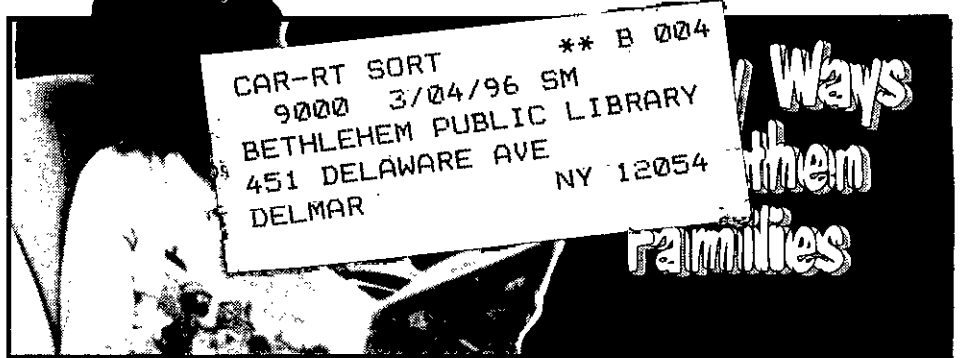


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DOT to begin Delaware Ave. work

Project should take 3 months to complete

By Mel Hyman

Work on widening Delaware Avenue in the vicinity of Delaware Plaza will begin on Monday.

That's when Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. crews begin the time-consuming task of relocating all the utility poles from the north side of Delaware Avenue near the plaza to the south side.

It's expected to take about three months to accomplish that task, according to Richard Frederick, regional construction engineer for the state Department of Transportation.

After the utility poles have been moved, the actual road work will begin sometime around the middle of July. The project will

DOT has agreed to put in extensive landscaping in the project area.

Sheila Fuller

entail a 12-foot widening of Delaware Avenue (from 48 feet to 60 feet) to accommodate vehicles turning left into Delaware Plaza and Normanskill Boulevard.

The road widening will begin at the Hess gas station and extend about 100 feet east of Plymouth Avenue.

The project is designed to reduce the high accident rate in the plaza's vicinity, where the majority of accidents are caused by vehicles being rear-ended after stopping to turn left.

In January 1995, DOT had proposed a more extensive project that called for widening Delaware Avenue between Mason Road and Plymouth Avenue. But that plan was scaled back in response to citizen opposition aired at a public hearing.

When the road work begins, workers from Callanan Industries in South Bethlehem will keep two lanes of traffic flowing during non-peak hours between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

During morning rush hour, three lanes of traffic will be kept open, with two of those lanes heading into the city of Albany.

During the afternoon commuter rush, three lanes of traffic will also be kept open, including two lanes heading out of Albany.

□ DOT/page 16

Last chance for input on BC budget

By Dev Tobin

The public gets its last formal chance to comment on or complain about the 1996-97 Bethlehem Central School District budget tonight, April 17, at 8 p.m. in the district office at 90 Adams Place.

But regardless of what the public says, the budget that goes before the voters on May 8 has already been adopted by the school board and cannot be changed.

The public hearing concerns the district's plans to spend \$38,663,445 next year, up 4.5 percent from this year's approved budget.

The estimated tax rate increase for district residents in the town of Bethlehem is 4.6 percent, and for district residents in the town of New Scotland, 13.6 percent.

The New Scotland rate is higher due to a 10 percent drop in the town's equalization rate, which New Scotland is appealing.

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Winning ways



Marilyn McCall Wiles, left, executive director of the Enterprising Women's Leadership Institute, presents Spotlight Newspapers Associate Publisher Mary Ahlstrom with the Enterprising Women of New York award.

Sue Graves

New Scotland to update property revaluations

By Dev Tobin

It'll be nothing like last time, when hundreds of homeowners protested their new assessments and the political groundswell led to the first all-Democratic town board in New Scotland history.

The first-ever townwide reassessment in 1992 was a wrenching affair for many longtime residents who saw their taxes increase as outdated assessments were corrected.

But the planned revaluation update, to be conducted by Assessor Patricia McVee

and staff of the state Office of Real Property Services over the next year, is not likely to have such a drastic impact, McVee said.

The update will "work out some of the inequities and keep an equitable roll so we can qualify for state maintenance aid," McVee said. "I'd like to get on a regular schedule so we're not like we were before. If we keep doing updates, we'll be able to avoid another full-fledged reval."

Mindful of the 1993 experience,

□ UPDATE/page 28

Kmart pullout won't deter Rubin on Southgate plan

By Mel Hyman

The Rubin Organization of Philadelphia, developers of the proposed Southgate Common shopping center in Glenmont, was taken aback last fall when the Kmart Corp. cancelled its contract to be an anchor tenant.

But even though the Route 9W project has been on the back burner since that time, Rubin Organization president

Leonard Shore said the company has no intention of throwing in the towel.

"It's not dead," he said last week. "We've invested a considerable sum of money in this, and we're honestly trying to get the thing developed."

For the past several months, Bethlehem town officials have heard nothing from the developers despite the company's

□ KSMART/page 16

Police charge Albany man for bilking elderly couple

An Albany man was charged with a felony last week for allegedly trying to dupe an elderly couple out of several thousand dollars.

William Cartwright, 51, of Whitehall Road, surrendered to Bethlehem Police last Thursday, and was charged with one count of first-degree scheme to defraud.

A warrant for his arrest had previously been issued by Town Justice Peter Bishko.

"He took several thousand dollars from an elderly couple on Orchard Street who wanted work done on their house," said Bethlehem Police Lt. Frederick Holligan.

"Some materials may have been delivered to the couple's house, but the job was never completed, and there was no intention of ever doing so," Holligan said.

Cartwright was arraigned before Town Justice Peter Wenger and released pending a future appearance in town court.

"Con artists come crawling out of the woodwork as soon as the warm weather hits," Holligan said. "This happens every year, and a lot of people get victimized, not just the elderly."

Police make 2 DWI arrests

Bethlehem Police arrested two people last week on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Joseph S. Koczaja, 41, of Indian Ledge Road, Voorheesville, was stopped at 2:05 a.m. Sunday, April 14, for flashing his high beams at oncoming traffic along Route 85, according to Bethlehem Police Officer Thomas Heffernan.

He was charged with DWI and released pending a future appearance in town court.

ance in town court.

Raymond Sitler, 31, of 64 Peterbilt Lane, Ravena, was stopped at 5 a.m. Friday, April 12 for weaving on Bridge Street near Spawns Hollow Road, according to Bethlehem Police Officer Charles Radliff.

He was charged with DWI and released pending a future appearance in town court.

St. Thomas parishioners meeting set

Parishioners of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle are holding a meeting on Tuesday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the school library at 42 Adams Place in Delmar.

Fellow parishioners who have spent some time away from the church and then returned are in-

cluding parishioners who may feel estranged from the parish community and distanced from the church to attend the meeting.

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Girls invited to attend leadership program

"Leadership Skills for Girls" will be presented on Saturday, May 4, at the Elsmere Elementary School on Delaware Avenue. All fifth-grade girls in the Bethlehem Central School District are invited to attend this free program.

Participants will have a chance to interact with women who work in a variety of careers, and will learn how to cultivate self-reliance, decision-making and other leadership skills.

The program was created in response to research conducted by the Harvard School of Education and the American Association for University Women on self-esteem and confidence in adolescent girls.

For information, contact Dr. Anne O'Brien Carelli at 439-0233.

Railroad buffs plan slide presentation

A presentation entitled, "Through Bethlehem on the D & H," will be presented on Thursday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Tim Truscott and Dick Barrett of the Mohawk Hudson Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society will illustrate their talk with a film and slides.

Attendees are invited to bring pictures and reminiscences of the railroad to share.

For information, call 439-9314.

Iris society lecture to focus on growing

The Capital-Hudson Iris Society will meet from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 21, at the Bethlehem Public Library, located at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Dana Borglum will lead a discussion on breeding and growing iris in New York state. Borglum is an award winner in Siberian iris breeding, and is currently working with re-blooming iris.

For information, contact Janice Haney at 587-2834 or Katherine Moher at 393-8205.

Good scouts



Beth Carcich of Girl Scout Troop 822 in Delmar joins U-Albany student, Sharon Lee at the Mohawk & Hudson Humane Society in Menands to walk one of the older dogs that is up for adoption. The Scouts brought treats for all the older dogs currently housed at the shelter. Elaine McLain

Route 85 to be closed Sunday morning

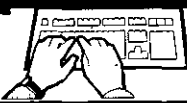
Route 85 (New Scotland Road) from the Blue Cross building west to Font Grove Road will experience intermittent closures between 7:45 and 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 21, due to the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Classic road race. Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes during that span of time.

Bethlehem Police will be directing traffic when it is possible to travel.

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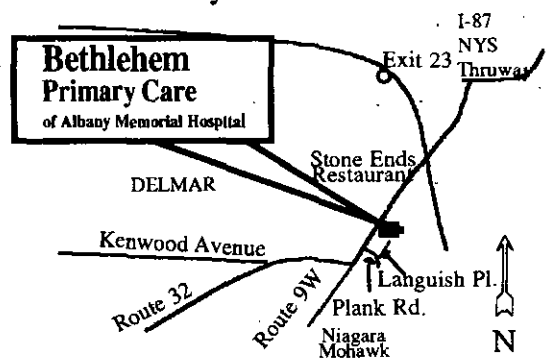
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Assistant AG briefs North Road pollution victims

By Dev Tobin

The hazardous waste cleanup firm that the state says is responsible for polluting groundwater in the North Road area of Clarksville will not be involved in the ongoing remediation work there, Assistant Attorney General Matthew Mazur assured the New Scotland town board and interested residents last week.

Kleen Resources and its family-related predecessor Doremuth Environmental Services, which owns the North Road site, have been identified as responsible parties for the spill, which contaminated wells for about a dozen residences with gasoline additives methyl tert butyl ether (MTBE) and acetone in late May 1995.

Mazur said that the state will be pursuing Kleen Resources,

which relocated to the Rensselaer side of the Port of Albany following discovery of the spill, for costs related to the cleanup.

Residents questioned why

We're asking the state to be flexible, given that the community was victimized by a state spill contractor.

"This may sound jaded, but we're happy they have contracts with the state so we can collect money to repay the state's expenses for the North Road spill, Mazur said.

The attorney general's office will seek reimbursement of the state's Oil Spill Fund for the approximately \$350,000 already spent and likely

to be spent in the next year on monitoring and cleaning up the spill and providing filtration systems and bottled water to affected residences.

In addition to recouping its expenses, the state should also set up an "environmental benefit project" to reimburse the town for

its expenses and possible reduced property tax revenue, argued Dean Sommer, the attorney representing the town in the matter.

"We're asking the state to be flexible, given that the community was victimized by a state spill contractor," Sommer said.

Peter Henner, attorney for the Sturns, said the state's plan to reimburse the Oil Spill Fund is "great for DEC, but doesn't do anything for the residents who have to live with this. They have suffered real damages that will very likely be uncompensated."

Mazur replied, "The Oil Spill Fund should remedy everybody's damages, regardless of whether we collect from Kleen Resources. But a lot of the things you want to do go beyond the damages the law says are appropriate."

Mazur's statement appeared to

rule out the residents' preferred solution to the problem — a one-mile extension of the Clarksville Water District into the affected area, funded through the Oil Spill Fund.

After pollution levels for MTBE and acetone in residential wells dropped below the state drinking water standard earlier this year, prospects for the more-than-\$500,000 extension dimmed considerably.

Given the relatively modest cost (about \$5 per person per week), Mazur said the state will look into continuing to supply bottled water to residents beyond May 1.

The state Department of Health had recommended discontinuing bottled water distribution because contaminant levels were low enough to be effectively removed by filtration systems.

Water problems KO Feura Bush building

Health department nixes new permits

By Dev Tobin

What started out as an occasional inconvenience has now become so serious that the county Health Department has imposed a moratorium on new building in Feura Bush.

The problem is that pressure in part of the hamlet's water system can be erratic, sometimes falling below the state Sanitary Code standard of 20 pounds per square inch (psi).

It's unfortunate it wasn't done right the first time, but we have to fix this.

Herb Reilly

As a result, the department denied approval for three duplexes proposed by John Mauro on New Scotland Avenue, an area where the pressure problem is most acute.

"Until this problem is resolved, we cannot approve new construction in this area," wrote Clifford Forando, associate public health engineer for the health department.

The district buys water from neighboring Bethlehem, then pumps the water up to a storage

tank. The problem is that a majority of the district's approximately 140 users are hooked into the system before the water tank, which provides steady pressure.

The town has engaged J. Kenneth Fraser & Associates as consulting engineers to investigate the problem and propose a solution.

In a preliminary review in February, Fraser noted: "The low pressure problem can only be corrected by converting supply side users (before the tank) over to service from the tank side of the system. If the pumping station had been located at a lower location, many more of the users would be receiving high pressure service from the tank side of the pumping station. Alternatively, with the installation of some new water mains, high pressure service could be extended from the tank side of the pumping station to residents now served by the supply side main."

Councilman Scott Houghtaling, a Feura Bush resident, said "The design flaw has been there since day one, and has been magnified by additional houses and the Feura Bush senior apartments being connected to the district over the past 15 years."

"Pressure's been the problem since the system was installed," agreed New Scotland Highway Superintendent Darrell Duncan.

"It's unfortunate it wasn't done right the first time, but we have to fix this," said Supervisor Herb Reilly.

Duncan will attend the April 25 meeting of the Feura Bush Neighborhood Association to discuss the problem and answer residents' questions. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. in Jerusalem Reformed Church.

Houghtaling said that other issues to be covered at the meeting include the possibility of bringing natural gas service to the hamlet and the town's revaluation update project, which will begin this month and run through next year.

Book-signing celebs



Children's book authors Marcia Thornton Jones and Debbie Dady, seated, greet their young fans, from left, Caitlyn Myers, Laura Manzi, Greg Myers, Brian Neri and Megan Gallagher at I Love Books in Delmar Saturday.

Elaine McLain

ZBA considers St. Thomas variances

By Mel Hyman

The Bethlehem zoning board of appeals tonight (Wednesday) is expected to approve the zoning variances needed for the planned expansion of St. Thomas Parish School and St. Thomas Church.

At its April 3 meeting, the board took an informal vote and approved the area variances requested by the church by a 4-1 margin. Board member James Morgan cast the nay vote.

The church and school will now be free to embark upon their expansion, although the ZBA retains the right to review the final site plan, mainly to ensure that all of the landscaping changes have been made, said ZBA chairman Michael Hodom.

"They want the property to be attractive," Hodom said. "They're neighborhood-friendly people."

A public hearing on the project, which involves a 7,863-square-foot addition to the school plus the construction of a new chapel and gathering space for the parish, drew a large crowd to Bethlehem town hall. While generally supportive, some neighbors

voiced opposition based on concerns over parking and loss of green space.

"I thought they met all the criteria," Hodom said. "Both the church and the school have been there for 40 years, and we're living in changing times. The school is very congested and they need some space for computers. The benefits certainly outweigh any detriment to the community or neighborhood."

As far as public concern over parking overflow from the church, Hodom said, "A lot of that could be rectified by enforcement of the existing parking regulations (on Kenwood Avenue and Adams Street) by issuing tickets" for cars illegally.

Certain conditions were attached to the board's approval, Hodom said, such as ensuring that the existing fence between the school parking area and adjoining properties is maintained.

Morgan said he wasn't opposed to the school expansion, but had reservations about the magnitude of the parish expansion.

"They had some good subject

ive reasons" for the church expansion, he said, but the parking problem on weekends has already "reached the point where it's impinging on the neighborhood."

The new church buildings will mean an increase in the number of social functions, Morgan said, and as a consequence an increase in the number of vehicles parked in the neighborhood.

"I think they exceeded what is reasonable" in impacting the neighborhood, he added. And "there seemed to be no compromise (offered by St. Thomas) on the overall magnitude" of the project.

"We're very pleased it was approved, and we look forward to finalizing our plans and starting construction," said St. Thomas building chairman John Pelletier.

Pelletier said the parish had intentionally waited to start a fundraising campaign for the \$3 million project" while the zoning board application was being acted on.

Construction could start this year, he said, provided the funds are available.

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CASA helps kids find better life

By Susan Graves

In Albany County, more than 500 children are in foster care. But thanks to about a dozen volunteers, many of those children have a better chance of a safe and secure home life.

Started in 1990 by state Supreme Court Judge Anthony Cardona, a former county family court judge, Court Appointed Assistants (CASAs) have become an advocacy group for children in foster care.

The program is housed at The Center for Dispute Resolution on Ontario Street in Albany, where volunteers research cases for family court judges in the hopes of providing insights toward providing a secure and loving home for abused and neglected children.

"We really feel we're making a difference," said Bonnie Rosenberg, program manager for CASA.

What the volunteers is provide a comprehensive profile for the judge, which includes information from the child, the family, social workers, lawyers and anyone else who can provide input on the case. Sometimes psychologists and teachers are also interviewed in the process.

Grace Thompson of Delmar, a CASA volunteer, said the "work can be very gratifying."

Thompson said her job is essentially "researching the case for the judge," who takes the CASA findings under consideration before rendering a decision.

Volunteers undergo extensive



CASA volunteer Grace Thompson and programmer Bonnie Rosenberg believe their work makes a difference in children's lives.

training before being sworn in and before signing an oath of confidentiality.

"We feel very involved and strong about the cases, but act within the confines of our authority," Thompson said.

Rosenberg said the volunteers act as neutral parties, who are not tied down by bureaucratic guidelines, although "We still have to work within the system."

CASA has programs in 23 counties in New York, and the Albany branch has handled about 25 cases since January.

The Albany CASA program will hold a fund-raiser, CASA for Kids, at Crossgates Mall beginning on Sunday, April 21, and continuing through May 4.

Proceeds from a raffle for inventive playhouses will be used to help meet CASA's expenses, particularly for training.

The need for the CASA volunteers is pressing, in part because of the high number of cases. Thompson said social services worker's caseloads run between 40 up to as many as 60.

"There are so many families — the entire system is overburdened," she said, adding that the CASA program is value-based, "a cost-effective solution" to the problem.

Rosenberg said that CASA volunteers really act as "a child's voice in court."

The playhouses for the fund-raiser were designed and built by local architects and builders.

Delmar man tapped for top county post

By Mel Hyman

As the new commissioner of human resources for Albany County, Delmar resident Gus Thompson realizes that more than 3,000 county employees will be banking on him to protect their rights.

That's just fine with Thompson who after more than 20 years in state government, says he's a "people person."

His most recent position with the state was executive deputy commissioner with the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. He worked in that capacity for two years until the changeover of administrations (from Mario Cuomo to George Pataki) cost him his job.

He then went job-hunting, and was hired by Democratic County Executive Michael Breslin as the first black department head in Albany County. The job pays \$59,900.

Included in the human resources department are four divisions: employee relations, civil service, affirmative action and personnel.

While affirmative action programs may no longer be popular, Thompson said when affirmative action guidelines come into play with companies doing business with the county, he will make sure they are adhered to.

He also promised to step up recruitment of women and minorities for positions in the county, and "investigate human rights complaints when we receive them."

A Delmar resident since 1988, Thompson and his wife Toni "checked out a ton of other places" before settling down in the area, and found Bethlehem to be the best of the lot.

"We didn't have any kids, so it wasn't the schools," he said. "It was the community itself that we liked."

Thompson, 48, spent most of his state service with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, including a six-year stint as deputy commissioner for programs and services.

"Our parks system is close to



Gus Thompson

my heart," he said. "I could have gone back to Texas and worked in a good position, but I couldn't see trading in all that we have around here."

During his undergraduate years, Thompson was a physical education major, attending Wiley College in Marshall, Texas, on a full athletic scholarship.

He had an opportunity to brush up on some of his basketball skills recently when he coached a sixth-grade team in the Bethlehem Basketball Club.

Ritalin: Boon or bane

The Spotlight is preparing an article on the use of Ritalin to treat local children's attention deficit disorder. If you have had experience, positive or negative, with Ritalin, contact Dev Tobin at 439-4949.

'Naughty Maria' film debuts at town library

The Bethlehem Public Library, located at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, will present the film *Naughty Marietta* (1935, black and white) on Friday, April 26, at 10 a.m.

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce April Breakfast Meeting

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Cook wins scholarship to Bishop Maginn

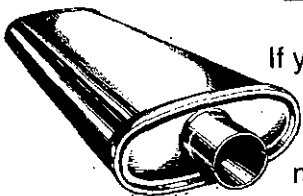
Brian Cook, an eighth-grader at St. Thomas School in Delmar, has been awarded a scholarship to Bishop Maginn High School in Albany.

Bishop Maginn gave five top students a \$1,000 per year scholarship for their performance on an exam in December.

Cook, the school's representative to the regional spelling bee held at Proctor's Theater last year, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cook of Delmar.

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Robert Burns, left, and William Mooney of Selkirk Fire Co. No. 2, are still active in the department.

Fire Co. honors charter members

By Mel Hyman

When A. Robert Burns and William Mooney started with Selkirk Fire Company No. 2, there was only one truck in the firehouse.

Now there are five. Of course, that was 42 years ago when Burns and Mooney joined as founding members of the company. A lot has changed since 1954, but Mooney and Burns are still responding to fire calls and contributing in whatever ways they can.

The department recently presented the pair with plaques honoring them for their 42 years of active service. Of the 60 charter members in Selkirk No. 2, Mooney and Burns, who are next-door neighbors on Vagele Lane in Glenmont, are the only two active volunteers remaining.

Today there are pensions for firefighters and all sorts of sophisticated equipment. Back in the 1950s, "We never even thought about (pensions)," Burns said.

"It's changed a lot," Mooney recalled. "Now we have fire hydrants all over the place. Back then, it was just what we had on wheels. We could carry 1,000 gallons with us on a truck and that was it. We didn't get hydrants around here until the early '60s."

"The fire trucks are almost twice as large now," Mooney continued. "No one can ride on the outside of them anymore" for fear that "you'll lose someone when you hit a bump."

Back then, those hazards were taken for granted. "It could get pretty cold standing on the back of the truck in below-zero temperatures riding down 9W," Mooney said.

Another change is a real cause for concern, Burns said. "There's been a fall-off in interest. It's hard to get people today. Nighttime's not that bad, but daytime is real bad" as far as drawing volunteers.

Burns, 69, worked for Williams

Press in Menands for 20 years and retired as a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Delmar after 22 years. He's held numerous offices in the company, including a 10-year stint as president.

The worst fire he remembers is the inferno that engulfed the Selkirk rail yards in the late-1950s when the old roundhouse — a building where up to 50 steam locomotives could be parked for repairs — burned to the ground.

Mooney, 74, moved to Bethlehem in 1950. He retired after 43 years with the former Huyck Felt Co. in Rensselaer where he was employed as a weaver. He served as an assistant chief in the department, and spent most of his career as a driver.

Burns and Mooney are also charter members of the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service, and are in their 40th year of service with the organization.

Slingerlands man to lead Edinboro University in Pa.

Frank George Pogue Jr. of Slingerlands, vice chancellor of the State University of New York, has been appointed president of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, effective July 1.



Pogue

Pogue earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Alabama State University, a master's degree in sociology from Atlanta University, and a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Pittsburgh.

Prior to coming to SUNY, Pogue was assistant professor of family health at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn.; assistant professor of sociology and director of Afro-American studies at Chatham College in Pittsburgh, Penn.; and dean of students at Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Ark.

He began his association with SUNY in 1973 at the University at Albany as chair and associate professor of the Department of Afro-American Studies, a position he held for 10 years. Pogue also served as associate vice president for research and educational development, dean of undergraduate studies, and vice president of

student affairs at UAlbany.

Pogue then came to SUNY Central Administration as vice chancellor for student affairs and special programs. He also served as interim president of SUNY Cobleskill.

During his time at SUNY Central, Pogue worked to open doors for Africans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and other under-represented groups. He was an advocate for the New York African American Institute, advanced degrees in African studies, the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), and the Liberty Partnership Program.

Pogue was also responsible for system-wide student educational services and programming, access services, financial aid services, school and college relations, university public safety, and educational opportunity programs and centers.

Pogue is a charter member of 100 Black Men and serves on their board of directors. He is vice president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and was honored with that organization's Distinguished Higher Education Award. Last year, Pogue also received the New York African-American of Distinction Award.

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She's a winner

Spotlight Newspapers Associate Publisher Mary Ahlstrom received a well-deserved honor last week. She was selected as one of 12 Enterprising Women of the Capital Region for 1996.

Mary was nominated by Marty DeLaney of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, who says Mary, a former chamber board member, "works quietly in the background, but always moves things along."

Mary exemplifies the type of woman who manages to perform a number of things all at once. She is the heart-beat of *The Spotlight*, and helps the paper and the staff in countless ways. Mary's energy, sense of humor and willingness to do even the smallest task without ever grouching is an example for all of us.

And Mary, perhaps more than anything, shows that compassion is part of the business of business and that the work place can also be a place of joy and laughter.

We at *The Spotlight* are proud of Mary's latest honor, but to us, she is an everyday award winner.

Editorials

Celebrating families

This week's special supplement on strengthening families is really a tribute to the Bethlehem community. Bethlehem Networks and the Community Partnership deserve credit for the idea of a Top Ten Ways to Strengthen Families contest, and the families who entered are equally deserving for sharing special moments of their lives.

What is endearing is that the adults in the community appear to already practice sound parenting techniques, and the children appreciate their efforts immensely. The number of entries that were obviously submitted by children suggest that "special" family events really are a very important part of their lives.

From dressing up an ordinary meal to camping out in the living room to reading together at the library or reading to each other at home, the description of family events that mean something special is heartwarming.

Perhaps the contest should become an annual event to give more families a chance to participate in it and others an opportunity to begin new traditions of their own.

Cooperate where we can

According to the draft report of the State Commission on the Capital Region, what this area needs is coordinated economic development, lower energy costs, fairer property taxes, more efficient government — all about as popular as mom, apple pie and winning the lottery.

The call for regional cooperation in areas like water and solid waste resonates positively in our little corner of the six-county region, and if the commission did not raise the question of whether it makes sense, for example, for Bethlehem and New Scotland to have eight volunteer fire departments, who would?

But the study's recommendation that a regional super-government will be more efficient than the current set-up of cities, towns and villages needs rigorous examination.

The report states that units of government that serve less than 5,000 people are inherently inefficient, but offers no empirical data to support that belief.

Voorheesville Mayor Edward Clark, a commission member, notes that bigger is not always better when it comes to efficient delivery of basic government services.

With a population of about 3,200, Voorheesville is one of many municipalities targeted for "restructuring," but Clark argues convincingly that larger municipalities in the region have swollen payrolls, significantly higher taxes and more impersonal, bureaucratic service, compared to smaller municipalities.

To get the broad public support it will need to do away with the political independence of places like Voorheesville, the commission will have to make a much better case than it has made so far.

It's never too late to begin

Find time for best things in life

By Gwen Guillet

The writer of this Point of View is a guidance counselor at Hamagrael Elementary School.

The special supplement in this week's *Spotlight* is especially inspiring to me because it celebrates everything that is agreeable about life and families. The children in the homes described will have memories and traditions to pass on to their own families which in turn assures me, that good exists all around us if only we look for it.



Twenty-five years ago when the world outside the home began to open up for women, not to mention all the other factors that have impacted the family, life changed for parents and for their children. As a woman, a mother of women, and an educator, I am grateful for the new opportunities for all adults; nonetheless I am frustrated by what appears to have been an unexpected, negative result in that quest for all individuals to pursue their own advancement.

It seems to me that it is the exceptional parents who have successfully balanced the "quality vs. quantity" issue so that child and family development is optimal.

Although the earlier parents start to practice the "art of parenting" the better, it is never too late to change. No. 1 on the list is time. There is simply no substitute for time when it comes to raising children. The suggestions in this family issue are wonderful uses of time and can be practiced by nearly any family. These occasions provide the opportunity for adults and children to interact, communicate, and grow together.

Another meaningful way to "find" family time is to formalize the management of the family with regular, family meetings. It may be that the TV families who used conversations around the dinner table to sort out problems and plan activities never existed in real life,

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but there is no doubt that it's a good idea that we can recapture (or introduce) now. Here's how to get started.

Arrange a meeting with the entire family after Sunday dinner or Saturday breakfast or some other time when people are relaxed and don't feel pressured to run off to other things. Announce that from now on the family is

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going to be run like a team. Mom and dad are the CEOs and have the final say, but every team member's voice will be listened to and all ideas respected and considered. In the beginning, tackle non-threatening topics that are bound to be successful such as "Once a week we are going to have a family activity in which everyone can participate. We'd like to start next week. What shall we do?" Have this section of the newspaper plus the latest videos for rental, museum exhibits and the like available and then ask for suggestions. After the list has been compiled, go through and discuss it until you arrive at one thing everyone agrees to.

Arrange a time for the activity and have everyone place it on his/her calendar. Agree that only a very serious occurrence will excuse an absence. (This especially goes for mom and dad)

Next start a list of issues that can be discussed at future meetings such as daily chores, meal planning and preparation, sibling relationships, scheduling of activities and TV viewing. Include positive, fun things too not just the nitty-gritty. Select one that all agree would be appropriate and announce that it will be the discussion topic next week and that

everyone should think about what they would like to say about it. Have the youngest family member attach the list to the refrigerator, or other central location, and instruct all present that any time during the week other topics can be added to the list.

Now establish the best time for future meetings. It should be a time when all members will be available and not be rushed to get on with other things. Meal times are often selected since they are

usually times families come together. The leadership of each meeting should rotate. (Even a 3-year-old can run a meeting with a little assistance.) An agenda should be made concluding with a fun activity for ending the meeting. (Make-your-own sundae, popcorn and a video, a game of Clue, a family bike ride around the block are all good ideas).

The meetings should not be times to discipline, criticize, or discuss personal issues with your children. They will not want to attend meetings if they find them unpleasant. Discipline of particular children should be done in private, away from other family members.

Finally, have a positive way of ending this first meeting. "Now, let's all get busy; tonight's make your own pizza night, and each of you has to get your's ready for the oven."

The idea behind such family meetings is that it "builds in" family time and provides a mechanism for discussing family concerns and problems. One of the major difficulties with today's fast-paced families is that parents assume too much of the responsibility and throw out orders and punishments without having time to think and plan. Likewise children figure out

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rather early when and how to deal with each parent for the greatest personal gain vs. perceiving themselves to be participating problem-solving members of the unit.

Families utilizing the weekly meetings report that chronic issues tend to disappear once they learn to formally discuss and exchange ideas when members are not angry or feeling threatened. In addition children learning these skills from their parents will find their social relationships outside the home improve as well.

The meetings provide opportunities to be heard. Parents not listening is the No. 1 one thing students complain about to me. Expressing positive feelings about one another and giving encouragement, distributing chores fairly, expressing concerns, feelings, and complaints, settling conflicts and recurring issues, and planning family recreation are all possibilities for meetings.

To keep meetings running smoothly, don't wait to get started. If all members aren't on-board, start with those who are. Keep to the assigned times, don't start or end late, and be sure no one person dominates the meeting or does too much complaining. Good follow through is essential if people are to trust the system.

Fifty years from now, your children won't remember how much money you had in the bank or whether or not they visited the Taj Mahal at age 10. What they will remember is how seldom you were home for dinner, how exhausted and busy you were on weekends, and how little you discussed the trials and adventures of life with them.

For the families highlighted in *The Spotlight*, the traditions and dependable family activities will be the stuff for endless tales about happy childhoods and family membership.

Many deserve thanks for festival success

Editor, The Spotlight:

The recent Bethlehem school district Choral Festival was a wonderful example of cooperation resulting in beautiful music.

More than 800 students from the elementary schools and the middle and high school participated. The students all worked very hard on this momentous task.

Following the concert, Bethlehem Music Association held a reception for the conductor, Hubert Reid, at the Rose Gallery in Main Square. The owners, Shawn and Julie Anderson, new to the area, cordially let us use their gallery for the reception.

They couldn't have been more gracious. They have a wide variety of art, from native Indian items to limited editions of dolls. If you have a half hour to two hours to visit, you'll be pleased to see what they have.

Patricia A. Kane

Delmar

Let people have their say

Editor, The Spotlight:

In April, the chairman of the Albany County Legislature made it disappointingly clear that the ways and means of the Democratic majority haven't changed.

Minority leader Peter Crumney put forth Resolution No. 70, which calls for a public hearing to be held to solicit opinion on downsizing, or as some call it "rightsizing," the legislature.

Albany County's legislature has 39 seats, the largest of any county in the state. Unfortunately, not even a public hearing, a fundamental tool of the democratic process, is allowed by the Democratic majority.

The proposal under discussion, Local Law B of 1996, would reduce the number of legislative seats from 39 to 21. Annual savings to the county are estimated at approximately \$300,000.

I support this concept, but, like many legislators, feel that public hearings are a necessary first step to gauge public opinion.

The actual restructuring would not take place until after the next census in 2000. As with any sig-

nificant change in government, the process of downsizing will undoubtedly be cautious and discussed at great length, therefore, the time to begin this dialogue, to evaluate its merits, is now.

Unfortunately, on Monday, April 8, the chairman of the legislature refused to even let members vote on the resolution to approve the public hearing. The chairman used his executive power to rule both the resolution and the local law out of order.

I am writing to express my sincere disappointment with the majority leaders in Albany County government. I hope the residents of Bethlehem will take note that when government will not even let an idea be discussed in a public forum, government is failing in its most basic function.

I would appreciate hearing from anyone who feels a public hearing would be appropriate. Write me at P.O. Box 215, Delmar 12054, or call 439-8513 and leave a message.

David A. Young

Albany County Legislator,
34th District

Delmar

No religion in public sites

Editor, The Spotlight:

In his letter in the April 3 edition, Andrzej Slominski decried the absence of Christmas trees from the Bethlehem Public Library lobby, claiming that in a democracy, the will of the majority should rule.

As a naturalized immigrant from European dictatorship, like Mr. Slominski (Nazi Germany, in my case), I too have come to cherish the freedoms our country offers, and the concurrent responsibilities.

One of the latter is that the majority in exercising its right to rule must always respect the sepa-

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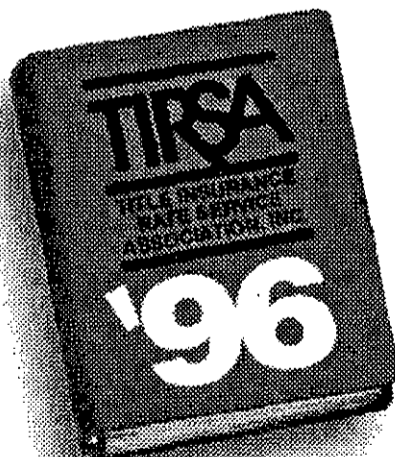
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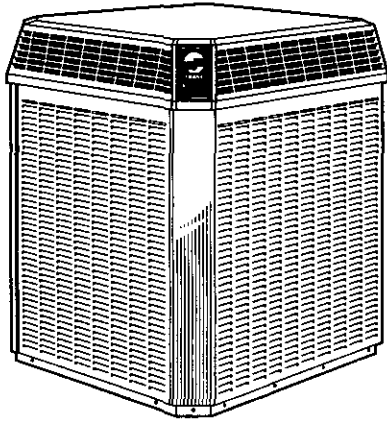
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Vendors can sell any items. Four-hundred-square-foot spaces can be reserved for \$20. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. The grounds will open at 7 a.m. for vendors.

For information, call 439-6808.

Area Marine posted to Okinawa, Japan

Marine Cpl. Peter S. Howard, a 1991 graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School in Ravena, recently reported for duty with the Third Maintenance Battalion of the Third Force Service Support Group in Okinawa, Japan.

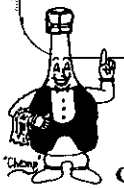
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Every year, the Bethlehem Art Association provides awards in the fine arts to students of Bethlehem Central High School.

To perform this community service, the association holds a raffle for three original works done by its members.

This year the three selected works are a charcoal drawing titled "Martha Washington Teranium" by Rita Buttiker; a photograph, "Mysterious Moments," by Yota Lindroth; and a watercolor, "Dutch Manor," by Charles A. Schade.

The works will be hanging in the Bethlehem Public Library for the month of April. Members will be selling raffle tickets until the drawing, which will be held Thursday, May 16, at the monthly meeting of the BAA. Tickets are \$2 each or \$5 for \$5. You need not be present to win.

The artists being honored this year include Rita Buttiker, a resident of South Bethlehem, who was born and raised in Switzerland. After raising a large family, she

began studying art at the University at Albany and in Florence, Italy.

Working in charcoal or pastels, her favorite subjects are people, with an emphasis on children. Flowers and local scenery run a close second.

Yota Lindroth, born in Greece, has made Delmar her home. She studied opera in Athens and made two world tours singing with theatrical troupes. Always interested in the creative fine arts, she began painting in oils and took courses in sculpture at the University at Albany. She has also taught the art of photography for the Bethlehem Central School District.

Charles A. Schade was educated in Albany and resides in Slingerlands. A graduate of Yale, he successfully practiced architecture until his retirement. Having a love for art since his college years, he was finally able to pursue his interest in watercolors. His subjects include the Normanskill and the Helderberg Mountains.

On the road to success



Kate Fruscione, left, Amy Bennett, Kelly Fuchs, Shawna Woodworth and Peter Bird perform a scene from "The Secret of My Success," a one-act musical staged at the Delmar Reformed Church last week. Elaine McLain

Heldeberg Workshop sets vacation sessions

The Heldeberg Workshop will be offering a week of classes for children in grades one through seven during the week of April 22-26.

The classes, which run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon, will be held on the workshop property located on Picard Road in Voorheesville.

Classes being offered are: "Spring Birds, Birds, Birds" with Iris Keefer, "Animal Discovery" with Jessica Jacket, "Wildlife at the Workshop" with Dee Strnisa and Barb Carmen, and "Hiking and Orienteering" with Cathleen Hill.

For information, call 479-1419.

Walkers to watch for spring peepers

The Watchable Wildlife Series from the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar will present the spring peeper, a small, brown tree frog with a dark cross on its back, on Friday, April 19, at 7 p.m.

Following a brief indoor introduction to the frog, a walk through the marshes will take place, with center naturalists aiding participants in looking for the frogs.

Participants should bring a flashlight.

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Vacation child care on tap in Delmar

The Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will offer child care services during school vacation from Monday, April 22, to Friday, April 26.

"New Beginnings" is open to children in kindergarten through grade six, and will run from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day. Full- and half-day openings are available. Activities will include storytelling, cooking and baking, games, sports, and arts and crafts.

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Reach for the stars at Friday party

Bethlehem schools are closed for vacation next week, and the library is offering several events. The fun begins on Friday, April 19, at 8:30 p.m. with a Star party for children in grades three through six.



Guest star astronomer and Bethlehem parent Janie Schwab will be at the program at Elm Avenue Town Park, near the administration building.

A telescope will be available and participants are invited to bring their own telescopes or binoculars.

In the event of rain, an indoor

slide presentation will be given in the administration building. Registration is limited.

On Tuesday, April 23, at 2 p.m., children in grades one through three are invited to bring their jump ropes and rhymes to "Jump for Fun," which will be held rain or shine.

"Kid Coyote" is back by popular demand on Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m. Don and Victoria Armstrong will present a program of stories and songs of the old Southwest.

The program is suitable for school-age children and their families.

Register for these events by calling 439-9314.

Children and their parents are invited to check out youth services new magazines. American Girl, Baby Bug, Calliope, Hopscotch and others are now avail-

able in the circulating collection. All but the most recent issue can be checked out.

The parent-teacher shelf now offers Book Links, Copycat, Home Education and Totline.

And while you're in that general area, don't miss the youth services display case, which features Renee Provost's whimsical collection of pig figurines.

Library activities this week are not limited to the younger set. Vintage film aficionados are invited to the second film of the "Musical Memories" series.

"Naughty Marietta," a 1935 film starring Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy will be shown on Friday, April 26, at 10 a.m. Coffee and tea will be served.

The series shows films on the last Friday of the month through

June. "Maytime," with MacDonald and Eddy, is appropriately scheduled for May 31.

The last film, "Rosaliè," with Eleanor Powell and Nelson Eddy, will be shown on June 28.

Call the reference desk to register for the free programs.

The Delmar Community Orchestra will perform on Sunday, April 28, at 2 p.m.

Led by Mildred Stahl, the orchestra will present a program of pops and light classics, including the Grand March from Verdi's *Aida* and Folk Song Suite by Vaughn Williams. Soprano Marie Franke will sing several selections.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Louise Grieco

Blue Cross/Blue Shield sponsoring road races

The Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield Classic will be run on Sunday, April 21, beginning at 8 a.m. The event will consist of a 15-kilometer and a 5.6-kilometer race. Both races will start and finish at the Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield Building at 1251 New Scotland Ave. in Slingerlands.

Runners can register between 6 and 7:30 a.m. on the day of the race. The entry fee is \$12.

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and a 1941 photograph of local Gold Star Mothers who kept the homefront alive during World War II. One of Susan B. Anthony's visits to Albany is also chronicled in the display.

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Master composters to meet in V'ville

Master Composters is a group of volunteers trained to educate the public and instill enthusiasm for home composting. Anyone who has an interest in home composting can become a master composter. This year's master composter training class has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at William J. Rice Jr. Extension Center in Voorheesville.

There will be a \$10 workshop fee charged to cover the cost of educational hand-outs. The fee can be refunded in exchange for five hours of community/volunteer service.

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Anyone with questions can call the highway department at 765-2681.

Bloodmobile slated

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Cornell Cooperative Extension office on Martin Road on Thursday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For information and to sign up, call 765-3500. Walk-ins are welcome.

Composter class set at extension

Cooperative Extension has scheduled a master composter training class for Wednesday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rice Center on Martin Road.

A \$10 workshop fee will cover the cost of educational materials. The fee can be refunded in exchange for five hours of community/volunteer service.

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Schools closing for spring resess

Schools will be closed for spring recess from Monday, April 22, through Friday, April 26.

Students in the school district will be dismissed 15 minutes early on Friday, April 19, when the school conducts its annual emergency drill.

Morning kindergarten classes will be dismissed at the regular time.

Legion to dish up Sunday breakfast

Breakfast will be served at the American Legion Post on Voorheesville Avenue on Sunday, April 21, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

Post 1493's Commander Frank Jablonowski has appointed Sal Mazzara to assist post historian Paul Barrowman in planning activities to celebrate the group's 50th anniversary.

"Happy 50th Anniversary Post 1493" will be the theme for this year's Memorial Day Parade, which is set for Saturday, May 25, in the village.

V'ville planners meet tonight

Voorheesville's planning commission meets tonight, April 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the village hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

Don't miss baby animal event

Indian Ladder Farms on Route 156 will host a baby animal weekend on April 20 and 21. Everyone is invited to come see, pet and learn about young farm animals. There will be demonstrations of sheep and goat shearing on Sunday, April 21, from noon to 3 p.m. For information, call 765-2956.

Board petitions due May 3

Residents of the school district who would like to run for an opening on the school board must submit a petition with 25 signatures to the superintendent's office by Friday, May 3, at 5 p.m.

Election for the seat will take place with the budget vote on June 5.

For information, call the district office at 765-3313.

Library announces open board seat

The library is accepting petitions for a position on its board of trustees. Petitions with 25 signatures are due by 9 p.m. on Friday, May 3. Petitions can be picked up at the library at 51 School Road.

The election and budget vote is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, from 2 to 9:30 p.m. at the high school.

Any school district resident over 18 years of age may submit a petition. For information, call 765-2791.

V'ville legion marks 50th anniversary

The Voorheesville American Legion Post 1493 will celebrate its 50th year beginning May 10.

In recognition of this occasion, Commander Frank Jablonowski has appointed Sal Mazzara to assist the post's historian, Paul Barrowman, to appropriately celebrate this important period.

V'ville firefighters install new officers

The Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department recently installed several new officers at its annual installation dinner held at the Western Turnpike Golf Course in Guilderland.

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

Civil officers are: Richard Berger, president; Ray O'Malley, vice president; James Duncan, treasurer; August Jones, secretary; James Burns, delegate; and Harry Timmis, assistant delegate.

Adirondack songbirds to be lecture topic

Richard Guthrie, a retiree from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, will give a slide presentation on bird watching entitled, "Songbirds of the Adirondacks," today, April 17, at 7 p.m., at the Bethlehem Public Library, at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

For information, call 439-9314.

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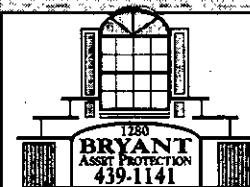
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School vacationers study soapy science

The kids are on vacation next week. To help keep them busy and happy, Meg Seimberg-Hughes has planned some clean, although messy, fun for children in kindergarten through grade-four on Monday, April 22.

Soap Bubble Science is the title of the 11 a.m. to noon program which will explore the world of bubbles. Sign up is necessary, so call the library.



Randy Mauger will perform for both kids and adults on Wednesday, April 24. Mauger is a skilled musician, artist and vocalist who performs on guitar and harmonica.

His 2 p.m. show is for elementary-school-age children. Teens and adults are invited at 7 p.m. to a concert for older audiences which will feature many of Mauger's original compositions.



Randy Mauger

7 p.m. to see a demonstration by Panchita Davila, a seamstress who creates the lovely Quinceanera gowns worn by young Hispanic women for their coming-of-age ceremony.

Art Expressions meets on Thursday, April 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bring materials and join other adults for an evening of drawing or painting in the community room.

A reminder that petitions are available at the circulation desk for an opening on the library board of trustees which will be up for election in June. Any school district resident over the age of 18 is eligible to run. Pick up a petition and return it with 25 signatures by 9 p.m. on May 3.

Say hello to the members of the Friends of the Library who will be at SuperValu this Saturday, April 20, handing out coupons to be redeemed at the annual library book sale May 22-25.

Barbara Vink

Stargazers to gather at Elm Avenue park

Astronomer and Bethlehem parent Janie Schwab will "guest star" at the Bethlehem Public Library's Star Party for children in grades three to six on Friday, April 19, at 8:30 p.m.

The event, which was rescheduled after cancellation last winter, will be held at the Elm Avenue Town Park near the park administration building.

A telescope will be available, and participants are invited to bring their own telescopes or binoculars. In the event of poor visibility, an indoor slide presentation will be given in the administration building.

For information, call 439-9314.

Embroidery guild to meet in Delmar

The Embroiders' Guild will meet today, April 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar. Participants are invited to bring samples of their current work.

For information, call 477-4511.

Slingerlands school to hold spring musical

Fifth-graders at the Slingerlands School at 25 Union Ave. in Delmar will hold their annual musical today and tomorrow, April 17 and 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

Tickets for "The Phantom of the Music Room" are \$2.50.

For information, call 439-7681.

Clarksville firehouse to host 'spoon dinner'

The Clarksville firehouse on Plank Road in Clarksville will hold a "Spoon Dinner" on Saturday, May 18, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. There will be several hot and cold dishes served at the dinner.

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Friday, April 19, marks the end of story hours until the spring session begins on April 29.

Tonight's the night for One World, Many Worlds: Traditional Arts in the Capital Region, a program funded by a grant from the NYS Council on the Arts. Come at

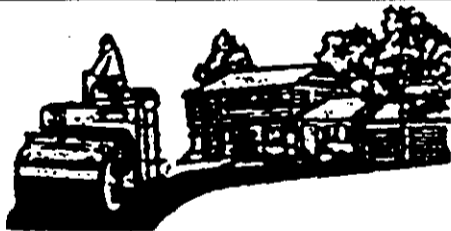
Christian country star to play in Glenmont

Michael James, a Christian country music artist and two-time winner of the Dove Award, will play at the Solid Rock Church at 1 Kenwood Ave. in Glenmont on Sunday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m.

James has made appearances on TNN, CBN's 700 Club, TBN and INSP.

Tickets are \$5 in advance, and can be purchased at the following Christian bookstores: The Doorway, Insight Christian Bookstore, The Little Gift Shop, Cornerstone Books and Gifts and Madonna's Lily. Tickets are also available at the door for \$7.50. The doors will open at 6:45 p.m.

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Kimmev & Ohlsson win 'Dash'

Birger Ohlsson of Ballston Spa won the men's division of the Delmar Dash Sunday, while **Linda Kimmev** of Clifton Park captured first place in the women's category.

Despite inclement weather, the Delmar Dash attracted a record 364 runners. Sponsoring the five-mile race was Blue Shield of Northeastern New York.

Runnersup in the men's division were **Mark Fiorillo** of Albany (second) and **Zachary Yannone** of Wynantskill (third). **Nancy Nicholson** of Queensbury took second in the women's division, while **Jeryl Simpson** of Albany placed third.

Several local residents distinguished themselves, including **Vanessa Denning** of Delmar who won the 30-39 women's category, and **Carolyn Riley**, also of Delmar, who placed first in the 50-59 age category for women.

Both winners in the under-19 age group, 16-year-old **Dave Austin** and 15-year-old **Tracy Messina**, are Bethlehem Central High School students.

Wade Stockman and **Amy Stockman** of Rensselaer won the 60-and-over age groups for men and women, respectively.

Hank Steadman, **Alan Via** and **Pam Robbins** were the race directors this year were. Fifty dozen bagels were donated to the event by Brueggers Bagel Bakery.



Hundreds took off down Elsmere Avenue Sunday for the annual Delmar Dash. Runners Mike and Beth Stalker, top left, brought their children Rachel and Brendan along with them. *Elaine McLain*

Rangers top West Islip

The Bethlehem Rangers Under-11 soccer team visited the Long Island West Islip Wildcats last week for a State Cup match and came away with an exciting 1-0 victory.

The win was notable since the Rangers had only two outdoor practices prior to the game, while the Wildcats had been outdoors for a month, and had already played two league games.

The lone goal in the game was scored by **Bob Barrowman** off a cornerkick by **Brendan Tougher**.

The Rangers maintained their slim lead throughout the game largely due to the outstanding goaltending of **John Thibdeau** and **Andrew Osterman**.

The centermidfield play of **Matt Glannon** and the stopper play of **Dominic Ciprioni** helped Bethlehem control the ball throughout most of the day. They continually

stopped West Islip scoring opportunities, and helped the Rangers get their own offense started.

Fullback defenders **Colleen Bardelli**, **Brenden Ennis** and **Sean McManus** played their opponents tight and helped stifle the Wildcat attack.

Soccer

Barrowman, Tougher, **Tony Cassaro**, **Jeff Pappalardi** and **Emily Petragla** made exciting runs on long balls into the West Islip zone. The midfield play of **Michael Canavan**, **Patrick Farley** and **David Medvesky** also helped Bethlehem control the pace.

The State Cup is a single elimination soccer tournament. The Rangers play their next opponent in two weeks at home.

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Boys tennis team makes itself heard

By Ted Hartman

The Bethlehem boys tennis team is wasting no time in showing it is a force to be reckoned with.

The squad is undefeated in four Suburban Council matches, including a 9-0 shutout of Shenendehowa in the season-opener.

Junior **Marc Borzykowski** is the Eagles top seed in singles this year. Freshman **Chris Grajny** and sophomore **Kevin Russell** hold down the second and third seeds respectively.

Senior **Ethan Novick** is BC's fourth seed, with juniors **Brian Schwartz** and **Marc Katz** completing the singles lineup in the fifth and sixth spots.

"I am very pleased with the way the team has come together this year," said coach **Derek Minkler**. "We have a lot of depth in skill level."

Bethlehem's top doubles team features seniors **John Kuta** (cap-

tain) and **Sam Ginsberg**. Senior **David Silvergleit** and junior **Tom Hitter** are seeded third.

Second-seeded **Jeremy Rosen** and **Brian Govanlu**, also seniors, pulled out the decisive match in the Eagles 5-4 victory over tennis powerhouse Niskayuna last Tuesday.

The Eagles finished the week with a 7-2 win over Guilderland and an 8-1 victory over Colonie.

"Nisky doesn't get beat very often," said Kuta. "We have solidified our doubles teams, and our singles players have been playing consistently throughout."

Minkler credits much of the team's success thus far to its solid core of seniors — Kuta, Novick, Rosen, Govanlu, Silvergleit and Ginsberg.

"Our goal is to at least win the Suburban Council," he said. "If we are able to win the council, I feel we have a legitimate shot at taking the section as well."

V'ville resumes its winning ways

By Matt McKenna

The Voorheesville girls softball team is picking up where it left off.

The team began the road to another Colonial Council championship two weeks ago. With four games played thus far, Voorheesville is 3-0 in the league, and 4-0 overall.

In the season-opener two weeks ago, the Lady 'Birds crushed the Red Raiders of Mechanicville 24-6, showing the other teams of the Colonial Council just what they are up against.

In a game last Thursday at Watervliet, Voorheesville got out of the gates quickly, scoring two runs in the first inning. After that, the game settled down, and the Can-

Softball

noneers pulled even in the fourth inning.

The Blackbirds prevailed 7-2, as **Larina Suker**, who threw a three-hitter through seven innings, rang up 15 strikeouts.

She also smashed a homer and two singles, driving in four runs on the day.

Last Friday, the girls traveled to Holy Names, and again Suker led the offense with a double, a single and three RBIs as Voorheesville triumphed, 13-5.

Last Saturday, on a rain-soaked field, Voorheesville defeated Troy

5-0 in the first round of the Warrensburg Tournament. The Blackbirds were held in check most of the game, breaking out in the third inning for three of their five runs.

Suker continued her strong pitching with a one-hitter. She now has all of Voorheesville's wins on the mound.

The final game against Warrensburg was postponed and is being rescheduled.

"I think everyone is happy with how we are playing so far this season," said Suker. "It's still early, and we still are a little rusty with the weather being so bad, but considering we lost three of our starting infielders from last year, I think we are doing very well."

Inconsistency plagues BC girls softball team

By Scott Isaacs

The Bethlehem varsity softball team is off to a rocky start in Suburban Council competition, dropping its first three league games.

Last week, BC freshman **Denise Chisholm** no-hit Shenendehowa for six-plus innings before tiring and surrendering three runs in the seventh. The final score was 4-1 in favor of Shen.

Meghan Dalton provided the offense, knocking in a single and a double.

Last Wednesday, the Lady Eagles looked to rebound at home against Shaker, yet came out on the losing end of a 7-4 slugfest.

Marcy Finkel and **Monique Roberts** both doubled for BC, while **Leigh Stevens** added a two-run single.

Bethlehem ended its week facing one of the best pitchers in the

Suburban Council, Saratoga's **Robyn West**. The Eagles put forth a strong effort, but went down to a 6-4 defeat. **Amy Tierney** had a two-run single.

Stevens best summed up her team's frustrations. "We just haven't achieved the consistency we need to win. If we keep working hard, we'll gel as a team and begin to win ball games."

The girls travel to Mohonasen today (Wednesday) and return home to face Guilderland Friday.

Tomboys seek players

Bethlehem Tomboys is seeking women 17-to-21 years old to play on a fast-pitch softball team that will compete in the Hudson-Mohawk Travel League.

The league will have 13 teams and several ASA tournaments. For information, call 439-4333.

Carson bowls 300

Dan Carson's 300 game highlighted action at Del Lanes the week of April 7. Bowling honors for that week include:

Senior Circuit Men: **Dick Neumann** 265 and 584 triple; **Stan Montague** 255; **Frank Papp** 842 four games; and **Harold Eck** 847 four games.

Senior Circuit Women: **Shirley Thibaudeau** 206 and 511 triple; and **Judy Dedes** 471 triple.

Men: **Carson** 300; **John Zupan** 726 triple; **Ken Krzkowski** 726 triple; and **Marvin Sontz** 1008 four games.

Women: **Meg Fargione** 256; **Kathy Hoffman** 625 triple; and **Kathy Novak** 923 four games.

Soccer refs to meet

There will be a mandatory meeting of all current and prospective referees for the 1996 Bethlehem Soccer Club spring season on Thursday, April 18, from 7 to 8 p.m. in Bethlehem Town Hall.

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PTSA to meet today

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk PTSA will meet today, April 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the senior high school on Route 9W. All are welcome to attend.

Honor society to tap new members today

The RCS chapter of the National Honor Society will conduct its annual "tapping" ceremony today, April 17. Current honor society members will designate new members by tapping them on the shoulder.

The actual induction will take place later in the spring.

Author's books available

Candace Christiansen, author of *Calico and Tin Horns*, *The Ice Horse* and the *Sky Tree* recently visited the RCS Community Library to discuss her books in col-

RCS school board to host public forum

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education will host its second public forum of this academic year on Monday, April 29, at 7 p.m. at the middle school on Route 9W in Ravena.

Community members can express their concerns and questions directly to the board at the meeting.

For information, call 767-2513.

NEWS NOTES

Selkirk South Bethlehem
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laboration with artist Thomas Locker.

Christiansen's stories bring historical events, specifically those of the Hudson River Valley, to life. Locker's illustrations are also done in the tradition of the Hudson River School of painters.

Several of the illustrations and some of Christiansen's books are available at locally owned Buck-A-Book in Colonie.

Spring vacation slated

RCS schools will be closed for spring vacation from April 22 to 26.

Chicken and biscuits on tap in Feura Bush

The Onesquethaw Reformed Church on Tarrytown Road in Feura Bush will hold a chicken and biscuit supper on Saturday, April 27. Servings are at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Reservations are required.

Tickets are \$7.75 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6 to 12 and \$1 for children under 5 years of age.

For information, call 767-9693.

Super Bowl champs



The Bethlehem Condors, Junior Pee Wee Pop Warner Super Bowl champions, were presented with a certificate last week by Supervisor Sheila Fuller. Team members include Shawn Bukowski, bottom left, coach Keith Ortale, Brian Nolan, Greg Pankow, Nick Radko, middle row left, Anthony Livreri, Josh Goldberg, Josh Rucinski, Devin Nolan, league president Mitch Green, top left, and coach Cliff Nolan.

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Kmart

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expressed desire to put its 425,000-square-foot plaza on the fast track toward approval.

The company's site plan application for the 75-acre parcel located about one mile north of Feura Bush Road has endured more than three years of scrutiny. A public hearing on the project drew an overflow crowd to the town hall in 1994, and the company still has to submit a final environmental impact statement that is acceptable to the town planning board.

"We haven't given up," Shore said. "Maybe we've taken a detour," but the retail segment of the economy is still in tough shape and attracting a new anchor store for Southgate has not been easy.

"Look at all the bankruptcies" among discount retail chains," he said. "Caldors, Bradlees. Even Walmart's profit margin has declined for the first time.

"We've owned the property for more than 20 years," he said, "and we continue to pay taxes. Sure we're disappointed, but that's the risk you take in the retail business. We're big boys."

Shore said the company was willing to compromise on the size of the project, which has been a bone of contention since the latest version of Southgate was unveiled

in 1992, but only up to a point.

The center still has to be large enough to be cost effective, he said, especially given the huge expense the company will incur for necessary road improvements.

Citizens Monitoring Southgate, the grassroots watchdog group that has consistently opposed a regional shopping center for Glenmont, but supports the idea of a community-sized shopping center for the area that would not exceed 250,000 square feet of retail space.

Besides the impact on traffic along Route 9W, Bender Lane and Feura Bush Road, the group also raised concerns over lighting, noise and safety for the pupils attending the Glenmont Elementary School, which is located across from the Southgate parcel.

Concern was also expressed about the effect Southgate would have on small businesses in the Glenmont area, especially those in the struggling Town Squire Plaza.

Keith Wiggand, manager of the Town Squire Plaza, off Route 9W, said that with Kmart's withdrawal "it's obvious Southgate is dead," and as a result interest in the Town Squire has increased significantly.

While Southgate was active, "it was killing everyone. Sometimes when the big guy comes to town,

everything comes to a stop."

Shore promised that Southgate would rise again, however.

"We've been after this for four years now. This has not been a quick deal for us. As soon as we're sure we have a new anchor we'll be back. We're not quitters."

Bird prints, stamps feature common loon

The common loon is the image depicted on "Adirondack Awakening," the New York Migratory Bird Program's 1996 stamp and print.

Proceeds from the sales of New York's Migratory Bird prints, stamps, posters and pins are dedicated to the protection and management of wetland habitats in New York state and Canada.

This year's collector's edition prints are available at the following prices: print with mint stamp, \$155; full sheet of 30 stamps, \$140; plate block of four stamps, \$22; artist signed stamp, \$10; mint stamp, \$5.50; lapel pin, \$5.50; and poster, \$10.

Color brochures with complete price lists can be obtained by calling the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation at 1-800-325-2370.

Update

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Councilman Mark Dempf urged McVee to "be gentle — we don't want to scare people."

McVee explained that the process will involve sending out about 4,000 inventory mailers to owners of residential, commercial, farm and vacant land this month.

The mailer will include specifications and information on the property, for example, building style, basement type, number of bedrooms and bathrooms. The commercial mailer will also include information about income and expenses for the property.

McVee said that the property owner should do nothing if the information in the mailer is accurate.

If there is incorrect information, the property owner should return the form, making note of the error or errors.

McVee will establish new assessments based on the update for the 1997 assessment roll, and those values will be available for review early next year.

Given the weak residential real

estate market, McVee predicted that some residential values would go down.

She noted, however, that vacant land, in many cases, is sharply undervalued, at least according to recent sales.

McVee has set up three informational meetings next week on the revaluation — Tuesday, April 23, at 7 p.m. in the Clarksville Firehouse; Wednesday, April 24, at 7 p.m. at town hall; and Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m. in Jerusalem Reformed Church, as part of the Feura Bush Neighborhood Association meeting.

Chorus-line kickers can benefit charity

Students who like to dance can participate in the 1996 Easter Seals Kick-off to benefit children and adults with disabilities.

Students in New York state can choose their own kick-off date and collect pledges based on the number of chorus line kicks they can complete in three minutes.

Each participant has the opportunity to win several prizes. The top 25 fund-raisers in the state will get a chance to watch the dress rehearsal of the Radio City Spring Spectacular and meet one of the Radio City Rockettes.

For information, call 1-800-727-8785.

Club 55-Plus helps seniors find jobs

The Club 55-Plus Job Center is a local job-search program available to assist individuals aged 55 or older. The center focuses on skill exploration and assessment, referral to appropriate training, counseling, networking and job placement. The program offers a wide array of workshops and is free to income-eligible people.

For information, call 447-5981.

DOT

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The \$970,000 project should be completed by mid-October, Frederick said.

In addition to new left-hand-turn lanes, the project also includes new five-foot-wide sidewalks and bus shelters.

In response to concerns expressed by Town Supervisor Sheila Fuller, the DOT has agreed to put in extensive landscaping in the project area. Deciduous trees will be planted along the highway. Flowering trees will be put in next to the bus shelters. Rows of hedges will be installed to screen the asphalt parking lots from the roadway and additional plantings will be introduced in front of the Dormitory Authority

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Families are in the spotlight

This week's *Spotlight* includes a supplement about strengthening families. The supplement contains the winning entries of the Ten Top Ways to Strengthen Families contest. More than 125 families entered the contest and told us special things they do together.

The family supplement has many creative and clever ideas. It is interesting to read how other families spend time together, and you will enjoy the great photos of the families enjoying their prizes.

This week's *Spotlight* also includes a Point of View about family meetings written by Bethlehem elementary school guidance counselor Gwen Guillet.

Guillet offers valuable information about how to strengthen the family by planning and sharing together. If you have not held a family meeting, you may want to do so after reading her helpful advice.

Enjoy the supplement and share it with your family and friends. Try some of the activities other families have enjoyed together. Discuss the articles with your family. Save your copy of the supplement and read it again in a few months.

We thank *The Spotlight* for its contribution to strengthening families.



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Jennifer Lockman and David Connors

Lockman, Connors to marry

Jennifer Mary Lockman, daughter of the late James Lockman of Albany and Joanne and Jack Whipple of Glenmont, and David Jeffrey Connors, son of Richard and Rachel Connors of Fairport, Monroe County, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School

and SUNY Oneonta. She is employed as a management consultant in Fort Lee, N.J.

The future groom, a graduate of the University of Dayton, is employed as a sales consultant in New York City.

The couple plans a June 29 wedding.

Stanish, Karl to marry in 1997

Tracey A. Stanish, daughter of Mark Stanish of Springfield, Fla., and Dick and Nancy Fyvie of Scotia, and John Ernest Karl Jr., son of John and Gail Karl of Schenectady, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Mercy High School, is employed

as a secretary by the New York State Assembly.

The future groom, a graduate of Niskayuna High School and Junior College of Albany, is employed as a graphic designer by Jerome Rapid Print in Albany.

The couple plans a June 14, 1997, wedding.

BCHS junior to study the stars in Arizona

Annette Grajny, a junior at Bethlehem Central High School, has been awarded a full scholarship from the Dudley Observatory to attend the Advanced Astronomy Camp in Tucson, Ariz., from June 13 to 20.

The camp is sponsored by the

University of Arizona Alumni Association, which conducts a nationwide search for talented students under 19 years of age.

Camp students will be housed in astronomers' dormitories on Mt. Lemmon, and will use various telescopes to observe the heavens.

Slingerlands student spends spring in Chile

Middlebury College junior Jennifer Burrell, daughter of Chester and Elizabeth Burrell of Slingerlands, is spending the spring abroad studying in Chile.

Approximately one third of

Middlebury's junior class participates in the semester abroad program. The college has programs in France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the former Soviet Union. Students also study in non-Middlebury programs.

Marden, Satow to wed in June

Barbara Marden, daughter of Dr. Harold and Dorothy Marden of Delmar, and Michael Satow, son of Phillip and Donna Satow of New York City, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Lehigh University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. She is employed as an attorney by Sabin, Berman & Gould in Manhattan.

The future groom is a graduate of Columbia University and Georgetown University Law School. He is employed by the Securities and Exchange Commission in Manhattan.

The couple plans a Sept. 7 wedding.

BC's Kagan earns National Merit award

Bethlehem Central High School senior Josh Kagan has been named winner of a National Merit Scholarship, placing him in an elite group of only 2,000 students nationwide.

Kagan, one of six BCBS students selected as finalists in the competition, will be officially recognized in a national public announcement.

HVCC honors local students

Several local students will be inducted into the Alpha Xi Sigma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the national academic honor society for two-year colleges, at Hudson Valley Community College on April 29.

To be honored are: Madelene Borden, Barry Isbister and Claude Falzarano, all of Slingerlands; Erik Froehlich of Delmar; and Molly Shultes of Glenmont.

St. Thomas pupil wins DAR essay contest

Justine Moreau, a fifth-grader at St. Thomas the Apostle School in Delmar, was recently named a local winner in the DAR American History Essay Contest. Her topic was James Bridger, an explorer of the western part of the United States.

Justine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Moreau of Delmar.



Paula and Glenn Szelest

Mueller, Szelest marry

Paula Ann Mueller, daughter of Ludwig and Noreen Mueller of Glenmont, and Glenn Andrew Szelest, son of Charles and the late Theresa Szelest of Delmar, were married March 23.

The Rev. Alvin Sommerville performed the ceremony in St. Casimir's Church in Albany, with the reception following at the Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia.

The maid of honor was Michelle Burns, and the bridesmaid was Julie Therrien.

The best man was Bruce

Szelest, the groom's brother, and Szelest were David Szelest, the groom's brother, and Mike Mueller, the bride's brother.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hudson Valley Community College. She will be taking the Licensed Practical Nursing boards in June.

The groom, also a graduate of BCBS and HVCC, is employed by the city of Albany.

After a wedding trip to the Isle of Margarita off Venezuela, the couple lives in Glenmont.


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.

Community Corner




Iris Society lecture set for library

The Capital-Hudson Iris Society will meet from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 21, at the Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

Dana Borglum will lead a discussion on breeding and growing iris in New York State. Borglum is an award-winner in Siberian iris breeding, and is currently working with re-blooming iris.

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Obituaries

Jennie McCarthy

Jennie Kruh McCarthy, 81, of Delmar died Sunday, April 14, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Davis, W. Va., she was a graduate of Schenevus High School in Otsego County.

Mrs. McCarthy began her career as a postal worker and retired in 1970 as a statistician at Stratton Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Albany.

She was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar, and a member of the auxiliary of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post.

Survivors include her husband, John B. McCarthy; a daughter, Patricia J. Ricupero of Colonie; a sister, Josephine Gotcher of Wichita Falls, Texas; a brother, Frank Kruh of Maryland, Otsego County; and four grandchildren.

Services were scheduled for Thursday, April 18, at 9:30 a.m. in the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Burial will be in Schenevus.

Calling hours will be from 5 to 9 p.m. today at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation Northeastern New York Chapter, 1717 Central Ave., Colonie 12205

Frederick Wieland Sr.

Frederick M. Wieland Sr., 65, of Jericho Road in Selkirk, died Thursday, April 11, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, he had lived in Selkirk for 30 years. He was a former resident of Sand Lake, East Greenbush and Ravena.

Mr. Wieland was a truck driver for the Bethlehem department of sanitation for 11 years before retiring in 1990. He had also worked as a self-employed truck driver.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was an associate member of Selkirk Fire Department No. 2, a member of the Night Owls and a former member of the Gutenberg Masonic Lodge in Albany.

He was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife,

Helen Baxter Wieland; two sons, Frederick M. Wieland Jr. of Castleton and Stephen J. Wieland of Glenmont; two daughters, Darlene Wieland of Selkirk and Brenda Turner of Ravena; two brothers, Donald F. Wieland of Colonie and Richard C. Wieland of Selkirk; three sisters, Helen LaBello and Geraldine Carvill, both of Colonie, and Ruth Wade of new Hampshire; and four grandchildren.

Services were from the Frederick Funeral Home in Albany and the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 440 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

Virginia Rose Keefe

Virginia Rose Keefe, 75, of Slingerlands died Monday, April 8, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Born in Chicago, she was a graduate of Vincent Institute in Albany and St. Peter's Nursing School.

She was a nurse at St. Peter's Hospital and Albany Medical Center Hospital before she retired.

Survivors include her husband, John Keefe; a daughter, Marta Tillman of Sharon, Mass.; a son, Christopher Keefe of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; and four grandsons.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Colonie.

Frances Bishop

Frances "Brownie" Bishop, 89, of South Road in Slingerlands, died Tuesday, April 9, at her home.

Born in Lake Placid, she was educated in Keeseville schools. She moved to Slingerlands in 1940.

Mrs. Bishop was the banquet manager at the Wellington Hotel in Albany. She had also operated Meadowbrook Kennels until she retired in 1988.

She was a member of the Lake Onderdonk Association.

The widow of Clinton Bishop,

she is survived by a sister, Gertrude Makarwich of Schenectady.

Services were from the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in North Elba Cemetery in Lake Placid.

Contributions may be made to the Onesquethaw Fire Co., Clarksville 12041, or Christ Community Church, c/o the Rev. Carleton Walker, 628 Pierce Road, Schenectady 12309.

Holy Names slates entrance examination

The Academy of Holy Names, located on New Scotland Road in Albany, will hold an entrance examination for applicants in the lower, middle and upper schools on Saturday, May 4, at 8:30 a.m.

All students in grades two through 12 interested in applying for admission to the school must take the exam.

The registration fee is \$10.

To register, call 438-7895.

Bethlehem chamber to discuss task force

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly breakfast meeting on Thursday, April 25, at 8 a.m. at the Howard Johnson's on Route 9W. A free continental breakfast will be served. Seating is limited.

Around table discussion on the Bethlehem First Task Force will take place.

Reservations are required no later than 5 p.m. on April 23. To make a reservation, call 439-0512.

BC parents gearing up for graduation bash

The parents of the Bethlehem Central High School senior class are sponsoring a safe, sober, all-night post-graduation party in the school cafeteria on Friday, June 21, from 11:30 p.m. to 5 a.m.

There will be all-night dancing to a disc jockey or a band, entertainment, games, food and lots of fabulous prizes, including the traditional grand prize of \$1,000.

For information, call 439-6349.

Business club offering student scholarships

The Bethlehem Business Women's Club is offering two scholarships to any graduating high school senior from Bethlehem or returning students. High academic standing is not necessary. The application deadline is May 1.

For information, call 767-2980 in the evenings.

Bethlehem First seeks town clean-up ideas

The Bethlehem First Task Force is seeking volunteers and project ideas for a town-wide clean-up event taking place on Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to noon.

For information, call 439-0272.

Spelling stars



District Spelling Bee winners Zack Levine, bottom left, Harris Kornstein and Mark Shawhan share the limelight for a moment with middle school principal Steve Lobban, top left, language arts coordinator Mary Capobianco and district superintendent Les Loomis.

African Americans to be cited

The Albany District Links will pay tribute to local African American families and youth at its ninth annual awards luncheon on Sunday, April 28, at 2 p.m. at The Desmond in Colonie.

Families and youth are nominated by local schools, churches and community organizations. The honorees will be recognized for notable achievements, distinguish-

ing their accomplishments and contributions in their communities.

Barbara J. Sabol, president of the University Research Corp. and Center for Human Services in Bethesda, Md., will deliver the keynote address.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$20, and can be obtained by calling 482-2138.

Embroidery seminar on tap

The New York Capital District Chapter of the Embroiders' Guild of America will sponsor a two-day needlework seminar on Monday, April 29, and Tuesday, April 30. The seminar will be held at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Elm Avenue in Delmar.

Three classes will be open to the public: "Soft Sculpture," in which students will learn how to paint and stuff nylon to form a

doll's face; "Counted Thread Techniques," including pulled work, needlelace and Brazilian embroidery; and "Beading," in which students will make a small beaded purse which can be worn as a neck-lace.

The cost of the two-day workshop, including meals, is \$69.

For information, contact Nancy Schlegel at 477-4511.

The Spotlight remembers

This week in 1986, these stories were making headlines in *The Spotlight*.

- Opponents of a proposed psychiatric hospital on Route 9W in Glenmont presented 1,131 petition signatures to the Bethlehem town board.

- The Voorheesville school board named Louise Gonan as superintendent effective July 1, replacing Werner Berglas, who was retiring after 11 years in the district's top post.

- Bethlehem Police Capt. LeRoy Cooke retired after 33 years on the force. Cooke recalled that when he began, the department had a full-time chief and four part-time officers. In 1986, the department had a full-time force of 30.

- The valedictorian of Clayton A. Bouton High School's Class of 1986 was James Volkwein, and co-salutatorians were Kirsten Haaf and Colleen Vaughn.

- The Bryant Asset Protection insurance agency, owned by Charles Bryant of Delmar, relocated from Wolf Road in Colonie to 1280 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands.

Death Notices

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

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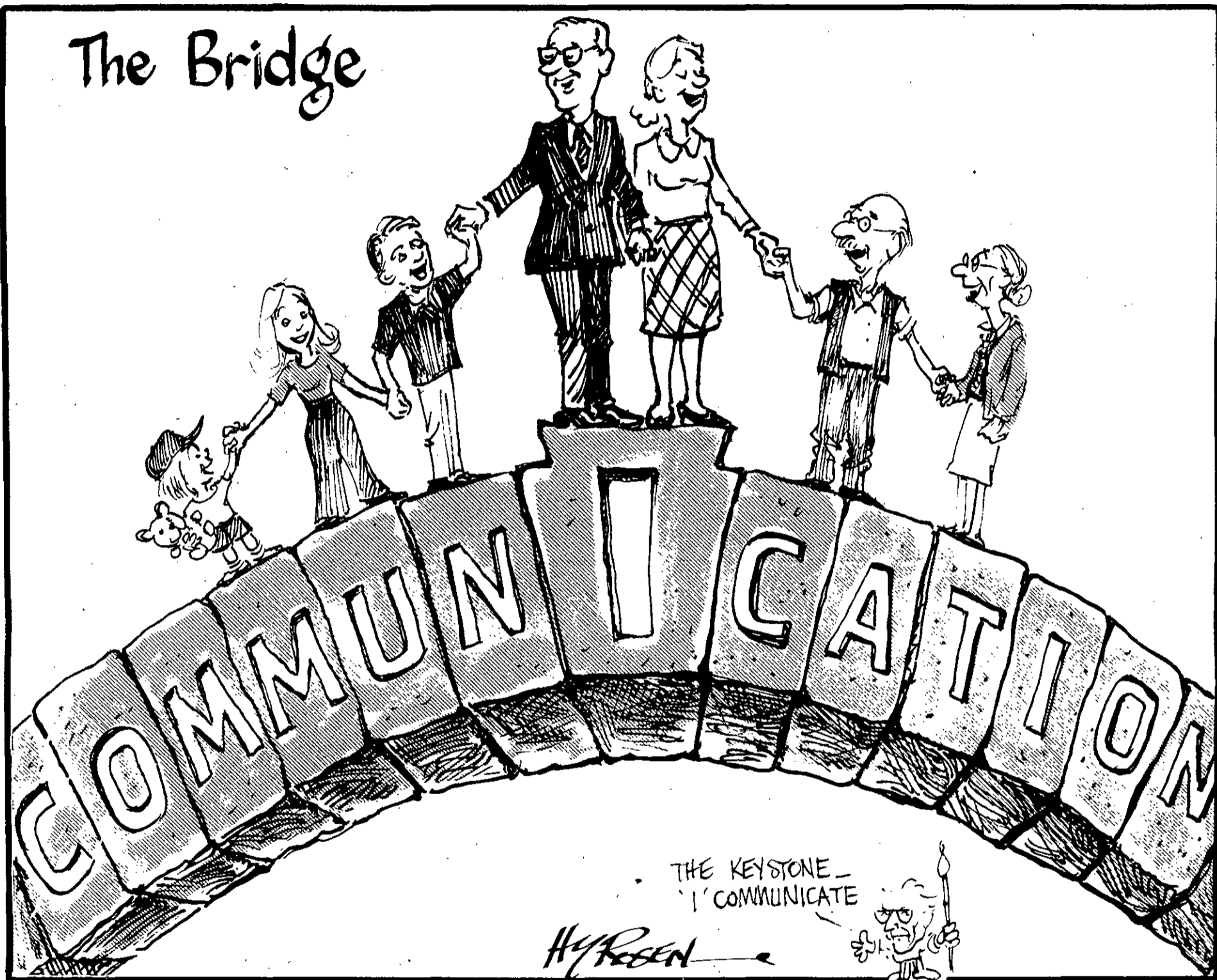
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The Many Ways to Strengthen Families

A supplement to THE SPOTLIGHT

April 17, 1996

The Bridge



WORKING TOGETHER

In this special supplement, *The Spotlight* is focusing on families. Pictures of the 10 winners in the Bethlehem Community Partnership Top Ten Ways to Strengthen Families contest are featured along with the entries of many local families.

There are also stories about ways to help families grow in a healthy, well-adjusted way. "Our purpose (in the contest) was to promote dialogue and communication with families," said Mona Prenoveau, coordinator of Bethlehem Networks Project. We are grateful to our advertisers for making this supplement possible.

Community Partnership salutes families

By Mona Prenoveau

The Bethlehem Community Partnership, formed by Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited and Bethlehem Networks Project, came to life in Bethlehem in the spring of 1992,

The task force thanks all the businesses who supplied the prizes for the contest.

when more than 40 people, from all walks of life, joined together at an overnight workshop to form the partnership.

The goal of the Community Partnership is to prevent underage use of alcohol and other drugs. The foundation of the partnership is a Compact which was forged during our initial workshop. All original partnership members signed the Compact, which spells out our vision and goals for the community and is on display at Bethlehem Central school district office, Bethlehem Public Library and Bethlehem Town Hall.

The partnership helps to build bridges and connections between and among families, businesses, churches, students, school district, law enforcement agencies and town government.

The partnership seeks to educate the community on the issues of alcohol and other drug use by teenagers. The means to accomplish the goals of the partnership is the creation of various task forces which are action-oriented. The task forces are based on member interest, and they reach out to include new members to broaden and strengthen community involve-



The Shreffler family, Bruce, left, Kegan, Betsy, and twins Tyler and Kevin, accept \$100 in gift certificates from Delaware Plaza Grand Union Manager Art Kane. The Shrefflers were one of the prize winners in Top Ten Ways to Strengthen Families Contest. The Shrefflers enjoy growing a vegetable garden together. The Delmar family finds it fun to watch and work on, even though their crop is usually small.

Elaine McLain

ment.

Task force action plans have resulted in: youth activities such as night basketball, publication of a fact sheet on parent liability related to alcohol, creation of MiddleWorks, a network of parents at the Middle School working to keep parents involved in their children's school, and the production of a video on teen drinking.

Sponsorship has been an integral part of the partnership. Key sponsors include *The Spotlight*, which highlights

activities of the group, Capital District Physicians' Health Plan and Albany County STOP-DWI.

The Top Ten Ways to Strengthen Families Contest, the basis for this supplement, was developed by a partnership task force. Members of the task force are Lorraine Smith, Chris Bowdish, Dick Ahlstrom, Mary Ahlstrom, Jules Kerness and Mona Prenoveau.

The task force thanks all the businesses who supplied the prizes for the contest.

The partnership continues to

be a dynamic force for caring actions to help our youth. Sharing successes is one way we maintain our energy and enthusiasm.

The partnership will have a meeting and gourmet breakfast on Saturday, May 4, at 8:30 a.m. at Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Community Partnership is welcome. Call 439-7740 to RSVP.

Prenoveau is the director of Bethlehem Networks Project.

The Campbells

Avoid, better yet banish, harsh words and criticism in your home. There should be a safe haven. There is enough negativism outside the four walls you live in.

*The John Campbell Family
Slingerlands*

The Brownes

Cooking/baking together: Our children often help prepare weekend breakfasts. Cooking is an important life skill and preparing foods like pancakes and muffins is especially fun because they can be creative in choosing "special" ingredients. Final step: everyone serves up a generous helping of compliments to the cook(s).

*The Browne Family
Delmar*

The Lackners

We do something really silly when the weather's been bitterly cold for a while and we're all dreaming of summer. We throw a "We're having a heat wave party." The heat is cranked up or we have a big fire in the fireplace, so it feels hot. We wear bathing suits or shorts, summer hats, spread towels around and pretend it's not below zero outside. We play summer music hits like the Beach Boys or "Under the Boardwalk," eat hot dogs, drink lemonade, etc. It's lighthearted fun when we're all getting a little stir crazy from winter in the Northeast.

*Susan, Ted, Tom
and Sarah Lackner
Glenmont*

The Taubs

As a family, we have designated one night on a weekend as "family game night." Our children take turns picking a game and we, as a family, sit down at the kitchen table and play. Sometimes it's Candyland, or maybe it's Monopoly, but we do it together.

*The Taubs
Delmar*



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Skiing, hotel winners



The Rifkins, left, Melissa, Jill and Richard, won a day of family skiing at Jiminy Peak, and the Lackners, parents Ted and Susan and Tom and Sarah, enjoyed an overnight at the Omni Albany Hotel. The families were among the top ten in the Community Partnership Contest. *Elaine McLain*

The Wings

The Weekend Family Restaurant for Breakfast: In our family we like to take turns cooking a full course breakfast for each other. The children wear aprons, keep a pad and pencil in hand to take orders and write up the special breakfast menu. Mom or Dad assist behind the scenes as cook and bottle washer. This is a wonderful way for our family to have some fun and spend uninterrupted time together.

The Wing Family
Delmar

The Gills

This winter our family has enjoyed camping in our living room. We have a fire in the fireplace, sleep in our sleeping bags, eat camping food (hot dogs and beans), play games and tell scary stories. We even put stars up on the living room ceiling so we are sleeping under the stars. Our evening begins at dinner and continues until the next morning.

The Gill Family
Delmar

The Kuhns

Establish a traditional Family Day and/or Night at least once a week. For our family, it's Saturday. Our traditional Saturday consists of everyone completing their chores in the morning (children and parents), and going to the Steuben Club in the afternoon to work out. We make our own pizza at night. When the weather is nice, we might spend the afternoon at the town park or going for a "mystery ride"—we don't tell the kids our destination.

The Kuhn Family
Delmar

Top 10 family suggestions

We like to write books as a family. This started when our daughter was as young as 3 and would dictate the words for us to write. We write about our vacations and include pictures. After a trip to Disney World, our book was over 25 pages. These become wonderful keepsakes.

The Lackner Family

Once a month, a family member, picked at random, plans a family activity based on spending quality time together, not spending money.

The Alston Family

Every two weeks we study a country as a family. We get books out of the library, video tapes and recipes and read together, watch videos about the country and have

a family meal with recipes of that country.

The Bayham-Caraco-Stones

As a family, write and illustrate original stories or poems featuring a family member or friend, and present them on special occasions.

The Meyers Family

When a problem develops, when we aren't getting along, when a decision needs to be made that involves the entire family, we call a family meeting.

We air our gripes, we discuss alternatives, we listen to what each person has to say.

The Rarich Family

We began our "Birthday Breakfast" tradition about 10 years ago, where all the family eats breakfast

together for each family member's birthday, to start the day in a special way and to ensure that the birthday gets off to a loving start. No easy feat with buses to catch at 7:15 and staggered schedules. We rarely miss.

The Riegel Family

None of us knows much about gardening, so each year we learn together.

The Shreffler Family

We strengthen family life in our home with assistance from a large white board in the busy kitchen. It hangs below the counter level so that our young children can easily have access to it. We often leave loving messages or exchange information on it. We recognize holidays or special days for individual members of our family on it.

The Teevan Family

My husband and I value the power of laughter as the best healer after a busy day. Therefore, we have created an evening laugh hour which encourages family humor and creativity. Events consist of monkey imitations, lizard impersonations and silly songs. We believe the family that laughs together, stays together.

The Armbruster Family

We sing in the car. For many years, we lived in New York City where we deliberately drove a car with no radio to discourage break-ins. As the kids matured, we progressed to two and three part harmony. The Mormon Tabernacle Choir has nothing to worry about, but we can at least sing a credible "Day is Done" and "Goodnight Irene."

The Rifkin Family

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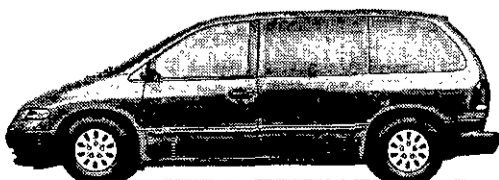
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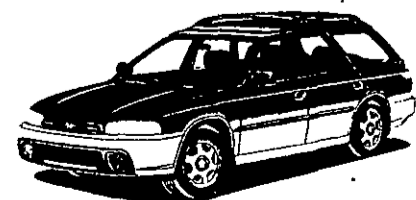
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Families stand out from crowd

By Katherine McCarthy

It's perhaps the most common contemporary complaint — the lack of time people have to spend with their families.

The Bethlehem Community Partnership's Top Ten Ways to Strengthen the Family Contest showed that ours is an area where families matter, and where people find not just time, but clever ways to put that time to use.

Now whenever anybody hugs anybody in this house, someone will call out "Family Hug!" and we find ourselves in a four-way bear hug. It's always a moment of joy amid the hustle and bustle.

The Meyers

The Schreffler family of Kenwood Avenue in Delmar (whose family gardening idea was a contest prize-winner) was one of several who held indoor camp-outs, with sleeping bags, "blankies" and roasting hot dogs in the fireplace.

"It started when we were camping in the backyard and a raccoon scratched at the tent," mom Betsy said. "There had been reports of rabid raccoons, so we didn't want to stay outside. We also didn't want to end our camp-out, so we moved it into the house. Now we find we can do it in the winter, too."

The camp-outs are a treat for the three Schreffler children, 5-year-old twins Tyler and Kevin and their 3-year-old brother Kegan.

"We all love it," Schreffler said. "We usually burn the popcorn trying to pop it in the

fireplace, but it's always a special occasion."

Susan Lackner of Jefferson Road in Glenmont laughed when she recounted the family's "heat wave parties," which generally take place during a deep-winter cold spell.

"It started a long time ago, even before Tom, 11, and Sarah, 8, were born, and we still do it," Lackner said. "We all put on our shorts or bathing suits, play Beach Boys music, and just act really silly. The kids especially love this. It's a great way to relieve the boredom of winter."

The Alesse family of Delmar goes out to eat together — in the comfort of their own home. Five years ago, Elizabeth, now 11, drew a banner that said "Candlelight Cafe" that gets taped to the kitchen wall, and the mood is set. The Alesses use the "company" tablecloth or placemats, pretty napkins, flowers, and dine by candlelight.

"The food's not important, the ambiance is," mom Connie said. "It slows everyone down, it's pretty. Elizabeth and James especially like having the candles. Everyone talks more and the meal lasts twice as long. If there's something my husband Mark and I want to bring up, whether it's negative or positive, this is often a good time to do it. These dinners remind us of our love for each other. I hope we keep them up as the kids get older."

There are lots of family readers, too. Sherry Chase shared her family's reading activity, often by the fireplace

"My husband Ben and I used to read to Ariel and Miriam at bedtime," Chase explained, "but our bedtime reading got thrown off by Joshua's birth four months ago. Now, we read at different times, and take turns reading to

each other."

The whole family goes to the library together to look for books to read on their own and as a group.

"Polly Hartmann at the library is wonderful," Chase said. "The girls read a lot on their own, but as a family we've particularly enjoyed C.S. Lewis' Narnia books and Madeline L'Engle's *A Wrinkle in Time*."

A regular family meeting is the Molho family's prize-winning idea.

"It's necessary for our family," said Stacy Molho of Bender Lane in Delmar. "I have a law practice, my husband is a doctor, and, at 7 and 5, Graham and Dylan are already pretty busy. We sit down on Sunday evenings and go over the upcoming week. The kids feel more in control, instead of shuffled around."

Molho said that everyone makes suggestions for how to spend their free time, and unrelated topics often come up.

"Our third child is due in June," Molho said, "and at a calendar meeting we talked about what will happen when I go to the hospital to have the baby. This particularly reassured Graham. It also inspired Dylan to ask how the baby was made!"

The Meyers family of Bender Lane in Delmar won a prize for telling stories, but also has a simple practice they find very important: a family hug.

"This started when our two boys were small," Becky Meyers said. "When Roger and I hugged, one of the boys would squeeze in. Now whenever anybody hugs anybody in this house, someone will call out 'Family Hug!' and we find ourselves in a four-way bear hug. It's always a moment of joy amid the hustle and bustle."

Cruisin'



The Riegals of Delmar, from left, Katie, Barb, Emily and John, and seated, Patrick, Mackenzie and Erin won a cruise on the Dutch Apple.

On the boards



The Raricks of Slingerlands, from left, Colleen, Lauren, Emily and mother Beth will enjoy a variety of games from Ames in Glenmont.

Photos by Elaine McLain



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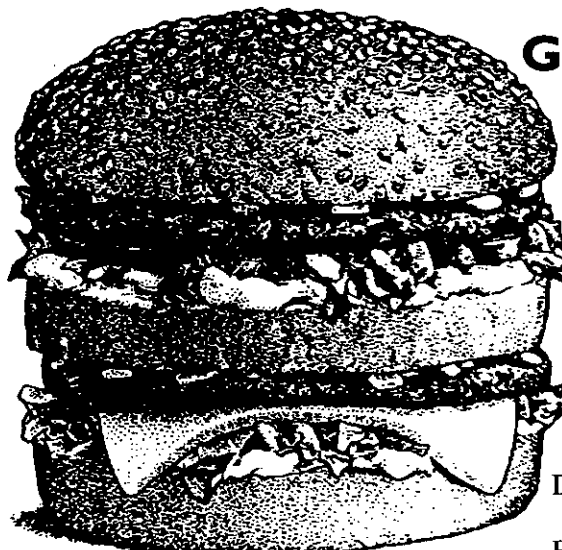
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Kids learn life skills through taking risks

By Katherine McCarthy

Parents' most natural instinct is to protect and help their children, to make their world safe and secure.

But the world isn't a safe and secure place, and children need a gradual introduction to decision-making and problem-solving skills to help them make the right choices throughout their lives.

Bethlehem Central elementary school guidance counselor Gwen Guillet said that the ultimate goal of raising children is to make them independent and able to function on their own, and it's important to start young.

"I always take the example of the kid in the playgroup who gets his Big Wheel stuck on a table leg," said Mona Prenoveau, project coordinator of Bethlehem Networks Project. "All the mommies jump up to free the toy, but they'd help more by letting the child figure out how to undo the Big Wheel."

Delmar resident Joann Bennett, director of Beth Emeth Nursery School in Albany, agreed.

"Of course, safety must be the No. 1 priority, but allowing young children to make choices and experience the outcomes and consequences of little things, like dressing themselves or how to spend their time, lays a foundation for bigger decisions and choices later in life," she said. "If we as teachers determine the outcome for children, we deny them opportunities to develop higher thinking skills."

Bennett noted that nursery school children are still able to find unique ways to solve problems.

"By 5, children are already seeking the right way to do

things, rather than by trial and error, because the pervasive attitude is that it's not OK to make mistakes," she said. "If we allow our children to make mistakes, they will gain knowledge, and trust in their ability to make choices. This will aid them later in life when mistakes can be more costly."

Guillet cautioned about "rescuing" children too often.

"Sometimes out of stress or by trying to show love, parents do things that children can do themselves," she said.

For instance, if a child always forgets his lunch money, only to have a parent bring it in for him, "this encourages dependence, which gets in the way of becoming responsible," she said.

Maryalice Svare, another BC elementary guidance counselor, recommended getting the child involved in problem-solving or giving the child "ownership" of the solution.

"Identify the problem: forgetting your lunch money, and ask the child for some solutions," Svare advised. "If he is the one to suggest putting out his lunch money the night before, he's more likely to make it work."

"We often sell kids short," Guillet said. "They are usually capable of more than we give them credit for."

Guillet and Svare stressed the importance of giving children chores as a way of increasing responsibility, and creating a clear sense of being part of a family.

"A chart is a great tool," Guillet said. "It lets the kids see that everybody has work to do, including mom and dad."

One area where parents might get overly involved is with homework.

"Technically, homework should be between a teacher and a student," Guillet said.

If parents are checking their child's homework every five minutes, that's a problem. Homework should also be time-limited; teachers will let you know how much time should be spent on homework.

Svare added that whether or not a parent checks a child's homework depends on the relationship with the teacher. Often, a teacher will want to see the work a child has done, particularly in math. If parents feel they have become over-involved, Svare recommended sitting down with the teacher and child and working out a solution.

Yvonne Doberman, student counselor at Bethlehem Central Middle School, agreed.

"Too often, we rescue kids too quickly. I even do it on the job sometimes," Doberman said. "If kids never fail, though, then we never allow them to take responsibility, and we undermine their self-confidence. It falls under the category of enabling, which could have dire consequences."

Doberman said that children need to learn respect for teachers, for the police, and especially for their parents.

"Couples must remain united and need to uphold standards," she said. "It's important to not be overly cynical about authority figures, like the police or teachers. It is, however, OK to be understanding. You can say something like, 'It may not be fair, but we still need to follow the rules.'"

If rules and authority figures are undermined, Doberman said, children feel that no one is in control, and they are above

the rules. As a result, they never learn that their actions have consequences.

The stakes begin to rise at the middle school level, when children are faced with issues like drinking and drugs. Doberman strongly recommends the book *Parenting for Protection* by David J. Wilmes.

If teen-agers haven't learned to take responsibility, then they will simply place the blame on others, according to BCHS social worker Mary Branen.

"It's important that they be held accountable and learn to make decisions early on so that they do not engage in risk-taking behavior, like driving drunk," Branen said.

"We have a lot of kids who make good decisions, kids who are empathetic and socially aware," said Branen, adding that parents should determine how much freedom to allow their teenagers by evaluating their past decision-making outcomes.

Many teen-agers learn responsibility through working, although Branen cautioned teens should not be over-scheduled, and that academics must come first.

Striking the perfect balance is a goal that sometimes seems elusive to parents, as they strive to let their children know that they're loved and supported, while also fostering independence and responsibility.

"Sometimes we are wrestling with our own emotions as parents," Svare said. "The protective instinct in a parent is very strong, but when we perceive that our child needs help, it's best to take some time and assess what would help the child's self-esteem and development: rushing in to fix things or facilitating choices for them."

The Molhos

One evening a week, have a family calendar meeting to discuss everyone's plans for the coming week and to plan activities to do together. Each week, a different family member is the meeting leader, and takes suggestions from the other family members. This time together provides a relaxed atmosphere and the opportunity to share our goals and feelings and is the start of a good week together.

Eric, Stacy, Graham
and Dylan Molho
Delmar

The Piegares

We feel that Friday evenings are a good time to unwind and spend a fun time together, so after dinner we put on music and dance, sing, jump around and just feel free and uninhibited. Each family member chooses a song/album. In that way the children hear what we like and we tell them something of our past and our taste in music. And we get a chance to learn what they enjoy. When our energy is spent and it is bedtime (which is flexible), the children camp out in sleeping bags in their bedroom or in the guest room.

The Piegare Family
Glenmont

The Peters

Book Discussion Group: We all enjoy reading. So now we choose one of Newberry Medal or Honor books each winter month and discuss our likes dislikes, funniest parts, alternative endings, themes, etc. As adults we've learned about the books our children read and enjoy, and the children have come to appreciate that a family book discussion can be as rewarding as taking in a movie together.

The Peter Family
Delmar

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Time with kids of the essence

By Katherine McCarthy

Time, time and more time. That's the most important thing parents can give their children. But in today's world, where both parents often work, and children are busy with extracurricular schedules, time is a precious commodity. Too often, material goods end up replacing family time together.

Parents may be giving their children things with the best of intentions, and sometimes that's OK to do. Bethlehem Central

them so much, you've let them have everything they've ever wanted, but now you find their behavior inappropriate and unappreciated. Outline the changes that you want to see, and expect that your child will be angry. But be sure to explain what values you're after, and why things are changing. Talk about goals. The important thing is to be consistent once you've made the changes."

BC elementary guidance counselors Maryalice Svare and Gwen Guillet also emphasize the importance of verbalizing and acting out your values to shift the focus from possessions.

"As a society, we pay a lot of attention to material goods," Svare said. "It's also important to focus on family, our neighbors and service, which allows children to concentrate on other areas."

Guillet suggested volunteering as a family on at least a monthly basis.

Sometimes there are things children want desperately and parents would like to give them. For big-ticket items, Guillet advised letting the kids earn part of it.

"If a child wants something a parent considers too expensive," she said, "a parent can offer to contribute what they consider a fair price, and the children can make up the difference."

This worked well for Mary Brosnan of Delmar, whose children Timothy, 9, and Kimberly, 6, wanted a television set for the family room. Brosnan thought it would be a good idea if they bought it themselves.

"Both children get an allowance for chores that they do every week," Brosnan said, "and they kept a money jar all last summer, which netted them \$42.

We let them take some money from their school savings accounts to add to this. They really researched it, checking fliers, and comparison shopped at different stores. They finally got one at BJ's Warehouse, where they were able to buy a bigger TV for less money."

Since the Brosnan children and their friends tend to "go a little nuts in the family room," Brosnan is hoping her children will be more careful around an investment they have made themselves.

Brosnan said time is the most important thing she can give her children. Child-rearing professionals are urging parents to spend more time with their children, and most parents are seeking ways to do so.

Guillet is a firm believer in family meetings, which get even the busiest family together to talk about upcoming events or current issues in the family.

"Prioritizing is crucial," Guillet said. "It's really OK to let things like housework and laundry go for a while."

Svare agreed. "Families are stressed and well-intentioned, and it's hard to step back sometimes. But it's important to look at the big picture and not do X, Y or Z if it means more time as a family."

Good skates



The Teevans of Delmar, from left, John, Diana, Jack and Allison, enjoyed a River Rats game at the Knickerbocker Arena thanks to the Top Ten Ways to Strengthen Families Contest.

Elaine McLain

If a child has never really needed or wanted something,, "he can't put himself in other people's shoes, and this could hamper his emotional IQ.

Mary Branen

High School social worker Mary Branen said that if you are in a pattern of overindulging your child, but your child still has good grades, and his or her behavior seems fine, it's probably not a problem.

However, she cautioned, some overindulged kids remain emotionally immature.

"If a child has never really needed or wanted something," Branen said, "he can't put himself in other people's shoes, and this could hamper his emotional IQ."

Some signs that overindulging is a problem are selfish behavior, low motivation, or your child picking on others. If this happens, Branen advised a heart-to-heart with your child.

"Parents should explain their goals to their children," she said. "You can tell them that you love

The Alesses

When life gets a little hectic and we want to slow down, our family enjoys having dinner in the "Candlelight Cafe."

Some time ago, daughter Elizabeth designed and drew a small, colorful banner that says "Candlelight Cafe." We tape it on the kitchen wall, set a special table with "company" tablecloth or placemats, pretty napkins and, if they're available, flowers.

All of this is enhanced by

candles which illuminate a simple dinner that now seems much more special!

We enjoy our evening meal together and share the news of the day while lingering much longer over dinner than usual. These dinners help to unite us as a family and remind us of our love for each other.

Mark, Connie, Elizabeth and James Alesses
Delmar

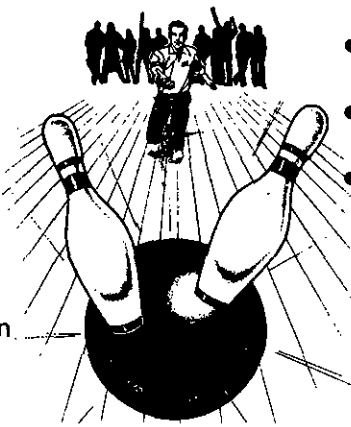
The Deuters

My son Jon and I like to go the library and sit in the children's section as he practices reading to me. I think that quiet time is important quality time, especially at the public library where Jon sees some of his friends with their parents doing the same thing.

Bette Deuter
Delmar

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The Fitts

Going to the public library and selecting a great book to take turns reading aloud in front of the fireplace.

*Ben Fitt
Delmar*

The McCauleys

We read aloud to the children for about a half hour each night. Each child chooses one or more books. If the oldest has a particularly advanced book, the parents split up.

*Jamie McCauley
Glenmont*

The Meyers

Family hugs—nothing beats the feeling! We have a simple practice, invented by our boys when they were toddlers. Whenever any two of us are embracing, some calls out "Family Hug!" and all four pile on into a four-way bear hug. It's always a moment of joy amid the hustle and bustle.

*Rebecca Meyers
Delmar*

The Seebers

Friday night=Family Fun Night: We either rent a movie and make popcorn and soda or play a game (cards, Bingo, Sorry, etc.) and have snacks and soda. The kids really enjoy these times together.

*Monica Seeber
Delmar*

The Donnellys

Since we all have busy schedules, we plan family nights. We rent a video, we cook something special, and in the winter, we build a fire. We even invite the dog. If the weather is nice, we might do a sport like golf first.

*The Donnelly Family
Slingerlands*

The Naughtons

Going on a picnic and biking with another family to a state forest or park.

*Dylan Naughton
Delmar*

Bayham-Caracos

Whenever we need it or about ever two weeks, our family has a family meeting. During that time we discuss any issue, concern, activity or work project that is a concern or is coming up. It is a time to regroup and remember that we are all working together toward a common goal of being a supportive family.

*Mary Bayham-Caraco
Delmar*

The Anauos

Our family really enjoys biking days. We take our bicycles and a picnic lunch to a park or somewhere that has bike trails and just enjoy the day outdoors. The kids get to see you in a different way. It's fun to take a kite along too.

*The Anauo Family
Glenmont*

The Owens

We have family picnics for dinner. If it's nice out, we spread a blanket out in the yard and eat and enjoy each other's company. If it's not nice out, we spread the blanket out in the family room.

*The Owens Family
Delmar*

The Forandos

We set up a huge tent in the backyard and used our toys in imaginative ways to make our own carnival—complete with tickets and prizes. We had so much fun we plan to do it again for our son's birthday party.

*The Forando Family
Delmar*

The Flusters

When the weather is nice, we like to create an entire neighborhood on our driveway using sidewalk chalk. We draw houses, trees, fences, people, pets, etc. and make up stories about them.

*The Fluster Family
Slingerlands*

Picture perfect



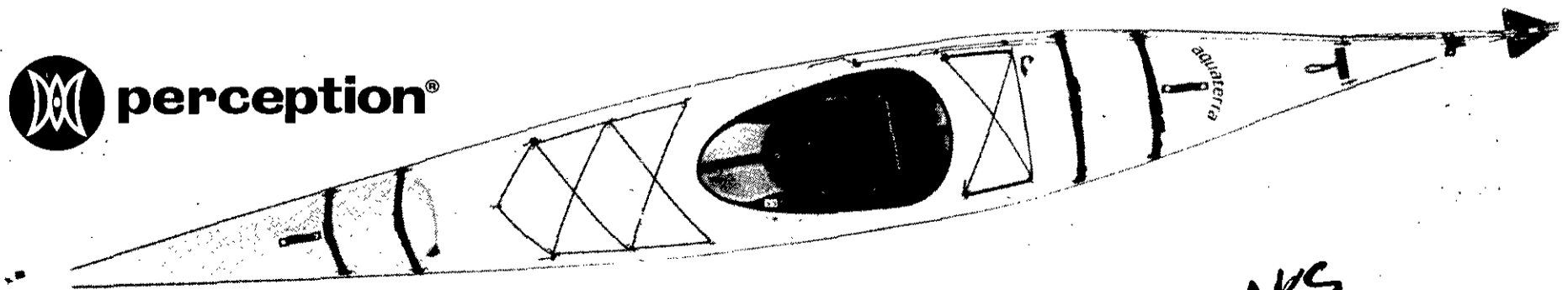
The Alstons of Delmar — parents Bill and Diane and Corey, Brad and Jared, with their dog Morgan — won a portrait from Lynn Finley Photography for their entry in the Top Ten Ways to Strengthen Families contest.

It's so good



And the winning Bayham-Caraco-Stone family, from left, Emily Caraco, Ward Stone, Jonathan Stone, Mary Bayham, Jeremiah Stone and Tommy Caraco, enjoy dinner at Mangia in Slingerlands. Photos by Elaine McLain

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The Gutmans

Every weekend we have "Video/Game Night." We rent a movie we all agree on, pop popcorn, turn the lights off, pile the pillows high, get comfy under the comforters, turn on the Dolby Surround Sound, and enjoy each other's company while watching a movie together in the comfort of our own home. Afterwards, we play board games.

The Gutman Family
Delmar

The Yeagers

We love to spend a Saturday night making pizzas together. Dad is the chef and the kids make their own mini-pizzas, then we have fun with a couple of board games. It is a great way to have fun and spend quality time together.

The Yeager Family
Delmar

The Pratts

Sunday supper isn't supper without grandparents! Every Sunday, our family looks forward to a big supper with at least one set of grandparents. This has ensured lasting memories and the appreciation for tradition and family time!

The Pratt Family
Delmar

The Felsons

Volunteer as a family, considering the skills and interests of all family members. Contact the Voluntary Action Center in Albany, and the center will help match your family with the appropriate agencies.

The Felson Family
Delmar

The Conroys

When we need to do errands on the weekend, all of us get to select stops so that the errands can be done as a family and are interesting for everyone.

The Conroy Family
Delmar

The Russos

Our family dinners each evening are very special for us as a family. We try to share one good thing that happened to each of us that day.

The Russo Family
Delmar

The Tings

We like to sit down and look through photo albums. They bring back memories of places and people, and it is fun to share our different recollections of events.

The Ting Family
Delmar

The O'Donnells

One of the things we like to do on a nice day is to pack a supply of good books and a snack, and then head to the hill at the back of Elm Avenue Park. We take turns reading and being read to. Then for a change of pace we explore the fitness/nature trails.

The O'Donnell Family
Delmar

The Reddys

Every night our family tries to make a point to have dinner together. We talk about what happened during the day. Each one of us gets a chance to talk because we respect each other.

The Reddy Family
Delmar

The Ginsburgs

It is important to share a sense of joyfulness for life on a daily basis.

The Ginsburg Family
Slingerlands

The Wood-Ranas

In nice weather, we go to the Elm Avenue Park playground after school and order pizza to be delivered to the playground.

The Wood-Rana Family
Slingerlands

Just for kids



The Meyers of Delmar, Roger, Robin, Becky and Cameron won dinner for their family-strengthening idea at Alteri's in Glenmont, a kid-friendly restaurant.

Fit as fiddles



The Armbrusters of Delmar, James, Veronica and Connor, should get a good workout from their prize, a family package from Mike Mashuta's Training Center in Delmar. Photos by Elaine McLain



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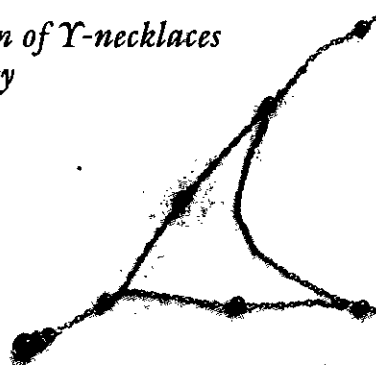
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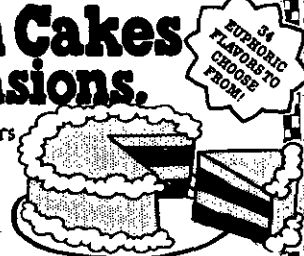
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Families will have the unique opportunity to learn about nature first hand this week at Indian Ladder Farms' Baby Animal Weekend.

Baby lambs (who are bottle-fed), a Holstein calf, an Angora goat kid, one-week-old chickens, newborn pygmy goats and a litter of baby rabbits will be on display Saturday and Sunday, April 20 and 21.

"There's a real interest," said Laura Ten Eyck, who organizes special programs at Indian Ladder. "People come to the farm specifically to see the animals. People learn so much from just watching the animals."

The format will not be like a petting zoo. Animals will be given a separate pen and there will be someone to lift them up to be petted. Ten Eyck said all the animals are friendly, although the calf may be "a little skittish. But, by the end, she'll come around."

Ten Eyck said children will learn several lessons from the animals. First, it will familiarize kids with animals. Many do not have a very extensive background with such animals.

"It starts off in a basic way," she said. "We get a lot of different reactions that show how detached some are from farm animals." With a range of animals from tiny chicks to cows, she said, "Kids can learn how diverse animals on this planet are."

People will also learn how humans have domesticated various animals for different purposes: for milk, fur, meat or as pets.

Ten Eyck said children can also take away broader lessons they can use throughout life.

"Through baby animals, in particular, it's a good way for children to learn about life cycles — life cycles of

animals and humans," she said.

"It's easier to learn about it through animals than through people, who they may be too close to."

To go along with this lesson, the baby pygmy goats will be with their mothers. Ten Eyck said piglets would also be displayed, but they must remain with their mothers, who weigh 1,000 pounds or more and can be "a little aggressive."

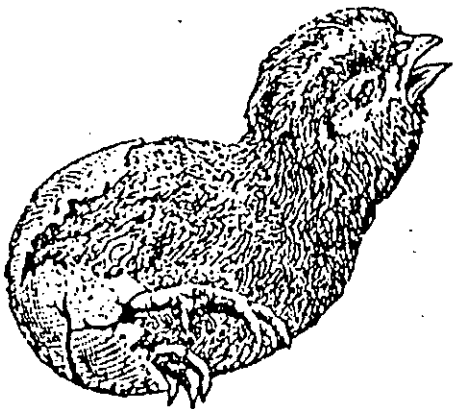
A shearing demonstration is planned for Sunday, April 21, from noon to 3 p.m. In an annual rite of spring at the farm, Don Otterness will shear sheep and goats.

Indian Ladder's animal farm will open for the season this weekend. Animals on the farm include turkeys, geese, chicken, Angora goats and pygmy goats.

The baby animals will be in the barn

next to Indian Ladders' market. There is no admission fee.

Indian Ladders Farms, known for its apple orchards, is located on Route 156, off Route 85A between Voorheesville and Altamont. For information, call 765-2956.



Baby animals teach diversity of nature



Laura Ten Eyck of Indian Ladder Farms holds Teddy, a three-week-old bottle-fed black lamb. Teddy is one of a number of baby farm animals that can be seen this weekend, April 20 and 21, at the orchard on Route 156 between Voorheesville and Altamont.

Earhart disappoints in American premiere at NYS Theatre Institute

Amelia Earhart was a woman before her time as well as a complexity. The young aviator who sought to compete with the male pioneers of the skies captured the public's imagination in the late 1920s and through the mid-1930s. Her name still connotes courage and daring.

But, the play *Earhart* which had its American premiere at the New York State Theatre Institute last week did little to illuminate or enhance this reputation. For audience members who knew little or nothing about her, the play by Canadian-born Rona Waddington is a mystery. Knowledge of the aviator is really necessary in order to link up the unfolding scenes in what is essentially a scenario for a film rather than a well-developed play.

Waddington's play suggests that Earhart's dreams were manipulated by a man who eventually became her husband. While she was considered strong-willed and determined during her career, little of this ambition and drive is contained in the play.

Actress Mychelle Lee Vedder seems earthbound as Earhart, lacking the energy to capture audience empathy and the dialogue to convey this ambition. Earhart seems to be a woman manipulated by others, principally George Putnam, the hard-driving publisher who gives up wife and home to sponsor Earhart and eventually marry her.

The play could almost be called *Putnam*, considering that the character has the big scenes and the more fully-developed character. Joel Aroeste does a fine job with the role that



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actually unbalances the intent of the playwright, much of it due to her own indecisive writing.

Ed. Lange's staging makes use of a unit set that suggests at least a dozen locales. He fails to overcome the confusing brevity of the opening scene and the lack of real drama in the concluding scene in which Putnam and Earhart's sister, Muriel (Erika Johnson Newell) await word about Amelia's last fatal flight.

The definitive play about this complex woman remains to be written.

Catholic Charities benefit April 19 at Knick Arena features Feinstein

The Albany Catholic Charities benefit at the Knickerbocker Arena Friday night (April 19) features vocalist and pianist Michael Feinstein, a performer much indebted to the Gershwin family.

As a young man and an assistant to lyricist Ira Gershwin he gained a wide access to the Gershwin music of the 1920s and 30s. Since then, he has been a proponent of the Gershwin library of music.

In club dates, concerts and CD releases, Feinstein pays tribute to the two Gershwins, men who inspired him.

Feinstein's appearance at the Knickerbocker Arena is the major fund-raising effort for the Albany Catholic Charities for the year. Tickets are \$20 and are available at 453-6650.

Zonta Club stages murder mystery in Troy as benefit for women

Janet Stasio of Slingerlands is among the production staff who will stage the murder mystery *Murder Attends A Reception* at the Franklin Plaza in Troy Friday (April 19) as a benefit.

An international service organization of executive women in business and the professions, the Zonta Club is raising money at this reception and dinner for organizations helping to rehabilitate women and to support the Albany Girls Club.

Tickets are \$45 per person and available at 877-8616 or 488-5844.

The Secret Garden prepares for opening at Schenectady Light Opera house

A musical by Marsha Norman built around an orphan in Victorian England who transforms a maudlin country house into a fantasy world, opens April 26 at the Schenectady Light Opera House.

The Secret Garden features Catherine Wronowski of Loudonville as Mary Lennox, the orphaned young girl who brings cheer to her recluse uncle and gives an invalid boy a new lease on life.

Tom Heckert is directing this musical with Andrea Merrill serving as musical director. Donna Panzl is the choreographer.

The Secret Garden plays through May 5. Reservations available at 355-2946.

Around Theaters!

Junk Bonds, Wall Street intrigue at Capital Rep in Albany through April 21 (462-4534).

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

"JUNK BONDS"
Lucy Wang's award-winning play, The Market Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through April 21. Information, 462-4534.

"RECKLESS"
Craig Lucas' off-Broadway comedy, Empire Center at the Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through April 20, 8 p.m., \$12-\$15. Information, 382-0062.

"MACBETH"
William Shakespeare's masterful tragedy, Main Theatre, University at Albany's Performing Arts Center, Albany, through April 27. Information, 442-3995.

"SHE LOVES ME"
classic romantic tale, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Friday, April 19, 8 p.m., \$29.50. Information, 382-5392.

MUSIC

ALLAN ALEXANDER
guitar and lute player, Allegro Cafe, Troy, Saturdays through April 29, 7 to 11 p.m. Information, 271-1942.

LOST AND FOUND

with special guests Al and Kathy Bain, The Parting Glass, 40 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs, Sunday, April 21, 2 p.m. Information, 489-2369.

JOHNNY RABB'S ROCKHOUSE
Memphis-orientated horn rock, Mullany's Mill Road, 30 Mill Road, Latham, Friday, April 19, 9 p.m. Information, 782-0577.

REGGIE'S RED HOT FEETWARMERS

The Inn at Saratoga, 231 Broadway Ave., Saratoga, Sunday, April 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 782-0577.

THE FLIRTATIONS
The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany, Friday, April 19, 8 p.m. information, 434-1703.

ANN HAMPTON CALLAWAY
award-winning singer/songwriter, Empire Center at the Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Monday, April 22, 8 p.m., \$18. Information, 473-1845.

CD BLUES

The Lakeview Inn at Crystal Lake, Route 43, Averill Park, Friday, April 19, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

THE BACH CHOIR

conducted by Sir David Willcocks, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Troy, Thursday, April 18, 8 p.m., \$20. Information, 273-4122.

SCHENECTADY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Sunday, April 21, 3 p.m., \$15. Information, 346-6204.

DANCE

COUNTRY AND CONTRA DANCE

with live music by George Wilson and Alan Thomson, Masonic Temple, 138 Maple Ave., Altamont, Saturday, April 20, 8 p.m., \$6. Information, 765-2815.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

DISTINGUISHED POETS AWARD
one poem only, 20 lines or less on any subject in any style, \$500 grand prize, send to Sparrow Poetry Forum, Inc., Dept. E, 203 Diamond St., Sistrerville, WV 26175, contest closes May 31. Information, 304-652-1449.

CLASSES

DANCE CLASSES
ongoing, all levels, ballet, jazz and modern, New School of Ballet, 1098 Parkwood Blvd., Schenectady, Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays. Information, 346-1096.

ART CLASSES
watercolor and oil, beginner and advanced, taught by Kristin Woodward. Information, 783-1828.

MUSEUM ART CLASSES
ongoing, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, \$25. Information, 463-4478.

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

"PINNOCHIO"
based on Carlo Collodi's 1883 The Adventures of Pinocchio, Empire Center at the Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Sunday, April 21, 3 p.m., \$7. Information, 473-1845.

FAMILY CONCERT
with guitarist Randy Maugher, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, Wednesday, April 24, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

READINGS

ALICIA OSTRICKER
poet and feminist critic to read from her work, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute campus (time and place to be announced), Wednesday, April 17. Information, 372-0785.

VISUAL ARTS

"PEOPLE AND PLACE"
"People and Place: Changing Land Use and Landscape in Rensselaer County," chronological look at land use in the county, Rensselaer County Historical Society, 59 Second St., Troy, through June. Information, 272-7232.

"ERASTUS CORNING"
photographs and memorabilia of Albany's long-time mayor, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through July 28. Information, 463-4478.

"DREAMS AND REALITY"
acrylic art by Diane Tucker, Crafter Gallery, 429 Broadway, Saratoga. Information, 584-4132.

MARK BENJAMIN AND MARK MCCARTY

photography exhibit, The Albany Center Galleries, 23 Monroe St., Albany, through April 18.

FASHION EXHIBIT
"A Passion For Fashion: London and Paris Style in Albany," Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through June 9. Information, 463-4478.

"ANCIENT STRUCTURES"
fiber/paper/glass/bronze explored by seven artists, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through July 28. Information, 463-4478.

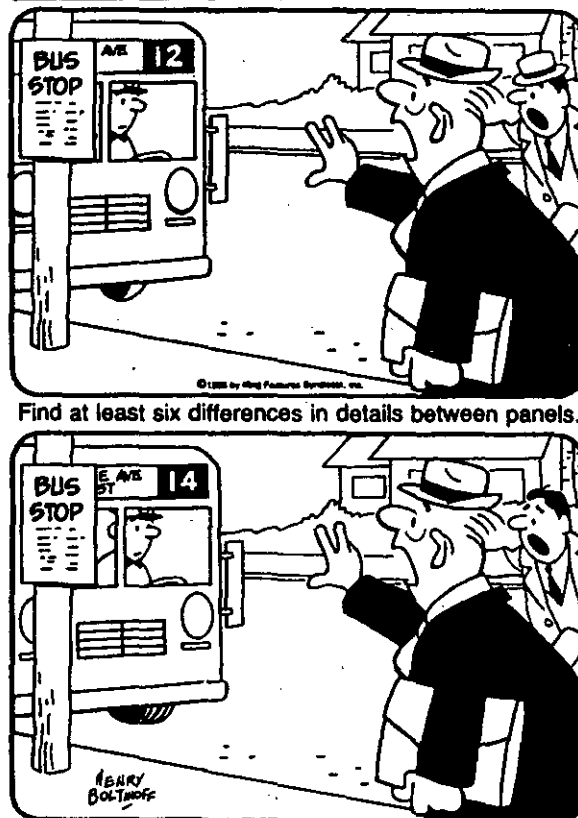
"PAGES"
poet/artists collaborations, Canterbury Gallery, Child's Nursing Home, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, through April 28. Information, 439-2955.

"ART IS AGELESS"
exhibit featuring 62 works by residents, staff and volunteers at not-for-profit nursing homes, adult care facilities, housing facilities and community service programs throughout New York State, Albany Room, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Information, 449-2707.

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Memory's Garden Administration Building, 983 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Albany, 9 a.m. Information, 869-9506.

DOANE STUART SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

for parents of students entering grade pre-k through 12. Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 5:30 p.m. Information, 465-5222, ext. 210.

"BRIDGES AND LADDERS"

luncheon discussion of the communications industry, reservations by April 12, Cranberry Bog, 56 Wolf Road, Albany, 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost, \$14 for Women's Press Club members, \$17.50 for nonmembers. Information, 399-3610.

"THE CYCLES AND SEASONS OF OUR LIVES"

five-session seminar following the cycles and seasons of nature and their relationships to human lives, Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, April 17 and 24, May 1, 8 and 15 at 7:15 p.m. Cost, \$135. Information, 489-4431.

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Holy Cross Church, Western Avenue and Brevator Street, Albany, 2 to 6 p.m. Information, 272-2972.

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WRITING WORKSHOP

for advanced fiction writers, room 210, Proctor's Arcade, Schenectady, 7 p.m. Information, 381-8927.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

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

NATIVE TREES AND THEIR USES IN LANDSCAPING

slide lecture, pre-registration required, Environmental Clearinghouse of Schenectady, 2851 Aqueduct Ave., Niskayuna, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Cost, \$5 ECOS members, \$8 non-members. Information, 370-4125.

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING

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

CHORUS REHEARSAL

sponsored by Capital and Chorus of Sweet Adelines, New Covenant Church, 916 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-4384.

"RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES"

course fulfills state Education Department's first aid requirements, addresses the prevention and management of athletic injuries, Albany Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, 2 Clara Barton Drive, Albany, April 18 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 19 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Cost, \$75. Information, 433-0151, ext. 3320.

SENIOR CHORALE

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

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP

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

THURSDAY
APRIL 18

ALBANY COUNTY

SCOLIOSIS SUPPORT GROUP

for individuals and families, Conklin Conference Room, Albany Memorial Hospital, Northern Boulevard, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 475-0859.

LEGAL NOTICE

VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE REGARDING ABSENTEE BALLOT PROCEDURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Board of Education action taken December 9, 1991, the following procedures must be followed to procure an absentee ballot to be used for elections conducted by the Voorheesville Central School District

An absentee ballot and application will be mailed to each qualified voter who requests such in a signed letter provided the voter meets the criteria listed below:

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b) because his/her duties, occupation or business will require him/her to be outside of the county or city of his/her residence on that day;

(1) Where such duties, occupation or business are of such a nature as ordinarily to require such absence, a brief description of such duties, occupation or business shall be set forth in the affidavit.

(2) Where such duties, occupation or business are not of such a nature as ordinarily to require such absence, the application shall contain a statement of the special circumstances that such absence is required; or

c) because he/she will be on vacation outside the county or city of his/her residence on that day. The application shall also contain the dates which he/she expects to begin and end the vacation, the place or places where he/she expects to be on vacation, the name and address of his/her employer, if any, and if self-employed, a statement to that effect; or d) absent from his/her voting residence because he/she is detained in jail awaiting action by a grand jury or awaiting trial or is confined in prison after conviction for an offense other than a felony.

Letters requesting applications for absentee ballots may be received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the seventh (7th) day before the election.

Requests should be addressed to: Clerk, Board of Education Voorheesville Central School District Voorheesville, New York 12186

The Clerk shall post the list in a conspicuous place or places during the election, and any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the absentee voter's ballot of any person on the list at that time, by making a challenge and the reasons known to the inspectors of election before the close of polls.
Dated: March 22, 1996

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Dorothea Pfeleiderer, District Clerk Voorheesville Central School District (April 17, 1996)

NOTICE OF LLC DIRECTION PLANNING LLC

has been formed as a limited liability company in New York. The Articles of Organization were filed on March 21, 1996 with the Secretary of State. The office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as Agent upon whom process may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served upon him/her to 251 New Karner Road, Albany, New York 12205. The purpose of the business of DIRECTION PLANNING LLC is to engage in all lawful business for which a limited liability company can be formed pursuant to Section 201 of the Limited Liability Company Law. (April 17, 1996)

NOTICE

NOTICE: Articles of Organization for The Henke-Warren Agency, LLC were filed with the New York Secretary of State ("SOS") on 1/30/96. LLC's office is located in Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of the LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail a copy of any process against LLC to: William H. Brown, 20 North Street, Albany, New York 12204. LLC terminates 12/31/2075. Purpose: Insurance Agency. (April 17, 1996)

VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District County of Albany, State of New York will be held in the auditorium of the Clayton A. Bouton High School in said district on Tuesday, June 4, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time for the purpose of announcing and presenting candidates for the Board of Education and for the consideration of a budget for the school year 1996-1997 and for the transaction of such other business as is authorized by the Education Law.

And notice is also given that at the conclusion of the transaction of business on June 4, 1996, the Annual Meeting will be adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 1996, at which time the meeting will be reconvened at the Clayton A. Bouton High School and the polls will be open and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect a member of the Board of Education for a 5 year term to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of William R. Parmelee.

2. To vote on the Annual School Budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to

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authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

3. To vote on the following Proposition: PROPOSITION: New Bus Purchases

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District (hereinafter the "District") is hereby authorized to purchase vehicles, necessary equipment and ancillary cost for the purpose of transporting pupils of the District and to expend therefore amounts not to exceed One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$152,800.00); and said expenditure shall be supported by a tax levied in 1996, hereby voted in the amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$152,800.00) and said expenditure and tax levy is hereby authorized.

And notice is also given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting except Saturday, Sunday or holiday, at the following schoolhouses in which school is maintained during the hours designated:

Voorheesville Elementary School Schoolhouse Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Clayton A. Bouton High School Schoolhouse Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

And notice is also given that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the district not later than the 30th day preceding the school meeting. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the district, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the district, must state the name and resi-

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dence of the candidate and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated including at least the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

And notice is further given that letters requesting application for absentee ballots may be received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the seventh (7th) day before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the voter is to receive the ballot in person. Requests should be addressed to:

Clerk, Board of Education Voorheesville Central School District Voorheesville, New York 12186 Dated: April 10, 1996

Dorothea Pfeleiderer, District Clerk And notice is also given that at the Annual School District Meeting the year 1996-1997 will be considered and such other business transacted as is authorized by law.

And notice is also given that at the conclusion of the transaction of business on June 4, 1996, the Annual Meeting will be adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 1996 at which time the meeting will be reconvened at the Clayton A. Bouton High School and the polls will be open and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect a member of the Library Board for a 5 year term to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Sally Ten Eyck.

2. To vote on the Public Library budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

An notice is also given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for library purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer

ALBANY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OPEN HOUSE

open to families interested in registering for Camp Shalom, summer day camp for children up to 12 years of age, Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

"OUT OF THE SHADOWS... INTO THE LIGHT"

program to explore sex addiction, St. Pius X Parish Center, 23 Crumitie Road, Loudonville, 7:30 p.m. Cost, \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Information, 489-4431.

"CLIMATE CHANGE: WHAT HAS BEEN, AND WHAT WILL BE?"

Professor John W. Delano of the SUNYA Department of Geological Sciences to speak, coffee, tea and cookies provided, bring lunch, Room B-43, University Library, University at Albany Uptown Campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, noon to 2 p.m. Information, 442-3567.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ALBANY COUNTY MEETING

discussion of local current events/issues, McKownville United Methodist Church, 1565 Western Ave., Albany, 9:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-4312.

THE QUEST

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

FRIDAY
APRIL 19

ALBANY COUNTY

"SEX—SHAME—ADDICTION"

for counselors and others working with sexually addictive behavior, Mercy Auditorium, 310 South Manning Blvd., Albany, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost, \$45. Information, 489-4431.

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the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the voter is to receive the ballot in person. Requests should be addressed to:

Clerk, Board of Education Voorheesville Central School District Voorheesville, New York 12186

Dated: April 12, 1996

(April 17, 1996) Gail Sacco, Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
The Town of Bethlehem is soliciting proposals from administrative service agencies and financial organizations for services in connection with a Deferred Compensation Plan that will meet the requirements of Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 5 of the State Finance Law, including all rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto.

A copy of the proposal questionnaire may be obtained from Judith E. Kehoe, Comptroller, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054.

All proposals must be submitted on or before May 17, 1996. (April 17, 1996)

MagicMaze

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Broncos	Dolphins	Raiders	Vikings
Chiefs	Eagles	Patriots	

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT-BREAKFAST

9 till Noon-Sunday-April 21, 1996

Adults-\$5.00 Seniors-\$4.00
Children Under 12-\$3.00—Under 3-Free

Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Juice, Coffee,
Plain and Blueberry Pancakes, Toast,
Waffles, French Toast, Home Fires
and Our World Famous ELK Gravy

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE

1016 River Road, Selkirk

Phone 767-2886

The Spotlight CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 17

BETHLEHEM

BC BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
district office, 90 Adams Place, 8 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

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

"THE PHANTOM OF THE MUSIC ROOM"
Slingerlands Elementary School fifth-grade musical, and April 18, 25 Union Ave., 7:30 p.m., \$2.50. Information, 439-7681.

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB CREATIVE ARTS GROUP
Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-3916.

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

"SONGBIRDS OF THE ADIRONDACKS"
Richard Guthrie, retired from the state Department of Environmental Conservation, presents slide program on songbirds, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

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

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB
Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

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

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

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND "ONE WORLD, MANY WORLDS"
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

VOORHEESVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION
village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS
Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

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

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

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

THURSDAY
APRIL 18

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
Route 144 and Clapper Road, Selkirk, 8 p.m. Information, 439-3916.

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

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

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

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
children's choir, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
women's Bible study, 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. or 7:30 to 9:15 p.m., child care available for morning session, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB
New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 7 p.m.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE
call in advance, Cornell Cooperative Extension Office, Martin Road, Voorheesville, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information, 765-3500.

SKETCH CLUB
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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

FRIDAY
APRIL 19

BETHLEHEM

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

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND STORY HOUR
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 1:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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

SATURDAY
APRIL 20

BETHLEHEM

SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE
First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-7571.

ANNUAL AFTER-EASTER EGG HUNT
egg-rolling contest, candy hunt, Slingerlands Firehouse, Slingerlands, 11 a.m.

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

NEW SCOTLAND LIFESTORIES WORKSHOP
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

SUNDAY
APRIL 21

BETHLEHEM

CAPITAL-HUDSON IRIS SOCIETY
Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 2 to 4 p.m. Information, 766-5310.

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Information, 438-7740.

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

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., nursery provided, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., 10 Rocketteller Road. Information, 439-7864.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Eucharist, breakfast, coffee hour, 8 and 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
Latin Mass, 10 a.m. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. daily, Route 9W at Beacon Road, Glenmont. Information, 462-2016.

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

SELKIRK CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Bible lecture, 9:30 a.m., Watchtower Bible study, 10:25 a.m., 359 Elm Ave. Information, 439-0358.

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

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

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
worship service, church school, nursery care, 10 a.m., fellowship and coffee, 11 a.m., adult education, 11:15 a.m., family communion service, first Sunday, 585 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9262.

DELMAR FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Sunday services, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., 292 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-4407.

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

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., child care provided, youth group, 6:30 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday school and worship service, 10:30 a.m., child care available, 1 Chapel Lane. Information, 436-7710.

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
church school, 9:45 a.m., worship service, 9:30 a.m., adult classes, 11 a.m., 428 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-9976.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
worship services, 8 and 10:30 a.m., Sunday school and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m., nursery care available, coffee/fellowship following services, youth groups, 6:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., morning worship, 11 a.m., youth group, 6 p.m., evening service, 7 p.m., Route 9W, Glenmont. Information, 426-4510.

NEW SCOTLAND ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST
Voorheesville American Legion, 8 a.m. to noon, \$3.50 adults and \$2.50 children. Information, 765-4712.

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

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

ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Mountainview Street, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2805.

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

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

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

NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH
adult Bible study, 9 a.m., junior choir or chime choir practice, 9 a.m., worship service, 10 a.m., recorder group practice, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 439-6179.

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

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE
worship services, 9:30 p.m., church school and nursery care, 10 a.m., children's choir, 11:15 a.m., youth group, 4 p.m., 68 Maple Ave. Information, 765-2895.

MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
Bible hour, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., evening service, 6:30 p.m., nursery care provided, Route 155. Information, 765-3390.

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

MONDAY
APRIL 22

BETHLEHEM

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

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

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

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

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

NEW SCOTLAND

SOAP BUBBLE SCIENCE
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, 11 a.m. to noon. Information, 765-2791.

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

TUESDAY
APRIL 23

BETHLEHEM

"JUMP FOR FUN"
program for children in grades one to three, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

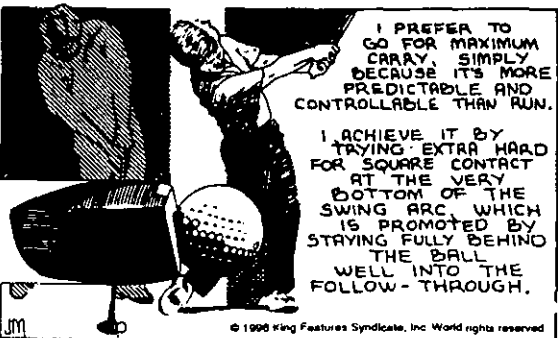
"SKY DANCE: WOODCOCK"
program on the woodcock, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Road, 7 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

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

Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS



SOFT FAIRWAYS SHORTEN TEE SHOTS. ONE ANTIDOTE IS TO PUT EXTRA RUN ON THE BALL BY PLAYING A LOW, HOOKING SHOT. IF THAT'S AN EASY TECHNIQUE FOR YOU, STICK WITH IT.



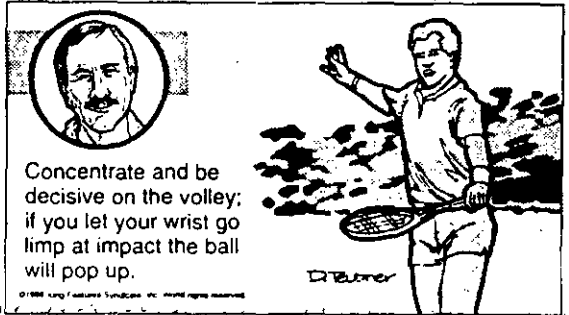
I PREFER TO GO FOR MAXIMUM CARRY, SIMPLY BECAUSE IT'S MORE PREDICTABLE AND CONTROLLABLE THAN RUN.
I ACHIEVE IT BY TRYING EXTRA HARD FOR SQUARE CONTACT AT THE VERY BOTTOM OF THE SWING ARC, WHICH IS PROMOTED BY STAYING FULLY BEHIND THE BALL WELL INTO THE FOLLOW-THROUGH.

STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS



KEEP YOUR WRIST FIRM

On volleys, it is important to not have a weak wrist. Keep your wrist firm through the shot.



Concentrate and be decisive on the volley; if you let your wrist go limp at impact the ball will pop up.

Answers to Super Crossword

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP

FIRST: The name of the professional service limited liability partnership is HOGAN & GROSKY, LLP.

SECOND: The professional service limited liability partnership is formed for the practice of the profession of law.

THIRD: The office of the limited liability partnership is to be located in the County of Albany, State of New York.

FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability partnership upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is:

HOGAN & GROSKY, LLP, 1859 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203.

FIFTH: The latest date upon which the limited liability partnership is to dissolve is December 31, 2002.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 27th day of February, 1996 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under penalties of perjury.

s/Norma E. Hogan,
Attorney at Law
Dated: February 27, 1996

(April 17, 1996)

NOTICE OF CONVERSION OF A PARTNERSHIP TO A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Under Section 1006 of the Limited Liability Company Law

FIRST: The partnership was, in accordance with the provisions of the Limited Liability Company Law, duly converted to a limited liability company.

SECOND: The name of the partnership was Northeast American Realty Partnership.

THIRD: The name of the limited liability company is: Northeast American Realty, LLC.

FOURTH: The certificate of conversion of the partnership to a limited liability company was filed with the Secretary of State on February 28, 1996.

FIFTH: The office of the limited liability company is to be located in Albany County.

SIXTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is:

1769 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205.

SEVENTH: The purpose of the limited liability company is to own, develop and manage real property, lease real property to others, and to engage in such other business as the members may agree.

Dated: March 7, 1996
Martin J. Ricciardi, Esq.,
Whiteman Osterman & Hanna,
Attorneys for Northeast American Realty, LLC
P.O. Box 22016
Albany, New York 12201

(April 17, 1996)

LEGAL NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF SAMANTHA PROPERTIES, LLC (UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK)

THE UNDERSIGNED, being a natural person of at least eighteen (18) years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company (the "Company") hereby being formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company of the State of New York (the "LLCL"), certifies that:

FIRST: The name of the Company is Samantha Properties, LLC.

SECOND: The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.

THIRD: The county within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.

LEGAL NOTICE

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is Samantha Properties, LLC, 800-19 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.

FIFTH: The Company is to be managed by one or more managers.

SIXTH: A manager shall not be personally liable to the Company or its members for damages for any breach of duty as a manager, except for any matter in respect of which such manager shall be liable by reason that, in addition to any and all other requirements for such liability, there shall have been a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to such manager that establishes that such manager's acts or omissions were in bad faith or involved intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law or that such manager personally gained in fact a financial profit or other advantage to which such manager was not legally entitled or that with respect to a distribution the subject of §508 of the LLCL, such manager's acts were not performed in accordance with §409 of the LLCL. Neither the amendment nor the repeal of this Article shall eliminate or reduce the effect of this Article in respect to any matter occurring, or any cause of action, suit or claim that, but for this Article, would accrue or arise, prior to such amendment, repeal or adoption of an inconsistent provisions. The Article shall neither eliminate or limit the liability of a manager for any act or omission occurring prior to the Adoption of this Article.

SEVENTH: The Company shall have the power or indemnify, to the full extent permitted by the LLCL, as amended from time to time, all persons whom it is permitted to indemnify pursuant thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed this certificate and do hereby affirm the foregoing as true under penalties of perjury, this 21st day of March, 1996.

(s) Alan M. Jezierski
Organizer.

(April 17, 1996)

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF A DOMESTIC REGISTERED LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF

SPENCER & MASTON, LLP UNDER SECTION 121-1500(A) OF THE PARTNERSHIP LAW

FIRST: The name of the registered limited liability partnership is SPENCER & MASTON, LLP.

SECOND: The address of the principal office of the partnership without limited partners is 120 Broadway, Albany, New York 12204.

THIRD: The profession to be practiced by such partnership without limited partners is LAW and such partnership without limited partners is eligible to register as a "registered limited liability partnership" pursuant to 121-1500(a) of the Partnership Law.

FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the registered limited liability partnership upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the department of state shall mail a copy of any process served against it is 120 Broadway, Albany, New York 12204.

FIFTH: The effective date is upon filing.

SIXTH: The partnership without limited partners is filing a registration for status as a registered limited liability partnership.

SEVENTH: No partner is to be liable for all or specified debts, obligations or liabilities of the registered limited liability partnership as authorized pursuant to Section 26(d) of the Partnership Law.

(s) Bruce M. Maston, M.D., J.D.
Partner

(April 17, 1996)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION THE BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

LEGAL NOTICE

AND NEW SCOTLAND COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual election of the inhabitants of the above named school district will be held in the upper gymnasium of the Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York, on Wednesday, May 8, 1996, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. EDT.

The Board of Education will present for consideration the school district budget for the period of July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997. Copies of said budget may be previewed by any inhabitant of the district during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the annual election, except Saturdays and Sundays, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., EDT at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, and the office of the elementary schools, the Middle School, and the High School of the district.

The trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library will present for consideration the public library budget for the period July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997. Copies of the budget may be obtained at the reference desk of the library.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing to discuss the proposed school district budget will be held on the 17th day of April, 1996 at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York at 8:00 p.m., EDT.

Petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1996 to fill the vacancy of the terms of Happy Scherer, Pamela Williams and Peter Trent (the last such position being currently vacant due to the resignation of said Peter Trent); and petitions nominating candidates for the office of Trustee of the Bethlehem Public Library for a full term of five (5) years commencing on July 1, 1996, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Melissa Palmer must be filed with the Clerk of the School District, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, not later than 4:30 p.m., EDT, April 8, 1996.

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

1. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

2. For the election of three (3) members of the Board of Education of said Bethlehem Central School District, for a full term of three (3) years commencing on July 1, 1996, to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Happy Scherer, Pamela Williams and Peter Trent, except that the person elected to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Peter Trent shall also be deemed to fill the vacancy created by resignation pursuant to Section 2105 of the Education Law.

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

4. For the election of one trustee to the Board of Trustees of said Bethlehem Public Library, for one full term of five (5) years commencing on July 1, 1996, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Melissa Palmer;

5. Upon the appropriation of \$348,500 to purchase seven (7) buses for the Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor; and

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots for voting on these propositions may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York 12054. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the School District Clerk, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on each of the five days prior to the annual election on May 8, 1996, except Saturdays and Sundays, and such list will also be posted at the polling place on May 8, 1996.

Franz Zwicklbauer
School District Clerk
Dated: March 6, 1996
(March 20, April 3, 17, 24)
(April 17, 1996)

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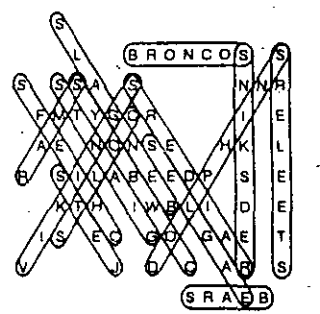
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Budget

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Also on the ballot will be a \$348,500 proposition to buy six 66-passenger buses, two seven-passenger Suburbans and one wheelchair lift van.

The major change in the budget is the addition of 9.4 full-time-equivalent teachers — 6.4 for two more half-teams at the middle school and three at the high school — to deal with steadily growing enrollment at both schools.

With the additional teachers, teacher/student ratios at every level of the district will be lower in 1996-7 than they are this year.

Generally, public comments at budget work sessions and board meetings over the past six weeks have supported adding more teachers.

On the revenue side, the board decided to estimate that state aid would be approximately the same as this year, even though Gov. George Pataki's budget had proposed a cut.

Final state aid figures will likely be unavailable for several weeks, as Pataki and state legislators are said to remain far apart on the budget that was supposed to be enacted before the start of the state's fiscal year on April 1.

Voting will be May 8 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the middle school gymnasium. Also on the ballot will be four candidates for three at-large school board positions — incumbents Pamela Williams and Happy Scherer and challengers James Schwab and Edward Languish.

Bricklayers' union has apprentice openings

The Bricklayers and Allied Craftsmen Joint Apprenticeship Committee Local 2 will conduct apprentice recruitment from April 1 through Oct. 2. The committee will accept 10 applicants for the following trades: bricklayer-mason; pointer, caulker and cleaner; and tile, marble and terrazzo finisher.

Applications are available at the Eastern Contractors Association at 6 Airline Drive in Albany from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

Applicants must be at least 17 years old, have a 10th-grade education, have lived within the local's geographic jurisdiction for at least one year, have transportation to various job sites and apprentice classes, and sign a statement attesting to their physical ability to do the work.

Seascape



Delmar artist Eleanor Bolduc holds one of her paintings on display at William K. Sanford Library in Colonie. *Doug Persons*

YWCA offering childcare

The YWCA of Albany, located on the corner of Lincoln and Colvin avenues in Albany, offers care for children ages 6 months to 6 years old on weekday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon.

The program offers arts and crafts projects, cooperative games,

singing and storytelling. Costs vary, depending upon family need, from \$1.50 to \$3.50 per hour. Child care is also available for non-members at a similar rate.

Pre-registration must be made at least 24 hours in advance by calling the YWCA at 438-6608.

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