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## V'ville teachers & board settle after four years

By Katherine McCarthy

The Voorheesville school board and the Voorheesville Teachers Association have ratified a seven-year contract that gives teachers average annual increases of 3.5 percent.

A flurry of meetings last week ended nearly four years of often rancorous

the contract at a meeting on Thursday afternoon, and the board ratified the contract at an emergency meeting Thursday evening.

The new contract begins with the 1993-94 school year, and extends to the 1999-2000 school year. The increases for each year are — 1993-94, 2.71 percent; 1994-95, 2.12 percent; 1995-96, 4.48 percent; 1996-97, 4.03 percent; 1997-98, 3.44 percent; 1998-99, 3.76 percent and 1999-2000, 4.0 percent.

The 3.5 percent average is slightly below the 1994 fact-finder's recommendation of an 18.5 percent increase over five years.

"I'm not sure how to categorize my reaction," board president John Cole said. "It's a settlement; the definition of a good compromise."

In addition to salary increases, the board has provided some early retirement incentives to teachers over 55, with 10 years experience, as outlined in the State Teachers Retirement System. A teacher's pension is based on a final average of either the last

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## Contract spells relief, not euphoria, for most

By Katherine McCarthy

Reaction to the new teachers' contract in Voorheesville has been mixed, but everyone seems happy that the process is over.

The contract was settled last Thursday, right before the February school break.

"We wanted to get this contract ratified before everyone went away," school board president John Cole said. "I heard that the VTA ratified it 84-13, and we voted 5-0 in favor of it, with two board members out of town."

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public discussions, impasses, teachers picketing in front of the schools, PERB mediators and independent fact-finders working on this issue.

Negotiating teams from both sides came to an agreement last Tuesday; the full membership of the VTA approved

## Bethlehem town board: We'll do what it takes

By Mel Hyman

The Bethlehem town board, facing intense pressure from a citizens' group, will spend whatever it takes to ascertain whatever adverse effects there may be from a formaldehyde factory proposed for Glenmont.

Rather than appropriate \$100,000 for technical experts, as requested by Bethlehem Citizens for Clean Air, the board decided to allocate whatever sum is deemed necessary after consulting with attorney Robert Alessi, who was appointed to advise the board on the best course to take with regard to Spurlock Adhesives.

"The town is marching in step with the people," said Linda Burtis, co-founder of Bethlehem Citizens for Clean Air. "Ninety percent of the people in this town don't want the Spurlock formaldehyde plant. The town board has given us more than we asked for. They've effectively given us a blank check to go ahead and try to stop this plant."

Prior to voting, the board heard from more than 20 residents, most of whom expressed deep reservations about Spurlock's plan to build a \$10 million manufacturing facility off Route 144

Dr. Sherman Gates of Glenmont said,



Burtis

given the critical nature of air emissions coming from the plant, "We should be looking for the best person in the country we can get."

The plant will be capable of producing 370 million pounds of formaldehyde per year, "an astronomical amount," he said.

Carol Butler noted the danger posed to volunteer firefighters by a chemical spill or fire.

"Has anyone in this town thought about what it would take to make our firefighters safe?" she asked.

Ron Berger said he was puzzled by the continual influx of environmentally risky projects into Bethlehem.

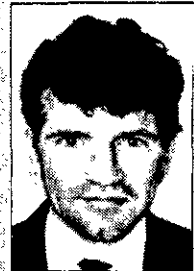
"We've had three issues. The incinerator, the water issue and now this, where a significant number of people have said

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## Board hires lawyer for Spurlock advice

By Mel Hyman

Bob Alessi, former Bethlehem planning board attorney who stepped down to spend more time with his family several years ago, is suddenly the focal point for the hottest issue in town — the upcoming environmental review of a formaldehyde factory proposed for Glenmont.



Alessi

With many people in Bethlehem up in arms over the project, town board members last week decided to retain Alessi for advice on the best ways to safeguard the health and safety of residents with regard to the chemical plant.

Spurlock Adhesives Inc. of Waverly, Va., wants to build a \$10 million facility to produce formaldehyde and formaldehyde-based resins (used in the building and furniture industries) on Route 144 next to the Niagara Mohawk steam generating plant.

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## BC swimmers set 25-year record straight

By Liz Strickler

In a record-breaking performance, Bethlehem Central boys varsity swimming and diving team captured its 25th consecutive sectional title on Saturday.

In December, the school recognized its long tradition of aquatic excellence with a banquet, celebrating 25 consecutive Section II Championships.

Except, they hadn't won 25 in a row yet. "There was a miscalculation somewhere," said Eagles coach Ken Neff. "We won in '71, but Shaker beat us in '72. We've won every one since then, though."

On Saturday, the Eagles rectified that miscalculation by fending off all Class A challengers with a score of 133 points. Shaker was second with 91 and Guilderville third with 72. Burnt Hills won the "B-C-D" division.

Although it was a school holiday, Neff was busy at work Monday morning, revising the record board at the BCHS pool.

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Seniors on the Bethlehem boys swim team celebrate the team's 25th consecutive sectional title. The celebrants include Reid Putnam, left, Amir Rasowsky, Brian Strickler, Sean Barclay, Mike Reiss, Brian Taffe, Corey Whiting, Brad Pryba, Ben Samelson-Jones and Greg Teresi.

# DWI suspect faces murder charge

By Mel Hyman

Albany County District Attorney Sol Greenberg will look into whether the establishment (or establishments) that served Christopher Mansfield prior to Mansfield's allegedly causing the death of a Voorheesville man on Super Bowl night acted recklessly.

Mansfield, 31, of Saratoga Springs, was arraigned in Albany County court last week on charges of second-degree murder, second-degree manslaughter, vehicular manslaughter and two counts of driving while intoxicated.

Mansfield, convicted three times in the last 10 years of driving while under the influence of alcohol, faces a maximum sentence of 25 years to life. He is currently in Albany County jail. His attorney Michael Koenig has reserved the right to seek bail at a later time.

Prior to the accident on Monday, Jan. 26, which claimed the life of 25-year-old Charles Russo of Voorheesville, Mansfield was allegedly drinking following the Super Bowl at Valentine's bar on New Scotland Avenue in Albany,

according to assistant district attorney Cheryl Fowler.

At about 3:40 a.m., Mansfield was reportedly driving south on Route 85 near Blessing Road when he veered into the northbound lane and crashed into Russo's vehicle causing it to strike the guard rail and land on its roof. Russo, who was engaged to be married, was on his way to work at the time.

Mansfield, who suffered a broken leg in the accident, reportedly had a blood alcohol concentration of .31 percent, more than triple the legal limit. Bethlehem Police Det. John Cox said Mansfield must have been a serious alcoholic because if the average person sat down and tried to get their BAC that high, "They would be unconscious or in the morgue."

Mansfield was convicted of driving while ability impaired in 1987, and driving while intoxicated in both 1991 and 1992. After his November 1992 DWI conviction, he was forbidden to own or operate a motor vehicle for three years — the period of his probation — but only 18 months later his license

was restored by the state Department of Motor Vehicles.

Establishments that serve visibly intoxicated people or people they should have known were intoxicated can face civil lawsuits under the state's Dram Shop law, according to Albany County STOP DWI coordinator Denis Foley.

Koenig cautioned against a rush to judgment.

"It's a tragedy in every sense of the word," he said. "My heart goes out to the Russo family, as it would to the family of any 25-year-old. At the same time, I'm a little bit troubled that everyone's jumping to the conclusion that this was murder. Chris is entitled to the same presumption of innocence as anyone else under our system. I'm afraid this case is being driven by pure emotion at this point."

## Travel plans a snap when using computers

Using a computer to help with travel plans is the subject of a talk on Tuesday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Ray Houghton, president of CyberHaus Computer Learning Centers in Delmar, will introduce travel resources on CD-ROM and the Internet in, "Go There First on the PC."

To pre-register, call 439-9314.

# Bethlehem police charge 4 with DWI

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

Thomas C. Rockwell, 34, of 3 Pulsker St., Hudson, was apprehended at 3:42 a.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at the scene of a personal injury accident on Route 9W near Beacon Road, police said.

Rockwell's vehicle went into a spin, left the road and struck a sign, a fence, a bench and a tombstone in Calvary Cemetery. He was transported to Albany Medical Center Hospital by Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance.

He was charged with felony DWI after a computer check showed a previous DWI conviction in the town of Kinderhook, police said. He was released pending a future appearance in town court. Officer James Haker investigated.

Stewart S. Forde, 41, of 25 Orient Ave., Averill Park, was stopped at 10:14 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, for speeding on Delaware Avenue, police said. He was charged with DWI and released pending a future appearance in town court. Officer Robert Markel investigated.

Tammy P. Relsey, 36, of Valley View Road, Glenmont, was stopped at 3:08 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, for speeding and failing to keep right on Krumkill Road, police said.

She was charged with DWI and released pending a March 4 appearance in town court. Officer Charles Radliff investigated.

Neil W. Maher, 38, of 1202 1st Ave., Schenectady, was stopped at 11:25 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, for allegedly going 82 mph on Route 85 near the Albany city line, police said.

The incident took place very close to where a alcohol-related fatality occurred just three weeks ago, police said.

Maher was on his way to work at the Albany city water plant on Old Quarry Road, Vanderbilt said.

He was charged with speeding and DWI. He was released pending a future appearance in town court. Officer Scott Anson investigated.

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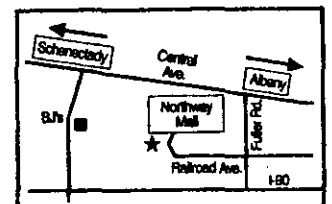
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## BC board begins work on next year's budget

By Dev Tobin

The Bethlehem Central school board put off deciding on about \$350,000 in proposed operations and maintenance spending next year at its first budget work session.

Superintendent Leslie Loomis suggested that the board wait to see if a proposed cogeneration energy performance contract could provide a way to fund operations and maintenance projects without affecting the tax rate.

Loomis also suggested that the board await the review of a recently completed efficiency study of operations and maintenance staffing before deciding on how to deploy the additional staffing needed to take care of growing facilities.

In the transportation area, supervisor Bob Peters recommended borrowing \$361,000 to maintain the district's replacement schedule, which retires buses from active service after about 10 years and 130,000 miles.

The replacement schedule calls for acquiring four new 66-passenger buses at \$66,000 each and two new seven-passenger Suburbans at \$26,000 each. In addition, the district needs another wheelchair van/bus at a cost of \$45,000 as it seeks to limit contracting for special education transportation.

Peters also recommended two additional drivers, one for higher elementary and high school enrollment and one for the new kindergarten Early Learning Center.

Board member Lynne Lenhardt questioned the request for another driver for the ELC, especially given that Peters had assured the board last year that another driver would not be needed.

Peters responded that he would not know for sure whether the additional driver was necessary until the district's bus routes are redrawn in the summer based on next year's enrollment.

Not counting the buses, which will be voted on in a separate proposition, and the operations and maintenance spending, the district's basic budget and recommended additions stands at just more than \$41 million, an increase of about 6.2 percent over this year's spending.

More than half of that increase, \$1.4 million, is due to higher debt service payments, largely for the \$14.8 million bond issue (which will provide classrooms for growing enrollment at the middle and high schools and the ELC at Slingerlands Elementary School) approved by voters in late 1995.

Whatever the final percentage hike in spending approved by the board, the percentage impact on property tax rates will be less, since such a large portion of the increased spending is related to debt service and the district receives state aid for approximately 57 percent of bond issue-related expenses, but only about 22 percent for general educational expenses.

After a week off for the Presidents Week holiday, the board will continue its work on the budget Feb. 26, beginning at 7 p.m. in the district office at 90 Adams Place.

The board will review proposed 1997-98 spending for special education, BOCES services and interscholastic athletics at the Feb. 26 meeting.

## Bethlehem Chamber honors Adlers

By Dev Tobin

The maxim "A Mind Is a Terrible Thing to Waste" applies not just to African-American college students, according to Fred and Helen Adler of Delmar, who have been chosen as this year's Citizens of the Year by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.

The Adlers were, and remain, the driving force behind the Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning, which provides college-level courses at local sites for a student body largely consisting of local senior citizens.

"People are coming because they're eager to learn," said Helen, a retired English teacher from Bethlehem Central High School. "The teachers tell us they're so gratified to have people hanging on their every word and asking good questions."

The success of the program defies cliches about seniors and "gives people a chance to re-examine old ideas about old people," Helen said.

Fred, retired from the Hall & Co. general contracting firm, noted that the program is self-supporting and more.

"We generate enough to give back to the community with additional lectures, concerts, and a scholarship to a Bethlehem Central High School graduate," he said.

The biggest problem with the program is finding enough appropriate space, Fred said.

He noted that the meeting times for this semester's offerings at town hall were moved up by 15 minutes to avoid overcrowding the parking lot.

The Adlers were nominated by BC Superintendent Leslie Loomis, board president Pamela Williams and Judith Wooster, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction.

The Adlers have given "a whole new dimension to life in our community," Loomis said. "At a time when many people are relaxing, Helen and Fred have picked up their pace and given people a



Helen and Fred Adler, left, will be honored by Marty DeLaney, right, president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, and hundreds of chamber members at the group's dinner March 7 at Albany Country Club.

chance to broaden their horizons."

This semester's courses (up to five from the original three) include Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, The Monotheistic Vision: Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Survey of British Drama, The Romantic Symphony and Beyond, and Europe in the 20th Century: From World War I to the

Gulf War.

The spring semester begins the week of March 10, and registration will be accepted until March 6. Fees are \$30 for Bethlehem town or school district residents and \$35 for non-residents.

The institute will also sponsor a free concert by pianist Lincoln Mayorga at Bethlehem Public Library on April 18 at 7:30 p.m.

## NS board to review employment policies

By Dev Tobin

Even though New Scotland has less than a score of full-time employees, treating them fairly and legally is not just the right thing, but also the smart thing, to do, the town board was warned at last week's meeting.

Michael Richardson, a human resources consultant with Amtek, said small towns like New Scotland often place a low priority on human resources, which can be risky given that "lawsuits are around every corner" and that employment regulations are constantly changing.

Richardson noted that his firm has a lot of experience with small towns and could perform a variety of services, ranging from a full audit and report on the town's employee policies and procedures to sexual harassment workshops that may limit town liability in case of a lawsuit.

Regarding the sexual harassment workshops, Councilman Scott Houghtaling said, "We should do them because it's the right thing to do, not because we're scared of lawsuits."

Houghtaling said the town should review its policies in light

of Richardson's proposal, and determine whether other Amtek services are necessary.

In other business, the board approved new income levels for the senior citizens' property tax exemption and the veterans' alternative exemption.

The board also approved an agreement with the state that reimburses the town for \$5,709 in engineering costs related to the 1995 gasoline products spill at the former Kleen Resources property on North Road.

Under the agreement, the town reserves the right to sue Kleen Resources for other costs related to the spill, which contaminated drinking water supplies for about a dozen residences in the North and Upper Flat Rock roads area.

In another matter, the board approved several highway department purchases, including a truck at \$64,758, a brush chipper at \$13,110, and a water system leak detector at \$1,348.

The board also scheduled a special meeting for Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. to review the completed revaluation update project. Reilly noted that the update process "found \$7 million in property that had not been properly taxed."

## Family flees deadly carbon monoxide

A carbon monoxide detector helped a mother and her three children escape a potentially deadly situation Friday in their home on Rotterdam Drive in Dowerskill Village.

At around 10 a.m., the mother

noticed one of her 10-week-old twin daughters was acting a bit lethargic, according to Bethlehem Police Lt. Frederick Holligan.

***I've got them (carbon monoxide detectors) in my house. They could save a life, and in this case, they might have. You never know when your furnace might stop working or when your chimney might get clogged.***

Police Lt. Frederick Holligan

Around the same time, the mother heard a carbon monoxide detector go off at regular intervals, so she evacuated her twins and 2-year-old daughter from the home and ran to a neighbor's house to call 911.

The mother told police that the detector had chirped intermittently over the past week, but not on a consistent basis, so she didn't make a report.

Workers from the Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. responded to the Glenmont residence and took a reading.

"They detected 70 parts per million of carbon monoxide in the basement," Holligan said, "which is pretty high."

The mother and children were transported to St. Peter's Hospital in Albany by Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance, where they were treated and released.

The incident underscores the value of having carbon monoxide detectors in a home or apartment, Holligan said.

"I've got them in my house. They could save a life, and in this case, they might have," Holligan said. "You never know when your furnace might stop working or when your chimney might get clogged."

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# Cops nab fast food robbers Pappalardi is honored

By Mel Hyman

A foray into Bethlehem proved to be the undoing for two Albany teenagers charged with numerous felonies related to the recent string of armed robberies at local fast food restaurants.

Bethlehem police received a call from Albany police at about 11:50 p.m. Thursday alerting them that two suspects in the recent hold-ups at McDonald's restaurants in Albany and Troy were apparently heading into town via Route 9W.

"They came out by cab to the Days Inn, followed by the Albany Police," said Bethlehem Police Lt. Frederick Holligan. "We already had a surveillance detail out around the McDonald's (restaurants) in Glenmont and Delmar, so our detectives responded to that area and set up surveillance."

After the two suspects — Darrell Chapman, 16, of 145 Jay St. in Albany and Dontie Mitchell, 17, of Columbia Street, Hudson — were dropped off at the Days Inn, they ran into the woods and the Albany police lost track of them, Holligan said.

A short time later, a Bethlehem police dispatcher received a call from an employee at Roberts Towing & Recovery on Route 9W re-

porting suspicious activity in the lot behind the garage.

"Our detectives were right down the road, so they responded right away," Holligan said.

Chapman and Mitchell were spotted going through a vehicle, apparently trying to "hot wire it or steal parts," Holligan said.

Bethlehem police Det. Chris Bowdish and police officer Steve Demarest "took down" Chapman without a struggle, but Mitchell fled on foot into the woods behind the garage.

At that point, Bethlehem K-9 officer Wayne LaChappelle was summoned to the scene with his dog, and the dog tracked Mitchell all the way to Corning Hill Road where the scent was lost.

A short time later, Albany police on the lookout for the second culprit, spotted a young male fitting the suspect's description using a pay phone in front of the Stewart's store on Route 9W. Mitchell was quickly apprehended, and the crime spree started to unravel.

Albany police, who had staked out 145 Jay St. based on a tip and followed Chapman and Mitchell when they left that address at about 10:30 p.m. and entered a cab

headed to Bethlehem, returned to Jay Street after obtaining a search warrant.

Upon searching Chapman's apartment, which was also inhabited by 25-year-old Reggie Richardson, the third robbery suspect, they recovered a 9mm Uzi assault rifle, a Smith & Wesson 9 mm handgun, a Peck 6.35mm caliber pistol, ammunition for all the aforementioned weapons and a laser sighting device which was mounted on one of the guns, according to Albany Police Lt. Robert Wolfgang.

They also found a considerable amount of cash believed to have come from the fast food holdups in Albany and Troy, police said.

Criminal trespass charges have been filed against Mitchell and Chapman by Bethlehem police, and more serious charges could follow, Holligan said.

Chapman, Mitchell and Richardson were arraigned in Albany City Court Friday on numerous felony charges stemming from the armed robberies last week at the McDonald's restaurant on Holland Avenue in Albany and the McDonald's restaurant on 108th Street and Second Avenue in Lansingburgh.

All three suspects pleaded not guilty to the charges filed against them and were sent to Albany County jail without bail.

Neither of the suspects apprehended in Bethlehem was armed at the time, Holligan said.

By Mel Hyman

When you have the health and safety of 6,000-plus employees to keep track of, that's no small task.

For Jackie Pappalardi of Delmar, it's a challenge she looks forward to every day when she goes to work at Albany Medical Center. And she takes her job seriously as evidenced by her recently being named Albany Medical Center's Employee of the Year for 1996.

"Jackie has demonstrated a commitment to the well-being of her colleagues that is remarkable in its intensity and contagious in its nature," said James J. Barba, chairman of the board of directors and president/chief executive officer of Albany Med.

A practicing nurse for the past 20 years, Pappalardi is assistant manager for environmental health and safety for the hospital and medical center. She helped start a safety orientation day at Albany Med that was featured in a nationwide video distributed to medical institutions across the country.

"I'm very honored and very proud," she said. "It was a very big surprise for me. I'm just so honored because at Albany Med they take health and safety so seriously."

In conjunction with the state Department of Health, Pappalardi helped fashion a Sharps program, which mandates hospitals and nursing homes to accept used needles and syringes brought in by the public. New York was the



Jackie Pappalardi

first state in the country to start such a program.

A resident of Delmar where she lives with her husband Dennis, an administrator at the Center for the Disabled in Albany, Pappalardi is an Albany native. She graduated from the former Vincentian Institute on Madison Avenue.

Prior to working at Albany Med, she served as a nurse in the trauma, vascular and obstetrical units at Rochester General Hospital in Rochester. She's also taught nursing at Russell Sage College in Troy, and she taught Lamaze childbirth classes for 12 years.

In recent years, "No single employee has done more to raise the level of awareness, compliance and competence of medical center employees on the critical issues of institutional safety," said Claude Rounds, vice president for plant management.

Pappalardi's efforts to improve safety have been recognized by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, he said.

In addition to helping develop the safety orientation program and annual safety competency checks of AMC employees, Pappalardi was instrumental in establishing the "Safety Circle" — a program aimed at obtaining employee input on ways to improve workplace safety.

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# Board

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this is something we feel strongly about, and where there is a certain amount of scientific feeling that it would be the wrong kind of industry," Berger said. "Yet, we continue to have them. I don't understand why a significant number of people on the town board continue to invite these kinds of projects into the community"

Supervisor Sheila Fuller replied that neither she nor the town board ever sent a letter to Spurlock inviting them into the community.

The Empire State Development Corp. (a state economic development agency) and Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce helped pave the way for Spurlock to come into Glenmont, she said. Also, the Glenmont site was compatible with the company's desire to locate by the Hudson River and Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.'s need to clean up a brownfield there.

"They do have a right to go through the (environmental review) process," she said. "We can't just shut them out. But if there is any kind of major problem with them, we can do our best to prevent them from being here."

Longtime Selkirk resident Bob Samsel acknowledged the hazards of formaldehyde, but cautioned board members against setting an example they might later regret.

"I'm opposed to spending any taxpayer money," he said. "It will set a precedent. If you pass this tonight, in the future every gadfly, every self-appointed expert and every activist with a political agenda will be here looking for money. I'd like to see the clean air people raise the money themselves."

"This is not an impossible task," he continued. "If a bunch of high school kids in Cody, Wyo., a town with a population of 6,000, can raise \$100,000 to send their band to the (presidential) inauguration, I'm sure the clean air people, in a

much more affluent and populous town, can do it for themselves."

Spurlock officials were unavailable for comment, although spokesman Jon Pierce of Sawchuck, Brown Associates of Albany said, "Unless something comes up that's more feasible economically, they have no plans to

leave this site.

"(Spurlock) welcomes all the input they can get," he said, "and hopefully the hiring of (Alessi) will help convince people that the project makes sense and that everything is above board and meets regulations."

# Lawyer

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The board did not decide on what it would pay Alessi for his work on Spurlock. Board members said Alessi was chosen from among several highly qualified people who offered to provide legal assistance on the environmental review process.

"I have the utmost respect for his talents and capabilities," said Councilman George Lenhardt. "He successfully represented the town in a rather nasty lawsuit brought against it by a developer. I'm sure he'll be relentless in trying to make this a thorough and complete review."

"We've had a number of very qualified people submit their resumes, but I feel most comfortable going with someone I know personally," said Councilwoman Doris Davis. "I worked with Bob on the planning board, and I'm going to have to take the person who defended me."

Prior to Alessi's appointment, the board entertained comments from people in the audience, several of whom questioned Alessi about his background and expertise in environmental law.

Alessi, who works for the Albany law firm of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, said he deals with a wide range of clients including corporations and municipalities involved with environmental issues.

Not everyone agreed he was the best choice. Attorney Lisa Gordon of Delmar said, "I'm sure (Alessi) is a lovely person. I'm

sure he's a good attorney, but I don't think he's the proper person for the job. I think we need someone with a lot of expertise in this arcane area of the law. I don't think someone who has represented corporations in this field is the best possible person for the job. I guess he's a friend of all of yours, and I guess it's a done deal, but I think that's unfortunate."

But Davis said, "I'm very concerned with the fact that any aspirations have been cast (about Alessi) by another member of his profession. I'm sorry this had to happen because I don't think he deserves that."

"I have never, ever heard a disparaging word about Bob Alessi," added Supervisor Sheila Fuller.

Alessi, 38, has been a Bethlehem Republican committeeman since 1988. He was appointed planning board attorney in 1990 and resigned in December 1994.

"I'm going to consult with the board to maximize the amount of input we have into the Spurlock application," he said. "I will also communicate with the residents on ways we can ensure there will be an exacting review of the project through the SEQR (state environmental quality review) process."

Alessi said his first order of business will be to meet with the board on whether to hire scientific and/or technical experts to study the environmental risks posed by formaldehyde, methanol and other chemicals used in the plant's manufacturing process.

# Swimmers

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BC swimmers set four new school records at the meet, two of which were Section II records.

Neff said the team had "The strongest sectionals performance I've seen."

The winner of each event, as well as second and third place swimmers who achieved the qualifying time and any swimmers who made the "magic" time, will represent the section at the State Championships in Syracuse.

An unprecedented 26 athletes qualified for the state meet, eight of whom are from Bethlehem.

BC's 200-yard medley relay team of junior Scott Strickler and seniors Ben Samelson-Jones, Greg Teresi and Brad Pryba will compete. Although they finished second, their 1:41.05 clocking was faster than the "magic" qualifying time. Neff could not recall when Section II had sent more than one team in a relay.

Senior Reid Putnam won the 200 yard freestyle event in 1:46.07. Steve Corson, a junior, finished less than a second behind him. Both qualified for the state meet.

Another state qualifier, Brian Strickler, had a record-setting performance in the 200 individual medley. Strickler lowered the Amsterdam pool, Bethlehem school and Section II Champion-

ship Meet mark to 1:57.25. Freshman Christopher Shaffer finished fifth.

Shenendehowa's Chris Hess won the 50-yard freestyle in 22.33. BC senior Sean Barclay and Scott Strickler finished fifth and sixth respectively.

For the fourth year in a row, Shaker's Kurt Benedict finished first in the one-meter diving competition. BC sophomore Kirk Lamitie, diving in his last meet for the Eagles, finished eighth.

Lamitie, who is moving from the area with his family, will be missed by diving coach John Mead.

Brian McKenna of Voorheesville (Guilderville) won the 100 freestyle in 47.85. Putnam and Barclay came in third and fourth.

Demonstrating a combination of speed and endurance, Corson shattered BC and Amsterdam pool records in the 500-yard freestyle. Corson, who has been undefeated in the event in Section II for three years, had a time of 4:46.66. Shaffer was sixth.

Buoyed by Corson's performance, the team of Barclay, Brian Strickler, Teresi and Putnam established a new Section II mark in the 200 freestyle relay. Their time of 1:28.52 eclipsed the record set by BC in 1992.



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## Matters of Opinion

## Town on right track

Although the Bethlehem town board has placated local environmental activists in the ongoing debate about the merits of the proposed Spurlock Adhesives plant in Glenmont, the most important issue is to determine whether or not the plant is safe. Politics and emotional rhetoric aside, this is the fairest approach to take in terms of Spurlock or any business who would contemplate moving here.

Supervisor Sheila Fuller and the board have worked hard to dispel the perception that Bethlehem is hostile toward business, and that is something that should not be swept under the rug because of the brouhaha over Spurlock.

The Department of Environmental Conservation is currently conducting a review of Spurlock's proposal. When that State Environmental Quality Review process is finished, the town will evaluate the agency's conclusions, and that is as it should be.

Putting a price tag on what that might cost the town is premature. Certainly \$100,000 or a blank check seems far-fetched. Town officials have said they will evaluate DEC's findings, and we trust that they will. It is their responsibility to do this, just as it is their duty to oversee the town's finances. Let us hope reason and not rhetoric prevails.

No reasonable person would want an unsafe chemical plant to move in next door, and no reasonable person would squander town monies unnecessarily.

And looking ahead, most reasonable individual taxpayers realize that businesses who are deemed environmentally friendly must be welcomed here if the town is to continue to provide its citizens with the services they have come to expect.

The three R's in this situation are reason, responsibility and restraint.

## Teachers, board agree

At long last, Voorheesville teachers and the board of education have come to an agreement on a contract.

Four years without a contract has taken its toll on the district, with teachers picketing in front of the schools, students claiming college recommendations were being denied and the board refusing to budge on what it was willing to offer teachers. Now, with a settlement, even though both sides don't appear to be thrilled with the new package, it is better to have one than go on in a kind of educational limbo.

Teachers will be able to focus all their energy on what they do best — rather than worry about uncertain salary and benefit packages. And the board will be able to get on with what it does best, which is to help chart the future of Voorheesville schools.

We hope both the board and the teachers will be able to overcome past animosity and get on with what needs to be done.

The new seven-year agreement will give all parties ample time to heal. The board and the faculty will change over that period, but a four-year lapse without a contract should be something teachers and the board should not forget next time around.

## Matters of finance

Before falling into a tizzy over the April IRS deadline — too bad the state Legislators weren't held to one as we are — take time to peruse this week's Financial Services special supplement.

Readers will find some useful information on the IRS and on less taxing matters such as mutual funds, retirement tips, credit cards and IRAs.

Local advertisers and financial experts have a lot of good information that could be just what you're looking for. Who knows, something in the section might end up making or saving you money.

## Editorials

## Safety is everyone's business

By Richard LaChappelle

The writer of this week's Point of View is the town of Bethlehem police chief.

I have been a police officer in the town of Bethlehem for 29 years, serving as chief for the last five. My responsibilities have included investigating numerous traffic fatalities, arresting offenders responsible for these unnecessary deaths, participating actively in their prosecution and comforting families of victims as they try to go on with their lives.

I have never been able to adequately answer the question "why" when a young life has been lost. We have all engaged in the "what if" effort to understand tragic deaths, but often there are no obvious answers.

On the front page of an old issue of *The Spotlight*, my daughter, age 7 and my son, age 10 (now 27 and 30) appeared with a Bethlehem police officer in front of one of our schools, with a poster that said schools were open and "Please Drive Safely."

That reminds me that as long as I have been a police officer, there has been a strong working relationship between the schools, the town and the police department.

Bethlehem police have a long-standing commitment to traffic safety that has been recognized throughout the state. Officers have received awards from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, Albany County Stop DWI and Albany County Traffic Safety Awareness Committee.

But one of our failures is that we have not shown the public the extent of our involvement in an effort to provide safe streets for our residents.

In addition to the DARE program, a youth bureau officer visits each elementary school throughout the year giving presentations

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on bicycle safety, pedestrian safety, school bus safety and other topics designed to give each child the tools he or she needs to work and play safely.

More recently, specially trained traffic safety officers have also been working with the schools to provide information on all aspects of personal and traffic safety.

Middle schoolers and high school students learn about preventing substance abuse, especially alcohol use and abuse. Teachers and officers work together to give our children as much information as possible about walking, bicycling and driving safely.

The School Resource Officer program at the middle and high schools has provided an opportunity for students to directly interact with police officers specially trained in handling adolescent problems who answer their questions in an honest way and provide a safer learning environment for each student.

These few examples of what we are trying to do in our community shows that our commitment has spanned many years and has not wavered. The partnership between the town, the schools and the police department is in the same spirit of the coalitions formed in the Community Partnership, where government, parents, schools students, business leaders, clergy and others come together in an effort to identify and solve local problems.

By calling upon whatever resources necessary and working together, we have realized that all problems can be addressed so that the community we all live in is a better, safer and more nurturing place to raise our children.

If traffic safety were one big jigsaw puzzle, then those pieces represented by town government, the police department and school and community leaders would fit pretty well. But the biggest piece of the puzzle, the individual, is the key to our success.

We as adults know that if we speed, don't wear seat belts, run a stop sign or the like, we will probably end up with a ticket. Enforcement is another thing that a police department does, sometime applauded, sometimes derided.

Well-intentioned adults, myself included, know the rules, but do we always follow them? When we don't, we increase the risk to ourselves and others, even though we don't consider our acts to be reckless.

If we all paid more attention to those things we have direct control over, we each could contribute to making our community safer. Although our community provides outstanding educational and informational services, we each must take responsibility of our own safety. This is the missing piece of the puzzle.

The schools, the town and the police department provide education, information and enforcement to make us the best informed citizens possible. But we also must take this knowledge and use it to increase our own individual awareness. We can do things ourselves to reduce our own risk. Just as we tell children of dos and don'ts, we must remind ourselves how best we can protect ourselves.

The police can, through enforcement, create a zero-tolerance attitude that contributes to traffic safety. The schools can educate and inform students and provide them with tools that can reduce risks. The town can present safety programs that also inform children and adults, again, providing the tools to reduce risk. But the individual must look out for himself or herself if all factors are going to be brought together to maximize safety.

One of the most successful traffic safety programs in the nation is Albany County Stop DWI, seen as a model community effort. Through education, enforcement, strict prosecution, community support and individual effort, the number of alcohol-related crashes, injuries and fatalities has been reduced dramatically.

No traffic safety program is 100

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## Your Opinion Matters

## Writer credits board for Spurlock decision

Editor, The Spotlight:

Despite the darkness of February, there was glimmer of light shed at the recent Bethlehem town board meeting. To their credit, town board members took two significant steps to protect the health and safety of our community.

The board approved the hiring of an environmental attorney and also pledged to use financial resources to hire technical scientific experts if needed to safeguard our air and water quality.

It is my opinion that both the attorney and the scientific experts will be needed to maintain local control of our town's environment. The newly hired attorney, Bob Alessi, assured the worried and concerned citizens that he would consider the enactment of a local law which would, in effect, make it difficult or impossible for Spurlock to sally into Bethlehem with state approvals and dollars in hand.

Take heed, Mr. Alessi! Just across the river in the beleaguered rural hamlet of Nassau, their beloved Snake Mountain is about to be leveled in the name of corporate profits, despite a pre-existing local land use zoning law which explicitly prohibits mining of such magnitude.

The wishes of Nassau's citizens are being steamrolled by the very same state administration bent on promising Spurlock \$1.17 million if only it will manufacture its carcinogenic materials in our backyard.

The Snake Mountain debacle is a very clear signal to Bethlehem that a local law will not be enough to protect us from the Goliath partnership of state and corporate players. If the plant is permitted, even state and federal laws will be insufficient to prevent environmental degradations.

State laws permit industrial discharges into drinking water supplies. And, federal laws which set thresholds for allowable levels of formaldehyde emissions from smokestacks will not protect us

## Letters

from odors nor "fugitive" emissions. Let me explain.

Formaldehyde is an extremely toxic carcinogen. The plant's wastewater will be flushed into the Bethlehem sewage treatment system and then out into the Hudson River, just a short distance from the intake of Bethlehem's new source of drinking water. Just another reason to drink bottled water.

So, think about sinking property values caused by stinking air pollution. Fugitive emissions are emissions that come from leaks, spills, and accidents. Fugitive emissions are frequently three times as high as the allowable emissions from smokestacks if you believe the reports submitted routinely by other chemical plants in the region.

So even though the proposed plant's stack emissions may be well below the EPA's air thresholds, the communities of Bethlehem, Rensselaer and Albany will be exposed to fugitive emissions that far exceed spurious safety levels.

My crystal ball says that an environmental battle in Bethlehem is looming. That is why I am so grateful that the town board has approved the idea of hiring scientific experts if needed. My unsolicited advice — Don't wait until the local law you enact is ignored! By then, it will be too late! Goliath is here; and David will need all the scientific slingshots we can get!

Carole Nemore

Bethlehem Citizens for Clean Air  
Delmar

*Editor's note: According to town law, industrial waste water would not be discharged into the town sewage system.*

## Resident has faith in town leaders

Editor, The Spotlight:

Congratulations to Supervisor Sheila Fuller and the town board for their decision to hire an attorney to examine options regarding the proposed Spurlock plant. This shows both wisdom and vision by examining their options rather than blindly committing an arbitrary sum of money to hire "experts" as some have proposed.

According to the town supervisor, the town will spend "whatever is necessary to ensure the safety and welfare of the residents." This is exactly what town government is supposed to do, protect its citizens and provide responsible leadership.

One final note on the hearing; despite the ranting of a few partisans, our town board and supervisor have not formulated a position on this issue. As they have said repeatedly, they are going to take the responsible, prudent approach to the Spurlock plant and do what is best for Bethlehem.

It's unfortunate that a few "political wannabes" don't place the same credence on honesty and respect that our town supervisor and board members do. I personally am very confident that those elected leaders will continue to execute their duties and maintain Bethlehem's status as one of the most desirable places to live in Albany County.

Fred Stratmann

Slingerlands

## Woman suggests whiners look in mirror for answers

Editor, The Spotlight:

A week doesn't pass that someone isn't whining about how local residents don't shop in Bethlehem. We all go to Colonie and Guilderland. Oh, boo hoo, why don't the locals spend their money here? I'm sick of hearing this.

The reason we don't shop here is that there is nothing much here. There are three shops that are an indicator of the class and income of the locals — South Street Framers, Joyelle Jewelers and the Village Shop. They all do well and don't have to cry and beg for customers.

Now, let's look at Delaware Plaza. Woolworth's, a rundown Chinese restaurant and an even more rundown coffee shop and a low-end clothing and shoe store. The primary reason for the plaza being in business, it seems to me, is to entice the low-income people from Albany who come here on the bus.

There is a lot of money in Delmar — on a clear day, you can almost smell it in the air. Yet, we have a shopping center that reflects anything but upper-income residents. I brought my children into a local eatery the other night and mentioned that we have been here for over two years, but never knew the place existed. The food was good, the atmosphere non-existent.

But what struck me was that the employee didn't even offer me a take-out menu and didn't seem to care one way or the other if we ever returned.

If I owned a business, I would be accommodating, friendly and courteous. Through word-of-mouth, business would thrive. Most of the local store owners here don't seem to care.

Why doesn't Delaware Plaza have a gourmet food shop with a European-style bakery and the convenience of a few tables and chairs? Why is a nice ethnic restaurant not there? Why isn't there a nice children's clothing store, a nice women's store? Why don't the absentee owners require stores to renovate every 10 years? Why did they put barriers around the sidewalks so you are forced to walk in back of parked cars (a huge safety hazard) to find an opening to enter the sidewalk?

Why? Because no one here seems to be interested in making money or keeping or making customers.

So stop whining and carrying on. We go elsewhere because we are forced to. Look at Stuyvesant Plaza — they don't have to cry. They laugh all the way to the bank.

Delmar Helene R. Sovern

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**Matters of Opinion**

**Doctor questions prostate tests**

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing in response to an article in the Feb. 5 edition entitled "Annual prostate test a must for middle-aged men." Your article clearly conveys the impression that there is agreement among physicians that routine screening for prostate specific antigen (PSA) is desirable. In fact, there are at least three authoritative medical organizations which have recommended against routine PSA screening.

There is a review of this subject in the highly respected "New England Journal of Medicine," which is in Bethlehem Public Library. The reference is "Screening for Prostate Cancer with Prostate-Specific Antigen, An Examination of Evidence" by Steven Woolf in volume 333 on pages 1401 to 1405, No. 21 in the Nov. 23, 1995 issue. Any of the library's excellent staff will help you to find it.

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Here are some significant points discussed in the article. After age 50, about one out of every three men is found to have prostate cancer, according to many autopsy studies on men who died of any cause. This means that there are more than nine million men with "latent" prostate cancer, most of whom will never know it and die someday of something else.

There are about 40,000 deaths from prostate cancer every year, and all agree this is a very serious problem.

Is there any way to tell which prostate cancers will spread, causing disease and death, and which will remain dormant, never causing any problem. How much benefit is there from early diagnosis and does PSA screening result in more benefit than harm?

In recent years, newly diagnosed prostate cancer has increased 40 percent, mostly because of PSA testing, but mortality has increased 24 percent. Ongoing research should answer these and other questions, but likely not before the year 2000.

The article also lists the very significant conditions with current methods of diagnosis and treatment, including high rates of sexual dysfunction and inability to control urination. Dr. Woolf stresses the need for the patient and physician to be well-informed about the pros and cons before starting PSA screening. He also suggests that it is not likely to be of overall value for men whose life expectancy is less than 10 years.

If it proves to be true that each year the chance of dying of prostate cancer is one in 230 for those who have latent prostate cancer, then the gung-ho attitude of Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf may sell *Time* magazines, but may also seriously disrupt the lives of many who would otherwise have died of something else.

Dr. James H. Pert

Glenmont

**Safety**

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percent effective. A prevention program cannot measure success using a local scale, so it is important that municipalities throughout a region embrace similar efforts to make that region safer.

The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee has endorsed the nationwide program entitled "Safe and Sober," where police departments in the county, state and nation focus on speed enforcement, vehicle restraints and alcohol enforcement.

Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller and school Superintendent Les Loomis are key figures in the success of our local effort. Both are committed to a partnership which brings together education, information, enforcement, community involvement and a dedicated desire to provide a safe environment for our children.

With this support, and the individual recognition of how each of us can contribute to our own well-being, we can keep our community safe and minimize risks that we all face.

Incidents occur in every town where young lives are lost for no apparent reason. Our hearts are

with the victims, their families and their loved ones, and we wish that we could turn the clock back and make everything right again, but this isn't possible.

We must, however, remain vigilant, never forgetting those who have lost their lives. We must do the best we can to prevent future tragedies.

Bethlehem is a special community. We share common values, care about our neighbors and are united in our efforts to maintain a certain quality of life for ourselves and our children. When one of us has a loss, we all share in that loss, and we come together, comfort one another and become stronger in our grief.

**Bethlehem Preschool holding open house**

The Bethlehem Preschool will hold an open house on Wednesday, March 5, from 4 to 6 p.m. for families interested in exploring their kindergarten options for September.

The preschool offers full- and half-day kindergarten classes and a kindergarten enrichment program for children who attend half-day public school programs.

The school offers computers, field trips, math and reading readiness, science and drama in a small, nurturing environment.

Bethlehem Preschool is located at 397 Route 9W in Glenmont, near the corner of Feura Bush Road.

For information, call 463-8091.

**Five Rivers holding sessions for children**

Naturalists at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar invite teachers of pupils in grades three through eight to participate in field trips at the environmental center through Feb. 28.

Pupils in grades three and four can participate in "Winter Challenges," which will take a look at how wildlife survives during the winter.

Pupils in grades five through eight can explore the outdoors on snowshoes.

For information, call 475-0291.

**V'ville Girl Scouts to hold tea party**

In honor of Girl Scout Sunday on March 9, the Girl Scout troops of Voorheesville will hold a "Heritage Tea" for the senior citizens of the community.

The event is a celebration of ethnic origins. Each troop will select a nation and prepare a food dish and entertainment that represent the culture of that nation.

The tea will be held at the First United Methodist Church at 68 Maple Ave. in Voorheesville from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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three or five working years.

The board will add \$5,000 per year to the last three years of a teacher's salary, for those using the five-year average, and who would like to retire in June of 1997 or 1998.

These teachers need to notify the board of their intention to retire by April 1 of this year.

Another piece of the retirement incentive has been worked out for 1998. Those not eligible to retire, but who wish to leave, will receive 60 percent of the difference between their working pay and the salary at Step 3 of the contract, where new hires typically begin their contract.

Cole said he anticipates savings from these retirement incentives.

"Even after paying the \$15,000 incentive, the district will save \$10,000 per retiree in 1997-98," he said. "In the 1998-99 school year, the savings go up to \$25,000."

During negotiations, Cole said, both sides talked about the number of potential retirees, estimating that it might be five to 10.

"The retirement challenge is that a new contract equals a higher salary," which would increase a teacher's pension, Cole said. "We wanted to open a window so people would say 'Maybe it's a better if I leave now.'"

The contract agreement will have no impact on the current operating budget.

"We have all the money," Cole said, "and we don't have to borrow or go into reserves beyond those we've already set up. The impact on the 1997-98 budget depends upon retirement and staffing needs."

Cole said he could foresee savings to the district. As for the future impact on the taxpayer, "Making a direct correlation between the contract and the tax rate is impossible. We don't know who'll be working for us, and who works for us completely drives the budget."

In addition to the mathematical

side of the budget, both sides agreed to a number of contractual provisions in the contract.

"Some of these have a direct cost impact, some indirect," Cole said. "They have a direct impact on the administration being able to manage the school, and they will improve communication between the VTA and the board."

Cole said the one thing he had heard from teachers was that while the money was "OK," the tightening up of the contract language was a vast improvement.

"There were things that were sloppily written that had both sides bedeviled," Cole said. "I'm confident that this will solve those problems."

One of these provisions had to do with teacher employment, giving the superintendent the final authority regarding where on the salary schedule a new teacher would begin.

"The superintendent will establish the probationary entry level step and the tenure step," Cole explained. "A new teacher will stay on the probationary step with no salary increase, for three years if they've never been New York state-tentured, and two if they have been."

A series of level step payments has been established for department chairs and coordinators.

"These payments were percentages of salaries," Cole said, "and they began to compound against salary increases. The cost of the positions was too high."

The new contract establishes a series of level step payments, independent of a teacher's salary, with values assigned for different years.

An English department chair in Step 1 of this new schedule would receive \$2,350 per year for

years 1-4; Step 2, for years 5-8, receives \$2,850; and Step 3, for nine years or more, receives \$3,350. Teachers who are already in these positions and earning higher amounts, will see this compensation level out.

"We didn't want to take money out," Cole said.

Coaches and other extracurricular compensation will also follow a series of steps. A varsity bowling coach at Step 1 for instance will receive \$1,165 each year up to the eighth year, and then \$1,700 per year after that.

In the new contract, academic assignments have also been more clearly defined, particularly part-time teaching.

"We've never had a definition for part-time teaching," Cole said. "Prior to the 1990s, we didn't need one. Now we're much more likely to hire a teacher for one or two classes, rather than hiring a full-time teacher, then filling their time. We struggled with what that time is worth, how to pay a part-time teacher and whether to provide benefits. This category is now classified and will not receive benefits. The benefits are worth at least as much as what they're paid."

One change that Cole feels will strengthen communication is an extensive teacher evaluation system. The board and the VTA have a year to submit a plan to the board for the creation of a professional body to serve in this capacity.

"I want this to be a living, breathing entity," Cole said, "and to provide a system of peer assistance and mentoring for teachers."

Finally, the new contract will add on more day to the school year, increasing it from 181 to 182 days.

"I'm glad this is behind us," Cole said. "Now we can look forward instead of looking back."

# Relief

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"I hope the community reacts positively and supports it," Cole said. "We've really appreciated the community support throughout this process."

New board member Nicholas Faraone, a founding member of the Voorheesville Taxpayers Association, a group that encouraged the board to stand firm in their efforts to keep costs down, welcomed the contract.

"This is a very fair settlement," Faraone said, "and that's not just a political answer. The dollar amount is less than the VTA wanted, but more than the board wanted. Both sides worked long and hard, and clarified a lot of language."

Larry Bonham, a board member of the Voorheesville Taxpayers Association, said his group was "pleased that after four years the teachers and administration have reached an agreement. We have a large 'but,' though. A 3.5 percent increase is high for seniors and those on a fixed income, who usually see an increase of 2.5 percent per year. The school budget went from \$5.9 million in 1985 to more than \$12 million in the 1996-97 school year. That's a 100 percent increase in the last 10 years, and local school taxes have gone up 100 percent. We're worrying about

the future, and feel we reached our limit on school taxes."

Bonham felt that the settlement was "better than the original 17.7 percent over three years that the teachers had asked for. Personally, I hope the teachers are happy with this equitable contract. It's time to focus on our primary intent — educating our children, and the quality of our schools."

Pat Handen, president of the elementary school PTA, said she was "thrilled" that the contract was settled.

"For the teachers to work without a contract is horrible," she said.

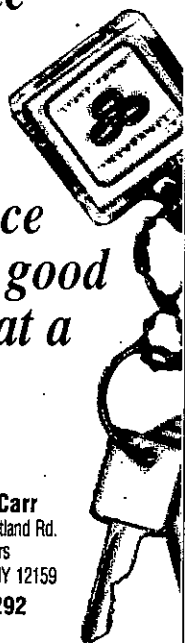
On the last day before a school break, teachers, including VTA president Mark Diefendorf, were hard to reach.

Carol Kademus, high school librarian, said she is happy to have a contract after all these years.

"I can live with it," she said. "The salary is not what I had initially hoped for, but the non-salary parts are very agreeable. I hope things change in the school, but I think it will take a while for the wounds between teachers and the community to heal."

Elementary school Principal Edward Diegel, who is not affected by the contract, said he was "happy and relieved" for the teachers.

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Registration is open to girls and boys between the age of 13 and 15. For information, call Rodney Conrad at 756-9809.

## RCS building teams announce meetings

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk building leadership teams have scheduled their monthly meetings.

The Becker team will meet Mon-

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day, Feb. 24, at 3:40 p.m. at the school. Pieter B. Coeymans will also meet Monday at the school at the same time.

The middle school team will meet Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 3 p.m. at the school, and the high school team will meet Wednesday, Feb. 26.

## Library seeks nominations for two board of trustee seats

Bethlehem Public Library is seeking nominations to fill two vacancies on the board of trustees: the unexpired term of Robert O'Neill, who resigned in November 1996 and another term ending June 30.

Candidates running for re-election are current board President Susan Birkhead and Jordan

Langner, who was appointed to fill the remainder of O'Neill's term.

The trusteeships are 5-year terms that begin on July 1. Petitions containing at least 67 signatures must be filed with the district clerk at 90 Adams Place in Delmar by Monday, April 7, 30 days prior to the election in May.



Local jazzman Skip Parsons gives Feestelijk co-chairmen Lorraine Smith and David Young a taste of what the action will be like on May 3, when a number of performances are scheduled throughout town. *Hugh Hewitt*

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Dinner is \$8 per person. Reservations are recommended.

For information, call 439-9836.

### Alzheimer's group to meet in Delmar

The Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern New York will hold a support group meeting at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar today, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m.

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# Neighborhood Scouts to dish up supper

Tickets are going fast for the Voorheesville Neighborhood Girl Scouts' spaghetti supper on Saturday, March 1, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post on Voorheesville Avenue.

Dinners are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Tickets are available from Girl Scout members or by calling Terri Berger at 765-2674.

On Sunday, March 9, Voorheesville Girl Scouts will celebrate Girl Scout Sunday with a heritage tea for senior citizens in the community.

The event is a celebration of ethnic origins. Each troop will select a nation and prepare a food dish and entertainment that represent the culture of that country.

The tea will be at First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue from 2:20 to 4:30 p.m. For information, call 765-3747.

## Historical Association announces winners

New Scotland Historical Association has announced the winners of the E. Dayton Joslin History Prize for the best essay by a seventh-grader living in New Scotland.

Binky Sayer is first prize winner for her essay on the origins of Punkintown.

Erica Cacciotti won second prize, Emily Corcione, third and A.J. Cavanaugh, fourth.

## Batters up for Little League

Registration for Kiwanis Club Little League and girls softball will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 25 and 26, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the elementary school cafeteria.

The Little League program is open to boys and girls who are in

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kindergarten through sixth-grade and residents of the school district or the town of New Scotland. Girls from age 10 through 13 are eligible to play softball.

The season runs from April 28 through June 14. A \$20 fee is payable at registration. The maximum fee is \$40 per family.

For information about Little League, call Kyle Schlappi at 765-9337. For information about girls softball, call Fred Wiley at 765-2724.

## Lenten lecture series under way at St. Matthew's

A special lecture series called "Perspectives from Our Christian History" or "How Did We Get Here from There?" is scheduled on Tuesdays during Lent at St. Matthew's Church on Mountain-view Street.

Talks will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The sessions will be of interest to those who are curious about what Vatican II was all about and changes Catholics have experienced since then.

The Feb. 25 program is about confession, penance and reconciliation. On March 4, the celebration of the Eucharist and the Mass will be discussed. The topic for March 11 is "How Has Our Growing Scientific Knowledge Affected Our Religious Beliefs?"

And the final session will consider what the church will be like in the next century.

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ter, call 765-2805.

## Elementary school PTA sets busy agenda

The next elementary school PTA meeting is on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the school library.

The PTA is busy planning events for next month. A book fair is set for Friday and Saturday, March 14 and 15. An abbreviated Parents as Reading Partners session will run from March 17 to 21, and the annual Winter Fest is slated for Saturday March 22.

Volunteers are needed to set up and clean up, staff the games and provide baked goods at the festival. If you can help, call Petra DeSalvo at 478-7847.

PTA-sponsored rollerskating is set for Thursday, Feb. 27, from 3:15 to 5:15 in the elementary school gymnasium. Tickets will be sold in advance at school for \$3.50 each and include skate rental.

## Methodist church conducts Lenten program

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville is sponsoring a Lenten program for adults. "Praying in the Midst of Life" will be on Sundays in Lent from 11:20 to noon at the church on Maple Avenue.

For information, call the church office at 765-2895.

## Kiwanis to host coaches dinner

New Scotland Kiwanis Club will host a coaches night dinner on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church on Mountain-view Street.

A fellowship hour will follow the service.

## V'ville trustees slate meeting Feb. 25

The next regular meeting of the village of Voorheesville board of trustees is Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 8 p.m. at village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

A public hearing regarding proposed changes to the zoning law will be at 7:30 p.m.

The Voorheesville Youth and Recreation Commission meets tonight, Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the first floor main office of village hall to prepare this year's recreation budget.

## New Scotland board sets special meeting date

New Scotland town board will conduct a special meeting Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 6 p.m. at town hall on Route 85 for public discussion of revised tax assessment.

## Tax exemption applications must be filed by March 1

Applications for senior citizen and veteran property tax exemptions must be filed by March 1. Senior citizens who earn less than \$26,899 may be eligible for a reduction.

For information, call the New Scotland tax assessor's office at 765-3355.

## Traveler to present slides of Antarctica

Travis Carson will present a slide show of his trip to Antarctica at the next meeting of the New Scotland Senior citizens on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 1 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community in New Salem. All senior citizens in the community are invited to attend.

## Snowshoe walking planned at Five Rivers

Asnowshoe walk will take place at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m. Naturalists will lead the walk. If there is insufficient snow for snowshoeing, the walk will take place on foot.

Participants should dress for the outdoors. Children must be at least in fourth grade in order to fit into Five Rivers' snowshoes.

Reservations are required. For information, call 475-0291.

## Children's author to host story hour

A story hour featuring the works of children's author Virginia Hamilton will take place on Monday, March 3, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. Hamilton's stories are appropriate for children in grades one and up.

She has won the Newbery Medal, the Edgar Allan Poe Award and the Coretta Scott King Award.

To register or for information, call 439-9314.

## Talk to explore local literary figures

Dr. Jack VanDerhoof, professor emeritus of history at Russell Sage College in Troy, will give a lecture on the region's literary characters at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar today, Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m. "Legendary Figures: Real and Imagined" spans the region's literary history from the 17th century to the present.

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# Sports

BC faces Troy tonight in 1st-round sectional game

## Abba hopes Eagles up to task

By Jessica Fein

Bethlehem boys basketball coach **Chuck Abba** knows that his team needs to step up and deliver a super effort if it's to defeat Troy High in tonight's first-round, Section II tournament game.

But the Eagles have surprised the skeptics before this year, and Abba believes they are capable of doing it again.

"Troy has a good team," he said, "and we're going to have to play well to beat them, but I fully believe we're up to the challenge. At this time of year, every game is big, and everyone plays their hardest."

Bethlehem, which won the Suburban Council Gold Division this year, is seeded fifth among Suburban Council teams.

Troy finished fourth in the Big 10. The game starts at 7 p.m. in the Bethlehem Central High School gymnasium.

Bethlehem is on a roll right now, having won two, hard-fought games last week.

**Scott DeFeo's** 21 points led the Eagles to a 66-53 victory over Columbia in the consolation round of the Suburban Council tournament on Thursday.

**Tim Staniels** added 12 points, and both **Geoff Hunter** and **Leo Bresnahan** contributed three, three-pointers.

Bethlehem, which started off strong against Columbia, lost some offensive steam in the last



BC's **Seamus Gallagher** puts a move on his opponent during a recent Suburban Council game. The Eagles face Troy tonight. *Doug Persons*

quarter, but made up for it with a persistent defense, Abba said.

"It was a really good game for the entire team," said Staniels.

Bethlehem's win over Columbia was preceded by a nail-biter against Burnt Hills. The entire game came down to the last two seconds when **Kevin Russell** hit a jump shot that gave BC a two-point victory, 52-50.

DeFeo led the offense again with 16 points. Staniels added 14, and **Mark Svare** contributed 10.

## Boys track team caps stellar year at HVCC

By Karly Decker

The Bethlehem boys indoor track and field team took third place on Saturday in the sectional meet at Hudson Valley Community College.

The Eagles finished behind Albany and Shenendehowa, both traditionally strong in this sport and both with significantly larger student populations.

Bethlehem's 800-meter relay team finished first, breaking the school record with a time of 8:19. The winning relay team consisted of **Andy Macmillan**, **Matt Clement**, **Scott Rhodes** and **Tim Kavanagh**.

"We mixed the order around a little, and the outcome was very effective," Kavanagh said.

The 200-meter relay team of **Kalid Umar**, **Andy Karins**, **Jared Macarin** and **Dave Raab** placed third. The 400 meter relay team comprised of Kavanagh, Rhodes, Macmillan and **Dan Xellar** placed fifth.

Kavanagh and Clement both

outkicked Shenendehowa runners to become sectional champs. Kavanagh captured the 1000-meter run, and Clement crossed the finish line first in the 3200-meter run. Raab finished strong in the 55-meter dash, placing sixth.

Bethlehem also fared well in field events. **Keith Cambell** placed fourth in the high jump.

**Umar** placed second in the triple jump, finishing just four inches behind the winner with a jump of 44 feet, one-half inch.

Macarin finished sixth in the triple jump.

**Jeremy Muhlich** took home a second place finish in the 55-meter hurdles, and **Andy Gregory** took sixth.

"Last week in the suburbans, we fell short," said Clement, "so all through practice last week, we worked hard as a team to pull together, and the results were seen at sectionals."

The state qualifier meet is slated for Saturday at the Houston fieldhouse at RPI.

## Three-on-three contests mark holiday BBC action

With the spring school break at hand, the Bethlehem Basketball Club recently hosted its annual three-on-three and foul-shooting contests. More than 125 players participated.

**Marcus Kaplan**, **Scott Sajdak** and **Dan Hjeltnes** came out on top in the fifth grade three-on-three competition. **Nick Hogan** finished first, **Al Fargione** placed second and **Mike DiGiulio** took third in the foul shooting contest.

In sixth-grade competition, **John Thibdeau**, **Matt Robbins** and **Brian Biche** comprised the winning three-on three team. **Jason Colacino** was the best free throw shooter with **Connor McMahon** placing second and **Ricky Grant** third.

In seventh-grade action, **Tim Kindlon**, **Ryan Hogan** and **Steve Hoghe** prevailed in three-on-three, and **Brian Geurtze** was the best free throw shooter. **Bobby Boughton** placed second in foul shooting, and **Zach Gray** finished third.

In eighth-grade competition, **Tony Berghela**, **Bryon Phelps** and **Jon Nowak** made up the top three-on-three team.

Berghela was also the best foul shooter in this age group, with Nowak finishing second and Phelps third.

The eighth graders also competed in a three-point shooting contest. **Matt Vnuk** captured first, **Carley St. Lucia** came in second and Berghela was third.

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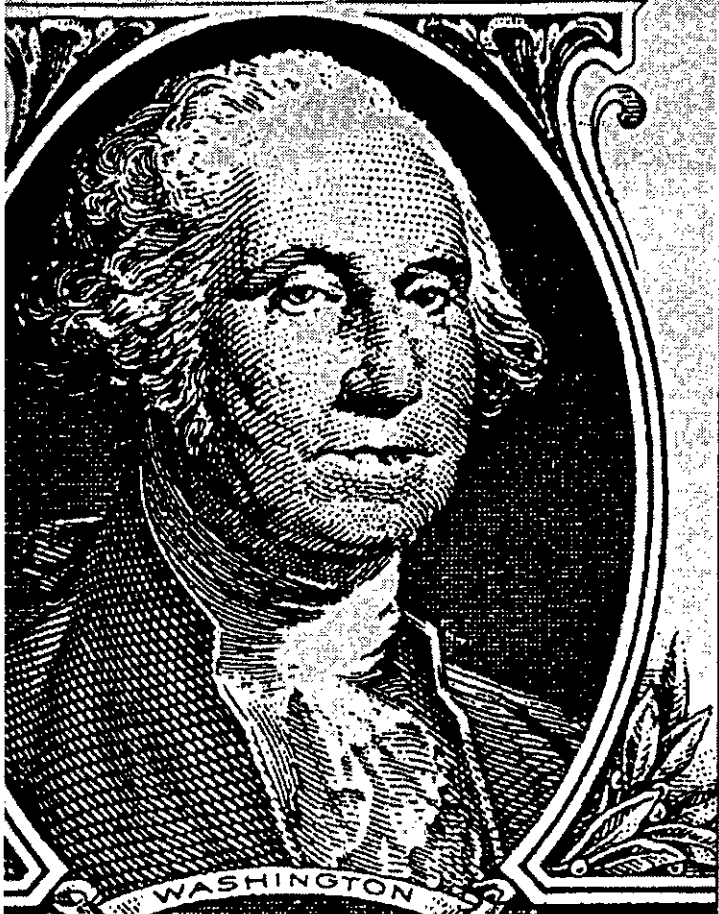
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Tip No. 10: Mailing Something to IRS? Did you use enough postage and write in a complete return address? If you didn't, your mail could be delayed, costing you penalties, interest and frustration.

Tip No. 11: Double Check Social Security Numbers: Speed up processing of your federal tax return and avoid unnecessary correspondence with the IRS by double checking Social Security Numbers (SSNs) on all tax forms and schedules. Tax returns without correct SSNs won't be processed until all numbers are verified, which means any refunds will be delayed.

Tip No. 12: Choose Direct Deposit For Tax Refunds: People who mail their tax returns to the IRS now can choose to have their refund deposited directly into their savings or checking accounts. The Direct Deposit request is located right on the tax form; no additional forms are required.

Tip No. 13: Label and Envelope, A Good Idea: Use the peel-off label and envelope that comes inside the tax booklet. Using the label shortens the return's processing time and lessens the chance of misrouting mail or refunds because of hard-to-read handwriting.

Tip No. 14: VITA and TCE = Tax Help: Someone may be waiting in your community to help you prepare your basic tax return. Each year, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs bring IRS-trained volunteers to neighborhood locations. Call IRS at 1-800-829-1040 to find out how, when and where.

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Tip 16: Keeping Tax Records: Want to make preparing your federal income tax return easier next year? Start with a copy of this year's return. Add to that any canceled checks, receipts and records you get through the year that will help when you file your next tax return. By keeping your income and expense record in good order, you can save hours of searching at the end of the year. Filing will be easier if you have all your records ready beforehand.

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# Mutual funds limit your risk

May be ideal for first-time investors

By Mel Hyman

If you're a novice as far as the stock market goes, then investing in a mutual fund might be the best way to get your feet wet.

There's still no guarantee that you won't take a bath, but your chances of seeing your investment wash away are much less than if you sink your money into just one or

two stocks, reliable as they might seem, says investment analyst Scott Griffin of Griffin Financial Services in Delmar.

A mutual fund is a group of stocks, bonds, futures, currencies or money market securities that could consist of five, 10, 50 or even 100 companies. If it's just bonds you're interested in, the mutual fund could consist of a variety of items such as municipal bonds, treasury notes and treasury bills.

The advantage to a mutual fund is that limits your risk, es-

pecially if you're not an experienced investor, Griffin said. "For a first-time investor, it would be very difficult to go out and pick one stock that will prove to be a winner."

If a mutual fund seems like the way to go, then you have to decide which of the hundreds of available mutual funds meets your needs.

"There are thousands of mutual funds, and they encompass a broad range of areas," such as health care, technology stocks and communications, he said.

And that's where your investment adviser comes in. "You still need someone to guide you into the area that's best for you," he explained.

A lot depends on what level of risk you're willing to take and your tolerance for withstanding the vicissitudes of the world of high finance, Griffin said. And you also need to know whether you're interested in a long-term or short-term investment.

Some mutual funds invest aggressively for capital appreciation, while others are more conservative and are designed to generate income over the long-term.

Another bit of advice, Griffin said, is to diversify. "I wouldn't take a lump sum of money and throw it into one mutual fund area. I would suggest two, three or even four different areas."

Just like there's no one stock that's going to put you on easy street, "There's no one mutual fund" that's going to necessarily lead to success, he noted.

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Scott Griffin

Jerry Pittz, an Edward Jones investment representative in Delmar, reiterated the importance of diversification, even in the current bull market where it seems like new stock market highs are reached every day.

"Diversification is a smart strategy in all market conditions," he said. "When the stock market declines, some industries are hit harder than others. Diversification helps limit your risks."

# Tips on handling IRAs

By Mark T. Bryant

Withdrawing IRA money before age 59 1/2 means you will have to pay a federal penalty of 10 percent of the amount withdrawn on top of income taxes for funds in the IRA that have not been taxed already. The penalty is waived if the money is needed because of death or disability or if used for qualified medical expenses and medical insurance.

Once you turn 70 1/2, you have until April 1 of the next year to take your first distribution. If you miss the deadline, you'll face a penalty of 50 percent of the amount you should have withdrawn but didn't.

The Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996 provides that the required beginning date for employer-sponsored retirement plan distributions may be deferred until retirement date if it is later than the year you reach age 70 1/2.

Delaying the first distribution until the last possible second can be costly. Suppose you become 70 1/2 in May and wait until the next year to take your first distribution. Because you must

also take a second distribution sometime that same year, you may pay more income tax than if you had made the first withdrawal earlier. Another consideration is that most states allow a yearly deduction on distributions per year not per withdrawal.

Once you turn 70 1/2 and do not continue to work, you are required to take the minimum distribution. If you withdraw less than the minimum distribution. If you withdraw less than the minimum, you'll face a penalty of 50 percent of the amount you should have withdrawn. The minimum distribution must be at least an amount equal to the account value at the start of the year divided by the applicable life expectancy for that year.

You may withdraw funds which exceed the minimum distribution up to the threshold amount without incurring additional taxes. If you take more than the threshold amount in any given year, you must pay a tax equal to 15 percent of the excess accumulations.

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**Q:** As a self-employed consultant, can I deduct the cost of meals I eat alone while traveling away from home, or only those eaten with business associates?

**A:** If the primary purpose of your trip is business, meal expenses are deductible whether you eat alone or with business associates. However, as with all business meals, you may only deduct 50 percent of the cost.

**Q:** Is it true that I no longer need receipts to document travel and entertainment expenses under \$75?

**A:** Yes. The IRS no longer requires you to keep receipts for business-related travel and entertainment expenses under \$75. But, in the event of an audit, you will still need to substantiate your expenses. With that in mind, be sure your records reflect the date, location, amount, name of the person entertained, and the business purpose of the entertainment.

**Q:** I incurred substantial job-hunting expenses when I decided to switch careers. Are these deductible?

**A:** No. In order to deduct costs associated with job-hunting, you must have been seeking a job in your current line of work.

**Q:** Are there any actions I can take now to cut my 1996 tax bill?

**A:** Yes, You have until the due date of your tax return to make a tax-deductible contribution to a Keogh Plan, provided it has already been established prior to Dec. 31, 1996. You may also make tax-deductible contributions to an IRA, although the amount of deductibility is limited by strict income requirements.

**Q:** Since I am always bringing work home from the office, I bought a home computer. Can I deduct it?

**A:** Maybe, if you use the computer more than 50 percent of the time for business and your employer required you to buy it. Consult a tax professional.

## CPAs offer cautionary tax tales

You can avoid making foolish mistakes on your income tax return if you understand the limits of the tax law.

The New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants offers these tax tales to help illustrate some key points.

### Every day makes a difference

A married couple sold their home in 1988, reported the gain, and paid taxes on the sale.

April 15 fell on a Saturday that year, so the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) extended the filing deadline to Monday, April 17, 1989.

On April 16, 1992, the couple tried to claim a refund for the taxes paid on the sale, due to the nonrecognition of gain that results from the timely purchase of a new home.

The couple asserted that they had until April 17, 1992, three years after the extended filing deadline, to file for their refund. However, the IRS maintained that April 15, 1992, was the deadline.

The court held that even though the IRS may extend the filing deadline when April 15 falls on Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday, the three-year limitation period to claim a refund applies to the 15th, not to the extended filing deadline.

So, keep in mind that when

the IRS may permit late filing, the legal due date does not change.

### Keeping track of IRS deadlines

One man did not file a tax return because he thought he made adequate tax payments during the year.

About three years later, the IRS sent him a tax assessment. The man examined his records and found that the IRS owed him a refund.

### Tax law states that taxpayers must claim refunds within three years after filing a return or two years after paying the tax that is due, whichever is later.

But when he tried to claim the refund, the IRS denied it.

Tax law states that taxpayers must claim refunds within three years after filing a return or two years after paying the tax that is due, whichever is later.

Since the man did not file a return, the two-year period applied, and he missed his opportunity to claim a refund.

### Gifts to clergy are not always tax-free

Reverend Goodwin was the pastor of a small church in Iowa. In addition to his nominal

salary and housing allowance, he received substantial "special occasion" gifts or "love offerings" three times a year.

Although church members stated that they made the gifts out of love and respect, the IRS taxed the gifts as wages because church leaders gathered the gifts in a regular, structured program; the congregation, not individual church members, made the gifts; and without the gifts, the church may have lost Reverend Goodwin's services.

### Pay up before asking the IRS for refunds

Even if you disagree with the IRS about your tax liability, in some instances, you may need to pay up before you can win your case.

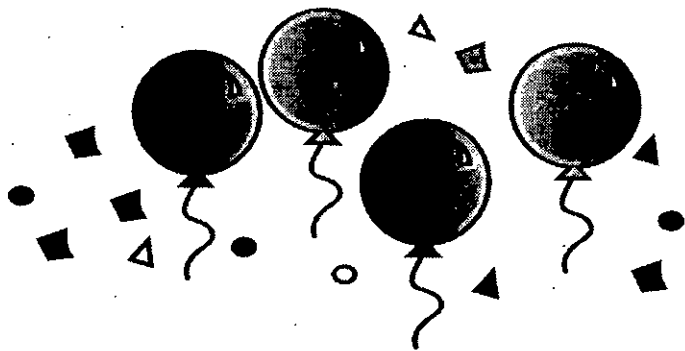
After filing his case in U.S. District Court, one individual paid part of a disputed tax bill before the case was actually heard.

The Court ruled that he made the payment too late and dismissed the case. The taxpayer lost his opportunity to collect a refund.

You can avoid becoming an April fool this tax season if you consult a tax specialist or certified public accountant before filing your return.

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Members of the Century Club participate with professional peers from across the United States in conferences and other events designed to increase their perspective on trends and issues affecting financial advisers.

"We are very pleased to welcome Frank Kunker and his associate, Jeanette Kunker, as a member of our 1997 Century Club," said Jay Lewis, president of Nathan & Lewis Securities. "This selection will allow Frank Kunker and his associate to participate at the highest levels of the financial services profession."

Frank Kunker and his associate have already distinguished themselves for the quality of service provided to their clients.

This recognition is our way of helping professionals across the nation get together, share ideas, and take even better financial techniques back to their clients."

## Stash cash for retirement days

By Martin P. Kelly

Back in the 1950s, while working with a national insurance company, we found the hottest product to get an agent started in the business was the retirement income policy.

Still in existence, the product anticipated the individual retirement accounts (IRAs) of the 1980s.

What the '50s policy did was have people pay \$2 a week until age 65, after which they could cash in the policy and convert it into an annuity for the rest of their lives. Of course, the policyholder could take it as a lump sum or leave it there as a death benefit.

This policy was a systematic means of saving, since persons buying the policy when they were in their mid-20s would have accumulated money beyond the death benefit by the time they were in their 40s.

The insurance company took part of the \$2 a week for a death benefit, while the rest of the money was invested by the company. It was like being part of a mutual fund.

These policies were sold by the millions in the '50s and '60s, and are now part of the package of retirement benefits enjoyed by those who kept their policies

in force.

Much as Social Security provides a systematic form of "savings" through people's working years to form a foundation for retirement income, these insurance policies added another source from which retirement income is drawn.

**People who are having trouble now in retirement are those who didn't put enough building blocks together to form a sufficient financial source from which to draw income.**

Pension funds are similar, too, as the systematic input of money for the employees' benefit at a later date.

Retirement can be and is a most enjoyable part of a person's life if free from financial worries.

People who are having trouble now in retirement are those who didn't put enough building blocks together to form a sufficient financial source from which to draw income.

Social Security is a base, but not enough to provide the

income level enjoyed while working. But, when a retirement income from the fund maintained by an employer or employers is added along with personal savings plans such as retirement policies or mutual funds, then a lifestyle similar to working years can be maintained.

Another essential element is to make sure the income lasts the retirement lifetime, as Social Security does and retirement plans.

It's the extras, savings, mutual funds and retirement policies that must be geared to providing income for a lifetime.

Something else that must be considered is making sure retirement income keeps pace with inflation. Social Security's cost-of-living increases help, as do many retirement plans who also give COLAs. However, the investment of other funds must be done wisely to keep pace with inflation.

It is never too early to think about retirement because, the longer money is accumulating interest or being invested wisely, the more there will be in the retirement years.

A sales manager I knew in the '50s made it a practice to "pay" himself 10 percent of his income each pay day prior to paying bills, rent or household costs. This 10 percent investment was done religiously, even if it was only \$10.

The secret of preparing for a retirement is systematic savings with a strict discipline to maintain the program over at least a 40-year period.

But, even starting in a person's 40s, it is still possible to start a retirement program, except more has to be put away systematically and riskier investments have to be made to make up for lost time.

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# Home office operators should investigate tax credits

If you are among the growing number of people who work from a home office, you have no doubt considered the merits of the home office deduction. And, if you are like thousands of other home office workers, you may have dismissed the idea as too risky. However, the New York State Society of CPAs says that while qualifying for the deduction is difficult, taxpayers who meet the requirements should not pass up the valuable opportunity to save tax dollars.

## Understanding requirements

To be reasonably certain you qualify for the home office deduction, CPA's suggest you ask yourself the following question: Do you use your home office regularly and exclusively as your principal place of business, or as a place of business where you regularly meet with patients, clients or customers in the normal course of your business?

It is important to understand the concepts of "regularly" and "exclusively."

Regular use does not imply that you have to use your office every day or even every week, but sporadic use probably will not qualify for a deduction.

Similarly, the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) reference to "exclusive" use does not mean that you need to maintain an office in a separate room to qualify for the deduction. A

clearly defined part of a room is appropriate as long as you devote that space solely to your business. For example, the Tax Court recently ruled that a piano teacher who gave lessons and practiced her piano in a small part of her living room could treat that area as her home office and qualify for the deduction.

The term "principal place of business" is where most taxpayers run into trouble.

According to tax law, the principal place of your business is where your most important or significant business functions are conducted. If this definition does not result in a clear answer, compare the amount of time spent in your home office to that spent in each of your other locations. Keep in mind that if you generate most of your income by performing services at other locations (as a house painter or plumber might) and use your home office primarily for administrative tasks, you will likely find it difficult to qualify for the home office deduction. (However, there is proposed legislation to address this issue.)

Even if you do not meet the principal place of business test, you can still qualify if you regularly see or meet with clients, patients or customers in your home office.

Once again, an occasional

meeting is not enough. You must have meetings on a regular basis.

## Calculating the deduction

Direct expenses, such as repairs to your home office, are fully deductible. Deductions for indirect expenses, such as the cost of utilities, mortgage interest, real estate taxes, maintenance and homeowners insurance are based on the percentage of your home used for business.

For example, if your home has 2,000 square feet of living area, and your home office occupies 200 square feet of that space, one-tenth of your indirect expenses are deductible. If all the rooms in your home are approximately the same size, and an entire room is used is used for business, you can make your calculation based on the number of rooms.

That means that if one of the eight rooms in your house serves as your home office, you are eligible to deduct one-eighth of your indirect expenses.

Keep in mind that you cannot use the home office deduction to create or increase a tax loss from your business. For example, if after deducting all other business expenses, your business is showing a net income of \$1,000 before claiming the home office deduction, your

deduction is limited to \$1,000.

However, excess home office expenses may be carried over into future tax years.

## Substantiating deductions

Individuals claiming home office deductions must file Form 8829, Expenses for Business

Use of Your Home.

As you might expect, keeping good records will be helpful in the event you are audited.

As an added measure, CPAs suggest you keep a log of clients and customers who visit your office and the amount of time you spend at each location.

# Travel costs hurt owners

Most small business owners find it necessary to use a car to take a client to lunch, make a sales call or present a proposal. Yet not every business owner keeps track of these driving expenses properly and that may be costing the business valuable tax dollars, says the New York Society of CPAs.

Transportation expenses can be deducted from your business's bottom line and reduce your overall tax bill. Using a car to commute from home to work is generally not considered business mileage and therefore is not deductible.

Making calls from your car

phone while commuting to your work place does not change the status of your trip because you are still commuting. The same rule applies to holding a business meeting in your car while en route from your home to the office.

However, if you are assigned to more than one office, or if you have a second or sideline job, the rules allow you to deduct the cost of driving from one business to another. If you are an employee with a regular place of business, you may be able to deduct transportation expenses when you are required to work at a temporary business location.

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# Lump sum packages may not last forever

Many companies today are giving their employees the option of taking a "lump sum" distribution from their retirement plans when they leave a company or retire.

Having what may be a substantial sum of money all at once can give you a false sense of wealth. You now have to deal with such issues as taxation, your plans for retirement and your prospects for employment that could easily cut into your nest egg.

For many people, receiving a lump-sum distribution can be a temptation. You may think you deserve that new car, an expensive vacation or, perhaps, you want to be generous with gifts to family members.

You may be under the misconception that the sum is large enough to last forever. Or, if you are not yet ready for retirement, you may rationalize that you still have the opportunity to build up another retirement fund at another company.

These reactions are typical. A recent U.S. Department of Labor study reveals that among workers age 40 and older who received lump sum distributions, only 32 percent rolled over that distribution. That percentage sinks to 16 percent for those under age 40.

There seems to be little recognition among the general population that a lump-sum distribution comprises funds that were built up over the years and should remain earmarked for retirement.

One pervasive myth is that retirement represents just a small portion of your life. The reality is that we are all going to live longer on average than our grandparents did. Most retirees can expect to live another 20 to 30 years.

This is not bad news. It simply means that the dollars

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you save during your working years must sustain you during your retirement years more years than many of us may have been anticipating.

Then, there is the curse of inflation, which has averaged 5.4 percent over the thirty year period from 1974 to 1994, according to Department of Labor statistics.

What does this mean for your retirement? If, for example, you decided that a certain dollar amount will support your lifestyle when you retire at age 65, then in 20 years you will need nearly triple that income to maintain this same standard of living.

What steps can you take to better prepare for a secure and comfortable retirement? Since the largest single source of retirement funds will most likely come from your company's retirement plan, such as a 401(k), it's important to understand your options when you receive a lump-sum distribution.

Basically, there are four alternatives available:

- You may elect a direct rollover into an IRA.
- You may take receipt of the funds and then perform a rollover within 60 days.
- You may rollover a portion of the funds.
- You may elect to receive the funds and pay current taxes on the distribution.

Here's how each scenario works if you receive a lump-sum distribution when you are under age 59 1/2.

If you transfer your distribution into an IRA or another qualified plan, your entire distribution will continue to grow tax-deferred.

If you take your distribution and roll it over within 60 days, you will have to add back the 20 percent your employer was required to withhold in order for your entire distribution to continue growing tax deferred.

If you roll over part of your distribution and take the remainder, you will defer taxes on the portion you roll over, and pay taxes, and possibly incur a penalty for early withdrawal if you are under age 59 1/2, on the

portion you take.

If you take your entire distribution in cash, you will pay taxes on all gains and income in the distribution and will probably pay a 10 percent penalty if you are under age 59 1/2.

You can keep all of your distribution or only about half that amount, depending on your tax bracket and the decisions you make.

It's clear that the tax laws surrounding lump-sum distributions are complex. Retirement planning is a lifelong process, and you will likely encounter equally complicated decisions regarding distributions from your IRAs and perhaps additional lump-sum distributions throughout your lifetime.

How can you manage this distribution process effectively?

A prudent course is to seek professional help from a tax adviser, estate-planning attorney, and/or a financial consultant before making any decision, which is in many cases irrevocable.

Once you run your own numbers and match them with your present situation and future goals, then you can see for yourself which choice is best in your individual circumstances.

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# Loux leads Bethlehem wrestlers

By Andy Macmillan

The area's best wrestlers took part in the Section II Class A championships over the weekend, and while Bethlehem finished far down in the pack, several individual grapplers put in strong performances.

Senior **Andy Loux** was the star for Bethlehem, winning the 125-pound weight class title. Even though he was wrestling two classes heavier than normal, he beat Colonie's **Greg Stocker**, 2-1, in double overtime.

Loux said he was nervous about letting his light weight beat him, as he wrestled against heavier opponents all weekend.

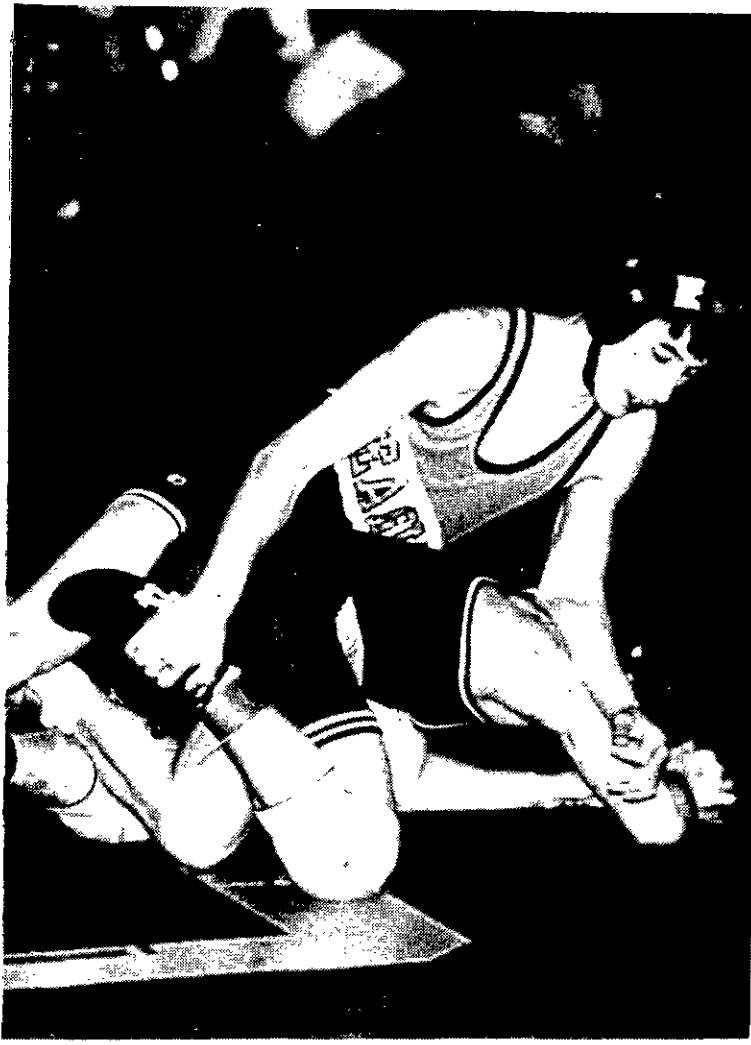
"If I got underneath too much, it would have been bad news," he said, "so I tried to stay neutral or on top."

BC standout **Tim Leonard** finished second in the 119-pound weight class, losing to Niskayuna's **Mike Poplozio**, considered the top-ranked wrestler in the area because he is undefeated this year.

BC's **Matt Wagoner**, competing in his first match since his neck injury in January, won the consolation match at 122 pounds to place third. **Dave Sherrin** (140) placed fourth for the Eagles.

Loux, Leonard, Wagoner and Sherrin will all wrestle this weekend in the state qualifier meet.

**Dave Woodworth** (96) and **Sean Demarest** (130) will be alternates in their respective weight classes, as they both finished fifth.



Bethlehem's Eric Kotlow maintains control of his opponent during last weekend's Class A sectional tournament match. *Doug Persons*

# Lady Eagles wind up perfect in league play

By Tim Kavanagh

The Lady Eagles, undefeated in league play this year, tuned up for the sectional tournament last week by disposing of the last two opponents on their schedule.

On Friday, the team traveled north to take on Gold Division foe Burnt Hills in a make-up game originally scheduled for Jan. 21, but postponed because of bad weather. After taking an early 11-7 lead after one quarter, the girls never looked back on their way to a 53-40 win.

Junior **Nicole Conway** had a game-high 19 points to go along with four assists. **Katie Smith** came up with another big performance as she poured in 13 points, grabbed 11 rebounds and had three steals.

**Magan Sellnow**, who had 12 boards and seven points, helped out Bethlehem's inside attack.

"We were looking forward to this game because it was the last league game, and we wanted to stay undefeated," said coach **Kim Zornow**.

The Wednesday contest at home against Niskayuna provided a bit more excitement for the charged-up fans there to witness it.

After trailing for the first three quarters, the girls played one of their most spirited eight minutes of basketball this year, overcoming a seven point deficit to pull out a 56-54 victory.

**Karly Decker** and **Conway** powered the offense with 15 points each.

"We knew we weren't playing well in the first three quarters," said Conway, "so we knew we had to pick it up. Tonight was senior night, and we also had to win this to remain undefeated, so we wanted this win badly."

"Niskayuna played a very good game, especially **Kate Fagan** (who had a game-high 22 points including six, three pointers)," said Zornow. "We didn't seem to have our normal defensive intensity in the first three quarters, and I don't think we were concentrating that well."

Friday's sectional contest will pit the Lady Eagles against the winner of a first-round match between Troy and Columbia. The girls have not played Troy this year but have defeated Columbia twice.

The game starts at 7:30 p.m. in Bethlehem Central High School gymnasium.

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Tandem storytellers Barry Marshall and Jeri Burns integrate ethnic and classical music instru-



ments into their tales from around the world.

Marshall and Burns perform and teach throughout the northeast United States and the British Isles. They have presented their unique brand of yarn-spinning at such gatherings as the Hudson Valley Storytelling Festival, the Connecticut Storytelling Festival and the Mid-Atlantic Storytellers Conference. They have also participated in festivals in Northern Ireland and England.

Marshall and Burns are on the board of directors of Vision's Story & Art Center and are founders of the Berkshire Taconic Storytelling Guild for adults who want to learn the art of storytelling.

Their mission extends to radio in the form of WAMC's Storytelling Festival, a monthly show for adults,

recorded live before a studio audience and broadcast in seven states. WAMC airs the show on the third Wednesday of the month at 9 p.m.

The pair also host "Just Imagine," an award-winning family show of stories and music broadcast weekly on various Hudson Valley and Catskill area stations Sundays at 8:30 p.m.

Marshall combines a degree in speech and theater with speech and drama study at Emerson College in England. Burns has complemented her musical theater experience with degrees in social work.

The program is free and open to the public. Call youth services at 439-9314 to register.

Louise Grieco

## Pedestrian committee seeks neighbors' input

The Bethlehem Committee for Pedestrian Safety would like to get feedback from the community in order to prioritize pedestrian needs and set goals.

Bethlehem residents can share areas of concern with the committee by writing to: The Bethlehem Committee for Pedestrian Safety, P.O. Box 241, Slingerlands 12159.

## Openings on tap for basketball clinic

The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department has openings in its upcoming basketball clinic for youngsters in grades two through four. The clinic will be held Wednesdays, Feb. 26 through April 16, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Glenmont Elementary School.

Pre-registration is required. The clinic is open to pupils who reside in the Town of Bethlehem or the Bethlehem Central School District.

For information, call 439-4131.

## Youngsters invited to celebrate winter

Preschoolers and students in the lower elementary school grades can celebrate winter through a program at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar. The program, blending storytelling, an outdoor walk and refreshments, will take place on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 10 a.m.

Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$1. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Participants should dress for the outdoors.

For information, call 475-0291.

## Reception to feature new youth staffer

New youth services librarian Joyce Laiosa will greet parents and kids in the community room from 7 to 8 p.m. tonight, Feb. 19.

Stop by for punch and cookies and a chance to chat with Laiosa who began her full-time duties this week.



Mystery lovers meet on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. for the second in a four-month series of book discussions. The subject

of this month's meeting is Ellis Peters' *One Corpse Too Many*.

Prepare for next month by reading *A Superior Death* by Nevada Barr.

Copies of both books are available courtesy of the Friends of the Library or through interlibrary loan.

Participants should sign up at the reference desk or by calling 765-2791.

Works of Bethlehem artist Joan Mullen are in the hall gallery this month. Along with her floral watercolors, a selection of her son David's black-and-white animal drawings are in the exhibit.

Sheet music is on display from Voorheesville musician Al Lourdis.

Part of his collection features the originals of nostalgic favorites from the war years.

The library board of trustees will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m.

Barbara Vink

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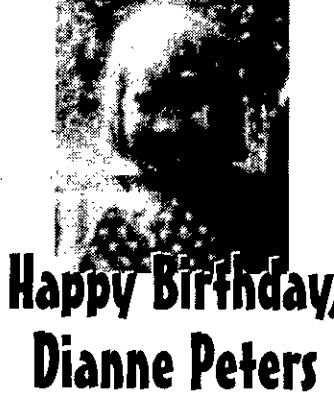
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## The Spotlight remembers

This week in 1987, these stories were making headlines in *The Spotlight*.

- Albany County offered to pay a third of the estimated \$500,000 cost of repairing the then-closed Jericho Bridge over the Conrail yard in Selkirk. Noting that Jericho Road is a county road, Bethlehem Supervisor **Robert Hendrick** said, "I hope they can do better than that."
- The Bethlehem Central High School auditorium was closed due to cracks in the ceiling and damage to a related support beam.
- Voorheesville village trustees **Edward Donohue** and **Richard Langford** announced that they would be running for re-election.
- The Delmar Post Office, built in 1939 as a New Deal public works project, was nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.
- The Bethlehem Central girls track team won the Suburban Council championship. Standout athletes on the team included **Anne Carey**, **Kelly Ross**, **Judy Stasack**, **Jen Engstrom**, **Kim Cornaire**, **Julie Hammer** and **Diane Berelli**.

## Leonard, Kidd to marry

Nancy Leonard, daughter of Edward and Margaret Leonard of Delmar, and Murray Franklin Kidd, son of Clyde Kidd of Sacramento, Calif., and Janet Berthaut of Modesto, Calif., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the New England Conservatory of Music and currently at-

tends The Jüilliard School. She is employed as principal double bass by the Albany Symphony Orchestra.

The future groom, a graduate of the University of the Pacific and the New England Conservatory of Music, is a self-employed professional musician.

The couple plans a Sept. 13 wedding.

## Croutier, Gola to marry

Michelle Croutier, daughter of William and Marie Croutier of Rockville Centre, Nassau County, and Timothy Gola, son of Robert and Ann Gola of Slingerlands, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Iona College, is employed as a regional manager by Settlement

Corp. in Plainview, Nassau County.

The future groom is a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy and Iona College. He is employed by Robert Fleming Inc. in Manhattan.

The couple plans a May wedding.

## Dean's List

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

Colgate University — Alexander Teeter of Delmar and Christopher Clarke of Voorheesville.

Notre Dame University — Jennifer Person of Voorheesville.

St. Bonaventure University — Christine Nelson of Delmar.

Saint Michael's College — Marianne Mylod of Delmar.

SUNY Cortland — Kelly Dobbert of Delmar.

SUNY Oneonta — Eric Wuttke of Voorheesville.

University of Denver — Cynthia Dunn of Delmar.

University of Maryland, College Park — Laura Del Vecchio of Delmar.

University of Scranton — Peter Flanigan of Delmar.

## Class of '96

Boston University — Heather Brennan of Slingerlands (master's in occupational therapy).

SUNY Oneonta — Laurel Ingraham of Clarksville (bachelor's in speech communication), William Karins of Glenmont (bachelor's in meteorology), and Tina Lechowicz (bachelor's in history).



Jennifer and David Connors

## Lockman, Connors marry

Jennifer Lockman, daughter of Jack and Joanne Whipple of Glenmont, and David Connors, son of Richard and Rachel Connors of Fairport, Monroe County, were married June 29 in the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

A reception followed at the Omni Hotel in Albany.

The maid of honor was Heather Sheppard, and bridesmaids were Danielle King, the bride's cousin, Renee Connors, the groom's sister-in-law, Katy Yasinsac, Lynn Foley and Stephanie Heap.

The best man was Gregory

Connors, the groom's brother, and ushers were Edward Thorndike, David Nieman, Phillip Reed, Frank Imbergia and Eric Snow.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Oneonta. She is employed as a management consultant by Eric Langbaum Associates in Fort Lee, N.J.

The groom, a graduate of the University of Dayton, is employed as a manager by Curbell Plastics in New York City.

After a wedding trip to France, the couple lives in Cliffside Park, N.J.

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Boy, Andrew Thomas Ball, to Patricia and Donald Ball of Delmar, Feb. 3.

Boy, James Richard Barnet, to Julia and David Barnet of Delmar, Feb. 3.

Boy, Timothy James McGinn, to Artemis Poulos and Arthur McGinn of Delmar, Feb. 4.

Boy, Kevin Patrick Weber, to Tamazine and Stephen Weber of

Delmar, Feb. 5.

Girl, Siena Ann Marcelle, to Elena and Thomas Marcelle of Slingerlands, Feb. 6.

Girl, Lauren Elizabeth Hardman, to Marianne DiCerbo and Steven Hardman of Delmar, Feb. 7.

### Out of town

Girl, Ashley Christine Mello, to Stacey Ascone Mello and Richard Mello of Merrimack, N.H., Jan. 20. Maternal grandmother is Ellen Ascone of Voorheesville.

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## Obituaries

### John Elmendorf

John Elmendorf, 57, of Guilderland and formerly of Voorheesville, died Thursday, Feb. 14, at his home.

Born in Albany, he had lived in Voorheesville for many years.

Mr. Elmendorf had operated the Mobil gas station in Voorheesville. He was the assistant superintendent of highways in the village of Voorheesville for 20 years, retiring in 1992. He was a member and past president of the Voorheesville Men's League.

He was a Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Dianne Sherman Elmendorf; three daughters, Kim Rock of Duaneburg, Joanne Wright and Ann Elmendorf, both of Berne; a son, John D. Elmendorf of Loudonville; his mother, Harriet Elmendorf of Voorheesville; two brothers, Kenneth Elmendorf Jr. of Altamont and William Elmendorf of Delanson; a sister, Peggy Denton of Lexington, Ky.; and a grandson.

Services were from the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Spring burial will be in New Scotland Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

### Emil Orf

Emil Orf, 85, of New Salem Road in New Scotland, died Friday, Feb. 14, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Germany, he came to the U.S. in 1928.

Mr. Orf was a graduate of the American Institute of Baking in Chicago. He worked for the National Biscuit Co. as a master baker in Buffalo, Cincinnati and Albany

until he retired in 1973. He was known as "Maestro Millbrook."

He was a communicant of St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville and a member of New Scotland Senior Citizens.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary C. Hormovitis of Voorheesville; two grandsons; and a great-granddaughter.

Service were from St. Matthew's Church.

Interment was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

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

Contributions may be made to St. Matthew's Church Building Fund, Mountainview Street, Voorheesville 12186.

### Benjamin F. Meffert

Benjamin F. Meffert Sr., 73, of Stratton Place in Delmar and Venice, Fla., died Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in New York City, he was a longtime resident of the Capital District.

Mr. Meffert was an English teacher at Amenia High School and librarian for Webatuck middle and high schools. He then worked for the Bureau of School Libraries of the state Education Department for 18 years, retiring in 1983.

He was a sergeant in the Army Air Forces during World War II.

Mr. Meffert was a member of the Albany Men's Garden Club, the Mendelssohn Club and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elsmere.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Reed Meffert; a son Benjamin F. Meffert Jr.; and a daughter, Martha Wall of Clifton Park.

Services were from the

Frederick Funeral Home and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

Spring burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery in Schaghticoke.

Contributions may be made to St. Stephen's Memorial Fund, Elsmere Avenue, Delmar 12054, or the Coronary Care Unit at Albany Medical Center Hospital, New Scotland Avenue, Albany 12208.

### Robert Countryman

Robert Q. Countryman, 39, of Glenmont died Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Hackensack Union Hospital in New Jersey.

Born in Worcester, Mass., he was a graduate of New York State Maritime College.

Mr. Countryman worked as a captain for Henry Marine of Staten Island. He was also a marine officer for Apex Marine in Lake Success.

Survivors include his parents, Robert and Anne Quinn Countryman of Delray Beach, Fla. He was the loving friend of Holly McGuirk.

Services were from the W.J. Lyons Funeral Home and St. Joseph's Church, both in Rensselaer.

Spring burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in East Greenbush.

Contributions may be made to Hackensack Union Hospital, Intensive Care Unit, Hackensack, N.J. 07601.

### Margaret Cooper

Margaret Jones Cooper, 92, of Falmouth, Mass., and formerly of Delmar, died Wednesday, June 19, 1996, in JML Care Center in Falmouth.

Born in Huntingdon, Pa., she had lived in Delmar for 41 years before moving to Falmouth.

Mrs. Cooper was a graduate of Juniata College. She received a library science degree from the University at Albany. For many years, she was librarian at Hackett Junior High School in Albany.

She was a member of the Delmar Progress Club.

She was the widow of William E. Cooper.

Survivors include two daughters, Margaret C. Heald of Worcester, Mass., and Mary B. Wild of

Concord, Mass.; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home.

Services were held in Concord.

### Norman W. Bearss

Norman W. Bearss, 65, of Selkirk died Thursday, Feb. 13, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Grand Rapids, Mich., he lived in Schenectady before moving to Selkirk six years ago.

Mr. Bearss worked in maintenance at Crossgates Mall before he retired last year.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Michigan.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Bearss; five children in Michigan by a previous marriage; two stepdaughters, Linda St. Amour of Vermont and Charlene North; a number of grandchildren in Michigan and 11 stepgrandchildren.

Services were from St. Patrick's Church in Ravena.

Spring burial will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Ravena.

Arrangements were by the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Contributions may be made to St. Patrick's Church or the American Cancer Society.

### Rev. Paul Gassmann

The Rev. Paul H. Gassmann, 82, a former pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, died Friday, Jan. 3, at his home in Illinois.

He was a graduate of Concordia Seminary and attended Washington University. He did graduate work at the University at Albany. Rev. Gassmann was ordained in 1942 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Rome, Oneida County.

He served as pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church for 11 years. When he was in the Capital District, he was a member of the Albany County Drug Commission. He also served as staff chaplain of the state Senate, the New York Firemen's Association and Bethlehem Police Benevolent Association.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Gassmann; two daughters,

Carole Crankshaw and Paulette Boeger; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### Sommerville gets look at work world

Jamie E. Sommerville of Glenmont was one of more than 30 Hartwick College students who recently took a tour of the working world in Boston, New York and Washington D.C.

Sommerville, working in the Metro Link program, followed the routines of three people in careers she is interested in.

She visited the McCormick Institute of the University of Massachusetts, Wunderman, Cato & Johnson in New York City and Cassidy & Associates Inc. in Washington, D.C.

### Piazza completes weapons repair course

Marine Pfc. Robert M. Piazza, son of George and Christine Piazza of Slingerlands, recently completed the small arms repair course at the U.S. Army Proving Ground in Aberdeen, Md.

Piazza learned how to operate, inspect, maintain and repair rifles, pistols, shotguns, submachine guns, grenade launchers, mortars and other automatic weapons.

Piazza is a 1995 graduate of Guilderland Central High School.

### Two BCHS graduates studying abroad

Two Class of 1994 Bethlehem Central High School graduates are participating in St. Lawrence University's International Study Program.

Tara L. Eaton of Delmar is studying in Costa Rica and Caroline F. Jenkins of Slingerlands is studying in England.

Both students are juniors majoring in English.

### Swyer names Costigan VP of operations

After a 20-year career in engineering and construction, Glenmont resident Edward J. Costigan has been promoted from facilities manager to vice president of operations at The Swyer Cos.

Costigan is responsible for all facility operations, physical plant and construction improvements for properties owned by Stuyvesant Plaza Inc.

### Cemetery association to meet in Clarksville

The Onesquethaw Union Cemetery Association will hold a meeting on Monday, March 3, at the Clarksville Community Church on Route 433 at 7:30 p.m.



The meeting is open to the public.

For information, call 768-2328.

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We will continue to print Obituaries of residents and former residents of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland at no charge.

In Memoriam, and Cards of Thanks will also be printed for \$25.

SPOTLIGHT ON

# Family Entertainment

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# HOW SWEET it is

## Tours offer glimpse into the making of maple syrup

By Zack Beck

What would a thick, buttery stack of piping hot pancakes be without the down home sweet, traditional taste of maple syrup? Probably not much.

Perhaps at one time you've wondered about how that dense, sticky syrup got in your kitchen and if perhaps you could ever make your own maple sugar from that seemingly dormant maple tree sitting in your back yard. Well, for the next four weekends the Museum of the Hudson Highlands will offer tours of the maple sugaring operation at the nearby Kenridge Farm facility.

"We try to cover as many steps in the maple sugaring process as we can," said museum curator Jim Wildschut. "The tours will cover everything from scientific facts to historical facts as well as the basic information on how to tap a tree."

Wildschut said that even if you have just one healthy maple tree, you can

perform the maple sugaring process.

Before cane sugar was a readily available product, maple sugar was used in many things as a sweetener. According to Wildschut, the highest quality of maple sugar was the palest syrup with the least maple flavor. Now, however, maple flavor is considered a treat since most of us get it so rarely.

The Sugarbush tours will be held on four weekends: Feb. 22, 23, March 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 16. Hours of operation for the tours will be 12 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and 2 to 4 p.m. on Sundays, with tours starting every half hour. Participants should dress warmly and wear boots as the route may have areas of mud.

Cost for the tours are kept relatively low. "We price the tours as to make it an attractive event for families," said Wildschut. The Sugarbush tour cost is \$5 per family and \$3 per person for Museum members and \$10 per family



Illustration by Mark Hempstead

and \$6 per person for non-members.

A special family program, "Making Maple Candy," will be held on two Saturdays, Feb. 22 and March 8, at 10 a.m. The program will demonstrate how to make candy and other traditional maple treats from real maple syrup.

"Making Maple Candy" costs \$10 per family and \$5 per person for museum members and \$18 per family or \$9 per

person for non-members. Advance registration is required.

"Above all, the tours are fun," said Wildschut. "Our programs are in a form where people can enjoy it and it's a nice way to get out for a family outing."

The Kenridge Farm facility is located just off Route 9W in Cornwall. For information, call 914-534-7781.

### Benefit for The Egg scheduled March 8 with show, dancing

With an eye towards raising additional funds for programming through the 1997-98 season, The Empire Center at the Egg in Albany will hold its First Annual Benefit Gala Saturday, March 8.

In addition to live music for dancing following a cocktail party and dinner, Angela LaGreca will entertain with her performance as a singer and comedienne.

A popular favorite among New York's supper clubs and cabarets, LaGreca brings comedy and impressions of famed singers to her act.

The money raised from the \$75 per person admission will go toward continuing the special events, including dance, theatre, music, Broadway musicals and family entertainment throughout the year from October through May.

Among the best attended segments of this programming are cabaret evenings where executive director Joan Roberts combs the New York scene to find the best and brightest cabaret acts.

Dance music will be furnished by the Harvey Citron Orchestra at the gala.

Persons interested in attending may call 473-1061 to receive and invitation. Reservations are limited.

### Ain't Misbehavin' revival features Motown group in Proctor's appearance

Martha Reeves & the Vandellas will be featured in a new production of the Tony Award winning musical *Ain't Misbehavin'* Saturday, March 8 at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady.

The Sixties group has been touring the musical about Fats Waller recreating the time of the 1930s when Harlem featured the Cotton Club and the Savoy Ballroom.

*Ain't Misbehavin'* has been an enduring musical since it first appeared on Broadway in the 1970s. More than 30 of Waller's best known songs are featured in the show.

## SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

### Professional writer finds production available in own hometown

Matthew Witten has lived in Saratoga Springs for a number of years and has earned his living writing articles for leading magazines throughout the country.

He's also written plays, some of which have been produced elsewhere. Now, through March 2, his play, *The Deal*, will be given a regional premiere at the Home Made Theatre at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center's Little Theater.

Built around a sting operation involving FBI agents, the play has had some success elsewhere in the county.

Stacie Mayette, the Home Made Theater's artistic director searched out the playwright to gain a copy of the script. Once she read it, Home Made Theater was prepared to mount the play for the local audiences.

There's also a possibility for a film offer with Witten writing the screen play of *The Deal*. The production is being offered Feb. 21, 23, 23, 28 and Mar. 1 and 2. Reservations and information available at 587-4427.

### Summer theater needs technical volunteers

Even as the snow still falls and will continue for another month at least, the Round Lake Theater is seeking technical volunteers for the upcoming summer season.

The theater which will present *Mornings at Seven* June 6-23 and

*The Night Thoreau Spent In Jail* July 11-26, needs people for set construction, painting, special effects, music and lighting.

Interested volunteers may meet with director Vicki Wolfe and technical director Jim Post Thursday, Feb. 20 at 2 Saratoga Avenue, Round Lake at 7 p.m.

Attendance at this first meeting is not mandatory. More information may be obtained by calling 899-2130.

### Marionette troupe in Troy presents new work, *The Stolen Kiss*

Funded in part by the New York State Arts Decentralization office, *The Stolen Kiss*, a new play, is being presented by Castle Bridge Players, the marionette troupe associated with Masque Theater. Dates are March 14-16 for a total of four performances.

The theater troupe consists of resident artists at the Hudson Valley Community College where they produce plays at the Maureen Stapleton Theater.

Steve Boaden, the founder of the theater troupes, also wrote *The Stolen Kiss* with the intent that it be interesting to children and adults alike. He claims that marionette theater is not automatically children's theater.

In Europe, marionette theater offers some of the most biting political satire to be heard anywhere and while not as prevalent in this country, some attempts have been made to offer work with political content.

*The Stolen Kiss* is aimed more as family entertainment, according to Boaden. Reservations and information are available at 459-4961.

### AROUND THEATERS!

*Bedfull of Foreigners* at the Roundabout Dinner Theater in Troy through Feb. 22 (271-7016).



Martin P. Kelly

# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## THEATER

**"CLOUD 9"**  
Caryl Churchill dynamic political comedy on sex and power produces riotous laughter and uneasy giggles, produced by SUNY Theatre Department, Laboratory Theatre in the University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m., March 7, 8 p.m., March 8, 12 through 15, 3 p.m., March 9. Cost, \$10, \$7 students, seniors, University staff and alumni. Information, 442-3997.

**"THE DEAL"**  
play about the clash of political egos, Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park, 8:15 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 1 p.m. matinee on Sundays, runs through March 2. Information, 587-4427.

**"PRELUDE TO A KISS"**  
Craig Lucas' romantic fantasy, Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 28 through March 16, 4 p.m. Saturday Feb. 21. Cost, \$10. Information, 462-1297.

**"AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'"**  
Motown legend Martha Reeves and the Vandellas put on 1960s musical, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State Street, Schenectady, 8 p.m., March 8. Cost, \$34.50 to \$26.50. Information, 383-5392.

**DOUBLE BILL OF FRENCH PLAYS**  
first performance since the double debut of Jean Genet's "The Maids" and Jean Giraudoux's "The Apollo of Marsac," The College of Saint Rose Campus Theatre, 1000 Madison Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. on Feb. 21 and 22, 2 p.m. on Feb. 23. Cost, \$5, free with student ID. Information, 454-5102.

**"CAROUSEL"**  
tragic and comic moments mark this love story of a Gilded Age couple, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State Street, Schenectady, 8 p.m. on Feb. 28 and March 1, 2 p.m. on March 1 and 2, and 7 p.m. on March 2. Cost, \$39.50 to \$32.50. Information, 382-6204.

## MUSIC

**SUNY-COMMUNITY SYMPHONIC BAND**  
Main Theatre of the University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m., March 10. Information, 442-3995.

**EMPIRE STATE YOUTH JAZZ ENSEMBLE**  
styles to range from 1940s swing to modern fusion, The College of Saint Rose Music Building, 1000 Madison Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 28. Cost, \$6 adults, \$3 students and senior citizens, free with student ID. Information, 454-5102.

**EMPIRE STATE YOUTH ORCHESTRA**  
Stravinsky's *Firebird*, Debussy's *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun*, Johannes Brahms' *Tragic Overture*, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 8 p.m., March 22. Cost, \$6 and \$9. Information, 382-7581.

**STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN AND AUDIO ADRENALINE**  
Peppi Arena, Albany, 7:30 p.m., May 1. Cost, \$18.50, \$13.50. Information, 476-1000.

**ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL**  
fusion of country, swing, jazz, boogie, honky-tonk, Cajun, blues and rock, Park West, North Country Commons, Route 146 and 146A, Clifton Park, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 23. Information, 797-3939.

**"FESTIVAL OF 20TH CENTURY MUSIC"**  
SUNY Percussion Ensemble, Empire State Youth and Repertory Percussion Ensembles to present a concert of 20th century music, including Foss' "Quartet for Percussion" and Ravel's "Enchanted Garden," Main Theatre of the University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m., Feb. 27. Information, 442-3995.

**THE MOLLYS**  
raucous mix of Irish, American and Mexican folk music, Pauly's Hotel, 337 Central Ave., Albany, 10:30 p.m., Feb. 21. Information, 782-0577.

**SUNY ORCHESTRA**  
works by Shostakovich, Schubert, and Beethoven to be played, conductor Findlay Cockrell, Main Theatre of the University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m., March 9. Information, 442-3995.

## CALL FOR ARTISTS

**TALENT AMERICA**  
actors, dancers, musicians, and singers of all ages are invited to compete, call ahead to receive entry form, Temple Israel, New Scotland Avenue, Albany, Feb. 23. Information, 370-0267.

**AUDITIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS**  
New York State Theatre Institute is looking for students interested in working on a new musical over the summer, 25 openings, NYSTI Summer Theatre Institute, 155 River Street, Troy NY 12180, application deadline March 3. Information, 274-3200.

**MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS**  
invitation for new members to join them in rehearsals of classical and popular songs, Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., Albany, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 477-4454.

**"THE CONTEMPORARY FIGURE"**  
all media are eligible, juried by 35mm slides, deadline April 1, for a prospectus, send a stamped self-addressed envelope to: Broadway Gallery Membership Group, Inc., P.O. Box 7218 Capitol Station, Albany, NY 12224. Information, 439-2955.

**CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES**  
singers needed, rehearsals at Columbia High School, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays. Information, 477-8308.

**"AWARD OF POETIC EXCELLENCE"**  
send one poem, 20 lines or less, on any subject, in any style, deadline March 31, send entry to: Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum Inc., Dept. CT, 609 Main Street, P.O. Box 193, Sistersville, WV 26175.

## CLASSES

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

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

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

## Super Crossword

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>DOWN</b>	<b>DOWN</b>	<b>DOWN</b>	<b>DOWN</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
1 Robber follower?	1 Kind of voice or slinger	1 Kind of voice or slinger	1 Kind of voice or slinger	1 Kind of voice or slinger	1 Kind of voice or slinger
6 Very elegant	2 Once more	2 Once more	2 Once more	2 Once more	2 Once more
10 Street urchin	3 Numbered highway	3 Numbered highway	3 Numbered highway	3 Numbered highway	3 Numbered highway
14 Unexpected defeat	4 Band on a shield	4 Band on a shield	4 Band on a shield	4 Band on a shield	4 Band on a shield
18 Greek market place	5 Seize roughly	5 Seize roughly	5 Seize roughly	5 Seize roughly	5 Seize roughly
20 Singer Guthrie	6 Potter's tool	6 Potter's tool	6 Potter's tool	6 Potter's tool	6 Potter's tool
21 It's good for what ails you	7 Synthetic fiber	7 Synthetic fiber	7 Synthetic fiber	7 Synthetic fiber	7 Synthetic fiber
22 Deplorably shabby	8 Undesirable roommate	8 Undesirable roommate	8 Undesirable roommate	8 Undesirable roommate	8 Undesirable roommate
23 He wrote "Humboldt's Gift"	9 He wrote "The Immigrants"	9 He wrote "The Immigrants"	9 He wrote "The Immigrants"	9 He wrote "The Immigrants"	9 He wrote "The Immigrants"
25 He's noted for "The Caine Mutiny"	10 Banned exclamation	10 Banned exclamation	10 Banned exclamation	10 Banned exclamation	10 Banned exclamation
27 Scene of the crime	11 Regretted	11 Regretted	11 Regretted	11 Regretted	11 Regretted
28 Worldwide	12 "Mrs. — Goes to Paris"	12 "Mrs. — Goes to Paris"	12 "Mrs. — Goes to Paris"	12 "Mrs. — Goes to Paris"	12 "Mrs. — Goes to Paris"
30 Name in high fashion	13 Deplore	13 Deplore	13 Deplore	13 Deplore	13 Deplore
31 Central point	14 Decorative vase	14 Decorative vase	14 Decorative vase	14 Decorative vase	14 Decorative vase
32 Shot or step starter	15 Chess piece	15 Chess piece	15 Chess piece	15 Chess piece	15 Chess piece
33 Secluded valley	16 Small porch	16 Small porch	16 Small porch	16 Small porch	16 Small porch
34 Capitol VIP	17 Musical study	17 Musical study	17 Musical study	17 Musical study	17 Musical study
36 Capital of Yemen	18 Small children	18 Small children	18 Small children	18 Small children	18 Small children
38 Footlike organ	24 King of Moab	24 King of Moab	24 King of Moab	24 King of Moab	24 King of Moab
39 One-armed bandit feature	26 Synthetic fiber	26 Synthetic fiber	26 Synthetic fiber	26 Synthetic fiber	26 Synthetic fiber
40 Calculating snake?	29 Spartan queen	29 Spartan queen	29 Spartan queen	29 Spartan queen	29 Spartan queen
42 Hawaiian goose	33 Merriment	33 Merriment	33 Merriment	33 Merriment	33 Merriment
44 She wrote "Sense and Sensibility"	35 An original member of the SEC	35 An original member of the SEC	35 An original member of the SEC	35 An original member of the SEC	35 An original member of the SEC
47 Printed on a document	37 Wild ox	37 Wild ox	37 Wild ox	37 Wild ox	37 Wild ox

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF FILING ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF WILLOW CORNERS, LLC**  
FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is Willow Corners, LLC.

SECOND: The date of filing with The Secretary of State was 12/23/96.

THIRD: The principal office of the limited liability company is in Albany County.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served.

FIFTH: The limited liability company is formed for the purpose of engaging in any business purposes permitted by law.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
On January 30, 1997, WSKG Public Telecommunication's Council filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C. for consent to the assignment of license of TV Translator Station W04AS, Prattsville, etc. NY to Sharp Vision, Inc. The translator is located on Moles Mountain and presently operates on Channel 04 with an effective radiated power of .008 kilowatts. After the assignment, the station will become an LPTV station. (February 19, 1997)

**NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF CHILD AND FAMILY PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES, PLLC, UNDER SECTION 1203 OF THE NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY LAW**

The name of the professional service limited liability company is CHILD AND FAMILY PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES, PLLC. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on August 12, 1996. The county within the State in which the principal office of the professional service limited liability company is to be located is: Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the professional service limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The latest date on which the PLLC is to dissolve is December 31, 2050. The professional service limited liability company is formed for the practice of the professions of psychology and to pro-

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vide psychological care, therapy and counseling. The post office address within or without the State to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the professional service limited liability company served upon him or her is 756 Madison Avenue, Albany, New York 12208. Dated: January 22, 1997 COHEN AND WELLMAN, LLP 7 Thurlow Terrace Albany, NY 12203-1005 (518) 436-5409 (February 19, 1997)

**NOTICE OF FILING OF CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF COHEN AND WELLMAN, LLP PURSUANT TO SECTION 121-1500(A) OF THE PARTNERSHIP LAW**

FIRST: The name of the registered limited liability partnership is: Cohen & Wellman, LLP.

SECOND: The address of the principal office of the Partnership is 7 Thurlow Terrace, Albany, New York 12203-1005.

THIRD: The profession to be practiced by the Partnership is: law. The Partnership is eligible to register as a "registered limited liability partnership" pursuant to Section 121-1500(a) of the New York Partnership Law.

FOURTH: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the registered limited liability partnership upon whom process against it may be served.

FIFTH: The effective date of the certificate of registration is the date of filing.

SIXTH: The Partnership is filing a registration for status as a registered limited liability partnership.

Dated: January 3, 1997 ZACHARY WELLMAN, Partner (February 19, 1997)

**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF MARION COMPANY LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law**

The undersigned, desiring to form a limited liability company under the laws of the State of New York, affirms under penalties of perjury:

1. The name of the limited liability company is Marion Company LLC (the "Company").

2. The county within this state in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany County.

3. The Company does not have a specific date of dissolution in addition to the events of dissolution set forth by law.

4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the secretary of State shall

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon him or her is: c/o Philip A. Sabatino, 230 Woodlawn Avenue, Albany, New York 12208.

5. The Company is to be managed by one or more managers.

6. The Company may engage in any lawful business.

Dated: January 15, 1997 (s) Philip A. Sabatino Organizer

Date of filing Articles of Organization with Secretary of State: 1/22/97 (February 19, 1997)

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF Decker and Sbuttoni Real Estate, LLC a Limited Liability Company**

filed with the Secretary of State on May 29, 1996. The name of this Limited Liability Company is Decker and Sbuttoni Real Estate, LLC. The principal office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County. The purposes of the company are to engage in the rental real estate business, real estate development, and acquisitions and sales of real estate. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served.

The post office address within or without this state to which the Department of State shall mail a copy of any process served against it is: Decker and Sbuttoni Real Estate, LLC, 1004 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. (February 19, 1997)

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO PARTNERSHIP LAW SECTION 121-1500**  
The name of the registered limited liability partnership is Upstate Infectious Diseases, LLP. The date of the filing of the Certificate of Registration with the Secretary of State was December 5, 1996. The County in which the office of the RLLP is to be located is Albany.

The agent of the RLLP Upon whom process against it may be served is the Secretary of State and such shall mail a copy of any process to: The RLLP, 8 Thurlow Terrace, Albany, New York 12203. The business purpose of the LLP is to engage in the practice of medicine. (February 19, 1997)

**NOTICE**  
The Annual Meeting of the Bethlehem Soccer Club will be held on March 3, 1997 at 7:00 pm at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Members will be asked to vote on the election of several Directors.

Anyone interested in serving on the Board of Directors should submit their name, address, phone number and a statement of why they are interested in serving on the board, in writing, ASAP, to:

Bethlehem Soccer club c/o Sherry Gold 30 Carstead Drive Slingerlands, NY 12159 (February 19, 1997)



# AROUND THE AREA

**WEDNESDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 19**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**WINTER FARMERS' MARKET**  
Grand Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m.

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

**SQUARE DANCE**  
Single Squares of Albany, St. Michael's Community Center, Linden Street Extension, Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 459-2888.

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**

The name of the LLC is Columbia Binghamton Group, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 7, 1997. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203. (February 19, 1997)

**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF MORRIS ROAD PROPERTIES, LLC.**

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law  
FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is "Ward Hill Properties, LLC."  
SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the limited liability company is located is Albany County.  
THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is June 1, 2050.  
FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon which process against it may be served.

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

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

**THURSDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 20**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**OPEN HOUSE**  
Albany Academy for Girls, 140 Academy Rd., Albany, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Information, 463-2201.

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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 limited liability company served upon him or her is: Ward Hill Properties, LLC, 116 Old Stage Road, East Berne, NY 12059.

FIFTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State.

SIXTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more of its members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles of Organization have been subscribed to this 5th day of December, 1996, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

(s) Gary Burton, Organizer

(February 19, 1997)

**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF MALTA PROPERTIES, LLC. UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW**

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is "MALTAPROPERTIES, LLC."

SECOND: The county within the state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany County.

THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is June 1, 2050.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the

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

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP**  
University Heights Health Care Center, 235 Northern Blvd., Albany, 5 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

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

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

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

limited liability company upon which process against it 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 limited liability company served upon him or her is: Malta properties, LLC, 1698 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205.

FIFTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be date of filing with the Secretary of State.

SIXTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more of its members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles of Organization have been subscribed to the 14th day of January, 1997, by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

(s) Frank A. Tate, Jr., Member

(February 19, 1997)

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).**

The name of the LLC is 1716 CENTRAL ASSOCIATES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 22, 1997. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the

**FRIDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 21**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

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

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

**SUNDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 23**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 1716 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205. (February 19, 1997)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

MRP ASSOCIATES L.L.C. Notice of formation of a domestic limited liability company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on January 15 purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Tri City Rentals, Executive Park North, Albany, New York 12203 (February 19, 1997)

**NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OR ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW**

1. The name of the limited liability company is: Pace Development, LLC.  
2. The Articles of Organization of the limited liability company were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on August 8, 1996.  
3. The limited liability company maintains its office in Albany county.

**DANCE PROGRAM**  
"Polka Guys and Dolls," for children 3 and older, Cohoes Polish National Alliance, Cohoes, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-8595.

**MONDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 24**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

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

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY**

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within this state to which the Department of State shall mail copy of any process served against it is: 1025 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205.

5. The purpose of the limited liability company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law. (February 19, 1997)

**NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OR ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW**

1. The name of the limited liability company is: MDB Enterprises, LLC.  
2. The Articles of Organization of the limited liability company were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on January 8, 1996.  
3. The limited liability company maintains its office in Albany county.  
4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within this state to which the Department of State shall mail copy of any process served against it is: P.O. Box 1428, Albany, NY 12201-1428.  
5. The purpose of the limited

**TUESDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 25**

**ALBANY COUNTY**

**TRUE FRIENDS**  
female incest survivors support group, Pineview Community Church, 251 Washington Ave. Extension, Albany, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 452-7800.

**BINGO**  
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

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

**CAPITAL TOASTMASTERS CLUB**  
for people who wish to develop speaking skills, Anthony's Park Plaza Restaurant, 27 Elk St., Albany, 5:45 p.m. Information, 489-0936.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

liability company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law. (February 19, 1997)

**NOTICE OF FILING ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF XATA, LLC**

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is XATA, LLC.

SECOND: The date of filing with The Secretary of State was 12/23/96.

THIRD: The principal office of the limited liability company is in Albany County.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company is: 34 Willo Lane, Loudonville, NY 12211.

FIFTH: The limited liability company is formed for the purpose of engaging in any business purposes permitted by law.

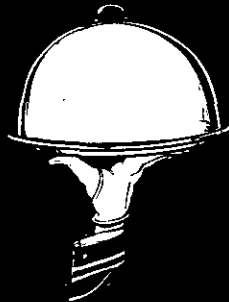
In witness whereof, this certification has been subscribed to this 23rd day of Dec., 1996 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true and under the penalties of perjury.

(s) Askold R. Wynnkiw, organizer and member

(Jan. 27, 1997)

(February 19, 1997)

## Spotlight on Dining



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# Colonia Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 19**

**BETHLEHEM**

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

**"PUPPETRY DELIGHTS"**  
puppet theater of Aesop's  
fables, Bethlehem Public Library,  
451 Delaware Ave., 2 p.m.  
Information, 439-9314.

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

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

**WELCOME WAGON**  
newcomers, engaged women  
and new mothers, call for a  
Welcome Wagon visit, Monday  
to Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Information, 439-1531 or 439-  
4067.

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

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

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

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

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**

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

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

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

**AL-ANON MEETING**  
First United Methodist Church of  
Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8  
p.m. Information, 479-6469.

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

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

**THURSDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 20**

**BETHLEHEM**

**BETHLEHEM HISTORICAL  
ASSOCIATION**  
program entitled "Winslow  
Homer - America's Artist," Route  
144 and Clapper Road, Selkirk, 8  
p.m. Information, 439-3916.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY  
CHURCH**  
women's Bible study, 9:30 to  
11:15 a.m. or 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. in  
a local home, children's  
program and nursery provided  
for morning session, 201 Elm Ave.  
Information, 439-3135.

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

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

**FRIDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 21**

**BETHLEHEM**

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE**  
all levels, St. Stephen's Church,  
Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information,  
462-4504.

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

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**

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

**SATURDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 22**

**BETHLEHEM**

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

**SUNDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 23**

**BETHLEHEM**

**UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN  
FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**  
Sunday school and worship  
service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill  
Road. Information, 438-7740.

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,  
SCIENTIST**  
Sunday school and worship  
service, 10 a.m., child care  
provided, 555 Delaware Ave.  
Information, 439-2512.

**BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY  
CHURCH**  
Sunday school and worship  
service, 10 a.m., nursery  
provided, 201 Elm Ave.  
Information, 439-3135.

**NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY  
CHURCH** <ITEM> Sunday  
school, 9:15 a.m., worship  
service, 10:30 a.m., 10  
Rockefeller Road. Information,  
439-7864.

**ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH**  
Holy Eucharist, 8 and 10:30 a.m.,  
coffee and fellowship, nursery  
care provided, church school,  
9:30 a.m., Poplar Drive and  
Elsmere Avenue. Information,  
439-3265.

**SELKIRK CONGREGATION OF  
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**  
Bible lecture, 9:30 a.m.,  
Watchtower Bible study, 10:25  
a.m., 359 Elm Ave. Information,  
439-0358.

**SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
worship service and church  
school, 10 a.m., fellowship hour,  
nursery care provided, 1499  
New Scotland Road.  
Information, 439-1766.

**SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.,  
worship service, 11 a.m.,  
followed by coffee hour,  
Willowbrook Avenue.  
Information, 767-9953.

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

**DELMAR FULL GOSPEL CHURCH**  
Sunday services, 8:30 and 10:30  
a.m., 292 Elsmere Ave.  
Information, 439-4407.

**DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH**  
worship services, 9, 11 a.m. and  
5:30 p.m. nursery care provided,  
386 Delaware Ave. Information,  
439-9929.

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF  
BETHLEHEM**  
church school, 9:30 a.m.,  
worship service, 11 a.m., child  
care provided, Route 9W,  
Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

**GLENMONT COMMUNITY  
CHURCH**  
Sunday school and worship  
service, 10:30 a.m., child care  
available, 1 Chapel Lane.  
Information, 436-7710.

**CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE  
APOSTLE**  
Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m.  
and Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:30  
a.m. and noon, 35 Adams  
Place. Information, 439-4951.

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH**  
Latin Mass, 10 a.m. Sunday, 5:30  
p.m. daily, Route 9W at Beacon  
Road, Glenmont. Information,  
462-2016.

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH**  
worship service, 11 a.m., 1  
Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-  
4314.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**  
church school, 9:45 a.m.,  
worship service, 9:30 a.m., adult  
classes, 11 a.m., 428 Kenwood  
Ave. Information, 439-9976.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
worship services, 8 and 10:30  
a.m., Sunday school and Bible  
classes, 9:15 a.m., nursery care,  
handicapped accessible,  
coffee/fellowship, 85 Elm Ave.  
Information, 439-4328.

**MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES**  
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.,  
morning worship, 11 a.m., youth  
group, 6 p.m., evening service, 7  
p.m., Route 9W, Glenmont.  
Information, 426-4510.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

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

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

**ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Masses Saturday at 5 p.m. and  
Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.,  
Mountainview Street,  
Voorheesville. Information, 765-  
2805.

**JERUSALEM REFORMED  
CHURCH**  
worship service, 10:30 a.m.,  
followed by coffee hour, child  
care provided, Route 32, Feura  
Bush. Information, 439-0548.

**NEW SALEM REFORMED  
CHURCH**  
adult Bible study, 9 a.m., junior  
choir or chime choir practice, 9  
a.m., worship service, 10 a.m.,  
recorder group practice, 11  
a.m., nursery care provided,  
Route 85. Information, 439-6179.

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

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

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN  
NEW SCOTLAND**  
worship service, 10 a.m., church  
school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care  
provided, Route 85. Information,  
439-6454.

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

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE**  
church school, 10 a.m., worship  
service, 8:30 a.m., adult classes,  
5:30 p.m., 68 Maple Ave.  
Information, 765-2895.

**MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL  
FREE CHURCH**  
Bible hour, 9:15 a.m., worship  
service, 10:30 a.m., evening  
service, 6:30 p.m., nursery care  
provided, Route 155.  
Information, 765-3390.

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

**MONDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 24**

**BETHLEHEM**

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

**MOTHERS' TIME OUT**  
Christian support group for  
mothers of preschool children,  
Delmar Reformed Church, 386  
Delaware Ave., nursery care  
provided, 9:30 to 11 a.m.  
Information, 439-9929.

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

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

**TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM**  
Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood  
Ave.

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**

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

**TUESDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 25**

**BETHLEHEM**

**PLANNING BOARD**  
town hall, 7:30 p.m. Information,  
439-4955.

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

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

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

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

**DELMAR ROTARY**  
Howard Johnson's, Route 9W,  
Information, 439-9988.

**ONESQUETHAW LODGE 1096  
F&M**  
Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood  
Ave.

**BECOMING A WOMAN OF  
FREEDOM**  
women's bible study, Emmanuel  
Christian Church, Retreat House  
Road, Glenmont, 9:30 to 11 a.m.  
and 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information,  
439-3873.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**VOORHEESVILLE VILLAGE  
BOARD**  
public hearing on land  
conservation districts at 7 p.m.,  
regular meeting at 8 p.m.,  
village hall, 29 Voorheesville  
Ave. Information, 765-2692.

**VOORHEESVILLE PTA**  
in the elementary school  
cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. Information,  
765-3644.

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

**STORY HOUR**  
Voorheesville Public Library, 51  
School Road, 10 a.m.  
Information, 765-2791.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 26**

**BETHLEHEM**

**BC SCHOOL BOARD**  
budget work session, district  
office, 90 Adams Place, 7 p.m.  
information, 439-7098.

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

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

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 58**  
Elsmere Elementary School, 247  
Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m.  
Information, 439-4205.

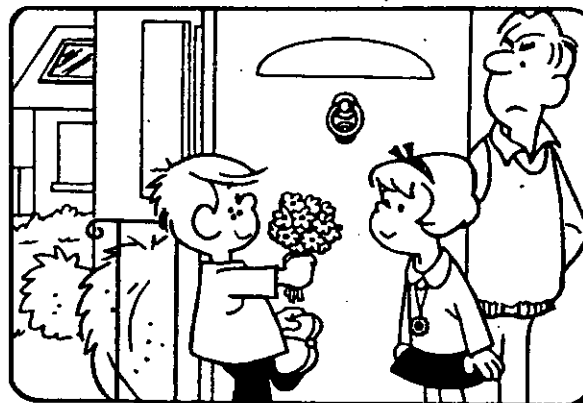
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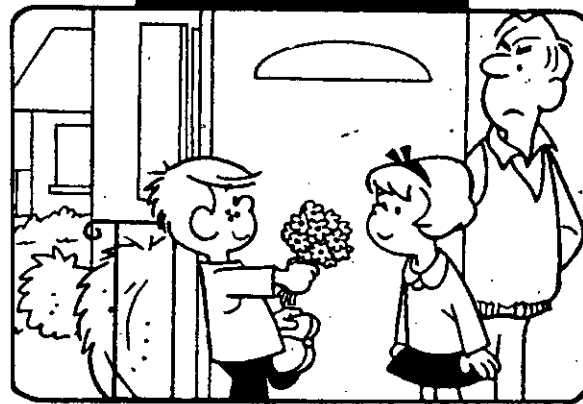
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Drawings by Henry Boltinoff

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

**WELCOME WAGON**  
newcomers, engaged women  
and new mothers, call for a  
Welcome Wagon visit, Monday  
to Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Information, 439-1531 or 439-  
4067.

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

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

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

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

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**

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

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

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

**AL-ANON MEETING**  
First United Methodist Church of  
Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8  
p.m. Information, 479-6469.

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

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

**THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 27**

**BETHLEHEM**

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

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

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

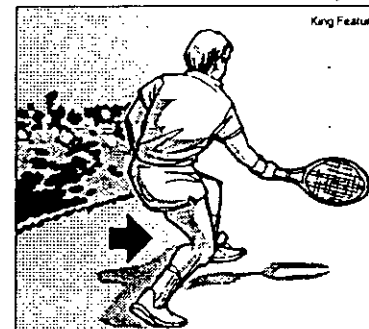
**AA MEETINGS**  
Slingsherlands Community Church,  
1499 New Scotland Road, noon,  
and Delmar Reformed Church,  
386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m.  
Information, 489-6779.

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should try to step  
forward, toward the  
net, transferring your  
weight into your  
shot. You should  
bend at the knees,  
but not at the waist.

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

**FRIDAY  
FEBRUARY 28**

**BETHLEHEM**

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

**"LONG-TERM CARE"**  
a look at long-term care and  
emotional and financial  
independence, reservations  
required, Bethlehem Public  
Library, 451 Delaware Ave.,  
Delmar, 10 a.m. Information,  
439-9314.

**NATURE WALK**  
nighttime walk through the  
woods and a search for owls  
and other evening creatures,  
dress warmly, Five Rivers Center,  
56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, 7  
p.m. Information, 475-0291.

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

**NEW SCOTLAND**

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

**SUNDAY  
MARCH 1**

**BETHLEHEM**

**PROGRAM ON MORNING  
DOVES**  
dress for the outdoors, Five  
Rivers Center, 56 Game Farm  
Road, Delmar, 2 p.m.  
Information, 439-0291.

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

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST**  
New Salem Reformed Church,  
Route 85, New Salem, 7:30 a.m.  
to noon. Cost, \$4. Information,  
765-2354.

**SUNDAY  
MARCH 2**

**BETHLEHEM**

**UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN  
FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**  
Sunday school and worship  
service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill  
Road, Information, 438-7740.

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,  
SCIENTIST**  
Sunday school and worship  
service, 10 a.m., child care  
provided, 555 Delaware Ave.  
Information, 439-2512.

**BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY  
CHURCH**  
Sunday school and worship  
service, 10 a.m., nursery  
provided, 201 Elm Ave.  
Information, 439-1335.

**ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH**  
Holy Eucharist, 8 and 10:30 a.m.,  
coffee and fellowship, nursery  
care provided, church school,  
9:30 a.m., Poplar Drive and  
Elsmere Avenue. Information,  
439-3265.

**SELKIRK CONGREGATION OF  
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**  
Bible lecture, 9:30 a.m.,  
Watchtower Bible study, 10:25  
a.m., 359 Elm Ave. Information,  
439-0358.

**SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
worship service and church  
school, 10 a.m., fellowship hour,  
nursery care provided, 1499  
New Scotland Road,  
Information, 439-1766.

**SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.,  
worship service, 11 a.m.,  
followed by coffee hour,  
Willowbrook Avenue.  
Information, 767-9953.

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

**DELMAR FULL GOSPEL CHURCH**  
Sunday services, 8:30 and 10:30  
a.m., 292 Elsmere Ave.  
Information, 439-4407.

**DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH**  
worship services, 9, 11 a.m. and  
5:30 p.m. nursery care provided,  
386 Delaware Ave. Information,  
439-9929.

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF  
BETHLEHEM**  
church school, 9:30 a.m.,  
worship service, 11 a.m., child  
care provided, Route 9W,  
Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

**GLENMONT COMMUNITY  
CHURCH**  
Sunday school and worship  
service, 10:30 a.m., child care  
available, 1 Chapel Lane.  
Information, 436-7710.

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH**  
worship service, 11 a.m., 1  
Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-  
4314.

**CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE  
APOSTLE**  
Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m.  
and Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:30  
a.m. and noon, 35 Adams  
Place. Information, 439-4951.

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH**  
Latin Mass, 10 a.m. Sunday, 5:30  
p.m. daily, Route 9W at Beacon  
Road, Glenmont. Information,  
462-2016.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**  
church school, 9:45 a.m.,  
worship service, 9:30 a.m., adult  
classes, 11 a.m., 428 Kenwood  
Ave. Information, 439-9976.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
worship services, 8 and 10:30  
a.m., Sunday school and Bible  
classes, 9:15 a.m., nursery care,  
handicapped accessible,  
coffee/fellowship, 85 Elm Ave.  
Information, 439-4328.

**MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES**  
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.,  
morning worship, 11 a.m., youth  
group, 6 p.m., evening service, 7  
p.m., Route 9W, Glenmont.  
Information, 426-4510.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

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

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

**ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Masses Saturday at 5 p.m. and  
Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.,  
Mountainview Street,  
Voorheesville. Information, 765-  
2805.

**JERUSALEM REFORMED  
CHURCH**  
worship service, 10:30 a.m.,  
followed by coffee hour, child  
care provided, Route 32, Feura  
Bush. Information, 439-0548.

**NEW SALEM REFORMED  
CHURCH**  
adult Bible study, 9 a.m., junior  
choir or chime choir practice, 9  
a.m., worship service, 10 a.m.,  
recorder group practice, 11  
a.m., nursery care provided,  
Route 85. Information, 439-6179.

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

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

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN  
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school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care  
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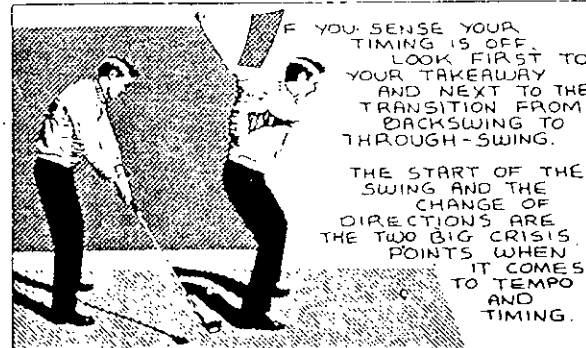
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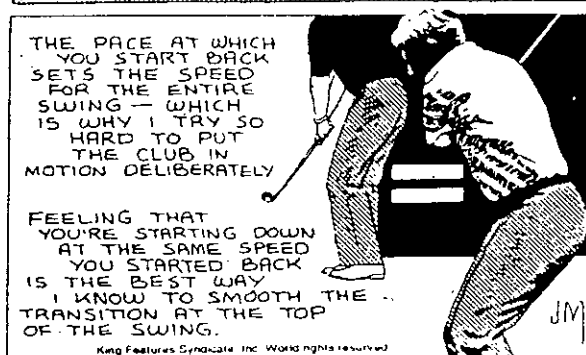
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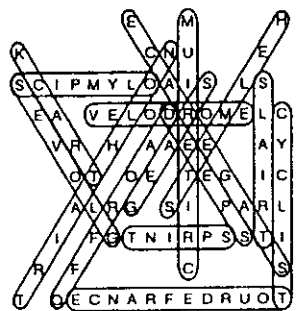
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