchitz is an accomplished composer, conductor and pianist, in addition to his professorial duties.

Lifchitz found teaching at the institute to be "very stimulating and rewarding—the students paid a lot of attention and asked good questions. People wanted to be there, and weren't just attending



Pianist Max Lifchitz performs Saturday at Bethlehem Public Library.

for the credit" as with some university students.

Lifchitz taught a general survey course in the institute's first semester, and then taught courses on romanticism and impressionism.

"I had a very good enrollment, with about 25 people taking all three courses," he recalled.

Lifchitz will play "a traditional piano recital" Saturday, he said. The first half will be classics—the "Italian Concerto" by Johann Sebastian Bach, the "Sonata Opus 28" by Ludwig van Beethoven and three etudes and a ballade by Frederic Chopin.

The second half will present American music by Louis Moreau Gottschalk ("The Banjo" and "Souvenir de Porto Rico"), George Gershwin ("Rhapsody in Blue") and Lifchitz himself ("Elegia").

Like Gottschalk, a 19th-century pioneer of pan-American music, Lifchitz, a native of Mexico City, said he reaches out in his compositions and concerts to bridge the gap between North and South America. Emblematic of that is the title of the chamber ensemble he founded—the North/South Consonance.

## Glenmont pupils take Earth Day field trip

Glenmont Elementary School pupils in Gayle Lawrence's and Kathi Davey's classes will travel to Danbury, Ct., today, April 26, to participate in an Earth Day celebration with ethologist Dr. Jane Goodall.

The pupils are participants in the "Roots and Shoots" program sponsored by the Jane Goodall Institute at Western Connecticut State University.

"Roots and Shoots" provides activities that students and schools can use to help the environment.

## Search for woodcocks on at Five Rivers

Naturalists will lead a bird walk at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar on Tuesday, May 2, at 7 p.m.

Guides will discuss the woodcock, and lead participants on a walk in search of the bird. Participants may also see the intricate courting flights known as skydances performed by the woodcock.

Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars and bird identification books. For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

## Mothers' Time Out to meet Monday

Mothers' Time Out, a Christian support group for mothers of preschoolers, will meet on Monday, May 1, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Babysitting will be provided.

For information, call the church at 439-9929.

## La Leche League to discuss weaning

La Leche League of Delmar, a breast-feeding support group, will discuss "Nutrition and Weaning" on Thursday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m.

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teaspoonful of salt to a glass of warm water. Normally aspirin is not recommended to relieve this pain because it may cause bleeding problems if the tooth has to be extracted. Any pain caused by a wisdom tooth infection is considered a dental emergency and should be treated as soon as possible. If you are experiencing any discomfort due to wisdom teeth don't delay calling your dentist.

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To help relieve the pain until you get to your dentist, you can rinse your mouth thoroughly with a solution of warm salt water; usually one

# Program scheduled on compost practices

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County has constructed a backyard composting demonstration site as a hands-on educational tool.

The site will include examples of composting units that are suitable for handling the yard and kitchen wastes of most homes. Home composting is a practice that can be performed by homeowners with minimal educational and technical assistance.

Composting is a form of waste reduction that brings immediate and direct results. Composting contributes to the development of personal responsibility for the solid waste disposal problems and builds individual awareness of how lifestyle choices have environmental consequences. By changing the behaviors that relate to solid waste disposal at home, homeowners can make a significant contribution toward the solution of solid waste problems.

Backyard Composting Workshops are scheduled on Saturday, May 6, 27 and June 17, Oct. 14 and 21. All classes begin at 10 a.m. and run for approximately 90 minutes at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County, corner of Route 85 A and Martin Road in Voorheesville.

The art and essentials of composting food and yard waste will be discussed. Additional highlighted topics will include compost biology and recipes, holding and turning bin construction and evaluation, trouble shooting, and uses of the "black gold."

Wear your work clothes as this is a hands-on program. A \$5 workshop fee will cover educational handouts and bin construction plans.

For information call 765-3500.

## Interfaith ceremony to mark Holocaust

A special commemoration of Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, will be held on Friday, April 28, at 8 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth, 100 Academy Road, Albany.

The commemoration will immediately follow Sabbath services. Participating in the ceremony will be Albany Bishop Howard J. Hubbard and Rev. Robert Lamar, executive director of the Council of Churches.

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Doris Sagor, left, of Delmar joins Cynthia Gabriels of Glenmont with some of the entries for the May show.

## Embroiderers show set at Pruyn House

The Artistry of Needle and Thread will be presented on Thursday, May 11 through Sunday, May 14 at the Pruyn House on Old Niskayuna Road in Loudonville.

Sponsored by the Capital District Chapter of the Embroiderers Guild of America, the hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free.

runner worked from an old Greek design, ribbon embroidery, a jacket with Japanese Sashiko designs, Victorian dolls and fiber necklaces and purses are among the entries.

There will also be 10 invitational pieces from professional needle artists from around the country, including a hand-painted silk garment made by Diane Segal of Slin-

Sashiko, and from 2 to 4 p.m. Joan Couch will work on Venetian lace.

On Friday, from 10 a.m. to noon, Natalie Oshin will work on waste canvas, from noon to 2 p.m. Sue Gillespie will demonstrate Brazilian machine embroidery, followed at 2 to 4 p.m. by a tamari ball discussion by Nancy Schlegel.

On Saturday, from 10 a.m. to noon, Ann Langhauser will work on ribbon embroidery, from noon to 2 p.m., Judy Anderson will work on bobbin lace, followed by gold work of Ripley from 2 to 4 p.m.

On Sunday, Schlegel will display applique from noon to 2 p.m., and Dorothy Fischer will give the final demonstration on cutwork.

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## Chicks for perusal



Katie Schmidt, left, Brittney Boehm and Thomas Boehm check out some of the 14 baby chicks born last week at the Childtime Children's Center on Bethlehem Court in Delmar.

## Composting class on tap in Voorheesville

A Master Composter Training Class is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County, corner of Route 85 A and Martin Road in Voorheesville.

Master composters are a group

of volunteers trained to educate the public about, and instill enthusiasm for home composting. Volunteers conduct workshops at the extension's backyard composting demonstration site and provide information at community events throughout the year.

Master composters use exhibits, demonstrations, and audio visual aides and offer troubleshooting and technical assistance to home composters.

For information about composting call the Albany County Cooperative Extension, 765-3500.

## 60-year member honored by New Scotland Reformed Church

During the regular morning service at 10 a.m. On Sunday, April 23, the New Salem Reformed Church will have a special Tribute to Mrs. (Harvey) Betty Martin for being a faithful 60 year member. Betty joined with the church on April 21, 1935.

She is the oldest presently active member of the church. Although her family moved to Albany several years ago, she kept her membership active at New

Salem. She and Harvey came together until his passing in September of 1993. Until recently she would come out on her own.

Due to health problems, she now has to be driven out in order to attend. On the same day the Church will receive five new

members to its family.

A special reception will follow the service which will give guests a chance to celebrate with the church and its members.

For information, call Barbara Van Zetten at or 439-6179 or Rev. Peter Krug 765-2354.

## New columnist welcomes your local news events

Greetings!

I'm Linda Marshall and I have temporarily taken over the position of Selkirk area correspondent for *The Spotlight*.

As a resident of the Selkirk area, I will be covering news of Selkirk and South Bethlehem and the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school community.

So, if you have news to share, call me at 756-3520 and let me know about it. I will be happy to convey your news to readers of *The Spotlight*.

### French students visiting local families

During the past week of school vacation, nine Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk families have hosted foreign students from France.

The exchange program was arranged by Sue Kambrich of Selkirk who coordinates similar programs for IEF, the International Education Forum.

IEF is an organization that arranges home-stay programs for students who wish to travel abroad as well as for students who would like to visit the U.S.

In addition to visiting the RCS school and learning about American education, the French students will be visiting Lake Placid, Saratoga, Howe Caverns and TV station, Channel 13.

### NEWS NOTES

**Selkirk**  
**South Bethlehem**  
Linda Marshall  
756-6421



### ANSWERS representatives to meet with community

A meeting with representatives from the ANSWERS consortium has been arranged. This meeting will focus on the city of Albany's intent to site a 363-acre landfill in the northern part of the town of Coeymans, just south of Selkirk.

The meeting will be Monday, May 22, at the senior high school on Route 9W. All area residents are invited to attend.

### RCS board candidates can pick up petitions

Nominating petitions for candidates running for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education are now available.

The three seats currently held by school board members James Feurbach, Joseph Scalzo and Mona Selover are open this year. The posts carry three-year terms.

Petitions must be signed by 30 qualified voters of district. They can be picked up at the board of education office located at 26 Thatcher St. in Selkirk.

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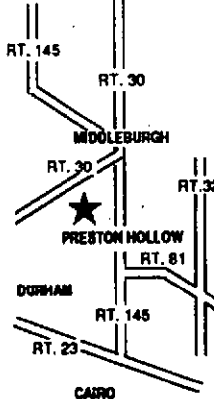
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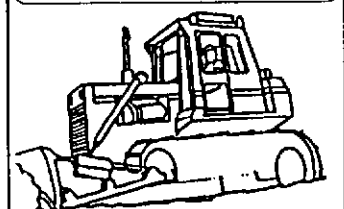
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# Give borrowed books plenty of TLC

"Be Kind to Your Library Books," a National Library Week exhibit highlighting damaged and mutilated library books and magazines, will continue to be featured throughout the month.



"By doing just a few simple things," says technical services librarian Cathy Howell, "borrowers can do a lot to help keep books in good condition."

First, use a bookmark. Gum wrappers, paper clips, pencils, hair combs and the reliable old dog ear may be more convenient, but tend to damage books.

In inclement weather, transport books in a bag to keep them dry. Parents need to be sure their children are using books with clean hands and are not abusing them. And be sure to report damaged or soiled books when you find them.

Never tear or cut pages out of books or magazines. The library

has three coin-operated machines for photocopying pages.

Recently, the library has experienced a rash of incidents where students have removed pages and covers from magazines. This kind of damage often renders the item useless. State Education law takes damage to public library property seriously, and persons who violate the law are liable for a hefty fine.

Reference librarians may ask for identification before retrieving magazines from storage.

"Parents should be aware that their children might need change for photocopying materials for their assignments," says reference department head Nancy Pieri. "Parents should also know that loose magazine pages and glossy advertisements, such as the recent series of Absolut vodka ads, may have been torn from the library's magazines."

Jerry Dievendorf will present a slide presentation about his travels to collect butterflies and other insects on Monday, May 1, at 7:30

p.m. His presentation will concentrate on his most recent trips, to New Guinea and Costa Rica.

Dievendorf will exhibit specimens from those two countries and South America, and will share his observations on the habitats and cultures of those areas.

Register for this free program by calling the reference desk at 439-9314.

Dievendorf is a lifelong amateur insect collector. "I got interested in bugs as a kid, and just never grew up," he said.

A former teacher, he lives in Delmar and works for the state Department of Health.

His insect collecting trips take about three weeks, and he usually travels with a group, often professional entomologists.

"Some people get upset with collecting, but collecting a few individuals does not put a species at risk," he said. "You can justify collecting even rare species because otherwise the public would never become aware of its existence. It's habitat destruction that is threatening insects all over the world."

Monte Verde's cloud forest is one of his favorite places to hunt insects and Devil's Island off Guiana is another, but he said he prefers high altitude rain forests because there are no mosquitos.

"It's similar to fishing," he said. "You always remember the big one that got away."

Anna Jane Abaray

## The Spotlight remembers

This week in 1985, these stories were making headlines in *The Spotlight*.

- The Bethlehem Republican Committee endorsed appointed Supervisor **Robert Hendrick** to run for a full two-year term, and County Legislator **Gordon Morris** decided not to pursue a primary challenge. "It would have been too divisive for the Republican Party at this time," Morris said.

- A new organization — Bethlehem United Taxpayers — organized to support the Bethlehem Central school board candidates of **Charles Reeves** and **William Tinney**.

- Residents of Rural Place were "none too pleased" with a plan (ultimately approved) to have an eight-chair beauty salon at the corner of Rural Place and Delaware Avenue.

- Former Bethlehem town historian **Thomas "Ed" Mulligan** died at the age of 67.

- At Clayton A. Bouton High School, **Ward Breeze** won a scholarship to spend his junior year in West Germany, and **Christopher Biernacki** won a scholarship for a four-month foreign exchange in Japan.

## Five Rivers sets course for novice birders

The Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar will offer a two-part birding course this month.

The course will run from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, April 28, and continue on Saturday, April 29, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. It will consist of an evening lecture and a morning field trip.

The program is designed for the beginning bird watcher, and will introduce participants to many different bird species that live in this area.

The course will cover finding and identifying birds in the field and offer information on bird feeding, binoculars and field guide books.

Pre-registration is required, and a \$23 materials fee will be charged. The fee covers the purchase of "Field Guide to Eastern Birds." The fee for those who already own the book is \$5.

For information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

## Delmar Progress Club lists May schedule

The Delmar Progress Club has announced its schedule of May meetings.

A general club meeting is slated on Monday, May 1, at 10 a.m. in the community room of the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The club's annual spring banquet is scheduled on Tuesday, May 16, at 6 p.m. at the Wolfert's Roost Country Club on Van Rensselaer Boulevard in Menands.

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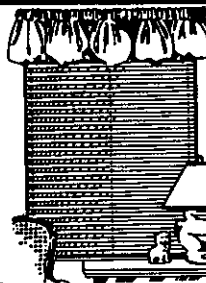
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# Art dealer to present program

The New Scotland Historical Association is sponsoring a program by Mark LaSalle entitled "The Hudson River Landscape" on Tuesday, May 2, at 8 p.m.

LaSalle, a private art dealer and expert on the Hudson River School of painters, will talk about the artist Walter Palmer and display several rarely seen paintings.

The program is open to the public free of charge at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center on the Old Road in New Salem.

## V'ville fire officers hold installation dinner

The Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department recently installed officers at a dinner at the Western Turnpike Golf Course.

Line officers are: Bud Deschenes, chief; John Hensel, first assistant chief; Michael Wiesmaier, second assistant chief; Raymond McDermott, captain; Richard Blackman, captain; Michael Martin, lieutenant; William Stone, lieutenant; John Scherer, captain of fire police; and Clark Thomas, quartermaster.

Civil officers are: Richard Berger, president; Raymond O'Malley, vice-president; August Jones, secretary; James Duncan, treasurer; James Burns, delegate; and Harry Timmis, alternate dele-

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gate.

Ladies auxiliary officers are: Barbara Stone, president; Monica Rivenburg, vice-president; Susan Smith, secretary; Barbara Jones, treasurer; and Evelyn Berger, chaplain.

## Hockey registration open for street leagues

Registration is currently under way for street hockey leagues.

The program is open to children ages 5 through 14 who live in the village of Voorheesville or the town of New Scotland.

Children ages 5 through 8 participate in a clinic. The minor league is for 7 to 10 year olds and the major league for children ages 11 to 14.

Street hockey will be held on Tuesday and Thursdays from June 27 through Aug. 24. The cost is \$5 for village residents and \$10 for town residents.

Registration forms will be distributed at school and are also available at the village hall. For information, call Ted Schreieck at

765-2916.

## Oz to benefit church youth council

Come out for a special showing of the movie *The Wizard of Oz* to benefit St. Matthew's Youth Council on Friday, April 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Street.

Tickets cost \$3 and include a snack. Supervision will be provided.

The youth group will also be demonstrating and selling Stanley home products.

## Air band concert set at high school

High school students are planning an air band concert for Friday, April 28, from 7 to 10 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

## Board to adopt school district budget

The school board meets on Monday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the large group instruction room at the high school to adopt its 1995-96 budget.

## Zoning meeting slated

The Voorheesville Zoning Board of Appeals' next meeting is set for Wednesday, May 3, at 7 p.m. at the village hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

## PTA to plan graduation activities

The elementary school PTA is forming a committee to plan sixth-grade graduation activities.

For information or to volunteer, call Robin Olsen at 439-6012.

## Extension planning soil test clinics

The Cornell Cooperative Extension is holding soil test clinics on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to noon at Olsen's in Slingerlands, and from 1 to 3 p.m. at Gade Farm in Guilderland.

# Adults: Fight monotony with Monopoly, Scrabble

Adults are again invited to play board games at the library on Friday, April 28, at 7 p.m. Bring a favorite game and any friends you can round up.



The library will provide refreshments.

The Pog tournament is set for Saturday, April 29, at 1 p.m. Registration is open and players should call 765-2791 to become a participant. MJDesign is co-hosting the event and will provide the playing Pogs. Winners will receive gift certificates to use at the store.

Another copy of the library survey is being distributed in the new issue of *The Bookworm*. The survey return date has been extended to Monday, May 8.

Surveys can be returned to the library, the school or the Super-Valu market.

Petitions for the available seat on the board of trustees must be returned no later than Friday, May 5, at 5 p.m.

Petitions are available at the library on 51 School Road.

The election will be on Friday, June 7, at the high school.

Perennial gardeners can spend some valuable time at the library on Saturday, May 6, at 10:30 a.m. with Phyllis Rosenblum, master gardener and *Times Union* gardening columnist.

She will present a program at

on planting and maintaining perennials.

In May, the Friends of the Library will begin selling tickets for its annual spring raffle for \$1.

Prizes this year are a wall hanging and a lap quilt donated by the Crazy Quilters.

The Every Other Thursday Night Poets meet on April 27 at 7 p.m.

Lifestories meets on Saturday, April 29, at 10 a.m., and the Drum Circle will meet on Wednesday, May 3, at 7 p.m.

Nimblefingers meets Tuesday, May 2, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Barbara Vink

## V'ville Scouts to hold anniversary picnic

Boy Scout Troop 73 in Voorheesville is celebrating its 75th year of scouting with a diamond anniversary picnic on Saturday, Aug. 26.

The location of the event will be announced at a later date.

The troop is trying to track down all past Scouts so that invitations can be sent.

For information, call Tom Roe at 765-4414 or Frank Wozniak at 765-4951.

## Chicken and biscuits on menu at church

The Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, will serve up a chicken and biscuit supper on Saturday, April 29, at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

To make reservations, call the church at 767-3487.

# Class of '75 plans reunion

The BCHS Class of 1975 is planning its 20th reunion for the weekend of July 7-8.

The class is attempting to locate the following alumni:

Kathy Bain, Lisa Beckett, Brian Booth, David Brown, Christina Brown, Anita Butz, Kathy Caswell, Peter Clark, Patricia Conrad, Debra Cook, Cindy Craig, Barb Daine, Chuck D'Aprix, Laura Dickerson, Richard Dorsey, Dave Dutil, Sally Edwards, Jack Fahey, Dave Fallon and Merry Fields.

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Anyone with information about these class members, can call Jennifer Drew Gebhardt at 439-5805 or Sue Kraus Spencer at 478-0106.

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# Modish millinery

Modeling the latest in haute or homemade headwear at Friday's senior luncheon at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle are, counter-clockwise from below, Father James Daley; Mary McCarthy; Eleanor Noonan; Margaret Roe; Rose Angerame and Ann Dominelli; and Ruth Ruhland (the first-prize winner).

Photos by Mary Ahlstrom





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# Senior Scene

## TIMELESS

## TENNIS:

*a racket  
for all ages*

**By Eric Bryant**

Some people get the tennis bug and it just never goes away.

Take, for example, Thomas Ferguson of Latham. At age 72, he still enjoys the challenges of his job managing a stock brokerage. But Ferguson seems to equally cherish a matchup on the court. He plays singles in a league at Tri-City Racquet Club in Latham every week, and doubles there each Friday.

"It is a sport you can play for life. The king of Sweden was playing when he was 90," Ferguson said. "If you stick with people who are

□ **TENNIS/page 8**



*Ken George, retired Voorheesville teacher, still enjoys a good workout on the court.*

*Doug Persons*

# Home health care for seniors survives budget scare

By Dev Tobin

New Yorkers saw their own version of the "Harry and Louise" TV ads earlier this year, as a middle-class couple fretted over how they could take care of an elderly parent in light of proposed cuts in Medicaid-funded home health care.

As with the national campaign, which helped sink President Clinton's health care plan, the statewide campaign had its intended effect.

Most of what Gov. George Pataki's first budget proposed to cut in home health care has been restored by the state Senate, and the Assembly wants to restore even more.

Even though the budget has not been finalized, it is clear that Pataki's proposed cuts to the state Nursing Home Without Walls program are off the table. The program provides home health care, meals, adult day care and transportation for frail elderly who



Michael Hoblock



John McEneny

might otherwise have to move to a nursing home.

State Sen. Michael Hoblock, R-Colonie, said that the Senate's additions to the governor's proposed budget will mean that services for seniors in this area would not be affected.

Hoblock said that 80 percent of

the state's spending for Medicaid home health care and personal care occurs in New York City, and that the Senate plan will impose "accountability standards" and also freeze reimbursement rates at 1994 levels.

"Reimbursement has been growing at 10 to 20 percent a year, and if it continued at that rate, the program would run out of money," Hoblock said. "Then what would you do for the people who need it?"

Freezing the reimbursement rates will force providers to become more efficient, he added.

Aside from the impact on the state taxpayer, Hoblock said that increased Medicaid spending also hits the county property-taxpayer.

"Every dollar we restore at the state level is matched at the local level," said the former Albany County executive.

The proposed cuts were "the most egregious thing" in Pataki's budget, according to Assemblyman John McEneny, D-Albany. "I heard from constituents as much about this as about everything else in the budget."

McEneny credited Hoblock and the Senate for "a good job" on restoring most of the proposed cuts, but said that the Assembly wanted to restore more.

"It's one of the major stumbling blocks" to a budget agreement between the two houses, he said. The state budget is now almost four weeks late.

McEneny acknowledged that most of the program's costs are in New York City.

"Cities and rural areas are more likely to have homebound poor elderly," McEneny noted, adding

that keeping an elderly person from New York City out of a nursing home saves money for all state taxpayers.

McEneny said the Assembly was willing to "negotiate tough guidelines" for the program in New York City, and suggested that the impasse could be resolved in a conference committee.

Generally, the increased costs of the program are "not so much public policy as demographics — we're getting older and more people need these services," he said.

Rather than a freeze, McEneny said he would like to give providers incentives that, if met, would allow for "modest growth."

The original proposed cuts "would have had a big impact" on local seniors in the Nursing Home Without Walls program, according to Ann DiSarro, executive director of Senior Services of Albany, which provides home health services throughout the county.

DiSarro said that the program's costs by law cannot exceed 75 percent of the average nursing home rates in the area, and the senior services agency rates are less than that.

"If they don't get these services, they would be eligible for a nursing home which would cost a lot more," DiSarro said. "The proposed cuts were not cost-beneficial."

In addition to winning restoration of most of the cuts to home health care at the state level, seniors also won a victory at the federal level, DiSarro said, when proposed changes in senior food aid were taken out of the Contract with America.

The proposal would have included the food aid in the welfare block grant, and imposed income eligibility and work requirements for local food programs, DiSarro said.

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# Survey finds Americans unprepared for retirement

Many Americans may lack the understanding of basic investment concepts they need to adequately prepare for retirement, according to the results of a recent nationwide survey. The survey, commissioned by Oppenheimer Funds and *Money* magazine, was designed to uncover retirement perceptions and preparedness levels among pre-retirees and to examine attitudes and behaviors of currently retired Americans.

"Americans know they need to save for retirement; what they're not so sure about is how to invest for retirement," said Jon S. Fossel, Oppenheimer's chairman and chief executive officer. "A retirement savings plan is unlikely to secure a comfortable retirement if it's poorly allocated."

The nationwide survey of 1,238 pre-retired adults ages 21-65 and 504 retired adults 65 and over found that many Americans don't understand stocks, rely too much on housing as a retirement investment, and have a low level of understanding about retirement planning and the changing nature of retirement generally.

Highlights of the survey include:

- More than half (52 percent) of pre-retirees think they should take less risk with their retirement assets than with other investments.
- 69 percent of Americans not yet retired believed that they will be able to live comfortably on 60 percent or less of their pre-retirement income, but only 31 percent of today's retirees said they were spending 60 percent or less of their pre-retirement income.
- 70 percent of pre-retirees thought buying a house is one of the best ways for a young person to save for retirement.

The nationwide survey was conducted by telephone by The Wirthlin Group, a leading national polling firm.

The impetus for the research was a 1993 study conducted jointly by the consulting firms of Arthur

D. Little and The WEFA Group for Oppenheimer Management Corp. That study found that as things stand, most Americans will probably only have between one-third and one-half of the annual income that they will need to comfortably retire.

But that research also found that use of retirement savings plans, increased savings rates, and greater use of long-term investments can help narrow or even eliminate the shortfall in most cases.

"When you forgo stocks in your retirement programs you forgo what historically has been the single best performing asset class over time," Fossel said. "Trying to build a winning retirement plan without equities is like trying to win a football game without passing the ball."

The survey also found that pre-retirees place a high value on residential real estate as an investment vehicle. Part of the attraction of real estate may be the perception of high returns.

"When it comes to retirement, people tend to equate brick and mortar with security," said Robert C. Doll, Oppenheimer's director of equity investments. "But the only thing a retirement fund consisting primarily of your house is

likely to provide is a shaky retirement."

According to data from Morgan Stanley, from 1945 to 1993, residential housing provided an average annual rate of return of 7.2 percent compared to 11.7 percent for the S&P 500 Stock Price Index. This difference is even more dramatic from 1983-1993, when residential real estate returned 4.4 percent compared to 15 percent for the S&P 500.

"A house is a place to park your car—not your retirement assets," Doll said. "The fact is that stocks have outperformed housing over most long-term periods. Although there are no guarantees, we believe given current demographics that the performance gap between stocks and housing that we've seen over the last ten years is likely to extend well into the future."

The survey also found that basic retirement planning principles are as misunderstood as individual investments. Nearly two in three pre-retirees believed that all workers can start collecting full Social Security benefits at age 65. (The latest changes in the Social Security law moved the age of eligibility for full retirement benefits up to 66 starting in 2005 and to 67 in 2022.)

Moreover, Americans have un-

realistic expectations for life in retirement. Nearly 7 in 10 pre-retirees surveyed believed that they will be able to live comfortably on 60 percent or less of their pre-retirement income. On the other hand, only one-third of retirees said they were actually living on less than 60 percent of their annual pre-retirement income.

More generally, only 29 percent thought their retirement would be less comfortable than that of their parents. "Americans, particularly baby boomers, are having children later and, at the same time, are likely to live longer in retirement," Fossel said. "That means the financial resources they're directing at retirement will have to last longer and be spread among more people."

"Current retirees have a strong financial foundation, thanks to Social Security and fully funded pension plans," Fossel said. "Future generations are unlikely to enjoy those luxuries."

"The responsibility for retirement planning is shifting from

government and corporations to the individual. At the same time, the very nature of retirement is changing," Fossel said. "What's required is a sea change in the way people perceive, think about, and plan for retirement, and, frankly, that hasn't happened yet."

Many current retirees will live 20 or more years in retirement, Fossel said. "From an asset management point of view, you need to manage through retirement—not to retirement. That's an important message for the pre-retired, who are likely to live even longer in retirement than prior generations."

Despite their relative satisfaction with their retirement lifestyle, many retirees wish they had done a better job managing their retirement dollars. Six in 10 retirees said they wish they had done a better job of saving and investing for retirement while they were working and 75 percent believe the federal government should do more to encourage people to save for their retirement.



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# Local seniors use years of experience to help others

## Non-profit groups benefit from volunteers' knowledge, skills

By Tom Murnane

With age comes experience, as the saying goes. Often, however, the public and private sectors have failed to utilize senior citizens' knowledge and experience, mistakenly believing that just because someone is old they have nothing left to offer.

But with more Americans living longer — the so-called "graying of America" — this mindset is slowly changing to the philosophy that knowledge is power, no matter how old that knowledge might be.

In recent years, cash-strapped public agencies and non-profit groups in particular have been

turning to seniors for volunteer help. To make it a bit easier for seniors to find places to use their years of experience, the towns of Colonie and Bethlehem have special programs to match their interests with groups that need volunteer help.

In Colonie, which boasts a population of 16,000 seniors, the Senior Resources Department coordinates volunteer programs for both town agencies and other groups and companies in the Capital District.

Seniors can work as tutors in local schools, in libraries, do clerical work at the Colonie Police Department, help with senior



John Hagan helps out at the Town of Colonie Public Safety Building, as part of the senior volunteer program. *Doug Persons*

transportation and make phone calls to home-bound people, just to name a few of the volunteer opportunities offered through the Resources Department.

"To find out which groups are looking for help, all anyone has to do is come in to our office and check out our volunteer book," said Lois Siegel, community services coordinator of the Colonie Senior Resource Center. "If someone can't find something that interests them in the book, maybe we can point them in the right direction. For example, if someone wants to help out in a local hospital, we don't have any hospitals so we'll tell that person to call the hospital."

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### National senior volunteer day set

The National Senior Service Corps, which operates Retired and Senior Volunteer Programs (RSVPs) throughout the country, including one in the Capital District, has designated April 26 as National RSVP Day.

The corps has scheduled a variety of events to honor the contributions made by its 450,000 RSVP participants.

RSVP matches the skills of seniors with "urgent community needs across the country," according to an RSVP press release. In 1994, RSVP members contributed 85 million hours of service.

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The town of Bethlehem has a Senior Volunteer Program that stresses "seniors helping seniors" as well as the normal placement with other community groups, said Bethlehem Senior Citizens Services Assistant Director Joyce Becker.

Volunteers are needed for transportation, office clerical work, Meals on Wheels drivers, special projects, food pantry help, garden programs and helping with home-bound seniors, she said.

"Special projects" volunteers work with the Chamber of Commerce, Police Department, the schools and other town agencies. According to official town statistics, in 1994, 353 volunteers donated a total of 12,005 hours in Bethlehem.

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## Prevention is important in glaucoma

Glaucoma can't be prevented but, if caught early, it can be stopped.

There is no way to prevent glaucoma, one of the leading causes of blindness in the United States, but there are ways to lessen its effects and save sight. With glaucoma, pressure builds inside the eye and damages the optic nerve, which is needed for seeing. The pressure buildup is caused by a blockage of passages that normally allow fluid in the eye to drain out.

Anyone can develop glaucoma but, according to the American Optometric Association, people at greatest risk are: those over age 40, black Americans, people with diabetes, those who are very near-sighted, and persons who have a family history of glaucoma.

The most common type of glaucoma usually develops gradually

and painlessly, without warning signs or symptoms. It affects side (peripheral) vision first, and people can lose a great deal of vision before they realize anything is wrong.

Vision lost to glaucoma cannot be restored but, if glaucoma is caught early and treatment to reduce eye pressure is initiated, vision loss can be minimized.

Treatment usually involves prescription eye drops and medicines. In some cases, surgery may be required.

According to the American Optometric Association, the best defense against glaucoma, especially for people in the high-risk groups, is to see an optometrist for an annual comprehensive eye examination that includes a tonometry

test to measure pressure inside the eye, a field of vision test, and an evaluation of the optic nerve through dilated pupils.

Between eye exams, people should be alert for symptoms of a less common but fast-acting type of glaucoma, and see their optometrist immediately if they experience blurred vision or a loss of side vision, if they see colored rings or halos around lights, or have pain or redness in the eyes.

For a fact sheet on glaucoma, send a self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope with your request to Communications Center, Dept. MNS, American Optometric Association, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63141.

## Booklet offers information on creating a living will

You've always made your own decisions. But what if you became too ill to communicate your wishes about your medical care?

A new 10-page booklet, "You & Your Choices—Advance Medical Directives," can help answer those questions. Prepared by Choice In Dying, a national, non-profit organization, the booklet describes a living will and a medical power of attorney.

A living will allows individuals to spell out their wishes about medical treatments to accept or refuse at the end of life. A medical power of attorney allows individuals to appoint someone they trust — such as a spouse, friend, or adult child — to make medical treatment decisions when they can no longer speak for themselves.

The booklet offers tips on comfortably discussing life-sustaining therapies with loved ones,

caregivers and health care providers. And it describes such medical treatments as cardiopulmonary resuscitation, ventilators, and other common types of life support and comfort care.

The booklet also tells how to ensure that your end-of-life medical treatment decisions are honored. Among the suggestions:

- Think through your feelings about medical treatment. Add any special wishes to your living will.
- Discuss your feelings about medical treatment at the end of life with anyone who might be concerned with your health care.

- Keep original copies of your directives in a safe, easy-to-reach place, not in a safe deposit box. Tell others where they are.

For a copy of "You & Your Choices — Advance Medical Directives," call 1-800-989-WILL (9455).

## Information on volunteer activities

There are a number of ways senior citizens can find places to donate their time and talents.

For example, those interested in certain social or political issues can check out state and local advocacy groups that might be looking for help from like-minded people. Or, former teachers can call the local school district office and see if it's looking for volunteer tutors.

For information about senior volunteer activities, call:

### Colonie

- Colonie Senior Resources Department, 783-2824.
- American Association of Retired People, Colonie Chapter, 459-4019.

### Bethlehem

- Bethlehem Senior Citizens Services, 439-4955.

- American Association of Retired People, Tri-Village Chapter, 439-5711.
- Senior Projects of Ravena, 756-8593.
- Coeymans Senior Services, 756-2095.

### Albany County

- (Capital Region) Retired Senior Volunteer Program, 442-5585.
- American Association of Retired Persons, 459-2412.
- Second Careers Employment, 465-3322.
- Albany County Department for the Aging, 447-7177.

### State Government/Advocacy

- New York State Office for the Aging, 474-4425, or 1-800-342-9871.
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In 1850, Christiana Lee and other members of the Dorcas Temperance Society identified many cases of need in Albany, particularly among children and the elderly. The society decided to form a "home," where these people could receive care.

In 1851, a society was organized under the name Albany Guardian Society and Home for the Friendless.

The word friendless was late deleted from the name.

Shortly after the home's incorporation, a sufficient amount of money was raised through contributions to justify renting a home at 23 Montgomery St. in Albany. Two years later the house was taken down to make room for the former New York Central railroad station. The home then moved to

the corner of Dove and Lydius streets, now Dove and Madison.

This house, however, was too small and 15 and 17 Park St. were rented and occupied for 15 years.

In May of 1870, three lots on the site of the current home were donated to the society by James Kidd. Two additional lots were purchased at the site and the main building was erected and dedicated that year.

In 1911, the capacity of the home was increased with the construction of a memorial to Mrs. Oscar Hasey, given by her husband and family. The new addition to the 1870 building made it possible for each of the residents to have separate rooms.

In 1969, a burial lot for the residents was acquired in Albany Rural Cemetery. Since then a second lot was acquired and a stone was erected.

The Albany Guardian Society home still functions at the 553 Clinton Ave. site. It is non-sectarian and meets all requirements of



A rendering of the Albany Guardian Society Home on Clinton Avenue.

the state department of Social Services. In the past, it was administered by a board of managers, made up of a group of community-minded citizens. Today, the home is managed by a professional administrator, Rose Golden, with supportive assistance from a board of directors.

The board is made up of 17 to 21 members of the community.

In addition to administrative support, each board member has

a personal relationship with an individual resident. Visits and small holiday remembrances help to remind the residents they are valued as unique and important individuals.

The home provides residential care in a secure, caring environment that encourages independence for older adults who are able to care for themselves at the time of entry.

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around the clock licensed practical nurses and aides attend to the needs of the residents.

The home also employs a activities coordinator, housekeeping, kitchen, dietary, maintenance and administrative staff.

Residents are given three homecooked meals every day along with supervision of medication and housekeeping services.

A variety of outings and activities are provided, and the staff strives to provide an enriched environment for the senior citizens.

A respite program offering temporary stays at the home also available.

The Albany Guardian Society is also one of the parent organizations of the Beverwyck, senior complex in Slingerlands.

For information about the society, call 465-6595.

## Forum to address Medicaid laws

Martin S. Finn, a partner in the law firm of Lavelle & Finn in Albany, will present the spring educational forum for the Alzheimer Association Northeastern New York Chapter on Tuesday, May 2 at 7 p.m. at Royce House, 117 N. Terrace in Schenectady.

Finn's topic is "Changes in Medicaid Impacting Elderly Issues."

Given the push for Medicaid reforms on both the federal and state levels, Finn's topic could be more appropriate.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 438-2222. Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome.

The local Alzheimer's Association chapter serves a 16-county region through provision of caregiver support services, educational and training programs and advocacy on behalf of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and their families.

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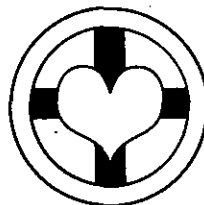
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## Alzheimer's chapter to present workshop

The Northeastern New York Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will present a workshop for children impacted by the difficult experiences concerning Alzheimer's disease.

"Caring for Kids who Care," is targeted for children 5 to 17 years of age who are exposed to loved ones suffering with this often-challenging condition.

Working from the premise that children often are not adequately educated and informed about this dementing illness, the group of educators involved will seek to provide:

- an overview of Alzheimer's disease
- information about coping skills
- tips on better communicating
- hands-on activities to enhance their understanding.

The two-hour session will be held on Wednesday, May 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the chapter office at 85 Watervliet Ave. in Albany. There is no charge for this program, which is being sponsored by Frederick McDonald Foundation Trust.

Participants will be grouped by age to better facilitate the learning process, and a concurrent session for parents will be offered.

Refreshments will be served.

For information or to register, call the chapter at 438-2217.

## Alzheimer's caregivers need TLC

By Corinne Lynne Blackman

When it comes to caring for the elderly, the task is never easy, and if the patient has Alzheimer's disease, the caregiver's burden is even more difficult and stressful.

Helping patients understand their disease and their limitations, and assisting caregivers to maintain stability in tending to an Alzheimer's patient are the goals of the Northeastern New York Alzheimer's Association support group on Watervliet Avenue in Albany.

**If someone is caring, they allow themselves to get run down. Sometimes they die before their patients do.**

Lois Siegel

The association's motto, "Someone to Stand by You," is carried out through meetings, where patients and their caregivers are able to share feelings and get information on support services for the degenerative disease.

"The group not only shares feelings and fears, but we educate and enlighten patient and caregiver about what can be expected as to the progression of the disease, and we help them find appropriate physical adult care, attorneys and support services for families dealing with Alzheimer's," said Susan Loginiss, a group facilitator for the association.

"Our group is very different from support groups that are open to the public. People are screened based on the cognitive level of the patient," she said.

Recognizing that most caregivers face very demanding 24-hour-a-day jobs, associations with support care services stress the importance of tender loving care — for the caregiver.

Colonie Senior Services, in Latham, which deals with different aspects of caregiving, said the caregiver often gets so caught up with the patient that their own needs are sometimes neglected.

To help the caregiver appreciate the balance between taking care of themselves and their patient, the group discusses various

topics, including "Taking care of yourself so you don't get burned out."

"If someone is caring, they allow themselves to get run down. Sometimes they die before their patients do," said Lois Siegel, community services coordinator of the Colonie Senior Resources Department.

Because caring for an Alzheimer's patient is viewed as custodial, it is not covered by Medicare and most health insur-

ance plans. And caring for Alzheimer's patients at home costs \$18,000 annually, so caregivers are faced with a tremendous financial burden in addition to the emotional turmoil in their lives.

respite and adult day care, transportation and living expenses, hygiene and any other costs related to the patient's condition.

Once an Alzheimer's condition is confirmed by a doctor and social worker, caregivers can apply for grants up to \$500 for a three-month period assuming their cash assets do not exceed \$10,000.

The foundation, which began its family relief program in 1988, has awarded nearly a million dollars to victims and their families fallen prey to the disease.

"Alzheimer's does not require skilled nursing care during its initial stages, but it is care they need everyday," said Erin Connors, public education project coordinator of the foundation. "Often kids have to quit their jobs and care for their parent/grandparent."

"Sometimes a spouse is too frail to care for their patient, so they are forced to pay the private person to care for them, and they end up spending their life savings," she added.

Anyone in need of financial assistance in dealing with Alzheimer's can call 1-800-437-2423 or the local Alzheimer's chapter at 438-2217.

## Buyer beware of phony offers

Lots of schemes to defraud unsuspecting consumers are hatched everyday.

Some of them use the telephone and mail to contact individuals, while others may advertise to draw in large numbers of unsuspecting customers.

The AFSA Consumer Credit Education Foundation describes some common consumer frauds that could cost you money and tips on how to protect yourself. An offer made to you over the phone sounds too good to be true, including investment opportunities, free trips and other special offers that you have to take advantage of "right away."

Be suspicious if:

- You have never heard of the company.
- The offer is so special and time sensitive that you have to make a commitment immediately while you are on the phone.
- You are asked for your credit card number for identification or told to write a check that will be picked up from your home or should be sent by overnight mail.

In another scenario, your car was burglarized and your car registration, among other items was taken from the glove box. Several months later, you apply for credit, are turned down, and when reviewing your credit report, find that a charge account that you never applied for is listed as having an unpaid debt of \$500.

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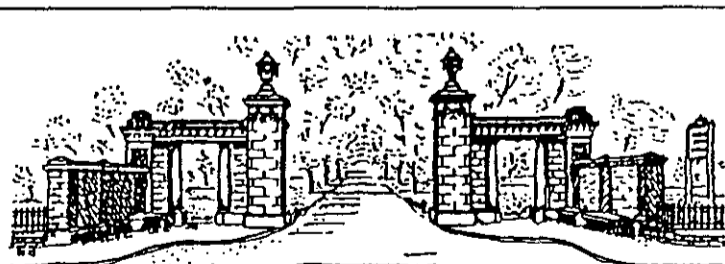
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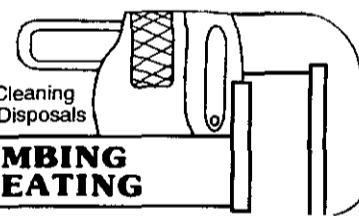
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# Tennis

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about your age and ability level, you can get some good exercise."

Next month, he and about 50 other tennis buffs from around the region will move from exercise to competition, when the Tri-City Racquet Club hosts the Capital District Senior Tennis Tournament — one of only two USTA sanctioned over-55 tournaments held annually in upstate New York.

The tournament, which will run from May 15 to 19, started as part of the Capital District Senior Games, but when money ran out for the Olympic-style event, the Medical Society of Albany County offered to continue its financial backing. "We get people coming from throughout the state," said tournament director Walter Singer of Loudonville.

**This year we have two men, one who is 89 coming in from Rochester and another who is 80 years old coming up from Greenville.**

Walter Singer

Competition will be for men and women, both singles and doubles, in six different age classifications: 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79 and 80-plus.

"We've had quite a range of people play in the past," said Singer, who at age 78 still gets out to the courts two or three times a week and has been ranked in his age group in the East Region. "This year we have two men, one who is 89 coming in from Rochester and another who is 80 years old coming up from Greenville. They will play each other in the over-80 age group.

Players may enter a maximum of two events, and all matches will be best two of three sets with a 12-point tie-breaker at 6-all. The

matches are scheduled to be played on Tri-City's outdoor Har-Tru courts. The facility's indoor courts will be used if the weather is bad.

Singer said the deadline for entry is May 10. Anyone who would like to pick up an entry form can call Singer at 434-6861.

Ferguson took up the sport after moving to the Albany area in the mid-1950s. He joined a league when Tri-City opened in the 1970s and hasn't missed a week of tennis since. According to Singer, Ferguson has been fairly successful during the tournament's six-year history. "People have been kind to me," he said modestly.

The Latham resident was eliminated from singles competition last year, but he and his doubles partner, Dan O'Keefe of Glens Falls, won the 70-74 competition.

Also hoping to compete in this year's tournament is Ken George, a retired school teacher from Voorheesville who can often be found at the courts of the town park. George said he's been playing tennis for about 25 years and has also been successful in the Capital District tournament competition. "I live near the Voorheesville High School. The tennis courts were there and that's how I got started," he said.

Currently he plays at Capitaland Tennis Academy on New Karner Road twice a week.

Singer said he's sure he'll get the regular veterans of the regional tennis circuit, but he's hoping to bring in some newer players this year, especially women. "Our participation has been good in the past years, but we would like to increase the number of entries, especially in the older age categories. You don't have to be a star to play in this tournament," Singer said. "When you get older, things start to level out."

## Lifeline now available at Memorial Hospital

Residents of the Capital District can now subscribe to Lifeline, the nation's leading personal emergency response system, through Albany Memorial hospital.

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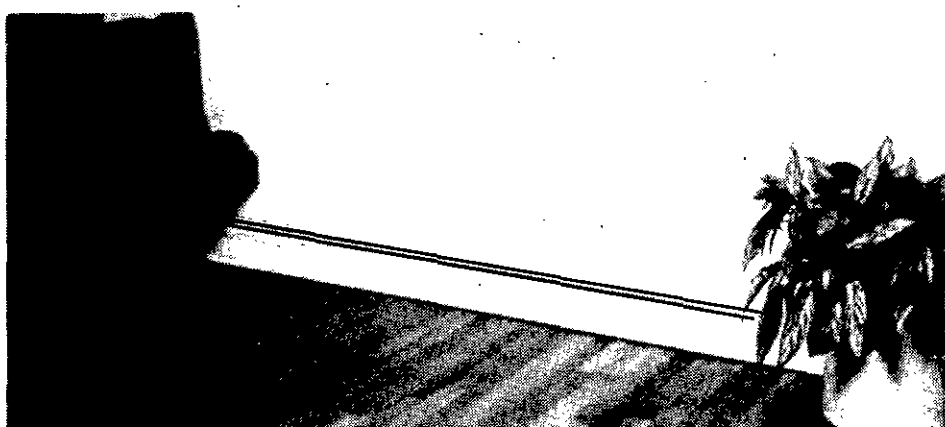
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# Sports

## Eagles show they're a force to be reckoned with

By Janice Gallagher

The Bethlehem boys baseball players didn't get a vacation like most of the students in the Bethlehem school system last week.

Instead, they played two grueling yet exciting games that were both decided by one run. On Tuesday, April 19, the Eagles (3-1, 4-3) beat Queensbury 2-1, and on Thursday, April 20, they suffered a tough loss to Colonie, by a score of 11-10.

Queensbury, which came into the BC game with a 7-0 record and in first place in the Foothills Conference, could not handle the strong pitching and offense of senior Nate Kosoc.

Kosoc allowed just two hits, struck out 10, and walked one. Queensbury's only run was unearned.

Kosoc also scored both of Bethlehem's runs. In the first inning, he reached base on all error, and senior Mike Soronen knocked him in with a single.

In the sixth, Kosoc walked, then stole second. Soronen hit a fly to right field, and Kosoc advanced to third. Sophomore Dan Conway then hit a ground ball to score Kosoc.

"It was a good win against an undefeated team," said coach Jesse Braverman. "It was another fine performance by Nate, the third

this season, and the team just has to make sure that we give him support."

But without Kosoc on the mound Thursday, even scoring 10 runs couldn't bring BC another victory. The Eagles did not give up against Colonie, however.

After the first inning the Eagles trailed 6-0; after the second it was 9-3. The Eagles then came back to tie it in the third at 9-9.

Sophomore pitcher Mike Del Giacco came in at the end of the first and pitched the rest of the game.

"Mike kept Colonie off balance because he changed speeds well," said Braverman. "He's been working hard on his changeup, and was able to use it effectively on Thursday."

"The game went right down to the wire," noted junior John Czajka, because of the Eagles' strong hitting. Sophomore Nathaniel Sajdak singled with the bases loaded; Eric Bartoletti had two doubles, an RBI and two runs scored; Josh Naylor had two hits and one RBI, and Czajka had a single and three RBIs.

"We had a lot of good hitting," said Braverman, "and we know we could have won it. We know that we can win without Nate pitching, now we just have to go out and do it."

In action this week, Kosoc again led the way as the Eagles emerged with a 1-0 victory over Mohonasen.

Kosoc threw a four-hitter and struck out 16 during the Monday, April 24 contest.

Bartoletti scored, the game-winner for Bethlehem on a single



Bethlehem senior Eric Bartoletti tries to beat out a hit during last week's game against Colonie. The Eagles play undefeated and first place Columbia at home today starting at 4 p.m.

Doug Persons

### Cooper Varney opens with lopsided scores

The first round of games in the 1995 Cooper-Varney softball League has been completed.

St. Thomas II beat Westerlo by the overwhelming margin of 25-2. Delmar Reformed scored a 26-0 shutout against Delmar Full Gospel, while Presbyterian scored a lopsided victory of its own, 29-4, over Westerlo II.

Wynantskill took measure of Cocksackie Full Gospel, 24-3, and Onesquethaw Valley pummeled Bethany I, 15-4.

The only games that were somewhat competitive were Bethlehem Community, 7-0 over Clarksville and Bethany II, which was a 6-4 winner over the Delmar Fire Department.

St. Thomas I started off on the right foot by beating Methodist, 11-4.

### Mother's Day race set

The Hudson-Mohawk Road Runner Club is planning its 15th annual Mother's Day Race for Sunday, May 14.

The race will begin at 10 a.m. at Hamagrael Elementary School at McGuffy Lane in Delmar, and will proceed through residential areas of Delmar.

The race is open to women of all ages and abilities. Runners can register at the school from 9 to 9:45 a.m. the day of the race. The entry fee is \$10.

by Aaron Thorpe.

The Eagles continue their climb toward the top of the Suburban Council with a 4 p.m. game today against Columbia.

On Friday, April 28, Bethlehem travels to Guilderland and on Monday, May 1, they host Scotia.

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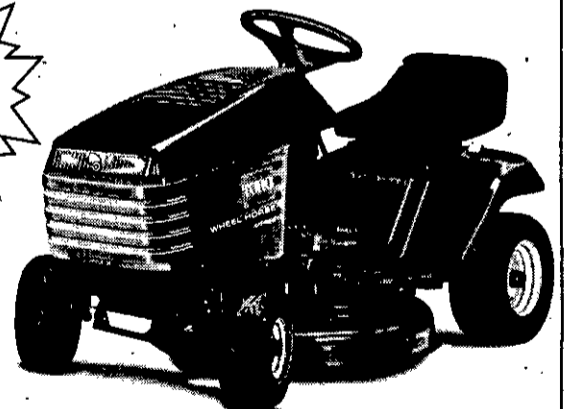
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# Patterson the key for V'ville thus far

By Kelly Griffin

After several weeks of play, the Voorheesville baseball team has two wins under its belt, including an impressive victory over Class A Guilderland.

Besides topping Cohoes in their season-opener, the 'Birds have dropped games to league rivals Lansingburgh and Mechanicville to bring their record to 2-2.

On Wednesday, April 18, Voorheesville matched up with Guilderland of the Suburban Council and came away with a 9-6 win.

"It means a lot to beat them," said head coach Bill Logan. "Not many people expected us to win, and it was a great feeling to do so."

Excellent pitching by junior Jason Patterson and solid defense by the Blackbirds contributed to the victory.

Patterson rang up five strikeouts and gave up seven hits. He also contributed to the offense with a single.

Guilderland ended up hurting itself by committing six fielding errors, probably due to a light rain that fell before the start of the game.

"That win helps give us confidence going into this week," said Logan. "It's going to be a very tough week."

Voorheesville faces league foes Schalmont, Albany Academy and

## Baseball

Waterford, which it faces at home on Friday.

In their season-opener against Cohoes, Patterson shone on the mound again. He threw a one-hitter and struck out 11 batters.

The Voorheesville offense punched out four hits. Steve Pilatske had a triple, while Patterson, Jaret Nichols and Dan Meservey all had singles.

The Blackbirds lost to stronger league opponents Lansingburgh and Mechanicville during the second week of April. Pitchers Pilatske, Tom Iarossi and Joe Robichaud struggled against the Lansingburgh lineup, allowing numerous hits in the 13-0 whitewash. V'ville managed only four hits.

Versus Mechanicville, V'ville pounded out eight hits, but still came up short, 12-6. Meservey collected a double and single, while Iarossi had two singles.

Logan is particularly impressed with the performance of Patterson thus far. "He's hit in every game, and he was the reason we won the Guilderland and Cohoes game. I think of several times when Jason had the bases loaded, and somehow he pitched his way out of it. He's really doing a great job."

Patterson leads the team in batting, followed by Iarossi.

# Leading the charge



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Men: Dale Francisco 279 and 712 triple; Bob Bardin 737 triple and Orvil Bates 946 four games.

Women: Bonnie Robbins 254 and 625 triple; and Tami McDonald 824 four games.

## Pop Warner signups slated for Saturday

Bethlehem Pop Warner has slated registration on Saturday April 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

The registration fee is \$40 for cheerleader, \$75 for a junior pee wee football player and \$100 for pee wee, junior, midget or senior midget football player.

There will be a family discount of 25 percent for each additional child registered.

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# Kaplan

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She led the Cardinals in field goals made and free throws attempted. Kaplan was second in scoring and rebounding, with 13.9 points and 5.2 rebounds per game. In her four years at Stanford, she led the school record for most games played.

While most of the country was riveted to the recent men's NCAA championship, many local enthusiasts were zeroed in on Kaplan's performance in the women's division.

Kaplan competed in the Final Four for the second time in her college career last month. Stanford won the championship in 1992.

"Once you get to the Final Four, it's a whole new level," said Kaplan, who is a captain of the Cardinals. "Just being a senior, I'm expected to be a team leader. As a freshman, I was in more of a supporting role."

Kaplan had a strong tournament from its outset and was named Most Valuable Player of the West Region, which Stanford won to reach the Final Four. "Our team played well, and it was going to go to someone on our team," the 6-foot-5-inch center said of the MVP award. "They usually go to the one with the most points, and I had the most points on our team."

Stanford's run in the tournament ended 87-60 in the semifinals in Minneapolis at the hands of eventual-champion Connecticut, which finished the season with an unblemished 35-0 record. Kaplan led the Cardinals with 12 points, making six of 11 shots, while her entire team shot just 31 percent.



Anita Kaplan with her father, Allen.

"We had a very good tournament," said Kaplan. "We just had a terrible game in our last game. UConn has a strong player at each position. They have a very good team."

"We could have won if we played a better game and if there had been better officiating. They had 46 free throws and we had five. That's absurd. We probably would have lost anyway, but it would have been closer."

The hype generated by the Final Four did not faze Kaplan, for whom stadiums packed with loud fans are now routine.

"We get a lot of press coverage out here. It's just something that

goes along with the outside part of basketball," she said. "It was hard to get used to at first. We have a lot of fans here. People fill up the stands. It's great to play in front of crowds."

Kaplan said that because of her basketball successes, some people have taken a different attitude toward her. "I wouldn't say I get special treatment, but people do treat me differently. My true friends don't," said Kaplan. "Our team is successful, and people want to be around us."

Kaplan has applied to business school, which she hopes will carry her to a professional career after her days in competitive basketball are over.

# Fuller

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water to the Feura Bush and Swift Road water districts in the town of New Scotland to help foster regionalization.

What is not acceptable, and what Jennings is apparently insisting on, Fuller said, is that the town agree to purchase the same amount of city water it has been using for the past 10 years — a minimum of one million gallons a day.

With the town's new plant scheduled to go on line in October, Bethlehem simply does not need to purchase the amounts it needed before, she said.

"Obviously, if you're feeding a family of four, you don't need to purchase groceries for 20." The town will not be bullied, Fuller added.

The reason the town went ahead with its new water system, which will provide up to six million gallons per day from an aquifer beneath the Hudson River, is that in 1990 the "city unilaterally cancelled its contract" with the town, the supervisor said. The cancellation becomes effective this August.

Since then, however, a vocal group of town residents have campaigned to have the new plant dedicated solely to industrial uses because of the fear that water produced there will be tainted by Hudson River pollution.

Jennings was unavailable for comment on Fuller's remarks. The

mayor had declined to talk about the negotiations with the town until last week, when he revealed that he had sent Fuller a response to her latest offer.

At the same time, the city Democrat publicly questioned whether the all-Republican town board was bargaining in good faith.

Bethlehem obtains the bulk of its water from the town-owned Vly Creek reservoir in New Scotland. The Vly Creek, along with two deep wells in the town of New Scotland, can provide a maximum of 4.5 million gallons per day, which sometimes falls short of the town's needs during the peak usage months of June through August.

Fuller said she realized that Jennings is actively looking to sell excess water from the city-owned Alcove Reservoir in the town of Coeymans, but that it is not "the town's responsibility to help Albany close its budget gap."

## Volunteers needed to talk about careers

The Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville is looking for business people to talk to students about their careers.

The event will take place Tuesday, May 23, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The project is part of the School to Work grant program being carried out by the Voorheesville School District.

To register by phone and for information, call Robin Barkman at 765-3314.

## Butterfly collector to share travel tales

Jerry Dievendorf will present a slide show on butterflies at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Monday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m.

Dievendorf, a Delmar resident, will focus on his travels to New Guinea, Costa Rica and South America to collect butterflies and other insects. He is an amateur insect collector who works for the state Department of Health.

For information, call the library at 439-9314.

## Good Samaritan group hands out civic awards

The Good Samaritan group will present Good Samaritan Awards to community leaders who have contributed to the welfare of area senior citizens on Monday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home, 125 Rockefeller Road, Delmar.

Recipient of the Award for Professional Contribution is Dr. Roger Drew, former medical director of the nursing home. Stephen and Jeanne Stranzle will share the Award for Volunteer Contribution.

Former Town Supervisor Ken Ringler will be the keynote speaker at the awards ceremony.

## Five Rivers planning trail walk

A guided trail walk is planned for Sunday, April 30, at 2 p.m. at Five Rivers Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

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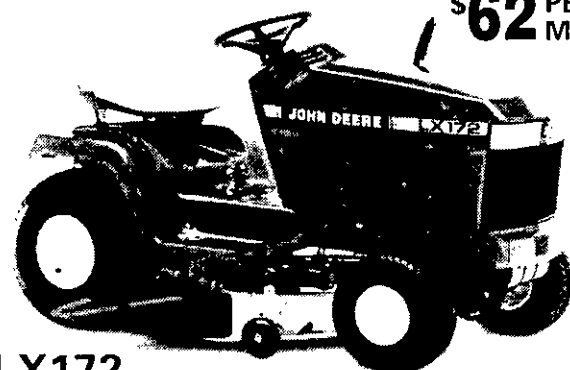
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# Strand

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Strand said the library has been and continues to be a leader both in the community and throughout the state and the country. The introduction of technology was probably the most striking change during her tenure, and she is proud of the strides Bethlehem has made in that area.

"Our staff is trained over the

## She was an ideal board president; I'm going to miss her a lot.

Barbara Mladinov

minimum standards," she said. Bethlehem is one of nine libraries in New York to be listed as an Electronic Doorway facility by the state.

To maintain excellence, however, Strand said the board will not allow the library to "ride on our reputation."

"The community wants, demands and needs a library like this," she said.

Strand credits the staff and library Director Barbara Mladinov for their commitment to superior quality. "We are most fortunate to have Barbara Mladinov as director," she said.

She is also pleased by the way the Delaware Avenue library has

handled the "almost explosive" use of the facility. "Our reference department is used constantly," which has meant expanding the staff and adding more materials.

"The challenge for the future is space," said Strand, who also served on the board's long-range planning committee.

The committee is well aware of the parking crunch at the library, she said, along with the importance of finding room for the numerous groups who hold meetings at the facility.

"The board will continue to work on these problems," said Strand, adding though that the trustees also must keep a close rein on the budget. "You just can't spend an inordinate amount."

In addition to her work on the Bethlehem board, Strand holds a permanent seat with the Upper Hudson Library Association.

"She is very knowledgeable about public libraries and their purposes," said Mladinov. "She was an ideal board president; I'm going to miss her a lot."

From Strand's perspective, "It has been a privilege to serve as a trustee, and I thank the people of the Bethlehem School District for electing me to the board, allowing me to be associated with this gem in our community."

Strand and her husband, Peter, have two grown children and four grandsons.

# Community yard sale spaces still available

A community yard sale is scheduled on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the South Bethlehem Methodist Church on Willowbrook Avenue.

Spaces are still available at a cost of \$15 (including a table).

Community members who would like to participate in the sale can call Dorothy Percival at 767-2764.

# BC alumnus moves into senior investment post

Brian L. Segel, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, was recently named a senior investment broker for A.G. Edwards and Sons.

Segel has worked in the St. Louis-based company's White Plains office since January. He has been an investment broker for 10 years.

# Town GOP to meet candidate hopefuls

The Bethlehem Republican Committee will meet Thursday, May 4, at the Glenmont Firehouse at 7:30 p.m. to hear from prospective candidates for town offices.

All are welcome to address the committee.

The group will announce its choices for candidates to run in the November elections on Thursday, May 11.

# Rightmyer posted to South Korea

Private Second Class Michelle Lynn Rightmyer, daughter of Robert and Noreen Rightmyer of Glenmont, recently graduated from Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where she completed training as a medical specialist.

She will serve as a medic on a one-year tour of South Korea.

# DOT

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next 10 years, Zargham said. The majority of accidents in this vicinity are caused by cars being rear-ended after stopping to turn left.

Cars also jut back and forth between lanes to avoid getting stuck behind left-turning vehicles, which also creates a hazardous situation.

The revised project is estimated to cost about \$650,000. The original project would have cost \$1.1 million. "We shortened the job up as a result of the public hearing and listening to people's complaints and concerns," Zargham said. "It's a very short refuge lane, about 200 feet in total."

Citizen input at a Jan. 10 public hearing was mixed. Many people expressed reservations about whether the road work was actually needed and whether it would now be next-to-impossible for pedestrians to cross Delaware Avenue.

But the DOT plans to take steps to improve pedestrian safety, Zargham said. "We're fairly sure about installing an all-red phase (at the traffic light at the intersec-

# Businesswomen's club to meet at Thacher's

The Bethlehem Business Women's Club will meet on Wednesday, May 3, at 6 p.m. at Thacher's on Delaware Avenue in Albany.

The "Fun Night" program includes a storyteller.

For information, call Helen Smith at 439-3916.

# Glenmont church sets garage, bake sale

There will be a garage and bake sale at the Glenmont Community Church at 1 Chapel Lane in Glenmont on Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A light lunch will be available at the sale.

tion of Delaware Avenue and Normanskill Boulevard). It will be a lot like what they have at the intersection with Elsmere, where there's an all-red button for clearance so that nobody moves."

In addition, the state plans to replace the sidewalks along both sides of Delaware Avenue for the length of the project. They will be 5-foot wide and should be a big improvement over the mish-mash of asphalt and broken-up concrete that's there now.

All the bus shelters within the project expanse will either be replaced or renovated, Zargham said. Landscaping will be put in depending on arrangements worked out with affected property owners.

The work should take about one construction season to complete, with ground-breaking expected next April. The DOT will attempt to minimize the inconveniences caused motorists, said Zargham.

"We'll be working on one side at a time," he said, "trying to avoid peak hours. We're hoping it won't create too much of a problem."

# Health screenings slated at town hall

The Town of Bethlehem Senior Citizens Services will hold blood pressure screenings on Tuesday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall at 44 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The free screenings are open to all town residents on a walk-in basis. A volunteer dietician will be on hand to answer questions about nutrition.

The Marion Martin Display for Independent Living will be presented in conjunction with the screenings. Meryl Norek, reference librarian at the Bethlehem Public Library, will answer questions and provide information on the services, materials and programs the library offers to older adults.

For information, call the town hall at 439-4955.

# Collection day set for hazardous waste

The Town of Bethlehem Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held Saturday, May 20, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Waste will be collected at the town highway garage at 74 Elm Ave. East in Selkirk. Details will be announced in the town's upcoming spring brochure.

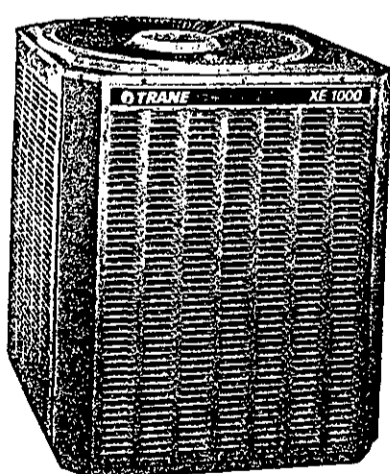
For information, call the recycling coordinator's office at 767-9618.

# Library reeling out films for youngsters

Children ages 3 to 6 are invited to the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar to see three short films on Friday, May 5, at 10:30 a.m.

The free, 30-minute program will include the films, "Yank Doodle," "Make Way for Ducklings" and "Goggles."

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Jennifer Dombrowski and Brian Switzer

## Dombrowski, Switzer to marry

Jennifer Lynne Dombrowski, daughter of Arthur and Harriet Dombrowski of Altamont, and Brian Patrick Switzer, son of Richard and Patricia Switzer of Glenmont, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School, Junior College of Albany

and SUNY Oswego. She is a freelance graphic artist.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Oswego. He is a substitute teacher for several local school districts.

The couple plans a July wedding.

## Billings, Salkin earn tribute nominations

Holly Billings of Delmar and Patricia Salkin of Slingerlands are 1995 Tribute to Women nominees.

They will be honored at the 16th annual Albany YWCA Tribute to Women, being held at the Omni Hotel in Albany on Friday, May 5, at 5:30 p.m.

Billings is the president of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlim-

ited and Salkin is the director of the government law center at Albany Law School of Union University.

The reservation deadline for those planning to attend the Tribute to Women is Friday, April 28. The donation cost is \$50 per person. For information, call the YWCA.

## Mail weddings, engagements

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

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

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

# Births

### Albany Medical Center

Boy, Victor Joseph Fox, to Michele and Joseph Fox, Delmar, March 9.

Boy, Derek Jon Cacciotti, to Lina and James Cacciotti, Voorheesville, March 11.

Girl, Alexander Thomas Rings, to Kimberly and Jeffrey Rings, Delmar, March 15.

Girl, Emily Nicole Venezia, to Valerie and Frank Venezia, Glenmont, March 16.

Girl, Michelle Alexandra Rodriguez, to Victoria and Luis Rodriguez, Glenmont, March 18.

Boy, Christopher Raymond Brands, to Ann and Raymond Brands, Glenmont, March 18.

Girl, Peri Katherine Lindh, to Joan and David Lindh, Delmar, March 20.

Boy, Maxwell Antonio Solomon, to Diane and Barry Solomon, Glenmont, March 22.

Boy, Richard Louis NeJame, to Gina Persico-NeJame and Scott NeJame, Slingerlands, March 28.

Girl, LaZhanian Labrae Franklin, to Rhonda Franklin, Delmar, March 29.

Girl, Alexis Lagace Adams, to Stephanie Lagace and Andre Adams, Slingerlands, March 31.

Girl, Alexandra Louise Myers, to Jean and Scott Myers, Selkirk, April 3.

Boy, John Vincent Hogan, to Carrie and Daniel Hogan, Delmar, April 4.

### Out of town

Boy, Zachary Dean Dobbins, to Donna and Alan Dobbins of Lafayette Hill, Pa., March 24. Maternal grandparents are Donald and MaryLou Schulz of Delmar.

## Heldeberg Workshop sets wildflower walk

The Heldeberg Workshop, located on Picard Road off Route 85A in Voorheesville, will hold its annual spring wildflower walk on Saturday, April 29, at 10 a.m.

Participants are invited to bring snacks, canteens and cameras. The walk will focus on the variety of wildflowers available on the workshop grounds.

Reservations are required for the walk. For information, call 869-1582.

## McClure, Keens marry

Kellie Elizabeth McClure, daughter of Gerald and Maureen McClure of Scituate, R.I., and Robert D. Keens, son of Robert and Martha Keens of Delmar, were married April 8.

The Rev. Richard Sheehan performed the ceremony in Holy Apostles Roman Catholic Church in Cranston, R.I., with a reception following at Warwick Country Club in Warwick, R.I.

The maid of honor was Paula Tucciarone, and bridesmaids were Elizabeth Keens, the groom's sister, and Kelly Greenlee.

The best man was Gerald D'Amelia, and ushers were Andrew McClure, the bride's brother, and Christian Meyer.

The bride is a graduate of Providence College, and is currently studying for a master's degree there. She is employed as a special education teacher by the Burrillville School District in Burrillville, R.I.

The groom is a graduate of



Kellie Keens

Bethlehem Central High School and Mount St. Mary's College. He is employed as an assistant district manager by Penske Truck Leasing in Medford, Mass.

After a wedding trip to St. Maarten, the couple lives in Lincoln, R.I.

## Library schedules introduction to Internet

Richard Shetron and Stephanie Gilgut of Wizvax Communications will present an introduction to Internet access at the monthly meeting of the Capital District Computer Enthusiasts today, April 26, at 7 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451

Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

They will discuss Internet connection options, including the latest in World Wide Web access, and will present a demonstration of a connection.

For information, call 462-0318.

## Taylor to be honored at MetLife conference

Monica Taylor of Glenmont will be honored this month at the Metropolitan Life Leaders Conference. The four-day business meeting will recognize the outstanding sales achievers of 1994.

Taylor, a representative with MetLife's office in Albany, qualified to attend the conference by excelling in sales and client service ratings.

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# Community

# Corner



## Spring Arts & Crafts Fair

The fourth annual Spring Arts and Crafts Fair will be held on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bethlehem Middle School, 332 Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

More than 70 vendors will offer crafts. Baked goods, plants, food and beverages will also be sold.

For information, call Edward Gill at 439-7460.

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# Obituaries

## Roger Mead

Roger Mead, 37, of Cherry Avenue in Delmar, died Tuesday, April 18, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Buffalo, he graduated from Bethlehem Central High School.

Mr. Mead was a finance manager for the Matterson Association for many years.

He was on the worship and finance committees at Delmar Presbyterian Church. He was also the youth budget financial secretary, deacon and sound recorder at the church. He was also the scorekeeper for the church softball team.

Mr. Mead was past president of the Delmar Kiwanis Club.

Survivors include his parents, Donald and Barbara Mead of Delmar; a sister, Patricia Thomin of Elyria, Ohio; and his maternal grandmother, Ruth Praker McCouf of Williamsville, Erie County.

Services were from the Delmar Presbyterian Church.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Northeastern New York, 23 Computer Drive, Albany 12206, or the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society, Oakland Avenue, Menands 12204, or the George H. Phelps Endowment Fund, c/o the Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

## Jean Jameson

Jean Jameson, 72, of the Guilderland Center Nursing Home, formerly of Delmar, died Thursday, April 20, at the home.

Born in Dover, Mass., she was a longtime resident of Delmar.

Mrs. Jameson was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, J. Robert Jameson; a son, Jon Jameson; two daughters, JoAnn Momberger of Scotia and Robin Cooley of Delmar; two brothers, Bill Woodward of South Yarmouth, Mass., and Donal Woodward of Norfolk, Mass.; a sister, Marjorie Murphy of South Weymouth, Mass.; and five grandchildren.

Services were from the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Lunenburg Cemetery in Massachusetts.

## Nancy Boswell

Nancy Wardwell Boswell, 70, of Murray Drive in Glenmont, died Tuesday, April 18, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Rome, Oneida County, she had lived in Glenmont since 1968. She was a graduate of Rome Free Academy and Wheelock College.

Mrs. Boswell had been an elementary school teacher in both Rome and Maryland.

She was a volunteer for 10 years for the Albany County Chapter of the Red Cross and previously volunteered for the Rome chapter. She was a former member of the Juniper Twig, a hospital helpers group in Rome.

Survivors include her husband, Wallace D. Boswell; three daughters, Susan Bowersox of Rome, Barbara Raymond of Middletown, Orange County, and Kimberly Turmel of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; and six grandchildren.

Services were private. Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Zion Episcopal Church Memorial Fund, 140 West Liberty St., Rome 13440, or St. Peter's Hospital Foundation, 317 South Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

## Ann Calabrese

Ann Wellett Calabrese of Voorheesville died Monday, April 17, at the University Heights Health Center in Albany.

Born in Albany, she moved to Voorheesville in 1958.

She was a data entry clerk at the state Department of Agriculture and Markets for 37 years before she retired.

Mrs. Calabrese was a communicant of St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church in Voorheesville.

Survivors include her husband, Patrick D. Calabrese; a daughter, Pamela A. Ruf of Delmar; and two sisters, Marcella Brooks of Albany and Jeanette Beberwyck of Castleton.

Services were from the Daniel

Keenan Funeral Home in Albany and St. Matthew's Church.

Contributions may be made to the Voorheesville Volunteer Ambulance Squad, Main Street, Voorheesville 12186.

## R. Michael Kissock

R. Michael Kissock, 43, of Slingerlands died Sunday, April 16, in the Bronx.

Born in Fulton, Schoharie County, he was a longtime Capital District resident.

For several years, he worked as a picture framer for Dandt's Custom Framing in Palm Springs Calif.

Survivors include a sister, Kristin Kissock of Palm Desert, Calif.; and a dear friend, Anne V. Masters of Slingerlands.

Arrangements were by the Frederick Funeral Home in Albany.

## Theresa Schnurr

Theresa "Tess" Schnurr, 92, of Albuquerque, N.M., formerly of Delmar, died Friday, April 14, in Albuquerque.

Born in Albany, she moved out of the area in 1982.

Mrs. Schnurr was a homemaker and a former communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar, where she was a member of the Altar Rosary Society.

She was the widow of Damian Schnurr.

Survivors include a daughter, Lois A. Ribley of Albuquerque; a son, Thomas E. Schnurr of Yorktown, Va.; a brother, Edwin Roeder of Elmsmere; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Burial was in Our Lady Help of Christians Cemetery in Glenmont.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

## Elizabeth Pelletier

Elizabeth Osborn Pelletier, 84, of Oxford Street in Colonie, died Monday, April 17, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in New Scotland, she was a longtime Albany resident.

She was a switchboard operator at Albany Medical Center Hospital for 35 years, retiring as a chief telephone operator. She then worked as a telephone operator for the Albany County Health Department for six years.

She was the widow of Joseph R. Pelletier.

Survivors include two sisters, Camille Osborn Pelletier of Colonie and Mabel Rantanen of Albany.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to

the City Mission of Albany, 50 Hudson Ave., Albany 12207.

## Gilda DeLucia

Gilda Iacovella DeLucia, 83 of Field End Drive in Glenmont, died Friday, April 21, at her home.

Born in Italy, she was raised in Philadelphia and was a longtime Albany area resident before moving to Glenmont.

Mrs. DeLucia was a homemaker and a member of St. Ambrose Church in Latham.

She was the widow of Alphonse DeLucia Sr.

Survivors include two sons, Laurence F. DeLucia of Clifton Park and Alphonse DeLucia Jr. of Halfmoon; three daughters, Phyllis Choppy of Loudonville, Irene Kilcoyne of Glenmont and Rita Kilgore of New York City; two brothers, Carl Iacovella of Philadelphia and Anthony Iacovella of Florida; a sister, Ida DiTomasso of Philadelphia; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were from Lasak and Gigliotti Funeral Home in Albany and St. Ambrose Church.

Entombment was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to the Home Care Department of St. Peter's Hospital, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

## Helen W. Stewman

Helen Wickert Stewman, 76, died Saturday, April 23, at the Good Samaritan Health Care Center in Delmar.

Born in Albany, she was a lifelong resident of the Capital District. She was a *cum laude* graduate of the Albany Academy for Girls and received a bachelor's degree from Russell Sage College in Troy.

She worked as an executive secretary for several Albany organizations, including the Research Foundation of the University at Albany. Mrs. Stewman was also employed at the Albany field office for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

She was a subscriber of the Albany Symphony Orchestra. She was a member of the Albany Institute of History & Art, and the Albany Academy for Girls and Russell Sage alumnae associations. She attended St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Albany.

She was the widow of Walter S. Stewman.

Survivors include a stepdaughter, Barbara Stewman Kline of Windsor, Conn.; two stepgrandsons; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services were from the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Albany Medical Center College Parkinson's Study Group, or the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, 85 Watervliet Ave., Albany 12205.

## Anna S. Pausley

Anna S. Pausley, 86, of Selkirk died Friday, April 21, at the Albany County Nursing Home in Colonie.

Born in Carlisle, she was a longtime resident of Selkirk.

Mrs. Pausley was a seamstress and a homemaker.

She was a lifetime member of the state PTA and a former president of the local PTA. She was a 4-H leader in Selkirk for many years.

Mrs. Pausley was active in the Bethlehem Women's Republican Club. She was also active in the Sunshine Seniors and the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Squad.

She was the widow of William Pausley.

Survivors include a daughter, Caroline Borger of Selkirk; two sons, William C. Pausley of Glenville and Dean R. Pausley of Brunswick; a sister, Winifred Palmatier of Johnstown; a brother, George Smullen of Sharon Springs; nine grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Services were private.

Arrangements were by the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Contributions may be made to the Selkirk Fire Co. 1, P.O. Box 185, Selkirk 12158.

## Alice B. Titus

Alice B. Titus, 86, of Slingerlands died Wednesday, April 19, at the Beverwyck.

Born in Corinth, she was a graduate of Glens Falls High School and the former New York State Teachers College. She was a longtime Capital District resident.

Mrs. Titus was a former member of the board of directors of the Albany Guardian Society and the Albany YWCA. She had also been a volunteer at Albany Memorial Hospital. She was a member of the Loudonville Garden Club and a life member of the Albany Academy Mothers Association.

She was the widow of John R. Titus.

Survivors include two sons, John A. Titus of Rochester and David K. Titus of Loudonville; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

A memorial service will be on Saturday, April 29, at the First Church in Albany, Reformed, on Pearl Street.

Burial was in Albany Rural Cemetery in Menands.

Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the First Church in Albany, Reformed.

## Slide show to give glimpses of Europe

Lou Spelich will present a slide program on Austria, Germany, Switzerland and France today, April 26, at 1 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church on Poplar Drive and Elmsmere Avenue in Elmsmere.

# Death Notices

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

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

SPOTLIGHT ON

# Family Entertainment

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## Kidz, grown upz get into the act with children's theater troupe

By Elaine Jackson Cape

When the Child's Play Touring Theatre presents its "Wunzapona Time" this Sunday at the Egg, the actors on stage won't be the only performers.

The audience plays an important role in the production, too, according to Victor Podagrosi, the company's artistic director and founder. For example, in the segment entitled "The Tallest

Tower," adult members of the audience will be selected to play the parts of the Beautiful Queen and the Evil King. A youngster from the audience will be chosen to play the princess.

"It gives a real sense of immediacy, of spontaneity, to the production to use audience members. It's also a lot of fun," Podagrosi said.

But the one thing that really sets this Chicago touring company apart is that it only performs works written by children, not for children by adults. Founded in 1978 in Champaign, Ill., by Victor and June Podagrosi, Child's Play has presented the works of more than 6,500 children from all around the country.

Their mission is to "to share, encourage and validate the creative writing of children by presenting original works of theater, music and dance adapted from stories and poems written by young authors," Podagrosi said.

In the course of the company's 15-year history, more than 350,000 stories and poems have been submitted by children from kindergarten through eighth-grade.

The company has appeared in the area before, at the Junior Museum in Troy, and now includes works by several area youngsters in its repertoire.

"Children have a charming approach to writing. Their sophistication, and story-telling ability give an often unique look at familiar situations," Podagrosi said.

For example, one of the stories that will be performed at the Egg on Sunday — "The Lion and The Cloud" — gives what he calls "a charming take on politics." In a scenario that is likely all too familiar to area audiences, the lion and the cloud each try to make the most noise to see who deserves the title of King of the Jungle.

According to Podagrosi, the audience participates in the contest by roaring with the lion and thundering with the cloud, making so much noise that all the other animals run away. The lion is lonely when his friends leave, and says, "Who will I rule if there's no one here?"

The artistic director recommends the show for kindergarten through sixth-graders, although, he added, since the performance is on a Sunday, there will probably be "a lot of younger children in the audience."

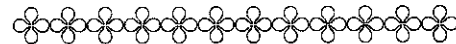
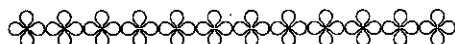
The company has toured the Egg during previous visits to the area, and the performers are really looking forward to their first performance there, Podagrosi said. "It's a beautiful space. We don't have anything like it in Chicago."

Podagrosi is hoping that children who attend Sunday's show at the Egg will submit stories and poems to the company, so they can make a return appearance in the future to present them. "I hope this is the beginning of a long relationship with this area," he said.

Child's Play Touring Theatre will perform at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 30, at the Empire Center at the Egg. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under. For information, contact the box office at 473-1845.



The Child's Play Touring Theatre Acting Company of Chicago will be presenting "Wunzapona Time" at the Egg on Sunday, April 30, at 3 p.m. The group includes: John Fischer (top), Tyron Perry, Karin Anglin and Perry Cavitt (back row left to right); Tara Davis, Janet Brooks, Celia Madeoy (middle row) and George Howe (in front). The group performs plays based on original stories and poems by children.



# SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

## Marie Osmond visits Schenectady's Proctor's Theater in *The Sound of Music*

A '70s TV star, Marie Osmond has had to change her singing style from pop tunes and country music to sing the now classic songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein in *The Sound of Music*.

On tour for eighteen months with this well-known show about Maria Von Trapp and her singing family, Osmond also had to make the transition from solo or duo performer (with her brother, Donny) to working with a theatrical ensemble.

She admits that the first weeks on the road were stressful but now Osmond is quite comfortable with the role done first by Mary Martin on Broadway and Julie Andrews in the movies.

Osmond did some acting study with a New York coach and also engaged a singing teacher there to help change her style for the demanding role.

This experience has encouraged her to consider looking for a future Broadway role. While she admits performing in a musical is hard work, she acknowledges the rewards of playing before audiences captivated by a very popular show.

*The Sound of Music* plays through Sunday afternoon with evening performances at 8 p.m. and matinees (Thursday, Saturday and Sunday) at 2 p.m.

Tickets and information available at 346-6204.

## Bennington's Oldcastle Theater opens summer season June 16

Comfortably housed in its new theater on Route 7 at the eastern approach to Bennington, the Oldcastle Theater company will open its summer season June 16 with the English farce, *Noises Off*.

This comedy which shows the riotous backstage happenings during a supposed serious play, was a big London hit 15 years ago and also did well on Broadway. It has been a staple of regional and community theaters.

The rest of the season at the Bennington Center for the Arts, the building built especially for the theater company three years ago, includes the musical, *110 in the Shade*, an adaptation of *The Rainmaker*. It opens July 7.

It'll be followed by a premiere of a new play, *Principals Only*, by well-known television writer Reginald Rose. It concerns a divorcing couple attempting for sell their house but finding that maybe there's something worth saving. It opens July 27.

The Irish play, *Dancing at Lughnasa*, starts August 18. It tells the story of five unmarried sisters in an Irish village.

The final play of the season is Lanford Wilson's play, *Redwood Curtain*, about an Amerasian girl's search for her father who is a Vietnam veteran. It opens October 6.

Information available at (802) 447-0564.

## British farce *Run For Your Wife* opens Friday at St. Andrew's

The of St. Andrew's Dinner Theater in Albany concludes 17th season this Friday with the opening of the British farce, *Run For Your Wife*. It continues both weekends, April 28-30 and May 5-7.

A long-running London hit, the play revolves around the complications of a British cabbie who's leading a double life, scheduling visits to two wives while on his daily runs.

Robert Couture, a Hudson Valley Community College professor who is also the producer of *The Roustabouts* in Troy, is staging this comedy for Riverview Entertainment Productions at St. Andrew's.

His cast includes Michael Ryan as the cabbie and Carol Jones and Melissa Putterman Hoffmann as his wives. Theodore Zeltner plays his best friend whose efforts to help only compound the problem.

Others in the cast include policemen Jim Riviella and Rit Sinenberg and as a reporter, Denise Zeske.

Prime rib dinner and show are \$19. Dinner is served at 7 p.m. on both Fridays and at 5 p.m. both Saturdays and Sundays. Info/reservations available at 463-3811.

## Around Theaters!

*Arms and the Man* at University at Albany Performing Arts Center, April 26-29 (442-3300) ... *The Vampyre* at the Masque Theater at the Maureen Stapleton Theater on the Hudson Valley Community College Campus, Troy, through April 30. (459-4961)



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# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## THEATER

### "IT'S ONLY A PLAY"

comedy by Terrence McNally, Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, 8 p.m., pay-what-you-will previews May 3 and 4, regular performances May 5 to May 21, 8 p.m., \$10. Information, 462-1297.

### "ARMS AND THE MAN"

anti-war comedy by George Bernard Shaw, Performing Arts Center, University at Albany, April 26 through 29, 8 p.m., \$8, \$6 students. Information, 442-3995.

### "THE VAMPYRE"

adapted from John Polidori's classic novella, Stapleton Theater, Hudson Valley Community College, April 28 and 29, 8 p.m., April 30, 2 p.m., \$7.50, \$5 senior citizens and students. Information, 459-4961.

### "THE SOUND OF MUSIC"

starring Marie Osmond, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, through April 30, 8 p.m. Information, 382-1083.

### "FALSETTOS"

musical comedy, Schenectady Light Opera Company production, 826 State St., Schenectady, April 28, 29 and May 4, 5 and 6, 8 p.m., and April 30 and May 7, 2 p.m., \$15, \$7.50 children. Information, 355-2946.

### "YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU"

comedy by Moss Hart and George Kaufman, Home Made Theater, Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Springs, April 28, 29 and May 5, 6, 12 and 13, 8:15 p.m., and May 7, 2 p.m., \$13 and \$15. Information, 587-4427.

### "TRIPLE PLAY"

evening of three original one-act plays, The College of Saint Rose, Campus Theatre, 1000 Madison Ave., Albany, April 28 and 29, 7 p.m., and April 30, 3 p.m., \$4, free to Saint Rose community. Information, 454-5242.

### "MOLLY PICON'S RETURN ENGAGEMENT"

by Sarah Blacher Cohen, Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, Saturday, April 29, 8 p.m., and Sunday, April 30, 3 p.m., \$15, \$10 senior citizens and students. Information, 442-5620.

## MUSIC

### FEROZA LABONNE

and two of her advanced piano students, Dawn Kim and Wei-Jen Yuan, Schenectady County Community College, Bagley Building, Room 160, April 27, 11:30 a.m., Union College Arts Building, Room 215, 3 p.m. Information, 370-2781.

## MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB

chorus concert and piano recital, Siena College Chapel, New Loudon Road, Latham, April 30, 2 p.m., \$5, \$3 for seniors and students. Information, 482-7531.

## MASTERWORKS CHORALE AND ORCHESTRA

24th annual spring concert and 75th annual memorial Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Madison Avenue and Eagle Street, Albany, May 1, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-5231.

## ALLAN ALEXANDER

lute and guitar player, Allegro Cafe, 33 Second St., Troy, April 29 and May 6, 13, 20 and 27, 7 and 11 p.m. Information, 271-1942.

## SAINT ROSE JAZZ ENSEMBLE

to perform with the Studio Guitar Ensemble, The College of Saint Rose, 1000 Madison Ave., Albany, Tuesday, May 2, 8 p.m. Information, 458-5407.

## TROUT FISHING IN AMERICA

Keith Grimwood and Ezra Idlet, The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany, Friday, April 28, 8 p.m., \$10. Information, 434-1703.

## CHRISTINA NICOTINA

soprano to perform senior recital, Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center, University at Albany, Sunday, April 30, 2 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

## JACK BEHRENS

pianist, The Hyde Collection, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls, Monday, May 1, 8 p.m., \$15, \$7 students. Information, 792-1761.

## BRENTANO STRING QUARTET

Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, Thursday, April 27, 8 p.m., \$12, \$6 students. Information, 382-7870.

## LEE SHAW AND RICK SYRACUSE

Londonderry Cafe, Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, Saturday, April 29, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., \$5 cover. Information, 489-4288.

## COLUMBIA FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

St. Peter's Church, Route 203, Spencertown, Sundays, April 29 and May 13, 5 p.m., \$12, \$7 senior citizens and students. Information, 392-5400.

## "EMPTY GLASS"

computer music concert, Performing Arts Center, University at Albany, Friday, April 28, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

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The College of Saint Rose, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, Sunday, April 30, 2 p.m. Information, 454-5178.

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AROUND THE AREA

WEDNESDAY APRIL 26

ALBANY COUNTY CONFERENCE ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE focusing on sexual violence among young adults...

RETIREE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION breakfast meeting, Quality Inn, 3 Watervliet Ave., Albany, 9 to 11:30 a.m. Information, 869-2542.

DOING BUSINESS IN CHINA presented by Russell Sage College and the Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade...

WOMEN'S HEALTH PROGRAM Perimenopause: Pathway to Change, presented by Dr. Margaret M. Craven...

BEING AND BECOMING ASSERTIVE workshop led by Mary DeSantis, M.S., Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Cost, \$18.

WINTER FARMERS' MARKET Grand Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m. Information.

INFANT AND CHILDSAVER COURSE given by the American Red Cross, Albany Area Chapter, Hackett Boulevard, Albany, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost, \$30.

RENSSELAER COUNTY YOM HASHOA SERVICE service on holiday commemorating the Holocaust...

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

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ANESTHESIA CLASS to discuss options for pain management during labor and delivery...

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

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

THURSDAY APRIL 27

ALBANY COUNTY

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT 14th annual rally and march against sexual violence, with a variety of speakers...

YOM HASHOA PROGRAM former state Assemblyman Harvey Lifset to speak on his experiences as a soldier in World War II...

CONDUCTING BUSINESS ON THE INTERNET seminar presented by the Sage Colleges Institute for Computer Education and Training...

CREATIVE CLUB WORKSHOP "Doing Digital: How to Join the Techno-Web in the Capital Region..."

MICROBIOLOGY TALK "The Coming Plague, Fact or Fiction?" by John Woodall, Ph.D., Wadsworth Center's David Axelrod Institute...

STRESS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP "Don't Panic! Make Stress Work for You..."

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

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

RENSSELAER COUNTY

DIABETES EDUCATION continued May 4 and 11, meeting room two of Leonard Hospital, 74 New Turnpike Road, Troy, 2 p.m. Cost, \$150.

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY FOR MOTHERS ONLY support group for new mothers, Bellevue Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Niskayuna, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Information, 346-9400.

FRIDAY APRIL 28

ALBANY COUNTY

CAREER FAIR with information booths, tours and refreshments, Center for the Disabled, 314 South Manning Blvd., Albany, noon to 4 p.m. Information, 489-8336.

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

SHABBATEVENING SERVICE with a discussion on "The Valley of the Lost Communities..."

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.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

SPRING FAITH AND LIFE CONFERENCE continued April 29, with theme of "Amazing Grace: The Good News of Calvinism..."

SATURDAY APRIL 29

ALBANY COUNTY

PUBLIC WORKSHOP "Improving Your Community With Trees..." presented by the state Department of Environmental Conservation...

CAPITAL REGION HOME BUYER FAIR second annual, with various displays and workshops, New Scotland Avenue Armory, New Scotland Avenue, Albany, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 489-2929.

ENTRANCE EXAM for entrance to the Academy of the Holy Names, 1065-1075 New Scotland Road, Albany, 8:30 a.m. Registration fee, \$10. Information, 438-7895.

FAMILY STAR SHOWS "Death of the Dinosaurs" at 11:30 a.m., "More than Meets the Eye" at 12:30 p.m., Henry Hudson Planetarium, 25 Quackenbush Square, Albany. Cost, \$4 for adults, \$2 for children and senior citizens. Information, 434-5132.

10 K ROAD RACE Tom Robinson Memorial Master's Championship, sponsored by the Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club, begins at Guilderland High School, Guilderland Center, 10 a.m. Cost, \$6. Information, 456-2855.

EMPIRE ORIENTEERING CLUB to hold an orienteering meet on Blueberry Hill, off of Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, 10 a.m. Information, 872-1993.

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"Slinginess"

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15x15 crossword grid with numbered squares.

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