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Bethlehem youth services librarian Lisa Bouchard conjures up some witch's brew for Maya Saati, left, Angela Barone, Caitlyn Smith and Kathleen Barada at a Halloween party.

Doug Persons

## State Bond Act targets some local sites for aid

By Mel Hyman

The \$1.75 billion Clean Water, Clean Air Bond Act on the Nov. 5 ballot could provide funds for protection of the Five Rivers Education Center in Delmar.

Five Rivers was identified as an eligible site for funding last week by Albany-based Environmental Advocates, which strongly supports the bond measure.

A total of \$100 million is included in the bond act for the protection of state-owned natural resources and the purchase of land to expand existing facilities such as Five Rivers, the Albany Pine Bush and Thacher Park, among others.

In the view of state wildlife pathologist Ward Stone, whose laboratory is at Five Rivers, funding to acquire more land for a buffer around the nature preserve is desperately needed.

"We're seeing some major encroachment to the north and west of us with all the development that's going on in the Orchard Street area," he said.

The suburbanization of the land around Five Rivers could have serious ramifications for the many species of wildlife that inhabit the preserve, Stone said.

Another aspect of the bond act that could benefit the area is the \$200 million earmarked for grants to municipalities to

clean up abandoned, contaminated industrial sites, sometimes referred to as brownfields.

One such municipally owned brownfield that would be eligible for  **BOND/page 12**

## IDA designates EnCon as Spurlock watchdog

By Mel Hyman

The Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency has designated the state Department of Environmental Conservation as lead agency for the review of the \$9.5 million formaldehyde production proposed for Route 144 in Glenmont.

IDA chairman Ted Putney said the action was made in deference to EnCon's written request for lead agency status.

The IDA is considering whether to issue \$7.5 million in tax-exempt bonds to Spurlock Adhesives Inc. of Waverly, Va., for construction of a plant designed to turn methanol into liquid formaldehyde and formaldehyde-based resins used in the furniture and building products industries.

Given that EnCon has the time, resources and expertise — plus the fact that the state agency must issue at least four different permits for the project — the request seem reasonable, Putney said.

Because the plant lies in a "heavy industrial" zone, the only way the town has in the project is to issue a building permit.

The 55-acre site, currently owned by Niagara Mohawk and formerly used as a petroleum storage facility, is between Route 144 and the Hudson River. The closest residential area is Wheeler Road, about a half mile to the south

"We're not interested in going to court to thwart DEC's intention to be lead agency," Putney said. "The fact that they have to issue these permits means that they're going to be very deeply involved anyway."

That's not a good enough for several residents who attended last week's IDA meeting.

Linda Burtis of Delmar charged that the IDA "did a huge disservice to the town" by handing off lead agency status for the project to a "faceless state agency. What they should have done is find out first whether the people of this community want another chemical plant."

If the town was really worried about the expense involved, it could charge the developer one-half of 1 percent of the project cost for a consultant to prepare an environmental impact statement, Burtis said.

Town Democratic Chairman Matt Clyne, who also attended the meeting, said it

Ted Putney



**We're not interested in going to court to thwart DEC's intention to be lead agency.**

was "crazy for the town to be actively importing pollution. There's no justification for that plant as far as I see it. There are only marginal economic benefits to the town, and there's an acknowledged health threat. There's also been no discussion of the cumulative effect of this plant when combined with the chemical emissions from GE (plastics division in Selkirk).

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## TV rhetoric makes Senate race murky

By Martin P. Kelly

The campaign for the 42nd State Senate District race has become the tightest and most expensive local political contest this year.

Despite an array of state and local issues, the race has lately focused on negative TV ads, with Democratic challenger Neil Breslin and incumbent Republican Michael J. Hoblock Jr. both using "so's your old man" campaign rhetoric.

Both candidates acknowledge that they signed off on the ads.

Breslin said, "Nothing leaves the office without my seeing it and agreeing to it" as his ads blamed Hoblock for 4,000 Albany-area workers being shipped to Kingston and being in the pocket of Gov.



Hoblock

George Pataki. He also criticized Hoblock for taking \$45 per diem expenses while the legislature is in session, even though he lives at home in Loudonville and has a relatively short commute.



Breslin

In defense of the ads, Hoblock said he was only responding to misrepresentations when his commercials called Breslin a liar.

Breslin, a first-time candidate whose brother, Albany County Executive Michael Breslin, serves as his campaign manager, admits that the term "sleaze" in one of Hoblock's television spots hurt him personally.

As a man trying to wrest the Senate seat from a popular candidate with 20 years of political experience...

Breslin admits it's an uphill fight even in a district that has a large Democratic voter base.

For his part, Hoblock two years ago took what had been for years considered

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# McEneny challengers face long odds

By Dev Tobin

It's hard enough to defeat an incumbent New York state legislator, given the many advantages inherent in incumbency, in a one-on-one race.

But with two candidates splitting whatever "throw-the-bum-out" vote there is out there, the task becomes nearly impossible.

Two-term Democratic Assemblyman John McEneny, whose 104th Assembly District includes western and southern areas of the city of Albany, plus the towns of New Scotland, Guilderland, Knox and Berne, ran unopposed in 1994 in the heavily Democratic district.

This year, two Albany men, Joseph Sullivan and David Schnell, have thrown their hats in the ring. Schnell will run on the Republican line, and Sullivan will be on the Conservative, Independence and Right-to-Life lines.

For his part, McEneny said he has become more effective after four years in the Assembly, pointing to 26 laws that he was a principal co-sponsor of, including state aid to the Albany County Airport and the veterans' bill of rights.

McEneny said his major focus in the past two years was fighting Gov. George Pataki's plans to move state workers out of Albany.

"I was loudest and most effective against the job switch, and I will remain on top of that issue," he said.

McEneny remains an outspoken opponent of the new law that will require voter approval of small cities' school budgets.

If city residents, most of whom have no children in public schools, vote their pocketbooks on school budgets, McEneny said the result will be a gradual deterioration of the city's public schools, which will reduce opportunities for city children and eventually drive down property values.

McEneny said he will continue to work for increased school aid for Albany, which suffers in state aid formulas due to the large amount of tax-exempt property in the city, and an overall reduction in reliance on local property taxes to fund education.

Regarding the annual embarrassment of late state budgets, McEneny proposed that legislators be "sequestered" like a jury after the April 1 deadline passes, and work only on budget issues, not on "resolutions honoring some constituent's 50th anniversary."

On other high-profile legislative issues, McEneny opposes

casino gambling, partial birth abortion and the death penalty, and supports gay rights, Medicaid funding of abortion, parental notification when a minor seeks an abortion, restrictions on ownership of assault weapons and the environmental bond act.

Responding to rumors that he is considering a challenge to Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings, McEneny said he has "no plans to run for any other office, and I have made no moves typical of someone running for another office."

Sullivan, an Albany Democratic committeeman and outspoken conservative who coordinated Republican Pat Buchanan's presidential primary campaign in this area, is challenging McEneny for the Assembly seat for the second time, after finishing fourth in the 1992 Democratic primary following longtime Assemblyman Richard Conners' retirement.

**Do people want a liberal Democrat like Jack McEneny or a conservative Democrat like myself?**

Joseph Sullivan

Since 1992, Sullivan has run unsuccessfully for Albany school board in a general election and for 8th Ward alderman and state senate in primaries.

Sullivan said the main issue is "Do people want a liberal Democrat like Jack McEneny or a conservative Democrat like myself?" representing them in the Assembly.

Sullivan said he is a social conservative who opposes "government and public school sponsorship of abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, sexual preferences and same-sex marriages."

Sullivan also said he will work for "real education reform," including property tax relief, cutting administrative costs, residence requirements for teachers and administrators, and an "end to forced busing to achieve an elusive social agenda of ethnic balance."

Sullivan added that McEneny's opposition to the small cities' school budget vote law and to include Albany in the casino gambling referendum shows that McEneny "doesn't trust the people."

Albany is currently not in the

casino gambling constitutional amendment approved by the Legislature, but Sullivan would like to change that.

A riverfront casino would create "real jobs within walking distance for many city residents," he said. Tax revenues generated by a casino could be used to fund a two-year technical college in Arbor Hill to further help city residents avoid the welfare rolls, he added.

Although he knows he faces long odds, Sullivan said he is running a "low-budget, word-of-mouth" campaign, and noted that he has a "loyal following," particularly in the uptown Albany area where he has been president of the Buckingham Pond-Crestwood Neighborhood Association for nine years.

Sullivan is retired from the state Senate, where he worked for 20 years. "It's important to know how the system works, and I know the Legislature very well," he said.

Schnell is making his first run for public office, after working for several years as a staffer for Assembly Republicans.

"It's important to offer voters a choice, a Republican alternative," with an emphasis on smaller government, less taxes and more economic growth, Schnell said.

McEneny represents the "big government, big spending liberal Democratic machine," whereas Schnell said he would represent "the average working man."

Schnell said McEneny's opposition to his city constituents voting on school budgets is "not the kind of message we should be sending."

He said he supports the Assembly Republican plan to freeze school property taxes if school budget increases stay below the rate of inflation.

Schnell noted that McEneny was not alone in fighting Pataki's proposed shift of state workers to Kingston. "I would have voted against the moves as well, as did (Colonie Republican state Sen.) Mike Hoblock and (Colonie Republican Assemblyman) Bob Prentiss," Schnell said.

Schnell said he opposes a legislative pay raise and supports term limits, increased penalties for violent crimes, tax incentives for small business and a "total revamp" of the educational system, including true merit pay for teachers.

Schnell is employed in sales for an automobile parts manufacturer.

## Olsen to manage Spotlight office

Spotlight Newspapers Publisher Richard Ahlstrom has announced that the weekly newspaper group's longtime bookkeeper Kathryn Olsen has been promoted to office manager.

"Kathy's knowledge and experience make her uniquely qualified for this new position," Ahlstrom said.

In her new position, Olsen will be responsible for supervising office staff and coordinating

office operations including bookkeeping, personnel administration, reception, subscriptions, classifieds, circulation and delivery, and liaison with other departments.

A graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology, Olsen has worked at Spotlight Newspapers for eight and a half years.

She lives in Voorheesville with her husband Al. They have four grown children, all of whom also graduated from RIT.

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Olsen

## Faso, Button debate tonight

The candidates running for the 102 state Assembly district will square off in a debate today, Oct. 30, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Glenmont Elementary School on Route 9W in Glenmont.

Democrat Rena Button (who is also running on the Independence line) is trying to unseat five-term incumbent John Faso who is running on the Republican and Conservative lines.

Sponsored by *The Spotlight* in affiliation with the Albany County League of Women Voters, the forum will consist of candidate statements followed by a question and answer period.

Members of the audience may submit questions on forms supplied by the sponsors and available at the school after 7 p.m. on the night of the debate.

All questions must be submitted by 7:15 p.m. so that they may be screened by a league committee beforehand.

The debate will be videotaped and shown on cable public access Channel 31 on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, and on Monday, Nov. 4, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.



Bethlehem police and BCBS Principal Jon Hunter await the results of a bomb-sniffing dog's search on Friday, Oct. 18, when the school was evacuated due to a bomb threat. Dev Tobin

## Police seek help in solving BCBS bomb scare incidents

By Dev Tobin

What someone evidently considers a harmless high school prank is being considered a serious crime by Bethlehem Central School District officials and town police.

Three times in the past two weeks, a young male has phoned in a bomb threat to Bethlehem Central High School.

"We have some suspects currently under investigation," said Bethlehem Police Lt. Richard Vanderbilt. "Anyone with any knowledge of these crimes should call Detective Jim Corbett at 439-9973."

Vanderbilt emphasized that thorough searches of the building, including the use of bomb-sniffing dogs, failed to turn up any explosive device.

Falsely reporting an incident is a misdemeanor, but, in this case, maybe elevated to the felony, since one high school girl suffered an asthma attack during a bomb-threat-related evacuation of the school, Vanderbilt explained.

BC Superintendent Leslie Loomis said the district's policy in dealing with bomb threats is threefold — "doing everything possible to safeguard the well-being of

students and staff; doing everything possible to minimize disruption to the educational program; and doing everything possible to determine the identity of the persons responsible."

If a student is found to be behind the threats, he can expect to face "serious, grave consequences" in addition to whatever punishment the criminal justice system would mete out, Loomis said.

Those consequences would likely include a five-day suspension and a superintendent's hearing, which may result in further disciplinary action, including expulsion, Loomis said.

Young people considering such a prank "need to know they are playing for very high stakes in terms of their lives and their education," Loomis said. "You can't put the lives of hundreds of people in jeopardy without realizing very serious consequences."

Loomis commended the police for their "outstanding cooperation and performance," adding that many students and parents have "expressed concern over this and are working to determine the identity of the person or persons who placed the calls."

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# Norman, McNulty square off

By Mel Hyman

Republican Nancy Norman of Latham hopes that many supporters of Democrat Lee Wasserman will stick with the Albany liberal rather than vote to return incumbent Michael McNulty, a more conservative Democrat, to Congress.



Norman

the only candidates in this race," Norman said. "He strongly resists my efforts to remind the voting public that Lee Wasserman is still on the ballot on the Liberal (Party) line. Lee Wasserman may have agreed to back Mike in the name of party unity, but he's still on the ballot. That's a fact, and all of Mike's denials won't change that."



McNulty

It's an expectation that needs to come true for Norman to win, since Democrats enjoy a heavy enrollment edge in the 21st District, which includes all of Albany County and parts of Schenectady, Montgomery, Rensselaer and Saratoga counties.

Wasserman, a lawyer and environmental activist, gave McNulty the toughest race he's had since being appointed to the seat in 1988 after the death for longtime Rep. Samuel Stratton. McNulty prevailed in a Sept. 10 primary by a 56 to 44 percent margin.

Norman received about 35 percent of the vote in her previous run against McNulty in 1992, but she believes the primary shows that the incumbent is vulnerable.

"Mike McNulty would have everyone believe that he and I are

"That's wishful thinking on Nancy's part," McNulty responded. "Lee's been true to his word. He came to my headquarters on the night of the primary offering his support. There will no doubt be some votes on that (Liberal Party) line, but I think most of the people who supported Lee are loyal Democrats and will end up supporting me."

On the issues, Norman and McNulty differ on their approaches to health care, a balanced budget, term limits and campaign finance reform.

"I favor term limits," Norman said. "Mike does not. Possibly his stance is dictated by the fact that if he is returned to Congress he will qualify for more than a million

dollars for his retirement."

McNulty, 48, said he personally doesn't favor term limits because "People should be able to vote for who they want to."

But he added that he supported a Congressional proposal to have the states decide the issue. "If three-fourths of the state legislatures approve term limits for Congress, then it would become a constitutional amendment, which is the way the system works."

Norman, 64, took a shot at McNulty's preferred pitch to voters this year—that he has brought home the bacon by bringing in federal dollars and jobs to the district.

"I have vowed to accompany any economic group to any state in the union to aid in bringing in new jobs or expanding existing business in the Capital District. I have been unable to persuade Mike to make that pledge," Norman said. "Many of the projects he has laid claim to cannot be credited just to him and him alone. The residents of the 21st District deserve better."

"I don't she's raised any significant issues in this campaign," McNulty said. "Bringing jobs into this area is just what I've been doing during my terms in Congress. We got the money for (Thruway) Exit 26 in Schenectady County, for the I-90 interchange in Rensselaer County, which has just been completed, and we brought in 235 new jobs to Stratton Air Force Base."

McNulty, who was criticized by Wasserman for his support of GOP House Speaker Newt Gingrich's Contract For America, said his most important vote in the upcoming Congress will come on "the first day when we elect a new speaker. I hope to get a chance to cast that vote because I'm a strong (Rep. Richard) Gephardt supporter."

Norman is also running on the Freedom Party line this year, while McNulty will also be on the Conservative and Independence party lines.

# Six vying for seats on state high court

Cross endorsements of judicial candidates has been commonplace during recent years, but that's definitely not been the case in 1996.

The Republicans and Democrats have not only fielded separate slates for the three seats up for grabs on the State Supreme Court this year, but there has been a heated battle among the six candidates for the endorsement of minor parties such as the Independence and Conservative parties.

The Republican candidates for the State Supreme Court Third Judicial District are Rensselaer County District Attorney Mary Donohue, Supreme Court Justice Victoria G. Graffeo and Ulster County Family Court Judge Marianne O. Mizel.

The Democrats vying for the \$113,000-a-year positions are Albany County Judge Larry J. Rosen, Albany County Judge Stephen W. Herrick and State Supreme Court Justice John O'Connor.

The winners of this contest will hold 14-year terms and hear cases from Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Ulster, Schoharie, Sullivan and Greene counties.

Donohue, Mizel and Graffeo all managed to procure the Independence and Conservative party lines for the Nov. 5 election. The only minor party endorsement belonging to Rosen, O'Connor and Herrick this year is the Liberal Party line.

# V'ville teachers, board make some progress toward pact

By Katherine McCarthy

In a meeting held Wednesday, Oct. 25, the Voorheesville Teachers Association and the Voorheesville board of education again sat down to further negotiate the teachers' contract.

Teachers are now in their fourth year without a contract, but the VTA and the board of education have been meeting regularly since the summer in hopes of reaching an agreement.

"We made progress," said superintendent Alan McCartney of last week's meeting. "The difference between the two sides is now about \$150,000.00. We've inched our way forward. Essentially, we're waiting for the teachers' negotiating union to come back to us on some issues."

In a perfect world, McCartney

said, a third alternative would help conclude the contract negotiations.

"I wouldn't want to guess when we'll finish," McCartney said, adding that negotiations remain fairly positive. "Both sides are working hard. Both sides are starting to put minor things behind them so they can work on major issues."

Agreements have been reached on insurance co-payments, with new teachers paying 10 percent of their own insurance costs.

Salaries for coaches have been frozen and payments to department chairs have been stabilized.

The most recent talks show the VTA proposing a 21.6 percent increase over six years and the board countering with a 19.04 percent jump over the same time period.

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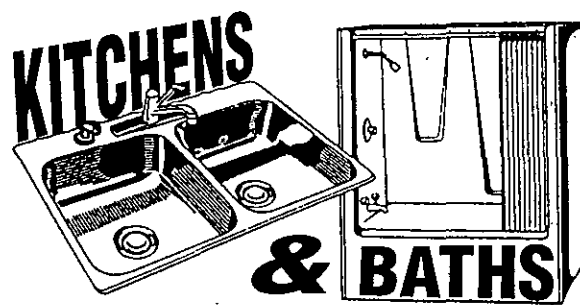
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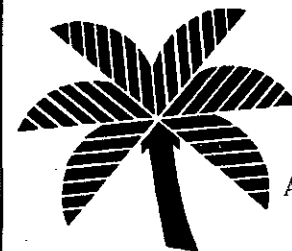


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# Elsmere sees Clinton big winner in Tuesday's race

By Katherine McCarthy

As the fifth-grade goes, so goes the nation, could very well be the new political saying in Bethlehem, if President Clinton is re-elected next week. In 1992, a school ballot conducted by fifth-graders at Elsmere gave Clinton the nod, as did the nation. This year's school vote, conducted after the presidential debates, gives Clinton an even wider margin of victory than in '92. On Oct. 8, Clinton got 77 percent of the vote, (Bob) Dole 19 percent and (H. Ross) Perot four percent. The Oct. 24 poll still showed a Clinton victory, if by a somewhat smaller margin of 69 percent to Dole's 21 percent.

Matt Unright explained how they conducted the poll, showing the bar graph each class member made. "We gave out ballots throughout the school and collected them. We did it again two weeks later, with different results and put them on paper."

The class attributed Clinton's victory to name recognition. "The younger kids don't know any other candidates," Will Sloane said. "Clinton's president now, so they voted for him." Still, Matt Mahony pointed out, "Clinton won in every class."

Clinton also carried a class, where most of the kids said they voted as their parents do. "If parents speak about Clinton, that's who kids will vote for," Annie Hennessey said, but Sloane pointed out that although the younger kids in the school might recognize Clinton's name, their parents might still vote for Dole.

Jim Valenti said he voted for Ross Perot, adding sheepishly that he was "being silly." Paul DuBois agreed with his teacher that some people vote for the underdog out of sympathy.

Fifth-grade teacher Shari Piper has integrated the election into as many aspects of the curriculum as she can, including better understanding of the candidates and their positions. The students proudly displayed their posters of articles and political cartoons,



Elsmere school fifth-graders, from left, Matt Mahoney, Eric Hansen, Mike Manzione, Leah Mosall and Cassie Bradley show off some of their political memorabilia. Katherine McCarthy

culled from scavenger hunts in newspapers and magazines. Piper praised Time For Kids, which has done a good job of presenting the material in a "comprehensible, but not patronizing" way.

Asked about some of the candidates' good points, the students said Clinton had helped with Bosnia. Eric Hansen lauded Dole's service record. "He was in the Army, like a lot of past presidents. He helped our country and knows about it. 'Dole lives in the past,' Hennessey countered. "He always repeats his Army thing. It's boring."

Recent geography lessons in the fifth-grade have involved studying the states and how their populations affect the election. The class seems to have a good grasp

of how the electoral college works, a concept that eludes many adults. "We broke down the electoral votes by states," Nell Strizich explained, "to figure out how few states you'd need to win." Abby Goldberg was quick to grasp the implication of the electoral votes. "California has the most electoral votes, 54," she explained. "That's why Dole is campaigning there."

Math obviously was the biggest lesson learned in the poll, as the students percentages for the first time. It was the first time the class used calculators, Piper said,

and the first calculations went much more slowly than the second. "We stopped after every calculation the first time," she said. "The second time, they just went for it."

The students also talked about the importance of voting. "You're choosing who's running the country," Hennessey said. "And who's going to make our country better," Sloane added. Goldberg also said it was a special right of Americans. "Not every country gets to vote," she said.

There are future politicians in

the class, with a few pupils saying they'd like to be president one day. Elsmere could be turning out a number of pollsters and political forecasters, though, if the national election goes as the fifth-graders' polls have gone.

The pupils said their study of the election has made them more interested in the results. On Nov. 5, they'll be watching to see if their prediction of a landslide victory comes true.

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### IDA should take lead

The Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency's decision to award lead agency status to the state to oversee the proposal for an adhesive's plant in Glenmont is a mistake.

The IDA should take lead agency status on the plan by Spurlock Adhesives Inc. of Waverly, Va., to construct a plant that turns methanol into liquid formaldehyde and formaldehyde-based resins used in the furniture and building products industries. And the IDA should request lead agency status before Nov. 12 since by law, EnCon would officially take the reins two days earlier.

The new plant's effect on air pollution and waste water disposal is extremely important and cannot be overlooked. Increased truck traffic on Route 144 is another factor that will certainly impact the town. These serious questions and fears the proposal might sail through without proper scrutiny if Bethlehem relinquishes its lead agency status should prompt the IDA to assume lead agency status.

The IDA should reconsider its decision. Bethlehem would do well to stay in the driver's seat on this one. A reasoned, careful study of the effects on air quality, sewer and traffic makes perfect sense.

Further, residents' fears should not be taken lightly. The stakes are too high to make mistakes at this stage in the process. Bethlehem should assume responsibility for overseeing the environmental evaluation of Spurlock, even if it costs the town some money to ensure it's the kind of business we want in town.

There's no price that can be put on safeguarding health. The risks are simply too great. Before giving Spurlock significant tax breaks, Bethlehem must be assured it is safe and desirable business.

### Cry foul on bond act

It's not easy to swim against the tide, but there are times when it's necessary.

This is one as most of the candidates seeking office and many environmental groups and individuals are supporting the Clean Water/Clean Air Act on Tuesday's ballot.

The \$1.7 billion figure is one which will place indebtedness on our citizens for 40 years.

While most candidates and public officials rejoice in the potential for getting portions of money for their own individual pet projects in their communities, this attitude gives the whole bond issue the odor of "pork barrel."

The bond issue was put together at the same time that the budget was being discussed, so not all that much effort was put into investigating the scope of the proposed act.

Now, some officials tell us that there may be as much of the a half-billion dollars (Yes, five hundred million dollars) surplus in this year's budget.

Surely, this \$500 million could be enough to begin various projects contained in this Clean Water/Clean Air Act.

We prefer a "pay-as-you-go" means of funding the necessary environmental projects. With the state's low bond rating, we would be paying among the highest interest on bonds of any state in the country.

### Make your vote count

Next Tuesday, voters will elect the president who will be the first to serve in the beginning of the new century. Annoying negative TV political ads and letters by and for candidates will cease and life will go on as usual until the next election.

Don't be an "If only I had voted" naysayer — show the political ins-and-outs that citizens do care and are willing to be part of the democratic process by voting. If government on all levels has gotten too big, send politicians a message through your vote Tuesday.

Low voter turnout and voter apathy send a message, of course, but only pave the way for more of the same.

## Editorials

## Halloween: A time for fun — with safety

By Sheriff James Campbell

*Soon our streets will be scattered with little ghosts, goblins and witches trick or treating. And to make sure this is a more enjoyable and safer Halloween, Albany County Sheriff Campbell offers some safety tips.*

Remember when designing your children's costumes that face paint is preferable to a mask. Masks should have adequate holes for proper respiration and peripheral vision.



All trick or treaters should wear some sort of reflective clothing, carry a bright orange bag and carry a flashlight or glowstick to make it easier for passing cars to spot them while they walk on the sidewalk or left side of the road facing traffic.

Young children should always be accompanied by an adult. Either a parent or older child should stay within close range at all times and never let the children go down

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a street by themselves. Walk with the children to each house and wait in the driveway or by the door until the children return.

Older children should travel in pairs or in groups at all time while trick or treating and should never venture down a dark, empty side street. Parents should know the route that their children are following. Children should always walk together to the front door of each house and never run across the street or across the yard. Dark, unlighted houses should be avoided.

Tell your children to save all their candy until they get home. You should closely inspect all candy. Throw away all unwrapped candy or any suspicious looking goodies.

If your child does get sick, try to determine what he or she had eaten and where it came from.

Call your doctor or the hospital emergency room immediately and save all wrappers.

Also, remember that your jack-o-lantern and any other electrical decorations can be a fire hazard. Keep them out of the reach of small children and stay from flammable materials such as draperies, furniture and paper decorations. Do not leave your house unattended.

Halloween is a fun time in Albany County. But let's make it a safe time as well.

Unfortunately, with Halloween comes the usual pranks that at times leads to vandalism. All residents should turn on all outside lighting during the evening hours. Objects that could be stolen, damaged or thrown should be secured before darkness. These are items such as garbage cans, lawn chairs or ornaments, and, of course, pumpkins. Family pets should be kept indoors during the evening hours to avoid becoming possible victims of pranksters.

### Noreast's gift benefits several local causes

Editor, The Spotlight,

Oops! Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited was not the only recipient of funds raised through Noreast Real Estate group's Community Garage Sale, as stated in a photo caption in last week's *Spotlight*.

Noreast's generosity also supported good works by Bethlehem Festival Fund and Bethlehem Senior Projects.

All three organizations equally share the \$1,900 raised by Noreast's efforts.

Many town residents will benefit from this endeavor. Such community spirit and initiative should be recognized and applauded.

Phyllis Hillinger

BOU president

### RCS superintendent thanks board for work

Editor, The Spotlight:

The week of Oct. 27 through Nov. 1 has been designated as School Board Recognition Week by Gov. George Pataki. I am pleased to use this opportunity to recognize the contributions of the board of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk schools for its effort and actions designed to ensure educational quality for all of our students.

The countless hours these people devote to school district and community activities and meetings demonstrates their commitment to promoting high educational standards for all children.

I am proud to be associated with such a caring board, not only as the superintendent of schools, but as a district resident, parent and taxpayer.

On behalf of all the board's constituents, I would like to offer a sincere thank you for a job well done.

William Schwartz

Superintendent  
RCS Central Schools

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## Your Opinion Matters

## Writer urges residents to speak out on Spurlock

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am totally disgusted. When something is potentially visually offensive like the proposed Bell Atlantic Nynex mobile cellular communications tower, Supervisor Sheila Fuller and the town government want to take a reasoned, methodical, "go-slow" approach to development, but when something is invisible, like the formaldehyde emissions from the proposed Spurlock chemical plant in Glenmont, they feel it is OK to proceed full-steam ahead.

On Oct. 24, I attended a public meeting of the Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency, which is being petitioned by Spurlock Adhesives Inc. to finance their project. At this meeting, the IDA appointees of the town board voted unanimously, with absolutely no discussion, to make the state Department of Environmental Conservation (EnCon) lead agency, thereby relinquishing the power of the town and its residents to make the final determination on Spurlock's application.

Apparently this position was supported by Sheila Fuller, because when I spoke with her two weeks before this IDA meeting, she told me that the application process was already out of the town's hands and she referred me to Peter Mack, EnCon regional engineer in charge of the permit application.

Before Spurlock's application was even in hand, Peter Mack told me that he expected the final determination would come "rather quickly, by early 1997, January or early February at the latest."

It is clear that EnCon is going to accept the environmental impact statement as prepared by Spurlock and not proceed with their own careful assessment. Obviously, there is no wait-and-see attitude

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here. Sheila Fuller and the town board, the IDA and EnCon are all lined up to ram this through the application process as quickly as possible. The health, safety and property values of Bethlehem residents are being risked in exchange for a maximum of 30 jobs.

The only leverage the town has left is to withhold the building permit Spurlock needs to actually build its plant. The IDA set Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. at town hall as the time of the only public hearing on this project.

Residents of Bethlehem need to know that unlike the water issue, after this hearing they will probably have no means of redress.

Residents must turn out in force to tell Supervisor Fuller and the town board to withhold the building permit; tell them the air is dirty enough, that we don't want a plant manufacturing 270 million pounds of formaldehyde every year in our town. Residents must tell the IDA to reject Spurlock's application for financing; tell the IDA we are in favor of economic development, but the benefit-reward ratio is askew in this project.

Residents should attend the meeting to tell the town board if they have to move so quickly on Spurlock's proposal, they had better make the right decision, which can only be to refuse to allow Spurlock into our town.

*Sigi Moriece*

Delmar

## Couple say thanks for great party for 50th

Editor, The Spotlight:

We would like to thank all our friends from Elsmere Fire Co. and the Brookman Avenue neighborhood who attend a surprise block party in honor of our 50th wedding anniversary.

In spite of the fact the day was rainy, the party was a huge success.

Special thanks to Kathy, Kevin, Dee and Rick.

*Bea and Don Harmon*

Elsmere

## Town hall holding election display today

A voting machine display highlighting the candidates is set for Bethlehem Town Hall in Delmar today, Oct. 30, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Resident wonders if buyers should be regulated by town

Editor, the Spotlight:

In last April's edition of the Bethlehem Report, a Page 1 item said "Peddlers must be licensed."

Recently a man from Townsend, Mass., came to my door. He wasn't selling; he was buying.

This raises the question about the propriety of unwanted house calls. Since it is a business, its pro-

motional efforts, without intruding on a resident, could be accomplished by using the services of print and broadcast media.

Perhaps this is a subject the town board should review and consider putting it in the same category as door-to-door selling.

*Alexander J. Woerhle*

Delmar

## Thanks to Bethlehem police

Editor, The Spotlight:

Last Saturday, while working on my house on Herber Avenue, I learned that a young boy had become separated from his grandmother while out for a stroll. Neighbors up and down the street were lending a hand to assist this obviously distraught individual. I suggested that we get in my car and drive in the direction he was headed.

After only a few blocks we were

able to flag down a Bethlehem police officer. Within a matter of minutes, police cars were all around the area and they stayed on patrol until the boy was found.

It is such a comforting and reassuring feeling to know these individuals are so readily available. I would just like to say thank you.

*Amy H. Zick*

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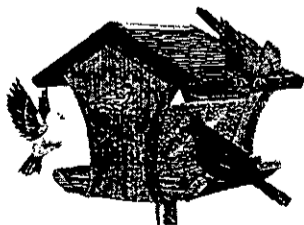
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**Matters of Opinion**

**V'ville library director explains book selection process**

Editor, The Spotlight:

Some time ago, I heard a speech by a former director of a non-profit agency. She said, there is no such thing as value free because everyone has a point of view and that is reflected in everything they do. I believe that she is correct and librarians' points of view are reflected throughout their collections.

The distinction perhaps comes from our self-consciousness about our moral limitations and the checks and balances we use as we do our jobs. Librarians select with the use of authority, so the purchases have the endorsement of more than one person (with pre-

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sumably more than one view).

With automation, we use public demand as a guideline because we monitor the areas of our circulation which are popular and those which don't seem to meet the needs of our community.

And we develop a knowledge of publishing which allows us to determine the credibility of the work. Is the publisher a reputable one or a vanity press? What is the author's background and experience? Has the author published before and how were those books

received? These are a few of the questions librarians ask as they develop collections.

Controversial items usually receive special consideration (and the truth is that there are really not that many of them). At Voorheesville, we take a hard look at the controversy and the reports it generates. And then we make a decision. It is the middle-of-the-road materials, on subjects such as AIDS or pertaining to teenagers, that cause the most problems. And here, it becomes very important to understand the basis for the selection or non-selection of an item.

Many challenges come from misconceptions on the part of the challenger or their strong need to heard and validated. Consequently, an open discussion can often resolve conflicts. Other times, when there is an honest difference of opinion, nothing one can say will result in a compromise. In the later case, the goal is for both parties to "agree to disagree."

Challenges need to be carefully heard because the complaint can contain valid points that need to be considered and possibly be incorporated into library procedures. They are, after all, an out-

side evaluation of the library's services.

Library policy and procedure form the basis for developing the collection. Policies need to be as broad as possible so that the librarian is free to make the most appropriate decision. In addition, policies must be designed to benefit the majority of the community, not just those who happen to be vocal.

We do not always know when we are behaving as censors rather than judicious selectors, however, remaining aware of the reviews, the literature, and the actions of other libraries all help to maintain collection balance. A collection is not stagnant and librarians are always evaluating materials and maintaining the currency of the

information. One good example is multiculturalism, which is causing all of us to look at materials with a fresh eye. Librarians generally do not order books in a vacuum.


The bottom line for me, is that the public library is a cornerstone for democracy. It provides access to information for anyone who requests it. A person's right to know is a basic guideline for services. Librarians, while not perfect, are among the best qualified to develop the broad view. And for the most part, the collections in public libraries are thoughtful and balanced.

Gail Sacco

Director  
Voorheesville Public Library



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There will be a variety of handmade crafts suitable for holiday

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## Cops nab robbery suspects

Obtaining money for crack cocaine was the apparent motivation for a robbery spree last week that started at the Days Inn in Glenmont and ended in Selkirk just before the Coeymans town line.

State Police from the Selkirk barracks, alerted to the license plate number of the alleged robbers' car, put an end to the crime spree early Thursday, Oct. 24.

Timothy J. Hughes, 21, of Coeymans; Kyle M. Biel, 19, of Selkirk, and Jayme L. Haynes, 19, of Ravena, were all charged with second-degree robbery, second-degree attempted robbery and criminal possession of a controlled substance.

A crack pipe was confiscated from their car, said State Police Investigator Roger Williams and the \$133 they are accused of stealing was apparently used to purchase drugs.

The robbery spree began about 2:15 a.m. when one of the suspects entered the Days Inn on Route 9W and asked the desk clerk if she could make change for a dollar, according to Bethlehem Police Officer Thomas Heffernan.

As the clerk opened the register, the suspect jumped over the counter, shoved the clerk aside, grabbed about \$83 from the register drawer and ran out the front door.

The suspects then drove south on Route 9W to Coxsackie where they tried to rob an Xtra Mart, Williams said, "but the clerk foiled their attempt."

Then the suspects headed north where they repeated the same scenario at a Mobil Mart on Route 9W in Albany near the Thruway Exit 23 Interchange. They netted about \$50 from this business.

They switched directions again and headed south on Route 144 toward Ravena when they were apprehended by state police.

Hughes and Biel were sent to the Greene County Jail in lieu of \$10,000 bail, and Haynes was released on bail.

Additional charges could be forthcoming, police said.

Mel Hyman

## Bethlehem police arrest three on DWI charges

Bethlehem police arrested three people last week on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Rolland Beattie, 29, of 13 McColluch Ave., Ravena, was stopped at 3 a.m. Friday, Oct. 25, at the scene of a head-on traffic accident on Route 9W, police said.

Beattie, who was one of the drivers, was charged with DWI and released pending a future appearance in town court. Officer Charles Radliff investigated.

Aaron Michael Beach, 22, of Martins Hill Road, Ravena, was stopped at 4 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, for driving erratically on River Road in the vicinity of Job Corps, police said.

He was charged with DWI and

released pending a Nov. 19 appearance in town court. Officer Charles Radliff investigated.

Peter Heinze, 35, of 2 Birchwood Lane, West Coxsackie, was stopped at 4 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, for speeding and failing to keep right on Route 9W, police said.

He was charged with DWI and unlawful possession of marijuana (a violation) and released pending a future appearance in town court. Officer Brian Hughes investigated.

## Saint Sophia's hosting annual antique show

The Daughters of Penelope, a philanthropic women's organization, will hold its annual antique show and sale on Friday, Nov. 8, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Saint Sophia Parish Center at 440 Whitehall Road in Albany.

Dealers will present a wide variety of antiques. R. William Vollbrecht will give free appraisals on Friday and Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. each day. Greek food and baked goods will also be sold.

A donation of \$3.50 is recommended for admission.

## Chamber now seeking award nominations

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## Delmar orchestra to perform at library



The Delmar Community Orchestra will give a free concert on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave.

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# Voorheesville considers using Village eyes rezoning old salt shed for mini park

By Dev Tobin

The old Voorheesville village salt shed may be resurrected as a mini-park, with an emphasis on youth soccer.

At last week's village board meeting, Trustee Kevin Garrity said the village's recreation committee had been approached by members of the New Scotland Soccer Club who wanted to know if any village property was available for small soccer fields.

Garrity said the former salt shed site on Voorheesville Avenue was large enough and flat enough to accommodate youth soccer.

"We could throw a couple of picnic tables down there, and it could be a nice park without a lot of dough," Garrity said. "There are even places to park."

In the past, the village has tried to sell the parcel, but has been unable to, due to concerns about lingering salt contamination.

"It's a good idea," said Mayor Edward Clark. "I hope the salt is

gone and grass will grow there."

Village Public Works Superintendent William Hotaling noted that "a pretty good-sized field" in the small park in the Scotch Pine subdivision could also be adapted for youth soccer use.

Garrity also noted that a local volleyball coach will put together a proposal for a summer volleyball program for next year.

In other business, Village Clerk Lauren Hatch announced that William Reitz planned to resign in December from the planning commission. There is currently one vacancy on the seven-member commission.

Also, Village Treasurer Diane Williams reported that 60 cars participated in the recent household hazardous waste collection day at the Albany transfer station. The total cost of about \$3,500 was under the \$5,000 budgeted for the program, she noted.

The board also decided to accept bids for site work related to a

new pre-fabricated storage building at the public works garage.

In another matter, Clark asked Trustee Daniel Reh, who works for Conrail, to ask about repairing the grade crossing on Voorheesville Avenue.

Clark said he had received several calls about the deteriorated condition of the crossing. "There are five-inch dips in a couple of spots," he added.

The board also scheduled public hearings on raising the income limits for the senior citizen property tax exemption and an amendment to the veterans' property tax exemption for Tuesday, Nov. 26,

## Delmar Presbyterian to hold spiritual talk

Delmar Presbyterian Church will sponsor a seminar, "Spirituality in a Secular Age: A Journey Into Relationships With God, Self and Neighbor," today, Oct. 30, at the church at 585 Delaware Ave.

By Dev Tobin

Rezoning residential land to commercial or industrial is usually about as popular as a sharp stick in the eye, so representatives of Claude Rodrigue of CR Drywall began laying the groundwork for such a zoning change by sounding out neighbors.

"We don't feel we're impacting the neighbors" with the proposed change for about three acres back in off Voorheesville Avenue, said Robert Burns of CR Drywall, who presented the proposal to the village board last week.

He said the neighbors want screening and a deed restriction that would codify prior verbal assurances that the area around the first building in the complex would be restricted to parking only.

Burns said the immediate need for the change is the unusual situation where the 50-foot setback required between residential and industrial zones limits storage behind one of CR Drywall's buildings, even though the residentially zoned property is also owned by Rodrigue.

"We don't need a buffer between

ourselves," Burns said.

He noted that eventually Rodrigue may want to erect another building on the three-acre site, which has been improved and leveled this year with fill from the St. Matthew's addition.

Burns said the prolonged slump in the area housing industry has reduced CR Drywall's revenues from its sheetrock supply business by about half from the 1980s. As a result, buildings that were once filled with drywall then are now being leased out, he noted.

"We need your help to adapt to the economic conditions of today," Burns said.

Mayor Edward Clark replied that "A change in zoning is really a serious matter," and the village will have to set up a public hearing "so the neighbors can speak for themselves."

Clark agreed with Burns that Rodrigue has been "a good neighbor, but next year, it could be (owned by) somebody else who is not a good neighbor."

The board scheduled a public hearing on the rezoning for Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m.

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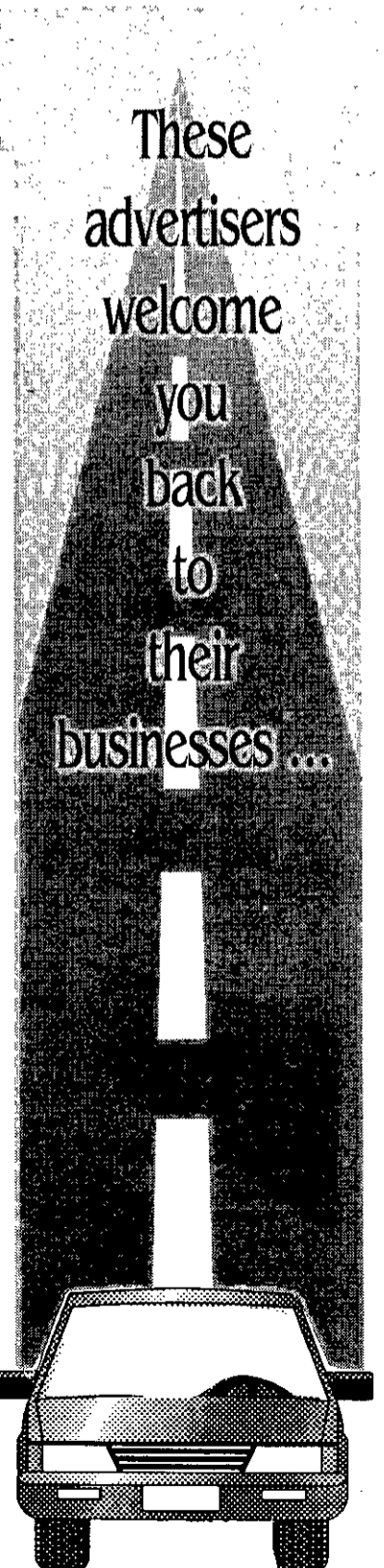
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# IDA

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"We might as well put in a slaughterhouse or a stockyard," he quipped. "I can't believe the Bethlehem IDA would consider issuing bonds for something of this nature."

Supervisor Sheila Fuller accused Clyne of "engaging in the same kind of scare campaign that he comes up with every two years when he thinks about running for supervisor."

"This is a joint venture with the Albany County Partnership that will have significant economic benefits to the town and that will clean up a brownfield that has been around for a long time," she said.

"Without a cleanup, the property would not be useful for any other purpose."

The IDA last week also passed an inducement resolution that begins the process of authorizing the issuance of tax-free municipal bonds by Key Bank of New York, and it scheduled a public hearing on the project for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at town hall.

Before the IDA grants final au-

thorization, Putney said, the state environmental review process needs to be successfully completed and all the necessary air and chemical storage permits issued.

In addition, the "results of the public hearing must be considered by us and by the town board, which needs to approve the issuance of the bonds before we authorize them. There is a whole set of safety factors built in here," Putney said.

Spurlock officials have estimated that between 15 to 30 full-time jobs will be created after the construction phase. Tax revenues to the town and the Bethlehem Central School District will vary for the first 10 years since the company will receive a partial exemption from property taxes over that time period.

The company will, however, pay full taxes to special districts such as water, fire, ambulance and sewer right from the start.

Spurlock officials, who plan to begin production in September 1997, insist that plant emissions of formaldehyde and methanol

would be below federal guidelines (of 10 tons per pollutant per years) and not pose any health risk.

IDA board member Joseph Richardson acknowledged some of the community's concerns last week when he asked Spurlock representatives what they were doing to safeguard the public.

"There are legitimate concerns about public safety that we will do everything in our power to address," said Spurlock executive vice president Phillip Sumpter.

From four to six new and/or existing storage tanks for methanol will be located within secondary containment areas, and will be equipped with underground liners to prevent any seepage or contamination of the soil or groundwater, Sumpter explained.

An existing 10,000-square-foot building on the site will be expanded to 26,000 square feet and contain the reactors and converters used in the manufacturing process.

Sumpter said the company chose the Route 144 location because of its proximity to the Hudson River, which will be used

to transport the raw materials like methanol needed for the plant's operation.

The company estimates that its cleanup of existing chemical contamination on the site will cost between \$300,000 and \$800,000, and take from five to eight years to complete.

## Turkey supper slated at N. Scotland church

A complete roast turkey supper will take place on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 4 to 7:30 p.m. at the New Scotland Presbyterian Church at 2010 New Scotland Road.

An appetizer, drink and dessert is included with the turkey.

## New Salem firefighters celebrate 50 years

The New Salem Volunteer Fire Department will hold a 50th anniversary dedication and open house today, Oct. 30, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the New Salem Firehouse on New Salem Road in New Salem.

## Judge Clyne receives Albany Law award

The Hon. John J. Clyne of Delmar recently received the 1996 Trustee's Gold Medal Award from Albany Law School in recognition of his service to the law school and the community.

Clyne has worked for private law firms and was an Albany County judge from 1973 to 1984. He currently works with the law firm of Casey, Yanas, Clyne, Mitchell and Amerling.

Three of Clyne's children also studied at Albany Law School.

## Cooperative extension sets annual meeting

The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the William F. Rice Extension Center at 24 Martin Road in Voorheesville.

Cookies and coffee will be served at 7 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to meet with extension personnel.

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# Bond

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cleanup funds is the abandoned railroad property on Commerce Avenue in Colonie, according to state Sen. Michael Hoblock.

The largest piece of the bond act pie — \$790 million for "the clean water program" — is slated for the protection and cleanup of the state's rivers, lakes, bays, estuaries and waterways.

The program would include \$25 million to upgrade municipal sewage treatment systems, \$150 million for open space acquisition to protect water resources, \$100 million for state and municipal parks, \$50 million for wastewater and flood control for communities with less than 75,000 residents and \$15 million for dam safety projects.

Another \$355 million is set aside for a "safe drinking water" program that would provide \$265 million to start a revolving loan fund and \$90 million in grants to municipalities to upgrade their drinking water systems.

Solid waste would also be targeted under the proposed bond act, with \$175 million earmarked for the closure of the Fresh Kills

landfill in New York City, \$50 million for projects at rural and Adirondack landfills and \$50 million for local recycling centers.

Air quality, which has been a concern in Bethlehem of late, will receive \$230 million for state investment in a variety of programs, including \$175 million for the development of clean-fuel buses and cars, \$125 million to school districts interested in switching from coal-fired furnaces to cleaner fuel systems and \$30 million to help local governments retain jobs at businesses that need to reduce air emissions.

The bond act, which was proposed by Gov. George Pataki, has received near-unanimous support from statewide environmental groups.

The main opposition has come from the anti-tax group CHANGE-NY, which has criticized the ballot question in radio ads as "more pork-barrel projects for them and higher taxes for us."

Members of the group also contend that New Yorkers can ill afford to take on more debt even though the actual cost to taxpay-

ers is estimated at \$4 annually per household over the approximate 40-year repayment schedule.

"New York is not in a financial position to be going in for any more massive debt given that we already carry the highest debt load (more than \$65 billion) of any state in the nation," said CHANGE-NY vice president Brian Backstrom. "Plus the state's credit rating is the second worst in the country. Louisiana is the only state with a lower one."

There's also no guarantee that the bond act money will be used wise or judiciously, Backstrom said. "There are ample ways this money can be used for lawyers, consultants and political patronage."

Labeling the bond act pork barrel implies that protecting drinking water and improving air quality are frivolous ventures, said Jeff Jones, communications director for Environmental Advocates. "We're very excited about this bond act giving us the chance to make some serious and long overdue investments in cleaning up the environment."

## BC Run-A-Thon to benefit athletics

The annual Run-A-Thon benefiting the Bethlehem Central School District's athletic programs will take place on Sunday, Nov. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the track behind the high school at 700 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

All students enrolled in the district can participate.

To register, contact a physical education teacher at any district school or call 439-2888.

## 'Coats for Kids' being given out in Ravena

Needy families can receive free coats at a "Coats For Kids" distribution taking place on Monday, Nov. 4, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Choices Faith Plaza on Route 9W in Ravena.

Albany County Opportunities coordinates the program.

Families should bring proof of residence and the number of people living in the household.

For information, call 463-3175.

## Harvest fest to include Native American songs

The Bethlehem Children's School will present its annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, Nov. 16, from noon to 4 p.m. at Slingerlands Community Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Road.

There will be a family sing-along with Paul Strausman at 12:15 p.m. Native Americans Powhatan Swift Eagle and Matoaka Little Eagle will perform Native American dances, songs and storytelling at 2 p.m. Other activities will also take.

For information, call 767-3013.

## Computer Enthusiasts to talk about printers

The HP DeskJet line of printers is the topic of discussion at the regular meeting of the Capital District Computer Enthusiasts today, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave.

Beginners can attend a workshop on operating systems starting at 6:15 p.m.

For information, call 439-0609.

## Celebrant Singers to perform locally

The Celebrant Singers, an internationally-known Christian music ministry, will present a community concert on Friday, Nov. 1, at 8 p.m. at Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave.

The concert will consist of contemporary Christian music, praise and worship, and personal testimony and ministry.

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# Hudson Valley Girls Scouts plan reunion

What do Hillary Rodham Clinton, Barbara Walters, Florence Griffith-Joyner, Gloria Steinem and Katie Couric have in common?

They are among the 50 million Americans living today who were once Girl Scouts. All are being invited to reconnect during the 85th anniversary celebration of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. in March 1997.

Locally, the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council, in conjunction with the council's adult alumni group Legacy, are planning a Girl Scout Alumni dinner on March 24.

Girl Scout alumni living in the Capital District can become part of this historical celebration by contacting the council at 439-4936.

This alumni dinner will include a Woman of Distinction Award for a former Girl Scout, a chance to share memorabilia and some special memories of Girl Scouting, plus much more.

This reunion reflects what began in 1912 as the vision of one woman, Juliette Gordon Low, founder of the Girl Scout movement in the United States. Through its informal education program

Girl Scouting provides opportunities for partnerships between girls and adults. As girls widen their horizons and explore their world, they gain knowledge and skills, confidence and self-reliance that will carry them forward to productive adulthood.

Today, Low's vision has expanded to touch the lives of millions of girls, women, and men across the nation. In fact, research shows that nearly two-thirds of the women listed in Who's Who of American Women were Girl Scouts in their youth. And most of them credit Girl Scouting with contributing to their success as adults.

The Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council, in conjunction with Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., invite all Girl Scout alumni to stand up and be

counted as part of the "world's largest reunion" in March.

Anyone who was a girl member or adult member at one time and is interested in attending the dinner, can call the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council at 439-4936.

The council serves almost 7,000 girls and over 1,700 adults in Albany, Rensselaer, Columbia, Greene, and southern Saratoga counties.

## Historical association seeking new members

The New Scotland Historical Association's membership drive will be coming to an end on Nov. 15.

The membership drive has been changed to a once-a-year drive instead of an ongoing monthly renewal.

For information, call 768-2836.

## Five Rivers hikers to tackle outdoors

The Five Rivers Environmental Center in Delmar will host a nature walk along the North Loop trail on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 10 a.m.

For information, call 475-0291.

## State funds received for new boat launch

The town of Bethlehem will be receiving an \$84,000 state grant to assist in the construction of a new boat launch for the Hudson River Park off Route 144.

The new boat launch will be located north of the park entrance on Lyons Road. It is a site boaters used for many years until the town closed down it in the early 1990s because of safety and liability concerns.

It will consist of a two-lane concrete launching ramp, an aluminum floating dock, paved parking for 35 cars with trailers and two automobile spaces for the disabled.

The town is contributing \$76,000 toward the project, which will cost \$160,000.

The state Department of Conservation will assist in the design of the project.

Construction could begin this year and may be completed in time for the 1997 boating and fishing season.

## Boy Scouts planning annual Sportsmart

Boy Scout Troop 75 will hold its annual Sportsmart on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave.



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## RCS holds conference days for parents and teachers

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District will hold conference days for parents and teachers of pupils in grades pre-kindergarten through eight on Nov. 5, 6 and 21.

The schedule for those days is as follows:

There is no school on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Pupils in morning pre-kindergarten and kindergarten will attend a half-day on Thursday, Nov. 6. No afternoon pre-kindergarten and kindergarten will take place. The day will run from 8:45 to 11:35 a.m. Grades one through four and pupils attending full-day kindergarten and skills programs will attend school from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Middle school pupils will be dismissed at 10:35 a.m.

On Thursday, Nov. 21, pupils in afternoon pre-kindergarten and kindergarten will attend school from 8:45 to 11:35 a.m. There will be no morning kindergarten. Grades one through four and pupils attending full-day kindergarten and skills programs will attend school from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Middle school pupils will be dismissed at 10:35 a.m.

Parents of afternoon pre-kindergarten and kindergarten pupils can determine when their child's bus will pick him or her up by taking the normal bus pick-up time and setting it back by three and a quarter hours.

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## Library workshop set on college essay tips

Jeanne Jenkins, the associate dean of admissions at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, will offer pointers on how to write an effective college application essay on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 3 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave.

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# Grange sets supper date

Bethlehem Grange will dish up a turkey supper on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall on Route 396 in Selkirk.

Takeout dinners will be available beginning at 4 p.m.

The cost of the dinner is \$8, and proceeds will benefit the grange. For information, call 767-3342.

## Church to serve Election Day meal

Grace United Methodist Church will hold its Election Day dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 5, from noon to 2 p.m. at the church on 16 Hillcrest Drive in Ravena.

Baked ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, scalloped tomatoes, green beans, cabbage salad, rolls and beverages will be served.

Tickets will be available at the door. The cost is \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children ages 6 through 12. Takeout dinners will be available after 11:30 a.m.

For information, call 756-6920.

## PTSA sponsoring roller skating party

The PTSA is organizing a roller skating party at Guphill's Arena in Latham on Monday, Nov. 4, from 7 to 10 p.m.

All members of the RCS com-

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munity are welcome and encouraged to attend this fun-filled evening.

## RCS sports group to meet Nov. 6

The RCSS Sports Association will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. in the senior high school.

## Schools to close on Election Day

There will be no school in the RCS school district on Election Day, Nov. 5. During the day, parent-teacher conferences will be held at the schools.

## Pupils to march in Halloween parade

Becker and Pieter B. Coeymans school pupils will participate in a Book Character Parade on Thursday, Oct. 31, at 2 p.m.

# Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

The American Forest & Paper Association has reported that a record 43.3 million tons of paper and paperboard were recovered in the United States in 1995. This represents a 41.5 percent recovery of all paper produced in the U.S. and one third of all paper recovered in the world.

The average American recycled 329 pounds each last year — an increase of 9 percent over 1994. We are making great strides toward the paper industry's 50 percent recovery goal set for the year 2000.

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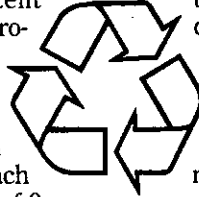
U.S. paper manufacturers recycle enough paper daily to fill a 15-mile-long train of boxcars. This is due to papermakers' investments in new recycling capacity at their mills. About 75 percent of all paper recovered in the U.S. is recycled into new paper and paperboard products at domestic mills. The rest is exported to foreign recyclers or reused domestically to make products such as animal bedding, hydromulch and compost.

Locally, Petruzzo Products recycles the sludge from International Paper Co.'s Hudson River mill into pellets for kitty litter, that supposedly absorbs four-to-five times as much odor as traditional clay products.

Paper and paperboard products account for nearly 70 percent of all containers and packaging recovered in the U.S. for recycling. Old corrugated cardboard represents about 48 percent of the total paper and paperboard recovered, followed by newspaper and other mixed papers. Most corrugated cardboard is recycled into new container board.

From 1990 to 1995, recovery of office paper has more than doubled as demand for this paper has grown significantly. Recovered printing (Xerox) paper provides a versatile raw material suitable for making a variety of new paper and paperboard products. Today, most are used to make new printing, writing and tissue paper.

If you need help recycling your home, office and school paper, call the recycling hotline at 767-9618, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon.



# Series uses literature to explore learning

From October to April, the Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning will sponsor a 10-session series focusing on human learning. Each session will run from 10 a.m. to noon at Bethlehem town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., and will use a literary work to explore the learning process.

The schedule is as follows: *Fathers and Sons* by Ivan Turgenev, Nov. 8; "...from mistakes," *Return of the Native* by Thomas Hardy, Nov. 22; "...from evil," *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad, Dec. 6; "...from choices," *Portrait of a Lady* by Henry James, Jan. 3; "...from death," *The Stranger* by Albert Camus, Jan. 24; "...from family," *As I Lay Dying* by William Faulkner, Feb. 14; "...from relationships," *Sons and Lovers* by D.H. Lawrence, March 17; "...from the land," *O! Pioneers* by Willa Cather, March 28; and "...from travelling far," *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* by William Pirsig, April 18.

For information, call 295-7313.

# Church fair to offer pancakes, shopping


There will be an autumn fair at First United Methodist Church at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A pancake breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. Hot lunch will be served beginning at noon.

Other fair offerings will include handcrafted wooden children's toys and other wooden items, crafts and collectibles, a Christmas boutique, homemade baked goods, jams and jellies, plants, books and other items.

A rummage sale is also slated. For information, call 439-3588.

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# Learn about wise buys in software for children

Parents and caregivers concerned about the quality of computer products for young people should mark their calendars for "Wise Buys in Kids' Computer Software" on Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m.



Technology educator Elaine McVoy will provide good advice for consumers gearing up for the busy holiday season.

McVoy has been tutoring and volunteering technology skills in Bethlehem Central School District for seven years. She knows what software is popular, appropriate and user-friendly for the younger set. She also provides recommendations and warnings about Internet services.

A representative of Learning-smith will be on hand with software samples and instruction on their operation. To register for the program, call youth services at 439-9314.

November's bulletin board features a Red Cross Bloodmobile display by Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk senior Meghan Smith. Smith is organizing a blood drive as the final project toward the Girl Scout Gold Award. She earned the Silver award in her sophomore year.

The bloodmobile will be at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Elm Avenue on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bethlehem Art Association's

annual exhibit will be the November attraction in the library's north-west and southwest galleries.

George Hansen's model trains will be on display in the smaller glass case. Hansen is a member of the Mohawk & Hudson Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society.

The Birchenough case will display rare coins to complement the programs "Numismatics 1996: The State of Coin Collecting" on Monday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m.

Bill Panitch of William S. Panitch Rare Coins will share his expertise and conduct limited rare appraisals. He is a bonded member of the American Numismatic Association and the National Association of Numismatic Advertisers.

Patrons are invited to participate in a Soup Swap. December's bulletin board will celebrate the savory pleasures of soups and stews and will make available (anonymously) any recipes people care to share. Stop at the reference desk for an application form. The deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 20.

Correction — Babs Carlson has worked with the genealogy/local history collection since 1990, but has ably served this library in many capacities for more than 25 years.

Louise Grieco

## Town library to close for Veterans Day

The Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar will close at 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 11, for the Veterans Day holiday. The library will reopen the following day at 9 a.m.

For information, call 439-9314.

# Feura Bush church to install pastor

Jerusalem Reformed Church in Feura Bush is pleased to announce the ordination of John W. Barrick as minister of the word in the Reformed Church in America.

Barrick will also be installed as Jerusalem Reformed Church's first full-time pastor in several years.

Both events are scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 3, at 4 p.m. at the church.

Barrick is a native of Virginia and has spent most of his adult life in Texas working in the insurance industry. He is a recent graduate

of RCA's Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Mich.

He interned at Jerusalem Reformed Church during his final year at the seminary and has been the church's contract pastor since August.

With this action, the congregation clearly signals its intention to commit themselves to the preser-

vation and promotion of the faith in the Feura Bush area.

## Cemetery Association to meet in November

The Cemetery Association will meet on Monday, Nov. 4, at the Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar at 7 p.m.

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# Presbyterian church to serve roast turkey dinner

New Scotland Presbyterian Church will dish up a roast turkey dinner on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 4 to 7:30 p.m. at the church on Route 85. Dinners cost \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children. No reservation is needed.

## Historian to discuss Dutch architecture

Shirley Dunn will discuss her latest book, *Dutch Architecture Near Albany: The Polgreen Photos*, at a meeting of the New Scotland Historical Association on Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 8 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem. The book was co-written by Allison Bennett.

The Polgreen photographs of Dutch-style buildings from the 1700s were taken in the 1930s and provide an invaluable record for historians.

The association is in the midst of a membership drive which ends on Nov. 15. All memberships will now be renewed yearly. The group always welcomes new members. The price is reasonable and the benefits are many. Membership categories are: individual, \$10; family, \$15; student or limited income, \$5; sustaining, \$25. Life membership is \$100.

Volunteers are needed to help with membership development, programming, and in the newly renovated museum. For information, contact Diane Williams at 765-3681.

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## New Salem dedication on tap tonight

The community is invited to attend New Salem Volunteer Fire Department's 50th anniversary dedication and open house tonight, Oct. 30, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the firehouse on New Salem Road in New Salem. The department's new tank truck and other equipment will be on display. Refreshments will be served.

## Post slates anniversary dinner

Voorheesville American Legion Post 1493 is planning its 50th anniversary dinner for Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Legion Post on Voorheesville Avenue. Cocktails start at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$12.50 per person and only 125 will be sold. Tickets are available at the Legion hall or by calling Don Duncan at 765-4560.

## Church to serve pancake breakfast

New Salem Reformed Church will serve its monthly all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

A choice of blueberry or plain pancakes, or french toast will be

available along with bacon and sausage, juice, milk and coffee.

The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2.75 for children ages six through 10. Children under the age of five eat for free. For information, call 765-2354 or 765-3468.

## Extension to conduct annual meeting

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County has scheduled its annual meeting for Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the Rice Center on Martin Road.

Cookies and coffee will be served at 7 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for the community to meet with extension personnel and learn about their work.

For information, call 765-3500.

## Learn to make Thanksgiving arrangement

Joanne Canonico of Cranberry Hill in Valley Falls will use dried materials to create a masterful Thanksgiving arrangement at the next meeting of the Helderview Garden Club on Thursday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. at the public library. Some of her handmade items will be available for sale to club members.

The garden club in conjunction with the Voorheesville Centennial Committee would like to thank the community for their tremendous support during October's daffodil drive. Two thousand daffodils were sold in the first two

weekends of the drive.

## Band members offer citrus fruit for sale

Members of the high school band are selling citrus fruit again this year to support trips and activities. The sale features large and small cartons of oranges and pink grapefruit, as well as mixed cartons of both.

Fruit must be ordered by Nov. 8. To place an order, call Michael Tebbano at 765-3314, ext. 315.

## Calling all singers for ecumenical service

Singers from area churches are invited to participate in the annual ecumenical service at First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville on Sunday, Nov. 24.

Rehearsals are set for Thursdays, Nov. 7, 14 and 21 at 8 p.m. at the Methodist Church on Maple Avenue. For information, call Ken George at 765-4442.

## Fall cleanup under way

The annual fall cleanup in the town of New Scotland ends on Nov. 15. Trucks are currently collecting neatly stacked brush and bagged leaves and grass clippings.

Biodegradable paper bags must be used. Approved bags are being sold at the highway department at a cost of three bags for \$1. Plastic bags will not be accepted.

For information, call 765-2681.

In Voorheesville, a vacuum truck will collect all leaves that have

been raked to the curb. Grass clippings can be put on top of the leaves. Light hedge clippings in biodegradable paper bags will also be collected. Periodic collection will continue throughout the fall. Tree limbs and larger clippings will not be collected until spring.

For information, contact the public works department at 765-4512.

## Seniors earn commendation in merit competition

Congratulations to high school seniors Katherine Gleason, Michael Halpin, David Koltai and Magdalena Spencer, who received letters of commendation in the National Merit Scholarship competition.

## Vote Nov. 5

Remember to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

## V'ville band members selling citrus fruit

The Voorheesville High School Band is holding its annual citrus sale to support future trips and activities.

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# Survival in the '90s: Making the personal computer work for you

By Ray Houghton

Personal computers (PCs) have been intimidating for too long!

Throughout the 1980s, the only way to use a PC was by entering cryptic commands. Every command worked differently. Every program worked differently.

Word processors, for example, required the use of special characters to start paragraphs or to move text from one place to another.

Programs that used graphics varied greatly. Some had menus on the bottom of the computer screen, some on the top and some on the side. Items in the menus had no consistency from one program to another.

The introduction of the Windows operating system made PCs easier to use. Windows used graphics that consistently kept the menu at the top of the screen. The items in the menus were consistent from one program to another.

Consequently, all programs had the same look and feel. If

you learned to use one, you had learned a little bit about using every program.

The introduction of Windows '95 continued progress toward an easier-to-use PC by providing a menu from which you could not only choose programs, but also recently-used documents.

The menu is accessible by using the now famous "start" button. To add additional flexibility, Windows '95 supports simultaneous use of different programs and simultaneous use of the same program with different files. Windows '95 also takes full advantage of all the hardware, including sound, video and CD.

Although Windows makes using the computer less intimidating, it is really the programs that make the PC work for you. A program such as a word processor does the work that typewriters used to do and more. Where the typewriter used to provide a neat and clear form of communication, today it's the PC that provides this medium. Not only does a word proces-

sor help with the typewritten word, but it also provides an easy way to add pictures to a document. Remember, adding a picture is a quick way to add a thousand words.

If your work involves numbers and arithmetic, then the PC provides much help here. In fact, it was numbers and arithmetic that gave the computer its start in the 1940s. The programs that help us with numbers are spreadsheets and financial programs.

Spreadsheets bring an accounting sheet to life with rows and columns that automatically recalculate values with every change to the sheet. For more specific applications such as home finances, business finances or taxes, there are programs that deal with these directly. If you've ever balanced a checkbook with your computer, you'll never go back to doing it by hand, or even with a calculator.

If your rows and columns don't contain numbers but instead contain information such as names, addresses,

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inventory items or other lists, database management programs will make the PC work for you. Where managing a database used to be the domain of large room-sized computers requiring complex programming and lots of support staff, the PC can handle database applications and eliminate much of the complexity.

Works packages contain all three of the above programs — word processor, spreadsheet and database management. They can be purchased at a very reasonable price, usually less than \$50. Works packages work well in the home or the small office. Office packages, which have industrial strength, are better for the large company.

In the area of graphics and presentations, there are many programs that make the PC

work for you. Posters, cards, calendars and presentations can be made with the help of these programs. At the high end, presentation programs will help generate slides, overheads or on-the-computer presentations. If a presentation is done on the computer, you can incorporate multimedia, that is, sound, video, pictures, graphics and animation.

The newest programs for the PC come on compact discs. They can make your PC a multi-media learning tool. One type is the learning game, which is often oriented to children. Computer games, of course, have been around since the invention of the computer, but learning games are a level above these often mindless and violent computer games.

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By John Thorpe

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Fisher adds that today, not only are employers sending their workers to be trained, but individuals moving into the workforce are also flocking to the classes.

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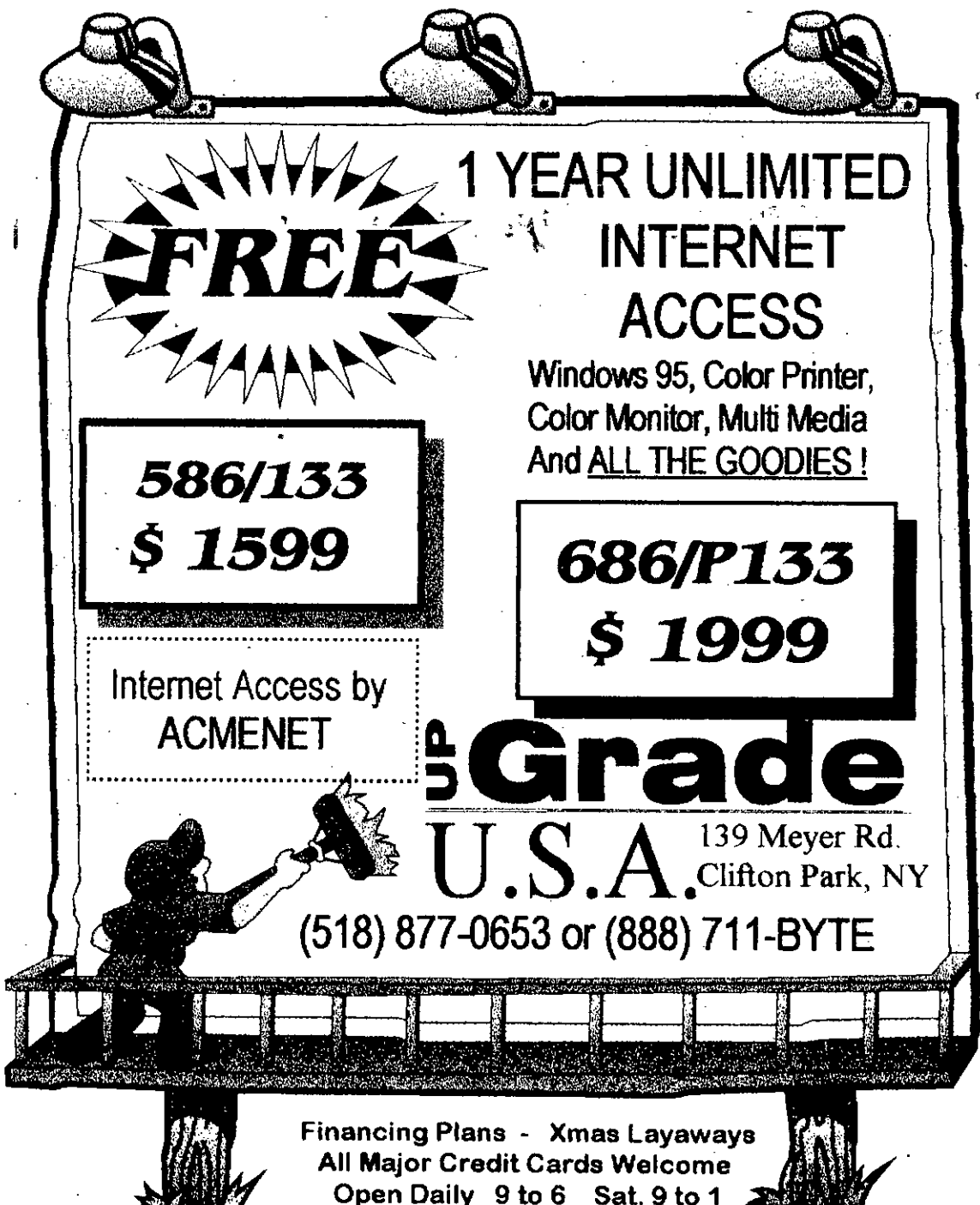
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# A click of the finger brings families together online

By Michelle Kagan

Three years ago, I rarely spoke with my oldest brother. About 1,000 miles and a seven-year age difference formed a thicker barrier between us than I had expected before he left for college. Some may say that the relationships between 11-year-olds and 18-year-olds are never the strongest, but there is more to it than just an age gap.

Three years ago, the only form of communication that I had with my brother was over the phone or by mail. Telephone communication is more difficult than it sounds, especially when you are dealing with completely different schedules. And neither one of us was too enthusiastic about handwriting letters, so we were left without any sort of communication.

Then along came the Internet. I had barely even heard of it and had no idea about its capabilities. I never would have guessed that less than two years later, this astonishing form of communication would become a vital part of my life.

A year ago, this strange communication was installed on my family's home computer and ultimately closed the gap between my brother and me. Before I knew it, messages began pouring in from him. I still remember the great amazement and bewilderment I felt as I realized that only a tiny click on a mouse could send my words surfing across the Internet for the whole world to read.

The wonders of the Internet never ceased to amaze me as I continued to learn more about it. Logging on to the Internet is similar to entering a whole other world. The chat rooms in cyberspace

are places where anyone can be anyone because no one knows who you really are. Strangers talk with strangers about random topics, and sometimes there is a rare case of "love on the Internet."

What I find most amazing about it are the numerous chain letters that surf the net daily. Rarely does a day go by when I don't receive some strange forwarding letter from my brother's best friend about why chocolate is better than sex or from my cousin trying to convince me that if I don't forward the letter to five other people, I will have bad luck for four years.

Because of the Internet, my relationship with my

other brother has barely been altered since he left for college in September. Often, we are able to exchange two or three messages a day, a lot more than is possible in letters or telephone calls.

Because of the Internet, both of my brothers are now

just a click of the finger away.

*Kagan is a freshman at Bethlehem Central High School. Her oldest brother, Michael, attends Northwestern University in Illinois and her brother, Josh, is a freshman at Yale University in Connecticut.*



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# Tangled emotions, brain rot and other tales from the Internet

By Zack Beck

It was a Sunday afternoon. I was chomping away on my computer, working on a school assignment when the doorbell rang. I jumped up and my foot got caught on one of the wires connected to the laptop computer on my desk. The computer toppled over and crashed to the ground. I immediately fell to the ground and examined the machine as if it were a wounded child. I could almost feel a tear welling up in my right eye at the possibility that my beloved computer might be damaged.

Computers are everything to some people. They are a connection to the outside world. One can E-mail anyone with the touch of a

button and have access to unlimited amounts of information over the Internet. You can manage your money, household and business all on one 5-pound computer.

Seeing my computer crash to the floor was devastating. How would I function? How could I get through the day? Would I actually have to write something out by hand?

It was at this point that I saw something wrong with this picture. It's a machine. It's a machine that, perhaps, is a bit too powerful. Even shopping — something that requires at least some amount of physical activity — can be done over the Internet. Why bother leaving your home when you can do almost everything on your

computer?

This is a problem that will almost certainly get worse. Computers will continue to get faster, more powerful and more interactive.

It was a scary thought that I cared so much about a machine. I suppose I was fortunate that the computer escaped the crash with only a slight scratch on its screen. However, even if the computer was totaled, it probably would have been good for me. I would have written my assignment out by hand, and gone to the library to do research instead of retrieving information over the Internet. I would have moved around in the community and interacted with society.

Computers only do one thing really well: Save time. This is only a good thing if the time you save is used to do productive things for yourself and for your family.

Like all types of entertainment, it has to be kept under control. Why not go outside and talk with your neighbors instead of communicating with names on a screen? There are hundreds of chat rooms waiting to be entered

in the friendly streets of the Capital District.

Spending too much time on a computer closes as many doors as it opens. You may be exposed to thousand of bites of information, but it is in a sheltered setting where you can't really make mistakes and all you can learn how to do is retrieve more and more

bits of data.

Whether we are ready or not, computers are intruding into our lives more and more each day. As long as we are aware that computers are merely machines, then perhaps our society can cope with rapidly changing technologies and the next time my PC takes a spill, I won't be so upset.

## Survival

(From page 1)

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*ton Post*, visit the White House, check the weather anywhere in the world or find a great recipe for rhubarb cinnamon cake.

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*Houghton is president of Cyber Haus Computer Learning Centers in Delmar.*

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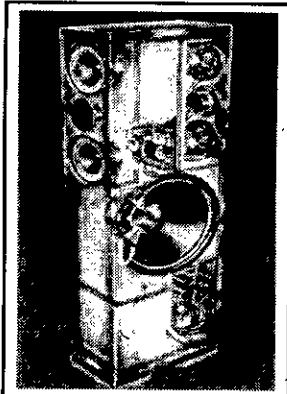
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Supervised homework nights continue Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the community room. Pupils in grade-five and up are welcome to use the room for quiet study.

Director Gail Sacco says the machinery is in place to find a new

youth services librarian. She hopes to have the position filled by the beginning of the year. Applications can be faxed or mailed to Sacco at 51 School Road, Voorheesville 12186.

All activities continue as usual in the children's department. Regular story hours, under the supervision of assistants Jen Appleby Lowman and Cecelia Soloviev, are on Mondays at 10:30 a.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m., and Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

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Barbara Vink

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# Sports

Eagles win crossover game, 14-11

## Bethlehem puts it all together against Shaker

By Jessica Fein

When time ran out on the scoreboard at Shaker, Bethlehem football coach **John Sodergren** smiled and said, "Now that was fun, wasn't it?"

The Eagles recorded a 14-11 victory Friday night in a crossover game, outplaying the Bison every step of the way.

In the first half, the offensive line demonstrated the solid play the Eagles have been searching for all season.

Driving to the end zone, quarterback **Geoff Hunter** hit big passes to juniors **Dave Raab** and **Scott Kind**.

Senior **Matt Quackenbush** also excelled for the Eagles, scoring both of Bethlehem's touchdowns on short runs.

In a key defensive play, Bethlehem stopped Shaker just short of the goal line, holding the score at 14-3 going into the halftime break.

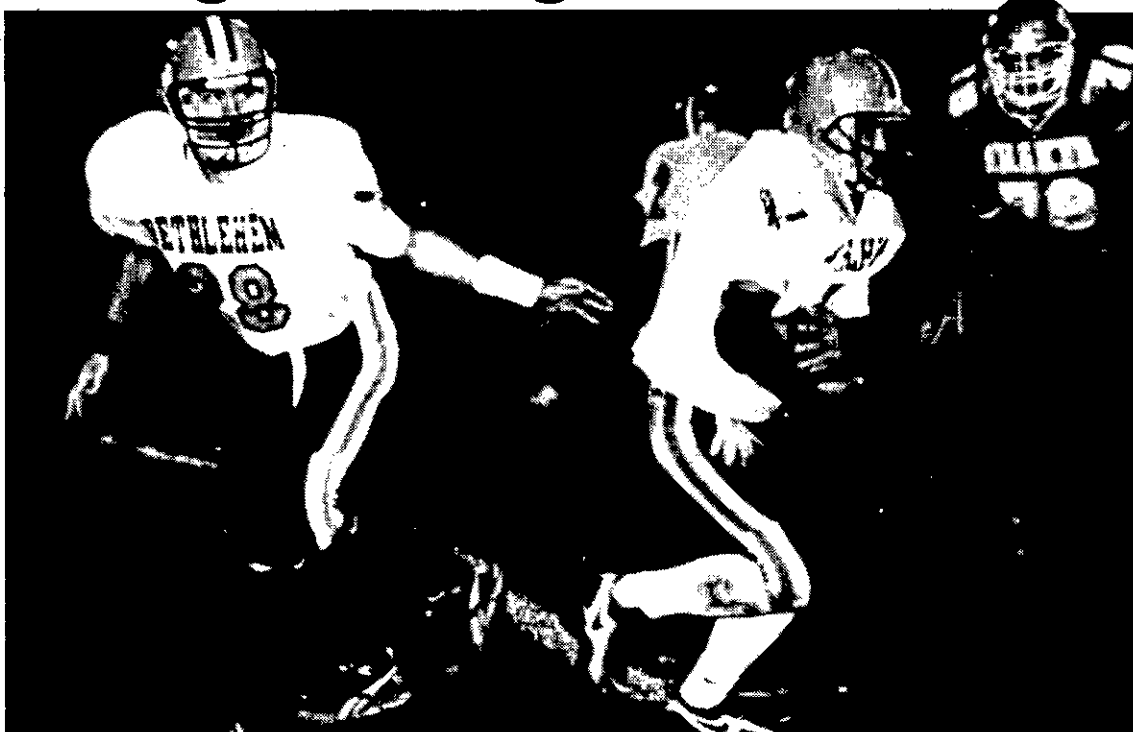
"We came into the game concerned, because Shaker is really big," said Sodergren, "but our defense came up big when we needed to."

### Football

The second half was dominated by the Eagles' outstanding defensive play. Among others, junior **Mike Quackenbush** showed some great blocking and junior **Darrin Huggins** had an important sack.

Late in the fourth quarter, junior **Matt Hill** had an interception and helped Bethlehem preserve its lead.

"For the first time, our defense played with consistency," said junior co-captain **Andre Ellman**. "They really won the game for us."



Bethlehem quarterback Geoff Hunter hands off the ball to running back Matt Quackenbush during the Eagles' 14-11 victory over Shaker in a Suburban Council crossover game. *Doug Persons*

## RCS captures Capital Conference

By Meghan Smith

Victory cries could be heard for miles away Saturday as the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Indians trounced Fonda-Fultonville—the No. 1 ranked Class B team—27-0.

Fans from both teams packed the stands and railed at each other throughout the game. It was evident that both schools were psyched and determined to win.

The game marked the first time in the last 36 games, that Fonda was unable to score. Fonda was held to only 94 yards by the Indi-

ans defensive line.

**T.J. Carrk** and **Tony Litner** were the key players in containing Fonda's offense. But they had plenty of help with **Jevon Sebring** snaring two interceptions, while **Norris Ackert** and **Matt Frese** each had one. Sophomore **Gary Jones** recovered a Fonda fumble.

RCS had a "very strong defense and that was the key to the whole game," said coach **Gary Vanderzee**.

Fonda had five turnovers in the game, and RCS had none, which

was another factor in the team's victory, Vanderzee said.

Offensively, Frese rushed for 203 yards and scored three touchdowns for the Indians. Quarterback **Steve Ross** scored the other touchdown in the third quarter.

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# It's next year for V'ville girls

By Matt McKenna

The Voorheesville girls soccer team (9-5-5) had their season come to an early conclusion last week when they lost to Cambridge 1-0 in the opening round of the Class C sectionals.

On Monday, the team traveled to Cohoes to finish the Colonial Council regular season. The Tigers scored early and took a 1-0 halftime lead. But **Julia Guastella** tied the game up for Voorheesville in the first minute of the second half when she took the ball up the middle by herself and drilled it past the Cohoes goalkeeper.

During the next five minutes Cohoes went up for good, and coasted to a 3-1 victory.

The Blackbirds drew the fourth seed in the sectional tournament

## Soccer

and had to travel to Cambridge for their first-round game. These teams had met in sectionals in each of the past two years with Voorheesville winning both contests.

Their luck might have run out, however.

Voorheesville took control early and moved the ball well against the bigger and more physical Cambridge team.

The Blackbirds gave up a quick goal in the first half, however, when a through ball was played to a forward. Voorheesville goalie **Lauren Lloyd** stood her ground, but the ball slipped by her.

Cambridge made their one goal stand as **Sarah Brambley** had 23 saves, and took away many sure scores for the Blackbirds.

"It was a hard-fought game that unfortunately did not go our way," said coach **Jim Hladun**. "We had many opportunities, especially on corner kicks, but we just couldn't capitalize."

"Cambridge played an excellent game, and it was hard to play catch-up after their goal. I'm proud of our girls; they left their hearts on the field and had a good overall season."

The Blackbirds are hoping to build on this season's showing come next year. They only lose three seniors, and return several players with more than one year of experience.

# Players philosophical about season

By Jonathan Abrams

It was a tough season for the Voorheesville boys soccer team, which despite playing with grit and determination, was plagued by a lack of experience.

The Blackbirds (3-14-1) wound up their season last week with a 3-1 loss to Lansingburgh. The lone Voorheesville goal was scored by **Ryan Spanswick**.

Last year's team went 12-5-2 and won the Colonial Council title. But losing 11 players to graduation took its toll.

Voorheesville goalie **Mark Panthen** was stellar in the nets for the Blackbirds this year, but while he kept many games close, he was unable to make up for a relatively weak offense.

The team never gave up, however, and nearly every game they played was competitive.

"We won some, lost a lot more, but had some fun doing it," said senior co-captain **Tim Bradley**.

"Our team this year was mostly made up of juniors who haven't had much varsity playing time," said **Brian Pilatzke**. "This year has been mainly a learning experience for us, so next year we will be able to play more confidently."

Junior **Pat Fidell** said "Throughout the season, we have had trouble pressing our opponents' defense, and as a result we have not taken enough shots. This stems directly from the fact that we don't pass the ball often enough."

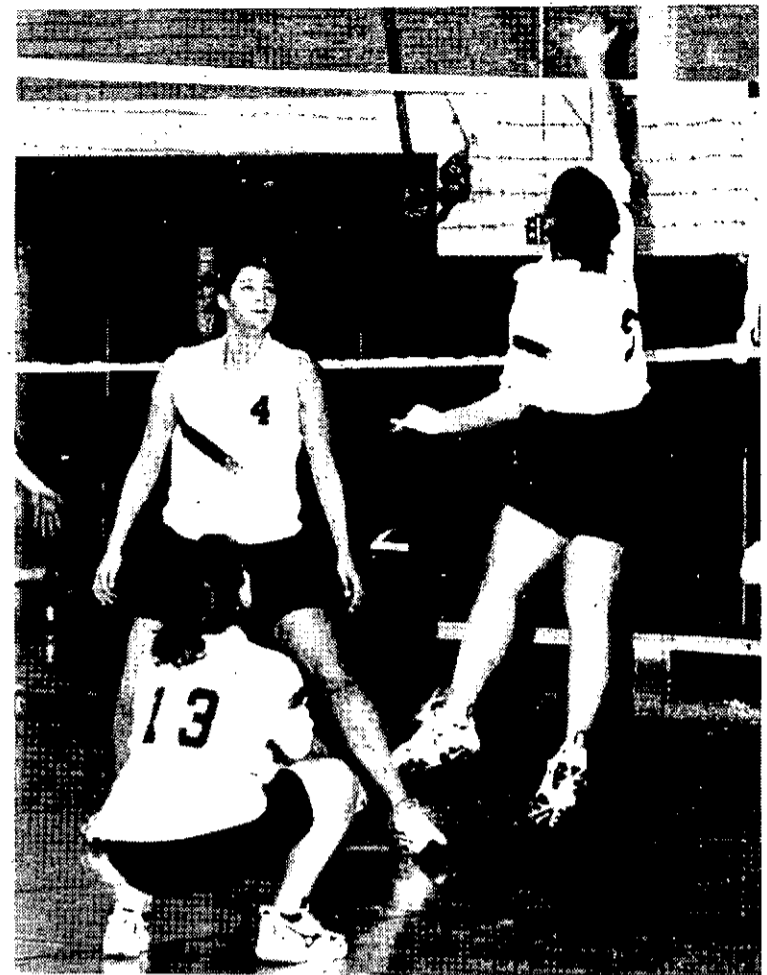
"Last season, 11 players left for college and as a result, a lot of new, inexperienced players were called up," said junior **Bill Meade**. "Next year, hopefully, we will be a lot more experienced. Each game we played taught us something a little bit more about how to play at this level."

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# Spikin' it



Bethlehem's Jen Siniski spikes the ball in a recent Suburban Council game against Shenendehowa, while teammates Amy Tierney (kneeling) and Meghan Sellnow look on.

Liz Waniewski

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# Bramley: Eagles can win it all

By Annette Grajny

The Bethlehem boys varsity soccer team won their opening game in the Section II tournament on Saturday and coach John Bramley says it's anybody's guess who will capture the title.

"The only ones left are Shenendehowa, Guilderland, Niskayuna and us," he said. "I don't think any wise man would bet his life's savings on which one will win."

Seeded number four going into the tournament, the Eagles showed off their skills in a 5-1 victory over Catholic Central. Jason Seymour scored two goals, and Kevin Russell, Brian Schwartz and Kevin Smith each contributed one.

Captain Dave Maher was enthusiastic after the game, "Even though CCHS is not considered a tough team, we stayed focused and played our own game without getting distracted. We are ready to take on Niskayuna."

"We got off to a good start," Bramley said. "That was useful because (CCHS) was playing at home on a very small and bumpy field that our guys were not used to. It was one of those games that had the potential to go the wrong way."

Prior to the start of sectionals, the Eagles closed out their regular season with a 4-3 victory over the Columbia Blue Devils. Smith had a hat trick (three goals) for

Bethlehem. His third goal tied the score for the Eagles and sent the game into overtime.

Sophomore Toby Cushing scored the winning goal with one minute left in the second overtime.

Consistent play from seniors Ben Samuelson-Jones, Maher, and Brian Walsh, along with excellent defense played by Greg Cooper and Greg DeMarco helped to round out the Eagles effort, Bramley said.

"We really came together as a team. There were no individuals who tried to steal the show, and that's why we played as well as we did," Schwartz said.

# V'ville coach unhappy with effort

By Alison Leonard

The Voorheesville Blackbirds were defeated Saturday by the Cobleskill-Richmondville Bulldogs, 25-8.

Cobleskill took an early lead when quarterback Steve Palmer threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to Matt Shear. They tallied again in the second quarter, and twice in the fourth quarter when Palmer threw for a 33-yard touchdown and Corey Caughey ran it in for a score.

Voorheesville got on the board

## Soccer

late in the fourth quarter as quarterback Greg Rivers threw 15 yards to Shawn Alberry.

"We didn't come ready to play, and we didn't play to the best of our ability," said Voorheesville assistant coach John Sittig.

"The field conditions were terrible. It was still extremely wet from rain. We weren't able to run

our misdirection plays as we had planned. The whole game was frustrating for everyone because of the field and the officials."

The Blackbirds are now 3-5 on the season. Voorheesville plays its last game of the season at 7 p.m. Friday against Chatham.

"Chatham is good," Sittig said. "We've got our hands full with their excellent defense. We're a young team, and we're still improving. We just have to be competitive and come out ready to play."

# BCMS PTA NEWS

## BCMS PTA MEETINGS - LAST MONTH AND THIS MONTH

**October 7th:** "Meeting the Educational Needs of All Our Students" Over 50 parents heard an informative parent-teacher discussion on what differentiated instruction is, and how parents will know it is being provided for their children. A transcript of the discussion will appear on the new PTA web site (see address below) and is available in printed form for those interested.

**November 4th:** "BCMS School Improvement Plan" - One of the major proposals to appear during the 1996-97 school year will be the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan which will chart a course for the Middle School's program for future years. The plan will be explained, and we will begin a discussion concerning its content. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Middle School.

## SPORTS NIGHT - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

The first Sports Night for middle schoolers will be held Thursday, November 14th at the Middle School. Several of the BCMS physical education teachers will oversee activities in the school's two gyms and the swimming pool, if it is available. The program will run from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

## COMMUNICATIONS . . .

Thanks to the generosity of the Capital Region Information Service of New York (CRISNY), the PTA now has its own web site. Communication is a key element of this year's PTA program. The PTA web site address is: <http://www.crisny.org/not-for-profit/bcmspta>

Volunteers are needed for a new Communications Committee to review and upgrade Middle School communications. Sign up at the PTA meeting on November 4th or call Anita Stein at 439-8451.

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# Falcons upend Ravena

Faced by Anthony Livreri's two touchdown gallops and a smothering defense, the Bethlehem Pop Warner PeeWee Falcons trounced the Ravena Indians 27-6 on Saturday.

With the win, the Falcons completed their regular season with a perfect 8-0 record.

Nick Russo added a scoring run, while Sean Myrtle hauled in a perfect pass from Zach Brandow for the fourth touchdown. Jeremy Irving bolted into the end zone for the extra point.

Even the defense contributed to the scoring as Nate Panucci tackled the Ravena quarterback in his own end zone for a safety.

The Falcon offensive line, anchored by Chris Regal, John Sterrett, Don Ballard, Nick Radko and Mark Gansky consistently overpowered the Indians defense.

On the defensive side of the ball, John Davis, John Hamm, Mike McGuire and Quinn Wilson were dominant.

The Bethlehem Pop Warner Junior Midget Hawks on Saturday battled the South Troy Trojan Warriors to a 0-0 tie in an awesome display of hard-hitting, defensive work by both teams.

Spearheaded by the enthusiasm of middle linebacker Brian Geurtze, recording his best game of the year with eight rugged tackles, the Hawks held the normally potent Warriors scoreless.

Tom Frankovic, Geurtze and Kevin O'Connell recorded quarterback sacks for the Hawks (6-0-1), while Dan Hazen, Mark Bulger, Aaron Griffin and Matt Sargent snatched interceptions.

Several of the Hawks had their best games of the year, including Mike Spinelli, John Cameron, Art Ceas, Steve Sanchez, Noah Bacon, Paddy Reagan, James Wheeler, Shane Cassidy, Coe Wilson, Eric McArdle, Brendan Munnely, Matt Melnikoff and Jon McCardle.

In their last game of the year, the Junior Pee Wee Condors showed a lot of heart in a 26-6 loss to the Saratoga Pintos.

Offensively, Bethlehem never gave up as Matt McKenna, Shawn Bukowski and Josh Mack led the way. Their one scoring drive was made possible by solid blocking from linemen Matt Carroll, Jeff Hines and Will Ryan. On defense, Ryan Menrath, Brendan Rhatigan, Brian Trombley and Mark Zimmer all made major contributions.

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# Obituaries

## Marie Goodbout Beck

Marie Goodbout Beck, 88, of Voorheesville died Sunday, Oct. 27, at Guilderland Center Nursing Home.

Born in Canton, she was a long-time resident of Voorheesville.

Mrs. Beck was a school teacher. She taught in Westfield, N.J., and at Slingerlands Elementary School.

She was an avid golfer, bridge player and world traveler.

Survivors include her husband, C. Gilbert Beck, and a sister, Sister Catherine La Boure of Watertown.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. today, Oct. 30, from St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville.

Burial will be in Crown Hill Memorial Park Cemetery in Utica.

Arrangements were by the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to St. Matthew's Church Building Fund.

## Hector Tonetti

Hector G. Tonetti, 91, of Delmar died Thursday, Oct. 17, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Brusnengo, Italy, he came to the United States many years ago.

He was the club manager at the New Haven Country Club in New Haven, Conn., until he retired in 1968.

Mr. Tonetti was active in the senior citizens in Delmar. He was an avid writer and loved opera and painting.

He was the husband of the late Elda Patriarca Tonetti and Mary Borra Lestinsky Tonetti.

Survivors include a brother, Bruno Tonetti of Fairlawn, N.J., and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be scheduled at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements were by the Zwack & Sons Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 8 Mountain View Ave., Colonie 12205.

## Dorothy Westervelt

Dorothy G. Westervelt, 89, of Slingerlands died Sunday, Oct. 20, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

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

Mrs. Westervelt was a stenographer for the state education and health departments before she retired.

She was the widow of James H. Westervelt.

Survivors include a daughter, Virginia K. Westervelt, and a grandson.

Services were private.

Arrangements were by the

Tebbutt Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Leukemia Society of America, Upstate New York Chapter, 85 Watervliet Ave., Albany 12206.

## Norman R. King

Norman R. King, 79, of Murray Avenue in Delmar, died Thursday, Oct. 24, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Born in Richmond Hills, he was a longtime resident of Delmar.

He was a graduate of Bucknell University.

Mr. King was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II, retiring as a lieutenant colonel.

He was an engineer for New York Telephone Co. for more than 30 years, retiring in 1980.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Jane Southwell King; a son, Bradford S. King of Palm Desert, Calif.; a daughter, Daryl A. King-Bradt of Delmar; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

Burial was in Prospect Hill Cemetery in Guilderland.

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

## Shirley Bryson

Shirley Adams Bryson, 76, of Rockefeller Road in Delmar, died Monday, Oct. 21, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Saxton's River, Vt., she had lived in Delmar for 45 years.

A graduate of Albany Business College, she was employed by the Huyck Felt Co. in Rensselaer for several years, and then was a full-time homemaker.

Mrs. Bryson was a member of Albany Country Club in Guilderland and Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany.

She was the widow of Douglas Bryson.

Survivors include four daughters, Diane Unger of Porter Corners, Carol Karp of Manlius, Onondaga County, Lynne McKee of Delmar and Mary McLaughlin of Greenfield Center; a son, Jonathan Bryson of Silver Spring, Md.; a sister, Helen Lyons of Hartford, Vt.; two brothers, Douglas Adams of Londonderry, Vt., and Donald Adams of Lake St. Catherine, Vt.; and 10 grandchildren.

Services were from Westminster Presbyterian Church, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church or to St. Peter's Foundation for the Intensive Care Unit, 317 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

## Florence Church

Florence Fox Church, 87, of Teresian House in Albany, a native of Feura Bush, died Monday, Oct. 21, at the nursing home.

Born in Feura Bush, she was a

homemaker.

She was the widow of Avon Church.

Survivors include four daughters, Kathryn Tutay of Feura Bush, Barbara Carkner of Selkirk, and Vida Dottino and Dorothy Allen, both of Clarksville; two sons, Bernard Church of Ravena and Robert Church of Colonie; two sisters; a brother; 21 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Service were from the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena, with burial in Chestnut Lawn Cemetery.

## Iva Lou Bennett

Iva Lou Bennett, 86, of Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Delmar, died Tuesday, Oct. 22, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Greenwich, Washington County, she was a graduate of Schuylerville High School and SUNY New Paltz.

She worked for many years in the Bethlehem Central School District, and then as a bookkeeper for Paul E. Killion Inc.

Mrs. Bennett enjoyed playing bridge and golf and was a member of Pinehaven Country Club. She

also was a volunteer at Child's Hospital.

She was the widow of Clayton Bennett.

Survivors include a son, William Bennett of Delmar; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services were from First United Methodist Church of Delmar, with burial in Greenwich Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church of Delmar, or to a charity of one's choice.

## Francis Carleton

Francis "Whitey" Carleton, 71, of Glenmont died Tuesday, Oct. 22, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Carmel, Maine, he had lived in the Capital District for the past 20 years.

Mr. Carleton was operations manger of B&L Freight in Feura Bush for the past decade, and had previously worked for Sentinel Freight.

Survivors include a dear friend, Gayle Carleton of Boonton, N.J.; three daughters, Sandra Filimon of Mount Laurel, N.J.; Debra Barr

of Berwin, Pa., and Patricia Bocella of Aspon, Pa.; two stepsons, Gary Carleton of Ravena and Jeffrey Carleton of Phoenixville, Pa.; a sister, Regina Sawyer of Pittsfield, Maine; a brother, Kenneth Carleton of Gardiner, Maine; and six grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

## Slingerlands doctor named neurology chief

Slingerlands resident Dr. Daniel J. Silverman has been appointed chief of neurology at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Silverman has worked at Capital Neurologic Associates. After completing his medical degree at the University of Vermont, he finished a neurology residency and served as chief resident at Albany Medical Center.

## BCHS collecting food for county pantry

Members of the community are invited to drop off any non-perishable food items at Bethlehem Central High School's main office at 700 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.



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## Burda, Hetman marry in St. Thomas



Kristin and John Hetman

Kristin M. Burda, daughter of Robert and Rosemarie Burda of Glenmont, and John J. Hetman, son of Jack and Bernie Hetman of Annandale, Va., were married July 27.

The Rev. James Walsh performed the ceremony in the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar, with the reception following at The Desmond in Coltonie.

The matron of honor was Mary Ellen Myers, the bride's sister, and bridesmaids were Nikki Hetman and Nadine Hetman, the groom's sisters.

The best man was Phil Levine, and ushers were John Burda, the bride's brother, and Dave Lassiter.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hartwick College and is currently studying for her master's at George Mason University. She is employed as a first-grade teacher by Fairfax County Public Schools in Alexandria, Va.

The groom, a graduate of George Mason University, is employed as a physical education teacher by Fairfax County Public Schools in Great Falls, Va.

After a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple lives in Fairfax, Va.



Jennifer and Edward Hampston

## Mistretta, Hampston marry

Jennifer Mistretta, daughter of Anthony and Pamela Mistretta of Voorheesville, and Edward Hampston, son of Robert and Andrea Hampston of Voorheesville, were married July 6.

The Rev. Douglas Gray performed the ceremony in New Covenant Presbyterian Church in Albany, with the reception following at the Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia.

The matron of honor was Pamela Mistretta, the bride's mother, and bridesmaids were Devra Friedland, Sharon Wiskoff, Wendy Schult, Susan Carhart, Jillian Pugliese and Brianne Pugliese, cousins of the bride, and Suzie Hughes, cousin of the groom.

The best man was Thomas Hampston, the groom's brother,

and ushers were David Mistretta, the bride's brother, Chuck Sauter, the groom's cousin, Robert MacDonald, Mark Smrtik and Stephen Donella.

The bride is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School, Binghamton University and the University at Albany, where she is studying for her doctorate while teaching educational psychology at Youngstown State University.

The groom is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School, Clarkson University and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is employed as an environmental engineer by the state Department of Environmental Conservation in Rotterdam.

After a wedding trip to Disney World and the Olympics, the couple lives in Austintown, Ohio.

# Youth Network

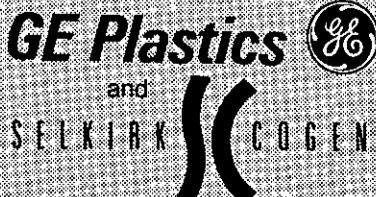
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In response to the question, "How did you spend your Saturday?" those whose names follow can say, "I worked with some great people to make a positive contribution to the health and well-being of our community."

Lorraine Smith, Nancy Rice, Jim Corbett, Mary Ahlstrom, Diane Alston, Jim Schwab, Hugh Matthews, Karen Hoogcamp, Nan Hinman, Vince Rinaldi, Happy Scherer, Wendy Lefkovich, Joyce Strand, Dick Ahlstrom, Joanne Matthews, Lauri Plattner, Ellen Kelly Lind, Denis Foley, Jill Rifkin, Cheryl MacCulloch, Marge Kanuk, Norine Vancans, Phyllis Hillinger, Mona Prenoveau, Susan Backer and Vicary Thomas.

We are very grateful to these Bethlehem Community Partnership members who spent this past Saturday working diligently to develop action plans to respond to several concerns facing our community. Task forces organized during the Saturday session will be working on the following plans: to create a guidebook for parents of ninth-grade students, to develop a plan to help orient parents of freshmen, to organize a May First Night designed to increase community spirit, to create a location for youth to gather, to develop and write grants to secure funds for activities for at-risk youth and to help community youth groups to network more successfully with each other. If you are interested in working on any of these plans, call 439-7740.



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Don and Bea Harmon, above, on their wedding day, and below, today



## Harmons celebrate 50th

Don and Bea Harmon of Elsmere celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a cocktail party and lobster bake hosted by their sons Gregg Harmon and Glenn Harmon and Don's brother Charles Harmon at the Rhumb Line in Kennebunkport, Maine, and also with a surprise block party given by their neighbors on Brookman Avenue.

The couple was married on Sept. 7, 1946, in Third Reformed Church in Albany.

Don is an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II, and was a conductor for Amtrak for 43 years before retiring. He is an exempt member of the Elsmere Fire Co.

Bea retired from the former Banker's Trust/First American branch in Elsmere after 20 years. She is a longtime member of the Elsmere Fire Co. ladies' auxiliary.

## Births

### St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Breanna Jade DeVoe, to Kimberly Rabideau and Lewis DeVoe of Delmar, Oct. 15.

Girl, Greta Gibson Hartman, to Laura and Steven Hartman of Delmar, Oct. 16.

Boy, Adam Michael LaBombard, to Teri and Brian LaBombard of Delmar, Oct. 18.

### Albany Medical Center

Boy, Joseph Denis Cook, to Grace and Christopher Cook of Delmar, Sept. 13.

## Dean's List

The following local college students were recently named to dean's lists at their respective schools.

Saint Michael's College — Andrew Hudacs of Delmar.

SUNY Geneseo — Julie Davidson of Glenmont.

## Delmar Bootery shop leading shoe drive

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Shoes are being collected until Dec. 1.

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Jessica and Kevin Parks

## Dubroff, Parks marry

Jessica Lynn Dubroff, daughter of Harold Dubroff of Surprise, Greene County, and Carol Wilson of Voorheesville, and Kevin Wayne Parks, son of Norman Parks of Guilderland and Karen Parks of Greenville, were married Oct. 5.

The Rev. S. Albert Newman performed the ceremony in Westminster Presbyterian Church, with the reception following at Wolfert's Roost Country Club, both in Albany.

The maid of honor was Stacy Meizels, and bridesmaids were Heather Parks, the groom's cousin, Megan Andrus and Renee Goode. The flower girl was Erin

Parks, the groom's sister.

The best man was Kevin Snow, and ushers were Nicholas Dubroff, the bride's brother, Jeffrey Snow, Timothy Goode and Alex Roth.

The bride is a graduate of Greenville High School and The College of Saint Rose. She is employed as a community support worker by Peninsula Counseling in Blue Hill, Maine.

The groom is a graduate of Greenville High School and Paul Smith's College. He is currently a student at Maine Maritime Academy.

The couple lives in Maine.

# Community Corner

### Lab school holds open house

The Bethlehem Central High School Lab School will hold an open house on Sunday, Nov. 3, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

The open house will include several displays, sample portfolios and examples of student projects, as well as the opportunity to meet with teachers, parents and students.

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# Senate

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a fairly safe Democratic Senate seat.

Hoblock was coming off winning the county executive's post in 1992, something that had never been done by a Republican.

Hoblock is running on his record, including supporting workers' compensation reform that brought with a 25 percent cut in premiums, successfully opposing Gov. Pataki's plan to transfer state jobs to the Kingston area, and supporting state budget cuts and reduction of taxes.

Although Breslin has no politi-

cal record, he has promised to seek fiscally sound, socially responsible policies in the Senate.

"While we need an efficient and less costly welfare program, we still must have a safety net for people in true need of help," Breslin said.

Breslin is a volunteer vice president of the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless in Albany. He is also president of Arbor House, a program for abused women and children.

A lawyer with 25 years experience who is a community lecturer on the rights of victims of domestic violence, Breslin jokes that he would advise young people to become accountants rather than lawyers if they want a big income.

But what of his work as a state senator, if elected? "I would work towards getting a state budget on time," Breslin said. "I know everyone promises that, but there are ways of doing it."

Breslin would fine every legislator from both parties for every day the budget was late and "The fines would not be returned after a budget was reached," he said. "They could take away a portion of their daily living allowance, for example."

Breslin also suggested putting together a panel of state officials, legislators, business and community leaders along with economic experts to assist in the budget-making process in the summer and fall of the year prior to the budget year.

"It might be appropriate to have legislation creating a replica of the Congressional budget office which is a non-partisan body in Washington that reviews proposed presidential budgets and Congressional versions of the budget," Breslin said.

"We could do the same in the state," Breslin said. "Such a body would be able to tell the governor and the houses of the legislature whether there was sufficient revenue for various programs. It would save the wrangling that goes on in the spring and into the summer in recent years."

While he admits that such a bill to fine legislators would not get far with either party, "There would be enough media attention to keep it in front of voters who might eventually demand such action."

As such legislation could turn even Democratic leaders away from any of his bills dealing with his district, Breslin feels in two years' time, his actions might well convince voters and other legislators that there's merit in getting control of the budget.

For his part, Hoblock was a proponent of a GOP majority Senate bill early this year which would reform the budget process. "Our proposal would force an agreement on prospective revenue by Nov. 10 and then have the governor submit his budget by Dec. 1," Hoblock said. "The governor would have until Jan. 15 to make any changes in his budget while the revenue figures could be modi-

fied by Jan. 20." Meanwhile, the budget would be under review by both houses of the legislature.

He pointed out that the proposal would have a Senate and Assembly conference committee review the final budget on March 10. "If the budget isn't passed by April 1, then an austerity budget would be in effect," Hoblock said. "But with a 10 percent reduction from the previous year's budget."

In the recent past, Hoblock said that the Wharton School of Business has done a review of anticipated revenue for the Senate each year and "It has pretty much hit it on the head each time." The governor's office has its own budget office as does the Assembly.

"The budget proposal to assure passage by April 1 was not acted upon by the Assembly this past session," Hoblock said. "We plan to submit it again as one of the majority's first bills."

Hoblock said his ability to deal with Pataki and Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, R-Brunswick, was a strong argument for his re-election.

"I was able, for example, to help get \$40 million in state grants for Albany County Airport this past year," Hoblock said at a recent "Meet The Candidates" night in Colonie. It is this sort of clout with Republican state government leaders that Hoblock considers a major plus for his district.

Both men agree on the need for the passage of the \$1.75 billion Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act.

"If the projects are fairly distributed around the state, then it's a plus for the district," Breslin said.

Hoblock adds that there are needs in the district for the bond money.

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# Scare up some Halloween shivers

By Zack Beck

**H**alloween is a holiday rich in tradition. Granted it doesn't quite have the respect and religious implications that other more serious holidays have, but each Oct. 31, without fail, kids of all ages dress up as their favorite alter ego and meander around their neighborhood streets asking for whatever sugary delight that particular household can conjure up.

Besides that common routine, many families might find themselves bringing their kids and themselves to a haunted house. This is a tradition where a make-shift walkway is constructed, commonly in a firehouse or some other public facility. Kids line up in hordes to walk through a gauntlet of smoke, lights and goblins.

For the last 10 years or so, the Slingerlands Fire Department has hosted a Halloween party and haunted house.

"People are usually lined up for the haunted house like you wouldn't believe, at

in the old school tradition of haunted houses. "We have the old Frankenstein and Dracula — werewolves, witches and ghouls and there is even going to be a devil," said Daly.

The overall intent of the haunted house is as much for safety as it is for entertainment. Said Daly, "We set up the house and host the party to try and give people a safe place — keep kids off the streets and at the same time try to have fun."

The event will take place at the Slingerlands Fire Department, New Scotland Avenue, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Everything at the event will be free.

Another alternative for kids who might not want to trick or treat at unfamiliar houses can be found on the Russell Sage College campuses.

On the Sage Troy Campus, four Russell Sage College residence halls will be open for trick or treating by children 12 and under from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Russell Sage students will hand out goodies in Manning



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one point there were over 200 people at one time," said the chairman of the haunted house committee James Daly.

Fireman Don McMillan accounts for the large numbers of kids because of word of mouth. "We've built a reputation for doing a good haunted house," said McMillan.

The haunted house is set up by the firemen at the station with the help of their families. About 10 to 15 firemen usually work on the construction of the house, which takes a good amount of effort to construct.

"We all pitch in and start about a week and a half before. We construct the house, get it all together and then hopefully we'll be set to go on the 31st," said Daly.

This year's haunted house will be more

Hall and Sage Hall, located on opposite corners of Second and Congress streets, and German House and Kellas Hall, both located on First Street.

The residence hall on the Sage Albany Campus will also open its doors to youngsters from the surrounding neighborhoods for trick or treating.

In Colonie, the Village Hall at 2 Thunder Road, will host a Halloween Party tomorrow night.

The party will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and is sponsored by the village Youth and Recreation Department.

A costume contest and parade will be taking place at the event, and an assortment of cider, donuts and other sweets will be available.

### Ensemble performing gives Capital Rep opening production a big boost

Ensemble performing when describing an acting company's work has become a hackneyed phrase but, in the work of the actors in Capital Rep's production of Brian Friel's *Dancing at Lughnasa*, it takes on new lustre.

The eight members in the company meld their performances in this story of a family of five women grappling with their static lives during a festival (Lughnasa) in 1936 Ireland.

Each of the roles has been clearly defined by both actor and director so that the characters become vivid and individual while still fitting neatly into the mosaic that is this tragic family.

Friel uses a narrator recalling when he was the young boy in the story being told some decades later. Late in the play, he tells of the destinies reached by these characters and the poignancy of the tale is complete. James Coyle appears as the self-effacing man reliving a vivid memory which laces the scenes together. He also quietly assumes the role of the six-year old in brief scenes which give him life.

The child's unwed mother, Crissy, is the sister in the Mundy family with the most to live for and to enjoy even as she parries a half-hearted marriage proposal from the child's charming but absent, wastrel father.

As the sprightly ne'er-do-well Jerry, Timothy Devlin provides an ingratiating performance even as he moves another sister, the solitary Aggie (Tamara Scott), to a quiet passion.

As the stern oldest sister, Kate, (Cristine McMurdo-Wallis) binds the family together, kicks up her heels with her siblings who are captivated by the occasional music on the radio, even as



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the impending tragedy lurks in the corner of their modest farmhouse.

There's Rose (Bonnie Black), a childlike woman who secretly meets a married man in the hills, and Maggie, played with gusto by Shelley Delaney She lives for a comforting cigarette and is the most pragmatic about their lives.

Amid the ebb and flow of the action, Uncle Jack (Tom Ligon), a priest sent home from his African post, to recover his health and his senses, walks as in a sleep. Ligon is marvelous in his character's attempt to recover his memory and also as he so passionately describes his acceptance of the pagan culture of the people with whom he lived for 25 years and for which he is now abandoned by his church.

With Nick Mangano's incisive staging, the family comes to life on stage with the full effect of their tragedy brought into focus. *Dancing at Lughnasa* continues through Nov. 10. Information and reservations available at 462-4534.

### SLOC's 70th Birthday Bash displays fine talent in static production

The Schenectady Light Opera Company's 70th Birthday Bash presented this past weekend at Proctor's Theater for two performances, is an idea that had to look great on paper but when executed, proved to be an uneven production despite the presence of a great deal of talent.

Bringing back many of the performers who had starred in past productions up to 30 years ago, the *Birthday Bash* featured them in songs from shows done over the years.

Sprinkled amid these songs were upbeat well-performed dance routines choreographed by Debra Ann Draper, a Broadway veteran who also was featured in a sparkling *Too Darn Hot* routine.

Staged by Orlando Pigliavento, *Birthday Bash* lacked continuity and cohesion. In addition, a large singing chorus was static in movement, confined mainly to risers onstage while carrying music books. The spontaneity of musical comedy was diminished by this use of the chorus as was the lack of continuity of numbers.

The singers would simply come on stage and sing without any introduction while between numbers the orchestra sat mute when bridge music would have given a smoother flow to the numbers and lowering or raising of curtains.

If the singers had simply spoke a simple sentence as background to the song while music played underneath, the production would have been more fluid.

As for the performers, clearly the return of full-voice baritone Gary Aldrich with two fine numbers from *Phantom of the Opera* and *Les Miserables* was a great plus for the production.

Allan D. Foster's singing of *The Impossible Dream* was another high point while Jennifer Kloblensky's "Don't Rain On My Parade" gained the spirit of *Hello, Dolly!*

Grace DiBatista Hepburn's "And This is My Beloved" from *Kismet* was a lovely moment while Ira Gilman and Bill Hickman gave a display of vaudeville bounce with "Brush Up On Your Shakespeare" from *Kiss Me Kate*.

From *Carousel*, William Hatch sang an impressive "Soliloquy" while Paula Ginder and Bonnie Williams stepped out of the chorus to do a sparkling turn from *Mame* when they sang "Bosom Buddies."

The dancing of the opening number from *42nd Street*, with Gower Champion's choreography restaged by Draper, was a kinetic opening for the second act.









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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PROJECT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RELATING THERETO**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing pursuant to Section 859-a(2) of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the "Act") and Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") will be held by Town of Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on the 12th day of November, 1996 at 7:00 o'clock p.m., local time, at the Bethlehem Town Hall, located at 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, Albany County, New York, in connection with the following matters:

Spurlock Adhesives Incorporated (the "Company") has requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of (A) (1) the acquisition of a parcel of real estate containing approximately fifty-five (55) acres located on New York State Route 144 and adjacent to the Niagara Mohawk Steam Plant in the Town of Bethlehem, with a street address of 454 River Road, Glenmont, Albany County, New York (the "Land"), together with three (3) existing buildings located on the Land which contain in the aggregate approximately 22,000 square feet of space (collectively, the "Existing Facilities"); (2) the construction on the Land an addition to one of the Existing Facilities to contain approximately 10,000 square feet of space (the "Addition"); and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of certain machinery and equipment ("the Equipment") (the "Land, the Existing Facilities, the Addition and the Equipment being hereinafter col-

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lectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to constitute a facility to be operated by the Company for the manufacture of formaldehyde and resins and related activities; (B) the financing of all or a portion of the costs of the foregoing by the issuance of its industrial development revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$7,500,000 (the "Bonds") in one or more issues or series to pay a portion of the cost of undertaking the Project, together with necessary incidental costs in connection therewith, and (C) the lease (with obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency.

The Agency is considering whether (A) to undertake the Project, (B) to finance the Project by issuing, from time to time, the Bonds, or the providing of certain other "financial assistance" as defined in the Act and as further provided below, (C) to use the proceeds of the Bonds to pay the cost of undertaking the Project, together with incidental costs in connection therewith, and (D) to provide certain exemptions from taxation with respect to the Project, including (1) exemption from mortgage recording taxes with respect to any documents recorded by the Agency with respect to the Project in the office of the County Clerk of Albany County, New York or elsewhere, (2) exemption from sales tax relating to the acquisition, construction, reconstruction and installation of the Project Facility, (3) exemption from deed transfer taxes and real estate transfer gains taxes on real estate transfers to and from the Agency with respect to the Project.

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and (4) exemption from real estate taxes (but not including special assessments and special ad valorem levies), subject to the obligation of the Company to make certain payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the Project Facility.

If the issuance of the Bonds is approved, (a) interest on the Bonds issued by the Agency will be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 144(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (B) the Project Facility will be acquired, constructed and installed by the Agency and will be sold or leased by the Agency to the Company or its designee pursuant to a project agreement (the "Agreement") requiring that the Company or its designee make payments equal to debt service on the Bonds and make certain other payments and (C) the Bonds issued by the Agency will be a special obligation of the Agency payable solely out of certain of the proceeds of the Agreement and certain other assets of the Agency pledged to the repayment of the Bonds. THE BONDS SHALL NOT BE A DEBT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK OR THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NEW YORK, AND NEITHER THE STATE OF NEW YORK NOR THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NEW YORK SHALL BE LIABLE THEREON.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("DEC"), as an "involved agency" with respect to the Project, has contacted the Agency and indicated that (A) the Project constitutes an "unlisted action" and (B) DEC would like the Agency to consent to DEC assuming "lead agency" status with respect to the Project. The Agency has adopted

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a resolution on October 24, 1996 whereby the Agency will coordinate with all "involved agencies" with respect to the Project regarding the designation of a "lead agency". All such quoted terms shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended, and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the DEC.

The Agency will at said time and place hear all persons with views on either the location and nature of the proposed Project of the financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency in connection with the proposed Project. Dated: October 24, 1996 (October 29, 1996) TOWN OF BETHLEHEM INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY By: Freeman T. Putney, Chairperson (October 30, 1996)

**LEGAL NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LLC**

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: NEW ENGLAND LASER SYSTEMS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the secretary of State on October 2, 1996. Office location: Albany County. Secretary of State designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of such process to: EDWIN F. WILLIAMS, III, 63 Shaker Road, Suite 204, Albany, NY 12204. Purpose of limited liability company is to provide laser systems to credentialed physicians for their

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**LEGAL NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF BALLSTON REALTY ASSOCIATES, LLC (UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK)**

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FIRST: The name of the Company is Ballston Realty Associates, LLC.

SECOND: The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or 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.

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 Ballston Realty Associates, LLC, c/o Roemer Wallens & Mineaux LLP, 13 Columbia Circle, Albany, New York 12203.

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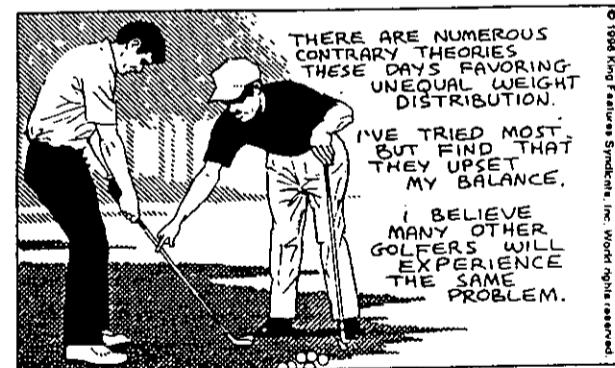
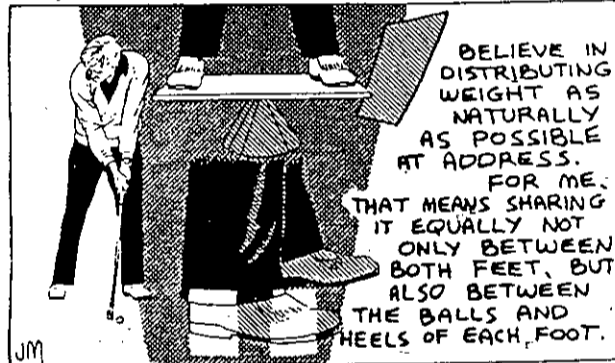
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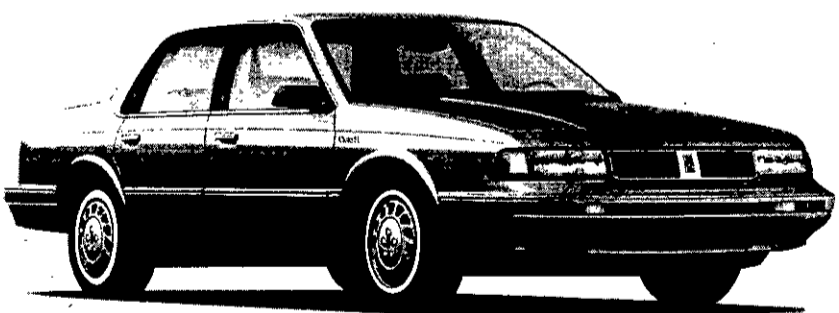
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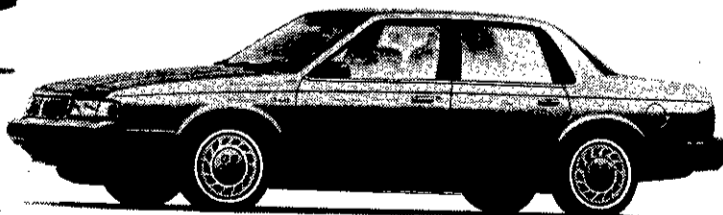
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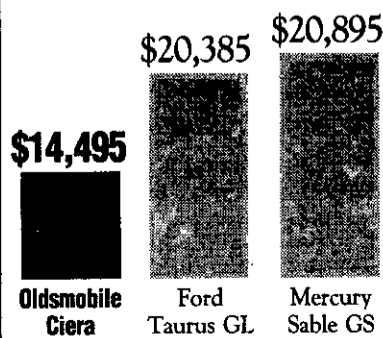
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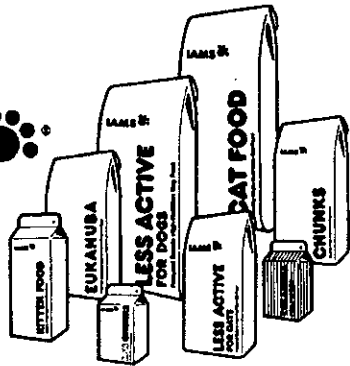
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